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Burglars interrupted items are recovered



The Carlisle Mercury's Bud Pines (left) and Lyle Anderson (right) were interrupted when a delivery man made his regular stop at the store. Carlisle Police officers, along with Lyle Anderson and Florence Letcher, operators of the business, recovered the items apparently stolen behind the store.

A break-in in progress at Dee Jay Auto Parts, West Main, Carlisle, was interrupted and stopped, last Tuesday night. At about 10 p.m., a delivery truck driver, stopped for a delivery at Dee Jays, saw what he thought was someone in the building. The driver alerted Carlisle City Police Officer Jerry Bloomfield, who immediately responded to the call and notified the city's dispatcher. The dispatcher alerted other units of the possible break-in. Other units, along with Carlisle Police Chief Allan Earlwin, responded to the scene. Apparently in the time it took the driver to contact Bloomfield, those involved in the break-in fled from the scene. Lyle Anderson and Florence Letcher, operators of the business, were also called to the store. Earlwin was apparently gained by breaking a window in the rear of the building. At first, it appeared nothing had been taken; however, that was not the case. Bloomfield and other officers made a search of the grounds outside the building. In the rear of the business, hidden in some bushes behind a tree, were several items which had been removed from the store's inventory. Although a complete inventory has not been done, it appears all items removed from the store, during the break-in, have been recovered. According to Anderson and Letcher the items found outside the store were valued somewhere between \$600 and \$700. A police spokesman said that although no arrests have been made, police do have two suspects, and the police are gathering additional information on the case.

Sargent rapping along

By Jeff Rogers
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
LEXINGTON — Riding horses and listening to country music while growing up here in the county certainly didn't prepare Glenn Sargent for a career in "rap" music, but he has achieved national recognition and a short feature last Saturday on ABC TV Sports with a song he penned about new UK Coach Rick Pitino. Sargent, son of Gordon and Loreta Sargent of Morefield Road, now lives in Lexington and has been a life-long fan of the Wildcats. The idea for the song came to him while driving to work one day in June while Pitino was being considered for the head coaching job, Sargent said. The fledgling songwriter said he wrote the words to the Continued on Page 3



The Carlisle Mercury's Jeff Rogers Photo. Nicholas County native Glenn Sargent poses with a keyboard of Rick Pitino, the subject of his songwriting. Continued on Page 3

Bentz calls dispatching service illegal

By Josh Shepherd
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According to Carlisle Mayor Lee Bentz, the city and county have been operating the dispatching system illegally for years. Spurred from a suggestion from Council member Doug Garrett to work in a separate dispatch channel for water works personnel, a discussion arose about the possible legal complications of managing one dispatch unit for city employees and County and City fire departments. Complicating matters is the fact nobody using the dispatching equipment in the police station is legally certified to operate the unit. "The FCC frowns on using non-certified people from using the dispatch equipment," Bentz said, "but worse is that we use the emergency channels to transmit messages to city and county employees, especially with the water department. Serious issues of liability can arise if, for some reason, a mistake is made and it is found persons using the system were not certified," Carlisle City Attorney Skip Watson said. "Cities have had serious problems from infractions of this kind," Watson said. A one week course held in Richmond is required for all dispatch personnel to be legally licensed in order to use dispatch equipment, Bentz said, and it is imperative that those frequently using the system be licensed.

But, the brunt of the problem does not lie on the city's shoulders, Bentz said. Because the county uses the system as well, they must bear a certain amount of fiscal responsibility. "As it stands now, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court pays one half of a normal 40 hour week, but the County has access to the unit 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Bentz said, using employees as of late as the city. "The County should be paying their fair share for as much use as they get out of it," Bentz said. "The city dispatches everything, and it is wrong, plain and simple."

Council member Betty Barton said there are other matters as well that the County and City must work out and she said, with the coming of a new city council and fiscal court, she intends to arrange a meeting between the governing bodies to settle matters. City stickers to cost more Carlisle City Clerk Mary Tapp said the price of city stickers will rise as of February first to \$15. From January 1, 31, sticker prices will remain at \$10, but following that month, all prices will rise five dollars. A letter is being drafted to the federal Environmental Protection Agency, asking permission for sewer lines to be extended to an apartment complex slated to be constructed upon the RPA's approval. Since the City has been busy building a new sewer plant, one of the stipulations the federal government had placed on the city that no new sewer lines may be extended from the plant until the new complex has been finished. Real Estate Agent Mark Mattox, representing Feilder and Kaiser Company seeking to put in the new apartments, said building will not be complete until after the March deadline, but they cannot begin until permission from the RPA has been received. Continued on Page 3



The Carlisle Mercury's Bud Pines Santa Claus greets the throngs of children assembled for the 1989 Carlisle Christmas parade. Santa and a large cast filled the streets with the annual Yule event.

Christmas, another way

Editor's Note: I discovered this original writing while looking through some work of second grade students at Nicholas County Elementary. It displays originality and true belief in Santa Claus. A certain amount of editing was necessary. HB
November 25 to 28, 1989
By Jennifer Kay Earlywine
When Santa Claus Some Back to The North Pole On April 20, 1988, Santa Claus came back to the North Pole. Santa Claus saw a reindeer, he had never seen before. He was so excited, that he tested him flying. And the reindeer could fly. Santa Claus said, "I will name you Rudolph." Later, Santa Claus walked into the workshop and told the elves to get to work, because tomorrow is Christmas Eve. The elves got right to work. The next day Santa Claus got ready for Christmas. Rudolph wasn't feeling so well. Rudolph had the chicken pox! Santa Claus thought and thought, until Santa Claus had it. He said, "I will ride a motorcycle, and he wrecked. Santa Claus started the motorcycle, and he wrecked. Mrs. Santa came running. Santa Claus said, "You will have to deliver the presents." Mrs. Santa said, "Anything, anything." Mrs. Santa got ready and it was time. Mrs. Santa flew off! She delivered every present. She came back. Santa Claus was excited because all of the toys had been delivered. Mrs. Santa was tired, and went to bed.



Hey kids, write Santa

In keeping with a long-standing tradition, The Carlisle Mercury will again publish letters to Santa this Christmas season. Youngsters are invited to write Santa, in care of The Mercury, telling what they want him to bring them for Christmas. Mothers and fathers may help tiny tots send along their wishes. Green-ups are encouraged to participate by sending us their remembrances of Christmas past, or whatever might be appropriate during the holiday season. Letters will appear in issues prior to Christmas, hopefully all at one time depending on the amount we receive. Deadline for letters to Santa is December 16. So get busy, it's later than you think.

Winners!

- Winners in the Christmas Parade and Old Fashioned Candlelight Christmas celebrations were:
- Window Decorating
1. Country Colletibles
2. Carlisle Drug
3. Jewelry Patch
Flats
Business: First National Bank
Civic
1. American Legion Post 17
2. Lions Club
3. FFA