

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast



Mickey helped make memories for Michael and taught dad a lesson

Last Wednesday night, I had the chance to take in the performance of Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice, in Lexington.

It wasn't so much that I have always wanted to go to the ice show as it was the look of my son when Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck skated out on the ice — along with the remainder of the cast — that made my day.

It was as if a light had appeared before his eyes — the sun had risen — and when the Main Mouse took the time to wave at the crowd, Michael was just certain the big Micker was waving at him and him alone, a fact he proudly announced to all who would listen.

This is not to say the rest of the family didn't enjoy watching. We all did. But most importantly, it became an unforgettable outing for Michael.

At 3 years old, it's the little things that matter. Maybe that can be true of everyone, but it was most apparent on that night for him.

And at 38, I learned a valuable lesson — it isn't always the new truck or video game that's so important. It's the time you spend together that really matters.

With the rush of the day-to-day, time never seems to be available for my family, but I learned last week, that if I can't give them anything I can give them some memories to last a lifetime.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Many issues face legislators

By Hon. Ed Ford State Senator

The 1990 session of the General Assembly convened at noon Tuesday, January 2. This session features more controversial issues and complicated subjects than I have witnessed in my 12 years as a member of the Kentucky State Senate.

During the next three and one-half months we will attempt to solve many of the problems of our educational system, which was declared unconstitutional by our Supreme Court.

We will try to find acceptable remedies to ease the overworking of our state's jails and prisons, attempt to find a way to meet federal guidelines and funding requirements for a host of social service programs, and how to continue to fund repairs and maintain a dilapidated system of roads and bridges.

All of the above will be accomplished under tight financial constraints compounded by a shrinking tax base and ever-increasing monetary demands. Needless to say, the budget

itself is the most important single issue to deal with.

As is usually the case, the outlook for sufficient revenue is not too good.

The court-ordered overhaul of our educational system must be in place by the coming summer. I think it is very a member of the Kentucky State Senate.

The legislative message line is again in operation for your convenience. The toll free number is 1-800-375-7181, or you may write me at the capital. Senator Ed Ford, State Senate, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

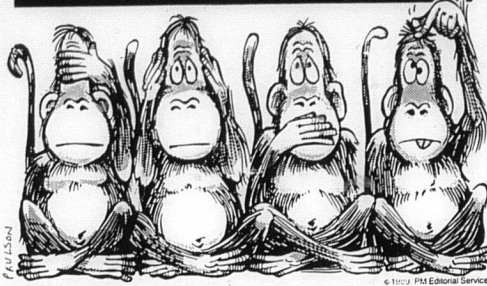
Public forum State Sen. Ed Ford and State Rep. Adrian Arnold will be at the Nicholas County Courthouse 10 a.m. January 12 to meet the public.

They will be there to discuss issues before this term of the State Legislature and to answer questions.

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Here are a few predictions for the 1990s

From Left Field By Josh Shepherd



The National Enquirer has released its annual top 10 psychic predictions for the year and for the decade to come. I always look forward to this issue because it is the one issue not even Carol Burnett can touch. How can one sue for events that have not, as yet, come to pass? My only regret is that the Enquirer is the only supermarket publication whose psychic foretelling is reputed to be the most accurate. After all, the market news of preference, at least for me, is the Weekly World.

James Watt will remain the public office as head of the American industrial complex and promptly run it into the ground, for the sake of agriculture and ecological preservation. Donnie Howser will reveal himself a space alien suffering from acne. The top six (seven) most improbable events of the 90s. Ronald Reagan will return to the movies, co-starring with Clint Eastwood in a tense presidential election drama dealing with the sticky issue of a third presidential term called "Dream Team II."

But now, the top psychic predictions stay primarily in with the entertainment crowd. Roseanne Barr seems to be, for the moment, at the center of attention. I counted about 25 different comments on the woman, far and away more than any other shooting star has received for quite some time. But for those of us who have been deprived of

alien encounters and the amazing man who breathes garlic, I have consulted the stars, established for the sole purpose of tracking aliens if perhaps War of the Worlds II were to start, used to keep a running tally of UFO sightings. But now, the top psychic predictions stay primarily in with the entertainment crowd. Roseanne Barr seems to be, for the moment, at the center of attention. I counted about 25 different comments on the woman, far and away more than any other shooting star has received for quite some time. But for those of us who have been deprived of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor: In this day and time when people often comment that kindness, humanity and neighbors helping neighbors are things of the past, I would like to say all it well in Nicholas County. On July 21, 1988, I was seriously injured at work, which left me paralyzed and in a wheelchair. Over the past year, the kindness shown me, and my family has been overwhelming, and I would like to thank some of those people, realizing there is no way possible I could name everyone.

Church Disciples of Christ for seeing a need and for setting up the 365 Fund, in which donations were made to purchase a van for me and to help others in the community. Their energy, concern and willingness to help to limit my loss, I would like to give a special thanks to Rev. Julie Metzger, Gladys Street and Leon Riggs. Thanks also goes to the Showmasters band, who donated every dime to the fund set up to purchase the van. Last, but not least, thanks to the people of Nicholas County. I have received enough cards, phone calls, visits, prayers and food to more than fill our town. Words cannot express the appreciation.

First, I would like to say thank you to my family for helping to take care of me, but yet helping me to live as normal a life as possible. This also includes Betty Meas, as we have adopted her as one of our family members. A big thank you to Bill Allison for all his kindness and help. Bill has been one of the best neighbors any man could have. I would also especially like to thank the First Christian

progress of the Court and my participation therein. In the past year a total of 863 opinions and discretionary reviews have been considered by the full Court, an increase of 11. A total of 609 discretionary reviews have been completed and 255 opinions were rendered, an increase of 29 opinions. I wrote a total of 54 opinions, 22 to be published and 32 memorandum opinions, an increase of 10, and the most for any member of the Court. Approximately 66 percent of the cases were criminal, which is the same as in the past year. I have voted to affirm convictions in 123 criminal cases and to reverse in six.

As I complete my seventh year on the Kentucky Supreme Court, I believe it is appropriate to report to the people of this appellate district the

GENERAL NEWS

Following bank robbery convictions

Robinson gets 71 months prison term

LEXINGTON — Robert Robinson of Carlisle has been sentenced in Federal District Court to almost six years in prison for bank robbery.

The 37-year-old Robinson took more than \$70,000 from three central Kentucky banks in 1987 and 1988. U.S. District Judge Henry

Without sentenced Robinson to 71 months in prison. Robinson was apprehended in November 1988 immediately after robbing at gun

point the Mayville Road branch of Montgomery-Traders Bank in Mt. Sterling \$54,500.

Robinson pleaded guilty to the Mt. Sterling robbery, and federal prosecutors agreed to dismiss two other bank robbery charges.

Robinson had also been charged with the December 1987 robbery of \$6,332 from First National Bank of Carlisle and the March 1988 robbery of \$11,000 from Bourbon Agricultural Deposit Bank and Trust Company in North Middletown.



Tiger Cubs raise funds to assist Bussell family

Tiger Cub Scouts On... Governor Becker watches as Tiger Cub Matthew Becker presents Chief Bussell, accompanied by Shane Bussell, with \$75 raised from a Bake Sale and Turkey Hatte sponsored by the Tiger Cubs to aid the Bussell family.

NOTICE OF MOTOR VEHICLE FEE

Pursuant to Section 70.36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Carlisle, the Motor Vehicle License required by Section 70.35 is valid for the calendar year of January 1 through December 31 in each year. The last day for which licenses may be purchased for a fee of \$10.00 is January 31, of each year, after which time the cost of the license fee is \$15.00 per year, reflecting a \$5.00 penalty for late payment. City of Carlisle Published in The Carlisle Mercury Thursday, January 11, 1990.

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