

## **Q2 2011 Specials and State of the News**

4/29 1:00 pm

We heard the latest on Louisville Metro Council member Judy Green's ethics hearing, and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's proposals to increase college tuition. We also assess the damage from this week's stormy weather across the region and check in on the waning hours of the Indiana General Assembly session.

5/10 1:00 pm News Special

Local university and college representatives discussed rising tuition and the job market.

5/13 1:00 pm

Phillip M. Bailey and Dalton Main on Whiskey Row, the Louisville Metro Animal Services audit, and other local and regional stories. Then we joined Here & Now for a look at Mississippi River flooding, and what life is like in Japan two months after the earthquake and tsunami.

5/27 1:00 pm News Specials

The authors of the book "Two Centuries of Black Louisville" discussed their work and the history of African-Americans in Louisville.

6/8 1:00 pm News Special

Mayor Greg Fischer visited for a one-hour discussion on city government issues, including his budget proposal.

6/10 1:00 pm

We heard about the major metro news stories, including last night's Rubbertown meeting, the mayor's budget, and the search for a JCPS superintendent. Then we crossed the river to get the story on the battle over Planned Parenthood funding in Indiana. Rounding out the hour we checked in with David Weidner of Marketwatch for the latest financial news, and with Brian X. Chen of Wired Magazine for some tech news.

6/16 1:00 pm News Special

Local business officials discussed youth summer employment, and the effects of Kentucky Kingdom's closure on joblessness for teens.

6/17 1:00 pm

We discussed recent education news, starting with JCPS' new superintendent. Later we covered some environmental stories, the latest in the Judy Green saga, and a statewide hospital partnership. In the final segment, we cover the Bowling Green terrorism arrests with Jim Carroll of the Courier-Journal and Dan Modlin of WEKU.

6/24 1:00 pm

The top stories of the week included wild weather, Judy Green facing her accusers in the Metro Council, devastating layoffs at Gannett and the Courier-Journal, several environmental stories, the Charlie White saga, and much more. Listen in below.

## **Q3 2011 Specials and State of the News**

7/1 1:00 pm

Our first July edition of State of the News includes segments on the court battle between Planned Parenthood and the State of Indiana, the search for a new Metro Animal Services director, new fireworks ordinances, the latest in the Judy Green saga, what's next at the Fund for the Arts, some Lexington news, and recent environmental news.

7/8 1:00 pm

On our weekly news round up, we discussed the latest with the Ohio River Bridges Project, the enigmatic Benny Breeze, LMAS, Judy Green, the Louisville Clock, the new deck on the Big Four bridge, and new EPA regulations, among other local stories. Jon Murray from the Indianapolis Star joined us to discuss the strange case of a school prank involving an inflatable doll which had tragic consequences and has garnered national attention. Finally, sports writer Eric Crawford of the Courier-Journal checked in from Sparta, Kentucky where he is reporting on the big NASCAR races at the Kentucky Speedway this weekend.

7/15 1:00 pm

The weekly news round up today included analysis of Mayor Greg Fischer's brand new policy of offering benefits for domestic partners of Metro Government employees. Also, we discuss the recent LG&E study that revealed the presence of coal ash on homes in Southwest Louisville. We talk over the suggestion by senate President and Republican gubernatorial candidate David Williams that the Jefferson County School Board be abolished. We also discussed Police Chief Robert White's record for disciplining officers with Courier-Journal writer Jessie Halladay.

7/22 1:00 pm

Today on our news round table we discussed the controversy around the pending merger between U of L Hospital, Jewish Hospital and a division of Catholic Health Initiatives. We also got the latest on the misappropriation of funds by Passport Health Plan, the Judy Green ethics trial, and more. We aired all three parts of Erica Peterson's recent coal ash feature and spoke to her about some of the surrounding issues in a bit more detail. Finally, we checked in with Courier-Journal writer Jim Carroll about the contentious budget talks in Washington.

7/29 1:00 pm

We hit several major news stories of the week in our round-table discussion today, including the flap over the proposed hospital merger, the appointment of a new director of Metro Animal Services, and some recent JCPS education news with Toni Konz of the Courier-Journal. Terry Boyd of Insider Louisville drops by to discuss a pending Amazon/Zappos deal that could result in major economic gains for Bullitt County. Plus, a feature on the discovery of a rare recording of a Civil-War-era battle cry, and a chat with the Virginia producer who created it.

8/5 1:00 pm

Rick Howlett hosted and spoke with WFPL's Gabe Bullard, Erica Peterson, Devin Katayama, and Phillip Bailey about the major metro news stories of the week. Later we checked in with Joseph Gerth of the Courier-Journal to preview the Fancy Farm Picnic this weekend. James Carroll of the Washington Bureau of the Courier-Journal discussed the budget and debt ceiling wrangling, and Mitch McConnell's role in particular. Finally we heard from WAMU reporter Rebecca Sheir who produced a feature on some people who don't let hearing impairments get in the way of their musical passion.

8/12 1:00 pm

State of the News today covered a broad range of topics, including the latest on Kentucky state senator

Perry Clark; a new life preserver ordinance for children proposed in Louisville; the latest local environmental news headlines; drug tests for Louisville EMS employees; and the results of the Merger 2.0 task force survey, among other stories. Courier-Journal writer Jim Carroll joined us from Washington to discuss the supercommittee of 12 tasked with taking on the national debt, and we heard a feature on the current reigning world champion auctioneer of cattle.

8/19 1:00 pm

Rick Howlett hosted our weekly news round up today and we dug into the meaty stories of the week. Devin Katayama discussed the start of class at JCPS and bus route performance. Gabe Bullard explained the Insight Cable sale and the recent bankruptcy hearing with the Louisville Orchestra. Phillip Bailey talked about the attempt to postpone Judy Green's upcoming trial due to a hospitalization, as well as campaign news with Todd P'pool, Jack Conway, and David Williams. Gabe and Devin dissected the unusual case of the Australian collar bomber, arrested this week in La Grange, Kentucky. And Erica Peterson phoned home from Eastern Kentucky while on an EPA tour of communities affected by coal mining. We checked in with David Weidner of MarketWatch to get caught up on the latest gyrations on Wall Street and the economy. Plus, there was a conversation on social network privacy with tech writer, Neal Ungerleider. And finally, a radio portrait of the first day of the Kentucky State Fair.

8/24 1:00 pm News Special

Congressman John Yarmuth gave an update on his legislative agenda and his perspective on the chief national issues.

8/26 1:00 pm

Today on State of the News, Gabe Bullard explained the latest developments on the Louisville Orchestra's ongoing difficulties between musicians and management. Devin Katayama brought us up to date on the court hearings that took place this week about the JCPS student assignment plan. The denial of Metro Councilwoman Judy Green's request for a postponement of her ethics hearing was fleshed out by Phillip M. Bailey. Erica Peterson reflected on the value and meaning of the EPA tour of Eastern Kentucky's coal mining areas. In the medical arena, Gabe Bullard talked about the job cuts at Jewish Hospital, and the latest with the planned University of Louisville/CHI merger. In the second segment, we spoke with tech journalists Jason Snell, editor at Macworld, and Peter Pachal, News Director at PCMag, about the implications of the retirement announcement by Apple's Steve Jobs. Finally, Gabe Bullard brought us an audio postcard from the beer tent at the Kentucky State Fair, where Friday is a perpetual state of mind, not just a day of the week.

9/2 1:00 pm

The WFPL News Team settled in today to dissect the top stories of the week, including Gabe Bullard with the latest on the proposed University of Louisville/CHI hospital merger, which would have certain procedures taking place out at Baptist Hospital East. Phillip Bailey brought us up to date on Councilwoman Judy Green, who is being asked to produce requested documents by Sept. 6 or face possible expulsion. Devin Katayama explained the redistricting process and why some are concerned about the drafts of maps. August was a bad month for air quality in Louisville, as Erica Peterson explained. We also heard about the Kentucky Opera's efforts to hire musicians for its September performances, and plans to improve the retail district on south Fourth Street in downtown Louisville.

In the second segment, we took a look at some of the elections looming in November, including the races for governor and attorney general. Joseph Gerth of the Courier-Journal and WFPL's Phillip Bailey sorted things out.

Instant gaming began this week at Kentucky Downs in Simpson County, and reporter Gregory Hall of the Courier-Journal explained how it looks and works, and why some anti-gambling activists are upset. Finally, Cary Stemle stopped by to discuss an intriguing case of possible fraud in the local visual arts community.

9/9 1:00 pm

Today on our round-table news discussion show, the WFPL news team got started with an update that had just broken within the previous hour, Judy Green's decision to voluntarily resign from her Metro Council seat. Political Editor Phillip M. Bailey and reporter Devin Katayama discussed the latest news and what it means. Gabe Bullard discussed the news that the Louisville Orchestra was forced to cancel its November programs in light of the ongoing dispute between management and musicians.

Environmental reporter Erica Peterson discussed a proposed settlement of a lawsuit over mining company pollution reports, as well as her tour of the retooled Ford Assembly Plant in Louisville.

Devin Katayama outlined the events in Louisville this Sunday to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks of 2001.

Courier-Journal reporter Jim Carroll joined us by phone from Washington, D.C. to offer his insights on the reaction of Kentucky and Indiana lawmakers to President Obama's jobs plan. We also spoke with Chris Otts of the Courier-Journal for a snapshot of the employment situation in the region and the hopes and concerns of local companies with regards to Mr. Obama's jobs plan.

Finally, we heard a feature and chatted briefly with reporter Abby Wendle on an Oklahoma community farmer who has worked with the soil for decades, and is now helping families, churches and schools build their own backyard gardens.

9/13 1:00 pm News Special

Various restaurant and city officials discussed the local food movement and the push for more local food in schools and restaurants.

9/14 1:00 pm News Special

Transportation officials sat down for a discussion of the Sherman Minton bridge closure, its effects on traffic, and they took calls from concerned commuters.

9/16 1:00 pm

We looked back at the week's metro news, including the removal of Councilwoman Judy Green and the planned changes at some LG&E plants.

Shea Van Hoy and Daniel Suddeath from News and Tribune joined our own Gabe Bullard & Phillip M. Bailey to talk about week one without the Sherman-Minton Bridge. Shea & Daniel also filled us in on some other Southern Indiana news.

We spoke with NPR's Tom Bowman about Cpl. Dakota Meyer, yesterday's recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, then closed the show with look at this weekend's Uofl/UK football game, with sports reporter Eric Crawford.

9/23 1:00 pm

Today on our news discussion round-table we got running with an update on the Sherman-Minton Bridge and related transportation stories. Phillip Bailey and Devin Katayama had the latest on the

inspection, and the recent statements from President Obama and Senator Mitch McConnell. Erica Peterson had news on LG&E and KU switching some of their energy plants from coal to gas-fired. Phillip Bailey summarized the week's events with respect to now-former Councilwoman Judy Green, and Devin Katayama brought us up to date on the redistricting plans and maps.

In the second segment we were joined by the Courier-Journal's Laura Ungar, who wrote a recent article on drug shortages in Louisville. Our tech news correspondent Neal Ungerleider of FastCompany got us caught up on some recent changes with Netflix and Facebook that have not been warmly received by users.

Finally, we chatted with comedian Marc Maron who is performing in Louisville this weekend, and is the host of the popular podcast WTF, heard on WBEZ and downloadable on the web.

9/28 1:00 pm News Special

Independent gubernatorial candidate Gatewood Galbraith discussed his campaign.

9/30 1:00 pm

The WFPL News team and other journalist friends spent an hour on this final day of September discussing the major stories of the week. We got started with fresh news today on the Sherman Minton bridge, the just-announced specifics on cost and time-frame. Devin Katayama also explained the ruling today from the Kentucky Court of Appeals which states that students have the right to enroll and attend the school nearest their home. Gabe Bullard discussed a proposal from Steve Wiser that calls for additional local-access bridges across the Ohio River, as well as the WFPL in-depth interview with gubernatorial candidate Gatewood Galbraith. Phillip Bailey brought us up to date on applicants for the Metro Council seat for District 1 in the wake of Judy Green's ouster. Erica Peterson had details on Governor Beshear's letter to President Obama regarding coal policy, and Devin Katayama discussed Timothy Geithner's visit to UPS to promote Obama's jobs bill.

Two Courier-Journal reporters joined us in segment two of the show. James Bruggers gave an overview of the ethics inquiries and audits of the Metropolitan Sewer District, while Deborah Yetter filled us in on allegations that Medicaid funds were misused by University of Louisville physicians.

We took a look at sports news in the third segment. The college football conferences are changing, and we checked in with Holly Anderson from Sports Illustrated and the C-J's Eric Crawford to see why the realignment happened and what the long-term implications may be. We also looked ahead to some of this weekend's games.

## **Q4 2011 Specials and State of the News**

10/5 1:00 pm News Special

Gubernatorial candidate David Williams discussed his campaign and his record in the Senate.

10/7 1:00 pm

The WFPL news team settled in at 1pm to discuss the top metro stories of the week. Gabe Bullard brought us up to date on what has been a busy week for Louisville Orchestra management, musicians, and mediators – but a week without any breakthrough. Devin Katayama explained the Metro Council getting involved in an effort to persuade River Fields to drop the suit against the Ohio River Bridges Project. A federal judge has ruled in favor of the coal industry in a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency, and reporter Erica Peterson provided details. Political reporter Phillip Bailey

brought us up to date with the latest in the Kentucky gubernatorial race, discussing latest poll numbers and behind-the-scenes maneuvering. Devin Katayama explained the nascent Occupy Louisville movement, modeled after the Occupy Wall Street protests.

LEO Weekly writer Joe Sonka joined us in the second segment to talk about the local folks he met while writing about the DREAM Act — children of undocumented immigrants who face deportation when enrolling in college.

In the third segment we checked in with Sean Cannon, editor at Buzzgrinder.com and host of Afterdark on our sister station, WFPK. He talked about newsmakers of the week from the music world, including Hank Williams, Jr. who will no longer be heard on Monday Night Football due to recent comments.

Finally, our Wall Street correspondent, David Weidner of MarketWatch, checked in to discuss his take on the background, motivations, and future of the Occupy Wall Street protests in New York.

10/10 1:00 pm News Special

Secretary of State candidate Alison Lundergan Grimes discussed her campaign.

10/13 1:00 pm News Special

We discussed coal ash pollution in southwest Louisville.

10/14 1:00 pm

The WFPL News team gathered in the Talk Studio at 1pm to discuss the top stories of the week. Louisville's Metro Council voted to appoint Attica Scott to the District 1 seat left vacant by Judy Green; our Political Editor Phillip Bailey had the details. Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday made headlines for conducting international travel on the expense account of an education foundation, raising ethical concerns, as explained by reporter Devin Katayama. Environmental reporter Erica Peterson discussed the significance of a bill that just passed today in the House, which allows states to regulate coal ash themselves. Gabe Bullard had the latest on the Occupy Louisville movement, as well as the efforts by the Kentucky Opera to secure musicians for upcoming performances during a time when the Louisville Orchestra musicians are without a contract. Devin Katayama explained the stakes with an upcoming labor union vote involving local Ford workers.

In segment two we welcomed Religion Writer Peter Smith from the Courier-Journal. He discussed his recent feature article on Archbishop Joseph Kurtz's burgeoning career within the Catholic Church, and a series of articles some Amish men in Kentucky being ordered to jail for their refusal to display orange reflective triangles on their buggies. CJ writer Chris Otts also dropped by to discuss the latest contract extension of University of Louisville President James Ramsey, as well as his coverage of a lawsuit that reveals the growth and profitability of Sullivan University.

Finally, we heard a feature on the 75th anniversary of Keeneland and recent changes in Kentucky's thoroughbred industry, and chatted with the producer Jacalyn Carfagno.

10/28 1:00 pm

We started with the breaking story of a mining accident in Ohio County. At airtime it was known two men were trapped in the surface mine; since then Erica Peterson brought the sad news that the men unfortunately had died. Gabe Bullard brought us up to date again on the ongoing woes of the Louisville Orchestra and the Kentucky Opera. Ford is investing 1.2 billion dollars in local plant facilities, which will result in thousands of new jobs, and Devin Katayama fleshed out that story. Phillip Bailey spent

some time discussing the suspension of Metro Parks director Mike Heitz after he was observed driving a city-owned vehicle while intoxicated. Gabe Bullard discussed some highlights of the hospital merger forums that have taken place around town. Erica Peterson supplied details on the new emergency notification system for metro Louisville being launched this week, and Devin Katayama had the latest updates on the redistricting process.

We moved on to analysis of Kentucky elections and politics in segment two with WFPL's Phillip Bailey and cn|2's Kenny Colston. Later, LEO Weekly's Joe Tsonka and Phillip Bailey discussed food truck culture and the revised city oversight of them.

Finally, Courier-Journal writer Laura Ungar visited to discuss the latest installment in her extended coverage of the serious prescription drug abuse problem in Kentucky, and the Florida supply pipeline.

11/4 1:00 pm

We started out the discussion today by delving into the most recent events with the Louisville Orchestra, a week of largely bad news, but with some glimmers of hope; Gabe Bullard brought us up to date on the latest in this tricky situation.

Phillip Bailey dissected the flap over David Williams' comments about Gov. Steve Beshear participating in a Hindu ceremony at a groundbreaking for a new Kentucky business promising 350 jobs. Bailey also discussed the race for attorney general, specifically Todd P'pool's allegations regarding Jack Conway's brother. Devin Katayama described his tour of the Whiskey Row buildings in downtown Louisville, as owners prepare for the first phase of development there. Metro Police Chief Robert White has announced his impending departure to take the reins in Denver, Colorado, and Phillip Bailey discussed his accomplishments and legacy after eight years in Louisville. Devin Katayama detailed the recommendation by an outside auditing firm that JCPS consolidate its central management to be more efficient.

In the second segment, we looked back at the sad news that Ear X-Tacy Records closed its doors this week, and Phillip Bailey spoke with Ben Jones of Better Days Records about some of the reasons one store can fail while another can survive. We also heard features about power rates in Kentucky, and a visiting space scientist at the University of Louisville.

Finally, in segment three sports columnist Eric Crawford of the Courier-Journal dropped in to discuss NCAA conference realignment, and the Breeder's Cup taking place this weekend at Churchill Downs.

11/11 1:00 pm

Our weekly news round up got started with the latest on the Louisville Orchestra negotiations; Gabe Bullard explained how management and musicians are back at the table trying to hammer out a workable contract. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan was in Louisville this week and Devin Katayama explained how the jobs bill would invest around \$390 million in Kentucky schools and create thousands of jobs. Utility companies, environmental groups, non-profits and the state have reached an agreement in a rate case pending before the Kentucky Public Service Commission which would result in 2.5 billion in environmental upgrades in Kentucky; Erica Peterson filled in the details. Devin Katayama had the latest on the Occupy Louisville protests, as well as a quick elections recap and the impact on the Jeffersonville Canal project. The recent Bank Transfer Day encouraged Americans to withdraw their money from institutions such as JP Morgan Chase and Bank of America and put it in locally-owned banks or not-for-profit credit unions; Gabe Bullard explained the motivations and results.

In segment two, we checked in with with Todd County Standard editor Ryan Craig about his coverage of the death of 9-year-old Amythz Dye, and how she could have fallen through the cracks of the child welfare system. We also spoke with NPR reporter Howard Berkes about the major series of investigative reports, *Poisoned Places: Toxic Air, Neglected Communities*.

In our final segment, Gabe Bullard spoke with John Boel, formerly with WLKY, who was arrested on a second DUI offense about a year ago. Boel was fired for the offense and sought help in a rehab facility. After finishing the month-long program, Boel penned a book about his experience. "On The News ... In The News" chronicles his battle with alcohol, his path to recovery and his career prior to his DUIs.

11/18 1:00 pm

News Director Gabe Bullard hosted the weekly round up this week, and Devin Katayama got things rolling with a summary of the recommendations made by a consultant to the Metro Council regarding discretionary spending. The council contracted with Mountjoy Chilton Medley to review its policies and procedures in response to reports of questionable spending earlier this year. Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky made heated statements this week to a Senate committee regarding stream protection in Appalachia; Erica Peterson described the flap. Occupy Louisville had its two-month anniversary, and Devin Katayama brought us up to date on the people and the movement itself. This week Louisville officials unveiled snow preparedness plans for the upcoming winter, and Katayama explained the new role of social media and online tools.

Jere Downs of the Courier-Journal checked in from Los Angeles, where she is at the LA Auto Show, in part to cover the industry response to the new 2013 Escape SUV, which will begin rolling off the Louisville Assembly Plant this spring, as well as industry trends in general. We were also joined by CJ arts reporter Elizabeth Kramer for updates on the Louisville Orchestra labor dispute, and the Kentucky Opera's plans for weekend performances accompanied by piano and harpsichord.

In the final segment, we spoke with author Michael L. Jones about his *American Slaves Inc.* story featured on the cover of this week's LEO. We also heard an environmental feature about people living near heavy industry sites and spoke with the reporter, Rebecca Williams of Michigan Radio; our own environmental reporter Erica Peterson sat in to explore parallels in Louisville.

11/30 1:00 pm News Special

The principals of the pending U of L hospital merger discussed concerns that care will suffer if the merger happens.

12/2 1:00 pm

We started out the weekly news round up with Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear's pledge that casino gambling will be on the agenda for next year's legislative session; Phillip Bailey reviewed Beshear's remarks yesterday at the Kentucky Farm Bureau meeting. The commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources has been fired, and Erica Peterson explained the implications. Devin Katayama brought us up to date on the flurry of recent changes in the fireworks regulations of Metro Louisville. A recent study says city-county government merger did not result in job growth or cost efficiencies as proponents had promised; Phillip Bailey fleshed out the details. Finally, Erica Peterson explained the current status of the Director of Sustainability position being created by Mayor Fischer.

In segment two, we had a quick review of the 2012 Grawemeyer Awards that were announced this week, with short excerpts of interviews with the winners in the categories of Music Composition, Psychology, and World Order, as well as a full-length feature with the winner in the Religion category.



Then we shifted gears and took a look back at the Immigrant Entrepreneurs series that has aired on WFPL over the past few weeks, along with a public forum with the subjects that was held in our Performance Studio on Tuesday.

One of the members of the so-called Cornbread Mafia was pardoned this week. Kentucky native Les Berry, Jr. had served three years after being imprisoned for playing a bit part in what federal prosecutors described as one of the largest domestic marijuana syndicates in the country. We spoke with writer Jim Higdon about the story. Finally, we took a look ahead to college bowl season and the nascent college basketball season and some key weekend games, with the Courier-Journal's Eric Crawford.

12/9 1:00 pm

Certainly one of the big Metro news stories of the week has been city overtime pay, and Gabe Bullard and Phillip Bailey summarized the findings and reactions so far with this story. Bailey also discussed the appointment of an interim police chief, and the early stages in the search for the next chief. Erica Peterson had details on the possibility that Don Blankenship, former CEO of Massey Energy, may be opening a mining operation in Kentucky. She also discussed the \$200 million fine assessed this week as part of the settlement in the Upper Big Branch explosion in 2010. Devin Katayama had a update on the current status and activities of the Occupy Louisville movement, as well as the meeting with them requested by outgoing police chief Robert White. There was also news this week that Joe Reagan, the CEO of GLI, is a finalist for a similar position in St. Louis; Gabe Bullard and Phillip Bailey had the details.

Laura Ungar at the Courier-Journal wrote extensively this week about the FDA's ban on blood donations from men who have had sexual contact with other men. She joined us in the second segment to talk about the reasoning behind the rule, and why it seems to be continuously under fire.

News and Tribune editor Shea Van Hoy joined WFPL's Devin Katayama to talk about this week's decision by the Greater Clark County School Board not to renew Superintendent Stephen Daeschner's contract. Then Van Hoy brought us up to date on other news from across the river. Finally, we touched base with the Courier-Journal's James Carroll about the debate in Washington over extending payroll tax cuts, efforts to pass a spending bill, and the rise of Newt Gingrich in the GOP polls.

12/16 1:00 pm

We started our weekly news round up today with a just-unfolding story about the MSD audit and Mayor Greg Fischer's announcement regarding changes to MSD leadership and board of directors. Erica Peterson had just returned from the press conference and had details, and Phillip Bailey had additional observations. Rick Howlett and Devin Katayama reviewed the latest in the hospital merger story, where new documents with details of merger were made public this past week. Howlett also recapped the passing of Archbishop Thomas Kelly. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services recently released over 80 child abuse records in response to open records requests; Devin Katayama explained the findings and criticisms.

Kentucky has one of the highest rates in the country of youth incarceration for status offenses (truancy and other noncriminal charges). Deborah Yetter wrote about this extensively for the Courier-Journal, and she joined us to explain the complicated situation.

LEO Weekly published their 2011 Loserville Awards (Remembering a Year That Should Have Been

Better) on Wednesday, and in our final segment today we spoke with staff writers Joe Sonka and editor Sarah Kelley about this year's recipients of the award no one wants.

## **Q1 2012 News Specials and State of the Newsmakers**

1/4 1:00 pm News Special

Mayor Greg Fischer joined us to discuss various city issues, including the budget, preservation, and his work with the Metro Council.

1/6 1:00 pm

Our first State of the News in the new year began with the breaking news of the revised hospital merger with CHI and now just Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's, no longer involving University of Louisville Hospital; Devin Katayama had the details. Devin and Phillip Bailey had the latest on the status of the Occupy Louisville movement, as they await a legal opinion on Founder's Square occupation in the court system. Gabe Bullard recapped the passing of Gatewood Galbraith, including the varied reactions from friends and political foes alike, and Phillip Bailey explained what it might mean to other third party candidates moving forward. A number of prison inmates have just been granted early release in Kentucky, including Louisville; Devin Katayama revealed the facts. Finally, an endangered whooping crane was found dead in Indiana recently; Erica Peterson explained the possible link to the sandhill crane hunting season in Kentucky.

In the second segment, we checked in with the Courier-Journal's James Carroll, who is in New Hampshire with the Ron Paul campaign. Then we examined the Kentucky General Assembly's first week in session with Kentucky Public Radio's new Capitol Bureau Chief, Kenny Colston.

Something a little different in the final segment: this Sunday would have been Elvis Presley's 77th birthday, and we heard a feature about a citizen of Washington, DC who calls himself Blelvis, an "Elvisologist." We then spoke with radio producer Sam Greenspan to find out more about his story.

1/13 1:00 pm

We looked at the major metro news stories in segment one, including Gabe Bullard's review of Mayor Fischer's annual state of the city address, and another year of budget shortfalls. Erica Peterson discussed the appointment of Louisville's new Director of Sustainability, and Gabe recapped the personnel shuffling and renaming of the Economic Development Department. Devin Katayama discussed the recent board approval of the changes to the student assignment plan at JCPS, as well as a new hiring freeze at the University of Louisville. Finally, Gabe Bullard talked about a recent forum sponsored by the Louisville Visual Art Association which looked at how the Fund for the Arts has historically given more to the performing arts than the visual arts.

In segment two, we dug into the political news of the week from both Frankfort and Indianapolis, with Kentucky Public Radio's Kenny Colston, and Brandon Smith of IPBS. Newsmaking activity in Kentucky included redistricting, attempts to reduce methamphetamine production, and an audit of the Dept. of Agriculture, among others. Indiana discussion centered around the right to work debate, but also touching on the smoking ban, the upcoming Super Bowl, and discussions of the role of cursive writing.

Anne Marshall from LEO Weekly joined us in the final segment to talk about an interesting space simulation center at Shawnee, one of 48 centers around the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and South Korea that takes 400,000 kids on simulated space missions every year; she wrote about it in

this week's issue.

1/20 1:00 pm

State of the News got off to a start today with a discussion of Governor Beshear's recent signing of the controversial redistricting bill; Phillip Bailey had the details. The lean state budget will impact many, and Devin Katayama reported on what it means for the University of Louisville. Erica Peterson described the recent firing of the State Apiarist (Beekeeper), a move that has puzzled many. Gabe Bullard explained what the state budget will mean for roads and transportation in Kentucky, particularly for bridges and a long-planned widening of I-65. The mother of an autistic student in Mercer County arrived at school recently to find her son in a therapeutic bag, but he had been placed there for discipline, not therapy; Devin Katayama had details on the story and resulting furor amongst autism advocates. We also reviewed the recent sandhill crane hunt in Kentucky, the progress of a methamphetamine bill, and the new Muhammad Ali Legacy Act, which establishes a federal grant program to preserve the legendary boxer's humanitarian efforts.

Kentucky Capitol Bureau reporter Kenny Colston joined us in segment two of the show to round up the activities of the week in Frankfort, including the budget address, redistricting, the gambling amendment, tax reform, and industrial hemp, among other topics. Then we checked in with Courier-Journal reporter Jim Carroll from Washington, who covered Mitch McConnell's recent visit to Myanmar, where reform efforts seem to be progressing rather quickly.

Finally, what's Friday afternoon without a little happy hour? Courier-Journal writer Joseph Gerth discussed his recent profile of Falls City Beer, which is undergoing a rebirth with both improved quality and production being brought back to Louisville; cheers.

1/27 1:00 pm

We covered the major metro news stories of the week in the first segment of State of the News, getting started with the city budget deficit and some ideas to address it; Phillip Bailey provided an overview of the story. Devin Katayama explained the findings of the JCPS curriculum audit, and the subsequent recommendations from Phi Delta Kappa International. He also discussed the revised nutrition standards being implemented into the school lunch program. It's been a big week at the Metropolitan Sewer District, and Erica Peterson provided a rundown of the new ethics policy adopted in the aftermath of their audit. Finally, Phillip Bailey had the latest on the complaints over Mayor Greg Fischer's campaign finances.

In segment two we caught up with KPR Capital Bureau Chief Kenny Colston for a round up of statehouse news of the week. Major stories included the redistricting decision and response, including lawsuits; the progress of the gambling bill; and movement on the bill that would raise the high school dropout age in Kentucky. We then spoke with Shelly Baskin from WKMS in Murray, on the tragic murder of Hickman, KY Mayor Charles Murphy. Moving across the river, Indiana statehouse reporter Brandon Smith helped sort out the latest with Indiana's controversial right to work legislation.

In segment three, Rick Edmonds from the Poynter Institute checked in to discuss the impact of audience reactions at the GOP debates, and whether audience interaction should be allowed. We also reviewed the impact of Google's new privacy policy and terms of service with NPR's Steve Henn.

2/3 1:00 pm

We started the weekly news round up and discussion with the fresh story about Mayor Fischer announcing the final candidates for the Police Chief position; Gabe Bullard ran it down. Erica Peterson

explained how Kentucky air regulators are asking the federal government to declare the Louisville in compliance with air quality standards; the Division of Air Quality held a public hearing on the application earlier today. She also discussed the early retirement of Bud Schardein from MSD this week, a move not previously expected until next year. University Medical Center in Louisville is conducting a self-review in the wake of a failed merger attempt, and Gabe Bullard provided details on the purpose and context. Students from the Yale School of Architecture recently visited Louisville to generate proposals for an urban bourbon distillery on Whiskey Row; we heard Gabe Bullard's feature and he offered additional details on what's next. Erica Peterson discussed the proposed coal gasification plant in Rockport, Indiana; the public comment phase just ended and she highlighted some of the pros and cons of the facility. Finally, Gabe Bullard had the latest on the Time Warner purchase of Insight Cable.

We then turned our attention to Frankfort and the stories of the week from the statehouse. Kenny Colston joined us in person due to the unscheduled day off at the capitol, and chimed in on redistricting, charter schools, education budget cuts, and prescription drug abuse.

Scott Hensley from NPR's health blog, Shots, joined us to talk recent health news—including the Pfizer's recall of mislabeled birth control pills that could put users at risk for unplanned pregnancy, as well as a condom recall in South Africa, fines on the American Red Cross, and possible sickle cell disease testing for NCAA Div. I athletes. Finally, LEO Weekly's Anne Marshall spoke with us about her piece on homeless shelters in Louisville.

2/10 1:00 pm

We began the program today with updates on the Kentucky Opera and the Louisville Orchestra. Gabe Bullard explained how and why the Kentucky Opera is hiring community musicians for their production next weekend, and the Orchestra's offer of binding arbitration to their musicians in the midst of their protracted dispute.

In education news, Devin Katayama explained how Kentucky and Indiana have been granted a waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind standards and what it means.

Political Editor Phillip Bailey described an unusual situation where Louisville Metro Councilman Jon Ackerson, R-18, is lashing out at his Republican colleagues for endorsing a Tea Party challenger in the upcoming GOP primary.

Forty-two Courier-Journal employees are being offered buyouts in exchange for early retirement as part of another round of cost-cutting at the paper's parent company Gannett; Gabe Bullard offered details.

Finally, Devin Katayama had the story on GE electing to manufacture a hybrid water heater at Louisville's Appliance Park.

In segment two, Kenny Colston joined us from Frankfort with a conversation about what happened this week in the legislature, including redistricting, potential tax code revisions, and the barrel tax on bourbon. We also heard Phillip M. Bailey's interview with two African-American LGBTQ activists about underlying tensions involving race and sexual orientation in Louisville.

We caught up with the Courier-Journal's James Carroll in segment three to hear the latest on the GOP primaries and this week's Conservative Political Action Conference. We capped the show with Devin Katayama's profile of former State Senator Georgia Powers.

2/17 1:00 pm

We started the show with metro news, including U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's upcoming visit to Louisville, and the end of Kentucky's Virtual High School program.

In our second segment, Kenny Colston joined us to talk about managed care companies' claim that they've fixed problems with Medicaid payments, where the dropout bill and pseudoephedrine bill stand, and the future of constables in the Commonwealth.

Then we heard Graham Shelby's conversation with filmmaker John Paul Rice, whose latest film, *Mother's Red Dress*, will be screened at the Derby City Film Festival this weekend.

Do voters like their candidates talking religion on the campaign trail? The Courier-Journal's Peter Smith brought us up to date on religious news, including research that seeks to answer that question.

In WFPL's Immigrant Entrepreneurs series, we met some local immigrants who have started businesses here in Louisville. Our final segment today started with a piece from Michigan Radio about the role immigrants are playing in the economic recovery throughout the Midwest. Then we spoke with Dustin Dwyer, who produced the piece, about what he learned.

Finally, we heard about the tens of thousands of birds circling over Oldham County. It's called a murmuration—when flocks of starlings come together and fly in dense formations—and it's been happening nightly in LaGrange since late fall. Emily Hagedorn covered the story for the Courier-Journal, and she joined us to talk about why it might be happening and how residents are coping with the birds.

2/21 1:00 pm News Special

Congressman John Yarmuth joined us to discuss issues he's working on on the national level and the tone of congress overall.

2/24 1:00 pm

We started with Devin Katayama this week, who told us about the news this week that the Koch family owners of Indiana's Holiday World, are planning to re-open Kentucky Kingdom under a new name: Bluegrass Boardwalk. Devin also caught us up on the almost-ouster-but-eventual-retention of Fair Board president Harold Workman. Gabe Bullard talked about the naming of a new police chief, Steve Conrad, and Erica Peterson had stories about a health study in Appalachia and The Kentucky Court of Appeals' reversal of a previous ruling that restricts coal mining on Wilson Creek in Floyd County.

We kicked off our second segment with Kenny Colston, who talked about what happened this week in the Kentucky General Assembly (in case you weren't paying rapt attention to the General Assembly this week), including the Kentucky Supreme Court upholding a lower court's decision on redistricting.

Then we spoke with two reporters from the Indianapolis Star. Carrie Ritchie covered the sentencing of former Indiana Secretary of State Charlie White; he was ordered to spend one year of home detention and it's still unclear who will replace him. And an Indiana Senate panel approved a statewide smoking ban this week. Chris Sikich had the latest on that, along with a bill cracking down on specialty license plates, and a new development in the stage collapse at last summer's Indiana State Fair.

For our last segment, we stayed in Indiana for a bit with News and Tribune editor Shea Van Hoy. He

reported on the still-unconfirmed Amazon distribution center, which may or may not be creating 1,600 jobs in Jeffersonville. He also talked about the unexpected departure of One Southern Indiana leader Jody Wassmer. We closed the show with a chat with LEO Weekly's Anne Marshall, whose cover story this week looked at JCPS disproportionately imposing harsh punishments on African-American students.

3/2 1:00 pm

Our weekly news round up got underway today with WFPL's Devin Katayama describing the talk last evening by U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta at the McConnell Center at the University of Louisville. Environmental reporter Erica Peterson described LG&E's plans to establish a coal ash landfill in Trimble County, along with reactions of local residents. Devin Katayama explained the controversy surrounding the new chief of diversity, community relations and communications at JCPS, a recent central office hire by superintendent Donna Hargens. We also heard a pair of full-length news features, one from Devin Katayama concerning language instruction at JCPS, and the other from Erica Peterson about the spread of white nose syndrome in Kentucky bat populations. Finally, we spoke with WFPL's new Arts & Humanities reporter, Erin Keane, about the Humana Festival of New American Plays now under way at Actors Theatre of Louisville.

Kentucky Public Radio's Capitol Bureau Chief Kenny Colston joined us in segment two with his update of the major activities this week at the statehouse. Topics included PSE legislation, the state death penalty, safety reflectors for Amish buggies, UPIKE, and a loan to Kentucky's unemployment program. Then we spoke with the Washington, D.C. correspondent from the Courier-Journal, Jim Carroll, about a new superPAC with Kentucky ties, the announced retirement of Senator Olympia Snow of Maine, and other primary season news.

We got updates on some music news in segment three with WFPK's Kyle Meredith and Sean Cannon, including the artist line up for this summer's Forecastle Festival in Louisville, the passing of Davy Jones of the Monkees, and an interesting lawsuit filed recently by 1980s supergroup Toto.

3/9 1:00 pm

The weekly news round up began today with education news from reporter Devin Katayama discussing the two new temporary locations for over 1,000 Henryville, Indiana students who lost their classrooms in Friday's tornado storms, along with some logistics regarding transportation and use of facilities. Kentucky state Rep. Reginald Meeks, D-Louisville, is calling on Jefferson County Democratic Party leaders to file a lawsuit that would disqualify Wendy Caswell, his Tea Party primary challenger from the race; WFPL's political editor Phillip Bailey provided background and explanation. Devin Katayama discussed the recent agreement signed by the Governors of Indiana and Kentucky to finance their portions of the Ohio River Bridges Project, and what it will mean to drivers using the bridges. Erica Peterson explained how Louisville Gas and Electric's proposal to convert the Cane Run power plant from coal to natural gas just cleared an important procedural obstacle. Finally, arts and humanities reporter Erin Keane summarized her impressions of the Humana Festival of New American Plays at the halfway mark through the run.

In segment two, we checked in with Capital Bureau Reporter Kenny Colston for a look back at the significant events in Frankfort this week. He discussed a handful of bills that passed, proposed plans for drug testing of welfare recipients, and efforts to restore voting rights to convicted non-violent felony offenders, among other stories. Reporter Joe Sonka from LEO Weekly summarized his investigation and coverage of the Kentucky State Fair Board involving personnel issues and some dramatic salary increases during a time of serious budgetary shortfall.

We devoted the last segment to last Friday's tornadoes and severe weather. Reporter Braden Lammers and photographer Chuck Branham from the News and Tribune in Jeffersonville, along with meteorologists Jay Cardosi and Monty Webb, described how the story unfolded from a weather and news perspective, and discussed the current situation in southern Indiana's affected areas.

3/16 1:00 pm

State of the News today got off to a start with a review of several recent stories involving 4th Street Live and the Cordish Company's business relationship with Louisville's leaders; Devin Katayama and Phillip Bailey fleshed it out. A rose is a rose, but when is a cave not a cave? Erica Peterson explained how that question has come into play with LG&E's plans for a coal ash landfill in Trimble County. Devin Katayama described reactions at the first committee hearing on proposed changes to the Louisville's landmarks ordinance. Phillip Bailey explained an unusual situation in Indiana, where an election board has disqualified the residency of U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar and ruled he is ineligible to vote in this upcoming re-election bid, meaning the longtime lawmaker will have to establish new residency. This week Gov. Steve Beshear named Audrey Tayse Haynes as the new Secretary for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; Devin Katayama explained the circumstances and significance.

In segment two, we caught up with Kentucky Public Radio's Capital Bureau Chief, Kenny Colston, for a rundown on the week's activities in Frankfort. Topics included three bills involving infrastructure and roads, UPIKE, the status of the state budget in the senate, pseudoephedrine legislation, and more.

We also looked at the thriving automotive industry in 2012 in the U.S., and the corresponding boom and demand with auto parts suppliers. We heard a feature from Michigan Radio's Tracy Samilton, and followed that with a chat with Jere Downs, who covers Ford and the auto industry for the Courier-Journal.

Finally, we touched base with sports columnist Eric Crawford of the Courier-Journal to hear his thoughts about the NCAA tournaments and his review of recent games involving area teams, and previews of upcoming games.

3/23 1:00 pm

The weekly news round up got started today with some sports news. Nothing But Net host Mark Bacon paid a visit to talk about the big NCAA upset last night of Louisville over Michigan, as well as to look ahead at other big games this weekend, including the UK/Indiana rematch. Phillip Bailey discussed Rep. John Yarmuth's bill that would end federal subsidies to oil companies and return the savings to American motorists. The president and CEO of General Electric visited Louisville and gave a talk this week; Devin Katayama explained the new product line to be built at Appliance Park and the jobs that come with it. Erica Peterson brought us up to date on some conversations between LG&E and the Metro Council, one involving a settlement on previous coal ash fines, and another about LG&E's plans to convert some of their coal-fired facilities into natural gas plants. Gabe Bullard had details on plans by the city to crack down on parking meter scofflaws, as well as Kroger's recent decision to discontinue offering ground beef that contains the filler known as pink slime. Finally, Erica Peterson discussed her feature about genetically modified corn finding its way into a signature Kentucky product, bourbon, and whether it matters or not.

In segment two, KPR's Kenny Colston got us caught up on this week's activities in the Kentucky General Assembly, including Senate budget changes, and the latest movement on the pseudoephedrine

bill. WFPL's Erin Keane dropped in to talk about this week's Humana Festival offerings, her chat with playwright Greg Kotis, and the unveiling of Actors Theatre's 2012-2013 season.

For our last segment we spoke with the News and Tribune's Jerod Clapp and LEO Weekly's Anne Marshall for an update on tornado recovery in Southern Indiana, and some reflections on what it's been like to cover the storm and its aftermath.

3/30 1:00 pm

We began the weekly news recap show today with signs of life in the Louisville Orchestra impasse between musicians and management; Devin Katayama explained what the binding arbitration with conditions proposed by musicians might mean. Phillip Bailey described local reaction to the Sanford, Florida shooting of Trayvon Martin. The federal government has unveiled air quality standards that would limit carbon dioxide emissions from all new power plants, including coal-fired; Erica Peterson had the details. Louisville Police Chief Steve Conrad is making public appearances, and Phillip Bailey explained his theme of budget constraints meaning residents pitching in to make neighborhoods safer. Jeffersonville, Indiana leaders will meet next week to discuss how they plan to save \$3.5 million in the city's 2012 budget, due to less revenue from property taxes than expected; Devin Katayama had the details. Finally, Phillip Bailey explained why the Louisville Metro Council's Budget Committee reluctantly approved a \$10.8 million payment to the Kentucky Retirement System.

KPR Capital Bureau Chief Kenny Colston brought us up to date on the activities of the week in Frankfort, including news on the state budget, the status of the prescription pill bill, the road plan, the dropout bill, and the chances of casino gaming legislation being revived next session. We heard from Courier-Journal reporter Marcus Green on the disappointing profits for the KFC Yum Center and the latest on the Ohio River Bridges Project.

We finished out the show with talk about the Kentucky/Louisville rivalry and the big Final Four game tomorrow. Eric Crawford of the Courier-Journal joined us by phone in New Orleans, and we had sports writer Bill Doolittle in the studio, along with reporter Chris Otts who examined the economic impact of the game for local sports bars and restaurants.

## **Q2 2012 News Specials and State of the News (Byline as of 5/5)**

4/6 1:00 pm

Today is the final day in the membership campaign at WFPL and Louisville Public Media, so State of the News is a bit shorter than usual this time around. Gabe Bullard started the show with the latest on the Occupy Louisville movement, which is being ejected from its encampment downtown. Phillip Bailey reviewed some pointed comments from Sen. Mitch McConnell made during a speech at the Rotary Club of Lexington. Devin Katayama had details on a new report on health in Kentucky which ranks Jefferson County lower than many of its neighbors, but says the state's eastern counties are most in need of improvements. Erin Keane reported on the conclusion and awards on the final weekend of the Humana Festival of New American plays, as well as discussing a new documentary film on the demise of Ear X-Tacy records. Gannett News is conducting another round of employee buyouts, and Gabe Bullard reported on happenings here at the Courier-Journal. Finally, Devin Katayama talked about training at Ford's assembly plant in Louisville for a third shift to build the 2013 Escape sport utility vehicle.

We focused on environmental news in the second segment with James Bruggers of the Courier-Journal



and WFPL's Erica Peterson. They discussed Ohio River pollution, a recent sewage spill by MSD into the Ohio, efforts to deal with chromium-6 water pollution, tackling an air haze problem in U.S. national parks, and the discovery of a bald eagle nesting site near the proposed location of the new East End bridge.

Kentucky Public Radio's Capital Bureau Chief Kenny Colston rounded out the show today with a recap of the week's news from Frankfort.

4/20 1:00 pm

Beginning our weekly news round up today, Gabe Bullard, Phillip M. Bailey, and Devin Katayama joined us from the WFPL newsroom with a look at some of the week's top metro stories. Devin explained the current status of the JCPS student assignment plan as it is considered by the Kentucky Supreme Court. Phillip Bailey had details on a neo-Nazi rally this weekend in Frankfort, along with planned counter-demonstrations. Gabe Bullard explained the debate over whether the city should continue funding indigent care at the University of Louisville Hospital. Discussion continues over who should have the power to designate landmarks in the city, and Devin Katayama filled us in on the latest in that community debate. A Global Marijuana March this year is dedicated to late Kentuckian Gatewood Galbraith, and Phillip Bailey explained why. Finally, Gabe Bullard reported on Mayor Fischer's visit to Frankfort in support of a road budget that is crucial for the Ohio River Bridges Plan.

In the second segment, Kenny Colston joined us from the Capital Bureau with updates on the week in Frankfort, where a special session is occurring with much finger-pointing and blame-placing. He discussed the road budget, the pill mill bill, and the relations between Governor Beshear and David Williams. Then we were joined by LEO's Anne Marshall, whose cover story this week looks at human trafficking surrounding big events like the Kentucky Derby.

We turned to arts and culture news in the final segment. Erin Keane and WFPK's Kyle Meredith spoke of the deaths this week of musician Levon Helm and TV host Dick Clark, as well as a reanimation of sorts of rapper Tupac Shakur at the recent Coachella Festival. Erin Keane also spoke about Le Petomane Theatre Ensemble's "A Derby Carol," and a pair of new Kentucky novels that are being dubbed "hillbilly noir."

4/27 1:00 pm

Our weekly news round up began today with Devin Katayama's report on the latest on Bluegrass Boardwalk, which is one step closer to opening. Phillip Bailey discussed the fundraising disparity between John Yarmuth and challenger Brooks Wicker. Erica Peterson outlined the major honor bestowed on Kentuckian Wendell Berry this week. Appalachian Regional Healthcare is suing the state and two major managed care operators for failing to manage the new privatized Medicaid system; Devin Katayama had the details. Erica Peterson discussed the screening device that LG&E is implementing to combat the airborne dispersal of coal ash at the Cane Run facility. Finally, Phillip Bailey explained John Yarmuth's pledge to vote against Republican-sponsored legislation to freeze interest rates on federal student loans.

Kenny Colston, Capital Bureau Chief, joined us in segment two to discuss the week in Frankfort, including instant racing, a super PAC that's involved in Kentucky's Fourth Congressional District race, and Thomas Massie's campaign in that race, along with the audit of Ritchie Farmer, among other stories. Then we were joined by Jason Riley of the Courier-Journal, who discussed recent stories about James Mallory, accused of murdering a 15-year-old just weeks after winning an early prison release; and a story about banned cell phones making their way to prison inmates, and the potential dire

consequences.

In the final segment, the Courier-Journal's Chris Otts stopped by to discuss the ongoing discussions about the site for a new VA Hospital in Louisville, and WFPL's Erin Keane talked about the end to the protracted labor dispute with the Louisville Orchestra management and musicians.

5/4 1:00 pm Handicapping special

On Oaks Friday, WFPL's State of the News headed to Churchill Downs to spend an hour talking about the big races ahead this weekend, and handicapping the races with professional insights from Mike Watchmaker from the Daily Racing Form and Ed DeRosa of brisnet.com.

In the first segment Rick Howlett spoke our experts about the general health of the horse racing industry, considered whether 20 horses is too many for a race, discussed the impact of large, loud crowds on the horses, track surfaces, and other general topics.

In segment two, our experts ran through the horses entered in the Derby to handicap their strengths, weaknesses, and recent performances. An early favorite in the Derby is Bodemeister (Watchmaker: "My concern is the quick three-week turnaround between his big win in the Arkansas Derby last time out and this race, and I wonder if he's going to be able to produce a top performance with that turnaround"). They also spoke of another favorite, Union Rags (DeRosa: "Let's face it, he had every chance to run past Hansen in the Breeder's Cup and he didn't do it"), and the other horses in the field.

Closer to the end of the show, our panel ran through the horses entered in the Kentucky Oaks running Friday afternoon.

5/18 1:00 pm

1:06: We preview Tuesday's primary election in Kentucky, with WFPL's Phillip M. Bailey, KPR's Kenny Colston, and Joe Sonka from LEO Weekly.

1:20: WFPL's Devin Katayama and Phillip M. Bailey covered yesterday's shootings in West Louisville. They join us to talk about what is known and what remains unknown about the incidents, and what's been said in the flurry of press conferences in the shootings' wake. In other Metro Area news, we discuss the proposed merger of MSD and the Louisville Water Company, the latest with the landmarks dispute, and review the Barbara Shanklin flap this week.

1:35: The Atlantic's James Fallows talks about his new book, China Airborne, in which he looks at the possible future of China's aerospace industry.

1:40: WFPL's Erica Peterson talks to former Assistant Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of Energy, Sue Tierney, about "sustainable energy," and what it means.

1:50: WFPL's Erin Keane joins us with the week's art news, including the Flyover Film Festival lineup and what's going on in town this weekend.

5/25 1:00 pm

On Byline WFPL's Political Editor Phillip Bailey provided review and analysis of Mayor Greg Fischer's austere budget plan for 2012-13. The spending plan does not raise taxes and balances the budget without Metro employee layoffs or furloughs, and gives non-union city workers a 2 percent raise. Metro Government had faced a \$20 million shortfall in the coming fiscal year, but filled that hole

with \$13.5 million in projected revenue estimates and selling two downtown parking lots to the Parking Authority of River City for \$10.7 million. Metro Council members will hold budget hearings over the next month.

6/1 1:00 pm

1:06pm: Education news and JCPS end-of-schoolyear review. Superintendent Donna Hargens has been on the job for roughly a year now. WFPL's Devin Katayama weighed in and also shared a produced feature with voices of some JCPS students.

1:22pm: Joe Sonka from LEO Weekly stopped in to discuss his article on the Louisville Zoo utilizing workers from Dismas Charities, some with histories of violent crimes.

1:28pm: Other Metro headlines including accusations regarding Kentucky Kingdom/Bluegrass Boardwalk delays; new standards from the EPA to define and quantify fine particle pollution; a lawsuit regarding "whiskey fungus"; and Mayor Fischer's team to tackle urban challenges.

1:42pm: Horse racing columnist Ed de Rosa of Brisnet.com checked in to discuss the upcoming Belmont Stakes and weigh the odds of a Triple Crown victory by I'll Have Another.

1:48pm: Kentucky Public Radio's Kenny Colston on state politics and news from Frankfort, including the Medicaid audit, competition for Medicaid contracts in Louisville, and Extendicare nursing homes exiting the Kentucky market.

1:54pm: Arts news and weekend event highlights with WFPL's Arts and Humanities reporter, Erin Keane.

6/8 1:00 pm

1:00: WFPL environment reporter Erica Peterson and Lexington Herald-Leader writer Bill Estep discuss the ongoing struggles over mountaintop mining in Kentucky. Pro-coal and anti-coal forces gathered in Frankfort this week prior to EPA hearings on 36 surface mining permits. We also heard clips of many of the demonstrators and speakers.

16:02: WFPL political editor Phillip Bailey spent some time going over and explaining the latest with the Louisville city budget which went into public comment phase this week.

20:45: Other metro news from Gabe Bullard and Devin Katayama, including changes at WDRB and the recruitment of a new Greater Clark County Schools superintendent.

28:54: Devin Katayama interview with writer Matthew Tully of the Indianapolis Star, about his new book Searching for Hope: Life at a Failing School in the Heart of America.

34:03: Conversation with horse racing writer and handicapper Ed deRosa about the scratch of I'll Have Another from the Belmont Stakes.

38:05: Arts news with WFPL's Erin Keane. Today Erin is joined by filmmaker/writer Martha Stephens and actor Timothy Morton. The film Pilgrim Song will be screened this weekend at the Speed Museum as part of the Flyover Film Festival.

6/21 1:00 pm

1:00 - Devin Katayama & Ed Hart on the future of Kentucky Kingdom now that the Koch family has backed out from developing the site.

13:00 - Kentucky Public Radio's Kenny Colston weighs in on the ongoing problems with Medicaid Operator Coventry in Kentucky.

21:00 - Detailed analysis of the just-approved Louisville metro budget with WFPL political editor Phillip Bailey.

30:00 - Chris Otts of the Courier-Journal and WFPL's Devin Katayama on the Brownsboro Road location of the new VA Hospital.

36:00 WFPL's arts and humanities reporter Erin Keane speaks with Barbara Sexton Smith of Fund for the Arts.

6/28 1:00 pm

1:00 - We consider the Kentucky impacts of the major Supreme Court decisions this week, beginning with the Affordable Care Act. Joining us are Terry Brooks from Kentucky Youth Advocates, Ann Hadreas from Kentucky Equal Justice Center, and Jodi Mitchell, Kentucky Voices for Health.

13:30 - The Supreme Court ruled on Monday that mandatory life sentences for juveniles convicted of murder are unconstitutional, violating the Eighth Amendment prohibition against "cruel and unusual punishments." We discuss the ruling with Terry Brooks from Kentucky Youth Advocates and Kate Miller from ACLU Kentucky.

21:40 - Check in with Washington, D.C. columnist for the Courier-Journal, James Carroll, about reactions there since the Supreme Court rulings, as well as other topics from the nation's capitol.

29:30 - Mary-Beth Schneider of the Indianapolis Star joins us to discuss the recent appointment of Mitch Daniels to the top position at Purdue University.

36:30 - WFPL's Arts & Humanities reporter Erin Keane speaks with Lindsey Alexander, poetry editor for Louisville's Typecast Publishing, and we also hear a poetry reading from Maurice Manning.