

What's Happening @ UofL  
Week of Feb. 3 - 9

**NEWS**

**Teach-in to focus on global warming**

To help people understand how global warming affects us all, UofL will participate in a national global warming teach-in on Thursday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than a dozen environmental experts will speak and various departments at UofL will offer lectures, workshops and a tour of the university's steam and chilled-water plant. To see all local events, go to [www.partnershipforagreencity.org](http://www.partnershipforagreencity.org) or contact Elizabeth Haywood at 502-541-2793 or [eahayw01@louisville.edu/](mailto:eahayw01@louisville.edu)

**Bike and walk organized to promote teach-in**

Organizers of Thursday's global warming teach-in also are inviting faculty, staff and the public to join in a half-mile bike ride and walk tomorrow on UofL's Belknap Campus. The goal is to round up 350 cyclists or walkers for the event, said faculty member Russ Barnett. Scientists have reported that the amount of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere must drop from 384 parts per million to 350 parts per million to begin reversing global warming, he said. The bike and walk will begin at The Thinker in front of Grawemeyer Hall at 11 a.m. Contact Russ Barnett, 502-852-1851 or [r.barnett@louisville.edu](mailto:r.barnett@louisville.edu)

**Local students to get free dental care Friday**

Tough economic times mean more elementary and middle school students are taking advantage of free dental care through the Smile Kentucky! program. Over 300 children from Jefferson and surrounding counties will visit the UofL School of Dentistry Friday Feb. 6 for oral treatment. For more information contact Julie Heflin at 502-852-7987 or [julie.heflin@louisville.edu](mailto:julie.heflin@louisville.edu). Read the complete story at <http://php.louisville.edu/news/news.php?news=1329>

**UPDATE ON FEDERAL INVESTIGATION**

There are no updates on the federal investigation this week.

**ASK THE EXPERTS**

**Can Pollution Cause Diabetes?**

According to UofL Environmental Cardiology researcher Aruni Bhatnagar, environmental pollutants may be one factor behind the diabetes epidemic. His editorial, published today in the journal *Circulation*, cites mounting evidence pointing to a relationship between pollution and metabolic disorders.

- Aruni Bhatnagar, Environmental Cardiology researcher, 852-5966, [aruni.bhatnagar@louisville.edu](mailto:aruni.bhatnagar@louisville.edu)

**Student perspective on higher education funding**

Public universities across Kentucky are expected to feel the pinch from proposed budget cuts due to the financial crisis. Learn what UofL students are saying about the crisis and how it might affect them.

- Student Government Association President Rudy Spencer, 502-852-8325, [sgapres@louisville.edu](mailto:sgapres@louisville.edu)

### **Salmonella contamination**

The current outbreak of salmonella associated with peanut butter has the public asking how officials investigate food-borne illnesses and what people can do to stay safe.

- Former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigator W. Paul McKinney, professor and associate dean, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, 502-852-3019, [mckinney@louisville.edu](mailto:mckinney@louisville.edu)

### **Valentine's Day**

There's more to Valentine's Day than hearts, flowers and cards. Social psychologists and spouses Michael Cunningham and Anita Barbee can discuss what physical attributes and behaviors attract people to each other and why friendships matter as well as romantic relationships. And once people find romance, how do they maintain it over time while dealing with stress at work or home?

- Anita Barbee, social work professor, cell 502-553-4575 or home 502-245-1861
- Michael Cunningham, communication professor, office 502-852-5953, home 502-245-1861 or cell 502-299-1863

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb. 4-8: A production of UofL's African American Theatre Program, "Abe Lincoln and Uncle Tom in the White House." All performances at The Playhouse. More information available at <http://louisville.edu/a-s/ta/>

Feb. 5: "Balanced Growth," Urban Design Studio's Sustainable City Series with panelists Steven Kopelman, Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance, and Richard Bernhardt, Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Planning Department, 6 p.m., Glassworks, 815 W. Market St. Free, but reservations required by Feb. 4 to <http://uds.louisville.edu>

Feb. 5-6: Axton Reading Series featuring Scott Russell Sanders, Indiana University distinguished professor of English and author of more than 20 books. Sanders will read from his works at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in Bingham Poetry Room, Ekstrom Library, and will lead a master class at 10 a.m. Feb. 6 in Room 300, Bingham Humanities Building.

Feb. 7: Skies Over Louisville at the Ghens Science Hall and Rauch Planetarium, 9 p.m. The program is for all ages and teaches beginner stargazers how to navigate the night sky. All guests will receive a star map and assistance on how to use it. Cost is \$5 for kids, \$7 for adults.