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Dear Harold:

I have had one frustrating week. I go to juvenile court with the boy's mother, and the complaining witness, sit there for 3 hours, and the kid is too stupid to show up. And the complaining witness told the judge that she did not even want restitution on where my client hot wired her car! So if he had shown up, it would have been good news. Every one of my ~~juvenile~~ juvenile cases has been a 15 year old boy. Apparently the hormones kick in with the stupid genes about that time.

And I thought the tractor business was nuts!

Enclosed please find a fascinating article by Jim Stockdale ,Jr. His dad ran for Vice Prez with Ross Perot. How much proof of the faking of the Gulf of Tonkin will it take before we get a Congressional hearing? When Hell freezes over.

I forget to cut out an article, but we had an interesting plane crash about 150 miles west of here last week. A B1 bomber crashed and left no piece larger than a couch. Amazingly, the crew bailed out at 20,000 feet, cockpit full of smoke. The plane flew on its own about 12 or 14 miles before it crashed in a field. Amazing it did not kill anyone. Pure luck.

I think I have the answer to my problem with HEADLINES on my foam boards. Betsy bought a fancy label maker, that can make headlines almost 3/4 of an inch high. Gonna work on them this weekend.

Been reading McKnight's book. I am having trouble reading, I think I need a pair of reading glasses. I am right eyed, my lead eye. But I can hardly read out of it, unless I hold the book just right. Middle age has found me!

Reading the book, it struck me that I should give a copy to a buddy of mine, Charlie Ricketts. A former FBI man, he knew Hoover, DeLoach, etc. His partner and I went to school together, and his partner's dad worked with me. Charlie seems to have taken a liking to me, because I am about the only lawyer who wants to talk about the FBI with him. He once told me that one reason he left the FBI is that he is a real straight arrow, and there were too many cowboys willing to cut corners for him to feel comfortable.

I am glad that Jerry's publisher has tried to push his book. I hope to have a book review sent to the Courier Journal next week, and will write Jane Norris et al to try to get him on one of the shows. My brother Larry is no longer on WHAS, now has his own 1 hour show on a local 5,000 watt radio station. Now, if Jerry's book had a racing angle, I could get him on that show!

Wonder if Martin Luther King ever went to a stock car race? One of the first black drivers in stock cars had a movie made, "Greased Lightning", with Richard Pryor as the star.

The only really famous sprint car driver who was black is from here in Louisville. Joie Ray, he never got to drive Indy cars, but says now, looking back on it, he was glad to just be alive. Back then, cheap helmets, fires, no roll bars, unreal it was so dangerous. When Wendell Scott, the black stock car driver, raced, he went into so many redneck places that he could get no blacks to go with him. So, he would get as his crew some drunk white guys who wanted to get into the garage and race for free. Once, about 1966, we saw him in Bristol, Tenn. His white crew was so drunk and stupid, he got out of the car and changed the tires himself! Now, that is a real handicap!

I also enclose a revised McKnight article for you where I typed on he is author of "Last Crusade."

Weather is great, daffodils blooming, sun is out. Say HI to Lil, my sympathies are with her, in this, the dreaded Tax Season!

Next week, I have some great enclosures for you.

  
Bill