



## Points East

By:  
Ike Adams

A great deal of attention is given every year by pundits and editorial writers urging us to vote. "Your vote counts," the old saw goes.

Oh really? No matter who ultimately wins or loses this Presidential election, it is abundantly clear that much less concern is given to counting your vote than getting you to cast it. It is also pretty clear that, in Florida anyway, the school could do a better job with those little flash cards they use to teach kids that one plus one equals two. And they really get confused when they get up into multiple-digits.

"What is two million plus one? Don't go to Florida to get an answer. It is patently absurd, given the technology that exists in this country, that we can't count our votes. It is patently laughable that we send teams of observers to other countries to make sure they count theirs correctly.

I'm not sure what the solution to this Florida mess is but I do believe with all my heart that every citizen who cast a vote has the right to have it counted the way he or she cast it and if it takes a year to figure that out, then let it take a year or however long until it's done correctly. And if you don't believe in that you do not believe in democracy. If one vote does in fact, make a difference, then let's make sure that vote is counted.

As a result, voting is convenient and easy. No standing in line and no sense of urgency at trying to figure out little red flashing lights and which box matches up with which candidate in a voting booth. You sit down at the kitchen table and if you have any questions you call your neighbor or someone you trust and when you feel confident that you the ballot figured out, you mark it, sign it and send it in. Eighty-eight percent of the registered voters in Oregon participated in the last election. That's getting close to something we can call democracy.

Sure, it takes all night to open and cut them but what would be so wrong

with taking all week if we had some confidence that they were being counted properly?

The rest of the states celebrate when 50% of the voters turn out. I don't know what you call that but democracy is not the right word.

I'm not sure how practical the mail in ballot would be in Kentucky, because I'm sure that we would have candidates going door to door trying to buy some yokel running for Magistrate in Leitcher County buying up a stack of ballots and then calling back to the folks he brought over words that

"Any of you all know how to fill out one of these thing," he be asking?

This is not a true picture of all mountain folks, just a flash back to one of my own memories.

So, maybe we should send some of our mountain men to Florida to teach them a few things.

But seriously now, how many of us could read the ballots they showed

on TV and punch out the hole closest to a name we had only heard of. Frankly, I could not. I couldn't follow the line across the page.

We need a different system nationally with clear distinct instructions and time for those of us who are half blind or slow to adjust to vote.

## Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

Listening to the fierce demands for political redress coming out of Florida, and recognizing the potential for success, it lends a certain degree of hope for my personal situation which borders on the same principle.

Some months ago, I invested a few hard-earned bucks in a certain tire company. Shortly thereafter, I came to believe that I erred in placing my order and probably chose the wrong stock. This was immediately brought to the attention of my broker, who is obviously a Republican. He insists that I did indeed order the now-unpopular stock and, whether or not the selection was intentional, it

cannot be changed to reflect some "late-breaking interest" in a more profitable tire company. My only recourse, it seems, would be to sell these shares at a tremendous loss and invest the proceeds in the more desirable stock.

As Jesse Jackson would agree, this is blatantly unfair to those of us with limited knowledge of the market. The rules should be changed to take into consideration the intent and possible confusion of the investor. We demand a second, third, fourth even perhaps a fifth chance to rectify any mistake we might have made!

Thank you,  
Dale S. McKinney  
Middletown, Ohio

## Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



Greetings from a motel room in Kastle Inn. The result of the fire in my home on Tevis St. where men are now working to repair fire and smoke damage.

My faithful wordprocessor is there in the mess so I'm handwriting.

I'm comfortable in a warm clean room and the restaurant next door feeds me well. At least I don't have to cook or do dishes.

I've been nursing a nasty cold for a couple days, but think I have it under control. Polly and Alice Cloud have seen to it. I have medication and a few extras for comfort.

Last night I was surprised by two more dear friends, Sue Harin and Shirley Cox, finally traced me to the motel and brought warmth enough to keep me comfortable for the rest of my stay here. They thought the warmth in my room was from the heater. I thought differently, it was from their presence. Thank you, Sue and Shirley. Your final prayer for my health was heard and answered, today I am better.

While I am on the subject of thanking people, I might as well do a little more of it and thank those wonderful volunteer fire fighters. I've never seen any one attack a job as efficiently and professionally as these young men did. And special thanks to those who apologized for having to obey rules and keep me out when I wanted to reach inside and get my purse. I assured them then and want to repeat it. I did understand and was not offended, in fact it made me more aware of their ability to learn and obey rules of safety. Rockcastle County can well be pleased with its Volunteer Fire Department and all its members.

Undoubtedly this last election we have been through has been the longest, most expensive, confusing and boring the world has ever known. If money can't buy it and conniving can't accomplish the coveted award, maybe we should erase the whole thing and begin again.

It looks like, the unstoppable political avalanche has collided with the unmovable political builder and has released a bed of creepy, slithering and slimy worms that can envelop the nation and threaten the democracy our fondly fathers spent agonizing hours and months working on so we could have a constitution to guide us through times like this. They worked and argued over words that would clarify a statement, not one

that could cast doubt on the meaning.

I think maybe our mountain folks may have had the answer to it. A jug of moonshine in one hand, a wink at someone just entering the voting area, then a step behind the building was all it took to persuade the voter where to put his mark.

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Country Hearth Inn was pleased to invite the public to an Open House October 25th. Over 150 people were treated to appetizers and drinks along with a chance to win door prizes and a 25" TV. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment that was provided by Dale Ann Bradley, Vickie Simmons and Pam Perry. Pictured at the ribbon cutting from left are: Rebecca Miller, Paul Linter, James and Sherry Handy, Mayor Karen King, Judge Buzz Carlolis, General Manager Jim Handy and brother Jason Handy. "We are privileged and proud to be a part of the Mt. Vernon community," says G.M. Jim Handy. "We feel there is a great opportunity for the growth of Mt. Vernon - Renfro Valley area. The new road to Somerset, upgrading of I-75, new construction in Mt. Vernon, and the great potential in Renfro Valley make this a very exciting period in the area. We have done our best to contribute to the overall beauty and hospitality that is making Mt. Vernon a place that local people will appreciate and tourists will make a destination. One thing that makes our hotel different is that we have provided meeting space either by using our board room or larger room that can seat 50 people. We also serve a '30 minute' breakfast bar for our guests. The public is invited to drop by the hotel at anytime for a look," Handy added.



I want to thank my very good friends of the City of Mt. Vernon for electing me for my fourth term as your council member.

Thank You,  
Wayne Bullock

Paid for by Wayne Bullock

## "What Is Written"

I was talking with a person recently, and we were talking about John 16:13, where Jesus said, "Whomsoever he will, he shall speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will show you things to come." I asked what I thought was a simple question: "Were the apostles guided into all truth?" This person wanted to talk about several other things, like: how were these men selected? Or, what exactly do you mean by the Spirit? Or, they asked, were these men perfect? Or, how were they trained. But I kept coming back to that simple question, "Were the apostles guided into all truth?" After 5-6 minutes of discussing back and forth and persistently asking, "Were the apostles guided into all truth?" The person finally responded by saying, that if you are looking for a yes or no answer to this question, they said "I don't know." Does it take a person with an immense IQ to figure out what the Lord said in John 16:13? Do you have to have several college degrees to perceive our Lord's words here in this text? Would you need to have your dictionary in hand, in order to look up any of the words spoken in that text or in the question asked? Do you think you would have to seek help from an English grammar book, to comprehend either the verse or the question asked? What think ye, how readest thou John 16:13?

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Property Valuation Admin.

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