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Bond's Broadcast
By Hank Bond

Is anything a secret?
It never ceases to amaze me that when something is supposed to be kept secret - it spreads faster than a wildfire in a windstorm.
Here we are the greatest nation in the world, and we can't keep anything a secret. Just like the missile or whatever it is we're sending up to spy on the Russians.
No more did they wheel that sucker out of the barn, hanger, hiding place or whatever, than a bunch of nose was made about how secret it is, and how we shouldn't let the Russians know.
This is one of the worst kept secrets we have managed in many years. Secret from start to finish. The only real secret is who let the secret out to begin with.
Now some guy pops us on national television to tell the Russians they can't hide, because this is the most complex, efficient spying machine ever.

It's time once again for the Christmas parade in Carlisle. The marching will begin at 7 p.m., Saturday night, and along with the important visit from Santa; the candidates for Snow Queen will be presented - and winner announced.

It isn't, according to the National Weather Service, supposed to be all that cold, this weekend, and although there will most certainly be a chill in the air, you're urged to make the trip downtown to take in this event.
Parades are good for a town. They show unity and allow the community to support projects together.

It is real pleasing to see Kentucky legislators - for the most part - wanting to keep the new lottery commission open under the Open Meeting Laws of Kentucky. If there's one thing we really don't need, it's a commission handling millions and millions of dollars with no accountability - except to a select group.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty. A Legislative Perspective

In the November election, a majority of Kentuckians indicated their support for a statewide lottery. It is now the responsibility of the General Assembly to devise appropriate and effective legislation establishing the best lottery mechanism possible. And, because the people of the Commonwealth want a lottery, we, as lawmakers, are obligated to give them an efficient mechanism for lottery revenue.

Although lawmakers would have liked a longer period of time to study the bill proposed by the Governor's Lottery Commission before going into a special session, I am confident that most legislators are well prepared to make knowledgeable decisions as the lottery has been an issue before several prior legislatures.

In an introductory joint session of the special General Assembly, the Governor indicated to legislators a willingness to compromise concerning his proposed legislation.

He told us that the lottery should be free from politics, free from unnecessary influence and free from corruption.

During the week, members of the House Committees on State Government and Appropriations and Revenue began in-depth studies of bills pertaining to a lottery commission and the appropriation of revenue realized from a lottery.



Special session in second week to decide lottery

By Mark Krenneman, Frankfort Reporter for The Carlisle Mercury
Lawmakers are in their second week of the special session to pass Kentucky's lottery. The lottery bill could reach the House floor for a vote this Thursday or Friday. Legislators, in committee every day last week to hear testimony from directors of lotteries from other states, learn more about their operations.

The House Committee on State Government decided to write its own version of a lottery bill, but has left much of Governor Wilkinson's proposals intact. The major charges being considered in committee are the timing of when proceeds will be available for state spending, and how the House proceeds will operate.

Julie's Jive
By Julie Pfeiffer

I really wasn't sure what I'd write my column about. Something on the light side as usual, I thought. Then I talked to a friend who received the paper last week and said "I read your column... it wasn't much of a column."
I winced and after I recovering from my initial feeling of indignation, I thought, "What do I do here every week?"
I write about my dog, and my feelings in general. Originally, I had hoped to entertain those who choose to read my column, like Dave Barry or Ring Lardner. Now I've been wondering what purpose I really serve in these two columns of newsprint. In other words, Ellen Goodman I'm not.

It isn't that I don't have opinions about everything in the world. I'll get up on my soap box this week, and if you like columns about Baby Ringers, maybe I'll feel better next week.
Let's talk about whales, seals, dolphins and other sea life. Unfortunately, the animals have to live in a world populated by us. Another unfortunate fact is that they have to live

the lottery bill, it will go to the Governor Wilkinson will then sign the lottery bill into law, and Kentuckians will be this Friday or early next week.

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in a world where we use and discard plastic bags simply to carry, for example, a loaf of bread to the car and into our home.

I've read two articles that point out the fact that whales, sea lions, seals and dolphins who wash up on the shore are found to have died from swallowing these little plastic bags. Apparently, they just big enough to keep food from entering their system. Our grocery bags are causing animals to die of starvation.

Plastic is not a good thing as far as I'm concerned. Plastic never goes away, which is why it seems so beneficial, it's practically indestructible. Our environment seems to be very destructible.
Frankly, I was alarmed by Coca-Cola's announcement that they would start bottling 1.0 and 16 ounce sodas in plastic containers. Just what the world needs, I thought, a little more plastic to fill up our landfill.

In Nicholas County, in Kentucky and all over the world, have a problem with solid waste. It's something we really have to think about. A little conscientiousness here and there adds up. Maybe if a few people request paper bags a few whales and seals and dolphins will live. Maybe if we don't buy sodas in plastic containers we won't cover the world our children will live in with solid waste.

Snow Queen and Snow Princess candidates



Name: Elicha Insko
Age: 11
Grade: 6
Parents: Wanda Summer
Handy Insko

Name: Nikki Baker
Age: 17
Grade: 12
Parents: Emerson Baker,
Gerry Stephens
Activities: Drama Club,
Ecology Club

Name: Mary Aicha Farah
Age: 17
Grade: 12
Parents: Mr and Mrs. Licha Farah
Activities: Student Council,
Vice President, National Honor Society, Limestone Academic Team, Governor's Cup, Pep Club, Ecology Club, T.L.C. Project Graduation co-chairman

Name: Melissa Sexton
Age: 17
Grade: 12
Parents: Lee and Carolyn Sexton
Activities: Pep Club, Girl Scouts



Name: Susan Coldiron
Age: 13
Grade: 8th
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Coldiron

Name: Gretchen Lynn Judge
Age: 18
Grade: 12
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judge
Activities: Secretary of Senior Class, National Honor Society, Pep Club, French Club, Football Statistician, Vice president of Academic Team, McAlpin's Teen Board

Name: Christie Padgett
Age: 17
Grade: 12
Parents: Mr and Mrs William Padgett Jr.
Activities: Varsity Cheerleading, Pep Club

Christie Hutton points a future students here during the PTA Bazaar Shop. Face painting, movies, as well as other and other desserts were highlighted. - John Pfeiffer photo

The Snow Queen and Snow Princess will be announced after the Carlisle Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 10. The parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, begins at 7:00 p.m.

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Grade: 5
Parents: Kay Bassell

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