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The above rendering showcases the plan for UK's new 1 million-square-foot Albert B. Chandler Hospital, a \$450 million capital project. Pedestrians will reach the new hospital via a convenient walkway from a new parking garage expanded to offer 1,600 parking spaces, more than twice the current garage.

## modern medicine

### Hospital's \$450 million makeover the first step in 20-year overhaul

By Crystal Little  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's Albert B. Chandler Hospital unveiled its plans for the new 1 million-square-foot facility on South Limestone Street Monday.

The \$450 million project will be constructed in two phases beginning next year; the first phase should be finished by 2010.

Renovations include a 30,000-square-foot lobby and a hospital parking garage with 1,600 spaces, which is more than twice the number of available spaces in the current garage.

The hospital plans are a facet of UK's push for top-20 status as a public research institution by the year 2020, as mandated by the state legislature's House Bill 1 in 1997, said UK President Lee Todd.

But, Todd said, the project will also impact more than UK's academic standings.

"This project is about a lot more than projects and rankings," Todd said. "It will forever change health care for Kentucky."

Dr. Michael Karpf, UK's executive vice president for health affairs, echoed Todd's statement. With the renovations, Kentuckians can reap the benefits of quality in-state health care, Karpf said.

"The ultimate goal is to afford Kentuckians the peace of mind that no matter how sick they get, no matter how complex or unusual their illness is, they don't have to go to a Cleveland Clinic or Mayo for the best possible treatment," Karpf said. "They can be taken care of in Kentucky at UK Chandler Hospital."

The two-phase project is the cornerstone for a 20-year \$2.5 billion plan on the south side of campus to increase growth in research and health education.

That plan includes:  
■ A new \$120 million College of Pharmacy building that will double class-

room space and increase research areas by about 40 percent.

■ Additional research buildings similar to the recently constructed Biomedical Biological Science Research Building at the corner of South Limestone Street and Virginia Avenue.

■ A new shared Health Learning Center, where students from different health disciplines can interact and learn together.

■ Additional buildings to house the programs of the colleges of medicine, dentistry nursing, health sciences and public health.

"This is really the beginning of a drastic, substantive and long-term change for the academic medical center and the UK Chandler Hospital," Karpf said. "This project will improve health care for the people of Kentucky, while also expanding the research and education agenda of the University of Kentucky and the economy and region and state."

The overhaul and new layout will also help bring six colleges — medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, health sciences and public health — together on South Limestone Street.

Interaction between students from these six interrelated areas is crucial, said Dr. Jay Perman, dean of UK's College of Medicine and vice president for clinical affairs.

"We have a grand opportunity to teach and train together," Perman said. "We can learn to maximize the use of our shared educational buildings."

The first phase of construction for the new hospital has already begun, as crews have broken ground on the new parking garage, scheduled for completion next year.

"As we begin to take this slogan of being a top-20 institution and bring it toward a reality, the medical center figures as a key component of our drive," Todd said.

"The new hospital and academic medical campus of the future are going to be extremely important in helping us meet our mission, not only to meet the top-20 challenge, but to achieve our mis-

sion to improve the lives of Kentuckians."

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### By the numbers

**\$2.5 billion**

Total cost of the 20-year overhaul of UK's medical campus of the future

**\$450 million**

Cost of the two-part renovations for UK's Albert B. Chandler Hospital

**\$120 million**

Cost of UK's new College of Pharmacy building to aid growth in research

**1 million**

Square feet planned for UK's new Albert B. Chandler Hospital

**24,700**

Expected number of patients treated at UK's Chandler Hospital this year

**1,300**

Approximate number of jobs UK HealthCare has created since 2003

### U.S. emergency care in critical condition, report says

By David Brown  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Emergency medical care in the United States is on the verge of collapse, with the nation's declining number of emergency rooms dangerously overcrowded and often unable to provide the expertise needed to treat seriously ill people in a safe and efficient manner.

That's the grim conclusion of three reports released by the Institute of Medicine yesterday, the product of a massive, two-year look at emergency care.

Long waits for treatment are epidemic, the reports said, with ambulances sometimes idling for hours to unload patients, and patients, once in the ER, waiting up to two days to be admitted to a hospital bed.

As a system, American emergency care lacks internal stability and has no capacity to respond to large disasters or epidemics, according to the 26 experts who conducted the study. It provides care of variable and often unknown quality and depends on the willingness of doctors and hospitals to lose large amounts of mon-

ey. Fixing the problems is likely to cost billions of dollars and will require the leadership of a new federal agency, which Congress should create in the next two years, they wrote.

"There is just such a gap between what the public knows, or thinks it knows, and the reality. And it is getting worse," said Robert Griffin, the Institute of Medicine staffer who headed the study.

The reports — on hospital ERs, on pediatric emergency care, and on pre-hospital care given by ambulance services

— were embraced by the 24,000-member American College of Emergency Physicians, and its president admitted that that fact, itself, was telling.

"What other industry says, 'Hey, look at us, our whole system is broken,'" said Frederick Blum, a physician in Morgantown, W. Va.

Two key steps for improving emergency care are regional planning and creating a standard way to measure outcomes, so that low-quality ERs and ambulance services can be identified and fixed, the committee wrote.

## Todd: 'It's a hell of a budget'

### Board passes proposed 2006-07 budget, UK president defends capital projects

By Crystal Little  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's Board of Trustees passed the university's \$1.84 billion budget for 2006-07 by a 17-2 vote Tuesday.

The budget approved raises for faculty and staff, as well as \$3 million to add 27 new faculty members — a hiring move that is an integral part of UK President Lee Todd's quest for top-20 status.

It also allots an average merit-based raise of 3.5 percent for faculty and staff, which goes into effect July 1, and an average merit-based raise of 1.5 percent for faculty that will take effect Jan. 1 next year.

Staff trustee Russ Williams, along with faculty trustee Jeff Dembo, a professor in UK's College of Dentistry and a former president of the faculty's Senate Council, opposed the budget.

Williams took issue with the budget's proposed two-tier pay plan for faculty and staff.

"This is something I can't agree with, don't agree with, and can't get behind," Williams said, adding that he meant no disrespect toward Todd. "I simply cannot compromise, and I will not compromise."

Dembo said the budget focuses too much on UK's capital projects and research, which shortchanges UK's staff. That kind of focus, he said, ignores UK's "human capital."

"There is a growing disconnect between the direction the university intends to go, and the willingness and enthusiasm of the people who work at the institutions to go with it," Dembo said, referencing UK's top-20 push.

Todd clearly took issue with the comments and was quick to respond.

"You can't make salaries go up with \$90 million in cuts (that UK has endured in the last three years)," Todd said. "I don't know what else you can do — we can't print money. One of our students tried that, and he may be in prison now. The comment about human capital I find personally offensive."

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## 'Mumps' the word: outbreak spurs vaccine advisory

By Wes Blewitt  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK students might be at risk of contracting mumps in the largest outbreak of the disease in the United States in 25 years, according to a statement issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College Health Association.

The outbreak started in Iowa seven months ago, and has since affected at least 11 other states with more than 2,500 cases reported as of early last month. Though no cases have been reported in Kentucky, two neighboring states — Illinois and Missouri — have had verified diagnoses of the disease.

College students between the ages of 18 and 24 have been most affected by the outbreak. Experts attribute this to students' living situations, traveling and social interactions.

UK's University Health Service recommends that all students have two doses of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine before enrolling at UK for the fall semester. The vaccine has been available in the United States since the 1960s, and is routinely included in childhood immunizations.

But Dr. Greg Moore, director of University Health Service, predicted "that 10 percent of any large population is unprotected even though they have been immunized." This is in addition to those who have not had the vaccine because they lived in areas without childhood immunization, he said.

"Many of those who contracted mumps in the current outbreak had been immunized as children," Moore added.

To prevent the disease, Moore recommended that students receive two MMR vaccines timed one month apart.

"MMR is a very safe vaccine, even if a person has already been inoculated or has had the disease," he said.

Though the mumps vaccine is not 100 percent effective, Moore said the rate of prevention is 90 percent, "which is better than zero." Repeated inoculations do not improve protection against the disease, Moore said.

Mumps is a viral illness that attacks the

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## SWINGIN' AWAY



ERIC THOMPEN | STAFF

A crowd gathered downtown at Main Street and Broadway, just across from Triangle Park Friday night to participate in "Swingin' on Main," Lexington's annual street dance. Blair Carman and the Bellevue Boys performed as part of the festivities.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Todd receives \$115,000 bonus

UK President Lee Todd received a \$115,000 bonus Tuesday. The announcement was made at the Board of Trustees meeting, and Todd's 92 percent performance rating was cited. The UK president's total pay for the fiscal year that ends June 30 is now \$451,000.

### UK garners \$11.5 million donation

Dr. E. Vernon Smith, a Cincinnati internist and Greenup County native who graduated from UK in 1937, donated \$5.85 million to the university. It was matched with a \$5.2 million donation from the Bucks for Brains program and \$375,000 from UK Athletics. The \$11.5 million total is the second-largest gift to UK in the university's history.

### Telethon to benefit Kentucky Children's Hospital airs Saturday

The Children's Miracle Network Celebration will broadcast from Applebee's Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The broadcast, which will air on Lexington's WKYT-TV Channel 27, will feature stories of children who have benefited from the support of private citizens who have contributed to the Children's Miracle Network in the past. All proceeds raised in Kentucky stay in Kentucky to benefit the Kentucky Children's Hospital, the only participating hospital in the state. For more information about the Children's Miracle Network Celebration or how to donate to the Kentucky Children's Hospital, call (859) 257-1121.

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## Budget

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And while Todd said he was happy to "put more money in people's pockets," he also stressed the need for a market-driven compensation plan.

"I don't believe in paying people more than what they can get in the marketplace," he said.

Todd also addressed the university's emphasis on capital projects.

"I hear complaints about putting money into capital projects ... but we must have capital projects if we want to grow," he said. "I think it's a hell of a budget."

Todd issued a statement Tuesday to reiterate his support of UK's top-20 goal.

"I am equally amazed by the progress of the past and the enormity of the aspirations we have set for our future," he said.

"We confirm today, with this budget, that the only thing greater than the challenge we face is the strength of our resolve to meet it."

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## Vaccine

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body's glands, primarily the salivary glands, and is characterized by painful facial swelling. It can also attack the testes, ovaries, breasts, pancreas and brain.

Although mumps is rare, its symptoms can be severe. They can include meningitis, encephalitis and orchitis, any of which can lead to hospitalization, and in rare cases, death.

Most cases, Moore said, involve a week-long illness. During this time, there is no contact with other people, so affected students will be unable to attend class or live in dorms. Affected students will most likely have to go home until the disease has passed, he said.

Mumps is transmitted similarly to colds or the flu — typically by airborne droplets from coughs and sneezing, or from direct

contact with the saliva of an infected person. With the current outbreak, Moore said students should avoid sharing sodas, straws, cigarettes or anything else that might have been exposed to saliva.

University Health Service has issued warnings to

parents through an e-mail newsletter, Moore said. Information will also be provided in the next printed parent newsletter, which will be sent out before classes begin in August. In addition, students and parents will be warned of the outbreak during summer advising conferences. With the warnings issued, Moore said all the university can do is "hope for the best," which is for parents and students to take action to prevent mumps through vaccinations.

Parents are available by appointment at the University Health Service in the Kentucky Clinic. For more information, students and parents can call 323-5823, ext. 233.

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## Taliban slays at least one U.S. soldier

By Paul Watson  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — At least one American soldier was killed in fighting with Taliban guerrillas as the U.S.-led coalition prepared to launch a fresh offensive yesterday against insurgents in southern Afghanistan, the military said Tuesday.

The soldier died Monday during a Taliban attack on a patrol in Helmand province, where guerrillas and coalition forces have fought several fierce battles in recent weeks.

The U.S. military said that more than 11,000 Afghan, American, British and Canadian troops will begin "Operation Mountain Thrust" against Taliban fighters yesterday in the four southern provinces where the insurgents are strongest: Zabol, Kandahar, Helmand and Oruzgan.

Afghan soldiers will form the largest contingent. About 2,300 U.S. Special Forces and regular troops also will take part in operation, which will include an

effort to win the hearts and minds of southern Afghans with reconstruction and humanitarian aid projects.

In Helmand province, the country's largest source of opium used to produce heroin, Taliban fighters have surrounded some districts. Gov. Mohammed Daoud said by telephone from the provincial capital, Lashkar Gah.

"They threaten people. They kill people. And sometimes they cut their heads off," he said. "So this operation is intended to clean them out."

He predicted the planned offensive would be more effective than previous operations against insurgents because it is better planned.

"But we should also say that the Taliban are getting ready for this offensive," he added. "It's not like they are all sleeping. But still I don't think they'll have the ability to fight against such an organized operation. And I don't think there will be heavy fighting."

The offensive also is intended to make remote ar-

ests of the province more secure for aid workers and reconstruction projects, improving job opportunities for residents, the governor said.

"I think it will take time for development projects to start functioning in different parts of the province," he cautioned. The surge in fighting has killed several hundred people, most of them suspected insurgents, since Taliban and allied fighters began their own offensive this spring as mountain snows melted and the guerrillas were able to move more freely.

A U.S. military statement Tuesday said combined operation by Afghan and foreign troops over the past several months "have greatly disrupted the enemy's ability to organize and act."

But fighting continues to escalate in Afghanistan, which is suffering its worst violence since late 2001, when U.S. and allied Afghan forces toppled the Taliban regime following the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Keanu Reeves (left) of "Matrix" fame, stars in "The Lake House" with Sandra Bullock. The two fall in love, despite living two years apart, and communicate via the apparently magical mailbox you see just behind them and to the right. Yeah... no worries, we're not buying it, either. Even if they heated up the screen in the 1994 blockbuster "Speed."

### IN THEATERS

#### GARFIELD: A TALE OF TWO KITTIES

Yikes. This tripe, set in the United Kingdom, is based on an implausible plot involving mistaken identity and Garfield masquerading over a castle. It makes me want to save my money and buy frozen lasagna instead. Not even Bill Murray, who voices the fat cat, can save this unfortunate sequel, which opens June 23. Jennifer Love Hewitt also stars. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

#### THE LAKE HOUSE

A doctor just finishing her residency (Sandra Bullock) moves into urban Chicago, leaving behind a gorgeous, unusual lakeside home. She leaves a letter to the next resident, an architect (Keanu Reeves) who is trying to escape his famous father's shadow and come into his own designs. The letter asks the new tenant to forward the doctor's mail and explains that the trail of paw prints by the front door were there when she got there. Reeves finds the home overgrown, and as he paints the front, a dog runs by and leaves wet paw prints exactly where the letter said they'd be. The two exchange letters through the house's mailbox, somehow never meeting, and somehow begin to fall in love. Though they are living two years apart. Then they agree to—hello!—meet each other. Weird, and kinda silly, but it's got two take-it-to-the-bank stars and the quasi-intellectual topic of time travel will expand the minds of all devoted "US Weekly" readers who want to see if the on-screen romance can lead to real-life sparks, or something like that. At Lexington Green, Regal, and Woodhill.

### NACHO LIBRE

Jack Black is a Latino priest and a wrestler. But, he's got a reason: just as he stole the hearts of the pre-pubescent crowd (not like *that*) in "School of Rock," he's saving an orphanage from imminent closure by moonlighting as a masked Mexican Randy Savage. Seeing if this one flops is like waiting for the Roman emperor to give the thumbs-down to the warrior asking about his downed opponent at the Colosseum. Black is teetering on the brink of disaster. But if it works, he'll look like a genius. With Jared Hess of "Napoleon Dynamite" fame directing, it's a coin flip. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

#### THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS 3: TOKYO DRIFT

Even Paul Walker didn't sign on for this one. Lucas Black (a That Guy from "Jarhead" — not Peter Saarsgard, but the other one), is the unfortunate main character in the third installment of the almost-popular series. Playing Sean Boswell, who is sent out of the country to live with his uncle in Tokyo and avoid a jail sentence, Black discovers the world of drift racing, which is street racing but with the added benefit of hairpin turns. After losing a race to the "Drift King," Boswell has to go underground for the Yakuza crime syndicate to pay his debt. Featuring Zachary Ty Bryan, the oldest kid from "Home Improvement" (by the way, what happened to Jonathan Taylor Thomas?), this should prove to be, if nothing else, an entertaining two-hour diversion from real life. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

### ON DVD

#### EIGHT BELOW

Jerry Shepherd (Paul Walker) is the leader of an Antarctic exploration crew forced to leave their sled dog team behind by brutal cold. The dogs and the humans all fend for survival; Walker and the dogs attempt to find each other again. Well, Mr. Walker, we've come a long way from the "I need NOS" days of the "Fast and the Furious," huh? This movie got shockingly good reviews (that was a joke, it's a feel-good story about huskies, for God's sake, the best-looking dogs ever) and is clean and wholesome family entertainment. Go rent it. Don't buy it until you've seen it, though; it's one of those that you watch once and then forget about. Jason Biggs also appears. He porked a pie once. Rated PG for scenes of people not having fun and brief mild language.

#### SYRIANA

In a slick (get it?) film about the oil industry and the money and people in it, Bob Barnes (George Clooney, who won Best Supporting Actor last year) plays what is turning into the most dangerous game on Earth, the battle for control of the world's crude supply. The film is tense and quick, with most scenes not lasting longer than a few minutes. Disregard the impulse to throw this movie to the floor because of Clooney's smug Oscar speech; it's a smart, tough look at the smart, tough business of oil. Do governments really step on their citizens to gain control of the industry? No, and the Pope isn't Catholic. Come on. Also features Chris Cooper, Matt Damon, and Amanda Peet. Rated R for violence, George Clooney's beard, and language.

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## IN OUR OPINION

### UK's hospital project essential for top-20 push

Big things are in store for UK's medical community.

On Monday administrators unveiled designs for UK's new \$450 million hospital, as well as plans for a new academic medical campus, which will move six medical colleges to a central location across South Limestone Street.

Scheduled to be completed in 2010, UK's new Albert B. Chandler Hospital will be replaced in a step-by-step process, according to a UK press release.

The hospital will be the cornerstone for a 20-year, \$2.5 billion plan to establish a medical campus on the south side of UK's campus that administrators hope will accelerate growth in research and health education, ultimately fueling plans for UK to become a top-20 public research institution by 2020, as mandated by the state legislature's House Bill 1 in 1997.

Ground has already been broken on a new hospital parking garage with 1,600 spaces — more than twice the number of spaces in the current garage, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

When the new garage is completed next year, the current garage will be torn down so that construction can begin on the new hospital. Dr. Jay Herrin, dean of the College of Medicine, told the Herald-Leader that UK's existing hospital is "not even anywhere near state-of-the-art."

Dr. Michael Karpf, UK's executive vice president for health affairs, also told the Herald-Leader, "Our competition is Vanderbilt, the Cleveland Clinic ... the Mayo Clinic."

"We need to be able to stand toe-to-toe with them in terms of facilities," Karpf said.

We agree. For UK to be able to

compete with nationally recognized medical facilities, it stands to reason that the current hospital is ill-equipped for that task.

UK expects to treat 24,700 patients this year, up from 19,086 in 2003. This increase in patients, as well as the constantly changing nature of medicine and advancements in health care technology, makes evident the need for a new facility.

We are also impressed with plans to revamp the entire academic medical campus at UK. Dr. Perman told the Herald-Leader UK is one of very few universities in the nation that houses medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy health sciences and public health colleges on one campus.

Having all of those students educated within a centralized medical campus will better prepare students for real-world challenges.

The first phase of the project will commence with the construction of a new College of Pharmacy building, which is scheduled to be completed late in 2009. The new building will double the current amount of classroom space and increase research space by 40 percent.

Kentucky currently faces a shortage of 400 pharmacists, said Kenneth B. Roberts, dean of UK's College of Pharmacy.

By providing more classroom space for future pharmacists and doctors to learn their crafts, as well as constructing a state-of-the-art hospital, UK will sow the seeds of medical benefits for future generations of Kentuckians to reap.

UK's new facilities should lure top researchers in medicine, then by paving the way for increased research dollars to fund UK's quest to become a top-20 public research institution.

### Trustees were right to approve 2006-07 budget

UK's Board of Trustees passed the proposed \$1.84 billion budget Tuesday with a 17-2 vote.

It should've been unanimous.

Two board members — faculty trustee Jeff Dembo, a professor in UK's College of Dentistry and a former president of the faculty's Senate Council, and staff trustee Russ Williams — spoke openly about their objections to the budget.

Dembo was concerned about UK's growth as a research institution that leaves its faculty and staff behind in lieu of contracts and grants, and Williams opposed the two-tiered pay raises for faculty and staff.

UK President Lee Todd defended the budget, and rightfully so. In

1997, the state legislature passed House Bill 1, which mandated that UK become a top-20 public research institution by 2020.

Todd has taken that gossamer ideal and turned it into a tangible goal. And, while we do not condone the dismissal of the university's liberal arts programs or undergrads, UK must focus on research because, put simply, that's where the money is.

And without merit- and incentive-based pay for faculty and staff members, UK would dole out more money for salaries and wages than it can afford.

The UK community must stand behind Todd and the budget. It's the only way to reach our top-20 goal in the next 14 years.

## Nation's real business can't be done with ineptitude in D.C.

The myopic fog has lifted from the national political scene, and my, is it ugly.

Although not evident at the time, the national election of 2004 was a shallow affair. Sure, there was a pretense of urgency, a dialogue about national security and the war on terrorism, bundled with a host of other problems facing American citizens.

But in looking at the state of the union today as compared with pre-election 2004, one cannot seriously contend Congress or President Bush have produced a single piece of legislation that will fundamentally change one major problem area of public policy for the better. Our elected officials have in essence said, "Let's not work toward finding a solution to a pressing political question or even undoing past mistakes, all is well in America."

Perpetual insurgency ensues in Iraq — and those who think the

demise of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi means the end of violent upheaval are delusional. The federal budget has amassed record deficits, with only more fiscal irresponsibility on the horizon. Americans continue to tolerate an immigration system that at once makes a mockery of national security measures and the rule of law while also managing to foster resentment toward individuals who provide cheap labor and thus allow the economy to function more efficiently. And Congress postures as if it cares about ethical governance and then its members sit idly by hoping to retain the perks of the job while somehow not becoming the next Tom DeLay or William Jefferson.

The claim would sound alarmist were it not true, but American governance truly has reached an abominable level of decadence. Statesmanship has yielded to sophistry, and reason has fallen to rhetoric.

Americans realize something has gone awry as the conservatism on the latest polls show. According to realclearpolitics.com, President Bush's approval rating stands at a tepid 36.4 percent, with Congress' approval rating standing at a frigid 26.8 percent.

Although public opinion is mal-

leable, a voter reprisal at the midterm elections this November seems imminent. The origins of such discontent may continually mystify all who study it, but what it means for the U.S. political system, at least electorally, is fairly easy to predict, given the lack of options countenanced by voters.

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But what of the Democrats? They experienced a coup de grace themselves a mere 12 years ago, yet have done little to polish the machinery so that it once again has an attractive sheen. Will Democrats enjoy an incremental increase in political power because they've inspired the American people, or are they merely going to enjoy lesser-of-the-two-evils status by merit of treading in place?

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TONY FISHER, CONTRIBUTING CARTOONIST

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Builders of the nation spoke many languages

"Inglés es la lengua nacional." That is how you say "English is the national language" in Spanish, and 28 million Americans say it like that at home.

For those of you into ratios, that translates to more than one in 10 Americans who speak Spanish at home, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Web site.

Those 28 million Americans are apparently causing a really big controversy. What is this controversy?

Well, after reading Megan Vazmina's column in the June 8 Kernel, it came to my attention that the controversy is that because of those 28 million Americans, there are product labels, signs in public places and even ATMs that not only use English, but Spanish as well. Gasp!

Don't worry. There are people like Vazmina who are working tirelessly to make sure that all other languages are eradicated from any public use in this country. After all, it is harmful to our national identity and national unity each time someone reads a sign not written in English or — God forbid — actually uses such a language.

Interestingly enough, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 47 million U.S. residents (that's one in five people) speak a language other than English at home. That is quite a large number of people. In fact, that's more people than live in the entire nation of Spain (a nation not so unified, although it has a unified national language).

Why do so many speak a language other than English in America? Well, probably because many Americans have immigrated to this nation from others where English was not the first language learned.

Actually, this nation was founded by people not from this land — immigrants, if you will. Some argue the Chinese discovered America.

Some say the Welsh did. But we all (should) know that Juan Ponce de Leon visited the site that would become the first European settlement in 1513, well before the English ever arrived at Plymouth Rock.

That's right; the first American settlement was settled by the Spanish in 1565 in St. Augustine, Fla. So anyone with any notion that America is an English nation may want to remember not only those who got here first, but also those who came and helped build this nation: the Germans, French, Spanish, Africans and, yes, the Mexicans.

MICHAEL LEMASTER  
UK Class of 2006

### Castration will cure repeat sex offenders

Many of you are aware of the man from Tennessee murdering the Clemson University student recently. He stopped in a county here in Alabama and attempted to rape a woman not far from me.

It's my understanding that this man was convicted in Florida of rape and kidnapping, then was paroled to Tennessee.

I have heard of judges in the past making castration a condition if someone convicted of a sex crime wanted to be paroled.

I recommend that each state in the United States and each country around the world have your leaders pass this law.

If you've been convicted of a sex crime, you must agree to be physically castrated before you can be paroled. Additionally, the offender must also agree to be monitored and attend classes for seven and a half years.

This castration will help set the sex offenders who have a conscience free from his or her mental torture.

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Albertville, Ala.



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## Winged Foot ready to kick back

### Course designed to humble golfers

By Thomas Bonk  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Last week at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, N.J., soon after Mark Brooks had made it through qualifying to earn the right to play in the U.S. Open, he wore a strange grin. "I just got my ticket to hell," he said.

Asbestos, anyone? Throw open the gates and welcome to hell, or something close to it, which is what Winged Foot Golf Club might turn out to be this week at the 106th U.S. Open.

This is one place that has clearly defined internal qualities, especially pertaining to golf.

Billy Mayfair finished his practice round Wednesday and nearly sprinted out of the locker room, probably because he was so relieved that he was able to leave without any noticeable sulfur burns.

Winged Foot isn't ridiculously long — it's 7,264 yards — but there are parts of it where it's pretty tough to measure the pain.

How about a 243-yard par three? Or a 514-yard par four?

Can you imagine rough that's 5 1/2 inches high?

Looking forward to the 640-yard 12th hole?

And nobody has even talked about the greens yet. The USGA, the organization responsible for setting up the course for the Open, intends to maintain the speed of the putting surfaces at a consistent level of 12 on the Stimpmeter that's used to measure quickness.

To put that number into perspective, it's also the speed limit on the nearby Hutchinson River Parkway.

It's obvious that there are problems wherever you look at Winged Foot.

The ninth hole that meanders back toward the old stone clubhouse is 514 yards, and it's a par four. There's a huge bunker at the right front of the green, but it's deceiving because the green is actually about 30 yards beyond. The putting surface has so many contours, dips, swales and rises, they may have a problem finding a flat place to put the flagstick.

The sixth hole is only 321 yards and Tiger Woods said he might try to drive it, depending on the pin position and whether it's playing downwind. He said he will either hit a driver, a three-iron or a four-iron. It's supposed to be one of the rare birdie holes, so there's added

pressure if you miss your chance.

One place that is virtually certain to make everyone queasy is the par-three third hole. For three rounds, it's going to be played at 216 yards, but one round, it's going to be stretched to 243 yards. This is the hole that was 216 yards when Billy Casper laid up all four rounds in the 1959 U.S. Open, made par every time and wound up beating Bob Rosburg by one shot.

If you miss the green at the third, you're either in bunkers or that blasted rough, the grass that has every body's attention.

The USGA made an announcement Wednesday that the rough is going to be kept at 3 1/2 inches and 5 1/2 inches, so the players will have the same conditions every round. Another reason is so no one will get lost in the tall grass.

However, there's a chance that some players will lose their balls in the rough, and a very good chance that some players will hit the wrong ball out of the rough. Jay Haas said he's going to mark his ball differently, maybe drawing a circle around the ball. Haas figures that's the best way to identify the ball when it's stuck way down in the gnarly green stuff.

Every player is at least a little concerned, including Phil Mickelson, and he has won the last two majors.

Mickelson said that Winged Foot is meant to be played under pristine conditions: zero wind and warm temperatures. If that doesn't happen, he said the course will be close to unplayable — the greens too fast, the rough too thick, the fairways too tight.

If the wind blows, better seek shelter immediately, Mickelson said.

"(No one) will sniff par," he said.

That would make the USGA very happy, of course. The handsome buffet spread in the clubhouse, for the dining pleasure of Winged Foot's members and guests, will go on regardless of what happens to par. But in the old-fashioned locker room, the slamming of doors coming from the rows of ancient metal lockers will rattle off the dark wooden beams and heavy glass windows.

Chances are it's not going to be much of a fun week for the players, but at least no one has to face it alone. At Winged Foot, misery loves company.

#### THE FIELD



PHOTO COURTESY OF UK ATHLETICS  
John "J.B." Holmes starred at UK for four seasons before turning pro last year. He tees off in his first U.S. Open as a professional today at 1:14 on No. 10 at Winged Foot.

#### The field at glance

- Of the 156 players in the U.S. Open, one has special ties to UK. John "J.B." Holmes, an All-American while at UK, makes his second trip to the U.S. Open, but his first as a professional. As an amateur in 2003, he carded a second-round 69 at Olympia Fields but just missed the cut. He tees off at 1:14 p.m. today alongside Australian Scott Hend and Colombian Camillo Villegas.
- The reigning Masters champ, Phil Mickelson, looks to capture his third straight major and move closer to completing the "MickelSlam."
- At 15, Tadd Fujikawa of Hawaii is the youngest in the field.
- Andrew Svoboda, one of the 77 players to make the field through qualifying, has won the Winged Foot club championship four times.

#### The Open on TV

**TODAY**  
ESPN, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.  
NBC, 3 - 5 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
ESPN, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.  
NBC, 3 - 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
NBC, 12:30 - 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
NBC, 12:30 - 7 p.m.

#### Winged Foot By the Numbers

**514** The yardage of the ninth hole, making it the longest par-four in U.S. Open history

**7,246** The course's total yardage, a new record for a U.S. Open.

**8** The total number of rounds under par during the 1974 U.S. Open at Winged Foot

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### ESPN picks up UK-Louisville

UK's football team will begin its season on a Sunday for the fifth straight year, as ESPN will broadcast the Cats' trip to Louisville Sept. 3. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

In the 13 years since the in-state rivalry resumed in 1994, the Cats and the Cards have been on national television nine times. ESPN or ESPN2 has carried the game six times, including the last five years.

Last season, UofL turned back a UK rally to win 31-24 in Commonwealth Stadium.

### Strieby earns more honors

UK first baseman Ryan Strieby made his fourth All-American team, as Baseball America announced its list this week.

Strieby, a Brier, Wash. native, was the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year after leading Kentucky to its first league championship in school history. He led the team in batting with a .343 average while blasting 20 home runs and driving in a school-record 77.

Strieby led the SEC in doubles (22), RBIs, slugging percentage (.704) and on-base percentage (.473).

Along with the award from Baseball America and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, he has also earned All-America honors from Louisville Slugger and the College Baseball Foundation. He was a fourth round pick of the Detroit Tigers in last week's Major League Baseball draft.

### U.S. soccer changes lineup

U.S. national soccer team coach Bruce Arena said Tuesday that he would make changes to the starting lineup for Saturday's World Cup match against Italy. After a 3-0 loss to the Czech Republic in Monday's opener, the U.S. squad is in an almost must-win situation.

Arena's comments suggested midfielder DaMarcus Beasley will be on the bench this weekend.

Arena said he hopes Beasley realizes he did not perform well.

"If he's any kind of player and man, he understands it," he said. "If he doesn't, he's not going to be able to help us in Games 2 or 3, either."

The United States takes on Italy at 3 p.m. Saturday. The game will be broadcast on ABC.

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