

OPINION

Bond's Broadcast



Hank Bond

Time flies when you're having fun. The saying became even more true when Amy, Ben and the twins, Anna and Antonio (the too) came to visit. Joining Beth, Sadie and I for breakfast was Papaw for a full family visit.

As I said briefly last week, there was one night there we had everything we're connected with all in one house. All of our children, their spouses, and all of the grandchildren.

I guess the only thing we were missing was Angel, the community dog, who has lived with all of us at one time or another.

She resides in Nevada right now, where she was born, and after watching a football game will then have to promote failure in order to keep the money rolling in this obliterating and productive local citizens.

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They then try (twink twink) to socially engineer with our tax dollars.

Look at the past and then look at the present in what was Appalachia. The only counties that have that interrelated have those with universities, or close proximity to larger metropolitan areas.

Even though it is through strong and effective local government not through the efforts of the federal government.

The small shanty houses that Kennedy and his son aimed to abolish have been converted to small shanty mobile homes.

The difference now is while in the 1960s these people were proud working poor they are now a government check dependent group.

They have replaced their small vegetable gardens with crack pipes, marijuana, drugs, and meth labs.

Their schools are still producing test scores at the bottom of educational standards.

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easy, and it generates a lot of respect from my perspective. I have already done a pretty good job of explaining to Ben and the twins aren't being. There's just something about having all of your chicks in one place that makes it different.

I can't really argue with that. I must admit I enjoyed it too. Every year my children ask me what I want for Christmas or my birthday, and while I'll openly admit, I normally ask for as many of my children in one place at the same time.

Now of course, I include my family, Antonio and Sadie Jo. I have assured Beth that Sadie Jo will be a Papaw girl. I get in at least an hour each day of Sadie time to make sure her first word will be "Papaw".

I don't think Beth really likes that all that much, but I can tell you one thing, if anyone came toward any of the babies she knows, she would give her life trying to protect them.

It was a peaceful time at our house. I will confess that the night Mike, Amy, Beth and Carol were all in the house, along with the best night's sleep she had enjoyed in a long time.

They were all having a great week. What a visit! I can't believe how fast time goes by when you don't want it to.

Friday we spent most of the day relaxing. We went to lunch with my parents and then spent some time at the newspaper office visiting with a few readers. I was a little bit in the dumps as I knew my visit was over.

Sunday morning we got up and got our things ready and headed back to Columbus to catch our flight home. The babes did well on the flight home. We bought the demolition derby. He got home pretty late but had a good time.

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Fourth District Report



Steve Scalf

Protect America Act promotes safety. Before adjourning for August recess, I was pleased that Congress took an important step to update our national surveillance laws to address the threats we face from terrorism.

Intelligence Committee that we are actually missing a significant portion of what we should be getting. A recent article by the Associated Press' Katherine Shrader and the kidnapping of three American soldiers earlier this year in Iraq illustrated the situation saying:

Steve's Report. We all have our own ways of dealing with stress, or simply unwinding at the end of a busy day. For folks like me who tend to be introverted, we need some kind of a diversion - something to get our mind off the grind of the day and busy with something else - in order to relax.

Over the years, I have used different techniques to help me "change gears" when I get home from work. Sometimes I would read a book or work the crossword puzzle. Other times, I would turn on the television and play along with the contents of "Wheel of Fortune" or "Jeopardy".

But my favorite relaxation method was when we had me on in the house. I would stretch out on the couch with the baby curled up on my chest, softly patting it back with one hand and the diapered bottom with the other, humming a lullaby.

There is something about a baby - the sweet smell of their hair and the comforting warmth of their cuddly little bodies - that melts away stress and leaves you feeling good all over. Before long, the two of us would drift into a pleasant nap, the worries of the day long forgotten.

Of course, that couldn't last forever. Babies eventually grow into teenagers who generally don't think too highly about curling up on your chest straddling hugging after a while and kind of makes it hard to breathe. (It still doesn't stop me from trying it again every once in a while.)

During the deployment, we didn't have access to "Wheel of Fortune." Good books were also in short supply. And I'm fairly certain there's a rule against singling out the lightest soldier in the unit and ordering

cross into the extensive U.S. communications network. For months, DSI Mike McConnell and Congressional Republicans have been advocating for reform to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

FISA was written almost thirty years ago before modern global telecommunications technology, such as cell phones and the Internet. The law does not require court approval to monitor communications between foreigners when those communications occur outside the U.S.

FISA modernization is critical because otherwise the law would require court approval to monitor the same communications if reform to the FISA law. Our nation has one of the most advanced telecommunications infrastructures and it is not uncommon for international calls that they cannot collect the dots in the first place. This situation is unacceptable and places the American people at risk.

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about them making him do a baby" puzzle. Cindy finished her puzzle in about 15 minutes with Sarah finishing right afterwards, placing first and second for the "adult" puzzle.

They were about to leave when the librarian asked them to stick around for "their prizes." It turns out that first prize was a \$50 gift certificate at Borders bookstore, and second prize was a \$15 gift certificate.

They had done it just for fun and ended up coming home with \$65 in gift certificates. A couple days later, the librarian where I eventually took the same competition. I decided to see if the family book would hold out. The first I got there, about 10 people had already signed

up. Sarah eventually took the puzzle, she started to turn their papers over and begin.

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Veloz Viewpoints



Amy Bond Venz

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Talkin' From the Mountains



Dale Greer

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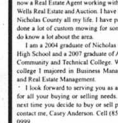
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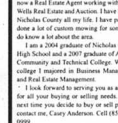
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