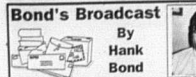


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Bond's Broadcast
By
Hank Bond

Lowering blood alcohol limits; a big question for the 1990s

Across the nation a move is on to lower the legal blood alcohol limit to .08 percent to determine intoxication. At that level, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, everyone tested is impaired to some degree. Under Kentucky law the blood-alcohol level necessary to declare someone intoxicated is 10 percent. There is a move afoot, sponsored and lobbied heavily by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), to reduce that level to the lower amount. Alcohol was listed as a cause or contributing factor in nearly half of the highway deaths in 1988—49.5 percent. As of this writing, California has become the fourth state in the US, along with Oregon, Utah and Maine to lower the legal limit. There are seven more states considering the legislation.

There appears to be a big concern from defense lawyers about lowering the legal limit. It has been pointed out there is a possibility it will jam court dockets and make the legal system, especially at the traffic case level, grind to a halt. Not true, say lawyers and representatives of the legal system in Canada. They .08 percent law has been on the books in Canada for over two decades, and about the only result from the change is a slight reduction in the number of actual drunk driving convictions.

Marc Rosen, an eastern Kentucky boy, and now a district judge in Boyd District Court, has suggested all persons charged with driving while under the influence should be fined and sent to victims. These victims would have somehow been affected by drunk drivers, either personally — or through a family member. This hasn't become a reality as of yet, but it certainly is a consideration. Some individuals won't accept they are — or were — actually impaired, even if they don't remember being arrested. That's indeed unfortunate. It's becoming more and more of a problem — the drinking and driving problem.

This is not a temperance lecture — drinking is a personal choice. But when it begins to affect others, such as in traffic accidents and physical abuse, something has to be done. For those who do not believe there is a real problem — for those who have never seen the pain and suffering this can cause — about this has to be done. It is to go to one or two weeks involving alcohol and see the injured or dead people, listen to the screams, and the decision to drive while intoxicated will be seen differently.

Probably the biggest problem with all of this surrounds the fact that the final decision to drive while intoxicated is made while the person is already drunk. It's not a time for good decisions. It's a tough decision to make laws affecting personal rights, but this is more than one person's rights — it has become increasingly the matter of life and death. If you don't think so, just ask the families of the 23,262 people who died in alcohol-related deaths in 1988.

And so, for another week, thanks and sorry.

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A perfect record

George Jtmalm, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jtmalm, is the recipient of Nicholas County's first award for 12 years perfect attendance in the Nicholas County school system. Presenting the award is Nicholas County High School Principal Craig Field with Director of Pupil Personnel Betty Conrad.

When the hype exceeds the game

From Left Field
By
Josh Shepherd

The Super Bowl was considerably less super than usual, but once again the NFC has proven it dominates pro football. That's not big news for a national championship in which the Super Bowl last Sunday is, of course, the final example, but I think John Elway is probably taking enough heat as home that putting my two cents worth in there would be, at best, moot. But hype, or more specifically, "hype," makes the world go 'round, and as long as there are big events, there will always be hype to inflate them beyond all expectations. Most of the time, we're disappointed, but then again, when you intend to be disappointed, you're not disappointed. At the start of NBA action this year, I remember, the Chicago Bulls spent their season against the Boston Celtics. The Celtics were introduced fairly, but simply. They had these music for the Boston Irish, but there was very little else to really plug the team. After all, it was in Chicago, they were introduced there. The Celtics were introduced fairly, but simply. They had these music for the Boston Irish, but there was very little else to really plug the team. After all, it was in Chicago, they were introduced there. The Celtics were introduced fairly, but simply. They had these music for the Boston Irish, but there was very little else to really plug the team. After all, it was in Chicago, they were introduced there.

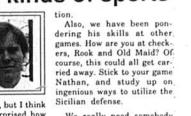
This column is about different kinds of sports

Let's discuss sports. And this is not entirely about sports, just propagated by it. I must hand it to the Nicholas County band. The members seem to be the Blue-jackets' most avid supporters, from their "Yo Minnema" duty to the catcalls at opposing teams that are downright funny at times. However, I believe they get just a little above, in a funny sort of way. It's all right, though, I don't think there's any real harm intended. Telling the opposing coach to sit down or that his sweater is ugly is hardly a cause for an incident. Good work band members. Your presence is important at those games. Keep up the good work. As long as the abuse is funny and not intended to hurt, I mean it's OK. Congratulations to Nathan Hunt, who won the 1989 National Academic Chess competition at St. Moritz. He recently, some may not think of chess as a sport, but I think this is. You'd be surprised how much energy is expended in a good brutal game of chess. Chess, football and basketball are a ridiculous extreme — land acquisition run amok. To win at the game, one must adopt a no mercy, take no prisoners attitude. It's the psychological side of the game that could give you.

Bill would determine clear primary winner

By Hon. Ed Ford
State Senator

Candidates for statewide office in Kentucky would participate in a runoff election between the top two vote getters if neither receives a majority of the vote cast in party primaries, under legislation approved by a Senate committee last week. Recent testimony has shown us the need for this legislation. In the last three gubernatorial campaigns, the eventual winner of the general election earned 29 percent of the vote in his or her primary, far less than a majority. Under Senate Bill 63, approved by the Executive Branch of the General Assembly, the Constitutional Amendments Committee, the top two pri-



In The Chigger Patch
With Jeff Spradling

Also, we have been pondering his skills at other games. How are you at checkers, Rook and Old Maid? Of course, this could all get carried away. Stick to your game Nathan, and study up on nepotism ways to utilize the Sicilian defense. We really need somebody who can ponder the Russians in world class competition. If you need a little help in your chess game, you could send the Nicholas County Chess Association a letter of the psychological side that could give you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:
We left for Florida a week ago last Thursday, and arrived there on Friday evening. Saturday morning we got out on the road and had our first hot year round! The grounds that even have a hot year here, it says out, don't burn out. My daughter's furnace was stored there, plus a wagon full of equipment. My daughter and I are in Florida. My daughter's furnace was stored there, plus a wagon full of equipment. My daughter and I are in Florida. My daughter's furnace was stored there, plus a wagon full of equipment. My daughter and I are in Florida.

GENERAL NEWS

Ruling is good for Kentucky

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happy with the potential for...
He also said he doesn't believe — even with the big changes ahead — these systems took more than they warranted.
"This has to happen, not just because we want it, but because the Kentucky Constitution says it," Combs said.
"We brought the suit in Franklin County Circuit Court so we could name the governor and legislators and the educational system in the suit," Combs explained about the landmark court action.
"Not because we wanted to point the finger. There's no way our education system has gotten in the shape it is in during one 4-year term, or in the last 20 years."
"We've been designing the system for the last quarter of a century, at least," Combs said.
One of the many inadequacies pointed out in the legal opinion issued by Corn was the low level of funding. Even the strongest, best-funded school system in Kentucky.
It was stressed Fayette County spends nearly \$3,400 per student, while McCreary County spends \$1,800 per student, but the national average is more than \$4,000 per student, a figure where Kentucky falls as much as \$2,200 below — per student.
The general assembly is faced with two duties, as for an education is concerned. We have an obligation to enact a school system as outlined by the constitution and required by the Kentucky Supreme Court. And the second obligation is to finance that system," Combs said.
"I think Kentucky will take the lead, and I hope the good Lord above will guide us," Combs said.
Rose spoke about the mission facing the general assembly.
"For the first time, we can fund schools without getting rid of House Bill 44," Combs said.
Combs pointed out House Bill 44 need not be repealed, but can be made ineffective by other legislation.
Each local school system will have to participate in the funding process and would be severely limited by current legislation.
Once it is determined what is adequate for system funding, schools could generate funds locally above that amount.
If the state average goes because of these local actions, then every school system would have to increase efforts to maintain equitable and sufficiently funded school districts.

Council moves ahead

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He also said there will need to be room for a city street opens for any resident to petition for a vote on the annexation.
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The Carlisle Mercury

Rogers named general manager

Jeff Rogers, a native of Winchester, has been appointed general manager of The Carlisle Mercury, The Robertson Record and Plus Magazine, according to Hank Bond, publisher of the three publications.
"As our business endeavors have increased, we have found a necessity to increase our staff and have attracted the best possible candidates," Bond said.
"With the addition of Mr. Rogers and Mr. (left) Spradling as managing editor, we will be able to produce the type of publications we believe our readership expects and deserves."
"It is a period of growth for our operations and the future appears bright."
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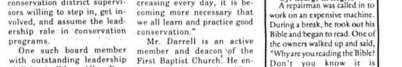
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Georgia Zornes was at her home in Sexton's trailer park Thursday when she heard the front porch overhanging get blown off its hinges and sail over her trailer, bearing the chimney off its top. "It sounded like a gun going off," Zornes said, "the children started crying, and I didn't know what to think. The wind just carried it away."

Darrell serving district since 1966

When conservation districts were conceived 50 years ago their purpose was simple and straight forward: to control soil erosion on the nation's farmlands. Nicholas County is fortunate to have a conservation district supervisor willing to step in, get involved, and assure the leadership of the establishment from demanding the services. Hughes asked Paul if he would sign a legal agreement waiving his rights to city services, and Hughes said a clause in the agreement can be put in to prevent other owners of the establishment from demanding the services.
Darrell said, "I believe we have an obligation to leave our land and water resources in as good a better condition for the next generations than when we received it. With world population increasing every day, it is becoming more necessary that we all learn and practice good conservation."
Mr. Darrell is an active member and deacon of the First Baptist Church. He enjoys traveling and golfing and allows time for community projects and civic organizations.
He resides at 2199 Whitestone Road with his wife, Jean.
They have three children, Don Allen, David and Charles.
Some of the district's accomplishments he is proud of include: being able to supply deer and pasture renovators for much needed land improvement; the Area Goodyear Award honoring Nicholas County, seeing bigger and better participation in the annual conservation poster and essay contests.
"To fulfill his obligations as chairman, he enjoys attending state and national meetings."
"I believe in conservation."



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