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Ky. House budget bill restores \$40 million for UK

By Jill Laster
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The Kentucky House of Representatives has approved a budget that uses revenue from tax increases to get funding for state programs, including restoring \$40 million in funding for UK over the next two years.

In a 50-45 vote last week, the House approved a \$19 billion state budget for the next two years that would raise both the gas tax and the cigarette tax. The estimated \$300 million raised by the increases would be used to reverse much of Gov. Steve Beshear's proposed 12 percent budget cut for state agencies and public universities.

Under the plan passed by the House, the gas tax would go up 1.5

cents per gallon. The funds would be used to pay for \$500 million in road repair. The cigarette tax would nearly double, up 25 cents per pack from the 30 cents currently levied.

To take effect, the budget still needs the approval of the state Senate and the governor's signature.

The bill also provides full funding for the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program, which uses state dollars to supplement lottery earnings. However, the Senate may consider KEEES cuts when it receives the budget to revise, said Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville.

"That's a nonessential government service, so it's something that could easily be put on the chopping block," said Wayne, who sponsored the

House's tax increase bill.

The budget passed by the House would leave in place a 3 percent cut for public universities enacted by the governor in December. The \$40 million restoration will help the university with costs, but it is too early to tell what impact the cut would have on UK's budget and tuition increases, President Lee Todd said in a statement to the Kernel.

"Going forward, one of our chief goals is to try to hold down tuition costs as much as possible, while recognizing that an increase of some level is inevitable, given rising costs for heating, building materials and other essentials," Todd said.

Tuition rates will not be decided until April. Last month, Todd said UK could not guarantee a tuition increase

under 10 percent if the state does not give UK the funding to meet the goals set by the university's Top 20 Business Plan. UK's plan calls for state appropriations to increase by \$20 million each year.

It is also undecided if the current staff hiring freeze will end if the final budget includes the restored funding, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

The bill would also cut 3,412 state jobs through attrition, which means employees who leave state jobs would not be replaced. About 5,460 state employees are expected to retire this year, according to a release from the Speaker of the House's office.

Raising taxes and cutting jobs for revenue will keep tuition rates manageable, Wayne said. He also said he ex-

pects the public may not be receptive to the House's tax increases.

"There's always some pushback," Wayne said. "Some people don't understand there's no way we can provide these services without tax increases."

"If we don't have revenue, there could be devastating cuts in services," he said.

Rep. Bob Dannon, D-Lexington, voted against the House bill raising taxes. He said the tax comes at a time when oil prices are at an all-time high, and the cigarette tax could harm McLane, a shipping company with a factory in Nicholasville, Ky., that would have to pay between \$3 and \$4 million in inventory taxes.

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Parental behaviors, biases topic of lecture

By Ben Hyatt
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Bill Swinford is going to tell UK students things their parents won't.

As part of UK's Final Word lecture series, which invites professors to discuss topics outside of their areas of focus, Swinford said he hopes students will see that the behaviors of their parents are part of a universal parenting code.

"Today's society requires us to behave in a certain manner, and it is the responsibility of the parents to enforce that behavior on their children," said Swinford, UK's director of policy analysis.

The lecture, tonight at 6 in the W.T. Young Library auditorium, will give students the chance to "discuss with other students how their parents act on a day to day basis," Swinford said.

The idea for his speech, "The Things Your Parents Won't Tell You," came from the personal interactions and experiences he has with his four children, he said.

Swinford said he first realized the way society requires students to act when his child came home from preschool with a letter telling the child to work on coloring inside the lines.

He plans to discuss the role parents play in teaching their children and also to try to provide a better understanding of both wrong and right biases and perspectives that parents can give their children.

"We are not very transparent about our motivations," Swinford said. "This forum is designed to discuss why parents say the things they say and how they mean it."

The forum is meant for students and parents alike who feel they don't have a clear understanding of parenting roles, Swinford said.

"Not only do I want students to understand their parents more, I want students to be more aware of how to be a parent as well," he said.

The forum will be a learning experience for everyone, including

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Members of the men's basketball team celebrate on the sidelines after senior guard Ramel Bradley hit a jumper in the final seconds of UK's game against Georgia in the Southeastern Conference quarterfinals. The Cats lost to the Bulldogs in overtime, but the loss was not enough to prevent UK from making its 17th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.

Cats to dance on the West Coast

UK makes the NCAA Tournament for the 17th consecutive season; to face No. 6 seed Marquette in Anaheim, Calif.

By Travis Waldron
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Billy Gillispie paused, looked to the ground and tried to contain his emotions. For the third time this season, UK's first-year head coach had choked up talking about his team.

Gillispie and senior guards Ramel Bradley and Joe Crawford have been to the NCAA Tournament before. But this time, they all agreed that it was a different feeling when UK's name

flashed on the screen during CBS's Selection Show last night.

The Cats (18-12, 12-4 Southeastern Conference) earned the No. 11 seed in the South region and will play No. 6 seed Marquette (24-9, 11-7 Big East) on Thursday in Anaheim, Calif., at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time. The bid extends UK's NCAA Tournament streak to 17 seasons dating back to 1992. UK hasn't lost a first round game in those 17 seasons.

"It's a great testament to guys that

believe in themselves and believe in what they're trying to do," Gillispie said. "This team has possessed so many intangibles this year, and ... that really is the reason we still have the opportunity to play."

Bradley and Crawford have played in the Big Dance in each of their three seasons, but this year, it's a little more special, Bradley said, because of what they had to battle through to get there.

"The previous three years, we were just always like, 'OK, we know we're in; where are we going to be?'" Bradley said. "(This year) we kind of felt like one of those teams who's not used to winning all the time, and (we're) just excited to make it to the Big Dance."

Gillispie agreed.

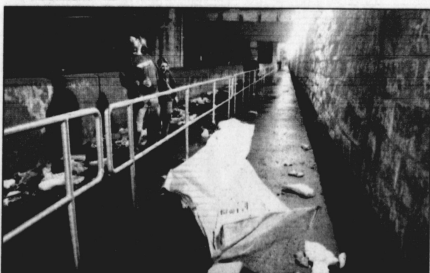
When a reporter asked him how this tournament bid differed from the others — he coached Texas-El Paso to one NCAA Tournament bid and Texas A&M to two — the stone-faced Texan answered quickly.

"I'm really proud," Gillispie said. "Then he paused and looked at the floor. With tears welling in his eyes, he tried to gather himself. As another question was asked, Gillispie finally began speaking again."

"I'm really proud of this team," he added. "I've been proud of every single team I've ever had ... but I've never seen a tougher team, physically or mentally, to be able to overcome the things that were placed in front of

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Tornado damage prevents fans from watching UK game



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UK fan David Willoughby glances up at the side of the Georgia Dome, a piece of which lay on the walkway below after a tornado damaged the arena on Friday night in Atlanta.

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It isn't unusual for Kentucky fans to flood the site of the Southeastern Conference tournament. It is unusual, though, for the "Big Blue Mist," as one pundit dubbed the fan base years ago, to travel to the SEC Tournament and fail to see its team play a single game.

That's exactly what happened in Atlanta this week, where a tornado hit the downtown area — including the Georgia Dome — just minutes before the scheduled tip-off of UK's game against Georgia.

Sections of the Georgia Dome

were ripped off, and nuts and bolts littered the dome, forcing SEC officials to postpone the game.

It was played the next day at Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum, but with only about 9,100 seats available, the SEC didn't allow fans to attend the game.

That made the trip to the Gateway to the South all for naught for most UK fans, and their reactions to the SEC's ruling differed.

Paula Wooton, a UK fan originally from Middlesboro, Ky., traveled across the country to see the SEC Tournament. Wooton now lives in Burlington, Wash.

Wooton wasn't pleased with the

decision to move the games to Georgia Tech, even if she understood why the SEC did so.

"It's not a good feeling to spend all the money to come down here and not get to go to the ball game," said Wooton, who was attending her third SEC Tournament. "I understand that circumstances happen that you can't control, but you've got a lot of fans down here, and none of them got to go."

The SEC says it is working on a refund process and that more information will be available through its Web site (www.SECsports.com).

The late arrival of the storm gave the SEC little time to make a decision about how to complete the tournament. Around 2 a.m. Saturday, officials learned that the Georgia Dome would not be safe for the remainder

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 7 — A person you care very much about offers good advice. It may be different than what the crowd is doing, and what they value. Friends come and go; maintain your principles.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — As you get into making changes, you'll find out what will work. Adjustments will be required. There's always a bit of a gap between fantasy and reality.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 7 — Your research uncovers more of the answers you've been seeking. Some of your previous suppositions were inaccurate. It's good

to know.
Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is an 8 — There is some shopping that has to be done, but don't get carried away. You feel like you can afford the very best, but don't get a whole lot of it.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — Don't let the others wander off on a wild goose chase. Keep them on schedule and within budget, especially if it's your money.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — The Paperwork Fairies have not come in over the weekend. Unfortunately, the stack of stuff is still demanding your attention. This, you cannot delegate.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — Meetings and other social interactions take you away from the tranquility of your nest. It's a struggle, but you'll adapt and survive.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — You're pretty good at working within the system, but sometimes it grates. You'd rather do things your way, but you can modify

your plans.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6 — Don't go racing off on a wild goose chase. Let the geese come over to you, if there's something they need. Send them a memo to that effect, so they'll know what to do.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — You're going to have to scratch a few items off your shopping list. Move them to your wish list. Never give up, of course, but do be practical.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — Don't argue with a person who has your best interests at heart. Let this person be your coach to help you through a difficult time. But make the decision yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 7 — Get into the job at hand, and watch for breakdowns and setbacks. If you're expecting them, you'll be less surprised and upset when they happen.

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SWAYZE BATTLES CANCER

Despite a devastating diagnosis, friends tell us the star is upbeat and ready to fight

By Mara Reinstein

Just two months ago, director Timothy Linh Bui sat down for dinner with his Powder Blue star Patrick Swayze. "Everything was great," Bui recalls. So when news broke that Swayze was battling terminal cancer, Bui was stunned. "At dinner, I did not know that he was sick at all," he tells us. "I don't think he knew."

But on March 5, George Fisher, Swayze's physician at the Stanford Cancer Center in Stanford, California, confirmed that Swayze, 55, had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and blasted the National Enquirer's claim that the actor had just five weeks to live. "All of the reports stating the time frame of his prognosis and his physical side effects are absolutely untrue," he said. "Patrick has a very limited amount of the disease and he appears to be responding well to treatment." (Swayze's rep, who confirmed the diagnosis March 5, tells us he has not undergone surgery.) Nonetheless, given the severity of pancreatic cancer, there's no denying that the ruggedly handsome actor is in the fight of his life. And those close to the actor say he's undeterred. "I've never seen him scared of anything!" his sister-in-law Maria Ha-

panieni tells us. "He deals with everything the same way: He's determined, enthusiastic, full of energy and hope."

A Dancer's Life

Swayze's fervent fans expect nothing less. The Houston-born son of a chemical-plant engineer and a dance instructor exploded into pop culture as a (frequently shirtless) dance instructor in 1987's classic "Dirty Dancing" (he also sang the movie's song "She's Like the Wind"). The 1990 hit *Ghost* solidified his leading man status, abetted by an offscreen love story rare in Hollywood: He's been married to dancer Lisa Niemi, 51, since 1975. "He is what we would like America to be," his longtime acting coach Milton Katselas tells us. "He is that wholesome, that alive — healthy, vigorous, honest."

He has also contended with some demons. After his sister Vicky committed suicide in 1994, Swayze, who has another sister and two brothers, struggled with alcoholism and ended up in rehab. Six years later, suspicions lingered after he crashed the Cessna plane he was piloting. In addition, the actor is a lifelong smoker. (Mariza Yanez, a staffer at Fast Stop Market near Swayze's ranch in Sylmar, Calif., confirms that he regularly buys cigarettes.) Is his habit linked to the diagnosis? "Smokers have three times more of a risk," says Dr. Synna Iqbal, a pancreatic cancer specialist at L.A.'s USC/Norris Comprehen-

sive Cancer Center, who is not treating Swayze. "However, I have patients who have never touched a cigarette and still have the disease."

What Now?

Though the odds are difficult, Swayze has not let the illness slow him down. "Nothing has changed: He lives on the ranch and rides horses," says a Swayze source. "He's staying active." Ditto his career. Aside from Powder Blue (out by year's end), his new TV pilot, *The Beat* (in which he plays an FBI agent), "is in contention to become a new drama series on the network," an A&E rep said in a statement to us. As for the personal drama, "Lisa has told me that he's in high spirits," Katselas tells us. "If anybody can beat the odds, it's Patrick. He's going to end up inspiring us all."

A Deadly Form of Cancer

It's a devastating disease with very few treatment options," says Iqbal. Most common in men over age 70, the cancer often goes undiagnosed because symptoms, such as abdominal pain and digestive trouble, are attributed to other ailments. (The pancreas helps break down food and secretes hormones.) After surgery, Iqbal notes, chemotherapy controls symptoms — but is no cure. Even if the cancer hasn't spread to other organs, she says, the survival rate is "about 15 percent."

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Women's team awaits postseason fate

By Eric Lindsey
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While many UK students headed south to break in the sun and take a break from school, nearly all of UK's spring athletic teams were in action over Spring Break, as many of them battled in postseason play. Although the UK men's basketball team earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament — the Cats are a No. 11 seed and will play No. 6 seed Marquette in Anaheim, Calif., on Thursday — the women's fate remains in the air. The women's team downed Georgia 57-50 in Nashville on March 7, behind senior center Sarah Elliott's 16 points. With the victory, the Cats advanced to the Southeastern Conference semifinals for the first time since 2006.

Unfortunately for the Cats, their opponent in the semifinals was No. 6 Louisiana State, which had already beaten the Cats twice this season. Much like the previous two meetings, LSU and senior center Sylvia Fowles were too much for UK to handle, as the Tigers defeated the Cats 64-49.

The loss left UK squarely on the NCAA Tournament bubble. The Cats' record stands at 15-15, including an 8-6 mark in the SEC.

The NCAA Tournament field will be announced tonight at 7 on ESPN. If the Cats are not one of the 64 teams selected, they will most likely end up in the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

Cool Cats' tourney run spoiled

Coming off one of their most successful regular seasons in recent history, the Cool Cats found themselves in Fort Myers, Fla., over Spring Break in the American Collegiate Association Divi-

sion II National Tournament for the first time in 13 years. But despite snapping their 13-year tournament-less streak and winning 14 of 16 games down the stretch, the Cool Cats went 1-2 in the national tournament to end their season.

Eventual national champion Davenport dominated the Cool Cats 8-1 on March 12. UK then lost 4-3 to Eastern Washington before closing the season with a 6-2 victory over Bryant on March 14.

Track and field wraps up indoor season

The UK track and field squads finished the indoor season at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., on Saturday. The women's squad scored four points in two events to finish in a tie for 40th place, but the men's team was held scoreless.

Senior Lavera Morris earned the Cats' first point with an eighth-place finish in the women's 800-meter run. Sophomore Jenna Martin tallied the other three UK points, finishing in sixth place in the women's 400-meter dash.

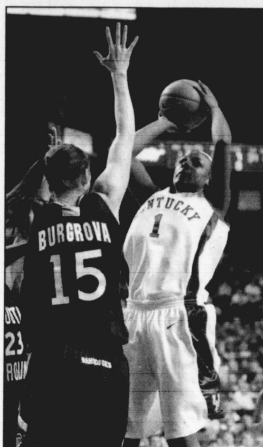
The Cats resume their outdoor season March 28 at the Yellow Jacket Invitational in Atlanta.

Rifle team finishes fifth at NCAA Championships

The UK rifle team was unable to overcome a sluggish smallbore start and finished in a disappointing fifth place this weekend at the NCAA Rifle Championships in West Point, N.Y.

Sophomore Ashley Jackson posted a team-high 580 in smallbore and a 582 in air rifle, but the Cats still failed to place any shooter in the top eight individual honors.

Sophomore Tom Csenge



Junior forward Sarah Elliott Ruddy shoots over South Carolina center Ilona Burdova during the Cats' 65-57 loss to the Gamecocks at Rupp Arena on March 2. The Cats, who lost to Louisiana State in the Southeastern Conference semifinals, will find out their postseason fate tonight.

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posted a 581 and sophomore Jen Pason finished with a 582 in air rifle to round out the Cats' top scores.

The fifth-place finish is the UK's 14th top-10 finish in the last 15 years. The Cats placed fourth a year ago.

Softball posts winning record

Although the UK softball team was forced to cancel its third annual Frostbite Classic because of inclement weather in Lexington at the beginning of Spring Break, the Cats still enjoyed a successful week, winning three out of five regular season games.

The Cats (12-10, 1-2 SEC)

swept a doubleheader from Morehead State on March 12 before stealing one of three games from No. 6 Tennessee this weekend in Knoxville. The victory over the Volunteers on Saturday was the Cats' first win over their border-state rival in two seasons. UK was swept by the Vols yesterday in a doubleheader. Sophomores Natalie Smith and Molly Johnson enjoyed the biggest weeks, reeling in a combined seven RBIs. Johnson, a shortstop, was 7-for-13 over the four-game stretch, and Smith, a second baseman, tacked on seven hits.

The Cats return to the diamond today at 3 p.m. at the UK Softball Complex against Miami (Ohio).

FINAL WORD

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those who have children already, Swinford said.

"There are things parents don't get about their children; there are things children don't get about their parents," he said. "Hopefully we can take this time to better understand each other."

Even though students don't want to think about being parents yet, they should consider that the time might not be far off in the future, said Meghan Bostic, director of engaging issues for the Student Activities Board, which sponsors the Final Word series.

BUDGET

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The Senate is expected to review, and potentially revise, the budget by April 1. The Senate has been meeting off and on all weekend to discuss changes, said Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr, R-Lexington. Coming up with a budget will require looking at the contrasting proposals of the governor and the House, Kerr said.

"This is a work in progress," Kerr said. "We're looking at all the

options."

After the Senate, the budget will go to the conference committee between the House and the Senate, and then to the governor. The budget then goes to the House and then the Senate again for approval.

The process scheduled to end by the April 15 deadline will be long, and reaching an agreement between the House and Senate may be tough, Damron said.

"It's a lot of give and take — and anguish and scratching and clawing," he said.

Career center to host minority recruitment fair

By Rebecca Sweeney
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Students will have the opportunity to learn how and why top companies recruit and retain minority and international students at a three-part diversity connection career event tomorrow night sponsored by the James W. Stuckert Career Center.

"In this ever-changing global world, top companies in the U.S. put their time and energy in diversifying their workforce because they understand the value

of diversity of ideas and perspectives," said Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, director of Student Diversity Engagement.

Successful companies recruit a diverse workforce because they understand that by diversifying their workforce, they will add value to their business, Rafiuddin said.

The event will begin with a diversity panel discussion with company executives from DeLotto, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Lexmark International, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Thomas & King. It will be held tomorrow

at 5 p.m. at the Stuckert Career Center.

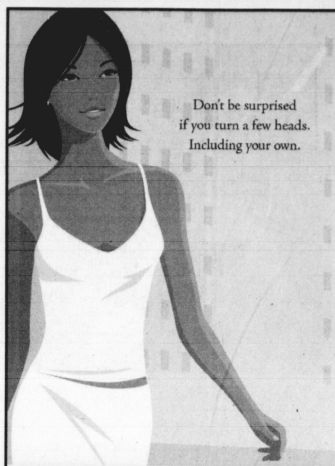
Then, a "Crash Course Networking Session" will begin at 6 p.m. for students to learn and practice basic networking techniques.

At 6:30, the Diversity Connection Reception will begin, letting students meet with employers from top companies like Clear Channel, Sherwin-Williams, Fifth Third Bank, Frito Lay, The Kroger Co. and Target, all of which will have insight about the global workforce, Rafiuddin said.

"Top companies are also searching for employees who are readily prepared to work with anyone and everyone," Rafiuddin said.

Rafiuddin said students should attend the events because it is important for them to become culturally competent professionals with global views and knowledge. Students will have the opportunity to gain knowledge about what companies are looking for in employees.

Students are advised to dress professionally and bring several copies of their resumes.



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• **Town Hall Meeting**, Wednesday, March 26th
6:30 p.m., UK Student Center, Room 2006
Speaker: Dr. Yaphet Bryant, Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Maryland, School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

• **Anna J. Cooper Address**, 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 27th
9:30 a.m. (Registration) UK Student Center, Small Ballroom, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Dr. Bonnie Mitchell, Professor, Chief Pathologist, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Lexington, KY

• **Mary McLeod Bethune Luncheon and Lecture**, Thursday, March 27th
12:00 Noon, UK Student Center, Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Dr. Yvette Cozier, Stone Epidemiology Center at Boston University
Buffet, tickets are on sale NOW, \$15.00

• **Community Engagement**, Thursday, March 27th
2:30 p.m. UK Student Center, Small Ballroom
Speaker: Dr. Regina Washington, Director, Division of Prevention and Quality Improvement, KY Dept. for Public Health

• **Doris J. Wilkinson Distinguished Lecture**, Thursday, March 27th
5:00 p.m., UK Student Center, Center Theater
Speaker: Dr. Joycelyn Elders, Former U.S. Surgeon General, Clinton Administration

All events, except where noted, are free. For information on any of these events or to purchase tickets for the Luncheon, please contact the African American Studies and Research Program, 102 Breadknowledge Hall, phone 257-3362. Photos depict Alma J. Cooper (left), Mary McLeod Bethune (center), and Doris Wilkinson (right).

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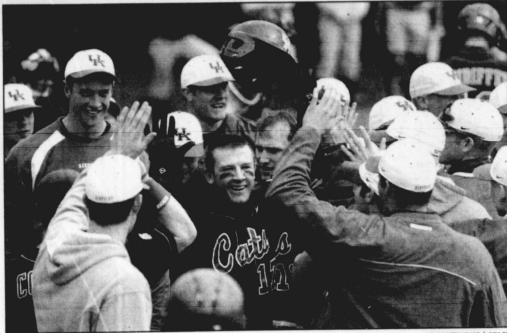
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Senior second baseman Ryan Wilkes celebrates with his teammates after hitting a solo home run in the fourth inning of UK's 5-1 win over Alabama yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

Cats closing in on record streak

By Laura Pepper
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No matter what the weather conditions were at Cliff Hagan Stadium this weekend against Alabama or how long the rain delays lasted, the No. 4-ranked UK baseball team managed to keep its 18-game winning streak alive.

The Cats capped off a three-game sweep yesterday of Alabama in their Southeastern Conference series opener behind the offense of senior second baseman Ryan Wilkes and strong pitching performances.

After a rain delay Saturday and a delayed start time on Friday, the Cats had some relief from the erratic weather yesterday as the Cats (18-0, 3-0 SEC) cruised to a 5-1 victory over the Crimson Tide (9-8, 0-3 SEC).

With the win, the Cats are just one victory short of tying a school-record 19 straight wins, which they set last season. Wilkes was largely responsible this weekend for continuing the streak.

In the bottom of the fourth, Wilkes kicked off the inning a first-pitch home run to put the Cats up 4-0. The solo shot to center was Wilkes' third home run of the season — all of which

came during this weekend's series against the Tide — and the most he's hit in a season.

"I worked hard in (batting practice) trying to stay in the middle and everything, and I just got lucky and ran into a couple balls," Wilkes said. "I just try to work the middle and hit line drives, but coach (John Cohen) was telling us if we created the right barrel angle the ball would fly out of the park, and that's what we do."

Over the three-game series, Wilkes was 5-for-9 with four walks, three RBIs, and six runs scored, all while extending his team-high hitting streak to 13 games.

"Wilkes has gotten progressively bigger and stronger, and I think he just made himself into a very good college hitter," Cohen said. "And he takes a lot of pride in that, and he's solidified that, and he's done a great job offensively."

Senior right-hander Greg Dombrowski (4-0, 1.27 ERA) cruised through the first, tossing a first-pitch strike and getting three straight ground ball outs. All of Dombrowski's outs during his 5.1 innings of work came courtesy of ground balls and strikeouts, mostly from his trademark sinker.

The Cats began scoring ear-

ly when senior right fielder Sawyer Carroll connected on a 1-0 pitch with two outs in the bottom of the first for his seventh home run of the season. The two-run shot over the right-field deck scored Carroll and senior first baseman Brian Spear.

Dombrowski ran into trouble in the top of the sixth, allowing two singles before senior pitcher Aaron Lovett got UK out of the jam with a double play. Lovett walked three straight batters to load the bases in the top of the seventh, which called Cohen to bring in senior pitcher Brock Baber. The right-hander pitched the Cats out of the inning, getting three consecutive outs.

"(Baber) said, 'I've done this before, and I want the ball, and I know I can get this done' — and that's exactly what he did," Cohen said.

The sweep is the Cats' first over the Tide since 1992. The victory also set up a chance at history Tuesday against Morehead State, when the Cats will try to tie last year's school-record 19 consecutive wins in a season.

"The Southeastern Conference is so good," Cohen said. "Any time you can bank some wins, it's like every other sport in our league — every win in our league is golden."



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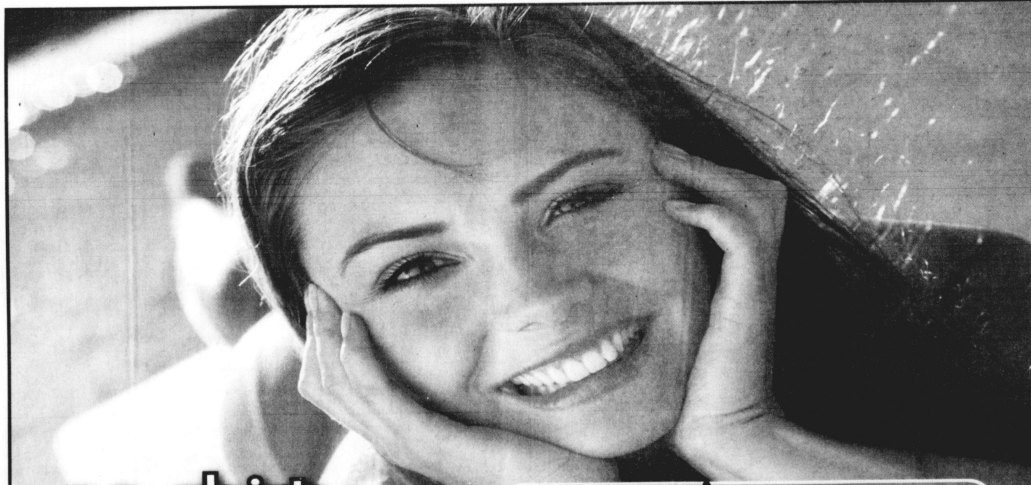
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them that were beyond their control."

UK began the season 7-9, and two games into its SEC schedule, it appeared that it would struggle to finish 500, much less make a run at the NCAA Tournament. At that point, Crawford said the Cats had to deal with those who began to give up on them.

But UK didn't give up. Despite losing sophomore guard Jodie Meeks and fresh-

man forward Patrick Patterson to injuries, UK finished in second place in the SEC East with a 12-4 conference record. That conference record was what pushed the Cats into the NCAA tournament, Crawford said.

With the 24-hour sports news world dissecting every matchup in the tournament, controversy about the Cats seems bound to arise. Ten teams with better Ratings Percentage Index rankings — a common measuring stick used by the selection committee — than UK were left out of the tournament, including former UK player Travis Ford's Massa-

chusetts team, 2007 national champions Florida, runner-up Ohio State and Alabama-Birmingham, which defeated UK earlier this season.

UK has the second-lowest RPI among the at-large teams that were selected, UK's final RPI was 57th.

But Gillispie isn't worried about what the pundits say. All that matters is that the Cats are in the tournament.

"They earned their way in," Gillispie said. "Against all odds, they earned their way in. I'm very, very, very proud to be their coach and have a chance to keep on playing."

Marquette knocked UK out of the tournament in 2003, the last time the two teams met, when UK was the top overall seed. The loss ended a 26-game UK winning streak.

The history between the two schools is confined almost entirely to the NCAA Tournament. UK holds a 7-6 advantage overall, but Marquette has a 5-4 lead in NCAA Tournament games.

If the Cats defeat the Golden Eagles on Thursday, they will face the winner of No. 3 seed Stanford and No. 14 seed Cornell on Sunday. Memphis checked in as the No. 1 seed in UK's region.

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of the tournament. Other options included Phillips Arena, home of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks, and the Gwinnett Center, located in neighboring Duluth.

Phillips Arena sits next to the Georgia Dome in the area that was hit hardest by the storm, making it nearly impossible for the thousands of fans, media and tournament officials to get to the arena safely.

Gwinnett Arena, which seats 13,000 people, was ruled out because of its distance from the original tournament site.

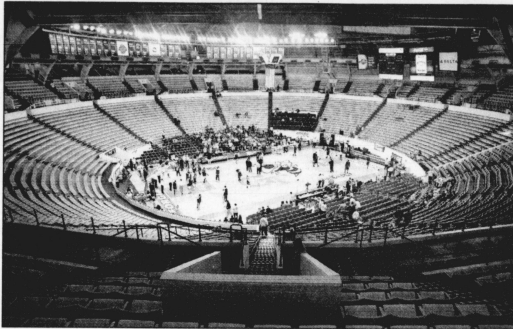
Still, Wootton wished the SEC could have found a way to accommodate the fans who did not make into Alexander Memorial Coliseum on Saturday — about 400 to 500 managed to watch the game — where UK lost to Georgia 60-56 in the quarterfinals.

"Some people plan their vacations around this tournament," Wootton said.

Carl Stoner, a Lawrenceburg, Ky., resident, thought the tournament should have been cancelled when forecasts for Saturday called for more inclement weather.

"I believe they should have cancelled the whole thing," Stoner said. "Pack it up and go home. Get these guys home."

Unlike Wootton, who said she would have stayed home had she known she wouldn't see UK play, Stoner said the



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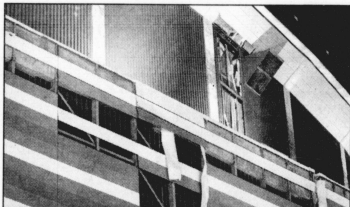
A tornado that ripped through Atlanta on Friday caused severe damage to the Georgia Dome. The UK-Georgia game was postponed until Saturday and was moved to the Alexander Memorial Coliseum at Georgia Tech.

change in plans didn't ruin his first trip to the SEC Tournament for him, his wife or his friends.

"We always have a good time," Stoner said.

Though UK fans differed on how they thought the SEC should have handled the situation, most agreed on one thing: The one-in-a-million disaster that kept them from seeing UK play this year will not change their plans to come back to the tournament in the future.

"I come from a pretty die-hard UK family," Wootton said. "It's hard not to (come back) when you're a die-hard Kentucky fan."



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Fight for affordable birth control needs student involvement

The growing cost of oral contraceptives is placing an increasing strain on college students' tight budgets, and it's up to students themselves to change the situation.

In 2005, Congress passed a deficit-reduction bill that mainly targeted Medicaid but failed to include colleges on the exception list, making it impossible for drug companies to offer prescription birth control to universities at a reduced price, the Kernel reported March 3.

As a result, students at universities across the nation have seen a steep increase in the cost of their prescription birth control from \$5 to \$10 before the 2005 bill to \$40 to \$50 after its passage, said Shirley Jones, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Kentucky, in the Kernel.

Locally, Planned Parenthood of Kentucky is leading the efforts in combating the increase in costs of birth control at university health centers. Planned Parenthood hopes to garner 2,000 postcards in the shape of a birth control dispenser to deliver to Congress in a show support for a bill that would combat rising birth control prices on college campuses. Yet Planned Parenthood does not be the only voices fighting for affordable birth control.

Many women at UK (and men by association) have undoubtedly been affected by the sharp increase in cost of their birth control, forcing them to have to budget money away from other necessities or change their birth control to methods that are potentially less effective and less appropriate for their body chemistry.

It is essential that Planned Parenthood, students and all other sympathetic parties keep lobbying for Congress to correct what was apparently an oversight in 2005.

All of those who have been affected directly or indirectly by the 2005 bill should not hesitate to contact their congressional representatives. Either by signing the postcards offered by Planned Parenthood or by contacting a representative by phone or e-mail.

Students should get involved in the campaign to make prescription birth control available on colleges campuses at a reduced price.

This is an issue that primarily affects students. If we do not stand up for ourselves, no one will do it for us. Planned Parenthood and the students working to petition Congress for a break in birth control prices for university health centers should be commended for their efforts. However, it is essential that Planned Parenthood, students and all other sympathetic parties keep lobbying for Congress to correct what was apparently an oversight in 2005.

DNC should pay for primary do-overs in Fla. and Mich.

The following editorial appeared in the *Dallas Morning News* on Wednesday.

In the irony of ironies, Democratic votes from Florida and Michigan may count, after all — just not in the way anyone could have predicted years ago, when this presidential primary season seemingly began.

To recap, Florida and Michigan wanted a bigger bite of the nomination process and moved up their primaries, defying a national party that did not want to dilute the first-in-the-nation Iowa-New Hampshire nexus. The Democratic National Committee, in response, stripped both states of all delegates to the national convention, neutering the primary votes.

Democrats now must ask themselves whether rigid adherence to rules makes the best long-term sense.

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states they have no voice in a red-hot race. But since elections cost money, who pays? (Estimates are \$6 million for Florida and one, presumes, a like amount for Michigan.)

Our view? Unless the DNC wants to cede two battleground states to Republican nominee John McCain in November, pony up.

DNC chair Howard Dean has had his ups and downs with strategic planning, but we're confident he'll realize: The closest Democratic presidential primary in a generation should not be decided

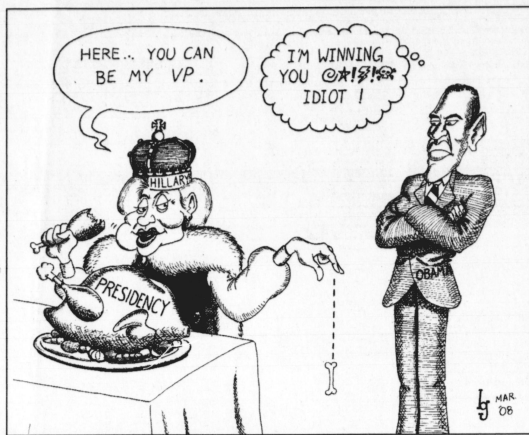
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BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

West's reaction to Tibet unrest reveals widespread hypocrisy

Just months before the opening of the Beijing Olympics, China now faces a grave situation in Tibet.

In Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, weeklong peaceful demonstrations for Tibet's autonomy turned into deadly riots Friday. The rioters now hold an area of the city, surrounded by government forces.

With biased reporting from the media and common misconceptions of the China-Tibet relationship, many Westerners are quick to condemn China and its human rights record, and the call to boycott the summer Olympics is renewed.

The demonstrators question China's historical claim over Tibet, a topic that arguments can be made for both sides. While Tibet has enjoyed prolonged periods of practical autonomy in the past, beginning in the 13th century, Chinese dynasties from Yuan to Qing had always claimed it within their borders. In other words, while China's claim over Tibet may not be absolute, it is infinitely more legitimate than the United States' claims over Texas, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Those who chant the "free Tibet" slogan must understand that for all practical considerations, Beijing can't allow Tibet to split from the central government.

Strategically, Tibet, with its vastness and geographical obstacles, serves as an important buffer region against India; taking Tibet out of China's grasp would leave the rich and populous province of Sichuan and the inner provinces exposed and vulnerable.

More importantly, Tibet is not the only region in China calling for its independence: Muslim separatists in Xinjiang province and the island of Taiwan are paying close attention to how Beijing handles the Tibet situation; granting it independence, or even showing any signs of weakness, will set a dangerous precedent and encourage other separatist movements in the country.

While I am deeply worried about the situation in Tibet, I remain optimistic that it will be resolved with minimal bloodshed. After the Tiananmen Square incident in 1989, Beijing knows better than to repeat history in Lhasa.

As for those who fear an ethnic cleansing following the riots, they should ask themselves: What do you know about the China-Tibet relationship? China's treatment of Tibet suggests the exact opposite. In the past two decades, it has invested heavily in Tibet without consideration of economic returns. Huge sums were spent in improving the region's transportation — including building a railroad that connects Tibet to the rest of the country, diversifying its economy and providing free education to Tibetans.

What bothers me more is the self-

righteous Westerners' failure to examine themselves in the same light. One cannot dispute that China has a shaky record on human rights, but one would be equally ignorant to say that the West, particularly the United States, has a human rights record to be proud of.

Currently, the United States and the rest of the "coalition forces" remain in Iraq, locked in a five-year-old war that, if presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain has his way in the election, may last another 100 years.

According to a September 2007 survey by Opinion Research Business, the estimated total number of war casualties in Iraq since the 2003 invasion exceeded 1.2 million. Reports of U.S. soldiers and mercenaries committing atrocious crimes surface regularly, yet the so-called human rights advocates don't seem to care. One doesn't hear calls to investigate the United States' handling of the war and the staggering civilian casualties, yet riots in Tibet can raise overwhelming sympathy and finger-pointing from the West. It's safe to say that Beijing doesn't have the patent to hypocrisy.

Countries act in their self-interests. Sometimes such acts are controversial, and often one country's self-interest conflicts with others'. China is no exception, but at least it doesn't cry foul at the first news a controversy emerges in another country. The West should do the same.

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Start taking action in your life: Changing the world is that easy

I was sitting in an ethics class last year, and the professor asked us who had bought a CD within the past week.

No one responded, until I remembered going online for Fall Out Boy's latest album (they're good; don't try to tell me otherwise). I raised my hand, my curiosity piqued at exactly where he was going.

"How much was it?" he asked, and I replied that it was about \$16. "Surely you realize," he told me, "that you could have donated that money to the UN's youth charity and literally saved the lives of four children at four dollars each. Doesn't that make you a murderer?"

He was playing devil's advocate, but he had a point. Do we stop to think about, or even realize, the fact that for the price of a Starbucks latte, we could save the life of a starving kid?

Days later, I decided to sponsor a kid in Africa. It was an idea I'd been toying with for a while but never really looked into until my professor's profound inquiry made me want to be a little less apathetic.

Through a Web site called

compassion.com, I signed up to sponsor a girl named Chepkurui Faith, who is now 7 and lives in an impoverished, AIDS-affected area in Uganda. We write letters back and forth, and in her latest, she told me how she used the extra \$25 I sent her for Christmas. She bought a dress, shoes, socks, meat, soda and candy. I spend more than that on one sweater, only to add it to a wardrobe too large for my closet.

Right now, that letter is posted on my wall. It serves as my daily reminder that I need to venture outside of the self-centered bubble in which I live. I'm a 22-year-old college student who has to worry about tests, papers, work, bills, a chronic Facebook addiction, and how to make time for recreation and rest. But I can't forget about the people who would give anything to sleep on a bed.

Humanistic personality psychologist Eric Fromm attributes many of society's problems to isolation — from others, from nature, even from ourselves. He says we try to remedy this by having fun, but the most mature of personalities is that which goes beyond life's mundane demands and to create a proactive, positive identity. At the heart of a life lived this way is love to gratify mankind.

The type of love I mention here is not emotive, but productive. No matter who we are or how insignificant

we may feel in the grand scheme of things, we can always take the time to step outside of ourselves and practice compassionate service to others. For you, this may be deciding to sponsor a child of your own. It may be dancing your heart out to raise money for kids in an oncology ward. It may be volunteering. Teaching. Baking. Driving. Singing. Listening. Embracing. Forgiving. It doesn't have to be epic to make a difference. We hear this a lot, but how often do we put it into practice?

If you encountered someone who was in trouble or dying, and you didn't help them when you could have, you would probably feel guilty afterward. But there are people across this planet to whom you logically have just as much responsibility. And across the street. The room. The counter. The dinner table.

Treat others as you want to be treated. This is a great principle to live by. But take it a step further: Observe, interact and find out exactly how they want to be treated. Figure out what they long for, what they could use. Too broke? Give people your time. Too busy as well? Curl your lips in a genuine smile at the most brokenhearted person you see. That's really all it takes to change the world.

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As mail-in vote loses support, prospects are dim for revote in Fla.

By Tamara Lytle
The Orlando Sentinel

WASHINGTON — Florida Democrats on Monday likely will put an end to the idea of a mail-in presidential primary as party leaders struggle to find a fair way to seat delegates at the August convention.

The campaigns of Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama stuck to their positions on the issue yesterday.

The Clinton camp continued to push for another traditional statewide primary vote, or counting the results of Florida's unsanctioned Jan. 29 vote. And Obama aides said they are willing to hear ideas for a solution but not if it's honoring the Jan. 29 vote.

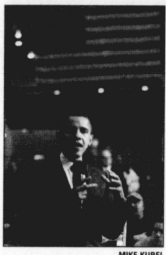
Democrats have been grappling with what to do about Florida and Michigan, which have been stripped of delegates to the August nominating convention because they held their votes too early. The stakes have since been raised because the candidates are locked in a neck-in-neck race for the required 2025 delegates needed for the nomination.

While Florida's Democrats struggle for a solution, Michigan is making plans for a statewide revote.

But Republicans who control Florida's statehouse have opposed that idea. Florida Democratic Party Chairman Karen Thurman said last week that the only revote option left is a primarily mail-in ballot which the party would hire private companies to oversee. She asked the campaigns and other Democrats to respond to her mail-in proposal and said she'll decide by today.

"They're working their tails off ... trying to figure out what to do to get out of this situation," said David Goldenberg, chief of staff to the dean of Florida's Democratic House delegation, Rep. Alice Hastings of Miramar. But the mail-in idea is "dying a slow death."

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama speaks in Fairless Hills, Pa., on Tuesday.



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Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Clinton speaks at a rally in Harrisburg, Pa., on Tuesday.

have opposed the idea, under which Florida Democrats would each get a ballot by mail and have until June 3 to return it. Opposition has centered on the haste of throwing together a new form of voting in less than three months and concerns that minorities, the poor, college students and snowbirds might be disenfranchised if they don't receive or return their ballots.

Evon U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., backed away from the mail-in idea when he found out it would not include verification of voter signatures by the elections supervisors in Florida.

Top Democrats have been working behind closed door to find a compromise. One proposal floated by Nelson would count each of Florida's delegates as half a vote under the theory that the Democratic National Committee rules allow for a lesser penalty that would strip the state of only half of its delegates.

But Clinton spokesman Phil Singer said Sunday that's not acceptable because "one of the bedrock principles ... is one person, one vote."

"Obviously we've got to find a solution to the delegate problem, so we'll have to keep

working at it," Bryan Gulley, spokesman for Nelson.

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., a Clinton backer, said on "Meet the Press" Sunday morning that a mail-in vote won't work in Florida but the state may decide on a new traditional primary if Michigan takes that step this week. That idea, though, has run into a brick wall in Florida because of reasons including Republican opposition, lack of funding and logistical complications.

Obama chief strategist David Axelrod, said the campaign is firmly opposed to counting the Jan. 29 vote, which Clinton won by 17 percentage points. Both candidates skipped campaigning in the state because the primary was held too early under party rules. Axelrod said the result would have been very different if Obama had campaigned in the Sunshine State.

"We're eager to see this issue resolved," he said Sunday. "We're eager to listen to whatever reasonable proposals are put on the table."

But time is running out as more and more Democrats fear a divided convention, with Florida on the sidelines.

Developer puts pop-culture relics on the Las Vegas auction block

By Linda Shrivens
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — The man behind a 41,000-acre "green, eco-sustainable community" in south Osceola County, Fla., decided to do a little housecleaning this weekend — and unloaded the Wicked Witch's hat from "The Wizard of Oz," the whip that Harrison Ford used as Indiana Jones and the gun that Jack Ruby used to shoot Lee Harvey Oswald.

Those pieces, along with more than 800 other relics of 20th-century history, went on the auction block in Las Vegas this weekend because their owner, eccentric South Florida developer Anthony Pugliese, decided to unload much of his pop-culture collection and focus on his new community.

On Saturday, about 50 bidders gathered at the Palms Casino to bid on about 450 pieces of movie-related memorabilia, while most of the approximately 200 bidders joined the auction by telephone or on the Internet.

Though the crowd was small, the prices were high. Bidders drove up the price of the Wicked Witch's hat to \$197,400. The holy grail that Harrison Ford sought in the film "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" sold for \$42,700 and bidders ran the price on Indiana Jones' bullwhip up to \$70,150. And remember Odd Job from the James Bond movie "Goldfinger"? His famous bowler hat that could slice a statue in half sold for \$134,200, said Arlan Ettinger of Guernsey's Auction House, the firm handling the auction.

Yesterday, the most eye-catching item in the collection — the Colt Cobra revolver that Ruby used to kill John F. Kennedy assassin Oswald — was set to go on the auction block. Other items being sold include a rocking chair used by JFK, the dress Madonna wore in her "Like a Virgin" music video and the coat John Lennon was wearing on the cover of the Beatles' "Abbey Road" album. The auction was expected to

raise \$5 million, Ettinger said. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Audubon Society, Ettinger said.

Pugliese, an eccentric developer who has been known to wear alligator shoes with alligator eyeballs, spent 25 years amassing the collection. The huge collection includes papers from Kennedy, a Bob Mackie Cher costume, jackets worn by the Three Stooges, a wanted poster for Bonnie and Clyde and one of Liberace's mink coats. Pugliese's associates said he's selling off parts of his collection because his interests have changed, not because he needs money for Destiny, the Osceola County development.

The development may be years in the making, but Pugliese has described a community with homes for 100,000 people, plus a biomedical research center and lots of open space. He has envisioned a city of 40 interlaced with miles of man-made lakes and an ethanol plant to produce energy for the city.

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