# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Editor,**

I wanted to give the community a quick response to questions about where the money goes. Please allow me to start by citing our Mission Statement. In one sentence, albeit long, we can summarize what the American Cancer Society is all about.

It is "a nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service."

For the first time in history, we are now seeing a decrease in both cancer mortality rates and incidence rates.

The funds raises through Relay for Life events across the country are used in four focus areas: research, education, advocacy and services.

Research to find a cure.

Education so that we can prevent cancer and detect cancer early.

Advocacy to enact laws that will help us achieve our 2015 goals.

And service, so that we can help everyone who's touched by cancer.

Local communities benefit from the collective efforts of all communities who support our efforts.

No one community could provide the same support to those touched by cancer that we all can do together.

The ACS has local programs and resources such as Reach to Recovery, Look Good Feel Better, Man to Man, transportation grants and assistance, advocacy efforts and many other programs that impact cancer at the community level.

The Hope Lodge in Lexington recently opened its doors to cancer patients in communities throughout Kentucky.

This cancer facility offers cancer patients free lodging while they are receiving life-saving treatment from the medical centers in Lexington.

If a program or service is not actually held in Nicholas County, it is available in a community near there, such as Lexington or Ashland.

Often, our programs and services are centrally located so they are easily accessible to neighboring communities.

The Cancer Society is a volunteer-driven organization. In many cases, volunteer support is all that is required to bring a program or service to a particular community.

The American Cancer Society is highly rated by charity watchdog organizations as being good stewards of our money.

The American Cancer Society meet or exceed the industry standards for measuring program and fundraising expense ratios.

The Relay for Life of Nicholas County will be held June 15 at the Nicholas County High School Football Field.

Contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit their web site at www.cancer.org.

**Georgia Gilvin**
**Carlisle**

**Editor,**

Imagine my surprise at discovering that Dale Greer was a or is a Democrat. No one would have ever guessed this by reading his columns.

Where was he when I, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, was being spit upon and called a "baby killer" in the San Francisco Airport upon departure for Vietnam. President Johnson, Dean Rust and McNamara were no better or no worse than Bush and his cronies, Rice, Rumsfeld and Chaney, AKA "Quail Killer".

The Vietnam War was fought by poor white and black. And the Democrat-

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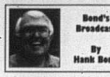
## Bond's Broadcast




It is almost impossible to believe Marilyn is back in the city.

Last week, Wednesday to be exact, Carol, Evan and I climbed aboard a Jetliner in the Nashville International Airport and headed to Las Vegas.

I know one thing for sure, and that is I didn't want to leave when it came time.

As most would know, I am now a grandpa three times over. I have two grandsons, Evan and newly born Antonio and a granddaughter, Analise, who is a twin to Antonio.

It is almost impossible to explain how these little people make me feel.

I have heard many times the virtues of having grandchildren, but I had no idea.

Maybe as we age, or at least for me, I have slowed down a whole lot more to look and listen to what is going on around me.

I see that twinkle in Evan's eye sometimes and just want to burst out laughing.

He doesn't miss anything.

He even remembers things from as far back as when he was just barely three.

He can be conversational about things I have already forgotten.

It is interesting to spend time in a car with Evan.

You almost never know what the little guy, who by the way is now a towering 5-years-old, is going to come up with next.

Even when you think you're sure where he is coming from, he'll completely change the topic of conversation.

The twins, however are a slightly different kind of joy.

They reward blithering adults with a grin or a coo and everyone is happy. Especially the blithering paw.

I have found from watching people that otherwise normally sane people turn into sound effect machines when they are looking at a baby. This is especially true when people believe they have a chance to get the baby to react in one way or another.

When we were in Nevada I watched the new twins.

It is quite interesting to see how they do and do not react to things.

As you may know Amy and Ben have three dogs and a cat, plus a fish that eats smaller fish. It's a relative zoo in the place.

They also live out in the north end of Pahrump Valley where there is little or no traffic and where it is extremely quiet at night.

If there is a desert animal of any sort run across the property, however, these dogs erupt.

Those babies, for the most part, never move. With the dogs sitting by their sleepers and as they erupt it would make anyone jump, but not A and A. They just go right on with their routine and sleep right on.

I believe babies are a gift far more than many other things.

I saw a movie the other day asking people to measure success.

With four children and right now three grandchildren, I'd have to say Marilyn and I are pretty successful in many ways.

**And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.**

## Veloz Viewpoints

Greetings from Nevada! I hope you are all having a great week and that you all had a Happy Easter.

This week, we had a great time. I guess the fun times really started on Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon we headed into Vegas for two reasons; one, to go to the pediatrician and two, to meet Dad, Carol and Evan.

The pediatrician's appointment wasn't very much fun. The babies had to get their shots.

Watching their eyes swell up with tears and see that the shots hurt was no fun. Especially since it was really like I was doing it to them.

I mean, hey, I was the one who took them to the appointment and let the nurse stick them both with three needles each.

It was sad.

However, at the appointment we got to see how big the babies have gotten.

We see them everyday and while it is obvious they are getting bigger, I didn't think they were as big as they are both so adorable!

Anyway, after the pediatrician appointment we met my Dad, Carol and Evan at a Japanese restaurant in Henderson. It was pretty good.

It certainly wasn't as good as the Japanese restaurant that we go to in Louisville or even Lexington, but it was good. The one thing I didn't like was that the rice was a little bland.

They didn't have mustard sauce. That was one thing that everyone at the table was a little disappointed in.

The sushi, however, was delicious!! I believe that all at the table definitely enjoyed the sushi. I know I did.

The rest of the few days they were here were spent having a great time.

Ben, Evan and I went for a walk in the mountains on Thursday and Friday. Well, Ben and I walked, Evan ran and tried to keep up with the dogs.

I tell you what, the little guy has an enormous amount of energy! Our walks lasted around 30 – 45 minutes each time and he ran the entire time. He didn't even seem to get too tired. He probably could have continued running for another half an hour each time.

We spent all of Friday doing fun things with Evan. It was his birthday and we celebrated Easter here, since they would be leaving on Saturday.

We hid Easter eggs for Evan to hunt. We baked cake and cupcakes for Evan to decorate for his fifth birthday. Ben played outside with him and Evan played with the dogs.

Friday night we had lasagna for dinner, one of his favorite meals. We had cake for dessert and he opened presents from us. I believe he had a good time. I know I did. I can't wait for the first week of August. That is when I will be coming home to visit.

***Until next week, make it a great one!***

***Amy***

## Analise weighs 10 pounds 8 ounces and is 23 inches long.

Analise weighs 10 pounds 8 ounces and is 23 inches long. Antonio is 10 pounds 9 ounces and is 24 inches long. He has surpassed her.

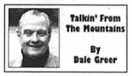
I have a feeling it will be a comparison for a while as to who is bigger. Although, if his appetite keeps up the way it has been for the past few days, I wouldn't be surprised if he is six feet tall and 180 pounds by the time he is 3.

Of course I am kidding, but they are getting big so fast!

I see them everyday so their change isn't as obvious to me, that is until I look at pictures from when they were first born.

They have changed so much since February 5. I was just telling Ben the other day that they are starting to look like little people. And

## Talkin' From The Mountains




***Harmless Ways To Get Even***

*The next time the phone company or cable company calls you to try to sell you something or get you to upgrade, do this:

Act like you are a computer recording and say:

"If you would like to talk to me, press 1

If you would like to talk to my spouse, press 2

If you are calling about residential phone service, press 3

If you are calling about cable television, press 4

If you are calling to get me to upgrade, press 5.

To hear the menu again, press 0."

When you get some kind of response, say "All members of our family are busy with other company representatives, please hold, your call is very important to us." Then hum "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" for 5 minutes before hanging up.

*The next time a clerk in a store is hateful to you, tell them that you are a scout for a company that is looking for promising young people and if they had been polite you would have given them a job making double what they are making now. They will spend many hours wondering if it might have been true. (Don't try this if you are wearing your U.K. sweatshirt with the hole in the elbow).

*If a dog bites you, bite the dog back. Don't bite the poor little pooch hard—just nip him enough to smart a little. The dog will never try to intimidate you again.

*If a cat bites or scratches you, do nothing. There is no getting even with a cat. They can outfight or outsmart any human every time.

*If you are having trouble with your electric company, or the water company, find out the name of the head person, and call them at home at 4:30 in the morning every time the electricity goes off or the water shuts down. It won't take many calls before there will be all kinds of trucks in your area to fix the problem.

*If a professor is mean to you in class, pretend to cry and tell the professor that your entire family was recently wiped out in a hurricane and that you are under counseling for severe stress. Then run out of the classroom screaming, "I don't choose to go on." When you return for the next class, the professor will treat you with kindness and respect, and chances are excellent you will get a good grade.

(Warning: Do not try this in high school. High School teachers are tougher and smarter than college professors and they've heard it all).

*If a telemarketer calls your house, laugh hysterically and make remarks about how James Brown keeps calling you from heaven to warn you that the end of the world is near and Brittany Spears is stalking you. The telemarketer will quickly hang up.

*An oldie but goodie to get rid of telemarketers: Tell the telemarketer, "I'm in a hurry, but give me your home phone number, and I'll call you tonight and we can discuss your deal."

The telemarketer will say something like, "No way am I going to give a stranger my number to call me at home." Your reply should be: "Why not? You're a stranger and you called me at home."

*If a boyfriend or girlfriend writes you a letter breaking up with you, write "Okay" on a strip of toilet paper with a crayon and mail it to them.

*A breakup suggestion from an old Mash episode: If you get a letter from your girlfriend ending the relationship and she asks for her picture back, gather up about 20 photographs of attractive women and mail them to your former girlfriend with a note saying, "I can't remember which one you are. Please pick out your picture and mail the rest back."

*To get even with that stuck up woman who thinks she's so pretty and insulted you because you're overweight: Send her an advertisement for thigh reduction. It will make her so paranoid, she won't leave the house for days.

*If someone snubs you because they think they are just too good to associate with you, run to them every time you see them in public, throw your arms around them, and give them a big hug. Then, before they can react, quickly walk away, yelling, "sorry I didn't return your call the other day. Call me tonight. I would love for us to get together."

But of course, the best way to get even is to be happy, be productive, live a wonderful life and forget about it.

If we let anyone bother us so much they are able to make us angry, unhappy, or vengeful, then they have won.

(I welcome your comments. Write me at the Email address below. Please tell me if you don't want it published or mentioned).

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# OPINION

## Fourth District Report

***Undiplomatic Diplomacy***

Last week Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Tom Lantos, House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Henry Waxman and Representative Keith Ellison, made a highly controversial trip to the Middle East.

It is not uncommon for Members of Congress to travel abroad to meet with foreign counterparts and learn firsthand what's going on in different parts of the world. In 2005, I traveled with several other Members of Congress to Iraq and Afghanistan to visit our troops.

However, Speaker Pelosi's trip was far different than any other foreign visit by a Member of Congress.

From the columns of the editorial pages of major newspapers to the letters that I have received from constituents, many have been critical of the intent of Pelosi's meeting with President Bashar Assad in Syria. I couldn't agree more – her visit was counterproductive to American foreign policy goals and is an attempt at undermining ongoing efforts to isolate nations that sponsor terror and force them into constructive dialogue regarding security in the region. The Wall Street Journal reported it best, "If there was any doubt that her trip was intended as far more than a routine Congressional 'fact-finding' trip, House Foreign Affairs Chairman Tom Lantos put it to rest by declaring that, 'We have an alternative Democratic foreign policy. I view my job as beginning with restoring overseas credibility and respect for the United States.'"

It appears Pelosi's visit could be illegal. In an April 6th Wall Street Journal editorial, Robert Turner, a former acting assistant secretary of state for legislative affairs and a former chairman of the American Bar Association's standing committee on law and national security, wrote, "The Logan Act makes it a felony and provides for a prison sentence of up to three years for any American, 'without authority of the United States,' to communicate with a foreign government in an effort to influence that government's behavior on any 'disputes or controversies with the United States.'" The Logan Act became law in 1799, after then President John Adams requested it be passed to make it crime for individuals not part of the executive branch to conduct foreign policy on behalf of the United States.

Mr. Turner also wrote that according to the Annals of Congress, "On Jan. 16, 1799, Rep. Isaac Parker of Massachusetts explained, 'the people of the United States have given to the executive department the power to negotiate with foreign governments, and to carry on all foreign relations, and that it is therefore an usurpation of that power for an individual to undertake to correspond with any foreign power on any dispute between the two governments, or for any state government, or any other department of the general government, to do it.'" Mrs. Pelosi was not elected by the entire country to represent our interests abroad. She was elected to serve her congressional district by the people of San Francisco.

Syria has long provided funding to terrorist organizations including Hamas and Hezbollah. Syria was implicated in the assassination of Rafik Hariri, former Prime Minister of Lebanon. There are widespread reports that Syria funds countless insurgent attacks in Iraq, killing American soldiers and Iraqi civilians.

There is a reason that for more than 200 years it has been American policy to speak with one voice from an elected administration to foreign countries with which we have disputes. I am deeply discouraged by Speaker Pelosi's irresponsible behavior during her visit and her actions to undermine the elected President of the United States and our nation's foreign policy.

Syria is a rogue state with which we must carefully calculate how we communicate. I hope, that Mrs. Pelosi and her party will abandon their independent foreign policy goals and work with the Administration to communicate a united message to terrorists and world leaders on our behalf. While one can disagree with the Commander in Chief and his foreign policy, surely we can all agree that we elected only one Commander in Chief, and it should stay that way regardless of who is in the White House.

## Steve's Report

When I was in Kindergarten, my class learned the song "Up on the Housetop" for the school's Christmas concert. We hadn't learned how to read yet, so the teacher taught us the lyrics by having us repeat the words, line by line, until we had memorized them.

I was a 30-year-old father with Kindergarten children of my own when I actually read the lyrics for the first time. I was sitting at the piano, accompanying my kids as they sang "Up on the housetop reindeer paws..."

"Hold on! What's this? It doesn't say 'reindeer paws,' it says 'reindeer pause...'" After I thought about it, it made perfect sense. Reindeer have hooves, not paws. But as a Kindergartner, I didn't know that. I thought it was talking about the sound of their hooves on the roof. I felt pretty foolish that it had taken me over 25 years to figure that out.

But really, mistakes like this are fairly common. We learn to speak by listening to others. We learn the definitions of words by the way we hear them used in context. If we don't follow up the learn-by-hearing method with reading, similar sounding words can lead to confusion.

That's why people sometimes call the "fiscal year" the "physical year." The first time they heard the expression, they weren't familiar with the word "fiscal," so they substituted a similar-sounding word that seemed to make sense. Here are some other examples:

"He was a man of great statue [stature]." – Thomas Menino, Boston Mayor.

"He hits from both sides of the plate. He's amphibious [ambidextrous]." – attributed to Yogi Berra, baseball player/manager

"Republicans understand the importance of bondage [bonding] between a mother and child." – Dan Quayle, Vice President

"We cannot let terrorists and rogue nations hold this nation hostile or hold our allies hostile [hostage]." – George W. Bush, President

There are other common expressions whose origins we have simply forgotten, such as the word "fiasco." We all know what it means – and most likely know someone who fits the description.

The "fuss" part of it makes sense, but what does "budget" have to do with it? How did that ever become a part of the word?

There are two other expressions I have used commonly throughout my life, but it wasn't until I came to Hawaii that I truly understood their meanings: Nit-picking and "going over things with a fine-toothed comb."

You can't live in Hawaii long without picking up some things. The first time I said the word "ukulele," a local woman kindly (but firmly) gave me a language lesson. First, it's not pronounced the way I said it: YOU-kuh-LAY-lee. It's ooo-koo-LAY-lay and is the combination of two Hawaiian words: 'uku and lele. An 'uku is the word for small bugs, like fleas and lice. 'Lele means to leap or jump. Ukulele therefore means "jumping flea." The instrument got its name from the rapid strumming that reminded native Hawaiians of the leaping bugs. This should also give you a clue how common the 'uku is in Hawaii.

When Sarah started school, she had beautiful, long, blonde hair. Every morning, Cindy would take time to put Sarah's hair in braids to keep it up, out of the way and clean. After weeks of constant begging, Cindy finally allowed Sarah to go to school with her hair down. A couple of weeks later, Sarah was sitting at table and started scratching her head with her fork.

"Stop that!" Cindy scolded. "I can't help it, Mom! My head really itches."

After a few moments of checking, Cindy shrieked, called me over, and in a panicked voice said, "I think I saw something move. YOU check it!"

Carefully separating the hair, I began checking Sarah's scalp. Nothing. I was about to say so when I checked behind her ears.

"Whaaa...!" I shouted, "She's got lice!" or 'ukus as the locals call them. No, I guess you really can't live in Hawaii long without picking up some things.

Cindy was mortified. Was

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