



MEDAL COUNT

Country	G	S	B	Total
U.S.	18	9	10	37
China	18	11	5	34
Japan	2	6	11	19

PHELPS BACK ON TOP
Swimmer Michael Phelps wins the 200-meter individual medley and gets his 16th gold. **C1**

TODAY'S EVENTS
Dotsie Bausch (Louisville), cycling team pursuit qualifying, 11:56 a.m.; **Claire Donahue** (WKU alum), swimming, 400 medley relay (heats, 6:35 a.m.); **Christina Loukas** (Indiana U. alum), springboard diving prelims, 9:30 a.m.

TODAY ON TV
Track, swimming and beach volleyball will be featured on NBC's prime-time show; the soccer and U.S. women's basketball vs. Czech Republic (5:15 p.m.) will be on NBC Sports Network. Full TV schedule, **C3**

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GABBY'S GOLD IS HISTORIC

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LANDMARKS VETO



The Portland branch library was named a landmark by the city landmarks commission. UNDATED C-J FILE PHOTO



The landmarks designation of the former Azalea restaurant on Brownsboro Road is cited in Mayor Greg Fischer's letter. MARTHA ELSON/THE C-J

Fischer blocks ordinance giving council final say; override possible

By Dan Klepal and Sheldon S. Shafer
The Courier-Journal

Using a veto for only the second time since taking office, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer on Thursday rejected controversial changes to the 40-year-old process for designating historic landmarks in Jefferson County.

The most controversial of the changes, which drew protests from preservationists, would allow the Metro Council to override a designation by the appointed Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission with a simple majority vote.

"The positive impacts on our current nationally recognized landmarks law far outweigh the need to change this four-decade precedent for our city," Fischer wrote in a letter to the Metro Council explaining his decision. "Additionally, the citizens of Louisville have clearly told me that they fear the landmarks process potentially could be politicized



A landmarks designation blocked a church's plan to raze the Peter C. Doerhoefer House. MARY ANN GERTH/1996 C-J FILE PHOTO

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Another road project to begin

Hurstbourne-I-64 work starts next week

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Just when you thought you were done navigating highway construction, another major project begins in earnest next week at the busy interchange of Interstate 64 and Hurstbourne Parkway — affecting roughly 60,000 motorists a day.

The \$4.5 million venture will add turn lanes and make other improvements that aren't expected to be completed until next summer but will eventually reduce congestion and improve safety, officials said.

Lane closings in and around the intersection are possible during the workweek from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. and from 9 p.m. Friday until 6 a.m. Monday. Some shoulder closings are possible during daytime hours.

Work ended several days ago on repairs to the Kennedy Bridge, finally easing congestion on I-65 in and around Spaghetti Junction. Andrea Clifford, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Highways' Louisville District, said the Hurstbourne-I-64 work will again mean some headaches for motorists.

But there are already headaches at the interchange every day at 5 p.m. as rush hour traffic backs up, said Arian Shariatmadari, an assistant manager at Jimmy John's on South Hurstbourne Parkway.

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Officers describe 'execution'

Documents detail woman's fatal shooting after 2 men were slain May 17

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Moments before Makeba Lee was gunned down last May before a multitude of onlookers and police in Louisville's West End, she cursed the crowd, telling them "payback's coming," according to recently released police interviews.

Lee had learned that her child's father had just been killed in a shootout at 32nd and Kentucky streets, less than a block from where she stood,



Cheetara Goldsmith

and she was yelling at the crowd, even as a woman tried to cover her mouth to quiet her, Louisville Metro Police Officer Vadim Dale said in an interview with investigators hours after the May 17 shooting.

"I felt like it was her against the crowd," Dale said of Lee, adding that the woman trying to quiet Lee had a look like, "You don't wanna do that right here, right now."

ONLINE

See videos from the day of the shootings and responses from community leaders at www.courier-journal.com/localnews.

Dale said he was moving toward the growing melee when he saw a third woman, Cheetara Goldsmith, pull out a gun and shoot Lee, then stand above her as she fired several more times. Goldsmith is now charged with murder in Lee's shooting.

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