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Westerfield discussed a theft on his property, which led to the ill-fated search warrant tied to the shooting, as well as the incident itself, with LPD Officer Jared Hale.

Assistant Chief Bobby Day responded that he is unaware of a “leak,” but rather, he sent copies of the recording to Mayor Randall Weddle, City Attorney Larry Bryson, and Kentucky State Police Investigator Tye Chavies.

“It got out [not redacted],” Smith stated. “It just caused a lot of chaos in our community. I know policies were broken. Laws were broken.”

“I appreciate our first responders — I do. I appreciate the 911 Center, but I’m disappointed,” said Smith, noting that the audio had gotten into the “wrong hands.”

“If you’re implying that I released it, then you’re barking up the wrong tree because I told you who I released it to,” Day responded. Smith assured him he was not “pointing fingers” at anyone.

Board Chair David Williams asserted that the



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Magistrate Danny Smith attended Tuesday’s meeting to ask the board about the audio release.

board’s policies and procedures have “tightened up” since the incident. Williams also mentioned the hire of Bryson as the board’s legal counsel. Bryson chimed that the board does a “very good job legally.”

Bryson’s pay was among discussion as well. It was determined that he will earn \$150 per hour.

Additionally, Director Larry Walls shared that two grants had been submitted successfully. One

of the grants pertains to a new CAD (computer-aided dispatch) server, while the other is for a recorder server.

“We’re crossing our fingers hard that we get both, but hopefully we get one for sure,” said Walls. “Hopefully, around June or so, we’ll hear something.”

Walls shared that the center chose to do a 10% match, explaining that there is a better chance of receiving the grants by doing so.

The board then discussed the center’s checking accounts, as one earns 2.5% interest whereas the other only earns .5%. Board members hope to have the other account earning up to 2.5% as well.

The London-Laurel County Communications Center Board regularly meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the board room of the London Police Department.

SHOOTING

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LCSO has also stated that a motive has not yet been determined.

Dep. Gilbert Acciardo stated that the LCSO did not have prior knowledge of a history of domestic disputes or violence between Brianna and Carol Rich. Acciardo additionally shared that there were no witnesses to the crime.

Det. McDaniel is leading the investigation. Assisting at the scene for LCSO were Det. Hunter Disney, Det. Tommy Houston, Reconstructionist Dep. Brad Mink, Dep. Noah Ritchie, Dep. Daniel Reed, Dep. Matt Walker, Dep. Joey Smith, Dep. Justin Lewis, Dep. Byron Grimes, and Dep. Cody Blackwell. Also assisting at the scene were Kentucky State Police, Ambulance Inc. of Laurel County, Campground Fire Department, and the Laurel County



LCSO PHOTO BY DEP. DANIEL REED

The shooting occurred Friday night off Burnett Road.

Coroner’s Office.

At press time, Brianna Rich remained lodged at the Laurel County Correctional Center in lieu of a

\$250,000 bond. She is next scheduled to appear in Laurel District Court next Tuesday for a preliminary hearing.

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indicated that he knowingly accessed the website with “intent to view and/or receive child pornography,” as only users who have installed the appropriate Tor (The Onion Router) software on their computer can access the website.

Furthermore, users have to find the 56-character web address of the website in order to access it, as hidden service websites are not indexed by search engines “anywhere near the same degree as websites that operate on open internet.”

“I believe that it is extremely unlikely that any-

one who visited its URL understood its purpose and content, and that it is extremely unlikely that any user could simply stumble upon the target website, much less register a user account, without understanding its purpose and content,” McKenzie wrote.

The affidavit references several posts allegedly made by Callahan, the first of which was a post made in September 2023 that included five links — all of which contained graphic child pornography. It also states that Callahan “commented favorably” on a link to a child pornography file around that time. Callahan is alleged to have made similar posts in February and May of 2024.

Following an attempted login on June 19, 2024, the FBI traced the attempt to a specific IP address. Charter Spectrum then confirmed Callahan was using that IP at the time and provided his information, including his address where he solely resides. Although Callahan lives alone, the affidavit states that he has regular access to children through his job, as well as his girlfriend who has kids.

Upon his arrest, Callahan reportedly admitted to accessing the aforementioned website and trading child pornography. At the time,

Callahan informed the FBI that he had accessed child pornography “approximately two days ago.”

An FBI search team would go on to locate a laptop at Callahan’s residence which they confirmed contained child pornography. A full forensic extraction of Callahan’s laptop will be performed at a later date.

During his initial appearance in U.S. District Court Friday, Callahan waived his right to a preliminary hearing, was appointed counsel and released from Laurel County Correctional Center.



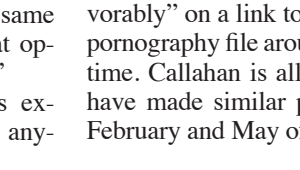
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EXPERIMENTAL BRAIN-CONTROLLED HEARING AID DECODES, IDENTIFIES WHO YOU WANT TO HEAR

Our brains have a remarkable knack for picking out individual voices in a noisy environment, like a crowded coffee shop or a busy city street. This is something that even the most advanced hearing aids struggle to do. But now engineers are announcing an experimental technology that mimics the brain’s natural aptitude for detecting and amplifying any one voice from many.

Powered by artificial intelligence, this brain-controlled hearing aid acts as an automatic filter, monitoring wearers’ brain waves and boosting the voice they want to focus on.

Though still in early stages of development, the technology is a significant step toward better hearing aids that would enable wearers to converse with the people around them seamlessly and efficiently.

By creating a device that harnesses the power of the brain itself, the engineers hope that their work will lead to technological improvements that enable the hundreds of millions of hearing-impaired people worldwide to communicate just as easily as their friends and family do.

Modern hearing aids are excellent at amplifying speech while suppressing certain types of background noise, such as traffic. But they struggle to boost the volume of an individual voice over others. Scientists call this the cocktail party problem, named after the cacophony of voices that blend together during loud parties.

In crowded places, like parties, hearing aids tend to amplify all speakers at once. This severely hinders a wearer’s ability to converse effectively, essentially isolating them from the people around them. The research team’s brain-controlled hearing aid is different. Instead of relying solely on external sound-amplifiers, like microphones, it also monitors the listener’s own brain waves.

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OBITUARIES

James Reid

James Edward Reid, age 74, of East Bernstadt, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2025.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Janice Henderlight Reid; two children, Letitia Reid Maynard & husband Brian of Lexington, KY, James Christopher Reid of East Bernstadt, KY; four grandchildren, Reid McKenzie Maynard, Tierney Ann Maynard, Weston James Reid & Jackson James Reid; two siblings, Joyce Reid Gilly, Peggy Brown Proffitt, both of London, KY; plus a host of other family and friends to cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Elmo & Alilee Johnson Reid.

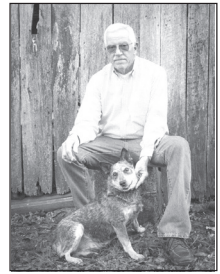
Ed left behind a legacy of dedication, kindness, and service. He was among the first 100 employees hired at American Greetings in Corbin, Kentucky when it opened in 1969 and remained committed to his work in maintenance until the company’s closure in 2002. Fittingly, he was the last one to leave the building, a testament to his unwavering work ethic and loyalty.

Beyond his career, Ed was a man of many passions. An avid hunter and skilled woodworker, he found joy in the outdoors and in crafting with his hands. He loved country music, farming, and had a special connection with animals, particularly the Blue Heelers he trained with care.

A man of deep faith, Ed was a lifelong member of East Bernstadt Baptist Church, attending since birth and remaining dedicated to his church family throughout his life. He also served his country honorably in the United States Army (1970-1972).

Above all, Ed was a devoted husband, a helping hand to all who knew him, and a steadfast presence in the lives of his loved ones. His legacy of hard work, faith, and kindness will be cherished forever.

A funeral service honoring James Edward Reid will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home with Norm Brock and James Allen officiating. Interment will follow at Cumberland Memorial Gardens in Lily, Kentucky. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. also at the funeral home. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.



Maureen Phelps

Maureen Ann Phelps, daughter of the late Bernard William and Mary (Cusack) Heberer, was born June 25th, 1948 in Peoria, Illinois. She was united in marriage to Fred Phelps of London, Kentucky on August 23, 1969. She is survived by her children, Matthew Phelps and wife Carrie of Leesburg, Virginia, Elizabeth Dawson and husband Bart of Shepherdsville, Kentucky, and Sara Steinlage and husband Paul of Bonner Springs, Kansas; by her siblings, Bernard Heberer and wife Debbie of Peoria, Illinois, Christine Volz and husband David, Steve Heberer and wife Jane and Margaret Straughn and husband David all of Pekin, Illinois. She was also blessed with ten grandchildren, Benjamin Phelps and wife Diana, Lauren Phelps, Bernard Dawson, Mary Elizabeth Dawson, Henry Dawson, Joseph Dawson, Samuel Dawson, Emily Steinlage, Kathryn Steinlage, and Joshua Steinlage; and one great-grandchild, Luke Phelps. Maureen Ann Phelps departed this life peacefully and surrounded by family on Saturday, March 15th, 2025 at the Nazareth Home in Louisville, Kentucky, being 76 years, 8 months, and 20 days of age.

Mass of Christian Burial for Maureen Ann Phelps will be conducted 12:00 NOON Friday at St. William Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Schultz S.T.L. officiating. Entombment will follow at A.R. Dyche Memorial Park. The family of Maureen Ann Phelps will receive friends at St. William Catholic Church on Thursday, March 20 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., followed by the rosary at 8 p.m.

Serving as pallbearers will be: Bernard Dawson, Benjamin Phelps, Henry Dawson, Joseph Dawson, Joshua Steinlage, and Samuel Dawson.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Nazareth Home of Louisville, Charity Court, in honor of Maureen Phelps.

London Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

Edward Jones

Tuesday 4:00 PM, March 18, 2025

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CVX	CHEVRON	DL	160.34	+1.62 +1.02%	0.00	0.00	6,745,929	4.27% 135.37 -167.11
CLX	CLOROX CO	DL	145.34	-3.09 -2.08%	0.00	0.00	882,411	3.36% 127.60 -171.37
KO	COCA-COLA CO	DL	69.47	-0.65 -0.92%	0.00	0.00	8,848,421	2.94% 57.93 -73.53
CBRL	CRACKER BARREL OLD	DL	40.09	+0.55 +1.39%	0.00	0.00	760,683	2.49% 34.88 -74.21
CSX	CSX CORPORATION	DL	30.21	-0.12 -0.38%	0.00	0.00	6,851,688	1.72% 28.98 -38.03
DUK	DUKE ENERGY	DL	120.61	-0.20 -0.17%	0.00	0.00	2,803,432	3.47% 92.75 -116.67
CWH	CAMPING WORLD HLD	DL	17.07	-0.04 -0.20%	0.00	0.00	1,172,661	2.93% 15.39 -28.33
EMR	EMERSON ELECTRIC	DL	111.91	-1.68 -1.48%	0.00	0.00	1,903,533	1.89% 96.62 -134.65
XOM	EXXON MOBIL	DL	113.54	-0.22 -0.19%	0.00	0.00	11,133,941	3.49% 103.67 -126.34
FLO	FLOWERS FOODS	DL	18.70	-0.08 -0.40%	0.00	0.00	799,424	5.13% 17.98 -26.12
F	FORD MOTOR CO	DL	9.95	+0.03 +0.30%	0.00	0.00	88,266,624	6.03% 8.96 -14.62
GE	GE AEROSPACE ORD	DL	200.97	-1.07 -0.53%	0.00	0.00	2,496,704	0.72% 133.99 -212.19
HD	HOME DEPOT INC	DL	349.50	-4.64 -1.31%	0.00	0.00	1,936,423	2.63% 323.77 -439.37
INTC	INTEL CORP	DL	25.91	+0.22 +0.84%	0.00	0.00	105,051,632	0% 18.51 -45.41
IBM	IBM	DL	246.99	-5.99 -2.37%	0.00	0.00	2,898,506	2.70% 162.62 -266.45
JNJ	JOHNSON JOHNSON	DL	164.37	+1.53 +0.94%	0.00	0.00	4,682,662	3.02% 140.68 -169.99
KR	KROGER CO	DL	66.11	-0.28 -0.42%	0.00	0.00	4,003,104	1.94% 49.04 -68.51
LOW	LOWES COMPANIES	DL	223.19	-2.66 -1.18%	0.00	0.00	1,165,973	2.06% 211.80 -287.01
MCD	MCDONALDS CORP	DL	304.03	+0.08 +0.02%	0.00	0.00	1,613,093	2.33% 243.53 -326.32
KSS	KOHL'S CRP	DL	8.35	-0.20 -2.34%	0.00	0.00	6,158,155	5.99% 7.96 -29.60
MRK	MERCK & CO	DL	94.92	+0.13 +0.14%	0.00	0.00	5,486,588	0.84% 81.04 -134.63
MSFT	MICROSOFT CP	DL	383.04	-5.66 -1.46%	0.00	0.00	10,984,029	0.87% 376.91 -468.35
PEP	PEPSICO INC	DL	149.43	-1.91 -1.27%	0.00	0.00	3,787,075	3.63% 141.51 -183.41
PFE	PFIZER INC	DL	26.34	+0.29 +1.13%	0.00	0.00	23,479,224	6.53% 24.48 -31.54
PG	PROCTER & GAMBLE	DL	168.06	-1.70 -1.00%	0.00	0.00	3,241,156	2.40% 153.52 -180.43
SO	SOUTHERN	DL	90.13	-0.41 -0.45%	0.00	0.00	2,068,999	3.20% 67.53 -94.45
UPS	UNITED PARCEL B	DL	118.95	+0.89 +0.75%	0.00	0.00	2,492,247	5.51% 109.40 -158.95
VZ	VERIZON COMMS	DL	44.30	+0.65 +1.50%	0.00	0.00	11,668,857	6.12% 37.59 -47.35
WMT	WALMART INC	DL	65.79	-1.67 -1.91%	0.00	0.00	11,894,253	1.10% 58.55 -105.30
DIS	WALT DISNEY CO	DL	99.31	-0.05 -0.05%	0.00	0.00	5,080,390	1.01% 83.91 -123.30