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New school year, same busing burdens

STAFF REPORT

Jefferson County public school students boarded buses Tuesday morning for their first day back in class, and as it has been for 30 years, some endured a three hour roundtrip county tour in the interest of maintaining diversity.

With a budget totaling more than \$900 million for 2006-2007, the Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) system puts more than \$43 million towards busing every year.

Each day, according to JCPS, 130 buses transport 60,000 children more than 85,000 miles.

The 1975 federal court decision mandating desegregation was lifted in 2000, but JCPS continues to use race as a factor in the student assignment plan. School officials, though, say the use of race accounts for a small number of school assignments.

“We need diversity,” said Carol Haddad, a Jefferson County School Board member since 1971. “To go

back to black and white schools would be devastating.”

A revolutionary case, currently in the United States Supreme Court, could force the Jefferson County School Board to revise its student assignment plan without using race as a mitigating factor.

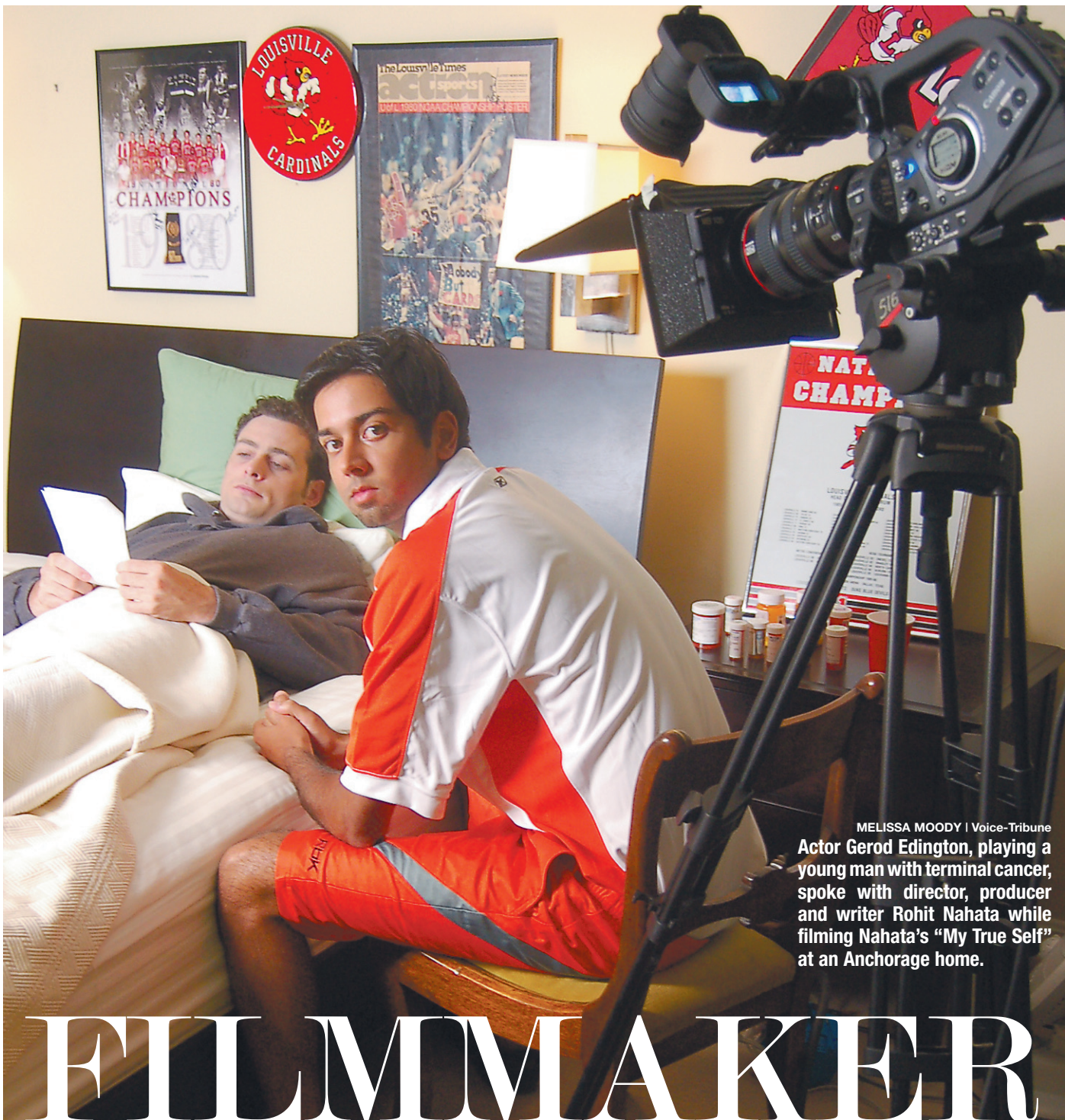
Jefferson County resident Crystal Meredith filed a complaint in 2003 stating her son, Joshua, was denied admission to Bloom Elementary on the basis of skin color

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file photo

This year JCPS will spends more than \$43 million busing students.



MELISSA MOODY | Voice-Tribune
Actor Gerod Edgington, playing a young man with terminal cancer, spoke with director, producer and writer Rohit Nahata while filming Nahata’s “My True Self” at an Anchorage home.

FILMMAKER RETURNS TO HIS ROOTS

‘My True Self’ filmed at Anchorage home

By MELISSA MOODY
Staff Writer

Rohit Nahata’s film “My True Self” turned J.T. and Sherei Sims’ Anchorage residence into a Hollywood movie set last week.

Cameras and lighting equipment created a maze of wires through the living room.

Actors, actresses and the production crew, many flown in from Los Angeles, occupied nearly all couches and chairs. And deli trays filled the available counter space, with a neighbor’s homemade cookies squeezed in between.

Nahata, 29, found the Sims’ home after driving around Anchorage prior to the shoot.

Having grown up in Louisville, he knew what he was looking for and he found it at the Sims suburban home.

“(Rohit) visualized the story taking place in an affluent little neighborhood where all the kids went to school together,” Sims said. “(The filming) is really fun. I’m used to the

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Lauren Graft, 7, placed money into the donation box she built and decorated for her Aug. 6 birthday fundraiser held at her grandfather Artie Meyer’s farm. Instead of gifts, Lauren asked everyone to bring donations to The Healing Place. Her birthday party raised \$3,400 with more donations still coming in.

A gift of giving

Seven-year-old holds birthday party fundraiser

By CHARLES L. WESTMORELAND
Executive Editor

This year’s most unexpected fundraiser came in the form of a child’s birthday party.

Rather than asking for birthday gifts, Lauren Rose “Rosie” Graft, 7, decided to have everyone attending her party bring donations for The Healing Place. The Healing Place is a non-profit

organization dedicated to assisting the homeless and drug and alcohol addicts recover and live productively.

“I was overwhelmed,” said Dr. John Mulder, The Healing Place vice president for Development and Communications, when told of Lauren’s birthday wish. “We have many, many donors but not

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Best Dressed of Louisville hits runway Aug. 26

By JACOB GLASSNER
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People are talking; others are stressing over what to wear.

When The Voice-Tribune’s inaugural Best Dressed of Louisville event is held at The Seelbach Hilton’s Grand Medallion Ballroom on Saturday, Aug. 26, a list of 50 Louisville women will be whittled down to the top five best dressed, as chosen by The Voice’s society columnists.

“Louisville is in for an incredible event,” said event charity chair Sandy Montgomery. “We’ve never seen anything like this.”

But beyond being an awards ceremony, the event, which begins at 7 p.m., will bring a touch of Paris and New York to town. The ballroom will be transformed into a New York-style nightclub with computer-controlled lighting, and a 104-foot runway will host a 30-minute fashion show with 23 male and female models from Louisville, Miami, New York and Chicago wearing clothes from Rodes For Him & For Her.

“This is going to be the closest thing to being at the couture shows in Paris,” said Douglas Riddle, president and COO of Bittners, who is producing the show. “How often does Louisville get the chance to host something so out of the mainstream?”

Renowned New York fashion designer Ron Leal will reveal the top five Best Dressed of Louisville, and each winner will receive a glass award sculpted by artist Ken von Roenn Jr., president of Architectural Glass Art Inc. and co-founder of Glassworks.

“Even though Louisville is a smaller market, we have a lot of very well-dressed women,” said Cindy Callaghan, Voice society columnist and event coordinator.

And while the show will be

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Grayson fundraiser



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U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell spoke at the fundraiser for Secretary of State Trey Grayson’s re-election campaign on Aug. 11 at the Lake Forest home of Kimberly and Craig Maffet. Pictured, from left, are Grayson, his wife Nancy, and Kentucky Senate President David Williams. For more photos, see Page A-9.

Weekend
Weather

WAVE 3
STORMCENTER

FRIDAY

Increasing
clouds



High 90
Low 70

SATURDAY



30% storm

chance

High 89
Low 71

SUNDAY



30% storm

chance

High 88
Low 70

Belski's
Bluff

Florida has the most
hurricanes. What
state is No. 2?

Texas

