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State Republicans rally after defeat

LEXINGTON — Kentucky Republicans on Saturday called for party unity after the defeat of Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

Republican faithful from across the state gathered at a Lexington hotel Saturday and turned their attention toward the 2008 elections.

Fletcher, who was dealt a lopsided loss in Tuesday's election to Democrat Steve Beshear, told Democrats to put any differences aside. The governor said Republicans should focus on maintaining their control over the Kentucky Senate and their dominance in the state's Washington delegation.

Fletcher, whose first term was dogged by a hiring scandal, faced opposition in the GOP primary this past spring. But he blames himself for his defeat and urged his fellow Republicans work together in the coming months.

Witnesses to shooting want former police officer indicted

LOUISVILLE — The lawyer for a man shot by a retired police officer during a road-rage incident has sent a letter to prosecutors urging them to seek first-degree wanton endangerment charges against the officer.

Darren Pickerill was shot in the parking lot of a grocery store in June after an altercation with Richard Koenig, a retired Jeffersonton police officer. Koenig said he was acting in self-defense.

Pickerill suffered brain damage in the shooting and has not recovered enough to tell officers his side of the story. His attorney, Scott Drabenstadt, also represents two witnesses who claim they narrowly missed being shot during the incident.

Robin and Anita Kirk said they saw Pickerill and Koenig exchange words before hearing gunshots and seeing glass flying from the window of the Hummer driven by Pickerill. Several of the bullets passed within a few feet of the car the Kirks were in, Anita Kirk said.

Drabenstadt sent a letter to the office of Commonwealth's Attorney Dave Stengel, asking him to pursue wanton-endangerment charges against Koenig. Drabenstadt said self-defense does not preclude charges being brought if bystanders are endangered.

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Lottery Numbers

Saturday's lottery numbers:

Kentucky
Midday Pick 3: 1-3-0
Midday Pick 4: 0-7-9-9
Evening Pick 3: 5-2-3
Evening Pick 4: 2-3-5-7
Cash Ball: 3-16-24-26;
 The Cash Ball was 13
Win For Life: 2-17-18-29-31-35;
 Free Ball 11
Indiana
Midday Daily 3: 3-5-2
Midday Daily 4: 2-1-7-6
Mid. Lucky 5: 2-5-22-24-31
Evening Daily 3: 9-1-4
Evening Daily 4: 1-4-5-6
Eve. Lucky 5: 7-10-15-16-36
Lotto: 8-9-18-36-39-47
 Estimated jackpot: \$1 million
Powerball: 6-22-24-26-30;
 The Powerball was 12
 The Power Play was 4
 Estimated jackpot: \$82 million



Farm bill debate moves to Senate

Crop subsidy programs will likely stay similar to last farm bill, despite WTO objections

By James Mayse
 Messenger-Inquirer

With the U.S. Senate now beginning work on the next federal farm bill, many farmers across the country are wondering what form the new bill will take.

And very likely, the new farm bill will be very much like the current one, agri-

cultural economists said last week.

The farm bill affects more than farmers — it also includes the federal food-stamp program, school nutrition plans and money for rural development. But the meat of the bill are the subsidies for corn, soybeans, rice, cotton and wheat.

The House of Representatives passed

its version of the farm bill in July. The House version does put some income limits on people eligible for farm subsidy payments and limits the number of payments farmers will receive. The House version also includes money for fruit and vegetable growers and additional funds for conservation.

But subsidy programs in the House bill are pretty much identical to the last farm bill, which was passed in 2002.

"This is a status quo farm bill," said Craig Infanger, an agricultural economist

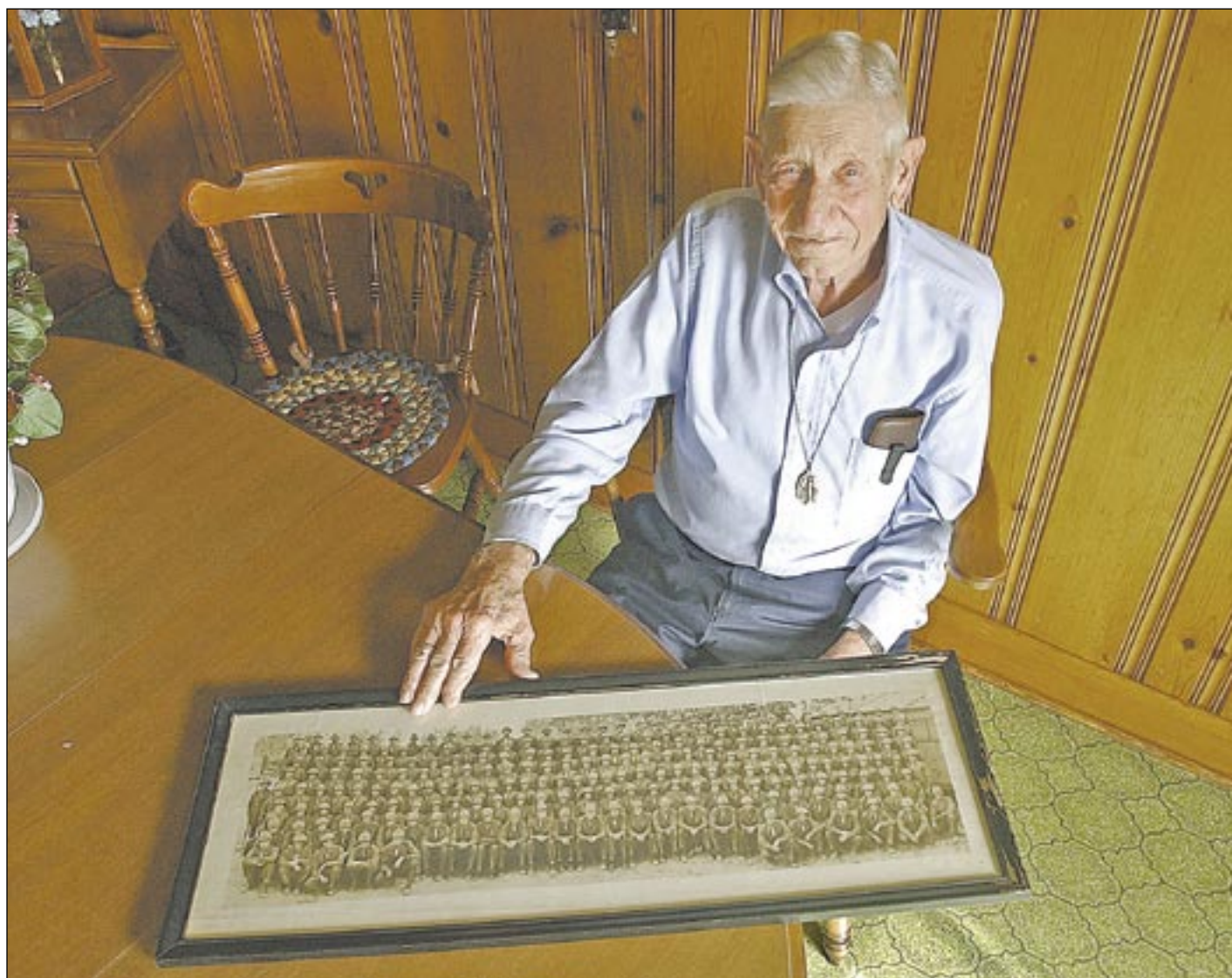
with the University of Kentucky.

Although they're unpopular with countries trading with the United States, the subsidy programs probably won't be revised much in the final bill agreed upon by the House and Senate.

"At least on the House agriculture committee, the feeling was, 'It's our farm bill; we're not going to worry if it's not WTO (World Trade Organization) compliant, and if the Brazilians want to bring it up before the WTO, let them,'" said Larry

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WORLDS TOUCHED BY WAR



Photos by John Dunham, Messenger-Inquirer/jdunham@messenger-inquirer.com, 926-0123

World War II veteran Edward J. Kaelin displays his Company C, 109th Battalion group picture Wednesday at his home in Sorgho. Kaelin will celebrate his 85th birthday today. "They took the picture shortly after basic training," said Kaelin, who served in the Army.

Nightmare Come True

Veteran lives out his mother's worst dream

By Joanie Baker
 Messenger-Inquirer

On Feb. 10, 1945, Ed Kaelin's mother woke up from a terrible nightmare.

She collected her children around her and told them her son had been hurt in the war.

As the blood from multiple wounds soaked into the German soil, the 22-year-old's real-life nightmare had only just begun.

Numb to the wounds and gangrene that was slowly soaking into his right foot, Kaelin watched his fellow 109th Battalion soldiers fall around him as he waited for someone to notice he was still alive.

Kaelin's lieutenant had

ordered him to fire a bazooka at a German tank. But through the depths of the Bannholz Woods, the tank turned and fired back at Kaelin with 88 mm shells and shrapnel that chewed vengeance into his arm and legs. The lieutenant told his soldier to lie on the ground, and as Kaelin reached to secure his helmet, shrapnel hit his finger and tore through the empty region of his headgear.

"I tell you, I wasn't even thinking, I laid there all day long," Kaelin said. "... I wasn't hurting; I was numb. I didn't even feel the weather, and it was cold."

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Kaelin points to himself in the photograph Wednesday at his home. The photo was taken in 1944. He went into the Army as a buck private, he said.

Guy adds titles of author, TV show host to résumé

Owensboro native's book goes on sale Monday; TV program airs today on Louisville station

By David Blackburn
 Messenger-Inquirer

At this rate, Leah Guy will need to add at least one more page to her résumé.

The Owensboro native living in Jersey City, N.J., can now include author and TV show host/producer.

Her TV show, "A Girl Named Guy," had a limited opening last week and airs at 4:30 p.m. CST today on WYCS Channel 24, an independent station in Louisville.

Her motivational book — "Life's a Gift ... OPEN IT!" — comes out Monday. Some of the artwork was created by Guy, working alone or in collaboration with her boyfriend's 11-year-old

daughter.

"I've always loved to paint and draw," Guy, 35, a 1990 Apollo High School graduate, said in a phone interview.

She modeled, acted and managed a health-food store before starting "It's All About U," an Internet TV show about health, wellness and conscious living, in August 2005.

Guy launched www.agirlnamedguy.com, a free lifestyle-and-wellness Web site, in July 2006.

"It's been growing. Now, it will be focused on supporting the TV show," Guy said. The Web site will rebroadcast the 30-minute TV shows, she said.

"It's more like a more-fleshed-

out version" of the seven- to 15-minute Internet "webisodes," Guy said.

An investor interested in www.agirlnamedguy.com made the TV show possible, she said.

Filming on episodes began in April in Savannah, Ga., Asheville, N.C., and Floyd, Va., a tiny southern town in the Blue Ridge Mountains known as a haven for artists, musicians and craftsmen.

Eight episodes for the 16-week first season are done, Guy said. One will include a segment about cancer survival that was shot in Louisville. It will air Dec. 9.

"We may come back to Kentucky and do a show about biodiesel fuel," Guy said. It might be shot in Henderson in the spring, but she was unsure of the broadcast date.

Guy also writes a weekly letter from the editor for www.mod-



Submitted photo

Owensboro native Leah Guy is an author and the host of "A Girl Named Guy," which airs at 4:30 p.m. today on Louisville's WYCS Channel 24.

ernsage.com, an "e-zine" geared toward women that talks about parenting, wellness, fitness and spirituality.

Her company, A Girl Named Guy Productions, produces it

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Man charged in death of disabled resident

Associated Press
LEXINGTON — An eastern Kentucky man has been charged with manslaughter and tampering with physical evidence in the death of a man with cerebral palsy last month.

Matthew Bortles, 22, was arrested Monday, nearly three weeks after the death of Michael Price. Price, who suffered from cerebral palsy, was a resident at a home operated by Community Presence, an agency under the state of Supports for Community Living program, which provides service to people with mental disabilities.

Bortles was an employee at the residence at the time of Price's death.

Sharon Price, Michael's mother, said she was told by her son's state-appointed guardian that Michael likely died of a heart attack. Sharon Price then said someone told her at Michael's funeral that there may have been an altercation between Michael and the home's staff before his death.

Mother, aunt charged after cocaine found in 18-month-old

Associated Press
LEXINGTON — The mother and aunt of an 18-month-old boy have been charged with four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment after the boy tested positive for cocaine in September.

Ashley Carrier, 20, and Jessica Coffman, 24, "wantonly left substances in a residence that created a substantial danger of death and physical injury to a minor child" according to an indictment.

The women were at home with four children on Sept. 25 when police arrived after receiving a call that one of the children may have taken prescription narcotics.

The women told police the boy was acting sleepy and may have taken Klonopin, a narcotic, but refused to give police the prescription bottle. The boy tested positive for cocaine and was eventually taken to Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Meeting: 61 percent think downtown transformation should be top goal

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obligation to (know) what we're thinking, hoping and planning to do."

Owensboro Mayor Tom Watson said the city is already providing employees with leadership training through its Very Good to Great program.

On the subject of economic development, 61 percent of participants said the top goal should be to transform downtown Owensboro.

"It became pretty obvious people are interested in downtown revitalization," said Rod Kuegel, the incoming chairman of the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp. "We'll have to continue to look at it and make it one of our top priorities."

Other economic development goals that received support included continuing to attract, grow and retain businesses and maximizing new technology opportunities.

When the forum addressed education, 54 percent of the participants said they wanted more parent and community involvement in education. The group also placed a priority on schools providing more preschool experiences for children.

Tom Shelton, superintendent of Daviess County Public Schools, said participants need to discuss their desire for more preschool programs with legislators, who control the funding to expand such classes. But Shelton said that in terms of increasing parental involvement and adding more opportunities for preschool, "We share those same goals."

On health care and creating a caring community, participants said the two top priorities should be to help low-income residents gain better financial footing and to fight substance abuse. On the subject of the environment, residents most favored expanding the city's recycling program. Other priorities were to become a leader in conservation and to reduce pollution from coal-fired plants.

Pat Barker, a supervisor with the state Division of Air Quality, said further regulating power plants will require changes in law. But people can reduce pollution by making lifestyle changes, Barker said.

"Using less electricity uses less power from power plants," Barker said.

At the end of the day, 46 percent of residents said they were confident the priorities identified during the forum will be carried out. Ten percent said they were

very confident, while 28 percent said they were neutral and 17 percent said their confidence in seeing the priorities carried out was either low or very low.

More than 90 percent of participants said they'd learned something new at the meeting, while 63 percent said they'd changed their opinion about a topic after the day of discussion.

Participants at the meeting mostly matched the community's demographic profile — although residents over 65 years old and residents who earn at least \$75,000 annually were over-represented. Only 21 percent attending were 18- to 34-year-olds, although they make up 29 percent of the local population.

"We were a little low on young" people, "but the young people are usually much less represented," Fiero said.

"To me, this is an extraordinary showing of young people," Fiero said.

Tracy Marksberry, executive director for The Learning Community, said participants will be invited to form action groups to work on the identified goals that interest them.

"We'll have working groups who will put this plan into action," Marksberry said. The plan "can be used by anyone, really," Marksberry said.

"It's not going to sit on a shelf," she said.



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America Speaks staff members monitor and display on large screens the ideas and community concerns of about 650 people from Owensboro and Daviess County on Saturday in the International Room at the Executive Inn Riv-

ermont. Participants discussed issues including education, economic development and health care that face the community and looked for agreement on the most important priorities.

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