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Linguistics freshman Nick Molestina takes a smoke break in front of the White Hall Classroom building yesterday afternoon.

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Smoking policy often ignored, not enforced

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UK's Smoke-free Policy is more than a year old, but many members of the UK community are unaware of it or simply do not comply.

The policy — which requires smokers to be at least 20 feet away from entrances, air intakes and windows of all university buildings, parking structures and enclosed walkways — was enacted by the Board of Trustees in November 2006.

"I have observed (the rule) being violated fairly frequently, which is unfortunate," said Ernie

Yanarella, a faculty representative on the board. "My hope would be that those individuals who feel the need to smoke would honor this particular rule."

The policy is designed to keep secondhand smoke out of buildings, making the air healthier, according to the rule.

"The preponderance weight of evidence with regard to secondary smoking is overwhelming and convincing with regard to this as a public hazard," Yanarella said.

"It seems to me therefore that we have a right to call on the campus community members to honor this particular regulation."

Students who were smoking outside of campus buildings had mixed responses about the policy. Several of them were unaware that the 20-foot rule existed and others had never seen it enforced.

"I don't think anybody pays attention to it," said Chris Langefeld, a philosophy senior. "I've never seen it enforced, and I have no idea who would enforce it."

The Student Code of Conduct does not specify disciplinary action for violations of the smoking ban but general disciplinary procedures begin with a warning followed by a written reprimand and finally probation, which would

suspend student privileges and exclude violators from extra-curricular activities.

Many smokers said they are generally respectful of the rule except during bad weather. If it is raining, smokers are more likely to be closer to building entrances, they said.

"Everybody is pretty good about it," said Gwen Goines, a biology and psychology senior.

"Wherever there is an ashtray is where I usually see people smoke unless it's raining. If it is raining, people are just trying to get under shelter."

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UK 58, OLE MISS 54

Cats survive last-minute scare

Ole Miss rallies from 23-point deficit before falling in the final seconds

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The UK basketball team certainly has a flare for the dramatic.

After nearly squandering a 23-point first-half lead, the Cats held off Ole Miss 58-54 in front of 23,330 fans at Rupp Arena last night. The Cats earned their 10th win in the Southeastern Conference, all of which have been by 10 points or less.

"I just think we play really good, we just need to put a whole game together," senior guard Ramel Bradley said. "We have lapses at times, but I think when we're able to put together a whole 40 minutes, it's going to look really good."

Ole Miss's comeback was built on UK's inability to hit shots, not a lack of effort or intensity, UK head coach Billy Gillispie said.

"We couldn't make anything in the second half," Gillispie said. "They made some shots, we made some mistakes. But believe me, I'm really happy about this win and ... I'm really excited about where it puts us."

UK (16-10, 10-3 SEC) built a 31-8 lead before halftime as Ole Miss made just three of its first 21 shots. Ole Miss (18-9, 4-9 SEC) didn't make it to double digits until there were less than two minutes to play in the first half.

But the Rebels weren't finished yet. Spanning the end of the first and beginning of the second halves, Ole Miss made 8-of-13 shots to pull within four at 33-29. Ole Miss outscored UK 21-2 during the stretch, which included a UK field goal drought that lasted more than six minutes to begin the second half.



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Senior guard Joe Crawford drives against Ole Miss guard Eniel Polynice in the second half of UK's 58-54 victory last night at Rupp Arena. Crawford scored 15 points and pulled down four rebounds.

With the mood in Rupp Arena growing tense, freshman forward Patrick Patterson woke the Cats up. Patterson scored seven of UK's next nine points to push the lead back to 42-31. Patterson finished with 15 points as he and senior guard Joe Crawford led the Cats in scoring. But nothing came easy in the paint for Patterson.

"It was real tough and real physical," Patterson said. "They're able to push you

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down low, push you under huge guys with

huge bodies."

The Rebels still didn't go away after Patterson's surge.

Freshman guard Chris Warren led the Rebels back again, scoring 23 of his game-high 25 points in the second half.

"We got him by four," Gillispie said with a laugh, alluding to UK's 27-point second half.

Ole Miss chipped away at that lead, eventually cutting it to 56-54 with 24.1 seconds to play. Senior guard Ramel

Bradley then missed two free throws on the ensuing possession, and Ole Miss came down the court with a chance to tie.

Warren came up short on a drive to the basket, but Dwayne Curtis gathered the rebound and kicked it to Trevor Gaskins for an open 3-point attempt. Gaskins' shot appeared to be on target but clanged off the back of the rim, and Bradley gathered

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Green designs sought for solar house

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UK launched its second phase of a solar house building competition yesterday, calling for elegant and holistic designs from individual students or teams.

About 40 people gathered in Pence Hall yesterday as project leaders announced the student design competition and went over some of its guidelines. Students of any discipline have until March 21 to register for the competition through e-mail at solarhouse@uky.edu.

As one of 20 university-led teams selected to compete in the week-long U.S. Department of Energy 2009 Solar Decathlon, UK will have until fall 2009 to design, construct and test an attractive, energy-efficient solar-powered home.

Then teams will then take their homes to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., where judges will vote on the best design in 10 areas: architecture, engineering, market viability, communications, comfort zone, appliances, hot water, lighting, energy balance and transportation.

Laurel Christensen, a second-year interior design student, said she considers participating in the design an "opportunity of a lifetime."

"Sustainability is a really big issue, and it's something we just can't ignore," she said. "I'm ex-

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Lecture to focus on health care in business

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An annual lecture series will strive to prove that health care is not only for doctors and nurses but should also be an important priority in the business world.

The Chellgren Lecture Series, hosted by the Gatton School of Business and Economics, will focus on the business world's opportunity to expand and improve health plans and benefits, said Gordon Holbein, professor in the Gatton school.

Watts Wacker, founder of First Matter, a think tank based in Connecticut, will be heading a panel discussion focusing on the future of health care Friday at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. in room 148 of the Gatton college.

The free discussion, titled

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Time to put streaking Cats on NCAA Tournament bubble

UK is on the right path now. To the NCAA Tournament, that is.

With yesterday's uplight 58-54 win over Ole Miss, UK moved to 16-10 overall and 10-3 in the Southeastern Conference. The win was the Cats' fourth in a row and ninth in their last 10 games.



JONATHAN SMITH
Kernel columnist

That's the type of conference surge that has all but wiped out the memories of the horrid non-conference start. And the streak has put UK squarely on the NCAA Tournament bubble.

And that's exactly where UK fans should want to be. This wasn't possible two months ago. Or two weeks ago. Or two days ago.

But now UK has 10 conference wins, which is a watershed mark for getting into the NCAA Tournament. Since the SEC expanded in 1992, every team that had 10 conference wins and was eligible for postseason play has made the NCAA Tournament.

"I'm really excited about where this puts us," UK head coach Billy Gillispie said.

It puts UK in a good spot, but not a guaranteed spot.

UK is likely going to need more than 10 wins to get into the tournament because of what happened before SEC play started. There's no magic number for UK to reach to assure itself of get-

ting into the tournament, but here's a pretty well educated guess: win two out of three to close the regular season.

Win two out of three, and UK is in. No doubt about it. One win might get the Cats in, but two would all but clinch a spot. That's the path UK can take to get into the NCAA Tournament.

The best part about that path, it doesn't matter what route UK takes. If the Cats beat South Carolina and either South Carolina or Florida, they are definitely in. That will mean a 12-4 finish coupled with a season sweep of the nation's (for now) No. 1-ranked team.

If the Cats beat South Carolina and Florida and lose to the Volunteers, they're still in. That's the same 12-4 finish, plus they'll have gained another quality win over the likely tournament Gators.

That shouldn't be too much to ask. They should be favored in the final two games (South Carolina and Florida) and they've already proven they can beat Tennessee.

UK did it again last night with its defense. The Cats held the Rebels to just 24 percent shooting in the first half and 31.3 for the game. Nothing came easy for Ole Miss, especially shooting, passing, dribbling and scoring.

Rebels' guard Chris Warren had 25 points, 23 of which came in the second half, and center Dwayne Curtis had 15 rebounds. But every other Ole Miss player was ineffective. That's impressive considering the Rebels have the conference's third highest scoring average.

UK can go a long way to becoming

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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 5 — Your true friends will still love you, even if you sometimes can't go along with everything they want to do. If you don't know already who they are, you will soon.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — Figure out how much you can afford before, not after, you go shopping. There may be a few items you'll want to check off your list, in the privacy of your own home.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 6 — You have help now, but it's not exactly what you had in mind. This person has ideas that don't exactly go along with yours. Modify as

necessary, to succeed.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 7 — Pay attention to what you're doing and expect delays. Have as many alternatives ready as you have plans. Expect anything that can go wrong to do just that.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 6 — Your quiet evening at home could be rudely interrupted. Somebody has a dilemma and they want to get you involved. Assign them the responsibility.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — New information causes a disruption in the status quo. Nerves are on edge, so be one who makes things better instead of worse. Comfort food could help.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 6 — It feels good to have several coins jingling around in your pockets. You'd better not spend

them, though. They're already promised to another.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — You're much stronger now, after all you've just been through. Be gentle with a doofus who makes a critical remark. You may not know your own strength.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 6 — A deadline is fast approaching and this job is complicated. Check with the people involved and find out exactly what's required. Minimize.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — Teamwork is one of your natural strengths. You're a good manager. Exercise those skills again by quieting an argument. Use logic.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 7 — It's going to be hard to do everything other people want you to do. You'll have to set priorities and postpone a few of the tasks. People will have to adapt.

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WHEN WILL YOUR FAVE SHOWS RETURN?

A poststrike guide to what new TV episodes will come back when

Lost (ABC)

Return status: Though the eight completed episodes are currently airing, five more will be shot, an ABC source tells us. (Expect a break in the action from mid-March to late April.)

Where we are: Still in the thick of it: Jack (Matthew Fox) is desperate to get off the island; Locke (Terry O'Quinn) is dying to stay.

CSI (CBS)

Return status: Six new Las Vegas whodunits begin airing April 3.

Where we left off: The crime-scene techs were regrouping after Sara (Jorja Fox)'s sudden departure.

The Office (NBC)

Return status: Open for business April 10 with six new episodes.

Where we left off: Michael (Steve Carell)'s too revealing testimony derailed girlfriends Iis (Melora Hardin)'s lawsuit against Dunder Mifflin; supercouple Pam (Jenna Fischer) and Jim (John Krasinski) were still going strong.

Law & Order: SVU (NBC)

Return status: Five new episodes kick off April 15.

Where we left off: Detective Benson (Mariska Hargitay) had babies on the brain when she and partner Stabler (Christopher Meloni), recently a dad again, investigated stolen frozen embryos.

Gossip Girl (CW)

Return status: The posh Upper East Siders go back to

school on April 21 with five new episodes.

Where we left off: Queen bee Blair (Leighton Meester) was dethroned by pregnancy rumors and a cheating scandal; Serena (Blake Lively) and Dan (Penn Badgley) said the L word.

Grey's Anatomy (ABC)

Return status: The docs resume their rounds in April with four to six new episodes, according to a source at ABC.

Where we left off: Meredith (Ellen Pompeo) and McDreamy (Patrick Dempsey) split (again!); he smooched nurse Rose (Lauren Stamile); Izzie (Katherine Heigl) and Cristina (Sandra Oh) continued their war at work; George (T.R. Knight) and Izzie ended their fling.

Brothers & Sisters (ABC)

Return status: Expect more Walker family dysfunction in April with four to six episodes, says an ABC source.

Where we left off: Sarah (Rachel Griffiths) and Graham (Steven Weber) got closer; tensions over a woman grew between Tommy (Balthazar Getty) and Justin (Dave Annable).

Ugly Betty (ABC)

Return status: She's back in April for five episodes; creator Silvio Horta tells us to expect an "expiration date" on Betty (America Ferrera) and Henry (Christopher Gorham)'s romance: "We're going to start dealing with who she should be with."

Where we left off: Betty was distracted by Gio (Freddy Ro-

driguez); Christina (Ashley Jensen) signed on to be a surrogate mom for Wilhelmina (Vanessa Williams).

Desperate Housewives (ABC)

Return status: When seven new installments begin airing in April, "we pick up right with the tornado," costar Dana Delany tells us.

Where we left off: Carlos (Ricardo Antonio Chavira) hid his blindness from Gaby (Eva Longoria Parker); Adam (Nathan Fillion) ditched wife Katherine (Delany).

House (FOX)

Return status: Exec producer David Shore told The New York Times the drama will be back in late April or early May, but one planned story arc had to be scrapped.

Where we left off: House (Hugh Laurie) gave new couple Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard) and "Cutthroat Bitch" Amber (Anne Dudek) his blessing. And is Thirteen (Olivia Wilde) bi?

Heroes (NBC)

Return status: With fall's Volume Three: Villains, "we are gearing up for a great, exciting run," creator Tim Kring promises us.

Where we left off: Nathan (Adrian Pasdar) and Niki (Ali Larter) were killed... or were they? Sylar (Zachary Quinto) had his powers restored.

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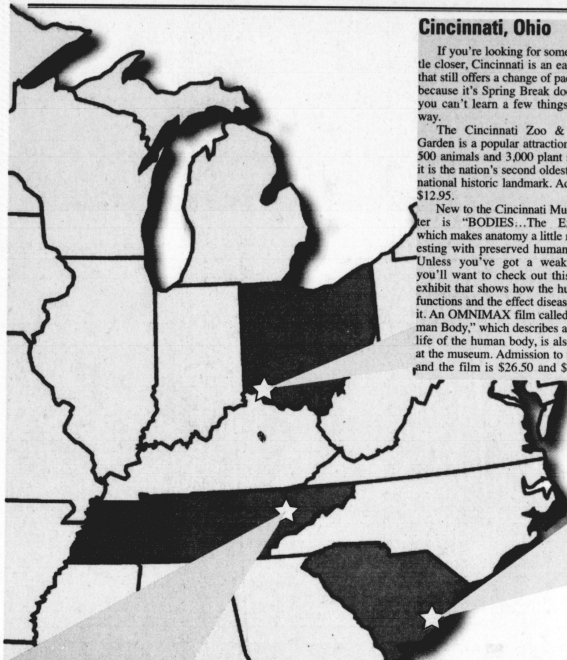
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Last minute ideas to put some spring in your break

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Spring Break is right around the corner, the much-anticipated week-long vacation where students can forget about school, jump in a car or on a plane, and head off to exotic lands. If you planned ahead for Spring Break, your mind is probably already on the beach. But if you've been too busy studying for midterms to plan that dream vacation, here's a few ideas for travel destinations that will satisfy your adventurous appetite without breaking your wallet.



Cincinnati, Ohio

If you're looking for something a little closer, Cincinnati is an easy day-trip that still offers a change of pace, and just because it's Spring Break doesn't mean you can't learn a few things along the way.

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is a popular attraction. Home to 500 animals and 3,000 plant specimens, it is the nation's second oldest zoo and a national historic landmark. Admission is \$12.95.

New to the Cincinnati Museum Center is "BODIES...The Exhibition," which makes anatomy a little more interesting with preserved human cadavers. Unless you've got a weak stomach, you'll want to check out this traveling exhibit that shows how the human body functions and the effect diseases have on it. An OMNIMAX film called "The Human Body," which describes a day in the life of the human body, is also showing at the museum. Admission to the exhibit and the film is \$26.50 and \$23 for the



Historic statues and a restaurant housed in an old paddle-wheeler are located along the waterfront in Covington, Ky., across the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

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Other museums in Cincinnati include The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (\$10 for students), the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame & Museum (\$8) and the Taft Museum of Art (\$5 with a student ID).

If money is a little tight, Cincinnati offers a few cheaper options: the Krohn Conservatory, with more than 3,500

plant species from around the world, and Jungle Jim's International Market, with food from 75 different countries.

Rooms are available at the Days Inn Central Parkway located downtown, minutes away from many of the attractions listed. The nightly rate of a standard room is \$68 per night, so a six-night stay with four people is about \$100 per person.

Gatlinburg, Tenn.

For those who are tired of the beach crowd, the mountains could offer a pleasant alternative.

Roughly three and a half hours away from Lexington, Gatlinburg offers both the peacefulness of nature and the excitement of a small, tourism-driven town.

"If you are trying to save a little money on gas, this would be a good place to come and enjoy yourself," said Vicki Simms, executive director of the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce.

Nature-lovers will enjoy hiking through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Visitors may also want to view the 384 miles of mountain road. Highlights include Newfound Gap Road and Cades Cove.

"You can come to the mountains and en-



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The Chimneys are part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Gatlinburg, Tenn.

joy hiking and backpacking and white water rafting and all of those exciting fun things when you feel like doing something, and when you feel like relaxing, you can sit by

the pool." Simms said. "Many hotels have heated indoor as well as outdoor pools."

Shoppers will enjoy strolling along the streets of downtown Gatlinburg. With over 400 shops and five malls to browse through, it is practically guaranteed that any dedicated shopper will come home with plenty of souvenirs to commemorate the trip.

Gatlinburg also boasts a variety of Ripley's activities, including the Believe It Or Not! Museum. Admission to see the exhibits is \$14.99 plus tax.

Students can also visit nearby Pigeon Forge, Tenn., less than 15 minutes away and home to the Dollywood theme park.

Best Western Crossroad, located in downtown Gatlinburg, has standard double queen rooms available for \$57.50 per night. Divide that by four people, and you have a six night stay for roughly \$87 per person.

Folly Beach, S.C.

For many students, the beach is the traditional Spring Break destination. Unfortunately, Kentucky doesn't have much to offer in oceanfront relaxation. If you want to avoid the crowds of Panama City, Fla. — and shave roughly two and a half hours off the trip each way — you'll find Folly Beach is a satisfactory alternative.

"Everybody goes to Florida, as they say, so Florida Beach gives you that Florida kind of feeling. Not everybody is going to be there," said Timothy White of the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

In addition to working on your tan, Folly Beach also offers other activities you can enjoy while having fun in the sun, including parasailing and riding jet skis. OceanAir Sea Kayak offers year-round classes for all skill levels. Prices vary from \$75 to \$125.

For local entertainment, try the Folly Beach Bluegrass Society at the Folly Beach Crab Shack. The group performs bluegrass tunes every Thursday night from 7 to 10:30. Minutes away from Folly Beach is the city of Charleston, S.C., with a wide array of shops that cater to everyone, whether your interest is in crafts or Prada and Coach. Charleston is also home to a variety of art galleries and theaters.

Rooms are still available at the Holiday Inn Charleston-On the Beach. The hotel sits right on the water and an oceanfront room with two double beds for four people is \$164 per night. Split your beach excursion with a few friends and a six-night stay will run roughly \$250 per person.



At the southern end of the island, Folly Beach County Park is popular with families in Folly Beach, S.C.

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MAKE YOUR WEEKEND PLANS

1. Back to the Bluegrass

Follow Mary Todd Lincoln as she returns to Lexington and visits her childhood home. Performances are at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and are free with museum admission. For more information, call (502) 564-1792, ext. 4454.

2. PB&J

Join the Lexington Philharmonic for a late lunch and some light music on Saturday as they present "Peanut Butter & Jelly," a concert at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning. The event will feature the LPO's Woodwind Quintet, and yes, PB&J will be provided. Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. For more information, call (859) 233-4226 or visit the LPO Web site (www.lexphil.org).

3. Making music

Yo-Yo Ma will be joined by Colin Jacobsen, Jonathan Gandelman and Nicholas Cords for an evening of music from all over the globe. The concert is at 3 p.m. on Sunday in Newlin Hall at the Norton Center for the Arts in Danville. Tickets prices are \$40 to \$70. For more information, call (877) 448-7469 or visit the Norton Center's Web site (www.nortoncenterforthearts.com).

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Griffin House w/ Sons of William and The Kin
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FRIDAY, Feb. 22

G-Funk All Stars
9 p.m., The Dame. Ticket price to be announced.

Straw Boss
9 p.m., The Southgate House Lounge, Newport. Tickets are free.

Will Hoge & Jason Isbell
9 p.m., Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$13.

SATURDAY, Feb. 23
Wax Fang w/ The Whigs and Spirito Band
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$6.

Prince Fest to benefit the Drew Campbell Memorial Fund
8 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$5 to \$8.

Drive By Truckers
9 p.m., Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$26.

Black Mountain
9 p.m., Headliners, Louisville. Tickets cost \$13.

SUNDAY, Feb. 24
Secret Chiefs 3 w/ Members of 'Estradasphere'
9 p.m., The Southgate House Ball-

room, Newport. Tickets cost \$10. Tasha w/ Ginder Road
8 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$25.

MONDAY, Feb. 25

Open Mic Night w/ Lance Kauffman
9 p.m., The Southgate House Lounge, Newport. Tickets are free.

TUESDAY, Feb. 26

Karaoke w/ KJ Swift
9 p.m., The Southgate House Lounge, Newport. Tickets are free.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27

Pomegranates w/ Look Mexico
9 p.m., The Southgate House Lounge, Newport. Tickets are free.

TOP 10 radio

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Most-played albums of the week

1. Vampire Weekend — Vampire Weekend
2. Mahjongg — Kontab
3. Black Mountain — In The Future
4. Juno soundtrack
5. Sharon Jones and The Dap Kings — 100 Days, 100 Nights
6. Cat Power — Jukebox Matador
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Maker finds customers hungry for all-natural dog treats

By Marino Echer
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

WAUKESHA, Wis. — David Baldus boasts that the dog treats and chews he makes are "tested on Labs, not tested in labs."

And while he might toss a few to his dog, Jasper, or one of the others running around the warehouse, the testing doesn't stop there.

He might simply take a bite himself.

"Everything is food-grade," Baldus said. "I eat everything."

Baldus, 55, is the founder and president of Front Porch Pets Inc., in Waukesha, Wis., an all-natural dog treat supplier that specializes in dehydrated sweet potato chews.

The company, which moved into its 10,000-square-foot Waukesha distribution center last year, has 30 full-time employees and did a shade less than \$1 million in sales in 2007. Not bad, considering Baldus was selling the same chews out of his mother's garage in Wauwatosa, Wis., two years ago.

The idea for the chews came to Baldus in 2003, when he was living in Memphis, Tenn., and working as director of menu development for Perkins Restaurant and Bakery.

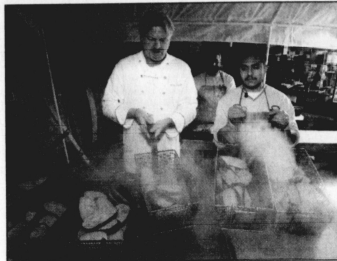
As a side project, he was working on a "rejuvenation diet" for people who wanted to cut down on processed, high-allergen foods. The diet centered on high-nutrient foods, including sweet potatoes.

One night, Baldus said, he didn't feel like doing the dishes and put the leftover potatoes in his dehydrator instead.

"A few days later, I opened it up and it looked like rawhide," he said.

When Jasper grabbed one of the potato slices and began chewing happily, Baldus thought he might be on to something.

He gave the chews to friends and co-workers until the requests became too numerous to keep giving them away for free. At that point, he began selling bags of the treats at farmers



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David Baldus, left, president and founder of Front Porch Pets, Inc., a Waukesha, Wis., company that produces sweet potato dog chews, joins workers Walter Atoche, right, and Gerardo Solorio in blanching their sweet potatoes, Jan. 25.

markets. "I would sell out every week," he said. "Business just kept picking up."

After Baldus' father died in 2003, he moved back to Wauwatosa to be closer to his mother. There, he set up a pair of dehydrators in his mother's garage and continued selling the chews, expanding into independent pet stores and holistic veterinary offices.

As sales grew, he briefly moved the company to California, the top state in the dehydration industry. But he found that the Midwest and East Coast accounted for most of his business, so he moved back to Milwaukee.

David's sister, Jan Baldus, moved back to Milwaukee from Florida in 2005 to become the company's distribution manager.

Today, Front Porch Pets is a large-scale version of the operation Baldus ran out of his mother's garage. Jumbo sweet potatoes are cut into three sizes — standard rawhide-shaped chews, a "Big Boyz" version for larger dogs and a "Bichon Fries" line for small dogs. They're then grooved to help keep teeth clean.

The chews are laid out on trays and dehydrated at 110 to 150 degrees for up to 30 hours.

The low dehydration temperature helps preserve the color and nutrients, David said.

The chews are not as durable as animal products such as rawhide or pig's ears, but they're tough and flexible to the touch. They take dogs as long as 20 minutes to chew through, according to the company.

"We try to get it so it's leathery," David said. "It's very digestible for dogs."

The company also makes a line of herbal treats that combine sweet potatoes, apples and a variety of seeds, fruits and herbs.

Michele Tegen, retail director for the Wisconsin Humane Society, said her organization's Animal Antics store in Milwaukee carries Front Porch Pet products, in part because of their health appeal.

"We try to stay away from anything with byproducts or preservatives," Tegen said. "I think people are lot more conscious about what they're feeding their animals nowadays."

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SEC champs Sunday against Tennessee. The Cats trail the Vols in the conference standings by one game. If they win, they'll be tied for the league lead with two games to play.

"We're happy we got to 10 wins in the SEC," said senior guard Joe Crawford, who tied Patrick Patterson for a team-high 15 points. "But we want to be SEC champs and that's still within our reach."

That would be enormous for UK's improving NCAA Tournament resume.

UK has three quality wins so far — Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Arkansas. They have a Ratings Percentage Index score of 66, but that was before last night's win.

Last year, Stanford had the lowest RPI of all the at-large teams in the NCAA Tournament. Their RPI was 65. That number will improve if the Cats win two out of their last three games.

The numbers are adding up for UK to make the NCAA Tournament. Now all they have to do is finish.

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Senior guard Ramel Bradley congratulates freshman forward Patrick Patterson after a blocked shot in the second half. Patterson and Bradley combined for 29 points last night.

BASKETBALL

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the rebound and was fouled. "I was just like, 'God, don't do this to me. Please don't do this to us right now,'" Bradley said. "It looked good."

Gillispe called the play his favorite of the game. "It wasn't my favorite play of the game," Bradley said.

This time, the senior guard swished both free throws, and the Cats escaped with their seventh consecutive home victory and their 18th win in 19 home games against the SEC West.

Though the Cats had to hold on to earn the victory, Gillispie was still happy with the win.

"Guys, we won," Gillispie said. "I'm glad we're to the point now where we're not earning style points for winning. We'll take any of them we can get any way we can get them."

The win sets up a battle for first place in the SEC East when UK visits Tennessee Sunday. That's something that has Bradley chomping at the bit to get back on the court.

"I'm excited to go down there and play," Bradley said. "It's a really big game for us. We're going to get in, prepare the right way and go down there and see if we can get a win."

SOLAR

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cited to get more people aware of solar energy and move forward with interesting designs."

The UK Smart Blues team, which is organizing the construction of the selected design, has received more than 100 proposals and ideas, said Gregory Luhan, one of the UK team's lead investigators and the associate dean for research at the College of Design.

The ideas, which are on display on the first floor gallery in

Pence Hall through March 7, range from using cardio exercise equipment in home gyms to power lights to using sun pipes and geothermal energy.

Now it's up to students to draw from these ideas and create their own building designs that UK can construct and that also have potential to better the lives of Kentuckians.

Hilary Bryon, another principal investigator on UK's team, challenged students to connect

"Sustainability is a really big issue, and it's something we just can't ignore."

LAUREL CHRISTENSEN
Second-year interior design student

able design techniques and on building integrated photovoltaics, a method of converting

with the environment when designing and to think, "what does it mean to live in a solar house, not just one that has solar stuff attached to it?"

The Smart Blues team will host workshops throughout the competition to educate the community on sustainable design techniques and on building integrated photovoltaics, a method of converting

sunlight to electricity. Professors will also incorporate solar decathlon topics with coursework in different disciplines, such as architecture, Luhan said.

Sustainability is one of the moral imperatives in today's world, Luhan said, and this competition is about more than just claiming a title.

"We know that while we're designing this, we have the potential to positively impact Kentucky as well as communities beyond," he said.

More information on the competition is available at the Smart Blues team's Web site, (www.uky.edu/solarhouse).

Conservative critic William F. Buckley dies

By Julie Keller
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — So dapper with that noble oblige, so jaunty with that certain je ne sais quoi, he was that rare thing: an intellectual who morphed into a celebrity, so much so that he was the subject of good-natured parodies on TV shows such as "Sesame Street" and "The Smothers Brothers" and the movie "Aladdin." Yet William F. Buckley Jr., 82, who died yesterday, was the guiding spirit of a conservative movement that stuck a stick in the spokes of post-New Deal liberalism and, many say, pushed Ronald Reagan into the White House.

"Conservatism in the 1950s was in disarray. He cleaned it up," said his son, author Christopher Buckley. "He not only made it intellectually sound — but because of his personal style, he made it cool."

Buckley came across a bit like Thurston Howell III in "Gilligan's Island" — declaiming his well-chosen words in a patrician, faintly British-sounding accent, accompanied by a rakishly arched eyebrow. In the program he hosted on public television for 33 years, "Firing Line," and in his role as an engaged chronicler of the second half of the 20th Century, Buckley somehow kept an expensively shod foot in the worlds of elite intellectuals and regular folks armed with his elegant demeanor and elephantine vocabulary.

"In the 1960s and '70s," Christopher Buckley said, "any stand-up comic worth his salt had a William F. Buckley impression." And his father never minded. "He got a kick out of them. He was immensely secure that way."

But it was as an essayist and author that Buckley made his first and firmest mark. He wrote more than 55 books and more than 5,000 newspaper columns, and in 1955, founded the National Review, a bedrock conservative journal.

"Anybody who writes about the politi-

cal history of the 20th century will have to write about the National Review," said John Judis, author of "William F. Buckley Jr.: Patron Saint of the Conservatives" (1988). "Before that, there was no conservative movement."

And after that, there was Buckley: the bon vivant with intellectual chops, the high-living aristocrat with the high IQ. On "Firing Line," he brought grace, charm and an old-world civility to television, debating the likes of economist John Kenneth Galbraith and novelist Norman Mailer.

"Back in the days when the options in the TV universe were smaller," said Rich Heidenfels, a columnist with the Akron Beacon-Journal who has written several books on television history, "it was possible for viewers to encounter those sorts of people, whereas today they're elbowed aside." It is difficult to imagine the politely erudite aura of "Firing Line" in today's world of political coverage on cable TV, a world in which the yelp and the snarl have replaced the thoughtful pause.

Off the air, Buckley still kept busy. He was a wide-minded and perennially curious generalist, a renaissance man in an era that increasingly tended to produce only careful, plodding specialists. He wrote fetching books about his passion for sailing, and spy novels featuring a CIA agent named Blackford Oakes. His book on Barbra Streisand is scheduled to be published in April; he was working on another book at the time of his death, Christopher Buckley said. He was found at his writing desk in his Stamford, Conn., home at about 9:30 a.m.

That is what Christopher Buckley told President Bush when the latter called Wednesday morning to express his condolences. "I said, 'Mr. President, you're a Texan, and you'll understand this — he died with his boots on.'"

Later in the day, a call came from Nancy Reagan, Christopher Buckley said. Then he

called former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to tell him the news. "He wept."

Buckley also was a canny talent scout, giving a crucial boost to writers who went on to illustrious careers, such as Garry Wills, Jon Dirlikov, George Will and David Brooks. "It's a stupendous pool of proteges," said Christopher Buckley.

Even to people who never picked up the National Review, Buckley was a familiar figure, thanks to the quirky, endearing personal mummisms on display in "Firing Line" that made him catnip to impressionists. Comedian David Frye did his Buckley imitation on "The Smothers Brothers," a television show that aired on CBS from 1967 to 1969, and also on comedy albums. Even "Sesame Street" featured a puppet that spoke in an affected accent and employed arcane words.

"It was that voice, that silken voice" that made Buckley a gift to comics, mused Heidenfels. "And that smile. There was something serpentine about it. It was like Eve approaching the apple. He was enjoying himself immensely — even if you weren't always sure he was going to do right by whom he was getting to."

Indeed, while Buckley's political legacy may be intact — the conservative movement is now a powerful presence in American political culture — the sophistication he demonstrated on television, the easy charm and graciousness, the cordiality he displayed even to guests whose ideas he despised, have largely disappeared from the screen, replaced by raucous insults.

Christopher Buckley, author of best-selling novels such as "Thank You for Smoking" (1994) and "No Way to Treat a First Lady" (2002) said, "It was great to have a father with whom one could talk shop. He was a wonderful dad. He didn't teach me how to write, you have to learn that on your own — but as an influence and a gold standard, he was invaluable."

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McCain, Obama spar over al-Qaida presence in Iraq

By Christi Parsons and Rick Pearson
Chicago Tribune

COLUMBUS, Ohio — John McCain and Barack Obama engaged in a hard-edged, sarcastic back-and-forth Wednesday over al-Qaida and the war in Iraq, highlighting a fundamental difference in their world views and possibly foreshadowing the fall campaign.

McCain, the presumptive Republican nominee, went after a comment Obama had made Tuesday night, when he'd said that if al-Qaida surged in Iraq after a U.S. withdrawal, as president he might send military forces back in.

"I have some news: al-Qaida is in Iraq," McCain bittily told an audience in Tyler, Texas. "It's called, 'al-Qaida in Iraq.'"

Obama's comment, which he made during the debate with Democratic rival Hillary Clinton, was "pretty remarkable," McCain said.

But Obama, appearing at Ohio State University, showed he did not appreciate being lectured to by the Arizona senator.

"So I heard that Sen. McCain said this morning that he had some news for me — al-Qaida is in Iraq," he said.

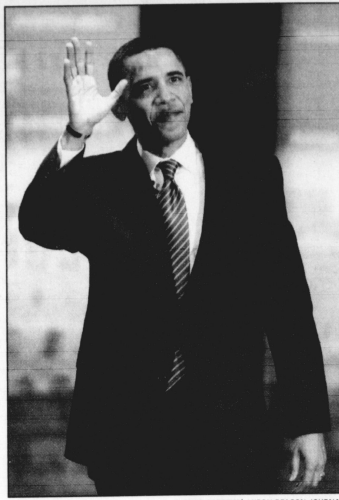
"Well first of all, I know that, and that's why I've said we should continue to strike al-Qaida targets," Obama said. "But I've got some news for him. There was no such thing as al-Qaida in Iraq until George Bush and John McCain took us into a war that should've never been authorized and never been waged."

The exchange highlighted what could become a seminal issue in the general election campaign between McCain and Obama, who is the Democratic front-runner.

The exchange between the two also served to further subdue Clinton's role in the presidential sweepstakes as she looks to Tuesday's primaries in Ohio and Texas to try to stop Obama's momentum. The two-term New York senator held an invitation-only economic forum in Zanesville, in southeastern Ohio, featuring such allies as Gov. Ted Strickland of Ohio and Jon Corzine of New Jersey and former Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, but made no mention of the Iraq flap.

Clinton's campaign also suffered a setback when, as expected, civil rights movement icon and Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, a superdelegate to the Democratic National Convention, switched allegiances from the New York senator to the Illinois senator.

Obama has made a core campaign theme of his long-held opposition to the war in



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Sen. Barack Obama waves to the audience as he is introduced prior to the start of the Democratic Presidential Debate against Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton at Cleveland State University on Tuesday.

Iraq, which was authorized before he entered the Senate. He has chided his Democratic rival, Clinton, for voting in 2002 for the Iraq war resolution — a vote she now says was a mistake based on faulty intelligence.

McCain has been a staunch supporter of U.S. involvement in Iraq as a way to put a check on international terrorism. McCain also has been an ardent supporter of the U.S. military surge. He has attacked Democratic calls for a timetable for a withdrawal of American troops from Iraq, contending that was a timetable for surrender.

"If we left, they wouldn't be establishing a base," McCain said of al-Qaida. "They'd be taking a country and I'm not going to allow that to happen, my friends. I will not surrender. I will not surrender to al-Qaida."

But Obama took one of McCain's stock campaign lines — that he wants to follow Osama bin Laden to the "Gates of Hell" — and said "so far all (McCain's) done is follow George Bush into a misguided war in Iraq that has cost us thousands of lives and billions of dollars." Obama vowed a renewed effort against al-Qaida in Afghanistan and along the Pakistan border "like we should have been doing in

the first place."

"That's the news, John McCain," Obama said.

With only days remaining before next Tuesday's primaries that will likely decide the fate of her campaign, Clinton told reporters aboard her chartered plane en route to Zanesville that she would focus her message on ways to improve Ohio's economy.

"We're sliding into a recession and the price of everything is going up at the same time," Clinton said. "This is a very difficult terrain to try to navigate through."

Clinton said she was pleased by her performance against Obama in Tuesday night's debate in Cleveland — the last before next week's primaries and, with 7.8 million viewers, MSNBC's highest-rated broadcast ever — and said talk that she failed to deliver a knockout should be reserved for a "prize fight, that's not a debate."

"I think that a lot of people who watched it would come away and feel very positive and comfortable about what I said and what I presented as my credentials and my positions on these issues, and I think there were some real contrasts that were drawn," she said.

Nobel laureate suggests costs of U.S. wars will exceed \$3 trillion

By Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — When U.S. troops invaded Iraq in March 2003, the Bush administration predicted that the war would be self-financing and rebuilding the nation would cost less than \$2 billion.

Coming up on the five-year anniversary of the invasion, a new estimate from a Nobel laureate puts the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan at more than \$3 trillion.

That estimate from Noble Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz also serves as the title of his new book, "The Three Trillion Dollar War," which hits store shelves Friday.

The book, co-authored with Harvard University professor Linda Bilmes, builds on previous research published in January 2006. The two argued then and now that the cost to America of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan is wildly underestimated.

When other factors are added — such as interest on debt, future borrowing for war expenses, continued military presence in Iraq and lifetime health-care and counseling for veterans — they think that the wars' costs range from \$5 trillion to \$7 trillion.

"I think we really have learned that the long-term costs of taking care of the wounded and injured in this war and the long-term costs of rebuilding the military to its previous strength is going to far eclipse the cost of

waging this war," Bilmes said in an interview.

The book and its estimates are the subject of a hearing Thursday by the Joint Economic Committee of Congress.

The White House doesn't care for the estimates by Stiglitz, a former chief economist of the World Bank who's now a professor at Columbia University.

"People like Joe Stiglitz lack the courage to consider the cost of doing nothing and the cost of failure. One can't even begin to put a price tag on the cost to this nation of the attacks of 9-11," said White House spokesman Tony Fratto, conceding that the costs of the war on terrorism are high while questioning the premise of Stiglitz's research.

"It is also an investment in the future safety and security of Americans and our vital national interests. \$3 trillion? What price does Joe Stiglitz put on attacks on the homeland that have already been prevented? Or doesn't his slide rule work that way?"

Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., a decorated Marine Corp colonel and Vietnam veteran, welcomed the effort by Stiglitz and Bilmes to quantify the ways in which the wars will cost taxpayers.

"It's astounding that here we are about to mark the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, and this administration still refuses to acknowledge the long-term costs of the war in Iraq," he said.

By any estimate, the Bush administration's predictions in

March 2003 of a self-financing war have proved wildly inaccurate. Stiglitz cites operational spending to date of \$646 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and, working off estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, presumes that spending on these wars over the next decade probably will amount to another \$913 billion.

Pentagon officials had no immediate comment on Stiglitz's book or his estimates.

Stiglitz and Bilmes first estimated war costs of \$1 trillion in January 2006. Their research proved controversial and sparked debate about the costs of replacing equipment used by the armed forces and National Guard units. In the new book, they offer a figure of \$404 billion for replacing equipment, planes and tanks and bringing military hardware back from Iraq and Afghanistan.

In an interview, Stiglitz said that too much of the public debate had been over the wars' operational costs while the real budget strains would show up only years from now.

"The peak expenditures are way out," he said, noting that the peak expenditures for World War II vets came in 1993.

The pair estimated that future medical, disability and Social Security costs for veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan range from a best-case \$422 billion to what they call a more probable long-term expense of \$717 billion.



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Alaskan fishermen get their day in court over Exxon oil spill

By Hal Bernton
The Seattle Times

Just before midnight Tuesday, an aging band of Alaska fishermen bundled up in long underwear and slickers headed out into the chill night air of Washington, D.C.

They planned to camp all night on the stairs outside the U.S. Supreme Court, hoping to claim a gallery seat to hear arguments on whether America's largest oil company should pay \$2.5 billion in punitive damages for the oil spilled by the tanker Exxon Valdez in March 1989.

The hearing is the highlight of an emotional reunion of several dozen Prince William Sound fishermen. Most are now in their 50s and 60s, and they've journeyed back to Washington this week as plaintiffs in the long-running, class-action lawsuit against Exxon. Some still fish in Alaska; others have docked their boats to pursue shore-side careers. All have been waiting nearly two decades to receive both sizable damage payments and what they consider justice for the disastrous spill.

"I really can't hold back the tears, to be back and seeing everyone," said Chris Nerison, 53, a former fisherman who now operates a candle factory in Spokane, Wash. "They are just such lively people, and just being with them, and hanging around, you realize how special they are."

"And that's not part of my life anymore." These men are among the more than 32,000 fishermen, cannery workers, Alaska Natives and other plaintiffs in the class-action lawsuit that was filed in 1994.

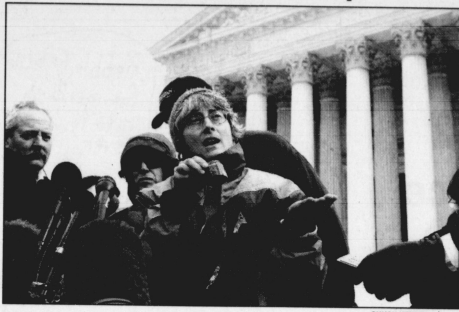
They were awarded \$5 billion in punitive damages in U.S. District Court. In a series of appeals, that was cut to \$2.5 billion. That verdict could be upheld, or done away with entirely, when the Supreme Court rules sometime later this year.

These fishermen, many from Washington state, were a fiercely competitive group who shared the beauty and bounty of the ragged, glacier-edged Prince William Sound. They netted herring in the spring and seined pink salmon in the summer months.

In the spring of 1989, the Exxon Valdez ran aground and gushed nearly 11 million gallons of fuel, killing more than 200,000 seabirds as well as other, harbor seals and other marine life. It shut down the region's fishing industry.

This week, the fishermen were briefly back in the limelight, meeting with reporters at a Tuesday National Press Club luncheon, and then holding an evening candlelight vigil on the mall.

Some were staying with friends, others in hotels as they caught up with each other's



Dr. Ricki Ott holds an oil contaminated sample from Herring Bay outside the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., yesterday. The justices heard arguments to consider Exxon Mobil's bid to overturn, or at least reduce, the \$2.5 billion punitive-damage award for the Prince William Sound tanker spill, the largest in U.S. history.

lives and retold old fishing and spill-cleanup tales before the Supreme Court hearing. If the Supreme Court should eventually rule in their favor, the punitive damages, including interest, would total \$4.5 billion. Individual payouts for some Prince William Sound fishermen could top \$1 million, though attorney fees and expenses would then take a big bite.

"The main thing isn't about us getting rich. In 19 years, you can't be depending on this anymore," said Tom Copeland, a former Prince William Sound fisherman who now grows bamboo in Whatcom County, Wash. "This is really about just getting a bit of justice out of Exxon."

Exxon, in a press statement, called the oil spill a tragic accident that the corporation deeply regrets. But a spokesman said the corporation already has spent over \$3.5 billion in compensatory and cleanup payments and does not believe that maritime law allows for punitive damages.

Such comments reignited the anger in the 63-year-old Copeland. Back in 1989, he was so frustrated by the slow progress of the cleanup that he built his own oil skimmer made of hoses, flour scoops, five-gallon buckets and a small pump.

That was the start of the "fishermen's bounty program" that eventually corralled some 40,000 gallons of oil that Exxon purchased.

During the long weeks of the cleanup and the years of litigation that followed,

Copeland emerged as an articulate voice among the fishermen, whose harvest would suffer a drastic downturn. Herring roe, an important spring harvest for more than 100 fishermen, shut down in 1993. It's yet to reopen because of a disease that some scientists dispute any link.

Salmon harvests nose dived in the early 1990s. The poor years, combined with low prices, forced many fishermen out of Prince William Sound. The 1993 harvest was rock bottom, with the average seine-permit holder earning \$11,322, compared with an average gross of \$159,764 in 1988.

That year, Nerison quit the fishery to return to his native Minnesota to work for a funeral-home supply company. He later moved to Spokane, where he operates his candle factory.

"I had a really hard time making it in the fishery," Nerison said. "A lot of people washed out."

Robin Dexter of Bellingham, Wash., stayed in. The herring have yet to rebound enough for a harvest. But the Prince William Sound pink salmon harvests have bounced back and the Copper River harvests just outside the Sound have soared in value as they have gained an international reputation.

Dexter spends his winters as a house husband, then fishes May through September. Wake-up calls for an early opening might be at 3 a.m., so he was ready to do the same today.

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Google sell-off draws rally cry from Wall Street

By Dan Gallagher
MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — After three straight days of selling, Google Inc. recovered some ground Wednesday after several analysts rose to the Web giant's defense following data that suggested its core business could be slowing.

After starting the year near the \$700 mark, Google shares have shed about one-third of their value. The stock slipped more than 8 percent in the past two days following the release of data from comScore that showed a decline in the growth rate of so-called "paid clicks," which takes place when Web users click on an ad-supported link.

Google generates the bulk of its revenue this way, and the report gave rise to worries that the company could be vulnerable to the economic slowdown if consumers scale back on their spending.

"We acknowledge that Google's growth in paid search has to decelerate over time, but

we do not believe that the current macro-economic conditions are undermining Google's paid search business," Sanford Bernstein analyst Jeff Lindsay wrote in a note to clients Wednesday.

Lindsay, who rates the stock as a buy with a \$750 price target, said he believes the drop in paid clicks come from Google's efforts to improve its technology to prevent accidental clicks, which could result in lower revenue in the short term. This is also the reason given by Google's management to explain a drop in paid clicks in the company's fourth-quarter earnings report.

Shares of Google picked up about 1.9 percent to \$473 by midday Wednesday. The stock is still trading at its lowest level since last summer.

Steve Weinstein of Pacific Crest told clients Wednesday that the comScore data is likely an "inaccurate predictor" of Google's results. He said he spoke to search-engine optimization firms and ad agencies

"who indicated that they are seeing much stronger growth trends in lead volume and spending than what was implied by comScore" for the month of January.

Google's problem may be exacerbated by the fact that the company does not issue its own financial forecasts, so investors are typically left to parse data from third parties. Weinstein predicted the stock would remain under pressure the next earnings report in April for this reason.

"That said, for investors who can look through the near-term pressures on the stock, we would take advantage of the current weakness," wrote Weinstein, who has a \$675 price target on the shares.

Wall Street has been largely bullish on Google since the company's ballyhooed initial public offering in 2004. Thirty of the 35 analysts currently covering the shares rate Google as a buy, according to data from Thomson Financial.

Rob Sanderson of American Technology Research called the

sell-off on Google "an overreaction" and noted that the company has a strong base of revenue from international markets that can offset a slowdown in the U.S.

In a note Wednesday, Sanderson also recommended a "pair trade" to clients that would involve buying Google shares and short-selling those of Amazon.com, which he said would be even more vulnerable to a slowdown than Google.

"If a softening U.S. consumer is causing a slow-down in the paid search market, online retail and Amazon would be hit harder than Google with more direct consumer exposure in a tough environment online retailers may compete harder for fewer consumer dollars and spend more on search marketing per unit of revenue," Sanderson wrote.

Amazon shares were down 1 percent to \$70.91 by early afternoon. The stock has hovered in the mid- to low \$70s range for much of the last month but is down more than 26 percent since the first of the year.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Subway is a good addition but not a diverse dining choice

The new Subway restaurant slated to open on campus by the end of March means that dining options are about to get more diverse — within the confines of the Student Center, that is.

Anyone who is willing to leave the warmth of the Student Center and walk a few hundred feet up the street has already been enjoying Subway for years, since there's one located on South Limestone Street, just past Keeneland Hall. In the other direction from campus is another Subway on the corner of Euclid and Woodland avenues.

The decision to bring a Subway as the next phase in the expansion of UK dining options was made after putting together an advisory board, hiring a consultant and polling students about what national brands they would like to see, the Kernel reported Friday.

Obviously plenty of thought went into this decision, and we certainly don't want to downplay the popular vote. If a large number of students want to see a Subway in the Student Center, regardless of some already located nearby, then Dining Services should certainly heed to the student voice.

But still, we have to wonder: Are you sure? If students wanted more sandwich options, how about a Penn Station, a Quiznos or any of the other national chains that make subs their specialty? In a similar vein, a Panera Bread, Schlotzsky's or comparable restaurant would be a welcome addition to the campus area.

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Diversifying campus dining should mean considering not only on-campus options but the entire campus community. Bringing Chick-fil-A to the Student Center was a perfect example of this. Also, opening up the Plus Account system so that it can be used at off-campus restaurants was a smart move; now students who live on campus can easily use their WildCard to eat anywhere nearby — including Subway.

At this point, it's unlikely that the plans to bring in another Subway store will change. In future decisions about placing outside restaurant chains on campus, UK Dining Services should take into account not only the desires of students, but also what will diversify the available options, both on- and off-campus.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All should weigh in on architecture discourse

I and my research colleagues agree with the editorial calling for broader involvement in questions of campus architectural aesthetics. We have in fact been engaged in just this kind of work for several years, developing the Structured Public Involvement protocol for these purposes.

We have most recently designed and delivered the public meetings that measured hundreds of Louisville citizens' aesthetic preferences regarding the design of the new bridges across the Ohio River. We have carried out similar processes for measuring the aesthetic preferences of a neighborhood for the architectural design of a proposed light rail center in Louisville, and many other community planning and design questions.

A call for public involvement into questions that were heretofore considered "too complex" for the "uninformed" is now appropriate. People need not be architects, engineers or planners to have legitimate, useful input into how their money is spent on public infrastructure. They are, in the final analysis, the true client for the project, and this is no less true for members of the campus community.

Dr. Ted Grossardt
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DanceBlue raises money and awareness

DanceBlue is a sure-fire way for students to realize the hardships of having cancer while raising money to benefit the disease. For those who have been living under a rock while attending UK, DanceBlue is the all-night dance-a-thon in which students dance for 24 hours to raise money for cancer awareness. Students who participate know that dancing for 24 hours isn't the easiest thing in the world to do. This demonstrates what DanceBlue is all about, not only to the students themselves, that the battle with cancer is a tough burden to carry but also to any observer.

If UK offered more programs that put students through a demonstration that they may not enjoy but would raise money for a good cause the longer they took part in it, an overwhelming amount of charity money could be raised for all sorts of deadly diseases. It would also benefit the student body by showing them that leaving their easy day-to-day lives to do something that they don't completely enjoy is something that people plagued with diseases like these have to deal with everyday.

Programs could be offered for not only students to participate in, but if the general public were interested then they could take part as well, with UK just playing as a host to the event. Outside supporters could pledge so much money to a student depending on how much of the activity they were to do (there are other programs out there that do this, such as the Jump Rope for Heart program).

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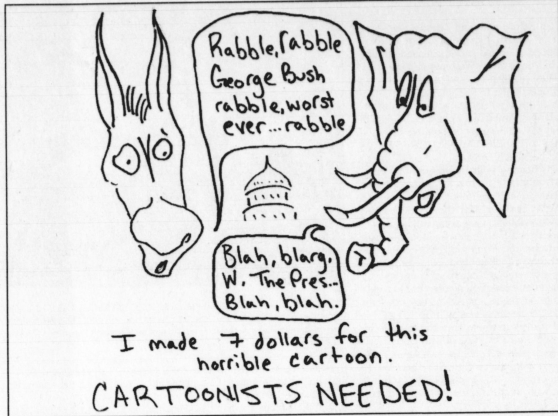
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BRAD LUTTRELL, Kentucky Kernel

Democrats should see that casinos will increase state poverty

Whatever happened to the Democrats who actually wanted to end poverty?



BRETT NOLAN
Kernel columnist

Modern-day liberals seem absolutely fixated on doing everything they can to make poverty a permanent part of society — or more specific to their intent, a permanent supply of votes.

Democrats used to view social programs and government involvement as a way to help the truly unfortunate — not a way to perpetuate poverty through the guise of general welfare. Unfortunately, the latter is all that liberal Democrats have to offer us these days.

Turn your attention to the debate over casino gambling if you're doubtful that Democrats are making efforts to keep poverty around to garner more votes. The proposal to allow the licensing of casinos in Kentucky, championed by Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear, and staunchly opposed by state Republicans, magnifies the difference in what liberals say, and what they do.

Beshear tells us that expanded gambling will increase state funds, allowing us to recover from problematic deficits and more easily pay for state-run programs such as health care and education.

While grandiose pictures of better health care for low-income families sounds great, are we really expected to believe that expanded gambling is the way to fund such a thing?

No one expects the millions of dollars to be generated by these casinos to be done on the backs of the extraordinarily wealthy, do they? How often do you hear of the very richest in society taking a gamble to "hit it big"? It simply defies common sense to suggest that those who already have tremendous amounts of money will be pouring large amounts of their income into a casino on the off-chance they might turn a profit.

The real funds from casinos will be coming from those who probably don't have the money to waste at a slot machine. It seems much more reasonable to suggest that those who find themselves in need of money are going to be much more willing to take a chance at winning big, not those who are sitting comfortably in financial peace.

By enticing those without much money to the casinos, this plan would effectively keep lower-class families in a perpetual state of poverty while mommy-government buys them everything they need.

Maybe liberals are the elitists that talk radio paints them as. What other explanation could we give for a group that openly believes it's better for the poor if the government spends their money for them?

While I don't oppose expanded gaming in Kentucky, I also don't pretend that paying for improved health care and education off the backs of the middle- and lower-class is something we should be proud of.

Why can't Democrats call expanded gambling for what it is? A tax on the ignorant. Whether or not casinos will bless Kentucky with untold riches is irrelevant. Promises of ending poverty through gambling are patently dishonest, and Democrats should be ashamed of themselves for pushing this as a way that will benefit the least well off.

Ending poverty doesn't start with subsidized social programs — and that's especially true when the funding is coming from the pockets of those who need it most.

The myth behind casino gambling being the road toward social benefits isn't one of a kind for the Democratic Party. Public housing projects, welfare programs requiring no accountability and other such methods of "fighting poverty" rarely succeed at their intended goal.

Instead, we create a permanent lower class, willing to vote for anyone who says that they will have the solution to ending poverty.

Sadly, that vote usually turns out to be nothing more than another gamble.

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Some in GOP may support Obama, if he moves past predictable liberalism

A Dallas friend recently joked that he was thinking of answering his telephone, "Republicans for Obama."



WILLIAM MCKENZIE
Syndicated columnist

A surprising number of that species I've talked to say they might vote for Barack Obama, if he gets the Democratic nomination.

"Surprising" because the National Journal reports that Barack Obama had the Senate's most liberal voting record in 2007. This man is not even a moderate Democrat.

Yet his message about racial reconciliation generally reminds some Republicans of their own party's roots in the fight against slavery. His speeches and intellect remind them of the first Republican president, Abraham Lincoln. And they are tired of the Bush years' divisiveness. I thought about that last point as I wandered around Reunion Arena before Obama spoke to a big Dallas crowd last week. In an eerie, cultish way, person after person I interviewed talked about "believing in Obama." Then, they'd go on about how he'd unify the country.

The more I heard this longing for unity, the more it hit me that President Bush and Karl Rove set up this phenomenon. Bush pledged to do what Obama's talking about doing: change

how Washington works.

Bush built broad coalitions in his first term on education, Medicare and Afghanistan. But when you put together the Iraq war with the play-to-the-base strategy Rove emphasized in the run-up to the 2004 election, Bush lost the ability to build many coalitions in his second term.

And, together, they created this thirst for a uniter.

I'm a unity guy, but the Bush years have shown that wishing for something is easier than making it happen. For example, when you move beyond Obama's racial appeals, there's not much for a fiscally conservative/national security moderate to support. It would require a triumph of the heart over the mind.

Look at the Obama agenda: ■ Unlike Democrat Paul Tsongas in 1992, Obama says almost nothing about modernizing entitlement programs so they don't hoist a huge debt onto future generations. He even wants the government to expand the Medicare prescription drug benefit and would not change the way government calculates Social Security benefits.

I wonder what he plans to say to all those Barack-crazy 20-somethings when they wake up one day and realize they will have a \$10 trillion debt to pay off, thanks largely to our failure to adjust programs like Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid.

■ On trade, Obama is running away from the Bill Clinton/New Democrat agenda of opening markets abroad. Although he says he's not op-

posed to new trade agreements, he emphasizes putting new restrictions around them.

He also says the recent Central American Free Trade Agreement was a mistake. And he rails against the North American Free Trade Agreement, which raises this question: If he thinks we have an immigration crisis now, what does he think it would be like if NAFTA and its precursor had not helped birth job-generating maquiladora factories in Juarez, Matamoros and elsewhere along the border?

■ He would pull troops out of Iraq starting next year. A sure-fire applause line, but what will he do if the Iraq trend line holds up?

■ Almost everyone agrees the military surge has tamped down violence. Last week, Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr extended his cease-fire. And the Iraqi government just agreed to share power among regions and to give a form of amnesty to former Baath Party members.

■ Iraq remains difficult, a point U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker emphasized recently to a group of columnists and editorial writers. But, as he pointed out, Shiites and Sunnis are forming new political coalitions. If we walk away, what happens?

■ Obama is good at unifying the left and those tired of the Bush administration. Some in the GOP are willing to give him a chance. Will he give them one?

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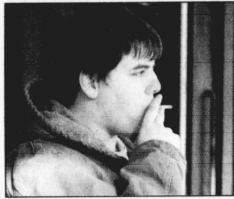
SMOKING

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A proposed revision to the policy that would ban smoking entirely on the medical center campus and that would give UK President Lee Todd the authority to create regulations regarding tobacco use on campus will be discussed at the March 4 Board of Trustees meeting, said Jeff Dembo, a faculty representative on the board.

If the revision is adopted, the policy would take effect by November.

"We need to make sure all constituents of people associated with the university understand what the policy is and why it is there so they have the chance to be informed about it," Dembo said. "Then, if they choose to flout the policy, to disregard it, then there should be the same type of enforcement as there would be for riding a bicycle in an unlawful manner or a manner that is unsafe."



SABRINA HOUNSHELL | STAFF
Linguistics freshman Nick Molestina has a cigarette in front of the White Hall Classroom building yesterday afternoon.

Wind ensemble to perform overseas for first time

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While students enjoy the beginning of summer break, the UK Wind Ensemble will travel to perform overseas for the first time in school history.

The U.S.-China Cultural and Educational Foundation invited the UK ensemble to perform around the country in May as a part of cultural and musical showcase festivals related to the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, said Cody Birdwell, UK director of bands.

"I believe that this is the first time that the UK band has ever traveled overseas for a performance," Birdwell said. UK Wind Ensemble is

the only American collegiate music ensemble to be invited by the foundation.

Sixty students will travel on the two-week trip to China that will also consist of seven other performing groups including an Irish Celtic ensemble that will play with UK.

The cultural and educational organization heard the ensemble's album, "Distilled in Kentucky: Premiers from the Bluegrass State," which was recommended for a Grammy nomination.

The performances in China will be held at such places like the Beijing National Conservatory and at Renmin University, also in Beijing, Birdwell said. The group will also have the chance to visit the Forbid-

den City (an imperial palace) and the Great Wall of China.

"I don't know where all we are playing in China, it could be as many as three different cities," Birdwell said.

Katherine Alberts, an oboe player and musical arts graduate student, said she is excited about the trip not only for the opportunity to travel overseas but also because she "gets to perform in front of big crowds as well."

Birdwell said the ensemble will practice for the trip for the remainder of the semester, "brushing up on their repertoire to deliver a spectacular performance overseas and leave a print in the minds of those who hear them."

"We are playing music that we already know, like 'Star Wars,'" Birdwell said. "Music like that is loved by everyone so I don't see the people of China being confused about what we are playing."

The U.S.-China Cultural and Educational Foundation has given \$30,000 to help fund the trip and the group has started to fundraise to cut the remaining costs, Birdwell said.

The ensemble is looking forward to this opportunity to become better known around the world, Birdwell said.

"When you think of UK, you think of basketball," Birdwell said. "(UK Wind Ensemble) wants to be known for our hard work as well."

CHELLGREN

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"The Business of Life: Opportunities for Health Care," will focus on how health care can be expanded and improved in the business world, Wacker said.

"In this post-technology era, young adults are able to stay better prepared than their parents were and they should take advantage of the opportunities presented," said Wacker, also a futurist, someone who predicts future trends based on current

tendencies.

Wacker has also been a lecturer, author, political commentator and social activist.

"He'll really get you thinking and get you excited about the future," said Holbein, who has worked closely with Wacker in the past.

The panel will provide valuable information for more than students, Holbein said.

"It is important for faculty and students because it will help with the university's goal of being a top-20 institution as well as the Gattson school's goal of being a top-20 business school," Holbein said. "We

must make a difference not only in the Commonwealth, but also in the world."

Alongside Wacker will be UK alumni Tom Liston, senior vice president of strategy and corporate development at Humana, Sam Hazen, president of Western Group, and Scott Roeth, most recently of 1-800-DOCTORS, a hospital networking company.

The panelists' success in business and progressive thinking as well as their positive attitude toward the future makes them perfect people to talk about the future of health care, Holbein said.

"We're proud of them but we're also grateful for their contributions to both the Gattson school and the university," Holbein said. "They're forward thinkers; they look at the future in positive ways."

It is important to stay informed of the possibilities within health care to ensure the prevalence of opportunities, said Michele Sparks, director of communications for the dean of the Gattson business school.

"This is especially important for business students since they'll be dealing with health care everyday in their careers," Sparks said.

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