



Pilot Company and the Haslam family have donated \$5 million to East Tennessee Children's Hospital to renovate the Emergency Department at the hospital's main campus on Clinch Avenue in downtown Knoxville. Pictured from left with a rendering of the new Emergency Department are Crissy and Bill Haslam; Ann and Steve Bailey; Dee and Jimmy Haslam; and Natalie and Jim Haslam.

Pilot, Haslams donate \$5 million for new Emergency Department at ETCH

East Tennessee Children's Hospital's renovation scheduled to be complete next fall

Pilot Company and the Haslam family have donated \$5 million to East Tennessee Children's Hospital to renovate the Emergency Department at the hospital's main campus on Clinch Avenue in downtown

Knoxville. The facility will be named Pilot Emergency Care Center, in honor of past, present and future Pilot Company team members and their families.

In a statement, the Haslam family said: "East

Tennessee Children's Hospital is a beacon of hope in our community. The new Emergency Department will enhance the offerings and efficiency of the world-class children's hospital in the heart of Knoxville, as well as provide improved comfort and amenities to families seeking treatment. We are grateful to partner with East Tennessee Children's Hospital in setting

the standard for pediatric emergency medical care in our region."

The donation represents gifts from Pilot Company; Natalie and Jim Haslam; Dee and Jimmy Haslam; Crissy and Bill Haslam; and Ann and Steve Bailey.

More than 60,000 injured and sick children come through the Children's Hospital Emergency

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Board of Health members feel 'threatened' by video narrated by Jacobs

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Board of Health's online meeting on Wednesday was business as usual as members recapped county statistics and case numbers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting took a bizarre turn when board member Maria Hurt voiced concerns about a video narrated by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and created by the group "Freedom Forward."

Hurt played the video, which was posted online days after the Board of Health Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, to the board assembled last week.

The video appeared to target members of the Knox County Board of Health. The video was taken down shortly after it was posted on social media but Hurt and other board members said the damage was already done.

"My adult children have begged me to install a security system to make sure that I was safe," Hurt

said. "My neighbors, both Republicans and Democrats, patrol my neighborhood to make sure people aren't harassing us."

While Jacobs said he was sorry that board members felt threatened by the video and its dark and confrontational tone, he refused to apologize for his role in narrating it.

Board member Dr. Patrick O'Brien said that he found the video to be disturbing.

"As a military officer who has sworn to defend this country, I felt threatened by what I saw," O'Brien said. "The division has got to stop. We're all in this together. We'll do what we can based on science."

"If others want to go some other way or want to do it shooting from the hip, so be it. You will reap what you sow."

The video shows news clips of looting and protests from other cities across the country and states that appointed bodies like boards of

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City Council applauds Board of Health efforts

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In a time when the county commission and Mayor Glenn Jacobs want to restrict what the Knox County Health Department and the Board of Health can do, the Knoxville City Council applauded both of those organizations by resolution Tuesday evening.

The motion by Councilwoman Lauren Rider, who was joined by several other members as sponsors, applauds the board and the health department for their efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Rider disputed the "naysayers" and thanked the Board of Health for their time, effort and expertise. Mayor Indya Kincannon cited three new deaths last Monday and an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases locally.

The resolution, which passed unanimously, reads: "The Knox County Health Department has worked tirelessly to implement testing, contract tracing, education, and guidance for the community aimed at protecting the health of the public."

"Tennessee Code Annotated §68-2-601(f)(3) affirms that 'The powers and duties of county boards of health are to adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to protect the general health and

safety of the citizens of the county.'"

The Knoxville Police Department stepped up recently to announce it would enforce the Board of Health and health department regulations as needed by those bodies. The Knox County Sheriff's Department has shown no statement or effort to enforce the COVID-19 local regulations.

A motion to place a "citizen" as a voting member of the Board of Health is on the agenda of the Knox County Commission today as well as a resolution to limit the powers of that board and make any decision they reach subject to the approval of Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Jacobs has voted "No" on every regulation the Board of Health has passed, including a mask mandate, social distancing, and curfews for bars and restaurants. The commission resolution would remove "regulation" from the health body and add "recommendations." The resolution would also place Knox County under the state mandate under which most rural counties currently operate.

Knox County is one of only eight counties in the state with its own health department and, by edicts from the governor, may set more restrictive measures than the state mandate.



County Commissioner Carson Dailey, third from right, prepares to cut the ribbon at the new Seymour Fire Station. The Volunteer Fire Department there covers a 118-square mile area including portions of Knox, Blount and Sevier counties.

Seymour VFD dedicates a new fire station

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Since 1971 the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department has served homes and businesses in their growing community. The department responds to calls in Knox, Blount and Sevier counties because all three county borders meet there.

SVFD began with 12 volunteer firefighters, a new fire engine, and 24 calls during its first year.

Nowadays the volunteer department is growing with its community, responding to more than 1,700 calls a year. The department responds to emergency medical, fire-related and hazardous material service calls as well as offering the general public

educational programs and smoke alarm installation or car seat inspections by appointment.

Last Monday morning the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department cut the ribbon on Fire Station No. 2, located at 7915 Chapman Highway. The department's expansion was needed to meet the growing

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Libraries and theaters

From a distance

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My wife has told me more than once “No more books,” because my offices and our homes have always been filled with books. But I love to read.

She has told me more than once that I am the “most boring person” with

whom to take a vacation. She is right, but I love to read.

Thus, even I am surprised that I recently watched two full-length movies on television.

One was called “All the Money in the World” about J. Paul Getty. The narrator said at one time Getty was not only the richest man in the world – he was the richest man in the history of the world.

Yet he led one of the most unhappy, miserable lives imaginable. He was married five times. In the last marriage, he had a son who was blind and died at the age of 12. Getty did not

even attend the funeral.

He also had a son who was a complete failure because of drug addiction and a grandson who died at 54 because of drugs.

Getty himself died alone, surrounded by paintings and sculptures worth billions.

Just a day or two after seeing that movie, I heard my friend Hallerin Hilton Hill interviewing Jim Haslam about his new book.

Jim Haslam told Hallerin that he had known many wealthy people who were very unhappy. Jim is a happy man because he has given so much love to his family and been loved

by them, and because he has given so much of his treasures to others.

Two men of great wealth but total opposites in the lives they led. East Tennessee and this country are both fortunate to have had a great man and good citizen like Jim Haslam.

The other movie I watched was “Air Force One” starring Harrison Ford. I was fortunate to get to attend the world premier of this movie in Washington and have a special memory about it.

I did not drive much in Washington other than just to and from work. So, I had bought the cheapest

car I could find – a used, chocolate brown K-Car (Plymouth Reliant). I think it must have been wrecked before I bought it because the front passenger door made a horribly loud sound every time it was opened.

The late Mel Hancock, a Congressman from Missouri, went to the movie with me. Mel was the oldest freshman Congressman at 62 in 1988 and became one of my best friends. He lived in Knoxville for a couple of years in the mid-50s and had a son born here.

I drove, and the premier was being conducted like a major Hollywood event

– bright lights, red carpet, etc.

A limousine was just in front of us and one was right behind. When one of the greeting attendants pulled open Mel’s door, that very loud, horrible sound blasted out.

I will never forget Mel busting out in laughter and saying “Boy, I wish I had a video of this.”

I have read and heard that Harrison Ford has a mother-in-law who lives on Cherokee Lake and that he has eaten several times in Morristown restaurants.

Should I talk to my spouse about getting a divorce before I actually file?

When I first meet with someone to talk to them about representing them in a divorce case, one of the first questions I always ask is, “Do they know this is coming?”

Often times, the answer is



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question is always the same. I tell them, “I cannot answer that question for you. You know them better than I do and you know what is the best way to tell them they are getting divorced.”

I have also seen someone tell their spouse they are going to file for divorce, and then the spouse they informed runs out, hires their own attorney, and files for a divorce first (I should note here, in Tennessee, it makes no difference to the outcome of the case who files for divorce first)!

To bring it back full circle to the original question, it is a great idea to be able to inform your spouse you are filing for divorce, but the situation may dictate that you just file for divorce and they can be informed of the filing when they receive their paperwork from the court.

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Now normally you would think it would be a good idea to give them a warning, but that is not always the case. People do not always treat their spouses fairly or kindly (probably a factor in the two of them getting divorced). Because of that, sometimes the other person may not deserve to be given advance notice that they are going to receive divorce paperwork, for example: a husband who has skipped out on a family, a wife who has emptied out the bank accounts and left town, or a husband who beats his wife.



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County commission restrictions on Board of Health delayed

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The attempts to limit the power of the Board of Health and name a restaurant chain owner to that board were stalled temporarily last week. During the first meeting for its four new members, the Knox County Commission met for five hours in work session and spent most of that time debating the powers of the Board of Health before passing both resolutions on to today’s regular meeting.

New Chairman Larsen Jay guided the discussion as Commissioners Justin Biggs and Kyle Ward introduced two motions: one to name restaurant owner Randy Burleson to the board and another, added to the agenda during the meeting, to limit the Board of Health and return to state guidelines.

Several citizens spoke to the health mandates on both sides, urging the commission to dissolve or limit the board or to support the board’s safety measures and curfews for bars and restaurants. Opponents of the local regulations occupied the upper floor of the main assembly room, which one opponent called “the COVID Balcony.” The maskless balcony crowd was loud and cheered or booed depending on who was speaking during the public forum.

After some booing Chairman Jay asked the audience to “be respectful.”

Examples of comments during public forum include Attorney Andy Fox saying there is “no proof masks are effective” and Todd Frommeyer defending science and asking the commission to “let the board continue to do their job.”

The resolution to limit the power of the board would not abolish the board but would require any decision be approved by the Knox County mayor or the commission. Opponents claim the board is not elected and has overreached its powers with regulations that will not be enforced.

The commission voted to approve the addition of a citizen member to the board but moved to leave the naming of that person up to the entire commission instead of placing Burleson on the board. Applicants had until Friday to apply to serve on the Board of Health and each commissioner can nominate a citizen at tonight’s meeting.

Commissioner Carson Dailey suggested the commission “follow our own rules” and review nominees. Jay said each commissioner should have a chance to nominate someone. Commissioner Terry Hill said “It feels like we’re being rushed” to name someone.

In the debate over restricting the Board of Health’s powers, Law Director David Buuck told the commissioners that Health Director Martha Buchanan

has the powers that the Board of Health would lose and that the resolution would prohibit any enforcement of regulations.

“We have a non-elected board and if we get rid of it Dr. Buchanan has those powers anyway,” Buuck said. He referred to a threatened lawsuit from Attorney Greg Isaacs and said adopting the Biggs-Ward resolution would protect the county from being sued. He added that while Buchanan has the power of enforcement she answers to the county mayor.

Hill said the county mayor should approve any regulation and added, “Someone needs to be able to make the final decision.”

Jay said that state law gives the Board of Health its authority and added the resolution would simply say, “We do not approve.” He added, “Thanks but no thanks, state law supersedes.”

“We don’t want to follow the law? What about child safety seats?” Jay asked Buuck.

Buuck replied the current regulations by the Board subject the county to lawsuits.

Several commissioners added to the discussion with Charles Busler saying the current regulations by the board “is policy not law.”


Commissioner Courtney Durrett said that there are several “unelected” boards that set regulations and rules including the zoning board. She objected to the proposal of board decisions being approved by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Ward said if left unchecked the board decisions could lead to a tax increase and layoffs of employees. “Liability-wise it covers our butts,” he said of his proposal.

Commissioner Richie Beeler, who has recovered from COVID-19 and was attending his first meeting in person since his illness, said the Board of Health “is doing what they’ve been tasked to do” but added he feels the board has “far too much power.”

Asked by Commissioner John Schoonmaker about the county’s past adoption of the Tennessee Pledge, Buuck said the governor’s proclamation “is a set of guidelines.” He recommended the county continue following those guidelines and continue to use the health director’s “benchmarks” but use the Board of Health as an advisory group.

Schoonmaker asked if the county would be held liable when the city enforces the board’s regulations and Buuck said it would not.



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Publisher's Positions



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Health Board Hijinks

A couple of County Commissioners have taken the position favored by County Mayor Glenn Jacobs that is less "Republican" than "Libertarian." Commissioners Justin Biggs and Kyle Ward are pushing along a resolution that backs up some of the regulations passed by the Knox County Board of Health, including the mandatory wearing of masks and the 11 p.m. closing time for establishments selling alcohol. Just how meaningful all of it is remains to be seen. Democrats and leftists don't occupy the moral high ground because Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon did absolutely nothing to enforce the law as hundreds of UT students congregated at bars along the Strip and inside the Old City. That isn't a rumor or speculation on my part; there was a gallery of 26 pictures showing the vibrant night life enjoyed by mainly UT students after the 10 p.m. curfew, all happening inside the city limits of Knoxville.

The City of Knoxville did not enforce the 10 p.m. closing time, although Kincannon has lately said the 11 p.m. closing time will be enforced. Kincannon had chastised Glenn Jacobs for pushing the reopening of businesses, saying there was no prize for being the first to open. Well, Indya,

there probably isn't a prize for allowing UT students to run around the Strip and in the Old City without socially distancing and not wearing masks. Yet Democrats have tried to gasp in horror Bill Hagerty, the GOP nominee for the U.S. Senate, has been spotted on a boat without wearing a mask! Egad! Look up the series of 26 pictures taken by Knoxville News-Sentinel photographers, every one taken after the 10 p.m. curfew imposed by the Knox County Board of Health. Not a mask in sight, nor does anyone seem to be socially distancing, but Bill Hagerty was spotted on a boat with like four other people not wearing a mask. Now Indya says she and the city folks will enforce the 11 p.m. closing time. Maybe it was the hour difference; maybe finally Nanny Indya thinks all good boys and girls ought to be in bed after 11 p.m.

The resolution sponsored by Commissioners Biggs and Ward would follow the guidelines established by the State of Tennessee. The fact Indya Kincannon and the City of Knoxville never bothered to enforce the 10 p.m. curfew or seemed to care whether hundreds of students wore masks or socially distanced themselves certainly doesn't impede the progress of the Biggs-Ward Resolution. If it passes, Indya is as much responsible as anyone.

All those establishments selling on-premises alcohol, as far as I know, are located within the limits of the City of Knoxville. If Mayor Kincannon and her crowd, or the city council, aren't going to enforce the law, what difference does it make if the county commissioners adopt the Tennessee Pledge? Again, it never would have happened if Kincannon and her administration had

enforced the restrictions approved by the health department in the first place.

RBG's Last Wish

One of the most preposterous things I've seen in my lifetime is the mainstream media and Democrats whining the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's last wish was to be replaced by someone nominated by a president other than Donald Trump.

The mainstream media, which is largely an auxiliary of the Democratic Party, has lavished praise upon RBG as if she were some sort of religious icon, if the left actually believed in religion. Let me amend that statement; the left does seem to believe in religion, just not the Christian religion. Certainly, the media is losing its collective mind with USA Today referring to the late justice as a "superhero."

That notion we should delay the appointment of a justice simply because it was Ruth Bader Ginsburg's last wish borders on insanity. It's merely the media and Democrats hoping to avoid another Supreme Court justice appointed by President Donald Trump. The Left in America is doing its best to try and erase history and this country, but here are some facts you might like to know. There are 29 instances in American history when there has been a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court during an election year. Fully 22 different presidents have nominated someone to fill the vacancies caused by death or resignation by justices of the Supreme Court, which occurred either prior to the election or in the lame duck period following the election. Nineteen of the 22 presidents who nominated a successor did so when their political

party controlled the United States Senate. All but one were confirmed, the exception being President Lyndon Johnson's nomination of Justice Abe Fortas to become Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in 1968. Democrats enjoyed a healthy majority in the Senate and there was a bipartisan call to delay a vote. The last president to nominate someone to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court while running for reelection was Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940. Democrats significantly outnumbered Republicans in the Senate and it took the Senate only 11 days to report the nomination of Frank Murphy and confirm him.

Woodrow Wilson got two nominees confirmed to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court in 1916, a year in which he was running for reelection. Both John Clarke and Louis Brandeis were confirmed by a Senate controlled by Democrats. Lyndon Johnson, Franklin Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson were all Democrats.

Of course that fact — or any other fact for that matter — makes little difference to the left or the leftist news media. The important thing is pushing the narrative and it is no surprise the New York Times and the Washington Post are pushing the silly idea, along with the South China Morning Post, which published an editorial crying the dying wish of Ginsburg just had to be granted.

Would the media and the Democrats respect a passing conservative justice's last wish to be replaced by someone nominated by a conservative president? Of course not.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was adored by leftists not because she was a superlative justice of the Supreme Court, but rather

because she believed the U. S. Supreme Court was another legislative body to rubber stamp a left wing agenda. Ginsburg was also worshipped by the left for openly criticizing candidate Donald Trump during the 2016 election. Supreme Court justices have traditionally never involved themselves in elections or politics.

Leftists seem to have forgotten their horror when Justice Ginsburg joined with the five conservative justices in decisions which allowed the Trump administration to speed up the deportation of those seeking asylum in the United States, as well as that allowing the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Leftists just about had conniption fits about the Atlantic Coast Pipeline decision because it was to run underneath the Appalachian Trail. Of course that was yesterday and this is today and things have changed. Now the dear, departed Ruth is a Goddess of Liberalism and perfect in every way.

Ginsburg had plenty of time to step down from the high court during the administration of Barack Obama, but she intended to let President Hillary Clinton appoint her successor. The kink in that particular plan was there was no President Hillary Clinton. The "Notorious R.B.G." notoriously miscalculated, which was nobody's fault but her own.

Protesters In Portland Threaten Home Owners For Flying Flag

The New York Times just reported a story telling how Terrance Moses, a Black man, witnessed protesters marched through his ordinarily quiet residential street when the yelling and screaming started. The offensive object:

an American flag. The protesters demanded the home owner take down the flag, some of them screaming, "How dare you fly the American flag?" That quote was from Mr. Moses who repeated it to the Times reporter. More chilling was what Terrance Moses said next: "They said take it down. They wouldn't leave. They said they're going to come back and burn the house down."

Terrance Moses was one of the neighbors who gathered to block the protesters and told them to leave. The head of a non-profit, which provides help and support to homeless folks, Mr. Moses said, "We don't go around terrorizing folks to try and force them to do something they don't want to do. I'm a veteran. I'm for these liberties."

It's easy to see why these people hate the word "patriotism."

There are also reports it took police an hour and a half to respond to calls about a boy being attacked by a knife-wielding assailant. Wonder why? Law enforcement hasn't been allowed to do its job in Portland and cops have taken repeated verbal abuse from officials who have promoted an agenda allowing rioters to do as they please.

TN House Majority Leader Challenged

William Lamberth, Majority Leader in the Tennessee House of Representatives, is being challenged by Rep. Andrew Farmer of Sevierville. The Republican Caucus in the House will elect the Majority Leader sometime after the fall elections. The Republicans are expected to have a large majority in the House and both Lamberth and Farmer have been members since winning election in 2012. Both are also attorneys.

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The Historic Homes of

Knoxville is an organization made up of seven historic homes ranging from log cabins to frame houses to stately stone mansions. Each of these historic homes is a chapter of history unto itself. Together they exemplify and celebrate the continuing pioneering spirit that created Knoxville 229 years ago.

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Picture of "Breakfast with Michelle" event at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, (Michelle Myers second from left), courtesy of Katherine Green.
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"How can I glorify God, honor my family, and serve others at work?"

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On Saturday, September 19th, Wallace Women, a ministry of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, hosted "Breakfast with Michelle" for ladies in the church and the Knoxville community. Michelle



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spent the morning sharing about physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional health. These topics are especially important today with the coronavirus pandemic. "During this season of unfamiliar schedules, plans, and an uncertain 'new normal,' Michelle poured Biblical truth, hope, and encouragement into women who are trying to navigate home, family, work, church, and community service," said Chelsea Murphy, Director of the Encouragement Ministry. Wallace Memorial is a familiar place to Michelle. She spent her teenage years at Wallace and continued to be an active member during her years as a University of

Tennessee student. Michelle is also a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. She is a wife, mother, and the author of "Famous in Heaven & at Home" and co-author of two volumes of "She Works HIS Way" devotionals for working women. In addition, Michelle created Network Marketing Nobility and the swHw Business Tracker. "God is allowing Wallace Women to make the most of this season and provide opportunities for women inside and outside the walls of the church to come alongside each other and learn to better love, care, and serve as well as point women to an authentic relationship with Jesus," Chelsea added. For more information on swHw Ministry, visit www.sheworkshisway.com.

The Sounds of Sports

Sports made a return to our lives not long ago. A collective sigh could almost be heard echoing from coast to coast. We Americans love our teams and crave seeing them on screens or in stadiums or on

courts. This year's edition of sports is unusual and difficult for some to get used to.

Baseball is America's sport. That's been the slogan for years. Yes, many will stay that football has now taken that position, but for some of us, baseball is still king. Although fans are upset that they can't attend



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games, I like the new setting. The only unappealing things are the cardboard characters that fill the seats. The purity of the game comes through. A 90-mile-an-hour fastball makes a wonderful pop as it slaps the leather of a catcher's glove. When a hitter catches a pitch with the sweet spot of a bat, that distinctive sound announces the departure of a baseball to the upper deck of the stadium.

I enjoy the sound of voices from the field. The ump's calling balls and strikes add color to the game. Managers

yelling from the dugout to shift players in the field or to encourage a pitcher or batter increases the excitement of the game. Players have always talked with each other during games, but actually catching a bit of the conversation allows us to understand that many are friends, not diehard enemies of players on the other team. Reverberating swear words as a hitter strikes out or hits into a double play, while not pleasant for networks, show us that athletes are intense competitors who want to always be perfect.

Football also gives us a new experience during this pandemic. Professional games are played in

empty stadiums. The players don't seem to suffer too much from the absence of fans. When the ball is put into play, all athletes demonstrate their unique skills with thrilling catches and pounding runs. Hearing quarterbacks call out cadences or audibles gives fans a feeling that they are closer to the action. The cracking of pads when tackles are made remind some of their glory days when they played high school or little league games.

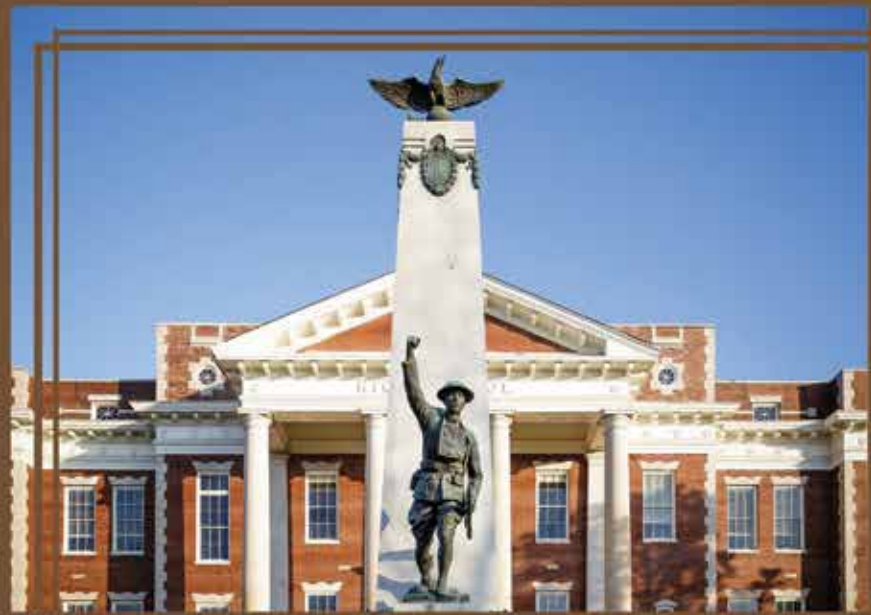
One time when I wish the sounds weren't so clear is when a player is injured. The scream from the pain or the sobbing at the realization that the season is over sobers even the most avid

fan. Neither do I like hearing the taunting and trash talking between players. Most often, that yammering can be heard between receivers and defensive backs. I'd much rather hear some good-natured teasing that ends with smiles or nods. That could do much more in teaching young players how to behave as players.

Golf is better when viewers can hear the discussions between players and their caddies or the chit-chat between players. The distinctive sounds of a booming drive or a solid iron shot indicates that the ball is headed toward a minute white hole located on a stamp-size green. Groans let audiences know that

wayward shot will explode scorecards. A deafening cheer at a par-three hole alerts all that a hole-in-one has occurred.

After months of staying at home, we need some sports to help ease anxiety and boredom. If this pandemic continues and closes these loved sports, Americans will have to find places with their families where they can make their own sounds from the crack of bats, the smack of leather, and the thump of a kicked football. We can survive this time without sports. Yes, that will be difficult, but if we do what the science tells us to do, we can ensure that sports will return next year. Hang in there!



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The 1964 Senate Races in Tennessee, VIII

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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With less than a week left before Tennesseans went to the polls to cast their ballots to elect a president, as well as fill both of the Volunteer State's seats in the United States Senate, the candidates campaign frenetically. Senator Albert Gore hammered home his populist message, while Congressman Ross Bass, running to fill the remaining two years of the late Estes Kefauver's term, talked in broad generalities about the good things government could do for the people. Howard Baker and Dan Kuykendall, the Republican nominees, were the first credible GOP candidates for the U.S. Senate in Tennessee since the nomination of former governor Ben W. Hooper in 1916. No Republican had ever been popularly elected by Tennesseans to serve in the United States Senate.

Albert Gore had been in Congress since 1939 when he had won his first term to serve Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District; basically the same district that had once been represented in Congress by Cordell Hull. Hull, a congressman and U.S. senator from Tennessee, later became the longest serving Secretary of State in America's history, a record still unbroken to this day. Gore, a poor boy from Smith County, revered the old Tennessee statesman and had unseated the man who had been the first popularly elected candidate ever to serve in the Volunteer State in the United States Senate, Kenneth D. McKellar. To win reelection, Gore had to stave off a determined challenge from Prentice Cooper, a former three term governor, who ran a lavishly financed segregationist campaign in 1958. Gore won handily and faced thirty-nine year old Memphis businessman Dan Kuykendall in the 1964 general election. The candidates represented a clear contrast in philosophies; the white-haired Gore was the epitome of an old mountain populist who deeply believed in the political remedies offered by the Democratic Party. Dan Kuykendall was conservative, friendly to business and thought the federal government was usurping the role of local and state governments.

Ross Bass from Pulaski, Tennessee, had served in Congress for a decade before defeating Governor Frank Clement in a brutal Democratic primary to run for the remainder of the late Senator Kefauver's term. Bass had managed to cobble together a coalition of African-Americans, organized labor, and much of the old Kefauver campaign

organization to win the Democratic senatorial nomination by 100,000 votes. It was the first political defeat of Frank Clement's career, which began in 1952 when he had beaten Gordon Browning, a veteran of Tennessee's political wars, in a heated primary. Clement had been the first governor elected to serve a four year term and had been reelected in 1962 for a second four-year term of office after a hiatus for his former Commissioner of Agriculture, Buford Ellington, to be Tennessee's chief executive. Oddly, the senatorial primary between Frank Clement and Ross Bass had been waged not on national issues, but largely upon state issues. Clement had presided over a tax increase, an act always fraught with political danger in Tennessee. Governor Jim Nance McCord had convinced the state legislature to institute a state sales tax and was immediately defeated in his 1948 reelection bid. Bass had effectively used Clement's tax increases against him while still retaining the image as the more liberal candidate in the Democratic primary.

Howard Baker Jr. was the Republican candidate running against Ross Bass in the general election. Baker's father had been the enormously popular congressman from Tennessee's staunchly Republican Second District from 1951 until his sudden death from a heart attack in January of 1964. Baker had spurned the opportunity to seek election to his father's old congressional seat, instead nudging his stepmother Irene to become a candidate in the special election, as the younger Baker believed it would ensure harmony inside the GOP while he ran for the Senate. Baker proved to be adept as a candidate, especially on the relatively new medium of television. Frank Clement had been a perfect example of those candidates who could orate for a couple of hours and hold a crowd numbering into the thousands spellbound the entire time on the courthouse square. The thirty second television commercial was replacing speech-making and Howard Baker's well-modulated tones and demeanor would later make him something of a TV star with the Watergate hearings.

The Nashville Tennessean ran a profile of Albert Gore as the general election approached, proclaiming the senator served his state and country in the same tradition "of Cordell Hull,"



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

A young candidate Howard Baker Jr. in front of the television cameras.

still a revered figure in the Volunteer State. Written by Wayne Whitt, the article said Gore bore more than a passing resemblance to the profile of a "classical Roman senator" and praised the "Old Gray Fox" for his authorship of the bill creating the interstate highway system. It had been Gore's predecessor in the U.S. Senate, K. D. McKellar, who had helped to birth the federal highway system. According to Whitt, Gore, like Hull before him, insisted upon a yardstick of one's ability to pay in matters of taxation. It was Cordell Hull who was the author of the income tax. Whitt wrote Gore's GOP opponent, Dan Kuykendall, could find little fault with Gore's record of twelve years in the Senate and 14 years in the House of Representatives, so instead "jumped" Gore for the senator's national reputation. Whitt wrote Albert Gore's colleagues viewed him "as a hard-working, dedicated individual who ranks high in ability", which was largely true. It was also true Gore, like Estes Kefauver, had never been a member of the "inner club" that gave certain senators great influence and power, such as that once wielded by McKellar. Unlike Kefauver who was actively disliked and disdained by many of his colleagues, the aloof Albert Gore was respected, but the Tennessee senator was not an especially warm person if one did not know him well. Wayne Whitt closed the article, claiming Gore paid close attention to his mail and pointed to a letter received by the senator from a Knoxville resident. The Knoxville writer wrote he was going to vote for Gore because of the senator's stand on "taxation, aid to education, and health care for the aged", although not without noting he and his family usually "voted for the Republican ticket." The author said his vote for Gore was "placing the welfare of my country above party considerations." The message was likely not lost on Republican readers, which were admittedly scarce in Middle Tennessee.

As Gore campaigned in his native and heavily Democratic Middle Tennessee,

Dan Kuykendall was in Republican East Tennessee. Kuykendall lambasted Lyndon Johnson, saying "either he or many of those in his administration lack the guts to win" the war in Vietnam. Kuykendall referred to "Absent Albert" whom he accused of "going right down the line with such a policy" which the Memphian thought amounted to little more than an attempt "to win a world popularity contest." Kuykendall quoted Winston Churchill, reminding his listeners the United States could not possibly hope to lead the world and at the same time attempt to win a popularity contest. "The only way we will ever have peace," Dan Kuykendall said, "is to stand up for it, and, if necessary, be willing to die for it." Kuykendall was not an armchair warrior, having been a veteran of the Second World War.

"I believe if we cannot win, then we should get out," Kuykendall thundered, "not continue to live in the twilight zone of yes and no where 'Absent Albert' has spent his political life." It was a likely point where Dan Kuykendall and Albert Gore agreed; the Tennessee senator was increasingly skeptical of the Vietnam War and much to Lyndon Johnson's chagrin, became a sharp critic of the war.

Pauline and Albert Gore's eldest child, daughter Nancy, campaigned for her father at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City. Nancy Gore was teased about appearing in the wake of a visit to the area by GOP candidate Barry Goldwater. Reputedly quite politically shrewd, in fact, much more so than her younger brother, future vice president Albert Gore, Jr.; the lovely Nancy sweetly quipped, "I don't mind coming in behind Sen. Goldwater. After all, I plan to return to Johnson City many times. But I feel sure this is Goldwater's last visit to your area."

There was certainly reason for Democrats to be nervous. Howard Baker, campaigning in Memphis, won a straw poll of students at Southwestern, winning with 270 votes to 196 for Congressman Ross Bass. Dan Kuykendall polled

271 votes to 190 for Senator Gore, while Barry Goldwater topped Lyndon Johnson 277 - 217. Baker continued to hit Bass for the congressman's supposed absenteeism, saying Bass was "seeking elevation to the Senate after turning in an 82% absentee in the last Congress." Baker also kept reminding audiences Ross Bass failed to vote on the appropriations for the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Atomic Energy Commission, which was vital to Oak Ridge. Likewise, Kuykendall dinged Gore, saying the senator had attended only 13 of 132 meetings of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in the last five years. Howard Baker, during his campaign swing through West Tennessee, charged Ross Bass "has paid so little attention to the Tennessee Valley Authority and knows so little of its operation that he has a complete lack of knowledge of TVA financing." Baker warned audiences the \$750 million self-financing authorization for TVA was about to expire. Baker's continual pounding of Bass on the subject of TVA was likely due not only to his genuine support for the agency, but also a reminder to Tennesseans he differed with GOP presidential candidate Barry Goldwater on the subject of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Democrats made a push across Tennessee to rally Tennesseans to their cause as well as their candidates before Election Day. Eighty of Tennessee's ninety-five counties saw various personalities headlining rallies, including figures from the past like that old Democratic war-horse, former governor Gordon Browning who spoke in McNairy County.

The Knoxville Journal did its part for the GOP candidates, just as the Tennessean did for the Democratic candidates. Days before the election, the Journal published a Charlie Daniel cartoon of Ross Bass waving his fist and screaming "Punk!" at every car that drove by with Baker and/or Kuykendall bumper-stickers. For good measure, Bass' caricature was labeled "Playboy Bass."

The feud between the two Knoxville newspapers,

the News-Sentinel and the Journal, erupted again on the editorial pages when Guy Smith, editor of the Knoxville Journal, published a piece entitled, "Gore Ripe for Retirement" along with another Charlie Daniel cartoon lampooning "Playboy Bass" in the House of Representative's payroll office. Smith gleefully wrote the News-Sentinel, "party organ of the Democrats locally and nationally," had cried the Journal had misrepresented the record of Senator Albert Gore. "We feel sorry for our more or less esteemed contemporary in its leaning tower of journalism," Smith wrote. In a collective of mock sympathy heavily larded with sarcasm, Guy Smith predicted the candidacies of Lyndon Johnson, Albert Gore and Ross Bass would be rejected by a great majority of East Tennesseans. Smith said what the News-Sentinel really objected to was the Journal telling the truth about Senator Gore's record. The rivalry between the Journal and the News-Sentinel would continue for years, just as did that of the two Nashville dailies, the Banner and the Tennessean.

As with every election, candidates, political operatives, and parties began forecasting sure victory for Election Day. In Chattanooga, Dan Kuykendall boasted he thought he would defeat Senator Albert Gore by 45,000 votes. Gore, in turn, accused Republicans of spreading the "usual rash of rumors" throughout the state.

There were only three days remaining before rumors and speculation would be washed away by a tide of actual votes.



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CAK freshman wins title in first district tourney



Malerie Taylor uses body language as she tries her best to will the ball into the cup on her final hole in the Division II tournament last week at Three Ridges. The CAK freshman won the Class A District 1 tourney with a round of 84.

By Steve Williams

Playing in her first-ever district tournament, freshman Malerie Taylor of Christian Academy of Knoxville overcame a quadruple-bogey to take top medalist honors in the Division II Class A District 1 golf tourney Tuesday.

Taylor shot an 84, but her nerves were tested after she scored a 39 on her first nine holes at Three Ridges.

The girls started their play on the course's back nine (holes 10 through 18).

Looking back on her round, Taylor said "definitely perseverance" was the key to her win, "because there were some holes out here that really got me."

Malerie lost four strokes to par on hole No. 1 and saw her score increase from three over par to

seven over.

"That was real discouraging," said Taylor, who felt she might have lost the tournament at that point.

Just before the quadruple-bogey, she said Coach (Donnie) Cooper had told her she 'should be in the No. 1 position.'

Taylor responded like a champion after her worst hole of the day by making three straight pars.

Malerie, now 14 years old, said she has been playing golf since she was "six or seven" and winning her first district tourney was "definitely a boost of confidence."

Taylor also credited her playing partner, Lilly Kate McKinney, with helping relieve her stress on the course.

McKinney also is a

freshman and plays for The King's Academy.

"I've known her since we were nine," said Malerie.

"I'm comfortable playing with her."

Taylor recalled McKinney's pep talk too after the quadruple-bogey.

"She said, 'Hey, you got this. Stay positive.'"

"Positivity is definitely one of my main things in golf," added Taylor. "I can't stay on negativity."

Taylor combined with Allie Cooper (95) to give CAK the girls' team title with a 179 score.

Webb (198) placed second as Palmer Sykes had a 91 and Lauren Turner a 107. Berean Christian (212) took third as Emery Fisher shot 90 and Madelyn Graboski 122.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL AT A GLANCE

WEEK 6 SCORES

Brainerd 60, A-E 0

CAK 48, Chatt. Christian 20

Heritage 29, Seymour 7

Karns 41, Campbell Co. 39

GCA 41, Silverdale 13

Webb 49, Notre Dame 9

West 55, HVA 0

Maryville 27, Farragut 3

McMinn Co. 42, Bearden 0

Rhea County 34, Gibbs 27

South-Doyle 27, Carter 11

FCA 27, TKA 21

WEEK 6 SCHEDULE

(Games start at 7:30 unless noted)

Thursday

HVA at Bearden, 7

Friday

Scott at Austin-East

Notre Dame at CAK

West at Clinton

Sevier Co. at Gibbs

Oak Ridge at Karns

MTCS at TKA

Morris. West at Carter

Maryville at Fulton

Webb at GCA

Campbell Co. at Powell

Farragut at Science Hill

Seymour at South-Doyle



Head Coach Mark Andrews (over the ball) gets the Baby Roadrunners ready for their game Tuesday night at John Tarleton Park

Defense and kicking game lead South-Doyle past Carter

By Steve Williams

South-Doyle can win in many ways and Friday night the Cherokees pretty much did it with defense and the kicking game.

In the Battle of John Sevier Highway, South-Doyle handed Region 2-5A rival Carter a 27-11 loss at Billy K. Nicely Stadium.

The Hornets may very well have woken up Saturday morning mad and sore. Fifteen times in the game, they were sacked or tackled for losses.

Defensive end Levi Herold was the Cherokees' leading tormentor with

six hits behind the line.

"I thought we played great defense," said South-Doyle Coach Clark Duncan. "I think Carter has a real good football team. We had three early turnovers that are uncharacteristic of us and we've got to eliminate those kinds of mistakes that kept the game closer than we would have liked."

"But we challenged them at half-time to come out and fight hard," added Duncan. "The first series was important, and we shut them out and went in and scored and that was big for us."

The win lifted South-Doyle to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in region play.

The Cherokees will play Seymour in their final home game of the season this Friday. It will be homecoming and Senior Night.

South-Doyle will then have an open date before finishing the regular season on the road at Halls, Central and Powell.

Carter, under new head coach Justin Pressley, is now 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the region. The Hornets will host Morristown West this week.

"We just made way too many

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West gives Brown 100th coaching win on homecoming

By Ken Lay

It was a night for mile-stones, streaks and celebration at West High School Friday.

First, the Rebels' defense kept a shutout streak intact. West High coach Lamar Brown won his 100th career game when the Rebels trounced Hardin Valley Academy 55-0 on an early fall night at Bill Wilson Field. And it was homecoming.

The Rebels wasted little time getting their offense in a groove and the defense, let's just say that West continued to be stingy. The Rebels have not surrendered an offensive score in their last four games.

Meanwhile, the offense continued to be a well-oiled machine as the Rebels (6-0) scored early and often against the hapless Hawks (0-6).

It took the Rebels just two plays from scrimmage and 39 seconds to get on the scoreboard Friday night

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A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Fulton looking forward to playing 'best of the best'

By Steve Williams

It would be the upset of the century.

How's that for some motivation?

If Fulton knocks off Maryville Friday night, it would be the first win by a Knox County high school football team over the Rebels since Sept. 15, 2000.

Halls defeated Maryville that night 21-14.

Since then, the Blount County powerhouse has recorded 104 wins in a row over Knox County teams. That includes last Friday's 27-3 win over Farragut.

Maryville is 5-0 this season.

Fulton will be waiting for Maryville at Bob Black Field.

The Falcons have won two games in a row (over Austin-East and Karns) after losing their first three on the road (at South-Doyle, Central and Powell).

Fulton should be well rested, after having an open date in Week 6.

Falcons Coach Rob Black addressed the game with Maryville after his team defeated Karns 47-7 on Sept. 18.

"We're playing the best of the best in our next football game," he said. "We've just got to go into



PHOTO BY CASSIE VAUGHN / FUL.COM

Fulton head coach Rob Black shouts out a message from the sidelines during the Falcons' win over Karns on Sept. 18. Fulton will be hosting the state's top-rated team this Friday night.

it and compete. I want to compete every time we line up and I want to compete every day in practice. And that's what it's all about.

"We've never ran from anybody scheduling. We schedule a tough schedule. I think you've got to play the best to get better. And that will be a really good measuring stick to tell us where we are at right now."

What will the Falcons' mindset be for the Maryville game?

"Our guys will be excited to play Maryville," answered Coach Black. "We won't be intimidated at all. We'll have a ton of respect for them as

coaches and as players. But now we'll go in there to compete and try to win. That's what I like about this team. They've shown me they are competitors."

Last Thursday, Black said the two offensive starters that were unavailable for the Karns game should be back this week.

"We had a good week of practice (prior to open date). I felt like our guys were engaged and continued to work towards getting better.

"I know our players are excited to have the opportunity to compete against Maryville. We have a ton of respect for their football program and look forward to playing them."

HOPING TO PLAY: Halls Coach Scott Cummings told The Focus on Sept. 20 that Halls is going to try and work with Central to make up their game on Oct. 16 during fall break, but that has not yet been decided on.

The game was originally scheduled for this Friday (Oct. 2), but the Halls team is sidelined for COVID-19 concern.

The Central at Carter game has been moved up to Oct. 9, leaving Central with an open date for Oct.

16.

SCHOOL RECORD: Junior quarterback Dawson Moore set a Farragut single-game school record with his six touchdown passes in the Admirals' 45-14 win over Morristown West on Sept. 18.

SHORT HANDED: Gibbs would be minus eight starters for its game at Rhea County last Friday, according to Coach Brad Turner. Gibbs lost the game 34-27.

STREAK SNAPPED: Powell's 34-18 win over Central in Week 5 snapped the Bobcats' 10-game win streak.

POWER RATINGS: Maryville remained the state's top-rated high school football team in the state through Week 5 games in the Sonny Moore Power Ratings.

The Rebels have a 154.69 rating. Also in the Top 5 are No. 2 Oakland (154.56), No. 3 Dobyns-Bennett (154.34), No. 4 McCallie (153.40) and No. 5 Alcoa (150.24).

Top-rated teams in The Focus' coverage area are No. 10 West (144.99), No. 11 Powell (144.92) and No. 18 Farragut (141.09).

Bearden's offensive woes continue

Shinlever: "We've been here before"

By Bill Howard

Heading into Friday night's home game against McMinn County, the Bearden Bulldogs had difficulty scoring points in their previous three games, averaging a mere nine. The visiting Cherokees, meanwhile, had put up prodigious offensive numbers, averaging more than 48 points in their four games.

Against each other, both those trends continued, as McMinn Co. built a 21-0 halftime lead, then duplicated their performance in the second half for a 42-0 win. For the entire game, the Bulldogs had a mere 85 yards total offense on 31 plays. More than half of their yardage came on their final drive.

"A little of both," answered Bulldogs' head coach Morgan Shinlever, when asked if his team's offensive struggles were due more to his offense or the Cherokee defense. "Their defensive line is awfully good. They got some guys up front who can really play. Offensively, we're still trying to find ourselves, still trying to figure out what we can do the best and do it consistently."

Bearden stuffed McMinn on the game's opening drive, but then gave the ball right back with a punt. The Cherokees then drove 48 yards on six plays to take a 7-0 lead. The score came when tight end Will Harris

plowed in from the two.

Harris scored again, this time from the one with 11:55 left in the second, on McMinn's next drive. On the second play, workhorse running back Jalen Hunt broke a 63-yard run to Bearden's 22. For the game, Hunt carried 26 times for 165 yards and a touchdown.

"He's a really good ball payer and I'm glad we're not gonna have to tackle him next year," said Shinlever.

After another Bulldog punt, McMinn was back in business on its own 10. Almost nine minutes and 18 plays later, the score was 21-0 when quarterback Jayden Miller hit Jalan James for a 20-yard touchdown.

"(They're a) physical team, strong team, an experienced team, and they exploited some weaknesses we had and they capitalized on opportunities," Shinlever said

The one thing Bearden didn't need to do was help the Cherokees out, but they did precisely that on McMinn's first possession of the second half. On fourth and four from Bearden's 38, Hunt was held to a two-yard gain, and the ball went over on downs to the 'Dogs.

Except it didn't. A face-mask penalty on Bearden gave the ball back to McMinn, and they scored three plays later on a 10-yard keeper by Miller with 7:38 left in the third. The 28-0

lead would be way more than enough.

"We had that face mask penalty after halftime," said Shinlever. "I couldn't get a real good look from it. I felt like it was rather late. That was a bit of a backbreaker."

The non-region loss leaves the Bulldogs at 0-4, but Shinlever thinks the season is long from over.

"We've been here before," he said. "Our guys understand what it takes to be successful. We were 0-5 starting the season off last year, then made a really good run in the region and won a playoff game. So, our kids have gotta understand that we're capable of doing that."

"No one who competes likes being where we are," he went on. "Overcoming adversity is part of the game, it's part of life. So once we get used to doing that, we're gonna be ok."

Bearden's next chance to get in the win column will be this Thursday night when the Bulldogs host Hardin Valley. The Rivalry Thursday game will be broadcast on WVLT. The Hawks are also looking for their first win.

"I'd say it's a good matchup," said Shinlever. "Both programs are west Knoxville schools that are close to each other. A lot of the kids know each other. It's a Rivalry Thursday game so it should be pretty exciting to see. Last year it went down the last couple minutes (won by Bearden, 34-28) so it should be a really good game."

Karns runs past Campbell County 41-39

By Mark Nagi

If you like offensive football in which you run the football early and often, last Thursday's Karns/Campbell County game was the game for you.

Beavers running back Desean Bishop scampered for 327 yards and six touchdowns, as Karns edged Campbell County 41-39.

"All wins are important and fun, and it means a lot," said Karns head coach Brad Taylor. "I was thinking that what was the most fun was that our kids believed in themselves and fought for their teammates. They kept competing."

The Beavers got off to a terrific start, scoring on their opening drive. Bishop took the direct snap, then ran 42 yards down to the Campbell County 11-yard line. Two plays later, Bishop ran it in from five yards out. The game was only three minutes old, and Karns was up 7-0.

"We knew we'd have to do some Wildcat stuff but didn't think we'd use it for all but two series," said Taylor. "But it was working, and we kept on giving it to Deshaun."

Campbell County (3-3, 0-2 in Region 3-5A) tried to punt the football back after a quick three and out. Thomas Johnson fumbled the snap and was knocked down by Cameron Glenn at the Cougars six-yard line. Two plays later, Bishop ran it in from the two, and it was 14-0 Karns.

The Cougars responded with a five-yard C.J. Allen touchdown run, making it a 14-7 game with 2:40 to go in the first quarter.

But the Karns (1-4, 1-3 in Region 3-5A) offense was on cruise control early in this game. Bishop took the handoff on the first play after the ensuing kickoff and coasted 70 yards for his third touchdown of the night, and it was 21-7 Karns. It was such an east score he was able to give teammate Adarion Patton a high five at the 15-yard line before crossing the goal-line.

The second quarter started with a Cougars touchdown. Then came an interception by Campbell County's Gavin Newman at the Karns 40. The Beavers defense held and forced a punt, but then gave the football right back when a fourth down gamble didn't result in a first down.

Campbell County took advantage. From the 25, Hunter White found Makyle Shepard wide open at the

Karns 10 on fourth down. Shepard broke a tackle and dove into the end zone, making it 21-19 midway through the second quarter.

Parker Birchfield returned the kickoff 50 yards to the Campbell County 26. Karns knew what to do. Bishop took the direct snap, ran around the right side untouched for the touchdown, and it was 28-19 Karns. That would be the score at intermission.

A short touchdown run by Allen pulled Campbell County within two points midway through the third quarter, 28-26.

Then Karns punched right back. Bishop scored his fifth touchdown of the game, running to the left side from 17 yards out, and it was 34-26.

A 70-yard sprint to the end zone by C.J. Allen made it 34-32 with 2:25 to go in the third quarter. Allen ran for over 200 yards and scored four touchdowns.

Now in the fourth quarter, a face mask flag on Campbell County extended a drive. That drive ended in the end zone after Bishop ran up the middle for a 22-yard touchdown, his sixth of the game.

"He's a strong kid," said Taylor. "He is naturally strong for his age and he has speed. He's played a lot of football and has vision. He's special."

Karns increased their cushion, and it was 41-32 lead with 7:22 to go. The defense held, and that allowed Karns to bleed the clock for a couple of minutes. Still, the Beavers got into the end zone again with 1:37 left, pulling them within two points.

Karns would recover the onside kick. They'd punt the football back to Campbell County. The Cougars took possession on their own 20 with 1:03 to go. The Beavers wouldn't allow the Cougars to get past the 40-yard line, and Karns had their first victory of the season.

"It was a fun football game," said Taylor. "When they had the ball last, I thought, 'I hope we can finish.'"

The win came six nights after a 47-7 loss to Fulton.

"None of us had a good week," said Taylor. "Last week we stunk, and they took on that challenge. They executed much better. For four quarters we never doubted ourselves."

The Beavers hope to continue their winning ways on Friday night when they host Oak Ridge.

McGill scores three touchdowns for Maryville

By David Klein

Despite a slow start on offense, the Maryville Rebels used two quick touchdown runs by Parker McGill in less than three minutes in the third quarter to break open a 14-3 halftime lead. McGill scored on a 66-yard touchdown run and a 46-yard touchdown run as Maryville went on to beat the Admirals at home 27-3. With the win, Maryville improved to 5-0 as it travels to Fulton next week.

"He's a really fast kid," Maryville head coach Derek Hunt said of McGill. "Parker's a really good player. Offensive line did a great job

on both of those plays giving him a lane to run through. When he sees the alley, he hits it."

McGill rushed for 161 yards on 12 carries and ran for three touchdowns. He started the scoring on a 2-yard touchdown run with 5:16 left in the first quarter. The Rebels' first offensive possession was aided by two pass interference penalties on the Admirals and a roughing the kicker penalty on a punt that gave the ball back to the Rebels.

Farragut struggled mightily to move the ball and the Admirals' offensive problems started on their first

drive. Cornerback DJ Burks intercepted a pass to give the Rebels a 1st and 10 at their own 23-yard line. However, Maryville was not able to move the ball as a fumbled quarterback snap led to Maryville getting stuck deep in its own territory.

After a Maryville punt, Farragut had a good opportunity with good field position. Burks had other ideas though, as he made his second interception off of a tipped ball.

"We wanted to take the passing game away," Burks said. "They just ended up throwing the ball my way and I made a few plays. I thought

defense played really well, just to give up three points."

Maryville could not do anything with the interception though. Rebels' quarterback Carson Jones fumbled the ball while running, and the Admirals took over. They put together their best drive of the night as Reese Keeney kicked a 36-yard field goal to cut Maryville's lead to 7-3 with 2:12 left in the first half.

The Rebels drove right back. On a fourth down from the Rebels' 47-yard line, Jones picked up the first down. A pass interference penalty on the Admirals, their third of the first

half, gave Maryville another first down. With five seconds left in the half, Jones passed to Markel Fortenberry for an 11-yard touchdown. With the extra point, Maryville led 14-3 at halftime.

Farragut started the second half well and drove the ball into Maryville territory, but Admiral running back Eli Purcell fumbled to give the Rebels the football. That set the stage for McGill's third quarter highlights as he ran for a 66-yard touchdown one play later. Two minutes and 39 seconds later, McGill ran for this third touchdown, a 46-yard scamper. Maryville had taken the

wind out of the Admirals' sails in under three minutes.

"We were trying to find a way to run the football," Hunt said of the Rebels. "First half they (Farragut) were committing a lot of guys in the box to make it hard for us to run the ball. We made some adjustments at halftime."

"We've got to continue to improve," Hunt continued. "I still don't think that we're at our potential. This team's got lot more room to grow so hopefully we'll continue to work and get better."

Farragut plays at Science Hill while Maryville travels to Fulton Friday.

A Year of Comebacks

It was a comeback to beat all comebacks in a season of comebacks and close games. Tennessee spotted archrival



By Tom Mattingly

Vanderbilt a 28-3 lead in the second quarter in the 1987 regular season finale, as the Commodores scored on their first four possessions. Yet, somehow, some way, the Vols rallied to win, 38-36. It wasn't easy, but nothing came easy that season. Reggie Cobb ran for 140 yards, and Jeff Francis kept the ship afloat just long enough to secure the victory. Harry Galbreath was a tower of strength up front, winning the Jacobs Trophy as the SEC's best blocker. William Howard provided a great deal of the leadership to help make his senior year his best. He had better stats in 1986 and always seemed to be in John Majors' doghouse. That all changed in 1987. The No. 14 Vols had engineered all kinds of comebacks throughout the year, rallying for wins against Iowa, Kentucky, and in the Peach Bowl against Indiana. There was also a last-minute rally for a tie against Auburn. These Vols lived dangerously and somehow were still standing when the season ended

with a 10-2-1 record, the first 10-win season since 1972. The 1987 campaign saw the Vols recover from a 7-5 worksheet a year earlier. The Vols were 2-5 before a five-game winning streak, including a 21-14 triumph over Minnesota in the Liberty Bowl. Phil Reich kicked the game-winner against Iowa at the Meadowlands in something called the "Kick-off Classic." He was awarded a scholarship not long after the game. The winning field goal came in the final seconds and was led by three walk-ons, center Nick Zecchino from Cedar Grove, N.J., holder Lee England of Gallatin, and Reich of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The idea of snap, spot, and kick may seem simple, but it always looks easier when somebody else does it. The Vols tied Auburn when Cobb scored at the south end with 1:20 left. The Vols had trailed 20-10 with about seven minutes to play, but Francis rallied the Vols. The result to was a deadlock that satisfied no one on either side. The Vols had a frustrating loss to Alabama, 41-22, at Legion Field and lost a close one at Boston College, 20-18, the only game the cat didn't jump in the Vols' favor when things were tight late in the game. At Kentucky, the Vols led 24-20, but the Wildcats were marching for the

winning score, when Mike Whitehead, previously buried deep on the depth chart, stopped Mark Higgs at the goal line on fourth and goal from inside the Tennessee 1. He was an unlikely hero. The News Sentinel's Jimmy Hyams noted that Whitehead had not had a media interview since October 1985 during Florida game week. John Ward had the call for the Vol Network. "Tennessee lines up in an 8-man line. Kentucky hands off, Higgs. No! He did not make it! He did not make it! He was met! He was stopped! Michael Whitehead at the bottom of the stack. It wasn't even close." The Vols had one final comeback up their collective sleeves in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, one of the few times the Vols have played on a combination football-baseball field. That was the day Indiana fans got their sports mixed up. At the end of the first half, Reich had a shot at a field goal, but the kick missed badly. The cry from the Indiana faithful came quickly: "Air ball, air ball!" That was a neat touch. Those Hoosiers love their hoops. Francis led another desperation drive late in the fourth quarter when the Vols trailed 22-21. Offensive guard John Bruhin had told Francis it was going



Tennessee quarterback Jeff Francis (19) looks for a receiver in the Peach Bowl win over Indiana, one of a number of comebacks that highlighted the 1987 season.

to happen. The Vols were going to take the ball down the field and score. And that happened. For some reason, no one, fans or media, seems to remember this season as one of the Vols' better efforts. It isn't as revered

as the 1967, 1970, or 1985 campaigns, among others, perhaps, but it did confirm that you have to play the full 60 minutes against the Vols. As long as there was hope (and time on the clock), there was life. This team had great resilience.

The best memory was, without a doubt, overcoming the 25-point deficit to steal the Vanderbilt game. The Vols stuck with the game plan and got a break or two to bring home an improbable victory in an improbable season.

Young Lady Hawks salvage tie against Maryville 1-1

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy's girls soccer team was supposed to be enduring a rebuilding year in 2020. But the Lady Hawks got a chance to play for the District 4-AAA regular-season championship at home late last week. The Lady Hawks came up a bit short of achieving that goal but they played Maryville to a 1-1 draw on a rainy Thursday night at HVA. Hardin Valley, a team that had success on the pitch since its inception, has lost 19 seniors over the last two years and coach Jessie Stephens appreciated her team's effort against the Lady Rebels (6-1-1 overall, 4-0 in District 4-AAA). "Last year, we graduated 10 seniors, and we graduated nine after my first year, so in two years, we've lost 19 upperclassmen," Stephens said. "So this young team, coming in here, we've really worked on just trying to mentally be able to stay in everything and play our game of soccer. "I think overall, the season for us has been a process, like building from where we were and constantly taking the field and trying to make sure we get better with each game. You've got two teams here that have had success in past years, both trying to maneuver with some new faces. But, I think overall the focus is on us and what we're building here." The Lady Hawks (4-4-3, 3-0-2) scored first against the Lady Rebels when Nora Jacomen, a forward tallied, in the 22nd minute. Jacomen was happy just

to get the chance to play for a district title. "I'm just happy that we've gotten this far," she said. "Every day and every time you get a phone call, you're afraid that it's going to be that someone has tested positive for (COVID-19), and then we'll all have to quarantine." Maryville pulled even in the 24th minute when Tyler Hoag scored. Lady Rebels' coach Steve Feather said he knows that his side will see Hardin Valley again in the District 4-AAA Tournament Championship match and noted that the game will be much the same as the one contested Thursday night. "We'll see them again and when we do, it will be a battle," Feather said. The Lady Rebels will host the Lady Hawks in the tournament championship game and that game will be on natural grass. "Coach Stephens has done a great job and we'll see them again, and when we see them again, it will be on grass, so hopefully, we will be a soccer game and not a ping pong match." Both Maryville and HVA had problems with the ball skipping on the wet turf. "No one loves wet, rainy nights on turf like this, and the temperature dropping, bottoming out on us," Stephens said. "It's always an adjustment, but you try to do the best you can. "I think it showed with both teams, the balls skipping on them and bouncing on them with the weather. We couldn't get as much control as we would've liked."

Patience pays off for Berean's Hayes in Division II golf

By Steve Williams

Cooper Hayes of Berean Christian School said "staying patient definitely" was the key to his victory in the Division II Class A District 1 golf tournament Tuesday at Three Ridges. "I had a bogey on the first hole and was expecting to make a birdie on the par 5 second hole, but I didn't. I was one over through six." The talented senior and Lipscomb University commitment, however, had the experience and poise to overcome his "slow start" and finish with a two under par 70 to edge Christian Academy of Knoxville's Jackson Hughey by one shot for the district championship. "I've been working very hard for this tournament,"



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Berean Christian senior Cooper Hayes notched his second district golf title in his prep career last week. He hopes to add another region crown and qualify for his third TSSAA state tournament berth in October.

said Hayes prior to the awards ceremony. "I had to let the round come to

me and I made the putts I had to coming down the stretch." Cooper, in fact, said he carded birdies on six of his last 12 holes. Hayes, Berean's only participant in the boys' field, got his round going in the right direction with a birdie on the par 5 seventh hole. He knocked in 20-footers on holes nine and 14 and also birdied the par 5 No. 12 hole. "It was a boost seeing that I can win even when not getting off to a good start," said Hayes. "My iron accuracy today was probably better than anytime this year." Cooper lives in Strawberry Plains and has attended Berean Christian all through high school.

Berean didn't have a golf team until his junior year, so he played on Carter High's team as a freshman and sophomore in the TSSAA's co-op program. Hayes won the district as a freshman and the region as a sophomore. He also qualified for the TSSAA state tournament his sophomore and junior seasons. "This year I'm looking to win the region and move on to the state, and hopefully win the state," he said. CAK captured the boys' team championship with a 295 total. In addition to Hughey's one-under 71, the Warriors got a 72 from Kaleb Wilson, a 73 from John Meadows and a 79 from Benjamin Johnston. Webb School came in

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The Golden Bears and the Playoffs, Part 1: The Coaches

By Tom Heck

In the spring of 1970 the legend DM Miller visited Austin-East and convinced Bob Polston to come to Rule High to lead the football program. Coach Polston had built East High (Austin-East) into one of the leading football programs in East Tennessee. Coach Miller stunned the KIL by getting Coach Polston to move across town to lead the Bears.

The Golden Bears under Polston's leadership would set the standard for Knoxville playoff football through the 70s and 80s. Rule would be the first KIL School to make more than one trip to the playoffs and, between 1973 and 1987, would earn six trips to the playoffs. The Golden Bears would not suffer a losing season from 1970 to 1988.

Coach Polston would lead the Golden Bears the playoffs in 1973, 1974 and 1976. That

excludes the 1971 season where 10 and 0 did not meet the point system requirements for the playoffs and the Golden Bears would stay home while arch rival Maryville would advance to the playoffs.

Coach Polston's staff included Bill (Moose) Barbish, Don Ward, Joel Helton, Tommy Cannon, Ray Smith, Ernie Greeno, Greg Bell and Bill Swaggerty. Bob's football program was player oriented. Don Ward and Joel Helton always told me stories of how Coach Polston insisted that the coaches were father figures to the players. Any Golden Bear can tell you that discipline was a key factor in the program on the field, in the locker room, in the classroom or in the community. I see former players today who tell me the life lessons they learned while wearing the Blue and Gold.

In 1979 Coach Polston decided to retire from coaching and

become an administrator. Principal Willard Brown hired Don Ward to succeed Coach Polston. Coach Ward would continue Coach Polston's disciplined approach and would lead the Golden Bears to the playoffs in 1980, 1985 and 1987.

Coach Ward had Joel Helton, Ray Smith, Tommy Cook, David White and Bill Swaggerty on his staff. Two younger coaches joined the staff in the early 80s: Steve Turpin, who had played for Coach Polston in 1970s, and John Anderson, a member of the iconic coaching Anderson family. In 1984 Don made the mistake of adding me to his staff.

With the passing of DM Miller this year, I drove by the ghost town that is Rule High School. The feeling of pride and strength is still there with the memories of the wonderful people who spent blood, sweat and tears as part of Rule football. Opposing

coaches asked me how did we get our kids to play so hard. I explained that if a player walked on the hill at Rule to practice he either became a hitter or he did not come back.

As a Golden Bear I cannot explain the special feeling the Rule connection creates. DM Miller, Bob Polston, Moose Barbish, Don Ward and all the others created a community of respect, pride and love that helped carry thousands of Golden Bears through their lives. When Coach Ward hired me one of the first things I noticed was that many of his players did not call him "Coach," but called him

"Dad." That speaks to the culture that Coach Polston and Coach Ward built.

Fulton and Rule were bitter rivals, but Coach Rob Black and Coach Jody Wright have agreed that a Rule football reunion is needed.

The Falcons will host a reunion of the Golden Bears on October 9 before their game with Clinton.

The Falcons will honor the Golden Bears on the field at halftime.

All former players and supporters are encouraged to come and celebrate the Rule High Golden Bears!



HVA freshman turns in impressive time in cross country

By Steve Williams

A freshman is turning heads on the local high school girls' cross country scene.

Maddie Archdale of Hardin Valley Academy ran off and left the field in one of the Metro Knoxville Cross Country Coaches Association's series of "smaller meets" on Sept. 19 at the Knoxville Livestock Center #2 event.

Archdale posted a time of 19 minutes, 38 seconds over the 5,000-meter distance.

Farragut junior Lexi Foley improved second in 20:41.

Archdale's time also was 17 seconds faster than her 19:55.01 in the Knoxville Livestock Center Fall Classic on Sept. 5.

In the boys' race, HVA junior standout Kaden Keller prevailed in 16:46.

Trevor Coggin, Farragut sophomore, was runner-up with a time of 16:50.

Region 2 Large Class golf tourney is today

The Region 2 Large Class high school golf tournament will be today (Sept. 28) at WindRiver Golf Club in Lenoir City, starting at 9 o'clock this morning.

Farragut's District 4 champion boys and girls teams will be in the field along with District 4 medalists Carson Kamman of West and Lexanne Halama of Farragut.

Representatives from District 3 include medalists Jack



Leach of Campbell County and Clinton's Riley Scarborough. Leach shot a 74 at Ruggles Ferry, while Scarborough posted a 90.

Campbell County's boys won the team championship, with Anderson County placing second and Union County third.

Campbell County's girls also prevailed, while AC was runner-up and Oak Ridge third.

Halls, a traditional power in District 3, did not get to participate in this year's district due to the school's athletics program being shut down for COVID-19 reasons.

L&N STEM qualifies for region golf

Gunner Gladwin and Ian Hawkins led L&N STEM Academy boys to third place in the District 3 Small Class golf tournament at Egwani Farms and a berth in the region.

Gladwin shot a 90 and Hawkins a 96. Other members of the team are Charlie Dorsett and Blaine Atkins.

Alcoa took first place behind medalist Bryce Barner, who carded an 82. Gatlinburg-Pittman finished second.

Greenback won the girls'



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Halls cheerleaders, ages 6, 7 and 8, cheer for the 8U Halls football team in its game against Powell Tuesday night at John Tarleton Park. The Knox Metro Youth Football League began its 2020 season on Sept. 12.

team title and Northview Academy's Campbell Penland was medalist with a 78.

L&N, led by Elizabeth Moody's 95, came in fourth.

Oak Ridge wraps up district volleyball title

Oak Ridge and host Bearden matched up last Thursday in a battle between the top two teams in District 4-AAA. The Lady Wildcats prevailed in three sets to clinch the regular season championship.

"We had another good district win tonight," said Oak Ridge Head Coach David Kolodney. "Bearden gave us a good run and it was a nice quick paced match."

The Lady Bulldogs kept it close in the first two sets, but Oak Ridge was able to finish strong to win them both, and Bearden was never able to recover in the third.

Oak Ridge (10-0 in district and 14-2 overall) added a

game tonight (Sept. 28) at Concord Christian to fill the open date left by the Halls (COVID forfeit).

Oak Ridge will close out the regular season this week with home matches against Farragut and Karns on Senior Night Wednesday.

Bearden sweeps Farragut in MAC showdown

Bearden took over sole possession of first place in the MAC standings in the junior varsity and varsity divisions of the Middle School Age Conference with a sweep of visiting Farragut last Thursday night.

Bearden shut out Farragut 6-0 in the JV game to improve to 5-0, while Farragut suffered its first loss after five wins.

In the varsity matchup, Bearden (5-0) rolled to a 23-12 win over Farragut, which slipped to 4-2 with the loss.

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second with a 318 total. Reece Britt, who has verbally committed to Austin Peay State, led the Spartans with a 73. Eli Mayes had a 76 for a strong 1-2 punch. Sam King added an 84 and Tate Woodruff an 85.

First Baptist Academy (344) claimed third place as both Ethan Whitaker and Cooper Roberts shot

76. FBA also got 91 from Isaac Roach and 101 from Logan McPherron.

Grace Christian Academy (349) didn't advance as a team but had three players qualify for the regional - Spencer Myers 82, Michael Human 87 and William Paul 89.

The Class A East Region tournament will be held at Bear Trace at Harrison Bay in Chattanooga on Oct. 6.

CAK freshman wins title in first district tourney

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Lakeway Christian (234) came in fourth and Grace Christian (242) fifth.

The top three teams advance to the Class A East Region tournament plus the top five individuals not on the top three teams.

Individual qualifiers were McKinney of TKA (90), Abigail Kelley of GCA (109), Natalie Long of LCA (111), Lillie Inman of LCA (123) and Chloe Bash of GCA (133).

Bear Trace at Harrison Bay in Chattanooga will be the site of the Class A East Region on Oct. 6.

West gives Brown 100th coaching win on homecoming

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as Tre'von Barfield scored on a 59-yard scamper and sophomore Tyler Siebe added the extra point to give the Rebels a 7-0 lead with 11 minutes, 21 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Defensively, West, the 2020 Class 5A semifinalist, had five interceptions and recovered a fumble in the contest. Furthermore, the Hawks made it past midfield just once before halftime.

The Rebels extended their advantage to 14-0 when Jai Hundley, a sophomore running back scored on a 20-yard scamper with 4:53 left in the opening frame. Barfield added a 65-yard scoring run a short time later to make the score 20-0.

The Rebels closed out the first-quarter scoring when quarterback Baker Dance threw a 29-yard strike to R.J. Brooks at the 2:11 mark, and when the dust had settled the Rebels had a 27-0 lead.

Dance threw for 145 yards and three touchdowns while Barfield had 137 rushing yards and two TDs on just four carries.

West, despite all this success that it has

enjoyed over the past two seasons, doesn't take any opponent lightly.

"We had a great week of practice. The kids came in and they worked hard," Brown said. "This was probably the best week of practice that we had all year."

"The kids really seem to come in and want to get better every week. They want to do that and they take it seriously."

West added three more touchdowns in the second stanza as Cayden Latham had a touchdown run and Dance threw a pair of scoring strikes to Latham and Armoni Hicks to make it 48-0.

Latham's third-quarter touchdown run closed on the scoring as the second half was played with a running clock.

On picking up his 100th career victory, Brown said "This just means that I've been doing this a long time. I've been blessed with great players and great coaching staffs. They all work their butts off. God has blessed me and sometimes, I just try to stay out of the way."

Prior to coming to Knoxville, Brown coached at Morristown West.

Defense and kicking game lead South-Doyle past Carter

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mistakes," said Coach Pressley. "I think we had them on the ropes early. Defensively, we played a really good game, but we made too many mistakes on offense to pick our defense up."

"We've got a lot of things to work on," added Pressley. "They are a really good team. We've got to get better, if we're going to get through the stretch of the season we've got coming up."

If there's anything South-Doyle needs to keep working on, it's probably ball security.

A number of turnovers contributed to the Hornets' only loss of the season at Grace Christian in Week 2 and they started the Carter game by losing the ball on the opening kickoff.

But the Hornets couldn't capitalize. Tavian Goodwin dropped Carter quarterback

Chandler Wilson for a four-yard loss on fourth and 13 at the S-D 37 to set the tone for the evening.

Senior place-kicker Ewan Johnson also was a major weapon for South-Doyle as he kicked two 41-yard field goals and all six of his kick-offs in the game went into the end zone or beyond, forcing Carter's offense to start at its 20-yard line each time.

South-Doyle had no shortage of defensive standouts.

Trailing 3-0, Carter's Asante Burton picked off South-Doyle QB Nick Martin's pass and returned it all the way to the Hornets' 18-yard line late in first quarter to give the Hornets some momentum and a huge scoring opportunity.

But Almarion Greer broke up a first down pass at the goal line and Noah Myers sacked Wilson on third and eight. The Hornets settled for a 40-yard FG by Boone Felts on the first play of the

second quarter.

Defensive pass interference by Carter had S-D knocking on the door inside the final minute of the half. The Cherokees cashed in. Shawn Gary, who has emerged as one of the top running backs on the local scene this season, found a crease in the middle of the Hornet line and scored from the 4. Johnson tacked on the first of three PATs and it was 13-3.

With good field position in the second half, S-D drove 58 yards in eight plays. Martin made a great fake to Gary and scored on a 5-yard keeper and it was 20-3 midway into the third quarter.

After a 15-yard facemask penalty on the Hornets gave S-D a first down at the Carter 29. Martin connected with Terrell Brown in the left corner of the end zone to extend the lead to 27-3.

Johnson showed he could punt too with a 44-yarder

and he added a 53-yarder late in the game.

Wilson completed four passes and S-D was flagged for pass interference on another in a 13-play, 71-yard scoring drive by the Hornets. Max Bailey caught the first two for 22 yards and Colby Reynolds snagged a pair, including Wilson's 3-yard fade pass into the end zone that gave Carter its only touchdown.

Carter also executed a 2-point conversion when Wilson flipped the ball to Lane Miller, who passed to a wide open Reynolds, reducing South-Doyle's advantage to 16 points with 3:23 remaining.

Miller also recovered Carter's onside kick. The Hornets picked up one first down, but the Cherokees said that was enough with two more tackles for loss.

Myers and Curtis Young broke up a fourth down pass by Sam Watson with a minute to go.



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Stress Tests

“Our world is not divided by race, color, gender or religion. Our world is divided into wise people and fools. And fools divide themselves by race, color, gender or religion.”

Nelson Mandela

These days we hear a lot about divisiveness and especially the generational characteristics of millennials. I have written about generational typology and recommended the book “Generations” by Strauss and Howe. Time marches on and my generation of baby boomers has become “seasoned citizens,” a moniker previously associated with my Mother’s greatest generation.

My generation is now in their mid-50s to mid-70s. Hardly a week goes by that someone I know in the boomer cohort develops cancer, dementia or cardiovascular disease. Donald Trump, born in 1946, is a baby boomer. Technically, Joe Biden is not, since he was born in 1943. The

president is said to be a healthy septuagenarian. Joe Biden is not, having survived brain aneurysm rupture and aneurysm surgery twice. Biden also has atrial fibrillation which increases the risk of strokes.

I believe that one’s health is relative to their age and cohort. As I approach 70 years old my stamina is less and every ache raises the specter of some sinister process. An aphorism of medicine (Bayes Theorem) holds that the prevalence of a disease is dependent upon the population studied. A millennial with chest pain would probably not be evaluated with an exercise stress test, whereas a baby boomer almost certainly would.

Cardiac stress tests are commonly used procedures. The theory is that an exercising heart muscle requires more oxygen and energy which is delivered by increasing blood flow. If the coronary artery blood supply is limited by arterial blockages, a doctor may

be able to detect and quantify reduced flow by an EKG and a doctor’s clinical assessment of the patient’s performance. The stress test can also be augmented with various scanning procedures to improve the diagnostic sensitivity and specificity of the procedure.

For decades I have tried to teach young doctors to pay careful attention to the complaints of their patients, as these offer the best clues to a diagnosis. And I’ve been known to quip that they should pay attention because someday they will acquire similar maladies. However, to a certain extent, this is a lesson that cannot be taught, only experienced.

America is experiencing heartache and is undergoing stress tests. Our country has been stressed before. Notable examples include the Civil War and the Great Depression. I believe 2020 is a unique period of Constitutional and national stress. If you are not stressed by the looming November 3rd election, I believe you are disconnected from reality. However, history teaches us that people don’t pay attention or are often self-absorbed. Surprisingly, only one third of Americans supported the Revolutionary War, while one third of colonists supported the British and one third sat on the sidelines, disconnected. In our current crisis, I have no doubt where Antifa, Marxist BLM, looters and rioters

stand.

There are many stressors in this time of crisis. The pandemic and the scientist recommended shut-down of the economy have caused unmeasurable damage beyond the 200,000 American deaths and financial ruin of millions. As a somewhat trite example, sports without spectators/fans have been ruined for me. Watching the Stanley Cup finals in an empty arena in Edmonton Canada is ridiculous. I realize the demise of sports is a relatively small thing, but “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” is gone. A friend sent me a poignant observation of the politicization of sport: “Last night was a sad night for baseball. A cardboard fan got hit in the head with a foul ball and later died at the hospital of COVID-19.” I won’t miss the fan element in the NBA and NFL. Their politics have led me to boycott them.

With all the vitriol, the riots and looting, the irrational hatred of Trump and the police, many have been distracted from China’s stress on our country and the world. The Chinese Communists are ruthless and their push for hegemony endangers the world. They are not our friends despite what Joe and Hunter Biden maintain. The Chinese government infected the world with the Wuhan virus, while protecting their own Chinese cities. Trump opposes the “free trade” philosophy of the Chamber of

Commerce boys and multinational capitalists like Apple and Amazon, which made China rich and powerful. So-called free trade shipped American jobs offshore while reaping windfall profits for these multinational corporations. Trump favors “fair trade” policies for America and has pushed this notion despite the ire of nearly everyone in Washington.

I read a paper recently which challenged my notion of Trump hatred as the driving force for leftists and Democrats. The author posits fear as perhaps an equally important motivator. Trump scares the deep state and the Washington establishment. The tech sector giants like Twitter, Facebook and Google fear deregulation by Trump analogous to the historical break-up of Ma Bell. The tech industry has a dangerous monopoly on the flow of information and consequently on American lives.

I have a voice at The Focus which allows me to ventilate. But what can John Q. Public do to resist the insanity and deal with the stress of being marginalized by Washington and manipulated by the corrupt media? My solution is a simple and respectful push-back phrase to challenge bullies you encounter spouting Democrat Progressive Socialist (DPS) talking points. When the bully says Trump is this or that, simply turn it around and

say, “Respectfully, I don’t accept your premise.” You’ll be amazed to see confusion when DSPs are challenged to provide facts for their statements without resorting to personal (ad hominem) attacks. I have encountered people who still espouse the Michael Brown “Hands up; don’t shoot” lie. It NEVER happened. And despite what Joe Biden reads from his teleprompter, Trump NEVER said Charlottesville skinheads were good people or soldiers killed in action were losers.

Stress is unhealthy, and I don’t think ours will subside anytime soon, especially with the looming SCOTUS replacement debate. I feel for anyone Trump nominates after watching the Kavanaugh hearings. The Democrats have a history of savagery; Clarence Thomas described his confirmation hearing as a “high-tech lynching” of a black man.

Whatever happens, be in prayer for the conservative woman who will apparently have to endure the Democrat gauntlet as demanded by their rabid base. Perhaps she will be spared this humiliation and agony if Lindsey Graham and Mitch McConnell follow the Constitution instead of the preening, self-righteous Senate traditions. But don’t hold your breath.

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Jesus’ Influence on Art

For the past few months, I have been commenting on the influence and impact Jesus left on the world. Another way Jesus left a lasting influence or legacy was in the imagination of artists. Art is the language of inspiration. When we delight in the beauty of art, we are taking a step closer to God.

Professor Jaroslav Pelikan said: “The victory of Jesus Christ over the gods of Greece and Rome in the fourth century did not, as both friend and foe might have expected, bring about the demise of religious art; on the contrary it was responsible over the next fifteen centuries for a massive and magnificent



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outpouring of creativity that is probably without parallel in the entire history of art.” Think of the art work in the Sistine Chapel or his masterpiece “Last Supper” by Leonardo DaVinci. Consider Rembrandt’s “Prodigal Son”, or Durer’s “Praying Hands.” If not for Jesus, we would not have one of these

and the tens of thousands other pieces of art inspired by Jesus and created for His glory.

Shortly after Jesus’ death and resurrection, his followers began to compose poetry and hymns to help make Jesus known. Consider the influence Jesus left on music. There is only one mention in Jesus’ life where he sang,

although certainly it was a regular practice: “When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives” (Matthew 26:30). Singing was an important part of the churches worship: “...speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19). “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Col. 3:16). Consider all of the countless writers and composers of hymns and spiritual songs like Martin Luther, Handel, and Bach.

The ancient church in Rome met in catacombs and today it

meets in houses, storefronts, patios, markets, chapels, church buildings, basilicas, and cathedrals. Architecture has been greatly influenced by the Jesus movement. In fact, Christianity has been called the single greatest factor in the development of architecture over the last two thousand years. The various places of worship were designed and built for the glory of God.

Another form of art is literature. The Jesus movement changed literature. Without Jesus we would have had no Dante, no Martin Luther, whose German Bible became the primary shaper of the German language. With no Jesus, we would have no King James Bible, which became along with Shakespeare the most important source for

helping shape the English language. Latin did not achieve its status as a world-class language until Jerome translated the Vulgate.

While we don’t know what Jesus even looked like, he became the most recognizable figure in the world and the subject of more paintings and sculptures than anyone else in history. While Jesus never wrote a book, he became the most written-about person who ever lived and the greatest inspiration for language development around the globe. While he is associated with only one unknown hymn, he is the subject of more songs and music than any other human who ever lived and all combined together. Give thanks to God for the gift of art.



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