

Mount Vernon Signal

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Stumping for Fletcher

President Bush to be in London

U.S. President George W. Bush is scheduled to attend a Republican Party political rally in London Sat-

Parry political ratty in Louncing unday eventing.
Bush is splated to grive at the London-Corbin Airport from Padulas slous 5:25 p.m., Now. J. the-second stop in a last minute campaign post on behalf of GOP gubernatorial candidate Ernie Fletcher, who represents Kentucky's Sixth Congressional Dis-

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If will mark the second time in a month that Bush has visined the control of the control of

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Vet rep here November 4th

You may be entitled to receive benefits from the Federal Veterans Administration that may include compensation for disease or injury received while in service pension for wartime veterans, survivos benefits and assistance with medical expenses.

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32 million dollars per year from vereras benefits.

The Kemucky Department of Vereras benefits provides counseling and
missistance to veterans and dependents in filing claims for state and federal,
veterans benefits.

This is a service provided by the
Commonwealth of Kentucky. There is
no sharge or fee of any kind.
A veterans benefits field representative will be at the Rockeastle
County Counthouse in Mt. Vernon to
Tuesday, November 4th fron 10
a.m. to 2 p.m.
For further, information, call
137-773-774 to speak with a veterans benefits field representative.



The first "Halloween on Main Street" his Mt. Vernon is slated for this Friday alght, October 31st from 5 to 8 p.m. Several Main Street businesses have gotten into the spirit of things by decorating their businesses such a Johinys. Music store, shown above, with, the owners, Mrs. Sam's pusualshin-basedeg hosts. Main Street will be closed so children can safely trick or treat. The event is being sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Renaissance committee, in confunction with the Klwiants Calob and Mt. Vernon businesses.



Largest ticket ever sold in county

Mt. Vernon man cashes in on lottery

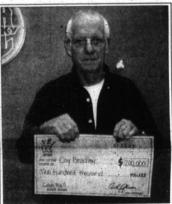
Coy Bradley, 63, of Mt. Vernon, recently became \$200,000 richer after winning Cash Ball from the Kennicky Lottery.

Mr. Bradley won last week's top prize by matching all five numbers in last week's Tuesday drawing. The winning numbers were 22-23-24-33, with a Cash Ball of 25.

Bradley's wife, Nancy, and his father-in-law accompanied him to the

Kemucky Lottery's Louisville head-quarters to claim his prize.

After ledming he'd hit the right numbers. Bradley returned to the store where he purchased the ticket, Wendy's Cligo in Mt. Vereno. Wendy's through the terminal to make abso-lately sure if was a winner. Sure the plant's any they flow finished be-playing the lottery from now on!



Supreme Court rules against pension increase

A pension provision, approved-in the waining hours of the 2009 Ceneral Assembly, was struck down by a unanimous Kentucky Supreme Court last week.

The amendment, successfully added by Sen. Albert Robinson of London who, a the time, represented Rockcastle county in the state sentence of the sentence of the country of the sasumed salary upon which legislature pensions are based.

In their 6-0 ruling, justices and intentionally incolfreprehensible. Robinson, contacted at his Frankfort office Friday, continued to defend his actions.

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"The Supreme Court's decision is unfortunate," Robinson said. "The

legislative action changed the wording of the statute to reflect cost of living adjustments in the legislators assumed salaries for the purpose of retirement. These funds had already been paid into the retirement system. The assumed salary has not been changed since 1982. I believe then, as I do now, that the legislative chion was reasonable."

Because legislators do not receive a salary – they are paid each day spent on legislative business. Pensions are based upon an "assumed salary" which has been \$27,500 zince 1982.

Robinson seknowledged the 72 percent jump appears large, but

legislators over the past 18 years.
The state he said, has been paying its share into the retirement system with a cost of living increase already figured in, so only future contributions would be based upon the largher assumed salary. "It cost the state on more," Robinson foited.
Legislators, housyeer, have been been contributions on the 1982 amounts, Robinson and The legislation also provided for continued increases tied to the cost of living.
No benefits have been paid based upon the 2000 legislation, Robinson

Resolution of the two-year legal atle over the amendment is seen as

a victory for Attorney General Ben Chandler, the Democratic nommee for governor, who called the bill are cample of "legislative greed" and often cited the case during his campaign against Republican nomines. Ermie Fleicher.

Legislative watchdog groups, such as Common Cause of Kemtucky, have opposed the bill because of the method in which it was approved, while noting there may be a need to use more realistic figures for benefits. Robinson has consistently maintained that the amendment was not a tast-minute attempt to sneak the pen-

Court of Appeals. Justice William Cooper wrote that the amehdment violated a standard designed to prevent legislators from deliberately passing vaguely worded special interest or self-interested - legislation and aeting surprised when the frue. nature of the legislation comes to light. Robinsion's amendment stated, "Any accrual of benefits provided under this or any other applicable statute shall be to less than the benefits application provided for it (stallaw), from the data-time of the control of the control

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