

**AD WATCH**

**Courier-Journal, The (Louisville, KY) - September 21, 2007**

**Author: Joseph Gerth**

Who's running it: Bluegrass Freedom Fund

Race: Kentucky Governor

Airing: Statewide on network and cable television

Length: 30 seconds

Producer: Envision Communications Inc.

**SCRIPT:**

Announcer: "We teach our children right from wrong, that actions have consequences.

"But what lessons do our public officials teach? Ernie Fletcher was indicted for criminal conspiracy.

"Twenty-eight of his appointees and aides were indicted on 85 counts — 23 of them felonies. Fletcher pardoned 27 of them.

"If our children know right from wrong, shouldn't Kentucky's government officials? Go to [Bluegrassfreedom.org](http://Bluegrassfreedom.org) and sign the petition for real ethics reform."

**ANALYSIS:**

Although classified as an "issue ad" that doesn't advocate for or against a particular candidate, this is really a campaign ad meant to help Democrat Steve Beshear.

It's being run by the Bluegrass Freedom Fund, nominally a non-partisan group that can accept unlimited contributions to run such ads. But the head of the group is Achim Bergmann, a longtime Democratic political operative who ran Democrat Bruce Lunsford's failed primary campaign for governor. This is the second attack ad against Gov. Ernie Fletcher that the group has run.

The ad attacks Fletcher for his role in the merit hiring scandal that saw him and others close to him indicted for violating the merit law.

The ad is largely factual. Fletcher was indicted on three misdemeanor counts, and 14 other named individuals also were indicted. The Franklin County grand jury also handed up 14 sealed indictments — so we don't know exactly how many individuals were indicted. Fletcher granted pardons to others indicted in the case, cutting the investigation short.

What the ad fails to say is that the charges against Fletcher were eventually dropped as part of a deal with Attorney General Greg Stumbo, whose office led the investigation. As part of that agreement, Fletcher agreed that "evidence strongly indicates

wrongdoing by his administration" and that Stumbo's actions in the case were "necessary and proper exercises of his constitutional duty."

Fletcher also agreed to seek the resignation of four people he appointed to the state personnel board and appoint people recommended by Stumbo.

Exhibit 1

Fletcher continues to maintain that he did nothing wrong and was the subject of a partisan political "witch hunt."  
on the web

See the full commercial at [www.courier-journal.com/campaign2007](http://www.courier-journal.com/campaign2007).

— Analysis by Joseph Gerth, The Courier-Journal

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**AD WATCH****Courier-Journal, The (Louisville, KY) - September 30, 2007**

Who's running it?: Bluegrass Freedom Fund

Race: Kentucky Governor

Airing: Cable and network television statewide

Length: 30 seconds

Producer: Envision Communications Inc.

**SCRIPT:**

Announcer: "Every year, it's a new scandal in Kentucky.

"Gov. Fletcher indicted, along with many of his aides and appointees. 85 criminal counts. 23 felonies.

"\$1.9 million of your tax dollars spent on high price lawyers to defend the Fletcher administration.

"Tired of your money being spent to defend scandals and corruption? Go to bluegrassfreedom.org and sign the petition for real ethics reform."

**ANALYSIS:**

This is the third television commercial by the Bluegrass Freedom Fund, a group organized under chapter 527 of the Internal Revenue Service code. That provision allows for groups that engage in "issue advertising" to accept unlimited contributions to spread their message.

The ad meets the requirement of an "issue ad" because it urges people to sign a petition favoring ethics reform. But don't be mistaken. This ad is intended to help Democrat Steve Beshear beat Gov. Ernie Fletcher in November.

The group is run by Achim Bergmann, a longtime Democratic political operative who managed Bruce Lunsford's campaign for governor.

All of the ads Bluegrass Freedom Fund has run have focused on the merit hiring scandal that plagued the Fletcher administration for two years. This one goes a little further than past ads by bringing in the cost of the scandal to taxpayers.

The ad is generally truthful, although it doesn't explain what is meant by "a new scandal every year." It talks of only one scandal that dragged on for more than a year.

Fletcher was indicted along with 14 people associated with his administration on charges associated with violating the state merit hiring law. A Franklin County grand jury also issued 14 sealed indictments in connection with the case.

Fletcher eventually pardoned others charged in the case except himself.

He then cut a deal with Attorney General Greg Stumbo to drop the charges against him in return for Fletcher's acknowledgement that there was strong evidence of wrongdoing by people in his administration.

The Courier-Journal reported last December that the administration had paid eight law firms \$1.9 million to represent the administration and other state agencies during the investigation.

*Exhibit 2*

on the web

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**AD WATCH**

**Courier-Journal, The (Louisville, KY) - October 12, 2007**

Who's running it? Bluegrass Freedom Fund

Race: Kentucky Governor

Airing: Cable and network television statewide

Length: 30 seconds

Producer: Envision Communications Inc.

**SCRIPT:**

Ernie Fletcher: "If we light our way with whatever is true, whatever is honest ..."

Announcer: "Gov. Fletcher. Indicted."

(Words appear on screen: "Fletcher indicted for criminal conspiracy.")

Fletcher: "I'm surrounding myself with women and men of integrity, character."

Announcer: "Fletcher aides indicted."

(Words appear on screen: "Fletcher aides indicted.")

Fletcher: "That is how to create an ethical government."

Announcer: "Eighty-five criminal counts."

(The words appear: "85 criminal counts.")

Fletcher: "We will restore hope."

Announcer: "Twenty-three felonies."

(The words appear: "23 felonies.")

Announcer: "It's time for true ethics reform."

**ANALYSIS:**

In this ad, the Bluegrass Freedom Fund attempts to hoist Fletcher by his own petard.

It takes clips from Fletcher's Dec. 9, 2003, inaugural address and juxtaposes his words against developments in the merit hiring scandal that has plagued his administration.

The Bluegrass Freedom Fund is classified as an issue advocacy group and theoretically isn't allowed to run ads supporting any particular candidate. The purported issue here is ethics reform, and the ad urges people to sign a petition for such reform.

But there is little doubt the ad is meant to help elect Democrat Steve Beshear as governor.

The group's ads have been the most effective of the 2007 governor's race because they have been simple,

*Exhibit 3*

straightforward and largely accurate.

This ad attempts to take advantage of what is seen by many to be Fletcher's failure to make good on the central promise of his first gubernatorial campaign — to clean up the mess in Frankfort.

The Courier-Journal Bluegrass Poll found in September that 71 percent — and 60 percent of Republicans — didn't think Fletcher had "cleaned up the mess."

The claims made in the ad are accurate, but they do leave out some key details.

Fletcher was indicted on three misdemeanor counts in connection with an alleged plan to circumvent the state's merit hiring laws. Fourteen others in or around his administration were also indicted, and a Franklin County grand jury also returned 14 sealed indictments.

The ad says there were 23 felonies. That is true, but almost all of those felony charges were against one Transportation Cabinet employee.

Fletcher issued a blanket pardon covering others charged and then reached an agreement with Attorney General Greg Stumbo to drop the charges against himself in exchange for an acknowledgement that there was strong evidence of wrongdoing by people in his administration.

Despite that, Fletcher has continually referred to the investigation as a "political witch hunt."

on the web

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## Donors had equine, casino ties TV Ads for Ethics Reform Helped Beshear

Lexington Herald-Leader (KY) - February 2, 2008

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FRANKFORT – Casinos, racetracks and horse breeders largely bankrolled TV ads on ethics reform that helped elect Gov. Steve Beshear, who ran on a platform of expanding gambling.

The Bluegrass Freedom Fund, an independent campaign group, raised \$3,150,000, of which 70 percent – more than \$2.2 million – came from gambling and equine interests, according to tax documents filed just before midnight Thursday.

Other contributors to the fund, which is known as a "527" because of its IRS designation, include unions and other Democratic backers. Such funds have no contribution limit, and donors can give even after they have maxed out other state and federal contributions.

Several donors also gave heavily to another Democratic fund, Kentucky Victory 2007.

Beshear said Friday night the donations will have no bearing on who gets one of up to a dozen casinos.

"The bill we're working on to present will have some licenses designated for our racetracks, assuming they can qualify ... and some free-standing casinos that will be totally open to competition," Beshear said. He plans to present a bill in the next two weeks.

He said no one from his campaign was involved in the Bluegrass Freedom Fund. Beshear said former Kentucky Democratic Party chairman Tracy Farmer, a strong Beshear backer, was not involved in his campaign after the primary.

Beshear said they severed ties after Farmer told him of plans to form the Bluegrass Freedom Fund.

"I'm sure they were interested in our campaign partly at least because we were interested in getting this issue (expanded gambling) on the ballot," Beshear said. "We had no connection with their organization, because legally we can't."

Beshear met with representatives of Kentucky racetracks and the horse industry on Jan. 9, but the governor did not discuss the fund contributions.

He said he has not met with anyone with specific casino ties since taking office, but his task force has met with Bill Yung, the Fort Mitchell-based casino and hotel owner who gave \$1 million to the fund – by far the biggest contribution.

Beshear said he has turned down multiple requests to meet with representatives of the Las Vegas Sands, who last month addressed a House panel looking at expanded gambling.

"I don't want anybody in the public to feel that anybody has got an inside track on this," Beshear said.

Beshear's chief of staff, Jim Cauley, said that their bill "might make half these people mad. ... We're trying to come together with a bill that makes sense for the people of Kentucky. Whether or not it makes sense for these people is not really in our interest, nor do we care."

Keeneland President Nick Nicholson said they contributed, through Phoenix Capital, at Farmer's request because "we just thought it was a good idea."

He said that they weren't involved in running and didn't know specifically what its ads would target. "We knew ethics reform was probably going to be the single major issue, but we were not promised that," Nicholson said.

Exhibit 4

Lane's End Farm owner Will Farish, formerly President George W. Bush's British ambassador, also said Friday evening that he gave because he trusts Farmer.

"As he put it, the purpose of the organization was to promote social issues and economic development in Kentucky," Farish said from Florida. He said he supports alternative gaming at racetrack but has no interest in owning a casino.

It's unclear whether the Bluegrass Freedom Fund will continue to operate, either on behalf of ethics reform legislation or another issue such as a push for casino gambling.

Ron Geary, owner of Ellis Park in Henderson, said last month that he would like to see it continue.

"I think if they think it could be helpful ... in doing whatever they think is appropriate," Geary said.

Achim Bergmann, consultant for the Bluegrass Freedom Fund, said the ethics reform bill passed on Wednesday by the Kentucky House "is proof the agenda of the Bluegrass Freedom Fund has overwhelming support among Kentuckians, Republican and Democrat alike, and that the issues work that we did this year and last year is achieving success."

But Republican lawmakers said Friday that the fund, which focused on former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's state hiring indictments, appears to have an agenda tied more to gambling than ethics.

"It confirms the suspicions that many of us had about the funding of Democrat candidates," said Rep. Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown and the GOP's House floor leader. "In my opinion, the expanded gaming issue, with every passing day, will be harder and harder to get passed in the legislature and that may be a knockout blow once all this is exposed."

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said there had long been rumors that the fund was backed by pro-gambling interests.

"The fact that you have individuals donating up to \$1 million puts in serious question whether they are after good government or not," Williams said.

Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Scottsville and the Democratic House whip, said he expects casino opponents to make political hay out of the donations as a way to torpedo the eventual bill.

"I don't think that's relevant," he said, noting that the House has been vetting all sides of the issue of whether to allow casino gambling in a series of committee meetings. "The ball is now solidly in the court of the legislature, and that money did not come to the legislature. And I do not think it will influence the legislature or the legislature's decisions."

#### HORSE AND CASINO INTERESTS

\* \$1 million from William Yung, president of Northern Kentucky-based development company Columbia Sussex, which owns several casinos and hotels, including the embattled Tropicana Hotel and Resort in Atlantic City and the Aztar in Evansville, Ind.

\* \$250,000 from Churchill Downs Inc., the Louisville racetrack's parent, that is looking for a casino.

\* \$250,000 from Phoenix Capital, a limited liability company formed in August by Keeneland, the Lexington thoroughbred track.

\* \$250,000 from EP Acquisitions in Louisville, which is owned by Ronald Geary, who bought Ellis Park in Henderson and also is interested in casinos.

\* \$125,000 from Turfway Park in Florence, which is co-owned by Keeneland and Harrah's.

\* \$60,000 from Lexington Trots Breeders Association, which owns The Red Mile harness racing track.

\* \$50,000 from Hideout of Lincoln County, LLC, of Palm Desert, Calif., owned by R.D. Hubbard, who has

apparently recently dropped out of the Sprint Racing Partners seeking a quarter horse racetrack in London, Ky.

\* \$50,000 from Edward Allred, owner of Los Alamitos Race Course in California, who has also dropped out of Sprint.

\* \$50,000 from Will Farish of Versailles, who owns Lane's End Farm.

\* \$50,000 from Tracy Farmer, the Midway horse farm owner who staunchly backed Gov. Steve Beshear.

\* \$25,000 from Bruce Rimbo, president of Hubbard's Ruidoso Downs quarter horse track in New Mexico, and who is still part of Sprint Racing.

\* \$25,000 from Paul Blanchard, owner of the Downs of Albuquerque, who also has dropped out of Sprint.

\* \$10,000 from H. Greg Goodman, owner of Mount Brilliant Farm in Lexington.

\* \$10,000 from John Oxley, a horse breeder and owner from Tulsa, Okla.

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY GROUPS

\* \$600,000 from the Democratic Governors Association in Washington, D.C.

#### UNIONS

\* \$200,000 from AFSCME, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the national public employee union.

\* \$50,000 from SEIU PEA International, the Washington D.C.-based Service Employees International Union.

\* \$25,000 from the International Union of Operating Engineers in Washington, D.C.

\* \$15,000 from the Jefferson County Teachers Association in Louisville.

\* \$5,000 from the Carpenters' Legislative Improvement Committee in Washington, D.C.

\* \$5,000 from the Plumbers Pipe Fitters & M.E.S. Local 392 PAC in Cincinnati.

#### OTHER

\* \$20,000 from the American Association for Justice in Washington, D.C.

\* \$25,000 from the Kentucky Justice Association, Inc.

Contributors to Bluegrass Freedom Fund

TOTAL: \$3,150,000

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# Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ See separate instructions.

**A For the period beginning** 07/01/2007 **and ending** 12/31/2007

**B Check applicable box:**  Initial report  Change of address  Amended report  Final report

**1 Name of organization** Bluegrass Freedom Fund **Employer identification number** 20 - 8718998

**2 Mailing address (P.O. box or number, street, and room or suite number)**  
1726 M Street NW Suite 600

**City or town, state, and ZIP code**  
Washington, DC 20036

**3 E-mail address of organization:** no@email **4 Date organization was formed:** 03/27/2007

**5a Name of custodian of records** Craig Varoga **5b Custodian's address** 1726 M Street NW Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20036

**6a Name of contact person** Craig Varoga **6b Contact person's address** 1726 M Street NW Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20036

**7 Business address of organization (if different from mailing address shown above). Number, street, and room or suite number**  
1726 M Street NW Suite 600  
**City or town, state, and ZIP code**  
Washington, DC 20036

**8 Type of report (check only one box)**

- First quarterly report (due by April 15)
- Second quarterly report (due by July 15)
- Third quarterly report (due by October 15)
- Year-end report (due by January 31)
- Mid-year report (Non-election year only-due by July 31)
- Monthly report for the month of: (due by the 20th day following the month shown above, except the December report, which is due by January 31)
- Pre-election report (due by the 12th or 15th day before the election)
  - (1) Type of election:
  - (2) Date of election:
  - (3) For the state of:
- Post-general election report (due by the 30th day after general election)
  - (1) Date of election:
  - (2) For the state of:

**9 Total amount of reported contributions (total from all attached Schedules A).....9. \$ 3150125**

**10 Total amount of reported expenditures (total from all attached Schedules B).....10. \$ 3018439**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this report, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

CRAIG VAROGA

01/31/2008

**Sign Here**

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Signature of authorized official

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Date

Exhibit S

**Schedule A** Itemized Contributions

Schedule A

<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> AFSCME 1625 L Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 238000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 200000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/12/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> American Association for Justice 1050 3 1st Street, NW Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 20000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 20000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/20/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bruce Rimbo 128 Pat Thompson Court Ruidoso, NM 88345	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> Ruidoso Downs Racing <b>Contributor's occupation</b> President <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 25000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 25000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 08/14/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Carpenters' Legislative Improvement Committee 101 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 5000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 5000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 11/05/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Churchill Downs Incorporated 700 Central Avenue Louisville, KY 40208	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 250000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 250000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 08/08/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Democratic Governors Association 1401 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 640000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 50000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 07/17/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Democratic Governors Association 1401 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 640000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 50000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 07/21/2007
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<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Edward Allred 4961 Katella Avenue Los Alamitos, CA 90720	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> Los Alamitos Race Course <b>Contributor's occupation</b> Owner <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 50000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 50000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 08/14/2007

<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> EP Acquisition, LLC 10140 Linn Station Road Louisville, KY 40223	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 250000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 250000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 08/31/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> H. Greg Goodman 3314 Huffman Mill Pike Lexington, KY 40511	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> Mt. Brilliant Farm <b>Contributor's occupation</b> Owner <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 10000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 10000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/24/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Hideout of Lincoln County, LLC 73-405 El Paseo Palm Desert, CA 92260	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 50000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 50000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 08/14/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Int'l Union of Operating Engineers EPEC 1125 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 25000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 25000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 10/22/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Jefferson County Teachers Association 1941 Bishop Lane Louisville, KY 40218	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 15000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 15000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/13/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> John Oxley 1 West 3rd Street, Suite 1300 Tulsa, OK 74103	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> Self-employed <b>Contributor's occupation</b> Executive <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 10000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 10000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/17/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Kentucky Justice Association, Inc. 10602 Timberwood Circle Louisville, KY 40223	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 25000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 25000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/20/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Lexington Trots Breeders Assn., LLC 1200 Red Mile Road Lexington, KY 40588	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 60000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 60000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 07/19/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Paul Blanchard 5850 Eubank NE Albuquerque, NM 87111	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> Mountain Run Development <b>Contributor's occupation</b> Developer <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 25000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 25000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 08/14/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Phoenix Capital, LLC 300 West Vine Street Lexington, KY 40507	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 250000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 250000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/07/2007

<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Plumbers Pipe Fitters & M.E.S. Local 392 PAC 1228 Central Parkway Cincinnati, OH 45202	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 5000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 5000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 10/26/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> SEIU PEA International 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 50000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 50000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/27/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Tracy Farmer 4569 Midway Road Midway, KY 40347	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> Self-employed <b>Contributor's occupation</b> Investor and Horse Farmer <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 50000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 50000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 07/13/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Turfway Park LLC PO Box 8 Florence, KY 41022	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 125000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 125000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/13/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> W.S. Farish PO Box 626 Versailles, KY 40383	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> Lanes End Farm <b>Contributor's occupation</b> Horse Breeder <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 50000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 50000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> William Yung 515 Laguna Royale Blvd Naples, FL 34119	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> Columbia Sussex <b>Contributor's occupation</b> Developer <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 1000000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 1000000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 08/14/2007
<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Aggregate below Threshold 1726 M Street NW Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> NA <b>Contributor's occupation</b> NA <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 125	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 125 <b>Date of contribution</b> 12/31/2007

**Schedule B** Itemized Expenditures

Schedule B

<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b>	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
Achim Bergmann 2021 Aspen Brook Drive Henderson, NV 89074	N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	\$ 10000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 07/21/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Communications & Policy Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b>	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
All Points Communications, LLC 487 Hanover Center Road Etna, NH 03705	N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	\$ 24336 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/01/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Phone Bank		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b>	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
Angel Combs Consulting 1001 Mallard Creek Road Louisville, KY 40207	N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	\$ 5000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 07/21/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Fundraising Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b>	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
Angel Combs Consulting 1001 Mallard Creek Road Louisville, KY 40207	N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	\$ 5000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 08/29/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Fundraising Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b>	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
Angel Combs Consulting 1001 Mallard Creek Road Louisville, KY 40207	N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	\$ 116 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 08/29/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Postage & Shipping		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b>	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
Angel Combs Consulting 1001 Mallard Creek Road Louisville, KY 40207	N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	\$ 5000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/17/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Fundraising Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b>	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
Angel Combs Consulting 1001 Mallard Creek Road Louisville, KY 40207	N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	\$ 316 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/17/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Postage & Shipping		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b>	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
Angel Combs Consulting 1001 Mallard Creek Road Louisville, KY 40207	N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	\$ 5000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/02/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Fundraising Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b>	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>
Angel Combs Consulting 1001 Mallard Creek Road Louisville, KY 40207	N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	\$ 5000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/28/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Fundraising Consulting		

<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 65 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 08/23/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/04/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/14/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/17/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/24/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/01/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/05/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		

<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/05/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/09/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/12/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/15/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/15/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/22/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/29/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/31/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/02/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		

<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/02/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Bank of America 317 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 25 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 12/12/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bank Fees		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Brand New Inc. 2615 Walnut Street Denver Denver, CO 80205	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 2000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 08/09/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Website Development & Management		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Brand New Inc. 2615 Walnut Street Denver Denver, CO 80205	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 3500 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Website Development & Management		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Brand New Inc. 2615 Walnut Street Denver Denver, CO 80205	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 1500 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/14/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Website Development & Management		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Brand New Inc. 2615 Walnut Street Denver Denver, CO 80205	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 2500 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/02/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Website Development & Management		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 273572 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/04/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 313188 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 328944 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/17/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		

<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 340022 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/24/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 320000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/01/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 40000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/05/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 240000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/09/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 280000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/15/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 200000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/22/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 100000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/29/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Buying Time, LLC 2715 M Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 120000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/31/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Placement		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Campaign Compliance, LLC 3252 4th Street Oceanside, NY 11572	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 2000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/24/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bookkeeping Services		

<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Campaign Compliance, LLC 3252 4th Street Oceanside, NY 11572	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 1375 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/24/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bookkeeping Services		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Campaign Compliance, LLC 3252 4th Street Oceanside, NY 11572	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 1375 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/28/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bookkeeping Services		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Campaign Compliance, LLC 3252 4th Street Oceanside, NY 11572	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 1375 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 12/19/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Bookkeeping Services		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 7500 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 9779 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 7500 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 5000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/23/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 9920 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/23/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 10191 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/24/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		

<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 2089 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 9298 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 9491 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/11/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Envision Communications, Inc. 2715 M Street, NW Suite 100 Washington, DC 20007	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 8642 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/01/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Media Production		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Gainer Donnelly & Desroches 5847 San Felipe Suite 1100 Houston, TX 77057	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 7950 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 12/19/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Accounting Services		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg 1726 M Street, NW Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 6078 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 08/03/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Legal Services		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg 1726 M Street, NW Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 1485 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 08/29/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Legal Services		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg 1726 M Street, NW Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 8637 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/01/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Legal Services		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Independent Strategies 2700 Connecticut Avenue NW #503A Washington, DC 20008	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 20000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/01/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> General Consulting		

<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> MSHC Partners, Inc. 1155 15th Street NW #300 Washington, DC 20005	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 40000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/01/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Online Issues Advertising		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> MSHC Partners, Inc. 1155 15th Street NW #300 Washington, DC 20005	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 20473 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/15/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Online Issues Advertising		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Myers Research 6495 English Ivy Court Springfield, VA 22151	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 10000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/24/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Polling		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Myers Research 6495 English Ivy Court Springfield, VA 22151	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 14000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 10/09/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Polling		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Myers Research 6495 English Ivy Court Springfield, VA 22151	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 9400 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/01/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Issues Polling		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> O & R Consulting 9408 Thornhill Road Silver Spring, MD 20901	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 1300 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Travel Expenses		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> O & R Consulting 9408 Thornhill Road Silver Spring, MD 20901	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 7500 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/10/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Management Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> O & R Consulting 9408 Thornhill Road Silver Spring, MD 20901	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 12500 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/30/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Management Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> O & R Consulting 9408 Thornhill Road Silver Spring, MD 20901	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 250 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 12/28/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Travel Expenses		

<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Southwest Communication Strategies, LLC 2021 Aspen Brook Drive Henderson, NV 89074	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 10000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 08/29/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Communications & Policy Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Southwest Communication Strategies, LLC 2021 Aspen Brook Drive Henderson, NV 89074	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 48 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 08/29/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Telephone		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Southwest Communication Strategies, LLC 2021 Aspen Brook Drive Henderson, NV 89074	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 10000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 09/17/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Communications & Policy Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Southwest Communication Strategies, LLC 2021 Aspen Brook Drive Henderson, NV 89074	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 10063 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 11/01/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Communications & Policy Consulting		
<b>Recipient's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Southwest Communication Strategies, LLC 2021 Aspen Brook Drive Henderson, NV 89074	<b>Name of recipient's employer</b> N/A <b>Recipients's occupation</b> N/A	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b> \$ 10000 <b>Date of expenditure</b> 12/12/2007
<b>Purpose of expenditure</b> Communications & Policy Consulting		
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## Regulators trail Yung's casinos Hotelier Gambling on Covington Site Has Three States Investigating Operations

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Northern Kentucky hotelier William Yung III may be gambling on Gov. Steve Beshear and Covington to save his crumbling casino empire.

Yung's Crestview Hills-based Columbia Sussex owns 83 hotels and about a dozen casinos in five states and the Cayman Islands.

He wants to add another casino to the list, in Covington, where three weeks ago he purchased several parcels of prime real estate for \$7 million.

All he needs is a license. And for casino gambling to be legalized in Kentucky this fall.

This week, Beshear is to unveil his plan to expand gambling at racetracks and a select few cities.

Yung, 66, declined repeated requests to be interviewed for this article or to comment on it.

Since the '70s, Yung has amassed a \$5 billion chain of hotels, mostly Marriotts, with 2007 revenue of \$970 million and more than 15,000 employees. According to the company's Web site, it has 32,791 rooms.

His only interest, Yung has said, is "making money."

Previously a Republican supporter, Yung last fall poured \$1,038,500 into Democratic political funds that helped get Beshear elected. Then he gave \$10,000 to Beshear's inauguration fund.

By that time, three states were investigating complaints about massive layoffs, extreme cost-cutting, and in some cases bad conditions at his casinos.

The day after Beshear was inaugurated in Frankfort, New Jersey stripped Yung of his license to operate the Tropicana Casinos and Resorts in Atlantic City, fined him \$750,000 and issued a scathing report denouncing his credibility and his business acumen.

"In a word, Tropicana's regulatory performance since the ... acquisition has been abysmal," said commission chairwoman Linda M. Kassekert. The commission said it did not believe Yung could operate the Tropicana as a first-class facility.

Now forced to sell that casino at a loss, Yung staved off bankruptcy only to be sued for \$960 million last month by some of his lenders. They want to keep him from selling other casinos to pay off the huge debt incurred in buying the Tropicanas and the rest of the Aztar chain a year earlier.

But it may not matter much because New Jersey's revocation could trigger similar actions in other states.

Yung immediately announced plans to sell Casino Aztar in Evansville, Ind., much to the city's delight.

Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, who had requested an Indiana Gaming Commission investigation in March, called the announcement "great news for Evansville."

Downturn in Indiana

Since Yung's purchase of the riverboat, 20 percent of the work force has been laid off, revenues have fallen drastically, and payments to the city have dried up.

*Exhibit 6*

Indiana regulators, who had expanded their investigation beyond hiring practices, said they might drop the probe without filing a report.

"We're not sure if it's a good use of our resources to continue investigating a company that could be out from under our jurisdiction," gaming commission spokeswoman Jenny Arnold said.

Regulators might be hoping the Indiana legislature will act before they are forced to take action. The state does not have provisions to set up a trustee to run the boat if Columbia Sussex is kicked out before another operator comes on board.

In Las Vegas, the Nevada Gaming Control Board revealed on Jan. 31 that it has been investigating the Tropicana there for months, even sending agents in undercover.

Tropicana employees are working without a contract because negotiations with Columbia Sussex have broken down. Their union, Unite Here, which is the same union Yung has blamed for problems in New Jersey, allegedly sent the Nevada board in December a report and video purportedly showing prostitution at the Tropicana.

When Columbia Sussex won the Tropicanas and the rest of Aztar for \$2.8 billion in a 2006 bidding war, Yung announced a \$2 billion renovation of the 50-year-old Strip property, with plans to add a 10,000-room hotel. And plans to cut cleaning staff.

The rebuilding is on hold for lack of financing, but the job cuts have taken place.

#### Trouble in Atlantic City

Financing and job cuts were part of the problem in Atlantic City.

New Jersey investigators discovered that even before Yung closed on the Aztar properties he took his executives on a "road show," telling potential investors that he planned to cut payroll by \$30 million to \$40 million.

He neglected to tell New Jersey officials. But one of his executives, whom Yung later fired, did. The cuts and serious issues concerning the Tropicana's auditing process figured heavily in New Jersey's finding.

The commission denied the license because of "a lack of business ability, a lack of financial responsibility and a lack of good character, honesty and integrity."

Among other problems, Yung's "massive layoffs" of hundreds of employees resulted in "a cleanliness crisis" in March. Patrons reported cockroaches, bedbugs and filthy rooms. Yung and Tropicana's executives blamed the union, saying it sabotaged the place.

But the New Jersey commission said that wasn't credible. Neither were the company's assertions that the "precipitous decline" in casino revenue was because of new competition in Pennsylvania. The Tropicana's monthly numbers "consistently have trailed those of its competitors" in Atlantic City, regulators said.

They attributed Columbia Sussex's problems to the size and complexity of the Atlantic City market, which is second only to Las Vegas'.

But the company has had trouble in small-scale markets as well.

In 2005, Yung attempted to buy a St. Louis casino out of bankruptcy. After Missouri's background check, he abruptly withdrew.

"There were things turned up in the (Missouri) investigation that did not comport with law-abiding behavior," gaming commission director Gene McNary told the Kansas City Star in December. "We gave them a chance to withdraw, and they did."

When Yung bought Aztar in 2006, it came with a riverboat in Caruthersville, Mo. Regulators seized the boat before Columbia Sussex could take possession and forced it to sell out.

**First casino in 2005**

Columbia Sussex first got into casinos with a riverboat in New Orleans in the summer of 2005. Yung promptly laid off 105 employees.

Then came Hurricane Katrina. The boat was severely damaged and had to be towed away for repairs. Columbia Sussex defaulted on \$1.3 million in leases it was contracted to pay to the Orleans Levee Board whether the casino was operating or not. Last summer Columbia Sussex moved the boat to Amelia, La., and reopened under a new name.

Yung also owns a riverboat in Baton Rouge, bought in October 2005. Louisiana regulators expressed concerns about the previous layoffs in New Orleans but approved the purchase by a 5-3 vote. By June 2006, payroll had been cut from more than 1,000 jobs to 800, the minimum required by the state.

Last year, Yung announced a \$60 million renovation and expansion. Those plans have been put on hold after another company moved to open a new, third casino in Baton Rouge, which would severely affect Columbia Sussex revenues.

Sale of Yung's Vicksburg, Miss., riverboat to help pay off the company's debt is under way. Regulators are in the process of approving the buyer, said Larry Gregory, executive director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission.

Gregory said that since New Jersey's action, Mississippi, too, is taking a look at the company, which has two small properties in Greenville.

Mississippi has never had any problems with Columbia Sussex, Gregory said, but what happened in New Jersey "is very serious. There is concern."

**Covington officials wary**

As for Kentucky, although Yung has made his plan clear, Covington city officials aren't necessarily on board.

Covington Mayor Butch Callery said last week that Yung is "making a huge bet" in buying the 5.5-acre site at 12th Street and Interstate 71/75. Yung is likely to get permission soon to raze most of the complex, once a brewery and more recently a Jillian's franchise.

But Callery said Covington and five adjacent river communities have long had a "gentlemen's agreement" to develop any casino together, if they had the chance.

And they were thinking more along the lines of something on the riverfront, to entice across from Cincinnati all those Ohioans who don't yet have casino gambling in their state.

"The city would have to be the party selecting the site," Callery said.

**Online**

New Jersey's order stripping William Yung III of his license to operate the Tropicana in Atlantic City:  
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## Lawmakers briefed on casino plan Beshear Says Proposal Will Be Unveiled by Thursday

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FRANKFORT – Gov. Steve Beshear will unveil his proposal to allow casino gambling in Kentucky by Thursday, he told reporters Monday after meeting with key House leaders behind closed doors.

"I shared some of the details we're looking at," Beshear said. "It's still a bit of a moving target until we get their full input."

Both he and House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, were mum on specifics.

Richards said Beshear mostly talked about "procedure" and did not share copies of his constitutional amendment and companion "enabling" legislation.

Reporters were ejected from the meeting with legislative leaders and most of the House Subcommittee on Expanded Gaming. Richards cited the "open meetings" exemption for the Kentucky General Assembly.

Richards declined to name the lawmaker who will sponsor the bills. He confirmed that a sponsor has been selected.

Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Shively and chair of the subcommittee, said her co-chair, Rep. Darryl Owens, D-Louisville, would sponsor the constitutional amendment portion.

But, asked separately, Owens cast doubt on whether he will sponsor either bill.

"I'm waiting for leadership to get direction on that," he said. Owens is chairman of the House constitutional amendments committee.

Rep. Charlie Hoffman, D-Georgetown and the Democratic Caucus chair, is the likely sponsor of the companion bill. "It hasn't been tee-totally determined yet," Hoffman said.

Richards said that without key details, how many casinos, where they would be and whether or not local voters would have a say, he couldn't say how many lawmakers would support the legislation, although he has committed to helping Beshear pass it.

"I don't know if there are any areas of disagreement because we have not seen a bill and we will not see a bill until probably Thursday," Richards said.

Beshear said he will meet with the Democratic caucus later this week.

He said earlier in the day that his proposal will set up different licensing provisions for Kentucky-based racetracks and casino companies, a move that suggests operators of free-standing casinos might be required to pay heftier licensing fees.

"It's certainly possible," Beshear said.

He also indicated that the licensing of racetrack-based casinos could move more swiftly, something that would allow the fees to be put toward the state budget sooner.

Beshear said that tracks would have a designated number of casinos but other operators would probably face a bidding process, "and that will take longer to determine the winner."

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The Democratic governor said on Friday that the state could bring in hundreds of millions of dollars from selling casino licenses in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Beshear has not said how much the licenses could cost.

Beshear said that no individual casino operator would have "an inside track."

The Kentucky Republican Party on Monday released a letter, citing a Herald-Leader article, to the FBI calling for a probe of Beshear's connections to political contributor William Yung of Northern Kentucky, who owns several troubled casinos in other states.

Yung gave \$1 million to an independent "527" political fund that helped elect Beshear, as well as \$38,500 another Democratic Party fund and \$10,000 to Beshear's inauguration fund.

"My campaign had no connection with the 527 group at all. We did not know throughout the campaign anybody that had contributed to that one way or the other and it has no consequences as far as I'm concerned in terms of the casino legislation or anything to do with it," Beshear said.

He said he met Yung twice, probably at the headquarters of Yung's Columbia Sussex company near Covington.

"He obviously expressed his interest in expanded gaming in Kentucky," he said.

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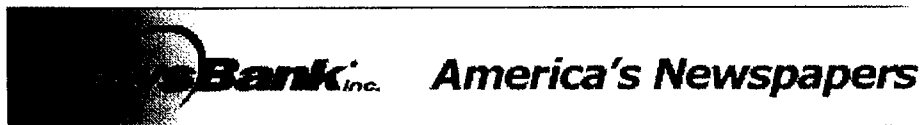
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## Casino operator bet on Beshear Campaign Contributions Draw Notice

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FRANKFORT — A wealthy casino operator is defending an eye-catching \$1 million contribution to a political group that worked to elect a pro-gambling governor in Kentucky.

William Yung III, who heads Crestview Hills-based Columbia Sussex Corp., has essentially placed a huge bet that newly elected Gov. Steve Beshear will be able to get the state's longstanding prohibition against casinos lifted.

"I make no apologies for helping get Steve Beshear elected," Yung said in an interview this week. "I've got a First Amendment right to spend my money any way I want to spend it."

Beshear is proposing an amendment to the state constitution that would allow up to seven casinos to be built at Kentucky horse tracks and five other sites. That many casinos, he said, could generate \$600 million a year in tax revenue for a cash-strapped state government.

The proposal is a long shot in a Bible-belt state where lawmakers have rejected numerous other casino proposals over the past decade. If it passes, Yung hopes to open a casino on a Northern Kentucky site he bought just last month for \$7 million.

"Absolutely, we're gambling on it," Yung said. "We don't know if it's going to pass or not."

Yung may have worsened his odds with the land purchase and the political contributions, including a \$10,000 donation to help pay for Beshear's inaugural party on the Capitol grounds and \$38,500 to the Democratic Party's Kentucky Victory 2007 fund.

Beshear insists Yung's contributions bought him no favors. If the Kentucky legislature approves a constitutional amendment, and if voters ratify that amendment, then Yung would have to apply for a casino license just like anyone else, Beshear said.

"It would be naive for anybody to believe that a \$1 million contribution to a fund that helped elect a pro-casino governor is not going to position the contributor in a favorable way," said John Mark Hack, head of the anti-gambling group Say No To Casinos.

Yung said he has met Beshear three times — twice during his campaign and again the night of his election. "Nothing was ever, ever promised me," Yung said.

After Beshear took office in December, privately held Columbia Sussex paid \$7 million for a site in Northern Kentucky to build a casino. Yung called the property "prime real estate" that he can easily resell if Beshear's casino proposal flops.

Columbia Sussex owns 13 casinos and 80 hotels in the United States and beyond, pulling in revenues of some \$3 billion a year.

But in December the New Jersey Casino Control Authority refused to grant the company a new license to operate the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City, and regulators in Indiana are threatening to take similar action against Casino Aztar in Evansville.

Immediately after taking control of those casinos from Aztar Corp. on Jan. 3, 2007, Columbia Sussex began slashing payroll, eliminating cocktail servers, security guards, hotel room cleaners and even locksmiths. Its largest union howled in protest, and said the cuts left the Tropicana understaffed and filthy — concerns echoed by its patrons.

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Yung contends the problems were the result of a work slowdown by unionized workers when the company began reducing jobs to bring staffing levels at the Tropicana in line with similar casinos.

Columbia Sussex has put both the Tropicana and Aztar casinos up for sale. Yung said he hopes to have buyers identified for both by the end of April and the sales finalized in June. More than two dozen potential buyers have expressed interest.

After the company announced the proposed sale, the Indiana Gaming Commission suspended an investigation into complaints at Casino Aztar similar to those raised in New Jersey. If ownership changes, the agency said, there would be no need for an investigation.

Nevada gambling regulators began a probe of Columbia Sussex, which has six casino-hotels in Nevada, including the Tropicana on the Las Vegas Strip.

Yung, a Kentucky native, said none of that has anything to do with his interest in opening a casino in his home state.

"Obviously, I don't like to be the center of attention in everything, but I've got nothing to be ashamed of," he said. "I have done absolutely nothing wrong. Steve Beshear's done nothing wrong. Nobody associated with us has done anything wrong. It's just pretty sickening politics."

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## **\$766,662 given for inauguration 53 of 165 Donors Gave \$10,000 for Beshear-Mongiardo Events**

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FRANKFORT -- Donors from the casino and horse industries ponied up more than \$120,000 to Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear's and Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo's Dec. 11 inauguration parade and parties, according to finance reports.

Overall, Beshear's inauguration committee received \$766,662 in donations and has spent \$352,718 on the festivities so far, leaving nearly \$414,000 in the bank.

But Vicki Glass, Beshear's spokeswoman, said some bills for the event still need to be paid. She said she didn't know whether the committee will have any money left over when all expenses are paid.

Of the 165 donors, 53 gave \$10,000 -- the largest single amount given by individual donors, according to a review of the inauguration committee's finances filed Tuesday with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

Several of those big-dollar donors are prominent names in the casino industry.

Beshear has pledged to push a constitutional amendment that would allow casinos in Kentucky, which he says will provide new revenue.

Among those who shelled out \$10,000 for the inauguration parade and parties was R.D. Hubbard, a developer who is part of the Sprint Racing Group that's trying to get a license to build a horse track in Laurel County.

Hubbard had to give up his casino license in Indiana after an incident involving prostitutes at a gambling function.

Bill Yung Jr., president of Columbia Sussex, a Crestview Hills company that owns several casinos, also wrote a \$10,000 check. Yung has expressed interest in a casino in Northern Kentucky should the General Assembly and voters approve a constitutional change.

New Jersey recently took away the gaming license for Yung's company's Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City.

The \$10,000 donors who have strong ties to Kentucky's horse racing industry include Linda Geary of Louisville, whose husband Ron Geary owns Ellis Park in Henderson; Jerry Carroll, owner of the Kentucky Motor Speedway who used to own Turfway Park in Florence and once expressed interest in casino ownership; and Frank Shoop, a Lexington auto dealer who headed the Kentucky Racing Commission during Gov. Paul Patton's administration.

Glass, Beshear's spokeswoman, said the contributions don't represent any attempt to buy influence.

"They are just generous people who wanted to give," she said.

This comes as lawmakers returned to Frankfort Tuesday for the 2008 General Assembly, which among other things, is expected to feature a hearty debate over casinos.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said he won't alter his stance against casinos and pledged to rebuff any attempts to negotiate over the bill.

If the measure passes the Republican-controlled Senate, it will be because 23 lawmakers -- the number necessary for a constitutional amendment to pass that chamber -- feel strongly about the issue, not because

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Republicans were promised something in return, he said.

"There's not going to be any trades or linkages or anything like that on this bill at all," Williams said.

Horse owners and breeders who gave \$10,000 include former Democratic Gov. Brereton Jones, owner of Airdrie Stud farms, and a proponent for casino gambling; Bill Casner, co-owner of Winstar Farms; horse owner Jess Jackson; horse breeder Alan Leavitt Jr. of Walnut Hall Farm; Antony Beck, president of Gainesway Management Corporation; and Bruce Lunsford, racehorse owner and millionaire businessman who lost to Beshear in the 2007 Democratic primary and is now considering a run for U.S. Senate.

Beshear's inaugural committee also snared large checks from prominent Democratic donors.

Tracy and Carol Farmer, for instance, each contributed \$10,000. Tracy Farmer, an investor and horse owner, has been one of Beshear's staunchest backers in the 2007 governor's race.

Other large checks came from a smattering of contractors, coal and energy company executives.

Beshear's predecessor, Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher, raised slightly more for his inauguration, \$875,000, but from many more donors -- more than 700. His events cost \$1 million.

Herald-Leader staff writer John Stamper contributed to this report.

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\$10,000 donors

Here are the other \$10,000 donors to Gov. Steve Beshear's inauguration fund:

Dennis Anderson of Lexington, a real estate developer with Anderson Communities.

Laura Babbage of Lexington, community volunteer and wife of lobbyist Bob Babbage.

Britt E. Brockman of Louisville, surgeon with John-Kenyon American Eye Institute.

Spencer Coats of Bowling Green, president of Houchens Industries, the private firm that purchased brokerage firm Hilliard Lyons in November. Houchens owns hundreds of grocery stores, including Food Giant, IGA and Piggly Wiggly.

Clay Corman of Nicholasville, owner of CMC, Inc.

Richard Corman Jr. of Nicholasville, owner of R.J. Corman Co.

Luther Deaton of Lexington, president of Central Bank and Trust.

Kimberly Dudgeon of Frankfort, owner of Milam House.

Lewis Garrison of Greensburg, contractor with Garrison Construction.

Richard Gilliam of Keswick, Va., owner of Cumberland Resources.

Larry Glass of Glasgow, president of Larry Glass Construction.

Joseph A. Haydon of Bardstown, former state representative and contractor with Nally and Haydon.

T. Kennedy Helm of Louisville, the managing partner of Beshear's former law firm, Stites and Harbison.

Wayne Hines of Philpot, owner of Wayne Hines German Roasted Nuts.

David Houchin of Lexington, engineer with Intech.

Ernest Matt House of London, executive director of Independent Opportunities.

Frank Ikerd of Somerset, president of Ikerd Coal Co.

Gary C. Johnson of Pikeville, a personal injury attorney.

Richard D. Lawrence of Cincinnati, a malpractice litigation attorney.

Cheryl Lewis of Hyden, attorney.

Robert Lewis of Crescent Springs, a personal injury attorney.

Anita Madden of Lexington, executive of Madden Properties, which developed the Hamburg retail area.

Sarah Mahurin of Bowling Green, a graduate student instructor at Yale University, who along with her father, Pete, has become an active Democratic Party donor.

Harold Mays of Frankfort, owner and president of H.G. Mays Corporation, a road building company.

Ann McBrayer of Lexington, president of KY Eagle Beer, Inc.

John T. McCall of Louisville, attorney.

Frederick D. Palmer of St. Louis, senior vice president for government relations with Peabody Energy, the company that sought incentives in a special legislative session last year for alternative fuel production from coal.

Ronald Plattner of Cincinnati, owner and president of H. Dennert Distributing Co.

John Potter of Robinson Creek, president of Hawkeye Construction.

George Privett of Lexington, physician and director of Lexington Diagnostic Center.

Rodney Ratliff of Frankfort, owner of Commercial Services and Ratliff Rentals.

Mike Ritchie of Lexington, president of Photo Science.

William Rudloff of Bowling Green, attorney.

Calvin Rex Smith of Paducah, president of Jim Smith Contracting.

Rosemary C. Smith of Beattyville, owner/pharmacist with Jordan Drug Inc.

Connie Stotts of Columbia, secretary/treasurer of Stotts Construction Co.

John A. Stovall of Greenville, president and CEO of Road Builders and Parkway Construction Inc.

Colleen H. Swartz of Winchester, hospital administrator with the University of Kentucky.

Chester Thomas of Hason, operator of Green River Collieries, Inc., a coal company.

L. Rogers Wells of Glasgow, CEO of Interlott Technologies.

Steve Wilson of Louisville, president and CEO of Kentucky Bison Co.

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## KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY; Beshear meets with House Democrats on casino bill

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Governor says he'll unveil

two-part plan by Thursday

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — After a closed-door meeting yesterday with a group of House Democrats, Gov. Steve Beshear said he will unveil his legislative proposal to legalize casinos by Thursday.

He met for about 40 minutes with most members of House Democratic leadership and a subcommittee that has been holding hearings on the casino issue. Afterward he declined to release details of his plan. "Obviously it's still a little bit of a moving target until we get their full input, which we were doing today," Beshear said.

He said his proposal will involve two pieces of legislation: a constitutional amendment legalizing casinos; and "enabling" legislation spelling out details of how the gambling operation would look if the General Assembly and the voters approve the amendment.

Rep. Tim Firkins, D-Louisville, said that "a timetable and process" were discussed at yesterday's meeting and that lawmakers learned few details of Beshear's proposal.

"I don't know where I stand right now because I don't know what I'm looking at," Firkins said. "I think they (the Beshear administration) have let a lot of time get away in terms of getting members of the legislature into the process and buying into what is being done."

House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, D-Okolona, said that he supports the constitutional amendment but that getting it approved will take Beshear's best effort.

"I think the governor's got to be here 24/7 pushing it. It's going to take the governor's maximum strength to pass it," Clark said.

Several legislators said yesterday that they believe that House Democratic Caucus Chairman Charlie Hoffman of Georgetown will sponsor the legislation. He said yesterday that that hasn't been decided.

"I'm sitting on the bench waiting to see if the coach points at me," Hoffman said.

He said that there will be two chief sponsors — one for the amendment and one for the enabling legislation.

Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, who returned to the House yesterday after winning a special election for his old seat, said he will not be the legislation's primary sponsor. "Nobody has asked me to, and I would advise against that. There are people here who have worked on that bill that are obviously more versed on that than I am," said the former attorney general and former House Democratic leader.

Meanwhile, Beshear said that the \$1 million contribution by Northern Kentucky casino executive William Yung to an organization that bought advertising last fall in support of Beshear's campaign will have no impact on the casino legislation.

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"As we all know the ... group had no connection with our campaign and it has no connection with this legislation," he said. "This legislation is going to stand or fall on its own. ... And people when they see it are going to — I think — have a good feeling in terms of the fact that it is an open and transparent process."

Yung's company, Columbia Sussex of Crestview Hills, was denied a casino license to operate the Tropicana casino in Atlantic City, N.J. The company also wants to sell Casino Aztar in Evansville, Ind.

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## NATIONAL GROUP READIES ITS MONEY

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FRANKFORT -- The ad war between the candidates for governor began last week -- almost a month earlier than commercials started airing during the 2003 gubernatorial campaign.

And at least one national group might not be far behind in wading into the race between Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Democrat Steve Beshear, a former lieutenant governor and attorney general.

The Bluegrass Freedom Fund, a so-called 527 group set up by Democratic operatives, has spent the summer stocking its war chest as it prepares to boost Beshear's candidacy.

The group raised \$86,000 as of June 30, according to its report filed with the IRS.

Such organizations -- made famous by Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, which attacked Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry in 2004, as well as the liberal Moveon.org Voter Fund group -- are set up under Section 527 of the tax code. They can run ads on behalf of a candidate in Kentucky as long as they don't use certain phrases, such as "vote for" or "support" or "elect," on the candidate's behalf.

Of the \$86,000 the Bluegrass Freedom Fund collected, \$40,000 came from the Democratic Governors Association in Washington, while the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees contributed \$38,000. The National Education Association's Fund for Children and Public Education donated the other \$8,000.

Achim Bergmann, strategic consultant for the Bluegrass Freedom Fund, declined to say how much the group has raised since June or how the money will be spent. The organization also has launched its Web site, [www.bluegrassfreedom.org](http://www.bluegrassfreedom.org).

The Democratic Governors Association's initial \$40,000 donation to Bluegrass Freedom already surpasses its activity during the 2003 governor's race. The DGA sat on its hands during that campaign as Fletcher cruised to a victory of 10 percentage points over Democrat Ben Chandler.

DGA spokesman Brian Namey wouldn't say whether that organization will run its own commercials to boost Beshear or whether its involvement will be limited to helping finance the Bluegrass Freedom Fund.

"I'm not going to talk about strategy or what we're going to do," Namey said. "We're intent on doing everything we can to support Steve Beshear."

Namey said the DGA looks to be far more active than it was four years ago.

"This time the Kentucky race represents the best pick-up opportunity for Democrats this year," he said.

The Republican Governors Association was less certain about its role in the fall.

"We're still evaluating the race and closely monitoring it," said RGA spokesman Chris Schrimpf. "We haven't made a decision about how active we're going to be."

Like the others, Schrimpf declined to talk about his group's strategy, but he did say the RGA would keep tabs on Beshear's statements. "We want to make sure Kentuckians know where he really stands on issues, not where he says he stands," Schrimpf said.

Earlier this summer, the RGA boasted on its Web site that it had raised \$12.4 million between January and June. Only two other states -- Mississippi and Louisiana -- feature gubernatorial races this year, but 11 seats

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are up in 2008.

Four years ago, the RGA pumped \$2 million into the Kentucky governor's race to help Fletcher, with \$1.8 million going toward harsh attack ads against Chandler. The group started running commercials Sept. 12, 2003 -- the same day Fletcher's campaign started airing its first spots.

An odd couple?

The prospect of a Republican primary next year between U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell -- the Republican leader in the Senate -- and former gubernatorial candidate Larry Forgy continues to capture the imagination of Kentucky political observers and has sparked any number of conspiracy theories.

Perhaps the most far-reaching game of connect-the-dots leads to the Senate's top Democrat, Harry Reid of Nevada, who is an old law school buddy of Forgy.

Forgy has been rumbling all summer about potentially challenging McConnell, and last week he lobbed criticism at McConnell in a Washington Times article.

Forgy says his interest has nothing to do with his longtime friendship with Reid.

Forgy and Reid's relationship dates to their time at George Washington University law school together in the 1960s. Reid graduated in 1964, while Forgy, who took a semester off to campaign for Kentucky U.S. Sen. Thurston Morton, got his degree in '65.

"Harry and I both worked our way through law school," Forgy said. Both served in the U.S. Capitol security detail, working 4 p.m. to midnight.

"We were very close," Forgy said.

Later, Forgy's son, John, worked in Reid's U.S. Senate office in Washington while attending the University of Georgetown.

And Forgy wrote a \$1,000 check to Reid's re-election campaign in 1998 -- the same year McConnell served as chairman of the National Senatorial Campaign Committee that was trying to beat Reid and other Democrats. Reid ended up beating Republican U.S. Rep. John Ensign by about 500 votes that year.

The only other federal candidate in the last decade to whom Forgy has contributed was his sister, state Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr of Lexington, who ran for Congress in 2004. Ironically, it was McConnell's key staff members -- chief of staff Billy Piper and press secretary Julie Adams -- who took time away from Washington to run that campaign.

Reid's office declined to comment.

Forgy maintains that his frustration with McConnell stems from the senator's reluctance to endorse Fletcher during the GOP primary and unwillingness last week to echo Fletcher's opposition to casino gambling, which is the main message of the governor's re-election campaign.

"The reason I have strong feelings about Sen. McConnell is the way he's treated Gov. Fletcher. It's that simple. If he helps Gov. Fletcher in this campaign and doesn't sit down on him over there in Louisville, then he doesn't have a problem with me," Forgy said.

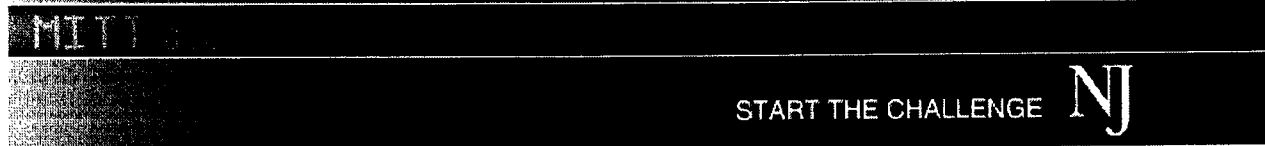
"Harry Reid has nothing to do with this," he added.

McConnell has remained mum on Forgy.

But he is in the middle of a weeklong fund-raising circuit on Fletcher's behalf that includes a Louisville fund-raiser last Thursday and events in Owensboro tonight and Lexington on Tuesday.

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### Vilsack Joins Field Of One

Gov. **Tom Vilsack's** team delivered his formal presidential campaign declaration to the FEC this a.m. He will headquarter his campaign in Des Moines. For eight weeks, Vilsack's small circle of advisers worked to put the logistics in place for a presidential run. They registered the TomVilsack2008.com domain name and obtained a local telephone number ending in 2008. Major staff include:

- **Craig Varoga**, National Campaign Manager
- **Shari Yost-Gold**, National Finance Advisor
- **Michael Hayden**, National Finance Director
- **Cheryl Parker Rose**, Senior Policy Advisor
- **Jeff Link**, Senior Communications Strategist
- **Alice Parker**, Director of Scheduling
- **Dusky Terry**, Iowa State Director
- **Roy Behr**, Behr Communications will serve as media consultant
- **Teresa Vilmain**, Advisor (statement)

Several old Vilsack hands chose not to join his presidential campaign. They include **David Axelrod**, his long-time media consultant. Axelrod is a senior adviser to Sen. **Barack Obama**. Also: pollster **Paul Harstad**, who also includes Obama as a client. Vilsack adviser **Jeff Link**: "The governor has talked to Axelrod and Harstad, and they are interested in what he's doing, but he decided to go with Roy [Behr] and a new pollster." Campaign manager **Craig Varoga** managed several independent expenditures for the Democratic Governors Assoc in '06 and was brought in by the DNC to advise the IA coordinated campaign in '04. Varoga was nat'l field director for ret. Gen. **Wes Clark** in '04 and res. dir. of the '96 Clinton-Gore re-election campaign. B.J. Thornberry, who ran Vilsack's PAC, will serve as an informal adviser to the campaign (*Hotline* reporting, 11/9)

Vilsack's presidential committee starts from scratch. Link said that several major Democratic donors would start to raise money for Vilsack beginning today. A major fundraising event called the "Gala Celebration of American Community" is planned

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The full Vilsack statement: "Americans sent a clear message on Tuesday. They want leaders who will take this country in a new direction. They want leaders who share their values, understand their needs, and respect their intelligence. That's what I've done as Governor of Iowa, and that's what I intend to do as President." More Vilsack: "I couldn't be more honored that my wife, Christie, and our sons, Doug and Jess, are committed to joining my effort to offer the people of America and the Democratic Party my vision for the future of our country as a candidate for President. Over the next several weeks, they and the rest of my team will put together the building blocks needed to run a successful national presidential campaign. I invite all Americans to join with us in working for America's future."

On 11/30, Vilsack licks off a tour through NH, PA, NV and SC. Vilsack was born in Pittsburgh and began his career in Mt. Pleasant.

**Squibs:**

- A CNN/Opinion Research poll shows **John McCain** leading **Hillary Clinton** 48%-47% in a WH '08 matchup. McCain also leads **Barack Obama** 49%-40%, while HRC ties **Rudy Giuliani** 47%-47% (release).
- Meanwhile, HRC "repeatedly refused to answer questions" about '08 (New York Daily News). And MA Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R) released a statement saying: "I'm keeping my eyes on the horizon" (release).  
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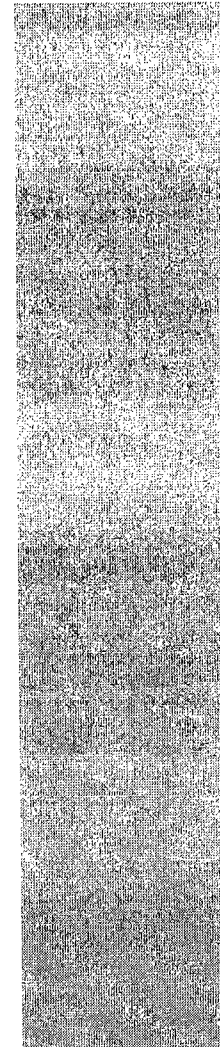
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