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MULTISTATE LOTTERIES

**Powerball (Wed.) 12-32-40-50-54 37**  
**Power Play multiple 3**  
 5 + **Powerball:** 0 winners  
**Sat. estimated jackpot:** \$70 million

MISSOURI LOTTERIES

**Lotto (Wed.) 04-13-15-29-32-36**  
**0 overall winners.** 5 balls pays 31 winners \$585 each.  
 4 balls pays 1,181 winners \$29 each.  
**Sat. estimated jackpot:** \$6 million

ILLINOIS LOTTERIES

**Little Lotto (Thu.) 14-15-21-28-36** (Wed.) **09-1**  
**Payout (Wed.):** 5 balls pays 2 winners \$50,000 each  
 winners \$100 each. 3 balls pays 2,852 winners \$10  
**Lotto (Wed.) 03-19-33-45-46-51**

MISSOURI

St. Charles Co.

In a switch, a bridge will change lanes

**ST. CHARLES** • All lanes of the eastbound Blanchette Bridge are to be open by early Saturday, four months after the Missouri Department of Transportation began an \$11.6 million bridge reconditioning project. Work to reopen the far-right lane of Interstate 70 will begin at 4 a.m. Saturday, the Missouri Department of Transportation said. At the same time, work crews will reopen the northbound Fifth Street ramp to eastbound I-70. All lanes should be open by about 4 p.m. Saturday. Various lanes have been closed since early May to allow replacement of 19 roadway expansion joints. The contractor, KCI Construction Co., finished the roadway project nine days ahead of schedule, MoDOT said.

Golf event will honor late schoolteacher

**LAKE SAINT LOUIS** • This year's Lake Saint Louis Memorial Golf Classic will honor the memory of the late Kathy McLaren, a teacher at Green Tree Elementary School, who died after a three-year battle with breast cancer on Dec. 15. The golf tournament, hosted by the Lake Saint Louis Chamber of Commerce and Ambassadors of Lake Saint Louis, will be held Sept. 19 at Lake Forest Golf & Country Club. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with tee time at 12:15 p.m. The four-person scramble will be limited to the first 144 players to register and pay. A portion of the proceeds from the tournament are used to fund college scholarships for Lake Saint Louis residents. For more information or to register to play or sponsor a hole, call tournament co-chairman Jeff Unterreiner, 636-561-0100, Ext. 2.

Hospitals will benefit from house tour

**ST. CHARLES** • Members of the St. Joseph Health Center and St. Joseph Hospital West Auxiliary will sponsor "Home Is Where the Heart Is" Sunday to benefit Women and Children's Services at both hospitals. The house tour, scheduled from noon to 4 p.m., will feature six homes in The Hamptons and Carrollton Manor communities. The Hamptons is off Hemsath Road and Arena Parkway in St. Charles. Carrollton Manor is off Zumbahl and

Giant anteater baby will make debut



The first giant anteater born at the St. Louis Zoo, Zsa Zsa Top, was named by Billy F Gibbons, a ZZ Top guitarist, when he was in town for a performance. Zsa Zsa was born at the Zoo on July 8 to mother Wendy, 8, and father Willie, 4. The baby and her mother can be seen by the public for the first time at the River's Edge for a couple of hours starting at 9 a.m. Saturday. After that, they will be on display every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for a couple of hours a day, starting at 9 a.m. Dawn Majors | Post-Dispatch

Mayor will deliver aid to Baton Rouge

**ST. PETERS** • Mayor Shawn Brown is among officials in St. Charles County who plan to travel to Baton Rouge, La., to deliver donated supplies for Hurricane Katrina victims. Brown, described by the city of St. Peters as St. Charles County team captain for the U.S. Conference of Mayors, is coordinating the county's efforts. Volunteers plan to hold a collection drive from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Dove House at Ellington Place. Donations of canned goods and other nonperishable food items, bottled water, disposable baby diapers and toiletries such as deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent and household cleaning items are needed. "We have all been touched by this tragedy," Brown said in a statement. "The very least our community can do is to

give what we can to help these folks get back on their feet."

St. Louis

500 Katrina children enroll in Missouri

**ST. LOUIS** • Nearly 500 children displaced from the Gulf Coast region by Hurricane Katrina have enrolled in public schools across Missouri, Education Commissioner D. Kent King told the Missouri State Board of Education on Thursday. St. Louis Public Schools, the state's largest school district, is believed to have taken in the most students, King said. District officials did not have an exact number Thursday. The city district is among 110 districts statewide that reported enrolling evacuees. Federal education officials have asked states to survey schools to determine how many students were displaced by the storm and the subsequent flooding. The Illinois State Board of Education gave a preliminary estimate of 250 to 300 child evacuees.

Jackson Co.

Disabled say Missouri can't cut payments

**KANSAS CITY** • Attorneys for seven disabled Missourians tried this week to convince a federal judge that Missouri's decision to stop paying for certain medical equipment is unfair and illegal. U.S. District Judge Dean Whipple, who last week de-

clined to issue a temporary restraining order blocking the cuts, said he would review testimony and court filings and hoped to decide next week whether to issue a preliminary injunction.

On Sept. 1, the state stopped using Medicaid funds to pay for such items as hospital beds, wheelchair batteries, breathing aids and cushions used to prevent bedsores. The cuts to durable medical equipment will affect about 340,000 adults in the Medicaid program. The cuts do not apply to children or to those who are blind, pregnant or in nursing homes. **Democrats question Alter's campaign debt** **JEFFERSON CITY** • The Missouri Democratic Party filed a complaint Thursday with the state Ethics Commission to question how state Sen. Bill Alter, R-High Ridge, handled his campaign debt after last spring's special election. The complaint cites the fact that Alter reported campaign debts totaling \$248,263 on April 17, shortly after his 72-vote victory over Democrat Rick Johnson. But in the next report, Alter's initial debt figure — beginning April 18 — was for \$190,403. The state Democratic Party asks what happened to the rest. Alter's campaign manager

economic boons in the region's history is shedding light on a decades-old problem. Work has already begun on the 654-acre Lambert Field business park, a project that could generate nearly \$8 billion. The problem is the park stretches across Kinloch, a town that has for years wrestled with maintaining a functioning police department. For the past three years, the county has policed its streets, costing county taxpayers about \$1.8 million. Now the county wants that money back. Kinloch says it's almost ready to take back the police reins. County officials are skeptical. "We can't have people dodging bullets as they go to work," a county official said. The county's patrols in Kinloch are not an entirely unusual. The county provides police service for 16 municipalities.

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for the contest, Scott Leien-decker, said he was certain that the problem was a computation error.

Funds would benefit evacuees, laid-off staff

**ST. LOUIS** • The union that represents St. Louis Public Schools teachers, secretaries and other school-related staff has joined the effort to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims. But those folks may not be the only beneficiaries. Money donated specifically to Local 420 of the American Federation of Teachers will be divided among the local American Red Cross, the union's national Disaster Relief Fund — and local union members who recently have been laid off by the St. Louis school district. "We're not trying to piggy-back off the hurricane," said Local 420 President Mary Armstrong, "and we want them to think about those who are less fortunate." Those people, she said, include about 25 employees who got their walking papers Aug. 22.

ILLINOIS

Madison Co.

Family sues over cup they say caused spill

**EDWARDSVILLE** • A family from St. Jacob alleges in a suit that the bottom fell out of a foam cup of hot chocolate purchased at a shop in Lincoln, Ill., severely burning a 6-year-old girl. Paula Simmons, the mother of the girl, Paige Simmons, is seeking more than \$450,000 in damages against Java Junction, Capital City Paper Co. and Erie Insurance Group, according to a suit filed Wednesday in Madison County Circuit Court. The suit was filed on Simmons' behalf by Ron Motil of Glen Carbon. "I know a lot of people will say, 'Oh, here's another hot chocolate case,' but the allegation is that it's a defective cup, not too hot of coffee like McDonald's," Motil said, referring to a case that made national headlines when a jury awarded \$2.9 million to a woman burned by McDonald's coffee that spilled in her lap.

Teachers vote to strike over raises on Sept. 19

**COLLINSVILLE** • Collinsville teachers voted Wednesday to strike on Sept. 19. The Collinsville District School Board and teachers' union can't agree on how much of a raise the district can afford.

DEB PETERSON

"Weird U.S." turns lens on Bonne Terre

**DIGGING DEEP:** The two Marks and the rest of the crew from the History Channel's popular TV series "Weird U.S." have discovered Bonne Terre Mine. Show hosts **Mark Moran** and **Mark Scurman** will be in Bonne Terre on Tuesday to explore the mine's flooded history, while keeping their own feet dry. Underwater videographer **Dan Crowell** — who also shoots for the History Channel's "Deep Sea Detectives" — will join divers from the mine to shoot footage for "Weird U.S." The mine is owned by St. Louisans **Doug** and **Cathy Georgens**, who also own West End Diving Centers here and operate Maya Palms Resort on the Caribbean in Mexico near the Belize border. The show is scheduled to air in November.

**LOVE THE LANDSCAPE:** **Steven Englehardt**, communications director for U.S. Rep. **William Lacy Clay Jr.**, D-St. Louis, tells us that he "cross-pollinated" over the weekend with a woman he describes as "our town's landscaping diva" (sounds like he's in love, doesn't it?), **Hilary Daniel**, CEO of Gardens by Hilary Inc. The wedding took place in the CWE garden that Hilary maintains at the home of **Joe** and **Carole Zimbrott**. Guests at the swanky nighttime soiree dined on Israeli cuisine made by **Ben Poremba** and danced to the world fusion sounds of **Farshid Etniko**. Among those at the wedding were: **Col** and **Mrs. David Daniel** of Arlington, Va.; **Emily Englehardt** of Decatur, Ill.; **Lacy Clay** and his wife **Ivive**; **Keith** and **Nancy Alper**; **Steve Friedman**; **Lt. Michelle Matthews**, maid of honor, who is preparing for a tour of duty in Iraq; **Yvonne Deyo**, matron of honor; **Steven Werner**, best

man; **Rabbi Susan Talve** and **Randy Fleisher** and Randy's wife, **Amy Fleisher**. **IN OUR THOUGHTS:** **Nancy Chanitz Buechner**, wife of former 2nd District Congressman **Jack Buechner**, is undergoing treatment for lung cancer in Washington, where the Buechners now live. Family and friends have started a prayer chain to support her through her illness and treatment and have asked that their many friends in St. Louis remember Nancy in their prayers for a speedy and successful recovery. **ART FOR PARENTHOOD'S SAKE:** Planned Parenthood's "Choice Art Auction Preview Party" will feature 62 works on display from the "who's who" of local and national artists, including **Louise Bourgeois**, **Cindy Sherman**, **Polly Apfelbaum**, **Christo** and **Lisa Sanditz** (a local girl making it big in NYC). The party will also display a "couture creation made of condoms by fashion guru **D Sly**," or so says

Planned Parenthood's development director **Kellie Trivers**. The preview party is tonight at the William Shearburn Gallery. The auction will be Sept. 24 at the Bandwidth Exchange Building, 210 North Tucker Boulevard. **BLOW OUT THE CANDLES:** Dozens of attorney **Jerry Christmas'** friends toasted him Wednesday on his birthday. Revelers gathered at the Formula, a club in the Kwame Building at 1205 Washington Avenue. Among those on the scene: **Steve Chalmers**, former state **Rep. Betty Thompson**, **Alderman Greg Carter**, **Arvin Mitchell** with **BET**, 2nd Ward Committeewoman **Mattie Moore**; and Kwame topper **Tony Thompson**. **THE RIGHT REVEREND:** The **Rev. Robert Tabscott**, a Presbyterian minister, shocked himself by auditioning for "Pulpit Masters," a reality show that airs on TLC. At the urging of a friend, Tabscott went to the auditions in St. Louis at the Ritz-Carlton a month ago and made his three-minute presentation — an anti-war biblical perspective. Even more shocking to the minister

was the call back he got a week as in Atlanta, Dallas and LA. "To



Ivive Clay, groom Steven Englehardt, bride Hilary Daniel Engelhardt and Congressman William Lacy Clay Jr. celebrate the Englehardts' nuptials.

ago telling him that he is among 10 Pulpit Masters finalists. Tabscott leaves Monday for Burbank, Calif., and says he is hoping for a good tailwind from his St. Louis friends. He was chosen out of about 4,500 people who tried out here, as well



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