

Nashville Banner Letters to the Editor Collection, 1992-1993 (bulk 1992)

Collection Summary

Creator: Nashville Banner, collector

Title: Nashville Banner Letters to the Editor Collection

Inclusive Dates: 1992-1993

Summary/Abstract: Letters to the editor submitted to the Nashville Banner newspaper, spanning the time period of Jan. 1992 to Jan. 1993, concerning individuals' perceptions and concerns about a wide variety of subject matters and personalities.

Physical Description/Extent: .8 cu. ft.

Linking Entry Complexity Note: Forms part of the Nashville Banner Archives.

Accession Number: RT-375

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Repository: Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Biographical/Historical Sketch

The Nashville Banner newspaper began publication on Apr. 10, 1876 and ceased publication Feb. 20, 1998.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

Original typescript or manuscript letters written and submitted to the editor of the Nashville Banner newspaper from Jan. 1992 to Jan. 1993 by members of the general public, public figures, and Nashville Banner readers, concerning a wide variety of topics. Some of the letters may have been published in the Banner's editorial pages, although many likely were not.

Subjects vary considerably. Some subjects are seasonal or unique to certain times of the year, such as sports and elections. Some letters provide local reaction to national events, such as the Rodney King trial. Other subjects are ongoing, reflecting issues of constant concern, such as taxes and education. Numerous letters concern unique local issues, such as the restoration of the Parthenon and the merger of General Hospital and Meharry Hospital. Taken as a whole, the collection provides a one-year snapshot of issues that were important to Nashvillians and residents of Middle Tennessee, and their positions on these issues.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Arrangement: Arranged into folders chronologically by month.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: In library use only. Available by appointment.

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Index Terms

Personal Names:

Bredesen, Phil, 1943-
Bush, George, 1924-
Clinton, Bill, 1946-
Clinton, Hillary Rodham
Cooper, Jim, 1954-
Gordon, Bart J., 1949-
Hillin, Hank, 1930-
Hussein, Saddam, 1937-2006
Jackson, Jesse, 1941-
King, Rodney G.
Leach, Ruth Ann
Parton, Dolly
Perot, H. Ross, 1930-
Quayle, Dan, 1947-
Thomas, Clarence, 1948-
West, Dottie, 1932-1991

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Cheekwood Museum of Art
Donelson Christian Academy (Nashville, Tenn.)
Hubbard Hospital (Nashville, Tenn.)
Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital
Nashville General Hospital at Meharry
National Rifle Association of America
Parthenon (Art museum : Nashville, Tenn.)
Tennessee. Bureau of Investigation
Tennessee. General Assembly. -- Public opinion
United Nations -- Public opinion
University of Tennessee, Knoxville -- Sports
Vanderbilt University -- Sports

Subjects:

Abortion -- Public opinion
African Americans -- Civil rights -- Public opinion
Animals -- Control -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Public opinion
Animals -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Public opinion
Child Abuse -- Tennessee
Education -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Public opinion
Elections -- Tennessee
Gun control -- United States -- Public opinion
Health insurance -- Public opinion
Homosexuality -- Public opinion
Hospital mergers -- Tennessee -- Nashville
Hospitals -- Tennessee -- Nashville
Human ecology -- Tennessee -- Public opinion
Income tax -- Tennessee -- Public opinion
Letters to the editor -- Tennessee -- Nashville
Mass media and public opinion -- Tennessee -- Nashville
Mental health -- Tennessee -- Public opinion
Nature -- Effect of human beings on -- Public opinion
Nursing home patients -- Tennessee -- Taxation
Police -- United States -- Public opinion
Politics -- Tennessee -- Public opinion
Presidential candidates -- United States -- Public opinion
Presidents -- Election -- 1992
Public opinion -- Tennessee -- Nashville
Quarries and quarrying -- Tennessee -- Public opinion
Racism -- United States -- Public opinion
Reporters and reporting -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Public opinion
Schools -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Public opinion
Sports -- Tennessee -- Public opinion
Taxation -- Public opinion
Taxation, State -- Tennessee -- Public opinion

Places:

Nashville (Tenn.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Nashville (Tenn.) -- Public opinion
Tennessee -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Tennessee -- Politics and government -- Public opinion
Tennessee -- Public opinion

Genre/Document Types:

Letters to the editor
Letters

Occupations:

Coaches
Police
Politicians
Presidents

Associated and Related Material

Nashville Banner archives, including clippings and photographs, is housed in the Nashville Room of the Nashville Public Library. Full issues of the Nashville Banner newspaper are available on microfilm

Administrative Information

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Processing Information: Processed by volunteers Ward DeWitt and Rose Mary Reed, 2009-2010, supervised by staff member Linda Barnickel.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The list below is not meant to be a comprehensive, item-by-item index. Instead, it lists general topics which occur throughout the collection, referring to the individual folder where letters on that subject can be found.

Researchers are encouraged to consult all possible headings related to their particular topic, as there are no cross-references.

All years are 1992 unless otherwise noted.

Subject**Month**

Abortion	Apr., May, June, Sept., Nov.
Amer. Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)	Dec
Animal control	May, June, Nov.
Animal cruelty	July
Animal shelters	May, June
Animals, euthanizing	Sept
Animals, spaying & neutering	Apr
Bible reading in schools	July
Bike paths	May
Bredesen, Phil	May
Budget, federal	July
Bush, George H. W., President	Aug, Sept.
Cheekwood	June
Child Abuse	Apr, July
Children-learning disabilities	May
Clement, Bob	May
Clinton, Hillary	Sept
Clinton, Bill, President	Aug, Sept., Oct.
Clintons	Mar., Apr.
Communism in U.S. government	June
Confederate Memorial Day	May, June
Cooper, Jim, Rep.	May
Cuba	Nov., Dec.
DiNardo, Gerry, Vanderbilt coach	Dec
Donelson Christian Academy	Apr.
Drugs	Apr.
Drunk driving	Apr., May
Dyslexia	May
Easter	Apr
Education	Jan., Apr., May, June
Elections	May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct
Environment	May, June, July
Evolution, anti	Apr.
Exercise	May
Family Values	Sept
Federal deficit	Dec
Foreign policy	Apr., May
Freemasonry	May
Gasoline prices	Dec.
General Hosp. School of Nursing	Apr
General Hospital, merger	May, July, Aug.
Georgia state flag	May
Good Old Days	Apr
Gordon, Rep. Bart	Sept., Oct
Government over-regulation	Apr

Government spending	July
Gun control	May, Sept., Dec
Guns in schools	Oct
Hazardous industries	Apr
Health Care	May, July
Health Insurance	Dec.
Hickman County iron ore	Sept.
Hillin, Hank, Davidson Co. Sheriff	Apr
HIV/Aids	July
Homeless	July
Homosexuality	Apr., May, June, Nov.
House of Reps., reform	Apr.
Hunting laws, TN	Dec
Hussein, Saddam	Oct
Income tax, Tennessee	Jan., Mar., Apr., Dec
Jackson, Jesse, Rev.	June
Jobs	June
Justice	Apr
King, Rodney, trial & riots	Apr., May, July
Leach, Ruth Ann, <i>Banner</i> columnist	Aug., Sept.
Lettering	Apr
Living wills	Apr
Lottery	Jan
Majors, Johnny, Univ. Tenn. coach	Aug., Nov.
Media	June, Sept.
Meharry Hospital, merger	May, July, Aug.
Mental Health	Apr
Mental Health facilities, closing	May
Nashville history	May
National Endowment for the Arts	Apr
National Rifle Assoc.	Oct
Nursing home bed tax	June, July
Overpopulation	May
Parliament of Man	June
Parenting columnist	Apr.
Parthenon, restoration	Nov. (1992), Jan. (1993)
Parton, Dolly	June
Perot, Ross	June, Oct.
Police brutality	Dec
Police, in praise of	Apr
Police	June
Political correctness	Oct
Politicians, sexual affairs	Oct
Presidential Race	Sept., Oct.
Privacy	Apr
Pro-life & Adoption	Sept

Punitive Awards	Sept
Quarry	Dec
Quarry project	May, June.
Quayle, Dan	May, Sept.
Racism/discrimination	May (1992), July (1992), Jan. (1993)
Recycling	June
Reform	Apr
Religion & Politics	Oct
School busing, Metro-Nashville	Nov
School safety	Jan
Sexual abuse of women-military	Apr
Sign ordinance, Metro.	Nov
Sinkholes, caves-home sites	Apr
Social Security funding	July
Social Security program	Oct
Somalia	Nov
Speeding on city streets	Mar., Apr.
States Rights	June
Tax Reform, Tenn.	Jan
Taxes & Budget	Jan., Mar., Apr.
Taxes, State Income - <i>see Income tax, Tennessee</i>	
Tenn. state employees-raises	May
Tenn. Bureau of Investigation (TBI)	June
Tenn. vacations	May
Term limits	Nov
Thomas, Clarence, Sup. Ct. Justice	Oct.
Tobacco product advertising	Sept
Tort Reform	May
Traffic safety	Apr
U.S. embargo against Cuba	Nov
United Nations	Oct
Veterans, Korean War	July
Veterans, Vietnam	Apr
Violence in society	Apr
Vanderbilt football	May
Vanderbilt Sports	May, June
Vanderbilt Women's basketball	Mar
West, Dottie	Oct