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BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

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Friday

Partly sunny and warmer.  
Highs from 50 to 55.

HIGH	LOW
54	39

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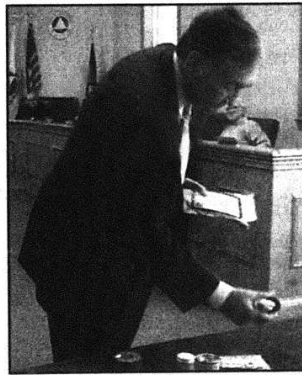
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## COMING FRIDAY

Think you're a video game wiz? You haven't gone up against columnist William Schiffman who



Daily News/Clinton Lewis

Former Gov. Louie Nunn gathers items made from hemp as he talks to Barren County Fiscal Court on Wednesday about the benefits of industrial hemp.

# Hemp help passed

■ Barren County gives its OK for reintroduction of industrial hemp

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GLASGOW — Former Gov. Louie Nunn passed the weed from magistrate to magistrate.

Then Barren County Fiscal Court voted unanimously Wednesday to back the reintroduction of industrial hemp in Kentucky.

Nunn, a briefcase made of hemp in hand, is traveling the state with several hemp-based products to display as he tries to garner grassroots support for the federal legalization of industrial hemp.

"With hemp, there's so many products that can be made out of it that I want us to be on the industrial forefront," Nunn told Fiscal Court. "I want Kentucky to be among the first in growing hemp and processing hemp."

Industrial hemp — unlike its sister plant, marijuana — doesn't have psycho-active properties, Nunn said.

But it is against federal law to grow any kind of hemp in this country. The last legal hemp crop grown in Kentucky was in 1953. Nationally, the last legal hemp crop grown was in 1958, said Craig Lee, secretary and treasurer for Lexington-based Madison Hemp and Flax Co., which conducts hemp product development and marketing.

Nunn hopes to gain enough support

for legalization of the plant that legislators in Washington will consider allowing American farmers to again legally grow the plant.

"I'm talking about jobs," he said. "I'm talking about money."

During the Fiscal Court meeting, Nunn passed around several hemp-based products, including hair conditioner, lotion, a piece of automobile molding, carpet, wallboard, a baseball cap, a pair of tennis shoes and a briefcase.

"I realize how important this industry is," Nunn said. "I see this as something that would be good for our community."

The only drawback is that industrial hemp has suffered from marijuana's

bad reputation, Nunn said.

"My idea is that we inform the public, so they would understand what it was and (it would) be accepted by the public," he said.

While one argument against hemp's legalization is that it would be harder for law enforcement authorities to find illegal marijuana crops, Nunn said devices exist that would allow law enforcement to detect from 5,000 feet the difference between a crop of industrial hemp and a crop of illegal marijuana.

Industrial hemp also cross-pollinates with marijuana, which would render marijuana less potent if growers tried to hide it in an industrial hemp crop, he said.

## Goodbye, No. 3



# Slaying might go to a 3rd trial

■ High court overturns