Condemned frat house reopens

Sigma Pi members began moving back into their house Sat-urday, three days after it was con-demned by the city, a fraternity leader said.

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About 29 fraternity members were living in the house what it was condemmed on Wednesday aftermon, said Ross Vincent, said of Vick Sigma Pi chapter.

Service technicians hired by the fraternity worked on the utilities soon after the city condemned the Sigma Pi house, and fraternity brothers began cleaning and making repairs, Vincent said.

"The fact that we had all of our part is great," he said.

The house, at 364 Aylesford

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Place, was condemned Wednes-day afternoon after being issued between 15 and 20 citations by the city, said David Jarvis, Lex-ington code enforcement direc-tor.

Vincent said he was surprised when he learned the house had been condemned. "I thought we would at least get some kind of notification of what needed to be done," Vincent said.



UK 78, SOUTH CAROLINA 70

Bradley finds his 'groove'

Senior guard records second career doubledouble against USC

By Kenny Colston

With 13 minutes remaining, Ramel Bradley had a decision to make: take his steal all the way to the hoop or attempt a behind-the-back pass to a trailing team-

behind-the-back pass to a training semate.

Bradley made the pass, but its recipient wasn't on the court, as the ball flew out of bounds to the UK bench. UK, all-racidy down two to South Carolina, lost possession and went down five after the Gamecocks nailed a 3-pointer on the next possession.

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The swing in momentum appeared to dash the Cats' hope for a second-half come-back but behind the company of the

vantage.

After trailing for most of the second half, the Cats finally took the lead with the help of a 12-1 run during the final minutes of the game. Sophomore guard Derrick Jasper nailed a 3-pointer



Senior guard Ramel Bradley shoots a jump shot during the second half of UK's 78-70 win over South Carolina on Saturday Rupp Arena.

International student groups discuss unity at retreat

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UK's international student organizations
met over the weekend to discuss ways to confront the cultural challenges that students face
on campus.

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be dear a continuous student organizations to
become more integrated and for various cultures to be better recognized.

"A lot of us don't know each other, and
this gives us a chance to work together for the
future and get our (organizations') name out
there on campus," said Hedayo Awe, president of the International Student Council and
nursing sophomore.

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dent of the International Student Council and mursing sophomore. At the retreat, "Building Connections," representatives participated in team-building exercises, made presentations on behalf of in-dividual organizations and met with UK offi-cials to discuss new ways to receive universi-ty sunnayt.

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"I feel a lot of people tend to associate themselves with people from a similar culture or country, and there's not enough done to get us to interact with each other," said Naitore Kiogora, president of the African Student As-sociation and communication senior. "That's what this reterat was all about."

International organizations strive to pro-mote cultural awareness, Awe said, and this retreat aimed at unifying these groups.
"Today is about networking with other groups," Awe said. "There are people on cam-pus that can help us, but a lot of these organi-zations don't know that they exist."

See Retreat on page 6

Student shares passion for Indian dance by teaching it

By Wesley Robinson

By Westey Robunson
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Aparna Roli Nigam has not had the best luck getting a crowd at her dance lessons at UK, but after eight years of her own training, she hopes her hard work will pay off with an incentification of the control of t

See Dance on page 6

UK tuba ensemble heads to D.C. for renowned Army Band conference

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

e most challenging. ries (March 21 – April 19) Today is an 8 — Finish up old paperwork in the next several weeks. Encour-age your friends and teammates and fellow committee members to do likewise. It'll be slightly easier

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) Today is a 6 — You're in a creative phase, and it looks good on you. Take your time and get it right, just the way vant it. Then, leave it that way. ini (May 21 – June 21) Today I — You're excentionally of ing now, as you may have noticed.
You're witty and energetic, admired by those far and near. You're hot Make the most of your talents.

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Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Today is an 8 — Keep asking questions, even if you feel stupid. Truth is, you're getting smarter in a lot of ways. Go over the material several

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) Today is a 6 — You're probably tired, bu' happy. You're achieving a big goal You're also establishing very effi cient habits. Your work will get eas ier, which will allow you to take or

even more. Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) Today is

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perfect plan, and then take action. You'll know when the time is right,

You'll know when the time is right, and it will be soon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)
Today is an 8 — The action is fastpaced, physically and mentally. If you can't keep up with the quickest ones, relax and enjoy the show. If you can keep up, break a leg. . Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) To-

some extra cash. Even a Surp, cult task gets easier with practice.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) To-

day is a 9 — You're extremely lucky now, with games you've played be-fore. It's best not to brag or call your shots ahead of time, however. The Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) Today is a 6 — Fix things that are bro-ken, or are about ready to break. Go through your list of necessary reno-vations and check off a few items. The family will love you for it.

WARM FIREPLACES, SOFAS and LOVESEATS



BRAD RENFRO: A YOUNG STAR'S TRAGIC DEATH

Funny, kind and father to a secret son, the actor never overcame the drugs and demons that plagued him

By Mara Reinstein

Brad Renfro intended to stay home on January 14. "He told me, 'I'm not going to go out tonight," firend and on-off girl-friend Samantha Pearson recalls to Us. But Renfro, who had a long history of substance abuse, phoned Pearson twice more that night from various L.A. dives. "The second time, at I1:45 p.m., he was drunk. The last thing I said to him was, 'Please be careful."

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Less than 12 hours later, at 11:04 a.m., Renfro, 25, was pronounced dead. An older female commate — who let the actor live with her at no charge to help im stay drug-free — heard him snoring at 9 a.m. ("She saw him sleeping in his room." Renfro's cousin Jesse Hasek tells Us. "She said he looked peaceful.') Shortly after, another roommate tried to wake him to no avail.

The L.A. County coroner logged it as "a possible overdose," noting that the actor had been "drinking heavily and had had been "drinking heavily and had been "drinking heavily noticy to be a support of the past, there was no drug paraphernalia on the scene, no evidence of intravenous-drug use and no suicide note. (A full toxicology report

could take two months.)

A Life Cut Short

It's a sad coda for an actor once considered to be the next Brad Pitt (and who even played the young Pitt in 1996's Sleepers). Renfro was a 10-year-old student in Knoxville, Tennessee, when he was discovered by a casting agent and given a staring role in 1994's hit triller The Client. With his talent and charisma, critics hailed him: by his second film, The Hollywood Reporter awarded him Best Performance by a Young Actor in a Drama. "He was the sweetest, most incredibly gifted young actor to come around for some time," his Client costar Susan Sarandon tells Us. Says Ian McKellen, recalling his costar's performance in 1998's Apt Pupil: "He was a proper actor (who) carried the film on his young shoulders."

In a cruel twist of fate, Renfro appeared finally to be turning the corner on his recent drug problems. During a trip to visit his family in Knoxville a week earlier, "he didn't seem like he was struggling." Hasck tells Us. "In other years, we had to babysit him. This time, he was like, "I've got it figured out." He just finished doing a movie with Bill Bob Thornton [The Informers], and he was so excited. It was the happiest I've seen him. One highlight: watching Rem Little about his sing land he was so excited. It was the happiest I've seen him." One highlight: watching Rem Little about his mom (see box, below). "He sisked me, "Do you think! I should

marry her? I like the feeling of family," says Hasek. "He was rebuilding, which is what makes this all so frustrating."

What Went Wrong

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No doubt, Renfro was dealt a tough hand from the start. He saw his parents, Mark, a blueprint-factory employee, and Angela, a florist, divorce in 1987, when he was just a tyke. (Mom was 26. Dad was 27.) By age 6, he was sent by his mom to live with his paternal grandma, 10 Anne. "Rough times," he said in 2001 of his upbringing. "But I can't blanma anyone for it. My mom did the best possible thing for of his life, Renfro searched in vain for the stable family figures he never had. Filming Sleepers at age 13. "He stayed over at my house and he was so appreciative that my mom cooked him dinner," costar Joe Perrino (who was 15 then) the stayed over a try house had to the control of him." Producer Suzanne De Laurentiis, who worked on his 2006 film 10th & Wolf, says, "He'd call me Mom and steal sips from my coffee. He was affectionate."

His sudden rise to fame clearly played a role in his down fall. "I remember when he was 12, he'd go to these parties and got treated like an adult," says Hasek. Costar Dash Milhok tells Us that while filming Sleepers' "Brad would ask me to get him alcohol." Mihok refused.

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UK playing its best basketball of the year



Billy Gillispie can hear it. The UK players hear it. And if you were in attendance at Rupp Arena on Saturday, you heard it, and saw it too: the rebirth of a basketball team.

Since the start of his tenure at UK, Gillispie has preached that the transition in coaching philosophies wasn't always going to be easy for the players — or the fans—to watch. A 7-9 start and multiple bewildering losses to teams like Gardner-Webb and San Diego can certainly attest that.

But after upsetting Tennessee on Tuesday and then outlasting South Carolina on Saturday, it's clear that the Cats are finally buying into Gillispie's philosophy. The first-year UK head coach has heard the turnaround coming for weeks in the Cats' newfound approach a practice.

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"You can hear a team that really practices well because they re talking and they're moving," Gillispie said. "They're really approaching things and embracing things in the right way, and they've been doing that for a good while now."

The culmination has been the Cats' best basketball of the season. Granted. Saturday's win was against a 9-10 USC team, and maybe a two-game winning streak isn't quite the renaissance of UK basketball.

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Still, it gave UK its first back-to-back wins since the end of November. And as bad as the Gamecocks have been in recent years, they're a feisty team on the rise that doesn't back down from anybody.

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Look no farther than their floor general Devan Downey. The sophomore point guard — listed at a generous 5-foot-9 — ran circles around the UK defense all afternoon. Downey scored a team-high 24 points for the Gamecocks and took the fight to the Cats. Every time they needed a basket or a key steal, it was No. 2 coming up with the play.

As good as Downey was, UK's Ramel Bradley was better.

With the minutes Bradley has been playing the last eight games, you'd think the senior guard will be steady to the senior guard will be steady to the senior guard will be senior

torward Patrick Patterson Said. "He is a leaser out forward Patrick Patterson Said." He is a leaser out of games."

Said USC coach Dave Odom: "When the game is on the line, (Bradley's) as good at shere is: "Said USC leadley's) as good at shere is: "Located Bradley's as good and even Perry Stevenson. With the way the Cats played on Satraday, it was easy to forget that injured guard Joe Crawford wasn't even playing. While it is to hard to forget UK's record and early season blemishes, the Cats are playing like an NCAA Tournament team. Barring an unbelievable finish, they aren't going to make it the Big Dance, but you can't help but get excited at the future of this team. The 23.996 fans at Rupp Arena choed that sentiment loud and clear Saturday with one of the rowdiest crowds all year. As the fras shook the rathers with their approval, the rest of college basketball couldn't help but hear. They heard the possible awakening of a baskerball giant quickly finding its groves, and the possible and the proposed of the proposed proposed to baskerball giant quickly finding its groves, and the substitute of the proposed proposed proposed to baskerball giant quickly finding its groves, and the substitute of the proposed propose

LSU 72, UK 46

Tigers deal Cats worst loss of season in romp at Rupp

By James Pennington ipennington@kykernel.com

As the women's basketball team took the Rupp Arena floor yesterday afternoon, the Cats hoped to continue their midseason surge by upsetting No. 9 Louisiana State.

The Lady Tigers, however, had

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The Lady Tigers, however, had other plans.
LSU senior center Sylvia Fowles shot 9-of-11 from the field of mished with 20 points and 10 rebounds as the Tigers downed the Cats 72-46 in front of 8,335 fans.
"Fowles is very difficult to play against because of not only what she can do physically, but also because of the doubt she can put in your mind," UK head coach Matthew Mitchel said. "We need to get mentally stronger and step up and meet these challenges a little better."

The Tigers (16-3, 5-0 South-

and meet these challenges a little better."

The Tigers (16-3, 5-0 South-castern Conference) wasted no time and took early command of the contest. LSU senior forward Ashley Thomas scored just 14 seconds after the opening tip, and the Tigers never looked back. LSU put 12 points on the board before the Cats' first strike, a layup by freshman guard Amber Smith.

After the Tigers' initial run, the Cats (10-10, 4-2 SEC) mounted a 10-4 run and came within six points. With 12-18 remaining in the first half, LSU led 16-10. The sixpoint margin was the closest the Cats would get for the rest of the game.

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The Tigers fought off the Cats' first run and expanded their lead to 25-10 with 8:57 left before half-time. However, the Cats did not fold. UK tallied 10 quick points and only allowed one LSU basket for the next 3 1/2 minutes.

As UK tried to claw its way back into the game, LSU head



LSU forward Ashley Thomas defends against a layup from UK freshman forward Victoria Dunlap during the second half of yesterday's game at Rupp Arena.

coach Van Chancellor kept his team calm by calling a timeout with 6:15 until halftime, a rare first-half move for the Hall of Fame coach.

"I try to save timeouts in the,

After the timeout, LSU exploded and put the game out of the Cats' reach. The Tigers closed the first half on a 14-6 run and controlled a 41-23 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Cats continued to struggle on offense. Despite senior center Sarah Elliotot's 17-point outing, the team shot 26.8 percent from the field and allowed the Tigers to shoot 48.4 percent.

"We needed to get some baskets to fall early, and they just didn't fall," Mitchell said. "A lot of it is that LSU is very good, so we don't need to blame it all on us."

Offensive wees are nothing out of the ordinary for Mitchell's team. Coming into Sunday's contest, the Cats ranked last in the SEC in field goal percentage and 3-point field goal percentage and 3-point field goal percentage and 11th out of 12 teams in points per game.

"To our credit, we have found a

3-point field goal percentage, and 1th out of 12 teams in points per game.

"To our credit, we have found a way to sit here at 4-2 in conference play," Mitchell said. "But we are very poor offensive team." The said of the

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from the left wing for a 65-63 lead. UK never trailed after that.

"It was a very big play by a clutch player," Gillispie said. "It hink everyone is finally seeing what we missed when he wasn't not hec court. I can't wait until he's fully healthy.

As clutch as Jasper was, it was Bradley who led the Cats from the second-half deficit. The senior guard was 5-of-5 from behind the are, and he finished with 26 points and 10 re-bounds for his second career double-double.
"It wasn't his fault when we were having leaderless possessions," Gillispie said. "But he's really becoming a guy that's embracing that position (of a leaderless possessions," Gillispie said. "But he's really becoming a guy that's embracing that position (of a leaderless and a leader

leader). UK won its first back-to-back Freshman forward Patrick Patterson added 22 points and nine rebounds against USC, playing all 40 minutes. "I had open looks and knocked them down," Bradley patrick Patterson," USC bead. "I'm just in a groove right now."

coach Dave Odom said.

Even with all the battling on the court, the injury bug continued to strike the Cats off the court. Senior guard Joe Crawford did not play on Saturday because of a foot injury, giving sophomore guard Jodie Mecks his first SEC start this year.

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"We've been down that road-before." Gillispie said. "It was not a distraction."

The Cats started off hot in the first half, riding a combina-tion of Patterson, Bradley and Meeks to grab a 23-14 lead. Pat-terson pounded in the paint for 10 first-half points, while Bradley and Meeks went 5-of-8 from 3-point range to balance UK's attack.

The Cats finished with 59 percent shooting, including 63 percent from be iind the arc. Bradley's 5-of-5 shooting from Jouley is 5-of-5 shooting from UK won its first back-to-back agmes since winning three

SPORTS BRIEFS

Four Cats play in Senior Bowl Four UK football players concluded their collegiate careers on Saturday in the 2008 Under Armour Senior Bowl. Cartino Bowl. decided not to participate after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery following the Cats' Music Bowl victory

control their collegiate careers on Saturday in the 2008 Under Armour Semicra Bowl.

Seniors Andre Woodson, Rafael Little, Wesley Woodyard and Jacob Tamme played in the annual all-start game that highlights some of the nation's top seniors.

All four seniors played on the South team, which defeated the North 17-16 on a thrilling last-second play. Florida's Andre Caldwells scored a 2-yard touchdown as time expired, and Georgia kicker Brandon Coutu kicked the extra point to give the South the victory,

Although the Cats' players did the senior with the victory, the women's earn downed the game, they all saw action on Saturday. Woodson led the South to its first 10 points and finished the day 3-of-6 with a touchdown. Tamme had two catches for 12 yards, Woodyard recorded a team-best six tackles and Little ran the ball three times for 14 yards.

Senior wide out Keenan Burton had planned to play in the game but

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Let universities make own rules for guns in cars

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A bill to allow guns to be kept in cars on college campuses, introduced to the state legislature life, threatens the college campuses, introduced to the state legislature life, threatens the college campuses and the college campuses. This legislation, House Bill 114, would be a departure from a current state law that allows universities to make their own policies regarding firearms on university property.

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It's an important issue — and Damron's stance on it is wrong. His legislation is an inappropriate attempt to micromanage universities' safety policies, and it would raise security concerns of its own by allowing deadly weapons on campuses.

The bill would take away power to write policies regarding firearms from individual universities and give it to the state instead. The universities should be allowed to retain the right to govern issues that are relevant to the campus environment, including whether or not students and employees may have guns stashed in their cars.

cars.

To take away this right would not only go against existing legislation, but it would also create a landslide of potential openings for the state to regulate other issues on college campuses

that were formerly decided by the university. The balance of power should be left alone.
Furthermore, the bill stands in opposition to the wishes of many of people whom the bill stands in opposition to the wishes of many of people whom the bill stands and stard on university cannot be stand to the stands of t

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Nor is the bill necessary to improve the safety of students on campus. If anything, the acceptance of guns anywhere on campus, whether in parking lots or in classrooms, is a hindrance to student safety. Mether in volving shots fired. While many left that they should be allow potential for the increased ending far outweights any in the safety of the

spray.

And those who insist on having weapons in their cars can take advantage of the many opportunities to park off campus.



Allowing guns on campus brings danger, not protection, to students



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Nationally, firearms are one of the leading causes of deaths each year, which means the "responsible owner" re of us who don't own guns. Right?
Nationally, firearms are one of the leading causes of deaths each year, which means the "responsible owner" rule is a total failure. How do Damron and supporters of the bill think they can implement the "responsible owner" rule locally if the country has failed on the same task repeatedly?
Going back to the previous scenario, can we really expect a female student under physical attack, not to mention overwhelming panic, to access her gun in time and defend herself? And if she can already get in her active the properties of the control of the properties. Not only does the buf if were to patch the properties of the proper

this committee's list of priority issues."

Damron showed his true political

After an altercation at work or a scuffle with a fellow student, the last thing an emotionally unstable person needs is quick access to a firearm.

coiors when he said he's hoping to gain support for the bill with the presence of a National Riff Association lobbyist in Frankfort. Therefore, it was no surprise to find the NRA on top of Darmors he adoosement list provided by his official Web site (www.boblamorn.com/endoorsements.htm).

Darmorn should represent the interests of his constituents, not that of liobbyists, but that's a widespread issue that will not be solved any time soon.

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Our college campus is a place of uning, not a haven for firearm ensiststs. While campus safety is an use that must be tackled swiftly and gorously, allowing guns on campus in cars or otherwise — only adds other dangerous element to the enronment.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UK brought current budget problem upon itself

When I first read that Gov. Steve Beshear has talked about a I 2, percent decrease in funding for UK for the 2008-09 school year. I was mortified. How will UK manage to survive in its current severely depleted state if it has to bear a larger funding burden than it presently does? Images of UK having a going-out-of-business sale on degrees and closing its institutional dorrs were all I could envision. Then my wife made this ingenious insight? You did it to yourselves! Last year, prior to the November When I first read that Gov. Steve

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Last year, prior to the November gubernatorial election. I received a personal letter from then-6nv. Ernie Fletcher, responding to an earlier letter I had sent on state support of our school, Gov. Fletcher's letter informed me that he had a plan in effect to increase state funding for UK

by \$21 million, or 6.8 percent, in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. Then, on Nov. 6, the liberal faculty and newspaper of UK got their wish and Beshear became the new governor of Kentucky, Now, two months later, UK is being asked to foot a \$50 million bill in fiscal year 2008-09! Good job.

However, at least I can be thankful that I had already seen the sail shape that UK's ideology and the Democratic leadership of Kentucky were leading our university to and jumped ship to finish my schooling in a university already in the top-20 ranks — the University of Florida. Good luck, Gator bait!

Visitation rights bill deserves students' support

There is currently a patients' visita-tion rights bill in the Health and Wel-fare Committee in the state legislature. House Bill 33 would allow any patient over the age of 18 to designate an ind-vidual who is not related by blood or marriage to essentially be considered an immediate family member with all the visitation rights and privileges. This is an important bill that has the potential to affect a lot of UK stu-dents in a positive way. I am a single female working and attending school at UK, and my nearest immediate family members are seven hours away.

I would feel safer and more secure knowing that I had the ability to designate my boyfriend or my long-time roommate as a member of my "fami-

ly" in case I were to ever fall seriously ill. These people are my support net-work and my home away from home; I would feel extreme distress were they not able to be at my side in an emer-

gency situation.

As a legal adult, I feel it is my right to be able to designate whom I want to be able to visit me when I'm ill, and whom I want to handle my af-

ill, and whom I want to handle my ar-fairs in an emergency situation.

A lot of college students at UK are in a similar position — I living and at-tending school a long way from home. It is important to be aware of our rights as Kentuckians, and it is also important to support this bill.

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sweaters will stage a come-back. Holes are huge. Worn shoes, too, Hand-me-downs, share-arounds, what-was-I-thinking and if-it-still-fits-wear-it will out-Vogue Vogue. The old-the epitome of

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will resurface in the spring. This is
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connections, lost luggage and mystifying comestibles while being freed from such anxiety, disappointment and lost hours crammed inside such joyless, germ-intested vessels.

This is virtuous in all regards. Every dollar saved on oil is another one not directed toward Saudi Arabia, which is so busy buying our banks, businesses and precision-guided bonts to the 12th century.

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How Low Can It Go? with the gas bill, Class, not much. Reacquaint yourself with dear friends, loved ones and adolescents who share DNA and a residence bit limited information and affection.

Other possible parlor games for the new economy: Let's Pay Cash!, Don't Check the Investments (Till the Mess Is Over), and, for those given to delusion, Recession? It's Just a Little Ole Correction. See? There are so many creative ways of adjusting to the cumulative effects of an oil addiction, costly war, stalled economy, trade imbalance, mortgage and banking crisis, and overdependence on countries with horrible humanrights records.

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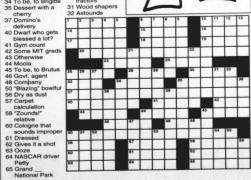
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TAKING THE PLUNGE



Members of UK's Delta Gamma soroity jump into the frigid pool outside Applebee's Park during the 9th Annual Polar Bear Plunge. The 34 sorori-ty members raised \$1,700 for the organization, which benefits the Special Olympics.

DANCE

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der her guru of dance, Nandini Mandal. The majority of her background in
Indian dance is in Navanritya, a contemporary form of the classical
Bharatanatyam style. Nigam said she is currently practicing modern andjazz dance styles. Nigam has danced
with the UR Dance Ensemble, and last year, she won the award for the best choreographed dance presented by the ensemble. Her award-winning dance was in Rang De, a contemporary Indian style with a message about bringing color to life, having happiness and fulfilling dreams, Nigam said.

That message is something Nigam said she hopes to convey to students in
the drace lessons.

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Indian dance.

Deepali Jain, a health administra-tion graduate student who attended the first class, said she appreciated the background Nigam gives on each of the steps and Nigam's warnings on the discipline needed for mastering Indian

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Dean of Students Victor Hazard and Student Government President Nick Phelps met with the student representatives to talk about the issues con-fronting international students and multicultural or-ganizations.

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Phelps encouraged organizations to work together to have a greater impact on campus. He also
discussed ways that SG could better support the international student organizations.

"It's really about being part of the process and
branching people together while ensuring that the
funds are there to make sure things like this can
happen," Phelps said.

UK has about 1,500 international students representing more than 100 countries, said Karen
Slaymaker, director of International Student Services.

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"Bringing relationships with each other onto campus gives these organizations more power and shows international students that UK has given them something," Phelps said.



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