

Opinion —

So, Anyway...



By Greg Wells, editor

What ‘Wasteful’ Foreign Aid Does

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Yes, by all means, let’s stop spending all this money on people in other countries.

I mean sure, aside from simply doing the decent thing, we’re also kind a sorta trying to “buy” allies.

Or at least we’re trying to keep them out of the pockets of countries we oppose.

That’s not the point, right?

Yeah absolutely, we should spend that money on America.

We can all agree on that right?

Sure, USAID spends so much money on

other countries, right?

Well, aside from the fact that what we’re buying and shipping over there is generally agricultural products grown, processed and packaged in the US, then shipped by American companies.

But it should definitely end!

I guess nobody told the new administration that the USDA works with USAID to keep commodities profitable for American farmers.

It’s kind of the same way the USDA commodity program doesn’t just provide food to Americans who need it, it uses what it buys to maintain price supports for American farmers in the process.

What you don’t remember the government cheese story I told you a year or so ago?

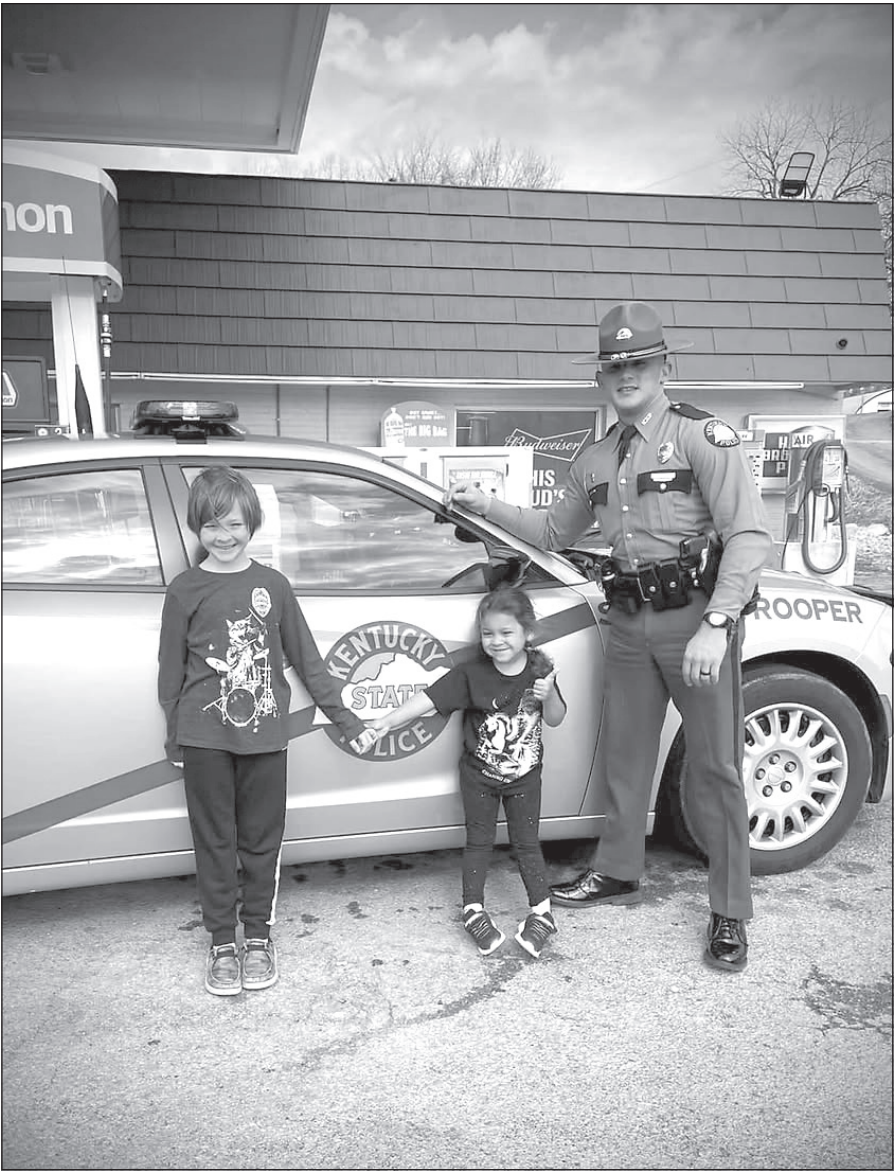
Do you think America paid to have milk turned into cheese for the fun of it? No, it was a price support program of the USDA, which was mandated by Congress.

That was how we all ended up with those massive bricks of cheese that made such great grilled cheese sandwiches.

So yeah, let’s stop feeding starving people, and supporting American farmers, all because it looks good.

It is obvious that some people have never heard of the phrase “cutting off your nose to spite your face.”

Junior Troopers



Trooper Brandon Poole met these nice kids while out patrolling in Cumberland County. They were so well-mannered that he decide to swear them in as Junior Troopers.

Submitted by Trooper First Class Jonathan Houk

Baise Sentenced to 12 Years

Cumberland Circuit Court came to order on February 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the trial of Commonwealth v. Bronnie Baise, Cumberland Indictment No. 22-CR-00026. Baise was indicted by the Cumberland Grand Jury on March 31, 2022, for the charge of Exploitation of an Adult over \$300 (2 Counts), Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card \$1,000<\$10,000, and Theft of Identity of Another without Consent.

This case proceeded

to a jury trial on February 4, 2025. The Commonwealth represented by Hon. Clay Hundley Jr., and Hon. Ann Marie Gordan Anderson, and the defendant represented by the Department of Public Advocacy Attorney, Hon. Cory Rutherford.

The jury of Cumberland County, Kentucky found the defendant, Bronnie Baise, guilty of Exploitation of an Adult over \$300 (1 Count) and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card \$1,000<\$10,000. The

defendant received a sentence of seven (7) years for the charge of Exploitation of an Adult over \$300 (1 Count) and received a sentence of five (5) years for the charge of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card \$1,000<\$10,000. The seven (7) year sentence and the five (5) year sentence are consecutive for a total sentence of twelve (12) years to serve.

Final sentencing will take place on February 27, 2025, Cumberland Circuit Court at 9:00 a.m.

20 Year Sentence for Downey

Cumberland Circuit Court came to order on February 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the trial of Commonwealth v. Joseph Downey, Cumberland Indictment No. 24-CR-00084. Downey was indicted by the Cumberland Grand Jury on October 24, 2024, for the charge of Receiving Stolen Property \$1,000 <\$10,0000 and Persistent Felony Offender 1st Degree.

This case proceeded to a jury trial on February 2, 2025. The Commonwealth represented by Hon. Jess M. Stockton, Jr., and the defendant represented

by the Department of Public Advocacy Attorney, Hon. Cory Rutherford.

The jury of Cumberland County, Kentucky found the defendant, Joseph Downey, guilty of Receiving Stolen Property \$1,000 < \$10,000

and Persistent Felony Offender 1st Degree. The defendant received a sentence of twenty (20) years to serve.

Final sentencing will take place on February 27, 2025, Cumberland Circuit Court at 9:00 a.m.

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Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages

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Super Crossword

SONG TITLES

ACROSS

- 1 Teenage witch played by Melissa Joan Hart
8 Breakwater embankment
15 Nintendo title plumber
20 Germ-free
21 Singer with the 2018 hit “Boo’d Up”
22 Put up, as a building
23 Patti Smith
25 Flat, as cola
26 One of the two Pro Bowl gps.
27 Rankle
28 Notices
30 Hero type
31 Nina Simone
39 Napoli’s nation
41 Alien-seeking proj.
42 City near Disney World
43 Manicure tool
46 Oxidizes
49 Put the kibosh on
50 Missy Elliott
53 Dir. from Miss. to Mich.
56 Pre-CIA gp.
57 Ad featuring Smokey Bear, e.g.

- 58 “Science Guy” with multiple Emmys
59 Honorable
60 Busy airport
63 George Strait
69 World capital in the Andes
74 ‘60s war zone
75 2010-14 Mets member
76 Britney Spears
79 Plane ticket detail
80 Large musical disk
81 Encyc. unit
82 Tosses out of the game, for short
85 “Law & Order” spinoff, in brief
88 Busy insect
89 Bessie Smith
97 Plane ticket detail, for short
98 Mafioso John
99 Narrates
100 Running rather quickly
104 “This Is Life” journalist
106 Totally in favor of
107 Chuck Berry

- 112 “Casablanca” woman
113 “Dies —” (Latin hymn)
114 — Schwarz
115 Peculiar
118 Just making, with “out”
120 Liza Minnelli
127 Roaring cat crossbreed
128 Remove loose coverings from
129 “Tartuffe” playwright
130 Thick
131 Ancient Jewish ascetics
132 Slung mud at
DOWN
1 Very long tale
2 Dating from
3 Furniture pieces for lying or sitting
4 Tach abbr.
5 Judge Lance
6 Petty peeve
7 Have — on one’s shoulder
8 “Black Panther” actor Andy
9 “Xanadu” gp.
10 Sitcom ET
11 “679” rapper Fetty —
12 Make laugh

- 13 Thin streets
14 “In this way”
15 Spanish for “month”
16 Skilled crafter
17 Go further in the book, say
18 Apple digital storage service
19 Verdi opera
24 Mess up
29 Hercules
32 Afflictions
33 Natural talent
34 Greet loudly
35 Architect
Saarinen
36 Double — (rum drinks)
37 Wife on “The Addams Family,” casually
38 Big to-do
39 Lowdown
40 Mai — (rum drinks)
44 Track circuit
45 Mag staffers
47 Ex-Yankee
Martinez
48 James Bond genre, in brief
51 Ox of Tibet
52 “Doggone it!”
53 Punishment for a tube watcher
54 “Me neither”

- 55 Rival of Ben & Jerry’s
59 Nibble (on)
60 Suspend
61 Scanned market ID
62 Busy insect
64 With one flat, musically
65 Brief snooze
66 Biotech-created food
67 Atop, in verse
68 Japanese salad green
69 Links gp. for women
70 Club for a 69-Down member
71 Small fortune
72 Letters of invitation?
73 American assn.
77 Margarine, quaintly
78 Adobe Acrobat suffix
83 Fourth of a yr.
84 That girl
85 Large yellow bloom
86 Put the kibosh on
87 KGB’s land
89 Paree “to be”
90 Native New Zealander

- 91 WWII battle town in France
92 Glue — (brand of adhesive in a tube)
93 Hog sound
94 Tesla auto, e.g.
95 String necktie
96 Quiet stretch
97 Fuel gases
100 Off-track
101 New film type in the 1920s
102 What “@” is
103 Rotational force
105 Big blunders
108 Man-goat deities
109 Marsh plants
110 Capture
111 Campus buildings
116 Have the guts
117 Made blond, maybe
119 Test for college srs.
121 Prior to, in sonnets
122 Indian flatbread
123 Not closed, in verse
124 — -pah band
125 Heady brew
126 Day, to Diego

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