

Points East

By: Ike Adams

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Monday night rolled around and
I was sick and tired of being sick and
ired and mad at the medical profession because nothing it has to offer
ives me slightest relief for the altergies to mold and pollen that beset me
its time of year. I counted up the number of columns I have written consecutively
without missing a week and they
unthered 103 and I thought to my.

self that the time may come, later in my life, when I need to break a record my file, when I need to break a record
and that seems to be good one to
shoot for. It beats my previous record
for consecutive columns by at least
90 and I've been doing this for well

90 and I've been doing uns so-over 22 years.

So call this column number I and let's all start counting all over. Next time we'll shoot for 104—two com-plete years-but than's a precedent I'd rather not set right now. Next than you know we'll be shooting for five years without missing a beat and that's not a burden I'm willing to carry.

carry,
I spent an hour on the phone last
Sunday with my big city (Louiceuil)
buddy, Byron (Tawford, who makes
oedles and oedles of money writing
for the Courter-Journal three days
a week. Byron is absolutely the best
tory finder-writer in this state and
maybe the entire nation as far as I'm
concerned. We spent the hour tryting to figure out whether or not white
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woolly worms portend bad indings for
the coming winter.
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of the hill and if neither of them is
on it, I toss the whole thing into the
encycle heap and giver wore the ink
and pulp that the Gannett Company
has wasted in getting its bulk of bull
on my desk. I spent an hour on the phone last

I do not believe much of what I

read in the big city papers.

There was a time when, not long ago, when I believed that writing for

ago, when I believed that writing lor a big city paper to be a reasonable and honorable aspiration. Then the Lexington Herald Leader fired Don Edwards, Dick Burdette and Billy Reed in one fell sweep and suddenly I'm not so sure anymore. The Herald Leader lied and lied and lied and lied that these guys had "retired" when those of us who know them know the truth. The

guys had "retired" when those of us, who know then know the truth. The firing was bitter and the paper's publisher is a bare-faced liag. There went 99% of the honest writing tall-ent at the paper's ow by should you buy it anymore? Unless you are hooked on those full color see-thru panty and jock underwear ads from the big department stores. I currently subscribe to the Lexington Heroid Levaler (which could be better named Herald Levaler which could be better named Herald Levaler which could be better named Herald Levaler when composite for my garden and I rarely readf anything seriously except the comises and then the obits to see who may has wider recently so may have diet recently so miles away. The Sunday paper weighes at least five pounds and that such a such as the sunday have been and hope the mix doesn't soak into the ground and get into my veggies and cause me cancer.

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on journalism.

If the good writers don't die, the big papers fire them so they can send you incompetent, incoherent, hogwash dictated by corporate headquarters. I defy the shysters at Kinght Ridder and Gannett to prove me

ristour and Gannett to prove me wrong.

There is no real news gathering anymore evidenced in your big daily papers. Not that it's a lost art, the papers simply will not fess up that they want nobody on the news crew with an IQ higher than 50. And they certainly aren't going to pay good money to any sensible, diligent, in-search-

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of the-truth reporters who might un-viel whatever scams their board members might be involved in. You don't (if you are on the co-porate board of Knight Ridder or Gannett) talk bad about Dubya Bush, for example, if both you and he are myested in a oil rig in a National Park, And you sure don't hire an in-telligent investigator winet to dig up telligent investigator/writer to dig up any dirt. And if you think the big oil and the big news comments

in bed together you need a head ex-amination

nination.

If you are young and you want to t into real journalism my advice is

Sweet and. Sour

By Zi Graves



Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

Thave been a resident about all my life in Madison County, I am a tax agying citizen. I sure hope you will publish this for me. This is concern on the county of the county is used to the county is used to the county. I sure haven I found any. This is just bugging net to death, I can't get it off my mind.

This I 4-year-old boy was on trial, he had stolen a pistol from his neighbor. I know what he did with it as very wrong. Just taking the pistol he got 10 years. e been a resident about all my

got 10 years. My home was robbed in 1991, my storage building was robbed in 1990: I had thousands of dollars stolen from storage building was chosed in 1990. That thousands of dollars stolen from me. I found my 30-year-old guitar in my neighbor's home. I called the Sheriff's office, they came out and made an arrest. I had three shot guns stolen, plus thousands of dollars in other items. Too many 1 mention. The man was taken to jail in Madison County, he spent under three months. He never went to trial or nothing, 1 floring the most many 1 mention. The man was taken to jail in Madison didn't get any of the things back but my guitar. In all these years I haven't been able to figure out why he didn't go to trial. My county didn't do anything to help me. I called, I made trips, you wouldn't believe everything I did trying to get, the ones that's running to get, the ones that's running

Madison County to help, no body would. The man went free.

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After he got out of jail he was up and down the road in front of my house laughing and hollening at me. That's a very weird feeling knowing you have to leave your home and the same thing could happen again. I've lived in so much fear all these years. Where is the system and justice at? I wouldn't wish this on no body, what I have been through. Nothing was ever done about what happen to me. I am a good person. I am a good person.

Rose Marie Peters

Madison County

Dear Editor,
My husband, Clayton Durham,
was born and raised at Livingston.
For sömetime 1 understand there's
been a Homecoming the first of September. Well this is the first time by
husband attended, was he in for some
pleasant surprises as he got to see
several he had not seen for 40-45

ars.
As I sat and listened to the conversations and I thought how lucky these people were to renew old acquaintan-

people were to renew old acquaintan-ces, yes I felt like a fifth wheel since I was born and raised in the Eastern part of Kentucky, more in the moun-tain section, as different one's talked of the theater and how they enjoyed going, where I came from there was no movie theaters! Still I wouldn't

War?

Today has been another day that will be etched on my memory like the one on December 7, 1941 when Japan misjudged the ability and strength of boys made into men by fighting for a country they loved. The U.S.A. was only 150 years old when Japan, with her well-trained army, navy and air force, slipped into Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and blew up the ships belonging to the U.S. Navy anchored there. "That Day of Infamy" has been remembered as one of the worst in American history. Now we have another. It must have surprised the Japa-

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It must have surprise the Japanese navy and army when these
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was a re se defenders of their country how to think, outwit and fight for what they knew was right and die for it if necessary. They had been taught since infancy to honor the American

Flag and never let dishonor come to it. One of the hardest fought battles, perhaps the last one fought in the war Japan started, was when a regiment of the Marine Corp, finally, through bloodshed and determination. bloodshed and analythmetape hoodshed bloodshed and all fall in loo Jima bloodshed and all fall in loo Jima and all fall in loo Jima analythmetape hoodshed bloodshed b

of a legion of devils. They did not face an enemy, or weapon held by an enemy, they used hijacked American jets as weapons to destroy everything but the evidence left behind. Is this an open challenge to an-other generation of young American men to match wits, strength, loyally and love of country, to rid the world of animals that call themselves huof animals that call t mans? I am afraid so.

Really I was not going to write this week. Didn't feel up to it. Then this horrible thing happened so I figured I might as well write as sit and watch the horrors on the screen. It is even worse than the TV. horror shows.

What's next is anyone's guess.

ramblings...

noming was "are you going to write inything about this?" This being the terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon Tuesday, I know there's no ragon ruesday. I know there's no we can serve as a news source a story of this magnitude but I i't feel we could not record some-g of this tragic event in our or is history. buck's answer was, "you should e a column." So, here goes, It will while he mostly medi-

obably be mostly inc ent the greatest part of the last 24 rs glued to the television screen

Is a many factors of the decision screen and an hour Wednesday morning reading the Herald Leader. Allison's volleyball gaine wasti called off, as I had expected it would be, and it was a good respite from the somber cast the day had taken on.

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despise us for our Christanity, our lifestyle, our support of Israel and our democratic form of government. So much I hear that nothing that we do in our daily lives has any sig-edy and I can understand that feel-ing. But, those routines, muri-achievements, our family life, our churches may be the only things that. (Cont. to A-11)

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