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Knox County's 'Safe Babies Court' Is Working

Few people pay much attention to the court system until or unless they have a legal prob-Iem. Folks are too busy from day to day to give much thought to such things, nor do people much care about the vari-



Judge Tim Irwin

the University of Tennessee before going pro and playclaims court, the criminal courts, ing with the Minnesota Vikings.

and juvenile courts. day when one career was over most easily recognized and had prepared for another. Irwin went to law school, starting when he was still playing footis still remembered and began a legal practice. When Juvenile Court Judge Carey Gardays playing football at rett passed away, Tim Irwin was appointed by the Knox County Commission and ran for a full term unopposed to succeed him.

in the Minnesota Vikings Hall of a no-nonsense dispenser of the side of the juvenile court oper-Fame. Tim Irwin planned for the law, a conservative Republican who manages to be fair and compassionate. It was this same imposing man who has invited sheriff's department, the attordogs into the court to comfort ball and obtained his law degree children, as well as keeping a warehouse full of stuffed animals for youngsters. It is a heartwarming and memorable sight to literally see Judge Irwin handing out teddy bears with a grin to a child who is confused and frightened.

ation, which includes representatives from several other state and local offices including the ney general's office, the public defender's office, and the department of children's services, all the while maintaining a heavy court docket.

The juvenile court has its very own clerk of the courts, who

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MANNIS CAMPAIGN OPENS EAST KNOX OFFICE

The juvenile court is

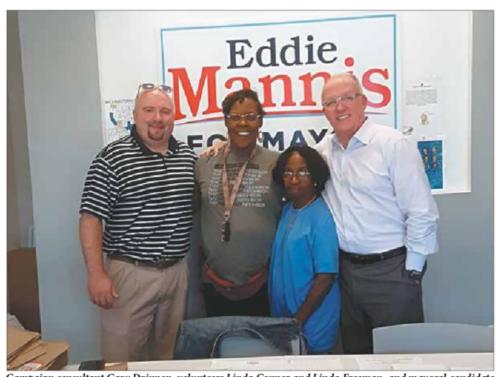
headed by perhaps the

judge in Knox County:

Tim Irwin. Judge Irwin

fondly by many Knox

Countians from his



Campaign consultant Gary Drinnen, volunteers Linda Conner and Linda Freeman, and mayoral candidate Eddie Mannis relax after putting some finishing touches on the Mannis Campaign's Downtown/East Knoxville office. Stop by and visit 900 East Hill Ave Suite 110!

UGO holds children's hospital benefit



Joining the Ghostbusters at the UGO Fundraiser for East Tennessee Children's Hospital were Angie Howell of the hospital, John Hickman who organized the event, and Andrea Thrasher of UGO. The Chapman Highway UGO Epic Event Saturday drew hundreds of parents and children who bought raffle tickets to support the Children's Hospital and chatted with various mascots and comic book and movie characters.



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REALTY EXECUTIVES

Why haven't the school superintendent or the school board been asked if they want to move to the

Knox County, Pension Board circling wagons

In what began as a routine meeting of the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board stopped abruptly ten minutes into the sesattorney John Owings stood going into executive. Anyone not a member of the board or an authorized county official was told to leave the

Like Old West settlers the Knox County Pension Board, Mayor and County Commission have begun circling their wagons in preparation of an attack.

The private session between the board, the attorney, and county administration last Monday lasted almost an hour. During executive session Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs entered the meeting, stayed for a brief time, and left again heading back to his office in Room 640.

The Knoxville Focus waited outside the closed

The pension board reconvened its meeting and Owings addressed the members. It became obvious that his remarks had already been heard during sion when pension board the private session. He said the new class action and declared the board was lawsuit against the county was related to the pension board's allowing vacation pay to be included in sheriff department employee's retirement. It became obvi ous that a decision was made in the executive session but had to be "public" with a request and vote by the board members in an

> Owings called the suit "unnecessary" and said it "lacks merit," adding that he feels the matter was settled in a former lawsuit.

> He then asked the board to authorize him to "intervene" as their representative. Athough the pension board was not named in the lawsuit the board members

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TVA Towers? Why is the superintendent being treat-

ed so roughly because he

How does the parking

at the Towers compare to

parking at the AJ Building?

Is there a problem with

the public visiting the TVA-

owned building and what

about TVA supplying the

security there instead of the Public Building Author-

These are all questions

that came up during and

after the Knox County Com-

mission meeting last week

Commissioner Larsen Jav

has questions?

Many questions remain about relocating the school offices

By Mike Steely

Why are the county mayor and some members of commission rushing the approval of a lease of the TVA East Tower for the Knox County School system? What's the actual value of the Andrew Johnson Building, where the school system is currently housed?

What's the actual projection of moving expenses and upkeep at the Towers compared with maintenance and operation at the AJ Building over the next several years? Who supplied the figures on the value of the AJ Building and the expenses the county will need to pay at the Towers?

\$29 to \$30 million and build more schools." He

called the proposal to sell

had a discussion added to the agenda "regarding the potential location move of Knox County Schools." Jay called the proposed move an opportunity to save

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