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Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

Is the Lottery for you?

It is almost impossible to write a column on the proposed Kentucky lottery. The river is only 45 minutes away. It is very easy to pick either side and then build a great case.

In this manner, this week's column will sit right on top of the fence and really won't go either way. What I'm going to try and do is simply point out some thoughts I have about the lottery - and some of the things I have heard - and simply leave the decision to the closed curtain.

If you think people in Carlisle do not play the lottery - then wait until the state of Ohio has \$10 million in the pot and then walk around and look for lottery tickets. The river is only 45 minutes away, and for a shot at all or part of \$10 million many will make the drive, or at least send money to the state.

There's a really little difference between buying a lottery ticket and placing a \$2 wager at the window at Churchill Downs or any race track. The assumption people on public assistance will be the only ones to participate really doesn't make a lot of sense. If this was true, none of these lottery games, which get those big payoff numbers if you ever reach the level they do.

Does it really make any sense to assume if only would ever get to the megabucks level? As the lottery proposal was first presented a portion of the money which would be designated to education in this state.

This, too, is a double edged sword. Yes, it is certainly true education in Kentucky needs MUCH MORE MONEY. However, there is no written assurance ONCE CENT will be used to education. The funds will be placed in the general fund of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It will then be up to the governor and legislators to decide if any money should be used to increase the sorely lacking offers of the education funding plans in Kentucky.

Once a lottery is put in place, who is going to decide how the lottery tickets will be sold? I can't believe this will not be a real source of problems, all across the Commonwealth. Political pressure will most certainly jump to the top of the patronage list.

If the framework for making the decision of where the various opportunities to participate selling chances in a statewide lottery program has been released, it has not been made clear to the general public. How many people really care - one way or the other?

The statewide lottery is allowed, will other local lottery games be allowed in any light, without restrictions? Lotteries at schools - or anywhere else for that matter - are illegal in Kentucky, except with restrictions very few groups or organizations can meet.

Will this open up widespread gambling in Kentucky? What's the difference between a lottery and a game of roulette? The questions are many - while the information is little.

The only letter we have received at the Carlisle Mercury - and do you feel Eric Mansel cheated on his ACT test? We look forward to receiving your letters and comments.

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Letters from Our Readers

These broad form deeds of long ago were signed when the landowners, plant their fields and raise livestock on the surface while the mining company gets the right to take the minerals by deep-mining. In the 1950's, new technology and machinery were developed which made strip mining cheaper and more profitable.

Now, landowners whose broad form deed no longer has a legal right to their own surface property. Their homes and crops are no longer safe as the bulldozers are more their surface land, destroying access roads, crops, pastures, streams and buildings, even mining up to 300 feet of their home.

All mining states with broad form deeds have set limits on surface mining. It is time Kentucky do the same. Vote YES on Amendment #2 this November.

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Each of you can help fix one of the pieces into place. Please take a few minutes to write a letter of Governor Wilkinson, telling him you think leading a multi-million dollar industry and the life of a great body of water, for a few factory jobs is a bad deal.

The Governor must get this message loud and clear from every corner of the state. If industry is allowed to do this to Lake Cumberland, then every ounce of water in the Commonwealth will be gone.

When Kentuckians go to the polls on November 8, they will have the opportunity to vote YES on Amendment #2 this November.

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OPINION AND ANALYSIS AP News Analysis by Mark R. Chelgren

Corn's gives long awaited decision

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Mercury Memories

Andy Dudley on behalf of First National Bank of Lexington was named MVP of the 1988 Kentucky Bluegrass football team.

Michelle Knapske of Carlisle is one of the 18 Kentucky 4-H members who will participate in the 1988 Kentucky 4-H National Convention in Louisville.

The jackets beat the clock to beat the Raebland Rams by a score of 25-21 in a 17-year-old field goal by Eric McGuffey.

STERLING BLAKE, 64, a former state representative and longtime banker in Carlisle, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

A car driven by William Dale, Rosie A. Carlisle, received extensive damage Wednesday night, October 5, 1978, Kathy Morris, member of Tri-Hi-V, Pop Club, F. H. A. and Annual Staff.

John Beckley reported to a legislative committee that although costs for most state workers will rise, the self-insured plan offered the best possible way to use the limited state funds available for health insurance.

The General Assembly budgeted \$120 million for the next two years to pay for health insurance. When the bids came in, no company, including Blue Cross, came close to offering any degree of coverage that was acceptable.

The AAA power soccer State Championships fly over the Nicholas County Bluejackets by a score of 29-0. Ron Rouser carried the ball two times for nine yards. Kevin Gilkinson had 11 tackles.

A new year for the Nicholas County Blood Donor Program began October 1, 1978. The quota for the coming year is 350 pints of blood.

The Carlisle Jaycees are currently engaged in a membership drive, which will be highlighted by a banquet on Wednesday, October 23, at the Town and Country Inn.

Trick or Treat Night in Carlisle - Monday, October 31, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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