



## Warning shots

South Korean Army soldiers patrol during an exercise against possible attacks from North Korea near the demilitarized zone in Yanggu, South Korea, today. North Korea fired artillery and South Korea responded with warning shots along their disputed western sea border today, but there were no reports of casualties, and the North vowed that more shots would follow as part of a military drill.

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# HOT RACE | Election is important because of financial crisis

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ciaries of the pension system to serve on the board. Collins said the election is very important because of the economic recession and financial crisis in the retirement system. He volunteered to endorse the candidates. "I felt it was important I step up to the plate and endorse those candidates," Collins said. Carroll said he's also concerned that members appointed by the governor could have too much influ-

ence. The eight-member panel includes five elected by state, county and state police members and three appointed by the governor. Ray Brittain, legislative liaison for Kentucky Public Retirees, said the group doesn't usually endorse candidates but was concerned about having independent voices on the board. "There was some concern that some of these folks still work in state government," Brittain said. "We need board members to be independent of any outside influence."

Charles Wells is currently a special assistant at the Personnel Cabinet. Wells said his current job would not be a conflict of interest. "I will always do what I think is right," Wells said. Wells observed previous KRS elections and said it's not unusual for candidates to purchase advertisements or campaign. He's purchased several advertisements in The State Journal and wrote a letter to the editor. "I take this election very seriously," Wells said. The advertisements do not carry any disclaimers

identifying who paid for them. Sarah Jackson, executive director of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance, said the candidates are exempt from that and other rules because they are outside the registry's jurisdiction. The ballots are due back on March 1, and the KRS board hires an external auditing firm to count them. A pension system official said participation is usually less than 10 percent. Board members earn a per diem of \$190 plus travel expenses. Active state work-

ers only qualify for travel expenses. The slate of candidates includes: >Henson, a board member since 1998. He has 30 years of fiscal and administrative experience in the Transportation Cabinet. He holds an accounting degree from Eastern Kentucky University. >Hunt, a retired state employee who worked at the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System and was a budget analyst. He studied political science at the University of Kentucky and West-

ern Kentucky University. He could not be reached for comment. >Wells, former executive director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees. He graduated from Georgetown College and previously ran for the Kentucky Senate. >Alex Rose is a retired state employee and has 33 years of experience at the Department of Revenue as a commissioner, general counsel, legislative liaison and spokesman. He could not be reached for comment. >Susan Smith, of Frankfort, has 30 years of experience in human resources management and teaching. She holds master's degrees in education administration and public administration. She said she doesn't plan to campaign actively.

# PRIMARIES | Judge-executive, jailer unopposed

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Clark. Melton, a 16-year veteran of law enforcement and the first detective in the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, is currently an officer in the Versailles Police Department. Muravchick, a retired Kentucky State Police sergeant, is executive director for the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet's Office of Investigations. Clark, of Farmbrook Circle, is a 34-year veteran of law enforcement and in his first term as sheriff. The primary winner will face Republican candidate Derrick Napier in November. Napier, a Frankfort patrol officer, is unopposed in the primary. Franklin County Judge-Executive Ted Collins and Jailer Billy Roberts are unopposed in the Democratic primary, but they'll have opposition in November. Republican Denny Comer, a retired businessman, is running for judge-executive. Comer also served 33 years in the Army Reserves and is a former chief of police in Hurstbourne Acres in Louisville. Republican Jim White is running for jailer. A welder, White won the Republican primary for jailer in 2006 but was disqualified because he was a registered Democrat. After the 2006 primary election, White said he thought he registered as a Republican. Here's the entire list of candidates: **City Commission:** Terry L. Sutton, Taylor Avenue; Missy Sutton, Taylor Avenue; Sellus Wilder, incumbent, Murray Street; Jeff Ruble, Kentucky Avenue; Katie Flynn Hedden, West Campbell Street; Rodney S. Williams, incumbent, Equestrian Way; Kathy Carter, incumbent, Montgomery Avenue; Michael Turner, East Fourth Street; Jerry R. Bailey, Columbia Avenue; William I. May Jr., incum-

bent, Collins Lane; Warner J. Caines, Leawood Drive; **County Judge-Executive:** Ted Collins, D, incumbent - Pea Ridge Road; Denny Comer, R - Brentlawn Drive; **Sheriff:** Gregg Muravchick, D - Locust Ridge; Pat Melton, D - Whitebridge Lane; Steve Clark, D, incumbent - Farmbrook Circle; Derrick Napier, R - Tyburn Lane; **Jailer:** Billy Roberts, D, incumbent - St. Johns Road; Jim White, R - Hickory Drive; **County Attorney:** Rick E. Sparks, D, incumbent - Shadrack Ferry Road; **County Clerk:** Guy R. Zeigler, D, incumbent - Hanly Lane; **Property Valuation Administrator:** Patsy Conway, D, incumbent - Melvin's Drive; **Coroner:** Will Harrod, D, incumbent - Belmont Street; **Magistrate District 1:** Jill E. Robinson, D, incumbent - Steele Street; **Magistrate District 2:** Phillip W. Kring, D, incumbent - Roaring Springs Lane; **Magistrate District 3:** Don Sturgeon, D, incumbent - Mojave Trail; **Magistrate District 4:** Ira W. Fannin, D, incumbent - Indian Gap Road; Jim Richardson, D - Lewis Ferry Road; Larry B. Perkins, D - Wright Road; **Magistrate District 5:** Huston D. Wells, D - Portsmouth Lane; Matthew J. Conway, D - Willowcrest Drive; **Magistrate District 6:** Lambert Moore, D, incumbent - Devils Hollow Road; **State Representative:** 56<sup>th</sup> District: Carl Rollins, D, incumbent - Midway; Lyen Crews, R - Versailles; 57<sup>th</sup> District: Derrick Graham, D, incumbent - Frankfort; Frank Haynes, R - Frankfort; **Circuit Family Judge:**

Will Williams, incumbent; **District Judge:** Kathy Mangeot, 1<sup>st</sup> Div., incumbent; Chris Olds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Div., incumbent; **U.S. Rep. 6<sup>th</sup> District:** Ben Chandler, D, incumbent - Versailles; Perry Barnes, R - Nicholasville; Andy Barr, R - Lexington; Matt Lockett, R - Lexington; George Pendergrass, R - Georgetown; Mike Templeman, R - Frankfort; John T. Kemper III, R - Lexington; **U.S. Senate:** James Buckmaster, D - Henderson

Daniel Mongiardo, D - Hazard; Jack Conway, D - Louisville; Darlene Price, D - Whitley City; Maurice Sweeney, D - Louisville; Trey Greyson, R - Ft. Mitchell; Bill Johnson, R - Elkton; Gurley Martin, R - Owensboro; Rand Paul, R - Bowling Green; Jon Scribner, R - Gray; John Stephenson, R - Ft. Mitchell; **Constable District 1:** Wally Damron, D - Arnett Street; Floyd A. Hockensmith, D, incumbent - Michael Boulevard

Charles E. Brown, D - Nivevah Road; **Constable District 2:** Bob Davis, D, incumbent - Sunset Drive; Tom Banta, D - Palmer Drive; **Constable District 3:** Gene Hammonds, D, incumbent - Jeremy Drive; **Constable District 4:** Mark L. Turner, D, incumbent - Allnut Drive; Shadie "Junior" Hudnall, D - Preston Way; **Constable District 5:** William "Billy" Mills, D, incumbent - Westwood Drive; **Constable District 6:** Michael L. Tracy, D, incumbent - Mt. Zion Road

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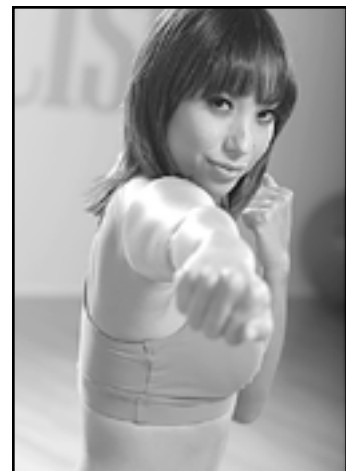
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Citing trust and the ability to lead, the Frankfort Professional Firefighters Local 1017 recently endorsed Franklin County Sheriff candidate Pat Melton. Union Local 1017 President Gary Gebhart announced the Local's support at the December 2009 meeting.

"Accepting this endorsement from one of our finest community organizations is very gratifying and humbling. The firefighters provide an important foundation for our campaign as well as unequalled service to our community," Melton said. (Pictured with Pat Melton (right) is Firefighter Brad Durr).

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