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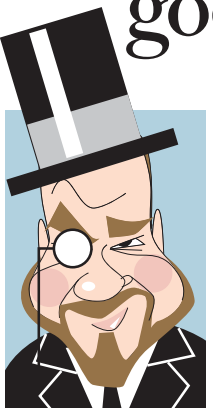
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THE SOCIAL SEEN

Training our eye on Kentuckians out and about

Debutantes enter society; the crowd goes mild



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When most people go to the Rupp Arena complex, they go to root for their beloved Blue and White. But

on a recent Friday, a much more subdued crowd gathered to see the blues *in white*.

The 2008 debutantes were presented at the 46th Blue Grass Charity Ball. It certainly was a night to remember, especially for the 19 young women making their debuts into society.

The Lexington Convention Center's Bluegrass Ball Room was the stage for this elaborate affair of at least 300 members of influential families in Lexington and the surrounding area. All were there to see their precious ones formally introduced into their circle of friends, their sphere: society.

"A lovely evening," said Jennifer Waller, president of the Blue Grass Charity Ball Inc., the non-profit organization and driving force behind this event.

The charity ball group was spawned from the Lexington Symphony Women's League, which started the Lexington debutante ball in 1961.

Debutante balls go back centuries, but they became prominent during the Gilded Age, when the Vanderbilts, Astors and other industrial barons were trying to snag suitable husbands — a king, a prince, a duke or a count — for their daughters. It worked. The rules for these events were cast then and are still being followed today.

The Vanderbilts and Astors threw individual balls for their daughters. Today, it's a group effort and all done for charity. The select families and friends invited to this ball paid dearly for the privilege of seeing these young women make their debuts. Money from the event goes to non-profit charities including Baby Health Services, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, Central Ken-

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ANGELA BALDRIDGE

Debutante Marion Christie Rose danced with her escort, Tyler Moody, at the Charity Ball.

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Shawn Colvin adds her voice to area's lineup of winter treats

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Two young adult male elephants practiced sparring at the Amboseli Game Reserve in Kenya, with Mount Kilimanjaro in the background. Amboseli is one of three national parks surrounding Africa's highest peak. Kilimanjaro has three volcanic cones.

TRAVEL

WORLDWIDE WISH LIST '08

A veteran traveler picks 10 places she'd love to visit

By Patti Nickell

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Here it is, 2008, another chance to be anything we want to be, do anything we want to do and go anywhere we want to go. My profession, travel photojournalist, has given me some experience in going places.

Over the years, I have crossed a number of "to-do's" off my travel list. I've dived Australia's Great Barrier Reef and climbed the Great Wall of China, swum with dolphins in Honduras and frolicked with sea lions in the Galápagos Islands. I've seen Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and Machu Picchu in Peru on misty mornings, and the Acropolis in Athens and the Mayan ruins at Tulum bathed in sunlight. I've entered the city of Petra in Jordan on horseback, and the great forests of northern Quebec in a dogsled. I've traveled around Cape Horn, through the Panama Canal and over the European Alps.

Yet there's still a lot of world out there that I haven't seen. So in the spirit of the new year, here is my top 10 travel wish list. Take some inspiration from it — and maybe we'll run into each other in one of these fabulous places.



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10. The Kaiser Permanente float "Aloha Festival" moved down Colorado Boulevard in the Rose Parade on Tuesday in Pasadena, Calif.

10. Tournament of Roses Parade, Pasadena, Calif.

All my life, no matter how rigorous my New Year's Eve celebrating, I was up and in front of my TV for this parade. I can never get enough of the 50-foot

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6 The Sphinx is one reason to travel to Egypt. There also are the Great Pyramid of Cheops, the Valley of the Kings and Queens, and the Sun Temple.



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4 Icelandic ponies are one way to see the sights in Iceland. The good-natured ponies carry tourists to lava fields, geysers and glacial lagoons.