



'All the gold is not in California'

At least that is what Fred Hollar is saying as he holds aloft this large chunk of rock with its glittering flecks of something. At lower left is a closeup of one of the chunks of glitter. Mr.

Hollar wouldn't say just where the rock came from as it was turned up in a creek bed by a bulldozer. — Mercury photo.

Drunk, drugged drivers target of state campaign

Kentuckians are being asked to get the drunk and drugged driver out of the road by driving with their headlights on during the daylight hours on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. made the call for support by proclaiming the week of Dec. 17-17 as "Drunk and Drugged Driver Awareness Week in Kentucky."

A similar proclamation has also been issued nationwide by the U.S. Congress, but Brown carried it a step further by urging local citizens to get more involved by also reporting drunk drivers to the Kentucky State Police via the KSP's Action KAP-111 toll free telephone hotline, 1-800-222-3600.

Drivers who take drugs or drink, or use a combination of both, accounted for at least one-third of the 501 fatalities reported on Kentucky highways last year, he said.

TRASHY BANNED HIGH IN NATIONAL SURVEY

In a survey of over 400 college and university presidents from across the nation, Transylvania University was rated as one of the top six most comprehensive universities in the southern region of the United States.

The survey was conducted by U.S. News and World Report and was always seen to increase dramatically by its said.

An identical proclamation was also issued by Governor-elect Martha Layne Collins who takes office as Kentucky's next governor at midweek during the special observance.

In signing his proclamation, Brown noted that the observance has special meaning for Kentucky where, with less than one month to run before the year ends, "we are on the verge of achieving a record, 25-year low in traffic deaths."

Currently, the death toll stands at 718. If the present trend continues, the state is expected to end the year with the lowest number of fatalities reported since 1961 when the number killed was 737.

Children write to Santa...

Dear Santa,
Hello! This is Gretchen and Adam McKee. We want to tell you what we want for Christmas. Adam wants a Fray's Hacer, a General Lee car with Luke and the. He also wants a G.I. Joe and a Star Jet.

I want Max-D-Aces, Ham Man, and Trap Jaw. I also want a Commodore V-20 computer with software. And I want those games: Battleship, Chess, Pac-Man, Magnetic Man, Doney King, Perfection. That's all, bye, bye!

Gretchen and Adam McKee
310 Second Street, Carlisle
P.S. Tim is and Adam is 2.



Very little friend,
Amber Nicole Gedgall
209 E. North St., Carlisle

My name is Aaron Stapp and I am 7½ years old. My Mommy is helping me write this letter. I have been a good boy this year and I hope you will remember to stop by my house on Christmas Eve.

I would like a Duke of Hazard pedal car, a Castle Greyhound and the Man, and a G.I. Joe Cobra Jet. I will leave you a thank you note, and please don't forget will the other kids in the world. Thank you.

I love you,
Aaron Stapp

Raise \$130 for Arthritis Foundation

The Nicholas County High School Ecology Club raised funds during the month of November to make money for the Arthritis Foundation. The group contributed \$130 to the

foundation. Pictured are, front row from left, Kent Maddox, Jo Ellen Howard, Teresa Sanders, Back row, Paige Hancy, Brian Watkins and Matthew Gohrrie. — Photo submitted.



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Give the gift of a growing plant

You've heard of gifts for the garden, but does this imply gifts for the plant? (A root transplant may?) No, it's gifts of plants from the garden.

Each year my gift-giving list seems to get longer if I wanted to say "wow," but feared my column might end up on the compost pile! and my budget smaller — new roses, new office buildings and so on. Some most people are delighted to get plants as gifts, my plants usually get attached at the time of year when baby plants nurseries spring up on my mind and children counterpane.

If you plan to propagate gift plants this year, get started now. The act as the germination of plants will allow. One twigs by cutting in a six inch pot won't be very impressive.

Some plants you can get started cutting from this year for 10 to 15 inch stem cuttings. Plants that are healthy, and plants from which cuttings will root in time. Leaf cuttings from plants such as African violets and rhizomatous begonias won't give you very large plants by Christmas for a lot of money are being planted by Christmas. Live, Swedish ivy, philodendron, wandering grape, ivy and creeping fig are among those that yield plenty of cuttings, root quickly and rejuvenate well after pruning. They also allow for creativity — try training them onto a wire frame or chicken-wire annual form to create an interesting topiary sculpture.

Many self-stemmed plants used as summer annuals root readily from stem cuttings. Cosmos, fibrous begonias, impatiens and geraniums are good choices. Even some of our woody-stemmed houseplants, such as weeping fig and citrus, should root in time, especially if their cuttings are treated with a rooting hormone (available in powder form from garden centers).

Some plants vigorously propagate themselves. Airplane or spiker plants, strawberry begonias and zigzag plants root not runners with small plants on their tips. If the mother plant is put on a table and surrounded by a bunch of small pots, the little runner plants can be rooted while still attached to the mother plant, thereby still receiving water and nutrients from the white by roots.

Some plants can be separated or divided, yielding many from one. Snake plants or sea purslane, ferns, fern and club and numerous cacti species may trade you one for three to a dozen new plants.

Don't count on some types of propagation working quickly enough. Forget air layering a rubber tree or taking stem sections from a dieffenbachia. For Valentine's Day maybe, but not for Christmas.

Even consider treating yourself to a unique new plant that will yield a few cuttings. Spring-pansies and scented geraniums will make very special gifts.

Root your cuttings in peatling soil, not water. Roots develop differently in water than in a solid medium, and subsequently do not transplant as well. Keep the pot size small and consider adding a special loath such as a small Christmas tree ornament tied to the pot or a small water vial containing frozen flowers tucked into the foliage.

With a little effort your Christmas gift plant will show some time and thought — a bit of you — went into this special gift.

Timely Tip: Protect young fruit trees from deer and rabbit damage the water with enclosures, tree wraps, or specially formulated repellents. One of the "hottest" repellents is a homemade brew using bluebonnet or Louisiana hot sauce. One taste and no more nibbling.

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Charlisle-Nicholas Co. Chamber of Commerce

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