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## Notice of Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

**When:** Thurs., March 19, 1998, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Depot, 2163 Airways Boulevard, Memphis, TN. (901) 544-0618

The Restoration Advisory Board works with the Memphis Depot's Environmental Division on all matters relating to our environmental restoration program. The RAB was formed to review documents and work plans, and to share information on the Depot's activities with the members of the community.

Our monthly meetings are open to the public. We invite and encourage active participation from community members. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about the RAB or the Depot's environmental restoration program, please call the Environmental Division at (901) 544-0618.

If you are not already on the Depot's environmental restoration program mailing list, please call (901) 544-0618. The Depot will send you notices of upcoming meetings, fact sheets and newsletters.

**Bishop Byrne Middle & High School, serving grades 7-12, is now accepting applications for admission for the 1998-99 school year.**

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## Incumbent Thomas attack rear is threatened by an



**Chris Thomas**

**T**he first shots in the 1998 election season were fired last week — not in one of the high-profile races but in, of all things, a clerk's race. The skirmish occurred when incumbent Probate Court Clerk Chris Thomas showed up at a meeting of the Northeast Shelby County Republican Club, held at the Bartlett office of club president Greg Brannick.

The featured speaker at that meeting was Thomas' challenger in the May 5th Republican primary, Memphis city council member Pat VanderSchaaf, whom Brannick is actively supporting. Availing himself of the right, he said, "to attend and participate in any Republican meeting as a good Republican," Thomas levied some sharp questioning at VanderSchaaf concerning her knowledge of the duties involved in the clerkship.

VanderSchaaf, who admittedly was on the defensive last week, might have some questions of her own to respond with. The Shelby County Equal Opportunity Compliance (EOC) office is attempting this week to resolve a Title VII complaint of racial bias filed last July by Sondra Becton, the chief deputy clerk in Thomas' office and one of his opponents in the 1994 countywide election.

Becton has charged that Thomas, after taking office in 1995, saw to it that her duties were severely restricted and that she was not employed in a way appropriate either to her title or to her abilities. "It started about three months after he got there, and it's continuing," said Becton this week, even as caseworker Cassandra Thompson of the EOC prepared to offer a provisional settlement for both parties to consider.

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