

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Carl Lewis has a point!

Wednesday morning, Carl Lewis, who was awarded a gold medal after the fact, because of the drug scandal in the Olympics, was on NBC television.

To talk about winning it the way he did, Lewis said in summary, he believed the other athletes in the competition had lived with the rules and should all be eligible for the medals as they were presented, while Gen Johnson, the one disqualified should have been eliminated, as he was.

Lewis also took a strong stance on why he felt Johnson may have taken the drugs.

"I promote winning way too much," Lewis told a national NBC audience.

"People put too much emphasis on winning, not just preparing and being the best you can do."

"Many times managers and others want it all. I think it's important to point out that most of our sport track and field is not on drugs," Lewis said.

"He also went on to say he agrees with mandatory drug testing, however the drug amounts and specific drugs should be identified a little more closely before final banning can be such a done."

He also said he hopes the Canadian people will live the ban free life against Johnson.

A simple medication used for a cold would work in the testing and result in the banning of player.

"I have to be a pharmacist, almost, to know what I can and cannot take."

"I'm proud to be an American... I am proud of America... and I am proud to represent America in the Olympics - make no mistake about that."

IBK

I received a letter last week signed A Mercury Reader.

I do thank everyone who writes to The Mercury and especially those who point out things - good or bad - about what we try to do in the newspaper.

In this particular case, however, the writer didn't have all of the facts. The basis for the letter to me stemmed from a letter I had received several weeks ago. The first letter, which was received on Tuesday, didn't run in that week's publication. On Thursday following I received a very terse note and a cancellation of the subscription.

I honored the request and pointed out it wasn't possible to pull down the page to get the letter, but it would run in the next week's paper. I did run.

Apparently this most recent letter stemmed, somehow, from that encounter. It just isn't always possible to pull down a page on Tuesday. We do, however, make every effort to get letters in as we can.

Sorry, but every newspaper has some type of deadlines, stretched when they can be - but, not usually on the day before printing.

I hope this has cleared the matter for the writer of the unsigned letter, but if not, I can only say, I did the best I could.

IBK

Here are some facts on voting you might want to consider, if you are of the belief your vote doesn't matter:

BY ONE VOTE: Hitler won leadership of the German party in 1932.

BY ONE VOTE: Congress saved the U.S. Army from instant collapse by voting on August 12, 1941 to extend the Selective Service Act of 1940 (about to lapse) for another 18 months. Less than four months before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

BY ONE VOTE: Thomas Jefferson won the American Presidency over Aaron Burr when the election was thrown into the House of Representatives.

BY ONE VOTE: John Quincy Adams became president in a dead-heat between Adams and Andrew Jackson in 1824.

BY ONE VOTE: Rufus B. Hayes became president over Samuel Tilden in 1876.

BY ONE VOTE: Texas was admitted to the Union in 1845.

BY ONE VOTE: Andrew Johnson was saved from impeachment.

BY ONE VOTE: The English language was chosen over German for America in 1775.

BY ONE VOTE: A Texas convention voted for Lyndon B. Johnson over ex-governor Coke Stevens in a contested Senatorial election in 1948.

Edmund Burke once wrote: "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good men do nothing." Enough said - you may make the difference BY ONE VOTE!!!

Thanks for the information, for some reason I didn't write the man's name down, who brought this in, but I certainly feel it is timely.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Julie's Jive

By Julie Pfeifer

The brakes went out on my car yesterday, so I had to walk home for lunch. As I trudged along, I looked up to see a woman with her baby in a car. While this sight may not alarm many of you, the fact that she was holding the baby - which was about a year old, while she drove made me a little queasy.

This doesn't top the best fact I've ever seen, which was early one morning in Lexington, when I saw woman driving, holding her baby and smoking a cigarette.

Come on, folks, a baby seat is easily acquired. It is a law! For the financially strapped, (and who isn't when they have a child?) you can acquire one at the health department.

I'm always amazed as I drive home on 64 and see the big Waggoners, with Montessori School stickers on them, driven by parents who obviously think they are doing everything for their child. Meanwhile, the child is virtually turning cartwheels in the back of car. In reality, they aren't doing anything for their child, as far as I'm concerned.

Montessori, or even plain old fashioned kindergarten is very difficult for a mentally impaired child... or a dead child.

This law isn't enforced very often, which is why parents insist on breaking it. I'd like to see it enforced every day. The fine can be waived if you show you have a seat. And isn't a terrible enough risk to take?

Without the support from all of our sponsors, especially from Carlisle High School, the 1988 Lions Club Horse Show would not have been possible.

We are proud to be a service organization in Carlisle and to show our appreciation to the many businesses and people, who made the September 22-23, 1988 Lions Club Horse Show a success.

We look forward to another year of service to the people of Nicholas County and as we do.

Sincerely, Members of The Nicholas County Horse Club

Editor: Congratulations on your fine editorial regarding Coach Barr in the September 22 Mercury.

You made your case in the second paragraph of the second column: "... these men have a responsibility to properly educate the children in the classroom. FIRST"

I don't imagine this fact set well with a lot of people but then, that kind of attitude has been around this country and state for some time - hence our lag in education and other social statistics.

It is unfortunate that there are "good parents" whose priorities are so misplaced that they would rather risk their child's scholastic and moral training than sports achievements.

The former so will take them through life.

Sports are wonderful tools for our children - do health, fun, competition, teamwork, and self-esteem.

However, without a good scholastic and moral foundation, sports can take them only so far.

In support of Nicholas County athletes, I thank you for your enthusiastic and positive interest in all our kids.

Rose Marie Parrah

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Letters

By Julie Pfeifer

While reading through your September 26 issue, which, I must admit, I really do enjoy, I found something most disturbing.

Someone had changed my name with giving me the benefits of a notice.

While this must have wreaked havoc at the social security office and given my bank account quite a jolt, I realize that these things happen.

Please, in the future, inform Me. John - oops! I mean, Ms. Julie Pfeifer that the only student at Nicholas County High School with the last name of Goshier is the first name of Joshua and not John.

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GENERAL NEWS

Is local...

Continued from Page 1... loss of Carlisle business to out-of-town firms, but with the freedom of choice, which will be given up.

"The number one concern here," Lawrence said, "is the loss of freedom of choice in the HMO controversy."

"I believe this loss of freedom of choice puts in jeopardy health care as a whole in small towns. The doctors, and the drug stores. They can all be grouped together."

"When you lock people in, with no choice, it can do serious damage to health care within a community."

According to the Commonwealth Health Benefits Comparison for the 1988-89 contract year, prices for single plans can be as low as \$89.07 for individuals to as high as \$1,000 for family. All plans have certain restrictions, different deductibles, co-pay provisions, and more.

All of this has the potential to close the local hospital and local drug stores, Lawrence said. "Taking the health care needs out of town can have long range effects," Zachary said. "In fact, as these things (HMOs) continue to grow, there's no way to be able to predict what may happen in the future."

He also offers presents a new set of problems, according to both pharmacists.

Will the out-of-state, or at very least, out-of-town firms, keep accurate records on patients?

There will be no interaction between patients and druggists.

If a medicine is improperly dispensed, how can the problem be corrected?

And, G.C. Myers of The Carlisle-Drug questioned: "Who would be legally accountable for these mistakes?"

"Cheapest, may not always be the least expensive," Zachary said.

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Irvin among 11 finalists

Jill V. Irvin of Morefield is among the 11 finalists in the 1988 Morehead State University Homecoming Queen competition.

The queen will be crowned during September 22-23 ceremonies at the MSU-Murray State University football game, Saturday, October 8, which begins at 1:30 p.m. in Jayne Stadium.

Irvin, a junior radio-television major, was sponsored by her sorority, Chi Omega.

She is a member of the Student Athletic Board and the MSU Cheerleading squad, named national champions earlier this year.

Irvin enjoys aerobic, bike riding, photography, and cross stitching.

The daughter of William and Gail Irvin, she will be escorted by Matt Wilson.

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Water line.....

HUD will request the donation of the easements and will work with the owners on the placement of the pipes, Switzer said. Also, in order to begin taking bids for construction, easements must be signed and recorded.

The tap fee will be \$280, but HUD will pay the fee and run the line to the house if need can be proven.

Switzer then requested comments from those who were pleased at the prospect of a water line in their part of the community.

"We hauled 85 loads of water in an eight month here," period," said John Dicker, who has also donated \$1000 to the project.

"I'm drinking contaminated water," said Alberta Boyd, of Bethel.

According to water studies done in the area, 85% of the water in cisterns and wells is contaminated.

When asked why a household would refuse the water, Paul Amburgey said often it is older people who don't trust city water and refuse to let the line come into their homes, but that kind of reaction is not expected since water is so necessary out here."

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