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EPA: Shelby air quality meets standard

■ Redesignation could recruit industry, create economic growth

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has declared Shelby County in compliance with federal smog standards, handing

local officials a potent selling point in their efforts to recruit industry.

In a decision published this week in the Federal Register, the EPA said it is redesignating the county from nonattainment, or noncompliance, to attain-

ment with the 2008 eight-hour standard for ozone pollution. The decision takes effect July 25.

Ozone is a lung-scarring component of smog that's created when emissions from power plants, motor vehicles and other sources

react in the presence of sunlight. The Memphis area, including all of Shelby and Crittenden counties and part of DeSoto County, were designated as nonattainment in 2012.

The redesignation of Shelby County follows

similar declarations by the EPA for Crittenden and DeSoto.

The action makes it easier and cheaper for new and expanding industries in the area to get air-pollution permits. In areas designated as nonattainment, factories must adhere to more stringent rules for pollution control

and install more costly equipment to minimize emissions.

A decade ago, the Memphis area's nonattainment status hampered its efforts to land a Toyota plant that eventually was built near Tupelo, Mississippi.

That's why the EPA's

See AIR, 2A

Memphis mojo



Memphis Grizzlies general manager Chris Wallace (left) stands with new NBA draft picks Deyonta Davis and Wade Baldwin on Friday as they join head coach David Fizdale during a news conference at FedExForum.

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New Grizzlies are natural fits for the Grindhouse

Deyonta Davis bought a new suit. Of course he bought a new suit. Dark blue, with a light blue shirt, a blue-striped tie and a matching pocket square.

He was going to New York. He was going to the NBA draft. He was going to hear his name called, and he was going to walk across that stage, and he was going to tell everyone it was a dream come true to be picked in the first round.

"I thought I was going to be picked in the top 12," Davis said.



GEOFF CALKINS

COLUMNIST

first round.

He fell all the way to pick No. 31. He fell all the way to the Grizzlies in the second round.

"Things happen for a reason," said Davis.

IN SPORTS

Grizzlies picks Baldwin, Davis find motivation in draft position. **1C**

He was not picked in the top 12.

Or the top 13, or the top 15, or the top 25, or anywhere else in the

Yes, the man may be the perfect Griz.

Indeed, the 2016 NBA draft may have yielded two perfect Grizzlies, two players who have the essential quality that defines this city's team.

It's not just that they can both defend and compete and score at least a little bit.

It's that they've both been snubbed! They've both suffered character-building indignity. They both have reason to persevere.

Baldwin — an athletic 6-4 guard from Vanderbilt — is a potential lot-

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U.K. lands in unclear territory

■ PM to step down after vote to leave EU

From Our Press Services

LONDON — Britain's unprecedented decision to leave the European Union sent shockwaves through the country and around the world Friday, rocking financial markets, toppling Prime Minister David Cameron and even threatening the ties that bind the United Kingdom.

Britons absorbed the overwhelming realization that their anti-establishment vote has pushed the British economy into treacherous and uncertain territory and sparked a profound crisis for a bloc founded to unify Europe after the devastation of

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Local investment managers scramble. **Business, 7A**

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Mason Temple may be named U.S. monument

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WASHINGTON — The temple in Memphis where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke the night before his assassination could receive national monument status under a proposal drawing the interest of tourism officials and historic preservationists.

The Mason Temple at 930 Mason St. is the international sanctuary and central headquarters of the Church of God in Christ, the largest African-American Pentecostal group in the world.

The temple is probably best known as the site where King delivered his prophetic "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, his last one before he was fatally

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TODAY'S CA

IHOP MURDER: After pictures of victim are posted on Snapchat, police link restaurant slaying to drug deal. LOCAL, 1B

MAN WITH A PLAN: Pastor envisions "urban oasis" at vacant school building. LOCAL, 1B

IRONING IT OUT: There will be plenty of public hearings as Memphis develops a plan for the next 20-25 years. LOCAL, 1B



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Event aims to push homebuying

■ Black families less likely to own

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Far fewer black Memphis families own homes than a decade ago.

Which means that more landlords instead of African-American families are building wealth, or at least financial security.

The trend also is going the wrong way for white Memphis families, 60 percent of whom owned their homes in 2014 compared to 64 percent in 2005, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

But the regression is worse among black Memphis families, 42 percent of whom owned their homes in 2014 compared to nearly 52 percent in 2005.

The National Association of



Real Estate Brokers will tackle the problem today and Sunday with the National Open House Weekend.

Members of the Memphis chapter of the nation's oldest minority trade association are participating by holding

about 10 open houses across the Memphis area.

An investor/landlord who buys a Memphis house for \$30,000 may pay \$400 a month for principal and interest on the mortgage, but rent it out for \$700 to \$800, said Thomas

Byrd, president of the Memphis chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers and a broker himself with ERA Legacy Realty.

"So we as real estate profes-

See HOMES, 3A

The local chapter of black real estate agents is hosting an open house event today, which encourages homebuying. Since 2005, the percentage of black and white families who own their homes has dropped.

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