

Best Practices honor



**Helen Sims**, Superior Care Home owner-administrator, holds the Kentucky Initiative for Quality Nursing Home Standards' Best Practices Award, presented at Superior on Tuesday. KYIQ board member Nancy Trentham (front left) gave the award to Sims and her staff.

Nursing home receives top award

News nuggets and coffee-shop chatter from Paducah and the area.

Superior Care Home Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has received the Kentucky Initiative for Quality Nursing Home Standards' Best Practices Award.

Nancy Trentham, a board member for the Cold Spring-based independent citizens-advocacy organization known as KYIQ, presented the award Tuesday at Superior. The honor recognizes exemplary practices that are a model for other nursing homes to adopt to enhance quality of care. Criteria include low staff turnover and high staff-patient ratios.

The advocacy group and Kentucky State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program have started a pilot program in which nursing homes help mentor one another with best practices to improve the industry overall.

Mary Ellen Thompson founded Superior in 1972. Her daughter, Helen Sims, and grandson, Michael Sims, now operate the center, twice named the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities' Facility of the Year.

President Barack Obama has nominated David Michaels — who launched an investigation of historical safety and health practices at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant — to lead the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

“He told me he believes confirmation will take place in the next two to three



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and workers together to change the culture on workplace safety, and his emphasis on sound science would lead to common-sense decisions.

Michaels is now a research professor and occupational health authority at George Washington University School of Public Health.

Dwan Bent-Twyford, known as “The Queen of Short Sales,” will make a 90-minute Web presentation at 7 tonight at the Western Kentucky Real Estate Investment Association meeting in the Barkley Lecture Room on the third floor of the Curris Center in Murray.

Bent-Twyford will talk about wholesaling and foreclosure real estate investing. She is considered a leading authority on buying pre-foreclosure properties directly from lenders and also leads popular boot camps for real estate investors.

WKREIA meetings are open to the public. Information: WKREIA President Greg Taylor, 270-761-4289, or wkreia@gmail.com.

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SINGH: Owner backs out of deal to sell Executive Inn for \$300,000

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against Singh and the hotel.

Logan wants to sell the hotel to recover its mortgage, while the convention board claims ownership without cost, contending the hotel has been abandoned and is on its property.

Judge Jeff Hines will hold a hearing Friday on motions for summary judgments.

Logan negotiated with Singh for several months, according to court documents filed Tuesday.

“The reason there were negotiations with Mr. Singh was to avoid litigation and get title to the hotel so we could do upkeep and market it for sale,” said Farmer, adding that the litigation could take a year or more. “The offer was generous. I don’t know why he didn’t take it.”

Singh lives in California and has not returned telephone messages seeking comment.

The court documents include details of the agreement in principle.

Singh would be paid \$300,000 and cleared of his responsibility to pay the \$3.5 million mortgage, \$400,000 in liens and past-due taxes of nearly \$100,000.

In addition, if Logan sold the hotel for more than the

mortgage, debts and related expenses, Singh would receive 50 percent of the excess.

Documents indicate that Singh at one point agreed to the offer.

“I will accept \$300,000” and other conditions that had been agreed to in writing and e-mail messages, Singh said in the June 19 e-mail message.

“I will have my legal counsel arrange a conference telephone call so that we can discuss the definitive terms of our settlement and the balance of the other matters which will need to be addressed in order to complete this matter,” Singh said.

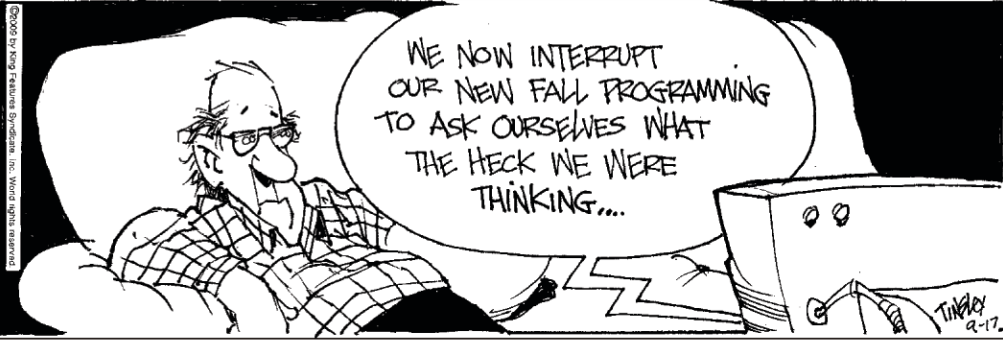
No documents detail the outcome of the negotiations, but Farmer said they couldn’t come to an agreement.

At the same time it was negotiating with Singh, Logan was negotiating to sell the hotel to the city for \$4.3 million, according to court documents.

City Attorney David Denton said there were no negotiations because there were other issues that needed to be resolved.

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