

OPINION

Bluegrass Beacon

Put money in the bank by eliminating Treasurer's Office



Bluegrass Beacon by Jim Waters

My money is on cashing out the state Treasurer's office. This not-so-original idea seems to float up from time to time. Most recently, it came in the form of a campaign promise by Melinda Wheeler, who ran for the office in the recent primary election on a platform of abolishing it. Doing so would require changing the Kentucky Constitution...

for an elected state treasurer with 35 employees, seven of them political appointees. In 1792 the electors of Tennessee elected John Sevier as the first governor. In Virginia - to run what, according to state statute outlining the "duties" of the office, amounts to little more than a check-processing operation. Which raises the question: Why, in this day and age of direct deposit, do so many of Kentucky's government employees still get paper checks in the mail...

efficiency - by another existing agency, particularly the state Auditor's Office or by a new state Cabinet. Eliminating redundancy by combining agencies, competitively bidding services and using innovative technology are a great place to start addressing Frankfort's fiscal obesity. Some will resist. I bet voters wouldn't.

LETTERS

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Museum opened in Petersburg, KY. In a state that wishes to have better science education, this unusual history museum will tell visitors that the Earth is only 6,000 years old, that all the species on Earth, including dinosaurs, were put on a boat during a supposed world-wide flood, and that...

Wilson to lead Crusade

By Charles Mattox News Editor charlesm@carlisleattorney.com Dr. Jim Wilson, an international known evangelist fresh from a powerful evangelical Crusade in remote India has contacted The Carlisle Mercury about his pending Crusade June 24 at the First Baptist Church of Carlisle. I am looking forward to what God will do to touch lives in your area. Dr. Wilson wrote in a recent e-mail to the newspaper, "It is strictly His work, not mine. So anything I do is only a medical clinic, a school of...

no concept of the importance of evolutionary theory to medical research, ecological research, and even human behavior. As the U.S. walls, in billions, other parts of the world are strewn past us in terms of science and technology. One need only look to the Islamic countries to see the effect of fundamentalist fervor. Once a leader in science and medicine, that part of the world now suffers from stagnation in these fields as the anti-intellectual crusade continues. Americans should relegate the Islamic U.S. the equivalents to the dustbin of history, before our society becomes like theirs. Religion and science are different fields with very different rules. History tells us that every time overzealous religious forces have interfered in scientific matters, society has suffered and moved backwards. In that what we wish for is a free society, we should eliminate the religious position ripe for elimination.

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Relay For Life Team Activities Calendar Of Events June 2-Yard Sale & Food-Oakland Mills Methodist Church Food - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Bar-B-Q - 8 am - 4 pm Coming Events - Old Time Dress Up Photos - Whisker Bank team On Going Events - Chain of Memories - 25¢ ea. chain - Mt. Zion Seekers Team - Balloon launch - Morning after June 16 11<sup>th</sup> per balloon (In Memory or In Honor) - Heroes of Hope Team - 857-473-0565 - Large Picnic Basket with all utensils Donation accepted - Whisker Bank Team Relay For Life June 15 and 16 For more information call: Louise Zachary - 289-2398

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GENERAL NEWS

Colonel Student-Athletes inducted into Honor Society

RICHMOND, Ky. - On Monday evening, eight Eastern Kentucky student athletes were inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athletic Honor Society in a ceremony at the Chad Bratke Student-Athlete Academic Success Center. The 2007 inductees, Brandon Berry (men's golf), Evan Haggis (women's soccer), Derek Hardman (football), Ryan Morgan (men's cross country & track), Brittany Noblin (volleyball), Joseph Oliver (baseball), Samuel Reid (football) and Melissa Rodwin (women's golf), join 10 current members of the honor society. Chi Alpha Sigma is a national organization that was founded to recognize student-athletes who earn a variety of letters in at least one sport while maintaining a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA throughout their junior and senior years. Chi Alpha Sigma's purposes are as follows: To encourage and reward high academic scholarship of college athletes; to encourage and reward high academic achievement by intercollegiate varsity letter winners. To encourage good citizenship, moral character, and friendship among high academic achievers in college athletics. To recognize and honor the individual athlete, his/her team, sport, athletic department, and college or university. To mentor and to provide leadership to other athletes.

McLean named to United States Achievement Academy The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Mandi McLean, from Carlisle has been recognized for academic achievement in the United States National Honor Student Award Winner. Mandi McLean, who attends Nicholas County Middle School will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

DAR awards announced

The Jimima Johnson Chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution is proud to announce their 2007 American History Awards. This award is given to the senior at each high school in Bourbon, Nicholas and Montgomery counties who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement in American History throughout the year. This year the recipients of the American History Award are Bourbon County High School, Jordan Quinn, Paris High School, Warren Taylor, Nicholas County High School, Steven Tyler Duncan and for Montgomery County High School a tie between Anna Claire Skinner and Meredith Kramer.

Each winner receives a certificate, silver medal and \$25. The Daughters of the American Revolution strives to promote American History and offering this award is one of the many ways that our outstanding work from our local students is acknowledged. But the cost of the "honor" comes a couple of decades later, when no one has access to modern healthcare because the money has gone into routine treatment without adequate budgeting for the research, development and maintenance of equipment and facilities. Don't get me wrong. We need our medical services in America. But I don't believe it should be completely free and I don't believe we should make our system a carbon-copy of Canada's. As we gear up for the 2008 elections, I predict we're going to hear a great deal about universal healthcare, but when the politicians start making big promises about free healthcare for everyone, my advice is Don't buy it. It's not worth it.

STEVE'S Continued from Page 5 that compares favourably with other wealthy OECD countries. We have to remember that Canadians had a convenient way to "cheat" their system. Peter, lives in Toronto. When he needed a MRI for a knee injury, he would there would be a four-month wait. So he did what many Canadians do: he paid for the MRI that way by crossing the border and paying out-of-pocket to receive treatment in the United States. The shortcomings of the Canadian system are forcing serious reforms. In June 2005, the Canada's Supreme Court overturned a law that prevented Canadians from purchasing private medical care that are available through public funding. Other reforms being considered include introduction of a co-payment (no more free healthcare) and allowing private facilities to receive public funding. The bottom line is that there are serious problems with Canada's healthcare program - the program so many politicians are eager to import an implement back here at home. And speaking of back here at home, let's look at how our government has managed universal health care so far. One of the greatest benefits of military service is access to free healthcare. When it was first introduced, it was only available to active members on active duty. By the time I joined the Army in 1983 medical benefits had been extended to family members, as well as to retirees and their spouses. The cost of providing this healthcare has become so prohibitive that the Pentagon has turned over management of significant portions to private health insurance companies, like TRICARE. When Max got his tonsils out, I fell into a conversation with the nurse about her duties. She told me that she became a nurse to help people. But now it seems everything is about "managing" healthcare, which means billing out insurance forms. She said she now spends at least 75 percent of her day taking care of paperwork.

instead of taking care of patients. The availability of care isn't what it used to be, either. Until the mid 1990s, when the Troop Medical Clinic referred a Soldier for a routine procedure, he was generally seen within 72 hours. Now 72 hours is the definition of "urgent" care. For routine appointments, Soldiers frequently have to wait over a month. Part of the problem is that the system generates a sense of entitlement that leads to over-use and abuse. For things as trivial as common colds, instead of taking a couple of aspirin, drinking plenty of fluid and spending the day in bed, people flock to the emergency room. Why? Because it's free. Remember the old saying, "There is no such thing as a free lunch". The benefit of adopting a healthcare system like Canada's would be that everyone gets free medical treatment. But the cost of the "honor" comes a couple of decades later, when no one has access to modern healthcare because the money has gone into routine treatment without adequate budgeting for the research, development and maintenance of equipment and facilities. Don't get me wrong. We need our medical services in America. But I don't believe it should be completely free and I don't believe we should make our system a carbon-copy of Canada's. As we gear up for the 2008 elections, I predict we're going to hear a great deal about universal healthcare, but when the politicians start making big promises about free healthcare for everyone, my advice is Don't buy it. It's not worth it.

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