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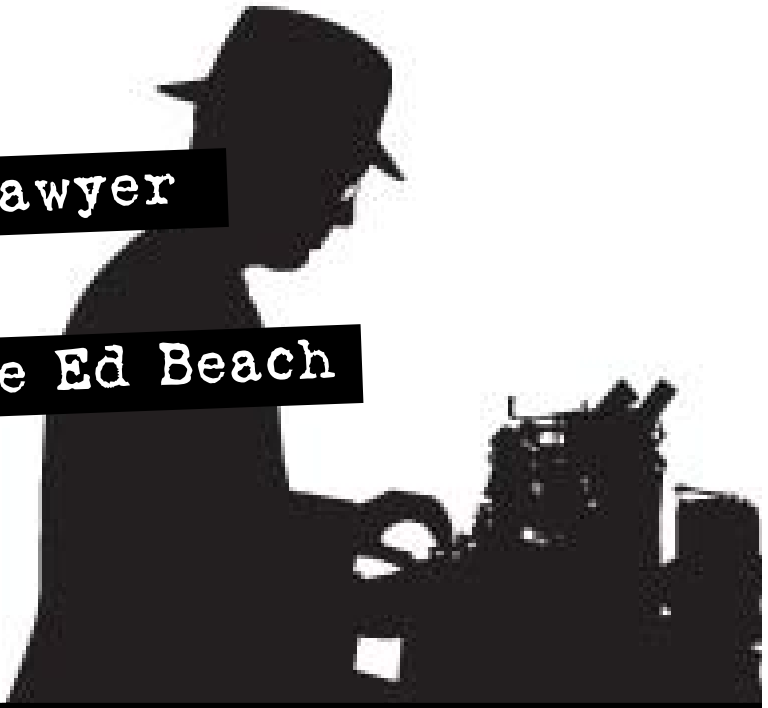
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*Jonathan Fraser Light*

“We read, so you don't have to...” I've borrowed that phrase from our illustrious CEO, Steve Henderson (yes, I know he's the Executive Director, but those in the “know,” know he's the real Chief around here who gets things done and keeps us on track). Every month at the executive committee meeting, Steve hands me a stack of President's messages from other bar associations' newsletters. Very high-brow stuff, mostly. So, here's a sampling so you can see what you're missing in this column. And I'll pass along some of Steve's editorial comments, such as this month's, “Please don't write this lengthy!”

One president grandly proclaimed, “We end this year with a staggering list of impressive accomplishments.” I have more modest goals that I hope to reflect upon at the end of my term; stay out of Steve's way and let him do his job: keep the Bar as far away as possible from bankruptcy; avoid scandal and arrest; attend lots of meetings and bar functions (observation: we need more sushi at these events); avoid discussions about updating the Mission Statement; and advocate my favorite slogan, “The Best Bar In Town.”

Another president started a column with a lawyer joke. I love lawyer jokes, but not for half a column. There was a moral, but it took awhile to get there. Another president suggested supporting “the arts, a topic which I find both refreshing and compelling.” Huh? The best I can muster is my daughter's admonition not to let it get out that I like ballet (and for the record, I wholeheartedly support the arts). I was disappointed that I missed “Edward Scissorhands” this past holiday season.

One prez highlighted the amount of CLE accomplished by her bar. We were all astounded at our last exec committee meeting when Steve summarized the number of CLE programs our VCBA hosts, with literally thousands of session hours completed under our auspices. The same leader also highlighted her strategic planning retreat. Maybe we don't have a full-blown “retreat,” but we did (by the time you read this) have

a useful discussion at our January 20 planning meeting about nurturing young lawyers. One word (at least): mentor. And our Annual Dinner photo montage was at least as good as their “collage.”

Another president quoted at length from the The Federalist papers on the importance of voting. Yes, do vote. It's important. Remember Florida, and hanging chads. Though the only Chad I thought worthy of hanging was Chad Everett for butchering “Sunny” in the '70s.

The Riverside bar president delivered on his promise of a second consecutive column on the compelling topic of his county's underfunded court system. And you thought we were short a judge a two. Those people have some serious issues.

I won't detail how Little Richard's “Long Tall Sally” made it into one column, although that led to a “first legal job” reminiscence. Mine was at age 20 delivering holiday gifts of candy and liquor for Los Angeles court reporters Coleman, Haas, Martin & Schwab, and then bartending at their holiday party.

Another column began by rhapsodizing over the great white shark (albeit only a baby) at the Monterey Aquarium, seen while attending the State Bar convention. I know there's a lawyer joke in there somewhere...the best I can muster is last month's request by my partner, Nancy Schreiner,

who emailed wanting to know how to locate “old bills.” I told her Bill Hair was just down the hall from me, if she needed directions. I also know that Bill Paterson now spends an inordinate amount of time at my local Starbucks, looking relaxed and fit, and certainly not old at all (and if you're a movie buff, he does splendid reviews every few weeks).

Several presidents began their holiday columns with how blessed we are (agreed), how important it is to be charitable (agreed; and do it throughout the year, not just during the holidays), and how time flies (no kidding!). My favorite charity this year was Sports Illustrated's Rick Reilly pushing his “Nothing But Nets” campaign to raise money for mosquito nets in Africa to reduce malaria. Raised almost a million dollars from readers. I also donated to the Camarillo kid who raised \$4,964 for Children's Hospital at his lemonade stand. Nice job!

My favorite year-end farewell column closing line came from Sacramento's Jack Laufenberg, who asked for a favor: “Always leave the court in as good a mood as you found it. The next poor slob who might have to appear could be me.” Amen.

*Jon Light, who can be found at Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton, LLP, would like to mention one last time: UCLA 13 USC 9. He does express some remorse, however, that Dick Norman might have been just a tad suicidal over the result.*

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## AB INITIO

This is the first in a series of occasional columns about the good ol' days for the legal profession in Ventura County. We will share anecdotes about the triumphs and follies of lawyers, and of our respected and honorable jurists past and present, from contributors whose bar numbers are (or were) lower than 75000. Please e-mail your stories to Lindsay Nielson at [nielsonlaw@aol.com](mailto:nielsonlaw@aol.com), or fax them to him at 658-2801.

*Lindsay Nielson launches Ab Initio with these three tales:*

### My First Day on the Bench

Most of us have had the call to serve as a judge pro tem. It's good to help out the courts and, of course, it is good training for judicial wannabes. My introduction as a pro tem many years ago was a grand occasion. I remember putting on the robe and crinkling my brow in a very learned manner. My ego was only slightly enlarged by wearing the black robe. Just as I entered the courtroom the bailiff dutifully asked if I would like the litigants to rise as I took the bench. I thought for a brief moment, completely absorbed in my newfound status, and grandly announced to the bailiff. "No, no, that's not necessary. But, could you get them to kneel down? I'd like that a lot better."

### Why I am Not a Criminal Defense Lawyer

My client called. I had successfully helped him with developing a shopping center and, so, of course, he asked that I help him with a small problem that his son happened to get into. The boy was only 16 years old and was facing an upcoming trial for possessing an open alcoholic beverage container. I interviewed him. His story was that he was on his way to a party in the Pierpont area where he knew liquor would flow and he could get some for free. He was carrying empty bottles to fill them up with the free booze. They were empty! How could that be a crime?

I told him to just tell the truth and we would win.

Under my own direct questioning, I slowly led up to the grand Perry Mason moment. "And, if those bottles were just empty bottles that you hoped to fill up with liquor later, why did you throw them on the ground and run when the officer asked you to stop?"

I drew his answer from his own lips. "Because, earlier in the evening, at the drive-in movie. I had drunk a six pack of beer and didn't want the officer to smell my breath..."

The bailiff who had been reading a magazine and only half listening, didn't move her head,

but slowly raised her eyes to look directly at me. If not mistaken, I think I saw a slight curl of a muted smile on her lips. But worse, the judge asked for a bench meeting. "Good job, counselor. You managed to obtain a confession from your own client."

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is why I remain a real estate lawyer to this day. I'll leave this tricky stuff to Dick Hanawalt or Chuck Samonsky in the future.

### The Wisdom of Judge Ed Beach

It was 1969. I was testifying as an expert in a condemnation case in the courtroom of recently elevated Judge (later Justice) Ed Beach. It seems that the County was cutting down a windbreak to make way for a new flood control channel. Representing the Flood Control District was a young Assistant County Counsel, Edwin M. Osborne (later to become Judge Osborne). The landowner was represented by Charles McGrath (also later to become a judge).

EMO had me on voir dire. "So you are an appraisal expert?"

"Yes, sir."

"What makes you an expert, Mr. Nielson?"

"I studied a great deal and have read numerous books on appraisal theory."

EMO pounced. "Mr. Nielson, I would like you to give me a list tomorrow morning of every book you've read that allows you to sit there and claim to be an expert."

Panic crossed my mind when Ed Beach showed why he was such a wise judge. He came to my rescue right on cue. "That's an interesting question, Mr. Osborne. Tell you what. I'd like you tomorrow to give me a list of every book you've read that allows you to ask that question."

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Who was the best trial lawyer in Ventura County in 2006? The Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association announces open nominations for its Second Annual "Trial Lawyer of the Year" award.

Nominees will be selected by the VCTLA. Criteria for the award include:

- Noteworthy civil trial results (court or jury trial(s) in 2006)
- Contributions to the legal community and the civil justice system

- Demonstrated high standards of ethics, civility, courage, advocacy & dedication
- VCTLA Member (may join after nomination)

The award will be given at the second annual award gala on May 22, 2007, at the Residence Inn by Marriott River Ridge in Oxnard.

Nominations may be forwarded prior to March 31, 2006 to VCTLA c/o Steve Henderson via facsimile (805) 650-8059 or by email to [steve@vcba.org](mailto:steve@vcba.org). Include the name of the nominee and at least one case tried by the nominee last year.

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# PRO-BONO HIGHLIGHTS

By Verna R. Kagan

It is time to yell hallelujah! After almost three years of dedicated service, Kate Neiswender has completed the case that she accepted from us regarding a mortgage fraud committed against a hard-working Spanish-speaking family. These types of cases have become so commonplace that the County of Ventura has created a separate department in the District Attorney's office to handle them. Unfortunately, they did not do that soon enough for Kate, and she fought the matter to the bitter end. At the very 11th hour, the defense capitulated and settled. There are no honors so great nor thank yous so plentiful that would adequately compensate Kate for all that she has done. Bless you, Kate, and now take a well-deserved rest.



We are pleased to announce that a new Emeritus Attorney has joined our crew at the VLSP office, Fred Tschopp.

Fred received his B.A. Degree at Occidental College

and his J.D. at the University of San Diego. He graduated with distinction, including serving as Editor of the Law Review. He also served in the Marine Corps as Commanding Officer of the staff Judge Advocate. He has acted as a Judge Pro Tem in the West Orange County Municipal Court, and is a member of VCBA, Phi Delta Phi Alumni Association, the Navy League, Marine Corps League and the Air Force Association.

Fred and his wife, Jean, live in Westlake Village. Jean is also an attorney, who works for Northrop in the export division. They are the proud parents of three sons, and have five grandchildren.

Fred is a self-starter. He has already been successful with one of our cases. Moreover, he is most pleasant and a good member of the team. Welcome aboard, Fred.

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In *State of Wisconsin v. Hathaway, Douglas County*, Wisconsin Circuit Court case number 06CM504, the defendant was accused of violating that state's section 944.17(2)(c), Sexual Gratification With Animal. His public defender moved to dismiss for lack of probable cause, noting that the complaint alleged the defendant had sex with a dead deer. "The statute does not prevent one from having sex with a carcass."

"Whether the term animal includes carcasses presents an issue of statutory interpretation . . . Websters defines 'animal' as 'any of a kingdom of living beings.' [Citation]. According to The New American Heritage Dictionary . . . an 'animal' is 'an organism of the kingdom Animalia.' In turn, an 'organism' is defined as 'a living individual; a plant or animal.' Thus, the term 'animal' refers to a living organism, not a carcass.

"In addition, defining animal to include carcasses would lead to absurd results. At what point of decompose [sic] would the carcass cease being an animal? Would picked-over skeletal remains still meet the definition? At death, an animal ceases to be an animal. As Billy Crystal noted in *The Princess Bride* (1987), 'There's a big difference between mostly dead and all dead.'"

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# ENVIRONMENTAL TOTALITARIANISM AND THE EROSION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS

By Michael McQueen

*"Everyone complains about the weather but no one ever does anything about it."*

*Mark Twain.*

Like most religions, the newly burgeoning faith of environmentalism is essentially well intentioned and good at its core. Unfortunately, like most religions, there is always an extremist element that pushes that faith beyond a personal conviction to doctrinaire fanaticism. Like Monty Python observed, "no one expects the Spanish Inquisition," but it happens; whether it's the Inquisition, Muslim Jihads or the decimation of Polynesian culture, the fallout from religious fanaticism can be, and often is, devastating. The detrimental impact of the environmentally faithful on property rights in this country should be cause for concern. As lawyers, we should be on the front lines to preserve property rights because that is the foundation of all freedoms.

By now I suppose a few readers are pursing their lips and building a sense of indignation. But be mindful that it is the environmentalist who is difficult to tolerate; conservationists deserve respect and support. The difference isn't merely semantics. If a conservationist sees land that they want to protect, they buy it. They put their money where their mouth is. Environmental groups, on the other hand, are completely comfortable with just taking your property rights. They believe that the individual's property rights should be sacrificed for the community good. This communitarian preference for all things environmental has led to a political atmosphere that allows Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett to argue to the Board of Supervisors that paying for property rights taken by governmental action would keep the County from protecting Ventura's quality of life. If it is worth protecting, then it's worth paying for.

This willingness to sacrifice property rights for the perceived good of one group over another has been a legal battle fought for a millennium. As lawyers, we should recognize that property rights are the very foundation of the freedoms we enjoy in this country. These freedoms derive from the abuses of ancient forestry rights by England's King Henry II during the old Sherwood Forest days. That struggle was the genesis of the Magna Carta. The Magna Carta was the precursor to the U.S. Constitution. It is property rights that keep us from being mere serfs in a governmental feudal system run by modern day bureaucratic Mandarins, influenced

by fanatic, slightly hysterical environmental special interest groups.

Like most religions, the environmentalists control their faithful congregation through a combination of fear, guilt and promises of an earthly paradise. Over the last 30 years, we have been subjected to a steady cascade of dire environmental predictions, few of which have actually occurred. Recently, we have become obsessed with reducing our "carbon footprint." In a recent conversation with a local lawyer, she bragged about her small carbon footprint, and miniscule air conditioning bill. It was like talking to a self-flagellating monk who takes joy in her privations. I, on the other hand, professed great gratitude for being alive in the age of the internal combustion engine, muscle cars and Harleys. That heretical confession resulted in a truncated conversation. Like the evangelist knocking on your door and interrupting your dinner, the self-satisfied environmentalist can be just plain annoying. Just consider the prissy and pious Prius owners' holier than thou attitude. To them owning an SUV is the equivalent of a pact with the devil. Drive a Lincoln Navigator and you are undoubtedly going to environmental hell.

Having represented various energy, mining and property developers over the last 30 years, I have had a very close and unpleasant association with a multitude of sanctimonious environmentalists. For the most part, environmentalists don't seem to actually do anything. They certainly don't provide the power, water, shelter or food or contribute to the standard of living we enjoy in the United States -- a standard of living that offers us the luxury of, well, having environmentalists. Over the years I have learned that environmental positions are primarily a matter of faith, so do not confuse them with facts; that attempts at ADR will be fruitless, since to compromise one's faith is to betray your religion; and that the environmental movement is remarkably well funded. This is due, in large part, because older ladies control a remarkable amount of discretionary income that their deceased husbands accumulated. That is not meant as a criticism. They can do whatever they want with their money. The point is that the weekly tithing of the environmentally devout can accumulate to a substantial war chest, and with the tools provided by the law, that war chest can and has wrecked havoc upon private property rights.

And the weapon of choice is the Environmental Impact Report. The EIR illustrates Einstein's observation that the "Empirical Sciences are measuring themselves into an intellectual cul-de-sac." It is the weapon of choice by environmentalists to frustrate and erode property rights.

Admittedly, the EIR was a pretty good idea. It makes sense to look before you leap. However, environmentalists look, but never want to leap. So instead of being a useful tool, it is often used as a pretext for delay. The cost to property owners, developers and the legal system has been enormous. The lack of integrity in the process adds a huge economic burden to every project across the County and raises the question of whether the process is worth it. We need an EIR on the EIR process. Well-intentioned environmental ideas often go awry. Just one instance is the environmental warning initiative, Prop 65. How can one argue against warning the public about environmental hazards? Unfortunately, this has been a 100% solution to a 1% problem. Everything now bears a warning. Gas pumps, china teacups, whole buildings! We should just require hospitals to place yellow Prop 65 plaques in delivery rooms: "WARNING-Life is Dangerous and Then You Die." Now, we've all been warned.

So that brings us to global warming, the latest environmental crisis de jour. Frankly, I thank God for climate change. Without it we would have a 2-mile ice sheet over Kansas, the Celts would never have colonized the British Isles, and we wouldn't have Guinness. Anyone with a passing familiarity with geology and geologic history knows that for the last 16,000 years or so, we have had a warming trend from the last of multiple ice ages. Climate is, by its very nature, chaotic. It changes by fits and starts, unpredictable ebbs and flows. It is so complex that science really doesn't know what to do with it. And though short term forecasts have improved because of satellite technology, long term forecasts remain a crap shoot.

Even though climate change has been a fact of life during the entire history of mankind, this recent environmental hysteria seems premised on the desire to halt all change, to somehow keep the earth in a stasis of permanent paralysis. Are we nuts?

For the last 30 years, the environmental movement has repeatedly cried wolf. Like

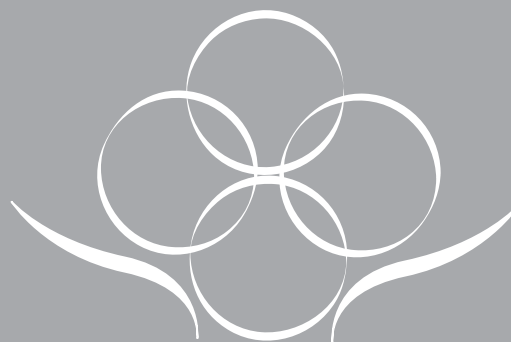
a humorless Calvinistic congregation, they are about the most depressing and depressed group I have ever encountered. Recently, through some undisclosed mechanism, a vote of Madison Avenue advertisers was held and the conventional wisdom now seems to have accepted human causation of global warming as undeniable fact. Science is not a democratic process. Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" is excellent propaganda, but we really should not shut down our industry because the inventor of the internet says so. Just what did Gore do about this issue when he was Vice President? If this is how we resolve scientific issues, then I propose that lawyers receive MCLE credits for watching The Practice, Boston Legal and John Grisham movies.

I will admit that I don't know whether humans have contributed to global warming or increased the rate of global warming. I don't believe anyone does. For all we know, human activity has kept a new ice age from occurring. I do know that man must adapt to the changes in his environment. Climate change has had both negative and positive impacts. This is not news.

The answer to the problem, if there is a problem, is not to jump to the conclusion that humans caused it, but to study it, develop new energy technologies and adapt. Having environmentalists at the helm is a recipe for disaster, like asking Iranians to manage nuclear reactors. Remember, it was hysterical environmentalists who shut down nuclear power that caused an increase in fossil fuel use which, according to environmentalists, increased greenhouse gases which they claim cause global warming. The environmentalists are pushing us to a centralized government that controls all industrial production and land use based on junk science and a total disregard for property rights. The unintended consequences of the environmental extremism may well be the end of the American experiment. Without a deep and abiding respect for property rights, we will become a country of vassals governed by a pervasive sense of fear. We need a balanced, reasoned approach to these issues without resorting to demagoguery and pandering to mob rule; an environmental mob governed by fear and ignorance.

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# Lawyers Helping to Bring the MLK Jr. National Memorial to Fruition – A Ventura County Campaign Underway

By Don Greenberg

As many already know, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial is being built in Washington, D.C on a site next to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, in a direct line between the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on November 13, 2006. President Bush, former President Clinton, political, business and civil rights dignitaries attended, along with thousands of other people. Completion is expected in the spring of 2008.

The Memorial will honor Dr. King and the American ideals he and so many others have courageously struggled to achieve. All living Presidents, Nancy Reagan, leading Republicans and Democrats, religious leaders, indeed, Americans from all walks of life as well as corporate sponsors, are supporting and/or contributing to this National Memorial.

In Ventura County, a committee of Ventura County business and community leaders has launched a campaign with the goal of raising \$1 million for the Memorial. It is a grand idea. If \$1 million can be raised, the Ventura County MLK Campaign will be appropriately

recognized on the Memorial donor wall along with all other \$1 million donors – of which, thankfully, there are many. Such donors already include State Farm Insurance, Bank of America, General Motors, Ford, FedEx Corporation, GE, Walt Disney Corporation, the National Basketball Association, to name but a few. This could be an inspiration and source of pride for all who have the good fortune to call Ventura County home.

To me, this particular project deals with one of the core American values and ideals – equality of all people regardless of race or creed. From the beginning of our nation, in the Declaration of Independence, our founders declared the view that “all men are created equal.” This, of course, was at the same time slavery was firmly established and defended in many parts of the country, including the north.

The dream expressed by Martin Luther King, Jr. in his “I Have a Dream” speech is an American dream. And while, sadly, we have still not achieved it, we nonetheless hold this as our ideal and we are committed to striving to achieve it.

Lawyers have, of course, played a substantial role in advancing the efforts to achieve our great American ideal of equality without regard to race or creed. The contributions of lawyers in fighting for civil rights have been phenomenal. I urge my fellow lawyers to join me in this project as well. Hopefully it will be one more very positive step on the road to achieving the dream.

A “Ventura County Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Fund” has been established at the Ventura County Community Foundation to receive and ultimately transmit the funds raised as part of this campaign. A “black tie” campaign kickoff dinner (Coach John Wooden is the honorary chair) will be held on February 15, 2006 at the Hyatt Hotel in Westlake Village. As this article goes to press, there may still be seats available. For tickets or for further information please contact George Corbin at (805) 496-2982, Everette Garmon at (805) 485-7303, or me at liondongreenberg@yahoo.com

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Two deaths to report – sorry about that – **Glenn Edwin Churchman** (SB#35878) passed away in December apparently after a heart transplant failed and a few years' worth of heart ailments. Glenn had a quiet practice in Camarillo. . . And sadly, bar pal **Robert Blinn Maxwell** (SB#19838) died 12.27 from complications of a stroke nearly a year earlier. Blinn was a regular at the Probate and Estate Planning luncheons and his photo appears on a 1950 roster of lawyers hanging in the bar offices. Lots of you don't know this, but Blinn stormed the beach at Normandy and fought at the Battle of the Bulge. Later he freed the camp at Dachau. He was an exemplary lawyer and a fine gentleman indeed. . . True Case Names: *Schmuck v. Dumm* (Ohio App. 1983) 1983 Ohio App. Lexis 13134. . . **Craig Smith** spotted this beauty in the New York Times' coverage of the Santa Barbara News Press debacle. When asked why Mrs. McCaw has consistently chosen legal action when she has felt wronged, rather than engaging in dialogue with readers or her news staff, she said, "A cease-and-desist letter is a form of dialogue." . . .

## EXEC'S DOT...DOT...DOT...

By Steve Henderson, Executive Director, M.A., CAE

**Ron Gill** has retired from NCHC but will remain as Of Counsel effective January 9. After 3 years in the DA's office, he hooked up with the firm in 1968. Ron feels he was fortunate to work at a great firm for 38 years. . . Who's been with the same firm for longer? **Bill Hair** does not count. . . TV Law from Jimmy James (Stephen Root), *Newsradio*: "I got so many lawyers lined up to see me today, you'd think I had tobacco leaking out of my breast implants." . . From Bill Maher: "R Kelly wrote a song about his problems. It's called, 'Heaven, I need a hug.' I could not make that up. 'Heaven, I need a hug.' The 'B' side is, 'Christ, I need a lawyer.'" . . **Judge Kevin McGee** survived hip replacement surgery December 5 and is back on the bench again. His jogging career is finito, but he's eyeing the bicycle. . . Hee Hee of the Month: Two lawyers walked into the office one Monday morning talking about their weekend. "I got a dog for my kids this weekend," said one. The other attorney replied, "Good trade." . . Check out the **Asian American Bar Association's** new website, recreated by **Glenn Kelble**, at [www.VCAABA.org](http://www.VCAABA.org). . .

Who retires first? **Judge Steve Hintz** or **Judge Barry Klopfer**—prevailing lockerroom odds are 2-1 and 3-1 respectively. . . From F. Lee Bailey: "The public regards lawyers with great distrust. They think lawyers are smarter than the average guy but use their intelligence deviously. Well, they're wrong; usually, they are not smarter." . . Over 50 people attend the East County Bar Association's first ever Holiday Celebration December 14 in the Moorpark CC including **Judge Chuck Campbell** and plenty of court personnel too. . . From Pascal: "An advocate who has been paid well in advance will find the cause he is pleading to be all the more just." . . **Joseph O'Neill** has been elected to a three year term to the board of Governors for this country's largest state-wide organization of criminal defense attorneys and associated professions, the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ). . . From Addison Mizner: "Ignorance of the law excuses no man—from practicing it." . . Two good guys going solo. **Brian Nomi** has left NCHC, setting up shop on 215 Daily Drive, Suite 9, in Camarillo (444.5960), [briannomi@yahoo.com](mailto:briannomi@yahoo.com); while **David Lehr** departs the DA's office with space near the courthouse. . .

**Engle & Bride** have changed its name to **Engle Carobini Covner & Coats LLP** effective January 1. **Bob Bride** is currently out on disability and can be reached at 646.8960. . . From the New York Times: "According to a 2005 study conducted by a Boston University law professor, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is 19 times as funny as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Studying transcripts of oral arguments, the professor, Jay Wexler, counted the times the notation "(laughter)" appeared after a successful quip from a justice or a lawyer. During a nine-month period, Scalia's comments resulted in 77 "(laughter)" notations. Justice Stephen Breyer was next, at 45 laughs. Ginsburg produced four laughs. Justice Clarence Thomas? Zero. . . From John Arbuthnot: "Law is a bottomless pit, it is a cormorant, a Harpy that devours everything." . . From the April 1989 edition of CITATIONS: "Sports and Eats—VCBA Sports Day/Barristers Barbeque (sic) is open to all members Thursday, May 11. The Barbeque (sic) at the Lagomarsino Ranch will feature a social/cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by a feast of tri-tip, chicken, salad, beans and garlic bread. Activities beforehand include golf, tennis and volleyball. Call the bar office for information." . .

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*Steve Henderson has been the executive director and chief executive officer of the bar and its affiliated organizations since November 1990. Henderson reminds you Valentine's Day is the 14<sup>th</sup> and his board of directors will be keeping him company during the afternoon. His 10 year-old son, Max, has announced intentions to attend UCLA over Duke---oye!*

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