

OBITUARIES

Lillie Ophelia Martin Beasley

Services for Lillie Ophelia Martin Beasley of Hazlehurst are incomplete. Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Beasley, 86, died March 21, 1996.

Clara T. Scott Black

Services for Clara T. Scott Black of Brookhaven are 2 p.m., Sunday, March 24, at Mary's Temple Church of God in Christ with burial in St. Paul's Baptist Church Cemetery in Caseyville.

Visitation is Saturday, March 23, from noon-6:30 p.m., followed by a wake from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Williams Mortuary.

Mrs. Black, 54, died March 19, 1996, at King's Daughters Hospital. She was born on April 3, 1941, to the late Phillip Scott and Josie Scott.

She was a housewife and a member of New Zion Church of Caseyville. Preceding her in death was her brother, Clifton Scott.

Survivors are her husband, Earl Black of Brookhaven; one daughter, Daphne Black of Brookhaven; two sons, Patrick Black of Brookhaven and Keith Black of Natchez; six sisters, Christine Henderson and Velma Smith, both of Brookhaven, Mortena Louis of Pontiac, Mich., Eula Floyd of Toledo, Ohio, Josie Culver and Doris White, both of Chicago, Ill.; and one brother, Marvin Scott of Chicago, Ill.

Willie Hugh Nunnery

Services for Willie Hugh Nunnery of Hazlehurst are 2 p.m., today, March 22, at Stringer Funeral Home with burial in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Nunnery, 64, died March 20, 1996, of heart failure at his residence. He was a truck driver and a Korean War Army veteran.

Survivors are one daughter, Rena Fitzhugh of Hazlehurst; three sisters, Dot Janik of Badax, Mich., Bobbie Miller of Brandon, and Edna Earl Hammons of Beauregard, and two grandchildren.

Gladys Scott

Services for Gladys Scott of McCall Creek are incomplete. Franklin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Scott died March 21, 1996, at Adams County Nursing Home in Natchez.

Over 500 schools face expulsion from loan program

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WASHINGTON — More than 500 schools face possible expulsion from national student aid programs because of high loan default rates.

Most of the institutions are for-profit trade schools, such as beauty academies, even though the default rate for such schools dropped to 24 percent for the 1993 fiscal year from a peak of 47 percent in 1990.

Of course, these rates are still much too high. Education Secretary Richard Riley said today in releasing the list. "But the trend continues to

said. Those who fail to repay loans can have their wages garnished and risk being denied credit cards or other loans. They also can become ineligible for additional student loans and grants.

In addition, technology now allows the department to quickly verify immigration status and identify applicants who provide false information or who previously defaulted on student loans.

The department today released the 1993 student loan default rates of more than 8,000 colleges, universities and other institutions participating in the student loan program. The default rate represents a snapshot of borrow-

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OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Calvin "Buck" Buchanan has been nominated as the U.S. Attorney for Mississippi's Northern District, and could become the first black to hold the position.

Buchanan's nomination Thursday by President Clinton came more than three years after former U.S. Attorney Robert Whitwell and all other Republican U.S. Attorneys nationwide were forced to resign by Attorney General Janet Reno.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Buchanan, 38, currently an assistant U.S. attorney in the Oxford office,

would fulfill Clinton's promise to appoint at least one black to the state's two posts.

"I feel good about this nomination," Buchanan said. "I would have been nominated earlier if

it weren't for the political process." But the nomination has drawn some naysayers out there.

The announcement comes more than three years after the Democratic Party

Dying girl

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Since being diagnosed with cancer of the digestive system about a year ago, 6-year-old Ronika Showalter has been dying. Her family says both have been granted.

Ronika and her family traveled last week to Disney World to see her favorite character, Cinderella.

"She rode the rides, she went swimming in the pool, she ate at Cinderella," said her mother, Julie. "Her dad held her hand and she knew who she was. She said, 'Hello, sweetheart.'"

Ronika was scheduled to have breakfast with Cinderella Saturday, but she slipped into a coma late Saturday and died Sunday.

Ethel Bosarge, Ronika's maternal grandmother, said she had granted her granddaughter's second wish came true.

"Ronika said she wished she wouldn't be sick any more," said her mother. "She got that wish, too."

Funeral services for Ronika were held Thursday.

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