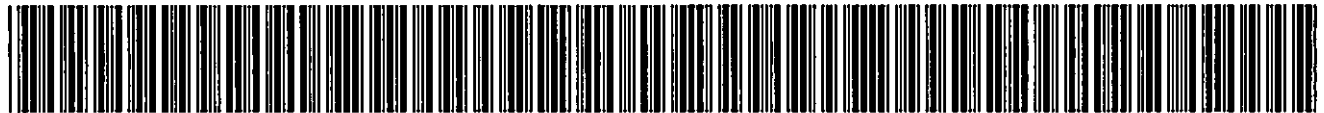


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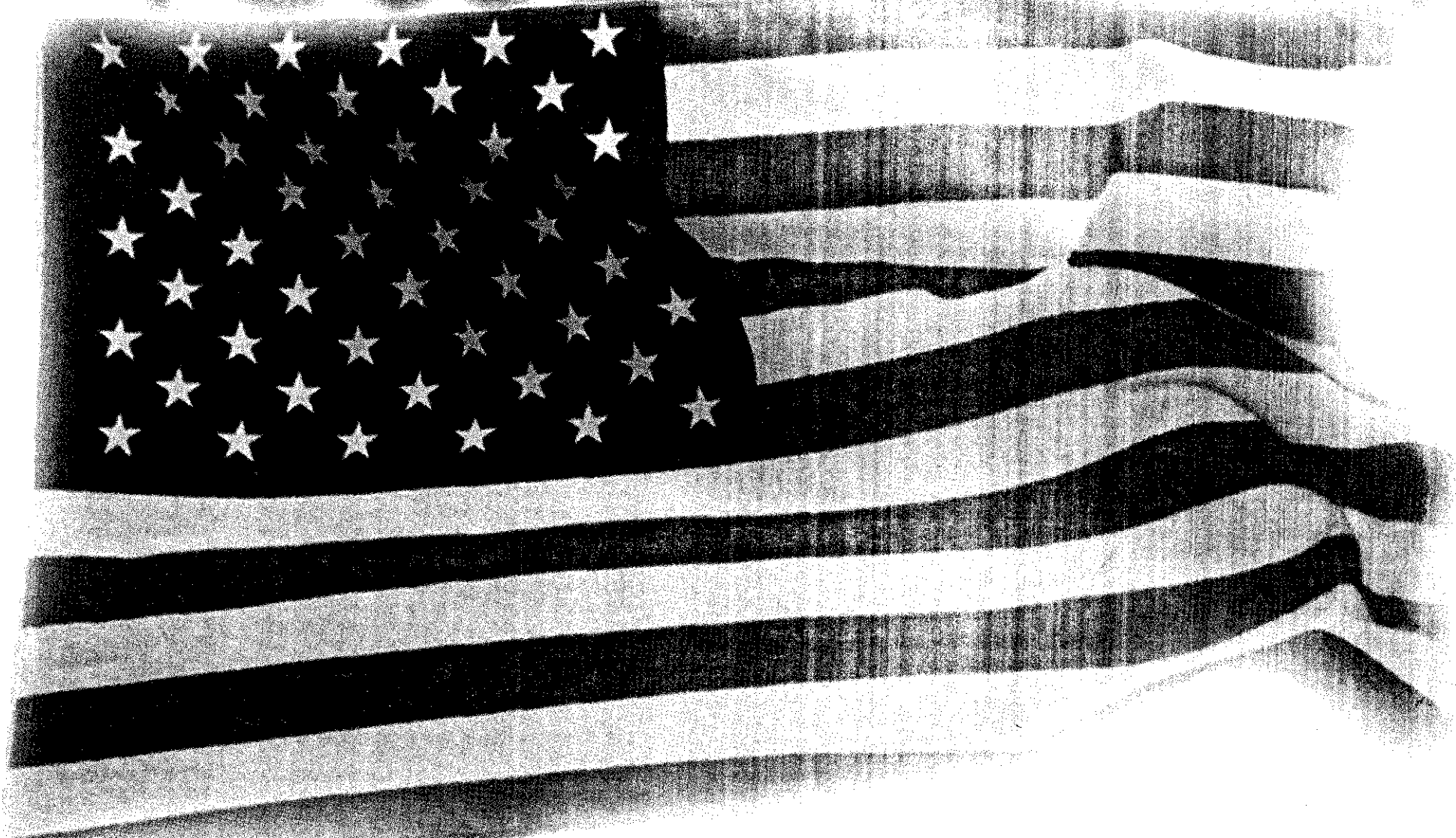
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U.S. SENATE

SCOTTY BAESLER, Democrat

Age: 57.

Occupation: Member of Congress; tobacco farmer.

Experience: Administrator for Fayette County Legal Aid, 1967-73; Lexington vice mayor, 1974-78; Fayette County district judge, 1978-82; Lexington mayor, 1982-92; U.S. representative since 1993.

Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Kentucky; law degree, University of Kentucky; master of arts in education and human development, George Washington University.

Personal: Wife, Alice Dudley Woods Baesler; son, Scott Baesler, 31; daughter, Ashley Baesler Dare, 28.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

"You can't always be anti-everything that's brought up. . . . Don't keep saying 'No.' Bring something constructive to the table."

ON THE ISSUES

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Do you think the threat of global warming is real? What steps should the United States take to address it?

"I think the jury is still out" on the threat of global warming, due to lack of consistent scientific data. Opposes Kyoto treaty, which commits the United States to cut greenhouse gases — principally carbon dioxide from burning coal, petroleum and other fossil fuels — that are blamed for global warming. Thinks treaty would harm coal industry and raise energy prices. Says big cuts in fossil-fuel emissions are premature.

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Co-sponsoring bill, along with all other House members from Kentucky, to force the Environmental Protection Agency to revise and delay the smog-reduction plan to give states more time to show the cuts are too steep, the cost too high and air-quality improvements insignificant in the Northeast. If the bill fails, will work to persuade the EPA to ease reductions to keep electric rates as low as possible.

What should the federal government do to help clean up the Ohio River? Should major cities get federal money to upgrade aging sewer systems?

The federal government should support local and regional efforts to improve water quality. The federal government should help pay to improve aging sewers since the upgrade is in response to federal requirements. It's time to consider restoring the federal sewer-grant program that ended in the 1980s.

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

Yes. Insurance companies should be held responsible for their decisions about medical treatment, just as others in the health-care system are. Voted for bill to allow patients to sue companies for damages under state law.

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

No. Supports managed-care networks of health-care providers as an alternative to insurance companies, which he says have too much influence over health care.

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

Yes. "It's incorrect to have someone between the doctor and the patient."

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?

Oppose. Tax credits or vouchers offer a false hope because no plan has been offered that would cover the full cost of a private-school education.

What would be the effect of private-school vouchers or tax credits on children in public schools?

Such moves would hurt public schools by taking resources and constituents away. Parents who care most about education would be the most likely to take advantage of credits or vouchers, robbing public schools of some of their most effective advocates.

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Support, by having the federal government pay for federal mandates. A prime example is the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act, which requires local schools to make facilities fully accessible to people with disabilities. That would free local money to help reduce class sizes the way localities want.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

Notes that Congress passed laws last year to address juvenile crime, and that he voted last month (as Bunning did) to make it easier to try as adults juveniles over 13 who commit violent federal crimes or drug-trafficking offenses. Says states and localities should get more flexibility in using federal money, and federal government should pay cost of federal mandates, such as school facilities for the disabled, to give even more financial flexibility.

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

Didn't attribute a cause of violence among juveniles. Favors Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act because school violence "is a national problem." But "we cannot tell each local school district how they should address it." Voted for 1994 crime bill, which included ban on assault-style weapons, and for Brady Law imposing a waiting period for handgun purchases.

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

"That would be a difficult choice because I think we need both of them. If I had to make the choice, I'd probably go more for education. . . . I don't know if it can prevent the need for prisons, but it's sure going to affect far more people."

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

"Training people for jobs." Says government must try to create the jobs but must also "make sure people are able to take them in the competitiveness of the world."

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again? If so, to what level? If not, why?

"I think we should look at it" because 58 percent of Kentuckians who benefited from the last increase were women, over half of them making the largest share of their household's income. "At this point, I wouldn't know exactly how much" to raise the wage. "Last time, we tied it to a benefit for small business, and when you look at it, you need to look at it from both ways."

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds? If so, with what restrictions? If not, why?

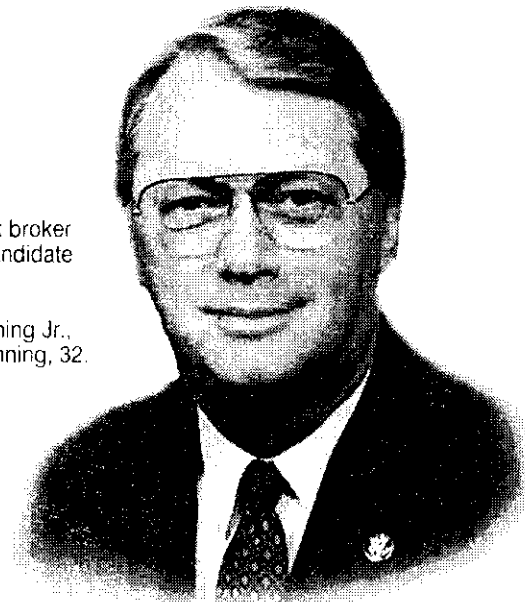
"I wouldn't mind looking at a small portion, but I think complete privatization would be a problem. We have just to look at what happened in the stock market the last several weeks to indicate the risk you have."

U.S. SENATE

JIM BUNNING, Republican

Age: 67**Occupation:** Member of Congress.**Experience:** Professional baseball player, 1950-71; minor-league baseball manager, 1971-75; investment broker and player agent, 1960-86; Fort Thomas city councilman, 1977-79; state senator, 1980-83; unsuccessful candidate for governor, 1983; Republican National Committee, 1984-92; U.S. representative since 1987.**Education:** Bachelor of science, Xavier University, 1953.**Personal:** Wife, Mary Catherine Theis Bunning; nine children: Barb Stevens, 45; Joan Blinn, 44; Jim Bunning Jr., 44; Cathy Sparks, 41; Bill Bunning, 40; Bridget Bunning, 39; Mark Bunning, 37; Amy Towles, 32; David Bunning, 32.**IN HIS OWN WORDS:**

"Our government should reflect ... and not undermine the values that this country was founded on and our forefathers put in the Constitution. You ought to be able to practice your own faith, whatever it might be. You ought to be able to have good family values, and bring your children up the way you want to bring them up. You ought to have personal freedom and personal responsibility. And those are the things that have made America great."



ON THE ISSUES

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Do you think the threat of global warming is real? What steps should the United States take to address it?

"Scientific data on the issue is very inadequate." Implementing the Kyoto agreement would be a "big mistake" that would sharply drive up the price of gasoline, heating oil and electricity. Favors continued monitoring of global climate.

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Reductions like those the EPA proposes are impossible to make and would unfairly penalize Kentucky electric consumers. The EPA is telling Kentucky to work to reduce smog in states that haven't done enough themselves. Will work to delay the pollution-reduction order and to make it less severe.

What should the federal government do to help clean up the Ohio River? Should major cities get federal money to upgrade aging sewer systems?

Backs regional approach to Ohio River pollution. Supports expanding incentives for property owners to reduce pollution from their land, such as reducing erosion from farms. Wants more money for ending water pollution from abandoned coal mines. Says the federal government should help cities pay for upgrading old sewers.

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

No. Supports a House-passed bill to set up internal appeals to doctors working for the company, which could be followed by an external appeal to independent experts at a cost of no more than \$100.

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

No, because overwhelming majority of Americans oppose it. Sponsored law allowing income-tax deduction for premiums on long-term-care insurance.

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

Yes. "Medical people have the absolute last say."

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?

Supports. Says more alternatives are needed to give children the best education possible.

What would be the effect of private-school vouchers or tax credits on children in public schools?

Credits or vouchers would take nothing away from public education. People who don't think the public schools are working already have their children in private schools, regardless of cost.

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Yes, if grants are made directly to local school systems that adopt a legally binding policy to require smaller classes, and if the money doesn't go through the U.S. Department of Education.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

Says he is convinced that the 1997 laws are working and wants to wait before passing more major measures. Would give more money to the federal drug czar because many juvenile crimes are drug-related. Says czar needs to become more of a point man for anti-drug efforts after being de-emphasized by the Clinton administration. Favors equal emphasis on suppressing Americans' demand for drugs and stopping their importation.

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

Parental involvement "has to be reinvigorated." Parents should be civilly liable for juveniles' actions and for "leaving guns laying around." Opposes gun controls and voted against 1994 crime bill because "it was a social-welfare bill." Says Brady Law violates Constitution. Voted not to fund Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act in 1995 to help balance the budget but has supported it since.

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

"I'd earmark it for education. Then I wouldn't have to build more prisons."

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

"Keeping our balanced-budget agreement . . . because it keeps all our interest rates low and possibly lower. . . . And I think a lower tax burden is the best way to keep the economy going, too."

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again? If so, to what level? If not, why?

No. "What does that have to do with the economy?" Contends that minimum-wage increases discourage job growth in struggling areas. Says minimum-wage increases delay raises for workers who are already making the new minimum.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds? If so, with what restrictions? If not, why?

"Probably. . . . If we can guarantee full benefits to every senior who is on Social Security and those about to go on, and make voluntary the selection process for those who would like to invest . . . then I think it would be a good idea." Opposes using invested money until retirement. Favors limited investment alternatives with "a prudent man's or prudent woman's investment guide . . . of those things that you could invest into."

ALSO
ON THE
BALLOT

CHARLES ARBEGUST, Reform

Age: 72**Address:** 2606 McCoy Way, Louisville**Occupation:** President, Fabricaire Inc.**Political experience:** 3rd District chairman, Reform Party and United We Stand America**Family:** Married, two sons, three grandchildren**Education:** B.S. in chemical engineering, University of Louisville, 1949

U.S. HOUSE, 3RD DISTRICT



CHRIS GORMAN, Democrat

Age: 55.

Address: 7107 Greengate Court, Louisville.

Occupation: Lawyer and businessman.

Political experience: Jefferson County A District commissioner, 1985-91; Kentucky attorney general, 1991-95.

Family: Wife, Vicki; two sons.

Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Kentucky, 1965; law degree, UK, 1967.

Civic involvement: Little League and school baseball coach.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

On the role of Congress in healing divisions in the community:

"A congressman has a major role as a leader. . . . You need the moral suasion of the office to do what you can to bring the entire community together."

ON THE ISSUES

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Do you think the threat of global warming is real? What steps should the United States take to address it?

Says scientific evidence supports the idea that global warming is occurring due to human activity and poses a real threat. Opposes the Kyoto agreement, saying it places an unfair burden on the United States relative to other nations and would do severe harm to Kentucky's economy. Supports reducing emissions from burning of fossil fuels, but without imposing high costs on consumers or harming economic development.

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Deadline for making the reductions, now set at 2002, needs to be extended to allow better and cheaper pollution-control methods to be developed. "We need to look for ways to produce electricity more cleanly and more cheaply" to protect the environment without harming the economy.

What should the federal government do to help clean up the Ohio River? Should major cities get federal money to upgrade aging sewer systems?

Says the federal government should share the cost of cleaning up the Ohio. Federal grant money "was pivotal in starting the turnaround of the Ohio" through the water-quality improvements from sewage-treatment plants built in the 1970s and 1980s. Favors a new grant program, as well as federal spending on water-quality research and development of new pollution-control technology.

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

Says Americans should have at least as good consumer protection for medical care as they have when they "buy cars and use credit cards or purchase toys for their kids" — including the right to sue a "health plan that has injured them."

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

"We do not need a single-payer system. What we need is real managed-care reform so that those folks with health insurance have access to high-quality health care." Calls for improving child health care and expanding Medicaid and Medicare so "we can help people without insurance to pay for affordable, quality health care."

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

"Patients and doctors should make important medical decisions." Doctors, not insurance companies "and HMO bureaucrats," should make the final call on treatment. "The best interests of the patient, not the insurance company's bottom line, should always be the deciding factor."

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?

Opposes. It's a myth that vouchers would allow all children to attend schools of their choice, since vouchers are unlikely to be large enough to cover tuition at most private schools.

What would be the effect of private-school vouchers or tax credits on children in public schools?

Vouchers would subsidize private-school education for a few "at the cost of destroying the public schools that educate the vast majority of American children."

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Supports. "We need the federal government to be a partner in making Kentucky schools the best."

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

"I think we need to focus on early intervention and prevention. We need more after-school programs and more educational opportunities for our young people." Notes that most juvenile crime occurs between 3 and 8 p.m., and says better supervision during those hours would help reduce it.

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

"We need to focus on prevention efforts that help at-risk kids and their parents. We have to start interacting with them before serious problems occur, and we haven't always done that."

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

Both are necessary. "Short-term, we need to have sufficient prison space to make sure all violent criminals are properly incarcerated." For the long term, education is the best way to make young people realize they have options that don't lead to crime. "The money that we spend on education is an investment in a safer future for all of us."

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

Maintaining stability in domestic and international markets. Says more money for the International Monetary Fund would help. "We do not need Russia going bankrupt when they have . . . a thousand nuclear weapons and delivery systems."

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again? If so, to what level? If not, why?

Supports increasing wage by \$1, to \$6.15 an hour, over the next two years. Says the millions of Americans in minimum-wage jobs, mostly women, "need a raise in order to ensure that they don't have to raise their children in poverty."

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds? If so, with what restrictions? If not, why?

Thinks recent stock-market volatility "highlights the riskiness of these Republican proposals" for investing Social Security. "Privatization would hurt the ordinary Americans that Social Security's meant to protect."

U.S. HOUSE, 3RD DISTRICT

ANNE NORTHUP, Republican

Age: 49.

Address: 3340 Lexington Road, Louisville.

Occupation: Member of Congress.

Political experience: Kentucky House of Representatives, 1987-96; U.S. House, 1997-present.

Family: Husband, Robert "Woody" Northup; six children.

Education: Bachelor's degree, St. Mary's College, 1970.

Civic involvement: Leadership Louisville; Foster Grandparents; DePaul School for Dyslexic Children; Lexington Road Preservation.

IN HER OWN WORDS

On the role of Congress in healing divisions in the community: "This is a very divided community. It's very divided racially, along geographic lines. . . . There aren't enough hours in the day for me to spend the hours I would like to close that gap. . . . If there were unlimited government funds, I'm convinced it wouldn't close the gaps as well as working together would."



ON THE ISSUES

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Do you think the threat of global warming is real? What steps should the United States take to address it?

Says there is an "increasing body of scientific evidence that global climate change may be a problem. But I do not think it is an emergency." There is "plenty of time" to decide how to address the problem. Calls for more unbiased scientific research. Opposes Kyoto agreement because it lets developing countries off the hook and doesn't support cost-effective approaches.

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Says the EPA hasn't proved that costly emission reductions in Kentucky would reduce smog in the Northeast. Says Northeast states are trying to avoid responsibility for their own problems by driving up electric costs in the Midwest. Favors postponing emission reductions so the need for them can be examined more closely.

What should the federal government do to help clean up the Ohio River? Should major cities get federal money to upgrade aging sewer systems?

Doesn't favor an expanded federal role in cleaning up the Ohio. Favors continuing federal loan programs and incentives to reduce pollution from agricultural land and other sources, but is skeptical about spending federal money to help cities upgrade sewer systems.

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

Supported GOP Patient Protection Act. "Consumers already have the ability to sue their HMO, unless one of the company-held plans is self-insured. And in that case they would in a sense be suing their company." Opposes expanding right to sue in those cases, saying it could prompt employers to stop providing insurance. Says HMOs should be accountable for decisions, supports penalties "if they turn down coverage that a doctor would find warranted."

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

Is "absolutely opposed to single-payer system." It would impede investment in medical advancements, lead to rationing of health care "so that it's harder to see a doctor and harder still to get services." Supports "a system where every American would have an opportunity to choose the type of insurance that they want, what it covers, at an affordable rate."

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

"The simple sentence is, doctors." But says quality care also depends on affordable insurance, which could be affected by high-cost lawsuits. Supports setting up "external review panels" of physicians who can immediately consider whether an insurance company made the right decision. "If the insurance company made the wrong decision, they would have a financial penalty to pay."

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?

Supports tax credits "that allow parents to subsidize any educational expenses for their children," such as spending for a computer, tutoring or private school. Supports vouchers for low-income families — "so that they have the same choices that middle- and higher-income families have" — but does not support vouchers across the board.

What would be the effect of private-school vouchers or tax credits on children in public schools?

Says measures she supports would help public schools financially and educationally. Calls for local school funding to remain constant, so there would be more money for each child remaining in the public schools if private-school enrollments rose. "But more importantly, the effect would be that every child would have better education," because competitive pressure would force schools to help every child succeed.

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Opposes. More federal money should go to the states in the form of block grants, but local school authorities should decide how it gets spent. "They know the unique priorities that exist school by school, and the remedies, better than the federal government."

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

Says that juveniles charged with serious crimes should be tried as adults, and their criminal records should be made available to other jurisdictions.

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

"Certainly the presence of extreme violence over and over in . . . movies, television, has sort of desensitized" some youths. Says citizens should speak out against these forms of entertainment. Calls for anti-gang and anti-drug efforts to be stepped up, and youthful perpetrators of violent crimes to be locked up.

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

"It's like asking you which one of your children you love most. . . . The answer is that they're both very important and . . . they don't have to be measured against each other."

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

The need to develop a more highly skilled work force "if we're to maintain our growth and opportunities."

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again? If so, to what level? If not, why?

Opposes. Says raising wage would cause the part-time and inexperienced workers who fill most minimum-wage jobs — and who need them most — to be displaced by older or more experienced workers.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds? If so, with what restrictions? If not, why?

Wants people to be able to divert up to 2 percent of their income — about one-fifth of their Social Security contributions — into a private account. Would use budget surplus to replace money lost to the Social Security fund. Says Social Security entitlement could be reduced for those whose private accounts make large gains, leaving the system with more money to support those totally dependent on it.

ALSO ON THE BALLOT



PATRICIA JO METTEN, Natural Law Party

Age: 55.

Address: 1404 Eastern Parkway, Louisville.

Occupation: Physical therapist.

Political experience: Unsuccessful candidate for U.S. House in 1992, U.S.

Senate in 1996.

Family: Single.

Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Kentucky, 1972; master's degree, University of Louisville, 1981.

Civic involvement: None.

U.S. HOUSE, 2ND DISTRICT

BOB EVANS, Democrat

Age: 57.
Address: 5087 Liberty Road, Bradfordsville.
Occupation: Tobacco farmer.
Family: One child, Darci Evans, 29.
Education: Attended University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, University of California.
Civic involvement: None.



education in smaller classes. Calls for no more than 20 students in a classroom. Says some older schools need remodeling, and federal money should be used for that.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

Calls for juveniles to be treated as adults when they are charged with serious crime. Says youths have not been educated to understand the seriousness of crime. "So many times juveniles are let off with only a warning."

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

Says problem "goes back to fact we haven't taught children properly." Suggests a school course that would teach about consequences of breaking laws and other issues.

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

Says education should be first step. Thinks prisons are necessary but failing to solve crime problems. Calls for more money for school programs to teach about consequences of crime.

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

Trade. Says too many countries, such as Japan, restrict American products within their borders. Thinks freer trade would help whole world.

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again? If so, to what level? If not, why?

Favors an increase to at least \$6.25 an hour — allowing a minimum-wage worker to take home about \$800 a month. "No person with family can live on less than this." Says increase could occur in increments.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds? If so, with what restrictions? If not, why?

Calls for Social Security to be invested in stable areas, such as government bonds or securities. Considers stock market too volatile and thinks most people do not have enough knowledge to invest their own Social Security contribution.

RON LEWIS, Republican

Age: 52.
Address: Stephensburg.
Occupation: Member of Congress since 1994.
Family: Wife, Kayi; two children, Ronald Brent, 27, and Allison Faye, 16.
Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Kentucky, 1969; master's degree, Morehead State University, 1981.
Civic involvement: Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce; former president. Hardin and LaRue County Jail Ministry; Severns Valley Ministerial Association.



which was later vetoed, to provide up to \$3,000 in scholarships for 2,000 poor families.

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Opposes earmarking money for specific purposes. If federal government wants to give more money to education, he wants local officials to decide how to spend money, whether for school renovations, smaller classes or other things.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

Says Congress has already done some things, such as passing Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act, which gave block grants to states for mentoring programs, anti-gang programs. Notes that there has been a modest decrease in juvenile crime.

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

Says juvenile-crime-control bill may help. Notes that another bill allows juveniles 14 years or older to be tried as adults. Traces much of the problem to society — violence on TV and in the media, problems with families. Calls for more responsibility at home.

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

Considers both important. Supported bill that would give criminals longer sentences, requiring more money to build prisons because prison populations will increase. Also favored "Dollars to the Classroom" bill, which would send most federal money for education directly to local schools to determine how to spend it.

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

Says taxes need to be decreased. Supports cuts across the board, as well as reducing capital-gains tax to 15 percent from current 20 percent. Says Americans pay too large a share of their income in federal, state and local taxes.

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again? If so, to what level? If not, why?

No. Thinks wages will increase as the marketplace demands. Says he voted for the last minimum-wage increase because the bill also provided tax relief for small businesses.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds? If so, with what restrictions? If not, why?

Has not taken a stand on issue. Supports looking at a variety of options before making commitments.

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Calls for Kentucky to follow lead of 13 other states by working with utility companies to reduce pollution. Says there is not necessarily hard evidence that Kentucky is contributing to problem. Says federal officials must also look at automobile emissions on the East Coast.

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

Supports the idea within reasonable limits. Thinks that too many lawsuits increase the cost of health care. Voted for Patient Protection Act, which allows people who are denied coverage to have a review before a physician board not connected to HMO; allows patients to sue health plan, but caps penalty for wrongly denying benefits at \$250,000.

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

No. The result would be a socialist medical system that takes away choice. However, supports addressing the issue where there is need. For example, supported recent congressional action that gave states \$24 billion over the next five years to cover nation's neediest children. Also supports medical savings accounts.

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

Yes. Doctors can best decide what patients need. Supported GOP's Patient Protection Act, which he said puts decision in hands of independent doctor, not HMO official.

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?

Supports vouchers and tax credits. Says they provide choices for parents, and also spur competition among schools. Contends competition will raise standards for every school. Favored a bill,

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Says he can't answer question because he has not studied the issue or seen related reports. Speculates that the emissions are not all coming from Kentucky, but from farther west.

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

Thinks patient should have right to sue and right to choose a doctor. Says HMOs have too much power. Thinks that people without real contact with patients are making critical decisions and "that's wrong."

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

Yes. Says he has always advocated of some form of national health insurance. Says the millions of Americans who have no health coverage need such an option. Calls for people to be able to buy national insurance, with premiums based on income and other criteria.

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

Yes. The doctor should be the ultimate decision-maker, and a person 100 or 500 miles away cannot adequately recommend treatment.

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?

Opposes. Calls vouchers and credits detrimental to public education. Sent his daughter to private school, but he paid for it himself. Says government must first make public schools strong and good enough so every student will have solid education.

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Certainly supports. Says children get better edu-

ALSO ON THE BALLOT



JIM KETCHEL, Reform Party

Age: 66.
Address: 1050 Manton Road, Bardstown.
Occupation: Retired aerospace-research scientist.
Family: Wife, Trudy.
Education: Doctorate, Ohio State

University, 1972; master's degree, San Jose State University, 1967; bachelor's degree, San Francisco State, 1960.
Civic involvement: Volunteer, Hospice, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

U. S. HOUSE, 4TH DISTRICT

KEN LUCAS, Democrat

Age: 65.
Address: Richwood, Ky.
Occupation: Former financial planner.
Political experience: Boone County judge-executive, 1992-98; Boone County commissioner, 1974-82; Florence city councilman, 1967-74.
Family: Wife, Mary; five adult children.
Education: Master's of business administration from Xavier University in 1970; bachelor's degree from University of Kentucky in 1955.
Civic involvement: Board of trustees, Northern Kentucky University, 1968-91 (13 years as chairman); chairman, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, 1987-88; president, NKU Foundation, 1989-92; chairman, Northern Kentucky United Way, 1985.



thinks the money should be spent on building the public-school system.

What would be the effect of private-school vouchers or tax credits on children in public schools?

Thinks vouchers and credits would weaken the public schools by draining away financial resources.

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Favors smaller classes and better buildings and technology, but opposes earmarking federal money. Thinks local officials should be free to spend any federal money with no strings attached. "If the federal government is going to put money into school education, I'd like to see them send it to the districts and let them spend it as they see fit."

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Says a cost-benefit analysis needs to be done to ensure customers are getting their money's worth. Calls for striking a balance between environmental and economic concerns and worries that the pendulum may swing too far in favor of environmental concerns, requiring expensive repairs for only minor improvements.

What should the federal government do to help clean up the Ohio River? Should major cities get federal money to upgrade aging sewer systems?

Says communities should foot the bill for sewer upgrades. Thinks having the federal government chip in penalizes communities that have done a good job in making sure their sewage-treatment systems are up to par.

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

Opposes expanded right to sue but favors an appeal process in which a patient could take a grievance before an unbiased panel. Believes people should have a right to medical treatment.

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

Calls the single-payer system an alternative but a "fairly dramatic departure" from what we have now. "If what we're having is not working well, we need to fix it, and I would look at any and all alternatives." Isn't sure how to solve problem, but says a single-payer system would be among his last choices.

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

"Medical professionals and not bureaucrats" should make health-care decisions. Health plans shouldn't prohibit costly treatments as a matter of course. "I think we have to look for the best treatment for people, not for the cheapest."

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?

Opposes. Believes that a strong public-school system is necessary to have a great country and

GEX WILLIAMS, Republican

Age: 46.
Address: Verona, Ky.
Occupation: Self-employed computer consultant.
Political experience: State Senate, 1993-present; State House, 1990-92.
Family: Wife, Judy; six children ages 6-20.
Education: Master's and bachelor's degrees from University of Florida; attended U.S. Naval Academy 1970-72.
Civic involvement: Community Christian Church, Right to Life, National Rifle Association, American Legislative Exchange Council.



What would be the effect of private-school vouchers or tax credits on children in public schools?

Doesn't think a significant number of parents would shift their children to private schools, but says public schools would benefit from the additional competition. Acknowledged that some public schools do a good job, but says poor-quality schools would have to improve or risk losing students.

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Doesn't believe the federal government should place strings on money going to schools. Favors abolishing the U.S. Department of Education. Calls for cost of bureaucracy to be funneled to schools to help pay for smaller classes and new buildings — if local district chooses to spend money that way.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

Considers drugs to be the root cause of violent juvenile crime. Says the best way to combat violent crime among teen-agers is to stop drugs at the border and crack down on dealers — particularly those who sell drugs to young people. Says Republicans will sink more efforts and resources into drug interdiction.

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

Says use of drugs is key to the violent nature of youth crime but doesn't believe there is any simple answer to protect children; says problems in places like Boston and Chicago may be different from problems in Boone County, Ky. Says students are placed at risk because of federal guidelines that require local schools to "mainstream" troubled children in the student population. Calls for more local control.

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

Calls both important and says Republicans won't force people to choose between education and prisons. Backs GOP plan to do away with federal tax on school-building bonds, which cost local districts more than a billion dollars annually. Says that money could then be used for education.

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

Cutting taxes and reducing bureaucracy. Says reducing the tax burden allows business to grow and the economy to expand.

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again?

No. The market should set wages. Says raising the minimum wage could cause businesses to reduce the number of jobs available instead of expanding.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds?

Yes. People should be able to invest a portion of the Social Security tax over time, but with restrictions — such as the amount of investment and the type — to ensure that workers invest wisely.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

Says society needs to be tougher on juveniles by requiring harsher penalties — such as longer prison sentences — on youths who commit violent crimes. Doesn't think consequences in the past have fit the crime. "Some of these juveniles are really adults. . . . Everything they do is more like an adult."

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

Blames the more violent nature of juvenile crime largely on what children see on television and in movies. Doesn't believe they have enough good role models. Calls for showing teachers, administrators, parents and other students how to spot warning signs that might indicate a youth is about to be violent.

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

If given a choice, considers education the more important of the two because it empowers people to create better lives for themselves. Says better education and opportunity "would cure a myriad of social ills."

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

Developing jobs and the training and education needed to fill them — especially high-tech jobs. Says such job development allows for upward mobility.

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again?

Would not oppose a minimum-wage increase if business and labor could agree on a wage. Says that in many areas, the minimum wage is not even in play because businesses cannot hire people for that amount.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds?

Opposes such a plan immediately because of the volatility of the market, but wouldn't rule it out for the long term. Calls for Congress to first shore up the Social Security Trust Fund before making drastic changes.

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Would slow the speed at which the power plants are required to reduce emissions. Calls for a cost-benefit analysis to make sure that customers are not paying exorbitant rates for only minor reductions in emissions.

What should the federal government do to help clean up the Ohio River? Should major cities get federal money to upgrade aging sewer systems?

Says the federal government has some responsibility to help pay for and upgrade sewer systems since it controls the river. But thinks communities have a responsibility as well. Says the federal government and communities should share costs of upgrades, but isn't sure what percentage each should pay.

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

Believes that if needed care is denied, people should have added rights. But says expanding the right to sue won't mean needed care is provided on a timely basis. Instead, supports an immediate review panel made up of doctors. "The solution is not more lawsuits — it's to get the care."

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

Opposes Canadian model, saying it leads to higher cost and lower quality of care, which Americans would "find unacceptable." Believes American health care, built in a free market, is the best in the world. Supports using medical savings accounts in conjunction with traditional health insurance.

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

"Certainly." Control of medical treatment should be returned to patients and their doctors. Having bureaucrats in control can lower the quality of care.

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?

Supports using tax credits and tuition vouchers. Home-schools his own children and says parents should have a choice on where they send their children to school.

U.S. HOUSE, 6TH DISTRICT

ERNESTO SCORSONE, Democrat

Age: 46.
Address: Lexington.
Occupation: Attorney.
Political experience: Kentucky House of Representatives, 1984-96; Kentucky Senate, 1996-present.
Family: Single.
Education: Law degree, University of Kentucky, 1976; bachelor's degree, UK, 1973.
Civic involvement: Mayoral commissions and task forces on various local issues in Lexington; endowment committee, Graham B. Dimmick Child Guidance Center; governing council, Fayette County Health Department; board, Community Action, National Academy for State Health Policy; board of governors, Fayette County Bar Association, 1981-82, Kentucky Bar Association, 1982, 1984; director, Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1988.



ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?

Opposes vouchers. "I believe they would undermine the public education system."

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Supports added federal money for both purposes, and calls such expenditures "a good investment."

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

Calls for more federal funding to do the job, plus promotion of safe-school legislation, such as he helped pass in the Kentucky legislature. Says the federal government should also promote workable programs dealing with drug and alcohol abuse.

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

Supports "tough, sensible" legislation for safe schools. Would promote programs like Kentucky's family resource centers, which "have been shown to be very effective ways to deal with problem children and problem families."

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

Would put more money into early-childhood education.

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

Americans' ability to compete at the international level. Says nation must ensure a good educational system and high skills for workers.

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again?

Minimum wage should be increased to help workers keep up with inflation.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds?

Opposes individuals' control of any portion of their Social Security contribution. "I don't think Social Security should be a system of individual experiments with the market. It's too risky."

ERNIE FLETCHER, Republican

Age: 45.
Address: Lexington.
Occupation: Family physician.
Political experience: State representative, 1995-96; unsuccessful candidate for Congress, 1996.
Family: Wife, Glenna; two adult children.
Education: M.D., University of Kentucky, 1984; bachelor's degree, UK, 1974.
Civic involvement: Volunteer team physician, several high schools; member of board of Fishbrook International, performing mission work in India, 1993, 1995.



ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Has reached no conclusion on this issue. Says the economic impact on Kentucky needs to be assessed and that "a balanced approach" to benefit energy producers and consumers must be undertaken.

What should the federal government do to help clean up the Ohio River? Should major cities get federal money to upgrade aging sewer systems?

No conclusion. Contends the river's pollution is a multistate problem, and therefore some federal funding may be necessary.

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

Yes. Fletcher, a physician, says that insurance companies "should not be making medical decisions. They're not licensed to do that." But "when medical decisions are made, then they need to be held liable and patients need to have the right to sue them just like anyone else."

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

"Absolutely not." Says such a system would stifle adequate health care by frequently making patients wait too long for treatment. Thinks the current system can work if health-care professionals are allowed to determine care.

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

Yes. "Legally, (physicians and other licensed practitioners are) the only ones trained and authorized to provide medical treatment in the state's statutes."

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to

help parents send their children to private schools?

Thinks tax-sheltered "educational savings accounts" would be a better approach, but also thinks the use of "scholarships" for low-income students to attend private schools should be explored.

Do you support or oppose spending more federal money for smaller classes in public schools and/or new or renovated public-school buildings?

Opposes any new federal expenditures for these purposes, but does support sending more of existing federal money back to local districts for such purposes.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?

Calls for more early intervention programs with disciplined, structured environments to prevent many youngsters from turning to crime. Supports tougher penalties so youths will know they will have to "do a substantial amount of time if they are going to pursue a life of criminal activity."

Juvenile crime rate is dropping nationwide, but high-profile school shootings suggest violence is a huge problem facing children today. Why? And what as a matter of public policy can be done?

Wants to bring more federal money back to spend in local school districts on smaller classrooms. Calls for routing troublemakers into early intervention programs, teaching values and having no tolerance for drugs or guns in schools.

If you had to choose between earmarking more money to build prisons and more money for education, what would you do? Why?

Says a balance is needed. Thinks more juvenile facilities may be needed and more federal money should be returned to local schools. "They're not mutually exclusive."

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?

Fair and free trade "that will ensure that we continue to have the jobs that are available for our people."

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again?

No. "I believe if we promote a good economy and we do everything we can do to keep down unemployment, we're going to drive wages up well above the minimum wage."

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds?

Supports allowing some portion to be "self-directed," but has no suggestion of the amount. Also thinks nothing can be done without a bipartisan effort.

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What would you do to ensure the smallest possible impact on electricity consumers when the EPA requires coal-burning power plants to install expensive pollution controls?

Calls for a two-step approach: First, be sure regulations requiring emission equipment are effective; second, determine whether utility companies are "legitimately" passing expenses through to consumers. "I'm not willing to say that all increases that may be sought by utility companies are legitimate."

What should the federal government do to help clean up the Ohio River? Should major cities get federal money to upgrade aging sewer systems?

Supports a federal role in river's cleanup and believes it can come through renewal of the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. "We already have the mechanism in place in the federal government. It's a matter of continued commitment and adequate funding."

ON HEALTH CARE

Do you believe consumers should have expanded rights to sue their health plans, such as in cases where benefits are being denied?

"Yes." Says HMOs "need to be held accountable just like everybody else is held accountable for their actions." Scorsone is a lawyer.

Would you support a single-payer system for providing health care to U.S. citizens, such as Canada has?

Says he's not prepared to endorse a single-payer system. As an alternative, thinks expanding the current Medicare system to cover more people is a better approach.

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?

"If it's a treatment program, I think physicians ought to be involved. I would want medical decisions to be made by doctors."

ALSO ON THE BALLOT



WASLEY KROGDAHL, Taxpayers Party

Age: 79.
Address: Lexington.
Occupation: Retired in 1986 as University of Kentucky professor.
Political experience: Unsuccessful

American Party candidate for Congress, 1971; unsuccessful Republican candidate for state superintendent of public instruction, 1991.
Family: Wife, Margaret; two children.
Education: Doctorate, University of

Chicago, 1942; bachelor's degree, University of Chicago, 1939.
Civic involvement: Member, Lexington Community Orchestra; former member, Lexington Philharmonic.

U. S. HOUSE

1ST DISTRICT

TOM BARLOW
Democrat

Age: 58.
Address: 165 Idlewild Drive, Paducah.
Occupation: Insurance agent; elected to Congress, 1992.
Family: Wife, Shirley; two adult children.
Education: Haverford (Pa.) College, bachelor's degree in history, 1962.
Civic involvement: Downtown Kiwanis Club, River City Mission board member.

**ON HEALTH CARE**

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?
"I'd want to see more experience before hard and fast rules are made." Says final say should rest with doctors and trained medical personnel and that a non-medical staff person should not be able to override a doctor's decision "simply because of costs or business decisions."

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?
Opposes. Says vouchers would just speed the deterioration of public schools. "We have to figure out how to rebuild public schools and improve their quality. . . . Taking away students and resources through vouchers will aggravate the problem."

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?
Calls for making parents more liable in the judicial system for children's behavior. Says that would encourage parents to exercise more discipline. "I don't think prisons are the answer, but we are going to have to have quicker intervention for child offenders to get them pulled out of their problem situations."

ON THE ECONOMY

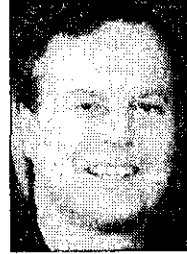
What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?
Continuing the economic boom of the last five years. "We have to keep interest rates low. We have to work diligently with foreign governments to get the world financial structure brought up to speed."

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again?
Calls for increasing the minimum wage if businesses will not provide adequate pay and benefits on their own. Undecided on the amount of increase.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds?
Calls for people to increase personal savings. Notes that Social Security investments are now government-backed, and fears that allowing investment in the private sector would start the country on its way "to government control of private business." Calls for government bonds to pay premium interest when purchased by Social Security revenue.

ED WHITFIELD
Republican

Age: 55.
Address: 108 Alumni Ave., Hopkinsville
Occupation: Elected to Congress in 1994, re-elected in 1996.
Family: wife, Constance; one adult child
Education: University of Kentucky, bachelor's degree, 1962; UK law degree, 1970; Wesley Theological Seminary, 1992.
Civic involvement: Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society.

**ON HEALTH CARE**

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?
Yes. "When it comes to the health needs of the individual, doctors should have the final say."

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?
Supports. "I have supported voucher system in the District of Columbia. I have supported and continue to support voucher systems."

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?
Declined to respond.

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?
Declined to respond.

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again?
Declined to respond.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds?
Declined to respond.

SIDNEY JANE BAILEY-BAMER
Democrat

Age: 43.
Occupation: Homemaker.
Political experience: Secretary of Young Democrats, Morehead State University, 1977.
Family: Husband, Bill; one daughter, Suzanne.
Education: Bachelor's degree, Morehead State University.
Civic involvement: Prestonsburg Rotary Club.

**ON HEALTH CARE**

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?
Strongly agrees that doctors, not insurance companies, should determine what care is appropriate. Calls for eliminating the second-guessing of doctors' decisions by insurance companies.

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?
Opposes public support of private schools. Thinks that if public schools have enough money and good management, they will serve children well. Wants more early-childhood education efforts.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?
Calls for more parental involvement in the school system. Says juvenile crime problem is not prevalent in Eastern Kentucky. "Getting parents more involved in their child's education will not only slow mischief, but break the cycle of poverty."

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?
Getting people the correct health care.

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again?
Supports an increase in the minimum wage. "Do you know what it's like to raise a family on minimum wage? You're the working poor. It's sad to be in that situation."

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds?
Calls for re-examining priorities. "We need to look at (private investment of Social Security contributions) thoroughly because it takes a huge portion of our federal budget."

5TH DISTRICT

HAL ROGERS
Republican

Age: 60.
Occupation: Attorney.
Political experience: Member of Congress, 1980-present; commonwealth's attorney for Pulaski and Rockcastle counties, 1969-80.
Family: Two sons, Anthony and John, and one daughter, Allison; wife died in 1995.
Education: Law degree, University of Kentucky, 1964; bachelor's degree, UK, 1962.
Civic involvement: Rotary Club.

**ON HEALTH CARE**

Do you believe that doctors, and not HMO staff, should have the ultimate authority in prescribing an insured course of treatment for their patients?
Declined to respond.

ON EDUCATION

Do you support or oppose the use of government money — either through tax credits or tuition vouchers — to help parents send their children to private schools?
Declined to respond.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

What changes need to be made in the juvenile justice system to adequately address the more violent nature of juvenile crime?
Says law enforcement must focus on violent juveniles and needs resources to do that. Calls for efforts to prevent juveniles from turning to crime and, if they do, from returning to it. Also says juveniles who commit crimes should be held accountable.

ON THE ECONOMY

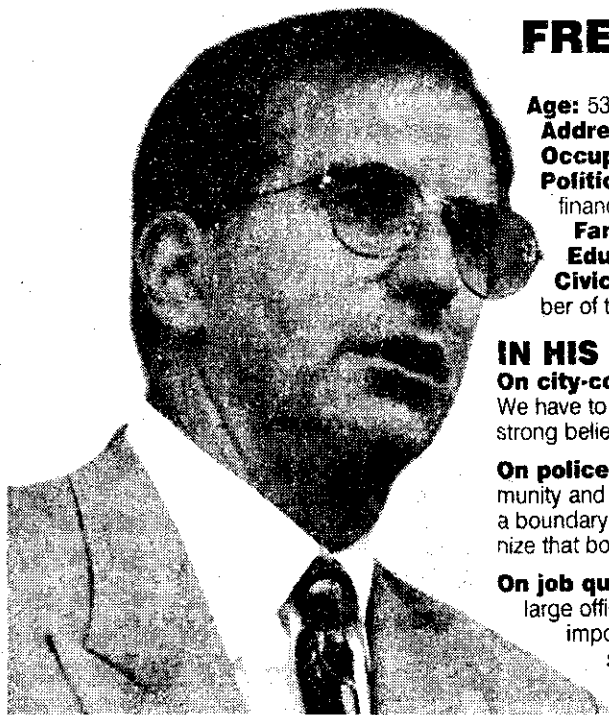
What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our country?
Says Asian economic crisis is worrisome, but the most critical issue for Kentucky is creating good jobs. Says his goal is to give the people born and raised in his district a future at home rather than forcing job-seekers to move elsewhere.

Should the federal minimum wage be increased again?
Says it depends on the details. Supported last minimum-wage increase but says Congress must be careful not to overburden small businesses.

Should Americans be allowed to control investment of a portion of their Social Security funds?
Says benefits to those already retired or soon retiring must be protected, and younger people should be assured of retirement security. Allowing people to control investment is an option that should be considered after those assurances are made.

JEFFERSON COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

FRED COWAN, Democrat



Age: 53.

Address: 1747 Sulgrave Road, Louisville.

Occupation: Lawyer; former teacher.

Political experience: Kentucky attorney general, 1988-91; state representative, 32nd District, 1982-87; press officer, campaign-finance director, Harvey Sloane gubernatorial campaign, 1978-79.

Family: Wife, Linda Scholle Cowan; three daughters, Liza, 20, Caroline, 16, and Allison, 14.

Education: Bachelor's degree, Dartmouth College, 1967; law degree, Harvard University, 1978.

Civic involvement: Peace Corps volunteer, Ethiopia, 1967-69; founder, director, Arkansas Consumer Research, 1971-75; member of the boards of Kentucky Council on Child Abuse, the Louisville Forum, and Oak & Acorn civic group.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

On city-county merger: "I believe that it's so important for this community as a whole. That's why I wanted to address it forthrightly. We have to see ourselves as one community here, and over the years we have seen ourselves as two or more communities. . . . I'm a strong believer that a lot of our problems in this community can be solved if we start thinking of ourselves as one community."

On police merger: "I say we have to merge our police forces. I say it's critical that we do that for the safety and security of this community and in order to achieve the kinds of savings and costs we can over the long run. . . . It makes no sense in this community to have a boundary line between the major police departments when the criminals don't recognize that boundary line, when gangs don't recognize that boundary line, when drug traffickers don't recognize that boundary line."

On job qualifications: "Best preparing me for this particular job is my experience with the legislature and my experience of running a large office as attorney general — dealing with practically every conceivable public issue one way or another. . . . I think it's terribly important for Jefferson County that the county judge-executive be able to deal with Frankfort. . . . I believe I have a unique understanding of that process and the experience to make good things happen."

ON THE ISSUES

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What additional steps would you favor to reduce summer smog in Louisville and Jefferson County?

Favors, as part of a metropolitan government, creating countywide transportation agency to work to reduce pollution-causing traffic congestion by measures such as better coordination of traffic signals.

Favors improving mass transit and use of less-polluting fuels for TARC buses and government fleets. Would consider creating car-pool lanes on highways.

Streams in Jefferson County are polluted by leaking septic tanks and antiquated sewer systems. Should sewers be extended to new areas before developed areas get adequate sewage treatment?

Says drawing a line beyond which sewers won't be extended creates a "false choice" between community growth and upgrading existing facilities. Calls for balance between improvements in already developed areas and meeting demand for growth. Says extension of sewers can be used as a tool to help ensure orderly growth in conjunction with county growth plan.

Local environmental boards dealing with air quality, sewers and garbage have had few members representing environmental interests. Would you change that?

Says boards shouldn't have designated slots to serve particular interests. Thinks that people who come to a board with a particular agenda create polarization. Says he would appoint a balanced mix of open-minded, knowledgeable people.

ON HEALTH CARE

What would you do to improve access to health care for the poor? For example, are there enough clinics in low-income neighborhoods offering preventive medicine?

Would focus on delivering prenatal care, especially to low-income areas, possibly by using mobile units or sending health department teams into neighborhoods. Thinks more clinics may be needed, but instead of adding them now, would try to improve transportation to existing clinics.

Do you believe the state should give local officials more power to ban smoking in public buildings?

Yes. "We need to have as much local control as we can. It (banning smoking) should depend on what the community wants and needs."

What should officials do to cut down the number of pregnancies in teen-agers? Do you support access to free birth control and sex counseling for teens?

Thinks the number of teen pregnancies could be reduced by teaching girls about the relationship between single parenthood and poverty and by teaching boys that fathering a child out of wedlock means 18 years of child-support payments. Wants to strengthen child-support collections. Thinks schools should teach "family-life education," but "as a father," doesn't feel comfortable with free birth control in school.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

Louisville and Jefferson County have experienced an increase in gang-related violence over the past several years. What would you do to solve this problem?

1. Identify specific gangs and permanently assign police to the areas where they operate. 2. Treat juveniles as adults when they commit any violent crime. 3. Have a zero tolerance for gang activity in schools, including dress. 4. Expand intensive probation programs for juveniles to reduce repeat offenders. 5. Identify teen-agers in minor violations, get them into after-school activities and line up mentors.

Much of any area's crime problem can be traced back to drugs. What would you do to both combat the drug problem and to persuade youths to stay away from drugs?

Expand anti-drug program in schools. Check license plates of cars in known drug-selling areas and send notices to owners that their cars were observed in an area known for drug trafficking. Help neighbors or prosecutors file nuisance lawsuits to close down drug houses. Support merging city and county police departments.

Should Jefferson County adopt a curfew for juveniles? If so, what provisions should it include and how should it be enforced? If not, why?

Yes. "The county needs to pursue it on a trial basis for six months. It has apparently worked well in the city. We ought to see if it works in the county." Said state law may need to be changed so police officers could legally take children to a shelter and call their parents.

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our community?

Says metro government is vital for economic future. Would also build on education system and on area's strength as a distribution and logistical center, and turn Louisville into a city focused on international trade, culture and education.

What would you do to bring economic opportunity to areas of our community that continue to face poverty and a lack of good-paying jobs nearby?

Would work with TARC to make sure public transit is available to take people to jobs. Would establish a program to provide small businesses with financial and technical assistance. Through the University of Louisville, would offer a mini-course in entrepreneurship for small-business owners. Would create a data bank for disadvantaged job seekers that local government contractors could turn to for applicants.

Louisville's population is shrinking and Jefferson County's is nearly flat. What can you do to ensure that the region's core urban area does not decay amid suburban growth?

"I don't believe the core is decaying. It's still a vibrant place." Would make it more vibrant by building a downtown Ohio River bridge, merging city and county governments, establishing an aggressive program to clean up old industrial sites, and focusing on entrepreneurship for the inner city.

ON MERGER

Do you favor or oppose the idea of merging Louisville and Jefferson County into a single government?

Favor. Would develop a specific plan with input from residents and consideration of previous consolidation recommendations, such as the one from the 137-member Governance Task Force in 1995. Would then put precise plan on the ballot so voters could decide.

Would you continue to favor merging Louisville and Jefferson County if it meant that some or all of the smaller cities in Jefferson County would be dissolved?

Has pledged to support right of small cities to determine whether they want to continue to exist and tax themselves to provide additional services. Said a new metropolitan government would encourage cities to dissolve by offering incentives such as equal or better services at lower cost.

Would you favor or oppose merging the city and county police departments?

Favor. Would develop a police-merger plan with input from officers and citizens. Would set a timetable "that allows it to be done in a rational and coordinated way, that provides the best protection and is the least disruptive."

JEFFERSON COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

REBECCA JACKSON, Republican

Age: 49.

Address: 6110 Applegate Lane, 40219.

Occupation: Jefferson County clerk; former teacher.

Political experience: County clerk, 1990-present.

Family: Husband, Ralph Jackson; three sons: Wesley, 27, Garrett, 23, and Derrick, 22.

Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Louisville, 1973; master's degree, U of L, 1977.

Civic involvement: Highview Baptist Church, where she is director of a social and recreation program for disabled people.

IN HER OWN WORDS

On city-county merger: "If you want to change the face of government in Jefferson County, the first thing you've got to do is you have to get people willing to talk about it. . . . Lexington-Fayette has already done it and they're going to outgrow us. This community is going to change whether we do anything or not. We're either going to continue to be the largest city in the state of Kentucky or we're going to drop to No. 2."

On merging the police: "I think if we start talking about police department, we lose. I think to get to city-county government, we have to keep focused on the main objective, and that's city-county reorganization of government. I think when we start talking about 'How are we going to do police merger? How are we going to merge housing authorities? How are we going to do this? How are we going to do that? What are the details of getting all of that done?' we will put enough details on the table that everybody in this community will find a detail they don't like and vote against it."

On job qualifications: "In the clerk's office, we have fewer people in management today than there were in 1989, we have fewer people on the payroll today than there were in 1989, and you get better service. So I believe that we can construct a government that would be more efficient and in long run save us some tax dollars even though there may be some start-up costs in the beginning."



ON THE ISSUES

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What additional steps would you favor to reduce summer smog in Louisville and Jefferson County?

Wants to study long-term changes in transportation system. Says light rail is an option, but may prove too expensive. Favors steps to reduce traffic congestion, incentives to encourage car-pooling and use of TARC, and expanded use of less-polluting fuels by the public and private sectors.

Streams in Jefferson County are polluted by leaking septic tanks and antiquated sewer systems. Should sewers be extended to new areas before developed areas get adequate sewage treatment?

Says drawing a boundary is "too authoritarian" and would hurt economic development. But calls for development to be planned in a way that doesn't repeat the mistakes that led to today's water-quality problems. Says priorities should balance serving new development with fixing old problems.

Local environmental boards dealing with air quality, sewers and garbage have had few members representing environmental interests. Would you change that?

Favors changing the way boards are appointed. Would seek nominations from the community and name people who have expertise, new perspectives and ability to make balanced decisions and who represent a cross-section of the community. But says that naming advocates to boards can be counterproductive and hamper their ability to make decisions.

ON HEALTH CARE

What would you do to improve access to health care for the poor? For example, are there enough clinics in low-income neighborhoods offering preventive medicine?

Says there is a sufficient number of health centers - 12 - that provide primary care for poor people in Louisville and Jefferson County, but many people don't know they're eligible for the care. Would create an outreach program to encourage poor people to enroll and to "focus on prevention and teaching healthy lifestyles." Would lobby state government to help the working poor obtain insurance.

Do you believe the state should give local officials more power to ban smoking in public buildings?

Would enforce the current law before seeking more power from state government. Would try to reduce teen smoking by discouraging teens from starting and by finding ways to help teen smokers kick the habit.

What should officials do to cut down the number of pregnancies in teen-agers? Do you support access to free birth control and sex counseling for teens?

Would expand health department's "Let's Talk" sessions, which teach parents and teens how to communicate about sex. "The best way to curb and reduce teen-age pregnancy is family counseling and faith-based counseling." Would discourage sexual risk-taking by teens, but wouldn't change current policy that allows teens to obtain birth control from county primary-care centers.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

Louisville and Jefferson County have experienced an increase in gang-related violence over the past several years. What would you do to solve this problem?

Would heighten awareness of the telltale signs of gang involvement by creating a volunteer group of police and others to speak to community groups, parents and teachers. Would hold juvenile gang members accountable for their actions. Calls for a comprehensive assessment system, a range of treatment services and a system of increasingly severe sanctions for repeat juvenile offenders. Supports mentoring programs for troubled youth.

Much of any area's crime problem can be traced back to drugs. What would you do to both combat the drug problem and to persuade youths to stay away from drugs?

Would educate public to warning signs of drug abuse and new trends in drug culture. Would seek existing programs that work to keep teen-agers off drugs. Calls for working with police and schools to expand drug education. Would push zero tolerance for drugs because "when the police and the community work together, it's a hard combination to beat, even for a drug dealer."

Should Jefferson County adopt a curfew for juveniles? If so, what provisions should it include and how should it be enforced? If not, why?

No. Curfew is a parental responsibility. Would provide activities for unsupervised youths, working with "the faith-based community," schools and community groups. Would enforce existing laws, such as those on cruising, criminal mischief and drugs, but "not penalize all the kids to get the few who are causing trouble."

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our community?

Lack of a skilled young work force. Said the community needs to develop high-tech jobs, make sure people are trained for those jobs and keep the work force here.

What would you do to bring economic opportunity to areas of our community that continue to face poverty and a lack of good-paying jobs nearby?

Would pursue redevelopment of "brownfields"; support Greater Louisville Inc. in its mission to create jobs; support and replicate initiatives like the new Nia Neighborhood Travel and Jobs Center in western Louisville, which helps people learn to fill out a resume, get a job and find transportation. Also, would "make sure we have affordable housing near where we have jobs."

Louisville's population is shrinking and Jefferson County's is nearly flat. What can you do to ensure that the region's core urban area does not decay amid suburban growth?

Would support merged government and "erase the lines of demarcation so we're working together for redevelopment." Also, would support the downtown medical center, encourage development of spin-off health-care businesses, and support the expanding convention center and related businesses.

ON MERGER

Do you favor or oppose the idea of merging Louisville and Jefferson County into a single government?

Favors reorganizing local government under one chief executive and a council of citizen legislators. Says it would be more efficient and more effective and that every individual in the county could be represented better than they currently are.

Would you continue to favor merging Louisville and Jefferson County if it meant that some or all of the smaller cities in Jefferson County would be dissolved?

No. "We need to keep the parts of our community that add value, and small cities add value."

Would you favor or oppose merging the city and county police departments?

Would focus on how to form a new government, and would "let the new government decide how to protect our community, with one (police) department or two."

JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMISSIONER
A DISTRICT

Russ Maple
Political party: Democrat.
Age: 60.
Address: 450 University Ave.
Occupation: Vice president, Edward J. Miller Insurance
Political experience: A District commissioner, 1995-present; Jefferson County Board of Education, 1991-95; ran unsuccessfully as Republican for Louisville mayor, Jefferson County sheriff, 3rd District U.S. representative, as Democrat for 1st Ward alderman twice.
Family: Wife, Becky, 49; two children, Maria Maple, 33, and Matthew Maple, 25.
Education: Attended Indiana University.
Civic involvement: Attends Unity of Louisville; Waterfront Development Corp. board, Central State Hospital property recovery committee, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Council advisory board; former president, Crescent Hill Community Council, Peterson-Dumesnil Foundation, Frankfort Avenue Business Association.



D. Steven Parks
Political party: Republican.
Age: 45.
Address: 2822 Shannon Drive.
Occupation: Owner, Parks Courier Inc.
Political experience: None.
Family: Single, no children.
Education: Bachelor's degree in police administration, University of Louisville, 1978; associate degree, Jefferson Community College, 1975.
Civic involvement: Attends Southeast Christian Church.

Q & A

How far should Louisville and Jefferson County go toward consolidating local government?

Would extend boundaries of Louisville to cover all unincorporated areas of the county. Suburban cities would then be offered option to disband and become a part of new "merged" government, or to remain intact and outside the new government.

Should the city and county police departments be merged?

A "qualified yes." Said the process that has already begun was flawed because it did not include representatives from the Board of Aldermen, the county commissioners or the FOP lodges. "No one should be surprised if now, with them being excluded, that the end result is meeting opposition." Wants to wait until new mayor and judge-executive are in office and then begin discussions anew.

Louisville's population is shrinking and Jefferson County's is nearly flat. What can you do to ensure that the region's core urban area does not decay amid the growth of the suburban counties?

Thinks recently renegotiated city-county compact will help protect the urban core, by investing money in Greater Louisville Inc., to handle economic-development matters and to fund infrastructure and human-resource development.

"United we stand, divided we fall! As a taxpayer with property in both Louisville and Jefferson County, I want my tax dollars spent efficiently. Take the best of both and make a better one."

"I'm undecided on that." Says two expensive communications systems for one community are ludicrous and merger would produce a more efficient, stronger team. But worries that such a large force could become too powerful, and police officers might not feel the same "small-area pride" in keeping their own jurisdictions safe.

"The answer to urban decay is to provide a safe, healthy and delightful place to live." Then "you might get people moving from Oldham County to Louisville, instead of the other way around." Says that ensuring the quality of the school system and improving mass transit are key, and would like to see the community develop an "above-ground monorail people-moving system."

ATTORNEY



Stephen B. Pence
Political party: Republican.
Age: 44.
Address: 812 Towner Place, Anchorage.
Occupation: Attorney, Pedley, Zielke, Gordimer, Ott & Pence.
Political experience: None.
Family: Wife, Ruth Ann Cox; two children, Joseph, 4; and Paige, 1 month. Three children from a previous marriage, Eileen, 16; Kay, 13; Peter, 10.
Education: Law degree, University of Kentucky, 1981; MBA, Eastern Kentucky University, 1978; bachelor's degree, Eastern Kentucky University, 1975.
Civic involvement: Trustee, St. Mark United Methodist Church; coach, YMCA.



Irvin G. Maze
Political party: Democrat.
Age: 48.
Address: 8200 Adams Run Road, Highview.
Occupation: Attorney, private practice; county commissioner.
Political experience: Jefferson County commissioner, B District, 1985-present; chairman of county Democratic Party, 1984-85.
Family: Wife, Peggy Maze; three children, Molly, 21; Nate, 19; and Allison, 14. Two stepchildren, Kris, 28, and Brian, 22.
Education: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1975; bachelor's degree, Indiana University, 1972.
Civic involvement: Graduate, Leadership Louisville; member, Okolona Jaycees; coach, St. Athanasius Catholic Church; volunteer, American Heart Association.

Q & A

Louisville and Jefferson County have experienced a rise in juvenile crime over the past several years. What more can be done to address this problem?

Says "we've got to intervene earlier, and ... in a meaningful way." Suggests that prosecutors, social workers, school officials, church leaders work together to identify children at risk and improve their environment. Suggests putting such children in schools specifically designed to help them, and teach social skills. Also suggests putting the best full-time prosecutors on juvenile cases.

Some domestic-violence cases appear in court over and over again. Is there a better way to track these cases, and is there more that can be done to protect victims?

Calls for prosecutors to be assigned full-time to specialize in domestic violence. They would know the history of each case and be in court each time the case comes up. Calls for a better way to protect men and women who are being abused. Suggests using alarm medallion worn around the neck that victim could use to call police.

The Jefferson County attorney's office is responsible for collecting child support and for prosecuting parents who fail to pay it. What can be done to improve how the office handles those tasks?

Says the office is understaffed; too many parents who need help collecting child support are met with a busy signal. Says the office's hours are inconvenient for working parents. Suggests expanding hours to the evening and Saturdays. Says parents who fail to pay child support must face the threat of jail, but notes that jailed parents don't earn money. Calls for opportunities to earn money and make child-support payments.

Says school is a "critical component." Says officials need to deal with the problem early, the moment when children start skipping school. "We need to be creative" and find new approaches. Suggests, for instance, that prosecutors require a child to stay in school as condition of probation. Wants prosecutors, social workers, police and school officials to meet regularly to discuss alternatives.

Suggests creating a domestic-violence court; one court, one judge handling most, if not all, domestic-violence cases. Says it would help spot and stop repeated spouse abuse. Suggests having prosecutors on call 24 hours a day in some cases. Calls for a spouse to be able to take out an emergency protective order at various locations throughout the county, not just at the Hall of Justice downtown.

Says the office could make it more convenient for parents who need help collecting child support as well as parents paying child support. Suggests expanding hours, opening on Saturdays, providing additional locations. Calls for more and better-trained staff. Would improve monitoring of parents on probation.

JEFFERSON COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

1ST MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

W. Robert "Bob" Conley, Democrat
Mark Shawn O'Brien, Republican

JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSTABLES

1ST MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

T.E. "Beck" Beckham, Democrat
John D. Zehnder, Republican

2ND MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

Mike Thompson, Democrat
W.R. "Bill" White, Republican

3RD MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

William "Bill" Clark, Democrat
Ron Gambrell, Republican

JEFFERSON COUNTY

COUNTY CLERK



Beverly "Bebe" Melton
Political party: Democrat.
Age: 62.
Address: 1400 Iroquois Parkway.
Occupation: 7th Ward Louisville alderman.
Political experience: Alderman, 1990-present; board president, 1993-96.
Family: Husband, George Melton; four sons, one daughter.
Civic involvement: Shively Baptist Church; served on PTAs at Doss High School and Trunnell and Kennedy elementary schools. Member of Kentucky League of Cities.



Barbara "Bobbie" Holsclaw
Political party: Republican.
Age: 54.
Address: 3121 Roypom Drive.
Occupation: Coordinator, Jefferson County clerk's office.
Political experience: Ran unsuccessfully for state Senate, 1986.
Family: Husband, Ed Holsclaw; four sons.
Civic involvement: St. Martha Catholic Church; president of Southeast Republican Women's Club; United Way volunteer.

Q & A

What is the main issue in the race for Jefferson County clerk?

"I think the main issue in this race between Miss Holsclaw and myself is the experience I bring to the office. I have not only legislative but administrative experience. I have worked as a Realtor. I have run a small business. I have served as president of the Board of Aldermen, balancing a budget of \$120 million. I have served as mayor pro tem."

"The main issue is service for the people of Jefferson County, giving them quality and the best service that we can possibly provide. I want to use my years of experience in the clerk's office to build on the foundation that Rebecca Jackson (the current Republican clerk) has given us. I don't want to see that go bad."

How would you improve service to the public?

Would hire an in-state consultant to coordinate the computer system in the deed room and elsewhere. If there is funding, would open one branch office in the Valley Station area, and a second in the Highlands. Calls for a service representative in each branch to make sure people have needed documentation and won't have to come back a second time. Would set up a Web page outlining clerk's services.

Says top priority would be to put all motor-vehicle and land records on the Internet so banks, insurance companies and others would have easy access. Would seek ways for members of the public to renew licenses over the computer, expand deed-room space and increase starting salaries if there is funding.

What is the most important job the clerk's office does?

"Service. We need people who can work with people, and people we can train. People who have people skills and are confident of what they're doing can provide the best service. We need to give them the tools through training."

"The most important job the clerk's office does is to work for the people of Jefferson County and to make the best service available to them."

PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR



Denise Harper Angel
Political party: Democrat.
Age: 44.
Address: 573 Garden Drive, Louisville.
Occupation: Jefferson County property valuation administrator.
Political experience: Elected PVA 1990; re-elected 1993; ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 1995.
Family: Husband, Steve; daughters, Erica, 12, Ashley-Paige, 9.
Education: Southern High School; attended University of Louisville.
Civic involvement: Member, Louisville Forum, Metropolitan Women's Political Caucus, Jefferson County Democratic executive committee; participant, Habitat for Humanity.



Jerry Piccini
Political party: Republican.
Age: 49.
Address: 17009 Olde Copper Court, Jefferson County.
Occupation: Regional sales representative, Telerent.
Political experience: None.
Family: Wife, Suzanne; one daughter, Talia, 15.
Education: Associate degree in business, Chabot College, Hayward, Calif.
Civic involvement: United Way of the Bay Area steering committee, San Francisco; Junior Achievement of the Bay Area fund-raiser and steering committee, San Francisco.

Q & A

What would you do to ensure fair assessments?

Would continue the countywide equalization method she put in place in 1992, looking at every property on an annual basis and adjusting only those that have fallen below market value. Would continue to enhance technology to paint a more accurate picture of a property's characteristics.

Would break down the county into quadrants and would assess properties every fourth year. Would not rely on inquiries to homeowners about their property's characteristics but would have office staff collect that information.

How often should property be assessed?

Says moving to annual assessments was one of her first initiatives when she became PVA. Believes reviewing properties less often is not as equitable because then some geographic areas are operating on outdated assessments. Notes that the law requires assessments to be 100 percent of fair market value.

Thinks assessments could be done more thoroughly and economically if only a quarter of the county were assessed each year. "You may get a larger raise in your assessment after the fourth year, but it would be more efficient for the office."

How can technology improve the office's operations?

Has produced books and a CD-ROM with assessment data and put some PVA information online via modem. Has created a system for producing digital maps of properties and is working toward expanding databases so that a photo and map could be produced on one sheet with a listing of the property's characteristics and assessment. Has linked her computers with those of other agencies so that PVA data can be shared and coordinated with other land-use information.

Would put the PVA, sheriff and county clerk on the same computer system so that PVA information would be available at all the offices involved in assessing, distributing and collecting property taxes.

SHERIFF



John Aubrey
Political party: Democrat.
Age: 59.
Address: 1206 Ellison Ave., Louisville.
Occupation: Real-estate agent; retired Louisville police commander.
Political experience: First run for public office.
Family: Married to Bobbie Jean; one son, John Michael Aubrey, 32.
Education: Shawnee High School, 1956; bachelor's, police administration, University of Louisville; master's degree, criminal justice, U of L; Southern Police Institute graduate; FBI National Academy graduate.



James Vaughn
Political party: Republican.
Age: 60.
Address: 3613 Brownsboro Road.
Occupation: Sheriff; retired resident agent in charge, Louisville office, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.
Political experience: Elected sheriff, 1993.
Family: Twice divorced; four children, Vicki Mayes, 40, Cameron Vaughn, 35, Todd Vaughn, 31, Tonya Vaughn, 26.
Education: New Albany (Ind.) High School, 1956.

Q & A

What will be your highest priority during the next four years if you are elected sheriff?

To "radically and professionally change the sheriff's office" so "no future sheriff will be able to go back and re-institute the old ways of the past or present."

To continue making the sheriff's office a more professional organization, especially through more training for deputies.

Should the law-enforcement duties of the sheriff's office be expanded, and if so, how?

Thinks it's premature to say. Says his first priority is to ensure that employees are fully qualified and professionally trained to perform their current role. Does support the involvement of the sheriff's deputies in law-enforcement task forces dealing with domestic violence and drugs.

Yes. Said he is in "very preliminary" discussions with the Jefferson County school board to provide security to county schools so they can meet the requirements of a safe-school law passed during the last session of the General Assembly.

What can be done to make the sheriff's office more efficient?

Would increase training and establish a professional career-development program for deputies. Calls for establishing a professional fiscal-management system to improve tax collection, including an oversight committee of financial experts who could advise on issues such as getting the highest return on investments and ensuring that tax receipts go to government agencies in the shortest period of time.

Would continue to improve technology, including making property-tax information available over the Internet and using vehicle-tracking technology and mobile data terminals for sheriff's vehicles.

JEFFERSON COUNTY JUDICIARY

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT, 11TH DIVISION

Judith McDonald-Burkman

AGE: 39.
ADDRESS: Seneca Park area.
OCCUPATION: Circuit judge.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1987; master's, U of L, 1983; bachelor's, U of L, 1981.
EXPERIENCE: Circuit judge, August 1998-present; attorney, Mosley Clare & Townes, 1987-98.
FAMILY: Husband, Roger Burkman; one child, age 5.

C. Fred Partin

AGE: 53.
ADDRESS: St. Matthews area.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1971; bachelor's, University of Kentucky, 1968.
EXPERIENCE: Assistant U.S. attorney, 1971-74 and 1975-81; private practice, 1981-present.
FAMILY: Wife, Susie Fischer Partin; three children, ages 30, 29 and 26.

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT, 17TH DIVISION

Jerry J. Bowles

AGE: 41.
ADDRESS: Falls Creek.
OCCUPATION: Jefferson Family Court judge.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1982; bachelor's, University of Kentucky, 1979.
EXPERIENCE: Jefferson Family Court judge, 1996-present; chief domestic-violence prosecutor in the county attorney's office, 1991-96; private practice, 1984-91; Jefferson County public defender's office, 1982-84.
FAMILY: Wife, Anita Bowles; two children, ages 9 and 5.

Donald H. Smith

AGE: 56.
ADDRESS: Owl Creek.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1970; bachelor's, University of Wisconsin, 1963.
EXPERIENCE: Private practice, 1970-present; founded Kentucky Bar Review School, 1971; publishes Kentucky Jurisprudence encyclopedia of Kentucky law.
FAMILY: Divorced; two children, ages 21 and 19.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 1ST DIVISION

Paula Fitzgerald

AGE: 50.
ADDRESS: Irish Hill.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1988; master's, U of L, 1977; bachelor's, Western Kentucky University, 1974.
EXPERIENCE: Officer, Kentucky Department of Corrections, 1978-84; clerk for retired Jefferson Circuit Judge Olga Peers, 1986-88; private practice, 1988-present; guardian ad litem, 1988-present.
FAMILY: Single.

Michael Hayes

AGE: 43.
ADDRESS: Buechel.
OCCUPATION: District judge.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1979; bachelor's, U of L, 1977.
EXPERIENCE: District judge, August 1998-present; assistant city law director, 1980-98.
FAMILY: Wife, Julie Hayes; three children, ages 16, 12 and 9.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 4TH DIVISION

Brendan Keefe Montgomery

AGE: 43.
ADDRESS: Belknap neighborhood.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1980; bachelor's, University of Notre Dame, 1977.
EXPERIENCE: Assistant Jefferson County attorney, 1984-98; private practice, 1982-present.
FAMILY: Wife, Marcia Mays; three children, ages 16, 14 and 4.

James C. Nicholson

AGE: 48.
ADDRESS: Anchorage.
OCCUPATION: District judge.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1975; bachelor's, University of Kentucky, 1971.
EXPERIENCE: District judge, 1978-present; assistant commonwealth's attorney, 1976-77; private practice, 1975-77.
FAMILY: Wife, Sarah Smith Nicholson; three children, one age 17 and twins, 15.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 5TH DIVISION

Donald E. Armstrong Jr.

AGE: 48.
ADDRESS: Windhurst Acres.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1975; bachelor's, Vanderbilt University, 1972.
EXPERIENCE: Private practice, 1975-present; assistant Jefferson County attorney, 1990-97.
FAMILY: Wife, Deborah Armstrong; two children, ages 23 and 18.

Richard C. "Rick" Gibson

AGE: 43.
ADDRESS: Highlands.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1983; bachelor's, University of Kentucky, 1977.
EXPERIENCE: Private practice, 1986-91 and 1996-present; assistant Kentucky attorney general, 1991-96; assistant commonwealth's attorney, 1983-86.
FAMILY: Wife, Susan Gibson.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 6TH DIVISION

Sean R. Delahanty

AGE: 46.
ADDRESS: Tyler Park.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1980; bachelor's, U of L, 1975.
EXPERIENCE: Private practice, 1980-present.
FAMILY: Wife, Donna Delahanty; two children, ages 6 and 4.

Jacqueline K. "Jackie" Schroering

AGE: 43.
ADDRESS: Glenview Hills.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1979; bachelor's, Hollins College, Roanoke, Va., 1977.
EXPERIENCE: Assistant commonwealth's attorney, 1978-83; district judge, 1985-93; private practice, 1983-85 and 1993-present.
FAMILY: Divorced.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 8TH DIVISION

Deborah Deweese

AGE: 39.
ADDRESS: St. Matthews.

OCCUPATION: Chief district judge.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1984; bachelor's, University of Kentucky, 1981.

EXPERIENCE: Chief district judge, January-present; district judge, 1993-present; staff attorney with Kentucky Court of Appeals, 1985-93.
FAMILY: Husband, District Judge Benham Sims III; two children, ages 7 and 2.

Michael J. Leibson

AGE: 41.
ADDRESS: Middletown.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, Northern Kentucky University, 1987; bachelor's, University of Louisville, 1983.
EXPERIENCE: Private practice, 1987-present; ran unsuccessfully for district court, 1993.
FAMILY: Divorced; three children, ages 11, 7 and 5.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 10TH DIVISION

David Banks

AGE: 53.
ADDRESS: Cherokee Triangle.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1980; master's, U of L, 1973; master's, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, 1971; bachelor's, U of L, 1967.
EXPERIENCE: Private practice, McCoy & Associates, 1980-98; now a solo practitioner; Louisville Board of Aldermen, 1975-84 (president, 1978-80); ordained Episcopal minister.
FAMILY: Wife, Jenny Stone-Banks; two children, ages 20 and 17.

Sheila A. Collins

AGE: 49.
ADDRESS: Highlands.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1975; bachelor's, Spalding University, 1973.
EXPERIENCE: Assistant county attorney, 1993-98; private practice, 1981-85 and 1988-present; assistant legal counsel at the state Department of Education, 1985-88; Jefferson County public defender's office, 1975-81.
FAMILY: Husband, John Cooper.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 17TH DIVISION

Eleanore M. Garber

AGE: 56.
ADDRESS: Old Louisville.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice; domestic-relations commissioner, Jefferson Family Court.
EDUCATION: Law degree, Northeastern University, Boston, 1976; master's, Cornell University, 1966; bachelor's, Oberlin (Ohio) College, 1964.
EXPERIENCE: Private practice, 1978-present; domestic-relations commissioner, Jefferson Family Court, 1994-present; staff attorney, Legal Aid Society, 1976-78.
FAMILY: Divorced; two children, ages 17 and 16.

Claude Randall Prather

AGE: 59.
ADDRESS: Foxboro Drive.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, 1976, University of Louisville; master's, U of L; bachelor's, U of L, 1966.
EXPERIENCE: Assistant Jefferson County attorney, 1983-98; private practice, 1978-present; tool-and-die maker and union negotiator, General Electric Co., 1960-94.
FAMILY: Wife, Mary Faith Prather; six children, ages 32, 31, 30, 28, 22 and 19.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 21ST DIVISION

Denise G. Clayton

AGE: 46.
ADDRESS: West End.
OCCUPATION: District judge.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1976; bachelor's, Defiance (Ohio) College, 1973.
EXPERIENCE: District judge, 1996-present; associate director, Legal Aid Society, 1991-96; staff attorney, Legal Aid, 1987-91; head of student legal services, U of L, 1978-87; staff attorney, Internal Revenue Service, 1976-78.
FAMILY: Husband, Ronald Clayton; two children, ages 14 and 6.

Juda M. Hellmann

AGE: 45.
ADDRESS: Winding Falls.
OCCUPATION: Attorney, private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, Texas Tech University, 1984; bachelor's, University of Louisville, 1977.
EXPERIENCE: Private practice, 1984-present; hearing officer, Kentucky Department of Education, 1993-present; guardian ad litem, 1986-present.
FAMILY: Single.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 22ND DIVISION

Jacquelyn P. Eckert

AGE: 36.
ADDRESS: Springlee.
OCCUPATION: District judge.
EDUCATION: Law degree, Harvard University, 1994; bachelor's, University of Louisville, 1991.
EXPERIENCE: District judge, August-present; private practice, Brown Todd & Heyburn, 1994-96; assistant county attorney, 1996-98.
FAMILY: Husband, District Judge Matthew Eckert; one child, age 15.

Joan A. "Toni" Stringer

AGE: 42.
ADDRESS: Chickasaw.
OCCUPATION: Assistant commonwealth's attorney.
EDUCATION: Law degree, Indiana University, 1982; bachelor's, Kentucky State University, 1978.
EXPERIENCE: Jefferson County public defender's office, 1983-85; Indianapolis public defender's office, 1985-86; assistant commonwealth's attorney, 1986-present.
FAMILY: Husband, Donnie Morris Sr.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT COURT, 23RD DIVISION

Judith K. Bartholomew

AGE: 43.
ADDRESS: St. Matthews.
OCCUPATION: Private practice.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1987; bachelor's, U of L, 1981.
EXPERIENCE: Private practice, Woodward, Hobson & Fulton, 1997-present; attorney, Kentucky Labor Cabinet, 1993-97; private practice, Brown Todd & Heyburn, 1990-1993, and Jackson & Kelly, 1987-90; clerk, Jefferson District Court, 1973-84.
FAMILY: Single; one child, age 9.

Paul S. Gold

AGE: 47.
ADDRESS: Jeffersonton.
OCCUPATION: District judge.
EDUCATION: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1976; bachelor's, C. W. Post College of Long Island University, New York, 1973.
EXPERIENCE: District judge, 1990-present; assistant county attorney, 1985-89; private practice, 1980-89; assistant commonwealth's attorney, 1976-80.
FAMILY: Wife, Penny Gold; twins, age 16.

LOUISVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

4TH WARD



Cyril Allgeier
Political party: Democrat.
Age: 62.
Address: 4164 Sherman Ave.
Occupation: Retired from General Electric, where he worked as a stock-keeper.
Political experience: Elected 4th Ward alderman, 1981.
Family: Wife, Mary, 61; six children.
Education: Attended Southern High School.
Civic involvement: Volunteers with youth baseball; member, All Wool & A Yard Wide Democratic Club, Midtown Democratic Club, Holy Family Church, St. John's Sick Benevolent Society.

"I favor merger. I think it would really lower our taxes after a while. You wouldn't have to have two works departments . . . (or) two police departments. . . . The economics of it would be better instead of having two governments."

"I'm open to that, really. I haven't voted for it in the past. I'd have to give it a lot more thought. . . . I'd hate to see somebody lose their job over something like that."

"I think that we're doing something right now," citing the new baseball stadium downtown, the waterfront, the work on a Muhammad Ali museum, the Louisville Slugger Museum and the new football stadium. "I think there will be a good boost there."



Peter J. Hayes
Political party: Republican.
Age: 38.
Address: 1424 Falcon Drive.
Occupation: Distributor, Washington Times National Weekly Edition; manager, Charming Gold jewelry store, River Falls Mall.
Political experience: Unsuccessful candidate for mayor, 1993, and alderman, 1991.
Family: Wife, Hiromi, 37; two children.
Education: Diploma, International Bible Institute and Seminary in Florida, 1987.
Civic involvement: Member, site-selection committee for proposed downtown arena; secretary, 5th District Police Advisory Committee; Falcon Drive block-watch captain; Cherokee Road Unification Church.

"Basically, I favor the general concept, but the details must be worked out. The present situation is not really conducive to citizen involvement, so I'm concerned that the new system might be the same way. Without people having a say in how discretionary money is spent, we're just making fiefdoms for the political leaders."

"I am opposed to it. I just think it's unnecessary. We don't need more laws giving groups special rights over other groups. Basically, as I walked the precincts door to door, asking what issues concerned people, only one person out of 4,000 homes in the 4th Ward . . . asked about fairness. It's just a non-issue for most people."

"The main thing is to improve the quality of life, stamp out crime as much as possible, get boarded-up houses back on the market, get more citizen involvement and create more of a community spirit."

Q&A

What is your position on the proposal to merge the governments of the city of Louisville and Jefferson County?

Where do you stand on the Fairness Ordinance, a proposed law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation?

What will you do to stem the tide of residents leaving the city of Louisville?

12TH WARD



Paul Bather
Political party: Democrat.
Age: 51.
Address: 4706 Varble Ave.
Occupation: Operates The Bather Group management consulting firm.
Political experience: 12th Ward alderman since 1986; appointed Jefferson County treasurer, 1980-86.
Family: Wife, Coretta; sons Amir, 19, and Omar, 19.
Education: Bachelor's degree, Fairfield University, 1968; master's degree, Hunter College, 1970; master's degree, University of Louisville, 1980.
Civic involvement: Member, Fifth Street Baptist Church, 12th Ward Democratic Club, NAACP, Chickasaw Federation, 2nd District Police Auxiliary.

"I continue to support the existence of the city of Louisville and am very interested in the model presented by the task force set up in 1996, which basically reorganized county government into a countywide council, but kept the city of Louisville and the Board of Aldermen. We need to continue working on that model and see where it goes."

"I support it and I think the chances of passage in 1999 are excellent due to the fact that you will have some new aldermen as well as some of the present aldermen reconsidering their positions."

"We need to continue to work on revitalization of the inner city that was begun in Parkland, Russell and Shawnee. We need to put emphasis on Smoketown, the core around downtown and East Portland in developing housing as well as commercial areas to serve residents. We also need to continue to deal with the issue of crime and develop safe neighborhoods, both through visible police and more recreation. . . . We still need to look at downtown as an entertainment center, as a destination point. We need to have light rail and other forms of public transportation so people can get from downtown and the inner city to the suburbs, and vice versa."



Michael Dickerson
Political party: Republican.
Age: 47.
Address: 4520 W. Broadway.
Occupation: Truck driver, General Electric Appliance Park.
Political experience: None.
Family: Wife, Yoshie; daughter Melodie, 23; son Marcus, 21; and daughter Kimberly, 7.
Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Louisville, 1978.
Civic involvement: Metro African Americans for Morality and Justice; member of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, part of the Unification Church.

"I'm for the merger based on certain conditions, such as the black population not losing representation and volunteer fire departments remaining autonomous. Small cities like St. Matthews and Shively should not lose their incorporation."

"I am opposed to the Fairness Ordinance because I feel that there should not be special rights granted to a particular group. We all have rights as American citizens. If something wrong happens to you, it's already covered under those rights."

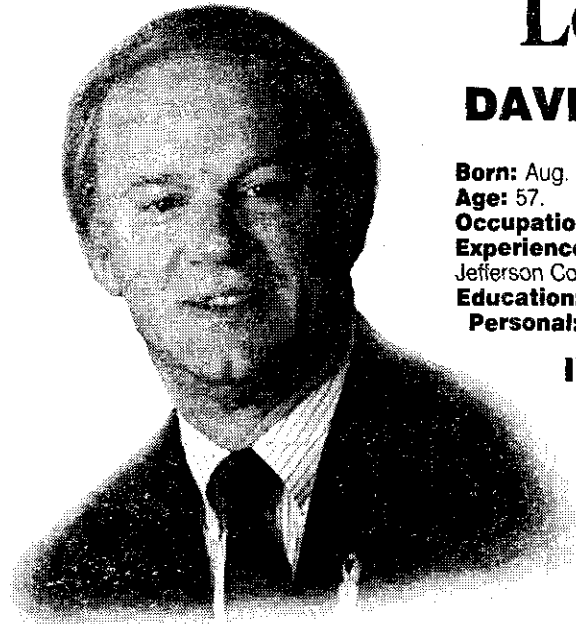
"It's multiple things. Enterprise zones need to be established to bring businesses into the community. We need to work with the University of Louisville and Jefferson Community College to extend classes and programs so that young people can have their educational needs taken care of. The university could expand its sports programs, maybe build a basketball arena on campus, which could also be used to bring a professional sports franchise to the city. I would also encourage capitalizing on the rich history of the area to encourage people to move here."

Q&A

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LOUISVILLE MAYOR

DAVE ARMSTRONG, Democrat

Born: Aug. 6, 1941, in Hope, Ark.

Age: 57.

Occupation: Lawyer and politician.

Experience: Assistant police court prosecutor, 1969-71; juvenile court judge, 1971-73; administrative law judge, 1973-75; Jefferson County commonwealth's attorney, 1975-83; Kentucky attorney general, 1983-88; county judge-executive, 1990-present.

Education: B.S., Murray State University, 1966; law degree, University of Louisville, 1969.

Personal: Wife, Carol Burrell Armstrong; two children, Shannon Armstrong, 27; Bryce Armstrong, 23.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Some people think I'm too county to be city, or that I'm running only to try and merge the government or there's got to be another agenda for me because I'm over here (as county judge-executive) and this is a better job than being mayor. I wouldn't run for something unless it's something I'd be the best at. I've always been a city resident. I care about the city. I've invested more than any other judge in the city of Louisville. I believe the city is truly the heart of the community. I genuinely mean that. I've always wanted to be mayor; there's just never been an opening for me to run and not have to run against a Democratic incumbent. Now there's an opening."

ON THE ISSUES

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What additional steps would you favor to reduce summer smog in Louisville and Jefferson County?

Would encourage increased use of mass transit. Would try to further reduce automobile driving by luring industrial jobs to older neighborhoods to be closer to the workers. Would seek federal help to make sure nearby states reduce ozone and particulate pollution because outside emissions drift into the Louisville area and get trapped by the Ohio Valley.

Streams in Jefferson County are polluted by leaking septic tanks and antiquated sewer systems. Should sewers be extended to new areas before developed areas get adequate sewage treatment?

Wants community to do both — extend sewers to areas slated for dense development and finish providing them to developed areas. Says dense development should not be allowed in new areas until sewers are there.

Local environmental boards dealing with air quality, sewers and garbage have had few members representing environmental interests. Would you change that?

Disagreed with premise of question. Says that as county judge-executive, he has appointed people with a strong interest in protecting the environment to the three boards, and he would continue doing that.

ON HEALTH CARE

What would you do to improve access to health care for the poor? For example, are there enough clinics in low-income neighborhoods offering preventive medicine?

Calls for "an all-out assault on cancer in this community." Would expand existing efforts help low-income people recognize early symptoms of cancer, visit clinics and get treatment before illnesses become debilitating. Also, would continue free immunizations for children and would maintain computer records to help parents track needed immunizations.

Do you believe the state should give local officials more power to ban smoking in public buildings?

No. "I don't think that's much of an issue anymore."

What should officials do to cut down the number of pregnancies in teen-agers? Do you support access to free birth control and sex counseling for teens?

Noted that teen-pregnancy division of county health department was created while he was judge-executive. Said teens need to hear that "if you apply abstinence (from sexual intercourse) in your lifestyle, you will be healthier, wealthier and wiser." Would take that message to schools, neighborhoods and youth centers as mayor, and would support expanding teen-pregnancy program.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

Louisville and Jefferson County have experienced an increase in gang-related violence over the past several years. What would you do to solve this problem?

Believes merging city and county police will allow unified effort against gangs. Would also increase community-oriented policing to help people identify and fight gang activity. Also would increase programs for youths as an alternative to gang involvement.

Much of any area's crime problem can be traced back to drugs. What would you do to both combat the drug problem and to persuade youths to stay away from drugs?

Says "relentless police interdiction" will combat drugs. Says a merged city-county police department could more effectively battle community drug problems. Would fund and support programs that focus on peer education and training for youth. Calls for creating a cabinet-level position for youth services.

Louisville has a curfew for juveniles but, because of state law, it is only minimally enforced. Should the city work to increase enforcement of the curfew? If so, how? If not, why?

Says his experience as a juvenile court judge was that curfews are not the solution. Thinks the answer is more parental and adult involvement with youths, expansion of youth programs, a coordinated gang-crackdown strategy and drug-interdiction efforts.

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our community?

Bridging the gap of economic disparity. Says high unemployment rate among African Americans is unacceptable. "We are facing huge challenges as we try to move 8,000 welfare recipients through the transition to work." Says city must battle low education among some workers, given the need for workers to be able to adapt quickly to technological changes.

What would you do to bring economic opportunity to areas of our community that continue to face poverty and a lack of good-paying jobs nearby?

Clean up old industrial sites and improve city's basic infrastructure and transportation corridors. Says this would result in the reuse of thousands of acres of abandoned land. Also calls for better parking. Says neighborhoods can be job magnets if such steps are taken, and more people could live near work.

Louisville's population is shrinking and Jefferson County's is nearly flat. What can you do to ensure that the region's core urban area does not decay amid suburban growth?

Says revenue-sharing agreements in City-County Compact and focus on downtown in countywide master plan are concrete steps. Thinks city must become a home and an entertainment center as well as a place to work. Calls for developing affordable housing, increasing home ownership and rehabilitating vacant property.

ON MERGER

Do you favor or oppose the idea of merging Louisville and Jefferson County into a single government?

"Absolutely" favors it. Says one government will result in more efficient government that is more capable to meet needs of citizens. "We have great duplication of services." Calls for public to be involved in developing a merger plan to present to General Assembly in 2000. "My top priority would be that the plan provide full opportunity for equal representation of all parts of the community."

Would you continue to favor merging Louisville and Jefferson County if it meant that some or all of the smaller cities in Jefferson County would be dissolved?

Says suburban cities must have a voice in any plan for merger. Believes their inclusion should be their choice. Anticipates some small cities would want to be part of a metro government and some would want to remain independent. Says each small city should decide for itself.

Would you favor or oppose merging the city and county police departments?

"I proposed the idea a year ago and truly am working every day to try to make this happen." Says police merger is "the single most important step we can take to move this community forward. In the time it takes for city and county police to communicate with one another, lives can be lost."

ALSO ON THE BALLOT



SCOTT RITCHER, Reform Party

Age: 29.

Address: 1528 S. Third St.

Occupation: Graphic designer with Initial Records.

Political experience: Former worker with Mayor's Youth Outreach Program.

Personal: Single.

Education: Trinity High School; attended University of Louisville.

Civic involvement: Member, Louisville Music Industry Alliance.

LOUISVILLE MAYOR

BILL WILSON, Republican

Born: June 14, 1944, in Louisville.

Age: 54.

Occupation: Communications consultant.

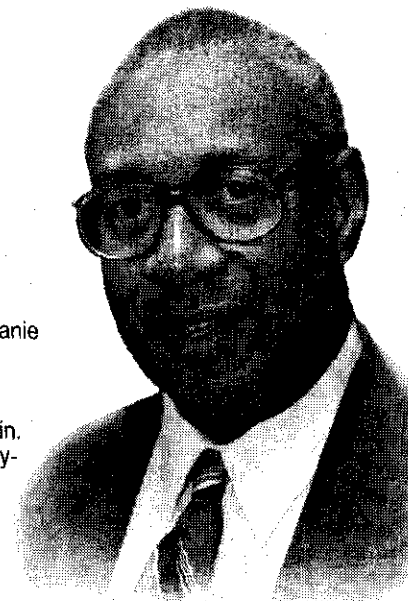
Experience: 9th Ward alderman, 1982-96; former Board of Aldermen president.

Education: Graduated from Central High School in Louisville, 1963; attended Rangely College in Colorado and the University of Louisville.

Personal: Wife, Sandy; five daughters, Yvette Bentley, 32; Toni Wilson, 30; Lisa Wilson, 28; Michelle Wilson, 23; Melanie Wilson, 21.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"I'm the first African American ever nominated (for mayor) by either party. I'm not running for fashion. I'm running to win. . . . I've had the opportunity to be as multicultural as possible. You couldn't package anybody, you couldn't design anyone, that's had as much crossing along racial lines as I have. And then to have gained the ultimate experience (as an alderman) in City Hall is extremely unique. . . . It represents the fact that a black man can be the mayor of the city of Louisville, that also is a man and a person of integrity and high standards and capabilities."



ON THE ISSUES

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What additional steps would you favor to reduce summer smog in Louisville and Jefferson County?

Would create a task force of residents affected by smog to learn how they think it affects their lives. Would seek further air-quality tests to see if Louisville-area smog is causing cancer or other illnesses, especially in people who live near Rubbertown.

Streams in Jefferson County are polluted by leaking septic tanks and antiquated sewer systems. Should sewers be extended to new areas before developed areas get adequate sewage treatment?

"I think you can do both. You have to expand as you continue to develop the community." Says he needs more information to know which would be the best way to go.

Local environmental boards dealing with air quality, sewers and garbage have had few members representing environmental interests. Would you change that?

Says he would appoint members who had a stated environmental interest.

ON HEALTH CARE

What would you do to improve access to health care for the poor? For example, are there enough clinics in low-income neighborhoods offering preventive medicine?

"No. I don't think there are enough clinics in low-income areas." Would make it a priority to add another full-service clinic in the South End.

Do you believe the state should give local officials more power to ban smoking in public buildings?

No. Says local government has enough power now.

What should officials do to cut down the number of pregnancies in teen-agers? Do you support access to free birth control and sex counseling for teens?

Does not want government providing free birth control and counseling for teens. "That signals support for promiscuous activity." Says parents should decide what their children need. Would create activities for young people during hours when teens are out of school and parents are at work.

ON JUVENILE CRIME

Louisville and Jefferson County have experienced an increase in gang-related violence over the past several years. What would you do to solve this problem?

Devote city resources to battle the most serious crimes, such as "robbery, rape, murder and the influx of drugs." Says juvenile status crimes — run-aways, truancy and children without parental control — are going through the roof. Says city must design programs to eliminate those types of problems. "It will take a lot of cooperation among police, community, educators and social-service agencies."

Much of any area's crime problem can be traced back to drugs. What would you do to both combat the drug problem and to persuade youths to stay away from drugs?

Says idleness is the biggest reason for drugs. Calls for creating activities, especially for older youths, with some employment connection. "We need to stop drugs from coming into the community and stop jobs from going out." Calls for such programs as making people computer-literate and other ways "to occupy minds with positive pursuits."

Louisville has a curfew for juveniles but, because of state law, it is only minimally enforced. Should the city work to increase enforcement of the curfew? If so, how? If not, why?

Yes. Suggests engaging probation and parole officers to identify youths currently on probation or parole so that, if caught violating curfew, they would also be violating conditions of their release.

ON THE ECONOMY

What do you consider the most important economic issue facing our community?

Downtown housing. More downtown residential development could be a "big bonanza," providing a market for retailing, helping stop population decline and improving the quality of the city.

What would you do to bring economic opportunity to areas of our community that continue to face poverty and a lack of good-paying jobs nearby?

Would try to establish as many relevant businesses in those areas as possible. Says some areas are going to be friendlier to a health-service industry, some to a restaurant or food-service outlet, and some to a manufacturer. Would match employment and economic opportunity with a community's needs and abilities.

Louisville's population is shrinking and Jefferson County's is nearly flat. What can you do to ensure that the region's core urban area does not decay amid suburban growth?

Calls for revitalizing downtown by building affordable market-rate housing adjacent to the retail district. Wants housing near the Galleria to attract people who have the income to sustain retail outlets and generate enough tax base to sustain the neighborhoods near downtown.

ON MERGER

Do you favor or oppose the idea of merging Louisville and Jefferson County into a single government?

Would support it "if the African-American community and the suburban small cities and the volunteer-firefighter issues . . . are addressed adequately." Thinks concerns of all three groups, which helped thwart efforts in 1982 and 1983 referendums, can be dealt with.

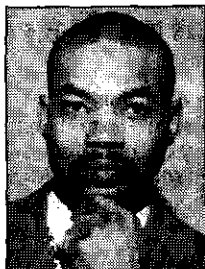
Would you continue to favor merging Louisville and Jefferson County if it meant that some or all of the smaller cities in Jefferson County would be dissolved?

"No. I think small cities have sent a clear message that they have tremendous need to be included in the process of any merged government. I think that is a worthy consideration. I would not vehemently work toward anything to their exclusions."

Would you favor or oppose merging the city and county police departments?

Oppose at this time. Says the cost of unifying police communications, possibly as much as \$50 million, "is something we should not do until we decide about consolidation of the governments." Says such a sum could be better spent now on improving individual departments, such as increasing city police pay.

ALSO ON THE BALLOT



BENNIE SMITH, Independent

Age: 40.

Address: 3009 S. 4th St., No. 209.

Occupation: Office administration, part-time musician and human-rights activist.

Political experience: None.

Personal: Single; one son, Brian

Crutchfield-Smith, 13.

Education: Lexington Lafayette High School; attended Kentucky State University and Eastern Kentucky University.

Civic involvement: Member of Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political

Repression's board; steering committee, Fellowship of Reconciliation; member, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

JEFFERSON COUNTY POLLING PLACES

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A105, Pleasure Ridge Firehouse #3, 8508 Terry Road	B139, Wilderness Road Senior Center, 8113 Blue Lick Road	D114, Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church, 3821 Hunsinger Lane	E141, Beechwood Baptist Church, 201 Biltmore Road	F132, Bates Elementary School, 7601 Bardstown Road	G150, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2800 Frankfort Ave.	I110, Firehouse #10, 501 W. Ashland Ave.	K108, Gladys Crimmins, 1788 Wilart Drive	L126, League of Women Voters, 115 S. Ewing Ave.	N111, Foster Academy, 4020 Garland Ave.	Q112, St. Rita Casper Center, 8709 Preston Highway	R138, Crosby Middle School, 303 Gatehouse Lane
A107, Pleasure Ridge Firehouse #3, 8508 Terry Road	B141, Minors Lane Elementary School, 8510 Minors Lane	D115, McMahon Firehouse, 4318 Taylorsville Road	E142, Beechwood Baptist Church, 201 Biltmore Road	F133, Beulah Presbyterian Church, 6704 Bardstown Road	G151, Bowman Field Adm. Building, Taylorsville Road	I111, American Legion Post, 800 W. Woodlawn Ave.	K109, Lourdes Hall, 735 Eastern Parkway	L127, Amvets Post 9, 1567 S. Shelby St.	N113, Foster Academy, 4020 Garland Ave.	Q113, Hartstern Elementary School, 5200 Morningside Way	R139, Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Road
A108, St. Polycarp School Gym, 7718 Columbine Drive	B143, Coral Ridge Elementary School, 10608 National Turnpike	D116, Jeffersontown High School, 9600 Old Six Mile Lane	E143, Waggener High School, 330 S. Hubbards Lane	F134, Anchorage Fire Department, 1400 Evergreen Road	G152, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2800 Frankfort Ave.	I112, Beechmont Community Center, 215 W. Wellington Ave.	K110, Oakland Baptist Church, 1226 Algonquin Parkway	L128, Amvets Post 9, 1567 S. Shelby St.	N113, Bethel Baptist Church, 3540 Garland Ave.	Q114, Central Government Center, 7201 Outer Loop	R140, East End Government Center, 200 Juneau Drive
A111, Eisenhower Elementary School, 5300 Jessamine Lane	B146, Fairdale Playtorium, 10616 West Manslick Road	D117, Jeffersontown High School, 9600 Old Six Mile Lane	E144, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F137, Ascension Lutheran Church, 13725 Shelbyville Road	G153, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2800 Frankfort Ave.	I113, Gateway Community Church United Methodist, 4623 Southern Parkway	K111, Holy Name Church gym, 2917 S. 4th St.	L130, St. Matthew United Church of Christ, 607 E. St. Catherine St.	N115, 2nd District Police Headquarters, 416 N. 29th St.	Q115, Highview Firehouse #2, 8001 Smyrna Road	R142, VFW, 107 Evergreen Road, 200 Brookside Drive
A113, St. Clements School Gym, 5431 Johnsontown Road	B147, Minors Lane Elem. School, 8510 Minors Lane	D120, Jeffersontown High School, 9600 Old Six Mile Lane	E145, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F138, Ascension Lutheran Church, 13725 Shelbyville Road	G154, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2800 Frankfort Ave.	I114, Holy Rosary Academy, 4801 Southside Dr.	K112, Firehouse #18, 2600 S. Fourth St.	L131, St. Therese Gym, 1105 E. Kentucky St.	N117, Neighborhood House, 8709 Preston Highway	Q116, St. Rita Casper Center, 8709 Preston Highway	R144, The Forum at Brookside, 200 Brookside Drive
A114, St. Clements School Gym, 5431 Johnsontown Road	B148, Minors Lane Elem. School, 8510 Minors Lane	D121, Wheeler Elementary School, 5410 Cynthia Drive	E146, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	F139, Beulah Presbyterian Church, 6704 Bardstown Road	G155, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2800 Frankfort Ave.	I115, Holy Rosary Academy, 4801 Southside Dr.	K113, Frayser Elementary School, 1230 Larchmont Ave.	L132, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	N118, Firehouse #22, 3228 River Park Drive	Q117, Messiah Lutheran Church, 8701 Shepherdsville Road	R145, VFW, 107 Evergreen Road, 200 Brookside Drive
A115, St. Clements School Gym, 5431 Johnsontown Road	B149, AMF Derby Lanes, 7709 Beulah Church Road	D122, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3501 College Drive	E147, Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Road	F140, Jeffersontown Elementary School, 3610 Cedarwood Way	G156, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I116, Sunset Lodge #915, 221 Steady Drive	K114, Frayser Elementary School, 1230 Larchmont Ave.	L133, Phoenix Place Apartments Clubhouse, 510 S. Shelby St.	N119, Community Towers, 2526 W. Madison St.	Q118, Shepherd's Baptist Church Family Life Center, 5911 East Manslick Road	R146, The Forum at Brookside, 200 Brookside Drive
A117, Sun Valley Community Bldg., 6501 Bethany Lane	B150, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D123, Cochran Elementary School, 2511 Tregaron Drive	E148, Dunn Elementary School, 2010 Rudy Lane	F141, Fern Creek Fire Sta. #2, 9409 Bardstown Road	G157, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I117, Auburndale Elementary School, 5749 New Cut Road	K115, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 992 Longfield Ave.	L134, Firehouse #19, 3401 Bohne Ave.	N120, St. Denis Gym, 4205 Cane Run Road	Q119, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane	R147, Harrods Creek Firehouse, River Road and Lime Kiln Lane
A118, Valley High School, 10200 Dixie Highway	B151, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D124, Cochran Elementary School, 2511 Tregaron Drive	E149, Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Road	F142, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 9104 Westport Road	G158, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I118, Auburndale Elementary School, 5749 New Cut Road	K116, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 992 Longfield Ave.	L135, Firehouse #19, 3401 Bohne Ave.	N121, Byck Elementary School, 2328 Cedar St.	Q120, Teamsters Local 783, 7711 Beulah Church Road	R148, Harrods Creek Firehouse, River Road and Lime Kiln Lane
A119, Sun Valley Community Bldg., 6501 Bethany Lane	B152, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D125, Wheeler Elementary School, 5410 Cynthia Drive	E150, St. Matthew Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Lane	F143, Hopewell Baptist Church, 4305 Hopewell Road	G159, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I119, Jefferson County Works Department, 617 Outer Loop	K117, Wilder Park Community Center, 120 W. Fairmont Ave.	L136, Firehouse #19, 3401 Bohne Ave.	N122, Portland Museum, 2308 Portland Ave.	Q121, Teamsters Local 783, 7711 Beulah Church Road	R149, Harrods Creek Firehouse, River Road and Lime Kiln Lane
A120, Sun Valley Community Bldg., 6501 Bethany Lane	B153, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D126, Wheeler Elementary School, 5410 Cynthia Drive	E151, St. Matthew Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Lane	F144, Hopewell Baptist Church, 4305 Hopewell Road	G160, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I120, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K118, American Village, 3700 W. Wheatmore Drive	L137, Firehouse #19, 3401 Bohne Ave.	N123, Portland Museum, 2308 Portland Ave.	Q122, Slaughter Elementary School, 3805 Fern Valley Road	R150, Harrods Creek Firehouse, River Road and Lime Kiln Lane
A121, Our Lady Help of Christians, 13512 Dixie Highway	B154, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D127, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3501 College Drive	E152, The Temple, 5101 U.S. 42	F145, Sacred Heart Home, Clifton and Payne Streets	G161, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I121, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K119, Gutermuth School, 1500 Sanders Lane	L138, Firehouse #19, 3401 Bohne Ave.	N124, Portland Museum, 2308 Portland Ave.	Q123, Rangeland Elementary School, 5001 Rangeland Road	R151, Harrods Creek Firehouse, River Road and Lime Kiln Lane
A122, Our Lady Help of Christians, 13512 Dixie Highway	B155, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D128, Jefferson United Methodist Church, 10219 Taylorsville Road	E153, Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4938 Brownsboro Road	F146, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 9104 Westport Road	G162, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I122, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K120, Knights of St. John, 2100 St. John Place	L139, Firehouse #19, 3401 Bohne Ave.	N125, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q124, Guardian Angels Dominic Hall, 6000 Preston Highway	R152, Harrods Creek Firehouse, River Road and Lime Kiln Lane
A123, Doss High School, 7601 St. Andrews Church Road	B156, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D129, Shalom Towers, 3650 Dutchmans Lane	E154, Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4938 Brownsboro Road	F147, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 9104 Westport Road	G163, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I123, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K121, Duffy's Tavern, 2809 Dixie Highway	L140, Firehouse #19, 3401 Bohne Ave.	N126, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q125, Teamsters Local 783, 7711 Beulah Church Road	R153, Harrods Creek Firehouse, River Road and Lime Kiln Lane
A124, Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Highway	B157, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D130, Klondike Elementary School, 3807 Klondike Lane	E155, Episcopal Church Home, 1201 Lyndon Lane	F148, Hopewell Baptist Church, 4305 Hopewell Road	G164, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I124, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K122, Newman Memorial Hall, 3920 Dixie Highway	L141, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N127, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q126, Messiah Lutheran Church, 8701 Shepherdsville Road	R154, Harrods Creek Firehouse, River Road and Lime Kiln Lane
A125, Valley View Baptist Church, 8911 3rd Street Road	B158, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D131, Klondike Elementary School, 3807 Klondike Lane	E156, Episcopal Church Home, 1201 Lyndon Lane	F149, Hopewell Baptist Church, 4305 Hopewell Road	G165, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I125, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K123, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 992 Longfield Ave.	L142, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N128, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q127, Slaughter Elementary School, 3805 Fern Valley Road	R155, Harrods Creek Firehouse, River Road and Lime Kiln Lane
A126, Jefferson Community College, 1000 Community College Drive	B159, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D132, Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church, 3821 Hunsinger Lane	E157, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F150, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G166, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I126, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K124, Gutermuth School, 1500 Sanders Lane	L143, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N129, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q128, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R156, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A127, Pleasure Ridge Firehouse #2, 5417 Valley Station Road	B160, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D133, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3501 College Drive	E158, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F151, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G167, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I127, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K125, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 992 Longfield Ave.	L144, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N130, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q129, Shively United Methodist Church, 3107 S. Crums Lane	R157, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A128, Stuart Middle School, 4601 Valley Station Road	B161, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D134, St. John Lutheran Church, 901 Breckenridge Lane	E159, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F152, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G168, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I128, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K126, Hillview Baptist Church, 5319 Dixie Highway	L145, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N131, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q130, Chapin Hill United Church of Christ, 2307 Embassy Lane	R158, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A129, Our Lady of Consolation Family Ctr., 10803 Deering Road	B162, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D135, St. Michael Orthodox Church, 3026 Hikes Lane	E160, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F153, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G169, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I129, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K127, Kemick Elementary School, 2210 Upper Hunters Trace	L146, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N132, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q131, Chapin Hill United Church of Christ, 2307 Embassy Lane	R159, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A130, VFW Post 1181, 6518 Blevins Gap Road	B163, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D136, Jefferson High School, 9600 Old Six Mile Lane	E161, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F154, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G170, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I130, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K128, Peeper Ridge Fire Station #1, 4500 Kerrick Lane	L147, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N133, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q132, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R160, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A131, Doss High School, 7601 St. Andrews Church Road	B164, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D137, Wheeler Elementary School, 5410 Cynthia Drive	E162, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F155, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G171, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I131, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K129, Amvets Post 9, 1567 S. Shelby St.	L148, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N134, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q133, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R161, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A132, Our Lady Help of Christians, 13512 Dixie Highway	B165, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D138, Jefferson High School, 9600 Old Six Mile Lane	E163, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F156, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G172, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I132, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K130, Butler High School, 2222 Crums Lane	L149, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N135, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q134, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R162, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A133, Johnsonsontown Rd. Elem. School, 7201 Johnsonsontown Road	B166, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	D139, Christ Lutheran Church, 9212 Taylorsville Road	E164, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F157, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G173, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I133, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K131, Carpenters Union Hall, 4017 Dixie Highway	L150, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N136, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q135, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R163, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A134, VFW Post 1181, 6518 Blevins Gap Road	B167, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E103, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E165, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F158, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G174, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I134, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K132, Greenwood Elementary School, 5801 Greenwood Road	L151, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N137, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q136, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R164, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A135, Doss High School, 7601 St. Andrews Church Road	B168, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E104, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E166, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F159, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G175, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I135, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K133, Hillview Baptist Church, 5319 Dixie Highway	L152, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N138, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q137, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R165, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A136, VFW Post 1181, 6518 Blevins Gap Road	B169, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E105, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E167, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F160, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G176, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I136, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K134, Kemick Elementary School, 2210 Upper Hunters Trace	L153, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N139, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q138, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R166, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A137, Faith Presbyterian Church, 9800 Stonestreet Road	B170, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E106, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E168, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F161, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G177, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I137, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K135, Peeper Ridge Fire Station #1, 4500 Kerrick Lane	L154, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N140, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q139, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R167, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A138, Our Lady of Consolation Family Ctr., 10803 Deering Road	B171, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E107, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E169, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F162, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G178, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I138, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K136, Amvets Post 9, 1567 S. Shelby St.	L155, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N141, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q140, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R168, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A139, Our Lady of Consolation Family Ctr., 10803 Deering Road	B172, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E108, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E170, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F163, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G179, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I139, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K137, Butler High School, 2222 Crums Lane	L156, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N142, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q141, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R169, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A140, Stuart Middle School, 4601 Valley Station Road	B173, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E109, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E171, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F164, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G180, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I140, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K138, Amvets Post 9, 1567 S. Shelby St.	L157, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N143, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q142, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R170, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
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A142, Stuart Middle School, 4601 Valley Station Road	B175, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E111, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E173, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F166, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G182, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I142, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K140, Gutermuth School, 1500 Sanders Lane	L159, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N145, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q144, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R172, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A143, Faith Presbyterian Church, 9800 Stonestreet Road	B176, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E112, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E174, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F167, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G183, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I143, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K141, Gutermuth School, 1500 Sanders Lane	L160, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N146, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q145, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R173, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
A144, Teamsters Local 783, 7711 Beulah Church Road	B177, Wilt Elementary School, 6700 Price Lane Road	E113, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road	E175, Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road	F168, Comedy Caravan, 1250 Bardstown Road	G184, Zion United Church of Christ, 1310 E. Burnett Ave.	I144, Derby City Community Center, 4101 Cadillac Court	K142, Gutermuth School, 1500 Sanders Lane	L161, Firehouse #17, 1824 Garland Ave.	N147, Brandeis Elementary School, 2817 W. Kentucky St.	Q146, Pioneer Trailer Park, 4136 Cane Run Road	R174, Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home, 4604 Lowe Road
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JEFFERSON COUNTY'S SUBURBAN CITIES

City Councils and Commissions

Here are the candidates in contested races for councils and commissions in the small cities in Jefferson County. An asterisk (*) denotes an incumbent; (DNR) means the candidate did not respond to a mailed questionnaire or to phone calls requesting information.

ANCHORAGE (six council seats)

Diane Valentine Cook, 37, 11941 Creel Lodge Drive, 244-8167. Homemaker, part-time consultant in health-care communications. No political experience.

Robert W. Gerhart Jr., 45, 2303 Evergreen Road, 245-2075 (home), 897-1543 (work). Owner of Gerhart Sales Co. City Council, 1994-96.

Wes Gunther, 73, 2305 Evergreen Road, 245-0175. Retired from U.S. Department of Defense. City Council, 1978-present.

Judy H. Holtman, 49, 1101 Owl Creek Lane, 245-0265. Dermatologist. No political experience.

Martha B. Juckett, 59, 2107 Meadow Lane Court, 245-0883. Artist and court mediator. Member of the Anchorage Board of Tax Supervisors.

Rudy D. Miller, 54, 12200 Lucas Lane, 245-4714 (home), 426-7050 (work). Partner in A. Arnold World Class Relocation — Moving and Storage. City Council, 1997-present.

Susan D. Mitchell, 51, 12808 Osage Road, 245-5978. Homemaker, former high school teacher. No political experience.

Mark O'Brien, 48, 1302 Bellewood Road, 245-0737. President of LHS Holding Inc., Natural Gas of Kentucky and Bluegrass Gas Sales; owner-operator of several home health-care companies. Anchorage School Board, 1991-1994; City Council, 1997-present.

Peggy Revell, 63, 700 Hickory Lane, 245-8389. Homemaker and volunteer, former elementary school teacher. City Council, 1990-present.

George Robertson, 52, 12004 Hazelwood Road, 245-2435 (home), 897-0697 (work). Physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. No political experience.

AUDUBON PARK (six council seats)

Anne M. Braun, 43, 3303 Chickadee Road, 635-1990. Facility planner. City Council, two years.

Dorn Crawford, 49, 932 Audubon Parkway, 636-3687. Diplomat. City Council, two years.

John Grether Jr., 58, 1028 Audubon Parkway, 636-0627. Owner of sales-promotion business. No political experience.

Patrick G. Kehoe Jr., 33, 1207 Audubon Parkway, 635-1705. Civil engineer. No political experience.

Debbie Prewitt, 41, 927 Audubon Parkway, 636-3367. Commercial lending officer. City Council, two years.

Gary L. Vogel, 50, 1015 Audubon Parkway, 636-1982. Business owner. City Council, nine years.

Bob Whyte, 47, 1145 Dove Road, 637-6691. Salesman. City Council, three years.

John C. Wientjes Sr., 61, 3100 Teal Ave., 634-1324. Union negotiator. City Council, four years.

BEECHWOOD VILLAGE (six council seats)

Charlie Brewer, 44, 316 Short Road, 895-9951. Insurance agent. City Council, 1996-present.

Sidney W. Eline III, 31, 221 Bramton Road, 895-2573, SWEIII@aol.com. Property manager and real-estate agent. No political experience.

Frank P. Giacalone, 71, 4623 Fox Run Road, 896-1539. Retired patent agent for General Electric. City Council, 1994-present.

Joyce Loudon, 60, 220 Sage Road, 893-5087. Teacher. City Council, 1995-present.

Henry L. McCoy, 78, 306 Brunswick Road, 896-0463. Retired from automobile business. City Council, 1965-1982 and 1997-present; Beechwood Village Planning and Zoning Board, late 1950s to mid-1960s.

Terry A. Roach, 36, 208 Biltmore Road, 895-9649. Civil engineer. No political experience.

Paul B. Saurer, 74, 310 Bramton Road, 895-8027. Retired general sales manager for auto agency. City Council, 1972-74; mayor, 1974-1990.

Gregory M. Turner, 33, 4506 Cordova Road, 893-1390. Carpet-warehouse manager. City Council, 1995-present.

BRIARWOOD (four commission seats)

Theresa Lynn Dunn, 37, 8502 Staghorn Drive, 423-7683. Office manager and surgical assistant. City Commission, six years.

Herman Gross, 85, 8603 Wintergreen Court, 425-2775. Retired minister. City commis-

sion, five years.

Garland "Ed" Kizer, 68, 8703 Honeysuckle Court, 425-8611. Sales representative. No political experience.

Steve Krebs, 39, 2010 Japonica Way, 426-9436. Firefighter training instructor. No political experience.

William A. Zapp, 52, 8607 Greenbriar Court, 426-7085. Condo project manager. City Commission, two years.

BROAD FIELDS (four commission seats)

Dan Bowling, 41, 3608 Graham Road, 897-9808. Commercial contractor. City Commission, five years.

Frank A. Flynn, 32, 3609 Graham Road, 893-0684. Firefighter. No political experience.

Reba Graas, 74, 3705 Winchester Road. (DNR)

Eugene F. Perkins, 80, 3610 Winchester Road, 893-7106. Retired director, state Division of Plumbing Inspection. City Commission, 41 years.

John Sackfield, 44, 603 Macon Ave., 895-7897. Promotional salesman. City Commission, three years.

CROSSGATE (four commission seats)

Lawrence Bruwelheide, 45, 1909 Grantham Court, 423-9462 or 897-8820. Director of education, Baptist Hospital East. No political experience.

Tanya Elmes, 39, 1807 Crossgate Lane, 425-9452. Substitute teacher's aide and dental receptionist. City Commission, 1996-present.

Barbara Hayward, 52, 1806 Grantham Court, 425-1568. Medical technologist, Jewish Hospital. No political experience.

Bobby "Sarge" Hazen, 64, 1811 Warrington Way, 425-6451. Retired high school teacher, retired from Air Force. No political experience.

Daniel Pat Kennedy, 69, 1800 Winsford Place, 426-4559. Retired from Louisville-Jefferson County Convention and Visitors Bureau. City Commission, 1980-1986 and 1990-present.

J. Kevin McCurren, 47, 1807 Grantham Court, 426-2811. Health-care consultant. No political experience.

Hugh Osborne, 56, 1814 Warrington Way, 425-8082. Retired high school teacher and real-estate agent. City Commission, two years in late 1980s.

Mark Stiebling, 46, 4923 Grantham Place, 426-0895 or 589-7110. Creative director and principal owner of the Stiebling Group, an advertising design firm. No political experience.

FOREST HILLS (four commission seats)

Donna S. Black, 47, 2194 Janlyn Road, 267-7153. Works for Dillard's and as a school crossing guard. No political experience.

Sharon Doll, 56, 2302 Cherian Drive, 267-7654. Homemaker. City Commission, appointed in May.

Michael D. Ekman, 33, 2408 Merriwood Drive, 261-9726 (home), 589-4800 (work). Attorney. No political experience.

Lee E. Horan, 55, 2302 Janlyn Road, 267-1432. Management consultant. Mayor, 1982-84; city administrator, 1984-92.

Gayle Horstman, 36, 2212 Mahan Ave., 495-0525. National-account manager for Kimberly-Clark. No political experience.

Dan Nicely, 41, 19 Narwood Drive, 491-5767, 419-7576 (cell phone). Owner, Nicesport Promotions Inc., a publishing company. City Commission, 1991-95.

Carolyn Schroering, 72, 2406 Cherian Drive, 267-5663. Homemaker. City Commission, 1978-84; mayor, 1984-present.

Michael C. Wilbert, 47, 4211 Axminster Drive, 491-9742. Treasurer, Construction Machinery Corp. City Commission, 1982-96.

HILLS AND DALES (four commission seats)

David Dauhauer, 43, 3300 Mount Shasta Way, 327-7953. Administrative manager. City Commission, five years.

Sharon B. Jewell, 53, 3309 Mount Ranier Drive, 425-6748. Homemaker. City Commission, 1 1/2 years.

Kevin L. Johns, 42, 3412 Mount Ranier Drive, 339-8269. Financial consultant. No political experience.

Robert Keats, 52, 3305 Mount Shasta Way, 412-4190. Lawyer. No political experience.

Kenneth Reutlinger Jr., 55, 3306 Brenner Pass, 429-6820. Real-estate agent/broker. City Commission, three years.

HOUSTON ACRES (four commission seats)

Charles G. Bartman, 53, 4302 Martha Ave., 454-3355. Real-estate broker. City Commission, 12 years.

Jonathan H. Durham, 28, 4203 Hewitt Ave., 456-4685. Medical sales. No political experience.

Donna Knaster Duvall, 49, 3124 Houston Blvd., 451-0654. Teacher. City

Commission, four years.

Geoffrey Mallett, 42, 4207 Martha Ave., 454-6363. Pilot. No political experience.

Kenneth Schindler Jr., 45, 3117 Marlin Road, 458-7807. Salesman. No political experience.

HURSTBOURNE ACRES (four commission seats)

Kaye Brown, 44, 9109 Haviland Ave., 495-5099. Retired paralegal. No political experience.

Martin Dunn, 54, 9103 Blowing Tree Road, 499-9809. Financial adviser, insurance agent. City Commission, five years.

Johnny Harper Jr., 60, 1800 Wesley Ave. (DNR)

Tom Hayes, 61, 1907 Addington Ave., 491-0405. Retired real-estate agent and General Electric employee. City Commission, four years.

Marlene Hess, 46, 1903 Addington Ave., 491-5462. Secretary. City Commission, three years.

Stanley B. Welch, 80, 1807 Addington Ave., 491-6786. Retired engineer. City Commission, two years.

INDIAN HILLS (four commission seats)

Robert I. Cusick, 54, 30 Poplar Hill Road, 897-7886. Lawyer. Commission, three years.

Lynn Dunbar, 39, 112 Tribal Road, 894-8932. Artist. No political experience.

Bruce Madison, 47, 137 Sagamore Road, 893-7612. Vice president, treasurer, Plumbers Supply. Commission, 10 years.

Nancy O. Stablein, 63, 27 Southwind Road, 895-5605. Homemaker. Commission, 13 years.

Y. Peyton Wells III, 54, 18 Westwind Road, 897-1016. Restaurant owner. Commission, five years.

INDIAN HILLS-CHEROKEE (four commission seats)

James R. Aubrey, 45, 212 Travis Road, 893-7922. Business owner and real-estate agent. Commission, three years.

Debbe Dedman, 46, 204 Travis Road, 893-5750. Registered nurse and surgical assistant. No political experience.

James P. Graven, 50, 206 Travis Road, 897-1227. Business owner. Norbourne Estates City Commission, two years.

Sandy Kuhbander, 52, 5407 Apache Road, 897-6997. Oncology nurse. No political experience.

William Matt, 37, 5101 Long Knife Run, 896-4345. Financial planner. City Commission, five years.

Anne W. Tuley, 76, 5540 Tecumseh Circle, 895-2897. Homemaker. City Commission, three months; Brownsboro Village City Commission, four years.

JEFFERSONTOWN (six council seats)

Jon Ackerson, 55, 608 Cambridge Station Road, 267-1189. Attorney. Kentucky legislator, 1976-1995. City Council, 1996-present.

Clay S. Foreman, 35, 1203 Fox Gap Trace, 267-5461 (home), 254-5723 (work). Funeral director, Foreman Funeral Home. City Council, 1990-present.

Sherman Kilne, 70, 9508 Shanna Drive, 267-6151. Retired senior power engineer at DuPont. City Council, 1970-1973, 1982-1986 and 1992-present; mayor's assistant, clerk-treasurer, 1986-1992.

Ed Martin, 67, 2612 Merriwood Drive, 267-7649. Retired from marketing management for Ohio Casualty Corp. City Council, 1979-present.

Bob O'Donnell, 68, 3303 Warsaw Court, 267-7382, 499-7799. Part-time insurance salesman at French-Diesler-O'Donnell. No political experience.

Carol Pike, 45, 10706 Circle Drive, 267-1689 (home) or 895-7777 (work). Agent for Vantage 7 Realtors for two years. City Council, 1981-present.

Kathryn Roark, 68, 9696 Watterson Trail, 267-1183. Retired owner of Roark Enterprise Inc. mechanical contractor. City Council, 1992-present.

MANOR CREEK (four commission seats)

Robert Coomer, 65, 3509 Rems Court. (DNR)

Mark Morrow, 35, 3513 Rems Court, 423-9155. computer programmer. City Commission, four years.

Cynthia Snow, 63, 3413 Goose Creek Road, 426-3265. Consumer specialist. City Commission, two years.

Kay Wallace, 51, 8706 Eton Road, 423-1184. Real-estate agent. City Commission, five years.

Cynthia York, 53, 3600 Rems Road, 426-5794. Market researcher. City Commission, 21 years.

MEADOWVIEW ESTATES (four commission seats)

Robert "Bob" Andres, 53, 3007 Meadowview Circle, 458-6815. Real-estate agent

and auctioneer. No political experience.

Randy Atcher, 79, 1900 Manor House Drive, 458-5766. Narrator. City Commission, seven years.

Grace Coleman Bates, 75, 1911 Manor House Drive, 458-9316. Retired librarian. No political experience.

Tamie L. Myers, 38, 2908 Meadowview Circle, 459-8748. Cashier. No political experience.

Dale Patrick Vish, 45, 2922 Meadowview Circle, 452-9557. Photoengraver. City Commission, six years.

MIDDLETOWN (four commission seats)

Tom L. Abbott, 54, 230 Clarland Drive, 244-7139. Construction supervisor, Holloway & Sons. City Commission, 1997-present.

J. Bryon Chapman, 51, 1320 Urton Lane, 245-4836. Owner, Chapman Engineering, an air-conditioning and heating company. City Commission, 1990-present.

Jeannie Jacobs, 70, 203 N. Madison St., 245-2459. Retired receptionist in husband's chiropractic practice. City Commission, 1997-present.

John Southard, 51, 11913 Shelbyville Road, 245-6641. Lawyer. City Commission, 1990-96.

Marcella Willhite, 68, 208 Harrison Ave., 245-5870. Retired office manager, Martin A. Segal & Associates Family Dental Care. City Commission, 1979-present.

NORWOOD (four commission seats)

Ned F. Daly, 43, 118 Arterburn Drive, 423-8410. Dental technician. City Commission, seven years.

Ralph W. Handy, 70, 7501 N. Park Place, 425-6792. Retired printer. City Commission, 20 years; mayor, six years.

Ann C. Marshall, 37, 319 Arterburn Drive, 394-0012. Hairdresser. City Commission, appointed in May to fill unexpired term.

Ron McGehee, 35, 303 Hidden Oak Way, 327-6320. Works for real-estate investment trust company. Springlee City Commission, two years.

William Robert Tennill, 71, 7600 Norwood Drive, 423-9222. Retired vice president of a synthetic-rubber company. No political experience.

ST. MATTHEWS (eight council seats)

Bernard Bowling Jr., 51, 3814 Hycliff Ave., 896-8555. Owner/baker, Plehn's Bakery. City Council, 1984-present.

Kevin Eddins, 29, 309 Fairlawn Road, 895-3163 (home), 584-6137 (work), keddins@mis.net. Lawyer. No political experience.

Harry Hargadon Jr., 66, 420 Trinity Hills Lane, 895-0220. Lawyer. City Council, 1974-present.

Mary Jo Garvey Nay, 39, 430 Virginia Ave., 425-0903, fax: 326-3160, mjnay@juno.com. City Council, 1988-present.

Steve Resch, 47, 4303 S. Church Way, 894-0200. Manufacturer's representative for hardware industry. City Council, 1988-present.

Martha Schade, 58, 1002 Round Table Court, 426-3498. Housewife. City Council, 1984-present.

Richard J. Tonini, 45, 3608 St. Germaine Court, 897-2104 (home), 897-7100 (work). Co-owner, church-supply company. City Council, 1985-present; Jefferson County Board of Zoning Adjustment, 1983-present; chairman of Tax Board, 1980-83; city tax assessor, 1983.

Gary B. Vincent, 51, 622 Virginia Ave., 425-8420, pager: 332-3447. Senior maintenance worker for Louisville Water Co. City Council, 1996-present.

Tony Weiter, 37, 327 S. Hubbards Lane, 893-9617, voice mail: 327-1050, Ext. 285; tony@weiterworks.com. Real-estate agent and investor. City Council, 1990-present; St. Matthews tax board, 1987-89; Jefferson County League of Cities board of directors, 1992-96.

Johnny Wientjes Jr., 39, 208 Sherrin Ave., 893-6483. Electrician. No political experience.

ST. REGIS PARK (seven council seats)

Lloyd Finney, 73, 4408 Dannywood Road, 454-4498. Retired, General Electric. City Council, late 1960s.

John Gerwing, 66, 4500 Dannywood Road, 459-0287. Retired, Devoe and Raynolds. City Council, 1994-present.

Keith Hubbs, 27, 4317 Statton Road, 456-5020 (home), 585-3251 (work). Certified public accountant, Welken, Himmelfarb and Co. No political experience.

James E. Johnson, 67, 4410 Dannywood Road, 451-1169. Retired, State Farm Insurance Co. City Council, 1989-present.

Lisa Mangum, 38, 4609 Stormon Court, 479-7444. Instructional assistant at Greathouse/Shryock Elementary School. City Council, 1996-present.

Pat McCarty, 67, 4301 Statton Road, 459-2640. Accountant, Falco Drilling Co. City Council, 1995-present.

Larry Osborne, 51, 4504 Aintree Court, 459-0158. Automotive relief technician, Ford Motor Co.

City Council, 1991-1993; mayor, 1993-95.

William Sewer, 67, 2813 Browns Lane, 458-1318. Co-owner, Midland Electric Co. City Council, 1994-present.

William O. Tooley, 72, 4308 St. Regis Lane, 458-6351, K4QFE@bellsouth.net. Retired, South Central Bell. City Council, 1980-1993.

Bernard G. Watts, 47, 2825 Milburn Ave., 459-0995 (home), 589-2887 (work). Attorney. City Council, 1990-92, 1993-present; city attorney, 1981.

SHIVELY (six council seats)

Sherry Sinegra Conner, 43, 1917 Argonne Ave., 776-2051. Coordinator of inpatient admissions and insurance verification, Caritas Medical Center. Shively City Council, 1993-present.

Bob Davis, 65, 4213 David Ave., 447-7847. Retired insurance investigator. City Council, 1997-present.

JEFFERSON COUNTY'S SUBURBAN CITIES

City Councils and Commissions

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Marcella Durbin*, 60, 3618 Fountain Drive No. 3, 459-4314. Cashier, Valu Market. City Council, 1992-1993, part of 1994, 1997-present.
Doris Furman*, 54, 3743 Ethel Ave., 459-5090. Deputy sheriff. City Council, 1994-present.
Billy Hill, 49, 3704 Marvin Ave., 459-2286. Self-employed maintenance subcontractor. No political experience.
Freda Matheny*, 65, 3732 Ethel Ave., 451-8382. Homemaker, part-time baby sitter. City Council, 1995-present.
Hazel Mae Redmon, 65, 3724 Marvin Ave., 451-6766. Former tax preparer for H&R Block. City Council, 1995-96.
Kimberly R. Richards*, 31, 3603 Fountain Drive No. 2, 459-6031. Vice president for operations, Century Lighting. City Council, 1997-present.
Paul Runner, 61, 3721 St. Francis Ave., 452-6734. Retired shipping and receiving worker at General Electric. No political experience.
Rose Shouse*, 64, 3752 Ethel Ave., 458-2373. Retired retail and home-health worker. City Council, 1989-present.

WILDWOOD (four commission seats)

Michael Thomas Bell, 34, 125 Wildwood Lane, 326-9146. Environmental consultant. No political experience.
Craig T. Brangers*, 38, 151 Tanglewood Trail, 425-6009. Sales manager, flooring company. Commission, two years.
Carolyn Heckmann*, 41, 9805 Wildwood Court, 425-0906. Teacher. City Commission, three years.
Tamara L. Sadler*, 33, 9805 Longwood Circle, 327-8337. Insurance adjuster. City Commission, one year.
Shawn Weatherholt, 33, 109 Wildwood Lane, 326-0499. Technical manager. No political experience.

WINDY HILLS (six council seats)

Sally Doyle*, 47, 4704 Kitty Hawk Way, 897-2028. Claims adjuster. Appointed to fill unexpired council term in September.
John Eckerle*, 78, 6201 Two Springs Lane, 895-3354. Retired federal employee. City Council, 14 years.
Louis A. Phillips*, 65, 5614 Coach Gate Wynde, 899-9971. Retired corporate manager. Appointed to fill unexpired council term in September.
A. LaVecce Stark, 69, 6419 Regency Lane, 893-4235. Retired business owner. No political experience.
William R. Thompson*, 43, 1113 Clerkenwell Road, 895-5018. Director of operations. Council, two years.
Emory C. Willey Jr.*, 75, 414 Kaelin Drive, 895-1505. Retired dentist. Council, 25 years.
Ralph A. Williams*, 61, 607 Indian Ridge, 895-7348. Sales manager. Council, eight years.

Mayor

Here are short profiles of the candidates in contested races for mayor of in Jefferson County's small cities. An asterisk (*) denotes an incumbent.

BRIARWOOD

Dante Jamone Murry
AGE: 26
ADDRESS: 8614 Wintergreen Court
OCCUPATION: University of Louisville student and business-development specialist at United Parcel Service
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None
EDUCATION: Waggener High School; attends University of Louisville
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Board of directors, Dove Creek Condominiums Phase II, African American Strategic Planning Group, UPS representative, Metro United Way

William H. Vaughan*
AGE: 72
ADDRESS: 2006 Japonica Way
OCCUPATION: Retired food-service-equipment salesman
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, 1983-present; City Commission, 1979-83
EDUCATION: Riverside High School, Decatur, Ala.
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Lyndon Baptist Church, Jefferson County League of Cities, Kentucky Dairy Boosters, Little Colonel Players

HURSTBOURNE

Bill Bardenwerper*
AGE: 46
ADDRESS: 8620 Blackpool Drive
OCCUPATION: Attorney, Bardenwerper & Lobb
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, (1993-present); Jefferson County director of intergovernmental affairs and counsel to county judge-executive (1978-1984); member, Jefferson County Crime Commission (1978-1984); member, Kentuckiana Planning & Development Agency's board, (1980-1984); chairman of Louisville Gardens Arena Operating Co.'s board, 1985-1989
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, University of Virginia; law degree, University of Louisville
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Greater Louisville Inc., Home Builders Association of Louisville, Jeffersontown Chamber of Commerce, Hurstbourne Rotary Club, Cornerstone 2020; co-founder and secretary of the board of Kentuckiana Crime Stoppers
 Contact: 426-0310 or 426-6688 (work)

Jack Early
AGE: 73
ADDRESS: 9002 Hurstwood Court
OCCUPATION: Consultant, Napoleon Hill Foundation for Management Development and Training

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: State representative, 85th District, Whitley County, (1952-1954)
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degrees, Union College and Lexington Theological Seminary; master's and doctoral degrees, University of Kentucky
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Member, Rotary District 6710; president, Kentucky Society of Sons of the American Revolution; chairman, Louisville Liaison Committee, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Headquarters; Kentucky Scottish Rite Foundation; St. Mark United Methodist Church

INDIAN HILLS

Thomas E. Dunbar
AGE: 41
ADDRESS: 112 Tribal Road
OCCUPATION: Business broker for Management Alternatives (merger and acquisition intermediaries)
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None
EDUCATION: bachelor's degree, Albion (Mich.) College; master's degree, Indiana University
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Louisville Business Brokers Association, Louisville Venture Capital Club

Thomas O. Eifler Sr.*
AGE: 56
ADDRESS: 171 Westwind Road
OCCUPATION: Senior vice president for investments, Prudential Securities Inc.
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor (1995-present); city commissioner (1985-1991, 1993-1995); Jefferson County A District Commissioner (1992)
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, University of Louisville
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Member of the boards of St. Joseph Orphans Society, Goodwill Industries, Caritas Hospital Foundation, Xavier Brothers governance, Catholic Education Foundation and Capital Access Group; also member of St. Xavier High School finance committee; Catholic Schools Lay Employees Retirement Fund finance committee; St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church.

LYNDON

Susan Barto*
AGE: 51
ADDRESS: 323 Wood Road
OCCUPATION: Mayor
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, 1990-present
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Kentucky Wesleyan College.
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Lyndon Woman's Club; Beargrass Christian Church; board of directors, Kentucky League of Cities; Task Force on Governance.

Albert C. "Bud" Ochsner
AGE: 60
ADDRESS: 1415 Ormsby Lane
OCCUPATION: Owner and manager, Lyndon Station Development Co.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: City Council (1987-1988, 1991-96)
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Eastern Kentucky University
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Board of directors, Lyndon Recreation; Lyndon Area Business Association; Southeast Christian Church.

NORBOURNE ESTATES

Timothy Kraus*
AGE: 36
ADDRESS: 4020 Norbourne Blvd.
OCCUPATION: Manager of Louisville office, O'Brien and Gere Engineers
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Appointed mayor in 1997 after Tommy Elliott resigned; city commissioner. (1994-1997); member of Jefferson County League of Cities' board
EDUCATION: Bachelor's and master's degrees, University of Louisville Speed Scientific School
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; secretary, Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers

Charles Marsh
AGE: 40
ADDRESS: 4027 Norbourne Blvd.
OCCUPATION: Co-owner, Gault Development and Summit Construction
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: St. Matthews Elementary School; member, Innovative Productivity; a liaison board financed by the Navy; member, Riverport Business Association

ST. MATTHEWS

James "Doc" Distler
AGE: 66
ADDRESS: 201 S. Sherrin Ave.
OCCUPATION: Chiropractor
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None
EDUCATION: Bellarmine College (two years), degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, St. Matthews Lions Club, American Legion Zachary Taylor Post 180

Arthur K. Draut*
AGE: 74
ADDRESS: 4306 Churchill Road
OCCUPATION: Retired principal, Waggener High School
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, (1984-present); City Council (1976-1984)
EDUCATION: Bachelor's and master's degrees, University of Louisville
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Board of directors of Kentucky League of Cities, Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency and the Kentucky Derby Festival; Beargrass Christian Church

SYCAMORE

Jim Barr
AGE: 60
ADDRESS: 10601 Sycamore Trail
OCCUPATION: Owns Barr Inc., a logistics and management consulting firm
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: City commissioner, 1984 to 1988
EDUCATION: Butler University, University of Louisville
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Masonic Lodge 400, Scottish Rite Temple, Kosair Shrine Temple, Buechel-Fern Creek Jaycees

Cleveland Parkins*
AGE: 73
ADDRESS: 123 Sycamore Drive
OCCUPATION: Retired research chemist, Celanese Corp.
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, 1988-present; city commissioner, 1984-1988
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree from Syracuse University; graduate classes at Columbia University and University of Friburg in Switzerland
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Vice chairman, Jefferson County League of Cities; executive board of the St. John Center for the homeless; member of Task Force 2000, studying possible merger of Louisville and Jefferson County; Trinity Presbyterian Church; volunteer, Eastern Area Community Ministries; standing committee, Wayside Christian Mission

Linda Utley
AGE: 36
ADDRESS: 10601 Sycamore Court
OCCUPATION: Registered nurse, Suburban Hospital
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Eastern Kentucky University

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Volunteer, Kentucky Country Day School; Metro United Way committee, Suburban Hospital

WEST BUECHEL

Sharon Fowler*
AGE: 49
ADDRESS: 3723 Ethel Ave.
OCCUPATION: Partner in Schimron Construction Co.
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, (1994-present); City Council (1990-1994)
EDUCATION: Western Kentucky University and University of Louisville
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Member of the board of Jefferson County League of Cities; member, Jacobs Well International Church, CHOICE, Buechel Festival Board, National Association of Black Mayors

Richard "Rick" W. Richards
AGE: 40
ADDRESS: 3713 Marvin Ave.
OCCUPATION: Owner and president, Century Lighting Service Inc.
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None
EDUCATION: Seneca High School; electrical apprenticeship training
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Midlane Park Baptist Church

Loy Crawford
AGE: 60
ADDRESS: 2030 Shepherdsview Road
OCCUPATION: Journeyman electrician with IBEW Local 369
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Appointed first mayor of West Buechel by the City Council (1973), elected mayor (1974-1978); City Council (1972-1973)
EDUCATION: Graduate of Morris Branch High School in Ohio County, attended Athens and New Albany trade schools
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Buechel Park Baptist Church, Highland Park Lodge 865, Scottish Rite 32nd-degree Mason, Kosair Shrine

Wayne C. Mosely Sr.
AGE: 47
ADDRESS: 3707 Marvin Ave.
OCCUPATION: Bus driver, Jefferson County Public Schools

WESTWOOD

J. Thomas "Tom" Klebba
AGE: 58
ADDRESS: 9113 Henry Clay Drive
OCCUPATION: President, St. Pottski Enterprises, which operates three used-furniture and antique stores
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: City Commission, 1988-98
EDUCATION: Attended University of Detroit, University of Michigan
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: United States Tennis Association umpire

Robert M. Groemling*
AGE: 68
ADDRESS: 9003 Trentham Lane
OCCUPATION: Retired purchasing agent, Ford's Kentucky Truck Plant
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, 1988-98. City Commission, 1976-1988
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree and graduate study, University of Illinois
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Chairman, Westport Road Association; member, Westport Road Area Business Association, Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society

WRITE-IN RACES

Because of filings by write-in mayoral candidates before last Monday's deadline, two races have developed, one in Lynnview and one in Riverwood.

(w) indicates write-in candidate.
 * indicates incumbent.

LYNNVIEW

Mayor: John R. Gognat Jr.*, Kenneth Boswell (w).

RIVERWOOD

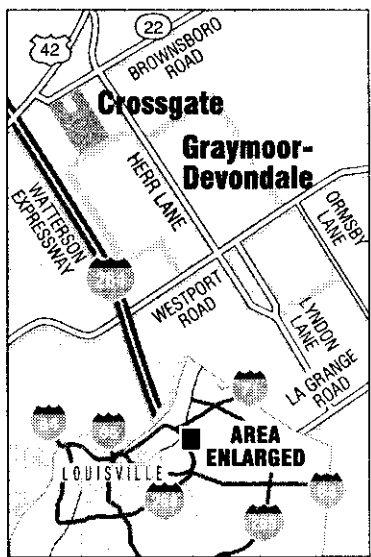
Mayor: Lawrence H. Boram*, Kenneth C. Fleming (w)

TWO MERGER VOTES ON THE BALLOT

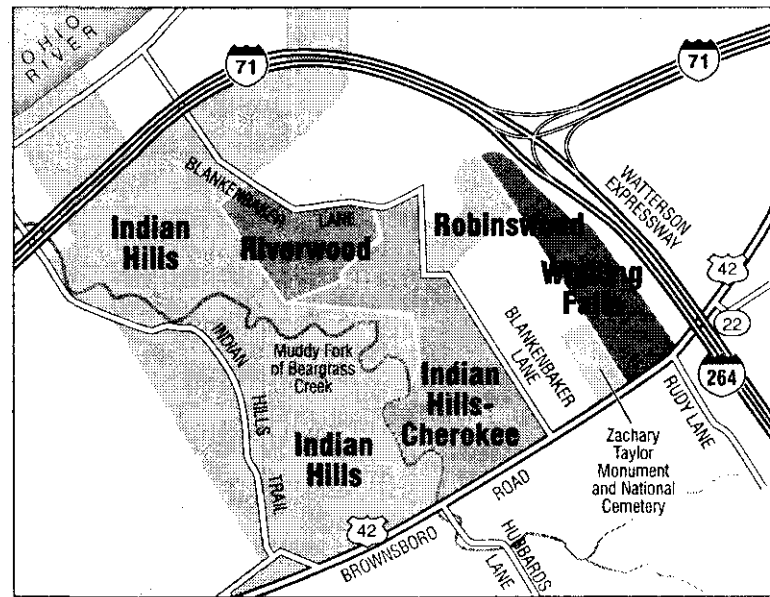
Voters in Crossgate and Graymoor-Devondale will decide whether to merge their two cities. Proponents point to advantages gained by size, while some Crossgate residents are concerned that their city will lose its identity. In order for the merger to pass, a majority of those voting in each city must approve it.

Voters in the East End cities of Indian Hills, Indian Hills-Cherokee, Riverwood, Robinswood and Winding Falls will vote on whether to merge into a single city under the name Indian Hills. They would also adopt a city council form of government. A majority of

those casting ballots in each city must approve the merger in order for it to take place. If the merger is approved, the new city plans to seek fourth-class status, which would give it some control over zoning matters.



BY STEVE DURBIN, THE C-J



OLDHAM COUNTY

JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

Democratic incumbent John Black is being challenged by Republican David Ott in the race for Oldham County judge-executive. The winner will help make decisions on many issues — upgrading roads, expanding services, boosting economic development, and finding ways to manage growth while preserving the county's rural flavor.

JOHN BLACK

Political party: Democrat
Age: 46
Address: 108 N. Fifth St., La Grange
Occupation: County judge-executive
Political experience: Judge-executive, 1994-present; La Grange mayor, 1985-93; La Grange City Council, 1983-84
Family: Wife, Karen; two stepchildren, Josh, 21, and Stephanie, 20
Education: Oldham County High School; bachelor's degree in correctional administration, Eastern Kentucky University
Civic involvement: DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, La Grange Rotary, Oldham County Chamber of Commerce, Oldham County Board of Health, Oldham County Cooperative Extension Agency, Tri-County Community Action Agency, Oldham County Police Merit Board, Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency



DAVID OTT

Political party: Republican
Age: 50
Address: 2019 Cardinal Harbour Road
Occupation: Ott Business Systems, computer consulting services; president of 4SIGHT Inc., which provides temporary and permanent office personnel
Political experience: Fairview (Pa.) Township Planning Commission, 1990-91
Family: Wife, Linda; two grown daughters
Education: Associate degree in business, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland
Civic involvement: Cardinal Harbour Homeowners Association, chairman and director, 1994-present; Fairview Township Fire Department, vice president and trustee, 1989-94; North Oldham Baptist Church



FISCAL COURT MAGISTRATE

Races in three of Oldham County's eight magisterial districts are already decided. In two of the three, the winners of the primary are unopposed in the general election — incumbent Paula Gish of District 1 in Goshen won the Republican primary, and political newcomer Hartley Winters won over four opponents in the Democratic primary in District 4, the Ballardsville area. District 8 incumbent Robert Deibel Jr. had no election challenge at all.

That leaves races in Districts 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, with only two incumbents, Republicans Rick Rash and Bill Tucker, seeking re-election.

Here's a closer look:

DISTRICT 2

WAYNE THEISS

Party: Democrat
Age: 50
Address: 5103 Glen Cove Road, La Grange
Occupation: Owner, Theiss Appliance & Furniture Co., La Grange
Political experience: La Grange City Council, 1978-81; Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission, 1975-79
Family: Wife, Linda; one grown son
Education: Oldham County High School; University of Louisville, bachelor's degree in marketing
Civic involvement: Covenant United Methodist Church, La Grange

HOWARD L. ROBERTS

Party: Republican
Age: 47
Address: 5008 Fox Run Road, Buckner
Occupation: Salesman and safety director, Browning Pontiac-Chevrolet-GMC, Eminence
Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Karen; daughters Adrienne, 21, and Heather, 19; son John, 15; stepdaughters Michelle, 25, Stephanie, 22, and Amanda, 15
Education: Shelby County High School; attended Kentucky State University and University of Louisville
Civic involvement: Volunteer trainer, Oldham County High School football, 1985-present; South Oldham Christian Church

JAMES "FUZZY" SHAW

Party: Democrat (write-in candidate)
Age: 65
Address: 4209 W. Ky. 146, La Grange
Occupation: Part-time salesman, Furrow's Lumber, Middletown; retired after 32 years from Shaw's Grocery,

Buckner

Political experience: Fiscal Court, 1986-present
Family: Wife, Julia; four grown children
Education: Pleasureville High School; obtained GED
Civic involvement: Bethlehem Baptist Church; La Grange Fire Protection Board; Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency's board; Kentucky Magistrates Association, legislative committee

DISTRICT 3

MARY ELLEN KINSER

Party: Republican
Age: 40
Address: 1800 Foxboro Road, La Grange
Occupation: Self-employed design consultant, community volunteer
Political experience: None
Family: Husband, Jim; son Justin, 15; and one grown son, Jason
Education: Oldham County High School; University of Louisville, bachelor's degree in applied science
Civic involvement: Immaculate Conception Church, Project Graduation, Leadership Oldham County, Challengers; fund-raiser for Maryhurst

BOBBY D. MORGAN

Party: Democrat
Age: 53
Address: 1419 E. Ky. 524, La Grange
Occupation: Farmer
Political experience: County road superintendent, 1978-90
Family: Wife, Evelyn; one grown son
Education: Oldham County High School
Civic involvement: Covington Ridge Baptist Church; Masonic Lodge No. 47, La Grange

DISTRICT 5

DUANE MURNER

Party: Republican
Age: 61
Address: 8502 Todds Point Road, Crestwood
Occupation: Retired financial-service executive, former president of Commonwealth Life Insurance Co., farmer
Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Anne; six grown children
Education: Harvard University, bachelor of arts
Civic involvement: Metro United Way, board of directors and executive

committee, chairman 1985-87, EiderServe Inc., board of directors and executive committee, president 1990-92; Oak & Acorn Inc., president; Oldham County Historical Society, board of directors; 1997 Bell Award

IVA DAVIS

Party: Democrat
Age: 56
Address: 8405 Hawley Gibson Road, Crestwood
Occupation: Appraiser and real-estate agent, owner of Century 21 Gold Star Realtors and Davis Appraisals
Political experience: Oldham County long-range road-planning committee in early 1990s
Family: Husband, Don; two grown children
Education: Butler High School
Civic involvement: Oldham County Democratic Executive Committee; Louisville Board of Realtors; Oldham County Democratic Women's Club; Kentucky and national associations of Realtors

DISTRICT 6

BILL TUCKER

Party: Republican
Age: 65
Address: 4118 Suwanee Drive, La Grange
Occupation: Retired general contractor
Political experience: Fiscal Court, 1991-present
Family: Wife, Hazel; two grown daughters
Education: Blandsville High School, Ballard County
Civic involvement: DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, La Grange Rotary, Oldham County Fair Board, Kentucky Baptist Builders

GARY E. CARNES

Party: Democrat
Age: 44
Address: 3008 Pin Oak Drive, La Grange
Occupation: Part owner, vice president for fixed operations, Bill Carnes Chevrolet & Oldsmobile, Carrollton
Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Debbie; two grown children
Education: Oldham County High School; attended Eastern Kentucky University
Civic involvement: DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church; advisory committee, Kentucky Tech Carroll

County Area Technology Center

DISTRICT 7

JEROME J. HARTLAGE

Party: Democrat
Age: 59
Address: 7402 Autumn Bent Way, Crestwood
Occupation: Funeral director, Stoess Funeral Home
Political experience: Orchard Grass Hills City Council, 1994-present; Orchard Grass Hills mayor, 1979-85; Fiscal Court, 1986-93
Family: Wife, Emma Lou; two grown children
Education: Attended Morehead State College; graduated from Kentucky School of Mortuary Science
Civic involvement: South Oldham High School Athletic Boosters, treasurer; Worthington Community Association, former president; Worthington Fire Protection District East, treasurer.

RICK RASH

Party: Republican
Age: 46
Address: 6803 Briar Hill Road, Crestwood
Occupation: Semi-retired, manages commercial real estate
Political experience: Fiscal Court, 1994-present
Family: Wife, Norma; son Richie, 17; daughter Jessica, 16
Education: Attended Eastern Kentucky University, U.S. Military Academy; bachelor's degree in political science, University of Louisville
Civic involvement: Crestwood Merchants Association, vice president; Crestwood United Methodist Church, administrative board; manager and singer, Southern Jubilee gospel quartet.

E.M. "MAC" McELROY

Party: Independent
Age: 63
Address: 7319 Geneva Road, Crestwood
Occupation: Semi-retired; owns television-repair shop; runs heating and air-conditioning service.
Political experience: Three terms on Lake Louisville City Council in 1960 and early 1970s.
Family: Wife, Mary; four grown children.
Education: Russell Springs High School, graduate of the old Louisville Radio School
Civic involvement: Moose Lodge No. 2415; St. John's Priory, Louisville

POLLING PLACES

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For more information, call the Oldham County voter-registration office, 222-0047.

Here is a list of polling places:

CODE, NAME, LOCATION

- A101** North Goshen, North Oldham Government Center 13206 W. U.S. 42
A103 Harmony, Goshen Elementary School 1801 S. Ky. 1793
A104 South Harmony, North Oldham Fire Station 2 1701 N. Ky. 1793
B101 Skylight, North Oldham Fire Station 1 8615 W. U.S. 42
B104 West Buckner, Buckner Fire Department 3713 W. Ky. 146
C101 Covington, La Grange Fire Station 3 2800 E. U.S. 42
C102 North La Grange, DeHaven Baptist Church Life Center 307 W. Jefferson St.
C104 East La Grange, La Grange Elementary School 500 W. Jefferson St.
C105 Westport, Fire Department 6407 Fourth St.
D101 Southeast La Grange, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 2416 W. Ky. 53
D102 West La Grange Fire Department 121 W. Main St.
D103 Ballardsville Fire Department 4600 S. Ky. 53
E101 East Worth, Mount Tabor United Methodist Church 3301 W. Ky. 22
E102 West Worth, Mount Tabor United Methodist Church 3301 W. Ky. 22
E103 South Pewee Valley, Pewee Valley Baptist Church 331 E. Ash Ave.
F102 East Buckner, Buckner Baptist Church 3714 W. Ky. 146
F103 Glenarm, Oldham County Middle School 4305 W. Ky. 146
F104 Centerfield, Centerfield Elementary School 4512 S. Ky. 393
G101 Brownsboro, Community Center 7701 Ky. 329
G102 Briar Hill, Assemblies of God District Office—cafeteria 7206 Clore Lane
G103 North 22, Assemblies of God District Office—cafeteria 7206 Clore Lane
G104 Covered Bridge, New Goshen Presbyterian Church 12900 W. U.S. 42
H101 North Crestwood, South Oldham Middle School 6403 W. Ky. 146
H103 North Pewee Valley, Pewee Valley Fire Department 312 Mount Mercy Drive
H104 Crestwood, Fire Department 6710 W. Ky. 146

OLDHAM COUNTY

DISTRICT JUDGE

Julia Fields has been district judge for Oldham, Trimble and Henry counties (the 12th District) for 15 years, and she's banking on that experience to help her win re-election. But challenger Marshall Gaither contends that his experience as a lawyer and FBI agent makes him the better candidate. Here's a closer look:

JULIA L. FIELDS

Address: Goshen

Age: 47

Occupation: District judge

Political experience: District judge, 1983 to present; appointed in 1996 by Kentucky Supreme Court to the committee revising the code of judicial conduct

Family: Married to James W. Maples

Education: bachelor's degree and law degree from Yale University

Civic involvement: None given



MARSHALL V. GAITHER

Address: Pewee Valley

Age: 52

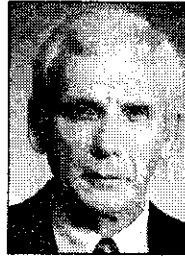
Occupation: Lawyer in private practice

Political experience: None given.

Family: Married to Terri Gaither; a son, Joshua, 7; a daughter, Heather, 23; a stepdaughter, Jessica, 16

Education: Bachelor's degree and law degree from University of Louisville

Civic involvement: None given.



SHERIFF

Two career law-enforcement officers, both eager to fulfill longtime professional goals, are waging a hot contest for sheriff, hoping to succeed Wally Nay, who is not seeking re-election. Here's a closer look:

RICKY J. SIMMONS

Party: Democrat

Age: 39

Address: 2008 Elder Park Road, La Grange

Occupation: Oldham County sheriff's deputy, 1983-89 and 1996-present; Oldham County police, 1989-96; Pewee Valley police, 1983

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Jodie; sons Ricky Joe, 18, and Travis, 14

Education: Oldham County High School; graduate of sheriff's academy at Western Kentucky University and police academy at Eastern Kentucky University

Civic involvement: Oldham County Fraternal Order of Police (president, 1993-94); Oldham County Fair Board, 1996-97; Oldham County Youth Football board, 1990-present; booster clubs, Oldham and South Oldham high schools; La Grange Fire and Rescue, honorary lifetime member, served 1978-89; Kentucky and national sheriffs' associations



STEVE SPARROW

Party: Republican

Age: 45

Address: 7814 Neda Way, Crestwood

Occupation: Retired from Oldham County Police Department in December 1995 after 20 years. Crime-prevention officer, field-training officer, DARE instructor

Political experience: Oldham County Police Merit Board, 1991-92

Family: Engaged to Doty Bird. Has three children, Michael, 26, Stephanie, 15, and Jason, 13

Education: Atherton High School; attended Jefferson Community College and Eastern Kentucky University, police academy graduate

Civic involvement: Oldham County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 62; Louisville Thoroughbred Chorus; Oldham County Project DARE (president, 1994-95; vice president, 1990); Oldham County Youth and Family Services board, 1989-1998; DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church



ATTORNEY

Incumbent John Fendley, a Democrat, was the only candidate in the spring primary for Oldham County attorney, but during the summer William L. Coyne joined the race as a write-in candidate. Here's a closer look:

WILLIAM L. COYNE

Party: Republican (write-in candidate)

Age: 64

Address: 5707 Spring Bluff Drive, Crestwood

Occupation: Retired; corporate attorney for PRIMCO Capital Management, Louisville, for six years. U.S. Navy, retired as a captain after 26 years

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Phyllis; four grown children

Education: bachelor's degree in science engineering, Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif.; law degree, University of Louisville

Civic involvement: La Grange Rotary Club (director, 1996); Retired Officers Association, Louisville chapter (vice president, 1996); Louisville Bar Association



JOHN R. FENDLEY

Party: Democrat

Age: 52

Address: 110 Fendley Road, La Grange

Occupation: County attorney, June 1989-present

Political experience: County attorney; assistant county attorney

Family: Wife, Barbara; four children, Reed, 23; Daniel, 21; David, 17; Mark, 13

Education: Bachelor's degree in animal science, University of Kentucky; teaching certificate, University of Louisville; law degree, U of L

Civic involvement: DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church (deacon and Sunday school worker)



PEWEE VALLEY MAYOR

Last spring, it seemed as though Pewee Valley might find itself in a leadership drought, after Mayor Vivien Reinhardt and all current members of the City Council said they would not seek re-election. But the contest that wasn't to be is coming to pass: Seven candidates have forced a race for the six City Council seats and political newcomers Jim Kincer and Bob Bell are running for mayor in the non-partisan election. Here's a closer look:

JIM KINCER

Age: 57

Address: P.O. Box 675

Occupation: President, AquaPerfect of Kentucky

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Joyce Kincer; one daughter, Nikki; two sons, Jimmy and Derek

Education: Attended Eastern Kentucky University

Civic involvement: Member, Highland Park Baptist Church and Kentucky Family Foundation; member of Suburban Hospital's board



BOB BELL

Age: 56

Address: 6929 N. Ky.

146, Crestwood 40014

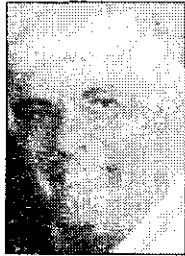
Occupation: Real-estate broker (R. L. Bell Investments) and project manager, Biddle Construction

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Janice Biddle Bell; a daughter, Angela Klehr; a son, Robert Bell

Education: Bachelor's degree, Western Kentucky University; attended University of Louisville

Civic involvement: Treasurer, South Oldham High School PTA; member, South Oldham Lions Club and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



PEWEE VALLEY CITY COUNCIL

Seven candidates are seeking six seats on the Pewee Valley City Council. Here's a brief look at them and the issues they say the city faces:

DAVID FUNKE

Age: 37

Address: 212 Elm St.

Occupation: Lawyer

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Angela; a son, Michael, 13; two daughters, Louisa, 2, and Nina, 2 months

Education: Bachelor's degree, American University; law degree, Case Western Reserve University

Main issue: In the face of encroaching development, preserving the quality of life and services, including police protection and enforcement of zoning laws

KEVIN FUQUA

Age: 31

Address: 331 Maple Ave.

Occupation: Certified public accountant

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Cindy; sons Jacob, 7, and Zachary, 4

Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Louisville

Main issue: Making sure people understand the city's financial status, how the budget process works and what money the city has available

PETER JOHNSON

Age: 38

Address: 330 Maple Ave.

Occupation: Project manager, Stanley Schultze & Co.

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Emily Johnson; sons Greg, 8, and Mark, 3; daughter Maggie, 2

Education: Eastern High School

Main issue: Speeding up completion of the Ky. 329 bypass-extension project

PATRICIA PAYNE

Age: 63

Address: 410 Rebel Drive

Occupation: Retired pediatric nurse practitioner

Political experience: None

Family: Husband, John Payne; son John; daughter Jeannine

Education: Attended Jefferson Community College and University of Louisville; nursing degree, Mount St. Joseph's College, Cincinnati

Main issue: Getting citizens more involved in the annual budget process and developing a tight fiscal policy that monitors spending closely

JAMES MARQUARDT

Age: 47

Address: 205 Rebel Drive

Occupation: Vice president, Old Colony Insurance Service, Crestwood

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Trina Gordon-Marquardt; a stepdaughter, Nicole Gordon; and a stepson, Kyle Gordon

Education: Associate degree, St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, N. Y.

Main issue: Sewers are inevitable, so the city must focus on how that will affect fixed-income residents. Must thoroughly research this issue and negotiate the best deal for citizens.

NATHAN STEWART

Age: 31

Address: 213 Rebel Drive

Occupation: Consultant, Technology Consulting Inc.

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Stephanie Stewart; daughter Riley; son Spencer

Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Kentucky

Main issue: Overseeing a good city business that includes quality decision-making with regard to police protection, sewers and budget issues

SUZIE WALSER

Age: 46

Address: 7110 W. Ky. 22, Crestwood

Occupation: Certified property manager and real-estate agent

Political experience: None

Family: Single

Education: Bachelor's degree, Eastern Kentucky University

Main issue: With the dissolution of the police department, the city budget should have enough money to address road and drainage problems and possibly add new services like garbage and collection of recyclables without increasing taxes.

OLDHAM COUNTY

LA GRANGE MAYOR

Next month's ballot for La Grange mayor will list incumbent Nancy Steele — the city's first and only female mayor since its incorporation in 1840 — and Elsie Carter, a restaurant owner and City Council member who would like to be the second. Here's a closer look:

ELSIE B. CARTER

Age: 60
Address: 114 E. Main St.
Occupation: Owner, The Garden Party restaurant
Political experience: City Council, 1994-present; Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission, 1995-present
Family: Divorced; three adult children.
Education: Bryant Stratton Business School
Civic involvement: La Grange Kiwanis Club; Project Guild; La Grange Merchants Association; Covenant United Methodist Church



NANCY STEELE

Age: 62
Address: 715 Scott Montfort Drive
Occupation: Mayor
Political experience: City Council, 1982-1994; mayor, 1994-present
Family: Husband, William "Buddy" Steele; four adult children
Education: Oldham County High School
Civic involvement: Covenant United Methodist Church; Kids and Tutors; La Grange Fire and Rescue Operations Board; Tri-County Community Action Agency Board; Democratic Woman's Club



LA GRANGE CITY COUNCIL

Sixteen people are seeking six seats on the La Grange City Council. Here's a brief look:

NIA LEE CROWDER

Age: 41
Address: 1216 Heather-bourne Drive
Occupation: Certified nursing assistant for Alliant Home Health
Political experience: None
Family: Husband, John Crowder; two sons: Adam, 19; Brandon, 16
Education: Henry County High School

JAMES T. BEAUMONT

Age: 59
Address: 204 N. Madison St.
Occupation: Line worker, Lear Seating Corp.
Political experience: City Council, 1969-1973; 1995-96
Family: Wife, Shirley; two grown children
Education: Lincoln Ridge High School; attended Kentucky State University and graduated from Watterson College

ALICE "FRAN" CURTIS

Age: 55
Address: 412 N. Fourth St.
Occupation: Homemaker
Political experience: None
Family: Husband, Jim Curtis; daughter, Kelli Weakly, 34
Education: Henry County Central High School

JOE DAVENPORT

Age: 50
Address: 306 W. Main St.
Occupation: Assistant manager, Kroger
Political experience: City Council, 1996-present
Family: Wife, Betty Davenport; two stepchildren: Mark Brizendine, 29; Lisa Brizendine, 33
Education: Green County High School

SAM FINLEY

Age: 61
Address: 402 E. Jefferson St.
Occupation: Retired installation and repair foreman, BellSouth
Political experience: City Council, 1978-present
Family: Wife, Carolyn Finley; four daughters: Bambi Wright, 40; Melody Finley, 38; Reggie Finley, 37; Tonya Star Barlow, 35
Education: Campbellsville Junior College

JOHN W. GLAUBER

Age: 60
Address: 103 Franklin Ave.
Occupation: Retired from Kentucky State Reformatory; works for Century Jet Models Inc.
Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Sherry Glauber
Education: Oldham County High School

ROBERT B. HAMPTON

Age: 74
Address: 513 N. Fifth St.
Occupation: Retired Oldham County school-bus driver
Political experience: City Council, 1988-present
Family: Wife, Ruth Hampton; son, Berry Hampton, 52
Education: Oldham County High School; attended Kentucky Wesleyan College

FRANKLIN KNIGHT

Age: 58
Address: 221 Jane St.
Occupation: machinist, United Defense LP Armament Systems Division
Political experience: None
Family: wife, Jean Knight; two daughters: Dawn Knight, 31; Melissa Knight Cox, 33
Education: Oldham County High School

DANIEL LINTON

Age: 40
Address: 103 McMakin Manor
Occupation: Self-employed title examiner
Political experience: La Grange Board of Adjustments, 1998
Family: Wife, Linda Linton; son Patrick, 4
Education: Trinity High School; attended Western Kentucky University and Jefferson Community College

BEVERLY B. McCOMBS

Age: 42
Address: 309 W. Madison St.
Occupation: Teaches creative drama at La Grange Elementary School
Political experience: City Council, 1994-present
Family: Husband, Gregory K. McCombs; three children: Jamie K. Smith, 21; Allagra K. McCombs, 11; Keri A. McCombs, 11
Education: Oldham County High School

NORALEE MOOCK

Age: 58
Address: 101 Duncan Ave.
Occupation: Clerk, U.S. post office in La Grange
Political experience: None
Family: Husband, John "Tom" Moock; four children: John T. Moock Jr., 41; Candy King, 39; Cynthia D. Manley, 37; Charlotte A. Hunter, 33
Education: Ahrens Trade School

DEBORAH POLLARD

Age: 44
Address: 605 Lakeview Ave.
Occupation: debt-recovery specialist, GLA Collection Co.
Political experience: La Grange City Council, 1982-present
Family: Divorced; two children: Tabatha, 26; Marcus, 21
Education: Oldham County High School

LUCY R. RICKETTS

Age: 48
Address: 102 Anchor Ave.
Occupation: Teacher, La Grange Elementary School
Political experience: None
Family: Husband, Steven T. Ricketts; two sons: Thomas, 25; Jordan, 17
Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees, University of Louisville

GARY WILLIAMS

Age: 43
Address: 210 Maple Ave.
Occupation: training developer for Lantech
Political experience: Appointed chairman of the La Grange Historic District Commission
Family: Wife, Jacqueline; three children: Brett, 12; BreAnne, 12; Keegan, 10
Education: Northwood University. Also attended Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C.

KEVIN R. WOOSLEY

Age: 27
Address: 208 N. Cedar Ave.
Occupation: Transportation officer, Kentucky State Reformatory
Political experience: City Council, 1996-present; La Grange Cemetery Board, 1997-present
Family: Wife, Melanie Woosley
Education: Oldham County High School

GLENN YOST

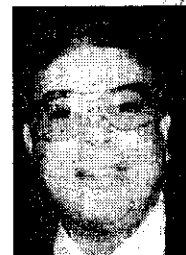
Age: 55
Address: 512 N. Fifth St.
Occupation: Retail clerk, Southern States
Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Kathryn Yost; two sons: Eric, 25; Ned, 22
Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Kentucky

BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 5

The race for the 5th District seat on the Oldham County Board of Education pits incumbent Linda Theiss against three challengers — Jay Broder, Amy Clore and Bill Schaeffer. Here's a closer look:

JAY BRODER

Age: 50
Address: 5305 Mary Clayton Lane, Crestwood
Occupation: President, Cardservice International
Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Donna; sons Andrew, 25, and Todd, 20; and daughter Heather, 10
Education: Bachelor's and master's of business administration degrees from Bellarmine College
Civic involvement: Oldham County Chamber of Commerce; Centerfield Elementary School's management council; treasurer, Lockwood Estates Association, 1992-94, 1997-present



AMY CLORE

Age: 37
Address: 6711 W. U.S. 42
Occupation: Homemaker
Political experience: None
Family: Husband, Brann Clore; daughters Hannah, 9, and Lydia, 7; sons Haydon, 5, and Brannaman, 2
Education: Oldham County High School; bachelor's degrees in special education and elementary education from the University of Kentucky; graduate work at the University of Louisville
Civic involvement: Chairwoman of the Parent Involvement/Classroom Enrichment Committee and room-parent coordinator for Liberty Elementary School PTA; trustee, Council for Retarded Citizens; coordinator of "Everybody Counts" disability-awareness program; Kentucky Association for Gifted Education; St. John United Methodist Church



BILL SHAEFFER

Age: 35
Address: 4004 Carriage Hill Drive, Crestwood
Occupation: Manufacturer's representative for TeleCom Communications Products
Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Sara Shaeffer; daughter Lauren Ashlee, 9 months
Education: Two-year degree from RETS Electronic Institute
Civic involvement: Crestwood Baptist Church; Greater Louisville Inc.; adviser to Louisville Telecommunications Division



LINDA THEISS

Age: 48
Address: 5103 Glen Cove Road, La Grange
Occupation: Co-owner, Theiss Home Furnishings
Political experience: School board, 1995-present
Family: Husband, Wayne Theiss; son Toby, 23
Education: Associate degree in secretarial science, Murray State University
Civic involvement: Covenant United Methodist Church, Oldham County Chamber of Commerce, La Grange City Park Board



BULLITT COUNTY

DISTRICT JUDGE

Bullitt District Judge John Laun is counting on his work on the bench during the past five years to persuade voters to re-elect him. His challenger, Rebecca Ward, is hoping her reputation as a lawyer and prosecutor will sway voters her way. Here's a closer look:

JOHN D. LAUN

Address: Shepherdsville
Age: 47

Occupation: District judge

Political experience: Assistant county attorney, 1977-1981 and 1991-1993; judge, 1994-present

Family: Wife, Anne McGuire Laun; four children: Katie, 20, John Jr., 16, and twins Susie and Maggie, 11

Education: Bachelor's and law degrees, University of Louisville

Civic involvement: St. Aloysius Catholic Church; Shepherdsville Lions Club; Bullitt County Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association; Bullitt County YMCA; Judicial Center Site Relocation Committee



REBECCA S. WARD

Address: Mount Washington
Age: 36

Occupation: Lawyer, Ward & Winchell in Shepherdsville

Political experience: Assistant county attorney, 1994-96

Family: Husband, Joseph E. Klingbiel; three stepchildren: Dionna, 20, Joseph III, 18, and Toni, 14

Education: Bachelor's and law degrees, University of Louisville

Civic involvement: Vice president, Bullitt County Bar Association; member, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 42; Teen Court mentor; American Legion Post 157 Ladies Auxiliary; VFW Post 5710 Ladies Auxiliary; Valley Christian Church



FISCAL COURT MAGISTRATE

The face of Bullitt Fiscal Court is sure to change in January, since only one of the four magistrates is seeking re-election. First District Magistrate Dennis Mitchell, a Democrat, is unopposed in November. The six candidates in races for Districts 2, 3 and 4 have varying amounts of political and business experience. Here's a closer look:

District 2

EDDIE BLEEMEL

Party: Democrat

Age: 53

Address: 551 Evans Lane, Mount Washington

Occupation: Sales and marketing, Padgett Inc.

Political experience: Mount Washington City Council, 1993-1998

Family: Wife, Janice Bleemel; a daughter, Jacquelyn, 11

Education: Mount Washington High School, Jefferson Community College, Western Kentucky University

Civic involvement: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, VFW Post 5710, Amvets Post 111, DAV Chapter 6, Millwrights Local 1031, Leadership Louisville alumnus

HOWARD KNUTSON

Party: Republican

Age: 67

Address: 3948 Flatlick Road, Mount Washington

Occupation: Deputy judge-executive, retired pharmacist

Political experience: County's chief financial officer, 1995-1997; deputy judge-executive, January-present; member of Bullitt County Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency's board, 1995-present

Family: Wife, Kathryn; two grown children

Education: Franklin High School; bachelor's in pharmacy from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; Electronic Computer Programming Institute; post-graduate courses at Berean Christian University and Payne Theological Seminary

Civic involvement: Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Mason; Knight Templar; former deacon at Sugar Creek United Presbyterian Church; treasurer, member of worship and pastor-parish relations committees, teacher, choir member and lay pastor in several United Methodist churches; AARP volunteer

District 3

DEWEY MCCLEARN

Party: Democrat

Age: 50

Address: 3218 Acacia Ave., Pioneer Village

Occupation: Plumbing and heating contractor,

developer

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Margaret McClearn; three grown children

Education: Shepherdsville High School

Civic involvement: Little Flock Baptist Church;

DENVER MATTHEWS

Party: Republican

Age: 55

Address: 3308 Acacia Ave., Pioneer Village

Occupation: Production worker, Marley Cooling Tower Co.

Political experience: Pioneer Village City Council, 1993-1996

Family: Wife, Dee Matthews; three grown children

Education: GED certificate; Kentucky College of Barbering

Civic involvement: Okolona General Baptist Church;

District 4

BEN CURRY

Party: Republican

Age: 58

Address: 151 Sharon Drive, near Shepherdsville

Occupation: Retired from Earthgrain Bakery

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Imogene; three grown sons

Education: GED certificate from Adair High School; Ivy Tech

Civic involvement: 32nd-degree Mason

DAVID WALKER

Party: Democrat

Age: 41

Address: P.O. Box 275, Lebanon Junction

Occupation: Manufacturing engineer, Interlake Conveyor Co.

Political experience: Lebanon Junction City Council, 1988-present

Family: Wife, Vicki; daughters Casey, 15; Leanna, 19

Education: Bullitt Central High School; Lindsey Wilson College; Western Kentucky University

Civic involvement: Youth leader, First Christian Church of Lebanon Junction; past master, McNeil Masonic Lodge 586; board of directors of Bullitt County YMCA

ATTORNEY

Incumbent Walter A. Sholar, a Democrat, faces Republican challenger Patrick B. McClure in the race for a four-year term as Bullitt County attorney. Here's a closer look:

WALTER A. SHOLAR

Party: Democrat

Age: 41

Address: 185 Wade Road, Mount Washington

Occupation: County attorney; Sholar and Associates

Political experience: County attorney, 1990-present; counsel to Lebanon Junction, 1987-89 and 1993-present; attorney for Bullitt County Planning Commission, 1987-1990; Bullitt County Tourist Commission, 1987-1990

Family: Wife, Lisa R. Braughard; sons John, 8, and Paul, 6

Education: University of Louisville Law School; Western Kentucky University

Civic involvement: Kentucky County Attorneys Association; National District Attorneys Association; Ducks Unlimited; National Wild Turkey Federation; Quail Unlimited; League of Kentucky Sportsmen; Mount Washington Lions Club



PATRICK B. MCCLURE

Party: Republican

Age: 35

Address: 462 Saguaro Drive, Hillview

Occupation: Attorney with Lemme and Conway

Political experience: Assistant county attorney, June 1993-May 1994; assistant city attorney for Pioneer Village

Family: Wife, Ann McClure; son Philip, 9, and daughter Katie, 5

Education: Bachelor's and law degrees, University of Louisville

Civic involvement: Former president, Bullitt County Jaycees; St. Aloysius school board; chairman, St. Aloysius School long-range-planning committee; St. Aloysius Parish long-range planning



POLLING PLACES

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For more information, call the Bullitt County voter-registration office, 955-6369.

Here is a list of polling places:

CODE, NAME, LOCATION

- A101** Shepherdsville No. 1
Bullitt Lick Middle School
555 W. Blue Lick Road
- D108** Shepherdsville No. 2
Bullitt Central High School
1330 Ky. 44E
- D109** Shepherdsville No. 2
North, Bullitt Central High School
1330 Ky. 44E
- A106** Shepherdsville No. 2A
Bullitt Central High School
1330 Ky. 44E
- A103** Shepherdsville No. 3
Bullitt Lick Middle School
555 W. Blue Lick Road

- A104** Pleasant Grove No. 4
Pleasant Grove Elementary School
6415 Ky. 44E
- C101** Hebron No. 5
North Bullitt High School
3200 E. Hebron Lane
- C105** Hebron No. 5A
North Bullitt High School
3200 E. Hebron Lane
- C106** Hebron No. 5B
Maryville Elementary School
4504 Summers Drive
- C102** Maryville No. 6
Overdale Elementary School
651 Overdale Drive
- C107** Maryville No. 6A
Overdale Elementary School
651 Overdale Drive
- B101** Mount Washington No. 7
Old Mill Elementary School
11540 Ky. 44E
- B109** Mount Washington No. 7A
Old Mill Elementary School
11540 Ky. 44E

- B102** Mount Washington No. 8
Mount Washington Elementary School
9234 Ky. 44E
- B108** Mount Washington No. 8A
Mount Washington Elementary School
9234 Ky. 44E
- B103** Mount Washington No. 9
Bullitt East High School
11450 Ky. 44E
- B110** Mount Washington No. 9
North, Bullitt East High School
11450 Ky. 44E
- B107** Mount Washington No. 9A
Pleasant Grove Elementary School
6415 Ky. 44E
- B111** Mount Washington No. 9B
Mount Washington Middle School
269 Water St.
- B104** Mount Washington No. 10
Old Mill Elementary School
11540 Ky. 44E
- B105** Zoneton No. 11
Hebron Middle School
3300 E. Hebron Lane

- C103** Zoneton No. 11A
Hebron Middle School
3300 E. Hebron Lane
- B112** Zoneton No. 11B
Hebron Middle School
3300 E. Hebron Lane
- A107** Brooks No. 12
Brooks Elementary School
1800 E. Blue Lick Road
- A108** Brooks No. 12A
Brooks Elementary School
1800 E. Blue Lick Road
- A105** Cupio No. 13
Nichols Elementary School
10665 Ky. 44W
- D101** Lebanon Junction No. 14
Lebanon Junction Elementary School
10920 S. Preston Highway
- D102** Lebanon Junction No. 15
Lebanon Junction Elementary School
10920 S. Preston Highway
- D103** Bernheim No. 16
Bernheim Middle School
700 Audubon Drive

- D106** Bernheim No. 16A
Bernheim Middle School
700 Audubon Drive
- D104** Salt River No. 17
Cedar Grove Elementary School
1900 Cedar Grove Road
- D105** Cedar Grove No. 18
Cedar Grove Elementary School
1900 Cedar Grove Road
- D107** Cedar Grove No. 18A
Cedar Grove Elementary School
1900 Cedar Grove Road
- C104** Maryville South No. 19
Maryville Elementary School
4504 Summers Drive

BULLITT COUNTY

SHEPHERDSVILLE MAYOR

The race for Shepherdsville mayor became a three-way affair after former City Councilman Steve Troutman filed to run as an independent, facing Democrat Joe Sohm and Republican Jo Burden Coffman. (Mayor Sherman Tinnell lost his re-election bid by 25 votes in spring Democratic primary.) Here's a closer look:

JOE SOHM

Party: Democrat
Age: 35

Address: 376 Ky. 44W -

Occupation: Research, development and quality control, Publishers Printing Co.

Political experience:

City Council, 1994-1997

Family: Wife, Sherri; daughters Jessica, 12, and Kristina, 5
Education: Bullitt Central High School
Civic involvement: President, Bullitt County Youth Football League; member, Bullitt Central High School Booster Club, St. Aloysius Booster Club, Roby Raiders Football Booster Club, Knights of Columbus, Zoneton Masonic Lodge No. 964; and volunteer, American Cancer Society, Junior Achievement, YMCA, Vocational Industrial Club of America



JO BURDEN COFFMAN

Party: Republican
Age: 43

Address: P.O. Box 185,

Shepherdsville
Occupation: Chief financial officer, Bullitt County

Political experience: None

Family:

Husband, John; sons Mike, 24, and Brian, 16

Education: Bullitt Central High School; Bowling Green Vocational School; Elizabethtown Community College
Civic involvement: Chairwoman, Bullitt County Republican Party; disaster-team coordinator, American Red Cross; member, Bullitt County Parks and Recreation board and Shepherdsville-Bullitt County Tourist and Convention Commission; former president, Helmwood Elementary School PTA in Elizabethtown



STEVE TROUTMAN

Party: Independent
Age: 44

Address: 120 Arrowhead Court

Occupation: Dishwasher assembler, General Electric Co.

Political experience:

City Council, 1997-present

Family: Wife, Debbie; daughter Samantha, 11
Education: Bullitt Central High School
Civic involvement: Zoneton Masonic Lodge No. 964; First Baptist Church
Contact: 543-8588



PIONEER VILLAGE MAYOR

In his bid for re-election, Pioneer Village Mayor Gary Hatcher, a Republican, faces Democratic City Councilman Robert L. Hester. Here's a closer look:

GARY W. HATCHER

Party: Republican

Age: 45

Address: 3300 Cardinal Drive

Occupation: foreman, Larry Doyle Construction Inc.

Political experience:

Mayor, 1997-present; City Council, 1995-97; vice chairman, Bullitt County Republican Party

Family: Wife, Daphene Hatcher; son Brandon, 19; and daughter Kara, 13

Education: LaRue County High School

Civic involvement: Buffalo Baptist Church, advisory board of Police Cadet Post 555.



ROBERT L. HESTER

Party: Democrat

Age: 37

Address: 3305 Pioneer Trail

Occupation: Air handler, United Parcel Service

Political experience:

City Council, 1996-present; Pioneer Village Ethics Commission, 1996-present

Family: Single

Education: Jefferson County Community College, University of Louisville

Civic involvement: Alpha Phi Omega (national fraternity of the Boy Scouts of America), Baptist



SHEPHERDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Seven people are seeking six open seats on the Shepherdsville City Council. Here's a brief look at them and the issues they say the city faces:

BILL BISHOP

Party: Democrat

Age: 70

Address: 807 Ky. 44W

Occupation: Retired truck driver, Teamsters Local 89

Political experience: City Council, 1990-1996

Family: Wife, Lillian Bishop

Education: Sunnyside Elementary School

Issue: Upgrade city's sewage-treatment plant; continue work on sewers, waterlines and sidewalks

DON R. CUNDIFF

Party: Democrat

Age: 42

Address: 652 Cliffside Drive

Occupation: Vice president, Bullitt County Bank

Political experience: City Council, 1990 to present

Family: Wife, Lynne Cundiff; two daughters, Ellie, 10, and Meredith, 3; and a son, Paul, 7

Education: Bachelor's degree, Western Kentucky University; law degree, University of Kentucky

Issue: Need to concentrate on extension of waterlines and sewers; be sure drainage issues are resolved before any development is started; favors hiring a city administrator to monitor projects and plan for orderly growth

WILLIAM "BILL" GOODIN

Party: Democrat

Age: 70

Address: 200 Stevens Drive

Occupation: Retired from Reynolds Metals Co.

Political experience: City Council, 1990-1993

Council, 1990-1993

Family: Wife, Stella Goodin

Education: Parkland Junior High School

Issue: Taking care of city infrastructure in order to attract industry

RALPH C. LAWSON

Party: Republican

Age: 50

Address: 496 Jackie Way

Occupation: Industrial maintenance, General Electric Co.

Political experience: Shepherdsville Urban Renewal Committee; Shepherdsville Sewer Committee; alternate member, Shepherdsville Ethics Committee

Family: Wife, Jeanette; daughter Holly, 14

Education: Fairdale High School; apprenticeship program at General Electric Co.

Issue: Continue working to build sewers for entire city; work on major traffic problems in eastern part of town; contact and work with state officials for additional traffic signals and crosswalks in school areas

TONY E. MILLER

Party: Democrat

Age: 60

Address: 504 Jackie Way

Occupation: Retired truck driver; broker, Embry and Miller Realty.

Political experience: City Council, 1997 to present

Family: Wife, Jana; two grown children

Education: Shawnee High School

Issue: Continue work to get sewers to all city residents; update water service; build an industrial park and bring more industry to the city

MARGARET MOORE

Party: Democrat

Age: 63

Address: 334 Grandview Drive

Occupation: Retired from Bullitt Central High School cafeteria

Political experience: City Council, 1987 to present

Family: Widow; five grown children, two daughters and three sons

Education: Shepherdsville High School

Issue: Continuation of waterline and sewer repair should be the No. 1 project; upgrading of city park; drainage

TRINA SUMMERS

Party: Republican

Age: 39

Address: 373 Circle Drive

Occupation: Supervisor, Jim Beam Brands

Political experience: None

Family: Husband, Jerry; son Nathan, 18 months

Education: bachelor's degree, Eastern Kentucky University; currently a master's candidate, University of Louisville

Issue: Sewer and infrastructure expansion and development; improved communication among city departments

PIONEER VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL

Seven people are seeking six seats on the Pioneer Village City Council. Here's a brief look at them and the issues they say are facing the city:

BERT BERTOLO

Party: Democrat

Age: 71

Address: 12313 Spring Meadow Drive

Occupation: Retired machinist

Political experience: City Council, 1991-93

Family: Widower; two grown children

Education: Central High School in Newark, N.J.; Newark Technical

Issue: Clean up junk cars and debris in residents' yards; keep taxes at a minimum; support police

PEGGY K. DRUIN

Party: Democrat

Age: Not provided

Address: 4610 Springfield Court

Occupation: Insurance agent

Political experience: Pioneer Village City Council, 1993-1998; Hebron Estates City Commission, 1989-1991

Family: Husband, Vernie Druin Jr., and grown daughter

Education: Associate's and bachelor's degrees in business management from Lindsey Wilson College

Issue: Wants to help make the police department the best in the county with qualified and trained officers providing 24-hour protection; believes competitive salaries are the key to keeping good officers

Issue: Sewer and infrastructure expansion and development; improved communication among city departments

DANA EBERTSHAUSER

Party: Republican

Age: 33

Address: 12424 Kingsley Drive

Occupation: Bullitt County community-work program coordinator for Eastern Kentucky University's juvenile justice program

Political experience: None

Family: Husband, Darren, and sons Devin, 8, and Dylan, 4

Education: North Bullitt High School; Jefferson Community College

Issue: Repair finances related to 1996 tornado and budget problems

CORBIN NICHOLS HUFF

Party: Democrat

Age: 37

Address: 12317 Kingsley Drive

Occupation: United Auto Worker at Lear Corp.

Political experience: City Council, 1989-96

Family: Wife, Karen Huff; son Landon, 5

Education: North Bullitt High School

Issue: Getting the budget straightened out and getting the city back on its feet after 1996 tornado

LARRY TAYLOR

Party: Democrat

Age: 46

Occupation: Business agent for Ironworkers' Local 682

Political experience: City Council, 1996-98

Family: Wife, Bonnie; daughter Amanda, 17 and son Austin, 14

Education: Manual High School

Issue: Keep police protection strong to fight gangs and drug activity

MARK A. QUIRE

Party: Republican

Age: 38

Address: 12210 Somerset Drive

Occupation: Self-employed painting contractor

Political experience: None

Family: Wife, Patricia; daughter Amanda, 5

Education: Southern High School in Okolona; Kentucky Barber College

Issue: Taxes need to be raised to 18 cents per \$100 of property value from 13.4 cents

PHILLIP RADFORD

Party: Republican

Age: 61

Address: 354 Old Preston Highway

Occupation: Self-employed retailer, semi-retired

Political experience: City Council, 1995-96

Family: wife, Dorcie; three daughters, Daphene, Sheila, Marsha; a son, Doug

Education: None listed

Issue: Believes new businesses need to be brought into the city and favor starting on sewers in the next two years

BULLITT COUNTY

HILLVIEW MAYOR

With longtime Hillview Mayor Richard Terry stepping aside, voters' options are Leemon Powell, who touts his experience in government, and Shirley Clinard, a political newcomer who says it's time for fresh ideas. Here's a closer look:

LEEMON POWELL

Party: Democrat
Age: 58
Address: 262 Overdale Drive
Occupation: Retired from General Electric Co.
Political experience: City Council, 1988-90
Family: Wife, Jewell; one grown son
Education: Attended Knox Central High School in Barbourville
Civic involvement: Chaplain, Fern Creek Masonic Lodge



SHIRLEY CLINARD

Party: Republican
Age: 51
Address: 277 Dale Road
Occupation: Self-employed, cleaning service
Political experience: None
Family: Husband, Jerry; two grown children
Education: Fairdale High School
Civic involvement: Maryville Baptist Church



HILLVIEW CITY COUNCIL

Eight people are seeking six seats on the Hillview City Council. Here's a brief look at them and the issues they say the city faces:

DOUG BARR

Party: Republican
Age: 29
Address: 608 Hillview Blvd.
Occupation: Self-employed contractor, Barr Contracting, and Picture It Graphics & Design
Political experience: None
Family: One daughter
Education: Attended Durrett High School
Issues: Work with local businesses and residents to create more recreational opportunities for youths and community projects; install more sidewalks

H. O. "BUD" EADENS

Party: Democrat
Age: 68
Address: 221 S. Circlecrest Drive
Occupation: Retired, General Electric Co.
Political experience: City Council, 1985-present
Family: Wife, Nellie; five grown children
Education: Attended Richardsville High School in Warren County
Issues: Continue to build a strong community, continue helping residents

JIM FULKERSON

Party: Democrat
Age: 62
Address: 208 Crestwood Lane
Occupation: Retired truck driver, Commercial Freight Trucking Co.
Political experience: City Council, April 1997-present
Family: Wife, Doris; three grown children
Education: St. Alphonsus High School, Daviess County
Issues: Continue work on drainage problems

HIRAM GIBSON

Party: Democrat
Age: 68
Address: 215 Windy Hill Road
Occupation: Retired, B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co.
Political experience: Bullitt County magistrate, 4th District, 1975-79
Family: One grown son
Education: Carrcreek High School, Knott County
Issues: Correct drainage problems, install sidewalks, improve police protection, lure more businesses, work with city employees to serve the public

RITA MCGLASSON

Party: Democrat
Age: 50
Address: 540 S. Steedland Drive
Occupation: Office clerk, Derby

Industries
Political experience: City Council, 1990-present
Family: Husband, Robert; five grown children
Education: Caverna High School, Barren County
Issues: Move quickly to correct drainage problems, create more recreational opportunities and community events for residents of all ages, continue to improve community center

JOHN "DALE" RUSS

Party: Democrat
Age: 61
Address: 482 Hillview Blvd.
Occupation: Maintenance supervisor, Trinity Tower apartments
Political experience: City Council, 1985-present
Family: Wife, Dorothy; four grown children
Education: Attended Southern High School, later earned GED
Issues: Continue addressing drainage problems, promote communitywide beautification program, introduce ordinances requiring homeowners to maintain property, increase public works staff

DAN WHITIS

Party: Democrat
Age: 33
Address: 291 Prairie Drive
Occupation: Personal banking representative, PNC Bank
Political experience: Hillview City Council, 1990-present
Family: Wife, Leslie; two children
Education: Bachelor's degree in political science, University of Louisville; working on master's at Sullivan College
Issues: Correct drainage problems, boost economic development by attracting new businesses, continue programs and ideas started by current administration

BONNIE WILLIAMS

Party: Democrat
Age: 52
Address: 129 Crestwood Lane
Occupation: Assistant manager, Dollar General Store
Political experience: City Council, 1990-present
Family: Widow
Education: Durrett High School
Issues: Encourage industrial growth to help lower property taxes; make sure community is safe

LEBANON JUNCTION MAYOR

Glenn Smith is running as an incumbent in the race for Lebanon Junction mayor after being appointed in July to finish up the term of Don Crady, who resigned to protest delays in a federal flood buyout. Smith is being challenged by Vanessa Nicklies. Here's a closer look:

GLENN B. SMITH

Age: 72
Address: P.O. Box 233, Lebanon Junction
Occupation: Retired teacher
Political experience: City Council, 1986-89, 1992-98; mayor, July-present
Family: Wife, Georgena Smith; two daughters, Sherri Thompson and Shelli Hargrove; a son, Steve Smith
Education: Bachelor's degree, Western Kentucky University
Civic involvement: Commander, Lebanon Junction VFW Post 8293, 1995-present



VANESSA ROSE NICKLIES

Age: 42
Address: 247 Masden St.
Occupation: Owner, Mr. & Mrs. DJ Service; full-time student, Spalding University
Political experience: None
Family: Husband, Duane; three daughters, Jennifer, Jessica and Cara; two sons, Matthew and Kristopher
Education: Bullitt Central High School; associate degree, Jefferson Community College
Civic involvement: Youth director, Sunday school teacher and church council member, First Baptist Church; member, National Association of Social Work Officers, Order of the Eastern Star, Order of Amaranth; Lebanon Junction Olde Fashion Day committee



MOUNT WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Eight people are seeking six seats on the Mount Washington City Council. Here's a brief look at them and the issues they say the city faces:

BARRY ARMSTRONG

Party: Democrat
Age: 56
Address: 183 Federal Hill Drive
Occupation: President, Peoples Bank of Mount Washington
Political experience: City Council, 1968-1984 and 1987-present
Family: Wife, Linda; three grown children
Education: Mount Washington High School; attended University of Kentucky
Issues: Must continue to improve auditing and bookkeeping at City Hall and properly manage the city budget; maintain streets and rights of way and build more sidewalks; renovate the city's new building on Branham Way into space for the water department and a community center

SAMUEL BEICHLER

Party: Democrat
Age: 68
Address: 635 Stringer Lane
Occupation: Retired machinist, The Courier-Journal; part-time cashier at Newkirk's Chevron
Political experience: Bullitt County Planning Commission Board of Adjustments, 1987-present
Family: Wife, Beverly; eight grown children
Education: Valley High School; attended Lakeland College in Wisconsin
Issues: Minimize annexation until all current residents have all city utilities; develop long- and short-term planning with specific goals; create a checklist that allows city employees to follow up on complaints that residents make at City Council meetings; research feasibility of creating light industrial park; provide developers with comprehensive list of city requirements, such as specifications for streets

TERRY BOGDON

Party: Republican
Age: 47
Address: 292 Georgia Ave.
Occupation: Shipping handler, United Parcel Service; driver, Papa John's Pizza

Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Gwen; five grown children
Education: Iroquois High School; associate degree in accounting and business, Sullivan Junior College
Issues: Correct drainage problems and prevent future ones; repair and maintain streets; control spending to see that most important projects are completed first; oversee construction and development

RALPH LUTES

Party: Democrat
Age: 69
Address: 595 Stringer Lane
Occupation: retired, General Electric
Political experience: Mount Washington police judge, 1974-1978; City Council, 1979-1982; mayor, 1986-1998
Family: Wife, Jewell; three grown children
Education: Mount Washington High School
Issues: Council must assist new mayor; oversee city's rapid growth; continue improving streets, sidewalks and recreational areas

GARY LAWSON

Party: Republican
Age: 46
Address: 190 Delania Drive
Occupation: Owner, Mass Tire & Automotive
Political experience: Constable, 1986-87; Mount Washington Fire District trustee, 1997-present
Family: Wife, Gloria; one son
Education: Mount Washington High School
Issues: Do on-site inspections of developments before approving; work more closely with the fire district to address issues about fire protection; maintain city streets; increase police pay

DEBBIE SMITH

Party: Democrat
Age: 43
Address: 324 Hillcrest Drive
Occupation: Team leader,

Anthem Inc.
Political experience: City Council, 1997-present
Family: Husband, Roy; one son
Education: Manual High School, Watterson College
Issues: Focus on planning; establish short- and long-term goals; provide copies of proposed ordinances for City Council and the public before voting on them; enforce ordinances dealing with building and development; continue to oversee development

FRANK SULLIVAN

Party: Democrat
Age: 60
Address: 218 Stoneledge Drive
Occupation: Retired baker; former owner, Sullivan's Bakery
Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Liz; four grown children
Education: Flaget High School
Issues: Conduct organized, orderly meetings; make sure City Council members and the public receive a copy of all proposed ordinances before meetings; monitor development; finish renovating new city building on Branham Way; create a light industrial park; appoint committees to review issues before meetings; and establish system for city employees to follow up on complaints

BRENT WHEELER

Party: Democrat
Age: 29
Address: 320 Jasper Lane
Occupation: Owner, B. L. Wheeler Co. Fine Jewelry
Political experience: None
Family: Wife, Kim; one son
Education: Bullitt East High School; attended Jefferson Community College
Issues: Closely oversee construction, enforcing the city's building code; strive to maintain quality bookkeeping at City Hall; pursue the possibility of establishing a light industrial park; attract more businesses; provide an organized forum for all citizens to express concerns; reply promptly to any concerns and complaints

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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In general, do you support or oppose KERA (the Kentucky Education Reform Act), and why?

Did Gov. Paul Patton's changes in the workers' compensation system make it too hard for coal miners and other workers to receive benefits, or did Patton get it about right? Please explain.

Do you favor or oppose legislation that would require a "supermajority" — a number higher than a majority — of both chambers of the legislature to enact any tax increases? Please explain.

28TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Charles Miller
Democrat*

"KERA has a lot of good things about it. We need to support it." It has given the schools goals and improved them. Students are better writers. But the amount of time spent on testing should be reduced.

"Workers' compensation can be abused, but a lot of people feel they are denied benefits. . . . I am open-minded about it. I would like to hear more from both sides."

"It should be tougher to increase taxes, so I am for the 'supermajority.'"



Doug Hawkins
Republican

"I am opposed to KERA because it's not working. . . . We need to give kids traditional tests so Kentucky schools can be compared with schools in other states. . . . Parents in southwestern Jefferson County don't like KERA. I would scrap it if I could."

"Businesses have legitimate complaints about fraudulent claims, but workers are having a hard time receiving help. . . . Too many people are not getting help. . . . We need to look at the problem more."

"I think it sounds great, but there could be problems with it that aren't readily apparent. On the surface (however), it sounds good."

29TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Joyce McClain
Democrat

"I'm glad it happened. We didn't have clear expectations for either teachers or parents. . . . Now, we have curriculum standards." Says biggest gain is family resource centers. KERA is "providing equity in the districts throughout the state. . . . Now we have technology and good books and good classrooms." Calls for more work on assessment and accountability areas.

"We need to look at outcomes" because there isn't enough data available to make a thorough analysis yet. "The No. 1 issue is taking care of workers, and we need to do that in a humane and compassionate way. . . . They're entitled to the best possible benefits, and we have to figure out a way to make that happen and also ensure businesses stay in Kentucky."

"Yes. . . . Legislators should be expected to pass that among themselves with a supermajority before passing that on to their constituents."



Kevin Bratcher
Republican*

"We need some major work on it. . . . Accountability is tied too closely to these state-created tests. I think that we should use an objective, out-of-state, standard test that all states across the country use." Also thinks KERA misses out on too many "basic fundamentals." He likes KERA's "emphasis on writing. . . . It's so important to communicate effectively."

"It went too far. We need to address the workers' compensation subject again and make some changes so that it's more fair. It might be a continuing process like education." The spirit of the changes was right. "However, too many people are suffering because of it. We need to revisit that and revisit it soon."

"Yes, if we're going to ask the citizens to give more and more, then it better be a good idea. . . . People are taxed too much and . . . they're asking for some kind of protection from the establishment in Frankfort, and this is an avenue that is legitimate that should be looked at."

30TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Tom Burch
Democrat*

Supports, because KERA is based on a lot of study and is starting to show positive results. Thinks some improvements in education will take 12 to 14 years. Believes the system needs to be reassessed every two to three years to fine-tune the program. Doesn't support dropping portfolios for students because his mail indicates children need more practice in writing.

Patton went too far. Should call a special legislative session and "get ample testimony so we can make a decision." Need to go back and fine-tune workers' compensation.

Thinks a majority of votes for fiscal measures works and should continue to be used. If a tax increase receives greater support, "that's better" but not necessary. "Without taxes the total infrastructure would suffer."



Patrick Hughes
Republican

Supports education reform. "Now we need to take the good parts of KERA and refine them and build from there."

Said he needs to study the issue more before forming an opinion.

Favors supermajority concept but prefers the idea of a referendum on any tax proposal. The legislators have taxed Kentuckians "to death" and the voters should have the say in any new tax increase.

31ST DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Steve Riggs
Democrat*

Supports KERA, saying that better education leads to better-prepared workers and a stronger economy. "I do support reforming education and can't understand why anyone wouldn't when you are ranked as low as we are. We can't continue with the same methods."

"I think Patton got it about right." Says he isn't convinced that victims of black lung can't get benefits and believes it's good policy to have doctors make sure benefits only go to people who truly got the disease while on the job, and not from "smoking or something else." "If we want to set up a welfare system for coal miners, we need to do that outside of the workers' comp system."

Says he "wouldn't have a big problem" requiring a supermajority "for significant tax increases."



Jim Kute
Republican

"There are parts of it that were good and parts that were terrible." The best part is "turning over more control to parents and participation on (school management) councils. The worst part was the KIRIS test, a total waste of money — and a lot of money at that."

Says he doesn't have experience or information to judge. "There aren't many coal miners in my district."

A supermajority is a "dream thing" that won't happen, but it's probably a "good idea" as long as there is a provision to bypass the requirement in the case of an emergency need for revenue.

He said the test is "worthless because parts of it are too subjective, and the parts that weren't subjective aren't based on any standardized measure."

"The bureaucracy doesn't want accountability. They want everything fuzzy and feel good so they can keep getting their raises."

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Do you favor or oppose legislation that would require a "supermajority" — a number higher than a majority — of both chambers of the legislature to enact any tax increases? Please explain.

32ND DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Susan Johns
Democrat*

"As a former Jefferson County schoolteacher, I support the concept of KERA. Since its inception, there have been many changes . . . for the better, and I believe we have to be cautious but creative in making changes in the future." "It was very obvious that there were problems with the current test," and the legislature "made a sensible move towards correcting the problem."

"What I'm hearing from my constituents is they feel that it needs to be relaxed somewhat. I've also heard from business owners that they felt that it was working very well. . . . We will address the workers' comp issue again."

"To me that's a non-issue because I don't vote for taxes. If it's a way that my constituents would feel would be a way to control keeping taxes down, I would support that. . . . I just believe we have enough money in government. We just need to utilize it and administer it better instead of asking for more tax dollars."



Scott Brinkman
Republican

"I generally support KERA, but I believe that we need to focus on the ungraded primary grades and whether we are adequately instilling the basics in our children at that level." KERA raised "the public consciousness of the need for a strong educational system" but "needs to be an evolutionary process. To the extent it works, leave it alone." But don't be afraid to re-examine it.

Thinks the changes in the law were necessary. "There was a common perception that the system was rife or fraught with fraud and abuse and corruption."

It's unclear whether coal-dust sampling is accurate, he said. "That clearly merits a hard look" and will be crucial in determining whether the governor got it right.

"I feel that every tax is a privilege of the government and not a right of the government, and as a result, before we ever increase taxes or impose additional taxes . . . we should analyze whether we're spending existing tax dollars wisely and efficiently as possible, and I think in requiring a two-thirds majority . . . we would require the General Assembly to engage in that kind of analysis."

34TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Mary Lou Marzian
Democrat*

Supports. "The concept that all children can learn and can learn to a very high level, I think, is instrumental in promoting the economy and education of our Kentucky citizens." However, "we have a lot of work to do. . . . The testing is being worked on to have accurate accountability, and I am on the task force overseeing the new education testing."

Supports. "The workers' comp that passed in '96, I did support that, and I listened to numerous hours of testimony. I think we need to see how this works. It was just implemented in the beginning of '97. . . . We need some statistics and some good hard-core (data) . . . because I think we need to balance being fair to our worker with being fair to our business."

Opposes. "I think it would not be a good thing for the state of Kentucky because you never know when you're going to have a recession again or a downturn in the economy. . . . I think it would be real difficult to get some maybe needed services for the elderly, for the children of the state. . . . You could probably never get a tax passed."



Todd Lally
Republican

Supports. Points to site-based councils and increased accountability for schools and teachers as positive parts of education forum. Doesn't support the KIRIS test because teachers said "it was too long and weighed too heavily on written articulation," and lacked a national baseline to gauge Kentucky schools against others in the country. KERA "hasn't been perfect yet, and it's not probably going to be perfect for a while, so we need to keep monitoring it and applying changes as necessary."

Supports. Patton "realized that Kentucky was not able to compete with other states as far as workers' comp because our rates were so high, and so, to try to bring those rates down, he addressed the issue head-on. And he knew the system we had was very susceptible to fraudulent claims. . . . I know that there's a lot of talk right now as far as the black lung. That's something we need to at least look at to see if they have a viable case."

Supports. "I think for something like tax increases, which is always a volatile issue that's always going to affect everybody in Kentucky, that three-fourths is an appropriate number. That would show . . . the tax increase is needed."

35TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Jim Wayne
Democrat*

Strong proponent of KERA, which "is beginning to show that it's working." Among strengths are equal financing of school districts, family resource centers to combat breakdown of neighborhoods and families, and parental involvement at local level in school-management councils. Supported legislation designed to improve KIRIS tests by making them more comparable to standardized national tests. Reward system needs rethinking.

Patton was wrong. Went too far to please major corporations and the business community. Too many benefits were cut, and rights of workers to appeal were all but taken away. There "needs to be total rethinking," he said. Black-lung provisions in old system were too generous, but the new ones are too punitive. Voted against the bill.

Opposes. The legislative system provides for a "great deal of scrutiny" when tax increases are considered. They must originate in the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee. "The members of the House are closer to the people because they are elected every two years and have smaller districts," he said. There's already enough balance between scrutiny and flexibility to adjust revenues to provide for future generations. Says requiring a supermajority would be too restrictive.



Donna Lawlor
Republican

Thinks KERA mandates too many things from the state that should be left to local schools to decide, such as combining primary grades. Student performance should be measured by standardized national tests rather than KIRIS tests. Lawlor home-educates her children but supports parents who make another choice. "Parents need to be ultimate authorities and decision-makers in regard to education of children," she said.

It's too limiting for people to get the benefits they need. But at the same time, the state should not be wasting money for claims that are not necessary. It's out of balance.

Favors. State is constantly raising taxes without regard to needs of people. The greater the consensus of opinion the less likely the state is to have increases of a frivolous nature. Favors tax credits for families with school-aged children to help pay for education. Asks why some people are paying taxes to support a school system that's not working when they're also paying private and parochial-school fees.

44TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Joni Jenkins
Democrat*

Notes that changes were made recently to better evaluate what children were learning. Believes the system needs to be continually reassessed, with changes made as warranted. "The goal is to make our children employable in a global economy."

Visited coal mines in July and says she saw firsthand the hazardous conditions that miners encounter. Says Gov. Patton needs to go back and look at the entire system again, especially the way "injury" is defined and how the law deals with black-ung disease. "What happened in December 1996 was a disservice to all workers in Kentucky."

"I would oppose that. I think responsible legislators can assess the current situation and make educated choices about whether a tax increase is needed."



J. Brent Maxfield
Republican

Says KERA needs to be revamped, although some parts work — for example, technology in the schools and instituting a family resource center. Believes that, if schools don't live up to testing standards, the school system as a whole should be made accountable, not individual schools.

Believes the system needs to be looked at again. "If someone needs (help from) the system, they (legislators) should not make them jump through hoops to get it."

Would support a supermajority to increase taxes. "But I would be working for tax decreases as a whole."

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46TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Larry Clark
Democrat*

Voted against it in 1990 because his constituents opposed the accompanying tax increase. Now he supports KERA because of recent changes made to it.

Supports new law but said some changes need to be made. He said public hearings are being held across the state to get input from citizens about what they believe needs to be changed. A committee has been assigned to study the issue and make recommendations.

"Any time a legislator has to vote on any issue dealing with the tax structure, it's a very difficult vote and is thought through. To impose a supermajority is not the right thing to do."



M.T. Riddle
Republican

Favors the concept of the test but said he also favors the use of phonics-based learning in schools. "It's a learning tool that I don't think we use enough."

Opposes the current workers' compensation system and said it has "gutted compensation for injured and disabled workers."

Favors a supermajority. Said there are discussions about requiring a 66 percent majority, but he would support anything over 51 percent.

47TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Bill Bohnert
Democrat

Supports KERA, noting it operates under the premise that all children can learn. "It's a very ambitious plan to bring some quality and achievement into a school system that has been floundering for some time."

Thinks the legislation needs to be revised to redefine "injury," how it deals with the reopening of past claims and how black-lung disease is compensated. "It probably went too far."

"A supermajority is wrong because it takes away the flexibility of the legislature to do business. It would've never come up if the people didn't think the legislature was spending money foolishly."



Ron Crimm
Republican*

He is in "the middle of the road. . . . Some parts of KERA have definitely made some good changes. . . . There are still some things the jury is out on."

Called the changes "extremely necessary. . . . Is it perfect? Probably not. Are there some things that need to be changed? Probably so. We need to evaluate those areas that might cause problems and see what we need to do to correct them."

Opposes supermajority, saying he opposes any tax increase. "We are overtaxed. If we are going to do anything in Kentucky, it should be to decrease taxes."



Sam Cox
Reform

Opposes KERA because "it's not providing the best education for our children. . . . I feel like it's had some successes, but to me it's created an education system for Kentucky that hasn't been as good as it should have been. They're trying to give unique tests in Kentucky, and the results can't be compared to students in other states."

Thinks Patton got it about right, although Cox said the system makes it too hard to get compensation for black lung. "The (old) system had been abused by workers' compensation lawyers. But this put controls on that past fraudulent system."

Would support an overhaul of the tax system and favors making it "simple, fair and paperless." But under current system, he would favor a two-thirds majority vote to raise taxes. "I think it (a supermajority) should be warranted before they can just jack the taxes up."

48TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE

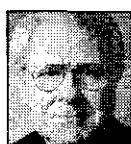


Mike Kennedy
Democrat

Supports KERA in general and calls for continued funding for better education. "I support it because I support the betterment of education. I realize KERA is not perfect, but it's a start."

"In general, it's worked pretty well to reduce the burden of businessmen in my district." However, "workers' compensation gains that have been realized have been offset by increases in health-insurance premiums as a result of (health care) reform passed in the last legislative session."

"I don't think that's a bad idea, but it's treating the symptom instead of the real problem." Says overall tax reform is needed for Kentucky to be competitive with other states in the region for economic development.



Bob DeWeese
Republican*

Says legislators changed and improved testing in the past session. "There are many good things about it that are working. Some things about it we have to continue to monitor so that they work better."

Supported the legislation, saying "it made badly needed changes." Thinks that not enough time has passed to see if the legislation has gone too far. "Any new major legislation that you pass, there is going to be some adjustments and fine tuning that need to be done. That's what we have to do with this if problems show up."

Would favor a supermajority but says that, because the government has a surplus, no tax increases are needed. "What we have to do is, if there's a legitimate need for a tax increase in the future — by requiring a supermajority . . . it allows for debate and discussion to look at the real merits of whether the tax increase is needed or not."

49TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Larry Belcher
Democrat

Supports it in some ways. As a school principal, he believes, for example, it provided help in adjusting curriculum. Favors national norm tests because scores can be compared with others throughout the country.

Believes the program needs a second look to determine whether changes are needed.

Does not favor changing present system, which he believes has worked well for years.



D. Allen Maricle
Republican*

Opposes KIRIS testing. Says a more standard test is needed so Bullitt County students can be accurately compared with those in surrounding states. Says concentration on writing is good for students; not sure about focus on math portfolio. Concerned about teacher pay, saying Kentucky teachers are leaving for higher pay in other states.

Voted for the changes but now opposes the new law. Says changes are needed to help coal miners. Blames Patton, a former coal operator, for insensitivity to coal miners' plight.

Favors requiring a three-fourths majority on major tax increases.

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50TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Jodie Haydon
Democrat*

Before being elected a state representative in 1996, he did not support the Kentucky Education Reform Act. Now he does. The biggest problem with KERA is the KIRIS test, which was expensive and too time-consuming for teachers.

Thinks reform of workers' compensation was right. Says there was a lot of fraud and that hurt the people who legitimately needed help. Says workers' comp was slowly growing into an entitlement program.

Says it is well-intended, but he doesn't want to make it too difficult to raise taxes in times of need. "Sometimes we have to make tough decisions." Says he doesn't see the need to raise taxes any time soon.



David Floyd
Republican

Opposes KERA but says the program will continue nonetheless. He says it was basically a big experiment on children and a huge tax increase for Kentuckians. KERA helped boost home schooling and enrollment in private and Christian schools. Supports giving more local control to school systems rather than mandates from Frankfort.

Says the reform was badly needed. There was too much fraud, which put those who really needed workers' comp in a bad light.

Supports supermajority. Says anything that makes it harder to raise taxes is good because it will force the government to decrease its size rather than increase taxes to pay for more programs. Also says that new taxes should have "sunset clauses" so they don't continue indefinitely.

58TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Joyce Dotson
Democrat

Supports. "I think it caused all schools to look carefully at their curriculum and I think it provided additional training that was badly needed by teachers. There was a problem with accountability with the CATS test, and I'm hoping that's been taken care of with the measures that the legislature put in place last session."

"All I know about workers' comp is what I read in The Courier-Journal. It seems to me from what I've read that workers are having problems and perhaps there ought to be some changes made in that."

"No, I don't favor that. I basically believe that accountability is in place, and if a legislator does something that the constituents are not happy with, they will let them know next Election Day."



Gary Tapp
Republican

Opposes. "But if we were to get back to the basics in the lower grades, return some more control locally to the parents and teachers and school boards, and revamp our testing system to use a more nationally normed test — then I think that would change the aspects of KERA and also change my opinion."

"The workers' comp reforms that we had were needed, and I think the workers' comp law is in pretty decent shape. We just need to police that a little bit more to make sure that the workers who are truly injured get those benefits. One thing the workers' comp law has done is cut down on the fraud."

"Absolutely. If we had a huge majority it would more closely represent what the voters think than just a simple majority. In fact, I'd like to see any huge tax increase put on the ballot and let the taxpayers decide."

59TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY HOUSE



Clayton Stoess Jr.
Democrat

Favors revising school-funding formula to see that fast-growing counties like Oldham receive more state aid. Says Oldham got "hammered" under KERA funding formula. Formula should be weighted for counties with rapid growth or where costs of running school district are higher. Supports portfolios to promote good writing; objects to excessive time spent on them.

As businessman, felt rates had been too high and that new system "got it about right." But is troubled by news accounts of injured workers contending they weren't adequately compensated. Wants more detail on how new rules are being applied before entertaining changes.

Favors supermajority, perhaps a two-thirds vote, but not as high as three-fourths. Should apply to tax decreases as well.

Testing program is too expensive; should look for less costly program, perhaps standardized test, that would provide national comparison.

For coal miners, emphasis needs to be on better enforcement of air-quality regulations in mines to eliminate problems with coal dust and black lung.



Tim Feeley
Republican

Cites as positive aspects: anti-nepotism provision, emphasis on student writing and academics in general. As former school board member and parent, wants to ensure reforms embrace strong academic goals. Would guard against loss of local control so Oldham schools don't lose effective programs. Testing should take less time.

Reforms were long overdue. Would support minor modifications as needed, but have moved in the right direction.

Favors supermajority; vote of about 60 percent majority would be about right.

10TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY SENATE



Charlie Wise
Democrat

"I support it" although "I don't think everything is perfect about it when they implement it." Says legislators need to work with educators to work out problems.

"There are people out there who need it, but there's also a lot of abuse of the program. We need to have someone to police those programs. I want some protection for the business person as well as the employee. I think there needs to be a balanced fairness."

"I'd be willing to take a look at it. . . . I'd say that as long as the majority rules. . . . that would be fine. But if it's something the people want, I would support it. I'm not planning a tax increase anyway. No new taxes."



Elizabeth Tori
Republican*

"I do support KERA because Kentucky had to do something, and it is working. But it's like any major reform effort — there are always areas of improvement. It's a wait-and-see how this new test is developed and how our kids begin to stack up in competition with other states."

Workers' comp system needs to "be adjusted as we go along. My fear is that we are hurting a lot of workers who truly deserve some help. We have people who are totally disabled because of injury on the job and some of the provisions in that workers' compensation bill prohibit them from filing a claim. I do believe that we are going to have to make some adjustments."

"We need a supermajority to pass any increase in taxes — yes, I believe that. Kentucky ranks third among the states paying the highest taxes. And since 1995, you can thank the Republicans in the legislature — we have cut, along with conservative Democrats, more than 26 taxes, or obliterated taxes. Our people can't stand a tax increase."

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20TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY SENATE



Marshall Long
Democrat

"I voted for KERA. I thought that obviously we were under a direction of the courts to improve education in Kentucky, and the results of it has been that we did get more money into education, particularly secondary education. There has been a noticeable improvement in schools, and I think there were some mistakes made in KERA — the testing was obviously one of them — but we've tried to correct that now."

"I supported the governor's effort to change the workers' compensation law, and, frankly, I don't think we've had enough time to see how the changes are going to work. I know we've brought the rates down, but are we compensating people who are really hurt adequately? I think that's undetermined at this point. . . . Costs were far too high before we changed the law."

"I'm not really for supermajorities. . . . Are we going to have a supermajority to pass tax decreases? I hope not. I don't see the need for supermajorities. I think the tax bills or any bill gets pretty adequate hearing in both chambers, and the people vote. You don't have a supermajority in Congress. I don't see why you'd need one on the state legislative level."



J.T. Harmon
Republican

"We've spent a lot of money on it. If it can be fixed, it should be fixed. If not, we should move on to something else. I'm not saying it's wrong, but if we can't get it fixed we need to move on."

"I'm concerned about the coal miners and people (in Eastern Kentucky). We have problems with workers' compensation. Due to the high rates, we're forcing a lot of people out of business or making them move to other states. . . . I think people that are really hurt or need this should get it, but I think we should make sure the proper people are receiving it. I agreed with Gov. Patton when he made the changes."

"First of all, I'm against any tax increases. . . . The way it stands now, I don't think we need any new taxes. We have a surplus of several hundred million dollars here in Frankfort this past year. And if that continues next year, we should have a tax cut. . . . Before we can raise taxes, we should have a supermajority that would support that."

26TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY SENATE



Norman Brown
Democrat

As a former school principal, he cites as successful components: emphasis on technology and early-childhood education, after-school and summer-school programs to help students catch up on basic skills, family resource centers. Says there has been "enormous progress" with KERA, but "we're not there yet." Changes are needed in testing and accountability system.

Rules were too lax under previous system, but fears the "pendulum may have swung too far" under the recent changes. Says legislature should revisit it. Favors unbiased review board to assess impact of new rules. Adjustments must be weighed against higher cost to businesses. State should consider seeking federal revenue from coal tax to improve health and safety in mines and hold down workers' compensation costs.

Favors supermajority to increase and reduce taxes. Approval of tax increase should include binding plan for using new revenue; decrease should outline where the cuts will be.



Ernie Harris
Republican*

Supports some aspects but favors several changes. Cites as successful components: school management councils, family resource centers, emphasis on technology, adjusting instruction to meet students' needs. Biggest objection is testing system — doesn't work and is too expensive. Doesn't help parents see how children compare with national average, and basing rewards and sanctions on a test that changes each year is unfair.

Voted for the bill; says it got it "about right." Better protects truly injured workers, increases benefits, cuts costs for business owners, helps keep businesses from leaving the state. New rules eliminated some abuse relating to black-lung cases. Open to small changes if necessary.

"Absolutely" favors supermajority. Would better control various tax rates in Kentucky, which has some of the highest rates in the region, placing the state at a competitive disadvantage.

Portfolios are improving writing skills, but are stressed too much in assessment. Need testing in elementary years to pinpoint weak areas and outline plan for improvement. Middle school testing should involve career interests and basic skills. More emphasis in high school on ACT and SAT testing.

In black-lung cases, must address environmental issues and explore cost-effective measures to make mines cleaner.

36TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY SENATE



Teena Halbig
Democrat

"I support KERA. . . . I think it could be improved, but I don't want to throw out the baby with the bath water."

"He probably got it about right — maybe not 100 percent. I can understand not wanting to provide benefits to people who might have lung problems from cigarette smoking or other pulmonary impacts. But health care needs to be in place to take care of those who were harmed with black lung, and the physicians should be the ones who make that determination."

"On any major tax increase, I believe that it could prove beneficial to have a supermajority vote, but I would have to look at the bill."



Julie Carman Rose
Republican*

"The problem that I see with KERA has been the test. We've made changes this year, but I think it's too early to tell how those changes are ultimately going to affect the testing and the accountability. Hopefully it will be for the better, but we don't know that yet."

"With workers' compensation, we were losing business and were having problems recruiting businesses (because of high rates). I'm not for making any rash changes at this point. . . . It's a delicate balance between having a competitive business environment with workers' compensation rates that businesses feel are fair and being able to take care of truly injured workers and ruling out those who are trying to game the system."

"Yes, I think we owe it to the people of Kentucky that it shouldn't be very easy to raise taxes. . . . A supermajority would impose a discipline upon the legislature to be creative and to be more economical."

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

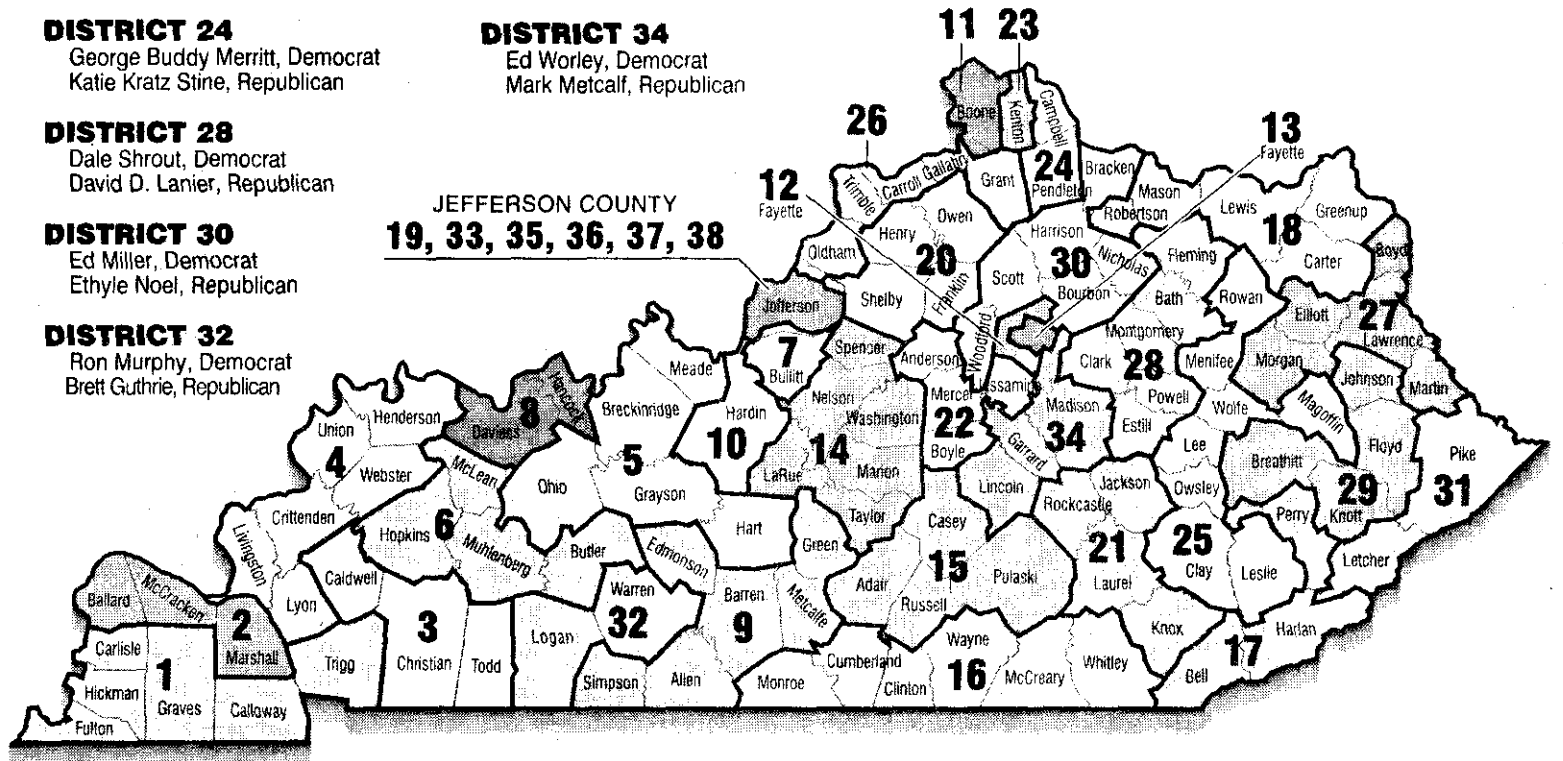
Following are contested races for the Kentucky Senate and the Kentucky House in districts outside the Louisville metro area (* denotes incumbent):

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Robert J. "Bob" Leeper*, Democrat
Kathy J. Hogancamp, Republican
- DISTRICT 6**
Richard "Dick" Adams, Democrat
Dan McGary, Republican
- DISTRICT 8**
David E. Boswell*, Democrat
Gerald S. Chapman, Republican
- DISTRICT 12**
Donald Richard Todd, Democrat
Alice Forgy Kerr, Republican
- DISTRICT 14**
Joe Evans, Democrat
Dan Kelly*, Republican
- DISTRICT 18**
Phillip E. Miller, Democrat
Charlie Borders*, Republican
- DISTRICT 22**
Don R. McCormick, Democrat
Tom Buford*, Republican

- DISTRICT 24**
George Buddy Merritt, Democrat
Katie Kratz Stine, Republican
- DISTRICT 28**
Dale Shrout, Democrat
David D. Lanier, Republican
- DISTRICT 30**
Ed Miller, Democrat
Ethyle Noel, Republican
- DISTRICT 32**
Ron Murphy, Democrat
Brett Guthrie, Republican

- DISTRICT 34**
Ed Worley, Democrat
Mark Metcalf, Republican



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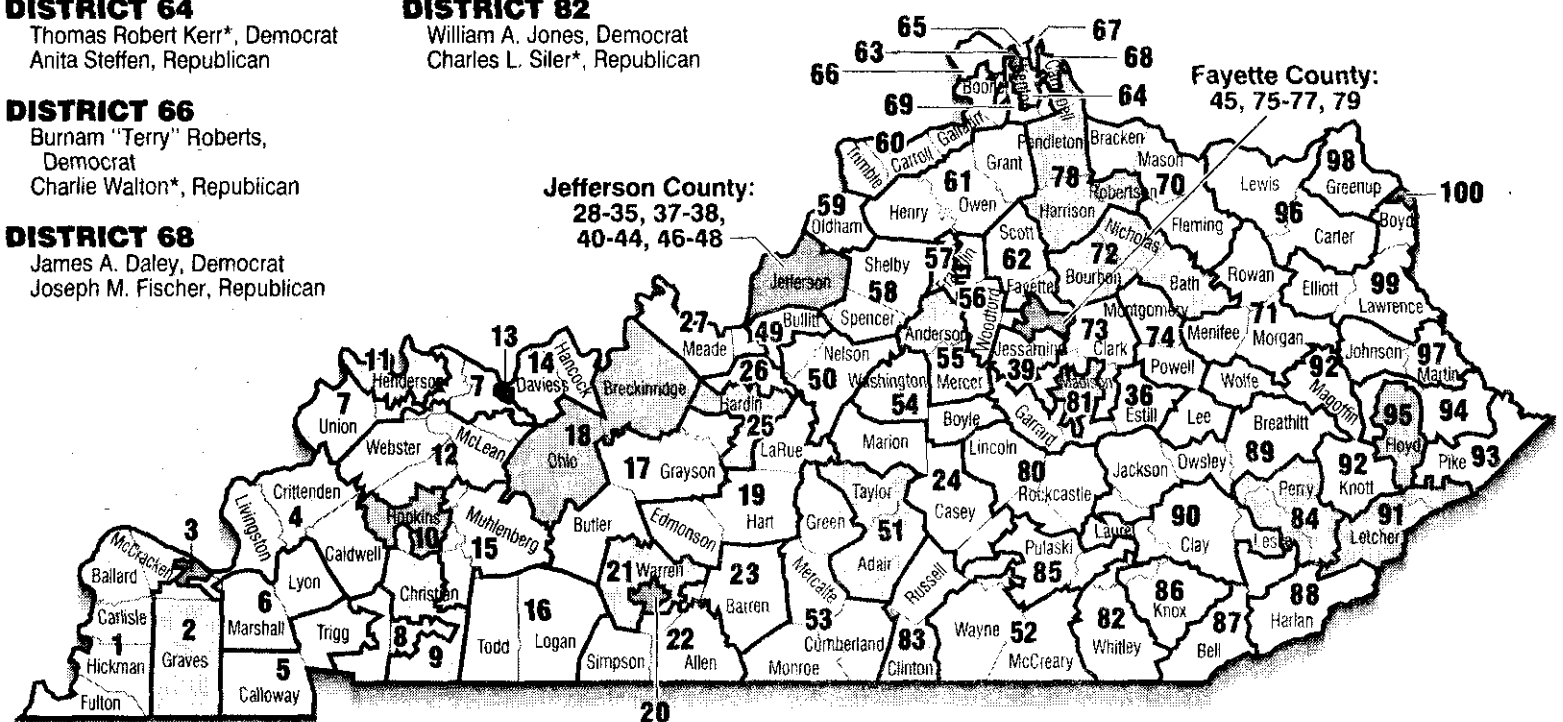
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Charles Geveden*, Democrat
Larry Wilson, Republican
- DISTRICT 4**
Mike Cherry, Democrat
Sandy F. Furjanic, Republican
- DISTRICT 8**
John W. Adams*, Democrat
Jimmy Burks, Republican
- DISTRICT 13**
Richard B. Thomson, Democrat
Brian Crall*, Republican
- DISTRICT 14**
Bob Payne, Democrat
Mark A. Treesh*, Republican
- DISTRICT 19**
Dottie J. Sims*, Democrat
Steve Hornback, Republican
- DISTRICT 22**
Rob Wilkey*, Democrat
Elvis F. Russell, Republican
- DISTRICT 26**
John Michael Weaver*, Democrat
C. Ray Story, Republican
- DISTRICT 27**
Jim Thompson, Democrat
Theresa L. Padgett, Republican
James Anthony, Reform Party
- DISTRICT 50**
Jodie Haydon*, Democrat
David Floyd, Republican
- DISTRICT 51**
Ricky Lee Cox*, Republican
Russell Montgomery, Democrat
- DISTRICT 52**
Arthur J. Bolze, Democrat
Ken Upchurch, Republican

- DISTRICT 53**
Christopher Brian Eaton, Democrat
Billy D. Polston*, Republican
- DISTRICT 54**
John W.D. Bowling, Democrat
Mike Harmon, Republican
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Jack L. Coleman Jr.*, Democrat
K. Louis Dean Sr., Republican
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Joe Barrows*, Democrat
Mark Shelby, Republican
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Charlie Hoffman*, Democrat
Steve Roberts, Republican
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Thomas Robert Kerr*, Democrat
Anita Steffen, Republican
- DISTRICT 66**
Burnam "Terry" Roberts, Democrat
Charlie Walton*, Republican
- DISTRICT 68**
James A. Daley, Democrat
Joseph M. Fischer, Republican

- DISTRICT 70**
Pete Worthington*, Democrat
James C. Shires, Republican
- DISTRICT 73**
R.J. Palmer II, Democrat
Woodrow "Woody" Morrison, Republican
- DISTRICT 74**
Adrian K. Arnold*, Democrat
Jeffrey O. Moore, Republican
- DISTRICT 79**
Susan Westrom, Democrat
Larry Brandstetter*, Republican
- DISTRICT 81**
Harry Moberly Jr.*, Democrat
Jerry L. Barclay, Republican
- DISTRICT 82**
William A. Jones, Democrat
Charles L. Siler*, Republican

- DISTRICT 86**
Pat Hauser, Democrat
Jim Stewart*, Republican
- DISTRICT 87**
William Albert Hayes, Democrat
J.C. "Bo" Ausmus III, Republican
Rick Nelson, Independent
- DISTRICT 88**
Thomas R. Pope*, Democrat
Johnnie Lloyd Turner, Republican
- DISTRICT 89**
Timothy Johnson, Democrat
Marie L. Rader*, Republican

- DISTRICT 93**
Clayton Little, Democrat
Chris Ratliff*, Republican
- DISTRICT 94**
Ira Edsel Branham, Democrat
Mitchell "Mickey" Maynard, Republican
- DISTRICT 96**
Robin L. Webb, Democrat
Ramona Gee, Republican
- DISTRICT 97**
Hubert Collins*, Democrat
John David Preston, Republican
- DISTRICT 98**
David Aaron Harris, Democrat
Hoby Anderson*, Republican



KENTUCKY COURTS

COURT OF APPEALS, 4TH DISTRICT

LISABETH HUGHES ABRAMSON



Age: 43.
Neighborhood: Eastern Jefferson County.
Occupation: Judge, Kentucky Court of Appeals, 1997-present.
Professional experience: Private law practice, 1980-84, 1987-97.
Family: Husband, Leslie W. Abramson; three children.
Education: Law degree (1980) and bachelor's degree (1977), University of Louisville.

WILLIAM E. McANULTY JR.



Age: 51.
Neighborhood: Strathmoor Manor.
Occupation: Circuit judge, 1993-present.
Professional experience: Juvenile court judge, 1975-78; district judge, 1978-83; circuit judge, 1984-90; private law practice, 1990-93.
Family: Wife, Kristi W. McNulty; three children.
Education: Law degree (1974), master's degree (1971), University of Louisville; bachelor's degree, Indiana University (1970).

SUPREME COURT 1ST DISTRICT

J.W. "BILL" GRAVES

Age: 62.
Address: 222 Kentucky Ave., Paducah.
Occupation: Justice, Kentucky Supreme Court, 1995-present.
Education: Law degree, University of Kentucky, 1963; bachelor's degree, University of Notre Dame, 1957.
Professional experience: Circuit judge, 1989-95; district judge, 1984-88; private law practice, 1964-84.
Family: Wife, Mary Ann; two adult children.

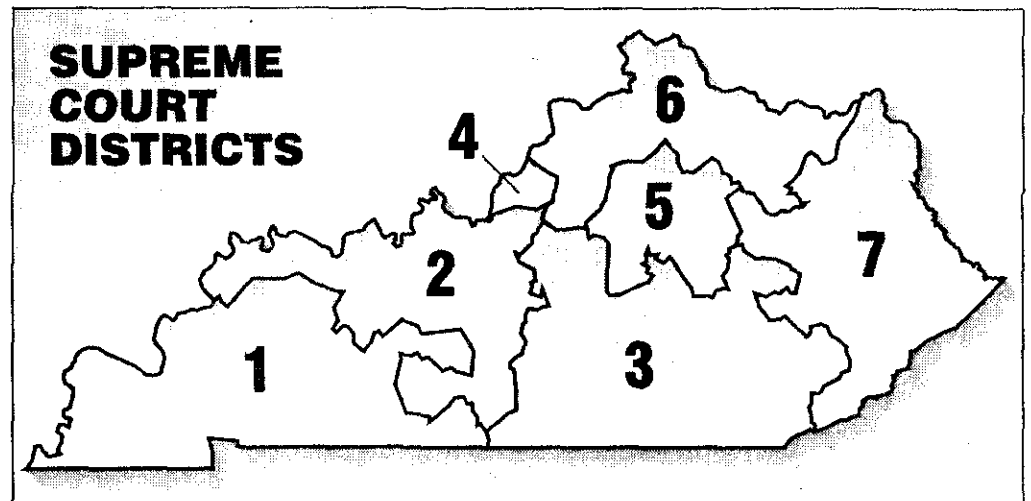
RICK JOHNSON

Age: 44.
Address: 2380 U.S. 45 North, Mayfield.
Occupation: Judge, Kentucky Court of Appeals, 1991-present.
Education: Law degree, George Washington University, 1979; bachelor's degree, Western Kentucky University, 1976.
Professional experience: Private law practice, 1979-91.
Family: Wife, Lucretia; two children.

2ND DISTRICT

WALTER BAKER

Age: 61.
Address: 213 Green St., Glasgow.
Occupation: Attorney.
Education: Law degree, Harvard University, 1961; bachelor's degree, Harvard, 1958.
Professional experience: Justice, Kentucky Supreme Court, 1996;



state senator, 1989-96, 1972-81; assistant general counsel, U.S. Department of Defense, 1981-83; state representative, 1968-72; private practice, 1961-81.
Family: Wife, Jane; two adult children.

WILLIAM COOPER

Age: 57.
Address: 2825 Ring Road, Elizabethtown.
Occupation: Justice, Kentucky Supreme Court, 1996-present.
Education: Law degree, University of Kentucky, 1970; bachelor's degree, UK, 1963.
Professional experience: Circuit judge, 1979-86; private law practice, 1970-79.
Family: Single.

6TH DISTRICT

EDWIN KAGIN

Age: 57.
Address: 206 Stanley Reed Court, Maysville.
Occupation: Attorney.
Education: Law degree, University of Louisville, 1972; graduate student, 1964, and bachelor's degree, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 1963.
Professional experience: Private law practice, 1972-present; editor, Adaptive Behavior Project, American Association of Mental Deficiency, 1967-68; community organizer, Parsons, Kan., 1967-68.
Family: Wife, Helen; four adult children.

DONALD WINTERSHEIMER

Age: 66.
Address: Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights.
Occupation: Justice, Kentucky Supreme Court, 1982-present.
Education: Law degree, University of Cincinnati, 1960; master's degree, Xavier University, 1957; bachelor's degree, Thomas More College, 1953.
Professional experience: Judge, Kentucky Court of Appeals, 1976-82; Covington city solicitor, 1962-76; private law practice, 1970-76.
Family: Wife, Alice; five adult children.

2 hot races could affect Supreme Court's views

Challengers called less conservative than incumbents

By ROBERT T. GARRETT,
The Courier-Journal

Two heated races in the western half of the state — both grudge matches — could influence the Kentucky Supreme Court's outlook in legal battles between business and consumers, and in criminal cases.

The incumbents are viewed as tilting more toward business interests and being less willing to acknowledge prosecutorial error than their challengers are.

Such differences are submerged, however, in a bareknuckles, big-spending race in Western Kentucky's 1st District.

It features two former friends who are now bitter enemies — incumbent Justice J.W. "Bill" Graves of

Paducah, who is using a televised endorsement by former TV talk-show host Phil Donahue, and Court of Appeals Judge Rick Johnson of Symsonia (Graves County), who has been endorsed by unions and teachers. Each has accused the other of misusing state cars for personal errands. Also at issue are whether Johnson has dragged the Democratic Party into a non-partisan race, and whether Graves and his allies have abused the judicial discipline system by filing frivolous complaints against Johnson.

Personal criticism also has been a big theme in the 2nd District race between incumbent Justice William Cooper of Elizabethtown and former Justice Walter Baker of Glasgow.

Cooper, who ousted Baker two years ago, has accused Baker of being unproductive and of having to undergo "on-the-job training" during the seven months in 1996 the for-

mer Republican state senator filled a vacancy on the Supreme Court.

But Baker has depicted Cooper as a wealthy "professional judge" and bookworm who can't relate to ordinary people in the district, which includes Bullitt County.

Four of the seven justices are up for re-election to eight-year terms on Nov. 3.

Justice Martin Johnstone of Louisville, first elected to the high court in 1996, is unopposed in the 4th District (Jefferson County).

Justice Donald Wintersheimer of Covington faces Maysville lawyer Edwin Kagin in the 6th District, which reaches from Oldham, Shelby and Spencer counties in the west to Lewis County in the east.

Wintersheimer is a 16-year veteran justice whose backers include antiabortion activists, trial lawyers, corporate lawyers and the United Auto Workers union.

Kagin, a self-styled champi-

on of religious and personal liberty, has run a low-key race. He has raised one-tenth as much money as Wintersheimer.

In state legal circles, the talk is mainly about Graves' and Cooper's prospects for survival.

The two incumbent justices in Western Kentucky are seen as conservative on social issues and crime, and generally pro-business when it comes to civil litigation. Challengers Johnson and Baker aren't liberals but would be more likely to side with defendants and consumers on occasion, several lawyers said.

Johnson "is more of a consumer advocate than Bill Graves, no question," said Louisville trial lawyer Ken Sales, who supports Johnson. While Johnson, as an appellate judge, "has written some tough opinions on crime," he is "more likely to overturn a criminal conviction than Bill Graves is," Sales added.

Former Court of Appeals

Chief Judge J. William Howerton of Paducah, a Graves supporter, also said Graves is more conservative than Johnson in criminal and personal-injury cases.

But Barry Willett of Louisville, former president of the trial lawyers' lobby group, said he backs Graves because he proved in the past three years that "he will listen to cases in which somebody's been hurt as a result of someone else's negligence."

In the 2nd District race, trial lawyers "are vehemently opposed to Cooper," who has written opinions and voted against past and proposed expansions of plaintiffs' ability to sue, Willett said. The trial lawyers' lobby has given Baker \$2,000 this year. Cooper also is seen by some criminal-defense lawyers as more pro-prosecution than Baker would be — although they said Cooper is not as predictable in upholding criminal convictions as Graves is.

KENTUCKY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Should legislature meet annually?

By TOM LOFTUS
The Courier-Journal

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Voters will decide Tuesday whether the Kentucky General Assembly should start meeting every year or continue to hold regular sessions only every other year.

Since 1969, voters have twice rejected annual-session proposals. But supporters of annual meetings are trying again, saying that if voters approve the constitutional amendment, it could bring more order to law-making and limit the need for increasingly frequent special sessions.

Listed as Amendment One on the ballot, it would create a 25-day session in odd-numbered years — with the first one in 1999 — to go along with the 60-day sessions the Kentucky Constitution currently provides in even-numbered years.

The amendment's chief proponent, House Speaker Jody Richards, said annual meetings would let the legislature take a reasoned approach to the complex issues of a fast-changing world.

Richards, who helped form a pro-amendment campaign called "Kentuckians for Sensible Government," said the amendment would give the people's elected representatives more control over implementing the state's budget and laws — taking some power away from

bureaucrats who rule when the legislature is away from Frankfort.

Opponents disagree. The Kentucky Farm Bureau, the Kentucky Medical Association and the National Federation of Independent Business have organized a campaign to defeat the amendment, which they say would mean bigger government and less continuity of state policy.

These opponents, organized as "Kentuckians for Less Government," began a statewide radio-advertising blitz last week featuring a sinister voice of a fictional legislator who tells listeners: "We want more time in Frankfort at your expense. . . . We can pass more bills and get more involved in your daily lives and your business."

The cost to taxpayers for a legislative session is estimated at \$60,000 per day.

Also opposed is Republican Senate Leader Dan Kelly of Springfield, who said annual sessions would bring lawmakers to Frankfort more and create more laws and government regulation.

Kentucky is one of just seven states whose legislature does not meet every year. The others are Texas, Oregon, Arkansas, North Dakota, Montana and Nevada.

In 1973, Kentucky voters soundly defeated an annual-session amendment that differed from this year's in some key details. An annual-session amendment was defeated in 1969 too.

Richards, a Bowling Green Democrat, has long argued that events of recent years have proven the need for annual sessions. In the last 10 years, governors have called 15 special legislative sessions. Although four of those were one-day meetings to confirm important appointments made by the governor, some were long and dealt with hallmark legislation of recent governors: Wallace Wilkinson's lottery session of late 1988, Brereton Jones' health-care session of 1993, and Paul Patton's sessions on workers' compensation in 1996 and higher education in 1997.

Richards said the amendment should eliminate the need for special sessions. "This constitutional amendment is not about being here more; it's about being here less . . . and being here in a more orderly fashion," Richards said in March after the Senate passed the measure to put the amendment on the ballot.

Kelly and other opponents contend that the amendment will not result in fewer special sessions because governors — who have the exclusive power to call special sessions and set their agendas — will still call lawmakers to Frankfort to

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1

Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to reduce the General Assembly's organizational session by five days and to allow the General Assembly to meet in interim sessions in odd-numbered years for twenty-five days?

address either critical matters that need immediate attention or to force the General Assembly to give its undivided attention to the governor's priority issue.

Richards, though, said that if the amendment passes, legislative leaders will be able to persuade governors to avoid special sessions and wait until the next annual session. The result, according to Richards, will be that it will be easier for lawmakers to schedule their public business around their personal lives — thus preserving a "citizen legislature."

Kelly, the Senate Republican leader, disagrees. He said it will make it more difficult for average citizens to serve in the legislature because of the requirement to be in Frankfort more often.

Gov. Paul Patton is not taking sides, but he has somewhat undercut supporters of the amendment by saying he will continue to call special sessions as needed.

Former Govs. Wilkinson and Jones, though, have said they oppose the amendment. Wilkinson has sent an article to newspapers across the state pointing out that legislative committees already meet year-round to study issues with the help of a large, full-time legislative staff.

"I believe society will be a lot less complex, and Kentuckians a lot better off, if legislators spent more time analyzing, pondering, and debating solutions and less time passing more laws," Wilkinson wrote.

Early polls taken by the Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Democratic Party indicated that a majority of voters favor the amendment.

But Gary Huddleston, the Farm Bureau's information director, said, "Our polling also showed that once a person is told exactly what amendment would do, support for it declines. . . . We don't underestimate the challenge, but we think we can beat it."

The Farm Bureau has given \$75,000 and the Kentucky Medical Association \$50,000 for the campaign against the amendment, according to the latest spending report.

Should cuts in vehicle property taxes be allowed?

By TOM LOFTUS
The Courier-Journal

FRANKFORT, Ky. — With voters facing the the most crowded ballot in the history of Kentucky elections, the surest bet may be that they will approve Constitutional Amendment No. 2.

If approved, it would allow the General Assembly to cut the state property tax on "personal property" — including the highly unpopular property tax on cars and trucks.

Legislators say Kentuckians hate this tax as much as any. But they are powerless to cut it because Kentucky's Constitution requires all property not otherwise exempted be taxed at its fair market value. This year the General Assembly — without a dissenting vote — proposed this amendment so that a cut in personal-property taxes can be considered the next time it convenes.

Though most taxpayers would welcome the cut in the state tax, the prospect that lawmakers

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— David Keller,
executive director,
Kentucky School
Boards Association

might also cut local taxes has some officials concerned.

Officials of city and county governments and school systems are worried that passage of the amendment would drive the legislature to go beyond cutting the state property tax and also cut — or eliminate — local property taxes on vehicles.

The General Assembly already has authority to exempt personal property like vehicles from taxes

imposed by local governments and schools. But the fear of local officials is that — if the amendment passes overwhelmingly — legislators will feel a public mandate to cut all local property taxes on vehicles.

Taxes on personal property raise about \$338 million for local governments and schools each year, and of that about \$139 million comes from vehicles.

Jefferson County school officials say they would lose \$10 million a year if the amendment passes and the legislature eliminates all property taxes on vehicles.

David Keller, executive director of the Kentucky School Boards Association, said that the state's 176 school districts could lose up to \$85 million per year under such a scenario. The Revenue Cabinet's estimate is \$74 million.

Keller said the association has not taken a formal position on the amendment, though. "We're concerned because it's easy to cut

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 2

Are you in favor of amending Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly to exempt motor vehicles and any other class of personal property from the levy of all or any portion of the property tax and to extend the homestead property tax exemption to persons who are classified as totally disabled by any public or private retirement system?

taxes and hard to find a way to replace the lost revenue," he said.

The Revenue Cabinet estimates that the vehicle property tax generates about \$22 million a year for cities.

The Kentucky Association of Counties has adopted a resolution opposing the amendment out of concern that property taxes will be lowered "to such an extent as to endanger the ability of county governments to deliver services."

Rep. Harry Moberly, a Democrat from Richmond and the chairman of the House budget committee, said there is little doubt that — barring a financial crisis in state government — passage of the amendment will result in "a significant reduction in motor-vehicle taxes" during the next legislative session.

Elimination of the personal-property tax on vehicles would cost the state about \$78 million a year.

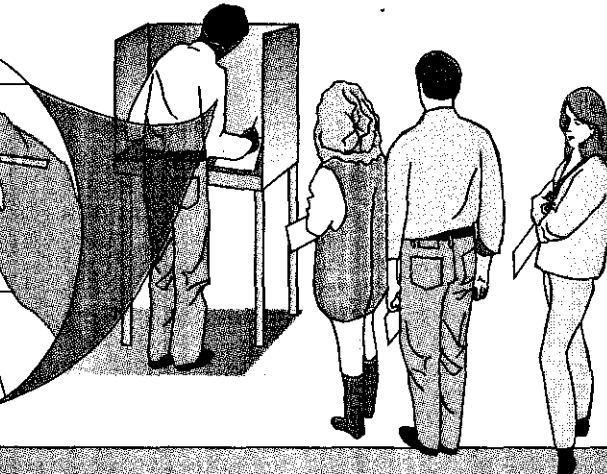
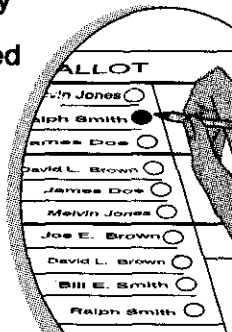
Moberly said he was personally committed to doing what he can from his powerful position to assure that any such tax reform protects the revenue of schools and local governments.

JEFFERSON COUNTY'S NEW VOTING SYSTEM

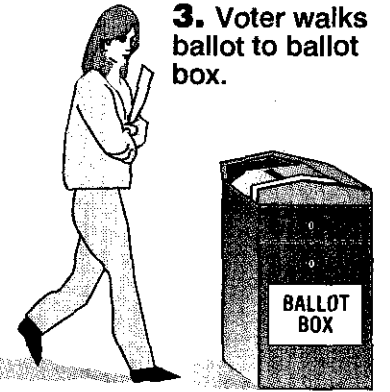
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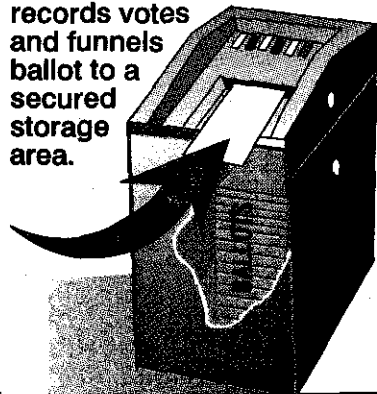
2. Voter chooses candidates by filling in oval beside favored candidate's name.



3. Voter walks ballot to ballot box.



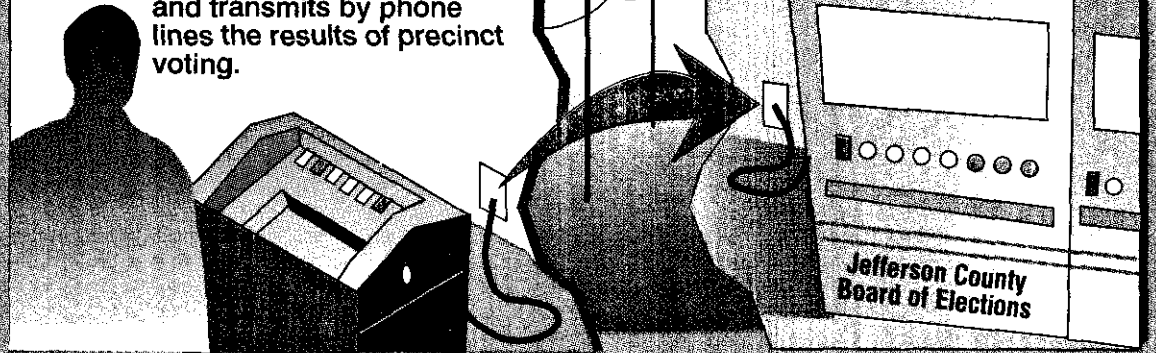
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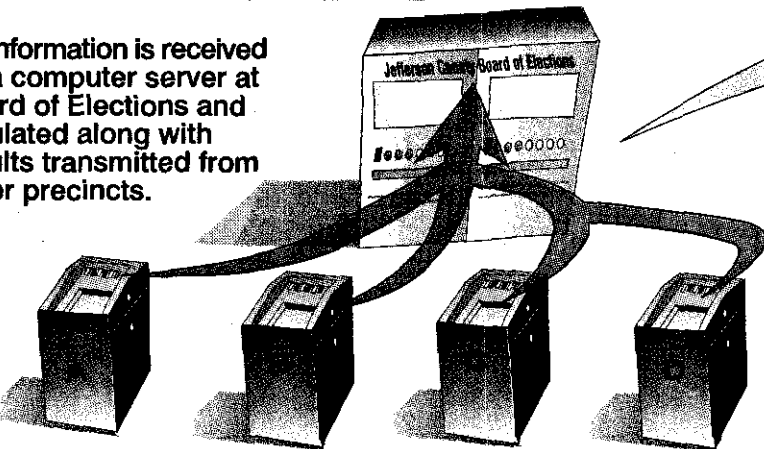
5. At end of day, ballot-box computer tabulates votes and prints reports.



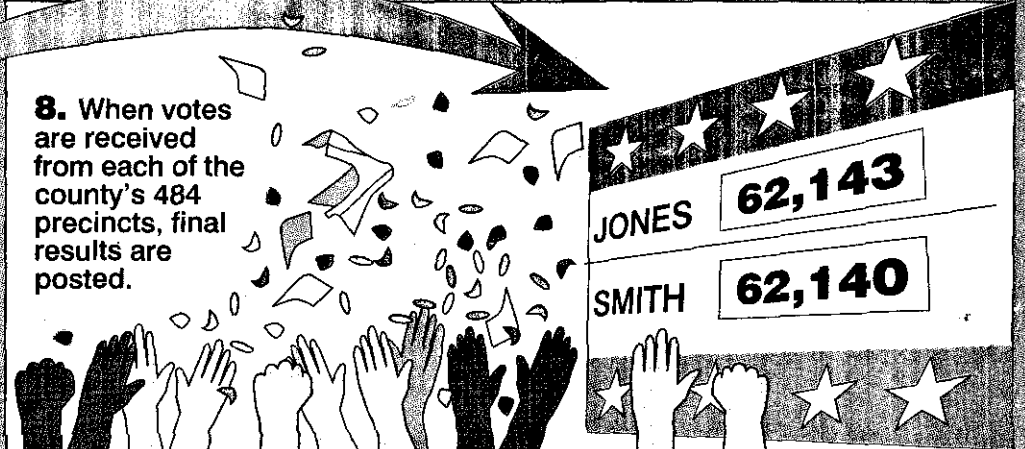
6. With prompting of precinct officials, ballot box dials a central computer at the Jefferson County Board of Elections and transmits by phone lines the results of precinct voting.



7. Information is received on a computer server at Board of Elections and tabulated along with results transmitted from other precincts.



8. When votes are received from each of the county's 484 precincts, final results are posted.



BY WES KENDALL, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Get the Kids Vote Out on Election Day!

JEFFERSON COUNTY KIDS VOTING SITES

Open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

40118
Coral Ridge Elementary School
10608 National Turnpike

40203
College Court Apartments
Clubhouse
Garland & College Court

40204
Urban Government Center
810 Barret Avenue

40205
Atherton High School
3000 Dundee Road

Bellarmino College
2000 Newburg Road

40206
Crescent Hill Baptist Church
2800 Frankfort Avenue
League of Women Voters
115 S. Ewing Avenue

40207
Dunn Elementary School
2010 Rudy Lane

St. Matthews Baptist Church
3515 Grandview Avenue

St. Matthews Episcopal Church
330 N. Hubbards Lane

Watkins United Methodist
Church
9800 Westport Road

40210
Southern Star Baptist Church
2304 Algonquin Parkway

40211
Brandeis Elementary School
2817 W. Kentucky Street

Engne Co. #22
3228 River Park Drive

New Zion Baptist Church
3330 Southern Avenue

40212
Neighborhood House
225 N. 25th Street

40213
Gheens Academy
4509 Preston Highway

40214
Lassiter Middle School
8200 Candleworth Drive
(opens 7:00 a.m.)

40215
Iroquois High School
4615 Taylor Boulevard

40216
Gutermuth Elementary School
1500 Sanders Lane

40217
Medical Arts Building
1169 Eastern Parkway

40218
Buechel Fire Department
4104 Bardstown Road

40219
Newburg Community Center
5008 Indian Trail

Okolona Elementary School
7606 Preston Highway
Rangeland Elementary School
5001 Rangeland Road

40220
Greathouse-Shryock Traditional
School
2700 Browns Lane

McMahan Fire District
4318 Taylorsville Road

40222
Bowen Elementary School
1601 Roosevelt Avenue

U of L Shelby Campus
Shelbyville Rd. & Hurstbourne
Pkwy.

40241
The Temple
5101 U.S. Highway 42

40243
Crosby Middle School
303 Gatehouse Lane

40245
UAW Hall
12720 New Chamberlain Lane

40272
Jefferson Community College
SW
1000 Community College Drive

Our Lady of Christians
13512 Dixie Highway

St. Clements School
5437 Johnstontown Road

40291
Bates Elementary School
7601 Bardstown Road

Fern Creek Fire Department
6200 Bardstown Road

Fern Creek High School
9115 Fern Creek Road

40299
Jeffersontown Elementary
School
3610 Cedarwood Way

Jeffersontown High School
9600 Old Six Mile Lane

That's right. Students can actually go to the polls on November 3 and cast mock ballots at Kids Voting booths throughout Jefferson County. An adult must accompany elementary and middle school students to the polls. Share this experience with a future voter at one of the Kids Voting sites listed below. After the polls close, Kids Voting ballots will be tabulated and reported to local, state and national media. So watch for Kids Voting results as part of regular election coverage. For additional information, contact the Kids Voting Headquarters at 895-5206 or the League of Women's Voters at 895-5218.