

Bluegrass Beacon

Editor's Note: Jim Waters is the newest columnist to The Carlisle Mercury.

A faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. —Solomon

Loyalty is sometimes a desirable — but often misused — virtue.

For example, former-governor-turned-legislator Sen. Julian Carroll somewhat considers leaders who speak their minds disloyal and more desirous than people who hide their true intentions.

But after Lt. Gov. Steve Pence recently announced his support for a gubernatorial candidate other than his boss, Carroll certainly spoke — better yet, shouted — his opinion from the Senate floor while calling for Pence's resignation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
I am writing to inform community members about an upcoming series on HBO, called "Addiction."

The Addiction Project is an unprecedented campaign aimed at educating Americans on the dangers of addiction as a chronic but treatable brain disease.

Premiering Thursday, February 15 at 9 p.m. on HBO, with the centerpiece documentary "ADDICTION," which will also visit the network's digital platforms, including the website, service, multiple channels, HBO on Demand, pod casts and web streams.

As Chairperson of The Nicholas Continuum for a Safe and Drug Free Community and the Nicholas Co. KY-ASAP Board, I recently had the opportunity to attend the CADCA National Leadership Forum and participate in a preview of the documentary. It is a very powerful anti-



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Set aside the obvious calling of my chief duty as an elected official to grovel at the feet of the governor rather than remain loyal to the electorate. Carroll's distributive also included a startling display of fiscal hypocrisy and political bullying.

In his call for Pence's resignation, Carroll evinced that it costs taxpayers too much to provide the lieutenant governor with a state-owned vehicle, gasoline and state-trooper protection.

It seems that in the process of sniffing gasoline tanks for petroleum unleaded, the silver-haired senator may have become dizzy from the vapors.

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OPINION

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Bond's Broadcast

Editor's Note: I doubt if any of you know Rosemary Bond well. She was the mother of my life-long best friend.

Rosemary died on Monday of this week in a tragic manner. She choked on her food and it wasn't possible to revive her.

I remember Rosemary when I was a young boy growing up in the city of Russell. She had six children, of which Tommy was her second oldest. There were three girls and three boys and a grandpa in this household.

Between both of our families we really didn't have much in the way of material things, but as far as I know none of us ever went hungry, we always had clothes and shoes, and we always somehow found a way to get where we were going.

I received an email from Tommy Monday afternoon telling me of the passing. Of course I only knew one or two people in the world that call Tom, Tommy, and I one of them.

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Talkin' From The Mountains

Rape of the Environment
Despite the Democratic majority in Congress, President Bush continues to work frantically to rape the environment before he leaves office.

Here are a few of the actions that Bush and some of his aides, including fourth district congressman Geoff Davis, want to accomplish.

Allow water utilities to provide us with contaminated water that has triple the level of toxic pollution than allowed by EPA standards.

Allow industry to ignore Clean Air controls and release tons and tons of dangerous mercury into the air.

Speed up oil drilling in such revered environments as Yellowstone National Park.

Open up National Forests to logging, including the Boone National Forest near us.

And Bush continues to take little or no action against the cataclysmic threat of Global warming despite new research by scientists that gives us a window of only a few years to do something about it before it is too late.



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She said the same thing I have thought many, many times. When some of the right-wing people would come by and give them the fish.

I never know how much I know now as how much those families needed what we were giving them.

To let you know the times that they were, those men would come back with a can full of worms so we could fish more.

They didn't have a dollar to raise their families, but they would gladly help anyone, anytime and never except a dime.

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For those of you 50 years and older, think back to when you were young. Can you recall a time when you constantly heard about poor environmental conditions?

We would fill up stringer after stringer and then when some of the right-wing people would come by and give them the fish.

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For 27 days, the 2007 General Assembly has met in Frankfort to consider and legislate the bills that will prove life in the Commonwealth. Now, with the day about session nearing an end, dozens of bills could shortly be on their way to the governor for his signature.

Some key bills worked out between the House and Senate in the session's final days include legislation to raise the state minimum wage, improve social worker and mine safety, address school bullying, support Louisville's Museum Plaza project and restore hundreds of millions of dollars in projects vetoed from the 2006 state budget by the governor last year.

All of these bills have passed the House and are now in the Senate. Some of these bills would give veterans and parents — bonus points on

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Legislative Update

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