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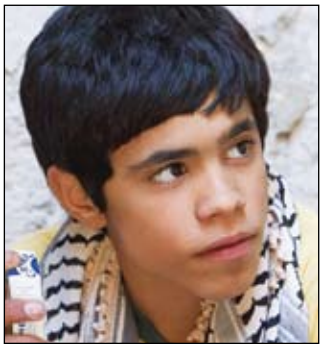
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Dogged Efforts Earns Dividends



Therapy dogs and their owners recently received a \$2,900 check from PetsMart representatives at the El Camino Gardens senior residence in Carmichael. Lend-A-Heart volunteers have been visiting the Carmichael senior residence for over 20 years.

**Story and Photo by
Susan Maxwell Skinner**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The pitter-patter of little paws brightens one Thursday every month for El Camino Gardens residents. Licking a senior's arthritic hand, Willow the Doberman shows her softer side. Poodles strut their stuff and Chihuahuas are shakin' all over.

The pets are part the Lend-A-Heart organization. Volunteers from this group regularly trot their critters around care facilities, schools and libraries to provide creature comfort, education and sound advice.

The group was recently recognized with a \$2,900 grant from the PetsMart Corporation, whose PetsMart Gives Back program rewards groups that enrich lives through the power

of pets. "Their check represents half of our annual budget," enthused Lend-A-Heart President Barbara Street. "It will enable us to forget fundraising for a while and concentrate on growing membership and serving more people who want to see our pets."

Started 26 years ago, the organization began with hospital and senior facility visits and has since spread paws into Read-to-Rover children's literacy programs and to school visits where young people learn about responsible pet ownership

But residents at Carmichael's Atria El Camino Gardens - who have enjoyed therapy animal visits for over 20 years -- remain favorites. "The seniors know all our pets' the names," says Street.

"We arrive to find the ladies dressed up, waiting in the lobby. Everyone has a smile.

Visiting pets are temperament and obedience-tested. When owners put on their red vests, the dogs know they are going out to work. They know to be gentle and sociable. We only have to say 'go visit' and they'll do it." Sometimes seniors are lonely or anxious. Petting animals and talking to handlers takes their minds off worries and brings back memories of animals they once loved."

Says El Camino Gardens manager Staci Weisz: "Our residents love the visits. When we say the dogs are coming, their faces light up. We allow residents to have cats and dogs but some can't care for pets any more. Animal visitors let our seniors keep relating to wonderful, giving creatures."

For information on the Lend-A-Heart Program, visit www.lendaheart.org ★

**American
Heritage Day
Event Set
at Mt. Vernon**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Mount Vernon Memorial Park - 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks, Ca. will host it's 12th Annual American Heritage Day event on February 17th, 2014, Presidents Day Holiday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, with indoor & and outdoor displays. The event is free to the public and will be your opportunity to see history come alive. Great fun for families and children of all ages as they visit with American Revolution and Civil War soldiers, George and Martha Washington, The Mountain Men, and Sierra Ghost Riders.

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New Study Details Depth of California's Affordable Home Crisis

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Housing Partnership Corporation released a report February 11th that shows California's private housing market is not providing an adequate number of homes affordable to low- and moderate-income households and calls on California's legislators to take immediate action to meet the housing needs of California's lowest-income residents.

Contrary to common belief, the study "How California's Housing Market Is Failing to

Meet the Needs of Low-Income Families," finds that the housing bubble burst and the ensuing foreclosure crisis have not made housing more affordable to lower-income households. In fact, rents were higher in 2012 than they were at the height of the housing boom in 2006 in nearly all metro areas. One million low-income households in California do not have access to an affordable home, and not one county or legislative district in the state has an adequate supply of homes affordable to extremely low-income households, those earning

30 percent or less of their metro area's median household income. More than fifty percent of extremely low-income households are elderly or disabled and living on a fixed income.

In the past five years, 79 percent of state and federal investment in affordable homes has disappeared. The elimination of Redevelopment funding in 2012 and the exhaustion of state housing bonds funded by Propositions 46 and 1C, has meant the loss of more than \$1 billion per year in state investment that is critical to spur the production and pres-

ervation of affordable homes. Combined with reductions in federal funds, investment in affordable homes in California has been reduced by more than \$1.5 billion annually.

The California Housing Partnership Corporation calls on state leaders to implement policies in three key areas. Area 1: **Replace exhausted state housing bonds** by passing the Homes and Jobs Act (SB 391) and by making an immediate general fund investment to the state's existing rental housing production program. Area 2:

Strengthen local jurisdictions' tools for building and preserving affordable homes by taking three important steps: **Lower the threshold** for voter approval of local infrastructure measures, including affordable homes, to 55 percent, as it is with education bonds; **create a new tax increment** financing mechanism that gives local governments the ability to fund the development of basic infrastructure including transportation, housing and parks; and **allow local jurisdictions** to require the inclusion of a

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Winners recognized for the 2014 "Carmichael Water Wise Art Contest"

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fourteen Barrett Middle School students have been selected as winners of the eighth annual Carmichael Water Wise Art Contest. These students were among over 200 others who submitted artwork for the competition, which promotes the arts, encourages creative expression, and the responsible use of water.

The art contest was created with the support of Carmichael Water District and the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael. The goal of the art contest is to engage the students in educating the Carmichael community about the importance of water efficiency. The student's artwork has since been turned into a calendar that Barrett Middle School



will sell to benefit their school programs. The resulting calendar conveys a youthful view of the value of protecting this great

natural resource. On January 27, 2014 an awards ceremony was held at Carmichael Water District to

celebrate the contest winners and their vision. Representatives from the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael, Barrett Middle

School, and Carmichael Water District presented the winning students with gift certificates and poster sized copies of their artwork. ★

Contest Winners:
Annie Kudilil Grade: 7 - Grand Prize Winner

Nick Rees Grade: 8
Ashlee Charnow Grade: 6
Inna Maystrenko Grade: 7



Trevor Brouhns Grade: 8
Bissan Elqut Grade: 7
Valerie Fonseca Grade: 8
Rafael Noriega Grade: 8
Madeline Wade Grade: 7
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Pedestrian Struck and Killed in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- On February 9, 2014 at approximately 9:25 p.m., Alejandro Adams-Zuniga, a 20 year old from Sacramento County was walking on El Camino Avenue west of Morse Avenue and stopped in the two-way left hand turn lane. Kyle Brennan, a 20 year old from Sacramento was driving a blue 2006 Dodge 2500 pickup on eastbound El Camino Avenue in the #1 lane at approximately 40 mph approaching the Morse Avenue. Brennan turned his vehicle into the twoway left hand turn lane and failed to observe Adams-Zuniga standing in the roadway. Adams-Zuniga was struck by the Dodge and thrown into the #1 lane of westbound El Camino Avenue.

Andrew Delavergne, a 34 year old from Sacramento was driving a white 2012 Toyota Prius on westbound El Camino Avenue in



the #1 lane approaching the location of where Adams-Zuniga was located. Delavergne was unable to stop his vehicle prior to striking Adams-Zuniga.

Adams-Zuniga sustained fatal injuries at the scene. Both Brennan and Delavergne were not injured in this collision. At the time of the collision, the roadway was wet and it was raining. Brennan was determined to be under the influence of drugs and was arrested at the scene. He

was booked into the Sacramento County Jail and charged with 23152(a) vc-DUI. This collision is still under investigation.

Any additional information about this news release should contact Officer Dutton who will be available at the CHP North Sacramento Area business phone number of (916) 338-6710,

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College Students Making the Grade

Local Students Named to Dean's List at Loyola Marymount University

LOS ANGELES, CA (READMEDIA) (MPG) - Loyola Marymount University has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester. Among them are several local students: Connor Bethel, of Carmichael, Jessica English, of Carmichael, Francesca Karkoski, of Carmichael, Morgan Penney, of Carmichael and Adrianna Sosa, of Carmichael

Students named to the Dean's list have completed 15 semester hours at LMU and earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better. Additionally, a student must have completed all of his or her courses and never received an F in any course.

About Loyola Marymount University - Located between the Pacific Ocean and downtown Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University is a comprehensive university offering 60 major programs, 36 master's degrees and a doctoral degree in education from four colleges, two schools and Loyola Law School. Founded in 1911, LMU is ranked third in "Best Regional Universities/West" by U.S. News & World Report.

Local Resident Named to Worcester Polytechnic Institute's Fall 2013 Dean's List

WORCESTER, MA (READMEDIA) (MPG) - Worcester Polytechnic

Institute (WPI) has announced that Fiona Ogren of Carmichael, Calif., a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2013 semester.

A total of 1,303 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's fall 2013 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are remarkably rigorous, so being named to the Dean's List is a testament to hard work, a sharp mind, and a commitment to excellence," said Provost Eric Overstrom. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to learn subjects ranging from engineering to science to business and the humanities, and through our innovative project-based curriculum they conduct professional-level research and solve important problems all over the world.

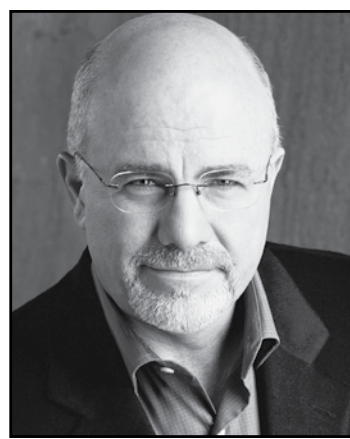
Founded in 1865 in Worcester, Mass., WPI is one of the nation's first engineering and technology universities. Its 14 academic departments offer more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts, leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. ★

Local Students Named to Dean's List at Creighton University

OMAHA, NE (READMEDIA) (MPG) - Full-time students who rank in the top 10 percent of their class for the semester and earn a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List at Creighton University.

The following students from your area were named to Creighton University's fall 2013 Dean's List: Daniel Diaz, of Antelope, a senior in the Heider College of Business, Bianca De Sousa, of Carmichael, a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, Eloise-Lucile Huneidi, of Carmichael, a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, Daniel Osborn, of Carmichael, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences and Gregory Pon, of Carmichael, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences

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- Dave

Do Fewer Dumb Things

Dear Dave,

My parents co-signed on government loans so I could go to college. Would my forbearance or non-payment affect their credit if I don't pay?

- Tiffany

Dear Tiffany,

Yes, it would. I'm not trying to lay a guilt trip on you, kiddo, but you'll be trashing your mom and dad's credit if you don't pay the bills on time. If they co-signed for you, they'll start getting phone calls, too, if you don't do the right thing and pay back these loans.

The truth is, your mom and dad shouldn't have co-signed for you in the first place. There's only one reason lenders want a co-signer, and that's because they're afraid the person taking out the loan won't be able to pay back what's owed.

My goal here isn't to beat

you up, Tiffany. It's to give you information that you—and your parents—need in order to make different, smarter decisions in the future. We all do dumb things sometimes. In the past, I did some really dumb things with very large numbers attached. The goal is to grow, learn, and try to use what we learn in order to do fewer dumb things in the future.

- Dave

Where to Save?

Dear Dave,

I'm 26, and I just started a new job making \$50,000. I've also been offered a 401(k) with no match. Should I put money into the 401(k) or open a high-yield CD?

- Crystal

Dear Crystal,

I've got another idea. I'd open a Roth IRA with good growth stock mutual funds inside and fund it up to \$5,500 a year. Make sure these mutual funds have been open at least five years—preferably 10 years or more—and have performed well. Mathematically, this investment, growing tax-free, will be superior to a non-matching 401(k).

Then, if you want to invest more than \$5,500, you could put some additional money into the 401(k) offered by your company. Again, make sure you're invested in good growth stock mutual funds with long, successful track records.

Congratulations, Crystal. And good luck!

- Dave

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V101 Names Pacey Williams Afternoon Drive Host

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Williams has been named V101, The Beat of Sacramento, announced today that Pacey

Williams has been named Afternoon Drive Host, effective immediately. Williams will host

weekday afternoons from 3-7:00 p.m. PST.

Williams, a native of Northern California, began his radio career in San Diego working with the Jeff & Jer Morning Show. After making stops in Bakersfield, Atlanta and San Francisco as an on-air host, Williams served as Producer of the morning show at KMEL in San Francisco.

"Pacey's energy and passion for music is a great addition to the talent line-up on V101 and a true reflection of The Beat of Sacramento," said Steve Weed, Operations Manager, Clear Channel Media and Entertainment Sacramento.

"I've always loved Sacramento and I'm excited to join the V101 team," said Williams. "I wouldn't be here without the experience I had at KMEL and will take that with me to V101 to entertain listeners in the afternoon."

Fans can listen to V101, via the station's website, www.V101fm.com as well as on iHeartRadio, Clear Channel's all-in-one digital radio service. iHeartRadio delivers everything listeners want in one free, fully-integrated service: instant access to more than 1,500 of the nation's most popular live broadcast and digital-only radio stations from 150 cities, plus user-created custom stations inspired by favorite artists and songs.

iHeartRadio also offers listeners a "Perfect For" feature which allows users to choose from thousands of curated stations based on a range of moods and activities.

New iHeartRadio Talk feature offers on-demand listener-created talk content alongside popular news, celebrity and entertainment "audiosodes." iHeartRadio Talk also features "Daily Pulse," a customizable Talk channel featuring the most up-to-date news and culture highlights, to which users can add or remove content that is most important to them. ★

Source: Clear Channel

Governor Brown's Early Release Plan Approved by the Three-Judge Federal Court

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- State Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Gerber), former Chair of the California Board of Prison Terms, issued the following statement today regarding the Three-Judge Panel Court Order:

"This court order is tragic; it turns our justice system upside down.

"The Three-Judge Panel is granting the Governor's request authorizing early release of felons sentenced under the voter-approved Three Strikes Law, and provides for accelerating the

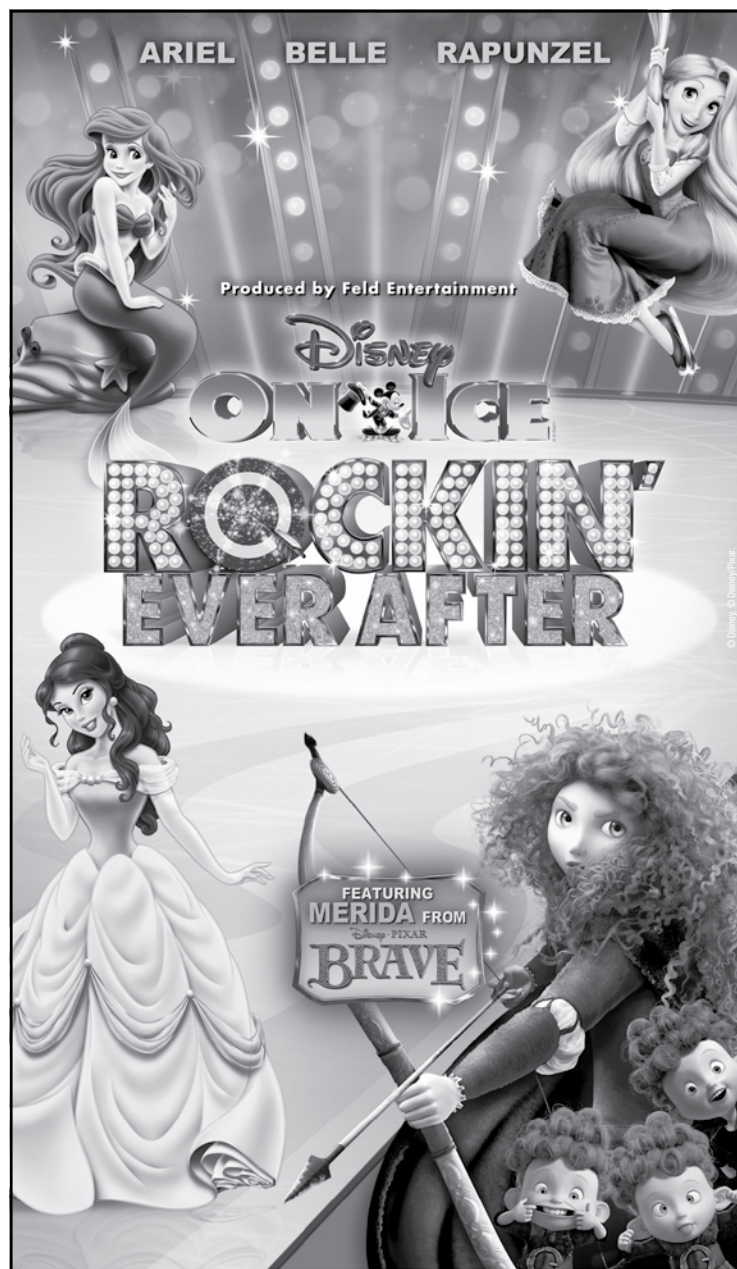
release of 'lifers' including convicted murders and kidnappers.

"Both the court and the Brown administration are complicit in the creation of this disastrous new system that will result in the early release of many serious and violent inmates. It is even more troubling that these are the exact inmates that the Brown administration and Legislature deemed too dangerous to be 'realigned' to local communities just two years ago.

"Once released, these dangerous felons will threaten our

local communities, where residents are already suffering from increased crime and where police agencies are overburdened." ★

Senator Jim Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity and Yuba. To contact Senator Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov.



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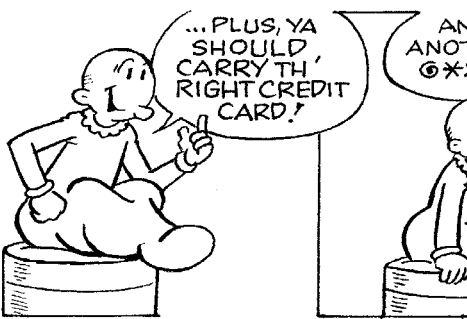
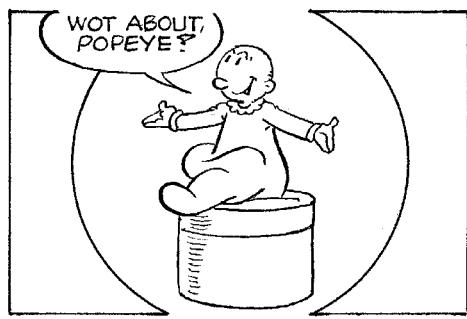
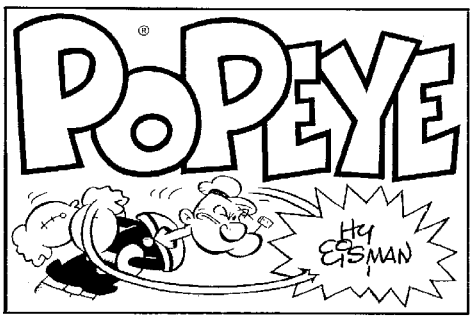
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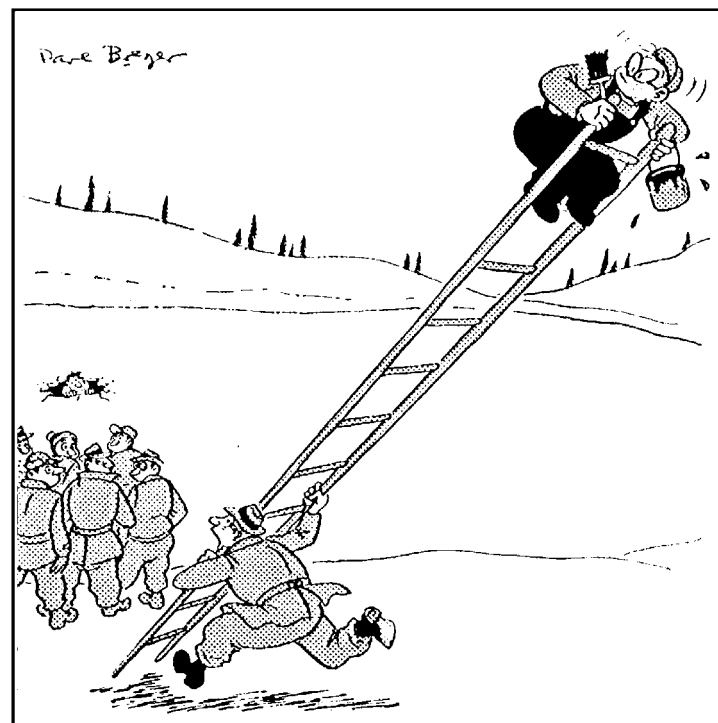


HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"We'll have to leave by eleven—he runs out of charm about then."

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Business Trends

Put The Cloud To Work For Your Business

(NAPSA)—Small business owners across the country are increasingly taking advantage of “cloud computing”—technology that allows them to store files securely and access them remotely. With no hardware to install or maintain, cloud computing is an easy and efficient way to back up and safeguard computers, external hard drives and network attached storage (NAS) devices. However, many small business owners are missing out on the benefits of the cloud, and may also be sacrificing the profits that can come with this upgrade.



Cloud computing can help your business save time, trouble and money.

devices, including laptops, smart-phones and tablets.

Get a meeting room

Many small business owners know the feeling of scrambling to find a coffee shop with enough space to hold a quick meeting. OfficeMax now works with Regus to provide business customers with access to flexible office space, virtual office services, private meeting rooms by the hour and mobile business lounges to drop into to ensure your needs are covered.

Put real-time collaboration to work

Cloud storage allows businesses to create shared work-spaces for staff. By enabling multiple people to share files from multiple locations, employees can then access, review and work on the same files in real time.

Rest assured with data backup and disaster recovery

If your computer crashes or is stolen, or if the office experiences a fire or burglary, how would your business get back critical data? Cloud storage allows you to easily save, back up, recover and restore all files remotely. An OfficeMax Services Center advisor can provide a tutorial on touch screen technology to help you back up these files while working on a mobile platform.

For additional information about cloud computing and business solutions, visit the new Services Center inside of your local OfficeMax store or visit www.OfficeMax.com/Services.

OfficeMax recently launched OfficeMax Services Centers in all of its stores nationwide to offer specially-tailored services and solutions to small business owners, including online backup from Carbonite and cloud storage from MiMedia. Here are some tips from the OfficeMax Services Center on how to effectively put cloud storage to work for your business.

Protect your business with bank-level security

The cloud provides a safeguarded central location to encrypt and store the most sensitive, confidential materials on enterprise-grade servers, including employee payroll information. In addition to cloud protection, OfficeMax works with Merchant Payroll powered by ADP and Paychex to absorb payroll needs and even file all state and federal taxes.

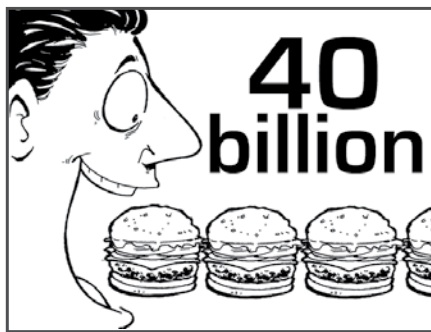
Reduce hardware, paperwork and management costs

Cloud storage offsets the cost of purchasing hard drives or memory upgrades—and who doesn't like saving money? Plans are based on storage space needs and can be customized at any time. Benefits include less equipment to maintain and reduced management costs.

Boost productivity with anytime, anywhere access

In today's competitive marketplace, staying connected means staying in business. It's more important than ever to maximize productivity on the go, wherever you may be. Cloud storage allows the business and its employees to gain access to critical business information across multiple

Did You Know?



It's estimated that Americans consume more than 40 billion hamburgers each year.



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Toucans are found only in tropical areas of Central and South America. Some toucan species have bills more than half as long as their bodies.



Aurochs was a species of large cattle. It is recorded to have gone into extinction in 1627. It is believed that this cattle evolved in India, migrating to the Middle East and reaching as far as Europe.



Overcoming Workplace Bullying

Bullying at work occurs for many of the same reasons it occurs in today's schools: to gain power and to overcome feelings of inferiority, fear or jealousy.

(NAPSA) – We've all heard about the increase in bullying among children, but workplace bullying among adults is also a growing problem. According to recent reports, 35 to 50 percent of U.S. employees say they were bullied in the course of their career.

The Problem

At companies across America, employers and workers are discovering a problem that's bad for morale, bad for their own health and happiness, and bad for the bottom line: workplace bullying.

Some Solutions

What can you do if you're bullied at work? Dr. Colleen Logan, Walden University's program director for the M.S. in Career Counseling program, and an expert in bullying issues, offers some advice:

- **Know the signs.** Workplace bullying can include verbal abuse, threats, gossip, the silent treatment, offensive conduct, humiliation, intimidation, and work interference or sabotage.
- **Be honest with yourself.** It's easy to discount or ignore bullying, thinking you might be reading the situation wrongly, but if you think you're being bullied, you likely are.
- **Set boundaries.** Tell yourself you do not have to stand for this behavior

and will not be victimized. Remain in charge of your values, decisions, behavior and conduct.

• **Get ready to confront the bully.** Mentally prepare to send a clear and consistent message that the bullying needs to stop.

• **Make a formal complaint.** Talk to your boss. Provide specific details about the bullying and how it affects you and your work. If your boss is the bully, talk to a human resources representative.

• **Seek alternative employment.** If your workplace doesn't change, take steps to find a nonhostile work environment where colleagues listen to one another's viewpoint with respect, agree to disagree and move forward.

“Bullying in the workplace is fundamentally wrong. It can cause physical, mental and emotional harm as well as long-term career problems,” says Dr. Logan. “Although no one wants to admit to being the bully or to being bullied, everyone has the right to work in a healthy, nonhostile work environment.”

Learn More

For more information, tips and other resources for victims of bullying and those who witness bullying in the workplace, visit www.WaldenU.edu/bullyprevention.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A straightforward approach to a baffling situation is best. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into an already messy mass of tangles and lies. Deal with it and move on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be discouraged or deterred by a colleague's negative opinion about your ideas. It could actually prove to be helpful when you get around to finalizing your plan.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Ignore that sudden attack of "modesty," and step up to claim the credit you've so rightly earned. Remember: A lot of people are proud of you and want to share in your achievement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial "deal" that

seems to be just right for you Leos and Leonas could be grounded more in gossamer than substance. Get an expert's advice to help you check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't ignore that suddenly cool or even rude attitude from someone close to you. Asking for an explanation could reveal a misunderstanding you were completely unaware of.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Unless you have sound knowledge, and not just an opinion, it's best not to step into a family dispute involving a legal matter, regardless of whom you support. Leave that to the lawyers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An awkward situation presents the usually socially savvy Scorpion with a problem. But a courteous and considerate approach soon helps clear the air and ease communication.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A calmer, less-tense atmosphere prevails through much of the week, allowing you to restore

your energy levels before tackling a new challenge coming up by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your approach to helping with a friend or family member's problem could boomerang unless you take time to explain your method and how and why it (usually!) works.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who gave you a lot of grief might ask for a chance for the two of you to make a fresh start. You need to weigh the sincerity of the request carefully before giving your answer.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Too much fantasizing about an upcoming decision could affect your judgment. Better to make your choices based on what you know now rather than on what you might learn later.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people and helping them live up to their potential.

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COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEW

COUCH THEATER -- DVD PREVIEW

By Sam Struckhoff

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Feb. 17, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK



Abdallah El Akal in "Zaytoun"

"Afternoon Delight" (R) -- Rachel (Kathryn Hahn) is an affluent stay-at-home mom who feels she's not living her life correctly. To rekindle the passion in her marriage (the hubby is Josh Radnor of TV's "How I Met Your Mother"), they have a couple's outing to a local strip club, where Rachel encounters McKenna (Juno Temple) -- an earnest and naive 19-year-old exotic dancer. Rachel becomes fixated on the idea of saving the stripper and adopts her as a live-in nanny.

While the story limps along at times, every scene is full of sincerity and humor. This is Hahn's first leading role -- she's usually playing bit parts in raunchier comedies -- and she shows that her unbridled comedic energy has a warm heart at its core.

"Cal" (1984) (R) - Cal (John Lynch) is a sullen young man -- one of only a few Catholics in a Protestant neighborhood in 1980s Ireland. He hates his job working alongside his father at the slaughterhouse, but losing his job is even worse -- he's recruited by his friends in the IRA to be a getaway driver for cold-blooded murder. Cal finds himself falling for a demure

older woman who works at the library (Helen Mirren). Guilt and love collide when Cal realizes that she is the widow of an IRA victim.

While the opening scene may shock you, the majority of the film is a quiet dramatic study. Mirren delivers an A-plus performance as a woman who truly grows through the film, while Lynch pulls you into Cal's struggle with force.

"Zaytoun" (R) -- Yoni (Stephen Dorff) is an Israeli pilot who crashes in Lebanon in the early 1980s -- a time of heightened street violence and international tension. His only ally is Fahed (Abdallah El Akal), a young Palestinian boy who wants to escape the streets of Beirut and return to his dear homeland. While the two are at odds from the start, their mutual interest in returning to Israel -- for vastly different reasons -- unites them and develops a different relationship.

"Fists of Legend" (1973) (R) -- Don't dismiss this South Korean brawlfest as another choppy, spit-soaked action flick. The director went out of his way to cast dramatic actors and then teach them martial arts. The story follows a reality television show where former prizefighters get back into the ring to refurbish their reputations and settle old scores. The fights are short, visceral and infinitely more plausible than the genre standard. The main character's quest for understanding extends beyond the ring, all the way back to his misremembered teen years.

TV RELEASES

"Game of Thrones: The Complete Third Season"

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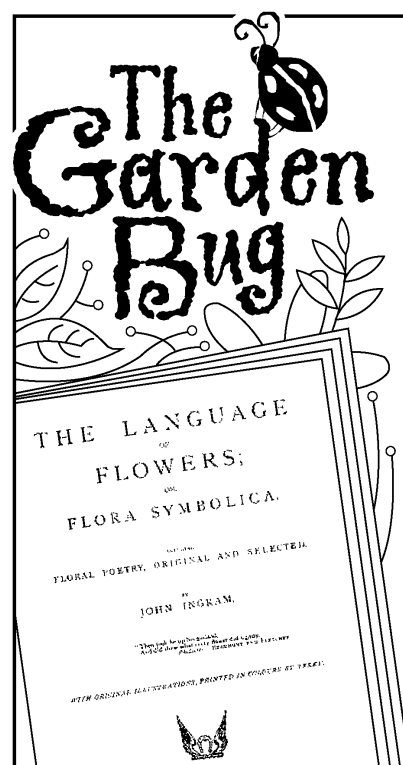
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Thought for the Day: "When I am working on a problem, I never think about beauty. I only think about how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong." — Buckminster Fuller

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Wendy Davis Unplugged

Perhaps the slogan of the Wendy Davis campaign should be that behind every successful woman is a good man. The Texas gubernatorial candidate needs no introduction. Her filibuster of a bill to ban abortion in Texas after 20 weeks made her an instant star for progressives and much of the media -- because few things are as stirring as a principled stand in favor of near-infanticide. Her personal Horatio Alger story also was catnip for the press, thrilled by the trajectory of the former teen mom who lived in a mobile home and eventually earned a law degree at Harvard. Given her enormous wave of positive coverage, it's remarkable that Wendy Davis felt the need to gild the lily, but so she did.

"By 19," her website said, "Wendy was a single mother." Actually, as Wayne Slater of The Dallas Morning News reported, she didn't get divorced from her first husband until age 21. She lived in a mobile home alone for a few months after the two separated, before moving in with her mom and then into her own apartment.

According to her website, she got through school "with the help of academic scholarships and student loans." This is true, but elides the fact that after she married Jeff Davis, a successful lawyer 13 years her senior, he paid for her last two years at Texas Christian University, and cashed in his 401(k) and took out a loan to put her through Harvard.

The marriage eventually hit the rocks. He tells Slater: "It was ironic. I made the last payment, and it was the next day she left." When they divorced, Jeff Davis was awarded parental custody of the kids, rare in Texas.

None of this need necessarily be damning -- in any case, it's not unusual for ambitious politicians to take advantage of supportive spouses -- but it wasn't the story Davis told about herself.

In a profile last month, the "Today" show accompanied her back to the mobile home as if it were taking

Abraham Lincoln back to his log cabin. Of course, there was no visit to, let alone mention of, the "historic home in the Mistletoe Heights neighborhood of Fort Worth" (in Slater's words), where she was living with Jeff Davis by age 24.

When the Abbott campaign naturally seized on the Dallas Morning News story, Davis fumed on Twitter, "These attacks show that Greg Abbott's completely out of touch with the struggles that I faced and so many Texans face."

To suggest that Abbott is unfamiliar with struggle is offensively stupid. When he was a law student in his 20s, he was out jogging when a tree fell on him, shattering his spine. He spent months recovering in the hospital and has been confined to a wheelchair ever since.

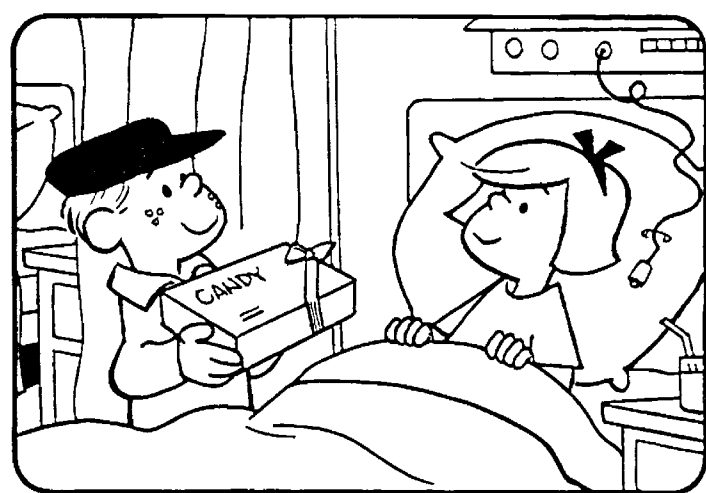
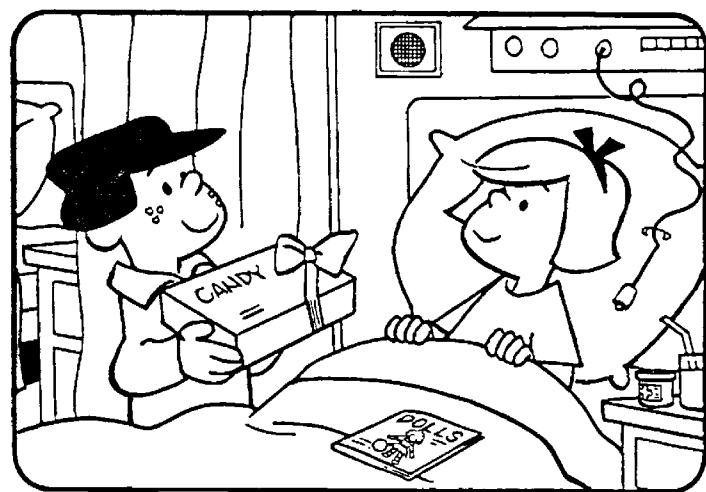
Supporters of Wendy Davis have risen to her defense on the novel theory that it is sexist to demand that a newly minted feminist icon avoid misleading people. For them, all that really matters is her abortion extremism. Everything else is a detail, including her life story.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2013-09896. MJJM, Inc., 9927 Waimea Ln., Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Elk Grove Chevron" at 9603 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 24, 2013. Publish: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2014. ELK GROVE 140202 02-13-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2013-09765. Rodrigo Gutierrez, 6537 Thomas Dr., North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Christina's House Cleaning" at 6537 Thomas Dr., North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 18, 2013. Publish: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2014. CHRISTINA'S 140202 02-13-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2013-08169. FANICA B. SIMS, 3615 6th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "FANICA'S Faithful Services" at 3615 6th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on October 15, 2013. Publish: January 30, February 6, 13, 2014. FANICA'S 140203 02-20-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00653. George Johnson, 735 University Ave., Sacramento, CA 95825 and Lisa Mangels, 2 Brant Ct., Lafayette, CA 94549 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "LEG Investments" at 735 University Ave., Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 23, 2014. Publish: January 30, February 6, 13, 2014. LEG INV 140203 02-20-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00137. Virginia Cannon, 1213 Eastern Ave., Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Cutsie Wear, 1213 Eastern Ave., Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 7, 2014. Publish: January 30, February 6, 13, 2014. CUTSIE 140203 02-20-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00509. Miguel Marin and Estephani Marin, 8149 Port Royale Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "MM Granite & Tile" at 3516 La Grande Ave., No. C, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 21, 2014. Publish: January 30, February 6, 13, 2014. MM GRANITE 140203 02-20-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00931. Melany George, 979 Fulton Ave., No. 496, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Interpreters Association" at 979 Fulton Ave., No. 496, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 26, 2013. Publish: January 30, February 6, 13, 2014. INTERP 140203 02-20-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-000692. John Best Jarvis, 5523 Tierra Garden Ln., Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Brave Men Step Forward" at 5523 Tierra Garden Ln., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 24, 2014. Publish: January 30, February 6, 13, 2014. BRAVE 140203 02-20-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00090. Sara Janee Fargo, 7057 Westchester Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Accountability Bookkeeping" at 7057 Westchester Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 6, 2014. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. ACCT 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2013-09380. Roberta Lepird, 131 Ashwick Loop, Sacramento, CA 95823 and Michael Morris, 4900 Ehrhardt Ave., Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "All The Cart Cafe & Catering" at 2721 Citrus Rd., Ste. C, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 2, 2013. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. ALLTHE 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00729. Malaki Seku-Amen, 2548 Portola Way, Sacramento, CA 95818 and Diana Ramson, 9822 Kapalu Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95624 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Dzign Strategies" at 980 9th St., 18th Fl., Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 27, 2014. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. DZIGN 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00384. Hideo Cardona, 4944 Travertine Cir., Sacramento, CA 95841 and Judy Huynh, 5958 Brooktree Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Eat Me" at 4944 Travertine Cir., Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 15, 2014. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. EATME 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00073. Green Pallet Solutions Worldwide, Inc., 2377 Gold Meadow Way, Ste. 100, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Eco Paktrak" at 2377 Gold Meadow Way, Ste. 100, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 6, 2014. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. ECO 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00725. Fleet LLC, 5337 Fawn Crossing Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Fleet," "Fleet Lux Car" and "Fleet Car" at 5337 Fawn Crossing Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 27, 2014. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. FLEET 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00136. Jace M. Hall, 7319 Sunset Ave., Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Hallways Tackle" at 7319 Sunset Ave., Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 7, 2014, 2013. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. HALL 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00748. Alexei Mitiglo, 4339 Galbraith Dr., No. 545, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "MAA" at 4339 Galbraith Dr., No. 545, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 27, 2014. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. MAA 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00650. Inessa Chemioglio, 8861 Williamson Dr., No. 50, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Lions Gate Real Estate" at 8861 Williamson Dr., No. 50, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 23, 2014. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. LIONS 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00765. Tami Wright, 5920 Moon Rock Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Love At First Bite Cafe" at 7405 Winding Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 28, 2014. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. LOVEAT 140204 02-27-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00907. Debra Bakerjian, 3620 Charring Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "geriHEALTHolutions" at 3620 Charring Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on February 3, 2014. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. GERRI 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00758. Debra Norman, 8121 Prior Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Debbies Clean Sweep" at 8121 Prior Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 28, 2014. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. DEBBIES 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF201400896. Stacy Hayden, 3615 38th St., Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Lift Design Studio" at 3615 38th St., Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on February 3, 2013. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. LUFT 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00872. Mary Ann Baker, 8206 Dutcher Ct., Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Press The Chest" at 8206 Dutcher Ct., Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 31, 2014. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. PRESS 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2013-10016. Geomat A. Jehani, 801 Watt Ave., Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Guideline Construction" at 801 Watt Ave., Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 31, 2013. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. GUIDE 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00873. Sacramento Wine & Nightlife Tours, Inc., 1017 L St., Ste. 580, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "SacTrips" and "SacTrips.Com" at 2572 21st St., Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 31, 2014. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. SACTRIPS 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00649. Ken Law, 20 Pinnacles Cir., Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Star City Softball" at 20 Pinnacles Cir., Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 23, 2014. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. STAR 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-01064. Wendi A. Dickson, 4853 Scotch Ct., Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Freshlook Florist" at 4764 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on February 7, 2014. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. FRESH 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00708. Brian Faucett, 4401 Wyman Dr., Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Revolution Ink Merchandise" at 6834 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 24, 2014. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. REVOL 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00698. Dmitry Serdiuk, 5211 Madison Ave., No. 201, Sacramento, CA 95841 and Nadia Serdiuk, 5324 Hemlock St., No. 224, Sacramento, CA 95841 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Interactive-AD" at 5211 Madison Ave., No. 201, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 24, 2014. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. INTER 140301 03-06-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
#FBNF2014-00796. Robert Bird and Jennifer Bird, 1612 Esplanade Cir., Folsom, CA 95630 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Bird Box" at 1612 Esplanade Cir., Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on January 29, 2014. Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. BIRD 140301 03-06-14

ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE
#FBNF2013-00710.

The following individual has abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OF "Golden Phoenix Cafe," 2805 12th Ave., No. 4, Sacramento, CA 95817; Edward J. Gun, 8128 Port Royale Way, Sacramento, CA 95823.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on January 28, 2013, in the County of Sacramento.

Abandonment filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 18, 2013. Publish: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2014. GOLDEN 140202 02-13-14

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE
#FBNF2008-12337.

The following individual has abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OF "Back2Basics K-9 Training" at 6340 Millwood Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621; Charlotte Pascual, 6340 Millwood Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on December 16, 2008, in the County of Sacramento.

Abandonment filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 24, 2013. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. BACK2 140204 02-27-14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00156236

WHEREAS, Abebech Kolcha Hidoto has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Abebech Kolcha Hidoto to Leah Kolcha Hidoto. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on February 21, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 8, 2014. Raymond I. Cadei Judge of the Superior Court Publish: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2014. HIDOTO 140202 02-13-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00156886

WHEREAS, Abdul Nasir Jan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Abdul Nasir Jan to Nasir Khilji. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 5, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 15, 2014. David I. Brown Judge of the Superior Court Publish: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2014. JAN 140202 02-13-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00156302

WHEREAS, Nectary Teacher has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Nectary Teacher to Nektarios Klostrikis. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on February 26, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 8, 2014. Raymond I. Cadei Judge of the Superior Court Publish: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2014. TEACHER 140202 02-13-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2013-00156701

WHEREAS, Shadiah Shamsid-Deen and Kerry Harris have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the names of Xavier Shamsid-Deen Harris to Xavier Harris and Kaeshaun Rayshad Shamsid-Deen to K'Sean Rayshad Harris. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 7, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 15, 2014. David I. Brown Judge of the Superior Court Publish: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2014. DEEN 140202 02-13-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157055

WHEREAS, Tommy Gerard Lyons II has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Tommy Gerard Lyons II to Lyric Tommi Lyons. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 12, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 22, 2014. David I. Brown Judge of the Superior Court Publish: January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2014. LYONS 140203 02-20-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157046

WHEREAS, Lidia Braga Strohm has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Lidia Braga Strohm to Lidia Maria Dumar Braga Strohm. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 11, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157384

WHEREAS, Joseph Rodney Patrick Carroll has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the names of Joseph Rodney Patrick Carroll too Julia Rae Carroll. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 19, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 29, 2014. Raymond M. Cadei Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. CARROLL 140204 02-27-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157453

WHEREAS, Artemisa Vega Heredia has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Artemisa Vega Heredia to Artemisa Vega De Green. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 20, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 29, 2014. David I. Brown Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. HEREDIA 140204 02-27-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157410

WHEREAS, Michael Iseley and Sabrina Bentley have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Michael Logan Bentley to Michael Logan Iseley. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 19, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 29, 2014. Raymond M. Cadei Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. ISELEY 140204 02-27-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00156703

WHEREAS, Carmen Polk has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Dominic Eugene Polk-Bailey to Dominic Eugene Polk. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 7, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 15, 2014. David I. Brown Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. POLK 140204 02-27-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157083

WHEREAS, Kit J. Syn and Genise Syn have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Dang Van Long to Benjamin Tyger Yin Syn. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 13, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 22, 2014. Raymond M. Cadei Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. SYN 140204 02-27-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157050

WHEREAS, Charles Chau Tran has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Charles Chau Tran to Charles Minh Chau Nguyen. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 11, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157058

WHEREAS, Brenda Zavala Esquivel has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Brenda Zavala Esquivel to Vicente Zavala. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 12, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: January 22, 2014. Raymond M. Cadei Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. ZAVALA 140204 02-27-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157789

WHEREAS, Chizoba Florence Okeke has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Chizoba Florence Okeke to Chizoba Florence Ifeyelobi. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on March 26, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: February 5, 2014. David I. Brown Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. OKEKE 140301 03-06-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2014-00157816

WHEREAS, Jesse Joseph Herbert has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Jesse Joseph Herbert to Jesse Joseph Gebauer. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on March 27, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: February 5, 2014. Raymond M. Cadei Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2014. HERBERT 140301 03-06-14

PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE AND TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
MARY S. THIBAUT (deceased)
ESTATE NO. 34-201400156625

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of MARY S. THIBAUT; aka MARY LOUISE THIBAUT (deceased):

A petition for probate has been filed by AMY THIBAUT in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that AMY THIBAUT be appointed as Executor to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: March 13, 2014, 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. 129, at William R. Ridgeway Family Relations, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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The name and address of the petitioner is: Amy Thibaut, 4700 Storrow Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014. THIBAUT 140413 02-27-14

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The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: William A. Hinz, Esq., Law Offices of William A. Hinz, A.P.C., 110 West Fir Street, Brea, CA 92821

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24:35. If you want to have more stability in your life when you're under stress, then fill your mind with things that never change and things that you can always count on, God's word.

God's plan for you will never change. *"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever."* Psalm 138:8a (NIV). People say, "I made this big mistake. I missed God's plan. I'll just have to settle for second best." There's only one problem with that: You don't

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Life Goes On by Bryan Golden



"Sometimes my mind is like a sponge. Sometimes my mind is like a sieve. It doesn't matter, either way I live."
- Frieda Feldman

Life doesn't always go in the direction we hope for or want. Circumstances vary. Sometimes situations are perfect. At other times they are less than ideal. Although we go through cycles, life always goes on.

It's easy to get caught up with what is happening to you at the moment while losing track of the bigger picture. People get hung up on both large and small issues. The above quote touches on a perfect example.

It's normal to have good and bad days when it comes to memory. Some things are easy to remember, while others are elusive. There is no point to worrying about it. If you are more forgetful than you would like, write those things down you need to remember.

Do you get stressed when you forget something? Although just about everyone does at some point, it accomplishes nothing. If anything, stress impedes your memory because it preoccupies your brain. Whether you have a good memory or not, life goes on. You've got to work with what you have and adjust as necessary.

As the memory example illustrates, regardless of any frustrations you are struggling

with, life does indeed move forward. It doesn't matter how you feel, what your attitude is, or how tired you may be. The earth keeps turning and tomorrow will always arrive.

At times, your circumstances may not be ideal. This may even be the case more often than you prefer. Lamenting any undesirable situations or "bad luck" is a complete waste of time and energy.

You must move forward even if the solution isn't ideal. No one is thrilled when their memory isn't as good as they would like. What's the big deal if you have to write more things down than you used to?

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The incomes of Mary and her husband Fred were lower than they had hoped for. Although they were comfortable, Mary and Fred couldn't afford the bigger apartment and newer car they wanted. Both of them worked hard and were frustrated they couldn't get ahead. To make matters worse, they were

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Mary and Fred realized getting stressed out accomplished nothing. They cultivated an attitude of gratitude for what they had while exploring various options to earn more money. They did what they could with what they had.

Dave was always athletic and loved participating in sports. Now in his 50's, Dave was dismayed he didn't have the same stamina or ability he had in his 20's. Being sedentary wasn't an option for Dave. Dave did what he had to do. He spent more time warming up, didn't play as hard, and gave his body more time to recover. Dave was determined to stay as active as he could.

You have to formulate a strategy to deal with whatever you are facing. You can find a solution, take mitigating steps, change your direction, or remove yourself from the situation. Despite your dilemma, time goes by and life goes on. ★

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Riley Reviews

NOT SO COLOSSAL WARTIME HEIST CAPER FOR "MONUMENTS MEN"

THE MONUMENTS MEN (Rated PG-13)

A Film Review by Tim Riley

Fighting the Nazis to save Western civilization? How can you miss with such easy targets as Adolf Hitler and his uncivilized henchmen embarked on a mission to destroy art treasures that define the very essence of European culture?

Assembling a hardy band of soldiers to go behind enemy lines during World War II should be something like "The Dirty Dozen." The result would have been plenty of high stakes action.

On the other hand, "The Monuments Men," directed by and starring George Clooney, is more like "Ocean's Eleven," yet mostly absent the tension and excitement of a Vegas casino heist caper fraught with peril and fear of failure.

Of course, another slight problem for creating daring wartime exploits is that the experts of the art world are older guys who have the professional background and necessary grounding in cultural affairs that would elude the typical draft-age Army recruit.

Based on Robert M. Edsel's bestselling nonfiction book "The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History," the film is intended to be a true account even though the names of the principal figures are pseudonyms.

Sanctioned by the American

government, as President Roosevelt and General Eisenhower came to understand the importance of saving cultural heritage, a group of middle-aged and out-of-shape art historians, architects and artists was organized.

The answer to saving cultural treasures was the formation of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives (MFAA) group, in which George Clooney's Frank Stokes, a leading art historian at Harvard's Fogg Museum, was a natural leader given his wartime experience in World War I.

Stokes organizes a group of like-minded individuals, who are too old to be drafted or serve voluntarily as soldiers, but since they may come under fire, they have to go through basic training.

Stokes is joined by Matt Damon's art expert James Granger, John Goodman's sculptor Walter Garfield, Bill Murray's architect Richard Campbell, and Jean Dujardin's art dealer Jean Claude Clermont, a French Jew based in Marseilles.

Other members of the group include the colorful Hugh Bonneville's British aristocrat Donald Jeffries, a flawed man seeking a second chance, and Bob Balaban's art historian and theatrical impresario Preston Savitz.

The only real soldier and young person in the MFAA group is Dimitri Leonidas' Sam Epstein, recruited because he speaks German, knows his way around the battlefield, and comes in handy as the driver.

As to be expected from past film outings, Clooney affords his

character and that of Matt Damon several opportunities to engage in playful bantering, even though they remain earnestly serious about the mission.

Damon's Granger gets extra comic mileage with his mangling of the French language, which he apparently learned in Montreal, to the point that no French person wishes to engage him in their native tongue.

The Monuments Men find a valuable, if somewhat wary and skeptical, ally in occupied France with Cate Blanchett's Claire Simone, a curator at the Jeu de Paume museum in Paris, which the Nazis had converted to a warehouse of stolen art works.

Risking her life to secretly catalog the locations of pilfered art, Simone wants to be sure the Allies won't simply keep the recovered masterpieces for their own collections of art.

In the late stages of the war, fearing his own demise and Germany's loss, Hitler issued the so-called Nero Decree that everything the Nazis had amassed was going to be destroyed, so that nothing would fall into the hands of the victors, including the art treasures.

Understanding the implications to civilization, Granger and Simone forge an unusual bond, not a romantic love one, but rather a mutual love of art and culture, along with a passion to save masterpieces for a noble reason.

Not satisfied with being the catalyst behind the Monuments Men mission, Clooney's Stokes also gets the benefit of uttering the most exalted dialogue, sermonizing about the great value in a civilized world of saving art treasures.

"The Monuments Men" arguably could have used more action and excitement, but then this is not a war epic. A sense of urgency to saving the priceless works of art is the film's saving grace. ★

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By Linda Harper, Business Writer

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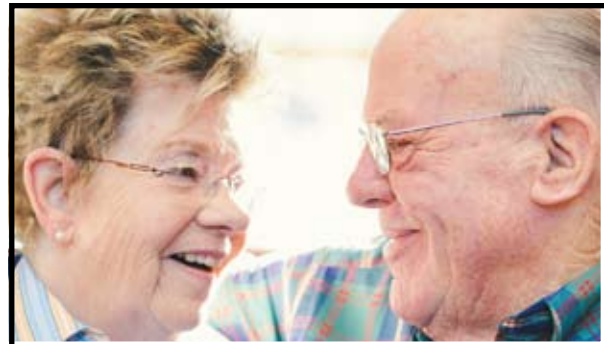
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