

Readers Write

Dear Editor:

At the time of the French Revolution while the revolutionaries were fighting to destroy the government, their plan to create the necessary turmoil to intimidate the legislature and the powerful citizens of Paris could not be implemented by the recruitment of a sufficient number of radicals among the population. Being of creative mind; these men came to a solution of mixing a mob to carry out their plan. From the Mediterranean shores of France and Italy, they recruited some 15,000 of the denizens of the bars and alleyways who for pay would come to Paris to create the necessary degree of anarchy and intimidation among the population of Paris to destroy the efforts of King Louis XVI to keep the peace. Since he would not allow his troops to fire on the mob because they were his people (he thought), he eventually was made prisoner and lost his head and the Reign of Terror which ultimately killed over a million Frenchmen of all classes was underway.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, who never loses an opportunity to victimize and call for class warfare, has again obediently fulfilled the role to recruit a "mob" in the aftermath of Election 2000. Among other things, he has accused the Bush campaign of intimidating black voters to keep them from the polls and has warned that civil violence could result. Is this a threat, a la the Rodney King riots? Not to be confused with the facts, he does not answer the question of how this could be if a third more African American voters voted this time than in 1996. If the

black teen-agers were expelled from school for starting a riot and accused the school officials of racism. Last September, three of these teenagers, ages 19, 17 and 17, were arrested on charges of robbery and felony mob action.

Rev. Al Sharpton performed a similar function of race baiting at the execution of Gary Graham in Texas last June. Never mind that the Graham case had been back and forth on appeals since 1981. Not exactly harsh appeals since 1981. Not exactly harsh appeals since 1981. Not exactly harsh appeals since 1981.

The fact is that these "reverends" live very well as the media imposed leaders of the African American community, along with the equally radical NAACP. Meanwhile, truly great and honorable African Americans like Walter Williams, Thomas Sowell, Alan Keyes, Clarence Thomas, Ezola Foster and Ward Connerly are blacklisted from receiving exposure in the dominant media unless it is to caricature them. The problem is that these honorable people would not cooperate in the liberal agenda to destabilize race relations in this country. In the 1920's Lenin announced a plan to radicalize the African American community in our country as the instrument of future revolution.

Irene Guffy - Louisville, KY
Dear Editor,
I'm writing to you concerning the laws in this town. Why is it the County Attorney and Judges allow women to have all the rights? What I'm saying

is, a woman can say anything on a man and the man goes to jail - these women have no conscience, they can say, they sexually abuse a man, but the man never goes a warrant in this town.

Just as soon as a woman is dumped or told she is not worth having - she gets angry and swears out the most ridiculous lies she can - it's called "Make that man suffer" for how he hurt my feelings. But women hurt our feelings, they lie, cheat, stay on drugs, run around while we work. We don't have any say about this to the law. But originally man was supposed to run his household and what goes in his home.

But now the laws give women the right to step on us, it's not good we men, should have the right to control our homes. We work hard to care for them. We should be allowed to tell an unfit woman that she should straighten up or leave, in any tone of voice that shows our strengths. Women actually think they can cast and order you, without you standing your ground (not me, not ever).

I do not care what laws say, I cannot. I will always stand my ground against unfit women, who turn out bad in my relationships. But maybe the law will see, women are not innocent-weak, but not innocent. Stop women's liberation!

Steve Tompkins
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,
I live on Pittman Street on Fairground Hill in Mt. Vernon.

Every time it snows I have to clean my own road before I can get out. I have put 37 bags of salt on that road this winter.

My wife and I pay taxes too. The city grades everybody else's road in the city but they never touch mine. It's just how much money you pay and who you know - in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

Jeffery E. Barnett
Margie Barnett

Dear Editor,
Here are the winners parade float winners from the Bittersweet Festival in October.

First place - Roundstone Baptist Church.

Second place - Cub Scout Packs 316 - Broadhead, 263 - Mt. Vernon.

Third place Tie - MVES Girls Scout Troops 276, 690 and 484. Joe and Gwen Martin, Whispering Winds Farm.

Great job on the floats in the parade and thank you.

Phyllis Deatherage
Bittersweet Committee

Library News

By Kristiana Burk

Happy New Year! It is so amazing that yet another has come upon us so quickly. The Library Staff wants to wish you and yours they very best for this upcoming year and to give you our sincerest thanks for the wonderful patrons that we are blessed to serve and work with on a daily basis. We live in a wonderful community that has great potential, something we are grateful for.

Many changes have taken place this past year at the Library and we equally look forward to a promising New Year. The mission of the Rockcastle County Public Library is to help each one of its citizens access the various information needs they might be in need of. We provide free use of print materials on a variety of subject areas, genealogical records, magazines, newspapers, a children's area, Career Center, and thousands of Fiction books for reading on the cold, snowy days we have been experiencing lately. In addition to these resources, we also offer a wide variety of technological resources; Internet access, computers, software, word processors, scanner, fax machine, copy machine, satellite/KET programming, Inter-Library loan services, and much more. In 2001, a few of the many events, programs and plans that the Library has in store for the year future is a Spring Art Show, Summer Reading Program, "Wild About Reading," various basic Computer skills classes, the Finalization of Automating and computerizing the Library.

This month, weather permitting, we will be hosting computer classes once again. On Thursday, January 18th from 5:00-6:00 p.m., we will be having a "Basic computer skills" session. This session is intended for those who shy away from computers completely. We will start with the very basics and work our way towards understanding one of the most important resources of our time period. Also, Thursday, January 18th from 6:00-7:00 p.m., we will host an Internet session for parents and their kids. This session will show parents and their children various Internet sites that are "Family Recommended," helpful for homework and everyday household use. We will take a look at such sites as the American Library Association's site, "700 Great Sites for Kids and the People Who Care About Them." Please, come join us for these free, informational and fun sessions. If you need more information - just give us a call at 256-2388.

The Library would like to recognize and express their appreciation for the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club. In December, the Young Children's Advisory Committee donated \$350.00 to the Children's Library for the purchase of badly needed educational toys, puzzles, storytelling props, children's audiobooks, and board books geared toward ages 0-4. Because of the care and concern of this club, we are able to provide up to date and educational activities for the youngest members of our community.

Finally, I want to remind you to visit the Library and check out some of the new materials we've gotten in. We now have the "Left Behind Series," "A Child Called It," "Roses are

Red," Dean Koontz new book series, several new Christian fiction titles, new children's books, "Dr. Death" by John Ketterman, "House of Sand and Fog," several new westerns, and more. Stop by the Library today! Resources are free. What more can you ask for?

Happy New Year to you and yours. Let us know how we can help you!

Director, Kristiana Burk; Bookmobile Librarian, Pam Chaliff; Children's Librarian, Kathy McKibben and Library Assistants, Stacy Richards and Angela Morris.

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School Board Recognition Month January 2001

PROCLAMATION

SCHOOL BOARDS RECOGNITION MONTH
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To all whom these presents shall come:

WHEREAS, school boards create a vision for what students should know and be able to do;

WHEREAS, school boards establish clear standards for student performance;

WHEREAS, school boards ensure that student assessments are tied to established standards;

WHEREAS, school boards are accountable to the community for operating schools that support student achievement;

WHEREAS, school boards align school district resources to ensure that students meet standards;

WHEREAS, school boards create a climate that supports the philosophy that all children can learn at high levels;

WHEREAS, school boards build collaborative relationships based on trust, teamwork and shared accountability; and

WHEREAS, school boards are committed to continuous education and training on issues related to student achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George B. Carofas, County Judge-Executive, do hereby appreciate to the members of the Rockcastle County School Board and month of January 2001 to be

School Board Recognition Month.

I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members in preparing today's students for tomorrow's world.

Name and Title
Signed this 29th day of December, 2000

The Rockcastle County School Districts joining the other 14,885 school districts throughout the United States in celebrating January as "School Board Recognition Month." Serving on our local school board are: Samuel T. Stallworth (2 years), Terry F. Burton (8 years), Dr. George W. Griffith (8 years), Martin E. Vangant (7 years), Michael Burdette (newly elected).

"These men volunteer countless hours of unpaid time not only providing the best possible education for our students, but also serving as the corporate board of directors for one of our community's largest employers," Larry B. Hammond, Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent, said.

"As your elected leaders, they represent you in their continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making for our public schools," Hammond said. "Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded."

"The key work of our school board is to support student achievement by:

- Creating a vision for what we want our school district to become and how we will focus on student achievement as our top priority;
- Establishing standards for what we want our students to learn and to be able to do;
- Ensuring assessment to determine if we are achieving our goals and if students are learning;
- Being accountable for the outcomes of their decisions and actions by continually tracking progress and reporting results;
- Aligning how the district's human and financial resources should be used;
- Creating a safe and orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;
- Forming and to support common successes; and
- Focusing attention on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining and revisiting issues related to student achievement."

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and to fighting for the best for all of our students," Hammond said.

**Your school board is making a difference for students.
Take time to say thanks for a job well done!**