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Kentucky Digest

5K run and walk at Turfway Park

FLORENCE — The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a 5K Run and Walk on March 17 as part of Turfway Park's Spiral Stakes Festival.

It begins at 9 a.m. at Turfway Park, and registration will be at 8 a.m. The three-mile course begins and ends at Turfway.

The corporate team cost is \$400 for 10 participants or \$200 for five.

The cost for individuals is \$18 before March 9 and \$23 after that date. Each participant will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at Turfway and by calling the Chamber office at (859) 578-8800.

Weather delays search for body

PETERSBURG — Authorities have suspended their search for a body in the Ohio River because of water conditions.

The search could resume in several days. Authorities still hope to recover the as-yet-unidentified body they believe was dumped in the river off of a Petersburg boat ramp, said the Boone County criminal investigation commander, Lt. Jack Banks. The Boone County Water Rescue Team had been searching the river since Wednesday but halted work Sunday after the weather deteriorated.

The search is part of what officials are calling a death investigation. On Thursday, police charged Petersburg resident Richard Lambert, 22, with tampering with physical evidence and abuse of a corpse in the case.

Drug-laden bra fails to reach jailed woman

BURLINGTON — A 31-year-old Independence man

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was busted Sunday when he tried to smuggle a brassiere filled with cocaine to his wife in the Boone County Jail. The cocaine was found during a routine search.

“I think this is the first time we've found anything like this — usually it's marijuana,” Sgt. Joe Richardson, jail shift commander said Monday.

Ronald Dwyer, of the 1000 block of Alpine Court, came to jail Sunday afternoon to visit his wife, Julie, 25, who was incarcerated for driving with a suspended license, Sgt. Richardson said. Mr. Dwyer brought the couple's four children with him.

When Deputy Sherri Bruce examined the items Mr. Dwyer was bringing, she noticed some “irregular stitching in a brassiere,” Sgt. Richardson said. When the stitching was pulled apart, the deputy found about 14 grams of cocaine.

Mr. Dwyer was charged with first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a schedule 1 narcotic and unlawful transaction with a minor (because he had the children with him), Sgt. Richardson said. The children were released to a relative, he said.

Deputy accidentally shoots his son, 2

MURRAY — A Calloway County sheriff's deputy shot his 2-year-old son in the leg while unloading his gun, police said.

Kentucky State Police said Deputy Robert Michael Clayton was unloading his .40-caliber service weapon Saturday afternoon in the kitchen of his Calloway County home when the weapon discharged. Robert Michael Clayton Jr. was shot in the lower left leg, said Trooper Chuck Robertson.

The child was released Monday from Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Developer buying Ohio River bridge

LOUISVILLE — An undisclosed developer has signed a contract to buy the Big Four Bridge across the Ohio River. The developer plans to convert the old railroad span into a crossriver walkway tied into a project on the Jeffersonville, Ind., shore.

The developer's plans for Jeffersonville include a hotel, convention space, housing and office space, said Jeffersonville Redevelopment Director David Duggins.

Mr. Duggins said the proposal is in the “idea” stage.

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Louisville waterfront officials said the developer plans to connect the Indiana-side project to the bridge by a large plaza or deck.

Court to decide theater's future

LEXINGTON — A Fayette Circuit Court trial this week will determine the fate of Lyric Theatre, a site frequented by blacks when the city was still segregated.

The theater was the center of black culture from the 1940s to the early '60s.

For at least five years, the city government has tried to buy the Lyric from a nonprofit group known as God's Center Foundation. City officials say they would turn the Lyric into an auditorium, classrooms, a workshop and a black history museum.

But God's Center refuses to sell.

Circuit Judge Gary Payne will decide whether the city has the right to take over the Lyric through eminent domain.

Another trash proposal on table

FRANKFORT — Senate Republicans would offer the lure of state assistance for counties to clean up garbage problems, but no retribution for those who refuse, under legislation outlined Monday.

The proposal would also offer \$26 million in state financing to clean up existing illegal dumps, less than the sum proposed last week by Senate Republican Leader Dan Kelly of Springfield.

The proposal is a counterpoint to legislation already passed by the House and endorsed by Gov. Paul Patton that would force counties to clean up illegal dumps or offer curbside garbage collection to every household.

Daybook

Government and schools

Covington: Board of Commissioners, 7 p.m., city hall, council chambers, 638 Madison Ave.

Covington: Ninth District Elementary Site-Based Decision Making Council, 5 p.m., Indiana Avenue and 28th St.

Dayton: City Council, 7 p.m., city building, 514 Sixth Ave.

Highland Heights: City Council, 7:30 p.m., city building, 175 Johns Hill Road.

Independence: Kenton County Fiscal Court, 7 p.m., courthouse, 5272 Madison Pike.

Taylor Mill: City Council special meeting, 6 p.m., municipal building, 5225 Taylor Mill Road.

Kentucky events

Covington: Kenton County Library adult book discussion of *Passing Through* by Leo Driskell, 7 p.m., Mary Ann Moran Library, 502 Scott St.

Fort Mitchell: The Hoxworth Blood Center will be at the city building parking lot from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Donors are needed because of a low blood supply, especially type O-positive. No appointment is necessary.

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