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The newspaper also reported that the agency was planning to buy property owned by a company that employed two board members — a plan that was dropped after the report.

After the stories, local government officials called for the special audit, which found numerous weaknesses in TARC's finances and management structure and made dozens of recommendations.

Arnett apparently will remain at TARC until a new director is found. He may stay on in some role after that.

Arnett, 49, came to TARC in 1975 as assistant director of planning. He became assistant general manager when a Cincinnati management firm took over TARC in 1981 and then general manager in 1984. His salary as executive director is

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Among the works by abused children that officials declined to display in the Capitol tunnel was this drawing by a child between 3 and 7 who was forced to have oral sex.

State tucks away exhibit of artwork by abused kids

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — The wall of the tunnel that connects the Capitol to the Capitol Annex sometimes resembles a refrigerator door, covered with artwork by children from all over Kentucky.

Legislators pass the artwork at least twice a day as they walk from their offices to the House and Senate floors.

But recently, the art has been somewhere else — at the end of a hall on the annex's fourth floor that is rarely traveled by anyone, and almost never by lawmakers.

Why? The exhibit includes art done by children from 3 to 14 who have been sexually abused, and an administration official said it wasn't appropriate for the tunnel.

The pictures are sometimes sexual, often violent, always poi-

gnant. They are mixed with drawings by children in the same age range who haven't been abused, a stark contrast.

The exhibit was meant to provoke emotion, said Angela Kortz Funke, director of the Wisdom Foundation, which, with the University of Louisville, sponsored it. She particularly wanted lawmakers to see it because they are considering bills to toughen sexual-abuse laws.

Funke said she was shocked when Rex Cecil, the official in charge of the tunnel displays, told her he had reservations about it because he thought it might be objectionable to some members of the public.

Not only did the exhibit not go in the tunnel, as Funke had asked, it was tucked away in a back room near some obscure

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TRUCKER TAKES ICY PLUNGE

Revel Oliver, right, and Richard Carlin, both of the Scott County Fire & Rescue Squad, helped truck driver Paul Barrett climb from a swollen creek where his truck ended up partially submerged yesterday after sliding off an ice-covered bridge just off U. S. 25 near Georgetown.

Barrett was taken to a nearby hospital with minor injuries.

Wrecks weren't a big problem in Jefferson County, but the schools' early dismissals sent some parents scrambling.
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