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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

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Not too long ago, Brad Hughes, who has been a mandatory public information for the Kentucky Department of Human Resources, was let go for not taking the public stand the governor wanted.

While I will certainly agree Hughes works for the governor in an indirect way, it is almost unrealistic to ask a man with the integrity and sense for the truth Hughes had, to project an image that simply isn't the way it's going to be.

I've known Brad for most of his years in state government and take it from me, he was always forth, honest, and full of information.

If you called his office, you got it straight. When the budget cuts came down, there was no way Hughes was going to say it wasn't going to affect services.

In his opinion, obviously the cuts in state government funding will have a direct impact on the department's ability to deliver services.

There was no one who ever gave more consideration to protecting the department when he believed the department was in the right. He would make every effort to shift the blame if he believed it should go somewhere else, but he would not take a public stand just because he was told to. Not in my experience anyway.

Hughes was not a flack, but a disseminator of information, at least in my dealings. Now, Bill Griffin, who has an excellent reputation as a television journalist in West Virginia and Kentucky, has been named to Hughes' post.

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I believe the people of Kentucky will be served well. One word of caution, though Bill, tell me what your boss's next move is based!

Frankie Banks, who was Hughes' boss, was the man who did the firing. Banks has dismissed others, too.

I have known him most of my life, although indirectly and I can't believe he would allow himself with something like this political job or not.

I believe the governor made a good choice by putting him in the job. When Banks was asked to leave the Wilkinson administration it was not his fault to replace him.

I know he is an excellent administrator. His background in administration includes a stint with Appalachian Regional Hospital, where he was widely respected for his efforts.

But to think those people are being forced out of government by people like Banks and Jones is terrible.

I have no hesitation to say Jones is not what I expected him to be when he was elected governor. He is also not the man I know for nearly ten and a half years, while he served as Lt. Governor.

I endorsed Jones for the governor's seat more than two years before he actually won the governor's seat.

I expected an austerity we had never seen in Kentucky. I expected a solid, long lasting review of every expenditure state government makes. Yes I mean a line by line, department by department review.

I don't want to hear about it being impossible. It should be done. If government is too big to monitor there's only one alternative. That's what galls me about our government — all three branches.

The elected officials line up on different sides of the aisle in Frankfort.

When one side comes up with an idea, the other says, "No way!" But with the no position, there's never a realistic alternative. It's simply a no, because "the other side won't do it."

Think about this. Where is the government really coming from?

We had a special session on healthcare, which basically produced nothing.

What was almost beyond comprehension was the fact these legislators got up and said they needed more time to study the problem. They had no idea of how bad it really is.

Where have they been? Don't they read the papers, listen to the media or their constituents?

Oh no, we simply get, "I don't know how bad it is." Give me a break, will you?

I rejected government under Jones which was good for all people, not selective government — just like government has been for my entire life.

He was elected because people believed in what he stood for, but I just don't believe the job is getting done.

When people are let go because the administration is failing and is unsuccessful, just because they say what they think. Tell me, is that wrong?

Will we ever have truth, honesty and a government we can respect to actually do what is best for the people, not tell us what is best?

I was raised with the saying, which I believe very much applies here: We are judged not by what we say, but by what we do. And so, for another week, thank and bid thy.

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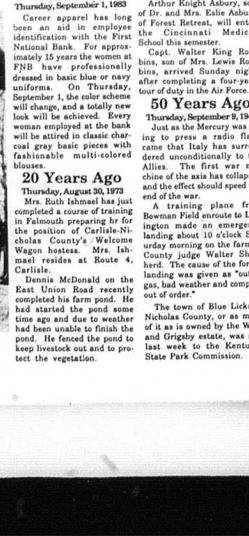
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MERCURY MEMORIES

5 Years Ago: Thursday, September 1, 1988... 10 Years Ago: Thursday, September 1, 1983... 20 Years Ago: Thursday, August 30, 1973... 30 Years Ago: Thursday, August 30, 1963... 40 Years Ago: Thursday, September 2, 1953... 50 Years Ago: Thursday, September 2, 1943...



GENERAL NEWS

Taxes

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Schools

Continued from Page 1... are implemented, it serves as a funnel and guide for Title V money through the schools.

Womack

Continued from Page 1... During World War II he served as Secretary of the Nicholas County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Recycling

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Fun Day



The Nicholas County High School Band struts its stuff, entertaining the crowd during half-time at the first Nicholas County football game.

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Advertisement for THERMO-TILE ceiling tiles. Features a large image of a ceiling tile and text: '39¢ sq. ft.', 'THERMO-TILE', 'REID & VICE', 'LUMBER - HARDWARE - PAINT - PLUMBING - ELECTRIC', '289-7175 Carlsle, KY 1-800-273-7494'.

Fun Day

Fun Day at Ramona's Hair Place Saturday, September 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Clowns, Balloons, Face Painting, Treats, and Lots of Fun!

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to KRS 196.025 that the following settlements will be paid to the estate of Nicholas County Clerk who said settlements shall be approved and recorded unless prior thereto accounts have been presented.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Deceased, Fiduciary Title, Nature of Account. Includes names like Tom Clark, Charles E. Duncan, and Linda Only.

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