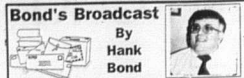


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Here's a challenge

Here's a challenge to our city leaders, our county leaders and those charged with moving Nicholas County forward.

Let's take advantage of what we have to offer, improve what is necessary and get back into growth pattern.

While we watch the counties and cities around us, just about all of them, continue to grow.

It is time for the leadership here to agenda set, set and agenda follow.

Setting the agenda means getting the ground work in place for growth and getting the plans implemented before those fighting for the same growth beat us to it.

How about a motel on US 68 somewhere in Nicholas County? Most certainly there is available a motel if properly used.

The motel would need 25 to 50 units, with meeting facilities. Combine that with what is already here we can certainly find those using the motel and any gathering facilities available in the county.

We have several restaurants in downtown, 19th Hole of Carnico, a golf course, an historic district, with plans to develop other areas under way.

Let's make this a priority.

The longer we accept allowing those surrounding us to move forward and sit by and watch, the more we're going to be in trouble.

We have to be the leader — the agenda setter.

And so, for another week, thanks and this.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This letter is for the youth and those who wonder why Carlisle is dead.

I have tried all this school year to get the organization of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes started. I finally had to accept that the interest was not there.

I want the youth to look in the mirror the next time they wonder why there's nothing for them. You youth must realize that you have to be willing to take a little before a lot is offered.

For those who didn't want to begin with, we were afraid to let us start, you have won.

This is another fine example of a youth community in full of it. No wonder these precious few of us who wanted a town that cared and had at least a little for people to do, have quit trying.

I do want to thank the school board for allowing me a chance. It would have been great.

I am sorry to the two or three youths who really wanted to see the PCA start.

If anyone would like to make a statement one way or another to me, it would be good.

Letters to the Editor

So much for my powers of extra sensory perception. Just as I say nobody can ever beat Mike Tyson, a week later he's taken out in a 10th round scupper.

But in the past few weeks I've heard myself out on sports while Wallace Wilkinson has been, for the most part, left to his own devices. So I figure it's about time to take another shot at him. After all, for the last two years, it has been the popular thing to do.

I have several friends who are Carlisle natives. We're together frequently, and I always enjoy hearing the stories about their hometown.

For those Carlisle residents who share these tales are Wayne Gaucier, Bill Grimes, Paul Damper and Jimmy Carter.

So I can participate in these intellectual discussions, please begin my subscription to the Carlisle Mercury as soon as possible.

Alex Stevens
Danville

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Succession yes; Wilkinson (Oh) no

From Left Field
By
Josh Shepherd

Probably support governor succession, but not Wilkinson. For what its worth, I support succession. One problem Wilkinson has faced through out most of its years is a marked lack of consistency in its government.

Certainly the problem is not an evident within the legislature since both house and senate members can continue to be re-elected.

But the governor's chair cannot be vacated every four years. Therefore, program sanctioned and begun by the previous administration are null, negated or disrupted if we elect a governor who does a good job in the office, it makes no sense to force that person to leave the office after only four years.

Legislative I have talked to

was presented from Wilkinson for those who would support his bid for succession. "Whether it would have caused Robertson County problems if they did not sign the petition, I have no idea, but I don't think it would have."

From a practical standpoint, anyone faced with signing the sheet was caught in an impossible dilemma, providing you are one of the majority of Kentuckians who are dissatisfied with Wilkinson's performance as governor.

Put simply, most people

say the first year of an elected term is usually devoted to research, getting programs off the ground, and establishing oneself in the governor's chair. That leaves approximately two and a half years for the Governor to get down to the business of governing.

With the lack of consistent leadership, short fixes for problems require long-term planning.

Given the evident rivalry between the legislature and Gov. Wilkinson, I am inclined to believe the succession bill Wilkinson is trying to push through will remain tangled in the red tape jungle and die in committee.

Most of which leaves me utterly confused as to how I can feel frustrated and relieved all at the same time.

What's the lesson taught in sports?

At the Nicholas County ballgame Feb. 16 in Owensboro, a Bath County player walked between the Nicholas cheerleaders while they were doing a cheer.

It really aggravated me. I'll tell you why, but let me preface this by saying I only partially blame the kid, who did not appear too chagrined at his rudeness, whether it was intentional or accidental.

His behavior reflects a larger problem in sports. I just hope he found the time to apologize.

His actions were the kind that make me ask a nagging question every time I witness such things at high school games. What are the lessons our children are learning from participation in sports?

If the lessons say such behavior is OK and kind of cute, then it's a wash as far as I'm concerned. If the lesson is that winning should be achieved

at the cost of courtesy, sportsmanship and school dignity, the lesson is a bad one.

I served my interest for participation in high school sports when I was 12. After I saw that the prevalent attitude was poor sportsmanship and a tendency to puff academic achievement on the back of the shelf.

My notion was reinforced when I saw many of the ballplayers flounder in classes, yet not put on pedestals by many.

It was not until my later years, and as a sports reporter, when I saw many of the positive things that can be

achieved through athletic competition — things such as improved health, exposure to new people and places, the meaning of responsibility to others, and above all a way to enhance classroom education.

If sport, as it is said, is the great metaphor of life, then these positive aspects are the lessons we should be trying to stress. True, the other elements remain (and is also a part of life), but when we stress the word curriculum, "Education" and "learning" and rudeness have no place in the education of our children. It undermines the higher ideals of education we pursue,

overly abusive to referees, players who seem to ask for a fight, coaches who argue vehemently with officials. Sure, it's all part of the game, but we should be looking for the point where we can mature and leave such behavior behind.

There is nothing wrong with getting caught up in the emotion of a game. In fact, I think it is the great thing about athletic competition. Human emotion is the alchemy magic in sport. It is acceptable when emotion produces disappointment in a call or displeasure with a play.

What is not acceptable are the lessons that have no place in our curriculum, and I stress the word curriculum, "Education" and "learning" and rudeness have no place in the education of our children. It undermines the higher ideals of education we pursue,

Senator Rose's speech marks week at capital

By Adrian Arnold
State Representative

An historic landmark in the maturation of the legislative branch of government was recorded last week.

Speaking to a joint session of the Legislature, Senate President Pro Tem John "Ed" Rose addressed Kentuckians on the State of the Legislature.

The House of Representatives last week passed several pieces of environmental legislation.

I am the sponsor of HB 165, which is parolled in the Senate by SB 200 sponsored by Sen. Virgil Paurman of Radcliff.

The legislation grants

more power to local waste boards and allows them to set stricter standards for the type and amount of waste allowed in local landfills and incinerators.

Provisions would allow local boards to restrict such waste products as medical refuse, aluminum and glass, among other types.

With this additional authority, local waste boards could consistently use state-of-the-art to sort the restricted waste items.

House Bill 194 would create a state insurance fund for pig stations and other petting retailers who are having difficulty meeting the multi-million dollar federal requirement for liability insurance on open water storage tanks.

House Bill 194 would place a fee of four tenths of a cent on each gallon of gasoline sold in Kentucky to create a \$10 million fund for the purchase of pump tank owners in compliance with the law.

House Bill 313 would allow counties with garbage collection to sort the restricted waste items.

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GENERAL NEWS

Fish farming

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Service, which buys catfish from North Carolina to deliver to more than 2,000 customers. Brown agreed, "If the project were to take off, to install a processing plant and aid in developing markets for locally produced fish."

The demand for fish exists and is a growing market with a sizeable profit potential, if interest in the project grows," he said.

"According to the statistics, the average American consumes only about 19 pounds of fish a year, where in Japan, the average is nearly 140 pounds," he said.

The use of demand is in the

military, which imports most of its fish products at a cost of \$4 million a year, according to Seale.

"That is a major imbalance of trade. If someone gathers that trade in the U.S. they have it made," Seale said.

The problem with the American fish trade is most boys and girls have either been fished out or have been polluted to the point they cannot sustain a substantial amount of fish.

Lavender and Boyd counties have a unique opportunity because their location next to Ohio and West Virginia gives hope of opening up fish markets in nearby locations. But the produce will be located only in Kentucky, which would benefit substantially, Seale said.

To begin the project, Seale hopes to acquire Appalachian Regional Commission funding to train paraprofessionals in fish farm management.

The program Seale envisions would work much in the same way as a loan guarantee for central Kentucky farmers. Some make their living at it, others use it to subsidize their income.

The income, he said, is dependable income, which would bring money to eastern Kentucky communities that could use the money.

Kentucky, in 1988, imported fish to stock over 2 million pay fish ponds in the state. Converted just some of these as fish farms would help in developing what Seale describes as a tremendous market. The spin-off markets to aid in setting up fish farms also has lucrative business potential.

"If we fail at this, we can only blame ourselves because it is a project we can do ourselves. We only need interest and people willing to take a small risk," he said. "If people can grow a nice

balance of \$7.610 in the PVA's account.

Balbage's report showed that all areas of the PVA budget tested by his office were in compliance with state law.

Since governments use their audits to create budgets and to obtain financial assistance for local projects, Balbage has in mind to start a series of regional government audits to current year status by early 1990.

"This will be the first time in years that local audits will be current state-wide," Balbage said.

The audit report of Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator Jose Brady showed a cash



Megan Darton and Mandy Abree, members of the Nicholas County Elementary Academic Team, qualified for regional academic tournaments as they placed in the district academic competition last week.

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about education, we can easily conclude that a majority of Kentucky taxpayers want increased accountability for the tax dollars spent on education," Balbage said.

The auditor said his task was monitoring the games and transactions of the Kentucky Lottery and the management study of Kentucky schools has kept his office busy with education.

Additionally, the 1988 General Assembly passed a law requiring the auditor to audit Kentucky's Property Valuation Administrators.

The audit report of Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator Jose Brady showed a cash

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services to place unpaid trash bills on property tax bills.

With a considerable amount of heat behind it, the House Judiciary Committee approved House Bill 38, which addressed marital rape.

The measure would make violent sexual activities against a spouse a felony offense.

School notes

Editor's note: If you have an item for School Notes, please contact John Shepherd, phone 289-2464. Items should be of educational nature, such as club meetings or announcements that have general relevance to the school.

Senior Recognition Night
Nicholas County High School will recognize senior activities as a month-long Friday, Feb. 23, during halltime of the boys varsity game with Bowling Green.

Future Problem Solving
The regional Future Problem Solving competition will be at Clark County Friday, Feb. 23. Governor's Cup

The Regional Governor's Cup competition will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, in Clark County.

TLC Conference
The State Team Leadership Conference will be held Monday, Feb. 26, in Lexington.

Nicholas County PTA
The Nicholas County PTA is sponsoring its annual book fair Feb. 26-28. The book fair will be open to children during school hours during the three days and will be open for parents beginning at 6 p.m. The PTA will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m.

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RingMaster service. RingMaster service assigns more than one telephone number to the same telephone line, allowing subscribers to know who a call is for before answering.

Since the numbers are assigned to the same line, only one telephone number can be used at one time. Special call waiting and call forwarding services are available for RingMaster numbers. The usual \$15.50 connection charge will be waived through May 15, 1990.

Customers will also have the opportunity to choose preferred long-distance company to carry their long-distance calls.

Once all the South Central Bell coin telephones are converted to "dial tone first," customers will hear a dial tone before they hear a coin.

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