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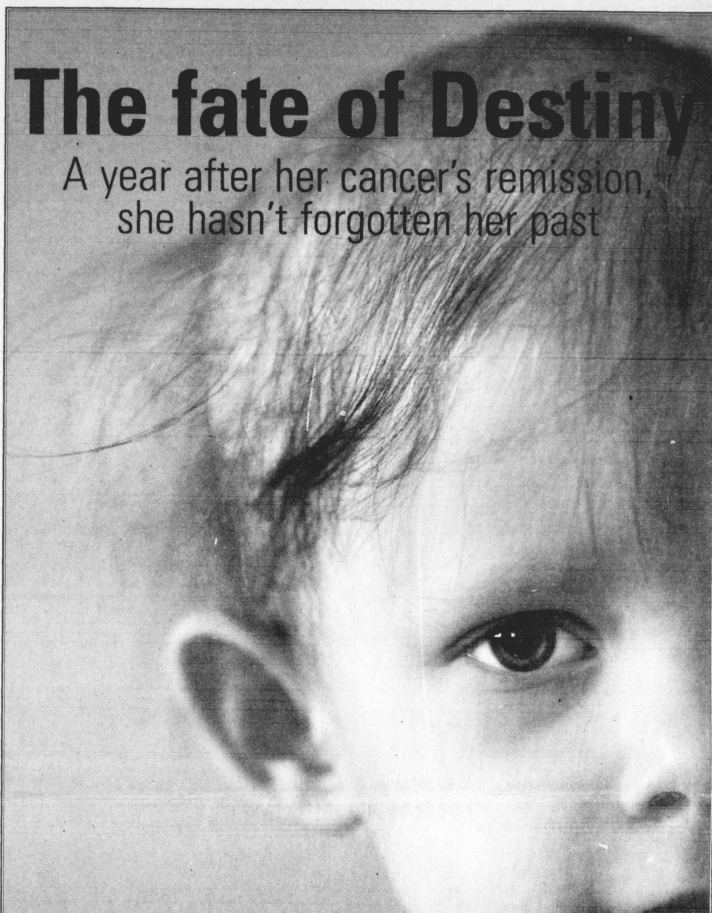
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The fate of Destiny

A year after her cancer's remission, she hasn't forgotten her past



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With one finger wrapped in her straight, brown hair, she points with her other hand across a grassy field to an inflated slide. "Mommy, I want to go over there."

Full of energy, Destiny Ross can't find enough to do. Mom and Granny try to keep up, arms loaded with free toys, including a firefighter's helmet and pink sunglasses that Destiny picked out from a basket earlier.

Neither give the slightest mention of "No" or "Slow down." They're both just happy that Destiny is able to be at the picnic.

To Destiny, it is about the games, toys and being around her friends. But to her family, it is bigger than that.

Today is the Pediatric Cancer Survivors Picnic. And today they are celebrating her cancer's remission.

Destiny was diagnosed with stage IV neuroblastoma, a nerve cancer commonly found in children under 5, on Sept. 21, 2006.

Two years later, she is finally establishing the life she had before her cancer. She has returned to school and loves art class. She plays with her cat and loves going to her granny's house. Destiny never became discouraged throughout the entire process of fighting off cancer. But the fight was difficult.

Destiny is one of many. More than 4,000 children were treated through Ken-

tucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology-Oncology department last year. Three-hundred eighty of those patients were admitted to inpatient care. While Destiny's story has been a success, not all are so lucky.

A few months before Destiny's diagnosis, Regina Ross noticed a difference in Destiny. The talkative, hyper 4-year-old loved to dance, sing and watch television. When she stopped bouncing around the house and became tired all the time, it was clear to her mom and dad, James Ross, that something was wrong.

The family found themselves in the waiting room of their physician's practice. Visit after visit, everyone was still at a loss for a solution to Destiny's sickness. Several months of doctor's appointments came without a diagnosis, and they were directed to Kentucky Children's Hospital.

A few tests and scans later, the reports came back. Destiny had cancer. The type of cancer was neuroblastoma, and they were catching it late. Stage IV is at the point that the cancer has already

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Students fast to get taste of Ramadan

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Non-Muslim students may get a new perspective on Ramadan with an all-day fast Thursday.

At least 300 students will be taking part in the Fast-A-Thon fundraising event Thursday, said Aun Munis, president of the Muslim Student Association. The MSA, which is sponsoring the event, will donate the money raised to the Catholic Action Center.

During the Fast-A-Thon, both Muslim and non-Muslim participants will fast from sunrise to sunset. The event features a fast because during Ramadan, the Islamic holy month, Muslims traditionally fast while the sun is up, Munis said.

Fast will be broken with a free dinner for participants at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Ramadan, which began Sept. 1 this year, is considered the holiest month of the Islamic calendar because it is the month in which the Quran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. Ramadan, a lunar month, will end around Sept. 30, depending on the cycles of the moon.

Fasting can help connect people to their faith and to the community, Munis said.

"Fasting is not only a spiritual experience," Munis said. "It's also to help people understand how it feels for those who go hungry all of the time in our own city."

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Speaker: Americans must guard free speech

By Laura Edelen
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Government secrecy after 9/11 has hurt national security interests, according to the keynote speaker delivering the State of the First Amendment address Tuesday night.

"Secrecy and security are not synonymous," said Jane Kirtley, director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Minnesota. "They actually undermine one another."



Kirtley

Kirtley delivered the address in the W.T. Young Library Auditorium Tuesday night as part of the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center's annual First Amendment Celebration, which will continue Wednesday.

During her speech, Kirtley said U.S.

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New health building offers more space, services

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Students returning to the University Health Services for the first time this semester will find changes, including a bigger space at a new location and a new service for students.

At the UHS's new facility at 830 S. Limestone, students now have access to a health and wellness center that has health advisers, dietitians and a student health insurance coordinator.

"We've always had the educators," said Associate Director of

UHS Karen Clancy. "But we didn't have a place to pull them all together. It's an exciting opportunity for students."

UHS moved its facilities in mid-July from the Kentucky Clinic on South Limestone to their own building next door. The new four-floor building has more than three times the space of the old facility, Clancy said.

The first floor will soon have a nurses clinic. It is currently on the third floor but will be moved to the first to offer quicker service for patients. The second floor has primary and women's care, and the fourth is

the behavioral clinic as well as the health and wellness center. UK HealthCare will occupy some of the building, too.

The new building has more space, which means more exam rooms and more privacy, Clancy said.

As with the old UHS site, which was on the first floor of the Kentucky Clinic, the new facility houses primary care, gynecology, a behavioral health clinic and health education programs. Students can access services by calling UHS and making

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The new location of the University Health Services building is now 830 S. Limestone.

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HIT THE BOOKS *not* your car

By Linda C. Black, Tribune
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Others are eager to run off and do something that's unnecessary. Don't follow the crowd, or even a person you love. Make up your own mind.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — There's plenty of confusion and quite a bit of contradiction out there. Frustration is abundant, too. Try not to worry about it. This, too, will pass.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Let the combatants have two minutes each to express their opinions. Your careful listening helps them stay rational and coherent.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Your community involvement is good for others

as well as yourself. You may not feel like you did much, but every little bit counts.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Good news from far away, or maybe it's merchandise you ordered that's arriving. Whatever, it justifies a celebration. Whoop it up!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Financial woes fade as you develop another source of income. Your imagination is working well. Use it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Don't argue with strong authority figures now. Ask questions if you don't understand, and then listen carefully.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Keep pushing now, while you have the chance to make a few extra bucks. You can relax later, after this opportunity's all used up.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You are a

spiritual person down to your core. The things you feel most passionate about lead to your success. Be pushed by your convictions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — A person you don't agree with on anything can still be a mentor. If nothing else, he can teach you where you don't want to go. That's valuable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Keep focusing on the area of study that interests you the most. You're very close to finding the answer that everyone's seeking. You could become a hero.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Don't tell anybody what you're up to until it's a done deal. Keep enough in your pocket for expenses and bank the rest.

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From thrills to the pills

Jen Anniston career going to the RX

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Is Jennifer Anniston poised for a career comeback? Though the former Friends actress had a string of movie duds — such as Derailed, Rumor Has It and Friends With Money — following the series' end in 2004 (only 2006's The Break-Up was a hit), her upcoming guest-star gig on NBC's comedy 30 Rock has industry insiders saying she's made a shrewd move. "It's a hot show and she could use some heat," James Ulmer of The Ulmer Scale, which tracks stars' bankability, tells Us. "Television has always been her forte." In the episode (season three premieres October 30; an airdate for Anniston's spot hasn't been announced), the Emmy-winning actress, 39, plays Claire, an ex-roommate of Liz Lemon (Tina Fey) who arrives in New York City and turns stalker (Alec Baldwin is her prey). "She's really funny," costar Katrina Bowden tells Us.

source tells Us, but couldn't reveal specifics. "Jen would clearly be an amazing pick for a Woody Allen movie. She just has that neurotic-woman thing down, doesn't she?"

I've always felt like I was different

One new hopeful from America's Next Top Model was born a man. Now Isis King tells her story to Us.

Last season on America's Next Top Model, she was one of five homeless women who played behind the finalists in a photo shoot. From that dimly lit image, she was chosen to compete this year (CW, Wednesdays, 8 p.m.) — but that's not the most interesting part of aspiring designer Isis King's bio. The single Maryland native, 22, is also the reality show's first transgender contestant. She tells Us: "Natalie Thomas how she got this far — and how fervently she desires the transition to come."

Girl on film

But Anniston — who once commanded \$1 million per episode of Friends — isn't done with movies by any means. Besides a number of films coming down the pike — tearjerker Marley & Me is due at Christmas, and the comedy He's Just Not That Into You is out next year — Anniston was spotted dining with Oscar-winning director Woody Allen, 72, at West Hollywood restaurant Madeo August 26. "It was a business dinner about a project, just fleshing things out," a studio

body?"

From as young as I can remember, I've always felt like I was different. I visually looked like a boy, but I never felt like one on the inside. I played with Barbies and did double Dutch with the girls.

In high school, I came out as a gay male, even though I felt like that's not who I was, it started to change things for me. I was voted Most Outgoing, Most Unique. I was the artist, the fashion designer.

Did you make the change gradually or all at once?

I used to take my mother's shoes. I've been practicing catwalk for years! I didn't start trying on her clothes until middle school. After college [King earned an associate's degree from the Art Institute of Philadelphia], I knew I was going to start transitioning. I went out with my best friend, and we got my shoes.

How did your family react? My mother was very anti — everything at first. Then I did a documentary called Born in the Wrong Body last year. Now she is very supportive. My baby brother, who is 7, is happy for me.

How are you completing the transition? I started hormones last summer. [They facilitate -development of feminine characteristics, such as breasts.] When I first started taking them, I got sick a bit, and that's normal.

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Physicists urge U.S. to prioritize energy efficiency

By Renee Schoof
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The U.S. can reduce its dependence on foreign oil and greenhouse gas emissions by making cars and buildings much more energy efficient, according to a study released Tuesday by a large national association of physicists.

The 46,000-member American Physical Society argues the need for action is urgent because the energy crisis is the worst in U.S. history. It also says that the physics and chemistry behind the human causes of climate change — such as heat-trapping pollution from the burning of fossil fuels — is "well understood and beyond dispute."

The report argues that the country can still go a long way to reduce energy use in cost-effective ways that allow for continued comfort and convenience. Although efficient energy technologies can save money, the U.S. has been slow to catch on, the report says. It recommends that the federal government adopt

policies and make investments.

"The opportunities are huge and the costs are small," the report said. The report's authors noted that both Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama have called for improvements in energy efficiency and reduced oil imports and emissions. They said that the public also wants these changes because of worries about global warming, gasoline prices and national security.

"The bottom line is that the quickest way to do something about America's use of energy is through energy efficiency," said Burton Richter, the chairman of the study panel and a 1976 Nobel Prize winner in physics. "Energy that you don't use is free. It's not imported and it doesn't emit any greenhouse gases. Most of the things we recommend don't cost anything to the economy. The economy will save money."

The report concludes that the projected growth of energy use in buildings — 30 percent by 2030 — could be cut to zero using existing

technology and what's likely to become available in the next decade at the current level of research and development. It argues that the federal government should encourage states to set standards for residential buildings and make sure they're enforced.

"One of the things we would love to see is all buildings have Energy Star labels," Richter said. "Right now you don't know how much energy a building is going to use that you're interested in moving into. We'd like to see an energy audit required before a building is sold or even built."

Some of the report's suggestions included installing roofs that reflect rather than absorb the sun's energy in hot climates, more efficient heating, cooling, lighting and appliances, and more government investment in re-

search and development in building technologies. Consumers would have to pay to install the technology, but they would save money in the long run, the report said.

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On transportation, a key recommendation is more federal government investment in developing cheaper and more reliable batteries for electric cars. "If you look at magically converting the whole fleet to plug-in hybrids" that get 40 miles per charge, greenhouse gases would be reduced by 33 percent and gasoline use by 60 percent, Richter said. That would be the equivalent of cutting oil imports by 6 million barrels a day, Richter said. That's the amount the U.S. imports from OPEC (largely from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Nigeria), out of a total of about 13.5 million barrels imported a day from

all countries.

"So if you're looking at energy security issues, which is government's business, if you're looking at the overall economy, which also ought to be government's business, to spend a bit more on research and development to hasten the day when you're going to get all these benefits is a good thing to do," Richter said.

Also Tuesday, a group that included Pacific Gas & Electric, The Real Estate Roundtable, the Steel Manufacturers Association, AFL-CIO and Ceres called on state governments and the next president and Congress to make energy efficiency a priority. Energy efficiency investments generate attractive, low-risk returns for investors, said Mindy Lubber, the president of Ceres, a network of investors and environmental groups. And efficiency is "essential to reducing our greenhouse-gas emissions to levels scientists say are absolutely necessary at the lowest overall cost to our economy," she said.

1.8 million acres proposed as critical habitat for red-legged frog

By Michael Doyle
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The California red-legged frog regained political territory Tuesday as the Fish and Wildlife Service proposed designating 1.8 million acres in California as critical habitat for the threatened species. The proposal spans 28 counties and more than triples the agency's previous critical habitat proposal. Fish and Wildlife Service officials also hope it quiets the long-running amphibian controversy, although that may be unlikely.

The goal of the Service is to help recover this species, which is a California icon that Mark Twain first made famous in the days when early Californians hunted the frogs as a food delicacy. Mike Frits, the agency's Sacramento-based acting assistant regional director, said in a written statement.

The largest native frog in the Western United States, the California red-legged frog casts an equally outsized political shadow. The new critical habitat proposed Tuesday is the fourth revision in seven years. The last rewrite was retracted after federal investigators began examining former Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary Julie MacDonald.

Though avoiding her name, the Fish and Wildlife Service stated Tuesday that MacDonald "may have inappropriately influenced the extent and locations" of the frog's prior critical habitat

proposal. The latest revisions largely pleased environmentalists, who along with Fish and Wildlife Service professionals had frequently clashed with MacDonald.

"No endangered species can survive without its habitat intact, and the red-legged frog desperately needs protection of adequate wetlands habitat throughout its former range," declared Jeff Miller, conservation advocate with the Center for Biological Diversity.

Critical habitat is the area considered essential to species recovery. It is not a reserve, nor is its land purchased by the government. If federal actions such as levee construction potentially threaten the species or its habitat, the agencies must consult on plans.

The latest critical habitat proposal grew, in part, because officials added land adjacent to known populations. Officials also lifted a previous restriction that kept upland critical habitat to within several hundred feet of a water source.

Of the total, 1.2 million acres are privately owned and the rest is owned by state, federal or government agencies. This includes, for instance, portions of Vandenberg Air Force Base and the Army National Guard's Camp San Luis Obispo.

The specific 49 habitats range from a 4,449-acre parcel in northwestern Calaveras County to several hundred thousand acres in San Luis Obispo County. It excludes

land in Merced, Fresno and Stanislaus counties that had originally been included.

Critics including Rep. Dennis Cardoza, D-Calif., have suggested critical habitat designation effectively lowers property values because landowners feel more constrained. Fish and Wildlife Service officials said they avoid developed land where possible.

"I have reservations about the need for a listing," Cardoza said Tuesday, adding that "the process is broken, because they have had to go back and redo this a number of times."

Officials are still calculating the proposal's estimated cost.

The Fish and Wildlife Service initially proposed in 2001 a critical habitat covering 4.1 million acres. Ranchers, developers and San Joaquin Valley lawmakers erupted. The agency then scaled the proposal back to 737,912 acres. That didn't end the struggle.

In April 2006, the Fish and Wildlife Service proposed 450,288 acres. A year later, officials backtracked and said they would try yet again because of MacDonald's apparent interference. MacDonald abruptly resigned in May 2007.

"MacDonald ... did not want to designate critical habitats," the Interior Department's Office of Inspector General reported last year, adding that MacDonald appeared "frustrated" by the critical habitat decisions.

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Northwest sea lions teach humans the folly of fighting Mother Nature

By Craig Welch
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — The muscle-bound beasts sprawling across the wet wood were males, all of them, big-whiskered, furry fellows in their prime, the nourishing fat beneath their skin thick enough to measure in inches. The beasts — four California and two Steller sea lions — were lounging on two bedroom-size floating traps that, ringed with chain-link fencing, bobbed on the water like a pair of giant bird cages.

Biologists had just started using these pens to capture some of the sea lions — the ones most responsible for wolfing down imperiled salmon and steelhead below Bonneville Dam, 145 miles from the mouth of the Columbia River. The traps were simple affairs that mimicked the sea lions' simple needs. Every day, a few passing animals would launch their rippling bellies onto the platforms through open cage doors. While they lolled about in the spring air as if the platforms were any other handy haulout, authorities with binoculars compared their markings to a wanted list of known fish-gobblers. If offenders were aboard, biologists would trip the cage doors shut, trapping the predators until they could be hauled off and shipped out.

As dawn broke on Sunday May 4, the six sea lions aboard the platforms were moving freely, wriggling about like squirrely children on an unfamiliar mattress. But when Robin Brown, a marine mammal biologist with Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife, got to them six hours later, the trap doors were shut and the squimming had ceased. All six sea lions were dead.

Authorities immediately suspected an assassin. Sea lions are known for thieving chinook from anglers' lines; perhaps a vigilante fisherman had taken revenge. Certainly the circumstantial evidence was convincing. Two sea lions had metal fragments in their necks. A metal slug was lodged in the blubber of a third. Rangers the day before had found three elephant-seal carcasses in California, each with gunshot wounds to the head. Federal authorities quickly announced what they presumed had happened: Someone had shot and killed these creatures. Another endangered-species conflict had been settled with a gun.

To those who grasp the West's cultural DNA, it seemed an obvious end to another chapter in the story of man vs. nature. We build dams and locks and re-engineer rivers to suit our needs, each time generating unexpected problems. In trying to fix the problems, we inevitably generate new ones. Resolutions remain elusive.

Truth, it turns out, isn't easy to pin down. In the case of the sea lions, the facts that emerged created more questions than answers. The bodies yielded no bullets. The slug and bits of metal biologists found had been stuck in the animals for years. The actual cause of death did little to clear

things up: Something had agitated these sea lions. They died gnawing at each other. Stress made their blood vessels ooze like seaker hoses, filling their lungs and livers with fluids. Their tissue and internal organs actually started cooking, the burn so intense the heat still radiated hours later. On a chill, sunless morning, these animals had boiled to death.

"There's just no telling what got them so worked up," says Peregrine Wolff, an Oregon Fish and Wildlife veterinarian who helped perform autopsies on them. "In other cases where we've trapped sea lions, they're laid back, even though they're out of the water way longer. This is truly a mystery, one we'll probably never solve."

In the Pacific Northwest, people have gone head to head with these fin-footed tricksters for decades. Yet even in death, sea lions can outsmart humans.

Sea lions — the ones called California sea lions in particular — are sophisticated creatures that can learn and adapt, a sort of water varmint that humans find both amusing and frustrating. Pat Gearin, a sea-lion expert with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries in Seattle, keeps a few photographs of some of their greatest hits: a sea lion that wiggled itself onto the back of a police car, one staring at a sign as if questioning the words; a dozen sea lions napping on the back of a Navy submarine. But when things get more serious and we war with these mammals, it's almost always about fish. Gearin has seen sea lions cruise net lines and bypass low-grade pink salmon and chum for the tastier sockeye that humans prize, too. Brown, with the state of Oregon, says sea lions have been known to track bootloads of weekend-warrior anglers, "When the fishermen jump up with their pole and go 'Hey, I got one, I got one,' the sea lion will see that and come over and try to find the fish on that hook."

As far back as the 1870s, business leaders complained to The New York Times that sea lions were driving fish from San Francisco Bay. A century later in Seattle, government agents went after steelhead-smarling sea lions at the Ballard Locks, trying to harass, scare and ultimately truck them away.

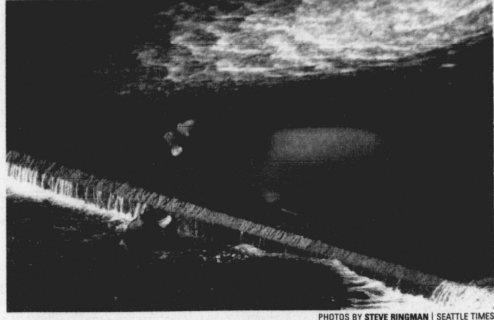
The latest front in this battle is the eighth-of-a-mile stretch of the Columbia below Bonneville Dam. Foraging sea lions travel in roving gangs, scarfing almost anything, from herring and squid to perch, pollock, flatfish, hake and lamprey eels. Of the quarter-million California and 31,000 Steller sea lions roaming the West Coast, nearly 2,000 spend the majority of their time wolfing at the buffet line of the Columbia River estuary.

As the sea lions have moved upriver to the dam, the Californians have been slurping up threatened steelhead and salmon while the Stellers dined on 30-year-old sturgeon, the breeding-age fish that keep those dinosaurs of the deep thriving. And

every day each spring, squadrons of men and women have taken up arms to hold off the assault.

These daily missions, organized with militaristic precision, often come off like aquatic Wild E. Coyote episodes. Dawn to dusk, scouts with binoculars and hand-held radios squat on walkways at the dam, eyeing slack water just downstream of its fish ladders. They are hunting for the flutter of gathering seagulls, a sign that something huge is ripping apart fishy flesh. If they're lucky, they may even see a sea lion's snout.

When these observers spy predators around the fish, they can call in air strikes, radioing marksmen from Wildlife Services, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's animal-control specialists. From an arsenal more suited to a child's toy box, these expert gunmen choose weapons intended to make sea lions turn and flee: firecrackers and noisemakers shot from starter pistols; projectile beanbags and rubber bullets fired from shotguns; acoustic bombs that create underwater "noise barriers."



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In this April 12, 2005 photograph, a large male California sea lion defends his haulout at the base of the Bonneville Dam, Washington.

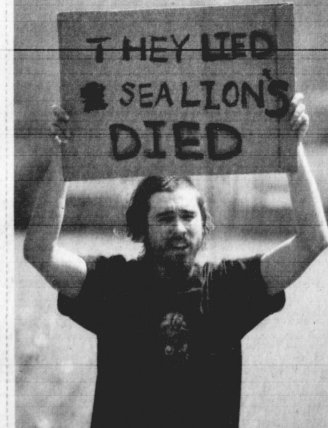
With people-shy Stellers it often works. California sea lions, though, aren't much for cooperation.

On a drizzly day this past spring, Robin Brown, who oversees Oregon's role in this adventure, stood on an island in the river below the dam to showcase his predicament.

Two small California sea lions, one with its scraggly-whiskered chin on the other's back, lazed below on a concrete slab. Four snouts popped up together and hovered off a pebbly beach. A pale Steller sea lion floated by like a lost raft, its tiny head out of place on its cedar-trunk-thick body.

Bullet noses and glassy coal eyes pierced the surface like periscopes, only to be quickly withdrawn.

In this small corridor Brown spied 15 or more sea lions. "They're all over the place," he said, turning his ear to the cacophony floating up from the water.



Steve Johnson, with the Portland Animal Defense League of Portland, protests the killing of the six sea lions, in early May 2008.

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New 'pirate' act to break down door and fight copyright violations

Normally, when the average person hears the word pirate, they may think of a Johnny Depp type, long hair, beard, eye patch, parrot, etc. The U.S. government defines pirate a little differently.



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According to our government and Webster's Dictionary, a pirate is a person who uses or reproduces the work or invention of another without authorization. Either way you define it, piracy is illegal, which means when you downloaded that Pussycat Dolls' album today between classes, you were actually committing a crime.

Since the downfall of Napster, record companies have been doing their best to stop piracy in its tracks, but ultimately they have been coming up way short. Well, all that may change. Last Thursday the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 14-4 on The Enforcement of Intellectual Rights Act, an act that will allow the U.S. Department of Justice to prosecute copyright infringement cases rather than go through civil courts. This act would also create a cabinet position that would report directly to the president as well as Congress and would ultimately be responsible for coming up with a worldwide plan to combat piracy.

The act also encourages the creation of anti-piracy task forces and an FBI piracy unit. Things that fall under the category of illegally obtained, copyright-

ed material are illegally downloaded and bootlegged music, movies and even counterfeit money.

Although the bill is supported by a majority of the Judiciary Committee as well as Hollywood, labor unions and manufacturers, but many digital rights groups feel the legislation goes too far. In another twist, presidential hopeful Barack Obama's running mate, Sen. Joe Biden, was among those who did not vote on this particular act, but no reason was given as to why.

If anything, this should act as a preemptive warning to anyone downloading music or movies illegally, not only does it carry stiff fines of up to \$150,000, but if this new act passes, the FBI could be kicking down your door in the near future.

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Bouncer turned comic to perform

By Kelly Wiley
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Being a bouncer at a club has a few perks. There's the occasional free alcohol, breaking up tedious bar fights and catching fake IDs, but for comedian Rob Busboom it's more than that. It's where his career began.

In 1997, Busboom was a bouncer for One-Inners Comedy Club and Music Hall in Greenwood, Ind. He started out as the bouncer, which then turned into him becoming an MC, and eventually it led to a comedy career on the road. Wednesday that road is leading him to the Cats Den for Comedy Caravan at 8

p.m.

Busboom said it is hard to say what sets him apart from other comedians except for the fact that he is louder than most.

"There are so many different kinds of comics," Busboom said. "Each comic, even if they are similar, has their own unique style because we are all different people, so my comedy is different because it's me."

There is no gimmick that Busboom uses to distance himself from others like some of comedians with lines like "git-r-done" or "that's not right." But, if he had to make a comparison, he would say he is a cross be-

tween Louie Anderson and Chris Farley.

Like most of the comedians who come to Comedy Caravan, his comedy is geared towards college students.

"I wouldn't be appropriate for a cruise ship because older people wouldn't get it at all," Busboom said.

Busboom said he has not done any TV shows or anything people will remember, but he is one of the most requested comedians on XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio.

When Busboom was at Purdue University he majored in honors physics before switching to creative

writing. Busboom said his writing was humorous and his fellow students thought so too, and now, 35 years later, Busboom is doing something he loves, he said.

Busboom said students should come just because it's free and it's at 8 p.m.

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McAtee walks on the team, off a hero

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There's certain plays that will forever live in sports lore. There's "The Catch" by Dwight Clark, "The Helmet Catch" by David Tyree and "The Immaculate Reception" by Franco Harris. And then there's "The Tackle" by Robbie McAtee.

McAtee, a senior cornerback, single-handedly saved UK's unscathed record on Saturday. With no time remaining on the clock at Commonwealth Stadium, McAtee drug down Middle Tennessee State wide receiver Eldred King from the end zone, preserving a 20-14 UK win.

While "The Tackle" probably doesn't carry as much significance in the big picture of the sports world, it might be the play that matters to Cats' fans this season. It preserved UK's current undefeated record and saved the Cats from a potentially embarrassing loss.

"I can't recall making a bigger play than that at any level," McAtee said. "There also hasn't been a play I made that had more importance than that one either."

While McAtee is making big plays for the Cats now, it hasn't always been that way. The Louisville native started his collegiate career as a wide receiver at Franklin College in Indiana, a Division III school.

"When I first transferred here it was overwhelming because Franklin has only about 1,000 students," McAtee said. "At first I had no idea what to do when I got to UK."

After redshirting in 2005, his first season at UK, he made the team as a walk-on wide receiver in 2006; he was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Scout Team Player that year. However, the following year he made yet another transition to cornerback.



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Senior cornerback Robbie McAtee tackles Middle Tennessee State wide receiver Eldred King to preserve UK's 20-14 win on Saturday.

"It was a pretty rough transition as far as learning how to play man coverage," McAtee said. "But, to be honest, the hardest thing was learning how to tackle and the proper technique."

Despite having little experience at the cornerback position, where he played sparingly in high school, he's shown flashes of brilliance on the college scene. He had five tackles against Vanderbilt last season and recorded his first collegiate pass breakup in the 2008 Music City Bowl victory over Florida State.

"We saw some potential in him because he's such a hard-nose guy," offensive coordinator Joker Phillips said. "He's just an unbelievably smart guy who plays with poise and confidence."

It was Phillips who McAtee went to first after transferring to UK. McAtee, then a sophomore, asked Phillips for a spot on the team to walk on, and after watching some game tape and multiple talks, Phillips agreed to let McAtee join.

Phillips said the coaching staff got its first look at McAtee during a junior varsity game when UK didn't have enough players to field a full team. That meant McAtee had to play both ways. After watching McAtee make plays

on defense during the game, the Cats decided to play him as a cornerback.

"I knew it was going to be a slow process of working my way into the rotation," McAtee said. "But, through time I was able to keep working and finally got my chance."

Despite playing on the opposite side of the ball now, McAtee said he and Phillips maintain a close bond and knows he can always turn to Phillips when he needs to.

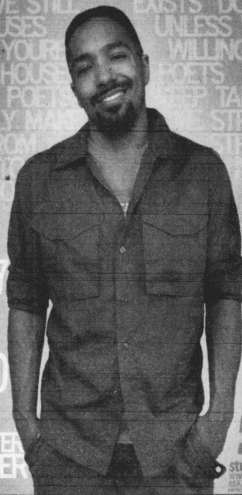
"I get a good laugh out of Joker here and there," McAtee said. "We still mess with each other and play around even though I'm on defense now. Our relationship is really good."

McAtee has made the full transition to defense this season, where he's recorded 12 tackles in three games, good enough for third on the team. He also has a pass breakup and a fumble recovery, but none as important as the game-saving tackle on King. McAtee said he didn't realize how close the Blue Raiders were to scoring until after the game.

"I knew he was close because I noticed where I was on the field during the play," McAtee said. "But, I didn't realize how close inside the one he was until after the plays."

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Stock prices stabilize, inflation falls as Fed forgoes rate cut

By Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A sense of calm returned to Wall Street on Tuesday, leaving weary investors wondering whether it was a return to normalcy or the eye of the storm, even as the day featured the best inflation report in two years and the Federal Reserve chose not to change its benchmark lending rate.

Consumers had reason to cheer as oil prices continued their steep decline, raising the possibility of \$3-a-gallon gasoline in the weeks ahead. Oil prices fell \$4.56 to settle at \$91.15 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's far off the July high of \$147 a barrel, and for consumers it means more cash in the wallet soon.

Falling energy prices will do more than lower the cost of gasoline and home heat. They'll also lower the costs of production for farm products and manufactured goods, and that eventually will drive down a two-year rise in inflation that's weakened consumer spending.

Over the past 12 months, thanks to rising energy prices, consumer inflation advanced at an annual pace of 5.4 percent, and 7.2 percent over the past three months. In August, food prices rose 0.8 percent, and 9.6 percent over the past three months.

But on Tuesday, the Labor Department reported that consumer prices fell last month — by 0.1 percent — for the first month since October 2006, a minimal drop but a decline nonetheless.

"Virtually all of the inflation indicators are on the wane: Labor markets are weak and compensation gains slight, inflation expectations are flagging and energy prices continue to fall," Kenneth Beauchemin, an economist with forecaster Global Insight, said in a note to investors. Tuesday's report grants the Fed more latitude to wield the federal funds rate instrument to address continued credit market strains if it deems appropriate.

On Tuesday, the Fed didn't do so. Its rate-setting Open Market Committee left its benchmark fed funds rate at 2 percent, where it's been since April.

Wall Street had hoped for a quarter-point interest rate cut to support sagging financial markets; floor traders boomed after the decision was announced. The Fed didn't signal the possibility of a future rate reduction despite growing fears that Wall Street's turmoil, the banking credit

crunch and declining home prices are pushing the economy into recession. The absence of Fed action may have signaled confidence that the economy isn't as endangered as Wall Street's turmoil suggests.

Stocks moved up more than 120 points on the Dow Jones Industrial Average shortly after the Fed's decision. A day after falling 504 points, the Dow finished up 141.51 points to 11,059.02 on Tuesday, while the S&P 500 finished up 20.90 points to 1,213.60 and the Nasdaq gained 27.99 to close at 2,207.90.

"Strains in financial markets have increased significantly," the Fed statement said, offering little insight into what it intended to do about them. Some financial analysts took that to mean that the Fed was separating Wall Street's problems from Main Street's. "In doing so, the Fed made clear its desire, to the extent possible, to separate its monetary policy decisions from the circumstances surrounding particular financial institutions," Peter Kretzmer, a Bank of America economist, wrote in a note to investors. "Notably, the Fed made only slight changes to its August monetary policy statement, maintaining a balanced view of the risks facing the economy despite the large recent events in financial markets."

In a bid to ensure normal operations in financial markets, the Fed pumped another \$70 billion in short-term lendable funds into the financial system early Tuesday, the same amount it had injected a day earlier. These loans are designed to ensure that banks and corporations have access to short-term loans to meet their cash-flow needs.

Stocks moved into positive territory earlier Tuesday once reports surfaced that officials from the New York Fed were participating in talks with New York's insurance commissioner and others about a possible bridge loan to keep insurance and finance giant American International Group Inc. out of bankruptcy.

"The markets' relatively benign behavior in the wake of the (rate) announcement has nothing to do with the Fed policy statement and everything to do with rumors that the Fed is willing to act on AIG, in our judgment," wrote John Ryding and Conrad DeQuadros, partners in the research firm RPD Economics. "If no such assistance is forthcoming, we think that market weakness could well force the Fed to cut rates."

The question of what to do about

AIG has been hanging over Wall Street. The federal government on Monday rejected AIG's request for a bridge loan to keep it afloat, but it appeared to be back at the table Tuesday after the private sector failed to come forward with a solution.

AIG is no ordinary company. It's a major component of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, a blue-chip company with tentacles in a wide array of U.S. and foreign markets, from life and boat insurance for consumers to complex insurance-like instruments called credit default swaps that are designed to protect institutional investors from defaults on bonds. AIG has a gigantic aircraft-leasing business, and its demise also would send shock waves across the airline industry.

Should AIG declare bankruptcy, it would leave a mountain of legal and financial problems in its wake that would dwarf the collapse of energy giant Enron Corp. in late 2001.

AIG, with assets valued above \$1 trillion, is trapped in a vicious Wall Street circle. It raised \$20 billion in capital this year to shore up its balance sheets, but investors want to see more, and that's increasingly difficult after credit-rating agencies moved late Monday night to lower its rating.

That means investors can demand that AIG put up more collateral for loans, not an easy thing to do in an environment where companies are being forced to sell assets at giveaway prices or try to raise capital in credit markets that have seized up.

AIG's former chief executive officer, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, who built and ran the global giant for 35 years, warned Tuesday that allowing the company to collapse would threaten the global finance system.

Interviewed on CNBC, Greenberg said "it is in our national interest" that AIG survive. He argued that a federal loan wouldn't be a bailout because the company is solvent and merely faces a cash problem.

AIG has been forced to raise more capital because of its bad bets on mortgage bonds that remain at the root of the nation's housing and financial crises. Most of AIG's businesses are profitable, however. It's simply unable to raise enough capital to meet its short-term cash flow needs.

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Soon, consumers will be able to meet their meat's maker

By Stephen J. Hedges
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — In a couple weeks, American shoppers will be able to look at a cut of meat or a pound of hamburger and see something they've never seen before — a label that says where the meat came from.

Starting Sept. 30, food manufacturers and grocery stores have to comply with a new federal law that requires "Country of Origin Labeling" or COOL, on beef, pork, chicken and lamb.

The new labels will tell consumers whether their food came from animals raised in the U.S. or another country. The law also covers perishable items, such as fruits and vegetables and a variety of nuts.

Some say this will enable consumers to avoid food that, for example, comes from countries that they have heard have food safety problems. It also will allow consumers to stick to American-grown food, if that is their preference.

Because of the complexities of the livestock industry, some product labels may list multiple countries. That's especially true of ground beef, since some meat processors combine cuts from a number of countries to make ground meat and hamburger patties. Food safety groups have

hailed COOL as a necessary step toward broader consumer education and buying choices. But now they complain that the Department of Agriculture has defined it as narrowly as possible. For example, they say, the agency has defined a host of foods as "processed," such as mixed frozen vegetables, which exempts them from the new law.

"When they finalized this rule, they bent over backward to make as few things be covered as possible," said Michael Hansen, a senior staff scientist with Consumers Union. "There are giant loopholes in the law."

Many in the meat industry, these advocates say, have fought the new labeling law because they don't want consumers to know that they're buying imported hamburger and beef cuts. USDA also stood against COOL, according to Lloyd Day, head of the agency's Agricultural Marketing Service, because of its projected impact on consumers and its estimated cost to the food industry: \$2.5 billion in the first year.

But Congress has decreed that COOL will take effect on Sept. 30, so the debate over its merits is largely over. Now the industry's bracing for COOL's impact.

"We don't know exactly how it's all going to work," said Colin Woodall, who fol-

lows the issue for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "And we won't know until it's fully up and running."

In an era of bar codes and tracking numbers, COOL might seem simple to enact. For a few food manufacturers, it will be.

"There's no change for me, because all of my ground beef has always carried the born-and-raised-in-the-U.S.A. label because I track everything," said Mike Callistrate, who operates Ranch Foods Direct in Colorado Springs, Colo. "It's not that complicated."

But getting COOL enacted has in fact been a complicated six-year effort. Congress first passed COOL in 2002, but the bill ran into heavy political resistance from food companies and the government itself. USDA and even Congress sided with food manufacturers who said the law would be too costly to enact, and COOL was delayed. By 2005, only the portion of COOL pertaining to fish and seafood was in effect.

The idea gained momentum, though, following a string of recent food-borne illness outbreaks, new concerns over the safety of food imports and some of the largest meat recalls in history.

One of the biggest disagreements over the law's

fine points is what constitutes a processed food item.

Agriculture tried to clarify this with some guidelines issued in August. A bag of imported frozen peas, for instance, must list its country of origin under COOL. But a bag of peas mixed with carrots is considered processed, and does not.


"It's considered processed if it's combined with one other ingredient," said Patty Lovera, assistant director of Food & Water Watch. "We think they're being incredibly broad."

USDA's Day said that pre-packaged imported foods like peas and carrots have to carry an origin label. But if vegetables are imported in bulk and the mixed together by a U.S. company, then they are considered processed and don't need one.

Another controversy involves imported livestock. Under COOL, meat derived from cattle imported into the United States for immediate slaughter can bear a label that states it's a product of its origin country and the United States, even though the animal was raised entirely outside the U.S.

Some fear that some meat packers who slaughter both imported and domestic cattle won't bother with specific labels, and instead will apply the same label to both.

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Destiny wears a mask while around other children in the clinic on Nov. 11, 2006. During this time her white blood cell count was low due to chemotherapy, and even the common cold could prove to be fatal.

DESTINY

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spread through the body, and, in Destiny's case, into her bone marrow, said Dr. Sherry Bayliff, who has worked with Destiny since she came to Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Because the cancer had already spread throughout Destiny's body, the plan for treatment wasn't as simple as the traditional treatments of chemotherapy and surgery, Bayliff said.

Even when patients are faced with life-threatening diseases, Bayliff said she chooses not to turn to percentages. Every child should be looked at as an individual case and not as a part of a statistic, Bayliff said.

“We can say that with neuroblastoma, 30 percent are treated and survive,” Bayliff said. “But we have to consider all children to be in that 30 percent so that we're striving and trying for a cure.”

The doctors and nurses in the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Clinic at Kentucky Children's Hospital work daily with children who have cancer. Even after seeing thousands of families cope with the reality and possibility of a child's death, they still aren't sure there is any way to prepare a parent to hear their child may have cancer.

“We're to be here,” said Jennifer Lee, a registered nurse at Kentucky Children's Hospital who worked with Destiny throughout her time at the hospital. “We try to listen and be there as much as we can. As for making it easier, I don't know there is anything they can do.”

Regina doesn't think there is anything she could have been told to help her deal with a child with cancer.

“It would have been the same no matter what,” she said. “It's been rough.”

Every day the family drives over an hour both to and from their home in Fulton County to the hospital. Once they arrive, they typically sit through a day of scans and treatments, and often times have to stay overnight.

Regina had to quit her job at a cigarette company just to be able to do the routine. James had to quit work at the small business he has owned for some time. He soon had to go back to work to help pay the hospital bills. That left her, and sometimes Grady, Donna, and her two other children to get Destiny to her treatments.

Falling into routine Just a few months after being diagnosed, Destiny became even sicker. This time, it was a result of her treatments, specifically, chemotherapy.

After thoroughly washing her hands, putting on a pair of disposable scrubs and a mask, you can be cleared to visit Destiny.

In her germ-free room, Destiny watches “The Wiggles” on the television from her bed, interrupted only by the occasional nurse who comes through the door to check in. Her mom is the only unmasked person in the room. She sits to the right of the bed, quietly watching Destiny, not paying much attention to the television.

Despite months of treatments, Destiny is staying positive. “She likes to try and entertain you and likes your attention on her,” Lee said after Destiny left the hospital. “She likes to sing and dance, and is just your average kid, except you know she's sick.”

When she's entertaining, dancing and singing, Hannah Montana, you forget she is sick and forget her beautiful black hair has fallen out. Her skin over her entire head is visible and glossy pink. It is in her downtime you can see she is tired.

Tired of tubes, needles, hospital beds. Just tired of being a hospital-bound, quarantined 7-year-old.

A normal white blood cell count is between 7,000 and 15,000, Bayliff said, and the white blood cells help fight off everyday germs.

Chemotherapy has dropped Destiny's white blood cell count well below 2,000 cells per microliter, making her extremely vulnerable to even the most common of colds.

“Even a virus someone else would be able to shake off to a child with cancer undergoing chemotherapy could be a life-threatening illness,” said Dr. Jeffrey Moscov, a physician who has worked with the family over the years.

Aside from what is expected during chemotherapy, Destiny never caught anything more than a few small viruses that she fought off, Regina said. She was kept in isolation every time she came to the hospital, and at home they had to monitor who came in to the house.

“If anyone had a cold they couldn't come in,” Regina said. Looking past the isolation, the most noticeable part of her cancer is her once beautiful, straight black hair that is now thinned and falling out from her chemotherapy treatments. All that is left sticks out in every direction, barely creating a brittle, transparent layer of hair over her head.

But what adults notice about cancer is not what children notice about it, Moscov said. Most kids don't understand what is happening to them.

“Kids get used to the routine,” he said. “They know what the routine is, but they don't know why the routine is.”

Destiny never mentions anything about the routine, though. She never complains, or asks what is happening.

“She just got used to it,” Regina said.

Fighting back She hears some commotion outside her door; voices mumble those of the doctors and nurses she has memorized. The group comes up to her slightly open door, but they are cut off by a floor nurse.

Even Craig Skinner, the UK volleyball coach, and a few of his star senior players aren't allowed to visit. This patient is in protective isolation, and visitors are limited to one.



Destiny turns to her family and laughs after she played a carnival game at the Pediatric Cancer Survivors Picnic on Aug. 9. Destiny's cancer has been in remission for a year.



Regina Ross holds her daughter after she played a carnival game at the Pediatric Cancer Survivors Picnic on Aug. 9. For a year, Destiny was in and out of the hospital, and was always in isolation even while she was home. “If anyone had a cold, they couldn't come in,” Regina said.



Destiny and Regina hold hands after she played a carnival game at the Pediatric Cancer Survivors Picnic on Aug. 9. “I wouldn't have taken her anywhere else,” Regina said.

Her mom laughs at each Valentine, but more at Destiny's reaction to them. Despite basically living in a hospital, her daughter is still a cheerful, normal 7-year-old at heart, even with the cancer, the treatments and the isolation. Her spirits have hardly changed at all. Aside from her thin hair and an occasional lonely stare into space, it's hard to even see a difference.

“She's been a fighter,” Regina said.

The nurses and doctors love her, Regina says.

Learning the ropes After a year of being in the hospital, Destiny has become accustomed to a life of blood tests and the tings of stem cells and white blood cell counts.

She has quit school because treatments and her poor health make it impractical and near impossible to be around that many children. Her cancer has forced her to trade playtime in the kindergarten classroom for her hospital rooming ground. But she makes the most out of it.

“The nurses and doctors love her,” Regina says.

When Destiny and Regina sit down at the Starbucks in the hospital, a group of doctors and nurses sits down nearby. One of the nurses recognizes Destiny and pulls her over for a hug. Another asks if she can have one.

At first Destiny pulls away and hides behind a chair. But after a few moments of pecking over the chair, Destiny jumps from behind the seat and runs out to give them all hugs.

She feels like she's part of the hospital. Part of the family. Sure, there are hundreds of other sick kids in the hospital, but each nurse and doctor, whether they know the patient or not, is there to try to save the lives of every single one.

Despite the reality of their job, Destiny is just having fun, and it doesn't stop her from feeling at home.

A few months later a volunteer at Kentucky Children's Hospital comes in to Destiny's room with paper and paints, and Destiny is allowed to pick out her colors.

“Pink,” Destiny says. She takes a few others, and then spreads out her supplies on a table.

“What are you going to paint?” the volunteer says.

After a little hesitation, Destiny knows exactly what she wants. “A flower,” she says, dabbing her brush in her pink paint.

She is giving all her attention to her artwork, only occasionally looking away to the television. With a few stray brushstrokes on the edge of the paper and several splashes of spilled paint, her efforts are slowly paying off.

A nurse comes in with some equipment rolled up in her hand. Destiny briefly stops working on her flower and sticks out her right arm and pulls up her sleeve.

The nurse slips on a blood pressure gauge, and Destiny ignores the rest of the process. She redirects her attention to her painting and doesn't take her eyes off her artwork after that.

When she had been in the hospital for three or four months, Destiny knew the ropes. She knew what an IV was, where the labs were, what they do in the lab and what stem cells were.

“Now if you go there, she tells them what we have to do,” Regina said.

Extraordinary opportunities It's not a fancy, a normal life. Now 6 years old, she is full of energy again and her hair is growing back. It's a little frasier than before and has changed from black to brown, but she is happy to have it back. When her dad told her she needed to have her bangs cut, she said, “You want my head shaved like I was before?”

“It's worth the tears and heartache, even if it's just for 10 more minutes for a family to get their little one to hug and hold.”

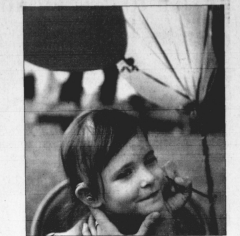
—Sherry Bayliff, Kentucky Children's Hospital doctor

When her hair started to grow back, Destiny began to play with it all the time. Twisting it, pulling at it. She never stopped. For a while she was accidentally pulling her new hair out. Mom and Dad were finally able to get her to leave it alone. Now, she just twists it.

When asked what she missed most while she was in the hospital, Destiny takes no time in shouting back, “My cat.” But right behind her cat is a close tie between “playing with my Barbie’s” and “seeing my daddy.”

Destiny is in remission of her cancer, but through the hospital, she experienced a few great adventures.

Destiny was chosen by the Make-A-Wish Foundation to go to Disney World. Destiny, Regina and Grady Ndairi all packed up and went to Orlando, Fla., for four days and four nights. Despite a fear of all of the characters in costume, Destiny had a great time. Regina said. When a pair of Hannah Montana tickets were donated to the Children's Hospital, they gave them to Des-



While other children chose to have leopards and alligators painted on their face, Destiny decided to get the DanaceBlue logo at the Pediatric Cancer Survivors Picnic on Aug. 9.

“Exceptional” staff puts hospital ahead of the rest

By Kati Seltz kati@journal.com

Families often have to make decisions about their children, but not all face the challenge of choosing a hospital when their child is diagnosed with cancer.

Many options exist, yet there is something about Kentucky Children's Hospital that draws families in. Led by Jeffrey Moscov, who works often with pediatric cancer patients and their families as vice chair and professor of pediatrics in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology.

“We have exceptional people, from our receptionists to the pharmacists to the nurses,” he said. “All these people feel it is their calling and families feel that.”

Around 4,000 children were admitted to Kentucky Children's Hospital's Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Department last year, with 300 of those being inpatient admissions, according to hospital data.

Dr. Tim Bricker, the hospital's chair of pediatrics, said although pediatric cancers are relatively rare, Kentucky Children's Hospital has a high number of pediatric oncology patients compared to other hospitals across the country.

“We have a higher children's oncology enrollment than Duke, Yale or Johns Hopkins,” Bricker said.

Bricker also said he attributes the high enrollment to the warm atmosphere the staff creates for families and children.

“We have an oncology team that not only cares for children so well but one that cares very much,” he said. “In terms of the people that work here, I think that's one of our major strengths.”

The doctors at Kentucky Children's Hospital are always trying to improve cancer therapies and find better ways to treat the disease, Moscov said.

“All who work with children with cancer, none of us are ever satisfied with the treatment we provide.”

Moscov is working on a national clinical trial for a particular type of leukemia. Research like this is a way Kentucky Children's Hospital constantly tries to improve life for pediatric cancer patients.

“Now we can push forward,” he said.

Along with pediatric hematology-oncology advances, the hospital is pushing for other progress in pediatrics.

This summer UK Hospital opened a pediatric emergency center, with rooms designed specifically for children. The Kentucky Children's Heart Center was also established recently, providing services to children with heart disease.

From receptionists to social workers, Dr. Bricker said the efforts to improve pediatrics at the hospital reflect the common goal among all its employees.

“Everybody is working toward healthier children in Kentucky,” he said.

every healthy day of her life, she prays for her friend before going to sleep.

“It would be really hard for her if something were to happen to him,” Regina said.

“The mother of the friend tells Regina that Destiny is an inspiration to her and her son for her will and her faith. But inspirational or not, Regina still feels guilty over her own daughter's health.

“It makes you not want to talk about how well your kid is doing, Regina said.

A celebration Today, Destiny is doing well. Today is the Pediatric Cancer Survivors Picnic. And Destiny is celebrating her cancer's remission.

Having played almost every game and gone through every inflatable slide and obstacle course available, Destiny shows the pace and decides to get her face painted. Danced, an annual UK fundraiser for cancer, has two volunteers with brushes and face paint.

Destiny was patiently in line, watching as a volunteer finishes up a ladybug on the little girl in front of her. Another boy proudly shows off his new alien logo on his cheek to his dad.

It is Destiny's turn. The artist asks her what she wants, and she points to the DanaceBlue logo on the table.

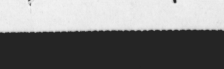
“You want the DanaceBlue logo?” the volunteer says. Destiny nods. After a few minutes and several strokes of blue and yellow watercolors, it is over. With cherry nose-cone smeared on one side of her face and a perfect DanaceBlue ribbon on the other, Destiny is ready for another activity.

“What did you get?” her Regina says. She points to her left cheek with one hand, twisting her hair in the other. After all, today Destiny is doing well. Today, she is a survivor.

ABOUT THIS STORY

Brend Latram met Destiny while on assignment at Kentucky Children's Hospital in fall 2007. Latram spent two years photographing and reporting on Kentucky Children's story.

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Job fair to host around 100 businesses

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The James W. Stuckert Career Center will host its 2008 Business Career Fair Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Around 100 companies will have booths at Wednesday's event, including Abercrombie & Fitch, Dell, Procter & Gamble and Fifth Third Bank. Some companies will also be conducting open interviews for interested students.

Wednesday's fair is the first of three career fairs the Career Center will host in the coming months. In October, the center will host one fair for students interested in jobs in the engineering field and another for students seeking a career in communications.

The Business Career Fair is expected to be the most diverse, representing companies from a wide range of disciplines such as agriculture, education and art.

The coordinator of Wednesday's

event, Azetta Williams Beatty, said the purpose of the Career Fair is for students to network with potential employers in a more laid-back atmosphere. She said it could also be beneficial to students not yet searching for a job.

"Students will get practice on a variety of skills, like speaking with confidence to a possible employer," she said.

To see a complete list of employers participating at the Career Fair, visit the Career Center's Web site (www.uky.edu/CareerCenter/).

Open forum targets first-time voters

By Grace Tapia
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Students can celebrate the U.S. Constitution on Wednesday with free apple pie, lemonade and a discussion on the 221-year-old document.

During the fourth annual UK Constitution Day event, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Main Building, the university will host an open forum discussion titled "Your Big Chance: Young Voters and the Presidential Election."

Participants in the public forum will include UK President Lee Todd and Paul Chelgren, a former Ashland Oil executive and benefactor of the Chelgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence at UK.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Mayor Jim Newberry and other community leaders will also speak.

"History will be made by the percentage of first-time voters in this presidential election," he said.

cise their privilege to vote, said Buck Ryan, the event's moderator and the director of the Citizen Kentucky Project in UK's Scripps Howard First Amendment Center.

Constitution Day is sponsored by the Chelgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence, the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center, the UK College of Law, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the President.

Some faculty will be taking their classes down to the event to participate, said Ryan, an associate professor at UK. Ryan's Discovery Seminar Program class with its 18 first-time voters have assisted in organizing the forum.

The record turnout from young voters at the primaries shows the enthusiasm for this election, Ryan said, and expectations are higher for November.

"History will be made by the percentage of first-time voters in this presidential election," he said.

KIRTLEY

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citizens must continue the push to keep their First Amendment rights while under pressure from the government.

People should be able to protest, Kirtley said, and journalists should be able to do their job.

"This government requires an engaged citizenry and getting questions answered," she said. "How dare we not ask questions?"

Kirtley predicted that the results of the Nov. 4 election will have a profound effect on the government's relationship with the First Amendment for the next four years. She suggested that every voter pay close attention to what each candidate says in regard to the First Amendment.

She also said she remains optimistic because of a new generation of voters who won't settle for "business as usual," and who demand "transparency from those who govern us."

Although she is optimistic, Kirtley does worry about the judiciary and the rethinking of our rights. Kirt-

ley believes in complete freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

Kirtley was chosen to deliver the State of the First Amendment Address by the director of the First Amendment Center, Mike Farrell.

Farrell, an assistant professor at UK, described Kirtley as "one of the best advocates (of the First Amendment), thoughtful and careful, yet passionate."

Along with Kirtley's address, the 2008 James Madison Award was given to Tom Loftus, Frankfort bureau chief for the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Loftus received this year's award for his preservation of freedom of the press for 30 years, said Judy Clabes, chairwoman of the Scripps Howard Foundation Board of Trustees.

"No one has uncovered more abuse of the public trust than Tom," Clabes said. "He is the example of the media at work; he is a fair, accurate, responsible, tireless watchdog."

The First Amendment Celebration will continue with a panel discussion in the W.T. Auditorium at 10 a.m. Wednesday on how new media is impacting First Amendment protections.

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The event will raise money from donations from about 10 businesses as of Tuesday night, several of who will give \$1 for every person that pledged to fast, Munis said. The MSA will also collect donations.

"This fundraiser is to feed other people," Munis said. "But sometimes, we take our lives for granted, so this experience can help us put it into perspective and allow us to be thankful for our lives."

The dinner event will also include a speech from Student Government President Tyler Montell.

Montell, who participated in the fundraiser last year, said participating in the Fast-A-Thon gave him a higher level of awareness for others who go without food.

"It's cool to be able to be doing something with those who practice this faith, who have been doing it every day," Montell said.

For more information about the Fast-A-Thon, visit the MSA Web site (www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/MSA/).

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an appointment.

The new student pharmacy features improvements as well. The pharmacy can now serve up to three students at a time, as opposed to the one it could before.

Pre-physical therapy sophomore Patrick Edlin said the new building is an improvement.


"I love it," Edlin said. "It's cleaner and more organized. It's a lot bigger."

Jenn Peterson, a biology senior, thinks the new building looks more like an actual doctor's office.

"My biggest complaint was that I had to go to another floor to check out," Peterson said. "It was not very convenient."

The biggest problem UHS is facing is informing students of the move, Clancy said. Right now, there are signs at the location of the old clinic telling students where to go.

UK HealthCare will take over UHS's old space and probably renovate it for other clinics, Clancy said.



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Teachers lured from struggling states

By Nathaniel Weisel
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WASHINGTON — Debbie Johnson got her teaching degree from Michigan State University, but recruiters convinced the 23-year-old to start her career in Georgia, where the weather is warm, the cost of living is lower and the schools offer more resources, like projectors and interactive wireless pads.

"I like technology," Johnson said. "There are a lot of (classroom) resources here I hadn't seen in Michigan. There's an amazing opportunity."

Michigan is one of 31 states facing a multimillion-dollar budget gap this year, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. That makes Michigan's teachers prime poaching targets of out-of-state recruiters from states like Texas, Georgia, Nevada and Wyoming where school-age populations are growing.

Even if teachers aren't yet being laid off, a tough economic climate is often enough to drive them away, said Kelly Herndon, director of recruitment and retention for Gwinnett County, Ga. "I watch the markets," Herndon said. "If I admit, if the economy is in bad shape, or the state legislature isn't managing funds, I focus on those states."

In some states, teachers are being let go because of shrinking budgets and shrinking school populations, in-

cluding Michigan, Florida and California, which is facing a projected \$15.2 billion deficit in 2009.

But one state's misfortune is an opportunity for others, like Nevada, which is also struggling with its budget, but relies heavily on recruiting out-of-state teachers to fill its classrooms. Last year for instance, only 676 new teachers came from Nevada schools, out of 2,750 hires, according to the Nevada Department of Education.

Most of the new recruits went to work in Clark County — the largest school district in the state and fifth largest in the nation — where growth in new teacher positions has far outpaced the number of locally educated teachers.

Emily Agüero, Clark County's executive director of recruiting, said she sends teams throughout the country, but concentrates more on states with financial troubles. "We target states where their economy is slowing down," Agüero said. "We sell how wonderful it is to teach in Nevada."

Another factor many recruiters consider in scouting for new hires is the quality of a state's teacher education programs. In a state with a strong reputation, like California, out-of-state recruiters might spend more money on advertising or making multiple recruiting trips.

Agüero said she's never experienced backlash from a state for luring its teachers away. Some states might put Nevada's booth in an unfavor-

able position at job fairs, but she said it's always been in a spirit of friendly competition.

"A lot of areas where there's a slow economy, they'd appreciate that we can give jobs to teachers," Agüero said.

But that's not the case for one California teachers' representative. Dennis Smith, secretary treasurer of the California Federation of Teachers, said he thinks that when states like Nevada poach California's teachers, they're taking advantage of the state's political problems.

"They're trying to capitalize on California's woes," Smith said. "It's harmful to California's future and economy."

The blame for California's teacher exodus lies with the Legislature and its inability to pass a budget that would close the state's deficit, Smith said. The lawmakers' months-long impasse there has resulted in the longest overdue state budget in history.

As an educator, though, Smith said he knows there's not much he can do about it.

"We're doing what we can politically to educate the legislators of the problem," he said. "California's got itself backed into a corner. When schools are caught in the middle of a political football game, it's the students who are losing," he said.

"While the faltering economy in some states has refocused some efforts, out-of-state teacher recruitment has a long history."

Richard Kouri, public affairs director for the Texas

State Teachers Association, said his state has been heavily recruiting for the past decade and will most likely continue for the next, mainly because of a rapidly growing student population.

On the East Coast, Georgia is another state that relies heavily on out-of-state teachers. Rick Eiserman, director of policy and communication at the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, said about a quarter of the 15,000 new teacher hires come from other states.


Like Texas, Georgia's student population is growing, and Eiserman said the state needed to make their openings desirable to attract good candidates. One way was to raise teacher salaries, and Georgia's teachers now are some of the highest paid in the Southeast, Eiserman said.

Bobby Stevens, a consultant with the Metropolitan Regional Education Service Agency in Georgia, said new college graduates are easiest to recruit because they are more willing to move. MRE-SA, a state-funded consortium of 30 school districts that targets college seniors, has a limited budget, Stevens said, so the group tries to maximize its efforts.

"We target large state job fairs," Stevens said. "You want quantity before quality. If we drum up 100 candidates, it's up to the districts to sort them out. It's about where we can generate the most candidates for the districts to consider."

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Q&A with William Pierce

Big Brother, Big Sister president explains plans for 'big' program and bright future



William Pierce, president of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Bluegrass-UK Chapter.

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Throughout the semester, the Features page will spotlight various campus leaders. This week we are featuring William Pierce, the president of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Bluegrass-UK Chapter.

Q. How did you first get started in the program Big Brothers, Big Sisters?

A. I first got started with Big Brothers, Big Sisters through my fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon. My fraternity has always been very involved with the organization as our members have held the office of president for the past two years. Last year the president was Brandon Thomas and his (was) Vice President Brian Drapp. Brian was the main one to get me involved and began to mentor me on the interworkings of the organization.

Q. Why did you decide to become president and take on the challenge?

A. For the entirety of last year, both Brandon and Brian encouraged me to run for the presidency. At the time I wasn't sure if it was the best idea as I had not been the head of any organization before. However, I have always been involved with non-profit organizations through my

father. My father has been a volunteer for numerous organizations and worked to develop an inner feeling of volunteering within me. Finally, after many telephone conversations with my father and listening to his encouragement, I decided to interview with Dale Suttles, the Big Brothers, Big Sisters chairman to the UK Chapter.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish this year as president?

A. Our first and main goal is to have 50 males become "Big Brothers" this year. In the community we have numerous young boys who are searching for someone to act as a "big" for them. My main goal as I stated is to find these kids someone.

Q. What kinds of projects and ideas are you currently working on?

A. Currently we are working on our fundraiser, Bowl for Kids' Sake, and getting everything ready to begin signing up teams. In the past this fundraiser has been dominated by Greek organizations, however this year we are hoping to increase involvement in the number of non-Greek students. The fundraiser is always a lot of fun. We want and need as many participants as possible to help raise the needed funds to help the kids of the community.

Q. Why did you decide this was the organization to get involved in?

A. To me Big Brothers, Big Sisters is one of the most important organizations. If people can act as that positive influence to a child who doesn't have that,

they will make changes in that child's life that will undoubtedly make them a better, more successful person in the future. Big Brothers, Big Sisters is shaping the future of the city in the most positive way by working with these kids and showing them the right ways in life.

Q. Has there been anything particularly challenging or rewarding from participating in the organization?

A. Most "Bigs" don't receive the community praise, but the most rewarding thing for them as well as myself is the smile on a child's face when they feel they have a person they can look up to who actually cares about them and how they are. When we are able to take a child off our lists of non-paired children and introduce them to their new "Big," anyone cannot help but smile and feel amazing. The biggest challenge is simply to find "Bigs" for all the children who are currently waiting. We have many young boys who are on this list so "Big Brothers" are in critical need. This problem isn't because students aren't getting involved, it's simply because the number of children who want to join the program is increasing as the work of Big Brothers, Big Sisters gains momentum in the community.

Q. What do you see in the future for Big Brothers, Big Sisters?

A. Big Brothers, Big Sisters at UK is currently in its fifth year. Being one of the university's largest organizations in such a small time span, as cliché as it may sound, the sky is the limit. In the future we only look to expand and grow a larger voice in the city.

Poet to showcase 'free flowing' style

By Kellie Oates
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Former National Poetry Slam Champion Shihan will be transcending the art of poetry with his words Wednesday in Memorial Hall at 7 p.m.

For those who don't know what a poetry slam entails, the dictionary defines it as a competition where poets read their work accompanied by a broad range of voices, styles, cultural traditions and

approaches to writing and performance.

"It's poetry the way only a few can deliver — intelligent, free flowing, fresh as can be, and with plenty of substance and style," according to Shihan's MySpace page.

Shihan was born in the Lower East Side of New York and now resides in Los Angeles with his wife and two children, and according to his Web site they are the inspiration for much of his

work. He is considered to be a local legend in Los Angeles, where he has been co-hosting the nation's largest open mic night, Da' Poetry Lounge, for 10 years.

"I couldn't believe that what I was hearing was poetry," said Hilary Perrine, the cultural affairs director for the Student Activities Board. "It's poets like Shihan that can open peoples eyes to things they might never have thought were interesting."

Shihan has independently

released two CDs, "The Poet" and "Music Is The New Cotton." His fifth CD, "The Balance" will be released Sept. 21.

"He has an urban hip-hop style. So many people that are interested in that genre will enjoy his performance," Perrine said. "But his words really flow, which will allow for many audiences to appreciate his work. When I heard him, I instantly had a new appreciation for poetry; he blew me away."

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KERNEL EDITORIAL

'6-pack' change brings benefits to South Campus

Sometimes, change isn't that bad. Sure, change can be scary; it's different and not always inviting. But after decades of having the '6-pack' as a staple of South campus, it's time for the fraternities to move on. In effect, that's what many of the remaining fraternities, a '4-pack,' if you will, are looking to do anyway. FarmHouse Fraternity finalized a land lease with UK, as reported in Tuesday's Kernel article. Two fraternities have already moved, their buildings destroyed, and a third fraternity is currently out of their house in the '6-pack' with a slim hope of returning in the spring.

But with W. T. Young library and the Kirwan-Blanding complex sandwiching the '6-pack,' it's time to put something that would better benefit the large concentration of students in that area.

UK President Lee Todd told the Kernel on Tuesday that UK's long range plan is to put academic buildings in the area currently occupied by the '6-pack,' in addition to reclaiming buildings over at Lexington Community College. UK may also buy land on Rose Lane near Woodland Avenue, with the idea of moving a fraternity or two over by the Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon houses.

Not that fraternities aren't good for the university, but with a large amount of students now living on South Campus UK should continue expansion in that area, whether it be new classrooms or a new student center. In President Todd's words, "we need to put classes closer to where people live."

The Greek community would also benefit from moving the '6-pack' closer to the Columbia Avenue area, where the current Sorority Row is. That would make co-sponsored events and activities easier to host and coordinate, and create a stronger bond within the community.

Building new houses for fraternities struggling with maintaining their current houses could be a bad business practice. Fire code violations have removed three of the original six fraternities and deteriorating buildings plague the remaining three. Those fraternities may have been on the wrong end of a bad lease, but that's college life. Everyone has had a bad lease before and that is no excuse to not keep your fraternity house in the best shape possible. Each Greek house represents a part of this university, and should look as respectable as possible.

The lease says it's on the fraternities to fix the problems when their houses fall apart. UK isn't aggressively pushing the fraternities out; these chapters just don't want to spend their money on necessary repairs to their houses. If that's the case, then the university's offer to buy land for new houses is more than generous.

UK has changed in the last 50 years since those houses were built and the majority of students now live on South Campus. It's time to do something for the majority — the non-Greeks. If losing the four remaining, run down buildings means more classrooms and buildings for student activities, then it's a good decision for the school.

It's time to empty out the '6-pack' and move on to bigger and better.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Socialized medicine is the answer to healthcare woes

I must agree with Kevin Floore in his letter to the editor. It is time for Democrats and Republicans like Kahne to stop taking swipes at the candidates and start debating policy. With less than 60 days before the election, it is time that undecided voters become decided. I would suggest that the Kernel do a side-by-side comparison of the candidates now, and maybe more students will register to vote. I am a fervent supporter of Barack Obama but I will only talk about one issue important to me — healthcare.

The healthcare system in this country is broken and it needs an overhaul, like Obama is in favor of, and not minor adjustments that address symptoms and not the root of the problem. A step toward socialized medicine is in the best interest of this country and I will use two examples: Medicare and the Veterans Affairs Hospitals.

According to the book "Best Care Anywhere: Why VA Healthcare is better than yours" by Phillip Longman, Medicare has the lowest administrative cost of any healthcare organization, less than 3 percent. This is compared to 12 percent in the private sector. The limitations of Medicare prevent overuse of treatment and wasteful spending that is also common in the private sector. Medicare uses tax dollars so all information is public record and this prevents abuse, again something that the private sector does not do.

The VA Hospitals are constantly ranked higher than their private sector counterpart in 294 "measures of quality," according to Longman. He also notes that the VA has higher percentages of patients with cancer, diabetes, smoking and mental illness, yet still manages to rank better in both patient satisfaction and medical treatment.

The VA has a system based on electronic medical records that is unparalleled in healthcare. This system helps in limiting medical errors, which every year kill as many as 98,000 people (imagine 3 jumbo jets crashing every other day). The VA focuses on prevention when private sector hospitals have no economic interest in doing so, according to the book.

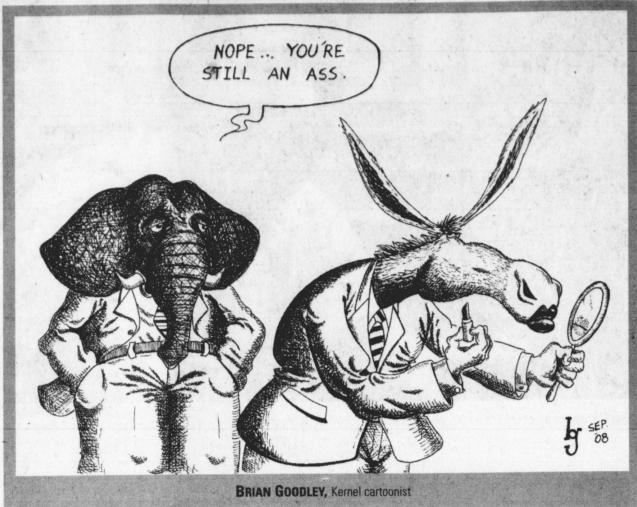
Socialized medicine is the step we need to take in this country, maybe not because healthcare is a human right and maybe not even because it is good public policy, but simply because you cannot argue with the facts.

Robert Oakley
UK Graduate Student

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Teaching civics leads to activism

When our founding fathers emerged from the Constitutional Convention in 1789, they gave America the principles that continue to guide us to the present. Not only does the Constitution guide American democracy, but it is the longest lasting constitution in human history and has served as an inspiration for democratic constitutions around the world.

As Benjamin Franklin left Independence Hall at the conclusion of the Convention, one passerby asked whether the framers had created a monarchy or a republic. Franklin's reply captures the essence of our role as citizens: "a republic, if you can keep it."

Franklin and the framers understood that the Constitution alone did not guarantee the "more perfect union" which citizens sought. It instead provides a structure for self-government, a roadmap through which every citizen can have a voice in the future path of his or her communities and nation.

The success of this conception of government requires continuous civic engagement by every citizen. Citizens can only shape their own futures if they understand the issues at stake in the electoral and legislative process, and use their voice to influence those processes. Yet, in the last 40 years, there has been a steady decline in the level of civic engagement.

On the 2006 National Assessment

of Educational Progress, three-quarters of students scored at or below proficient on the civics assessment, and only one in five high school seniors understood how citizen participation benefits democracy.

If we hope to maintain Franklin's vision of a renewed democracy in each generation, these statistics must reverse. The first step toward an engaged citizenry is ensuring that every person has the knowledge necessary for participation. Citizens are not born ready to participate in a democracy — the skills of active citizenship must be taught to each generation.

Kentucky's schools enroll three-quarters of a million students, and schools nationwide directly affect more Americans than any other single institution. We should use our schools as laboratories of democracy, instilling every young person with the skills necessary for active citizenship.

In 2004 and 2005, my office held Civics Summits throughout Kentucky to craft a statewide strategy for improving civic participation through civic learning. We joined with a bipartisan group of members in the Senate and House, the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement to host nearly 200 Kentuckians. Our goal was ambitious but simple: to make Kentucky a national leader in civic education, literacy and engagement. Our work includes a wide range of stakeholders, because safeguarding our democracy is in the interest of every citizen. No single official or entity alone can ensure the civic participation of future generations; students, teachers, administrators, elected officials and non-profit organizations all joined together to discuss strategies for improved civic learning. Since the Summits, we have re-

leased "Rediscovering Democracy: An Agenda for Action," which calls upon Kentucky leaders to take four principle steps and 60 additional recommendations to increase the civic literacy and engagement of the Commonwealth's citizens. These recommendations provide the blueprint for such a result.

The report calls for:

1) The establishment of the Kentucky Center for Civic Excellence

2) The implementation of a pilot study of a high school government and civics course

3) The creation of an annual teacher academy in the area of government and civics.

4) The strengthening of the degree to which government and civics is assessed in Kentucky.

In these efforts, we partner with the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools (www.civicsmissionofschools.org), which promotes the role that state and federal policymakers play in preparing the next generation of informed and active citizens. While the work of educating students for democracy takes place in schools and school districts, government at every level has a role in ensuring that schools have the funding, flexibility and institutional support necessary to pursue their civic missions.

As we commemorate Constitution Day, Franklin's challenge that democracy is only ours "if we can keep it" remains true. Only if we keep the promise of teaching civics to every student will we have the activist citizens that will sustain our democracy for generations to come.

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Students, not candidates, responsible for changes to come

Change, hope, unity, reform, and ethics are all broad terms being loosely thrown around this presidential election, with each candidate attempting to gain more support from the public in their bid to become, arguably, the most powerful individual in the world. Speeches from both candidates sound so magnificent and there is a reason that they do, because it is exactly what we want to hear.

We want to believe that a president can make all of these changes that John McCain and Barack Obama are promising. We want to believe that we can simply elect one of these two candidates and all of these changes are going to take place in Washington D.C. and these lifelong politicians are going to clean up their acts and start serving their constituents again. We want to believe that we can elect McCain or Obama and all of our economic problems and foreign relation issues will just disappear.

I hate to be the raincloud, but unfortunately, it doesn't work like that. The 535 professional politicians that have been elected to D.C. are still only going to be working 109 days out of

the year, and mainly concerned about getting reelected. The bureaucrats, lobbyists and special interest groups will continue to be more important to our politicians than us and party politics will still reign supreme in Congress and the state legislature.

I could write an article regarding the flaws of Barack Obama (not that McCain doesn't have his own) and dispute Robert Kahne's article in Monday's issue of the Kentucky Kernel, but in all honesty, I am not concerned about the decision that Kentucky will make in this election. Sad to say for most Democrats, McCain and McConnell will both win their races in the Bluegrass and unfortunately for Republicans, Ben Chandler will handily win his Representative seat. I am sorry that I spoiled the surprise.

Change does not start from the top and smoothly trickle down to the bottom. One of the glorious characteristics of democracy is that change starts from the bottom and allows for the average citizens to dictate to the power.

Politicians and "politics as usual" will not change because of a new president. The only way that we can truly affect change in our area is if our elected officials know that we are watching them, since that is the only time in which they decide to do anything.

There has been a movement that has been started and is stirring in this nation and state as we speak. George

Bush has a 32 percent approval rating. Congress has a 10 percent approval rating. Taxes are being raised, the government is growing and intervening past the consent of the governed, and Congress won't even stay in session to vote on a bill to relieve the citizens from the burden of gas prices. Among that, the issues of the 21st century are complex. How are we going to deal with them?

I do not care what party you are affiliated with. My primary concern is holding our politicians accountable when they are in session about one-third of the year. D.C. and Frankfort are not going to change because of an election. When they recognize that our vote matters, change will take place and our stereotypes of unreliable college kids will disappear.

Mother Teresa once said, "Don't wait for leaders — do it alone, person to person." Fellow students, I encourage everyone to register, be politically active, and vote in this upcoming election on Nov. 4.

Republicans, I hope that you join in on this movement, restoring the power to the people. The College Republicans meet every other Tuesday, with the next meeting being Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. in room 211 of the Student Center.

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Junior defender Barry Rice looks to cross the ball against North Carolina earlier this season. Rice is the defending Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year.

Rice quietly defending conference crown

By Clark Brooks
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If you know anything about UK soccer, you have to have heard of junior defender Barry Rice.

The Parma, Ohio native burst onto the scene last fall for the Cats in a huge way. Even though he's a defender, Rice stepped up and led the Cats in four offensive categories (goals, points, minutes and game winners). The play resulted in Rice winning the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year in 2007, as well as being named to First Team All-Conference and First Team NSCAA All-Region. Rice ended the season with seven goals and 15 points.

His performance last season has already established huge expectations for him this fall. Rice was named both preseason First Team All-Conference and Third Team All-America.

"Being named to those lists definitely puts pressure on you as a player to perform well," Rice said. "It's just part of the game."

Rice's motivational skills last year didn't go unnoticed either. He was voted as a captain on the 2008 squad along with fellow junior midfielders Jason Griffiths and Dan Williams.

"Barry has intensity and a great positive energy," head coach Ian Collins said. "His enthusiasm always adds onto the other players, which creates a high performance level. He's a dominant defender who always leads by example."

Besides being named to a few preseason teams, Rice is in contention with 47 other players from around the nation for the most prestigious award in men's collegiate soccer. Rice has been put on the 2008 Missouri Ath-

letic Club's Hermann Trophy watch list. The Hermann Trophy is the Heisman of men's collegiate soccer, which no one from UK has ever won.

"It is obviously a great honor," Rice said. "My goal is just to do the best I can and help the team perform well."

Despite the preseason expectations, Rice has only accounted for one point so far this season, which was an assist in the Cats' first game against Central Arkansas.

"Teams have started to scout me," he said. "It has definitely made it harder to get open and create space."

However, Collins isn't too concerned with the early drought from Rice because it creates more options.

"Since teams have begun to double- or triple-team Barry, other guys are left wide open," Collins said. "He gets held and grabbed constantly, making it extra hard for him. But Barry is too good of an athlete for people to contain. He is a terrific passer and always a threat when he has the ball."

Both Collins and Rice are optimistic that will change in time. The Cats still plan to use Rice on set pieces when the opportunity arises, and he has no doubt in his mind that he will be able to repeat as C-USA Defensive Player of the Year.

"I can repeat for sure," Rice said confidently. "I haven't been playing on the top level yet, but I know I will play better."

The Cats (3-2) play Wednesday against the Michigan Wolverines (4-1-1) at the UK Soccer Complex.

"This will be an interesting game to watch," Rice said. "I almost chose to sign with Michigan. Plus, both of us want to improve our records against non-conference opponents."

Cats putting the parts in place to return to NCAAs

Too often in sports when a team struggles during a season, we hear the team was simply going through a "rebuilding year."

If it's not that, the team didn't perform well because of injuries or inexperience. Often they're just excuses — a way for a coach and a program to sugarcoat a disappointing season.

The UK men's soccer team is one of the rare exceptions. Head coach Ian Collins had to pull his team through a rebuilding stage last year. At one point, Collins was missing as many as 14 members of the regular playing rotation.

That didn't spoil the Cats from upsetting then-No. 1 Southern Methodist late in the season, but the Cats struggled to a 7-10-2 finish and missed the NCAA Tournament for the fourth consecutive season.

Injuries forced Collins hand at times last year. Without his usual stock of players, Collins was forced to go to his bench and play a bevy of inexperienced players. The Cats paid the price for it last season, but it appears last year's rebuilding phase could

be paying dividends this year. This far, the Cats are a modest 3-2 against one of the nation's toughest schedules. They've scored 16 goals while giving up just five in five games this year.

Collins, who has just about seen it all during his 15 years at the helm of the soccer program, has a special feeling about this year's squad.

"To me, it's got a similar feel to our team in 2001, which I thought was a Final Four-caliber team and had a chance at the national championship," Collins said. "The team's got the same feel. Whether it's as good, I'm not sure. Whether it has that potential, I'm not sure. But the parts are there this team."

And those parts are finally coming together because of the playing time they got last year.

Now older and more experienced, the Cats have a solid core of sophomores and juniors in Barry Rice, Jason Griffiths, Tim Crowe, Dan Williams, Stephen Beiro and Tyler Burns. Add in the senior leaders of Michael Strong (who, by the way, has torn up the pitch this season with a team-high five goals), Masumi Turnbull and Bingy Lara along with a talented freshman class, and suddenly the Cats appear to have the winning foundation Collins was forced to quickly rebuild last year.

But before you can build something, you must have an idea of where it's going. And

Collins does. Collins' blueprint for winning started last week with a West Coast swing to play then-No. 7 UC Santa Barbara and then-No. 24 Cal Poly. The Cats lost both games, but the players got to see what it takes to win on the highest level.

"They got some games under their belt and got some big-time experience out there," Collins said.

If nothing else, the trip started to build a tournament resume for the Cats. As the 2006 team surely remembers — the Cats didn't get selected to the NCAA Tournament despite holding a top-25 ranking — that resume is the ultimate factor in what constitutes a successful season.

Now the Cats will head into what Collins called the "meat" of their schedule. They'll face three non-conference opponents, including a tough Michigan team Wednesday, before opening up conference play Oct. 1.

By then, we should have a good indication of where this work-in-progress is building towards. Ultimately, the final brick in the rebuilding process will be the Cats' postseason fate.

"Our goal obviously is to win our conference, but we want to get back into the NCAA Tournament," Collins said. "To me, anything less than that will be a disappointment."



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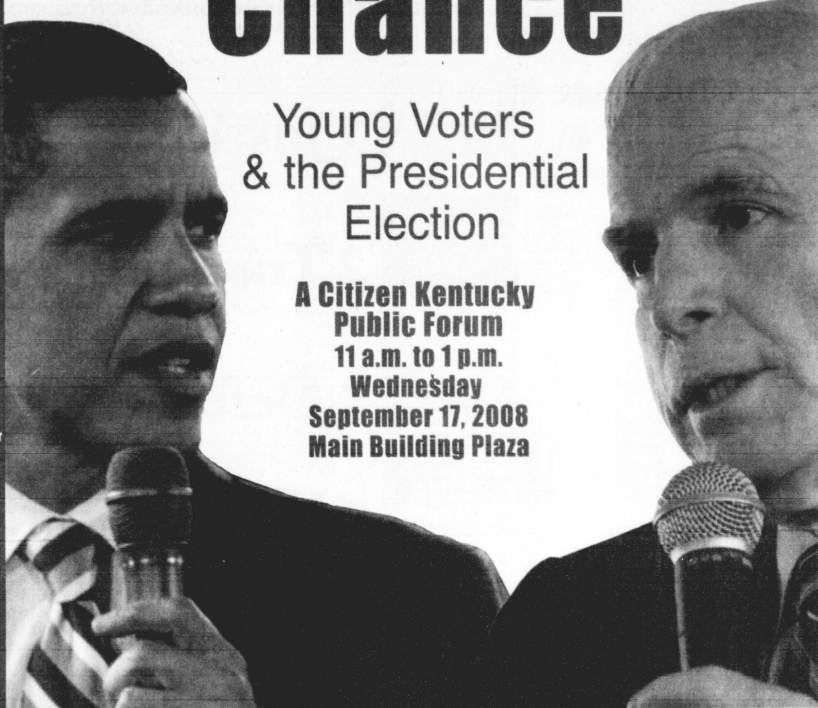
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Greetings From The Governor

On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth, I wish to welcome you all to Constitution Day '08 at UK. Your title says it all: "Your Big Chance: Young Voters & the Presidential Election." I appreciate your focus on trying to inspire young people to vote on Nov. 4, whether that be for president of the United States or for an important local office. I'm sorry my schedule does not permit me to join you on campus today, but please know my civic spirit is with you.

Respectfully,
Steve Beshear
Governor of Kentucky
Former President
UK Student Government



A Word From the Moderator

Welcome to Constitution Day at UK '08! This is the university's fourth annual celebration, and as always, the program is brought to you by the First Amendment. In just 45 words, it offers protections for religion, speech, press, assembly and petition, or the right to go right City Hall, Frankfurt or Washington, D.C. In the next two hours, I'm sure we will exercise all five freedoms, one way or another. Please sit back and enjoy the program, and when the spirit moves you, feel free to speak your piece.

Buck Ryan

Director,
Citizen Kentucky Project
of UK's Scripps Howard
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Programs, Get Your Programs!

Here are some of the good citizens expected to speak today. Feel free to add yourself to the list!



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Why All the Cameras?

No telling how many still or video cameras you may see, but please know that Arthur House and his video Editing Services team will be videotaping for a possible 30-minute KET program based on this event. House's last KET program with Buck Ryan was "Citizen Kentucky Citizen." Chris, Hope for a New Century, which debuted before the Olympics. It will be rebroadcast at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, on KET's Kentucky Channel.



Melody Balliff
18
Houston, Texas
Undecided

What kind of research do you do to discover the real issues that the candidates face and what they really believe in?



Adam Warner
19
Oldham County, Ky.
Broadcasting

With Sarah Palin at his side, do you believe America is more confident in John McCain?



Haley Volheim
19
Dalton, Ga.
Marketing

Did you vote for the same person or party your family always voted for?



Megan VanMeter
18
Louisville, Ky.
Broadcasting

What is your candidate's platform?



Amanda Quiggins
18
Elizabethtown, Ky.
English

What are the most important characteristics to look for in a presidential candidate?



Chelsea Brislin
18
Louisville, Ky.
Art History

Which of your candidate's arguments, if any, do you disagree with and why?



Tyler Brooks
18
Middlesboro, Ky.
Mining Engineering

Which is more important: the candidate's morals or qualifications?



Lee Cole
18
Paducah, Ky.
Philosophy

How important is a candidate's religion when making your decision?



Matt Doane
18
Henry County, Ky.
Political Science

What traits did the greatest leaders of your time share?



Laura Edelen
18
Bowling Green, Ky.
Journalism

When you have voted for a winner, have any ended up disappointing you?



Kristen Hamilton
18
Louisville, Ky.
Political Science

What does each candidate promise for minorities?



Alyson Hayes
19
Wilmore, Ky.
Education

How much attention do you pay to political experience?



Annie Hughes
18
Covington, Ky.
Political Science

What do you consider most: a candidate's actions or his campaigning about the inadequacies of the other candidate?



LaPorsha Jackson
18
Shelbyville, Ky.
Political Science

Is it better to follow my party's choice or the candidate who has ideas more similar to my own?



Dakota Johnson
19
Lexington
Linguistics

Has your candidate ever disappointed you? Or have you ever regretted a vote?

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Advice Wanted

First-time voters seek help from civic leaders

These students enrolled in a Fall '08 Discovery Seminar Program class, "Citizen Kentucky: Journalism and Democracy," taught by Buck Ryan, associate professor of journalism and director of the Citizen Kentucky Project of the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center, and Laura Clinton, an undergraduate peer instructor

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What qualities does a president need nowadays that one wouldn't have needed years back?