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UK sets sights on Gillispie as Donovan says no thanks

By Will Graves
The Associated Press



Donovan

LEXINGTON – Billy Donovan's decision to remain at Florida rather than take the head coaching job at Kentucky left the field wide open Thursday in the search for Tubby Smith's replacement. However, hours after Donovan said he was happy at Florida, Texas A&M gave UK

Inside

More details on UK's coaching search. **C1, C11**

Smith left for Minnesota.

As fans at college basketball's all-time winningest program started to squirm, Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart pleaded for patience: "We have had productive conversations with various individuals over the last two weeks, and it's obvious that there are a number of outstanding coaches who could succeed at Kentucky.

"I'm confident we'll find the right man."

Names from all over the college basketball landscape have been bandied about: Donovan, Gillispie, Texas coach Rick Barnes, Michigan State's Tom Izzo, Memphis coach John Calipari.

Scratch Barnes, too. He said Thursday that he won't talk about UK's opening, adding he's happy in Texas.

IN SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STARS

Another winter sports season is in the books, and The Enquirer is handing out awards.

Shannon Klei of Newport Central Catholic and Corey Pelle of Silver Grove have been named the Enquirer Northern Kentucky high school basketball players of the year. They headline a 15-member all-star team in both boys' and girls' hoops



Klei

Pelle

The Enquirer also has named its Northern Kentucky all-stars in wrestling and swimming.

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As nuns get older and leave active service, there aren't enough young ones to replace them



The Enquirer/Patrick Reddy

Sister Monica Fessler (right) and **Sister Joseph Ruschmann** (center) toss a ball during an exercise class at St. Walburg Monastery, Villa Hills. At left is **Sister Andrea Callopy**, who conducts the class.

VANISHING TRADITION

By Margaret McGurk
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The Enquirer/Ernest Coleman

Sister Vincent dePaul sits under a portrait of Sister of Charity founder Sister Elizabeth Ann Seton at the motherhouse in Delhi Township.

At 83, Sister Vincent de Paul Grilliot enjoys the retiree's privilege of pouring energy into a favorite hobby.

"There is nothing like the look of joy in a sister's face when she understands how to make her computer work," she said.

Carving a role as computer guru to the growing ranks of aging residents at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse in Delhi Township came naturally to Sister Vincent de Paul after a career as teacher and parish official in nine cities.

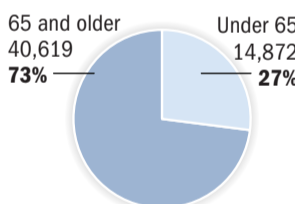
"Retirement for sisters is a totally foreign concept," said Sister Deborah Harmeling, development director for the Benedictine sisters in Villa Park. "You never retire from community life."

Yet, thousands of elder religious women are leaving their primary careers as educators, caregivers, counselors, spiritual advisers and social activists. While most continue some form of ministry into old age, time is taking a dramatic toll and leading religious communities to reinvent themselves for a very different future.

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Religious sisters in the U.S.

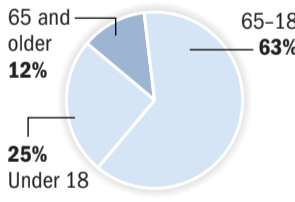
Total: **155,491** Average age: **70**



U.S. population

Total: **288,378,137**

Average age: **36**



† Total membership of groups receiving special retirement funds.

Sources: National Religious Retirement Office 2006 survey; U.S. Census 2005 estimates

The Enquirer/Randy Mazzola

Up Front

Must reads inside today's Enquirer

Bikini traded for suit, tie in court

After his arrest in a bikini and blond wig, Steven S. Cole appeared in court with his wife. His lawyer said Cole is a crossdresser, not a sex fiend.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY B8

Board to review subdivision plans

Alexandria's planning and zoning commission will review a planned 600-home subdivision, to be built by Ameritek.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY B1

More pet food listed in recall

Menu Foods has expanded its recall of contaminated pet foods and treats to a broader range of dates and varieties, including Kroger's Pet Pride brand.

BUSINESS D1

PLUS: Stock markets will be closed for Good Friday; weekend stocks are on D2-5 today.

Also...

Brett Wetterich, pride of Delhi, was tied for the lead after the first Masters round of his life.

SPORTS C1

The feud between the Hatfields and McCoys could be explained by a genetic disease that can lead to violent outbursts.

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WEATHER



High 46°
Low 22°
Mostly cloudy

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Woman accused of killing boyfriend with kick in stomach

By Jim Hannah
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BURLINGTON – Alma Yazell was wearing the evidence, police said.

The dead man had a shoeprint across his abdomen that was "extremely similar" to the shoe that she was wearing.

That's what Boone County Sheriff's Detective Coy Cox told a judge Thursday afternoon in Boone District Court. Yazell ultimately confessed to Cox that she threw the kick

that killed her boyfriend, Rudy Kirkpatrick, Cox said Thursday. The death occurred last month at a home the couple shared at the Mosbys Point Mobile Home Park in unincorporated Boone County.

Yazell, 36, and Kirkpatrick, 47, fought all the time, Cox said. He said it was common for deputies to be called once a day to their mobile home for reports of domestic trouble.

The last time deputies knocked on the door was at



Yazell

4:45 p.m. March 23. Medics found Kirkpatrick alive, but unable to talk, sitting in a chair. Yazell told everyone at the scene that Kirkpatrick had overdosed, Cox said.

Medics became suspicious when Kirkpatrick did not respond to a drug to counter the effects of an overdose. He was pronounced dead about two

hours later at St. Luke Hospital West in Florence.

An autopsy showed that he died of blunt-force trauma to the abdomen. There were lacerations to the liver that corresponded to the shoeprint-shaped bruise on his abdomen, Cox said. Blood from those lacerations pooled into his chest and killed him.

Deputies then launched a homicide investigation.

Cox said he found a store clerk who said Yazell told her that "she was going to kill

Kirkpatrick" if they got into another fight.

Cox said Yazell had a reputation on the street of being a tough woman who could take care of herself. To foster the image, Cox said during the hearing, Yazell would tell people that she was a second-degree black belt.

At that point, Yazell, who had been sitting next to public defender Rhonda Lause, shook her head, as if to say that wasn't true, and put her hands over her face.

Cox added that there is no evidence she received formal training in martial arts.

After hearing the evidence, Judge Michael Collins bound the case over to a grand jury to decide whether there is enough evidence to indict.

Prosecutor Jeff Smith successfully objected to the defense's request to reduce Yazell's \$100,000 bond. She remained at the Boone County jail Thursday night, charged with second-degree manslaughter.

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