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Haiti's capital in ruins; death toll 'unimaginable'



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People gathered Wednesday outside Haiti's National Palace, which was severely damaged by Tuesday's earthquake in the capital of Port-au-Prince.

SURVIVORS IN STATE OF SHOCK; EFFORTS TO AID NATION STYMIED BY CONDITIONS ON GROUND

Herald-Leader Wire Services
 PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Survivors strained desperately Wednesday against the chunks of concrete that buried this city along with thousands of its residents, rich and poor, from shantytowns to the presidential palace, in the devastating earthquake that struck Tuesday night.
 Calling the death toll "unimaginable" as he surveyed the wreckage, Haiti's president, René Préval, said he had no idea where he would sleep. Schools, hospitals and a prison were damaged. Sixteen U.N. peacekeepers were killed, at least 140 U.N. workers were missing, including the chief of its mission, Hedi Annabi. The city's archbishop, Monsignor Joseph Serge

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 Miot, was feared dead.
 And the poor who define this nation squatted in the streets, some hurt and bloody, many more without food and water, close to piles of covered corpses and rubble. Limbs protruded from disintegrated concrete, and muffled cries emanated from deep inside the wrecks of buildings as Haiti struggled to grasp the unknown toll from its worst earthquake in more than 200 years.
 "Please save my baby!" Jeudy Francia, a woman in her 20s, shrieked outside St. Esprit Hospital in the city. Her
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Onlookers cried as a girl was removed from the rubble Wednesday. The 7.0-magnitude quake left a landscape of collapsed hospitals, schools, churches and ramshackle homes.

Not hearing is agony for families in Kentucky

Frankfort's Capital City Christian Church's mission in Jacmel, Haiti, collapsed. Thirteen from the church were in Haiti when the quake hit. A church Web site says all are OK.
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RELATIVES AWAIT WORD FROM THOSE LIVING, SERVING IN HAITI

By Amy Wilson
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 Someone in the small group of people traveling with Connie Riddell's husband an hour outside of Port-au-Prince sent a text message home to Kentucky around 7:30 Tuesday night.
 Everyone was fine, it read.
 No one has heard from that group of Frankfort church members since.
 Jody Castillo, who was in the mountains 150 miles outside the capital city of Haiti, heard from her

husband, Jose, who was in Port-au-Prince just after the quake in which untold thousands may have perished.
 He said he was OK; then he described the utter horror he was witnessing. The Castillos cried together about the fate of their adopted island nation.
 Jody hasn't heard from Jose since. Aramis Remilien tried calling the same numbers over and over, "but I never got through." While praying someone would pick up the phone
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Connie Riddell of Frankfort has been anxiously awaiting word from her husband, Doug, who is in Haiti on a mission trip.

Senate OKs bill to cancel pension perks

LEGISLATORS IT AFFECTS DEBATED

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FRANKFORT — A politically divided Senate approved a proposal Wednesday to cancel a costly benefit that allows state lawmakers to pad their legislative pensions by taking full-time state jobs.
 The controversial retirement perk was wielded as a political weapon in recent months by Gov. Steve Beshear as he tried to gain control of the Senate from Republicans.
 Before approving the bill 21-17, Democrats and Republicans argued vehemently about whether the proposed change has any real effect on current lawmakers.
 The bill's sponsor, newly elected Republican Sen. Jimmy Higdon of Lebanon, said the measure affects all lawmakers when they retire, but Senate Democrats said the proposal affects only future lawmakers.
 Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond, called the measure "a feel-good political bill" with no immediate effect.
 Senate Bill 51 now goes to the House for consideration. House Speaker Greg
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Road contractors cozy with cabinet, manager testifies

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 The Transportation Cabinet was unduly influenced by road contractors during Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration, with unnecessary projects awarded while campaign donations were collected from the industry, a cabinet manager testified Wednesday.
 Chuck Knowles, a deputy state highway engineer who joined the cabinet in 1976, said he had been concerned about contractors' influence over internal decisions on road projects, job promotions and other matters.
 "I have some coziness concerns about a few contractors out of the 600 we deal with," Knowles testified in U.S. District Court in Lexington.
 Road contractor Leonard Lawson, 70, and former Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert, 58, are standing trial on charges related to theft, bribery and obstruction of justice. The trial is expected to last at least three weeks.
 Prosecutors say Nighbert arranged for confidential cabinet bid estimates for \$130 million worth of road projects to be leaked to Lawson in 2006 and 2007, during the Fletcher administration. After Fletcher lost re-election, Nighbert was given "a fake job" at a company that Lawson co-owns that came with a yearly
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