

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am happy to see that everyone is enjoying my misfortune. I've heard all the talk about me and I'm glad you all had something to talk about. Now I would like for you all to know the truth. I've lived here for 60 years. Ray Willoughby and I raised three decent boys. Nicholas County for anything. My children don't steal, they don't go around bothering people, they were taught to work for what they have. As far as me I didn't burn down my house, I didn't shoot myself in the abdomen and it wasn't a graze. It went through part of my body as the criminal. There are two people that know what they did, anybody that knows me and really knows I wouldn't have thought for a second that I had anything to do with it. As for the others I don't really care who you think.

Mary Willoughby White
Dear Editor,
Enough already! After a month or more of reading letters to the editor, bashing law enforcement and the county attorney's office, it's time to turn our attention to more positive matters.

We the citizens of Nicholas County, should be so happy to have an individual like Dawn Latcher as our county attorney. She serves our county tirelessly, helping and volunteering her time with our kids school programs and many other functions that no one hears about or gives her credit for. While it's a shame that the court record takes up such a large part of our small weekly newspaper, it certainly indicates that county law enforcement is doing the job for which they are paid.

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OPINION Bond's Broadcast

Birthday spankings and licking the mixer beaters.

Sunday, April 6, was Evan's sixth birthday. While we are still in the midst of moving from Elm Street to Main Street it was time to take a break, move some kitchen boxes around, and have a birthday party for our oldest grandchild.

Evan was born six years ago to Louisville and has a whirlwind life moving from Kentucky to Texas, back to Louisville and now to Morehead and now Flemingsburg. It is really hard for me to believe that he is 6-years-old. In fact, it's hard to believe we even have a grandchild not to even fathom having four grandchildren.

On Sunday, as Evan and his mom and dad, just like Marilyn, Beth and the Bug (Sadie Jo here with me, we had a mad to eat lunch. Evan's favorite meal is Mim's meatloaf and record takes up such a large part of our small weekly newspaper, it certainly indicates that county law enforcement is doing the job for which they are paid.

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Veloz Viewpoints

Greetings from Nevada! I hope you are all having a great week.

Believe it or not, Ben and I have been having the same conversation over and over for the past few weeks. The topic of that conversation is having children. We want to have more kids.

I'm sure you are thinking, it is way too late to be thinking about more kids, the twins are only 14-months old. Nevertheless, we are having the conversation. And both of our minds keep changing.

First, we would get angry when people would say, "oh, one of each, you are done." I would get so angry and think to myself, who are these people to determine the number of children I am going to have for me. What gives them any right to assume we shouldn't have any more kids since we already have one of each.

Then, Ben and I were both determined, for several months in fact, that we were finished having children. We had decided we were good with two.

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Second Amendment Rights in the District of Columbia

On March 18, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments for District of Columbia v. Heller, a case which challenges whether the District of Columbia's gun ban violates the Second Amendment. This is the first Second Amendment case taken up by the Supreme Court since 1859.

As you may know, the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment have been severely limited in the nation's capital for the last thirty years. The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution clearly states that the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

However, since 1976, Washington, D.C. has maintained one of the most restrictive and unreasonable gun laws in the nation. The D.C. gun ban outlaws the private ownership of

OPINION Steves Report

The other day, I received an e-mail from my oldest child. He thought that I was serving on an 18-month mission to share the gospel with the people of Thailand.

It was a fun day. Evan made me believe meals, tried on and wore his official Bengals uniform and helmet, and most importantly to me, shared his mixer beaters loaded with mashed potatoes with him.

I wish his Uncle Mike had been here, but he was in Las Vegas visiting Amy, Ben and our other grandchildren. Analise and Antonio, I bet, he visited a casino or two while he was there as well.

Maybe next year... With the little man, we'll make sure you get to lick off some German chocolate from my lap and give you a sprong mad believe meals.

But this isn't anything new for the Veloz family. At 6, Evan enjoys a variety of foods. He loves clam chowder, and he loves a multitude of food. He stuffs him the average child would yell.

And so, for another week, I have to tell you that I am not long for need to try to shape and mold her, to help her grow. Today's Menu - Two Choices: "Take it or Leave it." We'd tell the kids that something they might be in a strange

place as a guest in someone's home, and it would be insulting if they refused what was offered them. So our kids learned to eat everything, even if they didn't particularly care for it.

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Fourth District Report

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Katie responded, "That's because I'm not wearing my hat." Katie's roommates' heads snapped around when they heard that. "How can you look that pretty without any make-up?" they exclaimed.

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