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"Rather than forcing people to go (to Shawnee High), we thought we'd create some very attractive magnet programs."

Superintendent **SHELDON BERMAN**

"People ... are wondering, are they setting it up for failure? Are they setting it up to close?"

CHERI BRYANT HAMILTON, Metro Council member

New attendance plan poses challenge for Shawnee High



By Bill Luster, The Courier-Journal

Most students are disadvantaged

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When Ann Elmore was a teacher at Shawnee High in the 1960s, the western Louisville school was thriving and popular, she said.

But Elmore, now a Jefferson County school board member, has seen Shawnee struggle more and more with test scores, attendance, discipline and turnover.

Nearly 90 percent of its students are from disadvantaged homes. The school has failed to meet federal testing goals for five straight years. And last school year, Shawnee graduated little more than half its seniors.

"The way it has gone down has been personally painful for me," Elmore said.

Now, the district is proposing new attendance zones for 16 high schools and 20 middle schools. Its aim is to leave no school with more than half its students from low-income, low-education and high-minority neighborhoods.

Except for Shawnee High School.

Under the proposal, Shawnee would still draw 87 percent of

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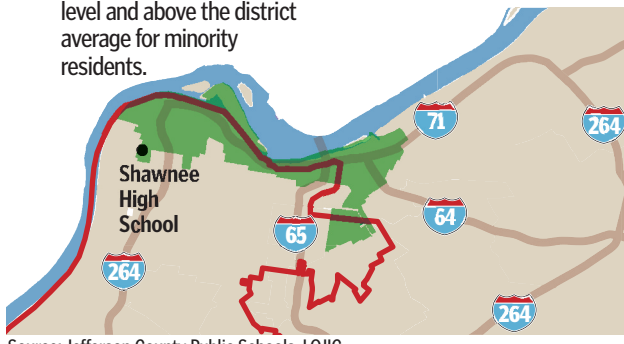
Shawnee High School principal Keith Look said many of his students face "a lot of noneducation barriers" because of their socioeconomic status. He's planning a number of changes at the school.

Proposed Shawnee High enrollment area

Below is Shawnee High School's proposed enrollment area under the new student-assignment plan for high schools.

□ Below the district average for income and education level and above the district average for minority residents.

■ Shawnee enrollment area



Source: Jefferson County Public Schools, LOJIC

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Officials seek more active-duty soldiers

Army: 30,000 more needed to fulfill missions

By **Ann Scott Tyson**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Army needs to add at least 30,000 active-duty soldiers to its ranks to fulfill its responsibilities around the world without becoming stretched dangerously thin, senior Army officials warn.

"You can't do what we've been tasked to do with the number of people we have," Undersecretary of the Army Nelson Ford said last week. "You can see a point where it's going to be very difficult to cope."

Already, the Army lacks a strategic reserve of brigades trained and ready for major combat, officials said, and units being deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan are receiving new soldiers at the last minute, meaning they have insufficient time to train together before crossing into the war zone.

But the demand for soldiers extends beyond those nations, with the Pentagon creating missions that require troops trained in cyber-warfare, homeland defense, intelligence-gathering and other areas, Ford said.

"We have five to 10 new missions," he said, "and we are already stretched now."

The Army is on track to grow to 547,000

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Study finds little to link hard times, crime rate

Louisville's 2% decrease supports conclusion

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Conventional wisdom has it that a bad economy leads to more crime, as the pressure of high prices and rising unemployment prompt some to steal just to make ends meet.

But a recently released study of crime and business cycles in 23 cities from Boston to San Diego found very little relationship between hard times and high crime, at least in the short run.

In fact, overall crime is down 2 percent this year in Louisville, one of the cities covered in the study by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. The study also examined Louisville's fellow Federal Reserve Eighth District cities of St. Louis, Little Rock, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn.

While there is some variation from city to city, the study authors found "weak evidence across U.S. cities that economic conditions significantly influence short-run changes in crime."

The experience of Louisville Metro Police this year — a year spent entirely in a deepening economic recession — supports

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Shelby Co. growth brings burdens

Schools, water service tested

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For Shelby County, the good news in a recent U.S. Census Bureau report is clear: The county has added nearly 6,000 residents this decade and sprouted new homes faster than any other mid-sized or large county in the Louisville area.

The county's easy commuting distance on Interstate 64 to Louisville's eastern office parks,

Lexington and Frankfort has helped its growth. But there have also been growing pains. Its public schools are crowded, and local water districts are eyeing a new pipeline meant, in part, to help quell water shortages.

The Shelby County Board of Education last week voted against a student reassignment plan, choosing instead to enforce existing policies as a way to ease crowding at one elementary school. At the same time, school officials worry that a shaky economy may make it harder to borrow money to construct new buildings.

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By Matt Stone, The Courier-Journal

Some areas in Shelby County that were once rural have been turned into subdivisions. The population has grown 18 percent since 2000.

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At least 6 dead

Six bodies were found in the ashes of a home where a gunman opened fire during a party before setting the house ablaze.

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Period of upheaval

A TV show and movie use the backdrop of the late '50s and early '60s to capture a pivotal era. Are they remembering it correctly?

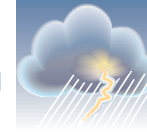
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