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Community Events

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Lake County High School Gym, 300 Cochran Street, Tiptonville May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code LakeCoHS to schedule an appointment. Participants donating between May 1-18 will be entered to win a USA trip of choice and receive a \$20 e-gift card.

Reelfoot Lake Bass Tournament

Rescheduled to May 10 due to flooding. Fishing will run from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kirby's Pocket.

LCMS Basketball Fundraiser

Boston butts (\$40) and sticks of bologna (\$20) available for purchase. Pick-up at the LCMS football field on May 26, beginning at 11 a.m.

2nd Annual B&C's Fishing Rodeo

May 31 at 4618 N. Clayton Antioch Road, Troy Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Big Fish in all age groups: 5 and under, 6-10, and 11-15 years old. Guides and pros will be available to assist kids. Contact: 731-676-9841 or billyblakley@gmail.com

TDOT Marks Work Zone Awareness Week With Safety Message: 'Respect the Zone, So We All Get Home'

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Department of Transportation is urging drivers to slow down and move over for highway workers as it observes National Work Zone Awareness Week from April 21-25. This year's theme is "Respect the Zone, So We All Get Home."

The campaign highlights the ongoing danger to roadway workers and the need for increased driver awareness in construction and maintenance zones. In 2024, Tennessee recorded 2,318 work zone crashes, including 563 involving injuries. Sixteen people were killed in such crashes last year, and so far in 2025, there have been 35 incidents where vehicles struck TDOT equipment, including

HELP Trucks.

"Work zone safety is a shared responsibility, whether behind the wheel or working on the side of the road," said Deputy Governor and TDOT Commissioner Butch Eley. "We engineer our roads to be as safe as possible, but no amount of engineering can change driver behavior."

Since TDOT began tracking fatalities, 113 of its workers have died in work zone incidents. The agency launched the "Work with Us—Move Over, Slow Down" safety campaign in 2017 to raise year-round awareness.

As part of the awareness week, TDOT is displaying safety messages on overhead digital signs in Memphis, Nashville,

Chattanooga and Knoxville. Buildings and bridges across the state will be illuminated in orange, and "Work with Us" signs are placed in active work zones.

Wednesday, April 23, is "Wear Orange Day," and TDOT is encouraging Tennesseans to wear orange and tag @myTDOT on social media in support. Throughout the week, TDOT will share photos, infographics and safety videos on its Facebook, X and Instagram platforms.

Drivers are reminded to check TDOT SmartWay traffic information before traveling, avoid distractions and comply with Tennessee's move-over law when approaching vehicles with flashing lights.

TVA Seeks Public Input on Proposed Coal Residual Processing Facilities

KNOXVILLE — The Tennessee Valley Authority is inviting public feedback on an environmental review regarding the potential construction of facilities aimed at processing coal combustion residuals (CCR) at several coal plant sites across Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky.

The proposed beneficiation processing facilities would repurpose CCR—byproducts from coal-fired electricity generation such as coal ash and gypsum—for use in construction materials like concrete and drywall. This initiative supports TVA's ongoing efforts to

reduce the volume of CCR sent to landfills. Over the past five years, TVA has successfully beneficially used nearly 70% of the CCR it produced.

A draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act, is available for public review at www.tva.com/nepa. The PEA outlines several options, including a no-action alternative and the construction and operation of one or more beneficiation facilities.

The public may submit comments online,

by email to nepa@tva.gov, or by mail to Brittany Kunkle at Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT-11B-K, Knoxville, TN 37902. Submissions must reference the project title "Beneficiation Processing Facility PEA" and be received or postmarked by May 14.

All comments will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public inspection. Further information is available on TVA's website at www.tva.com/nepa.



Children and families gathered for the annual Ridgely Easter egg hunt, which brought a strong turnout and plenty of excitement.



Aubreigh Newsom shares a smile with the Easter Bunny.



Kaysin Newsom poses for a photo during the event.



Railee Hoekstra, winner in the 8-12 age group, shows off her prize basket.



Vinson Porter, winner in the 4-7 age group, beams while holding his prize.



Tim Watkins enjoys the festivities with his grandchildren, Esabella and Harley Stoneburner.



Residents from Signature Healthcare enjoyed the sunshine and festivities.



Rylan Jones, winner in the 0-3 age group, smiles after receiving a prize.

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Four Arrested Following Shots Fired Incident in Ridgely

RIDGELY — Law enforcement responded to a report of a fight that escalated into gunfire on April 15 around 4 p.m. on Miller Street. According to witnesses, multiple shots were fired into the air. No injuries were reported.

Officers from the Ridgely Police Department and the Lake County Sheriff's Office arrived at the scene to secure the area and begin the investigation. Deputy Nate Stanfield led the inquiry, working closely with

witnesses as well as the Dyer County Sheriff's Office and the Dyersburg Police Department.

As a result of the coordinated effort, four individuals were arrested and face multiple charges related to the incident.



LOCAL NEWS

The Stories They Tell

A collection of interviews with Lake County's Elders. Compiled by the Lake County Historical Society, 1988



Blake Holder, 17, a senior at Lake County High School, harvested this turkey on April 13. He is from Ridgely.

Interview with Mrs. Pearl Swindle Glass – April, 1987

I am 92 years old. I was born here in Lake County in Bessie Bend on 10 December 1894. My parents were John and Alice Swindle.

When I was 8 or 9 years old, we moved to Arkansas for two years, then my parents moved to Missouri.

I started going to school at Bessie. I remember there were Adams and Whitson children in school. Also, I believe there were Everett children. I don't

remember the children in Arkansas or Missouri where I went to school.

When I was a teenager, we had parties at the homes of our friends. We called them "play parties." We played "Skip-to-my-Lou" and games like that.

When I was seventeen years old, I married Jess Glass on 11 October 1911. He was born in Lake County, but we married in Missouri. We then moved to Lake County in 1915, and I've lived here ever since.

We raised nine children;

six of them are still living. My children were Edith, Children, Phillip, Harry, James, Maxine and Pauline (they were twins), and then Ruth and Betty.

My husband was a farmer and we raised almost everything we needed. We had a cow we milked, so we had our own milk and butter, chickens and hogs, and always raised a garden and put food stuff up for winter.

There are not many people left that I knew over the years. My husband died in May before his 71st birthday.

When I lived in Missouri, I went to the Methodist Church. It was the only one near us. When we first moved back to Lake County, we moved to Pea Ridge. Then we moved to Bessie and later to Proctor City. I started going to Jones Chapel and I have gone to the Church of Christ ever since. I went to Tiptonville Church of Christ here.

I now live with my daughter Ruth on Martin Drive in Tiptonville. My daughter Maxine and her husband Cole Crabtree live across the street from us.

Crappie Spawn Signals Strong Start to Spring Fishing on Percy Priest Lake

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's most recent fishing report for Percy Priest Lake, dated March 26, highlights peak crappie activity as the fish have moved into shallow waters to spawn. Anglers are finding success using float and minnow setups, a proven method during the spawning season.

Bass fishing is also improving, with pre-spawn females beginning to stage in depths of 8 feet or less. Jerkbait and rattle traps have been effective as water temperatures rise and fish activity increases.

The report was contributed by Chris Snow, a guide with Brian Carper's Guide Service.

Commission to Set 2025-26 Hunting Seasons at April Meeting in Nashville

The Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission will review and approve recommendations for the 2025-26 hunting and trapping seasons during its April 24-25 meeting in Nashville. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's Wildlife and Forestry Division will present the proposals at the TWRA Region II Ray Bell Building, with committee meetings beginning at 1 p.m. on April 24 and

full Commission proceedings starting at 9 a.m. on April 25.

A preview of the proposed regulations was shared during the Commission's March meeting. Division Chief Joe Benedict is expected to present an overview of public input received since that preview. No changes are being proposed to current deer or turkey regulations. However, two new hunting

areas are proposed, along with several adjustments to statewide and individual Wildlife Management Area (WMA) regulations.

The Fisheries Division will also present a revision to correct an oversight in the sportfish regulations. The Commission had approved a daily creel limit of 20 crappie on Lake Halford, with a maximum of five over 12 inches, but this change was not in-

cluded in the official sportfish proclamation.

In addition, the TWRA is enacting an emergency rule in response to new legislation removing the requirement for proctored boater safety exams. The rule will outline the fee structure and procedures for administering these exams moving forward.

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UT Health Science Center's Giving Day Set for April 29, Focuses on Cancer Research

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center will host its fifth annual Giving Day on April 29, with a spotlight on supporting cancer research across the state.

This year's 24-hour campaign features a significant opportunity for donors: an anonymous benefactor will match every gift made dur-

ing the event, with donations to the Cancer Discovery Fund receiving a double match. Contributions to the fund, which supports cancer research focused on diagnosis and treatment, will effectively be tripled.

"This is an opportunity to unify ourselves as a community around something that matters," said Chancellor Peter Buckley, MD, noting that Tennessee ranks sixth nationally in cancer mortality.

Researchers at UT Health Science Center are working to understand cancer at the molecular level and translate those discoveries into new treatments and early detection methods. These efforts are strengthened by collaboration with clinicians at part-

ner hospitals statewide.

The campaign follows UT Health Science Center's recent R1 classification from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, recognizing its position among the top research institutions in the country.

Vice Chancellor for Advancement Brigitte Grant emphasized the university's role in educating future health care professionals in an environment driven by research. "We are educating your future nurse, physician, pharmacist, dentist, therapist," she said.

The 2025 Giving Day aims to engage 1,250 donors, surpassing last year's total of 1,155 and raising over \$664,000. In addition to the cancer research

match, multiple other match and challenge opportunities will be available for donors to increase the impact of their gifts.

Supporters can also sign up as Giving Day advocates, receiving personal giving links to share and track their fundraising efforts.

Donations of any size can be made in support of any of UT Health Science Center's six colleges: Dentistry, Graduate Health Sciences, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy. All proceeds support education, clinical care, and research initiatives across Tennessee.

For more information or to participate, visit giving-day.uthsc.edu.

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Seeking Community Contributors

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Richardson Media Group, publisher of several community newspapers across Tennessee, is seeking **freelance writers, student contributors, photographers, and community members** to help us tell the stories that matter most in their communities.

We currently have contributor opportunities in several regions, with immediate needs at the **Crockett County Times, Lake County Banner, Buffalo River Review, and Waverly News Democrat.** Additional openings may be available at other RMG publications across the state.

This is a freelance, per-article position. Hourly pay may be considered for experienced contributors who consistently produce publishable work. While we're happy to offer guidance and feedback, contributors should be able to meet deadlines and follow editorial direction without extensive long-term training.

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Lake County Sheriff's Report

The following have been arrested and booked into the Lake County Jail. All are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

4/15/25
Tenisha S. Moore 42, was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment, child abuse and neglect (non-violent), assault, aggravated

4/7/25
Timmy Ray Williams 19, was arrested and charged with assault, domestic

4/13/25
Brian Rickert 44, was arrested and charged with fail-

4/15/25
Shelby A. Payne 32, was arrested and charged with assault, aggravated

4/16/25
Shaun Chamberlain 43, was arrested and charged with vandalism under \$500.00, theft of property under \$1,000

Jermelia Boyd 37, was arrested and charged with child

abuse and neglect (non-violent), assault, simple

Gary Lakeith Crawford 39, was arrested and charged with child support/capias

SEEKING APPLICANTS

Lake County Highway Department will be accepting applications for an **Equipment Operator/Highway Employee.** Applications may be picked up at the garage office at **129 Headden Drive, Ridgely, TN, 38080 Monday thru Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.** Applicants must be 18 years or older and valid CDL is preferred. Duties will include operating paving and maintenance equipment and proper servicing of the equipment. Applicants must be able to pass a pre-employment and random drug screens.

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ACTIVITY

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1) Dull
- 5) “___ boom bah!”
- 8) Symbol of authority
- 13) Glorified gofer
- 14) A lot of lot
- 15) Overthrow, e.g.
- 16) Brand, in a way
- 17) Fall preceder
- 18) Fertile soil
- 19) Chuckle elicitor, sometimes
- 22) Kind of poetic foot
- 23) Part of BYOB
- 24) Beloved of Aphrodite
- 27) Taxing time, briefly
- 29) Mend by stitching
- 33) Shoestrings
- 34) Dispatch boat
- 36) The zodiac’s only carnivore
- 37) Party ice-breaker
- 40) Newspaper div.
- 41) Like Erik the Red
- 42) Advertising gimmick
- 43) Make a sweater
- 45) Informer, slangily
- 46) Deep-sixed
- 47) Backboard attachment
- 49) Set aside
- 50) Robin Williams and Richard Pryor, many say

- 58) Cremona artisan
- 59) It has its ups and downs
- 60) Use a wrecking ball
- 61) Hybrid cat
- 62) Appraiser
- 63) Ethiopian currency
- 64) Con game, essentially
- 65) Bummed
- 66) Concrete section

CLUES DOWN

- 1) Big blowout
- 2) In___ of (rather than)
- 3) Man in a garden
- 4) Female protagonists
- 5) Clean, as dishes
- 6) Camera diaphragm
- 7) Aug. follower
- 8) Not on deck
- 9) In the vicinity
- 10) Remnant
- 11) “Gee whillikers!”
- 12) Formerly, formerly
- 14) Itsy-bitsy bits
- 20) Cereal fruit
- 21) Buggy puller
- 24) Shakespearean “shucks”
- 25) Matt of Hollywood
- 26) Caesar’s peepers
- 27) “Halt!” at sea
- 28) Durable wood
- 30) Plants with healing properties

LAUGH A LITTLE

By Kevin Carr

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- 31) Fix a loose bundle
- 32) “There’s___ in sight”
- 34) City on the Yamuna River
- 35) Aquarium creatures
- 38) ___ Jean (Marilyn Monroe)
- 39) Shakes up
- 44) Moon of Neptune

- 46) Jose Carreras, for one
- 48) Cake topper
- 49) Atwitter (with “up”)
- 50) Garfield and Heathcliff
- 51) Bypass
- 52) O. Henry’s “The Gift of the___”
- 53) Cleaning cabinet supplies
- 54) “The Disasters of War” painter
- 55) Go on the briny
- 56) University founder Cornell
- 57) Balkan native

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, there’s a secret that you have been holding on to and you are ready to let it go. It won’t weigh you down anymore and you can finally focus fully on the future instead of the past.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, certain ground is tough for people to travel, but you have conviction and grit to get things done. You have a history of thriving when faced with adversity, and that’s an asset.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, keep an eye open for a challenge. When you are given an opportunity that will require for fullest and best effort, embrace it as an opportunity to fulfill your potential.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, keeping things pleasant and lighthearted is a talent of yours, but this week you might need to take a new approach. Work with others and listen to suggestions.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you often are the life of the party, always ready to find something to do and be with other people. This week you might need to slow down and enjoy some alone time.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you could be especially energized this week and feel the need to get as much done as possible. Try not to race through tasks without focusing on doing things right.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
The news that comes your way isn’t what you had hoped, Libra. Roll with the punches and embrace the challenge. Soon there will be blue skies again and everything will settle.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you will meet up with someone you haven’t seen in a while and it will be like no time has passed whatsoever. Be prepared for a coincidental situation to bring you together.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
The universe will put you in touch with someone who is reputable and diligent, Sagittarius. This way you can both tackle what you need to get done reap the rewards of your hard work.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, a little competition never hurt anyone. Embrace an upcoming chance to see how you stack up. Give your best effort, as always.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
This is a good week to play things safe and keep your cards close to the vest, Aquarius. Consider each situation carefully before engaging.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you are a sociable person and ready and willing to chat up others. This week you might not be up for any social interaction and prefer a few days of solitary time spent.

- FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**
- APRIL 27
Lizzo, Rapper (37)
 - APRIL 28
Jay Leno, TV Host (75)
 - APRIL 29
Jerry Seinfeld, Comic (71)
 - APRIL 30
Gal Gadot, Actress (40)
 - MAY 1
Tim McGraw, Singer (58)
 - MAY 2
David Beckham, Athlete (50)
 - MAY 3
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- GROWS
- INSECTS
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Here is how it works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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EDITORIAL

Creating Harmony: When Expectations Meet Commitment

"I want buy-in from my people." I hear this expression all the time. Leaders desperately want their teams to perform in sync, much like a great jazz orchestra, intuitively adding the perfect improvised melody where every instrument blends in perfect harmony. As an amazing conductor can detect when something sounds off, a leader can sense that jarring note that makes everyone wince. Without alignment and clear instruction, even the most talented group can sound more like an impromptu kazoo club than a tightly knit jazz orchestra.

But what exactly is "buy-in"?

Fundamentally, it's about commitment to a project, task, or outcome. What the leader is actually seeking is for the team to correctly interpret cues given and to meet their expectations. These expectations are often tied to deeply-held values that the leader may not fully recognize until someone violates them.

As an executive coach, I help leaders dig beneath their frustrations and find unmet expectations. These expectations are like invisible threads connecting us to others — powerful yet often unspoken. Unspoken expectations almost inevitably lead to disappointing results.

Early in my career, I served as the chief judicial officer at a small private college. In my naiveté, I as-

sumed all students would naturally align with the institution's values, just like my peers and I did when we graduated. However, reality delivered a swift kick in the assumptions when I discovered some students were there primarily to party, play sports, or simply enjoy freedom from home, with homework as an optional activity.

Despite signing agreements to uphold institutional values, some students never fully committed. I would point to the core values they'd violated, and they'd read the same words I did. The difference was, for me, these were principles to live by; while for them, they were words on paper, and I was just some guy in khakis trying to ruin their fun. I was disappointed that they wouldn't come to alignment, and they thought it was impossible to be aligned with the college's standard of excitement and fun.

The equation is simple: expectations must be balanced by commitment. If commitment is absent, the expectation shouldn't exist. The students who I wanted to see succeed in their collegiate careers were not committed to the same outcomes I was committed to on their behalf. This caused conflict for me, and ultimately, I resigned from my post at the institution.

This situation highlights a fundamental truth: the greatest source of conflict stems from unmet expecta-

tions. These disappointments range from minor irritations to profound life disruptions, like expecting to continue to advance in a career with a company, only to be suddenly laid off without warning.

Expectations exist on a spectrum. At one extreme are unrealistic demands, like expecting Wile E. Coyote to finally give up his pursuit of the Road Runner. At the other end is resignation, like Eeyore, never believing that things will go his way. Between these poles lie realistic expectations that, when properly communicated, can actually be met.

I once worked with a CEO who believed everyone should intuitively track wins and "give 110%", staying late until all tasks were complete. Meanwhile, the team constantly felt like the expectations were impossible to meet. When we finally created space for open conversation about expectations, productivity soared — not because expectations increased (or decreased), but because expectations became clear. There was now a mutual commitment to those expectations, allowing both parties to align on the same sheet of music.

This week, try this revealing practice: Pay attention to when you feel frustrated or disappointed — these emotions often signal a violated expectation. Ask yourself, "What did I expect would happen



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here?" Then dig deeper with, "Why did I expect that?" Your answer often reveals a core value of yours. Choose one important relationship that this value impacts, and discuss these newly discovered expectations. Articulate them clearly, ask if they seem reasonable, and then request explicit commitment. After all, we're all trying to create beautiful music together. Better to be a synchronized jazz orchestra than a random collection of kazooes.

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Your Link to Fellow Veterans



by Freddy Groves

Finding other veterans The Veteran Buddy Link, created by Together We Served, has over 2.4 million veterans listed in its directory. And you're invited to join them. The Buddy Link's purpose is clear right on the front page: "Veterans take care of each other, and no veteran should ever feel alone." And once you join you'll be able to hook up with other veterans in your area.

To register you only need to add your name, email address and branch of service. Then, if you like, you can add a little info about why you want to connect with other veterans in your area. Once you do that, an email will go out to the veterans around you in the same ZIP code. Take a look at the site at togetherweserved.com/buddylink. From the main menu you can find the unit directory (158,000 units included so far), military photos, places to honor and remember veterans and, best of all,

the veteran locator. If you want to get an idea of the site before you sign up, take a look at the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/togetherweserved) or the Instagram page (www.instagram.com/togetherweserved), which is broken down by branch of service.

From the very beginning (2003), Together We Served's goal has been to help veterans reconnect with other veterans they've served with and to post photos (937,000 so far) and memories for others to see. Especially appreciated is the service recognition plaque that you can create with your badges, insignia and ribbon rack on a printable graphic that you can frame.

We won't have another official Buddy Check until October, but there's no need to wait until then to hook up with veterans around you. And if you'll want to participate in the Buddy Check in October, don't wait until the last minute. You'll need to do a bit of peer-to-peer training (watching a 34-minute video) before then. At that point, your mission will be to reach out to 10 other veterans and be sure they're doing OK.

Trump's "Emergency" Tariffs: A Dubious Justification



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Trump's non-emergency tariffs The Trump administration is using Humpty Dumpty rules to justify its new tariffs. The anthropomorphic egg famously said in the Lewis Carroll novel "Through the Looking-Glass," "When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean -- neither more nor less." For the Trump team, that word is "emergency." President Trump has imposed sweeping global tariffs based on his purported authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977 (IEEPA). The president has declared the trade deficit an emergency, which supposedly unlocks his power to impose tariffs that would otherwise have to pass Congress. "Pernicious economic policies and practices of our trading partners," says a White House fact sheet, "undermine our ability to produce essential goods for the public and the military, threatening national secu-

ity. "This is an abuse of language and logic in the service of bad policy that hardly interacts with the alleged threat to national security. In a typical congressional botch-job, the IEEPA was meant to be a limitation on presidential emergency powers after the 1917 Trading with the Enemy Act led to ceaseless states of emergency.

But according to the Congressional Research Service, as of January 2024, presidents had declared 69 national emergencies under IEEPA, with 39 of them ongoing. As a House committee noted around the time of the IEEPA's passage, "emergencies are by their nature rare and brief, and are not to be equated with normal ongoing problems." Prior declarations of emergency have tended to involve specific countries, events or groups -- the Iran hostage crisis, the civil war in Yugoslavia -- that have resulted in very specific sanctions. As the IEEPA itself says, the law should be used "to deal with any unusual and extraordinary threat." The U.S. trade deficit is neither. We've been running a deficit since the 1970s.

This is the very definition of a chronic issue, the

causes of are not amenable to a bumper-sticker solution. Trump's tariffs are obviously a product of his utterly sincere belief that tariffs are beneficial. This is a long-term priority for the president, not the result of his hand getting forced by exigent circumstances. The policy doesn't even match up with the legal pretext. If national security were really the justification, we wouldn't be tariffing allies who will -- if we don't fundamentally alienate them -- provide supplies and manufacturing capacity to us in a true crisis.

All sorts of foodstuffs, from fruits and vegetables to chocolate and coffee, are getting tariffed, and they have nothing to do with national security. Our ability to make precision missiles doesn't depend on the price or availability of Australian beef and Guatemalan bananas. In some cases, the tariffs aren't even in response to a trade deficit. We are imposing a 10% tariff on countries with which we have a surplus. More particularly, how can our trading relationship with our friend Israel be in a state of crisis, when the Jewish state reduced its tariffs on all U.S. goods to zero? We imposed a

17% tariff on Israel, anyway. Likewise, Vietnam, an anti-China bulwark, slashed its tariffs on a variety of U.S. goods, and we still hit it with one of the highest rates announced, 46%. Trump's insistence that a non-emergency that requires congressional legislation is instead an emergency that allows him to act unilaterally may pass muster with the courts; they are loath to second guess such presidential determinations.

Yet, the declaration is still a very bad idea. The free hand that Trump has arrogated to himself could undermine his own policy -- businesses may believe that the new tariff regime can be changed just as easily as it's been imposed. A congressional enactment would be more stable. And, a future progressive president will surely pick up where Trump left off. What's to stop President Ocasio-Cortez from declaring a climate emergency? In sum, it's best, especially when making consequential determinations, to adhere to the true meaning of words, even the much-abused "emergency." Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Iamaleava saga grows tiresome



FROM THE PRESSBOX

Jim Steele

Everyday, it's something new with this guy.

Who, you ask? Former Tennessee quarterback Nico Iamaleava, apparently bound for that powerhouse UCLA, that's who. Every day, the reasons and rationalizations for his departure are more and more comical.

Iamaleava's father, Nic, said it was never about the

money. Really? Hmm, then I guess that's why Nico held out for \$4 million instead of being satisfied with the \$2.4 million he was set to make this year. There are some NFL quarterbacks that don't make that kind of scratch in three years, even Super Bowl quarterbacks.

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Brock Purdy guided the Niners to an overtime Super Bowl loss against Kansas City and he only makes \$985,000 a year. Let that marinade for a second. And Nico wanted \$4 million to underachieve?

So an average college quarterback is going to get

a fourth of what he sought, perhaps less, when he held out. And he'll have to pay 16-percent state income tax on that as well as federal taxes (oh, by the way, Tennessee has no state income tax).

Brilliant! By the way, what Iamaleava is set to "earn" next year, whatever that figure is, is 20 times more than most people will earn in 10 years.

Then, the Iamaleava camp said it was about Tennessee's proven (yes, proven) offensive system. It wasn't geared for Iamaleava's game, such as it was. If Iamaleava had a game

that was better than average, he'd have thrived. As paltry as his performances were on the big stage, the Vols still averaged 30 points per game, down from a miserable 40 points per game in 2023.

What a miserable, inefficient offense.

But Nico was as accurate as Stevie Wonder at a shooting range. The short and intermediate routes were okay and, thanks to the receivers, many of them were able to turn those short catches into large gains. On the

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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

A Son Named Laughter (Isaac)
Genesis 21

God fulfilled his promise to Sarah and Abraham.

"The Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised."
Genesis 21:1

Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time he had promised him. Abraham gave his son the name Isaac, which means "he laughs". When Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him as God commanded him to do.

Sarah responded to the birth of Isaac by saying, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." She continued, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children, yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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~Proverbs 3:5-6

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

State of Tennessee, Lake County

WHEREAS, Tiffany E Johnson executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First Citizens National Bank, Lender and Sherrell Armstrong, Trustee(s), which was dated April 30, 2021, and recorded on May 5, 2021, in Book 58, at Page 763 in Lake County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **June 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM** at the usual and customary location at the Lake County Courthouse, Tiptonville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Lake County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situate, lying and being in the Second (2nd) Civil District of Lake County, Tennessee, within the corporate limits of the Town of Tiptonville, Tennessee, and described as follows:

TRACT 1: BEGINNING at a stake at the northwest intersection of Foster Street and Cherry Street, runs thence North 90 feet to a stake; thence West 156.35 feet to a stake; thence South 90 feet to a stake; thence East 157.7 feet to the point of beginning, being all of Lot 5 in the Coates Addition to the Town of Tiptonville, and the South one-half (1/2) of Lot 4 in said Addition.

Being further identified as Map 29-L, Group B, Parcel 7.00, in the records of the Tax Assessor's Office for Lake County, Tennessee.

TRACT 2: Being the North Half of Lot No. 4 of the Jessie Coates Addition, a plat of which is recorded in Book CC, page 452, in the Register's Office for Lake County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake in

the west margin of Cherry Street, it being the northeast corner of a lot heretofore conveyed to Wyatt Robert Algee by the late Margaret J. Coates, it also being the southeast corner of the lot herein described; runs thence West with the Wyatt Robert Algee residence lot 156.8 feet to a stake, it being the northeast corner of the Wyatt Eakes et ux residence lot, it also being the northwest corner of the Wyatt Robert Algee residence lot, it likewise being the southwest corner of the lot herein described; runs thence North with the north half of Lot No. 15 of the Jessie Coates Addition, 30 feet to a stake, it being the southwest corner of Lot No. 3 of said Jessie Coates Addition, it also being the southeast corner of Lot No. 16 of said Jessie Coates Addition, it likewise being the northwest corner of the lot herein described; runs thence East with the south line of Lot No. 3 of said Jessie Coates Addition 155.9 feet to a stake in the west margin of Cherry Street, it being the southeast corner of Lot No. 3 of said Jessie Coates Addition, it also being the northeast corner of the lot herein described; runs thence South with the west margin of Cherry Street 30 feet to the point of beginning.

Being further identified as Map 29-L, Group B, Parcel 7.01, in the records of the Tax Assessor's Office for Lake County, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to Tiffany E. Johnson by deed recorded in Record Book 58, page 760, in the Register's Office for Lake County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number:	02-029-L-029-L-B-007.00-000 & 007.01
Address/Description:	636 Foster St, Tiptonville, TN 38079
Current Owner(s):	American Community Investments, Inc.
Other Interested Party(ies):	Premier Financial Services, Inc. American Community Investments, Inc., a Tennessee Corporation

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the

premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, SANDRA HAYNES SMITH, by Deed of Trust of record in Record Book 67, at Page 614, in the Register's Office of Lake County, Tennessee, conveyed the following described property in trust to secure the payment of a Promissory Note in the original principal amount of Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00) payable to CENTENNIAL BANK; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by Centennial Bank, which appointment will be recorded in the Register's Office of Lake County, Tennessee prior to the deed evidencing this sale; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness and other provisions of the Deed of Trust have been violated, and Centennial Bank, the lawful owner and holder of the said indebtedness, has declared the entire amount due and payable as provided by the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and instructed the undersigned to foreclose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the public is hereby notified that the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the hereinafter described real estate at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand paid in certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or upon a credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the Substitute Trustee. The auction shall occur at the north door of the Courthouse at Tiptonville, Lake County, Tennessee, on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 12:00 o'clock noon, said property to be sold in bar of the equity of redemption and subject to the lien of all special assessments against it.

Lying, and being situate in the City of Ridgely, 5th Civil District of Lake County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows; to-wit:

Lying and being situate in the 5th Civil District of Lake County, Tennessee:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the South line of Madie Street and the East line of North Main Street; said point being in the West line of a concrete sidewalk running along the East side of North Main Street; thence North 87 degrees and 30 minutes East with the South line of Madie Street for a distance of 110.0 feet to a point; thence South 2 degrees and 30 minutes East for a distance of 100.0 feet to a point; thence South 87 degrees and 30 minutes West with the North line of the Zaricor lot for a distance of 110.0 feet to a point in the East line of North Main Street; thence North 2 degrees and 33 minutes West with the East line of North Main Street (West edge of sidewalk) for a distance of 100.0 feet to the point of beginning. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

Map 057F, Group H, Parcel 001.00

It being the same property as that described in a Warranty Deed from Ray Goodgine and wife, Kim Goodgine, to Sandra Haynes Smith, dated October 12, 2023, and of record in Record Book 67, at Page 611, in the Register's Office of Lake County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above-described property is believed to be 224 N Main St., Ridgely, Tennessee 38080, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION, IF ANY.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. Other interested parties: None.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell as Substitute Trustee only and will assign to the purchaser all covenants of warranty contained in said Deed of Trust.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. Said sale may be adjourned to another time or may be postponed to another date by public announcement at the appointed time of sale without readvertisement.

This office is a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any in-

formation obtained will be used for that purpose.

WITNESS my signature, this the 23rd day of April, 2025.

KIZER, BONDS, HUGHES & BOWEN, LLC
BY: STEPHEN L.

HUGHES
Substitute Trustee
P. O. Box 320
Milan, TN 38358
(731) 686-1198

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POSTED NOTICE

All land and timber owned by John F. Fields and David Fields is posted. This includes black bottom woods, south west of Tiptonville. Trespassers will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent. JOHN F. FIELDS AND DAVID FIELDS

POSTED NOTICE

All land and timber owned by Fredrickson-Keiser Farms are posted. This includes Mud Lake and Reelfoot Bayou areas southwest of Ridgely. Trespassers will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

(Signed) WILLIAM B. KEISER

POSTED NOTICE

Any and all lands owned or farmed by Jon Dickey are posted off limits. All trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

JON DICKEY

LAND POSTED NOTICE

NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING on any land owned or operated by me in Kentucky Bend. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

LYNN FARMS

NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING on any lands owned by



POSTED

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No Trespassing

of any kind, Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law

John F. Lindamood

NOW ACCEPTING BIDS

The Lake County Mayor's Office is now accepting bids for the following:

Levee Mowing
Accepting bids for mowing the levee beginning at the former HIS building to Sheep Ridge Road (4.69 miles). This does not include all of Sheep Ridge Road, just a portion. The contract will be for two years and the mowing will consist of mowing and baling and the bidder will be responsible for selling the hay. The bids will go by the amount the mower is willing to pay the county for the hay they collect and sell. The county has a minimum bid of \$75.00 per mile. The county will not be responsible for any damage done to equipment while mowing said property.

Mowing County Properties
Accepting bids for mowing county properties as follows: Courthouse lawn, which includes the surrounding county properties of the Election Commission, Senior Center, County Clerk's Office, Jail and property and partial property behind the jail Northwest Economic Dev. Center (next to Election Commission); Hornridge Cemetery (in Ridgely), Willingham Cemetery, Davis Cemetery (behind Haynes Memorial Garden), Sunkist Beach, Health Dept and EMS. These properties will be bid out as a whole.

Medical Contract
Accepting bids for the Medical Contract for Health Services for the Lake County Sheriff's Office.
Bids will be accepted in the Mayor's office until 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Bids will be opened at 3:00 pm on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Bids can be mailed to the Lake County Mayor's Office at 229 Church St., Box 1, Tiptonville, Tn. 38079 or you may bring them into the Mayor's Office from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Please mark on the front of your sealed envelope what you are placing a bid on.

MEETING NOTICE

The Lake County Budget Committee will meet at the Lake County Courthouse on 4/29/25 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TIPTONVILLE MUNICIPAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE PROPERTY ON CHEROKEE CIRCLE (RICHARD ROBERSON PROPERTIES) FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT TO B-1 (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Tiptonville Board of Mayor and Aldermen on proposed modifications to the Tiptonville Municipal Zoning Map.

Said hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 13-7-105, Tennessee Code Annotated. Said hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Tiptonville Board of Mayor and Aldermen on **May 13, 2025 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. AT TIPTONVILLE CITY HALL.**

Any interested party is invited to appear before the Tiptonville Board of Mayor and Aldermen and be heard in objection or in favor of the adoption thereof. Copies of the proposed ordinance will be available for public examination in the Mayor's Office, Tiptonville City Hall.

STATEWIDE

State Passes \$59.8 Billion Budget for 2025-26

Prioritize Roads, Education, Rural Health

Tennessee lawmakers have passed a balanced \$59.8 billion budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, fulfilling their constitutional duty while reaffirming the state's commitment to conservative spending.

The budget, approved Wednesday by both the House and Senate, includes a 2% growth rate and supports a wide range of priorities including public safety, disaster relief, education, infrastructure, and rural health care.

"Our focus is on lasting financial strength and stability for the Volunteer State," said House Finance Chair Gary Hicks, R-Rogersville. "We've kept government spending low while addressing a diverse range of needs."

A key part of the plan

includes \$1 billion for roads and infrastructure, \$244 million to boost K-12 funding through the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) formula, and nearly \$200 million in teacher bonuses. Lawmakers also invested \$145.9 million in Education Freedom Scholarships, expanding school choice for families statewide.

The General Assembly created a \$42.5 million grant pool for emergency and community services, including:

- \$20 million for volunteer fire departments
- \$5 million each for rescue squads, EMS, senior centers, and local museums
- \$2 million for courthouse restorations
- \$500,000 for Second Harvest Food Bank

Disaster relief also featured prominently, with \$46 million allocated to help Northeast Tennessee communities still recovering from Hurricane Helene.

Health care investments focused heavily on rural areas. The state allocated \$78 million to help hospitals cover uncompensated care and an additional \$4 million for capital projects at county health departments. Other health initiatives include:

- \$4 million to increase pediatric dental rates
- \$1.4 million in recurring scholarships for MTSU-Meharry's joint medical program
- Support for ALS research and epilepsy care
- Security upgrades received attention as well, with \$5.4 million going to

the University of Memphis for campus safety and additional funds for forensic and law enforcement training centers.

The budget also continues to build reserves, adding \$35.6 million to the Rainy-Day Fund, bringing total state reserves to nearly \$2.2 billion—Tennessee's largest ever.

Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton, R-Crossville, said the budget strikes a balance between meeting current needs and planning for the future. "It's a budget that balances our needs today with a vision for tomorrow," he said.

Tennessee remains one of the few states with no income tax and holds the highest bond rating from all three major credit agencies.

Tennessee teens rank among least happy in U.S., survey shows

NASHVILLE — Tennessee's teenagers are among the least happy in the country, according to a national survey released by Mission Prep. The survey, which polled 3,012 parents of adolescents, found that parents in Tennessee rated their teens' happiness at just 5 out of 10, below the national average of 5.5.

The results place Tennessee near the bottom of the Teenage Happiness Index, a new ranking designed to assess the emotional well-being of teens across the United States. Kansas topped the list with a rating of 9 out of 10, while Mississippi ranked last at 2 out of 10.

Parents in Tennessee identified several key stressors affecting their teens: peer relationships and social dynamics (31%), social media and screen time (30%), and academic demands (22%). Family conflict and household financial concerns were cited by 10% and 6% of parents, respectively.

Despite these pressures, many teens appear to be emotionally stable. Seventy-two percent of Tennessee parents said their child's mood had remained steady over the past year. Nineteen percent reported improvement, while 9 percent noted a decline.

The survey also asked parents to identify sources of happiness in their teens'

lives. Time with friends ranked highest at 23%, followed by pets (16%), family moments (15%), physical activity (14%) and creative pursuits (11%). Social media and academic success ranked lower, at 6% and 5% respectively.

When asked to describe their teen's overall mindset, 45% of Tennessee parents said their child was "thriving," 35% said their teen was "managing," and 10% each said their teen was either "struggling" or "at risk."

Comparing generational happiness, 51% of parents said their teen's well-being mirrored their own at that age. Thirty-four percent believed their children were happier, while 15% believed they were less happy.

"This survey reveals a complex emotional landscape for today's teens," said Aja Chavez, national executive director of Mission Prep. "While it's heartening to see nearly half of adolescents described as 'thriving,' the sharp contrasts between states — and the daily pressures teens face — underscore that there's no one-size-fits-all experience of growing up in America right now."

Mission Prep's full Teenage Happiness Index is available at missionprep.org.

USDA Reasserts Work Requirement for SNAP Recipients in New Memo to States

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture reiterated its position that able-bodied adults without dependents must meet work requirements to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, according to a memorandum issued April 17 to all state SNAP agencies.

The guidance emphasized that states must align SNAP benefits with the expectation that recipients who are capable of working should be

engaged in employment, education or volunteer activities. Agriculture Secretary Rollins said the new directive reflects a renewed focus on reducing dependency and promoting self-sufficiency.

"Since my confirmation, I have reiterated the states are our partners, and this includes ensuring our nutrition programs are tied to putting Americans back to work," Rollins said. "Today marks the start of a new era for SNAP — prioritizing work, career and technical education,

and volunteering rather than idleness, excess spending, and misapplication of the law."

The memo underscores the Secretary's authority to approve waivers of the work requirement under specific conditions, such as when a region's unemployment rate exceeds 10% or when there are insufficient jobs available. The USDA stated that such waivers must be narrowly applied and consistent with the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and the Personal Responsibility

and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

The directive follows amendments made under the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, which reinforced SNAP's purpose to help low-income adults gain employment and increase earnings.

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service also plans to review current regulations and consult with states to ensure waiver requests maintain program integrity and comply with federal law.

IAMALEAVA

deep passes, he was as accurate as Angel Reese shooting a layup.

Also, Iamaleava was an alleged dual threat. He didn't impress me as a quarterback who could break tackles and consistently gain big yards with his feet. I just had a hip replacement and believe I was nearly as mobile.

So, the offense wasn't good enough, huh? So, he's going to go to UCLA, which doesn't have nearly the same caliber athlete around him and an offense that was 118th in the nation last year, coached by an offensive coordinator who's never held such a highly demanding position.

Really? And he's going to have to settle for far less money than he was holding out for just about 10 days ago at a school who was jilted by

high school quarterback Madden Iamaleava, Nico's brother. Madden committed to UCLA, but opted for Arkansas at the last minute.

Given the volatility of the Iamaleava brand, I wonder what UCLA is thinking. Honestly, I'm surprised they are taking this leap of faith. To me, that suggests just how desperate the Bruins are for anybody to run this rapid offense. UCLA is taking a big risk here.

Maybe. Nico could take UCLA to a new level...like 119th in the nation.

So, if it all comes together, and as of this writing, nothing is set in stone, Nico is going to play for a program with a tepid (at best) offense with athletes who aren't of the same caliber as the kind Tennessee presented, in a Big 10 Conference with the reigning national champion.

Also, the UCLA fan base is too busy at the marijuana dispensaries or roller skating on the Santa Monica Pier to care about UCLA football. To be honest, UCLA, while once a vibrant football product, has always been a basketball school, thanks to John Wooden.

Just look at Los Angeles. It has the Dodgers, Angels, Kings, Rams, Chargers (for now) and Clippers. As good as the Dodgers have been lately, L.A. always will be a basketball town. Also, keep in mind that the Rose Bowl in Pasadena (30 miles northwest from the UCLA campus and a 45-minute drive on good traffic days, oh by the way) holds 103,000 folks, but the Bruins averaged 46,800 in home attendance last season. Keep in mind that UCLA fans, as John Ward said after the Vols beat the No. 6-ranked and homesteading Bruins in 1989 24-6, "that UCLA fans weren't that into it, really."

During a UCLA Saturday home game, the place is like a public library.

FYI, Tennessee drew 101,915 per game last year. Bear in mind Chattanooga, Kent State and Texas-El Paso were on the home docket last year, too.

Nico may be closer to home, but he'll experience a culture shock with a fan base whose biggest concern on any particular day is when the surf's up.

UCLA is playing with fire and may get burned twice by quarterbacks with the last name Iamaleava. But who knows? This may just work out for all involved. Nico may find his gear at UCLA and lead the Bruins to prominence against the likes of Ohio State, Michigan, Penn State, Southern Cal, et al.

Being honest, I'm betting that Stevie Wonder will have better success on the shooting range.

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1. Pearl collector	_____	_____	White Cliffs location	_____	_____
2. Plain Scrabble tile	_____	K	Tasteless	_____	D
3. Make public	_____	V	Overturn in Congress	_____	P
4. Toast topping	_____	E	Like St Nick	_____	_____
5. Door decoration	_____	W	Intake of air	_____	B
6. Bullwinkle, e.g.	_____	S	Mandy or Roger	_____	R
7. Halloween gifts	_____	S	Peace pact	_____	Y
8. Wisconsin mascot	_____	D	Grocery store employee	_____	G
9. Arms and legs	_____	S	Caribbean dance	_____	O
10. At no time	_____	V	More recent	_____	W

Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Difficulty this week: **◆◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ Difficult

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: U equals L

TZFS YZNHUE XNH YFX TZMV
F XNHVR BZGUE CFGU FY
CFYSMVGVR ZGY YZNMUFBSY

"SGM, SGM FRFGV."

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

FEAR KNOT by J. Johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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JENTIC
HBTOC
ISRT
TCBJOE
EYBN
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HUTGA
EYL
SURLT
ANCEO
ERHI

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (●) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. WATHE becomes WATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Barn birds
- Snooze
- Humdrum
- Need's kin
- Somewhat (Suff)
- Green land
- Hindu royal
- "My word!"
- Taxi alternative
- Allow
- Peace
- Nobelist, Lech
- Poetic contraction
- Armed conflict
- Melville captain
- Shanty
- canto
- Male deer
- Meadow
- Inventor's gift
- Inspiration
- 56 Sharpen
- Family
- "Brian's Song" star
- 11 Shrek, for one
- Gradually
- Withdraw
- Sultry Home
- Winter vehicle
- Empty truck's weight
- Enzyme suffix
- 30 Summer sign
- 31 Mentalist's
- 8 Biondi in "It's a Wonderful Life"
- 36 Household
- 37 Yale grad
- 38 Spiritualist
- 41 Egyptian sun god
- 42 Spirit
- 19 French article
- 43 Regarding
- 44 Chat
- 46 "Mary — Little Lamb"
- 26 Resident of 47 Balliwick
- 48 Campus big-wig
- 29 Resident of 51 Island garland
- 51 Vienna

STICKELERS by Terry Stickels

Four of the five figures below can be created without lifting the pencil or retracing any lines. Which one cannot?

SCRABLERS

RECTIFY
CHEATS
DENTEX
PECOS

TODAY'S WORD

GRIN THE RABBIT by Dave T. Phipps

Stickelers Answer

Even Exchange

SHOPPING

1. Repeat 2. Routine
3. Price
4. Weight
5. Weight
6. Weight
7. Weight
8. Weight
9. Weight
10. Weight

SCRABLERS

1. Repeat 2. Routine
3. Price
4. Weight
5. Weight
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10. Weight