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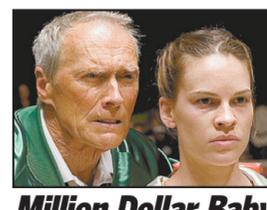
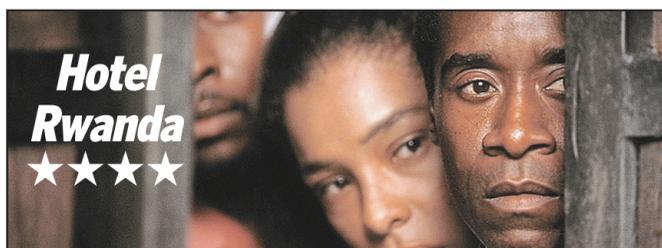
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## OSCAR MOVIES COME TO TOWN

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### WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACK

## LAUNCHING A NEW LIFE



DAVID STEPHENSON | STAFF

Shawn Autry learned about computers at Lexington Community College; he now works at EDS in Winchester.

### Workers' comp equips injured backsider to succeed

By Janet Patton

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

Shawn Autry's life is divided in two: all that came before 9 a.m. April 21, 1994, and all that came after.

That morning, he was breezing, lighthearted, on the track at the thoroughbred training center on Paris Pike when the filly he was riding snapped her left front leg.

The horse's trainer, Mark Rimer, watched as Autry, an exercise rider, was "sling-shotted" to the dirt.

When Autry regained consciousness moments later, his first instinct was to get up and dust himself off.

He couldn't.

As the injured filly thrashed beside Autry, the track's outrider — a sort of safety monitor and traffic cop — said, "Oh, my God, oh my God, don't die." Autry thought, "Damn, I hope I don't die."

His sixth thoracic vertebra was broken, his spinal cord damaged.

Like far too many people who work on the backside of Kentucky's racetracks, he would be permanently disabled by this work-related injury.

Unlike a lot of them, he would be given a reasonable chance to rebuild his life.

Over the next several years, as he adjusted to life in a wheelchair, went

back to school and took a job working with computers, Autry made good use of thousands of dollars in workers' compensation benefits — benefits that many freelance workers on the backside never receive.

Autry's story shows just how important those benefits are. And it suggests that Kentucky, which does not require trainers to provide workers' comp in many cases, is losing chances to help reclaim lives after devastating injuries.

Autry started riding at 5, on a

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## COMING NEXT

How can Kentucky fix its support system to help backsiders?

Sunday

## 'YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE'

She broke her back; fortunately, she had her own insurance.

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## Some trainers insure, others get by

By Janet Patton

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

Requiring every trainer to carry workers' compensation in Kentucky would drive hundreds of small stables out of business, some horsemen say.

The cost of that coverage, generally at least \$1,000 per year per worker, tempts many to try to get away without it — especially since regulators don't check very aggressively. The

Kentucky Horse Racing Authority doesn't, and the state Office of Workers' Claims, which oversees workers' comp, investigates only after complaints.

"Essentially, people are breaking the law," said John Ward, a Kentucky Derby-winning trainer who also owns a Lexington horse farm. "My feeling is, they shouldn't be allowed on the racetrack unless they have proof that

they have workman's comp."

In 2003, only about a third of the 1,425 trainers who were licensed in Kentucky indicated they had workers' compensation coverage. Even fewer, about 235, had proof of coverage on file with racing regulators.

Of the two-thirds who apparently are without coverage, most — about

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## Bid to end water fight brings veto

Mayor rejects resolution to halt condemnation

### OVERRIDE BY COUNCIL NOT CERTAIN

By Michelle Ku and Andy Mead

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Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac vetoed the Urban County Council's condemnation-ending resolution yesterday, extending the city's condemnation of Kentucky American Water — at least for now.

Her decision puts the ball in the Urban County Council's court, and into the hands of Councilman Jacques Wigginton, who wields what could be the key vote that determines whether the controversial 18-month condemnation case lives or dies.

Isaac's veto announcement

## Veto fallout

Isaac explains her decision ... and what happens now. **Page A10**

yesterday didn't come at a news conference.

Instead, the city sent out an advisory about the mayor's decision and referred the media to the city's Web site, where the veto statement was posted.

Isaac was not available for comment.

Wigginton, however, has had plenty to say — but not how he will vote on the veto.

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## Sex allegedly used to break detainees

### TACTICS OF FEMALE INTERROGATORS AT CUBA BASE DESCRIBED

By Paisley Dodds

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Female interrogators tried to break Muslim detainees at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay by sexual touching, wearing a miniskirt and thong underwear and in one case smearing a Saudi man's face with fake menstrual blood, according to an insider's written

account.

A draft manuscript obtained by The Associated Press is classified as secret pending a Pentagon review for a planned book that details ways the U.S. military used women as part of tougher physical and psychological interrogation tactics to get terror suspects to talk.

It's the most revealing account so far of interrogations at the secretive detention camp, where officials say they have halted some controversial techniques.

"I have really struggled with

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## Social Security debate may herald a new era

By Steven Thomma

KNIGHT RIDDER WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — When he delivers his State of the Union address Wednesday night to Congress and the country, President Bush will call for a radical change in Social Security that ultimately could reshape the relationship Americans have with their government.

Bush would change not only the way this country safeguards its elderly — letting Americans

take more risk with their tax dollars — he also would roll back the role of government in American life.

If the president's Social Security plan becomes law, over time it could usher in a new conservative age, one in which Americans would look to themselves and their communities rather than the federal government to provide the financial safety net that prevents people

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