

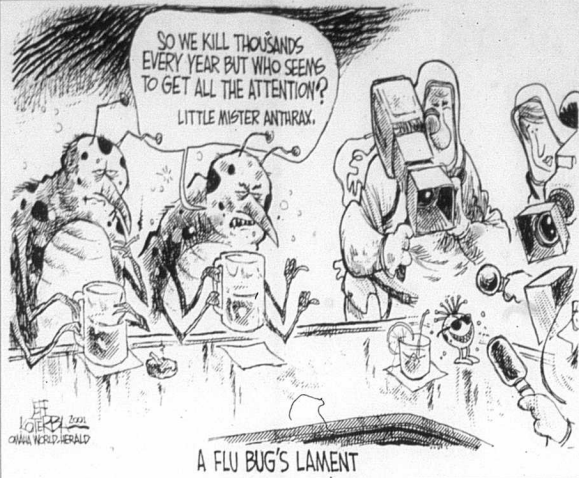


'Americana Crossroads' compilation

Are you looking for a Christmas gift for that music lover in your life? ... Pick one up for yourself while you're at it as well.

The 18 performances on the CD were recorded from December 2000 to May 2001 during the first six Americana Crossroads Live performances.

My favorite track on the CD is Anne MacFie's 'The Crack' which details the place in the kitchen by the stove where everything seems to fall just out of reach.

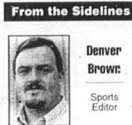


Commentary

Rowan County's new 'Holy war'

Grab your turban of civility, hold onto your hills or Koran and head into your nearest cave, chapel or confessional booth ... As I drove into the office early last Thursday morning to hammer out the latest sporting action from the local young uns.

The recent lawsuit involving Rowan County having the 10 Commandments posted in the courthouse has nothing to do with religion. It has to do with the laws of the land.



ridiculous and dripping with ideology as that 'most marginal' ... 'What's the big deal? ... Surely you know who, as a community we've got more to worry about than this. Like

Keep church and state separate



Muslim faith, or any other form of hundreds of religions. ... We all pay taxes whether we are of the Christian, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist,

at home and at the church of your choice. Notice I said of your choice. We are all free to practice any form of religion we please.

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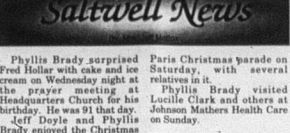
Phyllis Brady surprised Fred Holler with cake and ice cream on Wednesday night at the prayer meeting at Headquarters Church for his birthday. He was 91 that day.

Silent Auction

These baskets-full of goodies will be part of a silent auction during the NCES Winterfest and Carnival Friday night from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Elementary School cafeteria.

HOLY FROM 4

Is it wrong to kill? Unless that blasted white-tail is munchin' momma's favorite Penny bush or if that of yolla cut swollered the hook - cut 'em up! But back to the question at hand, yes, Period. We've all learned that - I think. Now, I have to hear that if The Top 10 goes up then get ready for Swastikas and brown sleeves.



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Amanda Mattox spent Friday and Saturday night with Sarah and Molly Smith. Anna and Jessica Mattox also spent Saturday night with them.

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