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UPCOMING SAN MARCOS
TOWN HALL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2005

San Diego District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis will hold the next Community Town Hall meeting in San Marcos on March 3, 2005. The meetings are designed to bring elected and civic leaders to the people. Joining the DA will be Sheriff Bill Kolender and San Marcos Fire Chief Larry Webb.

Panel Of Experts

Besides the DA and the Sheriff, there will be a panel to answer questions regarding public safety. Those representatives will include the San Marcos Crime Awareness Unit, the California Highway Patrol, State Parole, San Marcos Code Enforcement, the Escondido Humane Society and the Cal State University San Marcos Police Department.

Committed to Public Safety

If you are interested in having DA Dumanis host a Town Hall meeting in your community, let us know by calling (619) 531-3790.



County Supervisor Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price presents a proclamation to District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis.

Consumer Protection Day 2005 Draws More Than One Thousand San Diegans

The first annual Consumer Protection Day was an overwhelming success with more than 1250 people turning out for what was an informative and fun-filled day at the Town and Country Resort Hotel in Mission Valley. County Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price, who helped sponsor the event, proclaimed January 29th 2005 Consumer Protection Day.





Charlene Zettel, Director of California's Consumer Affairs Department, served as the Key Note speaker for the event, specifically warning the crowd about the dangers of Identity Theft.

The event also featured more than two dozen governmental agencies that specialize in consumer protection. Each agency set up booths with free informational packets to help people protect themselves from frauds, cons and scams. All guests enjoyed a free breakfast snack and lunch.



There was also free entertainment featuring the Sizzling Seniors and the San Diego Banjo Band.

SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR STAYS PUT FOR NOW

The Office of the District Attorney is working with the State Department of Mental Health and County officials to come up with a new location to house sexually violent predator, Douglas Badger. Badger, 63, is up for a conditional release from Atascadero State Mental Hospital, but many residents in San Diego do not want the SVP living near them.

Earlier this month, a San Diego Superior Court judge ruled that Badger should not be housed near the College Area when he is released from the mental hospital.

"The judge said that placement is off the table and we have to go back to the drawing board," DA Dumanis said.

Currently, the DA's office is continuing to work with the County Counsel's Office, the State Attorney General's office, the DMH and the Sexually Assault Felony Enforcement Team (SAFE) to find another location for Badger.

DA's Office Collaborates With USD On Energy Initiative Center

District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis announced a unique collaboration between the University of San Diego and her office earlier this month.

It involves the creation of an academic center that will be charged with studying energy issues and creating policy to ward off another energy crisis like the one that rocked San Diego in 1998-99.

The creation of the Energy Policy Initiative Center at USD was the result of a global settlement paid by Duke Energy for overcharging ratepayers during the energy crisis in San Diego.

"We promised to protect San Diego consumers, and today we have fulfilled that promise," said District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis.



USD Law School Dean Daniel Rodriguez and DA Bonnie M. Dumanis.

DA Employees Send Care Package to U.S. Soldiers In Iraq

U.S. Marine Sends Thanks From Front Lines In Iraq

District Attorney employee Irene Ainza and her co-workers in the Family Protection Division received a touching letter recently from a Marine in Iraq. In the letter, Jonathan Welsh, stationed near Falluja, thanked Ainza and everyone in her unit for the shipment of supplies they sent him last December.

Amazingly, Welsh wrote his letter on the back of an MRE (Meal, Ready-to-Eat) box, a package containing the meals rationed to soldiers. It was short, but extremely sweet. "Dear DA's office," he wrote. "Team Godfather appreciates all of your support." Welsh then went on to describe his team and thank DDA Samantha Begovich and DDA Mark Amador for their personal support.

Last year, Ainza decided to gather the supplies after hearing about Welsh through an e-mail she received from his parents. Basically, Welsh just asked if anyone could send him jackets for the children in Iraq. Ainza took this request to her office and



found immediate support. At least 15 to 20 people in the Family Protection Division gathered supplies for the marines and a group in Vista even donated a large number of jackets for the children in Iraq, which they presented on the night of the Christmas party. Signed postcards were also included within the boxes sent. In the end, people gathered everything from Halloween candy to magazines.

"People went crazy buying all kinds of snack items," Ainza said. "We had tuna fish packs, beef jerky, gum, and personal hygiene items."

In fact, more supplies were gathered than could be initially sent. About two weeks ago, four more boxes were sent out to another serviceman, who also happens to be the cousin of one of the FPD staff members, Tammy Varnot. Overall, Ainza said that the experience was extremely rewarding.

"It was a thrill for us!"

ALERTS & ADVISORIES

Postal Employee Accused of Stealing Mail On His Route

On Saturday, February 19 a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier was arrested on charges of identity theft, receiving stolen property and drug possession. The arrest of Kenneth Herman, 40, of **Clairemont**, was the culmination of a month-long investigation conducted by the Computer and Technology Crime High-Tech Response Team (CATCH). CATCH is a multi-agency law enforcement task force dedicated to combating high technology crime.

Mail intended for residents on Herman's route in the Pacific Beach and Point Loma areas was found in his possession when he was arrested. Herman is being held in custody in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

If you have information about this case call: The U.S. Postal Service at (619) 233-0610.

For more information on ID Theft visit:

www.sandiegoda.com

DA's Case Files

In the past couple of months, we have had some very good results in the courtroom. The following is just a snapshot of some of our more serious cases.



Stanley Ray Clayton, 39, has been identified as the suspect who stabbed to death a prominent African American publisher in 1987. William Thompson, 61, was found dead in his Emerald Hills home. He had been the editor of the Voice and Viewpoint newspaper.

The DA's Cold Case Homicide Division will be prosecuted the case. The arrest of Clayton came after a crime analyst, with the San Diego Police Department's Crime Lab, discovered a DNA match between Clayton and evidence collected at the scene of the crime. New technological advancements made the match possible. Clayton has pleaded not guilty to the crime. The case is on-going.

Lawrence Jordan, 44, was sentenced to 20 years in state prison for robbing at least eight adult bookstores in San Diego during 2003-04. Jordan was convicted of the robbery spree last October. In nearly all of the robberies, Jordan and his accomplice used fake guns.

Windell Faulcon, 43, has been charged as the accomplice. He is scheduled to face trial in April.

Junius Derouen, 40, was sentenced to 61 years to life for stabbing his estranged wife to death in front of his four-year-old son. Derouen, a construction worker, was found guilty last year of first degree murder in connection with the brutal murder of his 33-year-old wife Amy. Her body was found in a motel bathroom in La Mesa.

Apparently, Derouen was able to lure his estranged wife to the motel by promising to return some of her belongings. Shortly after the arrest of Derouen, his son was placed in a foster home. He is said to be doing well.

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Peter Ziskin, 42, a teacher at Rincon Middle School in Escondido, has pleaded not guilty to charges he molested nine boys in his classes. Ziskin's bail has been set at \$1.45 million.

Ziskin was arrested after an anonymous person alerted school officials about seeing Ziskin allegedly touch one of his students inappropriately.

Ziskin was placed on administrative leave shortly afterward. Ziskin is accused of sexually molesting nine boys, 11 to 13, during 2004 and 2005. His case is on-going.

For more information about these cases and others check out the DA's Web site:

www.sandiegoda.com