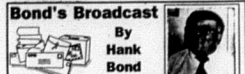


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Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

The American spirit is alive

In light of the tragedy in California this last week, and the hurricanes and floods of earlier in the month, it is a tribute to the American spirit that there has been such a rally.

From all across this country people have been taking off work for weeks at a time to travel to the sites and pitching in almost any way possible.

Money from all across the country has been pouring in to give a lift to the people of those areas in amounts from one dollar to thousands of dollars.

This is not to mention the truckloads of items donated to the needy from canned goods to clothing to flashlights, furniture and more.

While watching the events unfold in San Francisco, it was chilling to hear one of the men who had helped rescue about 10 people within minutes of the quake make this statement: "It's too bad something like this was happening to make people work together to care."

That sounds like something which is said every time a disaster of this type or the hurricane or flooding happens.

It's truer than the words. Actions, I have always been told in this life, speak much louder than any words, and to this subject this is the case.

As the impact of these tragedies wears off, it has been common nature to revert back to the old scream and holler.

The purpose of this exercise is to show why it is so important we as people in Nicholas County, Kentucky need to pull together for common causes.

This is not something simply directed at one cause or another, but a mind bending, wrenching demand for action.

There should never be a day go by, that we shouldn't try and help someone. No matter how bad a situation is, it is almost always possible to find a situation that is worse.

On and on the story can go, but it's time for a little reflection.

If you'll watch, at Christmas there will be a large amount done for the less fortunate, but what happens on New Year's Day, when all of the stuff is gone.

From Left Field By Josh Shepherd

The problem with Horror movies is they came on at eleven thirty and continued to dawn. There was no way I could ever stay up watching them.

The appeal of these movies affected me in the same way as television wrestling. I knew it was fake, but I enjoyed watching it anyway, no matter how much they asked me to stretch my imagination.

The movies played all night long, but the best I could ever do was stay awake for the first feature and the opening credits of the second film. Then suddenly I would jerk and find myself waking up to dawn, breaking through the window and black and white snow on the screen.

But that is not to say I never tried to stay up longer. There was a certain amount of prestige that went to the kid asked to be proven, the claim was enough because nobody wanted to ever go through the hassle of asking for verification.

From channel four our cable just barely picked up WTTB from Bloomington, Indiana and on Friday or Saturday night, the Sammy Terry show would begin and I would cheer and another evening of being scared silly.

With all the problems horror movies gave me, sleepless, nervous jumps and a runaway fear that the dark is treacherous, my closest kin some unknown names, I sometimes wondered why I would abuse myself. But, like any addiction, I accepted the side effects and continued to watch them.

I had seen the opening of the Sammy Terry show enough to know the minutes of the beginning, and I would be able to recite the lines at the beginning, and I would be able to recite the lines at the beginning, and I would be able to recite the lines at the beginning.

I even got down Sammy's laugh, but I had to be careful not to get carried away. I tended to get loud and soon my mother was knocking on the door and telling me to turn the thing off and go to bed.

Locky, it was a relief to talk about the horror movies at school because I'm not one of us ever actually stayed up all night to watch them, so most of the time everyone's favorite movies in the movies probably relied more on our ability to fantasize than report.

The tip that came from the gruesome stories we would relate, scenes no television station would dare show.

But we were never ones to think things were that simple. One evening though, I was determined to remain awake at least through the second horror feature and began to think the line up of the movie was having a vampire movie marathon.

The Terry film was the original Dracula starring Bela Lugosi and moving on to the century "Prince of Darkness" with Christopher Lee.

These were my all time favorites, mainly because they were the way my type of monster.

Unlike the worm or even Frankenstein, the vampire was let an overt monster. In fact, he was well groomed and apparently mysterious. He didn't jump out of dark corners or suddenly appear beside their victim, which was of course, suddenly appear beside their victim, which was of course, suddenly appear beside their victim.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: I would like to draw people attention to a very important but little discussed issue. President Bush's proposal, the multi-billion dollar grain corporations are proposing a treaty to the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs and the other countries would end all farm programs and open our borders to unlimited imports.

Farmers in Nicholas County depend upon tobacco, dairy, beef, grain, and other products. If we were to support such programs, we might as well board up the small towns and leave.

Consumers would also suffer from unlimited imports because much imported food is treated with pesticides outlawed in this country.

The Community Farm Alliance was recently joined by the Kentucky Farm Bureau in sponsoring a resolution before the Interim Subcommittee on Agriculture of the Kentucky General Assembly.

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EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS

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Kentucky's Watching: It could happen

The top map is a scaled up map of the central portion of California. It shows the general damage area caused by the earthquake, Tuesday night, 5:04 p.m., October 17.

The damage area has been copied and superimposed on the map of Kentucky in a similar scale enlargement.

The graphic is an attempt to show the damage area in the state of Kentucky should an earthquake of similar proportion, 6.0 on the Richter scale, occur in the area of the September 6, 1988 earthquake near Judy.

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