

Tuesday is Election Day

It takes courage to voice opinion

Whether you agree with the comments made by Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolus in last week's *Signal* or not, you have to admire his courage in standing up for what he thinks is right.

The Judge's comments concerned State Senator Albert Robinson, a Republican, who is running for re-election in the 21st Senate District which includes Rockcastle County.

The Judge, who is also a Republican has come under some fire for not supporting his party—although he never actually endorsed Robinson's opponent.

The Judge has every right to speak out against Robinson, even though Robinson is a Republican.

Carlolus was elected Rockcastle County Judge-Executive, not Rockcastle Republican Judge-Executive.

Last week's response by Senator Robinson, focused strictly on Carlolus and was simply a personal attack. He provided no information to back up his statements.

Robinson is very proud of the fact that he pushed the Ten Commandment's bill through the General Assembly, but he had a hard time explaining why he voted for a bill that would allow the sale of liquor by the drink and on Sundays in magisterial districts in currently dry territories.

I think most people would agree that the two pieces of legislation don't go hand in hand.

I often wonder why some Republicans get so torn up when one of their own doesn't toe the party line.

If Democrats voted the way they are registered everywhere, Kentucky would always be represented in Congress across the board by Democrats.

Statewide, Democrats outnumber Republicans 1,539,562 to 846,621, but five of the six Kentucky U.S. Representatives are Republicans and both U.S. Senators are Republicans.

In each of the six congressional districts, Democrats outnumber Republicans by a large margin.

In the first district there are 170,000 more Democrats, in the second 120,000 more, in the third, 115,000 more, in the fourth district, 95,000 more, in the fifth district, 35,000 more. In the sixth district there are 150, 00 more Democrats than Republicans.

I guess it is o.k. for Democrats to vote for Republicans, but not vice-versa.



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Republicans will tell you they need to keep a majority in the State Senate, in order to keep the Democrats from raising taxes and redistributing the state to their advantage.

That may very well be true, but as for Congressional races the numbers indicate that it wouldn't make any difference, since the Democrats already have a majority.

The Republicans in the 21st district must think they are in for a very close race, considering some of their tactics as of late.

This week, we, *The Signal*, and WRVK radio station received a letter from Spencer D. Noe, Counsel for the Republican Party of Kentucky, demanding that we not run ads from Robinson's opponent, Lawrence Kuhl, because according to Noe, they contain misleading information.

However, the attorney did not provide any documentation to back up his demand.

Noe also threatened us with legal action if we ran for WRVK, but we are running the ads.

Robinson's camp sure knows how to make friends in this industry—but then again a man who would brag about sneaking something like a raise in retirement benefits for legislators by the press, probably doesn't care how many friends he has in the media.

Next Tuesday, Kentucky voters will also decide whether or not to allow the Kentucky General Assembly to meet every year.

If it passes, it will cost taxpayers another \$1.5 million.

Most legislators have been very quiet about the amendment, because they are for it.

Legislators are paid more when they are in session and, of course, most us don't mind a pay increase.

Supporters of the amendment say that in today's world, government needs to be more responsive—but the truth of the matter is that if the legislature did a better job of getting to work when they get to Frankfort instead of waiting for the filing deadline to pass, more could be done.

It is common knowledge that incumbents do not want to ruffle any feathers the first three weeks of the session because it may cause someone to run against them—when otherwise many of them will go back in unopposed.



Ike Adams

A couple of weekends ago, Loretta and I went over to Freeman and Rita Wylie's to help thirty or forty other folks eat down Rita's accumulation of crappie fillets so she would have room in the freezer for the ones she plans to catch in November.

Friends and relatives of the Wylies came from several surrounding counties and everybody brought a side dish to serve with the fish. Of course, when fish is the main thing on the table, (and Freeman's batter recipe is the best I ever tasted) I don't need much else besides desert. The older I get the more room I have for desert so after consuming about a pound of crappie I began sampling the cakes and pies. Pretty soon I asked Loretta to get out a notebook and write down recipes.

Loretta didn't have a notebook as it turned out so I suggested she talk to some of the women and get some general ideas about how the stuff was prepared. I was particularly impressed with a pecan pie, a pumpkin pie and a coconut pie. Loretta was absolutely in awe of a German Chocolate Upside-down Cake. Loretta was dragging her feet about getting to the bottom of who had fixed what and I finally just stood up and announced that I wanted to meet the person who had made the cake.

Turns out it was Carolyn Cobb from Nicholasville. Carolyn wrote a recipe down on the back of one of Rita's Halloween napkins and I stashed it down in the bottom of Loretta's purse. She's made it once since then and it was almost as good as Carolyn's. I'm onto her to try again. Suffice to say that none of the first attempt went to waste.

Before we left our house to go to the Wylies', someone called and said that I should bring a guitar if I had one cause they might want to sing a little. We pulled into the driveway and they had a 30 foot tobacco wagon parked at the end of it and about half a dozen people were running cakes and setting up amplifiers, microphone stands, a drum kit and so forth on the wagon bed. You could have staged the Grand Ole Opry on this thing.

Loretta had already told me that someone who was going to be there was kin to John Michael Montgomery. I figured they must be awful close kin because I couldn't imagine anybody else needing a set up like that so I started looking for John Michael in the crowd. Or Billy Ray Cyrus. Billy Ray slips into Paint Lick to see kin folks every once in awhile

In most cases, the General Assembly does enough damage every two years and meeting every year would only make it worse.

Tuesday will be a big day in this country and you should take part.

Besides the Presidential race, there are races for school board, city council, Circuit Judge, State Senate and U.S. Congress. Go vote!

Points East

By:
Ike Adams

I was so hungry that I didn't pay much attention to the musical set up. I always skip lunch before fish fry's so I had made three trips through the good line before I finally got around to asking who the entertainment was. Freeman said it was David Cole, and I thought he said David Cole, but I figured he was talking about David Allen Cole.

"So who's he kin to," I asked? "I thought David Allen Cole was from Texas."

"Cole," Freeman said. "David Cole. He probably kin to half of this crowd."

"So they canceled his show at Renfro Valley tonight and he decided to come to your fish fry," I said putting two and two together.

Turns out David Cole and wife, Debra are good enough, and then some, to entertain at Renfro Valley and I have no idea why drummer Ronnie Sparks is not in Nashville. They played for a while and then began yelling for Freeman and me to bring out our guitars and get in tune with the "rest of the band." My old guitar needed a batter (I swear I'm not lying) so I thought I was off of the hook but Ronnie grabbed one out of an automobile for me before I could get mine back in the case.

For the next three hours or thereabouts, Freeman and I sat behind the stage and played along. Freeman got right up there with them though and sang about everything. Merle Haggard and Charlie Pride ever recorded. Glendon Ballard sang harmony and

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Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves

Just think, we only have one more week of listening to commentators, talk shows, reporters, poll experts and specialists in everything from politics to the constitution, before we can go to the polls and prove how our decisions have been changed for better or worse, of where we are today, where we were yesterday and where we may be next year. By the time we chew all the promises made by the two opposing candidates, and the third candidate with his desire to clean up the corruption of both popular parties, along with the mud slung across the political fence by all three, we will all probably have indigestion, heartburn and diarrhea enough to give the H.M.O.s a chance to show who is eligible for treatment and which doctor is allowed to do the treating. Or, maybe, the burial site for those who were too sick to wait.

Today, I have listened to Senator Lieberman, Trent Lott and Ralph Nader. Meet the Press, Cross Fire, Larry King Live, discussion groups and experts on polls and how the undecided will vote. Yet, none have given me a clue as to which is worthy, capable and has the best agenda to meet the needs of the people. All three are intelligent, likeable, well-educated and, I would like to believe, honest and trustworthy candidates.

But their sly way of manipulating circumstances that will harm their opponent, to bring glory on themselves, reminds me of school boys, or gangs, in an alley seeing which one leaves with the bloodiest nose. As for Ralph Nader, I wish he had stayed in the field he is an expert in, exposing and fighting the guilty parties of corruption in government and big business. We need him there, not in a field already overrun with politicians who want to brag about their accomplishments but never give details of how it was done, or if the ordinary people can benefit from it if the same method is used nationally.

I know the education SYSTEM needs attention, not just one county, state or area. Will testing children once a year or every four years improve their learning? Do we want to depend on tests or better teachers and schools? Do we want vouchers for those who want a better education to go to magnet or private schools instead of public ones? Where are these schools located and are they close enough for our children to attend? Or, should we have more schools closer to the heavier populated areas so they can attend one closer to home?

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