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## College Democrats assist staff in union efforts

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With the reservation of a room, UK College Democrats involved itself in the divided push for staff unionization.

The Student Center booked a room in the Student Center three times over the past three months so UK staffers could meet on campus to discuss union options. An outside group must be sponsored by a UK organization to meet on campus.

Richard Becker, the president of UK College Democrats, said his group decided to supply these staffers with a

room because they share common values with the Democratic Party.

"We found it a no-brainer to work with this group of employees," Becker said.

"We believe it has a common cause, and anything we can do to help their cause we will do," Becker said, adding that the two groups are working on ways to help boost recruitment in the student group as well.

Becker said the room was booked under club purposes but also said a club member was not always present at the meeting. Student Center policy requires members from the group that re-

served a room to be present when the room is used.

"Was it a club meeting? No," Becker said. "But if we can use our position as a student organization to help a group like this, we will."

"As for the UK administration, that was an afterthought," he said.

Pat Terrell, UK's vice president for student affairs, said she wouldn't fault College Democrats for its involvement.

"I believe in student organizations' autonomy to become involved in issues they think are important," Terrell said. "The morale and well-being of

staff is something that should be important for students."

But others, like Russ Williams, the staff representative on the Board of Trustees, thought the group's actions were "deceptive."

"In reality, it was cover for a union meeting," Williams said.

UK Employees United was the organization that used the rooms. The group formed last spring in the wake of the controversy over pay increases that were, on average, lower for staff than for faculty. The group has been working with local branches of two national unions, the American Federation

of Teachers and the Communication Workers of America.

UK does not recognize UK Employees United as a union. UK spokesman Jay Blanton said the administration doesn't "intend to do so," because of the representative bodies of the staff already in place, such as the Staff Senate and the staff representative on the Board of Trustees.

Megan Cox, who is the chairwoman of UK Employees United and a research coordinator, said the Staff Senate is only a means for communi-

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J.D. Shelburne, left, and his base player, Mike Stump, center, talk with telecommunications professor John Clark about a song they just recorded in UK's recording studio. Shelburne's band recorded a song for a class project due at the end of the semester.



Shelburne has been playing guitar for four years. His band recently recorded a song in UK's recording studio that he since passed out to local bars and restaurants in Louisville, Lexington and Nashville.

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While in college, J.D. Shelburne found out what he wants to do with the rest of his life. But it isn't offered as a major, nor are there even any classes offered at UK on the subject — country music stardom.

It's a recent revelation for the telecommunications senior.

He began playing guitar four and half years ago, after his grandmother died and he found a guitar tucked away in her attic. Since then, Shelburne has played

in numerous venues in Nicholasville, Louisville, Lexington and Nashville. But it wasn't until he played at the Kentucky State Fair in 2004 that he knew he had found a calling. It was a show he expected about 500 people to attend.

"Over 2,000 people showed up," Shelburne said. "A lot of people from my hometown were there. I thought then that that's what I really want to do."

After the show, Shelburne made a plan: he would move to Nashville to pursue his music dream — but not until he had a

## Nashville can wait

Student plans to hit the road for his country music dream, but not without a UK degree

degree, even if it's one he may never have to use.

"I think it is really important to have a degree to fall back on in case things don't work out," Shelburne said. "This time also gives me a chance to improve musically as a person and a band."

During college Shelburne has put out two CDs and designed his own album covers, while practicing and playing shows as much as he can. He has designing his own Web site and taking pictures for it, all while maintaining a 3.2 GPA.

Shelburne will graduate with his second degree in May. He received an associate's degree in Web design from Lexington Community College (now Bluegrass Community and Technical College) but came to UK afterward. He decided to stay here and intern at the radio station 98.1 (The Bull) next semester while completing his second degree.

Dave Weller, a part-time professor at UK who has had Shelburne in three classes, is im-

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## Crime on University Ave. higher than last year

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In the aftermath of a rape and a shooting on University Avenue, students concerned about the crime on the street have reason to be: crime has been more prevalent on the street this fall than last, according to Lexington police records.

After the rape report on Oct. 20 and the shooting on Nov. 27, residents on University Avenue, where many students live, had more to say about crime in general than about those specific incidents.

"When I moved here, the people who used to live in this house said they'd never had any problem with crime on the street," said Monica Wade, a journalism sophomore. "This year, well, it's a little different."

Not only has there been a reported rape and a shooting, neither of which occurred last year, but the number of burglaries reported is four times what it was last year, according to police records.

Last fall, seven police reports were filed on University Avenue: four for property damage, two for theft and one for burglary.

This semester, besides the rape report and shooting, there have been reports of four residential burglaries, one stolen vehicle, one incident of property damage, three incidents of theft and one incident of terroristic threatening with a weapon.

"It's fair to say, based on that, that the crime has increased," said Lt. Dwayne Holman from the Lexington Police Department's Bureau of Patrol.

Several students, including Wade, said perpetrators have walked into houses on University Avenue where doors were unlocked and stolen property this semester. Other residents lost their possessions despite attempts to safeguard against it.

"All our doors were kicked in here," said Kevin Gilligan, a telecommunications junior who was robbed over Thanksgiving break. Gilligan and his roommates lost an Xbox 360, an iPod, a laptop, a PlayStation Portable and a video camera.

Down the street, another household had problems with unwanted guests who wouldn't leave after a party.

"They showed up at our house and wouldn't leave. They ended up getting a table and throwing it at our window," said Adam Walz, a nursing sophomore, as he pointed toward the front window, which still hadn't been repaired.

"I hope they (authorities) can do something about it (crime), because it's getting pretty ridiculous," said Caitlin Bendeck, a business marketing sophomore, after the shooting on Nov. 27. Bendeck said her roommate's laptop was stolen in an earlier incident while people were sleeping inside the house.

Students may notice an increase in police presence because the department plans on keeping a lookout in the neighborhood.

"We have increased patrol in that area on certain nights of the week, and as those things (crimes) happen, we will put more officers on the streets and add some spe-

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## SG calls for less tuition increase for med, grad schools

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Student Government supports making an exception to proportional tuition increases for the medical and other professional schools.

According to a resolution passed last night by a 22-4 vote, SG "calls on the University of Kentucky administration to eliminate the 'across the board' policy of tuition increases in order to decrease the progression of financial burden for medical students and other professional students."

The resolution, which was sponsored by College of Medicine Sen Justin Rasmier, originally exclusively addressed the medical school,

but it was amended last night to include all professional programs.

"This resolution serves not only to talk to UK administrators but also to address medical students, many of whom do not realize or really consider the financial burden that they are taking on," Rasmier said.

Rasmier acknowledged that the exception may come at the expense of undergraduate students but rejected an amendment to discourage increasing the fees for undergraduates.

"I have to work for the needs of my college," Rasmier said. "In the past, the cost of tuition for the medical school has been higher than necessary in order to make up for the shortcomings of the central campus. This resolution doesn't rule out increasing the financial

commitment of undergraduates; it only encourages the start of discussion in the administration."

Rasmier met with Provost Kumble Subbaswamy earlier this week to discuss the resolution.

Provost Subbaswamy was very nice in considering what I had to say," Rasmier said. "The administration will be interested to know that this is an issue that Student Government is concerned with."

The senate also discussed an end-of-semester food drive.

At-large Sen. Lauren Russow worked with UK Dining Services executive director Jeff DeMoss to set up a food drive for students to use their leftover Flex Dollars before they ex-

pire at the end of the semester.

"Since UK doesn't allow students to recycle their Flex Dollars, Jeff DeMoss and I put together \$5 bags of food that students can purchase with their account and donate to the food drive," Russow said.

Russow is unsure which organization the food will be donated to, but she is considering God's Pantry as an option.

The food drive will take place December 6-14 in the campus convenience stores: Blazer Xpress, Commons Market and Student Center Quick Stop.

Students can purchase non-perishable items with cash, credit card, Plus Account or Flex Dollars.

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## LIVE PATIO MUSIC THE WORLD FAMOUS TWO KEYS TAYLORS UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

### 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 an 8 — Household chores demand your attention. This is not simply an annoyance. It's an opportunity for you to consider your options, in a familiar setting.  
**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 6 — Do the reading. Don't wait around for your friends to bail you out. You're more likely to come up with the right answer than they are.  
**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is an 8 — Figure out a way to make your job take up less of your time, without taking a cut in pay. Get your

boss to help.  
**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is a 5 — You're working overtime but you're good at the job and it's satisfying. If you're not, change jobs. At this time of year, everyone needs your help.  
**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 9 — Gather up the goodies. Stash them away in a safe place. You'll find you already have almost everything you need.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 5 — New pressures develop as you put your plans into action. Hurry and get everything ready, down to the tiniest detail.  
**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is an 8 — You're very imaginative now, regarding your job. You'll come up with innovations that can save a lot of money. Write them down.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 — You're gathering respect and confidence as well as the money. This is more valid, of course, if

you're doing business. If you're not, you should be.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is an 8 — Travel conditions are good for this weekend, so get packed and prepared. Make your lists now and check everything twice, you won't have time later.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 6 — You could be holding on to something more valuable than you realize. Better get a new appraisal before you offer to sell.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is an 8 — Finish up early — you'll want to get started on the celebration. So many friends, so little time. You'll have to pace yourself.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 7 — Although all the problems have not yet been solved, folks are in a better humor, generally speaking. You certainly are, and that's a good place to start.

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### THE DISH

#### Baby News!

Heidi Klum, 33, and her husband, Seal, 43, welcomed their second child, Johan, November 22 in L.A. Their other son, Henry, is 1, and Klum's daughter, Leni, is 2.  
 Court TV's Ashleigh Banfield, 38, and her husband, real estate financier Howard Gould, 33, are expecting their second child this spring.

cy Grace, 48, is being sued by the family of Melinda Duckett, who committed suicide after Grace aggressively questioned her about her missing son in September. The family, which is seeking unspecified damages, alleges the interview caused Duckett emotional stress. A show rep said, "We stand by Nancy Grace."

#### Busted

The Surreal Life 6's Tawny Kitaen, 45, was charged with felony drug possession November 21. Police said they found 15 grams of cocaine in her San Juan Capistrano, California, apartment while performing a "welfare check" on Kitaen and her two daughters. Her rep could not be reached for comment.

#### Rock On

Prince William, 24, and Prince Harry, 22, plan to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the death of their mother, Princess Diana. One option: a charity concert starring Madonna, 48, Beyonce Knowles, 25, and The Killers in England July 1.

#### Nice!

Borat's Sacha Baron Cohen, 35, who will earn a reported \$16 million for his next flick, Bruno, is the UK's highest paid actor, London's Daily Mail reports.

#### Robbed

Despite Secret Service assis-

tance, first daughter Barbara Bush, 25, was robbed of her cellphone and bag by a purse snatcher in Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 19.

#### Do-gooder

David Spade, 42, has donated \$50,000 to the Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Beverly Hills police departments to support families of injured or killed officers.

#### Chad: I'll Always Love Hilary

Hilary Swank got flak from the media when she spilled to August's Vanity Fair that her eight-year marriage to Chad Lowe was strained because of his substance abuse problems. Lowe, 38, spoke out about the interview for the first time on November 27, telling Extra that he was "disappointed that the details of our relationship became public." But he added that Swank's comments were "absolutely true" and thanked her for her support, saying, "What hurt me more than anything is that people would think that she wasn't there for me, and she was." While he harbors no hopes of a reconciliation with Swank, 32 — who has been linked to her agent, John Campisi — he said he still views her as "the love of my life, and that's not something you just shut off. I will always love her." — Mark Caro

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# 3rd Street Style

## Local store sells eclectic art, gifts

By Ashley Bowman  
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Holiday decorations are decidedly unorthodox at Third Street Stuff, where brightly painted skull cutouts hang among the Christmas lights.

That's not the only distinctive decorative touch at the locally owned store, where the walls are covered in newspaper clippings and a car decorated with seashells, buttons, paint and rustic objects sits in the parking lot outside.

Third Street Stuff, which is located on North Limestone Street and sells coffee, food, jewelry and crafts, is as unique in its products as in its decor. That's the vision of store owner Pat Gerhard — to give downtown shoppers a place to relax and items they can't find anywhere else.

"I wanted to see local shoppers bring customers to a staffed store of novel treasures," Gerhard said.

Third Street Stuff is mainly known for its slider bracelets and unique jewelry and pins, but there is much more to it. Gerhard personally made all of the artwork and cutouts, including the custom-made, colorfully painted chairs in the coffee shop.

The rest of Third Street Stuff's merchandise comes from Gerhard's annual trips to



James Walsh, left, Lisa Graham, Sherry Maddock, Maria Kannev and Jennifer Paul sit at a table in Third Street Stuff's cafe.

Las Vegas wholesale markets, where she buys earrings, necklaces, and jeweled photo albums and picture frames.

Though Gerhard sometimes feels a need to compete with the larger, franchised coffee chains, the shop is not

run based upon sale prices or seasonal discounts that bring busy crowds.

"We aren't a Hamburg or mall-chain kind of store," Gerhard said. "Seeing more people shopping downtown and around here is a chal-

lenge."

Gerhard opened Third Street Stuff 15 years ago when her own handmade jewelry and purses were consuming her personal time for wholesale markets and craft fairs.

Gerhard began to need assistance for the demand on her original items and space to put them, so she opened the store. As her crafts began to change, so did the store, which relocated to North Limestone in 1991. Gerhard said she saw this as the evolu-

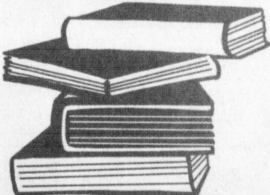
tion of her store.

"I wanted to appeal to more kind of people, not just teenage-girl oriented," she said.

Gerhard soon plans to buy

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## book



## club

## Four looks at the history of music culture

### "The Hipster Handbook"

By Robert Lanham

Hipsters are so pretentious and cool that they're uncool. They most likely have a mop-top haircut, smoke European cigarettes and keep biographies of Che Guevara in their bags, according to Robert Lanham.

Imagine the kids who were "artsy" in high school working at art galleries in New York City 10 years later. Lanham takes those people, rates them, defines them, and most importantly, makes fun of them.

But I found "The Hipster Handbook" to be somewhat confusing, as it attempts to define an entire "culture" on the basis of a single individual's opinion. According to book, hipsters refer to everything that is cool as "deck" and everything uncool as "fin." Presumably, if you listen to Dave Matthews Band in your SUV, you

are fin. If you use "postmodern" as a noun, adjective, and verb, you could possibly be deck.

The entire book is founded on establishing what things are deck and which are fin, examining many aspects of our culture, including music, literature, personal appearance, politics and lingo.

I would not advise using this book to discover what truly encompasses a hipster lifestyle but rather as a hilarious commentary on the supposed "rules" for being a hipster, ostensibly decided by the hipster community. If you read The Hipster Handbook in search of humor, then you will certainly find it.

Or maybe you'll be fin and not read it. Like, whatever.



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# JD

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pressed by his desire to stay in Lexington and finish his degree before moving to Nashville.

"It is rare to find a young person that gets it and that sees the big picture," Weller said. "It is more about his career and his life than just music."

Although his hopes are high to become a star, Shelburne describes himself as "a humble, hardworking and personable small-town country boy." And one who just likes to entertain people.

He's named after his grandfather and father, and like them, he stripped tobacco.

"He's just a good-ol' country, all-around average kid," said his mother, Jane Shelburne.

"He had a teacher once that told him he should be a teacher because he loved to entertain and be in control of the class," said his father, David Shelburne. "He decided he didn't want to teach, but this (music) gives him the venue to entertain."

J.D. Shelburne's roots in Taylorsville, Ky., have also influenced his music.

His new band adopted the name J.D. Shelburne and HickTown, after Jason Aldean's song "Hicktown." Shelburne said that Taylorsville is just like the town the song describes.

"We're a country town," Shelburne said.

As with the concert at the Kentucky State Fair in 2004, much of Shelburne's support comes from where he grew up.

People in Shelburne's hometown are always asking his parents how Shelburne's music is coming along.

"A lot of people in Spencer County are behind him," Jane Shelburne said. "The whole community is behind him — the church and family are behind him — because that's where his heart is."

Shelburne's roommate and long-time friend, plant and soil agriculture junior Darren Edwards, said he never thought Shelburne would be a singer but agrees that Shelburne enjoys entertaining people.

"He plays for people when they come over," Edwards said with a laugh. "I get serenaded every night."

Shelburne has been an inspiration to a lot of people in their hometown, Edwards said.

"But the thing I admire most is that he is doing what he likes to do," he said. "At first I thought that was basketball, but now it's music. He works hard and doesn't quit."

As a starter on the varsity baseball and basketball teams at



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Shelburne goes home to Taylorsville every Wednesday to practice with his band in his band members' basements. The musicians work full-time jobs but find the time to practice together at least once a week.

Spencer County High School, Shelburne was offered scholarships to play for colleges in Tennessee and for Transylvania University, but other factors drove him to Lexington to attend LCC with the intention of coming to UK after graduation.

"I decided to go to UK for a girl," Shelburne said. Although they broke up in his sophomore year, Shelburne said the decision to come to Lexington ultimately benefited him.

"I may have never played music had I been too busy with sports," he said. "So I can't really say I regret it."

Shelburne has also found new support since coming to UK.

"I think he has a chance because he has an authentic resonance, twang, and he sings on pitch," said John Clark, an associate professor of telecommunications at UK.

Clark has had Shelburne in more than one class. He has heard Shelburne play on several occasions and was impressed the first time he heard him.

"He'll do what it takes to make it," Clark said. "He's just got the whole look, which is a big part of it."

While playing locally, Shelburne has created a following of fans who continue to show their support wherever he plays.

"There are a lot of the same people that come to my concerts," Shelburne said. "That is really exciting."

The momentum from finding a following is building with Shelburne's excitement over the talent and musical cohesion of his new band. Shelburne feels confident about his chances when he moves to Nashville.

"This is the band I want to take with me the Nashville," Shelburne said. "Everyone is just phenomenal."

Band members Billy Wiley, Mike Stump, Mike Fulkerson and Craig Chandler are all from the Taylorsville-Louisville area and have full-time jobs. But they find the time to practice at their homes and make weekly practices in Taylorsville, Shelburne said.

"They are just great," Shelburne said. "They work really hard and sound so good."

Although Shelburne's parents were surprised at their son's newfound love for music, both are excited about his decision to finish his degree and his move to Nashville.

"I want him to pursue his dream," said Jane Shelburne. "And it is in his heart to make it. But I do think it is smart to get that degree just in case."

Shelburne said the support from his parents has made a difference to him in school and in music.

"My dad didn't even like country music until I started singing it," he said. "I couldn't ask for better parents. They come to everything. They are really excited about me playing."

Shelburne's father said he's scared about his eldest son moving to a larger city but that no distance is too far for his son to pursue his dreams.

"I don't know anything about music, but a lot of people say he is talented," said Shelburne's father. "I am behind him every step of the way."

Shelburne is staying busy planting the seeds of his career in Lexington before he sets out for Nashville. He passes out demos to restaurants and bars, and he plays whenever and wherever possible.

"I just want to play as much as I can, at as many places as I can," Shelburne said.

But as he continues to play and record CDs, Shelburne will also be working on his degree at UK. The small-town country boy has a plan.

"I just don't like starting something without finishing," he said.

## UNION

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ation between the staff and administration and that the negotiating power of a union is needed.

"We just need a voice," Cox said. "Interest is high in the formation of a third-party organization for staff, faculty and students."

Cox would not give numbers on the involvement in the group. She said it was constantly growing but that recruitment was also a challenge.

"It seems as though recruitment is an issue for unions in general simply because of the stigma," Cox said. "It's hard to incorporate enough public awareness campaigning to reach everyone."

She also said meetings hosted by UK College Democrats would continue next semester. But other staff members don't see the need for unions.

"I think the people who are strongly involved in this union are the people who are disgruntled or who want the administration to solve their problems as opposed to working with the Staff Senate and working with the rest of the university to solve the problems," said Kyle Dippery, president of the Staff Senate.

Williams questioned the motives of the unions working with UK staffers.

"There's not some nefarious plot to suppress and oppress staff members," Williams said. "It's a lot of blow as far as I'm concerned. It's an attempt for the unions to get our employees' money."

"A union's job is to get members to pay dues," he said.

Both staff representatives said they're not sure how strong the union movement is on campus, and Williams said he hasn't been able to gauge the involvement in UK Employees United.

"I don't know if there's enough people involved to be legitimately worried about it or to take interest in it, which causes me to believe that it is not many," Williams said.

## SHOOTING

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cialized units," Holman said.

Although he's not sure what the root of the problem is, Holman thinks the increased crime has more to do with residential trends than a lack of police presence.

"I don't know why — either more people are living there or the clientele in that area is more prone to violence," he said.

The increased number of students in UK's freshman class may also have an effect on the crime rate. Holman said it's possible that more students are living off campus, and as a result the surrounding neighborhoods are more crowded, with more students living in each house.

"The more people you have causes tension, and people's reactions to things can strike a fire," Holman said.

Two arrests were made on University Avenue between August and December, but both were for traffic violations.

But Holman pointed out that this does not reflect how effective police have been in arresting suspects because perpetrators are likely to leave the scene soon after committing a crime.

"The arrests will take place somewhere else in most cases," he said.

Many student residents plan on leaving University Avenue next year, but some said the quality of housing and not the crime rate are driving them out of the neighborhood.

Wade said she was terrified on the night of the shooting.

"I was talking on the phone and heard gunshots," she said after the incident. "I thought I was going to die; I really freaked out."

Still, Wade doesn't plan on finding a new place to live next year because she doesn't think other neighborhoods will be safer.

"You can never guarantee safety if you're living on a college campus," she said.

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# SPORTS

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## Beach took long way to Green Bay

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It was close to being one of the biggest games in UK history.

On Sept. 27, 2003, traditional Southeastern Conference power Florida came to Lexington to play a 2-2 UK team that was struggling under first-year head coach Rich Brooks. Before the start of the game, a large white banner appeared off the side of Commonwealth Stadium's third level with the words "The Gators Will Be Beached" painted on it.

Appearing in his first career start for the Cats was a little-known sophomore running back from Ashland, Ky., named Arliss Beach.

Midway through the first quarter of the game, Beach scored UK's first touchdown. He scored another rushing touchdown in the second quarter and would score again in the third to give the Cats a 21-3 lead going into the fourth quarter. Fans at the game whipped out their cell phones to talk about Beach's performance.

And though the Gators scored 21 unanswered points against UK in the fourth quarter to win the game 24-21, the "Beached" sign didn't lie.

"Florida was one of those games where people really found out who I was," Beach said. "We had the game away in the end, but it's still my favorite game."

### Timeline of a professional

Arliss Beach has always had football on his mind.

"In first grade, he said he was going to play for the NFL," said Kerry Beach, Arliss' mother. "I didn't want him to play at first, I was afraid he would get hurt, but after he started, it just seemed like there was no going back."

Years later, after he set records at Paul Blazer High School and played at UK, Beach was signed as a free agent by the Green Bay Packers.

"It was a dream come true for the young Beach."

"I would see NFL games on TV, and I just really liked watching it," Beach said. "And after I played, I realized I really enjoyed it."

Sports were very important for Beach early on in his life.

"During his high-school career, Beach played football and basketball, and he ran track."

As the point guard for Blazer's basketball team his junior and senior years, he led the team to two state Sweet 16 appearances.

"Basketball was actually my first love," Beach said, "but I was better in football."

On the football team, Beach rushed for 4,711 yards and scored 426 total points.

"Arliss was an outstanding

athlete," said Mark Swift, Blazer's athletics director. "More so, he was an even better person."

At the end of his high-school career, Beach had the option to play either football or basketball in college. He was offered scholarships from a handful of schools for both sports.

"He had to decide (between the two)," Kerry Beach said. "But, when it came down to it, he had a greater love for football."

Arliss Beach decided that he would have more opportunities if he chose football. He also thought that it was the sport he excelled most in.

In 2002, Beach joined UK's football team. And even though the team was on a downward spiral due to NCAA infractions handed down a year earlier, UK helped get Beach to the NFL.

"UK offered me a good opportunity," Beach said. "It was a good situation for me."

### Ashland legend

Ashland still remembers Beach as one of the town's great athletes.

Kerry Beach said that the town followed her son's progress at UK and now in the NFL.

As a receptionist at Ashland Family Medicine, Kerry Beach said that children would often recognize her sitting behind the receptionist's desk and whisper to their parents that she was "Arliss' mom."

"Kids would walk into the office and know who I was," she said. "I kept a drawer full of autographed pictures (of Arliss) and would hand them out to the kids."

While Arliss Beach played at UK, Kerry Beach said she and the rest of the family never missed a game, either home or away.

Friends from Ashland would also come to the games to support their local hero. She said that a group of family friends were behind "The Gators Will Be Beached" sign put up for the Florida game.

Arliss Beach played 42 games for the Cats and finished his career with 951 yards and 14 touchdowns. He never had a fumble while playing.

But, even with all of those accomplishments, he said could have done more.

"I didn't have a real big career at UK," said Beach, who thought that he wasn't able to reach his full potential.

UK running backs coach Ron Caragher agreed with Beach, saying that there were factors that kept him back.

"Unfortunately, over his four-year career, there were injuries, and those really kept him from being 'the guy,'" Caragher said.

Caragher added that Beach had tough competition with the



Former UK running back Arliss Beach runs against Auburn last year. Beach, who scored 14 touchdowns in his UK career, battled many odds to play for the Green Bay Packers. "I plan to still be in Green Bay in a couple of years," he said.

likes of running back Rafael Little and wide receiver Keenan Burton for a significant role on the team.

Despite that, Beach developed into a player who could easily find a spot on the team and could always be useful in a variety of positions, Caragher said.

This quality proved to be the basis for Beach's jump into the professionals.

"To make an NFL roster, he needed to show that he was well-rounded," Caragher said.

Beach excelled, specifically in special teams at UK, where he was used as a hard-hitting blocker on punt returns. "He was a good player, and I always looked up to him," said UK running back Rafael Little, one of UK's punt returners. "We did a lot together and he showed me a lot of things."

Little said Beach was fundamental in helping him to develop as a player, teaching him the ins-and-outs of the running back position and how to be successful in college football.

"He was something like a big brother to me," Little said. "He taught me a lot."

### The NFL

Coming out of college, Beach felt that his career at UK had not been as great as he had hoped for. He wanted to play pro football, but thought that he hadn't made enough of a name for himself to make it to the NFL.

"I was going to get a coaching job, but decided to at least give it (the NFL) a chance," he said.

Beach participated in UK's Pro Day, where he worked out in front of NFL scouts. During the drafting process, Beach still didn't know if he was going to be selected.

The draft came and went: Beach wasn't selected. But the Packers still had interest. They offered him the league minimum salary of \$260,000.

"It was amazing," Beach said. "Football is the game I love — not many people get to do this."

Unfortunately for Beach, the bad luck that seemed to plague him at UK didn't leave him when he traveled to Green Bay.

In the Packers' final preseason game against the Tennessee Titans this season, Beach suffered an ankle injury that knocked him out for the season.

But Beach said that the injury only added to his commitment to perform well. Now that he is injured, he has focused on getting healthier.

"He told me that after his injury he's going to work hard to play again, no matter where or how they play him," Little said.

Beach said he hopes to continue his dreams of getting on the field for the Packers. "I plan to still be in Green Bay in a couple of years," Beach said.

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# Pressure grows for stricter food safety regulations

By Jerry Hirsch and Ellen Barry  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The produce industry and federal regulators are facing renewed pressure to adopt stricter guidelines for growing and handling fresh fruit and vegetables after Taco Bell on Wednesday said it would remove green onions from its 5,800 restaurants following a recent E. coli outbreak.

The Irvine, Calif.-based company said preliminary testing by an independent lab found possible contamination by a potentially deadly strain of E. coli in three samples of green onions. The outbreak has sickened dozens of people in at least four northeastern states. E. coli is found in the feces of animals and humans.

"In an abundance of caution, we've decided to pull all green onions from our restaurants until we know conclusively whether they are the cause of the E. coli outbreak," said Greg Crepe, president of Taco Bell Corp., whose corporate parent, Yum Brands Inc., also owns Pizza Hut and KFC.

The episode is the latest in a series of outbreaks of illness traced to fresh or raw vegetables and fruit. Last month, Salmonella-tainted tomatoes sickened 183 people in 21 states and Canada. An E. coli outbreak in September led to the deaths of three people who ate Califor-

nia-grown spinach. And earlier this week, San Francisco-based Jamba Juice issued a warning when a supplier of frozen strawberries discovered some of the fruit was contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, a bacteria that causes diarrhea and fevers and can be fatal to young children and the elderly.

Reports of E. coli infection at Taco Bell restaurants began to emerge on the East Coast late last week. By Wednesday, 70 people in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware were ill, according to federal investigators. Additional cases were suspected in Connecticut. No deaths have been reported, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said.

Evidence suggests that the outbreak is "expanding," said Robert Tauxe, director of the Centers for Disease Control's Division of Foodborne, Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, which began studying the cluster of illnesses on Monday.

"We don't know the scope of this yet," he said.

New Jersey food safety regulators and FDA are investigating two suppliers — McLane Foodservice and the Florence, N.J. facility of Irwindale-based Ready Pac Foods Inc. McLane is the sole distributor of ingredients for Taco Bell restaurants in New Jersey, Long Island, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Ready Pac Produce

processes lettuce, tomatoes and onions.

Green onions are processed exclusively for Taco Bell in one section of the Ready Pac plant.

"Even though the test results are not confirmed, we have taken every prudent precaution and immediately stopped production and shipments of all green onions," said Steve Dickstein, Ready Pac's vice president for marketing.

"All raw and processed green onions have been removed from the plant as part of our precautionary measures."

The recent series of outbreaks "indicates that our food supply could be safer," said Carl Winter, a University of California, Davis food safety expert.

An estimated 76 million Americans are stricken with a food borne illness annually from consuming tainted food in restaurants and at home, he said.

Fresh or raw produce accounts for more illness outbreaks, and more sick people, than any other food product, said Caroline Smith DeWaal, director of food safety for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer group that has asked the FDA to issue new regulations to ensure the safety of fresh fruits and vegetables.

CSPI wants to bar the use of raw manure as fertilizer during the growing season. It also is seeking more stringent monitoring of manure

composting practices to make sure that pathogens are destroyed and it advocates more frequent testing of water used for irrigation.

The Washington-based group also wants packages to better reflect where a product came from.

"The federal food safety system is at a breaking point. Operating under antiquated laws and a shoestring budget, they simply cannot manage the job that is front of them," DeWaal said.

David Acheson, chief medical officer for the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition in College Park, Md., said there might be a place for "a stronger regulatory approach" but for now the agency was busy investigating the causes of the recent outbreaks and what could be done to prevent them.

He said the FDA would need considerably more funding to become a stronger watchdog of the produce industry.

"You can't put a regulation in place and expect it to work if you don't have the manpower to enforce it," Acheson said.

But it is only a matter of time before the next outbreak crops up, the experts say.

"The question is not if another outbreak will occur," said Winter, the UC Davis food safety expert, "but rather when and in which commodity."

# Scientists see fresh signs of water on Mars

By John Johnson Jr.  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NASA scientists announced Wednesday that they had found evidence that water still flows over the surface of Mars — sporadic gushers that increase the possibility that the Red Planet could harbor some form of life.

Using images obtained by the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, the researchers concluded that geologic changes in the shapes and sizes of gullies cut into the walls of two Martian craters were likely made by flowing water.

The team looked at two sets of images taken several years apart. In both cases, the second set of images revealed a light-colored substance several hundred yards long that had not been there before, indicating that something had erupted from the ground and apparently sloshed toward the bottom of the basin.

NASA's two rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, which are on the surface of the planet, found evidence that water

covered large areas of Mars billions of years ago.

"Today, we're talking about liquid water being present on Mars right now," said Ken Edgett, a staff scientist at Malin Space Sciences in San Diego, which built the camera that took the pictures released Wednesday.

"You have all heard of a smoking gun," he said. "This is a squirting gun."

The findings, to be published in the journal Science, pose more issues for scientists to grapple with. "The big questions are: how does this happen? And does it point to a habitat for life?" said Michael Meyer, lead scientist for NASA's Mars Exploration Program.

The answers will not come soon. The two rovers, which could investigate further, are both hundreds of miles away from the gullies described Wednesday.

Still, the discovery, if confirmed, would give the search for extraterrestrial life a new focus.

"Liquid water is one of only three things required by all life on Earth," the Planetary Society, a Pasadena, Calif.-based organization of space ad-

vocates, said in a statement. "If there is liquid water on Mars, that makes it even more compelling to search for life on Mars."

In another major finding, members of the science team said they found 20 new impact craters, ranging from 7 feet to 486 feet across, in other images from Global Surveyor. The scientists said the number of new craters indicated impacts from meteors could be a hazard if astronauts tried to establish a base on the planet.

The discoveries announced Wednesday were something of a surprise, because the Mars Global Surveyor, launched in 1996, is considered old technology. NASA has been using the twin rovers to painstakingly examine the mineral content of ancient rocks to try to uncover evidence of Mars' water past over the past two years.

NASA recently announced that it had lost contact with the Global Surveyor because of a malfunction — making Wednesday's announcement all the sweeter. The craft's original mission life was supposed to last just

two years.

Over the spacecraft's extended lifetime, its camera produced some 240,000 images. Finding the evidence of water required scrutinizing pictures of tens of thousands of gullies at hundreds of sites on the Martian surface.

The findings came from images taken in 2004 and 2005. The team saw a white crust or patch on the surface in gullies in the Terra Sirenum and Centauri Montes regions of southern Mars that they hadn't noticed before. Looking back to images taken in 1999 and 2001, they confirmed the deposits were new.

"The shapes of these deposits are what you would expect to see if the material were carried by flowing water," said Michael Malin, president of Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego. "They have finger-like branches at the downhill end and are easily diverted around small obstacles."

Scientists are not sure what caused the substance to retain its whitish coloration on a planet where everything is coated with dust. "This is extremely unusual for Mars," Malin said.

Malin said he believed it was some form of frost. The surface temperature on Mars ranges from minus 257 degrees Fahrenheit to minus 62 degrees. Flowing water could not remain liquid for long.

If the water is contaminated with acid, that would allow the mixture to stay wet at the surface, Malin said.

An alternative to frost is a salty crust. Both would be evidence of water flows. If it is a salty crust, the scientists said, it is most likely would have been produced by water concentrating salts in the Martian soil.

Malin said he believed the water was erupting from the deep interior. "When it reaches the surface, it creates a frozen dam," he said. "Eventually, the dam breaks and the water comes bursting out."

To continue the search for water and life on Mars, Malin said he would direct a camera on the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, which arrived in Mars orbit this year to take over from the Global Surveyor, to look at these sites and other gullies.

# On cellphones, girl talk comes with a bling tone

By Yuki Noguchi  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Diamonds on a cellphone are a girl's best friend.

Hence, "bling kits" of adhesive crystals to adorn phones. And T-Mobile, which swiftly sold out of its \$499 Juicy Couture bejeweled pink phones, now has a limited-edition cellphone line designed by Diane von Furstenberg.

Gucci bag? No, thank you. This year it's about the Dolce & Gabbana Motorola V3i, a \$400 gold-colored phone so gilded and so thin it evokes a supermodel.

Companies are trying to get technology in touch with its inner fashionista, marketing to the fairer sex by tickling women with pink and smaller, lighter and easier-to-use phones and other devices that speak to a more feminine sensibility.

The upshot: Women, who have historically wielded serious power of the purse as consumers, are now buying all kinds of technology for their families and themselves, outpacing their male counterparts 3 to 2, according to the Consumer Electronics Association.

Today's prototypical girl-techie might look like Natavia Vineyard, 19, who wants her technology to cut a stylish and up-to-the-minute profile.

"I always have all the new phones," said the Lanham, Md., resident, who last month traded in an older flip phone for a new Sony Walkman phone. The features — built-in media player, radio and video camera — appealed to her. But the black color didn't. So she decked it out in faux diamonds. "I try to keep it looking feminine," she said.

It's not a sexist stereotype; women have different preferences, according to a CEA study released this year. Men prefer to watch their high-definition TVs, while women more frequently use their cellphones and portable games.

"Women come to the table with a different sensibility when they talk about technology," said Pat Houston, general manager of Yahoo Tech. They think less about the technology itself, and more how it fits with their life, he said. "I would argue it's the new gold standard — it really is a more mainstream sensibility."

The Nintendo Wii, one of the game systems flying off the shelves this season, was designed in part to appeal to women. "It's a reflection of a change in our corporate strategy a few years ago," when the company faced a diminishing audience for its games in Japan, and decided to reach beyond the young male demographic it had targeted, said George Harrison, senior vice president of marketing for Nintendo of America.

Gaming systems have become loaded with buttons and joysticks, so Nintendo tried to simplify by adding a touch screen to its DS system. With the Wii, it added motion sensors so controllers could be swung like a tennis racket or rotated like a steering wheel to simulate real action.


The result: Nintendo's DS system, released two years ago, garnered a 30 percent female audience, up from 5 percent for its older Game Boy machines.

Many manufacturers are also becoming more sophisticated about how they communicate with women.

Motorola, for example, recently developed a list of what women want — including keyboards with long-fingernail clearance, surfaces that don't rub or trap makeup and features that make it easier to find a device in a purse — and is trying to incorporate the items into products.

"You're starting to see women embrace technology and you're starting to see the market talk to them," said Robin Raskin, a Yahoo Tech blogger who has written books about parenting and technology. "In the early stage that meant talking to us in red and pink."

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## Give former felons a stake in society by letting them vote

Some Kentucky lawmakers and activists are trying to restore voting rights to felons who have done their time.

State House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said in a news conference last week that he would be sponsoring a constitutional amendment to restore the ability to vote to felons as soon as they complete their sentences. The (Louisville) Courier-Journal reported last week.

If the amendment passes in the upcoming General Assembly session, the amendment could appear on the ballot in 2007. Passing and approving the amendment would be the right choice for Kentucky legislators and voters.

Felons can range from burglary to murder, and the punishments that are handed down depend on the severity of the offense. That's how criminals should be punished for whatever crimes they have committed.

### KERNEL EDITORIAL

They are sent to prison to be reformed and to learn a lesson. But what lesson does taking away their right to vote prove?

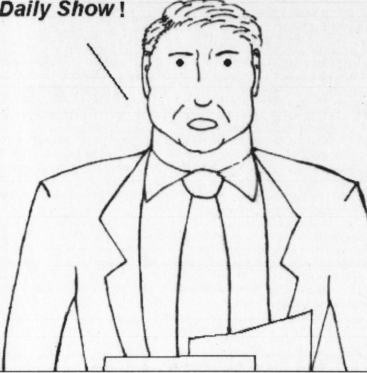
It shows that the Kentucky system — like those of Virginia and Florida, the only other states to have lifetime voting bans for felons, according to the Courier-Journal article — thinks the released prisoners deserve a second chance for freedom, but not a second chance in making a decision about how their tax money is used.

If felons are reformed enough to be allowed out of prison, they should be able to have a stake in the society they are rejoining. An important and undeniable part of that is to have a say in political decisions.

We hope lawmakers and voters realize that felons have already done their time and deserve the right to vote again.

Felons who have been released have paid back their debt to society. The restriction of their voting rights should end at the prison door.

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## Down with dead week! Give me holiday stress over finals stress

Finals week is only days away. I apologize for having to remind you of that fact, because I'm sure there are some still pretending that finals are a while away.

A common synonym for "finals week" is "stress." If you have not been crushed to death by mental strain during finals, then I want to meet you, for you are surely an anomaly.

But honestly, I would take holiday stress over finals any day of the week.

"Stress is a burst of energy," said psychiatrist Dr. Lynne Tan of Montefiore Medical Center in New York City in an article on MSNBC.com. "It's our body telling us what we need to do."

I honestly laughed when I first read this quote. Saying that stress is our body giving us important information

seems crazy. I know what I need to do before the rush of panic and adrenaline comes over me, when I realize that Congress should extend the length of the day to 29 hours.

"Think about your daily life — when do you get things done? When you have a deadline, when you have to perform," said Janet DiPietro, a developmental psychologist at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore in the MSNBC.com article. "You want some stress to help you do your best."

As a journalist, I know that deadlines exist, and I do tend to work better when I know my life is on the line if I don't finish an article. But stress is not helpful during finals week. If one is not careful, too much stress can cause colds, fatigue, aches, pains, headaches, and complete and utter exhaustion.

But can students really avoid stress? Well, let's once again blame the university for part of it!

This is the last week that students can pretend that classes are not about to end, that the 25-page paper that's barely been begun is not due in a matter of days. Dead week, or the week where the university decides to pretend that nothing really happens so students can prepare for finals, doesn't really

exist. There will be plenty of things written about how unfair it is that such a week exists, so I've decided to continue the tradition.

Finals week wouldn't be such a shock if there weren't papers due in every class, along with presentations, speeches and plenty of other assignments that all seem to fall during dead week.

There are people out there who have solutions and ideas. Amy Bates gave me an inside view at what he wants:

"I wish UK would kill dead week before it kills me."

Of course, this was told to me while I was procrastinating and beginning to stress about my deadline, but it made sense. If there are not going to be changes made about dead week, don't pretend it's a dead week.

So remember, finals are next week, and while stress may be good for you in tiny doses, finals week chokes you with it. Take a deep breath, and remember that it is only one week, and after it's all finished, you only have about 20 weeks or so until it happens again.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Democracy thrives on disagreement

In response to Brenton Kenkel's Dec. 1 column on tyranny at home ("Make the world safe for democracy — but make sure it's safe here first"), I would challenge him and all students to work to eliminate the root of tyranny at home.

A neighborhood association enforcing common rules on its members' homes is very similar to a politically correct university enacting a speech code.

Too many students cheer such an abuse of power as an honorable act, and proponents of the speech code cite a right to not be offended.

This is the same reason the homeowner's association that Kenkel cited in his column wanted the wreath taken down. These are symptoms of the same threat to our freedom. When certain individuals impose their will on others, they demonstrate exactly what is wrong with America.

To truly make democracy and freedom secure at home, we must renounce the belief that people can legislate desirable behaviors in others. Just as the homeowner's association bullied Lisa Jensen to remove the Christmas wreath, the government can bully us for its own ends.

Massive government is the best ally these people have in controlling others, so reducing the size and sway of the government would be an excellent first step toward securing freedom and liberty at home.

Robert James  
economics senior

### Horse riding courses available for everyone

Are you one of those students that has spent almost four years in Kentucky and never learned to ride a

horse? Now is your opportunity to get that Bluegrass experience.

Lexington's city government provides an opportunity to learn to ride horses at an affordable price, a service most people do not know about. Through Lexington's Parks and Recreation department, horsemanship classes are offered at Masterson Station Park.

Jennifer Hall, an education senior who has worked for the program for a number of years, says there are beginner through advanced level classes offered, so there is something for everyone.

"All riding is English with an emphasis on dressage and eventing styles," Hall said. She feels it is good for students to come out and give riding horses a try because it "allows you to see another sport that most people do not consider a sport."

This is a great activity to do with some friends and can be very laid-back or more intensive. "The horses are all very calm and kind," said Rachel Davidson, who just began working with the program.

"I rode at Masterson while I was at UK and it was a great chance to do something fun to relieve stress and get outdoors for a while," former UK student Brayden Bohmer said. Winter riding classes are \$85 and run from January through March, meeting two times a week for four weeks. The session for intermediate and advanced students will run from Jan. 8 to Feb. 1. Beginners will ride from Feb. 5 to March 1.

Registration, which is done by a lottery system, is Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. People should arrive early to fill out necessary paper work. Spring classes run from April 9 through June 1 meeting once a week for eight weeks. The spring registration will be March 17. For more information, call 253-0328.

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Kernel columnist

aren't the only reason that stress is so prevalent this time of year. The holidays are known to be stressful to people of all ages.

But honestly, I would take holiday stress over finals any day of the week.

"Stress is a burst of energy," said psychiatrist Dr. Lynne Tan of Montefiore Medical Center in New York City in an article on MSNBC.com. "It's our body telling us what we need to do."

I honestly laughed when I first read this quote. Saying that stress is our body giving us important information

If you haven't seen it, then someone has told you about it. Right before Thanksgiving, Michael Richards, who played Kramer in "Seinfeld," went on a racial tirade toward a small group of minority people who accidentally interrupted his stand-up comic routine.

This group was very diverse and included several Latinos and African-Americans. When this group entered the comedy club, it caused a little commotion, and because Richards was interrupted he decided to criticize it with several severely racist comments. This tirade can easily be seen on YouTube, and you can also watch his apology. A few nights after this happened, Richards decided to go on "The David Letterman Show" and make a formal apology to the people in the group and in the entire group that he insulted. Most recently, two of the African-American men that were included in the group went on "The Today Show."

If you turn on your television you will undoubtedly be able to find a station that carries "Seinfeld," and you will most likely be able to watch it in the next few hours. The scariest thing about this was not that Richards went on this tirade; it was the fact that he is so mainstream and that a person so famous could have had these feelings for so long.

What's also scary is to wonder which other famous white actors could have this kind of tirade. As an



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avid viewer of "Seinfeld," I was very shocked; needless to say, my view of the show and of Richards has changed dramatically.

Even though Richards had a formal apology, I believe that he might not be truly sorry. There's an old saying that if you were really sorry, then you would have never done it. The sad thing is that while on the Letterman show, Richards seemed very sincere, but even though he apologized, those thoughts are still inside him. Even though they may be more public, he probably still feels the same way he did after the tirade as he did before.

After serious psychological help, his views may change, but they may not budge. Then again, I may be wrong; Richards may be truly sorry for the words he said and for his tirade. But just as your mother told you when you were little, words hurt, and once you say them, you can't take them back.

Needless to say, Richards' career as a stand-up comic is probably over — he may get some gigs, but overall he's just not the same person he used to be. He's no longer the easygoing silly guy who played Kramer on "Seinfeld"; instead he is now labeled as a racist and a person who has probably ruined the rest of his life.

I think that even though we try to deny it that it still exists, racism is still prevalent in today's world. It may not be so open and obvious as it used to be, but without a doubt racism exists. People of color and different nationalities are rejected or not hired for jobs because they are different.

And I think that the only good thing that came out of this entire thing was that it may cause other people to examine themselves on the inside and find out how they feel about

certain issues like race. I can assure you that Richards went around thinking that he wasn't racist and was a perfect American, but in a split second he was shocked as to what he truly was underneath.

I think as a small community here at UK, we should try to address this problem of race. I think that it's just natural for races to separate when they are put into a situation like college. I'm sure even if you put people of different races in a room, those individuals would be more likely to gravitate toward those of their own race because they feel they naturally have something in common.

Although this is totally normal, it shouldn't be accepted, and we shouldn't just move on and not do anything about it. This problem should be met with solutions so that people are more informed. I think that we should be informed of all races and cultures; sadly, when we see people, we automatically make particular stereotypes about them, which leads to us not meeting others or finding out who we truly are.

But as with all types of change, we as students must give an effort to stop things like this from happening. We are the future of America — the future Michael Richards, Hillary Clinton, Halle Berry and believe it or not, George Bushes.

It is our job to change the world, especially the world's view on racism. Our views will be passed down to our children, to their children, and so on. If we start now and learn about different races, we will inevitably cause a shift in the mind of Americans. We will forever change the world and make it a better place for everyone.

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## Catch the holiday spirit — and a terrorist

By Al Kamen  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Flying out for the holidays for a little relaxation and family time? Fine. But Uncle Sam hopes you'll remain vigilant, on the lookout for terrorists who also might be heading home to see their families in such places as Myrtle Beach, S.C., or Londonderry, N.H.

To help, the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security are distributing hundreds of "wanted terrorist" posters to major airports nationwide, a news release announced.

Get those visions of dancing sugarplums out of your head and focus on the "Faces of Global Terrorism" posters. Each poster shows mug shots of "26 known terrorists with reward offers of up to \$25 million" for some of them.

So as you put on your seat

belt, take a look at that guy in shorts across the aisle. Sure, he's got blond hair now, and he's clean-shaven, but doesn't he look just a little like Abdelraouf Ben Habib Jdey, a k a Faraq al-Tunisi? Look for a scar on his forehead. Get the jump on him and it could be worth \$5 million.

And that short guy sitting next to him with those big ears? OK, the picture's maybe five years old, but isn't that Faker Ben Abdelaziz Boussora, a k a Abu Yusif al-Tunisi, sitting in 15B? He's worth another \$5 million from the Rewards for Justice program.

Who knows, but Osama — worth a cool \$25 million — just might be that guy in the dark glasses and cane on your right.

And remember: "You and your family may be eligible for relocation," the program Web site says, and "strict confidentiality is assured."

## Court to consider same-sex divorce

By Elizabeth Mehren  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Can a couple obtain a divorce if, in the eyes of the state, they were never married?

That is the issue sent Wednesday to the Rhode Island Supreme Court, in the case of two Rhode Island women who traveled to Massachusetts to marry in May 2004, during a brief window when out-of-state, same-sex couples could wed there.

Shortly afterward, Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney invoked an obscure 1913 statute to prevent same-sex couples from other states from marrying in the only state that permits such unions.

But the marriage between Margaret Chambers, now 70, and Cassandra Orniston, who is 59, broke up. Citing irreconcilable differences, the couple filed for divorce here in October. They have no children, and neither party is contesting the breakup.

The legal issue is whether a same-sex couple can obtain a divorce in a state that is silent on the validity of same-sex marriage. On Wednesday, the chief judge of Rhode Island's family court chose not to rule on the issue, referring the matter

to the Supreme Court.

"There's no indication that we can either hear same-sex marriages or same-sex divorces," Judge Jeremiah S. Jeremiah Jr. said Wednesday in a brief hearing. Chambers did not attend Wednesday's proceeding. Orniston said she was uncomfortable with the attention their separation has received.

"It isn't a situation I would choose by any means," she said. "Divorce is hard enough without the added burden of being a test case."

She added: "We have a right to fail like everybody else."

Although they had been together for 10 years, Orniston said the couple welcomed the opportunity to legitimize their relationship with marriage.

"Marriage does recognize the commitment two people want to make forever," she said. "No one anticipates that their marriage will fail."

In 2004, Massachusetts became the only state to legalize same-sex marriage. Vermont and Connecticut each offer civil unions, extending marriage-like rights to gay and lesbian couples.

More than 6,000 same-sex couples have married in Massachusetts. No records are kept on same-sex divorces,

but attorneys who represent gay and lesbian couples say that dozens — at least — of same-sex marriages have been dissolved since those unions became legal. Some civil unions in Vermont also have been legally reversed.

But Rhode Island law makes no mention of same-sex unions, neither banning nor endorsing them. State Attorney General Patrick Lynch has said the courts and legislature must decide whether same-sex marriages will be recognized in Rhode Island.

"We are not asking the state of Rhode Island to recognize same-sex marriage," said Nancy Palmisciano, Orniston's attorney. "We are asking the state to recognize same-sex divorce. I'm not asking you to issue a marriage license here. We passed that when my client and her spouse received a valid license, according to the laws of the state of Massachusetts."

But Louis Pulner, Chambers' lawyer, worried that the couple's divorce might become invalid if the state Supreme Court ruled at some future date that the Family Court did not have jurisdiction in such cases. Pulner filed the motion that Jeremiah accepted Wednesday, sending the case to the state's Supreme Court.



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