



Tales of the Price Police

(Note: Names and places have been changed to protect the innocent... me.)

Why must I spend my life paying for other people's mistakes?

Take for example a simple can of spray paint.

Now, by itself, it is perfectly harmless, but when you place it on a shelf and attempt to sell it, it becomes something totally different.

Some few weeks ago, on a Sunday that was partly sunny with a mild chance for rain, I was in need of a can of spray paint.

Three cans to be exact. Primer, green and metallic silver.

My wife and I drove to Giant Super Things N Stuff (motto: How in the world did life exist without us?) and made our way to the paint section.

We located, after much searching, the three cans of paint required for the project and tried to discern the prices, which we thought were conveniently placed under each can of paint.

Whatever happened to the days when prices were stuck ON prices?

For example, one can that we were about to purchase had a price tag located on the shelf directly under it that read \$3.

For the type of paint we were buying, we found that reasonable.

We hurriedly finished our shopping, and while checking out, I noticed the cash register's prices were ringing up different from our estimate.

Magically, our \$3 can of spray paint changed into an almost \$5 can of spray paint.

I noted this to the cashier and was met with indifference, if the cashier even heard me.

At this point, I was pretty aggravated, but because of the mid chance for showers, we did not have time to haggle the price of a couple cans of spray paint.

I think there is some sort of policy in place that if you find a wrong price, they would refund the difference and offer you an autographed picture of Richard Montalban.

Now, as much of a Star Trek II fan as I am, I just didn't love the team (I sure would have to hear him say "Fine Cornish leathers" one more time...)

So, let me get this straight... not only do I have to work at My job 40 or more hours a week and have to play the price police everywhere I go?

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Commentary

Waiting to mow can be expensive

After being on the road for a weekend, I came home to an acre or so of dry grass and no time for mowing.

It was almost another week before I had time, and even this required that I work on Sunday morning.

I should have known better. I relocated the stump buried deep under the eye grass I planted early this summer. It was an expensive discovery.

One blade of my new mower was bent and twisted into a strange new shape, one which dug trenches instead of cutting grass.

The new mower must have been assembled with air wrenches, because the blade bent would not let go. A good dose of WD-40 finally loosened it up enough to where I could get it off, but the blade I wound up holding was not going to mow any more.

No stores were open on Sunday morning that sell MTD mower blades.

I remembered a spare blade, though bought last summer when I ruined one on the old mower. A half hour

remembered why it was I'd had to buy a new mower. The blades on the old one work sort of independently, at different heights at different times, scalped the ground in a random non-pattern, and left much of the tall grass uncut.

I used it for the fences, ditches, and part of the orchard, places where the weed cutting pattern isn't very noticeable, but the one patch upon lawn I mowed looked like the work of a drunken barber with dull clippers.

All mowing ceased for a few moments of reflection and reconsideration.

After a couple of hours I drove into Flemingsburg and found a new set of mower blades at Steve's True Value Hardware, went home to bolt one blade on and put the other somewhere I'll be able to find it, then removed the one patch of lawn to try and correct some of the earlier damage I'd done.

I never did get the whole yard mowed, but... Next time I'll do it right, with the new mower, and even



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Saltwell News

Mr. and Mrs. David Frylyne and Mrs. Phyllis Brady attended revival at the Paris Church of the Nazarenes the past week and enjoyed the preaching of Rev. Towell Whitlock, evangelist.

Brother Wilson Matthes delivered a good message at the Headquarters United Methodist Men's and Women's meeting last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Donna Doyle, Mrs. Doris Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitson, Betsy Weddle, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sapp, Mrs. Margaret Doyle McKinney, Billy Doyle, Jenny McKim, Jim and Phyllis Wedding, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Dryden were among the very large crowd who very much enjoyed the Kentucky Jamoree at Georgetown on Saturday night.

Dean Weddle gave a dynamic presentation of the American "Trilogy" song (standing ovation) and the spotlight went from Dean to the large American flag on the wall.

Also, another outstanding performance of Mrs. Max Perry singing "God Bless America Again" and a recitation.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady enjoyed revival on Friday night at the Clintonville Nazarene Church with evangelist Rev. Mitch Hedges.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ritchie and Nikie were among a group of around 50 family members that enjoyed a family reunion of the late Cecil and Anna Livingood. The reunion was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Livingood on Sunday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the day together.

Mrs. Anna Stodghill of Louisville visited Friday through Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mattox and family. They enjoyed the N.C.H.S. football game against Louisville's Holy Cross on Friday evening.

Mr. Alton Livingood was taken to Harrison Memorial when the tractor he was operating overturned. He returned home Saturday and Melody Herrington of Hooktown spent Saturday night with Mallory Caswell. The girls enjoyed a trip to Lexington on Sunday.

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And just a few days later, I found out that my favorite musical group for the last 10 years, Salivating Monkeys, had a new live concert CD out. WEEK after it had been out!

And to top that off, it had been recalled because of a "questionable" cover.

Now the cover wasn't disgusting or naughty, it was just an unfortunate coincidence with recent events that caused the trouble, but it was nothing, a well placed sticker wouldn't have hurt.

Heck, the DVD of the concert has the same symbols on it and they didn't recall THAT!

What hypocrisy!

Those of us who are true fans know the meaning behind the cover, are not offended or disturbed in any way and wouldn't have minded the sticker because the music is that darn good. Plus, they have not announced when or if the CD will be re-released.

Since it had only been a week, I thought that by some slim chance that there might be a copy in town and I searched wherever there was music to be bought.

My last stop was to Hummings Music and I did not have high hopes at this point. I had resigned myself to the fact that everyone had been right on the MTD and returned to the shelves.

So I walk straight to the S's, and to and behold, there was a copy right in the front of the shelf right at eye level.

I didn't even have to dig for it.

And there was much rejoicing. (yay)

So I snapped it up and made my way happily to the counter only to be told that it would be illegal for me to buy it, that other stores had been fined for selling it and that it SHOULD have been pulled before I got my hands on it.

EXCUSE ME!

I'm not the one who let it sit on the shelf for a week and besides, if the record company had decided on a recall because of the cover, don't you think someone would have complained by then?

I tried to plead my case saying that I only want it for the music, explained meaning behind the cover and, in consolation, was offered a phone number to complain about it.

I didn't want a stupid number, I wanted the CD.

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Again, I pay for someone else's mistake.

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