

Passing Lane

Commentary on Life in Kentucky

Strong Performance

THE proof that relationships count in the world of economic development was demonstrated by the successful completion of UPS Airlines' \$1 billion hub expansion in Louisville.



Gene Strong

The decision by the Kentucky General Assembly to make the secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet a tenured rather than a politically appointed manager of the state's efforts to attract new and expansion businesses was proven again to be a good one.

With Secretary Gene Strong, Gov. Ernie Fletcher, GLI President Joe Reagan and Metro Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson working closely with UPS Airlines top executives Bob Lekites and John Hindman, one of the state's biggest economic development deals was completed in 53 days. Kentucky and UPS Airlines are both beneficiaries of the strong performance of their respective executives.

UPS Airlines Expansion - Louisville

Fast Facts

- As Kentucky's largest private employer with more than 22,300 current employees statewide, the presence of UPS has been a catalyst for luring more than 90 companies to either locate or expand their operations in the state over the past five years, investing more than \$1.2 billion and creating more than 13,300 new jobs.
- The direct annual impact of new full- and part-time UPS jobs will be approximately \$34.5 million for the commonwealth. Indirect and induced jobs will add another \$400 million-plus for a total annual economic impact of approximately \$745 million.
- KEDFA granted preliminary approval to UPS for tax benefits up to \$31.6 million over 10 years under the Kentucky Jobs Development Act, an incentive program aimed at increasing technology and service-related employment in the commonwealth.
- UPS will qualify to receive up to \$20 million in benefits over the next three

years under the Kentucky Enterprise Initiative Act.

- UPS can recoup Kentucky sales and use tax on the cost of construction materials, building fixtures and equipment used for research and development.

Size of Operation

Current: 4,000,000 square feet

After Expansion: 5,100,000 square feet

Sort Capacity

Current: 304,000

Packages per hour by Nov. 2009: 416,000

Packages per hour by 2010: 478,000

Aircraft-to-Building Docks

Current: 44

After Expansion: 88

Number of Conveyors

Current: More than 17,000

After Expansion: More than 32,000

Miles of Conveyors

Current: 122 miles

After Expansion: 197 miles

Miss USA in Somerset

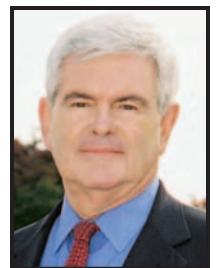


Miss USA Tara Conner with Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers and his wife, Cynthia Rogers, at a homecoming presentation ceremony held at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Miss Conner, a resident of Jamestown, Ky., will compete in the Miss Universe Pageant in Los Angeles on July 23rd.

Innovative Health Care

THE UK Center on

Aging Foundation will feature Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich



Newt Gingrich

as the keynote speaker at its 20th anniversary dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, in Lexington.

Gingrich is founder of the Center for Health Transformation and he will discuss how innovative changes in health care will help Americans lead longer, more productive, intellectually stimulating lives and stay physically active.

Desecration Amendment Sets a Dangerous Precedent

WHETHER flying on an aircraft carrier, hanging in one of our embassies, or worn as a patch on a soldier's uniform, the American flag stands for freedom.

The vast majority of Americans honor the flag, and rightly so. Some would go so far as to amend the Constitution to protect the flag against those who would burn it. While I share and admire their patriotism, altering our First Amendment, even for the worthy purpose of protecting the flag, is not a position I can support.

Make no mistake – I treasure the Stars and Stripes as much as any American. One of my most prized possessions is the flag which honored my father's military service in World War II. It was draped upon his coffin after his death from cancer in 1990. He fought in the European theater to protect the freedoms that flag represents, and it now rests proudly on the mantle in my Senate office.

I don't share the slightest shred of sympathy with any who would dare desecrate the flag. They demean the service of millions of Americans, including my father and the brave men and women currently fighting the War on Terror. They deserve rebuke and condemnation – if not a punch in the nose.



U.S. Senator
Mitch McConnell

I revere the American flag as a symbol of freedom. But behind it is something larger – the Constitution. The First Amendment, which protects our freedom of speech, is the most precious part of the Bill of Rights. As disgusting as the ideas expressed by those who would burn the flag are, they remain protected by the First Amendment.

Our founding fathers wrote the First Amendment because they believed that, even with all the excesses and offenses that freedom of speech would undoubtedly allow, truth and reason would triumph in the end. And they believed the answer to offensive speech was not to regulate it, but to counter it with more speech.

No act of speech is so obnoxious that it merits tampering with our First Amendment. Our Constitution, and our country, is stronger than that.

Flag burning is an abominable act. We're lucky to live in a country where the overwhelming majority of people not only reject it, but honor the American flag and the freedoms it stands for. These freedoms are America's source of strength.

— Excerpts from commentary by U.S. Senator
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

FEI Games Pump Sales of Horse Farm Portfolio

KENTUCKY photographer Doug Prather has created a 252-page hardbound tabletop collector's book entitled "Private Access." The publication will feature an insider's glimpse of everyday life on some of Amer-



ica's most exclusive horse farms and ranches in Kentucky, Texas, Florida and California.

According to Prather, over 5,000 copies have been pre-sold with the biggest order going to the Kentucky Horse Park, the venue of the 2010 FEI Games.

Ramsey and Todd Earn Top Bonuses

BEING the chief executive of a major university is a tough and time consuming responsibility. University of Louisville President James Ramsey and University of Kentucky President Lee Todd were both recently awarded bonuses just north of \$100 grand. Lee Todd's total annual compensation will reach \$451,000; James Ramsey's will reach \$511,600.



University of Louisville
President James Ramsey



University of Kentucky
President Lee Todd

From our perspective, we think both universities have excellent leaders whose management efforts are moving their institutions upward in many positive ways. Success in achieving established goals is possible by using a careful blend of leadership, teamwork, planning, communication, recruiting, marketing and commitment.

No one is perfect. But energy, effort, enthusiasm and tenacity can make up for not achieving absolute perfection. We support the boards of both schools and believe that the bonuses paid were highly justifiable and well earned. Keep up the good work!



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