



Points East

By:
Ike Adams

Kentucky is losing one of its genuine treasures as far as I'm concerned. It's been a bad day all day—seems like nothing but bad news—and I'm depressed for a bunch of reasons that I'd rather not talk about. But the editors don't pay me for sending in blank paper even though most politicians would pay double what I earn from the press if I'd keep my mouth shut.

What we are losing though, and I mean all of us who read the *Lexington Herald Leader*, is a man that I consider to be the best writer in the state. Not just the best journalist: Chuck Culpepper is the most talented writer breathing Kentucky air. On the national scene, I have him in the same league as Dave Barry and Ellen Goodman, the only other writers who consistently make me glad I picked up the paper and who, like Chuck, generally leave me grinning and in awe of their sheer wit and insight.

If you don't know Chuck Culpepper, he has been a sports columnist at the *Lexington paper* for the last nine years. When he first came to Kentucky I was traveling a lot around the country for weeks at a time earning frequent flyer miles and taking advantage of my VIP status at Holiday Inns if I didn't accomplish anything else. Within weeks of Chuck's debut on the sports page, it became common knowledge that there would be much to pay if every issue of the paper was stashed somewhere until I returned.

I know that most of you ferriners are thinking to yourselves, "Talented sports writer?" Isn't that an oxymo-

ron?"

And ordinarily I'd agree, but if you don't believe me, call anybody in Portland, Oregon in 30 days and ask them. That's where Chuck is off to and where I am already trying to negotiate a subscription to the *Oregonian* whose pages Chuck is soon to grace.

For decades I believe that sports columns were actually guys who had spent a lot of time calling in to the radio talk shows where you can lam-

bast coaches and players and prove to the world that you are both arrogant and less intelligent than the average torpin trying to cross an interstate. You too, can reach that conclusion by tuning into one of the radio shows during Kentucky's basketball or football seasons and then reading the Louisville or Lexington paper the next day. These beings can speak English, but I'm still not convinced that they are human life forms. If they can also type, they get hired on as sports columnists.

Chuck Culpepper separates himself from the norm by not being so full of himself that there's room for nothing else. How about humble sports' columnist? You know that's an oxymoron if you haven't read Chuck.

For some reason I can't think of a single one liner from one of Chuck's columns even though that was his trademark and I have been known to make 15 dollars worth of long distance calls on a Sunday morning to relay them to friends in other states.

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Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



Love

The scene I just witnessed on T.V. confirms my belief in. Love comes under all disguises. It covers faults, and magnifies positives. It is blind, yet sees all. Love is not for the rich or poor or for one country only. It disregards color or origin of birth. It can overwhelm our emotions or reasoning. It shows us in unexpected places. And involves innocent people with its power of decision making in times of stress. It can be related to hate in that it cannot control actions, therefore

causing problems not intended to be the result of an act of love. This has been a perfect example of the frailty of the human heart to understand the complications of love.

One little boy, (whom the whole world would be willing to adopt) from a foreign land whose communistic beliefs are contrary to those of democracy, is hostage to the love of people from both nations. His plight has aroused emotions, pro and con, around the world.

To begin with, this story of love and dissection amongst a family professing great love for family ties, began in Cuba, an island off the coast of Florida well known for its leader and Dictator, Fidel Castro. Who is rightly despised by those who have escaped his dominance and use every means in their power to frustrate and oppose him. Their defiance of him seems to be in holding Elian and making him a legal citizen in the U.S.A. This is where love and hate become mixed up. For love of Elian and hate for Castro the little boy has become a pawn.

The U.S.A. has been accepting refugees from Cuba, many of whom were shipped in illegally, for years and made them legal citizens, giving them the rights to everything democ-

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