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Bill would increase cigarette tax to \$1

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A proposed law filed Friday would raise the price of a pack of cigarettes in Kentucky by 70 cents.

If passed by the General Assembly and signed by the governor, House Bill 443 would raise the cigarette tax to \$1, up from 30 cents. It would also cause a rise in the price of smokeless tobacco products that has not yet been determined, said state Rep. David Watkins, D-Henderson, who filed the bill.

Watkins said students at state universities, which are facing 12 percent cuts in the governor's proposed budget, should call or write their legislators to advocate a cigarette tax increase instead of higher tuition or student fees.

"I think students should get up in arms," Watkins said.

A tax increase of 70 cents per pack would raise \$200 million a year, which would help relieve cuts to higher-education funding, Watkins said.

While there is no denying cigarettes are unhealthy, Gov. Steve Beshear would not support a cigarette tax increase at any level, said spokeswoman Vicki Glass yesterday.

"He believes Kentuckians are taxed enough as it is," Glass said.

The tax increase would not pass without the support of the governor, said state Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville.

"Whether that's good policy or not, I don't know," Buford said. "I would support whatever would stop our young individuals from smoking."

Watkins called a cigarette tax increase a "double whammy," raising much-needed income for Kentucky and cutting down on the number of young people who start smoking.

"We talk about AIDS, we talk about all of these horrible diseases," Watkins said. "Tobacco causes horrible diseases."

Beyond the possibility of a veto by the governor, Buford said important Senate races going on throughout the state could hinder the proposed cigarette tax hike. A tax increase might cause voters to change their minds in a close Senate race, so politicians may be unlikely to support it, he said.

Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, said she supports an increase in the cigarette tax, although she said \$1 may be too high. A 70-cent increase is just a preliminary figure, said Stein, one of the bill's 13 co-sponsors.

"Your reach should always exceed your grasp," Stein said. "That's what we have here."

On Tuesday, Beshear released his proposed state budget for the 2008-10 biennium. The budget projects a \$580 million drop in revenues in the first year of the biennium, and a \$306 million drop the next.

If Beshear's budget were approved by the state legislature, funding for higher education would be cut \$160 million in the 2008-09 school year and stay at that level in 2009-10.



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Music education graduate student Christine Carucci directs the New Horizons Music group at Mayfair Village on Saturday. Carucci started the Lexington branch of the program, which gives people over 50 a chance to learn an instrument for the first time.

For learners, a new movement

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As Jeffery Simpson sits in the back row of his music class, he pays close attention to the instructor and the sheet music in front of him, working toward his end-of-semester goal.

"I want to learn to play well enough to play in church," said Simpson, 85.

Until enrolling in the New Horizons Music program, Simpson had been teaching himself to play saxophone from a training book.

Designed to give those over 50 a chance to learn a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument, NHM believes it is never too late to learn music.

David Sogin, an associate professor of music education at UK, and Christine Carucci, a music education graduate student, started the program in Lexington with the support of Ar-

leen Johnson and Diana Lockridge, administrators at UK's Council on Aging.

NHM began at the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music, where Carucci received her undergraduate degree. The program is now international, with more than 100 groups teaching music to people over 50. Last fall was the first time the program took place in Kentucky.

The music program is the first time many of the students have had the chance to learn music. But even for those who have previous experience, picking it back up after years without playing can be difficult.

"I was amazed that I had to relearn all of the fingerings of the notes," said clarinet player Rose Marie Hackett, 58. "I remembered none of those from 40

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Richard Dandeneau, 82, plays saxophone with the New Horizons Music group at Mayfair Village on Tates Creek Road Saturday. "I never had a sax in my hands until last September," Dandeneau said.

UK to compete for best solar-house design

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A big blue sky and a green house may be the winning combination at a solar house building competition in 2009.

UK is one of the 20 schools in the world selected to design and build a house solely operated by the sun in the U.S. Department of Energy 2009 Solar Decathlon. Students and faculty will construct a house in spring 2009, test it during the summer and then transport it to Washington in the fall for a competition against other schools' designs.

During the weeklong competition, houses are judged by architects and engineers in 10 areas: architecture, engineering, market viability, communications, comfort zone, appliances, hot water, lighting, energy balance and transportation. In past years, winning designs have included slanted glass roofs, wooden floors and houses that glow at night.

UK's project leader, Donald Collier, decided to apply for the competition after attending the 2007 Solar Decathlon.

"I saw the interaction of students during the events and realized that it was a great opportunity for UK to try

to pull together a project that will move us toward the university's strategic plan," Collier said, referring to UK's top-20 goals.

Six of UK's colleges, along with 16 departments and centers, will work together to design and complete the solar-powered house. Because UK was just selected last week, Collier and others are still in the beginning stages of finding students to work on the design.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for many disciplines to learn how to work together," said Hilary Bryon, an architecture professor who also attended the Solar Decathlon last year. "It is

also an opportunity to represent our state by taking something special from Kentucky to Washington D.C.," she said.

To generate suggestions for the design, UK is inviting people across campus to "Open Ideas Competition: What about Blue is Green?" at noon on Thursday in the Center Theater at the Student Center.

"We are looking to get input from a huge, diverse range of Kentuckians, from kids to adults," Bryon said.

People who attend can contribute thoughts about materials, technologies and lifestyles that are unique to Kentucky.

Fraternity hopes to promote unity, service in weeklong event

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is blending community service and political activism activities, along with a little socializing, for its '06 Degrees Below Zero Week.

"This isn't a week of events just for African-American students," said music and African-American studies senior Jeremiah Mwangi, an Alpha Phi Alpha member. "We enjoyed seeing all people at our LMF.A.C.T. week and look forward to that same kind of support again."

Alpha Phi Alpha is sponsoring the weeklong event with

help from other organizations to promote unity on campus.

Integrated strategic communications junior James Davidson said Alpha Phi Alpha's main goal for the week is community service.

"We want to follow our motto: 'First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all,'" said Davidson, an Alpha Phi Alpha member.

Fraternity members will hand out hot chocolate and snacks by Patterson Office Tower from 8 to 10 a.m. today.

A collaborative forum with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. called "Gone, But Not Forgotten" starts at 7:36 tonight in room 211 at the Student Center.

The forum will look at racial issues Delta Sigma Theta has addressed, along with other stories of racial injustice, like that of the Jena 6 in Jena, La.

"Talk about it. Don't be blindsided, and help prevent it from happening again," said Kimber Hatton, a nursing junior and Delta Sigma Theta member.

"Speak to government officials; update yourself for knowledge; help by fundraising or donating time to promote awareness."

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and the West End Community Empowerment Project will host a community service event at the Black and Williams Center on 498 Georgetown St. at 3 p.m.

tomorrow.

Nursing junior Dominique Brown said the event will help close the gap between Greeks and non-Greeks, while also assisting the community.

"The people don't care if I have Zeta Phi Beta across my chest," she said. "They appreciate you spending time with them and showing that you care."

Wednesday will feature a presidential primary mock election during the Black Student Union meeting at 4:34 p.m. in Room 211 of the Student Center.

Community communications and leadership development senior Chris Harper said the goal of the event was to get

the campus more socially and politically active after Super Tuesday tomorrow, when more than 20 states will hold their party nominating contests.

"The (mock) election gives students a chance to get out their opinion and give a feeling that it matters," said Harper, an Alpha Phi Alpha member.

UK College Democrats and College Republicans will collaborate with Alpha Phi Alpha to help with participation, Harper said.

Alpha Phi Alpha members and other volunteers will host "Go to High School, Go to College" at Bryan Station High School on Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. to encourage students to

pursue higher education.

Later on Thursday, Alpha Phi Alpha will host the game show "U think U know me?" The event is modeled after the classic "Newlywed Game" and will take place at the Cats Den at 7:36 p.m.

The events switch to more of a social feel on Thursday and Friday, Mwangi said.

"We want to take a step back from the super-conscious stuff and be a group of men with a personal touch," Mwangi said. Finally, there will be a party called "Cold & Classy Nights" on Friday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Fusion Lounge in downtown Lexington.

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UK 63, GEORGIA 58

Hoops' roster suffers another hit, but UK knocks out Georgia on the road

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ATHENS, Ga. — First it was Jodie Meeks. Then Ramel Bradley. And finally, Joe Crawford.

The list of scorers who weren't available for head coach Billy Gillispie during Saturday's game against Georgia (11-8, 2-4 Southeastern Conference) kept growing, but the Cats (10-9, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) still pulled out their first road win of the season, beating Georgia 63-58 at Stegeman Coliseum.

"It was a really good win for us," Gillispie said. "The way it happened, with all those guys out, I thought our guys showed tremendous courage."

It ended as an ugly win, and the UK injury report may turn out even uglier.

Meeks, who has missed all but nine games due to injury, limped through the pre-game workouts and didn't play.

Bradley, who entered the game averaging more than 40 minutes per game, played just 11 minutes, suffering a concussion and a busted chin in the first half. Bradley was leading a fast break when he was knocked to the floor. The senior guard watched the rest of the game from the locker room.

And Crawford, who didn't play against South Carolina because of a foot injury, suffered through severe cramps in both legs throughout the second half and didn't play the final four minutes of the game.

"I'd like to see ... what we could turn into (if we were healthy) because they're fighting through it and they don't let anything bother them," Gillispie said. "I would really like to see that happen, but if it doesn't happen, we'll continue trying to make do."

Even without three of their four leading scorers for much of the game, the Cats were able to pull out their first road win of the season and their first SEC road victory since Feb. 3, 2007, snapping UGA's 11-game home winning streak.

Crawford led all scorers with 26 points and hit a career-high five 3-pointers in a gym the senior has apparently taken a liking to. Last season, Crawford scored 29 points in UK's overtime loss in Athens, Ga.

After Crawford's fifth 3-pointer, which gave UK a 56-54 lead, the senior told Gillispie he couldn't go on. Trainers fervently massaged both of his calves as Crawford chugged Gatorade and yelled in pain, and when Gillispie turned to ask if he could play, Crawford shook his head.

"He was great today," Gillispie said. "He was fantastic. All of the shots he made were so timely. I would like to see him get back healthy. It was absolutely the best I've seen him play."



Senior guard Joe Crawford drives past Georgia guard Corey Butler during Saturday's 63-58 win in Athens, Ga.

Without Bradley and Crawford, the Cats leaned heavily on freshman forward Patrick Patterson, who finished with 16 points, and an unlikely hero in sophomore forward Ramon Harris.

Harris scored a career-high nine points, including a backdoor layup that pushed the UK lead to 58-54 with 2:38 to play.

"Best game that I've ever seen him play, no question," Gillispie said. "He was good offensively, and he was better defensively than he has been."

Patterson sealed the game with a dunk off

a lob from sophomore guard Derrick Jasper with 57 seconds left in the game, the fourth such dunk of the game for Patterson.

Patterson walked off the court as one of the few healthy players in blue, and after the game, he said the victory was another "confidence boost" for the Cats, especially since UK won without three key players.

"We want to win with everybody, but we can win with nobody," Patterson said. "We don't rely on one player. We have role players on the team that can step up anytime. They played our hearts out there."

Injuries not enough to stop 'determined' Cats

ATHENS, Ga. — With 8:44 left in the first half of UK's game against Georgia, Ramel Bradley went flying to the floor after getting tangled up with the Bulldogs' Dave Bliss.



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The foul sent Bradley to the locker room with a gash on his chin and a concussion. But, naturally, Bradley wanted to go back in the game.

To assess the health of UK's iron-man guard, the trainers asked Bradley to recite the months of the year in reverse order. That's not quite as hard as turning an about-face on the alphabet, but it proved too rough for "Smooth."

"He got mixed up," head coach Billy Gillispie told a group of reporters after the game that left him, like the fall left Bradley, in stitches.

Bradley wouldn't re-enter the game. He came out onto the court to start the second half, but he wasn't healthy enough to play. He played only 11 minutes.

Bradley's absence wasn't the only problem the Cats had to overcome Saturday. UK had to withstand an injury to senior guard Joe Crawford and had to get over the mental hump of winning its first road game of the season.

The Cats did all that Saturday, beating Georgia 63-58, and in the process appeared to give UK fans something to think about for the team's final 10 games: What can't UK do the rest of the season?

If you would have told any UK follower before the game that Bradley would only play 11 minutes, no one in their right mind would have predicted a Cats win.

In the six games leading into the Georgia game, Bradley had sat out only one minute. Keep in mind that two of those games went into overtime too.

Against Georgia, he was effective once again, dishing out three assists, but he didn't score.

Bradley's injury seemed to severely deplete the Cats. Crawford's cramps seemed to doom them.

Crawford didn't practice Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of last week, and he didn't practice between the Tennessee and South Carolina games. He even missed the USC game because of the lingering plantar fasciitis injury in his foot. Crawford was already beat up going into the game, then the cramps came in the second half.

Crawford went out of the game with 4:29 left and didn't return. He was in complete control during the game, scoring 26 points. What's more, he didn't force the action like he's done so many times in the past.

So how did UK do it in the last five minutes without their two senior leaders?

One reason was because of the great reserve play from Derrick Jasper and Michael Porter. They only scored a combined six points in 53 minutes of play, but they had just two turnovers. That number is much more important.

Ramon Harris was also great for UK. He had by far his best game as a Cat. He scored nine points, and his

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Equestrian team hosts competition; riders capture multiple ribbons

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Decked out in their cowboy hats, chaps and jeweled shirts, members of the UK equestrian team took to the ring on Saturday as they hosted their first western division competition since the re-establishment of the team in 1985.

The UK equestrian team hosted the western division competition as a part of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association on Saturday at Fiddlers Run Equine Facility in Versailles, Ky. UK competed with five other schools — Midway College, Morehead State, Ohio University Southern, Cincinnati and Louisville — in two stock seat shows consisting of 14 classes each.

Collegiate competitions are different than traditional horse shows. Before each class competes, riders draw at random from a bingo machine to find out which horse they will ride for their class. Riders are judged on how they look when riding, how well they handle their horses, and how the horse reacts to the

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Sophomore Emily Gaskip, left, and alumna Kate Griffiths, right, joke around with senior Christi Burrington, center, during the UK equestrian team's horse show on Saturday in Versailles, Ky.

Club overcomes financial obstacles, lack of facilities to hold event

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Since the UK equestrian team was re-established in 1985, the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association never thought UK could handle hosting a competition, said team president Kathleen Reid.

But after co-hosting the English division competition last year and months of fundraising, the UK equestrian team found the resources to host this year's western division competition.

Because equestrian is a club sport at UK, the university does

not own its own facilities or horses for the team. Most of the teams UK competes against are either funded by their school or are privately funded. It is unusual for a team like UK's, without its own facility and horses, to host a competition, said Reid, a junior.

"Usually where they have shows, the schools own their own facility and horses," said club vice president Christi Burrington, a senior. "We don't have our own barn, so we have to pay for the facility and loans for the horses for the day."

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Stressed students encouraged to use counseling services

With the end of the semester nowhere in sight, now is the time many students begin to feel overwhelmed by school and job commitments. If students need some help managing their stress, they should first look for resources on campus.

The UK Counseling and Testing Center offers that help through individual therapy, groups and workshops for stressed-out students, the Kernel reported Jan. 24. We encourage students to take advantage of the center's services as a way of confronting major stress-related problems.

Providing a stress management service is just one way that UK can combat declining retention rates. One of the major difficulties of transitioning from high school to college or from a community college to a large state university is dealing with the increased academic, social and financial pressures. Like many of the other health-related services that UK offers for free, students should take advantage of the Counseling and Testing Center at the onset of severe stress problems to

maintain their health during and after college.

However, students should be aware that stress is an inseparable part of college and life beyond the university. Stress will never entirely be eliminated, although learning how to manage stress now is key for future success.

Stress is caused by and experienced in different ways by each individual. In providing both individual and group counseling, the Counseling and Testing Center is able to meet the diverse needs of students.

Hopefully, the Counseling and Testing Center will be able to better publicize and expand on these services in the future. In order for these services to continue and thrive, not only must students use them, but the administration also must provide as much support as possible.

The university should not take stress lightly, like other health issues, providing free stress-relief services will improve academic performance of students and contribute to UK's goal to become a better university.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Just being right' won't stop the violence

This letter is in response to Carrie Bass' column on the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center that appeared in the Kernel on Friday. I agree that the ultimate way to end all violence against women is to eradicate sexism. However, for those of us in the movement, we recognize that changing the cultural viewpoint of women is a lifelong process.

Right now, what we need is an approach to ending immediate violence. The woman at a party being dragged to a room by five guys who slipped her roofies doesn't have time for us to make them understand that their actions are caused by deeply rooted sexism that has been instilled in them since birth.

In the last six months, the VIP Center has started its preventive plan: the Bystander Intervention Model that we introduced at Students Educating and Empowering to Develop Safety last semester. We believe this different approach to ending violence will bring numbers down.

This model targets bystanders.

We're not focusing on what women should do differently, and we're not looking at men like they are all poten-

tial rapists; we're looking at everyone — the people who see some part of violence occur or see a situation that could potentially lead to violence. We are taught to intervene along a broad spectrum of violence, from someone saying a blame-the-victim statement to seeing a girl being forced into a car. Our main focus is to not even get to the discussion about whether or not the girl deserved it or was asking for it — if we intervene before anything even happens, then the discussion around the victim becomes moot, because there would be no victim.

If we want people to prevent violence, we have to give them a plausible solution that they feel they can achieve. In the last century, feminists have been yelling at the top of their lungs that women are equal to men, that we deserve respect, and that our bodies are completely our own, and today, violence against women has not stopped. We have got to try a different approach, because obviously just being right isn't enough.

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Cut in KEES budget strains students financially

Education is the driving force in America that allows every other aspect of this country to survive, yet there has been a proposal by our own governor to cut the budget for Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship, as the Kernel reported Friday.

KEES provides an opportunity for many students in the state to continue their college education. Out of all of the budgets that can be cut, scholarships have to be one of the most important to our community. Every scholarship dollar is helpful to a college student.

By asking for a cut in the KEES budget, Gov. Steve Beshear is placing more strain on the young people of this state. He is asking them to work more hours to pay for school and study less to make time for that work. Not only does it place financial strain on the stu-

dent, but it also affects their parents. Having an annual scholarship of \$2,500 can really help out a family, and taking 15 percent of that away is like taking away textbooks, payment for tuition and other items the money could have gone to.

If too much financial strain is placed on the student or family, it can really make an impact on the college education of that student as well as his or her life after college. To some, 15 percent of \$2,500 is not a lot, but for the others, 15 percent less is just 15 percent more to worry about. If students lose their scholarship money, one can only imagine the effects that it will have on an individual basis.

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Another Super Tuesday leaves Kentuckians ignored in primary

While more than half the country casts their ballots in the most important day of the 2008 presidential primaries tomorrow, Kentuckians can



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only sit at home helplessly and watch the media's overwhelming coverage.

On the day that political pundits have dubbed Super Tuesday, 24 states will hold primaries or caucuses in the biggest step yet toward determining the presidential candidates from both the Democratic and Republican parties.

When does Kentucky get to voice its opinions in presidential primaries? To exercise their power as voters, Kentuckians have to wait until May 20, the date for both parties' primaries. With a primary date more than three months after Super Tuesday, Kentuckians are effectively disenfranchised in their right to take part in selecting presidential candidates.

It seems that the obvious choice for the political empowerment of Kentuckians is to move up its primary date so that their votes actually carry significance. However, Secretary of State Trey Grayson thinks otherwise.

In an Oct. 11, 2007 article in *The (Louisville) Courier-Journal*, Grayson, Kentucky's top election official, said the state would not move up the pri-

mary date in 2008. He said he doesn't recommend moving this year's presidential primary because it would cost \$5 million and likely not benefit the state; on the other hand, Kentucky could strengthen its political muscle by keeping its traditional late May election, he said in the article.

Pardon me, Secretary Grayson, but I disagree that one should make the assumption that an earlier, therefore more meaningful, primary date would not benefit the state, even if such a move comes with a financial cost. Using Grayson's argument, one can similarly conclude that, because an individual's vote likely will not benefit his or her voting right just to save time and effort.

On a larger scale, most states shouldn't be satisfied with the current primary system, in which states like Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina have disproportionately great influence in choosing the candidates.

To make sure their voices are heard in the primary, Michigan and Florida took it one step further. Both states moved their primary dates to before Feb. 5, which is against the rules of both parties' national committees. With acts of rebellion come the consequences. The Democratic Party stripped Michigan and Florida of their delegates and prevented candidates from campaigning in the two states, according to a Jan. 29 article on CNN.com; the Republican Party was more lenient — it only took away half of the delegates and allowed cam-

paning in the states. While Michigan and Florida bravely challenged the current primary system, their actions are not the real solution to the problem.

There have been calls for a national primary date, and among a number of different proposals, the most plausible one is supported by none other than Secretary Grayson. Grayson favors a plan to hold rotating regional presidential primaries beginning in 2012, a move that would end the rush by states to be the first to vote, according to the *Courier-Journal* article.

Proposed by the National Association of Secretaries of State, the plan would group states into four geographic regions — East, South, Midwest and West — and the regions would rotate the right to vote first every four years. A lottery would determine the order, the article reported.

The state Senate has a different plan in mind. Senate Republicans started the process of trying to insert Kentucky into the next Super Tuesday in 2012; the Senate passed the measure last week even though Democrats opposed it, the *Lexington Herald-Leader* reported Sunday.

Regardless, any proposal to revolutionize the nation's primary system will not change the fact that Kentuckians won't be taking part in the most exciting day of the primary season. Meanwhile, if it helps any, as an alien, I cannot vote in any state or federal elections and won't be able to in the foreseeable future.

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Forget mainstream media's stereotypes; learn about candidates yourself

According to the election coverage, I'm a supporter of Hillary Clinton. I am a registered Democrat,



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white and female. My youth could indicate that I'm an "Obama girl," but the fact that I'm an all-out feminist places me squarely in Clinton's camp. This seems to make a lot of sense until I remember that I'm not actually planning on voting for Clinton in the upcoming presidential primary.

I must admit that I've subjected myself to more than a normal dose of mainstream media coverage; nothing beats coming home from a long day at class and work and absorbing the wisdom of the pundits on CNN, MSNBC and yes, shamefully, Fox News. I spend more time than I should procrastinating by checking news Web sites while "doing my homework."

Despite all this, I've realized lately that I still don't know as much as I should about the candidates' stances on the issues that are important to me. Certainly, I can tell you about Rudy Giuliani's deeply flawed strategy of concentrating only on Florida, and I can tell you who outspent whom in any given state. I know all about the anxiety and fear that Midwestern men allegedly feel when con-

fronted with Clinton. I've heard over and over that many women in my age group can't sympathize with the struggle for women's rights faced by the previous generation and therefore won't see any reason to vote Clinton.

And if people who are important enough to be put on television say it several times, it must be true, right? Because there couldn't be any other reason to decide which candidate you support than how much they look or sound, or genetically resemble you, right?

Well ... no. I can't help but feeling like there's something wrong with the fact that I know about how Mitt Romney expects to be received by evangelical Christians but not about his stance on environmental issues. I knew about Giuliani's campaign commercials but never quite kept up with his stance on abortion at any given moment.

I've been trying to figure out what's been bothering me about this arrangement for months now, and it comes down to the fact that the media is failing to elevate the public discourse and is relying on spreading stereotypes that pigeonhole voters instead.

The worst example of this tendency is the much-talked-about dilemma that black women are apparently collectively facing: Obama or Clinton? Pundits have been having a wonderful time speculating about whether black women will vote for their female identities in Clinton or their African-American identities in Obama. This discussion is problematic because, in the context of public discourse, it limits the choices of black

female voters with a dangerous brand of essentialism. This particular brand reduces black women to two elements.

There is no room in this discussion for the other priorities that undoubtedly shape the decisions of these voters, and it demeans the intellect and agency of individual voters. The media doesn't seem to trust black women, or women in general, to vote based on the issues; the coverage suggests that only white men can do that.

Considering that the news organizations that are meant to enlighten us are largely failing, we each have a daunting choice to make.

Our decisions are important, and they are importantly our own. The challenge will be seeking out information on where the candidates actually stand and making informed decisions instead of allowing the media to categorize us and distribute prefabricated information packages. This means doing homework, which can include reading campaign Web sites, independent news sources, foreign news sources, and reading transcripts or watching video of campaign speeches instead of just relying on analyses of speeches.

The media has got it backward. Instead of telling us the candidates' positions on the issues, they're endlessly relishing our supposed positions on the candidates. It's up to us to give them a surprise or two on an election night.

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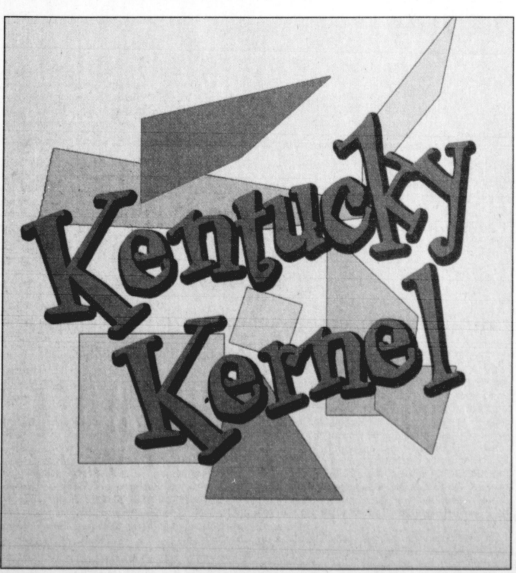
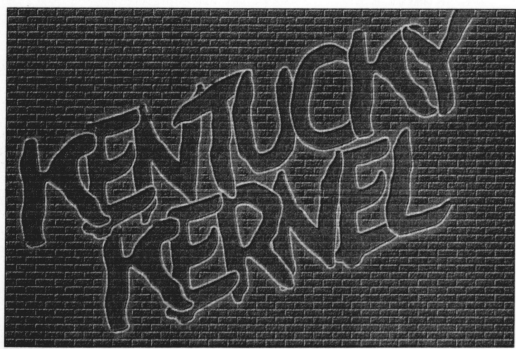
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SABRINA HOUNSHELL | STAFF
Ryan Bentley, a music junior and member of Sigma Nu fraternity, watches as his fraternity brothers dance during Greek Sing on Saturday in Memorial Coliseum.

Music

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years ago."
Hackett was a part of the fall session, and said she plans to stick with the program and keep learning. After Saturday's practice, her instructors complimented her on how fast she picks up new music.
Hackett and about five others returned to the program for a second semester on Saturday, but there were about a dozen new participants returning to music after years of absence.
The program is teaching 18 students this semester. They will perform a concert together on April 19, at the end of the 10-week session.
"The amount that people improve over the course of 10 weeks is really fascinating," Carucci said.
Carucci said one of the greatest advantages to NHM is working together and having someone to

learn with.
"A lot of people have said that a benefit to the program is having fun with a group as opposed to private lessons," Carucci said.
Student Joy Molino, 70, said she is very excited about the program.
"It's something I have dreamed of for years," she said.
Sign-ups for NHM are at the beginning of every UK semester. NHM is still accepting participants, but prefers to have everyone signed up in the next few weeks, Carucci said.
The ensemble, which practices from 10 a.m. until noon, will meet for nine more Saturdays at Mayfair Village. Tuition for NHM is \$75 a semester, which goes toward purchasing sheet music and the help of instructors.
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For more information about NHM, contact Christine Carucci at 533-6083 or christine.carucci@uky.edu.

SMITH

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best play came late when he ran and scored on a beautiful backdoor cut.
None of those players are focal points of offense or defense right now for the Cats, but they showed, maybe for the first time all season, that they can be viable contributors to the team.
"We've got other people on the team, role players on the team that can step up at any time," said freshman forward Patrick Patterson, who was fantastic again with 16 points and six rebounds.
Gillispie acknowledged all of that after the game, but he said the game was won for a different reason.
"I really think you can talk about offense. I think you can talk about defense. I think you can talk about all of those things that show up on the stat sheet," Gillispie said, "but the thing that's winning games for us right now is heart, determination and togetherness."
Who would have thought that 10, six or even three games ago? No one.
Now it's hard to imagine that results like this one are going to stop anyone soon.
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rider.
Points are awarded on an individual and team basis. The team that collects the most points in a show is called the highpoint western team, and the team with the second-most points is the highpoint reserve team. The individual rider who earns the most points is the highpoint rider, and the rider with the second-highest score is the highpoint reserve rider.
UK came out strong in the first show in team standings, taking second place as highpoint reserve with about 15 team members competing. Cincinnati was the highpoint western. Senior Savannah Craddock won the highpoint rider, while Cody Bouckheart from Midway College was the highpoint reserve.
In the alumni class, UK alumna Lacey Werczynski won the first-place ribbon. In the reining class, Craddock won second place on her horse, Beamer.
"I really had fun with the reining horse," Craddock said. "I was amazed that I actually drew one. I got to play, and go fast, stop, slide."
Senior Christi Burrington, the team's vice president, finished first out of eight riders in the advanced horsemanship class. While the rest of the riders and horses were going fast, Burrington and her horse, Bell, took their time around the ring.
"For western, going slower is better as long as you don't break gait," Burrington said. "The horse was great and really nice. She was really good, and she listened really well. She was calm and wasn't hard to adjust to."
Craddock, who serves as the team's press secretary, came back to take a first-place ribbon, this time in the open horsemanship class on her horse, Jet.
"My horse was high-strung," Craddock said. "It was tough calming her down. I had a reining horse for horsemanship, so to get her to go slow on the rail and be collected was a big accomplishment. I enjoyed the challenge."

OBSTACLES

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Without university funding and university-provided facilities and horses, the team has to participate in fundraising events throughout the year. Besides selling T-shirts and water, team members work at the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event in April at the Kentucky Horse Park and at Lakeside Arena, a multi-use horse and livestock facility in Woodford

County, Ky.
To put on this weekend's competition, the student-run club had to raise \$7,000 to \$8,000, Reid said.
"We needed to have a complimentary breakfast, stuff for the draw table, make sure that we follow HSA procedure, find horses, judges, and have EMTs," Reid said. "Getting enough horses is the really big thing because UK has no horses personally, so we have to borrow."
To obtain the 28 horses for Saturday's competition, UK borrowed horses from the UK coaches, Midway College, Morehead State and local farms.
UK's team does not have as many sponsorships as it would like, Reid said, but it is working on obtaining more sponsors this year. Organizations such as the Kentucky Equine Education Project and Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital donated money and assisted with Saturday's competition, and plan to aid the team in the English competition in March.
a standard that is recognized worldwide.
"To join that club is pretty special and to get the automatic qualifying out of the way to compete at the National Championships — it was a big, big day for him," Weber said.
Several other Cats set school records, including Mikel Thomas. The junior broke the oldest mark in the school record books with a time of 7.93 in the 60-meter hurdles on Saturday.
"Mikel has got a lot of heart," Weber said. "He is a very competitive guy. When he first got here last year you could see him progress, and by the end of the outdoor season he was really getting with it. It is really inspiring to watch him race."

SPORTS BRIEF

Richardson breaks 4-minute mile barrier

The UK track and field team rewrote the record books at the McCravy Memorial on Saturday, setting 10 provisional marks at the E.J. Nutter Field House.
In his final home meet of his career, senior John Richardson became the second UK runner to break the four-minute mile barrier. Richardson finished the mile run with a time of 3:59.35.
Richardson's performance earned him an automatic bid to compete at the National Championships, the first of the season for the Cats. The senior's personal-best mark ranks second all-time at UK behind Bob Whelan's time of 3:58.77.
"John's run a lot of great races," head coach Don Weber said. "He might have better races with a tactical race, but sub-four minutes in the mile is

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Single on Valentine's You Are Not the Only One

Leslie Neeley: Guest Writer

Pink hearts, red roses, over-priced stuffed animals and boxes of chocolate don't sound like a good time? Then you must be single. Valentines Day... The one day of the year that looks down upon those without a significant other. Don't fret! Being single on Valentine's Day is not something to frown about, but to enjoy! There are plenty of fun things to do and to avoid the cuddly couples.

Ladies, Valentine's Day is not a day to sit around and cry because Prince Charming is not around to sweep you off your feet to an ultra romantic dinner. Valentine's Day is a time to spend with the people you love, your friends! Here are three fun ideas to do, instead, of using that Kleenex box beside your bed:

1. Go shopping for yourself. The first round of tests for the semester is almost over and you deserve a present, or two! Spend an after-

noon at the mall and splurge on something for yourself. Not only will you feel better, but you'll also have something new to show off!

2. Grab a couple of girls and have a pampering session. Winter can leave hands and feet neglected when they are wrapped up in gloves and Uggs. Go to a salon close to campus and get a manicure and pedicure. It will be a relaxing time to catch up with friends while spoiling yourself.

3. Give out Valentine's Day cards to friends. Not the Hallmark cards, but the fold-up Valentines with cute cartoon characters. Your friends will love receiving these. It will be like third grade again when boys didn't even matter!

Now guys, you haven't been forgotten. You may not even know it's Valentine's Day to begin with! That's okay. It is still an excuse to hang out with friends and take a break from school. Here are some

single tips for you:

1. Order pizza and watch a game. There is nothing better than kicking back on the couch with a large pizza and watching a ballgame. Enjoy the time off from homework and the occasion to be lazy.

2. Have a poker tournament. Gather all of your guys to sit around a table and have fun playing poker. Make it a tournament to make things more interesting. Maybe you will get lucky and win enough money to pay off those books you just purchased this semester!

3. Go to the Johnson Center. No one said that working out wasn't fun. Going to the Johnson Center will relieve stress and give a break from homework. It is almost spring break, so you can get a head start!

There are plenty of things to do on Valentine's Day with friends. And it's obvious that singles really do have more fun!

History of Love Day

Jillian Rogers: Kernel PR

Valentine's Day, in recent history, seems to be associated with Hallmark cards, flowers and heart shaped boxes filled with mystery chocolates. But, on this day of love and romance did you ever stop to think who is St. Valentine and why is this day celebrated in February?

The story behind Valentine's Day is actually quite mystifying. There is no certain origin to the celebration. The holiday can be traced back through both Roman and Christian mythology. According to the History Channel, the Catholic Church acknowledges three saints by the name of Valentine or Valentinus.

But ancient Roman history, in the third century, recognizes Valentine as a priest. Legend has it that Roman Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage because he felt that single men made the best warriors. Opposed to this banishment, Valentine married young lovers in secret. When he was found out, Claudius II sentenced him to be executed. Thus, Valentine's Day is celebrated in honor of his commitment and belief in love.

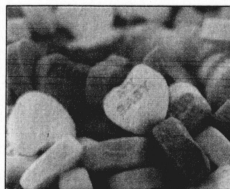
Another Roman version suggested that Valentine was placed in prison instead of being ex-

ecuted. Despite his confinement, he was able to send the very first "valentines" to his lover, the jailer's daughter. He wrote love notes to his paramour and with every closing he signed "From Your Valentine." The phrase stuck.

Now, every February we choose a special someone to share our love with. But why is February significant? Wouldn't walks in the park on a warm night be more romantic? Wouldn't there be more of a flower selection in the spring? According to Roman history, Valentine was killed and buried in the middle of February. We celebrate this holiday in February to commemorate Valentine.

Before Valentine's Day was officially celebrated by the Christians, the Pagan festival Lupercalia occurred in mid-February. In order to "Christianize" this holiday, the feast of Valentine's Day was held on the same, which eventually casted a shadow over the Pagan tradition (history.com).

It's interesting to see how this holiday was first celebrated compared to now. So whether you have a lover or just have love on Valentine's Day, remember you fought for love so that you can express it openly today.



What a Boy Wants...

Samantha Saracino: Guest Writer

February is finally here and we all know what that means, Valentine's Day. With love in the air, everyone is scrambling to get the perfect gift for that special someone. While guys are out buying boxes of chocolate, stuffed animals, flowers and jewelry, the girls are usually left in the dark as to what to get for their man. Guys usually don't expect much from their lady for Valentine's Day. So this year, surprise your stud with something sentimental that he'll never forget or even expect.

Let the music speak for you: Burn your guy a mixed cd with songs that remind you of him. They can be sweet and sentimental or fun and crazy. You can also include a letter that explains why each song has such a special meaning. Not only will he appreciate all the thought that went into the mix, but he will have some tunes to jam out to when you're not around.

Go Betty Crocker style: Instead of having your honey pay for dinner this Valentine's Day, show him your cooking skills and whip up his favorite dish. There are tons of recipes online that you can find with easy instructions. He will be amazed at how much time you've spent on him. Oh, and don't forget the dessert. Chocolate strawberries are always a huge hit! And, girls if you don't have the Crocker touch, here is an alternative. Josh Lehman, an ISC senior explained, "I would love it if a girl took me out for dinner and picked up the check!"

Spice up his space: While your man is in class or at work, decorate his room Valentine's Day style. Adorn the walls with streamers, balloons and pictures of the two of you. Maybe light some candles and place loose candy on his bed. You

can get creative. I guarantee that his expression will be priceless after he sees the temporary change of decor in his room.

Piece it all together: Make your mark on history by creating a scrapbook or picture frame full of pictures, inside jokes, song lyrics and quotes that are special to your relationship. Each page will hold memories that your sweetie can look back on any time he wants. Seeing your relationship laid down in the pages of a scrapbook will remind him of all the good times you've had together and how much you mean to him. "I got my boyfriend a picture frame that has spots for 32 pictures. I put in funny ones of all of our friends and us since we started dating," commented Jennifer Jones, a communications senior.

If some of these ideas don't seem like your man, here are a few alternatives. Get him his favorite sports team game tickets or gear. Also, tickets for a concert of his liking is always fun choice you can enjoy together. If you can afford it, get your man a new IPOD shuffle or nano. TV on DVD makes a great gift, just make sure you know what he likes, some possibilities include: South Park, Family Guy, Sopranos, and Entourage. If none of these ideas seem to fit, just go with a basic gift certificate to Best Buy, Dick's, or his favorite food joint.

So, this Valentine's Day, don't be afraid to show your man your creative side. I guarantee that he will be impressed with all the love and hard work that went into the project. Remember, the best gifts are always those that come from the heart and any one of these thoughtful ideas are bound to leave your man with a big smile on his face.

Lex Treats Dinner and A Movie

Andolyn Johnson: Kernel PR

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day restaurant? Here is a list of great places to eat ranging from casual to formal. Whether you are looking for a steakhouse, Italian cuisine or a classy bar, Lexington has a variety of dining options.

Most nice restaurants offer a special menu for Valentine's Day. It usually includes a few options for each course, with an all-inclusive price. Some of these specials can be expensive, but they include everything from appetizers to drinks and desserts. Almost every restaurant requires you to make reservations, and they fill up quickly. Planning more than a week in advance will ensure you have a table at the restaurant of your choice on Valentine's Day.

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- ◆ **Portofino's** offers Italian cuisine in an elegant atmosphere. 249 East Main Street (859) 253-9300
- ◆ **Regatta Seafood & Grille** offers fresh seafood in a comfortable setting. 161 Lexington Green Circle (859) 273-7875
- ◆ **Sal's Italian Chophouse** has a variety of steak and Italian dishes in a semi-formal atmosphere. 3347 Tates Creek Rd. (859) 269-9922

Kati Tharp: Kernel PR

Deciding on what to do on Valentine's Day is always a tough decision, but you can never go wrong with the classic dinner and a movie. Then there is debate of what movie you will both agree on. Here are a few recent flicks that would make perfect Valentine's Day dates.

"Fool's Gold"

This is a romantic comedy for the most adventurous of couples. Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson play Ben "Finn" Finnegan and Tess Finnegan. Tess is rebuilding her life as she works on a megayacht, while beach bum Finn has turned his interest to finding the 18th century Queen's Dowry including 40 chests of exotic treasure lost at sea in 1715. McConaughey's charming character convinces the billionaire owner of Tess' megayacht to join in the discovery of the Spanish treasure before Finn's nemesis Moe Fitch (Ray Winstone) discovers it. Fool's Gold comes out a few days before Valentine's Day: Feb. 8, 2008.

"27 Dresses"

A movie written by the writer of "The Devil Wears Prada", Alire Brosh McKenna, questions the quote "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride." This is the life story of Jane (Katherine Heigl) an idealist, romantic and completely selfless woman who has a rack of 27 frilly colored dresses from the 27 times she has stood beside the alter as a bridesmaid. Her sister's wedding to the man that Jane is secretly in love with will be number 28—she has to decide whether she will be a bridesmaid for the rest of her life or step up to the alter and become a bride.

"P.S. I Love You"

This is a date movie for the true romantics. After Holly Kennedy's husband, the impetuous Irish love of her life, Gerry dies; he takes a big part of Holly's heart with him. She has lost the one person that knew her best, but all is not lost as Gerry has planned ahead. He has written her letters that are given to her at unexpected

times throughout her life. Rather than forcing her hold on to the past like her friends and family feared, the letters push her into a new life.

If you want to make the dinner and a movie date more personal, try cooking dinner for your sweetheart, then watching a classic romance movie at home—don't forget to kick your roommate out. Here are some classics that are sure to make a great Valentine's Day.

"Sleepless in Seattle"

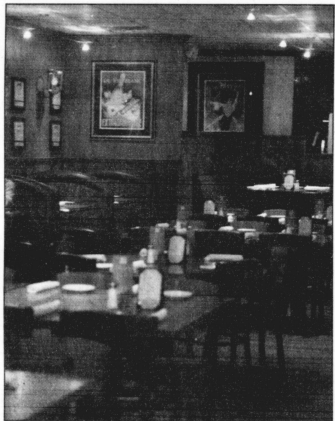
Sam Baldwin (Tom Hanks) is a recent widow who is not ready to move on. His 8-year-old son, however, is ready for his father to find someone new. He puts his father on national radio where Sam's voice is heard by hundreds of women. Annie Reed (Meg Ryan) is one of them. Engaged to be married, Annie has to make sure Sam is not the man for her before she says "I do."

"Casablanca"

Set in WWII Casablanca, an exiled American freedom fighter, Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart), runs the hotspot in the town. After being trusted with two valuable letters of transit, Rick discovers his ex-love, Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman), is in town with her resistance leader husband, Victor Laszlo (Paul Henreid). Rick has the means to help Ilsa and Laszlo escape, or he can run off with his love.

"The Notebook"

The story is narrated by Duke (James Garner), an older man who reads daily to an older woman a story of two teenagers Allie (Rachel McAdams), a city girl from a wealthy family, and Noah (Ryan Gosling), a country boy. The two fall in love despite disapproval from Allie's family. After Allie moves away, Noah writes her everyday, but Allie never receives any of his letters. Allie gets engaged to another man, Lon, but eventually travels back home to check up on Noah. The two re-spark their feelings for each other, and Allie is forced to choose between her childhood lover and her fiancé



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Jillian Rogers: PR Staff

Love Fudge Recipe

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- 1 package (12 ounce) semi-sweet chocolate chips
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- 1 jar of marshmallow crème
- 4 capsules of ginseng
- 3 cups of sugar
- 1 cup of chopped pecans
- ¾ cup of margarine
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla

Preparation Instructions:

Lightly grease a 13-inch by 9-inch baking dish.

In a suitably sized stovetop saucepan, mix together the margarine, sugar and milk. Bring to a boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly.

Turn the heat off and stir in the semi-sweet chocolate chips.

Add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly.

Pour into a baking dish and allow it to set at room temperature.

Valentines Day Red Cake

Recipe

- Ingredients:**
2 medium eggs

- 2 cups of flour
- 1 cup of buttermilk
- 1 ½ cups of sugar
- ½ cup of butter
- 2 tablespoons of cocoa
- 2 tablespoons of hot coffee
- 1 teaspoon of red food coloring
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1 teaspoon of salt

Frosting

Preparation Instructions:
Preheat your oven to 325°F (160°C). Cream the butter; then add the sugar, beating thoroughly.

Add the eggs and beat well. Combine the coffee, cocoa and red food coloring; then to creamed mixture and beat. Dissolve the baking soda in the buttermilk, stirring thoroughly.

Combine the flour and the salt; then add to creamed mixture alternately with the buttermilk mixture.

Pour the batter into 2 greased and floured eight-inch round cake pans.

Bake for 35-40 minutes.

Allow cooling in pans for 15 minutes.

Remove from pans and allow to fully cool. Spread frosting between layers and on top of cake.



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Valentines Heart Pie Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of water
- 1 packet strawberry flavored gelatin (3 ounces)
- 2 cups of vanilla ice cream
- Milk chocolate kisses or buttons

For the Pie Shell

- 1 ½ cups of chocolate cookie crumbs
- 1 tablespoon of granulated sugar
- ¼ cup of butter, softened

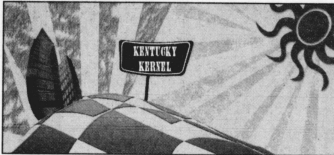
Preparation Instructions:

- For the Pie Shell**
1. Mix ingredients in a bowl until thoroughly blended.
 2. Press evenly into a nine-inch pie pan.
 3. Bake at 375°F for 8 minutes or until cooked completely.
 4. Leave to cool.

For the Pie

1. In a 4-cup glass measuring cup stir together water and gelatin. Cook in a microwave oven, uncovered, on full power for 2 minutes.
2. Add vanilla ice cream to the hot gelatin mixture; stir until ice cream is completely melted. Chill the mixture for 35 to 30 minutes, stir twice during chilling (the mixture should set so it falls as mounds from a spoon)
3. Pour chilled ice cream mixture into pie shell. Chill about 4 hours or until ice cream is completely set.
4. Arrange milk chocolate kisses or buttons in a heart shape on top of the pie.

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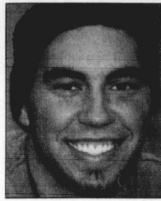
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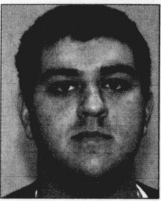
Matt Whitman
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"Just going out to dinner with the person I cared about at the time."



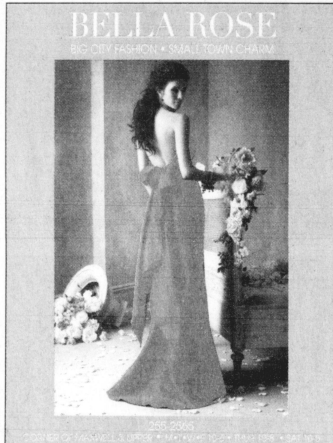
Lauren Marquis
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"The year my Valentine gave me an e-card that was "the key to his heart"."



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