1 appreciate your getting in there at nearly closing time for The Mt. Vernon Festivals Doom, to help get a sponsor for our annual event. Although you've publicized the respon-

syntost for our annual event. 'Al-hough you' eyublicized therespon-sible parties for having or not having the festival wrong. We still had a réalty good festival.

'We, the City Council, have never before had any say in the Bittersweet Festival. It has always been coordi-nated and bossed by the Mayor and City Clerk. 'At a late date we were notified at a council meeting that we weren't going to have the festival after I asked had the date for it been changed. Several of us council mem-bers protested on the news of not having the festival. We asked for ads to be placed in the Mt. Vernon Signal to be placed in the Mt. Vernon Signal and to not give up on it. The City Clerk handles the ads.

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Anyway, I appreciate and thank
Carol Kirby and all the rest for pulling this even toff: I had a really good
time and I know everyone that aitended did. These people worked really hard and deserve a lot of appreciation shown. All the folks that participated in any way get my praise.
Maybe everyone will wolk early to
get our festival planned next year. I
hopes so.

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Now I'd like to address another of he subjects in your editorial last week, The Occupational and Net Profits Fax. As everyone knows I fought hard against thattax, When the Country and the subject of the I would be a subject to the I would be a s cil by majority voted that tax in at .5% I urged them to make several amendments to the Ordinance. One of which was to earmark the tax money for priority purposes but it was rejected.

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We found out in December of behind. I guess the Mayor placed all priority on the City Seadils were behind. I guess the Mayor placed all priority on the City Clerk's world to incorporate the new tax ordinance instead of getting all necessary paperwork to our CPA, so that audits could be done. As of a week ago, he still didn't have the books from City Hall to do '98, '90 or 2000 audits. I have explained to the rest of the council that we were sworn in as Council members to uphold the law and that leaw stated the year's audits were, supposed to be reviewed before saying Ok to the Mayor's budget, in one Ok to the Mayor's budget, in one Ok to the Mayor's budget, in other than the law stated they part a sudits were, supposed to be reviewed before saying Ok to the Mayor's budget, in other than the law stated they are suited with the sum of the council get anything done since we don't have any authority over employees? A tot of the public leard me

ployees? A lot of the public heard me at some of the special called tax meet-ings telling the Mayor we didn't know anything about what we had or didn't have because of the audits not being done. It's been almost two years now have because of the audits not being done. It's been almost two years now and I'm wondering if I need to tell the man from Frankfort fog on head ad come on down to visit with us. Someone else is going to have to tell the rest what cam befall us.

Blame can be placed here or there but that doesn't get things done. I'd like to see some job performance, not just get promises from City Hall! I'll bet the rest of the Taxpayers would too.

bet the rest of the Taxpayers would.

By the way our meetings are still the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless the Mayor changes it, as she does sometimes. A good report from each miecting to the public would be good and not by taking someone cles's sword of what went on. It aper ecord each meeting, so that I have proof of what is said. I don't like being made out to be a liar or I nave proof of what is said. I don't like being made out to be a liar or things twisted around. I've always heard the old saying, "The truth shall set you free," but that's not always set you free," but that's not always necessarily true. I have been a Mt. Vermon City Council member for 12 tofal years. Right now it's more try-ing than it has ever been yet I feel like I'm still needed by the people. I appreciate you printing my let-ter, editor and letting me fell my side. Sincerely.

Sincerely, Clarice R. Kirby Mt. Vernon City Council Member

Dear Editor.

Everyone has memories to exchange and reminisce both good and not so good. In promoting our theme for the AARP Health and Independent Living Festival, October 26, at the Williamsburg Tourism Center this just what will be taking place. Aside from the public men & women who served in the defense of our country will be special guest.

A large variety of service promoters and information booths on various subject matters will be addressed.

ers and information booths on vari-ous subject matters will be addressed. Special space is being provided for anyone wishing to display items of any kind in remembrance of fam-ily or friend who served. Awards and lots of celebrated en-tertainment and door prizes with all

tertainment and door prizes with all the frills of red, white and blue will be

"They faugh our Battle -Let's help them fight theirs" Help make our theme come true

by informing a veteran of the occa-

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more information.

Dolly M. Sears

AARP Coordinator HAS-CFIL

Dear Editor,
Onbehalf of the Council for Burley
Tobacco, Inc. and our burley tobacco.
Garmers I would like to thank Senator
Mitch McConnell and our entire Kentucky Congressional Delegation for

Mitch McConnell and our entire Ren-nucky Congressional Delegation for what they have accomplished in re-gards to the 1999 Burley Tobacco Crop.

If this 1999 drought stricken crop had remained in the quota formula it would have most certainly driven thousands of our burley farmers out

of business. Your leadership and dedication to our family farms is very much appre-ciated. Thank you again for your amazing accomplishment.

Sincerely, William Fritz President

Dear Editor,
I want to say a big thank you to the
Bittersweet Festival Committee. The
committee amazed us with the three
and one-half weeks that they were
able to dedicate in organizing the
festival. They did a terrific job given
the time they had; The horseshoe
tournament was a great success and
so was the beauty pageants. Enjoying
the festival awas very evident from
any of the festival attendees.
The committee consisted of Carol

the festival was very evident from any of the festival attendees.

The committee consisted of Carol Kirby, Phyliss Deatherage, Janet McClare, Sharon Thacker, Sherry Hansel, Minnie Kirby, Teresa Bussell, Lisa Sutton, Chris Kirby and and Roy Mac Allen. You did a greatjo has Mayor and representing the Mt. Vermon City Council, we want to say thank you for stepping up and supporting Mt. Vernon with you time and efforts that you put in on the Bittersweet Festival.

If the City of Mt. Vernon had more concerned citizens, then Mt. Vernon culd have so much more. Thank you, Mayor Karen King and Mt. Vernon City Council

Dear Editor.

A very grateful thank you to all those in Rockcastle County and surtion of the Cockcastle County and surtion of the Cockcastle County and surion you way to help make the Bittersweet or the Cockcastle County of the Cockcastle Cockcast County could come together and en-joy a time of festivity. Our desire was

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ment we have received from many of you have given us the desire to tr

this undertaking again.

Next year we would like to guarantee, the Lord willing, that the

Next year we would like to guar-antee, the Lord willing, that the "Bit-tersweet Festival continue. If you have any desire to be a part of the festival in any way, please notify one of the committee members or Mt. Vernon City Hall. As you cap see from the list below it takes a tremendous amount of people and effort. A Cut Above, A Touch of Class, ALL Booth Vendors, Amber Thacker, Austim Miller, Barry Adams, Barry McClure Builders, Betty Mirch, Barry McClure Builders, Betty Mirch, Betty Fire Dept, Bordhead Vol. Fire Dept, Bud Cox, Calvary Hill Singers, Carrier Sharket, Charles & Lou Bussell, Dr. Larry Smith Chiropractor (give away UK itekets and color "TV), Chuck Grey, Citizens Bank, City of Mt. Vernon Vol. Fire Dept, Clara Patton, Coach Steve Wright and Lisa, Comie Childress, Cornerstone Band, Childress, Cornerstone Band, Coach Steve Wright and Lisa, Comie Childress, Cornerstone Band, Mir Yandhis, Cotton States, Cox Florist, Ox Hardware, Crais Sutton. Dale Mathis, Cotton States, Cox Florist, Cox Hardware, Craig Sutton, Dale Winstead, Danetta Allen, auctioneer, Danny McKinney, Debord's Dis-

count, Dee Minor, Dennis McClure, Devon Bussell, Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Eddie Delaney, Fam-ily Cafe, Farm Bureau, Ford Bros. Realty & Auction, Glenna D. Smith, Glennis Miller and family, Godfather's Pizza, Gwen Martin,

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Remember the Christmas Parade. Floats and candy donations are needed. The Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2000. The theme will be announced at a later date.

Deat Editor,
Today is Sunday. As I write this,
we, and millions like us across this
country, are getting ready for church.
Hymns will be sung and prayers said
for our nation and for our leaders.
And we will come away feeling good,
having fulfilled our weekly ritual.
How dare we? What right do we
have to expect God to listen; to bestow screef libe lessings upon a nation

have to expect God to Isism; to be-stow special blessings upon a nation that has turned its back upon Him; a nation where even His name is for-bidden in the classroom, where cle-gymen must be politically cortect lest the church lose its tax exemption; where the Ten Commandments are no longer allowed to grace the walls and hall ways of public buildings, and most horible of all, a nation where unborn and mostly-born babies are shoughtered daily in autom dign num-ber of the proper was even practic-ble. We the popule, we seen practic-

We, the people, yes, even practic We, the people, yes, even practiing Christians, have ignored the sin,
and in many instances, actually supported it in various ways as the pratice escalated to unspeakable heights.
I repeat, how dare we come before
God asking faxors with the blood of
these precious little ones dripping
from our hands? I do believe God
will one day demand an accounting will one day demand an accounting of us who did little or nothing to stop this atrocity called "abortion." My husband and I were around

when Roe vs. Wade was being de-bated, and, while we were vocal in our opposition, this seemed too barbaric to ever become law. But it did, and we're partly to blame. God for-

and we're partly to blame. God forgive us! There is one thing we have
both pragticed with utmost consistehey. WE VOTE PRO-LIPE. We
are registered Republicans and try to
support party candidates, but if we
detect a whift of acceptance for killing babies we take a look at their
opponent before making a final judgment. If both are pro- aborts, we leave
that space blank. In this small way,
we're trying to atone for past sins and
trying not to repeat them.

Though I am sure space will not
allowed to enumerate many of the
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be allowed to enumerate many of the horror stories we've collected over the years. But, please, could I relate just a few? You older folks will recall at abortion was billed as a way to we the life of the mother in cases save the life of the mother in cases where she would most surely die without it. And it would be performed only in those rare instances — and only through the first trimester. Well, as one phase was accepted, another was added and then another, each becoming more and more gruesome. Today the procedure must be described in the most delicate terms, else the news media will refuse to use it. Example: the unborn baby is a "fetus" or a "glob of tissue" and its death simply a "termination of pregnancy."

See, doesn't this sound better than

nancy."
See, doesn't this sound better than calling it exactly what it is? Even the staunchest advocates of "a woman's right to choose." Cannot bring themselves to finish that sentence. Since 1973, I've strained my cars to hear one of them do so. And I'm still expecting the pro-life candidate to demand that his pro-choice opponent describe this "right" indetail. I should live so long!
In the early days I recall how abortions were performed by injecting a stillne solution into the womb to kill the baby, which was then suctioned out in small pieces. It was the attended on the stillness of the baby which was then suctioned out in small pieces. It was the attended of the stillness of the baby which was then suctioned out in small pieces. It was the attended of the stillness of the baby which was then suctioned out in small pieces. It was the attended of the stillness of the baby which was then suctioned out in small pieces. It was the attended of the stillness of the baby which was the suction of the baby which will be a suctioned out in small pieces. It was the attended of the stillness of the baby which was the suction of the baby which was the s

room in bedpans.
One New York nurse, who had One New York nurse, who had not yet been introduced to the new system at her hospital, told of opening the wrong door and finding a tiny newborn lying naked on a cold table. All the skin had been literally burned of fits body. "It looked like a piece of raw meat," she said. But it was alive, apping and twiching. The uninitiated wrapped the baby in a towel and

ated wrapped the baby in a towel and rushed it to ICU. Whereupon, she was fired! Her superior lashed out at her, "This woman paid for an aborton. We can't give her a live baby!" It can't get any worse, right! Wrong!! This was only the beginning of a nightmare that has led to "partial-bith" abortion, or as the Ohio doctor who perfected this extension of all sit, "the Cadillac of abortion techniques." We first heard about this new

We first heard about this new chnique" in 1993 from Brenda We first heard about this new recentique's in 1993 from Brenda Shafer, a former pro-choice nurse who attended a partial-birth abortion in Ohio. Testifying before a congressional cominities, she desgribed the experience thusly. "The doctor demonstrate of the state of the control the baby is the four The baby's body was moving; his little fingers were clasped together and he was kicking his feet. The doctor took a pair of scissors, which he jammed into the back of the baby's head, and he baby's arms and legs jerked out in affinch, a startled reaction like a baby does when he thinks he might fall. Then the doctor opened the scissors up. Then he stuck the high-powered suction tube into the hole and sucked out the baby's brains, collapsing the out the baby's brains, collapsing the tiny head."

"Istill have nightmares about what I saw that day," Miss Shafer added. Radical feminist, Patricia Shroeder, later confronted her with the charge

Radical feminist, Patricia Shroeder, Idar Conforned her with the charge that "your testimony was unduly hash." The nurse replied, "If you think my words were harsh, you think my words were harsh, you should have been there!"

Which is my advice to all office-scekers as well as Supreme Courl Justices. Spendaday, or even a couple of hours, in one of America's many abortion chambers, then tell us whether or not you're supporting the right to choose what you 'e just witherseed. Tell us how you feel about the harvesting and selling of aborted baby parts, when's in ow a lucraliva business to the problem. In closing, if anyone doubts that be officed that the couple of the problem. In closing, if anyone doubts that allyl-developed babies are being aborted and that a price list of available parts exists, we can supply a copy. But we would suggest youdon't at anything just prior to reading it!

Sincerely,

F. Christine McKinney

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F. Christine McKinney
West Chester, OH

Dear Editor,
I would like to make a statement to Christians of all denominations.
The defining issue of this November's election is not education, or the economy, or foreign policy...as important as those issues

The defining issue is:

What kind of Supreme Court will the next President create? With several of the current justices well beyond retirement age, the next President could appoint two, or three, possibly even four or more justices. With a single appointment, the delicate balance of this Court could shift, either toward the preservation of your religious liberties, or further away.

of your religious incerues, of turne away.

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