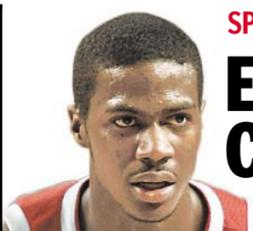


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State funding puts home for vets on faster track



By Geoff Oliver Bugbee, Special to The Courier-Journal
Earl Bailey, a 92-year-old World War II veteran from Louisville, said he hopes never to need a nursing home. But if he does, he'd like to stay in one nearby that is devoted to veterans. "I think it's a good idea," he said of the state's plans.

Fort Knox likely site for facility



Beavers
"These are the same people the country called on to serve us, to fight our battles, and now they need us. This is a payback for their sacrifice and service."

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The state is looking to build a veterans' nursing home near Fort Knox, a facility officials say is sorely needed as the ranks of elderly veterans grow.

Gov. Steve Beshear included the project in his budget request to the General Assembly, which then committed bond money to cover \$10.5 million of the \$30 million cost, the rest of which would be funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

While construction is likely several years off and still must be approved by the federal agency, the state's commitment is a big step toward building a home in the Louisville region, where more than a quarter of the state's 347,000 veterans live. "These are the same people the country called on to serve us, to fight our battles, and now they need us," said Leslie E. Beavers, a retired brigadier general in the Army and commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. "This is a payback for their sacrifice and service to our country."

The proposed home would have 194 beds and be open to all Kentucky veterans in need of nursing home care. It would include a "specialty care unit" for veterans with Alzheimer's disease or similar dementia, would offer a doctor's care within the home and, perhaps, a VA clinic.

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Kentucky veterans Louisville-area veteran population

Jefferson County	60,190
Hardin County	14,037
Meade County	3,508
Bullitt County	6,208
Oldham County	4,855
Shelby	2,898
Spencer	1,367
Henry	1,435
Kentucky overall:	347,013

Kentucky veterans by age group

Under 20	143
20-24	4,663
25-29	11,119
30-34	13,061
35-39	20,385
40-44	25,018
45-49	27,946
50-54	28,949
55-59	43,197
60-64	47,817
65-69	31,346
70-74	27,943
75-79	28,075
80-84	22,526
85-89	11,485
90 and up	3,340

Percentage 65 and up about 36 percent
Source Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs
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Community college board supports 13% tuition hike

Faculty, staff pay would be frozen

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Tuition would rise 13 percent next school year for more than 90,000 students in Kentucky's community and technical colleges under a proposal approved by the schools' regents yesterday.

The proposal, which is in response to the state's budget crisis, came alongside a freeze in faculty and staff salaries. It would raise in-

state tuition to \$130 per credit hour from \$115.

Officials acknowledged the increase will probably drive some students from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System's 16 colleges, but they said they have no choice.

"We just don't know a way around it," said Richard Bean, chairman of the college system's board of regents. "We will probably lose some students."

Students said rising tuition could discourage enrollment and delay earning degrees.

"It's very frustrating,"

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Rising tuition

Kentucky Community and Technical College System tuition charges

Credit hour charges

2007-08	2008-09*	2007-08	2008-09*	2007-08	2008-09*
\$115	\$130	\$138	\$156	\$345	\$390
Resident		Adjoining counties		Other (out-of-state)	

*Pending Council on Postsecondary Education approval
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Pontiff continues to address scandal



Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

Pope Benedict XVI reacted to the crowd yesterday at the conclusion of Mass at Washington Nationals Park.

Urging Catholics to strengthen their faith, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated an open-air Mass yesterday on a sun-splashed Washington stage and later — in a surprise, historic meeting — prayed privately for the first time with victims of clergy sexual abuse.

Ending the first leg of his six-day trip to the United States, Benedict swept through a whirlwind of events. He met with leaders of other faiths and, in a speech to educators, he urged the building of schools in poor neighborhoods.

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Youths rejected by PRP get chance

Old form letter still mentions racial guide

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Nearly 300 eighth-graders may get a second chance to attend Pleasure Ridge Park High School this fall after receiving rejection letters that im-

plied they were being turned away in part because of their race.

The letters, which were sent out in March, told parents that their child was not accepted into PRP's magnet program because "we received applications from more students than we can accommodate and still remain within the ... capacity and racial guidelines established by the board of education."

But Jefferson County Public Schools no longer uses racial guide-

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lines as a result of last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that ordered districts not to look at individual students' race when assigning schools.

PRP principal David Johnson said yesterday that no students were de-

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Public-private split

A plan by the state association of public school superintendents could lead to fewer sports contests against private schools.

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Support for Delta hub

Delta Air Lines' president says the merger with Northwest won't affect service at Delta's Cincinnati-area hub or hurt subsidiary Comair.

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