



### No justice in license plate debate

A reprint published recently from the Legislative Research Commission has greatly raised my concern about freedom of speech in this state.

Senate Bill 255, sponsored by Sen. Jack Westwood, R-Erlanger, was approved by the Senate, and is now under consideration by the House of Representatives.

The bill would give Kentuckians the option of purchasing license plates with the message "Choose Life," declaring the person's stance in the abortion debate. Money raised from the sale of the plates would help support Kentucky's pregnancy care centers.

Other Senate members opposed the idea of using state resources to promote a political position. I agree. Here's my biggest problem with the issue—members of the Senate voted down a proposed amendment to the legislation that would have made "Choose Choice" license plates available as well.

If Kentuckians are going to be given the option of declaring their stance on abortion using their license plates, how dare lawmakers allow only one side of the issue to be represented?

I hope the House of Representatives has the good sense to about this bill down. My interest lies in the fairness of the issue—either make BOTH sides available, or none at all. There is no justice in giving one side all the power, and the other no voice at all.



This breed of dog is particularly good with children.

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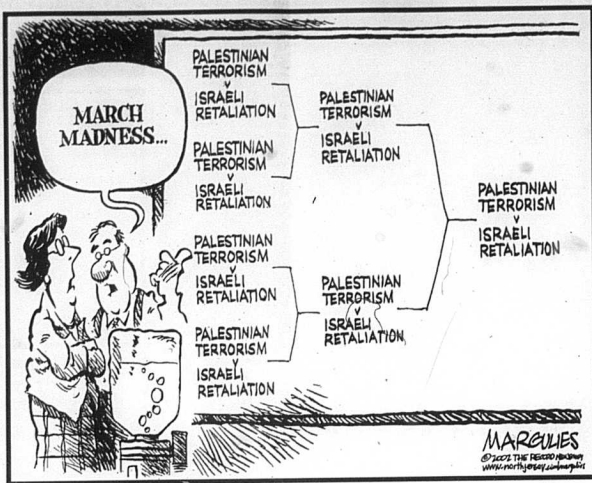
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## Viewpoint



## Commentary

### Tagging along with the ride



Ron Middleton  
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Emergency Services building and talking to some of the volunteers there, I got wind of someone needing to be rescued in the Farmers area.

My reporting instincts kicked in and all I could think was, "Get a picture." After reaching the road, off KY 801, an amphibious National Guard vehicle could only go so far up the road, so a "5-toe" boat unit was brought in, which was piloted by Sgt. Gordon "J.J." Jones. (Rowan County class of '88 is in the house!)

I didn't think I would ever be able to go on the trip with them out into what now appeared to be Farmers Lake, or there was a place to sleep that night if they needed it. Even pets were welcome.

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## ON THE RECORD

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**Betsy Renee White**, arraignment, speeding, STS; fail to produce insurance card, not guilty plea, pretrial conference April 1.

**Angela K. Young**, other hearing, show cause order April 22.

**Patricia Treadway** vs. Jackie L. Treadway, other hearing, show cause order April 22.

**Alan Cordray**, pretrial conference, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, continued to September 9.

**Loren M. Eads**, show cause hearing, credit 40 hours, show cause order for balance April 22.

**Loren Matt Eads**, show cause hearing, 20 hours credit, show cause order for balance April 22.

**Tron M. Edwards**, pretrial conference, speeding, fail to wear seatbelt, license to be in possession, show cause order March 25.

**James Arthur Howard**, pretrial conference, prescription in improper container, dismissed.

**James Arthur Howard**, pretrial conference, carrying/concealing weapon, alcohol intoxication, pretrial conference April 22.

**Tony R. Lutes**, pretrial conference, possession of marijuana, use/possession drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, pretrial conference April 22.

**Tony Malone**, pretrial conference, speeding, guilty plea, STS, show cause order April 22; no insurance, no guilty plea, pretrial conference March 25; fail to notify DOT/ADD, not guilty plea, fail to wear seatbelt, guilty plea, \$25, show cause order April 22.

**Brain E. Martin**, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, operating on suspended license, possession of marijuana, use/possession drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, bench warrant.

**Dwayne I. Martin**, pretrial conference, illegal molest/purse/turkey theft, possession of marijuana, fail to wear seatbelt, operating on suspended license, bench trial.

**Justin C. Delamar**, arraignment, speeding, paid fail to wear seatbelt, paid in full.

**Marvin L. Emmons Jr.**, arraignment, speeding guilty plea, show cause order April 15.

**James Everett Henderson**, arraignment, speeding, paid failure to wear seatbelt, paid in full.

**John R. McGinnis**, arraignment, speeding, arraignment continued April 1.

**Michael A. Puckett**, arraignment, reckless driving, arraignment March 25.

**Jessie James Russell**, arraignment, paid.

**Johanny M. Scott**, arraignment, speeding, paid.

**Archie C. Sears**, arraignment, license to be in possession, proof, dismissed.

**William R. Sheets**, arraignment, speeding, 9 counts of improper passing, failure to appear.

**Brian D. Smith**, arraignment, speeding, guilty plea, show cause order May 6.

**Jonathan Alexander Tapp**, arraignment, speeding, failure to appear.

**Lana Joyce Taylor**, arraignment, fail to notify DOT/ADD, proof, dismissed.

**Damon W. Taylor**, show cause hearing, assault, pay \$230 today, show cause order May 13.

**Jackie L. Treadway**, other hearing, show cause order April 22.

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**Thomas H. Watkins**, preliminary hearing, assault, arraignment, paid.

**Brenda L. Wells**, other hearing, show cause order April 22.

**Nicholas Chad Clark**, arraignment, no tail lamps, repaired, dismissed; fail to wear seatbelt, guilty plea, \$25 and costs, show cause order April 22.

**Steven L. Calburn**, arraignment, speeding, paid in full.

**Justin C. Delamar**, arraignment, speeding, paid fail to wear seatbelt, paid in full.

**Robert Allen Lyons** vs. Melanie Ann Lyons, domestic, final hearing May 1.

**Daryl Eugene Marshall** vs. Beth Elaine Marshall, domestic, final April 3, order to be submitted.

**Arthur Rasmussen** vs. Starla R. Rasmussen, domestic, agreed order to be submitted.

**Misty D. Sparks** vs. Donald R. Sparks, domestic, order fee to be submitted.

**Bruce Buckler**, arraignment, assault, resisting arrest, persistent felony offender, probation violation, review April 1.

**Tina Denise Wafford**, sentencing, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs.

operating vehicle on DUI on suspended license, driving DUI on suspended license, sentencing report April 3.

**Jana Louise Adkins** vs. Jeffrey Wayne Adkins, domestic, contempt hearing April 17, order to be submitted.

**Glenn W. Hatton** vs. Shelley L. Hatton, domestic, to be submitted.

**Alvin Elaine McNabb** vs. Paula Foster McNabb, domestic, contempt hearing April 17, order to be submitted.

**Jaquelyn Renee Bond** vs. James Brian Bond, domestic, agreed order to be submitted.

**Jennifer Jo Busell** vs. Larry Michael Busell, domestic, order to be submitted.

**Sharon M. Estes** vs. Travis Ray Estes, domestic, show cause to be submitted.

**Virginia Stanhope** vs. William H. Farrow, domestic, order.

**Danny Treadway** vs. Christy Treadway, domestic, order.

**Shirley H. Frederick** vs. Michael Dale Frederick, domestic, show cause to be submitted.

**Rhonda Curran Fryman** vs. James C. Fryman, domestic, order.

**Angela Carol Glass** vs. James Bradley Glass, domestic, order.

**Donald R. Gray** vs. Crystal E. Gray, domestic, order.

**Donald Gaunce Jr.** vs. Crystal W. Fryman vs. Christopher W. Fryman, domestic, agreed order to be submitted.

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