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2007 English graduate Melissa Ratliff, left, theater senior Olivia Wheelahan, French graduate student Tamara Bentley Caudill and theater junior Casey Whitaker rehearse "Moliere's Women" at the Lucille Caudill theater at Transylvania University's campus June 28. "Moliere's Women" was written by Nancy Jones, chairwoman of UK's theater department.

Prof's play earns French debut

By Britney McIntosh
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Eight years ago, Nancy Jones began developing her play, "Moliere's Women." In less than two weeks, Jones will see that play come to life onstage — in France.

Jones, chairwoman of UK's Department of Theatre, began work on the play in June 1999, when she developed the first scene while working on a grant given to her by UK, she said.

"I got a summer research grant from UK, and that grant gave me the opportunity to do about two months worth of research (on French drama and comedy)," Jones said. "I totally immersed myself in the culture of France, and this is what came out of it."

On July 18, Jones will premiere "Moliere's Women" on the international stage for the first time. The play will be presented in two French theaters and will be performed by several UK students.

Jones is both the writer and director of the play portraying the life of 15th-century French dramatist and comedian Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, also known as Moliere. In her play, Jones tells his story via four female characters.

"Moliere's Women" has already been performed twice, once in Seattle and again in St. Louis, each time with a different cast.

Every time the play is performed, Jones said she makes changes to it.

"I come into (the performance) each time knowing there are parts

of the play I want to change, but I have no idea what to change," Jones said.

"She gives everyone opportunities to just have an idea and incorporate it into the show," said Teri Fuson, a theater senior and stage manager for the play. "It's completely different than anything I've ever done before."

Tamara Bentley Caudill, a graduate student and cast member of "Moliere's Women," said typically when changes are made to a play or the script is interpreted in a different way, the director would have to contact the playwright for an OK.

"Working with the playwright (directly) opens up opportunities for what you can do," Caudill said. "Normally you have to be careful to preserve the integrity of the script, but with Nancy being so open, it gave us the ability to make changes."

Each actress has brought individuality and unique change to the characters in the play and has allowed the script to evolve, Jones said.

"They have also brought a wonderful connection," Jones said. "I don't feel like anyone of them needs to stand out as a star; they give and take really beautifully."

The all-female cast, consisting of four actresses and a stage manager, will depart for Paris Tuesday, and will be staying together in an



Director and playwright Nancy Jones holds her daughter Madeleine Farrell, 5, as they watch a rehearsal of Jones' play, "Moliere's Women."

apartment near the Eiffel Tower.

The play will be presented July 18 at the Jean Monnet Cultural Center and July 20 at the Fifth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities at American University in Paris.

When the cast returns, "Moliere's Women" will be performed around Kentucky in the fall.

The cast will travel to locations that include Centre College and the Pike County Art Center.

Jones hopes the world of theater will see much more from her in the future, she said.

"I have another play that I want to write about a French chanteuse, basically a nightclub singer," Jones said.

Trustees: Work-Life package ignored

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The whole of the Work-Life benefits package passed by the UK Board of Trustees on April 24 has been overshadowed by one of the benefits it includes, said Staff

Trustee Russ Williams. "It is a relatively comprehensive package of new benefits," Williams said. "Domestic partner benefits is just one

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Trustee aspect of it

that excessive attention is overshadowing the several other important changes."

UK spokesman Jay Blanton said in addition to those benefits, the Work-Life package will:

- Provide a tuition discount for a spouse, partner or one dependent of employees who have worked at UK for at least one year.

- Build two new child care centers for faculty and staff — one will be located near North Campus on Woodland Avenue and the other near South Campus on University Court.

- Create additional opportunities for professional development and career advancement for staff, including a full-time career counselor, a computer loan program and financial incentives for earning a GED.

- Add a staff member and increase funding for the Work-Life office to coordinate employee assistance services and programs.

"There are so many new things that this package will do for the university that deserve praise from state officials and from the campus and local community," Williams said. "It is a shame that a debated issue like domestic partner benefits has to completely block out all of these other positively-received things."

Trustees Pamela May and Penny Brown, who voted against the plan in April, said it was a difficult decision to reject the entire proposal.

"I hated that voting against one aspect meant that I was voting against them all," Brown said. "Many of the changes I agreed with, but I did not choose to cast a vote for domestic partner benefits."

Enrollment for the revised addition of the Work-Life package, including changes made in the qualifications for the adult-sponsored dependent plan, ended Sunday.

Under the previous plan, 44 of UK's 13,000 employees signed up for domestic partner benefits, 28 with same-sex partners and 16 with opposite-sex.

The new enrollment numbers have not been released, Blanton said.

In April, under the original plan, UK projected that 272 employees would enroll for domestic partner benefits in the next three years.

NEWS BRIEFS

Trustees' committee approves Samaritan transaction

The Executive Committee of UK's Board of Trustees unanimously approved up to \$70 million Friday for financing the purchase of Samaritan Hospital.

"This transaction is good for UK," said Dr. Michael Karpf, UK's executive vice president of health affairs, in a news release. "It's good for Samaritan. And it's good for our community."

"Samaritan has long been an important health care provider for north Lexington. This transaction will ensure that continues."

The full cost of the transaction will be realized over the next few years, Karpf said. This is why the

committee needed to approve the amount estimated for the full transaction, he said. Earlier this year, the Kentucky General Assembly allowed UK HealthCare to finance up to \$70 million to complete the purchase, according to the release.

Health care officials expect the total transaction to cost:

- About \$13 million for the hospital practice.

- About \$35 million for the 13 acres of real estate associated with the hospital that will take place over the next five years.

- About \$15 million for transaction and transition costs that will be incurred over the next two years.

Nursing professor, 'inspiration' dies after long illness

Jan Coleman Gross, assistant professor at the UK College of Nursing undergraduate program, died June 17, after a long illness.

"Jan Gross was an incredible inspiration to all those who knew her," said Dr. Leslie Crofford, director of the UK Center for the Advancement of Women's Health in the Kentucky Clinic, in a news release. "I have not previously known a person who maintained her love of all that was important in life in the face of adversity to such an extent."

Gross was a nurse practitioner

and continence specialist with the center. Gross also led an undergraduate clinical group until the end of the Spring 2007 semester.

She had recently been awarded the Excellence in Part-Time Teach Award by the college. In the nominations that led to Gross' honor, students doing clinical rotations with Gross wrote that she was admired for "being the nurse patients hope to have care for them," according to the release.

The College of Nursing will hold a service in Gross' memory in August.

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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black
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 5 — Old worries plague you. Some may seem new but look closely. They're very similar to worries you've had in the past. Greet them like old friends.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) — Today is a 6 — Your friends have the best intentions but they don't all have your common sense. Be as tactful as you can but don't let them squander resources.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) — Today is an 8 — Don't let anybody know how much you're making now. This especially applies to your competition. They'll think it's

more than it is.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) — Today is a 7 — Explore distant options virtually, if at all possible. Don't go all the way over there. It's tempting but not necessary.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Hold off on the shopping trip for now. Leave your savings intact and you'll be thankful later.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Don't try to achieve a consensus today. There are too many wild emotional reactions floating around. Schedule your discussion for another time.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Unfortunately you can't really use new skills you're acquiring yet. Trying to do things a different way would just cause a breakdown now.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Be very careful now, with shopping, buying and selling. If at all possible, postpone all that

stuff until tomorrow.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — It's very important to be frugal now, even if you don't feel like it. There's something about this deal that's not right. Figure out what it is.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Get older people to tell their stories and you're going to get a different view of history. And, they all came to different conclusions. Check it out.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Continue to exercise good judgment when shopping. You'll also have to inhibit your natural generosity. Donate time, not your money, for now.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) — Today is a 7 — You may feel like you're not making much progress, but that's not really true. You're getting into new territory, so it's wise to proceed with caution.

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LOVE LIVES

Keri Russell and son River's Day at the Beach

THE DISH

Oh, baby! Parenthood certainly suits Keri Russell and Shane Deary. When the newlyweds treated their month-old son, River, to some sun at the shore in Brooklyn June 24, a witness tells Us, the "Waitress" star, 31, was a picture of pride as her contractor hubby of four months, 30, snapped photos of her and their bundled babe. "She was giggling," says the onlooker of the pair, who then cuddled as they stared out at the surf. "They seem like very caring parents."

true!" he reassured her at the drama's June 18 NYC premiere, before proclaiming to Us, "She's beautiful!"

Paula Abdul — Meet My New Man!

When she blew out the candles on her birthday cake June 19, Paula Abdul didn't have to wish for love: She's already found it! For the past month, the "American Idol" host has been dating restaurateur JT Torregiani, who threw a 45th birthday party for her at Ketchup, the West Hollywood eatery he co-owns. "You could tell she was so happy to be with him," says a witness at the bash, which included Idol alums Jordin Sparks, Blake Lewis and Chris Richardson. "They were cuddling all night." The star (who has a new reality show, *Hey Paula*, on Bravo) and the Dolce Group partner, 32, met through friends, and a source says they're already pretty serious. "She introduces him to everyone as her boyfriend," the insider tells Us. "It's really cute how she's so smitten."

Heidi & Seal's Diamond Life

Touring the world may be exciting, but Seal tells Us, "my favorite thing to do right now, since I've been on the road... is to just be with the family." So that's what the singer, 44, did June 20, joining his wife, Heidi Klum (mom to their sons, Johan, 7 months, and Henry, 21 months, and her daughter, Leni, 3), in New York City at a fete honoring Lorraine Schwartz, who designed the couple's wedding rings. And the Project Runway host, 34, gushes to Us of her husband, "He buys me the best jewelry!"

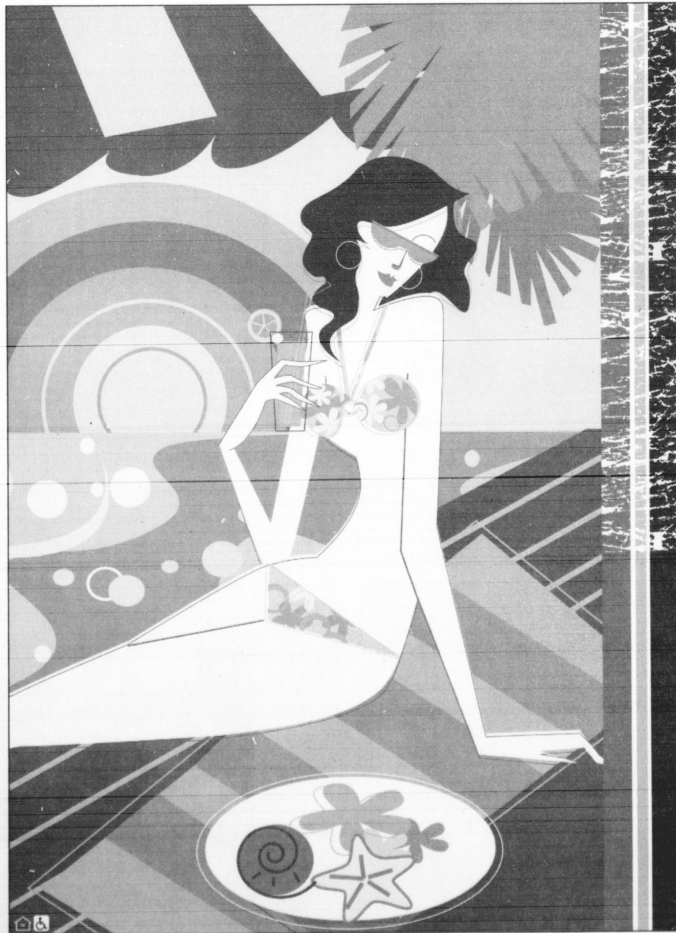
Skinny-dip Hijinks for Ali Larter!

On a recent holiday in Hawaii, Ali Larter planned the perfect date with love Hayes MacArthur (he's also her costar in September's "National Lampoon's *Homo Erectus*"). "There was this gorgeous lagoon... so the dress came off and in I went," the *Heroes* star, 31, tells Us. But their dip went awry when a jelly-fish stung her arm. "It started out as a romantic rendezvous," she says, "and ended up in the ER!"

Courtney & David's Enduring Romance

Considering how many Hollywood marriages crumble, how do Courtney Cox and David Arquette defend their eight-year union against the inevitable stories that they too are on the road to Splitsville? "When we get those calls, we just say we love each other," the actor, 35, tells Us. They certainly looked cozy June 21 at L.A.'s Kitson, where the actress, 43, hosted an event launching the charity T-shirt line *OmniPeace*, which benefits Millennium Promise, a nonprofit working to end extreme poverty. "Courtney and David seem very snuggly," said a witness at the bash, which included David Spade and Alexis Arquette. Daughter Coco, 3, was absent from the evening, but Dad says he always keeps her close: "When you call my phone, my voice mail is her singing the Lakers song!"

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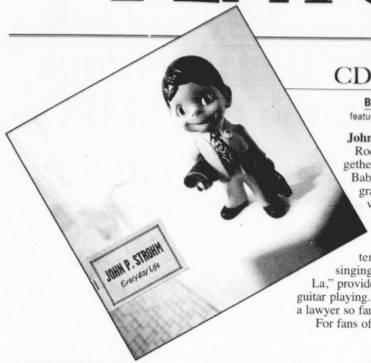
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John P. Strohm — "Everyday Life"

Rocker and lawyer are two words that don't often go together. But John P. Strohm, former member of the Blake Babies and the Lemonheads, happens to be both. A 2004 graduate of Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, Strohm lives in Birmingham, Ala., where he works as a transactional entertainment lawyer. He also has time to write music. On his fourth solo album, "Everyday Life," he turns out melodic, mid-tempo rock songs that are catchy enough to have you singing along after only a few listens. The first track, "Sha La," provides good examples of his melodic vocals and rhythmic guitar playing. This might be the best indie-rock album released by a lawyer so far this year. The CD will be on shelves July 10. For fans of: Glen Phillips, the Wallflowers, Old 97's



A Day to Remember — "For Those Who Have Heard"

A Day to Remember offers up a unique blend of hardcore and pop punk on its second release, "For Those Who Have Heard." The group doesn't really mix the two genres — instead, they alternate between them restlessly and usually within a single song. While the group seems adept at both ends of the spectrum, most listeners will probably find the combination a little unsettling. However, if you often find yourself torn between Slayer and Fall Out Boy, then this might just be the compromise you've been looking for. For fans of: As I Lay Dying in one ear and Panic! At the Disco in the other.



Marc Broussard — "SOS: Save Our Soul"

With "SOS: Save Our Soul," Marc Broussard treads hallowed musical ground. On the album, Broussard covers songs by some of the greatest soul artists of all time including Stevie Wonder, Al Green, Otis Redding, and Marvin Gaye. It may sound like a lofty goal — for a white boy from Louisiana to hope to do these songs justice, but Broussard performs so spectacularly that he leaves no room to question his song choice. The album's one original, "Come in from the Cold," proves that Broussard isn't just an imitator — he's also a student of the greats, and as such shows a lot of promise. For fans of: Soul music — period.



Bone Thugs-N-Harmony — "Strength & Loyalty"

Three of the original members of Bone Thugs-N-Harmony return for the group's latest album, "Strength & Loyalty." The album's sound remains true to the group's previous releases while managing to still sound relevant. The single, "I Tried," featuring Akon, exemplifies this familiar yet updated style. Standout track "Wind Blows" utilizes Fleetwood Mac's "The Chain" in one of the more effective samples in recent memory. Rap fans will definitely want to pick up a copy of "Strength & Loyalty." For fans of: The Game, Shop Boyz, Fabolous



Kelly Clarkson — "My December"

Unless you have been living in a cave the last few years, you know what a Kelly Clarkson song sounds like — confessional lyrics wrought with melodrama, perfect pop vocals, topped off with a stuck-in-your-head-for-days chorus. "My December," the third album from the former American Idol, delivers more of the same (cue new single "Never Gave Up" which is the third consecutive smash hit, leaving only one question: What exactly is she so angry about?). For fans of: Avril Lavigne, KT Tunstall, Fergie



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By Eric Benderoff
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — If you're chatty, the iPhone will be costly. But if you like to use your phone to watch videos from YouTube or as a mobile e-mail device, the highly anticipated gadget will cost roughly the same as any other smart phone.

Apple Inc. and AT&T Inc., the iPhone's exclusive wireless carrier, said Tuesday that pricing plans for the phone, which costs as much as \$600, will range from \$59.99 a month for 450 minutes to \$99.99 for 1,350 minutes. In all plans, data usage — surfing the Internet or sending e-mails — is free and includes 200 text messages.

The phone goes on sale Friday, minutes are rolled over into the next month as well, he said.

By comparison, customers who opt for another smart phone from AT&T, such as the Samsung BlackJack or the BlackBerry Pearl, need to pay at least \$30 a month for an unlimited data plan, which includes e-mail usage and Web service. Prices vary significantly. That data cost is on top of what AT&T typically charges for minutes.

For example, AT&T's Cingular Nation 450 plan includes 450 minutes for \$40 a month while a plan offering 1,350 minutes starts at \$80 a month. Data plans are not included.

The iPhone will retail for \$499 for the model with 4 gigabytes of storage and \$599 for the 8-gigabyte version.

The latest in do-it-yourself home treatment: lasers

By Shari Roan
Los Angeles Times

Laura Beard was flipping through a women's magazine when an advertisement caught her eye. It sounded simple enough: Aim a laser at individual blemishes — in the privacy of one's home — and the skin will clear up within a day or two.

The cost, \$150, gave her only slight pause. If the device worked, it would save her the time and money she spent on acne treatments and dermatologist visits for herself and her daughter. "I have very dry skin, so I have to be careful about using acne remedies with benzoyl peroxide," said the 53-year-old Memphis woman. "This sounded so positive."

With the evolution of laser technology, do-it-yourself personal care has entered a new realm. Consumers can now calm acne flare-ups, plump facial wrinkles and restore thinning hair with a variety of hand-held devices. Others in development could treat superficial warts, relieve pain and remove body hair.

"This field will grow because we have discovered how to channel the power of light and cause reactions in the skin and hair," said John Carrillo, director of marketing for Sunetics, manufacturer of a hair-regrowth de-

vice. "It's quite an exciting industry, and it's on the verge of exploding."

Home hair and skin appliances using lasers or, in some cases, heat, can spare consumers from tiresome trips to the doctor's office and may be less costly, over time, than monthly in-office facials and hair treatments. But they won't work the same kind of magic that can be conjured up with more high-powered tools. And some may even be a waste of money.

"It's a matter of degree," said Dr. Harold Brody, a clinical professor of dermatology at Emory University in Atlanta. "If people are trying to treat mild conditions, it may help. But if it's something severe, they will need the help of a dermatologist."

The popularity of in-home treatments mirrors the use of medical devices by physicians, said Dr. Wendy E. Roberts, a Rancho Mirage, Calif., dermatologist and assistant professor of medicine at Loma Linda University Medical Center. "I think eventually these could be effective for home use," she said.

"But right now, there are questions about the efficacy of some of these systems. There's a lot of hype."

Consumers may have especially high expectations for home lasers.

Lasers release a special form of light in a single wavelength; by contrast, normal daylight consists of varying wavelengths. Hot lasers, the kind used by health professionals in the treatment of skin resurfacing and tattoo removal, are high-energy devices that cause heat damage to the skin, triggering a healing response.

Cool lasers are sometimes called low-level lasers or low-level light therapy. This type of laser doesn't damage tissue and is safe to use at home. They work by passing a beam of light through the skin to reach cells below the skin's surface and stimulate the body's natural healing processes. Energy produced by cool lasers appears to prompt the production of collagen and ATP (the energy source needed for cellular functions), promote blood circulation and boost the release of growth factors and the removal of waste products from cells.

"I sincerely doubt any of these things are so aggressive that they would produce side effects," said Brody. "But the effectiveness is going to be mild too."

Consumers may think that heat and Drug Administration clearance means the devices work similarly to those used by doctors. But FDA clearance of this type means only that the manufacturer has submitted some data showing effectiveness for the device's intended purpose. Usually this means the device is based on similar, proven technology. Devices that do not have FDA clearance may only be proven as safe.

For example, devices to stimulate hair regrowth for balding men have been sold over-the-counter for years although manufacturers couldn't claim the devices helped regrow hair. The approval in February for the HairMax LaserComb was a milestone because the manufacturer produced scientific data to show the product had some effect in growing hair.

But not every light-based hair or skin device has received FDA clearance.

"Consumers need to ask enough questions to make sure what they are getting is truly effective," said Dr. Mark Solomon, a plastic surgeon in Philadelphia and spokesman for the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. "Over-the-counter devices don't hurt anybody, so you can sell them. But that doesn't mean they work."

The American Cancer Society has warned that low-level light therapy products in particular are being touted for conditions for which there is little or no proof that they help, such as pain relief, inflammation, smoking cessation, herpes, high blood pressure and migraines.

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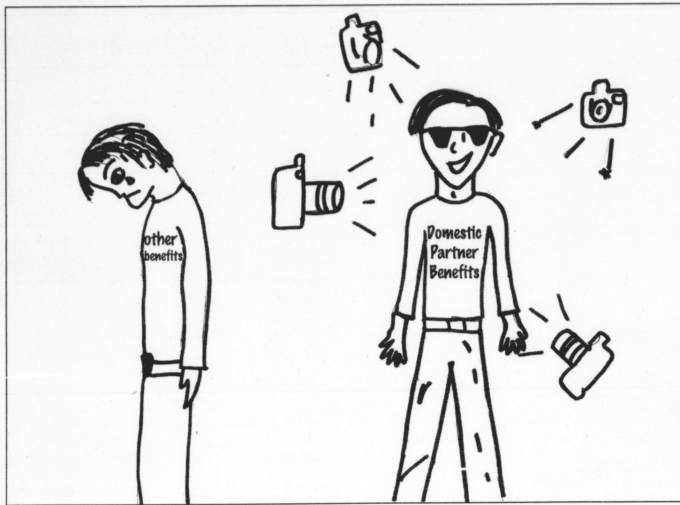
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Health care might need addressing, but 'Sicko' goes about it wrong

Michael Moore has hit the box office once more with a pseudo-documentary about the United States' health care system.

I feel sick already. In "Sicko" Moore explores the perceived failings of American health care, but does little to offer a full spectrum of facts to support his case. Instead of responsible dialogue, Moore's new film is well known for the same old scam he's already



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There is no doubt that the future of health care in America is a discussion that needs to happen. Whether you're for universal health care or complete privatization, we can all agree that honest debate is the best way to reach a conclusion. All of us except Moore, that is. Moore is the master of

twisting facts and his latest film showcases this talent. Instead of lying, he simply omits any opposing data to make his case appear as strong as possible. As he sends furious attacks in the direction of insurance companies, don't expect anyone to get a chance to play defense. Moore has stacked all the cards in his favor and he didn't leave room for objections.

One fact Moore is eager to announce in his film is that the United States has "slipped" to No. 37 worldwide in terms of health care coverage. To illustrate how much better health care is outside of the States, he takes a group of Americans to Cuba to receive health care they could not get here. What he forgets to mention is that the same poll that ranks the U.S. at No. 37 in healthcare, places Cuba two spots behind us, at No. 39.

I'm sure he just forgot. But "Sicko" is full of moments where Moore just "forgot" to include additional information.

Opponents of universal health care have argued that countries who have already

instituted these programs see much longer waiting times for medical treatment. To counter this, Moore travels to Canada where he interviews people who claim not to have waited long at all to be admitted into the emergency room.

But according to the Commonwealth Fund, a private nonpartisan foundation for research on health and social issues, 24 percent of Canadians waited four hours or longer to be admitted to the emergency room. Compare that to only 12 percent of Americans who claim to have waited the same amount of time.

To his credit, I can see how that's an easy fact for Moore to forget. After all, someone with his health has probably never had to wait for health care.

The problem with "Sicko" isn't the position it argues. It's the lack of integrity it has in starting an important discussion in American policy.

We should be able to look toward people like Moore — who have the money, prominence and talent to do great things — with hope. Instead, we're forced to fight our way through a swarm of dishonesty

with the naive belief that someone might actually rise above the level of typical politics and take a fair and honest stand.

Moore's blatant disregard for integrity is a slap in our face, but not an excuse to give up.

If we are to prosper as a country it is vital to remember to keep honesty and responsibility as our top priority. We can't expect to make wise decisions if we refuse, like Moore does, to consider all perspectives.

But let's be honest here — Moore isn't trying to help America. He's looking for fame and all the money that comes with it. If he was seriously about health care (and helping those who need it), he would drop the propaganda that infests his films and use his money and talents in an intellectually responsible way. But just like the capitalists he hates, Moore likes his money just a little too much.

Health care is an issue we need to bring to the table. But "Sicko" isn't the place to start.

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Don't overlook the rest of UK's benefits package

KERNEL EDITORIAL

In April, UK's Board of Trustees passed a package of new benefits for employees. However, many of those benefits have since been overlooked because one of them — domestic partner benefits — has caused a flood of debate that has taken the attention away from the whole package.

While offering domestic partner benefits is a triumph for the university and its employees, the other benefits are a victory as well.

Those benefits also passed in the package include providing a tuition discount for a spouse, partner or one dependent of employees who have worked at UK for at least one year, building two new childcare centers for faculty and staff, creating additional opportunities for professional development and career advancement for staff, including a full-time career counselor and adding a staff member and increasing funding for the work-life office.

Many employees surely breathed a collective sigh of relief upon hearing of the tuition discount and the new childcare facilities. Because of those two added benefits, employees' dependents will have the opportunity to earn a quality education at a discounted price and also will have two new choices for childcare, both of which are close to campus (one located at the north end, and one at the south).

Also, the opportunity for career advancement and any financial incentives to better one's self are always welcome.

At the same time, the university has shown its commitment to addressing these issues of work and life by adding a staff member and increasing funding to look

into the issues further. It's a shame one piece of the package has garnered so much debate and attention when the whole is greater than its individual parts.

Even before the package was voted on, the domestic partner benefits piece has attracted most of the attention. This aspect of the package was even the defining point for two board members to vote no to the entire package as a whole, despite the fact they were in favor of many other parts.

Trustees Pamela May and Penny Brown voted against the plan, according to an April 25 Kernel article, for just that reason. In the article, Brown said it was a difficult decision to reject the entire proposal.

"I guess if you vote for them you vote for all," Brown said. "It's kind of a package deal."

In the end, Brown said she did not want to vote for domestic partner benefits, and by doing so, she voted against the other benefits as well — benefits that do help a greater majority of the faculty and staff at UK.

Staff Trustee Russ Williams, who voted yes to the package, said in the same article that the domestic partner benefits were only "one small part" of a "comprehensive package."

We obviously agree. Health care benefits offered to adult-sponsored dependents are a step in the right direction for this university. But this step is only one of many that have been taken.

The package will benefit a great number of employees at UK. That fact shouldn't be lost.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep employees' e-mail options

Imagine that the university builds a new parking lot, but it is only accessible for people driving a Ford vehicle. Or building a new hallway across the med center to which all people's shoes will stick unless they wear Nike's. Too bad if a collaborator sends you a sample in a FedEx envelope, because UPS is the exclusive carrier. Kentucky Clinic toilets won't flush unless the user had lunch at the Bluegrass Cafeteria nearby. OK, I'm pushing it at bit in the latter, but you get the picture. Well, something similar is happening with the new campus e-mail service.

The university has chosen to use Microsoft Exchange as the universal mailing system and is "migrating" all users to the new Exchange 2007 servers. I'm one of many Macintosh users, and until recently, I've been able to access my Exchange mail through the excellent little Mac mail client. However, I've been told by several IT helpdesk people that Mac mail wouldn't work with the new Exchange system anymore (and indeed it hasn't for more than a week now). I was told that from now on I need to use the Entourage e-mail client. This client, coincidentally, is also a Microsoft product, just like the Exchange server. It offers no advantages over Mac mail, and doesn't even support the Exchange functions that windows users enjoy. The web interface on non-windows browsers for Exchange mail is nearly useless, you can't even search for old messages.

Apparently it has already been forgotten that Microsoft was intensely investigated for anti-competitive behavior and was severely fined by the European Council.

E-mail is an open standard and should be accessible by many means. By not supporting non-Microsoft e-mail clients one is supporting anti-competitive behavior and damaging progress in the long haul.

Erik Eckhardt
Internal medicine professor

Forget coal, fund alternatives

A special session of the legislature to pass massive kickbacks to the coal industry is not necessary or positive for Kentucky. Coal to liquid fuel is not something that will benefit Kentucky in any way shape or form. The technology has only been used extensively twice in world history: the Nazis used it during World War II and it was by South Africa during the apartheid era. Kentucky should not follow in the footsteps of these regimes. Kentucky should invest in clean energy like wind, solar, and energy efficiency to deal with our long-term energy needs. By doing so Kentucky can lead the way in clean energy that would benefit not just Kentucky, but the world. This will allow Kentucky to stand out and not follow the example of brutal dictatorships.

John Ghaelian
History senior

VP Cheney oversteps limits of office

Editorial by the Philadelphia Inquirer

How do you turn a job that a Depression-era vice president said wasn't worth a "bucket of warm spit" into a new, fourth branch of the federal government?

Elect one Richard B. Cheney as vice president of the United States — he of the ever-grimacing smile, and the undisclosed location.

That's one conclusion from the latest dust-up over Cheney's unhealthy penchant for secrecy.

This time, he's has gone beyond merely shielding the identities of those he's consulting on policy, or having the visitor logs removed at his official residence. Now he's ignoring the president's orders to detail how his office safeguards classified documents.

For the last four years, Cheney has refused to comply with routine oversight of his office's handling of classified documents, as required by a Clinton-era presidential order reaffirmed by President Bush. When the National Archives unit that

looks after classification matters for the executive branch showed up at Cheney's office, it was barred from making an inspection. At one point, the vice president's staff even had the chutzpah to propose the ultimate bureaucratic form of revenge — abolishing the archives unit.

Let it appear that Cheney doesn't play by the rules, his aides say they're "confident that we're conducting the office properly under the law." It's all a question of how that law is interpreted.

Cheney's office argues that it doesn't have to comply with the executive order since the vice presidency is not an "entity within the executive branch." How's that? Well, since Cheney also presides over the Senate, he contends his legislative chores free him from having the executive branch snoop into his office. So he's pleading a separation-of-powers hybrid?

Good thing the National Archives has gone to the Justice Department to protest this legal soft-shoe, which came to light thanks to an inquiry by Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D., Calif.). Unless Attorney Gen-

eral Alberto R. Gonzales thinks there actually is a fourth branch, he should tell Cheney to get back in line.

It's ironic that Cheney and Co. would get touchy about having someone look over their shoulder, given that the veep's former top aide is headed to jail for lying to investigators about the outing of CIA agent Valerie Plame.

But this new level of arrogance by the administration pales in comparison to Bush and Cheney keeping the nation in the dark for four-plus years over the National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance of Americans' overseas calls and messages.

It's all of a piece with a troubling view of the presidency that affords it expansive powers with few checks. The focus here is on Cheney. But while the vice president may look like a loose cannon, he could not operate as he does — certainly, not ignoring an executive order — without his boss' implicit approval.

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United States midfielder Pablo Mastroeni vies for position in a Major League Soccer game between his club team, the Colorado Rapids and D.C. United. Mastroeni, a regular player for the U.S. national team, was one of many left off the team playing in the Copa America tournament. Head coach Bob Bradley said he wanted his less-experienced players in the tournament. In their first game, those players witnessed a lively stadium shouting in defiance of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Sport let freedom sound and most didn't listen

Taking a step away from the world of UK athletics (mainly because now is the slowest of the slow season), I'd like to take a moment to look at an event in international sports that has received little recognition, despite huge world impact.



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On a hot Venezuelan night Thursday, June 28, an uprising should have begun. Cries of freedom filled the air in a country that seems to have less and less of just that every day. And it was all because of a group of 22 American soccer players, players who normally hear the excited screams of only a few hundred fans, but who, on this night, witnessed the emotion of more than 40,000 people chanting the words of revolution because of them.

I'm sure this is a story that many of you didn't hear on the news the day after. But, in many ways, what happened on June 28 was one of the biggest victories of democracy in years. Let me explain.

Of course, many people know of the political tensions between the United States and Venezuela. Over the last few years the South American country has actively called for more and more resistance against the United States, the world's flagship democracy. Many political analysts see Venezuela's current president, Hugo Chavez, as a sort of dictator with radical socialist ideals. President George W. Bush has even dubbed him a threat to our country.

Recently, there has been an increase in political squabbling between the two nations. Venezuela has taken measures to isolate itself from what it sees as the imperial grip of the United States. The country has nationalized various industries, including an American telecommunications company, has forced local media to support the national socialist views and has quickly become a land led by a government that is a mix of totalitarianism and socialism — both of which, as history tells us, are very bad things when it comes to the opinion of the United States.

On many occasions Chavez takes the time out of his day to publicly criticize the United States and to tell the people of South America just how horrible a country we are. In response,

similar calls in the United States have said the same about Chavez, but nothing really seemed to hurt his credibility in South America. That continent loves him for sticking up against the United States. Whenever Bush visits the region, signs spring up everywhere calling him and the United States murderers and devils.

The United States has never really seemed to be able to reach out to the people of Venezuela and get their opinion, though. That is, not until we used sports as a way to get them to speak their mind. And with sports, a magical thing happened.

On June 26, Venezuela opened its doors as host of the 2007 Copa America soccer tournament, a tournament in which all of the nations of South America — a soccer-loving continent — play to see who is the mightiest of them all. The tournament, the oldest of its kind around the world (even more venerable than the World Cup), is followed closely by many citizens in South America, from Brazil to Colombia, and TV stations battle for rights to broadcast the continental event. Because there are only 10 South American nations, two other nations are invited each year: the tournament is held to round out the tourney field. This year, the United States and Mexico received invites.

That is news alone that seems to be lost: The United States soccer team, representing the whole of our nation, is traveling to what our president calls the closest (in proximity) threat to our country to play in a friendly tournament. What a big deal, if you think of the acceptance the Venezuelan people hold towards America playing in their country.

But, still, chances are you never heard about it. The fireworks really started during the Americans' first game against Argentina. Played in the city of Maracaibo, Venezuela, a city strongly anti-Hugo Chavez, fans — many were Venezuelans — began rising to their feet in the middle of the match and chanting "Libertad!" (liberty). As the match went on, more and more fans joined in. At one point it was reported that more than half the crowd, some 20,000 people, chanted in unison "Freedom" and even "This government will fall," referring to Hugo Chavez. The shouts came on and off throughout the game and afterward.

America suffered a tough 4-1 loss to Argentina. But one has to wonder if the United States actually came out on top in the end.

The political embarrassment must be huge for Chavez. With TV stations broadcasting the game all around the world, the

truth about what his people really want comes out. For the first time ever you don't see a paid (by Chavez) citizen of Venezuela holding a forged "I hate America" sign.

It was one of those rare moments that should be the very symbol of democracy: angry citizens standing up and cheering for the very symbol of freedom, in complete defiance of a man running them.

But the bad part is nobody cares. How many news stations broadcast this story? How many papers wrote about it? How many diplomats hailed it as a win for the United States? More importantly, how many sports channels actually aired the game? Even ESPN, the "World Leader" in sports made only a brief, eight-second mention of the game. One has to wonder why Americans are so turned off by the one sport in the world (soccer) that connects them with everyone else around it. Despite what the hosts of "Pardon the Interruption" say every time soccer is their subject, the sport and the American team both are more important than kicking around a ball.

What just happened was this generation's version of the United States beating Russia in the 1980 Olympics.

But it fell on deaf ears.

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The 42nd Copa America tournament is hosted for the first time by Venezuela.

Ceremonies were opened by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, in his eighth year in office.

Results for the U.S. national team

JUNE 28	ARGENTINA 4 - UNITED STATES 1
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The United States will not advance in the tournament, due to the two losses in its group.

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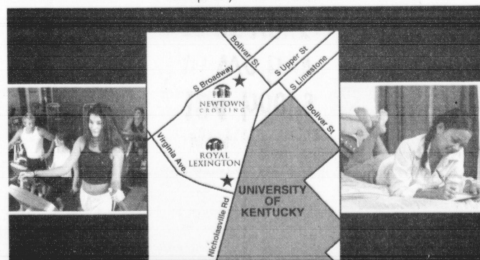
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