

OPINION

Bluegrass Beacon

I wonder what some local politicians have put in their pipes and smoked. I nearly drove off the road the other day when I heard Brian Nash, Bowling Green city commissioner, say during a radio newscast that the health benefits reaped by citizens from a proposed smoking ban in this city "outweigh" the Constitution's personal-property rights.



By Jim Waters

I agree that personal property rights are an important part of our Constitution. In many cases, as paramount, Nash said, "I think in this particular case - and I don't want to be painted into a corner, so - in this particular case, I believe that the health consequences, uh, outweigh that."

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Continued from Page 4 If you will, please think back to the time before the state department of education didn't control the classrooms of Kentucky. Think back to when local districts had standards and if you didn't meet them, then tough, you failed!

Constitution is inconspicuously more often than convenient. That's a good thing. It's good that the majority doesn't agree, although the guaranteed rights of private property owners are unimportant for Louisville Metro Council member Dan Johnson as he tries to impose a prohibition of trans fats in certain foods prepared in his city's restaurants.

It's not the constitutionally guaranteed rights of private property owners that are not convenient for Johnson's fellow councilman, Jim King, in his attempt to use government edicts to prohibit stonemasons from using traditional plastic bags.

comply. If King and Johnson get trans fats and plastic bags declared illegal, that's a different story. Government, propped up by our tax dollars, must quit denying property owners the right to allow legal activity - and use legal products - in their businesses - even if the majority doesn't agree.

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of restaurant, bar and grocery-store owners." But not all personal rights - including property rights - could be enumerated in the document. The framers were so concerned that this not be interpreted as giving carte blanche to assiduous Americans' individual liberties that they added the Ninth Amendment, which covers even unlisted rights held in high esteem by the founders and consistently upheld by the Supreme Court.

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called "arbitrary" and "oppressive." The "we-know-better-than-you" government types creeping into our lives from every corner of this commonwealth seem emboldened and want to intrude on our most cherished rights. It needs to stop.

There is no difference, said former Kentucky Supreme Court Justice William Graves.

ing swearing-in ceremonies. They should start doing it. Enthusiastically. All of it.

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NOTICE

There will be no CITY trash collection on Monday, October 8, due to Columbus Day. Mondays route will be collected on Tuesday, City of Carlisle, KY

PUBLIC NOTICE

2007 PROPOSED TAX RATE PUBLIC HEARING The Nicholas County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

NOTICE

The City has designated the week of October 15-19 as clean up week. All items must be placed by the curb for pickup on your regular trash day.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Chair, box spring, mattress, couch: \$15.00; Commodore, Sink: 5.00; Floor Model TV: 5.00; Wooden furniture (large pieces): 10.00

There is NO charge for the disposal of refrigerators, freezers, stoves, air conditioner, washer, dryer, water heater, microwaves or any type of metal!

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the same system they're trying to fix. Please, someone tell me what is all about. Ever since the state has been in charge the results have gone down.

It may not appear that way, but when you change the standards and if you didn't meet them, then tough, you failed!

As I look at the history of schools and even consider the United States where we are as a nation continue to slide on the world's scale farther and farther behind several nations, I believe it's time to call for a change.

You have people in a failed system telling you how to do it the way it has been done. That doesn't work.

It certainly doesn't work in private enterprise. Look at Chrysler, IBM.

These aren't bad people. Most of these people are victims of the failing system. You have state level administrators who came from

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Bring a witch's cauldron of fun this Halloween with special spooky treats. These delicious goodies are frighteningly fun to make, so get your little monsters involved. The Haunted House Cake looks almost too spooky to eat, but this masterpiece will disappear as if by magic. Invite guests to tread through the graveyard of creative chocolatey treats you've prepared with some of your favorite candies.

- Haunted House Cake: Makes 1 cake, Prep time: 20 minutes, Decorating time: 40 minutes. Orange food coloring, 2 (16-ounce) cans vanilla frosting, 2 (16-ounce) frozen pound cake, thawed, 1 box thin chocolate wafers cookies, 1 (8-ounce) tube black decorating gel, 1 bag Twix Fun Size Bars, 1 bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies, Pumpkin Patch Mix, 1 bag M&M'S Peanut Chocolate Candies, Pumpkin Patch Mix.

Monster Feet Cookies

- Monster Feet Cookies: For this fun and easy recipe go to brightideas.com/monsterfeet. Jack-O-Lantern Cakes: Makes 6 cakes, Prep time: 15 minutes, Baking time: 27 minutes, Refrigerating time: 60 minutes, Decorating time: 30 minutes.

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