Ron's Rants

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The mourning after

When I began making my otes for a column this reek, I had every intention

f relaying a humorous bout my weekend. The event in question bout a table that my overcharged for a can o pray paint. What a difference a day

What a difference a day makes.
Right now, I can't believe how petty and selfish that makes me feel about wanting to complain about a couple of bucks.
On Tuesday morning, the phones here at the newspaper were ringing off the hook with updates on

ones.
At lunch, people were just processing what had happened and I couldn't help but notice how quiet it was verywhere.

verywhere.
There was no talkin novwhere, no music playin was no talking anywhere, no music playing and it even seemed as though the birds didn't have the heart to sing, like they somehow knew something monumentally life changing had happened.

Nothing from September 11 on will ever be the same.

But the thing that amazed me the most about

amazed me the most about Tuesday was the gas frenzy that ensued just after the

attack.

With rumors of gas
rationing already out there,
even I felt the need to fill my
tank.

Within hours, it seemed

like every person in the county was at the pumps county was at the pumps getting gas.

I spent part of the day in Menifee County and even there the pumps were clogged with people.

I have to give the gas stations in both counties a lot of credit for not raising their prices.

On the radio many tales

were told about rasing gas prices in the Lexington area and in other parts of the country, it was rumored to have hit \$5 a gallon. It was good to see the fuel trucks on Wednesday morning with prices still where they were the day before.

Right now, federal investigators are following thousands of leads in the case.

I hope they find the I hope they find the persons responsible and swiftly punish them.

Of course, if they're already willing to die for their "cause," then it won't do that much good unless we punish ALL of them and even then we have to be

See AFTER on 5

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Commentary A war unlike any other

Every time I think I've calmed down, my mind recalls the sight of a 757 jethiner a read in the second tower of the World Trade Center, a cold-blooded murder like none ever before in history, and my man a read of the world Trade Center, a cold-blooded murder like none ever before in history, and my mild ide.

We are at war, we are suffering casualties at home suffering casualties at home control of the suffering casualties at home death and destruction will just death and destruction will just a few first man and the suffering casualties are suffering to the suffering casualties and the suffering casualties are suffering to the suffering case of the sufficient case of the suffering case of the sufficient cas

Givil War. The day's total of death and destruction will just about equal a day of fierce buttle with muskets and cannons almost 150 years ago. This time, though, there are no uniforms, battle flags, trumpets, or any other identification of the enemy, pushed to the extreme, murder performed for network television.

It makes me very, very sick, to my stomach and to my soul. It also makes me mad. Fighting mad.

Fighting mad.
I'd feel better if I could find somebody guilty to fight with. That's the frustration, in

Head of the Holler



dealing with terrorists. They hit and run, or hit and die, fanaties willing to sacrifice themselves as readily for whatever cause it may be as we are to sacrifice for our, country. They are murderers, pure and simple, well trained, well financed, well directed.

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It is well that we have declared war on terrorism, worldwide, if we will stick to Bush gave in to political pressure and halted our troops just short of Saddam in doing so he left the doors

This time we need to finish it's done

nam not in a mood for mercy.

The mercy me

open for the attacks on the time w World Trade Center and punches Don't tell us about it until

the job. Eradicate the evil.
Plow salt into the ground.
I am not in a mood for hand to fight this battle.

be where the action where the action where the scale men planes and people to destroy the World Trade Center is an adept adversary, audacious intelligent. This is no ordinary enemy.

This will be a wr unlike There are no rules. There are no rules. There are no rules. There are no rules. It may require a very un-American level of brutality. We must speak a language the local to the play's not included in the dialogie. We have to hit bed, the third, and hit without As much as possible, we need to keep the TV cameras away from the action. As a work as possible, we need to keep the TV cameras away from the action. As a performing violence, and this

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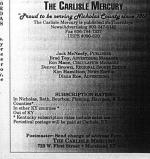
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THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

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Marjerie and Andy Fryman
sticked of the state o

"Dove shoots" the past two weekends. Mrs. Tereas Mattox on the control of the con

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Prejudice is never easy unless it can pass itself off as reason

Amanda Mattox spent Saturday night with Heather Murrell.

Murrell.

Mr. Layne Hollar and Lois
Mitchell enjoyed a trip to
Mytle Beach last week. They
spent most of the week there
and traveled through North
and South Carolina before
returning home.

Samantha Sowell spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill George.

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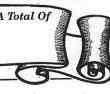
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