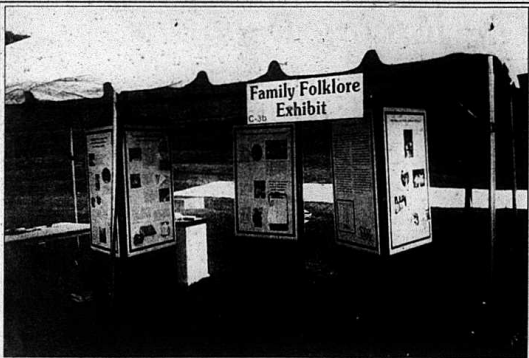




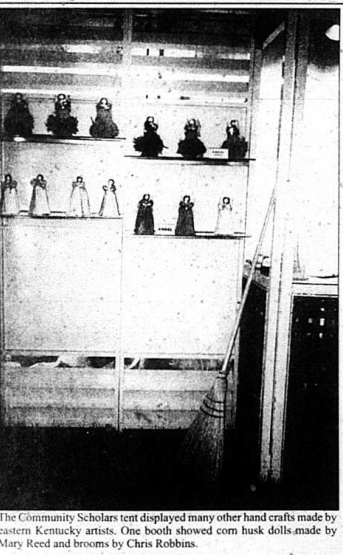
The Kentucky Folklife Festival took place in Frankfort, near the Kentucky River September 28th and 29th. Rockcastle County was represented at the Community Scholars tent and the Family Folklore Exhibit.



In the Community Scholars tent, visitors learned about folklife traditions in eastern Kentucky. Quilt making, lye soap making and basket making were demonstrated each day. In the center of the tent, crafts were displayed for sale including a quilt by Joanne Guilfoil. Gabe Guilfoil, seated next to Mary Reed, helped at the sales table Friday afternoon.



Chris Robbins prepares his brooms for exhibition and sale. Currently, he sells his brooms at the historic cabins at Renfro Valley. For info, call 758-9229.



The Community Scholars tent displayed many other hand crafts made by eastern Kentucky artists. One booth showed corn husk dolls made by Mary Reed and brooms by Chris Robbins.

Where is Osama?



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As I get older I realize I know very little about most things and I am much more reluctant to make a judgment in a situation about something I don't have all of the facts about.

I truly believe when you say something, something that a lot of people are going to hear or read - you really should try to be accurate as possible.

It is obvious that we are currently living in weird times - times this country has never experienced before and it is good to see all of the support this country has shown to the victims and families of the events of September 11th.

Local people, from firefighters to school organizations and many local citizens have donated lots of money to the relief funds for those so tragically hurt by the mission of a misguided few.

We are engaged in a war against an enemy that has no shame and doesn't care to die for their cause. It is extremely difficult to fight an enemy who thinks there is glory in killing innocent people and who will die themselves to carry out their acts.

I have all of the faith in the world in our President who is apparently a very caring and patriotic man, who is carrying the weight of a free world on his shoulders.

His decisions will affect us all in some respect and I think we should probably be glad that he won last year's election - just in my humble opinion.

But I have to wonder why the most powerful nation in the world hasn't captured a single man who is obviously the mastermind behind all of the terror that was unleashed on the United States.

Hollywood may have given us a distorted view of just how prepared we are for something like this and our capabilities of capturing such an extremist.

It is hard to believe that one man's organization, not a country, or a group of countries, can cause such havoc and concern in this great nation.

I keep wanting to hear a special news report announcing that we have captured Osama bin Laden and he is being brought back to the United States for trial.

I realize that he is not the only terrorist we have to be concerned about, but just like any organization, whether it be a country, government agency or even a large corporation, the top person is the most important.

Successful companies, school systems, small businesses and yes, terrorist organizations have someone that everyone else looks to.

If Osama bin Laden were in custody and his money cut off from direct access I think the country as a whole would feel a little better about the entire situation.

And again, I'm sure there is a good reason why we haven't captured him - it just makes you a little less more confident in our overall might as a country.

You also have to wonder why, when we had the chance we didn't take out the main man in Iraq because in my opinion I think Saddam Hussein has something to do with what is going on now.

Most of the Muslim leaders hate us anyway, so I think we should have taken complete charge of the situation.

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