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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Negating the negative!

About 18 months ago I was invited to speak to a community public relations class at Morehead State University.

The opportunity was one of few I have had to talk about newspaper business in the college setting.

Granted, you may ask, what does he know? And, maybe you're right, but I had the chance anyway.

The problem I have been able to identify with these public relations and journalism classes, is, in many cases, the schools of higher learning have not been able to separate the difference for these young minds of textbook settings and the real world.

My entire talk, of about 30 minutes, centered around the topic negating the negative.

To most in that class, this meant nothing. It may have meant little to the speaker, too, but that was the topic I had scratched out on the index cards and had to go on with it.

It essentially meant, in order to properly present your institution, be it public or private, the best method is to negate the negative.

Bring forward what is best about your operation. This can hold true for a city, county or school system.

The problem here, though, is I had a terrible time explaining how you must do this, and still hold a certain amount of creditability.

The best way is to work with those in charge to make your particular situation the very best.

Don't spend a lot of time squabbling over the little things, but work for what is best for the majority.

In some cases this happens, by accident, but usually these folks will get out there and work for their own best interest, instead of what is best for the most.

Remember as Mr. Spock said in Star Trek II - The Wrath of Kahn: "The needs of the many far outweigh the needs of the few . . . or the one."

That should hold true in whatever we do, but it just doesn't always work that way.

Talk about dedication!

Olympic ice skater Dan Jensen competed in the speed skating event at the Winter Olympics about eight hours after his sister had passed away from cancer.

He dedicated his competition to her and to her memory. He didn't win, in fact, he fell on the first curve and was out of the race . . . but he will continue in the Olympics.

You can have the Russian gold medals . . . I'll take American determination any day.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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Mercury Memories - From Years Gone By

compiled by Lisa Glass

5 years ago

Thursday, February 24, 1983

Chief District Judge Jack Arnold delivered his decision in the church-school truancy case last week and not only caused lots of "praise be to God's" and Amen's" but plenty of controversy too.

A local option petition containing 64 legitimate voter signatures has been filed with County Clerk Rose Scott from the Mayor's Office precincts asking for a wet-dry vote.

Citizens For A Better Community,(CBC) will go back into action, as a result of the recent liquor petitions in several Nicholas County precincts, according to Robert W. Gipson, Secretary.

BORN: Joshua Kenneth Green, February 10, 1983. Joey Kathryn Watkins, February 8, 1983. Dana Lee Planck, February 19, 1983. Jessica Rose, February 15, 1983.

DIED: Marvin Creed Skeen, February 18, 1983. Lorene Ann George, February 17, 1983.

10 Years Ago

Thursday, February 23, 1978

Eric Dryden, 12, son of Harold and Shirley Dryden of Locust Street in Carlisle, was injured August 17 when a bicycle he was riding on Main Street swerved and was struck by a car.

Nicholas County squeezed by Paris, Monday night by two points, 41-39, in first round action of the Bluegrass Junior High Conference Tournament being held this week at Nicholas County High Gymn.

Despite recent blizzard-like weather conditions, Kentucky's overall energy picture is brighter than at this time last year when natural gas shortages and lingering sub-zero temperatures shut down several industries and threatened home-heating supplies.

BORN: Jennifer Ann Spickler, February 14, 1978.

DIED: Rachel Gray, February 13, 1978. Nannie Elizabeth Crain, February 8, 1978. Estell Caudill, February 17, 1978.

20 Years Ago

Thursday, February 22, 1968

The Carlisle Junior Woman's Club announces Mrs. James Barnes, East Union Road, as the recipient of the $100 Arthritis Scholarship given by the Kentucky Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Miss Leanne Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts, is doing her student teaching at the Campbellville County High School, Alexandria.

BORN: Donna Clafy and Johnny Ray Dampier, February 16, 1968. Mary Elizabeth Talbot, February 16, 1968. Christopher Russell Ryle, February 7, 1968.

40 Years Ago

Thursday, February 19, 1948

Prices of food, mounting steadily for years under the impact of war and boosted still farther by post-war scarcities, showed a marked decline in local stores last weekend, following a sharp break in the stock and commodities markets.

A total of 177 head of livestock was sold Tuesday at the Farmers Stockyards. In addition to the regular sale a total of 25 horses and some mules also were sold.

Two Carlisle youths sustained minor injuries as a result of a motorcycle accident at 3:15 p.m., Tuesday near Miranda.

Involved in the accident were: Charles Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harper, Archdeacon Avenue, and Johnny Flora, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flora, Broadway.

Clyde Letcher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Letcher, Sr. of the Ellisville Community was seriously injured at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, when he fell into a power-driven saw near Barbersville.

The 50 teachers employed by the Carlisle City and Nicholas County School systems will receive back-pay totaling $7,226.64, within the next two weeks, which represents the locality's share of the $,000,000 which has been earmarked by the State Department of Education for this purpose, Boswell B. Hodgkin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has announced.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Berry a daughter, February 11, 1948. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Booth, a daughter, February, 1948. To Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McCarty, a daughter, February 15, 1948. To Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Feelock, a son, February, 1948.

MARRIED: Gladys Beckler and Hobart Ritchie, Jr., February, 1948. Marie Ballard and James Prentis Stagg, II., February, 1948.

DIED: Anita Lane O'Neal. Elizabeth Fuller Taylor, February, 1948.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, February 24, 1938

Robert Fryman, of the Saltwell section, father of a baby son born last Wednesday night, doubtless can claim title to being the oldest father of a newborn baby in the state. Mr. Fryman is 82 years old. Mrs. Fryman is 28. They are the parents of two other children, 3 and 5 years old.

In the Nicholas Circuit Court Tuesday afternoon, a jury returned a verdict awarding damages of $10,000 to Clyde M. Stewart of Carlisle against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

The Carlisle High School Musketeers will end their home basketball season here Thursday night in a game with the Georgetown High School Buffaloes. This game scheduled for earlier in the season, was postponed because of the conditions of the roads at the time.

"You can get in jail, but you can't get out," Dr. J.W.Scudder, County Health Officer, said Saturday after a quarantine has been placed on the Nicholas County Jail as a result of one of the prisoners being suspected of having fimalipox.

Congress approved Tuesday a two-year extension of life for the Frazier-Lemke Moratorium Act designed to help farmers avoid mortgage foreclosure.

DIED: Parker Selby, W. W. Scott, John Parker Hamm, February, 1938.

Letters

Editor:

Governor Wilkinson's proposal to divert $35 million annually from the Road Fund to supplement the General Fund is nothing short of deplorable.

When the General Assembly voted to increase the state gasoline tax a nickel in 1986, we voiced concern at that time that the additional revenues might be siphoned off to the General Fund.

By law, Road Fund money is earmarked for highway construction and maintenance. Deteriorating roads mean that every motorist suffers deficit economic loss through increased damage and maintenance costs to their vehicles.

Presently, Kentucky has $1.5 billion in major highway needs that are unfunded.

Additionally, Kentucky ranks at the bottom of the national bridge survey with 90 percent of its local bridges rated substandard.

The Road Fund is already depleted by various factors.

The recent ruling that the supplemental highway user tax is unconstitutional will cost the Road Fund $60 million annually and, $43 million in coal-severance tax monies are diverted annually from the Road Fund and kept in the General Fund (One of Wilkinson's campaign promises had been to discontinue this practice.)

To maintain the fiscal integrity of the highway program, the Road Fund must continue to finance highway projects. Failure to do so violates its purpose and intent.

It also penalizes highway users who in the end suffer when less money is available for legitimate purposes.

We hope the General Assembly won't ask motorists to make up the difference for the General Fund shortfall.

Kathy Gross
Manager, Special Services
Blue Grass Automobile Club-AAA

Editor:

While serving in the military for 20 years, I never imagined that my home state would allow coal companies to strip mine someone's land without their permission.

Although I fought hard for America's freedoms, for the past few years I have been denied the use of most of the land on my farm because of the broad form deed, which allows a coal company to destroy my land to get to their coal.

I don't want bulldozers and other heavy equipment to tear up anyone else's land like they did mine.

I strongly encourage Kentuckians across the state to contact their legislators to ask that they put a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in November.

I would like the voters to have a chance to decide: Should coal companies be allowed to strip mine someone's land without the landowner's consent?

The Senate passed a bill 38-0 to put the broad form deed amendment on the ballot in November.

I hope that the Kentucky House of Representatives will also pass this important piece of legislation.

Sidney Cornett
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"Dwarf, KY 41739

Editor:

After reading that Mrs. Merolyn Sams has been chosen chairman of the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon to be held in Nicholas County and Carlisle, I want to encourage the people who can participate to do so in supporting your chairman, who will spend a lot of time preparing for this event, as well as to support St. Jude.

As a former resident of Carlisle and being transferred eleven years ago to Horn Lake, Mississippi, which is just across state line from Memphis, I made several visits to St. Jude.

Until you personally see children from three years of age to teenagers, you could never imagine the trauma that these children and their parents go through.

To see the hollow eyes looking back at you, the frail bodies of those who have gone through many treatments, makes you want to run.

There are so many things that there is participation in, that aren't nearly as important as seeing the needs of the children met.

Don't take for granted the health of your children and grandchildren. The parents each day ask for a miracle.

To those of you that can run, walk and ride a bike, please make this Bike-A-Thon a success. Many lives are at stake.

Mrs. Leroy Earlywine
6565 Forest Gate
Horn Lake, Mississippi 38637

Miller's Message

By Chip Miller

Month of the Mondays

I read in the paper the other day, in some cartoon, how the month of February was compared like the Monday of the months.

Oh, how true that is.

For February to be one of the shortest months of the year it sure drags on for seemingly the longest time.

Part of the reason the month is so depressing may be because it is sandwiched between January, when everyone is getting over the holidays' high, and March, when everyone is so busy looking for the first signs of spring.

January seems the Sunday of the year because it both begins the year and feels as if it is ending the past one since the holidays stretch into it.

February comes on like the next day after the recreation of Sunday, like a Monday.

We even begin to realize it's the beginning of the new year in February. In fact, it's in February when we all begin to use the correct year each time we write the date.

February (the yearly Monday) is just . . . there, cold and bleak as it may be.

We struggle through it, overcoats bundled up to our chins, praying for the green of the trees and grass to return, as with the warm weather.

And how we dream of Florida or the Bahamas. How we can smell those steaks on the grill as we are slipping and sliding on the February ice.

But now we're halfway through the month! Rejoice! Only about two weeks left and March will rescue us from this February 'drag.'

Then we can dump those month-long Monday blues.

GENERAL NEWS

Patton plans run at Hopkins

H. Milton Patton, a Lexington businessman, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Sixth District Congressional seat.

Patton, 50, made the announcement at a Lexington child care center, telling the crowd of supporters, family members and friends that "the Sixth District deserves the leadership necessary to deal with our future."

"I plan to center my campaign around the issues that affect us all, the 'people' issues of education, jobs, water, nerve gas, affordable child care," he told reporters.

"We are facing rapid change in this district. Some of our counties are booming while others are struggling, and the leaders of this district must provide a workable plan for dealing with our problems."

Planning is something Patton knows well. A planner by profession, he is founder and owner of State Research Associations which he formed in 1979 with Jack Foster, now state Secretary of Education.

During his career, he has assisted public officials across the country in developing long-term policies in education, economic development, and environmental protection.

His firm did much of this work in preparing the highly acclaimed educational reform legislation in both Mississippi and Indiana. SRA's most recent success was the preparation of Governor Wallace Wilkinson's "Kentucky First" program.

"It is my background in public policy and business which prompted me to enter this race," he said. "It is critical that we design forward-thinking policies to prepare us for the future. It can be done. I have seen it done elsewhere. We have to address the pressing issues which we face. I don't believe the incumbent has exhibited the kind of leadership that we need to move us competitively into the world economy of the 1990's." Patton criticized his opponent's claim to great accomplishments during his ten-year congressional record.

"In all that time, he has never been given a leadership role by his own colleagues in the minority party and none of the few bills which he has introduced have passed," he said.

Patton's concern for public policy and planning has led him to two activities in Scott County where he and his family live: fight to preserve North Elkhorn Creek and the development of a 1400 unit open-space residential community called The Colony.

Milt Patton

"Both activities come from the same belief and commitment I have that we can deal with the future and face change and growth, while not sacrificing the natural beauty of our land. We can retain the unique character of our communities even in times of great expansion such as the Toyota plant, if we have foresight and leadership," he said.

Patton is married to Dr. Janet Patton, a professor at Eastern Kentucky University, and has three children, Kimberly, Kirsten, and Nathan.

Members of Christian Church youth groups recently served in the capacity of Page in the House of Representatives during the present session of the General Assembly in Frankfort. Shown with State Representative Adrian Arnold are Rebecca Stewart, Cliff Otte, Jennifer Smith, Jennifer Hardin, Erin Mathes and Eric Arnold. Steve Smith, minister of the Carlisle Christian Church, offered the invocation to open the day's session. - Submitted Photo

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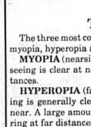

By Dr. Robert F. Pretzsch
Optometrist

THE "OPIAS"

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