

Money Plentiful In 27th District

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Local attorney Rick McAfee had raised \$40,525, almost twice his nearest opponent, going into Thursday's Republican primary for the 27th District seat in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

"I think I'll raise at least \$10,000 more in the next week," Mr. McAfee said.

Mr. McAfee spent about \$21,800. He had about \$18,725 cash on hand.

Attorney and certified public accountant Chris Clem had raised \$21,159. He had spent about \$15,510 and had about \$5,650 cash on hand.

"We're all going to raise more money and spend it," said Mr. Clem. He estimated he would spend \$10,000 more before the primary.

Campaign financial disclosure statements were due at the Hamilton County Election Commission on Thursday or had to be postmarked by Thursday. The statements covered contributions through Monday.

The two other Republicans seeking the seat raised less during the period.

Don Bishop, recently retired as Red Bank High School principal, raised \$7,855 and spent \$5,400. He had \$2,450 cash on hand.

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■ Bean outpaces rivals.

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Attorney David Evans

raised \$5,125 which included a

School Board Votes To Double Its Pay

Measure Would Require County Commission OK

BY LANA SUTTON
Staff Writer

Hamilton County School Board members voted to more than double their pay in a 5-3 vote at Thursday's regular monthly meeting. Board member Annie Hall was not present.

The increase would bump board members' pay from \$3,600 to \$8,150 a year and increase the chairman's pay from \$4,200 to \$10,500, according to board members.

It would have to be ratified by

the Hamilton County Commission to pass. But one commissioner said it may have problems.

"I would recommend they have a unanimous vote or not come to us with it," said County Commissioner Curtis Adams. "I think it will be dead in the water if it's not a unanimous vote on that board on that matter."

However, he said the school board does deserve the increase.

"I would support an increase for them. I tell you being a school board member, it's a terribly

tough job," Mr. Adams said. "It's a lot more complicated than it's been in the history of schools."

The vote came as a surprise to Mr. Adams.

The proposed increase was neither included on the board's agenda, nor discussed openly during the school board meeting.

School Board Chairman Charles Love said there was no attempt to keep the amendment hidden.

The three board members who voted against the increase

expressed concerns about voting for "the resolution" in which the pay raise proposal was included. The resolution calls for school board members to begin making half of what county commissioners are paid.

The resolution was included as part of the package of 3.5 percent raises for the nonteacher employees, contract bus drivers and administrators.

Voting for the pay increase were board members Janice Boydston, Debra Matthews, William Eldridge, Debbie Colburn and Mr. Love.

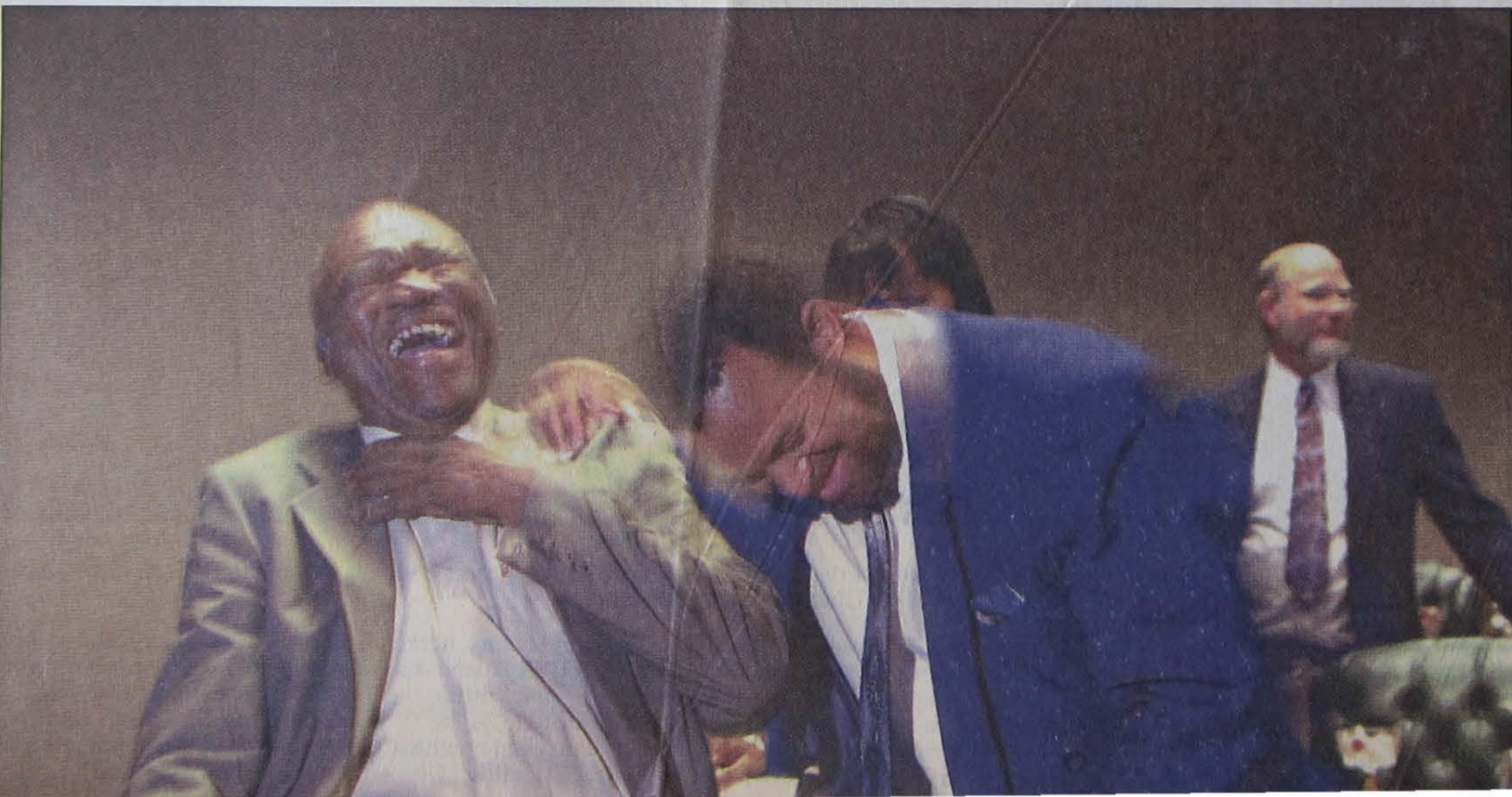
Board members Joe Conner, Everett Fairchild and Marty

Puryear voted against the school board pay raise; however, they approve of the 3.5 percent raise for nonteacher employees.

"There are other places we could spend money other than increasing board members' pay that will have more positive impact on the students," Mr. Puryear said after the meeting.

"I'm concerned about the timing of it and that we amended the budget to give ourselves a raise," Mr. Fairchild said after the meeting.

Mr. Fairchild told the board he was also concerned about the lack of information about administration. See BOARD, Page B10



Highway Danger Worries Jim Hall

BY CLINT COOPER
Staff Writer

Jim Hall, National Transportation Safety Board chairman and a Signal Mountain resident, says it's time Tennessee, Hamilton County and Chattanooga get serious about highway safety.

"Aviation accidents receive the majority of attention," he said at a highway safety briefing Thursday at the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Convention and Trade Center, "but we have the

David Evans raised \$5,125, which included a \$3,000 loan he made to his campaign. He spent \$3,657 and had \$1,468 cash on hand.

Mr. McAfee's expenses include \$5,500 to The Hopper Co., a consulting group headed by Tommy Hopper, a former Tennessee Republican Party chairman. Mr. Hopper, an ardent foe of a state income tax, has endorsed Mr. McAfee in some of the candidate's most recent radio advertisements, which had cost Mr. McAfee \$6,085 through Monday. The ads are being aired in response to campaign mailings and advertisements by Mr. Clem that question Mr. McAfee's Republican background.

"This endorsement sounds impressive, but it is not above-board," Mr. Clem said. "Rick McAfee is paying Tommy Hopper as a campaign consultant. I regret that Mr. McAfee had to buy a Republican endorsement."

Mr. McAfee said questions about his GOP credentials have helped his fund-raising.

"My friends who know me know I'm very conservative. They want to ensure I have the wherewithal to get that message out," he said.

Among Mr. McAfee's contributors are Benjamin R. Probasco, Scott L. Probasco, Joseph H. Davenport III, Alice B. Davenport, Phil J. Martin, Oscar H. Brock, R.B. Davenport, John T. Lupton, Alice L. Montague, S. Elliott Davenport, Charles E. Brock, Scott L. Probasco III, and Candy Kinsey, wife of Mayor Jon Kinsey.

Among the contributors to Mr. Clem's campaign are Mark A. Caldwell, Douglas E. Daugherty, Hugh O. McClellan Jr., Lewis Card Jr., George M. Clark III and Brad Rymer III.

Mr. Clem said, "It's an interest- See DISCLOSURE, Page B10"



Staff Photo by Tim Barber

Dr. Arthur Fletcher and City Councilman John "Duke" Franklin share a laugh before Thursday afternoon's session at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo sponsored by the Chattanooga African American Chamber of Commerce.

Affirmative Action Expert Sees Progress

Dr. Arthur Fletcher in Chattanooga To Promote Policy He Helped Initiate

BY YOLANDA PUTMAN
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If economic opportunity for blacks and minorities were measured by liquid in a glass, the glass was empty at the beginning of the 20th century. It is half full today and should be full before the end of the century, said Dr. Arthur Fletcher, who helped write civil rights legislation in the 1960s.

Dr. Fletcher spoke to dozens of elected officials and business and community leaders at a workshop at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo on Thursday. The 75-year-old former professional football player is attempting a tour of all 50 state capitals to present his views on the legislation he helped initiate some 30 years ago.

"I asked God for 10 more years, and I don't intend to waste one of them," he said. "I'm going to every capital and say we need to make a policy to keep America strong, safe and secure. That can only happen if we ignore gender

and race and allow everyone to contribute the gifts that God gave them."

Dr. Fletcher, assistant secretary of Labor to former President Nixon, wrote a document in 1969 called the Revised Philadelphia Plan. He said that plan became the basis for better enforcement of affirmative action law.

"When we started the 20th century, it was dominated by white males. That carried us all the way to the end of the decade of the '60s, and then the civil rights laws kicked in and we got voting rights, education rights, public accommodation rights," Dr. Fletcher said. "Those rights

have completely changed the U.S. profile in terms of its work force.

"White males make up 50 percent of the work force. That's it. If America is going to be strong, safe, secure, prosperous and blessed, they need all of us."

Dr. Fletcher said the Title VI legislation, which he also helped author, requires that any state, county or city agency that uses federal money must make an extended effort to include minorities and women taxpayers into projects funded with federal dollars.

Compliance with Title VI legislation has always been required by federal law, but Tennessee is

the first and only state to have a state law that requires guidelines to be in place for enforcement, said Kim Bandy, Title VI director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission in Nashville.

Because of Dr. Fletcher's efforts with affirmative action, he was listed as one of the most influential black Americans in the 20th century by a black social research organization called BlackVoices.

Dr. Fletcher said his goal is to inform people of the opportunities that await them in the future workplace if they are prepared.

"What I'm trying to make sure people understand is, that for the first time in this nation, people, human capital, will run this country as it never has before," he said. "That's what will keep America competitive in the global market."

"This is the first time that, because of demographics, they have to have us, but you've got to be ready, willing, and able to do what the market demands."

"We need to make a policy to keep America strong, safe and secure. That can only happen if we ignore gender and race and allow everyone to contribute the gifts that God gave them."

— Dr. Arthur Fletcher

Center, "but we have aviation system in That's not true for o

Mr. Hall said Tennessee much smaller population New York state, has same number of high However, the death is 9.1 people per 100,000 in Tennessee

"Officials are not hard decisions," he said

Specifically, Mr. Hall and local government pass primary enforcement belt laws. That would to stop and ticket a driver wearing a seat belt, would for any other violation. Seventeen the District of Columbia enacted the law.

The NTSB chairman had written Mayor and the Chattanooga about the matter months years ago and also about it with Gov. Do

"Americans want measures to improve make highways safe said, "but it will take support."

Sheriff John C. department is trying

The sheriff said, following recent three-day, Fort traffic blitz had been tive," netting many arrests for drunken said the department tinue to be involved efforts such as work Tennessee Highway enforcement of child use.

"We're doing the with what we've got

Mr. Hall said his was and continues See H

Vigil

World War II veterans Milton Thomas, left; Avery Keese; and Ralph Wilson, right, hold candles during a vigil Thursday night at Chattanooga



Three Charged in Food Stamp Fraud

BY RONNIE MOORE
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Three Hamilton County residents have been charged with conspiracy to commit food stamp fraud and related charges in a 16-count federal indictment here.

Nahida Sirhan, 56, and her son, Edward Sirhan, 35, both of Chattanooga, and Christopher Sirhan,

today when attorneys will be present to represent them.

The indictment charges that on numerous occasions Ms. Sirhan purchased food stamps from others for less than the face value.

Ms. Sirhan and Edward Sirhan are also charged with presenting the food stamps to a bank.

Ms. Sirhan and her son are also

Ms. Sirhan is charged with counts of knowingly checks to pay marital accounts containing from illegal food stamps

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