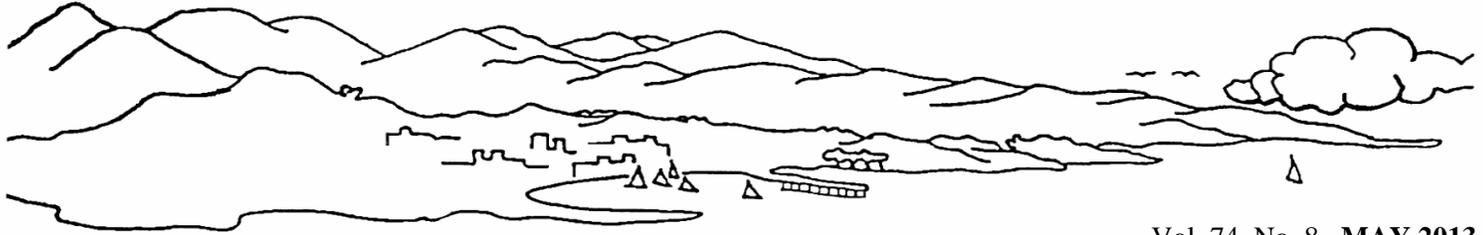




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May Community Forum: Adapting to Sea Level Rise: What That Mean for the South Coast?

Wednesday, May 15, noon-2 p.m., Free and Open to the Public
Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.

One of the most pressing issues about worldwide climate change is what sea level rise will mean in coastal areas. UCSB has chosen that as the Critical Issue Study for 2012, and our May Forum will share some of the information from their meetings with you.

We have invited **Dr. James Frew**, associate professor of the Bren School, to talk about the University's findings. In addition, the City of Santa Barbara has worked closely with the authors of "Adapting to Sea Level Rise" about California's problems, and Environmental Planner **Barbara Shelton** will talk about including sea level rise in the city's Climate Action Plan.

Cliff and bluff erosion, flooding of low-lying areas, and danger to shoreline infrastructure and development will continue to affect California's coastal communities in the decades ahead. Depending on the exact rate of sea level rise, changes in wind energy and coastal storm intensity and frequency, these hazards are likely to become more severe and coastal communities will need to constantly adapt to them. We are just beginning

that process.

As a result of the 2006 National League of Women Voters Convention, Climate Change was made a priority for League, and an LWVUS Climate Change Task Force was created. Fortunately, California has already been a leader in passing laws to reduce greenhouse gas (CHG) emissions, and there are more bills in Sacramento this year--two of them introduced by our local elected representatives.

Our LWVSB Sustainable Communities Committee has been studying these issues and the related efforts to produce alternative sources of energy to replace fossil fuels. Our May Discussion Units (see article below) will be talking about local successes.

Like all our Community Forums, this one will be open to the public, and League members are encouraged to invite guests. You are invited to bring your own brown bag lunch; cookies and beverages will be provided. There is ample free parking at the center.

*Connie Hannah, Chair
Sustainable Communities Committee*

May Discussion Units:

How We are Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Locally

One of the League's most enduring partners is the Environmental Coalition, which almost every month updates our representative, Jean Holmes, on the status of major projects which will provide alternative sources of energy for this county. We will discuss all those efforts with our Units this month, and the new Cap and Trade program that the state has adopted.

With the leadership of the Community Environmental Council (CEC) and the cooperation of many other groups like the League, we have made some good progress on reducing greenhouse gas emissions locally. We know that we will need to do more, as we face the challenging weather patterns and sea level rise.



Annual Meeting Speaker
Jennifer Waggoner

Messages from your Co-Presidents

As usual, there is an awful lot of information to try to cover in one publication, let alone one article!

LWV California Convention

The LWV California Convention takes place in San Jose, May 17-19. All League members are welcome! We will be busy during the May convention. The LWVSB is allowed a President, plus six delegates (Beth Pitton-August will be going as a nominee to the State Board):

1. Jane Benefield
2. Joanie Jones (as president)
3. Linda Phillips
4. Janice Rorick
5. Susan Shank
6. Colin Jones
7. Amanda Pelch

Annual Meeting

On June 8 we will have our local League Annual Meeting with guest speaker, President of the League of Women Voters of California, Jenny Waggoner. (See article on Page 3) Please attend this enjoyable day with the local League. You will receive a packet in the mail shortly.

Many of us will renew our membership in LWVSB at the Annual Meeting on June 8, with LWVSB membership renewal for 2013-2014 continuing June through August 2013.

Summer Break

The May Units and Community Forum will be our last for this League year. As is our tradition, programs will go dark from June through August but your new/continuing Board will continue to work and convene around strategy and calendar/program planning for next year. By the end of June, LWVSB will have our joint board meeting with 2012-13 and 2013-14 Boards both working to begin planning for the next League season. The Board will also plan for trainings, hold monthly Board meetings and orient the new Board members. In August, deadlines for Voter Service work begins to press our Voter Service Co-Chairs, Janice Rorick and Bonnie Lassen. Voter Service activities also include phone calls in support of our voter information website, SmartVoter.org. There is often a district training session in August or September.



Summer doesn't mean a break from action or advocacy either. Don't forget the Pro-Choice Coalition's annual "Great American Write-In," which takes place on a late August Saturday afternoon in the Faulkner Gallery at the SB Public Library. The LWVSB is a coalition partner and many LWVSB members are involved. Join us! Look out for an email soon from "LWV Santa Barbara" with specific information.

This will be our last *Channel Voter* until the September 1, 2013 issue. Articles will be due in mid-August.

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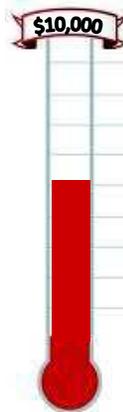
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Together

We are excited to report that our *Together* campaign has raised a total of \$6,200 as of April 18. Thank you to those who have contributed. Your gifts help cover LWVSB operating costs, including Community Forums, office expenses, membership development, co-sponsored forums on critical community issues such as the recent Pro-Choice Coalition and Coalition Against Gun Violence events, as well as scholarships, among other costs. *Together* we are making our community and our democracy fair, vibrant and strong.

We both hope you have a wonderful summer. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at League programs and co-sponsored community events featured in this newsletter.

Beth Pitton-August, Co-President, Program & Action
Joanie Jones, Co-President Membership, Administration & Community Education



Note from Beth: Looking Forward

This will be my last *Channel Voter* article as your co-President. I would like to thank the LWVSB members for giving me the opportunity to serve and lead. I have learned so much from the experience and from each of you. Your intelligence, curiosity, diligence, perseverance, care, and humor are inspiring! I owe a special debt of gratitude to LWVSB leaders and Board members who have welcomed and mentored me. I would also like to thank my co-Presidents, Stacy Shepherd and Joanie Jones. It would have been

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LWVSB General Membership Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 8 - 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting will again be at The Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, 1535 Santa Barbara Street, in the Parish Hall across from Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden. The Annual Meeting 2013 Kit will be mailed to members in mid-May, so you will have time to read it beforehand.

At the business meeting we will elect our 2013-14 Board and Nominating Committee, approve the budget, approve the Local League positions for program action for 2013-14 and hear reports from the president, treasurer and convention delegates.

The Next 100 Years: Our luncheon speaker is LWVC President Jennifer Waggoner, who will discuss issues and ideas impacting the League and our communities today. She will also engage in a dialogue on what's next.

The Annual Meeting kit will also include an agenda, lunch menu and a reservation slip to send in. So please plan to join us for this important general membership meeting which gives our members an opportunity to direct the future of their League.

Joanie Jones, Co-President, Membership, Administration & Community Education

California League President To Speak at Our Annual Meeting: "The Next 100 Years"

Jennifer Waggoner became president of the State League in July of 2011 and has been nominated for another two-year term. She joined the LWVCEF board in 2007 as communications director and has taken a leadership role in the use of technology for the League. She has also served on the audit and finance committees, human resources, executive transition team, fundraising (planned giving, major gifts, and annual giving), voter service, program, and contributes to many others.

She first joined the League in San Francisco in 2001 and has served in many roles, including president, vice president, and budget chair. She strongly believes in the League's core values, is grateful for the opportunities the League offers, and feels the greatest value for her has been the mentors she has found and their encouragement to mentor others through the League.

When Jenny moved to San Francisco she struggled to find unbiased political analysis and, for the first time in her life, considered not voting because she felt so unprepared. "*I was horrified: I was in one of the most famously politically active cities in the country, and yet I couldn't find basic voter information?*" The League gave her a place to find that information.

Jenny has worked for many years as a consultant, typically in operations, finance and communications for nonprofits and small businesses. She holds a degree in Government from Claremont McKenna College and a Diploma in Public Policy from the University of Edinburgh. She enjoys the flexibility and variety of her work, allowing her to dedicate significant time to the League and to be able to travel. She lives in central San Francisco with her husband, David LaMacchia.

Recommendations from the LWV Santa Barbara Nominating Committee 2012-2013

(Individuals to be elected at the Annual Meeting in bold)

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State & National Action: **Linda Phillips**
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Continuing Directors:

Membership Development: Amanda Pelch
Social Policy: Jane Honikman

The nominating committee recommends that the Board appoint the following Directors:

Hospitality Co-Chair: Jean Bauman
Publicity: Jane Benefield
Water, Unit Director & Hospitality Co-Chair: Pat Shewczyk

Nominating Committee 2014

1. Herb Linville
2. Joan Kerns
3. Lesley Alexander

*Submitted by Mary Rose
Chair and Nominating Committee 2012-13:
Ann Lorimer, Margaret Roff,
Connie Hannah, Amanda Pelch*

Working with the Naples Coalition

The League has had a representative on the Naples Coalition Board (NC) since 2000. From the time the Coalition was started, the goal has remained the same—preservation of the rural character of the Naples Ranch and specifically the preservation of the coastal part of the Naples Township for public access. The groups represented along with the League include the Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, Gaviota Coast Conservancy and the Audubon Society.

Because most of our board's work is devoted to the preservation of this part of the Gaviota Coast we are involved in a number of administrative remedies, negotiations and court proceedings with our very able attorney Marc Chytilo, who works closely with the Environmental Defense Center.

The present owner of the Naples Ranch property is First Bank, which acquired the land from Matt Osgood through foreclosure. First Bank is actively seeking a buyer, but many a developer has

come and looked and then said, "no thank you." In large part thanks to the efforts of the Naples Coalition and our very preservation oriented community.

However, the life on the NC Board is not all technical details, we have fun too. We have a wonderful outreach committee that puts on a number of activities throughout the year. In April, we co-sponsored a successful public event with SCAPE (Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment) and the Gaviota Conservancy at the Bacara Resort and Spa and then co-sponsored, with many other groups, a reception for the California Coastal Commission at El Capitan Ranch. In September we will be doing something for First Thursday.

To find out more about upcoming events and how you can become involved, check out our website at SaveNaples.Org.

Cathie McCammon

LWVSB Representative on the Naples Coalition

2013 Vulnerability Index Survey Results for Santa Barbara County

On Monday, March 25 the Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H) presented the 2013 Vulnerability Index Survey Results. The presentation is available on the www.commongroundsb.org website.

Findings:

- 1,466 people surveyed in 2013; 1,536 surveyed in 2011.
- Distribution of Homeless Population and ratios similar to 2011 but with some decrease in the City of Santa Barbara.
- The oldest person to be surveyed was 84.
- High self reported rates of mental illness and substance abuse.
- 732 ER visits; 685 hospital admissions.
- A majority of participants did not have health insurance.
- 73% of people reported incarceration in Jail; similar to 2011.
- High levels of illnesses specific to homelessness, such as weather related impacts and exposure to violence.
- Findings continue to correlate with local Public Health and National statistics.
- High Rate of Homeless Families persist w/majority in north

county but with increased percentage in south county.

- From the Santa Barbara County Education Office school district reports, there is a much higher rate of family homelessness than captured through the VI Survey.

"There are a lot more children out there," according to Rob Fredericks, deputy director of the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara. He said the [county education office](#) estimates that 5,274 students in the school system are homeless. (It is important to note that the definition of "homelessness" varies depending on state or federal regulations.)

Most people were in North or South Santa Barbara County prior to becoming homeless.

Information about a 100 Day Plan will be next. Right now you can be part of the solution by staying involved! You can visit www.commongroundsb.org to find out about ongoing learning opportunities and volunteer needs in the community. If you have any questions please contact our volunteer coordinator, Jessielee at 805-451-5604.

Emily Allen, Co-Chair, Social Policy Committee

Note from Beth: Looking Forward *(Continued from page 2)*

impossible to imagine – let alone undertake – the work of co-President without such incredibly supportive, smart, dedicated and fun partners.

The last two years have been so full of diverse activities it is difficult to summarize. There are lots of highlights.

We began to reverse the downward trend of several years and increase our membership. Our League took on Measure Y and won, and helped restore the County budget for homeless services and prevention. The LWVSB office got a facelift and a database upgrade. We have improved and securitized email communications to members and affiliates. In addition, we expanded the visibility of our League through unique co-sponsorships such as bringing Parker Palmer to Santa Barbara to speak about "Healing the Heart of Democracy," and screening the film, "Miss Representation."

It is tempting to think of these as words of farewell but that is not the case. On a variety of initiatives we are only getting started, and I hope to have the opportunity to help see them through. Also, as Membership Director nominee to the Board of the LWV of California, if elected, I am excited to bring everything I have learned here in Santa Barbara with me to the State level. And in return, as I meet and work with other Leagues across our state, I promise to bring all that I learn back to our League.

LWVUS Statement Concerning Strategies about Money in Elections

The U.S. Supreme Court has made a series of decisions including *Buckley v. Valeo*, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, *McComish v. Bennett*, etc. that have affected the areas of campaigns and elections--issues in which the League of Women Voters has been active since its inception and that are primary concerns of the organization.

Unlimited expenditures from millionaires, corporations, unions, and trade associations overwhelm citizens' voices, lead to corruption, and unfairly disrupt the representative process. Moreover, much of this spending occurs without disclosure of the sources of funding. This lack of transparency undermines the voters' ability to make informed decisions and makes corruption even more likely.

The question is how best to address the issues that emanate from the U.S. Supreme Court decisions. These issues demand a multidimensional approach: federal legislation on disclosure,

"independent" spending, coordination rules, real enforcement by the IRS of violations of the rules for non-profit organizations, reform of the Federal Election Commission, etc.

The League has received requests to support a constitutional amendment without fully specifying the content of the amendment. The League has long evaluated its advocacy work based on our positions, on the opportunity to best make a difference, and on the availability of necessary resources. The League has not yet found a proposed constitutional amendment that we can support within our positions. Because Money in Elections is a priority for the League, we will be continually re-evaluating the opportunity for legislation in this area.



From the LWVUS

Tuning In and Paying Attention: Protecting Our Voting Rights From the States to the Supreme Court

Life is increasingly busy. People are spending more time working, traveling and trying to make ends meet in a rough economy. What better timing for policymakers to make seemingly innocuous changes to something as important as voting rights and slip them past a preoccupied electorate?

Unfortunately, this troubling scenario is what's currently unfolding in the states. Over 2,200 bills have been introduced at the state level, and every state is currently weighing changes to its electoral process. But in addition to what's happening in the states, the U.S. Supreme Court also holds the future of voting rights across the country in its hands. Not one, but two major voting rights cases were recently heard by the Court, *Shelby County v. Holder* and *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.* (ITCA). These cases have the potential to strike terrible blows to core protections of Americans' right to vote.

At stake in *Shelby v. Holder*, for which the Supreme Court heard arguments in February, is the monumental Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965. The VRA, which was designed by Congress to eliminate racial discrimination in voting, is widely recognized as one of the nation's most effective civil rights statutes. When it was last reauthorized in 2006, Congress declared that without its protections, "racial and language minority citizens will be deprived of the opportunity to exercise their right to vote." Yet it's on the chopping block as the Supreme Court justices debate its constitutionality, and **at risk are the voting rights of millions of Americans.**

Just weeks after opening its review on *Shelby v. Holder*, the Supreme Court took yet another pass at voting rights. In *Arizona v. ITCA*, the Court is reviewing the crucial National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993. Commonly known as "Motor Voter," the NVRA streamlined voter registration, making it

easier for citizens to register to vote, and protecting against state restrictions on voter registration for federal elections. If the Court rules against the NVRA, states would be free to pass laws that could restrict voter registration activities, like the voter registration drives held by the League of Women Voters, and thereby prevent eligible citizens from registering to vote. The NVRA streamlined the numerous state laws that hindered citizen-led registration drives, and **a decision against the NVRA would leave the voter registration process vulnerable to new forms of political manipulation.**

Both the VRA and the NVRA have served as critical legislation for expanding the electorate and turning the page on the nation's history of segregation and discrimination in voting practices. The rulings on both Supreme Court cases will likely set the framework for decades of elections reform efforts to come. If states win and voters lose before the U.S. Supreme Court, we can expect to see more and more states consider restrictions on the voter registration process and the right to vote unparalleled since the days of Jim Crow.

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How to Follow LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara

You can stay informed about what the League is doing on many important national issues by following LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara's blog on www.huffingtonpot.com/elisabeth-macnamara. At the top left of her blog page, you can request regular updates from her by email.

What's the Right Thing? The Role of Ethics in Government and Society

Bill Marks, who moderated the April Community Forum, said he had originally come up with the title "Rules for the Unruly," but settled on a "more polite" name for the forum. Panelists spoke to a large crowd of interested League members and friends (including some current and former elected officials).

The May 15 Community Forum--"Adapting to Sea Level Rise: What Will That Mean for the South Coast?"--will be the last one until September.



Moderator Bill Marks

Forum Panel: from left, Peter Haslund, member and former president of Santa Barbara City College Board of Trustees; Ben Bycel, attorney and founding director of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission; and Shane Stark, former Santa Barbara County Counsel.



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U.S. Congress, District 23

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Note: all phone numbers unless otherwise noted are area code 805.

Tuning In and Paying Attention: Protecting Our Voting Rights From the States to the Supreme Court

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At one point in our nation's history, the prospect that the Supreme Court might threaten such vital rights would have sent men, women and children out into the streets in protest. But it's easy for changes to slip by when we're not looking. After all, *Shelby County v. Holder* and *Arizona v. ITCA* are unfolding in the immediate shadow of another bruising election season, a time when many voters want to hear nothing more about voting, elections and political candidates.

While the potential effects of these two Supreme Court cases can't be overstated, it's never too late to tune in. We must remain vigilant, pay close attention to our state and local politics and continue to fight to protect our constitutional right to vote.

Elisabeth MacNamara, LWVUS President, Huffington Post Blog

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- Invite a friend to join the League
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Membership News

Membership Renewal Time

This is the last Membership News for 2012-2013. The next news will be coming out in our September Channel Voter. Please remember that we are consolidating our mailings and that means our Membership Renewal mailing will come in your Annual Meeting Kit in early May. That will allow those of you who wish to renew your membership at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 8 to do so. We hope this will help those who are away in the summer/fall to renew while in town.

Each member is precious; you are the fuel that helps drive our League. I know each of you will want to stay tuned in with LWV; we have the best non-partisan information!

New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Dr. Pei-te Lien, Ben Bycel and Deborah Rogers. Our recent Orientation evening was informative and we will plan another gathering with new and long time members during the Fall season.

Our Fifty Year + Members:

Congratulations if you have attained the "Life" or 50 year + membership status. We are proud and will celebrate you at our Annual Meeting on June 8. If you are not listed below, it is because we have insufficient information about your joining date and would love to know your history. Have you belonged to more than one League? Are your years broken up? If so your years of membership may be cumulative. Newly minted Life members we know about and those we did not know about previously will receive a Certificate from LWVUS if you tell us by early May.

The following members are those "Life" Members whose names we have on record.

Congratulations again to: Roxana Anson, Ann Baird, Dorothy Campbell, Eileen Clark, Joan Fallert, Ghita Ginberg, Barbara Godley, Jean Holmes, Elaine Iddings, Sheila Kamhi, Bev King, Elinor Langer, Sheila Lodge, Lillian Lovelace, Barbara Margerum, Lessie Nixon, Vivian Obern, Ecco Ochoa, Harriet Phillips, Virginia Robinson, Michael Tucker, Naomi Wain.

Thank you for your support. Amanda Pelch, Membership Development

In Memoriam

Samarkand Retirement Community recently notified the League of the death of "Life" member and former League President, Wilma "Billie" K. Shaad. Billie Kendrick Shaad died peacefully at age 102. Other Life or long-term members recently deceased, whom we know of, are: Betty Newcomb, Marion Abrams, Lolly Quackenbush, and Ann Wright. Our condolences go out to their families.



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CALENDAR

MAY 2013 DISCUSSION UNITS: Alternative Energy Resources, Led by Members of the Sustainable Communities Committee

- 1 Wednesday: Evening Unit - 7:30 p.m., Pat Shewczyk's house, 5044 Walnut Park Dr., Contact Pat Shewczyk, 964-7506, or Sheila Kamhi, 682-0757.**
- 7 Tuesday: Supper Unit - 5:30 p.m., Madame Lu's Restaurant, 3524 State St., Contact Karen Bunker, 967-0838.**
- 8 Wednesday: Carpinteria Unit - 10 a.m., Carpinteria Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd. Contact Barbara Godley, 969-9942.**
- 11 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office at 328 East Carrillo, Suite A.**
- 13 Monday: Valle Verde Unit – noon-2 p.m. in private dining room off breezeway, 900 Calle de los Amigos. Brown bag lunch. For parking information contact Joan Kerns, 687-7035.**
- 15 Wednesday: Community Forum: "Adapting to Sea Level Rise," 12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.; brown bag lunch; free and open to the public.**
- 15 Wednesday: Cosmopolitics 2013, Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee's 25th Anniversary Celebration (SBWPC is a coalition partner). 5:30-7:30; Santa Barbara Club, 1105 Chapala Street; speaker **Delores Huerta**, civil rights worker and women's advocate. Ticket: \$75. RSVP by May 1 (564-6876 or www.sbwpc.org/cosmopolitics).**
- 17-19 LWVC Convention, San Jose**

Looking Ahead

Saturday, June 8: Annual LWVSB Meeting, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Unitarian Society, Parish Hall, 1535 Santa Barbara Street, with guest speaker California League President Jennifer Waggoner, who will look ahead to "The Next 100 Years." (Information to be mailed in mid-May).

Stay Informed This Summer

This is the last issue of the Channel Voter until September. But if you would like to stay informed during the summer, sign up for action alerts at LWVC and LWVUS websites.

On both sites, you can choose the action alerts and issues you want updates on. Click "Get Involved" and then "Stay Connected" on the LWVUS site. On the LWVC site, find "Stay Informed" at the top right and then select your issues.

Watch for emails from LWV-Santa Barbara. And follow us on Facebook and Twitter.