

Letters to the Editor

Editor
The Cemetery in Carlisle Kentucky holds many family members. Each year I return to see their graves and many other beautiful markers. I have taken pictures of those unusual yet pretty stones. I think of the wealth of those families that chose to settle in Carlisle many years ago. Today a marker on your grave that represents an anti-virus in a flowing gown

would be priceless; to walk your dog in the cemetery every day and then to have his image beside you tells an unconditional love. These young men have broken many pieces of history that can never be replaced. It hurts my heart to know on my trips in the future that the beautiful graves of those who died here by such a foolish act. We had stopped to visit a local retailer in search of a sweater that was pouring the rain down, and I ventured right on in. That's just how it goes - you just have to keep on going.

Steve's Report

During the early days of American history, a group of young girls in Salem, Massachusetts, began accusing people they didn't like of being witches. In the courtroom, they would thrash around and claim that the accused individuals were bewitching them, forcing them to act in such a bizarre fashion.



Steve Seal
By Steve Seal

As a result of these and similar accusations, over 200 people were imprisoned. 19 of these were subsequently convicted and hanged. One was sentenced to death by crushing.

These days, we look back at the Salem witch trials and shake our heads at how gullible and superstitious people were back then. We thank our lucky stars that we were born in this enlightened age when nothing like that could ever happen.

Not long ago, I received an e-mail that appeared to be pictures of a cute, little boy with angry, red horns on his cheeks and the backs of his arms. It looked so painful, my heart went out to the little boy.

I read on a 5-year-old girl apparently received six burns from a common household cleaning product called an eraser sponge. My favorite chore was helping Mommy wipe the marks off doors, walls, and baseboards. Kolly had just finished where the burns started forming, crying and telling his mom how much it hurt.

I learned that these products are considered non-toxic. The only warning on the package is not to ingest it - because eating any sponges would be a very serious blockage in the digestive tract.

The package apparently fails to mention that it contains a harmful alkaline substance that can cause severe chemical burns. Great for erasing stains and removing chemicals from the sponge onto his face and arms which began eating away his tender skin.

Bond's Broadcast

Bank Bond
By Hank Bond

Taking a trip... A couple years ago Marilyn and I went to Savannah and visit the house of Paul Deen (her restaurant) and when there I tried to take a walk in the back yard by falling.

Last Saturday, I did my best to crack the pavement in Franklin Square Shopping Center in Franklin, TN. We had stopped to visit a local retailer in search of a sweater that was pouring the rain down, and I ventured right on in.

Veloz Viewpoints

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By Amy Bond Veloz

Greetings from Nevada! I hope you are all having a great week.

I hope 2008 is starting off great for everyone! My 2008 hasn't been too bad so far. I guess I should go back and tell you all about the rest of our visit with my family.

Thursday night we had our Christmas. It was fun having Evan and the very smart 5-year-old in the family pass out the presents. I also had a great time helping the twins open all their wonderful presents from their aunts, uncles, cousins and Mimi and Papaw. They play with their toys all the time at home and truly love them.

Friday we relaxed and tried to catch up on some rest. We spent the day playing cards and watching TV. The only thing that makes it interesting and was the best of our ability. My back was hurting

Year in Review

One year into the new Democratic Majority in Congress we've seen some frightening news to pass legislation that would damage the American economy and hurt our families and small businesses to the breaking point. Their misguided leadership has failed to adequately address the needs and concerns of Kentucky families and businesses.

Over the course of the last year, the Democratic House Leadership has pushed through more than \$200 billion in proposed taxes.

We watched the ball drop and we were all there. Analise made it until the ball dropped so Ben and I were all there at the same time. She gave us a cute grin. Antonio crashed out early and he had to hold on any longer. He was a tired boy.

Monday was New Year's Eve. We had a great breakfast that Mom made. We spent the day keeping up with the babies and then that evening had a feast. Mom made party food: homemade pizza, homemade tortilla chips, we had margarita cocktails and more.

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Fourth District Report

4th District Report
By Geoff Davis
4th District Congressman

Everyday, Kentucky families are feeling additional pressure on their finances as a result of spiking fuel and heating costs. However, the Democratic leadership has failed to produce any substantive legislation that would make energy more affordable, increase domestic production or reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

But that's not what happened in Salem, and that's not what happened with that e-mail about the eraser sponges. It's our natural tendency to form opinions based on our personal values, only looking for facts afterwards to support our conclusions - to justify what we already accept as truth.

After more than 300 years, in spite of all the advances in medicine, science, and technology, we really aren't all that different than our ancestors. We still tend to believe what we want to believe. And we still have to rely on an independent, unbiased source to check ourselves in order to keep on track.

Signing out from Honolulu
Steve Seal
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Until next week, make a great one!
Amy

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Talkin' From the Mountaintops

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By Dale Greer

If a billion people made a human tower, the human tower would go past the moon. And our government is spending a billion dollars a week in Iraq.

Those figures should help you to get a handle on the bill. Now think about what a billion dollars a week would do to help us cure for cancer. Think of how much health insurance it would provide for the American children who had their health insurance vetoed yesterday by President Bush before Congress finally got it passed.

Putting Things In Perspective

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