

For what it's worth...



By: Elisha Insko

Happy Holidays

I woke up this morning and realized why it is that I can't stand for the holidays to roll around.

I went to Lexington over the weekend. What a joke! I don't recall having a nice encounter with one person. You would think that being Christmas and all people would at least have smiles on their faces.

This is the very reason why I wait to the last minute to do my shopping. I don't like being a grinch but when I get out into that holiday traffic it drives me crazy.

I took at least thirty minutes to get a check approved at one store and the credit card machine didn't work at another. I have already bought two items that don't work properly. Toy-U-Us was so packed that it took an hour to get out of the parking lot.

Everyday my son decides there is something else he wants. He is only three and now wants a skatboard.

I'm not even sure what it is that I am trying to say. When I was growing up I remember getting all those nice presents but also that the holidays were about more than spending money. It was a time for family and friends to really spend quality time together.

I have finally finished my shopping and Christmas is next Monday. I can actually sit back and enjoy Christmas with my family and friends the way I choose too.

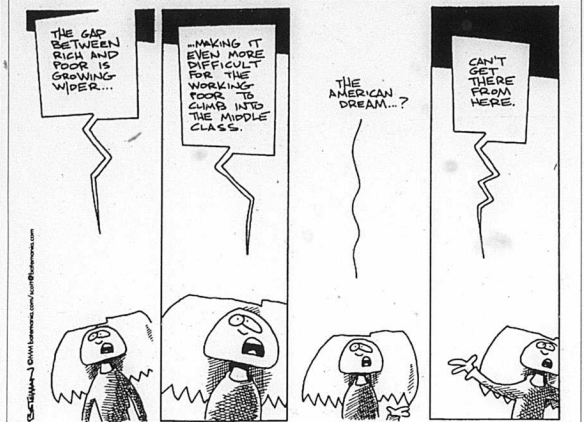
There have been a few things I've seen in our community that have been really good. Just this week I went down to the county fire department and took pictures of the Toy for Tots.

People really do get into the spirit when it comes to this. There are toys everywhere down there and all kinds of food. A lot of people are not fortunate enough to have the money to buy those nice expensive toys. This is where the community steps in and join together.

We all sit a complain about how Christmas isn't what it is supposed to be but we live it happen that way.

My final two cents... For what it's worth... We all like to have a good time and celebrate Christmas and for the New Year. We need to remember to stay responsible and safe throughout the holiday season.

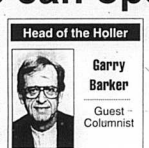
I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Cartoon by David Berman

Electric can openers bring joy

Years ago, somebody invented the electric can opener, maybe just one very small step for mankind but a device that has saved the life of many a modern bachelor.



Guest Columnist Garry Barker

For many years, the basic electric can opener did its solid duty, grinding along in relative obscurity.

Then the manufacturers decided to make improvements.

Suddenly the humble can opener became a sleek, rounded kitchen accessory, available in colors other than base white, and the old-fashioned heavy chromed handle and cutter were no longer visible.

I liked the looks of the new openers.

Bought one. It looked good, posed on the kitchen counter.

But, it would not open cans. It is entirely possible that the malfunction was my fault, since I never read the owner's manual, but the basics of cutting open a can of peaches have not changed much over the past 150 years or so.

The last straw came when I wrestled for 20 minutes with the opener and a can of chicken noodle soup, a futile exercise that ended somewhat into the garbage.

That was better than throwing them both through the window, which was my original intention, reconsidered when I studied the cost of window replacement during a snowstorm.

About a week later I gave in

could read Spanish. Years ago my son had a Siamese tomcat, Charlie, who could hear our can opener whirring from miles away, and he'd instantly appear under your feet, drooling, no matter what you'd opened.

I offered Charlie Spaghettini, cold peas, and bean soup. He loyally declined. That may be why he finally left.

The new can opener is quiet. No cat calls. No blood, yep, and we've had it about three weeks. There's hope that the new opener will work almost as good as the old manual model in the drawer.

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HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Gifts From The Grinch Give Holidays Green Glow

(NAPS)—In many households this year, parents are letting the Grinch steal the holidays and they're enjoying it.

They are incorporating the Grinch story into family holiday traditions and giving Grinch presents to add to the holiday fun.

A classic story about the transforming power of kindness, *Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, is the 38th best-selling children's book of all time and this year it's also a movie, starring Jim Carrey.

Like its animated predecessor, *Unlabeled Pictures* and *Imagine Entertainment's Dr. Seuss How The Grinch Stole Christmas* movie is expected to become a holiday entertainment tradition.

Besides reading the classic holiday story on Christmas morning, there are now nine new Random House books based on the movie and Grinch products that range from hats to mug warmers to kitchen appliances that give the holiday morning that warm greenish glow.

So far, there's a knife opener on the backside. I'd read the directions if I

you can open up a tasty Christmas breakfast with the Grinch waffle iron and keep your coffee or

Many Grinch products can be found at nationwide stores such as Kmart, Wal-Mart, Target, Toys "R" Us, Bloomingdales and specialty stores such as Spencer Gifts. Prices for Grinch merchandise range from \$1.15 to \$329.

Proving that he heart is big enough, the Grinch has partnered with First Book, a national nonprofit organization that raises awareness of children's literacy issues and distributes new books to underserved children.

For information on this program and Grinch products, call (818) 777-5001 or you can log into www.meaneon.com/www.universalstudios.com.

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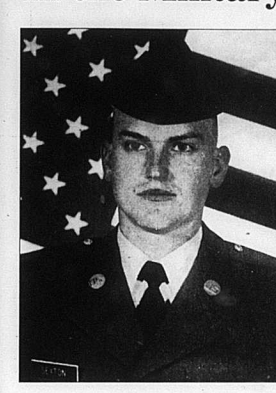
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In the Military



Joseph L. Sexton

Army National Guard Pvt. Joseph L. Sexton has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonardwood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, military tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Sexton is the son of Tammy J. Hunter of Rural Route 1, Ewing, Kentucky and George E. Sexton of Haywood Creek Road, Pulaski, Tennessee.

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People Saltwell News

By Mrs. Jeff Mattox

Mrs. Phyllis Brady attended the funeral of Mrs. Alexander (Ethel) Ramsey, 87, of Dog Walk Road, Nicholas County at the Whaley Funeral Home in Cynthiana on Thursday with burial in the Battle Grove Cemetery.

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Mrs. Lella Hollar was admitted on Thursday, December 14th to Harrison Memorial Hospital where she underwent several tests before being released on Saturday. She had several visitors while there.

Mr. Bob Kenny of Covington visited on Monday with Mrs. Gladys Kenny and also accompanied her to the doctor for a check up.

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The Saltwell Methodist Church will have their Christmas program on Wednesday evening on December 20th. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the program and fellowship together.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mattox and children enjoyed dinner and exchanged gifts on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis of Louisville. The girls also enjoyed the Louisville Ballet performance of The Nutcracker that evening.

They returned home on Sunday. John Leo Allison celebrated his 7th birthday on Sunday evening with a party at the Carlisle Dept. Several family members and friends attended and he received many presents. The children played games and enjoyed ice cream and cake.

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Hunter Education course to be held

A free Kentucky Hunter Education course will be held on January 4 and 5, 2001 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, Concrete Road, Carlisle. The course will range over on January 6, 2001 at the Day Wildlife Management Area from 12:00 p.m. until complete. The ten hour course, sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Nicholas County Wildlife Club will include class room instruction in hunter ethics, wildlife identification, outdoor survival, first aid, firearms, bow hunting and ammunition. The last session will include actual range firing and an examination.

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Lois was in charge of our program. "Let peace begin with me" which consisted of a leader, four readers, candlelighting, scripture reading and prayer by all present, intercessed by singing Christmas carols. The hostesses served delicious refreshments after the Devotional was given by Lois Hamms. "Who will take the son?" Our charity this year will go to special education later this year.

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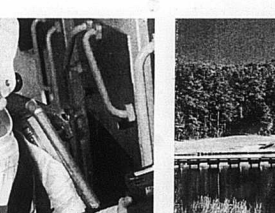


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but chocolate hot with Grinch electric mug warmers will open presents.

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