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UK registrar deals with forged transcripts

By Stephen Blount Contributing Writer

Although he probably never exstad, tradition has it that a Greek slave named Aesop who lived during the 6th century B.C invented a story we moderns refer to as "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing."

Largely because of this story's

Biblical counterpart, the moral, "don't pretend to be what you're not" has become a platitude con-veyed from generation to genera-

Some UK students, however, pretend to have academic creden-tials that they have not earned, said Randall Dahl, director of the University's registrar'office.

The forgery, alteration and mis-representation of University tran-

scripts, though not a common occurrence, increasingly have been noticed by the registrar's office. Although Dahl admits that it is "hard to estimate how common" transcript forgery is, he said his office is aware of about five to six cases a year.

When a student graduates from the University and is asked to submit a transcript to a prospective employer, many of these em-

ployers verify the student's cre-dentials by phoning the registrar's office.

In one case, a woman who was hired by the state government as a chemist claimed she earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She never received one.

When the state called the UK and discovered her fraud, she was dismissed from her job. The University pressed charges and in February, the woman was convicted of second-degree forgery a class-D felony -- and given a suspended sentence of one year

Dahl said someone who falsifies transcripts degrades the in-tegrity of UK's educational programs and possibly endager the public.

"There is a risk of having someone unqualified doing the job ... as in the case of (the women convicted of posing as a chemist.) She could have easily been involved in ... testing the consistency of highway asphalt ... and one does not have to think very far to realize the dangers in-volved," Dahl said.

record alterations, the Registrar's Office has adopted several so-phisticated measures that make transcript forgery more difficult.

Instructions for authenticity and the University's Registrar's phone number now are found on the back of students' transcripts.

If this is not enough to deter a would-be forger from altering a transcript, there is a warning: "Alteration or forgery of this document is a criminal offense."

Clinton, Gore make stops in Kentucky

Democratic ticket hopes to sway Perot supporters

Staff, wire reports

Bill Clinton and Al Gore's tour bypassed Cincinnati Monday for less populous Northern Kentucky, stopping in Butler State Park for what was to be merely a legstretching session

Democratic candidates surprised by a large turnout, seized the op-portunity to ourt former Ross Perot supporters by proclaiming themselves the only avenue



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for real change in November.

A UK political science professor, however, said Perot's decision not to run for president may help President Bush more than

Perot bailed out of the presidential race last week citing the difficulties of running a thirdparty campaign.
"It's always difficult to run a

three-person strategy," said Don Goss. "Given that Bush is an incumbent — and that much of his problem is the economy — he



had to defend his record against two people, and now it's just one.

"It makes both campaigns sim-pler, but probably a little easier for Bush.

Goss cautioned, however, that it still is too early to tell which candidate Perot supporters will tend to back.

It is this fact, coupled with the Democrats increasing momentum following their national conven-tion this month, that is fueling the current campaign tour, which also stopped in Louisville Monday.

Appearing on a televised "town eeting," in Louisville, Clinton and Gore answered questions from people who represented almost every conceivable voting

Barbara Webster, who with her husband operates an environmen-tal engineering firm in Louisville, said she fretted about taxes

She was torn between Bush and Perot, Mrs. Webster said. With Perot's exit, "I'll probably vote for Bush because I'm afraid, if we

for Bush because I'm afraid, if we get Clinton, we're going to get a lot of increased taxes."

Clinton also promised to make the United States a leader in protecting the environment on AIDS



Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton and running mate Al Gore stopped at Butler State Park in Carrolton, Ky. Monday where they were greeted by supporters.

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Cervix cancer risk high in E. Ky.

Contributing Writer

Women in Eastern Kentucky contract cervix cancer at almost twice the national rate, according to a six-year study released this month by UK's Markey Cancer

Dr. Gilbert Friedell, who is di-

rector of cancer control at the center, said the study showed the incidence of the disease in the 36-county test area to be 14.9 cases per 100,000 women — nearly double the national rate of 7.8 cases per 100,000 and almost equal to the rate for inner-city

Friedell said the high poverty rates and low literacy levels

among innercity blacks and Eastern blacks Kentucky women play a key role in the greater inci-dence of cer-

He also said

rates
be red if the disease is identified and treated

"No one has to die from cervix cancer," Friedell said. "It should be thought of as a preventable disease."

To combat the effects of poverty and low literacy levels on the incidence of cancer among wom-en in the test area, the National Cancer Center recently awarded the Markey Center a one-year, \$90,000 contract to develop methods of reaching Appalachian women with information about

cancer screening.
Friedell said some of the money will be used to add reading materials on cancer and screening to the curriculum of the Kentucky Commission on Literacy's

reading program.

Friedell said he hopes these materials will provide Appala-chian women with valuable in-formation — like the need to have yearly Pap tests.

The Pap test detects abnormal

cells on the cervix before they become cancerous. Friedell said that even though the majority of incidences of invasive cervical cancer occur in older women, college-aged women need to be screened once a year as well.

He said the cancer rates are linked to a woman's being sexually active "more than to chronological age" and emphasized the need for Pap tests for all women.

Because early detection is es-sential in the successful treatment of cervix cancer, simply knowing about the test is not enough, Friedell said.

"Women must take action and go for the test. That's what we want to get across."

Campus BRIEFS

UK employee commits suicide
Richard E. Leigh, a UK electronics technician, jumped to his
death Saturday from the top of the UK College of Dentistry Build-

Leigh, 39, of Nicholasville, Ky., had worked in the College of Dentistry for 18 of the 20 years he had been with UK.

Norman Webster, assistant Lexington-Fayette County coroner, said Leigh apparently jumped from the roof at about 7:40 a.m. Saturday. It was ruled a suicide because of the kinds of injuries Leigh

Dr. David A. Nash, dean of the College of Dentistry, declined to comment on the incident except through a statement released Sun-day. Nash said Leigh was highly cooperative and well-liked by fa-culty and staff of the college.

"Richard's death is a real loss to the College of Dentistry," the

Wethington heads education group
UK President Charles Wethington has been re-elected vice chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board, that nation's first

the state compact for the advancement of education.

The board of governmental and education leaders from the 15 REB states re-elected Wethington during a meeting in Charlottes-

More than 150 governmental, education and business leaders used the board's new report, "Educational Benchmarks, 1992," to analyze the progress states are making toward reaching their goals

Wethington presented the report and recommendations of the Executive Committee to board members during their annual busi-

ness meeting.

Other Kentuckians on the board are Gov. Brereton Jones, Ann W. Cline of Bowling Green, state Sen. Ed Ford and Thomas C. Meredith, president of Western Kentucky University.

Professors earn \$250,000 in awards

Two UK professors have earned prestigious "Young Investiga-tor" awards totaling \$250,000 from the National Science Founda-

tion.

The recipients are Suzanne Weaver Smith, an engineering mathematics professor; and pharmacy professor Rob Lodder.

Smith, working this summer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's research facility in Langley, Va., is conducting research on flexible structures for use in spacecraft, aircraft, buildings and bridges.

Lodder is researching the use of supercomputers for infrared imaging techniques that can be used in medical fields.

Each professor will receive \$25,000 a year for five years.

Fire in students' home not arson

Lexington fire investigators have determined that a fire which destroyed the home of three UK students last month was not arson, as initially was suspected.

"Since initial investigation we have found out that what might have been a flammable liquid turned out not to be," said Glen Parks, a fire investigator for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Fire Department.

Parks, a lire investigator for the Lexington-Payette Orban County
Fire Department.

Parks said the only thing that could have caused the June 27
blaze that gutted the students' townhouse at 827 W. Maxwell
St.was a light in resident Ben Willmott's snake cage.

He said the light bulb must have become dislodged and fallen to
the wooden floor of the cage, where Willmott kept a 7-foot Burmese python.

"That's the only thing that could have occurred," Parks said.

"That's the only thing that could have occurred," Parks said.
"The element was exposed to the wood floor and somehow caught

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iversions

UK composer credits Zen for 'Kentucky' symphony

By John Dyer Fort

Call it Fast meets West - a little Oriental spice added to the great American stewpot. If you're talking to Joseph Baber, UK's composer-in-residence, call it "Zen and the Art of Musical Composition."

Last fall, Japanese-owned Toy ota Motor Manufacturing, U.S.A., commissioned Baber to compose symphony celebrating Kentucky's bicentennial. Unknown to Toyota, Baber attributes his creative technique to a Zen-like out look and meditation techniques.

"Once a composition gets going," Baber said, "it takes off on its own. It's a right brain thing -

a Zen thing — a sort of trance."

Completed this spring, Baber's composition The Kentucky Suite will be performed by the Toyota Kentucky Bicentennial Youth Symphony, nearly 90 of the state's most talented teenage musicians.

Under the guidance of Lexington Philharmonic director George Zack, the Symphony begins an eight-city tour across Kentucky tomorrow night at UK's Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts. The tour is sponsored by Toyota, which has an automobile plant in Georgetown, Ky

Baber attended a rehearsal ses-Baber attended a renearsal ses-sion during the Youth Sympho-ny's week-long rehearsal camp at Georgetown College. "I was wor-ried they would have difficulty playing the piece," Baber said. "I walked in and they were just eat-ing it up. ing it up.

"You can feel the imagery. It's a fresh piece, rather young," Ba-ber added. "It's not old and cynical.

Writing a symphony about Kentucky fit in well with Baber's creative process. "In just the last few years I realized, I tend to

write music with a place in mind," said Baber, a member of UK's School of Music faculty for 20 years. "When I wrote *The* Kentucky Suite, I just put myself

in a Kentucky mood.
"I really believe that all art comes from a sense of place," Baber added. "Art grabs us and takes us to a place."

Baber's Suite is composed of three movements, each with its own point of departure. In the first part, "The Land," Baber recalled being a 17-year-old usher in a Richmond. Va., movie thea-

ter.
"I saw a movie about Ken"I saw a movie about Ken"I saw a movie about Kentucky, 'Many Rivers to Cross,' about 17 times," he said. "The photography gave me a distinct feeling, an image of Kentucky. There was a tune in the film I can still recall."

Baber's "feeling," informed by dozens of Kentucky folk compositions heard over the years. evoked the sense of place he found in Kentucky. The result is modern classical symphony with the flavor of folk music.

For the second movement, "The Towns," Baber imagined "driving into a small town such as Berea or Midway or some mythical small town in Kentucky. I let the music flow from

that feeling," Baber said.
"Celebration," the third section of *The Kentucky Suite*, evokes Kentucky festivals and "a feeling of celebration," Baber said. "You can hear Kentucky festivities, square dances, even sleigh bells in one part, representing Christ-mas in Kentucky.

"If someone played the Suite in Europe, they would know it's from this part of America," Ba-ber added. "It does have a lot of folk and Bluegrass influences.

Baber said he believes an artist must focus on his surroundings and his own experience in ord to communicate a universal feel-

ing.
"Bach lived in Leipzig, in 1720, and never left that area," he said. "He had this certain Northern German, intellectual, religious frame of mind you can hear in his music. But somehow he goes out from that to the more universal.

"You can't know everything. Only God can know everything, Baber said.

"It's the same in Zen. You can't know the whole universe but you can know one flower. If you know that flower, you know the universe.

"But if you try to do it all, you wind up with nothing," he added.

In addition to Baber's The Kentucky Suite, the Youth Symphony will perform the music of Marvin Hamlisch, Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story, Barber's Adagio for Strings, Henry Mancini, Julie Gold's "From a Distance," as well as "The Star Spangled Banner," "My Old Kentucky Home," Morton Gould's "American Salute," and "Stars and Stripes For-ever" by John Philip Sousa.

The Toyota Kentucky Bicentennial Youth Symphony, George Zack conducting, will perform at 8 p.m. tomorrow at UK's Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts. Admission is free.

The Youth Symphony also will appear live from Louisville Aug.
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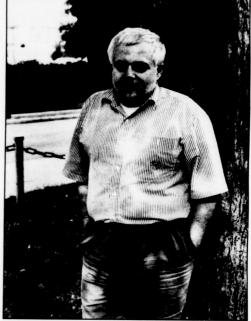
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UK heptathlete carries torch to state games

By Brant Welch Staff Writer

UK will be well-represented when the torches are carried into Commonwealth Stadium Friday night to start the Bluegrass State

Stephanie Cordell, a former UK track star, will carry in a torch for the lighting of the Bluegrass State Games flame.

"It's very flattering, but I was surprised. I couldn't believe they wanted me to help carry the torch," said Cordell, a communi-

This may be my last year com-

peting in the Games, so I am very honored to be chosen to carry the torch.

Cordell's high school track coach, Gordon Bocock of Pulaski County High, suggested that Cor-dell be one of the torch carriers.

"Jean Wright, who is the track chairman for the Bluegrass State Games, asked me to help her find someone to carry the torches so I immediately suggested Stepha-nie," said Bocock, who is serving as the track officials coordinator and meet director for the Games.

Cordell also will compete in the shot put, javelin, long and high jump in this year's Blue-grass Games.

In 1989 Cordell was recognized by Sports Illustrated for winning five medals at the Blue-

Despite her success in the sames, Cordell says she doesn't take the them as serious as col-

competitive but everyone is out there to have a good time." Cordell said she has had a good

time participating in the Games

I feel like it really brings the state

college athletes but a wide range of people. It's also fun to see the

Cordell does have one problem

After some prodding by coach Bocock, Cordell first got in-volved in the Bluegrass State Games as a volunteer when she was still in high school.

"Track is a sport where many events are going on at the same time, so a coach can't be at each

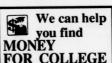
"I felt the players could go with me and help. If something was going wrong at one station they could assist or come get they could assist me," Bocock said.

Cordell has competed in the Games the past four years, in which time she has won 11 med-

"It's laid back," she said. "It's

over the years.
"I like the State Games because

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with the games, though.
"It seems all the events are going on at the same time," she

"When I am competing, the gymnastics events will be taking place, and I'll have to miss it. They need to spread the events out so everyone can have a chance to watch them all."

Cordell was a four-year per-

There is not a lot of money in it, but I would like to compete in the heptathalon for a Nike or Reebok team. Heptathletes usually get better with age."

This will be the eighth annual Bluegrass State Games. The Games were started in 1985 by then-Gov. Martha Layne Collins to honor Kentucky Olympians.

The philosophy behind the Bluegrass State Games is to pro-vide Kentuckians of all ages and skill levels a wholesome avenue for positive development through sports and physical activity; to promote and develop local amateur athletics; and to provide the amateur athletes an opportunity to showcase their talents and receive statewide recognition.

The Games include every sport from track and field events, ten-nis, soccer and softball to wrestling, chess, golf and horseshoes.

A record 18,313 participants from 108 counties have signed up for the Games.

The guest speaker for this year's opening ceremonies is Wes Unseld, vice president and head coach of the Washington Bullets.

Unseld is a former University of Louisville basketball player.

The games begin Friday night and will last the entire weekend.

For more information on the Bluegrass State Games contact Darlene Easterwood (606) 258-3013 or Mary Wathen (606) 258-3123.



ner speciatry was the neptatha-lon, which consists of seven events — the 100 meters hurdles, high and long jumps, shot put, javelin, 200 and 800 meters.

During the 1991 outdoor SEC meet, she broke her 1990 record of 4,363 points with a score of

Cordell said she still is interest-

ed in participating in track events though her eligibility at UK has

expired.
"I would still like to compete.

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Physicians compare notes at conference

Strange outbreak looks like AIDS, baffles doctors

By Daniel Q. Haney Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands Doctors are baffled by a strange outbreak that looks like AIDS and kills like AIDS but isn't caused by any known form

In fact, they cannot agree whether they are dealing with an entirely new illness, an unrecognized old one or ordinary AIDS that is caused by some mutant form of the AIDS virus.

Even whether the cases seen so far are a cause for alarm is un-

"People should be thoughtfully concerned, but they shouldn't panic," advised Dr. June Osborn, head of the U.S. National Com-

mission on AIDS.
In victims of the disease, levels of protective white blood cells called T cells drop precipitously, just as they do in AIDS patients. And like people with AIDS, they develop overwhelming infections from usually harmless germs.

Doctors comparing notes Tues day at the Eighth International Conference on AIDS said they have seen at least two dozen cases of the disease.

Some, such as James Curran, head of AIDS work at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, questioned whether the cases are caused by a microbe or are even connected to each other.

Curran contends that because the disease apparently is not caused by HIV, the AIDS virus, then it's not AIDS.

"It's easy to slip into an AIDS mentality. We are at an AIDS conference. But this is not

AIDS," he said.
However, Dr. Luc Montagnier

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of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, a overer of the AIDS virus mystery illness and believes they are caused by a mutant form of

Doctors and blood banks routinely screen for AIDS by check-ing blood for antibodies that the body makes to combat the virus Montagnier said that while the pa tients he saw had no AIDS anti bodies in their blood, he could find the antibodies in their urine.

He speculated that their disease was caused by a mutant form of

No matter what the disease is it's uncommon, Curran said. During the past two to three years, the CDC has learned of six cases of the illness. Over that same about 100,000 cases of AIDS were reported in the United

However, during the course of one session at the AIDS meeting, the known number of cases doubled, as scientists rose from the floor to describe cases they had

Researchers speculated that the cases seen so far could result from blood cancer, a contagious organism or something in the environment, among other things.

If the illness turns out to be caused by some undetectable form of the AIDS virus, it could complicate the job of keeping blood safe for transfusions.

However, Dr. James Allen who coordinates AIDS programs at the U.S. Public Health Service, said there is no reason to fear that the blood supply is contaminated.

"People should not be afraid to get a transfusion if they need it. The blood supply has never been

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Settling for imperfect vaccine could save more HIV patients

By Randi Hutter Epstein

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands Settling for a flawed AIDS vaccine soon instead of holding out for a more effective one could save thousands of lives, a U.S. vaccine official said.

Dr. Daniel Hoth, who heads AIDS vaccine development at the National Institutes of Health, said keeping people from contracting the AIDS virus is urgent enough to offset the risks of a partially effective vaccine

Hoth, who spoke Tuesday at the Eighth International Conference AIDS said that offering an AIDS vaccine in 1998 that is 60 percent effective makes more sense than waiting until 2003 to find one that is 90 percent effec-

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actually prevents more infections than waiting to find th fective vaccine," he said. Hoth offered this projection:

If the 60 percent effective vaccine were introduced into a population of 1 million high-risk peo-ple by 1998, 145,000 people would be spared from the disease by 2008.

HIV, the AIDS virus, which destroys the body's immune system, has proven to be one of medicine's wiliest preys. The vi-rus repeatedly has altered its telltale characteristics within the last decade, foiling researchers' efforts to develop a vaccine.

Earlier Tuesday, scientists reported encouraging evidence of the effectiveness of experimental therapeutic vaccines on AIDS pa-

Researchers said that some patients taking the vaccines had shown a drastic fall in the HIV levels of their bloodstreams, alwhether this will prevent death.



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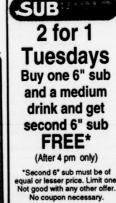
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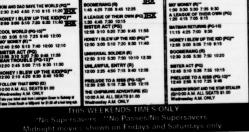
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Viewpoint

Cowboy Perot proves cowardly

Ross Perot, the Cowboy Candidate. It was a fitting appellation. He did things his way or he didn't do them at all. He often shot from the hip. And he didn't owe allegiance to a single Washington power broker.

That was part of his romantic appeal as a third-party presidential candidate. He was a self-made man who was going to ride into town and inject some common sense into a bloated federal government whose rules were determined by a privileged political elite He was Going to Change Things.

So millions of disenfranchised and disenchanted voters from across the country, sensing a grass-roots revival, joined Perot's posse and raised or donated millions of their own dollars.

Not that Perot needed the help. With his healthy bank account, he easily could have outspent Democratic contender Bill Clinton and President Bush combined.

Surveys of voters proved promising, too. His campaign, though moving along in fits and lacking in substance, seemed to be doing well. People believed in him. No other third-party candidate had so challenged the system. In fact, Perot actually claimed more supporters than

either Clinton or Bush, at one point in the campaign.

But last week, the Cowboy Candidate turned out to be more of a cowardly candidate. He quit.

In the process, he betrayed the faith of the millions who worked to make his campaign a reality. It was Perot himself, after all, who said he would run only if Americans petitioned to get his name on the ballot. They answered his call, thinking that they might be able to change

the system that had ignored the needs of so many for so long.

Now they are secure in the knowledge that nothing ever changes.

Voters are reduced to a choice between more of the same GOP poli-cies, or one of the most visionless Democratic platforms in the history of our country

Ross Perot did more than just bail out of his campaign. He raised the hopes of the disillusioned only to let them come crashing down. They will never again be easily persuaded to put their faith in a candidate who promises reform.

By deepening the cynicism of a disgusted electorate, Ross Perot made sure presidential politics remains the arena of the powers that be.

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Democrats have uphill fight to amass 270 electoral votes



Toby Gibbs Kemel Columnis

Bill Clinton would win in a walk But the election isn't being held today. And before Election Day, Clinton and Bush will go up and down in the polls, making anything from a Clinton landslide to a Bush landslide possible.

But one thing works in the GOP's favor — the electoral college. It's not easy for a Democrat to amass the necessary 270 electo almass the necessary 270 elec-toral votes, given the states' tradi-tional leanings. It can be done, but it would be an uphill fight. Expect the Democrats to try something like this:

Hold The Ten Dukakis States. In 1988, an uninspiring Michael Dukakis presided over one of the worst run Democratic campaigns in history. Despite this, he still managed to carry ten states — Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, West Virginia, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii
— plus the District of Columbia. With Bush even less popular to-day than he was then, and be-cause Clinton is a better campaigner than Dukakis, Clinton should carry these. He starts with 107 electoral votes.

Carry States Dukakis Should

Have. In addition to the states the Duke won, he got 48 or 49 percent of the vote in the following states: California, Pennsylvania Illinois and Maryland. California Illinois and Maryland. California has a 9 percent unemployment rate. Bush is unpopular in all of these states. Altogether, these four states have 111 electoral votes, giving Clinton 218.

Carry the Border States. Two Southerners like Clinton and Gore should do well here. The Deep South is too conservative to count on. but the Democrats can

count on, but the Democrats can carry Clinton's home of Arkansas, Gore's Tennessee, and Kentucky and Missouri for another 36, taking the total up to 254 elec-

Pick Off Some Industrial States In the Midwest, Ohio last went Democratic in 1976. Michiwent Democratic in 1976. Michi-gan hasn't since 1968. Both states have large numbers of labor Democrats who should be sup-porting the party. Why don't they? These Reagan Democrats have been convinced that the par-ty is too weak on defense and crime. To win Cliton needs crime. To win, Clinton needs them. If he gets them, he carries Ohio and Michigan for 39 votes means victory.

Target States Where A Win Is Possible. The Democrats have to target more than 293 electoral votes. That's barely enough to win, and a slip up in just one or two could mean a narrow loss. There are other states the Democrats have a shot at.

The GOP dominates the West But in 1988, Dukakis got 47 or 48 percent of the vote in Colora-Why? It's not because he was popular there, or because he tried much there.

It's because George Bush wasn't — and isn't — popular in the West. Clinton might have a

could go for Clinton and Gore. Maine and Vermont — Republican strongholds - are growing more liberal as the environment becomes an issue. These states have 34 votes, for a total of 327.

That means 211 votes won't even be contested by the Demo-crats. Those states — mostly in the Deep South, Great Plains, and Far West - are lost

A Clinton landslide would sweep even some of these along. And a Bush landslide would sweep some Clinton states.

But if the election is close as it should be — expect a battle for every last contested electoral vote. Small states — like Ken-tucky — could make the differ-

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