



Some Parents Are Too Controlling

White Joan's husband was not physically abusive, he was controlling, possessive and jealous. (All three are fictitious.) When she was 15 minutes late coming home from the grocery, Jerry demanded to know where she had been. "What man were you talking to this time?" he wanted to know.

Most of the time he would not allow her to go anywhere alone but insisted that she take the children. "I guess he thinks I can't get into any trouble if I have the kids along," she told me.

When Jerry came home from work, he would check the caller ID to see who had called. When no number was visible, he would push redial on all the phones in the house to find out the identity of her caller. If Joan objected, he became angry and told her to "shut up."

Joan purchased a cell phone so that her children could get in contact with her if they became ill at school. Jerry went into a rage. "Why do you need a cell phone?" he demanded. "Who is calling you that you don't want me to know about?" Joan tried to explain, but it did no good. One day the phone disappeared from her purse. When she asked about it, Jerry said that he had no idea where it was gone. That was the last she saw of the phone.

"Did your father spank you a lot?" I asked Joan.
"Not really," she replied. "If we did something wrong, we usually got a long lecture. He would quote Scripture to us and tell us what sinners we were and how we needed to repent. I would rather be last spanked us."
In marrying a jealous, controlling man, Joan had inherited someone like her father. While Jerry was not religious, he still tried to control her, as

her father had done. One of the reasons Joan married with him was that the situation felt so familiar to her. She was accustomed to being controlled by a man, because that was how her father had dealt with her.
"I guess he was a little too strict," Joan agreed. "He was over there with him, just like with us kids."
Being too controlling with children can have negative effects, just as being too lenient can.

Jerry disapproved of most of Joan's friends, but he became the most upset about Amy. Amy was divorced and Jerry felt she was a bad influence on Joan. "That woman is no good," he said. "Everybody is talking about the two of you running around together." When Joan asked who "everybody" was, Jerry did not reply. Finally Joan stopped spending time with Amy. "It was easier to do that than to put up with his mouth," she explained.

Joan came for counseling when she could stand it no more. "Losing my phone was the last straw," she said. "I know he took it. I don't understand why he is like this, and I don't understand why I put up with it."

I asked Joan to tell me about her past. She reported that she grew up in a very religious family. "We went to church every time the doors weren't open," she said. None of us stayed home even if it were sick.

Faithful church attendance can be very helpful to a family, but some of the other things Joan told me about her family made me wonder. "We couldn't listen to rock music or wear makeup or shorts. I remember one time my sister and the word 'pregnant' and Dad became so angry that he whipped her. We were not allowed to date or even sit with boys at church."

Legislative Update

State Rep. Danny Ford General Assembly looks at familiar issues

This year's Organizational Session left the Kentucky General Assembly with just a taste of what the first annual session in 150 years is going to be like. During the weeklong session we elected leadership, received our committee assignments and prepared for the legislative session that will begin when we reconvene on February 6.

In the first week alone we had over a hundred bills filed for consideration and over 400 requests for bills. So be drafted. During the next few weeks the General Assembly's Interim Committees will meet to debate the merits of these measures and hear testimony from bill sponsors, experts and constituents.

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cost and tax components of these proposals are the best way to accomplish a cleaner environment. Certainly, we should work to balance the interest of those already doing their part through voluntary local recycling and garbage disposal programs against higher taxes for mandatory solid waste collection.

Last year's workers' compensation changes increased the benefits for workers who suffer from permanent work related disabilities but can return to work, and doubled the death benefit. This year it looks like we're going to delve into the treatment of black lung claims, which underwent no significant changes in 2006. Workers' compensation continues to be a major issue for the legislature as we attempt to balance the needs of truly injured workers and the needs of business to hold the line on insurance costs.

We'll also be considering eliminating the state portion of the automobile property tax. Last year's attempt died prematurely when the governor proposed a seven cent a gallon gasoline tax increase that the General Assembly would not pass. Making any changes in state tax laws or the state budget will be difficult, however, because the constitutional amendment establishing apportionment requires the support of three-fifths majority in the legislature to approve any tax or spend measures.

I can be reached here in Mt. Vernon anytime, or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181.

In addition to the message line, the General Assembly offers several other toll-free lines to help you keep up with the session. A paid message containing information on legislative committee meeting schedules is available by calling 1-800-633-9650. In-

formation on the status of each bill (senators' offices will be available on the Bill Status Line, 1-877-765-0447).

District Court

(Cont. from B2)

Cynthia Lindsey: Speeding, \$50 and costs/state traffic school authorized.

Danny D. Lunaford: Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.

Marvin Lunaford, Jr.: Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.

Jody R. Schell: Speeding, \$18 and costs.

Paul B. Stonestrich: No Ky. Reg. Plates and other charges, issue warrant/suspend license.

Danny Woodard: Criminal mischief, issue warrant for failure to appear.

Joshua L. Dpole: Speeding, state traffic school.

Aaron D. Medley: Reckless Driving, paid.

Kimberly B. Reame: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelt, paid.

May K. Vickers: Faulty equipment, paid.

Zachary B. Watson: Improper turning, suspend license for failure to appear.

Crystal D. Bunge: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

William M. Charlton: Faulty equipment, \$25 and costs.

Steven A. Dellinger: Speeding, state traffic school.

Ivan G. Fultz, Jr.: Speeding, state traffic school.

Don L. Phillips: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Mark D. Proctor: Speeding, paid \$50.85 and requested state traffic school.

Kelly B. Steele: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Leisa J. Vanhook: Speeding, paid.

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Christopher S. Bruer: Speeding and Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, issue warrant/suspend license.

Clifford L. Berry: Fines due (\$86.35), issue warrant.

Charles A. Bolton: Speeding, state traffic school; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; 391 Fed. Safe. Reg. \$50 and costs.

Anthony S. Bowling: Speeding,

\$52 and costs/state traffic school authorized.

Jason Burkhardt: Theft by deception, \$10 and costs and 30 days/conditionally discharged one year.

Rickie D. Bassett: Driving, DUI Suspend License, \$100 and costs and 10 days/conditionally discharged one year.

Joshua M. Chandler: Operating motor vehicle under influence Alcohol/Drugs (under 21), \$100 and costs and ADE ordered plus license suspension of 30 days.

James L. Cochran: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of court costs.

Rachael A. Croner: Speeding, \$10 fine/suspend on authorization of state traffic school; No insurance, \$500 and costs/\$450 suspended; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Shawn E. Davidson: No operator license and other charges, issue warrant for failure to appear.

Richard V. Evans: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 VCF, 7 days/no service fee; 2 days time served; No insurance, \$500 fine/\$450 suspended on proof of insurance; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; Possession Open Alcoholic Bev. Container, \$25 fine.

Charles O. Griffin: Fines due (\$251.85), issue warrant/suspend license.

Edward K. Hackney: Fines due (\$217.60), issue warrant.

Matthew C. Hardwick: Speeding, \$16 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Brittany N. Jones: Fines due (\$75.85), issue warrant/suspend license.

Edith M. Kidwell: No insurance, \$500 and costs/suspend \$450, Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Ellis B. Kirby: Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 VCF, 2 days/time served.

Kimberly A. Kirby: Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs; Disorderly Conduct, \$100 fine and 30 days/conditionally discharged one year.

Ricky R. Kirby: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, \$200 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 VCF, 2 days/time served.

Arthur L. Laffer: Operating on suspended license, No Insurance and Failure to wear seatbelt, issue warrant/suspend license.

Avelino Perez Lopez: Fines due (\$322.85), issue warrant/suspend license.

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Disability Support Group
Disability meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Rockcastle Community Health Center. All persons with disabilities are encouraged to attend.

Project Goodwill
Project Goodwill second meeting will be held in the Rockcastle Library on Monday, January 22nd at 6 p.m. All persons of interest are encouraged to attend.

Community Health Center
The first meeting of the Rockcastle Community Health Center will meet this Monday, January 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the community room of the Health building. For more info, call Lynn Forester at 256-2345.

Chapel
The Chapel Choir will sing at the final Mass, January 21, 2007.

Book Sale
Book Sale, January 15th. The present will have the book sale from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the room at 1200 West Main Street in Columbia, Missouri. \$2.00 per book. 12.00 per dozen. Also call 256-0080. Menu included. Free, French food, cash sale, book sale.

"Cooking for Dishes"
January 10th, 1 p.m. class "Cooking for Dishes" will be held in the Extension Office at 1000 West Main Street by Thomas Herndon, Harlan Co. Family & Community Science Agent. Also on January 31, at 2 p.m. "Creative Ways to Cook" will be taught by Lynn Forester, Rockcastle County District Health Dept. Both classes are free. Call the Extension Office at 256-2403 for details.

Student Grants
January 22nd: There is a 3-hour grant session at the Extension Office at 1000 West Main Street. Call the office at 256-2403 for details and to register.

"Prism Quilt"
January 6, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. there will be "Prism Quilt" class in the Extension Office. This class is free. Call 256-2403 for more info or to register. The class will be repeated on February 16 at 9:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Small Business Conference
Workshop will be held on Monday, January 22, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for details.

Foreign Production
On Tuesday, January 23, 7 p.m. John Henson will present Foreign Production at the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for details.

Want to earn prize prizes while learning new skills and increasing your income? Join the new job! Jobbers in the place for you. For more info call 256-9612 or fax us at 256-9612. E-mail: jobs@kysa.net

R.A.B. Meeting
Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets Inc. meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. High School building at Rockcastle County. Call Jerry at 728-9262 or 728-2500 for details.

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