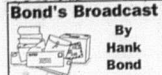


FOCUS



Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond. Have you ever noticed the three most used words on Christmas morning? For most American children the gratitude of Christmas morning has changed over the years...

Those of us who are parents with older children and those with children still very young and watched and listened while the merry sounds of Christmas have turned into, 'Is that all?'

It is indeed unfortunate we have seen this happen... maybe to some degree allowed this to happen, since for so many in the world December 25 is just another day.

Even for some practicing Christians while the precious celebration of the Savior's birth is recalled, the sharing is simply not possible because of overwhelming poverty.

In most of America children in 1989 have Christmas three or four times a year. In addition, a trip to the store will result in a new toy or something more to add to a collection, all ready to fall.

This, in my opinion, tends to dilute the anticipation of what Christmas morning used to bring. Instead of having the biggest day of the year - which had to last all year - there is less to wish for since the toy room is already full.

Maybe we should put this all into a little perspective.

Of course, from religious teachings, Christmas was a time we received the greatest gift of all. Some may not hold Christian beliefs, but in reality there is a certain importance to the season, which should never be forgotten.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: We the people of Community Farm Alliance thank you for your recent article...

Mr. Harker was fulfilling his responsibility as Division of Waste Management Director in pushing for the implementation of these new regulations.

Mr. Harker also supported local solid waste management, and he did not want to issue new permits under the very lax regulations we now have.

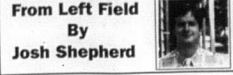
All of Kentucky should be very concerned about the influence the pollution industry has in Governor Wilkinson's administration.

On October 4 of this year we met with Gov. Wilkinson's cabinet secretary and were told that the Governor was putting together an environmental package...

When Don Harker was fired, Pure Kentucky was fired. Pure Kentucky was fired. Pure Kentucky was fired.

We urge everyone to call Governor Wilkinson (ext. 2611) and Secretary Bradley.

KSP Report: Trooper Clinton Graves investigated a single on the corner and may spend two to 30 days in jail. Both of these factors may result in loss of income to absence from employment.



From Left Field By Josh Shepherd. Dr. Seuss is a legend I hope we leave behind as an example of one of the very good things we had in the twentieth century.

Over this weekend I chocked up my 25th viewing of 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.' It hasn't begun to lose its touch. Nor will it for a long time. Strange as it may seem to some, I believe the Grinch is as much a tradition to Christmas than 'Tis A Wonderful Life.'

But, then, just as the great filmmaker Frank Capra, bolstered by a tremendous performance from Jimmy Stewart, brought a timeless movie to the screen, so too did the Grinch benefit from the creative abilities of Dr. Seuss and Chuck Jones, the animator who created Warner Brothers' Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Road Runner and the Coyote.

Every ounce of artistry at Jones' command made the Grinch Jones' crowning glory achievement. And mixed with Boris Karloff's character as recognized with Christmas as St. Nick.

In many ways, though, the Grinch is also a strong example of the way animation has deteriorated in the last twenty years.

GUEST EDITORIALS FROM ACROSS KENTUCKY

Opinions are of respective publications. The Winchester Sun: The University of Kentucky's David Roselle is being courted by the University of Delaware as a presidential candidate.

And unfortunately, Kentucky is providing few reasons for Roselle to stick around. Give the turmoil surrounding Kentucky's system of funding education, the negative atmosphere toward increasing that funding and the questionable chance of funding in the near future, Roselle cannot be blamed for leaving so quickly.

Kentucky has been able to attract plenty of brilliant academics. But it has not been able to keep them. Academic leaders are cheap, or so it seems... There are many reasons educators leave Kentucky.

One lure that rarely plays a major role is personal income. It isn't more money, but rather a chance at making something happen unencumbered by the battles and political angling that professional educators want. That's something they don't find in Kentucky.

What to be done? The General Assembly simply must develop a funding plan for Kentucky's education system that works. No plan for Kentucky's education system that works. No plan to study this or that. Just a financially sound plan that works. If it means new, or higher taxes - fine.

But a fresh influx of money isn't the only answer. Kentucky must become a better, more attractive place for top flight educators - from university presidents down to classroom aides - to work.

Smaller classes, better equipment, newer texts, fewer restraints, whatever it takes, it got to be done. The David Roselles of the world are too hard to come by to let them pass without a fight.

The Richmond Register: If the Larry Maloney trial doesn't drive home the dangers that drunk driving poses to innocent victims, nothing will.

But what if your drunk driving doesn't result in another's injury, or your own? It's worth noting the financial strain that drunk driving can put on a perpetrator. Motorists convicted of drunk driving in Kentucky face much more than their own pocketbooks. According to a study released by AAA Blue Grass-Kentucky, the average first offender can expect to spend between \$2,437 and \$2,277 in court costs.

For the purpose of comparison, AAA assumed the average auto premium is \$500 annually. Once a driver conviction, insurance rates often double or triple for the next three years.

The mandatory services fee provides funds which support enforcement, treatment and the alcohol/drug education program that those convicted of DUI must attend.

In addition, first offenders lose their licenses from a minimum of 30 days (providing they complete an alcohol education program) up to six months (if they don't comply with the course) and may spend from two to 30 days in jail. Both of these factors may result in loss of income to absence from employment.

During the special, when the green demon comes up with the 'perfectly awful idea,' he broadens his cheeks, his eyebrows draw and his hair splits. Such subtle movements in an animated character indicate long hours of work for even the most meticulous of animators.

It is rare these days to see cartoons made with the kind of attention animating pioneers put into their work and Chuck Jones was one of the best.

But with the Grinch, Jones had at least one step in his advantage: Dr. Seuss.

Few children's writers have ever been as inventive as Seuss nor nearly as universal. Women in the fabric of what is ostensibly a children's story, powerful themes are expressed.

Merely read one of Seuss' more recent books, 'The Butter Battle Book' to see the depth of his writing. The story concerns two groups of "Whos" and their dispute over the correct side one should spread butter on bread. It ends with both sides pitted between a wall with the intent to destroy one another in their hunger for bread.

Christmas that does not come from a package, but from the heart. Few Christmas stories, save Dickens' Christmas Carol, convey a message as hopeful and indicative of the true spirit of Christmas.

Need admitted

By Mark H. Cholgren Associated Press Writer. Wallace Wilkinson says he recognizes the state needs money to carry out its responsibility and he will help support measures to raise that money.

But he still opposes any tax increase. Wilkinson said Monday that he has turned up nearly \$2 billion in annual exemptions from sales, income and property taxes.

Wilkinson called those exemptions "tax expenditures" that he may favor eliminating. "This is not a tax increase. The tax already exists," Wilkinson said.

"We are not going to raise sales tax, or income taxes or property taxes in this commonwealth," Wilkinson said during a news conference.

Despite that, Wilkinson said he may also agree to conform Kentucky's income tax code to the federal code, a move he has said repeatedly in the past would be a tax increase.

Such a change in the state code might not now be a tax increase, Wilkinson said. "I think the decision on that will be made by the legislature," he said.

Conforming the most substantial tax loopholes are the sales tax exemptions for food, residential utilities and groceries. Wilkinson also ruled out any change in those three exemptions.

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Text of Elder's Letter

December 11, 1989. Nicholas County Board of Education 395 West Main Carlisle, KY 40311

I hereby resign as Superintendent of the Nicholas County Schools effective June 30, 1990. I do intend to keep my teacher tenure and expect a position for the 1990-91 school year.

I have been Superintendent of Schools in Nicholas County for the past sixteen years. I have always put the children of this county first. Under my tenure, the system continues to operate in the black, the 1986 Kentucky Department of Education Accreditation Program indicates we are providing a sound educational program conducive to learning.

I have reached the point I simply cannot endure the pattern of some of our school board members and the vocal element in our community, which focuses on personal concerns rather than what is best for the system as a whole.

When the Board of Education's priorities become personalized, the Board becomes ineffective and the Superintendent loses the ability to build and create.

Sincerely, Donald G. Elder, Superintendent Nicholas County Schools.

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