



Points East

By: Ike Adams

Several years ago, actually it's been more than a decade, I let some kids from Garrard County talk me into getting up before dawn on a Spring morning and entering one of those 10 kilometer races that big charities use to raise money in the Bluegrass.

It was one of those save the heart or kidneys or liver or "God save everybody that needs help in Kentucky" things but they meant well, and like a fool I agreed to "run" because I'm all for that sort of thing.

The kids were not betting that I

would win the race. All I had to do was finish (and I'm sure there were some side bets about that) and then they'd have their money doubled. They had gone about town taking up collections here and there and come up with over a hundred bucks but they needed a "runner over forty" to finish the race to double it. Pepsi (for those who think young with sugar and carbonated water on the brain) or some other carbonated beverage company was doing the match.

The race commenced in a parking lot at Palomar Shopping Center

on Harborsburg Road in Lexington far earlier than I thought it should have started and traversed miles of blacktop that had already been poured around the countryside in anticipation of mansions to come. Many muddy lots, lots of road, but not a house in sight. A potentially ritzy Lexington subdivision wannabe that was going to get lots of local attention (free advertising) on television.

So I put on my old black sweat pants, knocked the dirt out of the tread on my Reeboks and donned an old XL Camp Shawnee t-shirt. I drove into the parking lot and it was like the Olympics. Two or three hundred skinnies and tanned athletic types in those skimpy little see-through nylon wisps of material they call running shorts were dancing around showing off jock straps and running bras and other athletic underwear and bending over and touching their toes to all to make sure everybody had a glance if they didn't have much imagination.

Not the kind of crowd you want to smoke in so I ran back out to the truck and fired up a Winston.

If you're going to run 7.84 miles or whatever without a smoke break, it's my opinion that you get that last nicotine fix in as close to the start of the race as possible.

I had a 4 digit number on my shirt

but I was still sitting in the cab of the truck when the gun went off.

The skinny types took off like gazelles and all of us "also rans" had to wait until they weeded themselves out from the inferior types.

The process of getting the "near naked" crowd stop-watched and across the starting line took 15 minutes or so and everybody else was dancing on their toes. I hadn't even started the race and I was already thinking about how good a beer would taste when this petite, business-dressed, stunningly beautiful, black-haired woman strolled up and threw her arm around my waist.

"You are going to do just fine," she said and it must have been obvious that I had misgivings. But it was the hug that threw me into the race and I found that the outside lane was perfect for my stride. Thirty minutes later I was passing some of the panty-clad crowd and, as I recall, I finished 158th or something like that overall, and in the top 30 of 100 or so forty year olds.

The kids cheered big time and the race promoters gave me a cooler and a cap and one of those bottles that you can use to squirt water into your

mouth. And then someone tapped me on the shoulder and there she stood.

"My name is Teresa Isaac, and I'm on the City Council here in Lexington. Thank you so much for participating in this race. You don't know how much I appreciate it." Instead of hugging her, I just shook hands and maybe I said thanks. And then she was gone among a hundred or more other folks in sweats and jeans who call her heroine that day.

Teresa Isaac was the largest vote getter in the May Primary for mayor of Lexington. Her closest opponent outspent her at a rate 20 to 1 and her next closest spent about \$5 to Teresa's \$1 per vote. That's not counting half a million dollars that the Republican Party sneaked into the race touting her opponents.

Teresa Isaac, like Carol Smith in Letcher County, is the real thing in terms of governmental leadership. I think she is easily the most honest, in-tune and down-to-earth politician in the state. I don't live in Lexington but I wish I did if she is going to lead the metro-government. Teresa will turn the place upside down but more importantly, she will listen and that's why the voters out in the suburbs love her. A real hug is hard to come by these days. In the mean-

time, I want to see Teresa get through this mayoral thing and run for Governor. Judge Smith would be a good

Lieutenant. Damn, it feels good to be bragging on some Kentucky politicians!

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

I am searching for my daughter, Shawnee Dawn Higdon for years. Her last known place was Mt. Vernon and I was hoping if anyone knows her or she reads this, contact me, Helen Bush, at 1-270-300-5262.

Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Helen Bush

Dear Editor,

Just wanted to say thank you to all the candidates for a fine job in

removing all of your signs after the election. Never known it to be that well before. "Fine job done!"

Now let's all get together and replace all of our faded and torn flags, for bright new ones, for the 4th of July, Independence Day. For the ones don't have a flag flying to replace, let's all fly one to show how much we love our USA.

Thanks,
Eleanor West
Mt. Vernon, KY



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2. Better paved streets with good ditch work to allow better runoff of excess water. I will be able to help out in situations when and if a water main breaks or any other type of emergency since that is the field I now work in.

3. Better basic television cable with lower rates.
4. To work hard to see that our police department is trained to handle today's types of crimes, drugs and physical abuse.

5. To see that our fire department has the funds made available for equipment and training to continue the good work of protecting our city.

I will be available for suggestions or questions you may have. I will try to talk to each of you before the November elections and together we will address the issues that you may have to help ensure our city's prosperity.

Thank You, Doug Bullock for Mayor of Mt. Vernon

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