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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond



Retirement - a reflection of life

The other day I was watching a program on CNN and a convenicacion on silicipa about not sinying rivings when they should be add, but keeping them inside and then better long it so last. In the septime in the silicipa si

hard those in our file - and then move on to the next term on the production. Early file an apportunity to do conventing that for the Net of me seems impossible. We've all had through Net his happen to us to new your and route, but the that revelope the first time for mit. To explain a little tot, I received if prone call test Tuesday from To explain a little tot, I received if prone call test Tuesday from the standard transport filenes my control to the standard test 22 years, four and a had morter. I don't figure to be part. The size you like type of through the standard to be a great in the "The six your like type of through the standard to be a great in the "The six your like type of through the standard of the six of the production of the standard of the six of the production of the standard of the six of the Paul Ama sang a song several years ago, which is still player. Paul Ama sang a song several years ago, which is still player. Traviveld.

raveled.
It's a heart grabber - - Good morning yesterday, you wake up and time has slopped away. - Here comes the setting sun, the seasons are passing one by one So gather moments while you may collect the dreams you dream. Ioday, Remember. - Will you member the times of your lie?

Here I was at 65 miles an hour on the interstate thirking about seegs 6, 5, 7, and 6, years of age - then on to jurior high school and

being 5, C, T and 8, yeals of lage - then on to jurion finjs school and Dillato Claud and Alliatric Clay on vacation - the endless rolline of cases on the living noom coffee table - the first diving lesson and then the major noment of washing across the stilling lesson and then the major noment of washing across the stilling lesson and the stilling not not consider the stilling lesson and the stilling the stilling lesson and the stilling the stilling lesson with the stilling less of the notion of byte of the stilling less of the

we all probably have some of this, but it takes a statution like last Friday to make us see there is a difference. As a parent of lour children, I can now see clearly the way to many more things than I could 25 or 30 years ago. I was never your outmant microtines. Never do this or do that I was always, "What do you think" or "Here are the alternatives as a From there would have to revise the week of the country of the coun

I see 8. From there I would have to choose. Make my own decisions and then accept the consequences. These were lessons in accepting responsibility -1 don't have that of ourst on support and decision with a responsibility -1 designation of the measurement of the control of

a cooperative decision.

The last eight years of school I lived with my aunt, but the final word always came from my mother - the old lady as I respectfully

acid always carrier from my income time on any as respectively.

The main reason for that, it is because at 8-foot-4 and way too many pounds, she still calls me her baby.

As each day passes I have learned a respect for her method of operation. I hope my children have the same dea, but when we encourier thisse slip to day problems, connections its Taut foot believe were the tauching these young people anything. Maybe that fault falls were the standing these young people anything. Maybe that fault falls to certainly hope I can stand behind my children the way I was

	anything. Maybe that fault falls		THE EDITO	75.77	
he teacher.	hind my children the way I was	Editor:	I entered college the next	The thrill these athletes felt in participating in this event	National Guard armory i
reated as I grew up.		Over the past few weeks I	fall and graduated in 1981.	was only surpessed by the	Kentucky. The veteran or his/he
After the long drive, and the hours of thinking, I finally arrived at		have watched the increase of	The following year, after a	thrill of being awarded a rib-	heneficiary will have unt
he hospital. Speaking through the halls of the hospital where she had worked		Letters to the Editor in The	year of graduate study, I was		
		Mercury with surprise and	commissioned in the Air	bon signifying victory. This tournament would not	midnight, February 28, 1990 (submit the application.
what seems like 100 years	and I had some of the best	pleasure.	Force as a second lieutenant.	This tournament would not have been possible without the	
heelchair races ever held inside, I finally made my way outside the		Thank you, Nicholas	Now, I am a captain teach-	have been possible without the help of many who contributed,	Applications not pos marked before the deadling
afeteria where the retirement tea was being held. After a few minutes of talk I could barely hear inside the room.		County, for caring enough to	ing English at the USAF	both materials and time, to	will not be processed.
After a few minutes of talk I could barely hear miside the room,		write and express your	Academy Preparatory School.	both materials and time, to	
ne door opened and it was time. The way I was introduced was especially moving when I had the		thoughts.	I strive to instill in my stu-	On behalf of the Nicholas	If you are a veteran or beneficiary of a veteran.
ne way I was introduced was t	hadn't seen anything - or heard	I would like to comment on	dents a sense of accomplish-	on behalf of the Nicholas and Bourbon County Schools,	
		the recent flurry of letters	ment for a job well done.	co-hosts of the tournament, I	urge you to quickly get an a plication, fill it out and send
"This person has followed you from St. Mary's Hospital to		caused by the Nicholas County	I also try to challenge them	would like to express our ap-	in.
		School Board's vote to not al-	to reach for the stars, educa-	preciation to the special edu-	If you know someone wi
		low a young mother to leave	tionally.		may be eligible, call them.
would have fallen down. And in a matter of five seconds, the four		school an hour early each day,	That sort of challenge is		Ask that person if they ha
our drive was worth it. Maybe, finally I had given her a moment's happiness to replace		to care for her infant child, so	missing from the Nicholas County School System, and	work in planning this event,	submitted their application i
		that her husband could go to	because it is; it was no sur-	to the teachers in the Nicholas	the Bonus. My worst fear f
early 39 years. If I did, then it was all worth it.		work.	prise that we are rated so	County Schools who donated	the bonus is that when all
Thanks, mom.		Though I was horrified that	poorly in the state ranking in		said and done an eligible ve
And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.		the School Board voted no, I		and Pic Pac Grocery Stores	eran will come forward at
		wasn't surprised. The Nicholas County Board of Ed-	education. I was pleased to find out that		say, "If I had only known
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From Left Field By Josh Shepherd



There is only one good time during the year when people really begin to understand the nature of baby boom and population

Halloween Night

Though costumes were plastic and didn't quite accomplish the effect I intended, that of scaring people silly, still the idea of people handing out free candy just by knocking on their door and asking was, to me, just this side of heaven.

But time led me to experience Halloween from the other side of the fence and in Car-rollton on this night, I soon learned, suddenly verybody has a kid.

Whole families grow from two to 17 in less than an hour.

I was in the spirit of the whole proceeding. set up my stereo with my own spooky sounds tape and dressed up like a monster. I couldn't decide which monster I wanted to be, so I just combined elements of each. It wasn't what anyone would call an expert job.

but I was looking weird enough for kids to be So, as my parents wished me well, snickering as they escaped for a Halloween Party on the other side of town, I sat down to wait

for the sun to set and the kids to come.
Only; it wasn't sundown when the first cars came rolling over the hill.

It was like watching a bland parade as the line of automobiles slowly made their way down the hill toward me.

The local kids, meanwhile, were rushing around the neighborhood, nervously watching the cars start and slow before each house as they made their way down to the valley.
"Get the good stuff! Get the good stuff!" one

oungster yelled, "We'll egg'em later!" I was congenial with the first hundred, making over the kids, asking them what they

were dressed as. "I'm a scarecrow. What else looks like this

huh. stupid? "My, such a nice little boy. Here's an un-LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

vrapped piece of candy for you, okay. Thank you for coming," I said with a friendly wink.

But as more came to the door, I felt a little

like I had somehow, via the Twilight Zone, crossed in to "Night of the Living Dead".

"I say old chap, trick or treat" said one rather tall child with a suspicious accent. As loaded his sack he smiled and said, "You Americans, such wonderful holidays you throw. Well, Cheerio," he said and strolled on

his way.

At about 7 p.m., my supply of candy had It was easier when I was one of the trick or run out, but one glance out the window was enough to tell me the visitors had not yet finished their onslaught.

Using my wits I immediately raided the

refrigerator for supplies.

The grapes went quickly, though I doled them out one at a time from the bunch, then went the bananas, apples and oranges.

And still they came

Pot roast, chicken breasts, country canned soups, and frozen vegetables did little to cut down the sheer numbers.

Several families I couldn't recognize came by, so suspecting something was up, I asked one kid where he came from. "Vermont."

I thought as much.
But before I could say anything, above my head I heard the unmistakable whup sound of an engine over the roof. I looked up just in time to see a helicopter swing over the roof and land in the front lawn.

It wasn't too long afterward that all my resources were exhausted.

My costume, drenched in sweat and tat-tered at the bottom from constantly stumbling on it, was a wreck.

The "washes off with water" face makeup I had on turned out to be semi-permanent. But I was far too tired to get angry. Stretching my back and half staggering to turn out the front porch light, I looked out the

window once more and was relieved to find the streets empty and silent.

Settling into the easy chair in the living

room, I turned on the television to catch the run of monster movies, when suddenly the doorbell rang.

"Trick or Treat," said a half dozen children. I quickly slammed the door shut, mutter-ing, "The Horror, The Horror."

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