

FOCUS



Bond's Broadcast
Just sit there...
Do Nothing...
It'll Just Go Away

Len Bias, Elvis Presley, Jimi Hendrix, the list can go on and on.
Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds... Be Sure to Wear Some Flowers in Your Hair...
The sounds of drugs and alcohol and the results are tragic.
There's no reason for the list to keep growing... no reason at all... but it will.
Mainly because we just sit there and let all of this happen.
As a society we've grown complacent, bored, tired, in our quest for the great American dream.
Work all day, half the night, and turn our heads to what is going on in society. Make big bucks. That'll solve all of the problems.
What's happening?
The members of our world are killing themselves off as quickly as possible.
Drugs, alcohol, high speed, these are only a few of the quick killers. A lot of times these are together, but in any form there's no getting better.
Then too, it's not a matter of all of this happening at once, it just keeps going on and on.
We as a society aren't prepared or even 40 separate groups with a mission of stopping drug and alcohol abuse.
This doesn't count the federal programs.
It's a lot to take, what with the movement for liberal rights.
You don't have the right to ask your children if they're taking drugs or if they know someone who is.
You don't have the right to invade their space. Don't look in their rooms, in their cars, in their dresser drawers.
No don't do any of that. It isn't cool.
Why in the world should you as a parent be allowed to look into what your children or child is doing.
Well I'll tell you straight up, that ain't the way it's done at our house.
We talk about drugs, alcohol, pre-marital sex, AIDS, and the highs our society has seen fit to throw at our children to deal with.
And, on top of that, we teach our children to tell the truth.
I suppose it would be impossible for a child to go through life not telling a lie, or stretching the truth. My children have done it. They've told a lie and caused my wife and me great distress. In fact I went to the line on what one of my children said, found out it wasn't the truth and had to go back and say I was sorry.
That didn't tarnish the fact that finally the truth was told and the record set straight.
We do not take drugs at our house. We don't know and never have. As far as I have been able to tell none of our children have either.
Have yours. Have you checked? Would you believe it if you found out they were?
Well, you better look, and you better believe it.
With what is apparently going on around here, maybe we should all take a closer look.
Drugs and alcohol are not all that expensive to begin with. For a few dollars, a cheap high can fill the void for a little while. Whatever the void is.
But, then the need... an addiction begins to take hold of the person.
After a while, personal resources are insufficient to take care of the need, then the trouble goes from bad to worse.
With the addiction, standing in any form to provide adequate funding for the habit, be-

comes all important.
That's what it is. It won't go away. In fact, most of those on the stuff, whatever it is, don't see any problem with whatever has to be done to supply the money.
Where the drugs are purchased is up for investigation.
Who knows why all of this is allowed to happen?
Maybe it's because many think it can't happen at our house.
Well let me tell you, with what I have been able to see in the few years I have been on this earth, it can happen about anywhere to anybody.
One of the leaders of my high school class, a real top grade getter and all of that, was a 100 percent, dyed in the wool, alcoholic.
It didn't go away. Almost anytime you would see this person the problem was present.
Many of the leaders in the rehabilitation efforts will suffer, and many more things.
Not in this case.
It was an everyday thing. Sooner or later during the day it would become apparent there had been enough alcohol consumed to reach a state of intoxication.
Now, along with alcohol, the presence of drugs only compounds the problem.
The drugs we are talking about are illegal; for anyone at any age.
They are street drugs.
If you can remember the 1960s you will remember the exploding use of LSD, heroin, marijuana.
These haven't gone away. From the glue sniffing days of the 1960s we have evolved into an era of anything to get high. It doesn't matter what it takes or what the price after use.
We have super athletes taking all of this stuff to play better, or be stronger.
All the while we burn up their bodies for a few years, watch them make a few great plays, and then when the edge is gone just toss them away.
Never mind we may have crippled them both mentally and physically. Just have them ready by Saturday so the big game can go on.

Make sure the television revenue can be made. And, of course there are plenty of hot dogs in the concession stand. Make a buck, that's the way.
What can I do? What can I do? If the answer was all that easy I wouldn't be writing this column.
I do suggest you find out every available avenue you can become involved with and do something.
If you know of someone taking drugs do everything possible to help.
Spread the word... tell someone. A minister, a parent, a principal.
I'm certain Greg Reid or Gerald Hammons would do anything to help a child in trouble.
The medicine may be awful, but the long range effect would be worth the treatment.
Kicking a kid out of school isn't the point, but helping a child stay in school... straight... is.
If you know where drugs are being sold, tell the police.
Call Police Chief Alan Earlywine, Sheriff Charles Ring, Kentucky State Police Trooper Kenny Jones. Surely they can do something.
If they can't, then they should know someone who can.
Both them. Let them know something is going on and you won't tolerate it at all.
That's the only way in the world we can even begin to eradicate these problems.
Look at your child. It doesn't matter if it is a newborn or an 18-year-old. Look at your parents, your spouse if they're using drugs, get them help of some kind.
If they're dealing drugs, give them some direction. Either stop or you'll be reported.
One police officer friend is so concerned he said he would arrest his own family members if that's not it, but to put them in jail, no.
If you use any of this stuff, then stop.
Stop now, before it's too late.
If you don't, great, get involved. Do something, while we still can. It's not going to go away. And it sure as hell isn't something that is simply happening somewhere else.
And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

LETTERS

Editor:
Please allow me to address a few words to the people of the 7th Legislative House District.
I would like to share with you my feelings of respect and admiration for my good friend and my State Representative, Adria Arnold. The people of your district are fortunate to be represented by one of the most hard-working and conscientious individuals with whom I have had the honor to serve.
It is through the efforts of honest and committed legislators like Adria Arnold that we were able to tackle the fiscal nightmare which we were confronted this session.
The 1988 Legislature was faced with nearly impossible revenue constraints but, with the leadership and cooperation of legislators such as yours, we were able to meet those constraints in the best and most responsible manner possible.
I have had the great honor and privilege of serving with Adria for eight years in the House of Representatives. You can be proud of the votes you have in front of aid rest assured that your words are being heard by Representative Arnold.

I encourage the people of the 7th Legislative District to return Representative Arnold to the House of Representatives in order that we may continue to work together for the welfare of the people of Bath, Montgomery, and Nicholas Counties.
Yours truly,
Kenny Bagler
Democratic Whip
Kentucky House of Representatives

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Editor:
Since Toyota came to the area, many articles have told us how dumb we are as Kentucky people. I just wonder how we got along before this wonderful corporation showed us the insight for their academic achievement.
From all of those 1,800 students from 177 high schools who participated in the 1988 16 Academic Showcase and the administrators of the program, a special thanks to you for your new coverage this year.
We look forward to providing you with more news of the great 14 county national academic program this year as well as the 1989 showcase.
Sincerely,
Scotty Beasler, Mayor
City of Lexington

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GENERAL NEWS

Text of Mayor's letter

April 25, 1988
To: Chairman, Kenneth Stephenson
Governing Board
Volunteer Fire Department
4475 East Union Road
Carlisle, Kentucky 40311
Dear Sir:
As Mayor of the City of Carlisle it has been brought to my attention that we are not... by a city official, or agreed in a potentially adverse situation regarding the jurisdiction of our respective volunteer fire departments, yours being the county's and mine being the city's. While House, all Nicholas County Schools, the Board of Education Building, the Nicholas County Hospital, the Nicholas County Nursing Home, Blue Hill I have reason to fear Grass Industries, Blue Grass

...Killing the Kentucky National Guard Armory and in the county, the 4-H Camp.
It is my firm recollection and memory that this was discussed at a City Council meeting earlier this year, and at that time the agreement was made to respond to each other's fire runs only on the specific request of an a needed basis from a fire official of either the city or the county, or if one of the pre-arranged fire situations noted above as permanent "mutual aid." This is the current state of affairs as I perceive it to be, on behalf of the City, and if it differs with your understanding, please let me know immediately as unless I hear from you to the contrary



The Carlisle Mercury won the general excellence award for Class I of the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association in the spring contest. Awards were presented April 18 in Morehead. Those winning awards from the Mercury included, left to right, Kathleen Brewer, Donna Anderson, Hank Bond, Marilyn Bond, and Heather Mathes. The 10 awards brings to 16 the number of awards for The Mercury in 1988. (By Bradley NERI/Photo)

I will assume it reflects current policy and practice.
This state is borne out by the provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes which give us to respond to a site specific request by the Chief or Assistant Chief of the Carlisle Fire Department at the scene of the fire or informed of the obvious need of all fire fighting capacity in the county to contain a fire.
It seems advantageous that this situation be resolved as soon as possible, and to that end I am requesting you appoint a member of your department and your board to sit down with you and myself, a member of my department, to discuss this situation.
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