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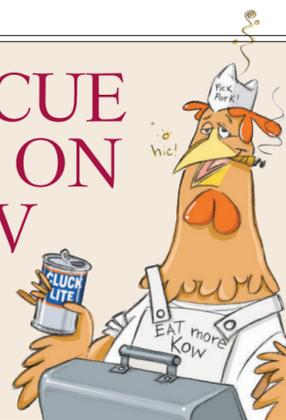


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**MINORITY RECRUITMENT**

**UK hopes students forgive gaffe**

SCHOOL TRIES TO OVERCOME COMMENTS AND ITS IMAGE

By Art Jester

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago, Deja Hall wondered in dismay if the University of Kentucky would ever reach out to her.

She had never even gotten a postcard from UK in three years of high school, and was thinking about going to the University of Louisville.

But during a campus recruiting event for black students last week, she learned that UK offers the academic programs she wants to prepare for a career in accounting and law. Admissions staff answered her questions, and one even called Hall two days later to follow up.

When UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. spoke to the students, Hall began to change her mind.

"If he hadn't spoken, I probably wouldn't be as interested in them," she said. "He was sincere, and he told us why UK is a good school."

Thus, in a week's time, a black high school senior who had doubts about UK started to be won over. Her eventual choice of a college could indicate whether UK is overcoming one of its biggest embarrassments in recent memory — and a long-held perception that the campus is inhospitable to blacks.

UK has acknowledged that some of its top officials really messed up last month when they said a 40 percent drop in black freshmen this fall

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PABLO ALCALÁ | STAFF

Crystal Leach, left, and Tonisha Broadus, seniors at Bryan Station High in Lexington, attended when a University of Louisville recruiter visited the school.

**WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACK**



**HORSE TRAINER NOW MUST TRAIN HIMSELF**

It's up to this track worker to make his new arm work



PHOTOS BY DAVID STEPHENSON | STAFF

Clyde Bramble assessed his new arm at Lexington's Kenney Orthopedics in August. Chris Lockett, left, and Tom McIntosh helped fit the prosthesis.

**ABOUT THIS REPORT**

In January, the Herald-Leader published a four-part series, "Wrong Side of the Track," which exposed the lack of workers' compensation coverage for many of Kentucky racing's poorest participants.

Backside workers such as exercise riders, grooms and hot walkers are some of the least-protected in the industry when it comes to workplace injuries, which are often serious.

A loophole in state law allows trainers to avoid paying for workers' comp; only about a third of Kentucky's trainers reported carrying insurance before the series ran.

Clyde Bramble, who lost his arm after a riding accident at Turfway Park in 2004, was profiled in that series as one of many overlooked casualties of Kentucky's signature industry.

By Janet Patton

HERALD-LEADER BUSINESS WRITER

When Clyde Bramble lost his right arm in a gruesome racetrack accident in March 2004, about the last thing he worried about was how to open a can of soup.

But that was one of the first things doctors made him do at the hospital. And they made him do it over and over.

"It's easy to get frustrated with things like paperwork, buttering bread, reading books," Bramble said.

Without his hand, he said, it felt "like I lost my best friend — I had it for 58 years."

So he learned to be patient. To go slow, to put down the Bible or the racing form, and turn one page at a time.

Like dozens of other racetrack workers injured every year, he also learned he had no workers' compensation coverage for his mounting medical bills.

**On the web**

With this article on [www.kentucky.com](http://www.kentucky.com), read the "Wrong Side of the Track" series and view additional pictures that captured workers' stories.

**What's being done now**  
Legislators discuss need for track workers' protection.  
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Now, congressional hearings are throwing a powerful spotlight on the problem. The public attention could lead to federal legislation providing coverage for all racetrack workers.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, racing regulators and racetrack officials also have promised improvements.

The actions come too late for Clyde Bramble and other casualties of racing.

But he got a break most of them didn't: an offer of help.

After the Herald-Leader profiled Bramble in its "Wrong Side of the Track" series in January, John "Mo" Kenney, a Lexington prosthetist, went to his partners with a goal: We can help this guy.

In another life, Mo Kenney might be an architect, or an engineer, or a mechanic.

But instead of fixing things, he spends his life

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**Would you pay \$20 for an ice cube tray?**

The Pentagon does, though a year earlier, it bought them for 85 cents

By Lauren Markoe and Seth Borenstein

KNIGHT RIDDER WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon paid \$20 apiece for plastic ice cube trays that once cost it 85 cents. It paid a supplier more than \$81 apiece for

coffeemakers that it bought for years for just \$29 from the manufacturer.

That's because instead of getting competitive bids or buying directly from manufacturers like it used to, the Pentagon is using middlemen who

set their own prices. It's the equivalent of shopping for weekly groceries at a convenience store. And it's costing taxpayers 20 percent more than the old system, a Knight Ridder investigation found.

The higher prices are the result of a Defense Department purchasing program called prime vendor, which favors a handful of firms. Run by the Defense Logistics Agency, the program is based on a military procurement strategy to speed

supplies such as bananas and bolts to troops in the field.

Military bases still have the option of getting competitive bids, but the Pentagon has encouraged them to use the prime vendor system. At the DLA's main purchasing center in Philadelphia, prime vendor sales increased from \$2.3 billion in 2002 to \$7.4 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

The Defense Department touts the program as one of its

"best practices" and credits it with timely deliveries that have eliminated the need for expensive inventories and warehousing. For purchases under the food prime-vendor program alone, the DLA claimed a savings of \$250 million in five years. But those savings would have happened even without turning to the prime vendor program, competing suppliers say.

Knight Ridder chose to expose — See **PENTAGON, A13**

**To our readers**

If you want to know what's on TV this week, hang on to the TV Book in today's Herald-Leader.

Paper and ink are two of the biggest expenses in publishing the newspaper. In an effort to reduce some of that cost, the Herald-Leader will no longer publish the daily prime-time TV listings that normally appear in the paper each day.

Those listings will continue to be available in the TV Book that is published every Sunday.

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