Bally’s in Atlantic City to Host 2007 Bench-Bar

by Jeff Lyons

The Association’s Annual Bench-Bar Conference is moving to Atlantic City’s most famous address – Boardwalk and Park Place at Bally’s Park Place Casino Resort on Sept. 28 and 29. This will be the fourth straight year the Bench-Bar Conference has been held in Atlantic City. The 2005 and 2006 events were held at the Tropicana while the 2004 event was staged at The Borgata.

“This year’s Bench-Bar Conference will be another fantastic event, providing the opportunity for our members to network with each other and with the bench and, at the same time, providing continuing legal education courses in a relaxed setting. I invite everyone to attend and look forward to seeing you there,” said Chancellor Jane L. Dalton.

This year’s Conference will feature a “wild west” theme and is co-chaired by Laura A. Feldman and Michael B. Hayes.

“This year’s Bench-Bar Conference promises to be the best ever. We have an exciting new venue with fabulous rooms and meeting space and many interesting CLE courses. I think everyone will be very happy with the choices this year,” said Feldman.

“We are confident that the various divisions, sections and committees of the Bar Association will, as they have done since the Bench-Bar Conference was re-established, prepare and present

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Dreyfuss to Speak at March 26 Quarterly

by Jeff Lyons

Oscar-winning actor and social activist Richard Dreyfuss will be the keynote speaker at the Association’s March 26 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.

Dreyfuss won the Academy Award for best actor in 1977 for his performance in “The Goodbye Girl.” He was nominated for Best Actor in 1996 for his role in “Mr. Holland’s Opus.” He has appeared in dozens of films, including Stephen Spielberg classics “Jaws” and “Close Encounters of the Third Kind.” Three of his films were recently included in the American Film Institute’s list of the greatest 100 films.

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Program Targets Disaster, Pandemic Planning

by Jane L. Dalton

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A few weeks ago, New York was digging out from under more than 100 inches of snow — a storm paralyzed those communities for a prolonged period of time. More than a month ago, residents of Florida near Orlando were flattened by tornados. Last summer, devastating floods from the Susquehanna River shut downtown Philadelphia’s banks for weeks — many communities are yet to be rebuilt. And of course, over the last several years, hurricanes, most notably Katrina, have destroyed cities and taken countless lives along the Gulf Coast.

These are just a few of the recent natural disasters that have crippled American towns and cities. As we know, not so long ago major U.S. cities were targeted by acts of terrorism when airplanes were used as weapons. Also in 2001, we were under attack by biological agents when anthrax was used to target Americans and governmental agencies.

And now a prime global worry is that an influenza pandemic could kill millions and bring city government to a grinding halt.

As we know, there is no question in my mind that we have a disaster/pandemic plan for you and your family and to be sure that your firm’s disaster plan is in place.

Disabled Senior Lawyers Can Get Help from Bar

by Jeff Lyons

Senior attorneys who become disabled or family members of disabled or deceased attorneys can now receive emergency assistance on practice issues from the Senior Lawyers Professional & Public Service Committee.

Anyone in need of assistance to handle an emergency in a practice or to wind down a practice is eligible,” said Louis W. Fryman, chair of the committee.

“A widow of a single practitioner, a partner burdened with his own files, or an attorney who is disabled either for the short or long term can receive assistance. It may be necessary to contact clients or the court concerning the problem or to review files in order to put the legal house in order,” he said.

Parties needing the committee’s help should call a Bar Association hotline at (215) 256-6391.

Fryman sees the service as a benefit primarily to sole practitioners and small firms.

“In a major firm they should be able to have someone step in to pick up with the work,” Fryman said. “But for a single practitioner or in a small office, it is a different situation. It is a problem for the family or the partners.” Fryman’s committee has more than two dozen attorneys who have volunteered to assist those in need. Fryman, with assistance from former Chancellor Edward F. Chacker, will review the requests and assign an attorney with the appropriate experience. If necessary, an attorney will be recruited to fill special requests.

The Senior Lawyers Professional & Public Service Committee, re-established in 2006 under Chancellor Alan J. Feldman, sought ideas for initiatives from its membership.

“There is a significant number of senior attorneys with the time, experience and expertise,” Fryman said. “We were looking for ideas on what we could do with all those skills and talent in order to serve the profession and the community.”

Fryman said the committee solicited volunteers. “We asked members of the Bar to volunteer in whatever program that would interest them, and we received a significant response. There’s no question in my mind that there are those in need and families in need. It’s just a matter of getting the word out. We’re unaware of the extent of the need. But we’ll be there to fill all appropriate requests,” he said.

“Assigned attorneys will be screened before we make an assignment, to be sure the fit is appropriate. If a lawyer has an area of expertise, we’ll ask an attorney to lend us a hand where a particular specialty is involved,” Fryman said.

The committee’s mission is to:

• Provide assistance and service to the courts, the Bar Association and the public, while finding useful outlets for the wisdom and experience of senior members of the Philadelphia Bar.
• Provide assistance to lawyers, their clients and families in dealing with issues such as retirement, illness or death.
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Committee Spotlight: International Law

Lyon Exchange Program Marks 10th Year

By Michael E. Scullin

This year we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Lyon-Philadelphia Bar Twinning and Exchange Program, which was established in December 1997. As chair of the Association’s International Law Committee at the time, I discussed the subject with my Lyon counterpart, Christian Levoy, in the fall of 1996. Shortly thereafter, the Board of Governors passed a resolution endorsing the development of a sister program with the Lyon Bar and the exchange of delegations. I organized a delegation including Enid Adler that traveled to Lyon in July of 1997. The mission was documented in an article in the Fall 1997 edition of The Philadelphia Lawyer.

We proceeded to work on a draft of a simple accord that would put the relationship in place. After a visit to Philadelphia by the leadership of the Lyon Bar, I went to Lyon again to finalize the agreement, the primary focus of which was the development of an exchange for lawyer interns. The first lawyer/intern (stagiaire,” in French), Nicholas Ronnefoy, arrived here in the Spring of 1998. His host was Peter Tucci, then a partner at Rend Smith and now at DLA Piper. Tucci has continued to be a faithful participant in the program ever since, joined in subsequent years, on the Philadelphia side, by Pepper Hamilton, Diane Morris, Cozen O’Connor; the U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Linda Caracappa, the Erb Law Firm and others, offering internships of six to 12 months.

Philadelphia lawyers have gone to Lyon and worked in important law firms there as well. (Their number has been significantly smaller than those coming from the other direction, largely because the economics can be difficult for young American lawyers in the absence of the type of stipend received by the French lawyers from their side.) The first American lawyer to participate was Shahram Siddiqui, then an associate with Cozen O’Connor, in 2000. Eventually, in 2006, the program was extended to include law students at area schools, and two students went to Lyon that summer. To date, 50 participants have been selected to participate in the program, almost all of whom have completed internships.

Each December, the Lyon Bar welcomes representatives from about 10 bar associations around the world, including Manchester, Frankfurt, Milan, Lut (Poland) and Cambodia, to attend the commencement of the legal year, known as the Rentree du Barreau. In recent years, these have provided, in addition to networking opportunities, an occasion to examine an aspect of the law or the practice that can profit from multinational dialogue. Recent colloquia have focused on the role of in-house lawyers and the scope and nature of confidentiality and privilege. The 2006 topic was anti-money laundering provisions and the implications for legal practitioners. The topic for 2007 is expected to deal with whether lawyers can or should be allowed to serve as judges, a concept that is regarded as unusual in many jurisdictions outside the United States.

In 2004, the first Chancellor-level delegation to Lyon occurred, with incoming Chancellor Andrew A. Chairs, Vice-Chancellor Alan M. Feldman and Executive Director Ken Shear in attendance. On that occasion, all of the French lawyers who could make it joined together in a conference room and described the time they spent in Lyon. For more information, please visit www.pbi.org.

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Police Advisory Commission Overcomes, Expands its Role

by Kathryn C. Harr

Despite a budget that has remained fixed since 1995 and other obstacles, the Philadelphia Police Advisory Commission has significantly expanded its role and improved its relationship with the Philadelphia Police Department, the commissioner's current and former chair told members of the Association's Civil Rights Committee on Feb. 1.

The commission, which was created through executive ordinance, is seeking to amend the City Charter to allow for a more permanent establishment of the commission.

"We had quite a tumultuous beginning," Chancellor Jane L. Dalton said as she recounted Mayor Rendell's 1995 veto of an ordinance establishing the commission, which was then overturned by Council, the only veto to be overturned this way during Rendell's tenure. Additionally, Dalton described how the Fraternal Order of Police, which was "fiercely, bitterly opposed" to the commission and challenged its power through numerous legal battles. Former Police Commissioner John Timoney "categorically opposed the concept of civilian oversight," Robert S. Nix added. Dalton served as chair of the commission from 1994 through 2002 and Nix serves as the current chair.

The commission started as a three-person agency. Nix explained, one that investigated complaints and made recommendations to help resolve client issues.

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Solo and Small Firm Committee

Attorneys Need Strategy to Manage All Publicity

by Ria C. Momblanco

Not all publicity is good publicity, a public relations professional told members of the Solo and Small Firm Committee, adding that all publicity needs to be managed with a strategy.

Gina Furia Rubel, founder and president of Furia Rubel Communications, a company that specializes in legal communications, spoke to members of the committee on Feb. 1.

She highlighted various techniques that lawyers can use to develop and execute an effective public relations strategy.

Furia, an attorney, urged lawyers to get active in the legal or social organizations to which they belong. "If you’re going to have a membership anywhere, get involved. A membership is only as good as the benefits that you take advantage of," she said. Being an active member gives you a voice within the organization, and good press or referrals may result from active membership.

When developing a communications strategy, Rubel recommends focusing on five main areas:

- Identify a core business objective. Types of objectives include increasing awareness about the type of work that your firm does, increasing profits, and retaining existing clients.
- Identify the audience that you want to target for your business objective.

Conform your media relations, advertising, articles and speaking engagements to the wants and needs of your audience. For example, if your goal is to address potential clients in Philadelphia, then focus on Philadelphia newspapers and local programming rather than national newspapers or broadcasts.
- Recognize the manner in which you want to be perceived by your target audience. The manner in which you represent yourself in advertising, media relations, bar events, and social gatherings such as alumni events should be tailored to the way that you want to be perceived by your target audience.
Veteran Women Offer Tips to Younger Colleagues

by Regina Parker

Confidence, a trust in your own instincts and having a mentor are all important qualities young lawyers need to succeed, a panel of women lawyers said at a Jan. 30 program.

The panelists for the Young Lawyers Division-Women in the Profession Committee program “Things I Wish I Knew When I Was a Young Lawyer” included U.S. District Court Judge Gene E.K. Pratter; Leslie Anne Miller, first woman president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Deborah Weinstein, chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Board of Governors; and Sunah Park, a partner at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP and former president of the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley.

“One of the things I wish I had known 20 years ago or even longer was that it was OK, in fact, it was a great idea, to trust my own instincts. No one knows you better than you do yourself. No one knows your strengths better, your weaknesses, your interests,” Judge Pratter said. “I would have been more focused on the good things to develop and probably less fixated on negative worries,” she explained.

Judge Pratter also addressed the importance of balancing family, firm, and professional practices while maintaining an impeccable reputation in the legal profession. “It’s very important that you spend the time to portray yourself and to be a person of high integrity and high quality work because your reputation with the courts and with opponents and colleagues around the city is one of the most valuable things you have,” she said.

Miller, who began practicing law in 1977, spoke about how she wished there were women’s groups around 30 years ago. “I believe that all of us as women in this profession, and indeed women professionals, have an obligation to be mentors to you who are coming along in the profession and to give back. And I would encourage you as part of your professional responsibility to do the same,” Miller said.

In recognizing the importance of balancing and assessing priorities, Miller encouraged young attorneys to work hard to produce while expanding their involvement in extracurricular activities on Page 12.
VIP Performs Little Miracles on Daily Basis

By Elaine Rinaldi

Anna, a blind 59-year-old woman, returned home one day from visiting a family member to find her life inexplicably and devastatingly in disarray. Her landlord had evicted her from her federally subsidized disability apartment. She had never received an eviction complaint or any follow-up notices because the landlord had put the wrong apartment number on the eviction complaint. She had no idea that the landlord had gone to court and had obtained a default judgment against her.

Unfamiliar with the legal system, and unable to enter her apartment to obtain her belongings or even to retrieve the documents with which she could prove that she had done nothing wrong, Anna was despondent with nowhere to turn.

Thinking that she had no options, Anna almost resigned herself to the notion that she had lost her home. She wondered if she had any chance of fighting her landlord to prove that she did nothing wrong.

Imagine that feeling of helpless-ness—facing the prospect of becoming homeless, without any of your clothes, your personal mementos, the things that had become a part of your life.

Imagine feeling as if you didn’t have an ally in the world, and that the entire legal system was stacked against you.

That was how Anna felt until she took up Anna’s cause. The aspiring students who were enrolled in a clinical course under faculty supervision presented both factual and legal arguments to the court. They argued that the landlord had erroneously charging her for other items that were not her responsibility under the lease. Moreover, they confirmed that Anna had never been properly informed of the landlord’s eviction action against her nor was she ever afforded an opportunity to contest it until she found herself locked out of her home.

Anna’s case was referred to the Philadelphia Legal Assistance Office. Two talented, energetic third-year law students who were enrolled in a clinical course under faculty supervision took up Anna’s case. The aspiring attorneys met with Anna, discussed her goals, investigated the facts and verified that she had paid all of her rent and had complied with her lease. It seemed that the landlord was erroneously charging her for other items that were not her responsibility under the lease.

Moreover, they confirmed that Anna had never been properly informed of the landlord’s eviction action against her nor was she ever afforded an opportunity to contest it until she found herself locked out of her home.

Anna’s student attorneys researched the law and filed a petition in Municipal Court to open or strike the default judgment, having concluded that the judgment should never have been entered in the first place. The students and Anna then appeared in a lengthy hearing in Municipal Court that was vigorously contested by the landlord and his attorney. The students presented both factual and legal arguments and the court ultimately granted the petition. This victory won Anna the right to return to her apartment – the place where she was comfortable, where she had set up a daily routine, where she had fashioned a system to deal with the day-to-day challenges of being blind.

Because VIP cared, Anna is back in her home. And, in the process, the two law students learned first hand the most important reward of pro bono service – that by applying their legal skills they could have a profound impact upon a person’s life.

Anna’s case was a typical one for Philadelphia VIP. Every day, for more than 25 years, the staff at VIP has worked little miracles. They have recruited a network of more than 6000 volunteer attorneys that are called upon to help with cases large and small, cases that require a few hours of work, or that may last for years. Cases are referred in areas that include family law, personal finance, real estate, tort defense – just about every aspect of the law (except those that are fee-generating).

With just six full-time employees, five part-timers and a few law student interns, VIP last year managed cases for 1,378 clients. It’s amazing what can be accomplished with such a small staff. It’s amazing the spirit of participation and impact that these cases generate in the pro bono attorney volunteers who take these cases.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation has been instrumental in forming VIP in 1981. Cuts by the Legal Services Corporation were devastating to the provision of legal services to the poor. VIP was created to address ongoing, pressing needs for legal services.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation supports VIP with unrestricted grants. Over the last five years, the Bar Foundation has provided $200,000 in grants to VIP. These funds are vital to VIP’s ability to act as a referral service to the poor and needy in Philadelphia.

Your support of the Bar Foundation enables us to make grants to organizations such as VIP. We need your support in order to help them. Help us to help clients like Anna, and the thousands like her that VIP serves.
Federal Courts Committee

Court Working with Full Stable of Judges

by Jeff Lyons

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania is working to move cases along as quickly as possible, Chief Judge Harvey Bartle III told members of the Federal Courts Committee at the Committee's Jan. 31 meeting.

"The median time for a case to reach trial is about 18 months. We move cases along pretty quickly and many get to trial a lot more quickly than that. Of course, many cases are settled before the 18-month time frame," Judge Bartle said.

"We now have a full compliment of 22 active judges on the court with the induction of Judge (Thomas) Golden last year. In addition, we have our 13 senior judges who are invaluable. Without their work and their help, we couldn't possibly do all the work we have to do," Judge Bartle said.

There was a decrease in the number of civil cases filed in 2006, compared to 2005. There were 6,841 civil cases filed in 2005, compared to 5,688 in 2006, a decrease of 17 percent. Clerk of Court Michael Kunz said increased use of alternative dispute resolution has clearly had an impact in the change in the caseload.

"On the criminal side, we've also seen a decrease in the number of cases. In 2006, we had 761 criminal cases with 926 defendants. That's a drop of about 4 percent in the number of cases and about a 19 percent drop in the number of defendants," the judge said.

"The U.S. Attorney's Office, which was short a number of assistant U.S. Attorneys for some period of time, is now back hiring assistants. It also seems they are focusing on the complex fraud white-collar area. So the number of cases may have been down slightly, I think the complexity of the cases has increased," Judge Bartle said.

"In addition to these cases, we have a very high volume of multi-district litigation cases in our jurisdiction. Judge Giles is shepherding the asbestos MDL after the death of Judge Weiner and I still have the phen-fen multi-district litigation. We have a number of other smaller MDLs, which take the time of our judges, both active and senior," he explained.

The court plans to fill two vacant magistrate judgeships within the next few weeks. "Chief Magistrate Judge Charles Smith will be retiring as of March 1; he's going back to Chester County and we will be filling that seat as soon as possible. We do have a merit selection panel in place, which is required by statute and they will be hard at work in the very near future. I hope by the end of the year we will have that seat filled," he said.

Judge Bartle also asked attorneys to be mindful of Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requiring a nongovernmental corporate party to an action or proceeding in a district court to file two copies of a statement that identifies any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10 percent or more of its stock or states that there is no such corporation.

"This is designed to protect the judges. We've heard a lot about conflict of interest these days and it's required so the judge can take a look at the statement and see whether or not there's a subsidiary before him where he may own stock in the parent," he said. "The judge may not be familiar with every subsidiary that's owned by a company. As of now, the rule has not always been faithfully followed. We will be instituting a procedure where the clerk's office will be sending a notice to counsel for such parties, indicating they are not in compliance and requiring the disclosure form to be filed forthwith. Keep Rule 7.1 in mind and help us cut down on the workload in the clerk's office. And if the disclosures are followed, the clerk's office will notify the judge who is handling the case to take whatever action is deemed appropriate under the circumstances."

Kunz said both the Circuit and District Courts have fully utilized all available space at the Byrne Courthouse at 6th and Market streets. "The Court of Appeals has made a policy decision to continue on Page 9"
In Their Own Words
Aging Beats the Alternative
by Kenneth I. Trujillo

When friends complain about getting old, I've often joked, "It beats the alternative!" My experiences the past few weeks have made me a true believer in that response, particularly as I inch closer to 50.

In early January I was merrily going about my business escorting my colleagues when I got a sudden bout of shortness of breath. This resulted in a trip to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania emergency room accompanied by one of my partners and another close friend. The next two days were a series of scenes straight out of "The Forty-Year-Old Virgin"—not a movie I ever had an interest in seeing but apparently required viewing for anyone who attaches and investing our money wisely.

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YLD Offering Financial Education
by Alan Nochumson

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Just because we have student loans does not excuse us from ignoring the economic realities of investing the remainder of our paycheck. We all work hard and want to enjoy that meal at the newest Stephen Starr restaurant, but for every $10 cocktail and $25 entrée we are missing the opportunity to make our money work for us.

That is why the Young Lawyers Division is having a luncheon both on how to purchase that first house and setting ourselves up for retirement. You would be surprised how many young attorneys do not know the first thing about buying a house. As a real estate attorney myself, I am fascinated by the number of homeowners who are nonchalant about really understanding the ins and outs of purchasing a house. This most likely will be the biggest investment of our lifetimes and we should take it that seriously. During our luncheon, we will learn about how to put an offer together, how to obtain financing, the purpose of title insurance and property insurance, and what we need to know before closing on the house of our dreams.

Later this year, the YLD will have a seminar on the importance of investing our money wisely.

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seek space. They want a new building and Chief Judge Scirica and the judges of the Third Circuit are actively engaged in that process," Kunz said. Both courts will be participating in the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts asset management program to determine the need for additional space.

"We have a critical situation for additional courtrooms and chambers. Our court continues to grow and we expect to expand at the Byrne Courthouse," Kunz said.

"We're in the process of attempting to acquire the construction of an additional chambers in the Nix Building. The current vacancy in the federal courts is to share courtrooms," he said.

"We'd like to upgrade our jury assembly room and the clerk's office has some need for expansion. But it looks like we're going to be operating under a continuing resolution of the 2006 levels, and that's going to be very difficult," Kunz said.

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Restaurant choices include Arturo’s, a New York-style Italian restaurant; Gatsby’s Grill & Oyster Bar; Mr. Ming’s, with recipes from Cantonese, Szechwan, Mandarin and Hunan regions; Noodles and Zen Sum, with freshly prepared noodle soups and congees; Pickles Deli, Prime Place, voted one of the best steakhouses in Atlantic City; Sidewalk Buffet; The Spa Café; The Bagel & Doughnut Connection; Gold Rush Grill; Virginia City Buffet; Lone Star Snack Bar; Wok n’ Roll and The Fulu Noodle Bar.

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OWN WORDS

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No Philly Championships? Just Blame William Penn

by Jeff Lyons

There are many different groups of frustrated people in this city. Drivers bang their heads and gesticulate wildly about the traffic. Attorneys are upset with the business privilege tax. But perhaps the most frustrated group of all is the sports fans of Philadelphia. One group of fans, so upset with the lack of a championship among the city’s major sports teams since 1983, thinks it has a reason behind the lack of success — and a film to explain it all.

Rob Marcolina, Mikaelyn Austin and Dan Borkson are the writers, directors and producers of “The Curse of William Penn,” a film that seeks to place the blame for the championship drought at the feet (or more precisely, the hat) of the city’s founding father. According to the filmmakers, the championship drought coincides with the breaking of a gentlemen’s agreement requesting the height of buildings in Philadelphia and the four-story high bronze statue of William Penn atop City Hall.

The statue was created by Alexander Milne Calder and is the tallest statue on top of any building in the world. When the statue was lifted into place more than 100 years ago, an agreement (not a law) was made that no structure in the city could ever rise higher than the brim of the hat on Penn’s statue.

That agreement was broken in 1984 with the announced construction of One Liberty Place. The building would be nearly 400 feet taller than the tip of Penn’s hat. The rest, as they say, is history. Some of the city’s teams have come close to winning championships since that time, but the “curse” has kept the fans of Philadelphia from celebrating.

The filmmakers have interviewed dozens of Philadelphia fans, some famous, some not, along with media types and those connected with the teams. Interviewees include actor Kevin Bacon (whose father, Ed, was a well-respected architect in town who opposed breaking the height barrier); former Sixers owner Pat Croce; Phillies play-by-play announcer Harry Kalas; Eagles play-by-play announcer Merrill Reese; St. Joseph’s University men’s basketball coach Phil Martelli; columnist and ESPN commentator Stephen A. Smith; and local sports radio commentators Angelo Cataldi, Jon Conklin, Ray Didinger, Dick Jerardi and Glen Macnow. They provide their input about the curse and reminisce about some of the more painful losses by the teams in recent memory. There is much hand wringing over the Eagles NFC Championship Game loss to Tampa Bay in 2003; the Phillies 1993 World Championship Game loss to the Toronto Blue Jays (Joe Carter still haunts my dreams); the Flyers 1997 Stanley Cup Finals loss to the Detroit Red Wings; and the 2001 NBA Finals dismantling of the Sixers by the Los Angeles Lakers.

Since the agreement was broken in 1984, the Phillies, Flyers, Eagles and Sixers combined have played nearly 90 consecutive seasons without a championship. Marcolina, Austin and Borkson interviewed a math professor to determine the unlikelihood of this championship drought. The odds are a staggering 50,700 to 1.

The documentary premiered at Chickie’s and Pete’s in South Philadelphia last month and the DVD has yet to be released for sale to the public. The filmmakers are in discussion with cable networks to have the film shown on TV. Updates about screenings are available at phrustratedphan.com.

But this film isn’t so much about the teams’ lack of success as it is about the perseverance of the fans. Philadelphia fans love to wallow in their misery. This film is a fun look back at the sports history of Philadelphia teams and their relative lack of success. The filmmakers have created a film about the love and passion the fans have for the sports teams of the city. Philadelphia fans, this one is for you.

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One of Chancellor Jane L. Dalton’s goals for 2007 is getting more lawyers involved with pro bono. One of her ideas involved making it easier for lawyers to receive law student help with their ongoing pro bono projects.

The Law School Outreach Committee, in conjunction with Chancellor Dalton and the staff at the Bar Association, is pleased to announce an easy, quick way to find law students who are willing to help the private bar with pro bono cases. If you are currently working on a pro bono case and need assistance, the area law schools are happy to find eager law students to help.

Signing up for help is easy. Given that all of the area law schools have different pro bono programs and methods for matching students, a “one-stop shopping” link has been created. Visit philadelphiabar.org and click on the Public Interest Section and then go to Pro Bono Corner. There, you’ll see a list of the area law school pro bono programs. After each description, there is a link to a volunteer form. Just fill out the online form and it will be e-mailed directly to the school of your choice (and you can e-mail more than one school if you choose). The law school coordinator from that school will be in touch within 48 hours with your students.

This new online system will give attorneys another reason to take a pro bono case from any of our many Philadelphia public interest agencies. The area law schools are happy to help with this initiative and look forward to working with the new volunteers.

Sara Woods, director of Public Service Careers and Pro Bono Programs at Villanova University School of Law, is chair of the Law School Outreach Committee. She can be reached at (610) 519-7228 or by e-mail at woods@law.villanova.edu.

The Internet is evolving into a work tool, but that doesn’t mean attorneys should change the way they deal with their sensitive information, a technology expert told the Law Practice Management Division’s Technology Committee.

“A lot of these services don’t get acknowledged or used by people because they can’t figure out from the name just exactly what it is they do,” Dan Giancaterino, Internet librarian at Jenkins Law Library, said at the committee’s Feb. 15 meeting.

“A lot of these sites are aimed at a younger generation and very often, you as attorneys would roll your eyes or recoil from some of the sites. Would you post all of the pictures of your life available on flickr.com so everybody could look at it? Younger people tend to do these type of things, where a lot of us older people don’t want to do it,” he said.

“The Web is working more and more like a platform,” replacing traditional software. “If I was working for Microsoft, I’d be a little bit afraid,” he said. “People are taking every opportunity to poke Microsoft in the eye and try and come up with products that will eat away at their core business – Microsoft Office,” he said.

“Zoho.com has an editor (Zoho Writer) and a lot of other things on the Web and it’s free. Zoho Writer. They have a version of Excel (Zoho Sheet) that you can use on the Web,” he said.

All of these applications can be used on the Web without having to download any software. The temptation for Giancaterino was to point his family toward Zoho and not pay for Microsoft Office.

Giancaterino said Zoho has integrated itself with two of the storage Web sites (flickr.com and box.net) that will store your documents online. “And you can access them online from anywhere. You can go to box.net, open a Microsoft Word document and it opens in Zoho Writer. It’s like a shiny new tool where 1 don’t need Microsoft at all,” Giancaterino said it takes a while to access the sites. “Zoho takes a while to access and log in and it just wasn’t worth it to get my 13-year-old to jump through all these hoops just to get there. If I had to use this on a regular basis, it would be so slow and frustrating to me,” he said.

“I don’t think the Web as a platform thing is there just yet, but it does have some promise. There’s great potential there, but we’re not there yet,” he said.

“There’s a really cool opportunity for you to edit, store and do everything you want with your documents online. But you have to realize that your information is stored on someone else’s server. If you use these sites as part of your practice, you have to be aware about releasing information about your clients and any other kind of ethics issues. It’s really good and can work for a 13-year-old’s homework, but if you’re an attorney, you have to be aware of this and say what is the value of this as opposed to what is the risk of this,” he said.
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Sometimes, Oscar Ignores the Very Best

by Marc W. Reuben

I've been asked at this juncture of "Oscar" season to write about performers who were never nominated but should have been. Normally, I would assign blame for miscarriages of this sort to unintentional bad judgment, which is the wont of Academy voters who nominate. But in the big picture in modern America, winning is everything. This type of thought is good in times of national emergency and cronymy at all times thereafter.

Take John Barrymore, reputedly the greatest American actor of his time. Sir Lawrence Olivier admired him greatly. He gave great performances in "Topaze" and "Romeo and Juliet" and other films. His best screen work was in Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1920), where he managed the transformation from man into beast in one take with no makeup. Who that is human can forget Rosalind Russell as "Auntie Mame." The movie was made of the play and is filled with wonderful characters played wonderfully by GGD Browne, Peggy Cass and Forrest Tucker. But the direction was so bad that it took immortal performances to salvage the movie.

What about Jean Arthur in "Shane," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and "The More the Merrier"? "Merrie" was the only role that gave Arthur a nomination. She was beautiful and gifted and lighted up every scene she was ever in. Not to mention Marion Monroe, who not even the beautiful Nicole Kidman could imitate 50 years later. The great talent it took to be Marilyn Monroe is lost today on a generation that finds beauty to be skin deep in toto. The inner souls of Monroe and Arthur made beauty into radiance.

Thelma Ritter got six nominations and merited more. She never got an Oscar but as Birdie the maid in "All About Eve" she made Bette Davis really laugh out loud when she said "act in that girdle for three hours". I couldn't get into the girdle in three hours." Not to mention the line I stole from her and use for juries whenever a witness tells a put-on sob story I wish to discount ("everything but the dogs snapshots at her rear end").

The most forgotten award winner who touched millions is the great Marie Dressler first actress 1931 for "Min and Bill." Dressler made the first feature length comedy in 1914 with newcomer Charles Chaplin ("Tillie's Punctured Romance"). In 1973 in "Dinner at Eight" she famously reads Jean Harlow, who just announced she read a book that said all professions would be replaced by machines, "Oh my dear! That's something you need never worry about!" She was a great dramatic actress who starred with Greta Garbo in "Anna Christie" in 1930. Akim Tamiroff played every ethnic character in film. He was nominated for "The General Died at Dawn" in which he co-starred with Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carroll as he played a Chinese warlord. He portrayed an Irishman in "The Great McGinty" and a Mexican drug dealer in "Touch of Evil." I loved it when he drunkenly pursued Peter Ustinov, trying to kiss him in friendship in "Topkapi." These performances you just don't forget.

Garbo never got an Oscar, although her turn in "Ninotchka" in 1939 was unforgettable. She should have shared an award with Vivien Leigh, whom I would never discount if my life depended on it. Not to mention Marlene Dietrich. That lady could ignite fires of passion and douse them at will. She was in "Bolshomord" with Victor McLagen - a winner who was never accorded the recognition he deserved. His supporting performance in "The Quiet Man" (1952) is the definition of what a supporting actor needs to do.

Cowboys never won, except for John Wayne's belated (and undeserved - except for the fact he was overlooked for every good performance he ever gave) Warner Baxter got an award in 1930, but his greatest fame came from "you're going out a kid, but you're coming back a star" in a musical. Otherwise there is Gary Cooper for "High Noon" and that is it.

Miriam Hopkins never got one and she was a great actress. Edward Arnold received the award in "All That Jazz." In 1930 as Ethel Mertz Oliver, Yvonne DeCarlo submitted the recognition he deserved. His best screen work was in Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1920), where he managed the transformation from man into beast.

W.C. Fields was brilliant as Micawber in "David Copperfield" (1935) and "Topkapi". He did the only successful acting in "The Ten Commandments" and she was so very beautiful. (It was hard for them all with that 10-ton dialogue) Sam Jaffe never turned in a bad performance as in "Gunna Din" - he and his great friend Edward G. Robinson shared the honor of being blacklisted by the same group of shameful idiots who never recognized them for the distinguished work they did for the whole world to honor.

Pete O'Toole lives - forever I hope. His pal Richard Burton was a ham for all ages. But some of his work is unforgettable. Don't ever forget Charles Bickford, a truly distinguished actor from silent films to "Little Miss Marker" and "A Star is Born" in 1954 and was wonderful each time. And who can forget Judy Garland? As Red Seiger commented, "she did with song what other great actors did with words", and she did. Prejudice and sniggering aside, she was monumentally gifted and what a voice! She represents most of the immortal singing in films. Her acting was also excellent.

Claude Raines anyone? Stan and Ollie, Fred and Gingers, Barbara Stanwyck ("Stella Dallas") was not her best work and Peter Lorre. Even with Glenn Ford stiffing up "Yulka," Rita Hayworth moved with a presence that commanded us to put the blame on anyone she asked. One performance nominated only is Jean Hagen's unforgettable turn in "Singin in the Rain" - "Of cause I tank! Don't everyone!" All that glitter is not gold. I mention two words to finish this theme - Carole Lombard.

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- Barbara Mason
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Immediate-Past Chancellor Alan M. Feldman will be honored at the event. Feldman will be presented with a gold box, an exact replica of the one presented to Andrew Hamilton for his defense of John Peter Zenger in 1735. The gold box is presented annually to the immediate-past Chancellor and is inscribed with the message “acquired not by money, but by character.”

Dreyfuss has campaigned for candidates and causes, given testimony advocating for national and community service before congressional and other governmental committees, and works with groups promoting solutions to the Arab/Israeli conflict. His Imagining the Future Fund has focused on public affairs broadcast media in the Middle East, having just returned from a conference he helped organize bringing together Western and Arab journalists at the Salzburg Seminar. He is co-founder of L.A. Works, a nonprofit, public action and volunteer center in Los Angeles. He sits on the board of the National Constitution Center. He has also spoken in venues across the country about the need for civic engagement. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles ACLU Foundation and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Dreyfuss has made his personal involvement a priority.

Dreyfuss made his film debut in 1967 with a bit part in “Valley of the Dolls,” followed by one line in “The Graduate.” His sensitive portrayal of an ambivalent college-bound teen in the cult 1973 classic “American Graffiti” garnered him both praise and attention. This was the beginning of a string of stellar performances in such films as “The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz,” “Jaws,” “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” and “The Goodbye Girl.” Tickets for the event are $50 and are available at philadelphiabar.org.

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Middle Eastern Delegation Visits

A delegation of Middle Eastern judges, lawyers, law professors, legal scholars and ministry of justice representatives met with Chancellor Jane L. Dalton, Chancellor-Elect A. Michael Pratt and Association Executive Director Kenneth Shear on Feb. 7 at Bar Association offices. The delegates, representing Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Gaza, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Tunisia and Yemen, toured the U.S. to learn about the Rule of Law, from the principles of judicial independence to court management. The visit was part of the State Department’s International Visitor Leadership Program.

What’s in a Name? Plenty, When You Say it Right
by Sunah Park

Whenever I meet someone new, I usually have to repeat my name more than once and usually I have to correct their pronunciation of it. For the record, it is pronounced “Sun-ah,” like the sun. But without fail, people call me “Soo-nah.” Ten times out of 10, when I introduce myself to someone over the phone, I get back, “Excuse me?” Admittedly, my name is not a common one. And it probably sounds different and “foreign” to the person hearing it for the first time. So, if the person still does not get my name correct after I have repeated it three times, I usually end up saying, “It’s Ms. Park.” People have asked me why I do not have an “American” name. I remember in elementary school, a teacher had difficulty with my friend’s name, “Min Suk,” so she started calling my friend, “Mindy.” When my friend got older, she decided to change her name legally. She said it was easier not to have to correct people, but I suspect that having an American name also allowed her to “fit in” better. Now, I, also, have had hard teachers and other folks who tried to “Americanize” my name (“Sunny”) or simply call it “Soo,” but I always insisted on being called by the name my parents gave me (except when I am in Vegas, but that is another story altogether). Of course, that does not mean I did not have days when I wished I had a simpler name (I always loved the name, “Jane,” not only because it was short and easy, but also because of Jane Eyre). And it does get aggravating to constantly correct people on the most basic foundation of my identity. But I have expected benefits from having an unusual name (as soon as someone on the phone calls me “Soo-nah,” I know that they do not know me—probably a telemarketer, so that usually means I can hang up and go back to eating dinner).

As time has passed, I have also come to believe that exposing people to my “foreign” sounding name gently reminds them that our community is a diverse one and we all better get used to it. Diversity has been and still is a hot-button issue, and part of a diverse landscape includes people with “foreign” sounding names. Diversity literally means “difference,” “variety,” “multiformality.” Most of us agree that diversity is important and we strive to increase the diversity of the legal community. As more attorneys of color graduate from law schools and pass the bar, diversity within our profession continues to grow. But the numbers are still so few that we can still distinguish people by racial distinctions. We still note that Andre Dennis was the first African-American Chancellor or so-and-so is the only Asian American partner in the law firm, or so-and-so is the first Hispanic-American general counsel of a Fortune 500 company. When such distinctions cease to exist, that is when, perhaps, someone with a “foreign” sounding name will not be described as “diverse” but just as an American.

However, that seems to be a long time in coming. So, until then, I will continue to correct people when they call me “Soo-nah” or I may just have to move to Vegas.

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COMMENTARY

U.S. Official Undermines Judicial Process

by Bruce H. Bikin

Some people, no matter how well educated or how successful, do not seem to understand the relationship between the judicial branch of our government, the lawyers who make it work, and the concept of justice under the law as we have come to know it. Take for example Charles “Chuck” Stimson, deputy assistant secretary for defense for detainee affairs. He recently told a Washington, D.C., radio station that American corporations should boycott leading U.S. law firms that provide pro-bono service at the prison camps in the remote U.S. Navy base in southeast Cuba.

His point, clearly, was to coerce big firms to avoid providing competent representation on a pro bono (or other) basis to detainees. That way, detainees may not have access to proper and competent representation. I cannot think of a better way to undermine the very foundations of our judicial process than by attempting to deny the right of competent counsel, or any counsel, to those caught up in the system, for whatever reason. Thus, one could easily put Stimson in the same column as Osama bin Laden when it comes to seeking to destroy cherished American institutions and values, which was probably not his intent. At the very least he is a bin Laden acolyte.

Fortunately, many people in positions of power, in and out of Washington, D.C., have denounced Stimson’s remarks. Sen. Patrick Leahy, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, condemned the remarks, and he was joined in doing so by his predecessor, Arlen Specter. “When lawyers undertake the representation of individuals in unpopular causes, they are entitled to praise, not criticism,” said Specter. Even the Defense Department distanced itself from Stimson when it said Stimson’s views “do not represent the views of the Defense Department or the thinking of its leadership.”

Nearly 140 law school deans and the American Civil Liberties Union have joined in the denunciation of Stimson’s remarks. Perhaps the saddest part of this is that Stimson, himself, is a lawyer. A Pentagon spokesman, Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Gordon, confirmed that Stimson is a member of the bar in his capacity as a Navy Reserve judge-advocate.

If lawyers don’t get the significance of lawyers in the process of meting out justice under the law, how can we truly expect anyone else to appreciate the system or the process? This is exactly the kind of political clap-trap that leads to much of the unwarranted criticism of our judiciary and attacks on its independence. Without lawyers, and without independent judges interpreting the law and constitution as their training and experience dictate, we will in fact have nearly achieved one of Osama bin Laden’s goals. We will be living in a society without justice. Mr. Stimson, meet Mr. bin Laden.

Bruce H. Bikin, a partner at Montgomery, McClean, sinks & Snow, in Philadelphia, is an advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
Lawrence J. Beaser, a partner with Blanik Rome LLP, counsel to the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association and former Chancellor, has been named to the Board of Managers of the Philadelphia Foundation.

Jennifer A. Brandt, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently appeared on CNBC Your Morning. The Comcast Network, to discuss the new civil union law in New Jersey.

Daniel J. Anderson, an associate at Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been appointed by Mayor John Street to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Municipal Authority.

Robin Switzermanbaum, a shareholder with Reger & Montague, P.C., has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Community Legal Services.

M. Kelly Tillyard, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, served as a moderator at the “Good cos 2007 – Lit- tery Conference in Honor of Storm Lorb Goodson” on Jan. 5-7 at Society Hill Playhouse.

Kevin R. Marciano, a shareholder at Apolow Schwarz, was a course planner and participant in the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association’s Auto Law Strategies seminar in Philadelphia on Dec. 4.

Mark C. Levy, a partner with Saul Ewing LLP, has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of the Food and Drug Law Journal.

Ashley M. Chan, a shareholder with Hangley Aronchick Segal & Padov, was recently appointed to the Homeless Advocacy Project Board of Directors.

Robert C. Clothier III, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, recently spoke at Philadelphia University’s Web 2.0 for Corporate Communications seminar.

H. Ronald Klasko, founding partner of Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, served as a faculty member of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute program “Advancing the International Executive.”

Charles J. Meyer, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, recently served as a co-course planner for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminars “Equitable Distribution Updates.” The seminars focused primarily on equitable distribution issues in complex divorce cases.

Robyn F. Pollock, an associate with Saul Ewing LLP, has been appointed to the turnaround Management Association Philadelphia Chapter’s Board of Directors.

Francine F. Griesing of Eckert Seamans Chenin & Mellott, LC, and Banks Brown, of McDermott Will & Emery, presented “Ethically Protecting the Attorney-Client Privilege” at the 5th Annual Hospitality Law Conference on Feb. 8-9 in Houston.

Jonathan R. Rinde and Bridget L. Dorfman of Mann, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP addressed engineers, construction and project managers, environmental professionals and planners on “Current Issues in Storm Water and Wetland Regulations in Pennsylvania.”

Melissa C. Angeline, an associate at Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP, was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Colleen Bannan, a shareholder with Marshall, Demetri, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, presented a seminar regarding “Electronic Discovery and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure” to members of Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI.

Kassem L. Lucas, an associate with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been awarded the 2007 Distinguished Young Lawyer Award by the Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia. The award was presented during the Association’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Jan. 15.


Tara S. Parvey of Flaster Greenberg has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Alice Paul Institute. The Alice Paul Institute was created in 1985 to enhance public awareness of the life and work of Quaker suffragist Alice Paul.

Daniel J. McGravey, a shareholder with Miller, Allison & Raspanti, P.C., authored “Check Mate: The Government’s Increasing Use of Spousal Pleadings in Symbolic Law.” The article was published in the Fall 2006 edition of the Committee on Criminal Litigation Newsletter.

Kathleen A. Stephenson, of counsel with Pepper Hamilton LLP, appeared on Comcast Newsmakers and discussed the “Importance of Having a Will.”


Thomas P. Braaglia, a shareholder with Marshall, Demetri, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, was a panelist on the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association’s What’s Worth seminar on Dec. 11.

Names Are News

“People” highlights news of members’ awards, honors or appointments of a civic or community nature. Information may be sent to Jeff Lyons, Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 238-1159. E-mail: reporting@phila.org. Photos are also welcome.
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Once you’ve watched a sunset above the Square or viewed a spring Flower Market through the windows of an airy, one-of-a-kind Parkview home, you’ll know a vision of Philadelphia few are privileged to experience. Fewer still can say they own it.

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