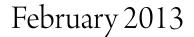
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A Large Settlement for a Local Contractor in Case Involving Historic Palm Springs Racquet Club

A long fought battle in court surrounding the legendary Palm Springs Racquet Club has come to a close with a settlement reached on behalf of the contractor in the sum of \$1,355,000.

The case dates all the way back to 2008 when the property was in the midst of a remodel and the developer lost its financing from Vineyard Bank. When the construction stopped, the general contractor filed both a mechanics lien and stop notice for more than \$700-thousand. When Vineyard Bank went out of business, California Bank & Trust purchased the loan from the FDIC and the case has been tied up in court since then. California Bank & Trust appealed the initial judgment and has now chosen to settle based on the Riverside court of Appeal's tentative opinion in favor of the contractor.

At the trial the court held that the general contractor had filed a proper mechanics lien and stop notice. "The trial was a *continued on page 35*

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How Are Our Hospitals Doing—What Grades Do They Get?

Evaluations by Healthgrades Report to the Nation

According to Healthgrades Report to the Nation, which has evaluatedover 4,500 hospitals nationwide on performance on safety, patient satisfaction and clinical care on nearly 30 of the most common conditions and procedures (such as total knee replacement, pneumonia, heart failure, stroke), only 262 hospitals (the top 5% in the nation) have achieved the Healthgrades Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence Award in 2013.

In order to be eligible for this recognition, a hospital's performance had to have been evaluated in at least 19 of the 27 procedures and conditions cohorts consisting of Medicare in-patient records data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MedPAR) database. There were 137 eligible hospitals in the state of California, of which, only 44 received this award, including two in the Inland Empire.

The two hospitals were Redlands Community Hospital and St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino. Nationally, if all hospitals performed at the level of these hospitals from 2009 through 2011 a total of164,414 lives could have potentially been saved.

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Assemblymember Mike Morrell Selected as Chair of the Inland Southern California Caucus

Assemblymember Mike Morrell announced his newly appointed position as chair of the Inland Southern California Caucus. Senator Bill Emmerson previously held the position and honorably passed the

agenda on. Senator Emmerson nominated Morrell as his successor and he was unanimously supported by those in attendance.

"I consider it a great honor and privilege that my colleagues would nominate and elect me chair of our regional caucus," stated Morrell. "I will continue to work hard to ensure that our region and its unique economic challenges are met responsibly and timely."



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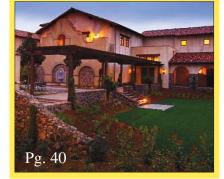
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Legislative Voting Record

On a regular basis, the National Federation of Independent Business, America's leading small business association, tracks the voting records of each member of the state Assembly and Senate. The Voting Record provides a critically important evaluation of a legislator's attitude toward small business.

"The NFIB/CA Voting Record is a great way to determine if our elected leaders have truly aligned their actions with their rhetoric," said NFIB/California Executive Director John Kabateck. "To those legislators who demonstrated their support for the more than three million small businesses in California, we offer our sincere gratitude. For continued on page 19



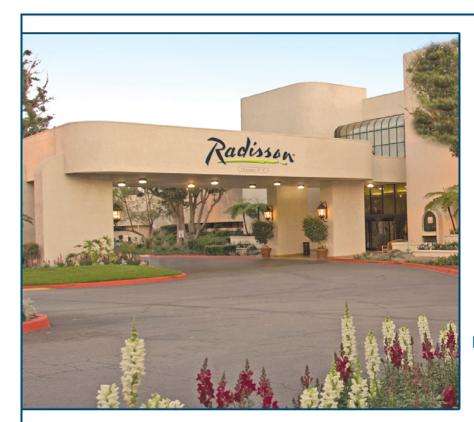
Mike Morrell

Representation in the Inland Empire has grown in proportion to

the rest of the state and partisan ties are more varied within the region than in previous years. Consequently, this transition comes at an unprecedented time. The caucus also unanimously selected Assemblymember Cheryl Brown to serve as vice-chair.

Assemblymember Morrell, R-Rancho Cucamonga, represents the 40th Assembly District in California Legislature, which includes the cities of Redlands, Highland, Loma Linda, and portions of San Bernardino and Rancho Cucamonga.

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Court Ruling Upholds Prop 25, No More Bypassing Contitutional Restraints

A recent ruling by the 3rd District Court of Appeal (DCA) may have an impact on passage of future state budgets. In Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association v. Debra Bowen, Secretary of State and the Legislature, the court considered whether the California Legislature acted unconstitutionally when it approved a budget trailer bill involving Governor Brown's tax initiative.

Because Proposition 30 had already been passed by the voters, it might seem any ruling on the issue would be too late to create any effect. However, the real victory in the decision involves the court's ruling on the meaning of a "budget related bill." In 2010, California voters passed Proposition 25 which required a simple majority vote to pass a budget and urgent budget-related bills, also known as "trailer bills." Trailer bills are substantive changes to state law that implement budget changes, such as reducing social services grants to meet lower state welfare budget funds. The vote approving Proposition 25 altered the previous two-thirds requirement, lowering it to the simple majority to pass these bills. With this change, the Legislature believed it also had the authority to pass so-called "spot bills" as urgency measures in budget packages. These spot bills contain no meaningful bill language and are amended later to achieve their purpose. They create the potential for politicians to bypass other constitutional restraints related to the budget and legislative process. The ruling by the 3rd DCA underscores the fact that the state constitution does not allow the Legislature to pass empty spot bills as part of the budget package to be substantially amended at some later date.

As the decision explains, the majority vote provision of article IV, section 12, subdivision (3), is limited to the budget at the time the budget is passed. The court's holding points out that a "transparent loophole in the budget process" would be created if the Legislature could (1) "identify nothing more than a bill number in the budget bill," and (2) after passage of the budget, then add substance and an appropriation to the spot bill and pass it by majority vote. This loophole would "defeat the electorate's intent" that, to qualify for majority vote passage as a "bill providing for an appropriation related to the budget," the bill must "pinpoint the idea or concept at the time the budget is passed."

According to CalChamber President and CEO Allan Zaremberg, the ruling means that the Legislature is on notice that they cannot game the budget. "If the Legislature overreaches the authority granted by the voters in Proposition 25, the court will set them straight," Zaremberg commented.



Wellpoint 4Q Profits Jump 38% Why Are Health Insurance Premiums Still Rising?

Health insurance giant Wellpoint announced a 38% profit increase in the 4th quarter of 2012, as compared to last year, for a total \$2.7 billion in net profits for 2012. The insurance company continues to pad its profits even as the growth of health care costs remains at record-low levels and the company is forcing double-digit premium increases on consumers and small businesses across the country, said Consumer Watchdog.

"Health insurers are talking out of both sides of their mouths when they preach austerity to their customers in order to raise premiums, then turn around and announce another banner year to shareholders. As federal health reform requires health insurance companies to disclose more and more information online, it will be harder for insurers to say one thing to customers and the opposite to Wall Street. Still, consumers remain unprotected in many states where no one has the power to reject an excessive rate hike, even when company profits exceed projections," said Carmen Balber, executive director of Consumer Watchdog.

New rules from the Department of Health and Human Services have begun to open health insurance companies' books, by requiring insurers to publicly file all proposed rate increases. However, because many states lack the power to require justification and approval of rate hikes, unreasonable rate increases continue to take effect, said Consumer Watchdog. Anthem Blue Cross, Wellpoint's California subsidiary, recently imposed an unreasonable rate hike on more than 250,000 small business customers *continued on page 35*



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EPIC announces acquisition of Homeplace Insurance Brokers

Rapidly growing insurance brokerage expands into Inland Empire

EPIC (Edgewood Partners Insurance Center), a retail property, casualty insurance brokerage and employee benefits consultant, announced it has entered into an agreement to acquire Homeplace Insurance Brokers, Inc.

Established in 1998, Homeplace specializes in the design and oversight of risk management and insurance programs for the transportation, warehousing and logistics industries, with an emphasis in trucking coverages. The privately-held company is owned by founder Judy L. Busam and is located in Ontario.

"The addition of Judy and the Homeplace team is an exciting way to establish EPIC's footprint in the Inland Empire," said EPIC cofounder John Hahn. Judy has built her business on the highest standards of integrity and service excellence making the people and culture at Homeplace an excellent match for EPIC. We are very pleased to have Judy and her team as a part of our talented and dynamic Southern California group."

The Ontario team will report to Dan Ryan, EPIC's managing principal in Orange County. Ryan, who lives in the Inland Empire, will divide his time between his current base in Irvine, and the new EPIC Ontario location.

Adds Ryan, "While we have any number of clients in the Inland Empire, we've long wanted to be a more visible and active part of this community. With the addition *continued on page 33*







COMPUTER COLUMN

The 5th Generation iPod Touch

By J. Allen Leinberger

In the shadow of the iPhone 5 last fall, Apple also introduced a new iPod Touch. The Touch, you may recall, is a sort of cross between the iPod and the iPhone. In fact, the Touch does almost everything that the iPhone does, except make phone calls.

Truth to tell, you can make Wi-Fi calls on the Touch, just not your regular Verizon or AT&T type phone calls. Like its big brother, it grew a few millimeters in its newest edition and it comes in colors. When Apple sent me one for this column, they ask me what color I would like. I chose blue. I thought that would be manly enough.

Wrong. It came in with a baby blue color on the back and the white format in front—ideal for a teenage daughter. Not my style. Note here that is also comes in black, white, pink and yellow.

It is listed as the 5th generation, with a 4-inch Retina display, a 5 MP iSight camera and that smart mouth techno-person, Siri. Apple says it is "engineered for maximum funness." (I wondered if spellcheck would catch that. It did.)

My own iPod Touch arrived a week before the late Steve Jobs added a camera and other details so I found this new unit to be very much like an iPhone. Compared to mine, this new 5th generation was not only taller, it was lighter and thinner. It also comes with a handheld loop that attaches to the device so you can't lose it as often. The loop matched the color of your unit. The Touch also has the dual-core A5 chip for faster speed, which is mostly for those who are into handheld gaming.

The earbuds have been replaced by the new round earpods. They claim to be better, and I must concede that to a degree, they are. They also fit better.

There is one thing that will frustrate many. The old 30-prong plug has been replaced by the new Lightening plug. It is as flat as a USB plug and it appears to have about four contact points. The contact points are on both sides of the flat plug, which means that it will plug in on either side. After some frustration I decided that this must be like the old days of the Scuzzy plug. That was a round multi-pin plus for many attachments to your CPU. We hated to have to deal with the change, but eventually we got used to it, especially as new equipment made the old round plug obsolete. Still many of us have invested in chargers, plug-in devices, portable music players and other pieces that were designed to serve the 30 pin units, including the early iPads. Well here is the good news. There are third party companies, like CableJack who take advantage of the Bluetooth functions to allow the new units to connect to the old clock radio (or whatever).

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HFF ARRANGES \$40 MILLION FOR INLAND EMPIRE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

Lewis Operating Corp has obtained \$40 million in financing for Santa Barbara Apartments, a newly-constructed, 192-unit multihousing community in Rancho Cucamonga. The 15-year, fixed-rate permanent was arranged by Don Curtis of HFF and funded by Prudential Mortgage Capital Company.

Santa Barbara Apartments is located at 10855 Church Street, close to Interstates 10, 15 and 210, and the Ontario International Airport in Rancho Cucamonga, about 40 miles east of Los Angeles. Completed in 2012, the property has 25 residential buildings and is 95 percent leased.

Since 1955, the Lewis Operating Corp. has developed more than 56,000 homes, 10,000 apartments and 14 million square feet of retail, office and industrial space throughout the United States.

140K-SQUARE-FOOT ONTARIO WAREHOUSE PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY SOUTH WEST MEDICAL RESOURCES HOLDINGS

South West Medical Resources Holdings (SWMR) purchased a 140.3k-square-foot warehouse property within Grove Avenue Business Park in the city of Ontario for \$10.35 million (\$74/sf). It is located on 8.11 acres at 1290 Elm Street, just south of Mission Boulevard and Ontario International Airport.

The property features a fully secured yard, six ground-level doors, 15 dock-high doors with load levelers, 30' clear height and T-5 energy efficient lighting. The building was built in 2005 and is minutes from the Ontario International Airport with nearby tenants including Phillips Lighting, Lithonia Lighting, Coastal Pacific Food District, Perma Cool Products, Tyco International, Act Fulfillment Center, and Fender Guitars.

South West Medical Resources Holdings, a full-service medical company that offers a variety of options from installation and repair services to technical support for GE MR, CT and PET/CT, was represented by Jeff Smith and Ryan Lal of Lee's Ontario office. Kush Warehousing, the seller, was repped by Paul Earnhart, Doug Earnhart and Erik Hernandez, also of Lee's Ontario office.

"Because of their rapid growth, SWMR was previously leasing multiple industrial units in Corona," said Ryan Lal. "The warehouse gave SWMR the ability to service multiple portable PET/CT trailers at once as well as having their entire operation under one roof. The building gave them the dock doors and yard area they needed along with the ability to grow their business plan into the balance of the building."

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Affordable Care Act: Proposed Regulations on Employer "Shared Responsibility"

Employer Excise Tax—When Employees Receive Subsidies for Health Insurance on an Exchange

The Treasury Department recently published proposed excise tax regulations under section 4980H of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), which was added to the Code by the Affordable Care Act. These excise taxes, which apply in certain circumstances even to employers that offer health coverage to their employees, are among the more controversial aspects of the Affordable Care Act, perhaps surpassed only by the mandate that practically every individual lawfully in the United States obtain adequate health coverage or pay a penalty. Section 4890H becomes effective for months beginning after Dec. 31, 2013, essentially the same date that health insurance exchanges are to become operative.

As this update explains, the determination of whether a section 4980H excise tax will apply to an employer will be quite complicated for a number of employers, particularly employers that do not have a large, stable workforce. In order to be prepared for 2014, employers should not delay in carefully considering the implications of these proposed regulations and whether the exchanges will be a viable option for their employees.

There are two separate excise taxes, referred to as "assessable payments" in the law, and they apply only to "applicable large employers." One assessable payment applies if an employer sponsoring a group health plan fails to offer its full-time employees and their dependents "minimum essential coverage" and the employer has received a certification from the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") that one or more of the employer's full-time employees has received subsidized health insurance coverage through a "premium tax credit" or a "cost-sharing reduction" in connection with the purchase of insurance on an exchange. The other assessable payment applies even though an employer offers its fulltime employees and their dependents minimum essential coverage under its group health plan if the coverage is "unaffordable" or does not provide "minimum value." In such a situation, the tax applies when the employer receives a certification from HHS that one or more of the employer's full-time employees has received a premium tax credit or cost-sharing reduction in connection with the purchase of health insurance on an exchange.

Before describing how each of these assessable payments is calculated, this update explains the key terms that apply in determining whether an employer may be subject to an assessable payment.

1) The proposed regulations, which were released on Dec. 28, 2012, were published in the Federal Register on Jan. 2, 2013. 78 F.R. 218. Employers may rely on the proposed regulations until final regulations are published, and if the final regulations are more restrictive than the proposed regulations, the final regulations will not be retroactive.

ESTATE PARTNERS FUND I PURCHASES NORCO SELF-STORAGE PROPERTY

A joint venture of Barker Pacific Group (BPG) and Artemis Real Estate Partners Fund I (Artemis) has acquired Global Self Storage in the Inland Empire city of Norco, and will re-launch the facility under its Storage Solutions brand. The 113.4k-square-foot, seven-building complex sits on 4.12 acres and features 908 storage units along with surface parking for boat and RV storage.

The facility is located at 240 Hidden Valley Parkway, in Western Riverside County off of Hwy I-15. Approximately 68 percent of the complex is occupied.

"We are excited to add another

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2) The proposed regulations define the term "Affordable Care Act" to mean the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law No. 111-148), the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law No. 111-152) and the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act (Public Law No. 112-10).

3) The word "exchange" used in this bulletin refers to an American Health Benefit Exchange established by a State pursuant to the Affordable Care Act and, as interpreted by the governmental agencies, to a regional exchange, a subsidiary exchange and a federally facilitated exchange.

4) In this regard, keep in mind that under the Affordable Care Act, states can allow employers with a maximum of 100 employees to purchase health coverage on the exchange for their employees, but states are not required to open exchanges to employers with more than 50 employees. Beginning in 2017, states are permitted, but not required, to open the exchanges to continued on page 11

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MANAGEMENT

How to Reject Bad Ideas ... Without People Rejecting You! By Curt Wang

You're in a meeting when a colleague brings up an idea that you think (or even know) is not so great. For many of us, our first instinct is to shoot the idea down immediately, one way or another, before it gains traction. How often have you suffered through this challenging situation?

When it comes to gaining influence, remember the law of reciprocity. The more you support others, the more they will support you. If you want people to adopt your ideas in the future, you need to be collaborative yourself. You need to support their ideas, or at a minimum, show respect and a willingness to listen before weighing in. Squash a colleague's pet initiative too quickly or be perceived as a naysayer, and you may find that your initiatives will increasingly fail to receive full and fair consideration.

The key to your success is to learn to reject or redirect bad ideas in a thoughtful, positive and more collaborative way. Consider employing one or more of the six tips below:

#1 Pause. Take a deep breath before weighing in. Often, someone else's idea can "hijack" you during a meeting because it poses a threat to your own objectives, goals, priorities or resources. As human beings, we are wired to identify and react immediately to anything that may harm us. By simply pausing, you are allowing your reasoning power to catch up to your emotional response. If you wait until you are fully composed, you will deliver your response in a more thoughtful, reasoned and kind way.

#2 Allow others to weigh in first. Particularly when your gut reaction is negative, suppress the urge to be the first to jump in with your opinion. Why object before you have others' perspective? You may hear a thought that sways your opinion. Or the opposite may happen; someone else brings up the challenges you were going to raise first. Even if you later reinforce the concerns, you are not a lone dissenter. A CFO was tired of always being the bad guy when he had to shut down ideas for which the business case was not sound. He started implementing this technique in leadership team meetings and found that he had to be the naysayer only half as often. Many leaders intentionally weigh in last so that they can hear the opinions of their reports without biasing them first with their own thoughts.

#3 Be curious first; pose questions rather than pass judgment. Ask open-ended questions with an open mind. Make sure the person feels fully heard, and be careful not to take small stabs at the idea in the phrasing of your questions. To quote Steven Covey, "Seek first to understand, then to be understood." Even if you ultimately disagree with or reject the idea, you will be in a much better position to state your objection in a way that acknowledges the idea presenter's point of view. The person will receive the feedback much better if he or she feels that they have been fully heard and understood. Remember how frustrated you felt the last time you presented an idea and it was shut down before you felt you had the chance to fully explain it. #4 Instead of stating why an idea can't be done, state what is required from your perspective to make the idea work. Phrased this way - what needs to be done to make an idea work - your objection to the idea is served up as a problem to be solved rather than a flat rejection. You shift from someone who is saying "no" to someone is giving helpful insights and facts. While you may actually see the challenge you pose as insurcontinued on page 32

HUMAN RESOURCES

Traditional Job Descriptions Don't Attract Top Talent Define Success for Qualified Candidates *By Brad Remillard*

A recent research study identified the 10 biggest mistakes companies make when hiring. The study included over 130 companies ranging in size from Fortune 500 to mid-size privately held organizations, a wide variety of industries, and more than 250 job openings.

The number one hiring mistake made was rather surprising and one rarely even considered by most companies. Yet, this one mistake impacts the whole hiring process, including how candidates are sourced, where to find candidates, compensation, performance management, advertising, position title and what questions should be asked during the interview. Everything seems to go sideways all because most companies fail to properly define the real job.

There are two reasons why traditional job descriptions are ineffective as a hiring tool. The first reason is traditional job descriptions describe the minimum qualifications required for the position such as the minimum duties, tasks and responsibilities. Add to that the minimum education required, minimal years of experience, and minimal skills, plus the endless list of behavioral traits: team player, a good communicator, self-motivated and big thinker. Most job descriptions describe the least qualified person, not the real job. This often leads to hiring the least qualified. The harsh reality is, when you define a job in mediocre terms, odds are you will attract and hire mediocre candidates.

The second reason is traditional job descriptions fail to focus on what defines success in this role. If you want to hire successful people, start by defining success, instead of the person. Most people would agree that a person who simply performs the duties and responsibilities outlined in traditional job descriptions would rarely be considered a success. In fact, most candidates would not last long in a company that is growing and outpacing the competition. Just because the person has the experience listed doesn't mean they can deliver the desired results. Here's the misnomer: past experiences are a good indicator of future performance. Past experience is actually a poor indicator of performance. Past performance is a better indicator, but the best indicator is their ability to deliver results in your company. After all, you are hiring for your company with your culture, your resources, your systems, your budget, your management style and your company's values, not for what they did at a past company.

For example, how many times have you heard someone say: "We're looking for a VP Operations" The reply is, "What are you looking for?" The typical answer is usually, "We need a person with 10 years experience, five years in our industry, team leader, strategic thinker, good communications and an MBA is preferred." This is all about the person and nothing about what defines success in the role or what the person is expected to deliver once they come on board. It is naturally assumed if the person has the experience mentioned, they can deliver the expected results. It is our contention that experience has nothing to do with delivering results. Just because the person was a great VP of Operations at their last company, doesn't mean they are the right VP of Operations for your company.

Instead of using the traditional job description, consider defining success in the role. Do this by creating a list of success factors. Success factors are simply the results you want this person to deliver, in order for you, the hiring man*continued on page 33*

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property to our Storage Solutions portfolio," said Jae Ho, COO of Storage Solutions. "We were

attracted to the property's location, high quality construction and amenities for tenants, and the current property management team that will augment the company."

This is the second property acquired as part of Storage Solutions' strategy. The joint venture purchased this property out of receivership in December 2012. They had previously acquired the King Road Self-Storage facility in San Jose in April of 2012 to relaunch the Storage Solutions brand. Storage Solutions is rebuilding its assets portfolio to offer consumers and businesses a variety of self-storage space and supplies at convenient locations throughout California.

CAPSTONE ADVISORS PICKS UP INDIO RETAIL REO FOR \$115/SF

San Diego-based Capstone Advisors has purchased Heritage Court, a 41.4k-square-foot neighborhood retail center in Indio for \$4.75 million (\$115/sf). To meet the seller's year-end closing requirement, Capstone closed the acquisition within 15 business days.

Shadow-anchored by Walgreens Pharmacy, Heritage Court's current tenant roster includes Anytime Fitness, It's A Grind Coffee, Subway and Fantastic Sam's as well as other restaurant and neighborhood service providers. At full build-out, the center will be approximately 113k square feet including development of the remaining fully entitled pad sites.

Heritage Court was purchased from a financial institution that took control after a foreclosure that concluded in the first half of 2012. The purchase marks Capstone Advisors' third retail acquisition in the Coachella Valley over the past 12 months, and its fourth SoCal REO buy in the past 18 months.

"The acquisition of Heritage Court represents our continuing effort to acquire fundamentally attractive real estate at significant discounts to replacement cost that have been victimized by the economic downturn," said Alex Zikakis, Capstone Advisors' president and CEO. "With nearly a 50 percent vacancy factor and vacant pad sites for a future in-line anchor and hard-corner user, Heritage Court is a 'value-add' opportunity in every sense of the word. We are excited to develop the property *continued on page 15*

FINANCIAL COLUMN

Business Owners and Taxpayers Can Exhale: Relief Act of 2012 Avoids Most of "Fiscal Cliff" Concerns

By William J. "Bill" Cortus, Financial Consultant

The federal legislation to avoid the "fiscal cliff," which is known as the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, has been signed into law. This compromise legislation, while late in its adoption, may allow for an even larger "relief" than had been anticipated...business owners and taxpayers can finally exhale.

The legislation impacts income and estate tax planning issues, some on a "temporary" basis and others "permanently." As we have grown accustomed, our lawmakers use a different dictionary than the general public...i.e. there is no such thing as a "temporary" tax, and even "permanent" tax law changes have limited shelf life when the political wind blows in a different direction.

With regard to tax rates and deductions, the following summary of the provisions included in the bill, was compiled by LSL CPAs with offices in Murrieta, Brea, and San Jose, CA.

Tax rates beginning January 1, 2013

A top rate of 39.6% (up from 35%) will be imposed on individuals making more than \$400,000 a year, \$425,000 for head of household, and \$450,000 for married filing joint.

2% Social Security reduction gone

The 2% social security payroll tax cut was allowed to expire at the end of 2012.

AMT permanently patched

A permanent Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) patch, adjusted for inflation, will be made retroactive to 2012.

Dividends and capital gains

The maximum capital gains tax will rise from 15% to 20% for individuals taxed at the 39.6% rates (those making \$400,000, \$425,000, or \$450,000 depending *continued on page 16*





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Key Terms

Applicable Large Employer

In general, an employer is an "applicable large employer" for a calendar year if the employer employed at least 50 full-time employees in the preceding calendar year. For this purpose, all employers in the same controlled group are considered one employer. For employers that employ well over 50 full-time employees year after year, no calculation will be necessary to determine that the employer is an applicable large employer. For employers that are not clearly "applicable large employers," however, a thicket of detailed rules must be understood and a determination made at least annually as to whether those employers are potentially subject to the excise taxes.

The calculation is based on monthly data and has several steps. First, an employee is considered a full-time employee for a calendar month if the employee had an average at least 30 hours of service during each week of that month. As an alternative, an employer may choose to treat 130 hours of service in a month as the equivalent of 30 hours of service per week in the month. Second, employees who do not have sufficient hours of service to be considered full-time employees are nonetheless taken into account for purposes of determining whether the 50 full-time employees threshold has been crossed by calculating full-time equivalencies (sometimes referred to as "FTEs"). The hours of service for such employees for each calendar month (not exceeding 120 in any month for any such employee) in the preceding calendar year are aggregated and then divided by 120 to determine the number of the employer's FTEs. Third, the number of an employer's full-time employees and FTEs for each calendar month in the preceding calendar year are aggregated and that aggregated number is divided by 12. If the result of this calculation is less than 50, then the employer is not an applicable large employer for the current year. If the result is 50 or more, then the employer is an applicable large employer for the current year, unless the seasonal worker exception described below applies.

For the seasonal worker exception to apply, two conditions must be satisfied: (i) the number of the employer's full-time employees and FTEs in the preceding calendar year exceeded 50 for fewer than 121 days and (ii) the employees in excess of 50 during those days were seasonal workers. The proposed regulations do not define "seasonal worker" and allow an employer to use a reasonable, good faith interpretation of that term. For the purpose of the seasonal worker exception, four calendar months may be substituted for 120 days. Neither the 120 days nor the four calendar months are required to be consecutive.

Minimum Essential Coverage

"Minimum essential coverage" under an employer-sponsored group health plan means coverage under a grand-fathered plan, a governmental plan, or any other plan or coverage offered in the small or large group market within a State. The following so-called

HHS Awards \$1.5 Billion to Support States Building Health

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$1.5 billion in new Exchange Establishment Grants to California, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, and Vermont to ensure these states have the resources necessary to build a marketplace that meets the needs of their residents.

Insurance Marketplaces

The California Health Benefits Exchange was awarded more than \$673 million.

"These states are working to implement the health care law and we continue to support them as they build new affordable insurance marketplaces," Secretary Sebelius said. "Starting in 2014, Americans in all states will have access to quality, affordable health insurance and these grants are helping to make that a reality."

Because of the Affordable Care Act, consumers and small businesses will have access to marketplaces starting in 2014. The marketplaces are one-stop shops that will provide access to quality, affordable private health insurance choices similar to those offered to members of Congress. Consumers in every state will be able to buy insurance from qualified health plans directly through these marketplaces and may be eligible for tax credits to help pay for their health insurance. These marketplaces promote competition among insurance providers and offer consumers more choices.

Delaware, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Vermont received awards for Level One Exchange Establishment Grants, which are one-year grants continued on page 35



"excepted benefits" are not treated as minimum essential coverage:

- Coverage only for accident or disability
- Coverage supplemental to liability insurance
- Liability insurance, including automobile insurance
- Workers' compensation
- Credit-only insurance
- Coverage for on-site medical clinics and
- Other similar insurance specified in regulations that is secondary or incidental to other insurance benefits

Also, coverage for only a specified disease or illness, fixed indemnity insurance, Medicare supcontinued on page 15 plement insurance, limited scope

SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY

A Fool With a Tool is Still a Fool By Michael Menard

Any software you implement in your organization should enable or enhance a business process. Unfortunately, many people mistakenly believe that the software or technology itself is the solution, when in reality, technology is at best 10 percent of the value equation—the other 90 percent is based on the human factor.

Knowing this, it's no wonder 70 percent of technology implementations fail. In other words, seven out of 10 applications that are installed, and that companies spend millions of dollars for the implementation, aren't being used one year later. Talk about wasted resources!

How does this happen? All too often, company or department leaders hear about new software and view it as the "next shiny thing." They call the software provider and say, "We heard you have a great tool and we'd like a demonstration." The software is certainly seductive with its bells and whistles, but its effectiveness and usefulness depend upon the validity of the information going in and how the people actually work with it. Having a tool is great, but remember that a fool with a tool is still a fool (and sometimes a dangerous fool).

So if technology is not the answer, what is? The answer that will really solve organizational challenges and enable business processes consists of three parts that, when done correctly in conjunction, will lead to long lasting results.

1. Get the business process design right before you implement any software.

The first step to a smart technology implementation is to get clear on what information goes in and what analysis comes out, which has nothing to do with software itself. This is called business process design. Unfortunately, many companies fail to align technology with their processes. That's because some companies have no processes, while others have a stated process (the one they talk about) and an emergent process (the one they actually do). So what is a business process and how do you design one?

A process is like a recipe. If you have a great recipe for New York-style cheesecake that calls for folding in three eggs one at a time, yet you decide to blend in all three eggs at once, you'll get a completely different (and probably not very good) end product than if you had followed the directions. Make the recipe again and follow the instructions in the proper order, and your cheesecake will be edible.

If you do anything more than twice in your organization, you should define a process for it. Once you have done so, you should continue to improve upon it. In the absence of a defined and documented process, subsequent actions become experimental. Process design is an investment that's easy to understand. But while the idea of it usually gets an enthusiastic response, actually doing it gets shelved.

BUSINESS SUCCESS

Savvy Entrepreneurs Play by Different Rules in Uncertain Times

Business Expert Offers Tips for Capitalizing on Unpredictability

As we pass the five-year anniversary of the start of the economic recession in December 2007, many observers focus on what was lost:

- 8 million jobs
- 146,000 employer businesses
- 17.5 percent average individual earnings

But the businesses that survived the Great Recession and are thriving today didn't focus on losses then—and they aren't now, says Donna Every, a financial expert who has published three non-fiction business books.

"The entrepreneurs who are successful during times of uncertainty are so because they don't rely on the standard approaches they'd use in predictable times, and they look for opportunities—the positives—in situations that would have been considered negatives five years ago," Every says.

"It's similar to how we deal with the weather. In places where it's sunny most of the summer, we wouldn't leave our house each morning packing coats and umbrellas just in case. The weather's predictable. But in the winter and other seasons when the weather can quickly change, we head out with a different mindset."

For businesses, switching gears to deal with inclement economic conditions involves adopting new perspectives and practices, she says.

"I incorporated some of these in 'The Merger Mogul' because it's set during the recession and my protagonist, the mogul, had to adapt," Every says. "He used many of the strategies I teach my business clients for thriving during economic uncertainty."

What are some of those strategies? Every outlines them:

• Build on what you have, not toward what you want: Instead of setting goals and then seeking out the resources you'll need to meet them, assess what you have available and decide what you can achieve with that. This not only saves you the time and expense of pulling together resources you may not have, it also gives you the advantage of working from your business's individual and unique strengths.

• Follow the Las Vegas rule: Tourists planning a weekend in Las Vegas will often set aside the amount of money they're willing to gamble—and lose—on cards or the slots. That way, they won't lose more than they can afford. During an uncertain economy, entrepreneurs should calculate their risks the same way. Rather than going for the biggest opportunities as you would in prosperous times, look for the opportunities that won't require as much of your resources. Calculate how much you can afford to lose, and always consider the

So prior to any software implementation, map out your business processes and define such things as:

• What do we want from the software?

• How will this software be used on a daily basis in our organization?

- Which business processes will the software affect?
- Who will be using the software?

• Who has the authority to make decisions about the software and the information it produces? *continued on page 32*

worst-case scenario.

• Join hands and hearts: Competition is fine when things are going well, but when times are tough, you need allies. Explore forming partnerships with other entrepreneurs so you can strategize to create opportunities together. With what your partners bring to the table, you'll have more strength and new options to work with.

• Capitalize on the unexpected: Surprises can have positive outcomes if you handle them nimbly by finding ways to use them to your advantage. Instead of planning damage control for the next unexpected contingency, look at it as an opportunity. Get creative as you look for the positives it presents.

• When life is unpredictable,

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12.	Ralph Affaitati Construction 393 W. Athol, Ste. 2 San Bernardino, CA 92401	n WND	WND	OHC Lic. San Bernardino	Industrial/Commercial	GSA, Federal Government	Ralph Affaitati President (909) 889-0131/381-3881
13.	Skanska Construction 1995 Agua Mansa Rd. Riverside, CA 92509	WND	WND WND	WND Riverside	Freeways, Railroads, Flood Control Damage, Streets Subdivision, Grading	Caltrans, Corps of Engineers, S.B., Rivers., Orange, LA Counties, Cities (50), Private(200)	William McGuimo President (951) 684-5360/684-1644 www.yeagerskanska.com
14.	Snyder Langston 17962 Cowan Irvine, CA 92614	WND	WND WND	8 Irvine	Industrial/Commercial, Office, Retail	Toyota Motor Sales, Sundance Spas, Sekisui TA, Corning, Concours, Corporate Center	John Rochford President (949) 863-9200/863-1087 info@snyder-langston.com

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For more information on the Double Eagle Resort and Spa, visit <u>www.double-eagleresort.com</u> or phone 760-648-7004.

Glorietta Bay Inn

When considering a trip to San Diego's Coronado Island, many think first of the famed Hotel del Coronado. Maybe lesser known but just as spectacular in its own way is the Glorietta Bay Inn, where you have the opportunity to stay in a historic San Diego mansion. This one was built by John Dietrich Spreckels, a figure well-known in the city as someone who played a key role in developing San Diego during the late 1800's and after the turn of the century.

The mansion itself is an impressive piece of architecture— Italian Renaissance style, all white, multi-story with dramatic lines. Inside, the wide marble staircase was our pathway to Room 126 the Albright Room, a spacious second-floor with an open, airy feel and views to the yacht harbor, the Coronado Bridge and, in the distance, the mountains east of San Diego. Decorated in a French Country motif, the room featured flowers, tasteful paintings and floral bed quilts with matching drapes. Almost the size of a suite, this room was furnished with classic furniture reproductions befitting the era in which the house was built.

Downstairs, the Glorietta Bay Inn features a music room, with grand piano, in which guests can enjoy their complimentary breakfast of pastries, cereal, breads and juices.

The beach, and the Hotel Del, are just across the street from the Glorietta Bay Inn and it's easy to see that tourists consider this one of the best places anywhere to enjoy those famous California beach vacations. If you follow Orange Avenue just a few steps east, there is the downtown business area, a fun collection of shops and eateries that visitors love to explore.

To learn more about the Glorietta Bay Inn, visit <u>www.gloriet-</u> <u>tabayinn.com</u> or phone (619) 435-3101.

Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn and Spa

Driving into the Fairmont Sonoma is like arriving at your French country estate for the weekend. The ambience and grandeur just make this seem like a larger-than-life experience as you make your way into the circular driveway and are immediately greeted by the helpful hotel valet. You notice at once that the grounds of this stately hotel have been impeccably manicured, not a blade of grass out of place. Walkways weave around the main inn and into the forest behind the inn where the hotel has dozens of stylish new suites.

Built in the style of a mission in 1926, the hotel has a rich history of beckoning travelers even before the present structure was built. The inn's Mission-style architecture has been maintained, but

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enhanced. Rustic woods and wrought iron are used in the restored lobby to fit in with the feel of the surrounding wine country. French antiques adorn the lobby. Just outside the lobby a three-tier circular fountain is the centerpiece of the entrance plaza and looks like something you would find in Rome.

We stayed in a suite that was tastefully decorated with furniture featuring the most stylish fabrics, carefully color-coordinated to look like a scene out of *Architectural Digest*.

One reason the Fairmont has long been popular with travelers is the natural hot springs that provides thermal mineral water for soaking. This goes hand in hand with the spa services offered at the resort—more than 50 such treat*continued on page 33* Disk or Digital Download for \$75.00 Call (909) 605-8800 or visit www.busjournal.com

Affordable Care... dental and vision benefits, longterm care and other similar limited continued from pg. 11 benefits specified in regulations are excepted benefits if they are offered under a separate policy or certificate.

Although the Treasury has not yet proposed regulations defining "minimum essential coverage," the Treasury is likely to be mindful of the Affordable Care Act's description of a very similar term-"essential health benefits," which must be included in health plans offered on the exchanges. The Act directs HHS to define essential health benefits and provides that the scope of such benefits is to be equal to the benefits provided under a typical employer plan. The Act also provides that essential health benefits must at least include:

- Ambulatory patient services
- Emergency services
- Hospitalization
- Maternity and newborn care
- Mental health and substance use disorder services
- Prescription drugs
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services

Laboratory services, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management

Pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

Premium Tax Credit

Individuals whose household income is at least equal to 100% of the federal poverty line but not more than 400% of the federal poverty line for a family of the same size are eligible for a tax credit to help them afford the purchase of health coverage on an exchange. Individuals who qualify for the credit will be required to pay only a percentage of the cost of the premium. The percentage is small for those at the lowest income levels and increases modestly as an individual's household income increases. For 2014, the least that such an individual would be required to pay will be 2% of the premium and the most will be 9.5%. The remainder of the premium is the amount of the refundable premium tax credit. The refundable premium tax credit is payable monthly in advance to the insurer, and any difference in what is paid to the insurer and the amount of the annual credit to which an individual is entitled is accounted for in the individual's federal tax return (either as a refundable credit or an amount owed by the individual to the government).

Cost-Sharing Reduction

The Affordable Care Act requires insurers offering health insurance on an exchange to reduce the maximum out-of-pocket limit on essential health benefits for individuals with household incomes that exceed 100%, but not 400%, of the federal poverty line for the family size involved.

Minimum Value

A group health plan provides "minimum value" if the plan's share of the cost of benefits is at least 60% of the total cost of plan benefits. HHS has issued proposed regulations addressing how minimum value is to be determined. The Treasury Department intends to publish additional guidance on how to determine minimum value.

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to its full potential."

The property, built in 2006, is located at the heavily trafficked intersection of Fred Waring Drive and Jefferson Street in north Indio. With nearly 45,000 vehicles per day, the intersection is among the busiest in the valley. Providing further benefit to the center is the limited amount of retail competition in the immediate area that is home to a sizable residential population.

"This project is a well-built and well-located shopping center that has suffered from unfortunate market timing," said Zikakis. "We now have the opportunity to aggressively execute our business plan as we help this retail center become a more valuable asset to the north Indio community."

La Jolla-based Silvergate Bank provided financing for the transaction. Maggie Montez and Shawna Strange of Lee & Associates' Desert Cities office will handle leasing duties for the new owner.

OWNER/USER CLOSES \$28 MILLION PURCHASE OF POMONA DISTRIBUTION CENTER

A Fontana-based furniture manufacturer and importer has purchased a 355.2k-square-foot distribution center in Pomona for its new West Coast distribution center. The property, located at 1388 W. Holt Avenue, south of I-10 and east of the 57 Freeway, sold for \$28.4 million, or about \$80/sf.

The buyer, CMC Dragon LP, will occupy 80 percent of the building for its operations after relocating from Fontana, and will lease the remaining 20 percent to Nina Footwear, a New York-based shoe company which is an existing tenant in the building.

Brian McLoughlin and David Fults of Voit Real Estate Services' Greater Los Angeles office represented CMC Dragon in the transaction. Frank Geraci, Walt Chenoweth, Juan Gutierrez, and Patrick Wood of Voit's Inland Empire office repped the seller, CH Realty III.

CT REALTY DEVELOPING AN ICON-IC BUILDING

CT Realty Investors has begun construction on a 600k-squarefoot, dock-high distribution building in Beaumont for ICON Health & Fitness Inc. The building is situated on just over 30 acres at 630 Nicholas Road, and sits adjacent to two existing buildings, totaling 572k square feet, also owned by CT and sitting on about 26 acres. When the ICON building is completed, the three-building project will total 1.17 million square feet on 56.5 acres.

The new structure is being constructed specifically for ICON, which will occupy the building in October 2013 as a distribution center. ICON, owner of NordicTrack, Pro-Form, Weider, Healthrider and other major fitness brands, is headquartered in Logan, Utah, and currently operates a 400k-square-foot distribution facility in Redlands, and a 600k-square-foot distribution building in Savannah, GA. The Beaumont building will feature 91 dock-high truck doors, 32-foot clear height, ESFR sprinklers and other amenities.

Affordability

Coverage under an employer-sponsored plan is considered "affordable" if a full-time employee's required contribution for selfonly coverage does not exceed 9.5% of the employee's household income for the year. Because it is unlikely that an employer would know its employees' household incomes, the Internal Revenue Service has provided that an continued on page 31

CT and ICON executed an eight-year lease for the property in a transaction valued at more than \$16 million. KPRS Construction Services Inc of Brea built the first two buildings at the project and was selected as the general contractor for the ICON building with Bank of America participating as construction lender.

With nearly 2,000 employees and multiple locations around the globe, ICON Health & Fitness is the largest developer, manufacturer and marketer of fitness equipment in the world. The company has been an innovation leader in the fitness industry since 1977.

ICON's "first in fitness" mission has resulted in state-of-the-art equipment for more than three decades, and no other company provides a more complete range of continued on page 28

Business Owners.. on filing status, as noted above).

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Itemized deduction and per-

sonal exemption phase-outs

The Pease itemized deduction phase-out is reinstated, and personal exemption phase-out will be reinstated, but with different AGI starting thresholds (adjusted for inflation): \$300,000 for married filing joint, \$275,000 for head of household, and \$250,000 for single.

Personal tax credits

The Child Tax Credit, the enhanced Earned Income Tax Credit, and the enhanced American Opportunity Tax Credit will all be extended through 2017.

Other personal deductions and exclusions

The following deductions and exclusions are extended through 2013:

- Discharge of qualified principal residence exclusion;
- \$250 above-the-line teacher deduction;
- Mortgage insurance premiums treated as residence interest;
- Deduction for state and local sales taxes;
- Above-the-line deduction for qualified tuition ; and

• IRA-to-charity exclusion (plus special provisions allowing transfers made in January 2013 to be treated as made in 2012).

Business provisions

• The Research Credit, among others, will be extended through 2013;

• 15-year depreciation and \$179 expensing allowed on qualified real property through 2013;

- Work Opportunity Credit extended through 2013;
- Bonus depreciation extended through 2013; and

• The §179 deduction limitation is \$500,000 for 2012 and 2013.

With regard to the estate tax, it is good news, according to estate planning attorney Peter Wakeman of the Wakeman Law Group in Simi Valley, California. The estate and gift tax laws will remain unchanged, with the exception that the maximum tax rate is increased from 35% to 40%.

In summary, here is how the law stands for 2013 and going forward:

1. The estate tax exemption, gift tax exemption, and generation skipping tax exemption remain at \$5 million, indexed for inflation. The 2012 indexed exemption was \$5,120,000, and it will be increased again for 2013. The amount of the increased exemption will be known in late January. This means that a single individual can either gift during lifetime or pass tax free at death at least \$5,120,000 of assets. Any amount in excess of \$5,120,000 will be taxed at 40%. For a married couple, this means a combined exemption of at least \$10,240,000.



Education and Proposition 30: Did they follow through on their promise to fund education?

When California's voters said "yes" to Proposition 30 last November, they sent Sacramento the message that they wanted to shield our students from further budget cuts and costly tuition increases. But with Proposition 30 now law; will the Legislature respect the people's will?

The truth is that there was no specific language in Prop. 30 to guarantee that new tax revenue would go to California's public colleges and universities. Despite what supporters of the initiative said to students and their families, the Legislature can use a significant part of these new taxes in areas other than our schools. In fact, the governor's proposed budget targets education just as much as recent years.

Despite very generous revenues gifted to education by the public under Prop. 30 (\$6.25 billion), the governor's proposal doesn't even give half of that to K-12 education and guarantees nothing to the UC and CSU. This funding must go to our students as intended, not to any other program or special inter*continued on page 26*



2. The concept of "portability" is retained. This means that when one spouse dies, if his or her estate does not fully utilize the \$5.12 million estate tax exemption, any remaining exemption will be available for use in the surviving spouse's estate. There are specific requirements to be eligible for portability, including the filing of an estate tax return for the first spouse's estate.

3. The stepped up cost basis remains so that upon death any appreciated assets get a new cost basis based on the date of death value of the asset.

4. The ability to discount assets owned within family businesses, including family corporations, family limited partnerships, and family limited liability companies *continued on page 26*

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run it through. Best of the old, best of the new. Somehow it works.

> But, of course, just because something works doesn't mean that Apple will not replace it soon. One website reports that there is speculation that the Touch will have a new modi-

fies model coming out sometime later this summer.

The rumors continue that the Touch, like the newly designed iPhone 5S will have other features like a fingerprint I.D. function. We have discussed this in earlier columns here. Fingerprints or retina scan will eventually replace passwords. The good news is nobody else can open your unit. The bad news is parents will not be able to monitor their children's use. Why there is going to be an

iPhone 5S or a redesigned iPhone is a very good question. Many critics have been noticing that the current iPhone 5 is not selling as well as they expected-certainly not as well as Apple had expected. I have to believe that one problem no one is seeing is the contract commitment that most phone service companies require.

By my calculations, by the time my phone service contract expires, the iPhone 6 will be out. As a consumer, I may

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1.	JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Ave. New York, NY 10017	2,321,284,000,000 5.44%	12.33%	6.56%	14.69%	5,708,000,000	James Dimon/Chairman, President & CEO 8108 Milliken Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 944-2085 /270-1648 www.jpmorganchase.com
2.	Bank of America California 100 N. Tryon St. Charlotte, NC 28255	2,168,023,105,000 1.10%	0.58%	7.73%	17.16%	340,073,000	Brian Thomas Moynihan/President 11570 4th St. Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 980-0287 www.bankofamerica.com
3.	Citibank 399 Park Ave. New York, NY 10043	1,931,346,000,000 3.11%	0.99%	8.15%	17.12%	468,000,000	Vikram Shankar Pandit/CEO 10590 Baseline Rd Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (800) 274-6660/(909) 948-7618 www.citibank.com
4.	Wells Fargo & Company 420 Montgomery St. San Francisco, CA 94104	1,374,715,000,000 11.53%	13.06%	9.04%	14.51%	4,937,000,000 J	ohn G. Stumpf/Chairman, President & CEO 5120 Moreno St. Montclair, CA 91763-1523 (888) 249-3302/(415)396-6829 john.g.stumpf.@wellsfargo.com
5.	U.S. Bank 425 Walnut St. Cincinnati, OH 45202	342,627,272,000 -0.23%	15.31%	7.96%	12.97%	1,389,106,000 Ri d	chard K. Davis/Chairman, President & CEO 2280 S. Grove Ave. Ontario, CA 91761 (909) 947-8586/930-1375 www.usbank.com
6.	Union Bank, N.A. 400 California St. San Francisco, CA 94104	87,417,794,000 0.65%	4.16%	10.10%	13.97%	115,613,000	Masashi Oka/President & CEO 3998 Inland Empire Blvd. Ontario, CA 91764 (909) 944-3343/(415) 765-3507 masashi.oka@unionbank.com
7.	Bank of the West 180 Montgomery St. San Francisco, CA 94104	63,037,284,000 2.39%	5.39%	12.68%	16.21%	156,444,000	Maura Markus/President 8311 Haven Ave., Ste. 100 Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 941-2223/765-4858 www.bankofthewest.com
8.	City National Bank 555 S. Flower St. Los Angeles, CA 90071	25,877,700,000 23.90%	9.78%	7.48%	13.87%	58,107,000	Christopher J. Warmuth/President 3633 Inland Empire Blvd. Ontario, CA 91764 (909) 481-2470/481-2472 www.cnb.com
9.	East West Bank 135 N. Los Robles Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101	21,802,275,000 5.33%	12.41%	9.20%	15.96%	71,976,000	Julia S. Gouw/President & CEO 3237 E. Guasti Rd., Ste. 110 Ontario, CA 91764 (626) 768-6000/817-8880 julia.gouw@eastwestbank.com
10.	First-Citizens Bank & Trust 239 Fayetteville St. Raleigh, NC 27501	20,803,717,000 -1.64%	9.14%	8.97%	16.14%	44,955,000	Edward L. Willingham IV/President 3595 Inland Empire Blvd., Ste. 2100 (909) 483-2470/919-7769 www.firstcitizens.com
11.	FirstBank 12345 W. Colfax Ave. Lakewood, CO 80215	12,326,351,000 8.19%	15.84%	8.10%	18.48%	39,704,000	John A. Lkard/President & CEO 39575 Washington St., Ste. 101 Palm Desert, CA 92211 (760) 772-2200/836-3576 www.efirstbank.com
12.	Rabobank, N.A. 3800 Concours, Ste. 350 Ontario, CA 91764	11,942,000,000 3.55%	3.23%	11.67%	15.69%	18,000,000	Rick Arredondo President & CEO (909) 758-4758 www.rabobankamerica.com
13.	California Bank & Trust 11622 El Camino Real San Diego, CA 92130	10,899,012,000 4.80%	8.98%	10.34%	14.57%	33,158,000	David E. Blackford/CEO 2009 W. Foothill Blvd. Upland, CA 91786 (909) 920-6664/595-4504 www.calbanktrust.com
14.	Citizens Business Bank 701 N. Haven Ave. Ontario, CA 91764	6,310,234,000 -12.45%	5.00%	12.03%	19.06%	10,209,000	Christopher D. Myers President & CEO (909) 980-1080/481-2135 www.cbbank.com

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15.	Pacific Western Bank 401 W. A St. San Diego, CA 92101	5,523,839,000 16.57%	10.67%	10.35%	15.52%	17,376,000	Michael J. Perdue/President 2401 South Grove Ave. Ontario, CA 91761 (909) 947-1126/947-9436 www.pacificwesternbank.com
16.	Community Bank 790 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101	2,909,228,000 16.61%	9.85%	9.83%	13.16%	6,981,000	David P. Malone President & CEO (626) 568-2265/568-2299 dmalone@cbank.com
17.	Wilshire State Bank 3200 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1400 Los Angeles, CA 90010	2,611,010,000 3,57%	40.68%	14.75%	20.11%	37,946,000	Jae Whan Yoo/President & CEO 8045 Archibald Ave. Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 919-7755/919-7760 www.wilshirebank.com

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those legislators whose support could use improvement, we offer an open door, attentive ear and strong support to assist them in making California a better place for our job creators.

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The NFIB/California Voting Record is developed by selecting key bills proposed by the legislature that affect small businesses based on NFIB member policy priorities, and on which every member of the Legislature had an opportunity to cast a vote. The votes on those bills are then recorded and a percentage is determined for each member of the Assembly and Senate. In 2013, more than 30 members of the Assembly and 16 members of the Senate had voting records of 70 percent or better.



2012 SESSION: Roll call votes by your state legislators on the following key small business issues during the last two sessions of the California Legislature are listed below.

Although this Voting Record does not reflect every element considered by a lawmaker when voting, nor does it represent a complete profile of a legislator, it can be a guide in evaluating your legislator's attitude toward small business. Note: Only measures voted on in both houses are included in this scorecard. Many measures were defeated in committees before they reached a floor vote. Please thank those legislators who supported small business.

1. Pension Reform (AB 340): Establishes the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, which makes major revisions to the public retirement systems' laws and will apply to all public employees and public pension plans on and after Jan. 1, 2013. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 38–1. Passed Assembly 66–9. Signed by Gov. Brown.

2. Overtime for Agricultural Workers (AB 1313): This measure would eliminate a longstanding exemption for farmers by requiring overtime pay for agricultural workers after eight hours of work. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 22–15. Failed in Assembly 35–33.

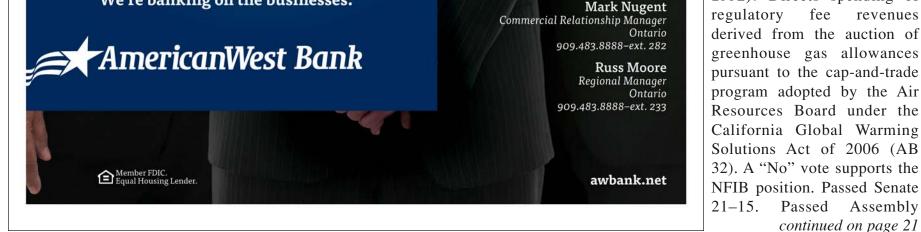
3. GreenhouseGasReduction Fund InvestmentPlanandCommunitiesRevitalizationAct(AB)1532):Directsspendingof

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51–28. Signed by Gov. Brown.

4. Public Contracts, **Small Business Preferences** (AB 1783): Streamlines government contracting by providing that the Department of General Services has the sole responsibility for certifying and determining eligibility of small businesses, and provides local agencies' access to the department's list of certified small businesses. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 36-0. Passed Assembly 72–0. Signed by Gov. Brown.

5. Agricultural **Employee Safety, Heat-Related Illness (AB 2346):** This bill prescribes specified duties for employers to reduce the risk of heat illness among agricultural employees, imposes civil penalties and creates a private right of action for violations of these requirements. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 21-12. Passed Assembly 42-33. Vetoed by Gov. Brown.

6. California **Communities Healthy Air** and Revitalization Act (SB 535): Requires revenues collected from the cap-and-trade program adopted by the Air Resources Board under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) to be invested in disadvantaged communities. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 25-14. Passed Assembly 43-29. Signed by Gov. Brown.

7. Ban on Polystyrene



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Food Containers (SB 568): This bill would ban the use of Styrofoam in the food service industry, replacing it with much more costly paper, and unrecyclable, products. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 21–15. Failed in Assembly 26–45.

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Our Hospitals... American Hospital Quality *continued from pg. 1* American Hospital Quality Outcomes: Report to the Nation released in October 2012 highlight-

• Patients treated in hospitals receiving 5-Stars from Healthgrades have, on average, 75 percent lower risk of dying than if they were treated in hospitals receiving 1-Star, based on risk-adjust-ed mortality rates (across 18 common procedures and diagnoses, such as coronary artery bypass graft (CABG), stroke, and pneumonia).

• Patients being treated in hospitals receiving 5-Stars have, on average, 61% lower risk of having a complication than if they were treated by hospitals receiving 1-Star (across 9 common procedures and diagnoses, such as total knee replacement surgery, gallbladder surgery, and spine surgery).

• From 2005 to 2011, the nation's average in-hospital riskadjusted mortality rate improved 22% across 16 of the common procedures and conditions studied by Healthgrades, such as COPD, heart failure and stroke.

EXECUTIVE NOTES



Pam Lee

Olive Crest has named Pam Lee executive director of its Inland Empire region. Based in Riverside, Pam will oversee Olive Crest's fund development and program operations

that support the needs of at-risk children and famil i e s througho u t Riverside

and San Bernardino counties. She recently served as the executive director of Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service and has a long history of serv-

Paul Johnson

ice in non-profit and public social services. Her expertise blends her human services knowledge and experience with her leadership and financial skills.

Paul Johnson, regional sales manager for Great Salt Lake Minerals, has joined the board of trustees for Olive Crest in the Inland Empire. Johnson has more than 30 years in the fresh produce and agricultural industry and holds a bachelor's degree in agronomy from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and a master's degree in pest management from the University of California, Riverside.



Hospital Quality in the Riverside-San Bernardino Area

In the Riverside area, there were two hospitals out of 12 eligible hospitals (16.7%) recognized as Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence award recipients, placing them among top 5% of hospitals nationwide. Of the 22 hospitals evaluated located in the Riverside area for treatment of stroke, there were risk-adjusted in-hospital mortality rates ranging from 1.1% on the low end to 9.6% on the high end, which is an over 8-fold difference in mortality rates.

Special Supplemental Report on 30 Cities in the U.S.

In a previously released Healthgrades' study, American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation on a a trending analysis of results over a five year study period (2005-2011), was shared for the first time, in addition to findings from their most recent study period (2009-2011). This year's report includes supplemental reports for 50 states and the District of Columbia that shines a light on how quality varies among hospitals state-to-state.

Findings from the Healthgrades 2013 report on American hospital quality reveals encouraging overall trends along with significant variation. Quality is improving, however, quality disparities among hospitals persist, even within local service areas. This special supplement focuses in on 30 cities to take a closer look at how hospital performance varies even within local markets. Note that for each condition or procedure studied, the number of hospitals included in the analysis of hospital performance for that cohort may differ.

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Inland Empire region. Smith has 30 years of banking experience and previously served as the Southern California manager for Comerica Business Credit.

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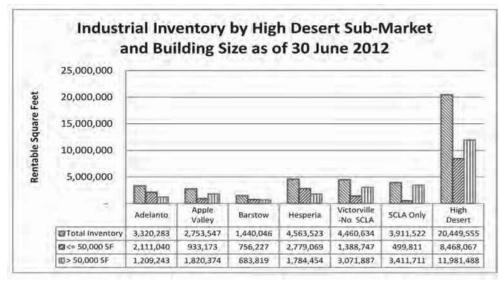
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		Tangible Assets \$ % Change	% Tangible Capital (R.O.A.E.)	% Tangible Capital Ratio	% Risk Based Capital Ratio	Income \$	Top Executive/Title Address (I.E.) <i>if different</i> City, State, Zip Phone/Fax E-Mail Address			
18.	Manufacturers Bank 515 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90071	2,094,851,000 7.41%	1.98%	13.43%	17.57%	1,386,000	Naresh Sheth President & CEO (213) 489-6200/489-6767 nsheth@manubank.com			
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27.	Pacific Premier 1711 E. Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Springs, CA 92264	210,859,000 -17.80%	-197.73%	1.49%	3.09%	10,008,000	Steve Gardner CEO (760) 325-4442/325-1138 www.ppbi.com			
28.	First National Bank of California 3727 Arlington Ave. Riverside, CA 92506	161,198,000 -14.74%	-19.53%	12.58%	18.80%	993,000	Jeffrey M. Watson President, CEO & Acting CFO (951) 788-2265/788-9683 www.fnbnorcal.com			
29.	Desert Commercial Bank 44-801 Village Ct. Palm Desert, CA 92260	146,996,000 17.29%	-11.52%	9.64%	13.88%	414,000	Tony J. Swartz Chief Executive Officer (760) 340-7595/340-7599 www.desertbanking.com			
30.	Premier Service Bank 3637 Arlington Ave. Riverside, CA 92506	138,397,000 3.60%	6.20%	7.56%	12.15%	161,000	Karry L. Pendergast President & CEO (951) 274-2400/274-2410 kpendergast@premierservicebank.com			
31.	First Mountain Bank 40865 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315	136,350,000 -0.91%	-12.91%	10.09%	12.79%	451,000	Dennis R. Saunders President & CEO (909) 866-5861/866-9247 www.firstmountainbank.com			
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High Desert Report The Demand for Industrial Space in the High Desert Has Increased Substantially Over the Last 18 Months

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There are two different classes of industrial tenants and users in the High Desert. One class consists of the large box users. They typically are warehousing and distribution firms, such as Wal-Mart in the Town of Apple Valley, or large manufacturing operations, such as United Furniture Industries at SCLA in Victorville. Such companies usually occupy buildings in excess of 50,000 SF. The second consists of smaller manufacturing or distribution firms that for the most part cater to the local population and businesses or are niche manufacturing players in the regional market.

They are typically small space users that occupy single or multi-tenant buildings of 50,000 SF or less. The average floor area of the small buildings is

Industrial Net Absorption by High Desert Sub-Market and Building Size - Jan 2011 - Jun 2012 10,200 SF.

The graph below categorizes the industrial inventory in the High Desert by city as well as by whether or not the structures are greater than 50,000 SF. It also segregates the industrial space in the City of Victorville into the inventory at SCLA and the non-SCLA portion of the city. Of the 20.5 million SF of industrial inventory in the High Desert, 8.5 million SF is associated with buildings of 50,000 SF or less. The remaining 12.0 million SF is in buildings greater than 50,000 SF. The City of Victorville has almost 8.4 million SF of industrial space, of which 4.5 million SF is located at SCLA. The balance of 3.9 million SF is in the Foxborough Industrial Park, which the city developed, and in several other industrial sub-markets throughout its incorporated area.

The City of Hesperia is home to 4.6 million SF of industrial inventory, much of which is in the older industrial area north of Main Street between the railroad tracks and I Avenue. Adelanto accounts for 3.3 million SF while the Town of Apple Valley has 2.8 million SF. Barstow has 1.4 million SF of industrial space.

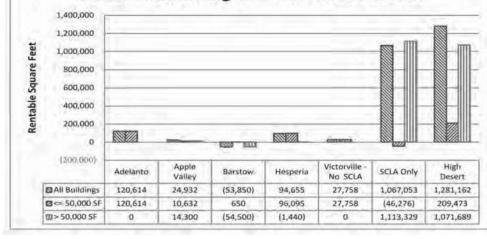
As of June 30, 2012, the vacancy rate in the High Desert for buildings 50,000 SF or less was 5.4%, while for larger buildings it was 4.2%. The City of Barstow had the highest vacancy rate for buildings over 50,000 SF. It was 36.2%. The vacancy rate for the smaller buildings in Barstow was 6.8%. The non SCLA portion of Victorville had an 8.1% vacancy rate in the smaller buildings, but zero

in the larger structures. In the Town of Apple Valley there was no vacancy in the larger buildings but the rate for the smaller buildings was 8.2%. The smaller buildings in the City of Adelanto had a vacancy rate of 3.1% while the larger buildings had no vacancy.

The vacancy rate for smaller buildings in the City of Hesperia was 3.6% compared to 11.6% for larger buildings. For an area the size of the High Desert the stabilized vacancy rate is approximately 5% so long as the demand for industrial space is expanding.

From January 2011 through June 2012 the High Desert experienced a Net Absorption of 1,281,000 SF. SCLA accounted for 1,067,000 SF, of which 1,113,000 SF was in the larger industrial buildings. The City of Adelanto gained almost 121,000 SF in industrial demand all of which was associated with smaller buildings. During the same period the Town of Apple Valley had a Net Absorption of 25,000 SF, somewhat evenly split between smaller and larger sized buildings.

The City of Hesperia absorbed over 94,000 SF; in spite of the fact that there was a slight decrease in occupancy in the larger buildings. The City of Barstow experienced a decline in industrial occupancy of approximately 54,000 SF all in larger buildings, while the non SCLA portion of the City of



Victorville recorded 27,000 SF of positive absorption.

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continued from pg. 16 5. The ability to gift, sell or otherwise transfer assets to intentionally defective irrevocable trusts without triggering any capital gains tax remains unchanged.

The law is now "permanent" which means it does not have any fixed expiration date. However, as with any law, it can be changed in the future by Congressional action but, absent such action, this will be the law for the foreseeable future.

In short, these legislative changes are a positive development and avoided the estate and gift tax exemption reverting to \$1 million.

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continued from pg. 16 tems, this money is not guaranteed. It can be eliminated through a majority vote of the Legislature. In response, I thought it wise to author two bills to ensure education funding as promised and create a pathway to a quality affordable education.

To ensure that these dollars actually go to higher education as the voters intended, my Republican colleagues and I have introduced Assembly Bill 67. Rather than just hoping for the best, our legislation ensures that Proposition 30 dollars will go to higher education as we were told.

Our measure is simple. It would freeze tuition and fees our students in the UC, CSU and community colleges at the levels set in the 2011-12 academic year for the seven years that Prop. 30 is in effect. The measure also states the intent of the Legislature to protect higher education funding and make any potential fee increases unnecessary.

California's students should not lose out on their dream of college due to rising costs.

Additionally, Assembly Bill 51 is one more piece of my plan to re-open the opportunity for students to receive a quality education. It's a model already in practice with much success in other states and will initially serve as a pilot program to test its success here in California. It will allow a student to receive a bachelor's degree in the areas of science and technology from a four year university in only three years and for only \$10,000 which is less than the projected cost of one year at a UC according to the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

I have spoken with many in the technical and manufacturing industries and they have expressed a dire need for employees with degrees in these fields. Rather than importing these jobs from outside our borders, let's train our own to boost these industries which will in turn boost surrounding *continued on page 33*

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"Idea Agent: Leadership That Liberates Creativity and Accelerates Innovation,"

By Lina M. Echeverria; AMACOM, New York, New York; 2013; 274 pages; \$27.95.

Author Lina M. Echeverria earned her Ph.D. at Stanford University and subsequently became widely known as a noteworthy team leader of scientists and researchers at Corning, Inc. For the past 25 years she has earned her living at one of the most creative and successful scientific centers on the planet. In this book she reveals how what she learned about managing creative people and how difficult that management process can be. She puts it this way:

"Creativity can be a hot fire, and you have to love it to gain from it. Fear of managing the passions of creative scientists will only lead to missed opportunities. Not being afraid of moving to free up and channel the energy and the creativity, on the other hand, can open worlds of opportunities. But on most days, this does not feel comfortable. It is not about running teams that are always agreeable and polite, where everybody respects the turn of the other and the unexpected does not happen. It cannot be stressed enough: it is about understanding each one of the players for who they are, where they come from, what drives them, and what they can bring to the solution. And from this understanding, leadership that liberates creativity is about managing conflict----not preventing conflict from arising, but stepping into the ring of fire and managing all its actors and stages." Although the book is clearly an exercise on how to grow within a creative organization, it is more like listening to a conversation with a very wise and experienced friend. Here's an example from the chapter entitled, "Chapter 2 - Let the Best

Take Flight" Dr. Echeverria:

"Identifying the best and the brightest and successfully hiring those who will resonate with the culture of the group is but the first step. Getting to know the people in your group well enough to support them and to bring their performance-and their impact on the group-to greater heights is where it all begins. Visit them in their offices, talk to them, and get to know them as deeply as they are comfortable with, following their leading pace. The discovery of the smart, driven people with engaging personalities, who excel at far-ranging hobbies, the human beings behind the top-level scientists you hired, will enrich your life and stretch your perspectives. Have fun in celebrating their personal idiosyncrasies, in connecting and resonating with their personal passions. But do not keep this knowledge to yourself. Bring the product of these passions to add to the experience of the group and, in doing so, enrich everyone's lives."

At virtually every similar type of point the author makes, she goes out of her way to offer several examples that reinforces what she's saying. The result is that you clearly remember not only the main thrust of what she's saying, but also the variation on the theme she's driving home. The book is superbly well written, extremely clear (especially so for subject matter where other authors scream at you with tricks and gimmicks such as bullets, cartoons, or 30point graphics). That's not how Dr. Echeverria apparently works in her personal life and on the job. As she puts it, her own role on the creative team is "...to bring passionate, brilliant, and creative people together who show a vibrancy in their personal lives, and whose interests, skills, and collaborations will creative the persona of the group.

"Idea Agent" is one of the best books on liberating creativity that I've read. It makes its points with amazing clarity and no shouting from the pages to brain. It presents an extraordinary amount of information in a humble, straightforward way. It is certainly a classic example of a blue ribbon dining event for the price of a blue plate special.

- Henry Holtzman



Best-selling Business Books

Here are the current top 10 best-selling books for business. The list is compiled based on information received from retail bookstores throughout the U.S.A.

1. "The Energy Bus: 10 Rules to Fuel Your Life, Work, and Team with Positive Energy," by Jon Gordon (John Wiley & Sons...\$21.95) (1)*

How to motivate individuals and build them into successful teams. 2. "The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business," By Charles Duhigg (Random House Publishing...\$16.18) (8)

A new view of human nature and our ability to change.

3. "Why I left Goldman Sachs," by Greg Smith (Grand Central Publishing...\$27.99) (2)

The reasons why a top manager resigned from a leading firm. (6)

4. "Clients First: The Two Word Miracle," by Joseph and JoAnn Callaway (John Wiley & Sons...\$21.95) (3)

Why and how to putting your clients first helps build success.

5. "Leading Culture Change in Global Organizations: Aligning Culture and Strategy," by Daniel Denison, Robert Hooijberg, Nancy Lane, and Colleen Lief (John Wiley & Sons...\$34.95) (4) How and why business culture impacts on business performance.

 6. "Three Simple Steps: A Map to Success in Business and Life," by Trevor Blake (BenBella Books...\$12.95) (5)

Why some people succeed in any economic conditions.

7. "The Challenger Sale: Taking Control of the Customer Conversation," by Matthew Dixon and Brent Adamson (The Penguin Group...\$27.95)**

Why selling is about challenging customers.

8. "Reverse Innovation: Create Far From Home, Win Everywhere," by Vijay Govindarajan and Chris Trimble (Harvard Business Review Press...\$30.00) (6)
How to make innovation happen in emerging markets.
9. "Bailout: An Inside Account of How Washington Abandoned Main Street While Rescuing Wall Street," by Neil Barofsky (Free Press...\$26.00) (7)
How and why TARP saved banks while abandoning everyone else.
10. "Unintended Consequences: Why Everything You've Been Told About the Economy is Wrong," by Edward Conard (Penguin Group...\$27.95)(9)

An explanation of why economic planning rarely works as planned.

*(1) -- Indicates a book's previous position on the list. ** -- Indicates a book's first appearance on the list.

Real Estate...

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products. ICON's entry into the health and fitness industry began with the manufacturing of trampo-

lines and as they studied the exercise and fitness market, they were able to take advantage of the tremendous growth that occurred in the 1980s. The company's entry into the fitness market proved to be timely as the product line expanded to include treadmills, exercise bikes, rowing machines, and home gyms under multiple brand names.

With sales in excess of \$1 billion per year and growing rapidly, ICON will provide an economic opportunity for this submarket of Riverside County. The new facility is expected to produce 140 new jobs for the surrounding area.

ICON Health & Fitness was represented by Grant Ross from CB Richard Ellis's Ontario office. CT Realty repped itself in the transaction and will serve as developer and construction manager.

CIP TAKES FREEWAY EXIT

Freeway Industrial Park LLC recently completed the \$10.75 million acquisition of Stone Haven Business Park, an 82k-square-foot (\$131/sf) office and industrial project in Rancho Cucamonga. The property was sold by Irvine-based CIP Real Estate.

The sale marks the successful completion of an eight-year investment in which CIP substantially upgraded, repositioned and stabilized the property. Stone Haven Business Park was 95% leased at the time of sale.

Stone Haven Business Park is located at the intersection of Haven Avenue and Trademark Parkway in Rancho Cucamonga's central business district. The park is currently leased to 17 tenants, including Cargill, Stratysis and the State of California, among others. CIP has been retained by the buyer as property manager for the business park.

CIP acquired Stone Haven Business Park and an adjacent threeacre parcel in 2004. The firm completed a \$1 million renovation to the existing business park in 2006 and developed the adjacent site with a nine-building, 18-unit office condominium project, Stone Haven Executive Park. CIP is nearing completion of its investment in the \$10 million condominium project, with the final two remaining units in documentation for sale.

CIP owned the business park in a joint venture with an affiliate of Alex Brown Realty Inc. Since 1998, CIP and Alex Brown have jointly acquired 17 projects that total more than 2.5 million square feet with a value in excess of \$265 million. Michael Hefner, executive vice president of Voit Real Estate Services, and Carol Plowman, senior vice president of Lee & Associates represented CIP in the sale. Mike Long, senior vice president of Lee & Associates, repped the buyer.

INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN LEASES 207K SQUARE FEET OF INLAND EMPIRE OFFICE SPACE

In a large Inland Empire office lease, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) has signed a deal for 207k square feet of space in the Atrium at Empire Lakes, located at 10801 Sixth Street, east of Haven Avenue and north of 4th Street. The 15-year deal is said to be worth about \$84 million, or \$2.25/sf/mo.

IEHP, a not-for-profit public health plan serving residents of Riverside and San Bernardino counties, will occupy space on the first and second floors beginning Q2 2013, with some operations moving sooner. IEHP is relocating from San Bernardino, where it occupied four buildings, including its 68k square foot owned headquarters.

The Studley team of Joshua Gorin, Steve Pisarik, Mark Sullivan and Roi Shleifer, along with Tom Pierik of Lee & Associates, represented IEHP, a public agency formed under the California Government Code, is a JPA for Riverside and San Bernardino counties under DHS Medi-Cal Managed Care and the Healthy Families Program. The landlord, Torchlight Investors/Kelly A. McLaren, was repped by Phil Woodford, John Oien and Vindar Batoosingh of CB Richard Ellis.

"By consolidating multiple facilities into a single property and one with large floor plates—IEHP is able to achieve real estate and cost efficiencies, said Gorin. The Atrium at Empire Lakes is a 427.9k square foot, two-story building. There are nearly 1,900 parking stalls.

CITY OF HESPERIA PAYS \$32 MILLION FOR 6K ACRE-FEET OF WATER RIGHTS

In an a more unusual acquisition, the City of Hesperia paid 31.7 million for 6k acre-feet of water rights from Rancho Las Flores LLC. The water rights are associated with the Rancho Las Flores master plan, a \pm 9k-acre planned community within the City of Hesperia.

The asset was sold by a post-bankruptcy manager on behalf of the estate of a private mortgage lender that had previously lent more than \$80 million to the project. The seller was represented by Terry Ruckle, Randy Coe and Michel Faris of the California Division of

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Land Advisors was brought in to develop an exit strategy for the Rancho Las Flores development and market the water to potential end-users capable of absorbing the entire quantity. Due to the large size of the water right and scarcity in the region, the City issued a bond to purchase the entire quantity to meet the future demands of the growing City. "Given the size and scope of the water right, this transaction highlights the privatization of the water market," stated Land Advisors Co-Founding Principal, Terry Ruckle.

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that are underway in the com- p munity include the following: g

Barstow Casino & Resort Project

The Barstow Casino & Resort Project, which is being pursued as a partnership project between the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla & Cupeno Indians and Bar West Gaming, is still a viable initiative that is in the review process. In order for the initiative to move forward, both the Federal Government and the State of California will have to agree to allow the project to be constructed. Currently, the Federal Government's Department of the Interior is the evaluating proposed Barstow Casino & Resort project, and it is anticipated that a final ruling will be issued.

If the Department of the Interior approves the project as meeting federal guidelines, the next step in the process would be negotiating a gaming compact with the Office of Governor California Jerry Brown. That agreement would also have to be approved by the California State Legislature. To assist with these efforts, the city recently engaged the services of the lobbying firm Joe Gonsalves & Son to assist with developing a comprehensive strategy aimed at gaining State approval for the project. If all the approvals are obtained, the overall casino project could be constructed in 2013 or 2014.

Barstow Community

private rooms, a high-tech emergency room, a modern intensive care center, a technologically advanced diagnostic imaging department, and innovative laboratories and surgical rooms. All told, building the updated facility required around 3,283 cubic yards of concrete, over 65 tons of concrete reinforced rebar, 476 tons of structural steel, and over 120,000 square feet of fireproofing material. When the new hospital is complete, the overall project will have constituted an estimated investment of around \$80 million in the Barstow community.

Lenwood Grade Separation

The city has been working diligently with the County of San Bernardino and SANBAG to coordinate the construction of the Lenwood Grade Separation project. A number of design enhancements have been coordinated during the past several months and the project team is currently working on finalizing the engineering work and rightof-way coordination for the new bridge. In total, the Lenwood Grade Separation will cost an estimated \$31.5 million and is on schedule to begin construction this year.

Wal-Mart Supercenter Expansion

During the past several months, the city has been engaged in an intensive review process with Wal-Mart representatives regarding the expansion of the current Wal-Mart store on Montara Road into a Supercenter format. Given the current project schedule, it is anticipated that the project will be considered for final approval. The overall project includes building a new 184,000-squarefoot Wal-Mart Supercenter along with an addition 55,000square-feet of new retail development.

Barstow Industrial Park

Another significant initiative that the city is coordinating is the revival of the Barstow Industrial Park project. In total, the Barstow Industrial Park spans over 1,174 acres and is located around 3 miles northwest of Interstate 15 and around 5 miles west of the Interstate 15/Interstate 40 interchange. The city has been working very closely with the project developer, and discussions are currently underway regarding infrastructure installation, utility coordination issues, and the construction of a rail-spur for additional site access. There are several potential end users that the city and the developer are working with now in a joint effort to ensure that the Barstow Industrial Park becomes the High Desert's premier logistics, manufacturing, and distribution hub.

Wal-Mart Distribution Center

The city has continued to stay in close contact with representatives from Wal-Mart regarding the proposed construction of a cold-storage distribution center located adjacent to the city's planned Industrial Park. In every conversation that the city has had with Wal-Mart, the message has remained consistent. Wal-Mart is still planning on constructing the distribution center in Barstow; however, the project is waiting for approval from the Wal-Mart Logistics Department. Given the recent number of Wal-Mart Supercenter conversions occurring in the high desert and throughout Southern California, in addition to the announcement that Wal-Mart will be testing a small-store format called Wal-Mart Express, it is likely that the distribution center in Barstow will be approved for construccontinued on page 38

There is no doubt that the economic downturn has impacted the city of Barstow. Even today, the signs of economic distress can be seen throughout the community as Barstow still has an unemployment rate of 14.7%. Unequivocally, there is still much work that needs to be done.

However, in the midst of the Great Recession, the city has during the past few years taken proactive steps to position the community as the next big thing in the Inland Empire's High Desert region.

The process began by focusing on improving the physical appearance of the community. An aggressive \$21 million capital improvement campaign centered on the enhancement of city infrastructure has been initiated. Furthermore, the city implemented a new economic development approach by employing sophisticated research tools to assist with business attraction and retention efforts.

It is also important to note that signs of an economic turnaround can be found when looking at demographic data in Barstow. From a statistical perspective, one measure that illustrates how a community's economic health is trending can be seen through tracking the area's median income levels. In the 2000 census, the Barstow area had a median income level of \$35,069. As of the 2010 census, the median income levels for the Barstow area had increased around 37% to \$48,042. This data means that the quality of the jobs in the Barstow area is improving and points to a positive trend for the local economy. In addition to the statistical data, the City has been working on several important economic development projects that have the potential to dramatically improve the overall quality of life in Barstow.

Current significant projects

Hospital Project

During the past several years, the city has been coordinating with Community Health Systems, Inc., on building a brand new state-of-the-art medical facility in town. Those efforts have culminated with the opening of the new Barstow Community Hospital. The ultramodern three-story, 82,500square-feet facility features 30

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employer may choose to take into account only the employee's wages that the employer reports in box 1 of

Form W-2. Two other safe harbor methods for determining affordability are provided in the proposed regulations. One is based whether the required contribution for self-only coverage exceeds 9.5% of monthly wages determined by taking into account the employee's rate of pay in effect at the beginning of the plan year. The other is that the employee's required contribution for self-only coverage is considered affordable if it does not exceed 9.5% of the federal poverty line for a single individual.

Calculation of Assessable Payments Minimum Essential Coverage Not Offered

When an applicable large employer does not offer minimum essential coverage under its group health plan to its full-time employees and their dependents and the employer receives certification from HHS that one or more of its full-time employees has received a premium tax credit or cost-sharing reduction in connection with his or her purchase of insurance on an exchange, the assessable payment is based on all of the employer's full-time employees in excess of 30.

If the employer is a controlled group of entities, special rules apply for allocating the 30 employee exclusion among the members of the controlled group and for allocating the assessable payment among the controlled group members. Although the amount of the assessable payment is determined on a monthly basis, for simplicity, this update explains the amount due on an annual basis. The assessable payment is generally equal to the number of the employer's fulltime employees, reduced by 30, times \$2,000. However, the proposed regulations provide that an employer will be treated as offering minimum essential coverage to all of its full-time employees and their dependents if the employer offers such coverage to all but five percent (5%) of its full-time employees and their dependents. Although the preamble to the proposed regulations indicates that this flexibility to exclude a small percentage of full-time employees is provided to allow for inadvertent errors, the proposed regulations allow for this flexibility even if the exclusion is intentional. Nonetheless, if any of the excluded full-time employees is certified to the employer by HHS as receiving a premium tax credit or cost-sharing reduction on an exchange, the employer will be required to pay an employer's assessable payment as calculated in the manner described below.

Minimum Essential Coverage is Offered, but is Not Affordable or Does Not Have Minimal Value

When an employer offers minimum essential coverage under its group health plan and the coverage is not affordable or does not have minimal value for an employee, the employee may purchase health insurance on an exchange and receive a premium tax credit or a cost-sharing reduction. When this occurs, the proposed regulations provide that HHS will send a certification of that purchase to the employer. The assessable payment is calculated by multiplying the number of the employer's full-time employees who are certified by HHS to have received a premium tax credit or cost-sharing reduction by \$3,000. Any dependents of such an employee who also receive a premium tax credit or cost-sharing reduction are not taken into account in computing the assessable payment.

employees who receive subsidized coverage on an exchange (if the employer offers minimum essential coverage that is unaffordable or does not have a minimum value). Assessable payments do not apply for new employees who are reasonably expected on their start date to be employed on average at least 30 hours of service per week unless a new employee is not offered coverage by the end of his or her first three calendar months of employment.

The proposed regulations provide safe harbor methods that are based on historical data for determining the number of an employer's full-time employees. An employer may choose to take into account its employees who were employed throughout a prior period of at least three consecutive calendar months, but no more than 12 consecutive calendar months (such periods referred to as the "measurement period"), and then determine the number of those employees who were employed during that measurement period on average at least 30 hours per week. Those employees are treated as the employer's full-time employees during a subsequent period, called a "stability period," regardless of their number of hours of service during the stability period, so long as they remained employed by the employer. The stability period must be at least six consecutive calendar months and can be no shorter in duration than the measurement period.

In addition to a measurement period and a stability period, an employer may decide to allow for an administrative period of a maximum of 90 days between the measurement period and the stability period. The purpose of an administrative period is to allow for the determination of which employees are eligible for plan coverage, to notify them of their eligibility and to enroll them in the plan.

All employees who are determined to be full-time employees during a measurement period are considered full-time employees for the full following stability period. However, employees who were employed on average less than 30 hours per week during the measurement period can be disregarded in the following stability period only for a time that is no longer than the measurement period. Thus, an employer that chooses to have an administrative period should stagger the beginning and ending dates of its measurement period and stability period so that such employees may be disregarded for the full stability period. For example, an employer with a calendar year plan might decide to have a measurement period of 12 months ending on October 14th (to coincide with the opening of the plan's annual enrollment period), an administrative period of 77 days starting on October 15th and ending on December 31st, and a stability period beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st of the following year. In this example, the employer would be able for the full plan year to disregard those employees who did not have at least 30 hours of service on average for the 12-month period ending on the immediately preceding October 14th.

The proposed regulations permit an employer that wishes to track employees' hours of service on a payroll basis to do so by adjusting the beginning and ending of the measurement period to coincide with the beginning and ending of the payroll periods. For example, an employer that uses a calendar year as its measurement period could exclude the payroll period that includes the January 1st of the calendar year if the employer includes in the measurement period the whole payroll period that that includes December 31st of that calendar year.

General Principles

For purposes of calculating the assessable payments, only fulltime employees, and not the number of FTEs, are taken into account. As discussed above, the assessable payments could be based either on the total number of full-time employees (if the employer does not offer minimum essential coverage) or on the number of full-time

Conclusion

All employers with at least 50 full-time employees should consider carefully the ramifications of these proposed regulations. Although employers with workforces close to the 50 full-time employees threshold will have the greatest burden, even very large employers that do offer minimum essential health coverage need to consider the financial impact of the excise tax *continued on page 38*

Reject Bad Ideas... mountable, often others will bring creative solutions to the table that continued from pg. 9 may make the idea feasible.

A marketing director in a manufacturing company proposed an idea for a new product. The operations director's first instinct was to jump in and say, "We can't make your product because we don't have the right equipment." But instead he said, "In order to make your products we will need to plan for having access to the right equipment which we currently don't have." That led to a full discussion about what it would take to lease, buy or outsource the production. Once the marketing person had a greater understanding of the different options and their costs, she came to the conclusion that the idea was not feasible.

#5 Help the other person save face whenever possible. If you feel compelled to shut an idea down, ask yourself, "Do I need to shut the idea down right now and during this meeting?" Perhaps you can circle back with the idea presenter after the meeting to meet one-onone. Shutting down a staff member's idea in your department meeting is a good way to help ensure no one on your staff will risk bringing up new ideas in the future that might be extremely valuable to the success of your team and organization. If peers lose face because of you, there is a good chance that they will increasingly work around you and you will be the last to know about their future initiatives.

Circling back after the meeting also provides you more time to reflect and prepare. You can gather more facts and information, be more thoughtful and tactful in sharing your opinion, and perhaps get into a longer and more open conversation.

#6 Acknowledge the parts of an idea you can agree with. Even if you can't agree with the entire idea, acknowledging components can help to validate the presenter of the idea, at least in part. Very often there are aspects of ideas that are valuable and can be evolved to be very usable and helpful. Imagine yourself saying, "I like this part of the idea, let's dig deeper into the other part." Provide recommendations on what might make the idea better or more workable. Even when his idea has flaws, the person might be calling attention to an important, underlying problem that needs to be solved.

In conclusion, don't lose sight of the fact that if a truly bad idea needs to be challenged, challenge it. The primary emphasis here is not to change what you need to say, but on the process and timeline you choose to say it in order to maintain social capital and goodwill. Remember, soon will come the time when it is you who is the one striving to influence others to buy into your idea.

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Fool with a Tool... •Who will be responsible for inputting the needed data and making sure it's accurate?

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Who will be receiving the data and acting upon it?

How will the data inform our future business decisions?

The clearer you get on business process design and how the software ties in, the better your results will be.

2. Choose the right technology.

No company can do the things it's called upon to do without technology, so some sort of technology is a must. We all need tools. If you've done step one, you'll have a clear picture of your business and how the new software must play a role. Now it's time to analyze your software options and choose the one that complements your business processes and will deliver the results you've outlined.

3. Implement the tool into the organization so it has rapid uptake and the shortest time to value.

This third step is the most important because it's about the human factor and how it impacts any organizational change-and implementing new technology is a big change. Unfortunately, too many companies today are simply doing installations. But "installation," which means "to put something in place" is very different than "implementation," which means "to put something into effect or action." Having a new car in the driveway is nice, but if you can't drive that car, it doesn't offer much value.

Implementations often fail because companies forget the human factor. In fact, in most changes, human factors pose the greatest risks to long-term profitability. New knowledge and behavior-adoption drive ROI.

Why is change so difficult? Because most of us like comfort. We may complain about routine, but the majority of folks secretly like it. And almost any organizational change threatens our existing comfort zone. Change requires movement from what we know to what we don't yet know. Like people, organizational cultures prefer to remain the same. That's why even changes directed at entire departments or organizations, rather than specific individuals, often meet resistance.

So why bother with change when the odds of success are stacked against it? The answer is simple. All businesses must continually change or they will die. The markets demand change; customers demand change. Therefore, you either instigate change or it will happen to you. David Nielson, a leading authority on organizational change says to better prepare your team for change and have a successful implementation, be sure you do the following six things:

1. Communicate the business

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Traditional Job...

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ager, to consider this person a successful hire. Take the example of a VP Operations, success factors would define exactly what the VP needs to deliver, usually within the next 12 to 18 months to be considered an outstanding hire.

For example, the success factors would read:

• Within the first 30 days develop a plan of action that will improve on time deliveries from 85% to 96% and present the plan to the CEO.

• Within 6 months, develop and begin implementing a vendor qualifications program that will insure zero defects and 100% on-time deliveries from vendors.

• Within 9 months consolidate the operations of two plants and produce a cost savings of at least 15%.

Continue developing these success factors until there are 5 or 6 which clearly define what is expected of the candidate once they come on board. Now when asked the question "What are you looking for?" The answer is, "We need someone who can improve on time deliveries to 96%, can implement a vendor qualifications program and consolidate operations with at least a 15% cost savings." Instead of defining experience, start defining success in this role.

Now, find a person that can accomplish these success factors. When that happens, this person will have the right experience. It might be five years of experience, it could be 10 years of experience; it really doesn't matter, as long as they can deliver the results. Using the success factors as a hiring guide sets the stage for a successful hire. Instead of the traditional job description, the success factors clearly define expectations and let candidates know what is expected of them once they come on board. The success factors define success in the role, not minimum qualifications. After all, isn't that what you

Education Prop...

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industries and provide opportunities for jobs in many other fields.

We desperately need a consistent and affordable option for education that ensures an equal opportunity for anyone seeking to learn. Student loans have skyrocketed the cost of education and students find themselves buried under a burdensome debt often reaching \$50-\$60,000 or more; without the career path to follow. We must raise the bar and stop underfunding our schools. It is time we follow through on our promises to our children and work to provide them as many opportunities as we can. Please join me in placing our students first, over politics.

EPIC announces...

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of Judy and the Homeplace team of professionals, EPIC has the opportunity to grow its business portfolio in all areas of risk management, including commercial insurance and employee benefits. We look forward to working closely with the Homeplace team to support and further expand what they have built over the years in the Inland Empire."

Said Busam, "Homeplace and EPIC are both dedicated to creating a culture that rewards teamwork innovation, and absolute client satisfaction. As part of EPIC, we will have access to the experienced professionals, broad resources and extensive insurance company relationships of one of the nation's top 50 insurance brokers—all for the benefit of our clients. This is a very exciting time to be joining a unique, successful company like EPIC."

Entrepreneurs...

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don't try to forecast: Focus on what you can do and create now rather than what you can expect based on what happened in the past. In good times, that information can be a helpful and reliable way to make predictions, but savvy entrepreneurs don't count on that in uncertain times. "While the U.S. economy certainly is improving, there's still too much uncertainty both here and abroad to go back to the old ways of doing business just yet," Every says.

"If you've survived the past five years, you've probably been relying on many of these strategies – maybe without even realizing it," she says. "Don't abandon them yet, and if there are some here you aren't using, work toward incorporating them, too."

Cupid's Choice...

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ments in all, making the inn a hit with guests seeking a little renovation of their own.

And don't forget the nearby wineries. Just as popular as the Napa Valley, visitors to the Sonoma Valley find a wide selection of tasting experiences and wineries that, in general, tend to be smaller and less corporate than those in Napa.

For information on the Sonoma Fairmont Resort and Spa, please go to <u>www.fair-</u><u>mont.com/sonoma</u> or phone 707-938-9000.

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case for the change

2. Identify internal change agents (allies) and engage with them

3. Educate and support the change agents

4. Assess adoption readiness

5. Define and support effective behavior

6. Execute a communication plan about the change

Remember, implementation will fail unless sufficient time and resources are allocated to the process of learning. These six steps form the foundation of successful implementation. Miss one and you're asking for trouble.

Make Your Technology Implementations Work

The message is clear: Technology is not the answer. Yes, it's an important piece of the puzzle, but it's not the allencompassing solution so many people believe it to be. If you just focus on the tool, you may end up the fool; but if you focus on the business, the tool, and the people within the organization who will be using the tool, you'll be the leader who not only uses technology effectively, but who also sees great gains in productivity and profits.

To learn more about Mike Menard please visit <u>www.afishinyourear.com</u>.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

"Foodie" Hot Spots in Las Vegas as Rated By "FoodSmackdown.com"



<u>FoodSmackdown.com</u> is here to say that what happens in Vegas should never stay in Vegas when it comes to killer food stops. Got a bachelor party to plan or Spring Break shenanigans to stay fueled through? Foodie and restaurant critic Steve Carlson of Food Smackdown has noshed his way



Secret Pizza

through the best and worst of the city of sin to bring revelers the top places to chow down. So grab a pen and start planning your next Las Vegas bash in true epicurean style.

Secret Pizza

Follow the album clad way at the Cosmopolitan hotel and

casino to a secret pizzeria every foodie in Vegas is trying to find. Secret Pizza is a delicious hideaway that boasts simple yet tasty pizza by the slice. As folks cram into the small waiting area to order, they are greeted by the zesty and garlic-



Settebello Pizzeria Napolentana

infused scents of the freshly cooked pizzas. Once ordered, guests can grab a table inside or hang out in one of the hotel's many lounge areas and munch on their pepperoni and sausage or mozzarella and ricotta cheese endowed slices.

Settebello Pizzeria Napolentana

Take a break from the hustle of the strip and head over to Anthem neighborhood in Henderson to try out Settebello Pizzeria Napoletana. They've brought the style of pizza created in Napoli, Italy, to Nevada with imported brick ovens, fresh Italian tomatoes, and world renowned flour. An unassuming facade opens into an

industrial meets posh complete with large brass pipes running overhead and chic black booths. Dine on gastronomically delightful pizzas and then wash it all down with an Italian micro brew wine.

Bachi Burger

Asian flavors meet the great American classic at Bachi Burger in Southeast Las Vegas. For creative, mouth-watering *continued on page 35*

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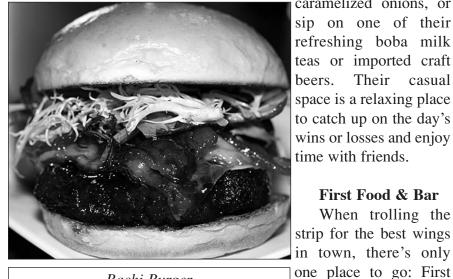
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fort. Take a break from the hubbub of the club and chill out with a burger loaded with sauteed shitake, enoki and eryngi mushrooms and caramelized onions, or



Bachi Burger

Plazzo. From the culinary genius of Chef Sam DeMarco come some of the most amazing lollipop buffalo wings to ever hit the taste buds



First Food & Bar

in a setting unlike any other. The spacious 10,000-square-foot restaurant boasts hip lounge seating and mood lighting for an intimate yet open dining experience. Between their brunch, lunch, dinner, and late night menus, there are plenty of options for spicing up the old plate.

For additional information about Food Smackdown, contact Steve Carlson at steve@foodsmackdown.com.

Wellpoint 4Q...

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in that state according to an analysis by California's insurance commissioner that found, among other

things, that the "company-wide rates of return on equity have been and remain excessive." California regulators do not have the power to reject excessive rates, so Anthem was able to impose the increase despite the commissioner's finding it was unreasonable.

In California, insurance reform law Proposition 103 regulates auto, home and business insurance rates, and requires insurers to open their books, publicly justify and get approval for rate increases before they take effect. That law was enacted by the voters in 1988

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Large Settlement... lengthy trial with a vigorous opposition by the bank," quoted Marc Homme, Palm Desert attorney for the general contractor. The court eventually awarded a judgment in excess of \$1.1 million. Homme stated that while the bank had an

opportunity to settle the case, the bank took a very firm position throughout the litigation process. "It is difficult for a general contractor or subcontractor to fight the power of a lending institution when the lending institution is willing to move forward through the courts while the contractor or subcontractor is hoping to be paid. It takes a real financial commitment and dedication on the part of the client to move forward with the entire process." The lender on appeal contended that through its loan agreement, there were not sufficient funds remaining in the loan to pay the general contractor. The trial court concluded that there were sufficient funds and that the bank cannot generate loan documents to circumvent the intent and force of the stop notice law. Additionally, the court held that the general contractor had started work before the recordation of the trust deed.

"Most contractors do not realize that if work commences before the recordation of the construction trust deed that the contractor may have priority over the bank. This is an issue that is oft forgotten by legal counsel when a case comes into his or her office."

"I have written about these issues for several years. It is important for members of the construction industry to understand their stop notice and mechanics lien rights. If they vigorously enforce their rights, they may obtain payment. There are several projects where I have obtained substantial payments on stop notices while other contractors have simply walked away from the project and any hope of collection" said Homme. "Another recent project where I recovered money from the bank and title company was the Northgate Crossing project prior to its sale to the current owner."

\$1.5 Billion...

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states will use to build marketplaces. California, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, and

Oregon received Level Two Exchange Establishment Grants. Level Two grants are multi-year awards to states to further develop their marketplaces.

A total of 49 states, the District of Columbia, and four territories have received grants to plan their marketplaces, and 34 states and the District of Columbia have received grants to build their marketplaces. To ensure states have the support and time they need to build a marketplace, states may apply for grants through the end of 2014 and may use funds through their start-up year.

For a detailed breakdown of marketplace grant awards made to states, including summaries of how states plan on using the awards, www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/05/exvisit: changes05232011a.html.

For more information on the Health Insurance Marketplace, visit: www.healthcare.gov/marketplace.

and has saved California drivers \$62 billion on their auto insurance premiums. An initiative measure that has qualified for California's 2014 general election ballot would require health insurance companies to public justify and get approval for rate increases before they take effect.

Compensation Reform Legislative Vote... (SB 863): Reforms the workers' comcontinued from pg. 21 pensation system in California. Reforms include, among many others, an expedited disability rating review process, eliminating disability "add-ons" like sleep disorders, depression, etc.; fee schedules for services like interpreters and document copying; and setting a statute of limitation on the lien process. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 34-4. Passed Assembly 72-5. Signed by Gov. Brown.

9. Regulations, Quarterly Implementation (SB 1099): NFIB-sponsored bill that establishes quarterly dates for the implementation of new regulations, which will be posted online at the Office of Administrative Law's website so that businesses can prepare for new operating rules and costs. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 32-0. Passed Assembly 79–0. Signed by Gov. Brown. continued on page 38

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Affordable Care... when their employees qualify for subsidies to purchase health coverage on an exchange.Because individuals are eligible for subsidies with household incomes as high as 400% of the federal poverty line (e.g., in 2012, 400% of the federal poverty level for a family of four was \$92,200), more employees might qualify for the subsidies that an employer might initially think.

In the preamble to the proposed regulations, the Internal Revenue Service has requested comments on a number of provisions, including how to treat employees of temporary staffing agencies and employees hired into high turnover positions. A public hearing on the proposed regulations is scheduled for April 23, 2013. Anyone who wishes to make oral comments at the hearing must submit comments by March 18th.

The proposed regulations provide additional rules and details not described in this update, including how to treat foreign employees and employers, how to handle mid-year changes in employment status, special rules for plans with fiscal year plan years and a transitional rule for multiemployer plans. If you have any questions regarding the information summarized in this update or would like to submit comments to the Internal Revenue Service, please contact any member of the firm's employee benefits group or your regular Sidley contact.

Our Hospitals... cated decisions about their physician and hospital selections," explains Roger Holstein, CEO of Healthgrades. "More than 20 million people turn to <u>Healthgrades.com</u> every month to find, evaluate and make an appointment with a doctor or hospital, and we are committed to making objective measures of quality more accessible to all Americans."

For more information about Healthgrades or to download a full copy of the full study and the American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation, visit www.Healthgrades.com.

Legislative Vote...

10 Mattress Disposal (SB 1118): Requires mattress retailers

continued from pg. 35 and manufacturers to arrange for pickup of a used mattress from a consumer purchasing a new mattress at no cost to the consumer. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Failed in Senate 17–19. Passed Assembly 48–31.

11. Americans With Disabilities Act Tort Reform (SB 1186): Prohibits "demand for money" letters. Requires intent to sue letters to be sent 30 days prior to filing, and must include specific violations and dates. Reduces fines for small businesses with timeframes to correct problems. Prevents multiple claims by a litigant for the same problem. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 34–3. Passed Assembly 77–0. Signed by

Barstow City...

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Redevelopment Dissolution

tion in the near future.

Impacts Minimal for Barstow

On Dec. 29, 2011, the California Supreme Court upheld the legislation that effectively dissolved redevelopment agencies throughout the State. However, in Barstow, the city had created contingency plans over a year ago in anticipation that redevelopment agencies could be eliminated. The strategy that the city developed was focused on developing enough capacity within the General Fund to absorb necessary RDA expenses. For example, several employee positions that were previously paid for with redevelopment monies were transitioned to General Fund roles as part the FY 11/12 Budget. In addition, a new cost allocation formula that was instituted with the budget called for the RDA to pay for fewer General Fund expenses than in prior years. When the Supreme Court ruled that redevelopment agencies in California were to be dissolved, the City of Barstow was ready to address the situation. While the dissolution of the RDA does create a financial impact on the city, overall, the elimination of redevelopment will not require any reductions or modifications to the city's current operations.

Fort Irwin Projects

Fort Irwin and the United States Military have made a concerted effort to involve the local community in a variety of currently planned projects. While there are numerous improvements being coordinated by Fort Irwin, the two most significant initiatives include the construction of a \$100 million water treatment plant and a \$400 million hospital facility. These two projects, which will total an investment of over half a billion dollars in the greater Barstow area, are scheduled to break ground within the next year and are both scheduled for completion in 2015.

While the overall economic situation is still challenging, the current projects in the Barstow area illustrate that:

• Barstow is strategically situated midway between Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

• Barstow is a major transportation corridor that serves more than 60 million travelers and 19 million vehicles each year.

• Barstow is where the Interstates 15 & 40 and Highways 58 & 247 all converge.

• Barstow is home to the Tanger Outlets and Barstow Outlets, which provide shopping options that are usually only found in metropolitan areas.

• Barstow is where an eclectic mix of railroad, military, high technology, and mining employers have located.

• Barstow is home to a vibrant and caring community.

• Barstow is positioned to be the next big thing in the High Desert.

• Barstow is at the crossroads of opportunity... where the best is yet to come.

Gov. Brown.

12 Business One-Stop Permitting Website (SB 1327): Establishes a one-stop website to assist individuals with the licensing, permitting and registration requirements necessary to start a business. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed Senate 36–0. Passed Assembly 73–5. Signed by Gov. Brown.

13 Medical Services, Increased Damages (SB 1528): Would require plaintiffs to be awarded the "reasonable value" of medical services rather than the actual amount paid. Undoes a Supreme Court decision that ruled plaintiffs are only eligible for the actual costs of medical treatment and increases the damages awarded. A "No" vote supports *continued on page 39* Any individual who would like to learn more about all that Barstow has to offer is encouraged to visit the city's website at <u>www.barstowca.org</u> or to contact Oliver Chi, assistant city manager, via email at <u>ochi@barstowca.org</u> or by telephone at (760) 577-4510.

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Palm Desert.



Legislative Vote...

the NFIB position. Passed Senate 22–13. Failed in

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NFIB/CA POSITION	Y	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Y	N	100%
Carter, Wilmer Amina (62, Rialto)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	67%
Donnelly, Tim (59, Hesperia)	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν		Ν	Ν	75%
Cook, Paul (65, Yucaipa)		Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	100%
Hagman, Curt (60, Chino Hills)		Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Ν	100%
Grove, Shannon (32, Bakersfield)	N	Ν	Ν	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Υ	N	92%
Emmerson, Bill (37, Riverside)	Y	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	100%
Dutton, Bob (31, Inland Empire)	Y	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Y	N	Υ	Y	N	100%
Fuller, Jean (18, Bakersfield)	Y	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	100%
Nestande, Brian (64, Palm Desert)	Y	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	100%
Jeffries, Kevin (66, Riverside)	Y	Ν	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	100%
Torres, Norma (61, Pomona)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	62%
Negrete McLeod, Gloria (32, Chino)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Ν	Y	Y	Y	46%
Morrell, Mike (63, Redlands)	Y	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν	92%
Rubio, Michael (16, Bakersfield)	Y			Y		Y	Ν	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	78%
Pérez, Manuel (80, Coachella)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	62%

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VOTING KEY

- Y = Voted "Yes" N = Voted "No"
- % = Percentage voting with NFIB position
 - = Did not vote

EXECUTIVE TIME OUT

Cupid's Choice—Great choices for a special Valentine's getaway

By Cary Ordway, California Weekend Getaways



Santa Ynez Inn

Just about the time those bills come due for your Christmas presents, you'll want to consider the next important gift-buying opportunity of the year—Valentine's Day. While Feb. 14 is still weeks away, you'll need to make your decision early if you want to turn this year into a special getaway for you and your significant other.

This year Valentine's Day falls on Thursday and that, no doubt, will encourage more getaway travel than if it came a day or two earlier in the week. Many couples will take Thursday and Friday off, or leave late Thursday and make a weekend out of it. The upshot: lodgings for those dates may be a little harder to find at the last minute.

Of course, you really don't need Valentine's Day as an excuse—a romantic trip, even if only for a couple of days, is the perfect way to re-energize your relationship. Here are several excellent examples of romantic destinations we have discovered in our California travels: ered in Santa Ynez. The Santa Ynez Inn is an unusual Victorian bed-and-breakfast because it is not a historic building at all—the inn was built from scratch just five years ago. That offers the advantage of everything being new—floors, carpeting, plumbing, which will appeal to travelers less interested in the historic aspect of their accommodations.

The Santa Ynez Inn is certainly among the most luxurious inns we've enjoyed. Entering the lobby, one notices the carved wood stairway regally reminiscent of the grand staircase in the movie "Titanic." The hallways are decorated with portraits of former presidents. In our secondfloor, over-sized room we found a sanctuary filled with antique-inspired furniture and

such luxurious accents as crystal chandeliers and crystalbased lamps. The floral curtains parted to reveal a view of the countryside and small balcony with table and chairs. Another sitting area, made of travertine, was adjacent to the fireplace, and travertine was used extensively in the larger-than-usual bathroom area. A jetted tub and separate shower area were just as you would find in the most expensive hotels.

And, as they say about real estate, it's location, location, location—and the Santa Ynez Inn certainly delivers in this area as well. Several wineries and miles of gorgeous vineyards are within a few minutes drive from the inn.

For more information on Santa Ynez Inn, phone 800-643-4774 or visit <u>www.san-</u> taynezinn.com. Here is another resource for choosing Santa Ynez, California hotels.

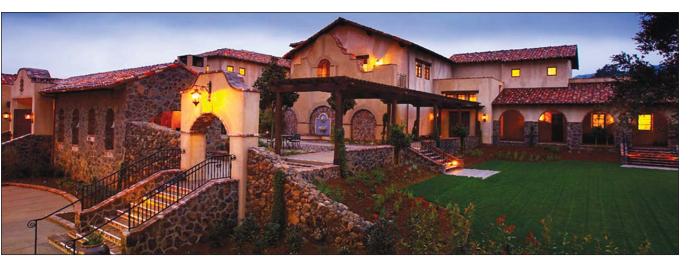
Double Eagle Resort and Spa

If you really want to surprise your significant other, consider a visit to one of the world's 10 best spa resorts. Double Eagle Resort and Spa is located in June Lake near the eastern entrance to Yosemite National Park and offers both a fitness center for exercise and a world-class spa for pampering. Health-conscious meals are available at the resort's gourmet restaurant, and vigorous outdoor activities are everywhere you look. This total package so impressed *Forbes Magazine* that it named Double Eagle one of the 10 best spa resorts in the world.

For starters, the scenery in this area is spectacular with its dramatic mountain faces, pine forests and sparkling lakes. Just a few miles out of the mountain village of June Lake are the modern log cabins and resortstyle buildings known as the Double Eagle Resort and Spa. Located just at the edge of the mountains and an easy stroll to Silver Lake, the resort apparently was designed to fit in with the numerous upscale log homes in the immediate vicinity. Picture Aspen or Vail and you get some idea of the setting, although this enclave of homes is tiny by comparison.

We stayed in one of the resort's unmistakable scent of a new home. They feature such amenities as comfortable lounge chairs, standing fireplaces, work desks, minikitchen counters, Jacuzzi tubs and decks that overlook the resort's fully stocked trout pond.

The Creekside Spa offers 40 types of spa services, including *continued on page 14*



Santa Ynez Inn

We always enjoy visiting Santa Barbara Wine Country, a region made famous by the movie "Sideways," and we especially enjoyed a charming bed-and-breakfast we discov-

Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn and Spa