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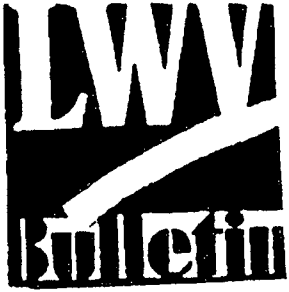
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# Huntington Area League of Women Voters

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## Alternative education subject of February meeting

Bennie Thomas, Director of Attendance for Cabell County Schools, will discuss Alternative Education at the LWV Huntington Area's joint meeting with the Association of Negro Business & Professional Women and AAUW. The meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. at the West Huntington Library.

Public schools were established to serve all students including those whose behavior has become unacceptable in the classroom. For them some sort of alternative education program is necessary.

In 1996 the WV Legislature set guidelines and allocated funding, based on student enrollment, for alternative schools. Most programs have strict rules to help the student understand the need for proper behavior in school. Some use the "boot camp" style while others rely more on counseling or a combination of the two.

Thomas holds both bachelors and masters degrees from Marshall. During his 31 years with Cabell County Schools he has been a teacher, principal and has worked with, among other things, attendance, dropouts and anti-drug programs. He will bring us up to date on what is going on in alternative education in Cabell County.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### \*GET-OUT-THE-VOTE

Vivian Phares and Gloria Peek-Rosenblum will coordinate this effort for the League. If you would like to help, call Vivian at 522-8735. Frances Huddleston, 736-4452, will work on GOTV with Welfare to Work clients and would be pleased to have help.

### \*CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Martha Woodward will coordinate this project.

### \*MAILING QUESTIONNAIRES TO CANDIDATES

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### \*VOTE POSTERS DISTRIBUTION

Contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

### \*SUMMER FUN FLYER

Julie Damewood, 522-2340; or contact, Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

### \*MARSHALL UNIVERSITY EARTH DAY

Professors and students at MU are working on an Earth Day program. If you are interested in helping, contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

## NATIONAL PROGRAM

In the December-January NATIONAL VOTER, there is an insert, "Program Planning in Transition", for League members to fill out and mail in to help the national League with its program planning. You may also send in your recommendations online by accessing the League's website, [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org). Click "Members Only"; user name - lwv; password - carriecatt; convention; and then program planning.

The Huntington board recommended that the national League study "Riders to Appropriations Bills". We stated that Riders are (1) usually issues which would not pass if they were individual bills, (2) are secretive and do not receive public discussion, and (3) often are not germane to the bill to which they are attached. More than 50 anti-environmental bills were originally attached to appropriations bills in 1999. Many were removed because of exposure by public interest groups and the media. Here is one which slipped through (From the League of Conservation Voters). Attached to the Kosovo Emergency Funding Bill for those suffering from the war, was a rider by Senator Gorton (WA) "which allowed the Crown Jewel mine, an open pit, cyanide-leach mine in Washington state, to proceed even though the Departments of Agriculture and Interior had denied the mine ...."

## STATE COUNCIL

The League's state council will be in Fairmont on May 6. Anyone interested in attending should contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287. Expenses will be paid by the League. The state council is an opportunity to meet League members from around the state, discuss issues, and come back full of good ideas.

## CONFERENCES

"Using Native Plants in the Landscape"; March 21-23; Canaan Valley State Park; Contact Canaan Valley Institute-1-800-922-3601

Building Coalitions to Vitalize Community Green Space; March 10 - March 11; Morgantown. Contact, 304-296-3067 or [mvgreenspace@yahoo.com](mailto:mvgreenspace@yahoo.com); web: [www.fsl.wvu.edu/gsc](http://www.fsl.wvu.edu/gsc)

## Welcome

New members Darren Queen and Nannette Argabrite.

## Recent contributors

Thank you Bos and Dottie Johnson.

## Home products: Environmentally toxic or safe?

It only takes a quick trip to the supermarket or a look under most household sinks to remind us that we live in a chemical age. Many of our everyday products make life more convenient. They seem harmless, yet a growing number of people are genuinely concerned about the ultimate effect upon our planet that the improper use and disposal of these potentially hazardous substances cause.

An astounding array of toxic and hazardous chemicals are components of common, everyday household products. Household hazardous waste is any material that possesses at least one of the characteristics identified by the acronym "TRIC": *Toxicity, Reactivity, Ignitability or Corrosivity*.

Product warning labels usually identify when a substance has TRIC characteristics. Some products may use warnings such as "poison", "harmful if swallowed", "skin and eye irritant", "combustible", or "flammable". Following is a list of just some of the products found in the home:

Hair spray, disinfectant, drain cleaner, hair dye;  
Nail polish remover, furniture polish, glue;  
Detergent, bleach, lighter fluid, insect spray;  
Paint, paint thinner, pesticides, antifreeze;  
Motor oil, engine degreaser, brake fluid.

All of these items are considered hazardous and should be stored safely and disposed of properly. (from the Charleston Area LWV Voter, adapted from WVU Extension Service, Winthrop Merriam, Jr. and W. Edgar Hooper)

## The Alliance for Better Campaigns

The Alliance for Better Campaigns has chosen the LWVWV to participate in an exciting project for Election 2000. The project is a challenge to the national television networks to air brief issue forums for candidates at the federal, state and local levels nightly in the closing months of each election campaign. LWVWV has been asked to build a statewide coalition to challenge state broadcasters to implement the 5-minute/30-night recommendation. League members will tape the programs and monitor the political TV ads.

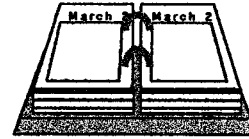
The LWV is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$35 individual, \$50 for two in one household and \$24 for students.

To join, send your check to : Ann Speer, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701

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**February 19** 10 am - West Huntington Library; Cabell County's Alternative School.

**February 15** Women's Day at the Legislature.

**February 28** LWV Huntington Area Board Meeting, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 11:30 a.m.

**March 27** Annual Meeting; Heritage Station; Patricia Keller, Family Law Master, speaker.

**April 10** Deadline for Voter Registration for the Primary.

## Buy recycled and save

When items are made from recycled materials, they usually say so right on the label. Look for the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled content you can find. ("Post-consumer" is the material you recycle; it doesn't include manufacturers' waste.)

The following four types of packaging can always be counted on to have a high percentage of post-consumer content, even though many such packages are not yet labeled.

**Aluminum Beverage Cans** - About 50% of the aluminum in beverage cans comes from used cans that were recycled and melted to make new cans.

**Glass Bottles and Jars** - Nearly 25% of the glass in bottles and jars has been used before, recycled and remanufactured.

**"Tin" (Steel) cans** - So-called "tin" cans are actually made of steel, usually with a thin coating of tin. About 25% of the content is recycled steel, half of that being post-consumer.

**Molded Pulp Containers** - Gray or brown cardboard egg cartons, fruit trays and flower pots are made from recycled paper that is repulped and reshaped. (from EDF's "Buy Recycled. And Save." ©1996, 1994)

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