



# NEWSLETTER

February 2013

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The following people made contributions to this month's Newsletter: Ann Robison, Paulette Bliss, Rebecca Lobb, Jean and Chris Mutrux, Viki and Mark Pimentel, Susan Allen-Warren, Mary Gass, Eleanor Withers, Judy Giraud, Glenn Stone, Christina Dougherty, Tiphonie Vogel, BJ Clutter, Jo Stern, Rick Yackey, and Trisha Pflantz. Thank you.

Fred Giraud, Editor

## THE ALLEY CAT

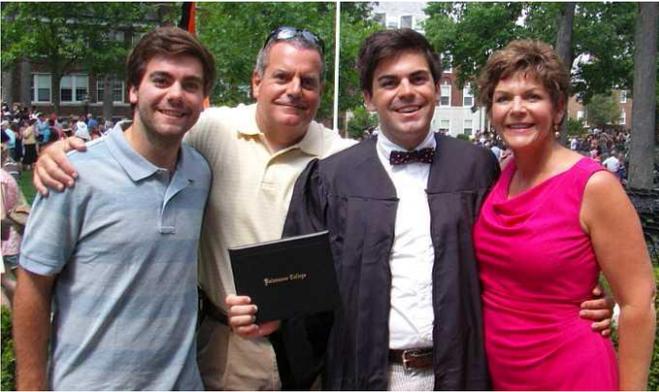


"What in the world is that you are playing with?" I asked the Alley Cat. He was sitting on our front porch swing with something that looked like an electronic gadget. "I found it as I was strolling one of the alleys", he claimed. Upon closer examination I said, "It looks similar to our cell phone." "It's more than that," he shot back. "It's an iPad. Look what happens when I select the icons." He gave me a demonstration of how well he could manipulate the icons with his paws. In fact he did better than I can do on our home computer or on our cell-phone. "I don't know exactly how I did it but I managed to access the Internet", he proudly boasted. "You're a very smart Alley Cat" I declared. "Let me show you something", he continued. After quickly manipulating a few icons, he logged on to the website of Dewitt Jones, a former National Geographic photographer. There the Cat showed me something he thought very important. Dewitt, says, "Every

day we are inundated with messages that tell us what's wrong with our world. It's not surprising that we lose sight of all the things that are right with it; of all that is truly worth celebrating. As a photographer, I have a choice of what lens I put on my camera; a choice of how I am going to view the world. I choose to celebrate. Why? Because it imbues me with gratitude, because it allows me to see the best in people and situations, because it fills me with energy. Just the act of reflecting each week on how much I have to be thankful for makes me a better person." "Wow, that is profound!", I told the Cat. "You have given this considerable thought." "You bet," he bragged. As I roam the alleys I have lots of time to give thought to what is important in life. Once again, he quoted Dewitt, who said, "Can you imagine a world in which every person, everyday, celebrated what was right?" The Alley Cat claimed that would be incredible. Then he asked me, "What do you think about Dewitt's philosophy of life?" So I pass this along to you, the readers of the Newsletter. What do you think?

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

### Hutch, Mark, Donovan, and Viki Pimentel



Mark and Viki Pimentel moved to 6314 Waterman last September from Louisville, Kentucky, for Mark's new job here as President and General Manager at KMOV-TV, Channel 4.

When asked how their house search went in St. Louis, Viki said, "I knew nothing was going to make me happy because I loved the house in Louisville so much." So instead of a house, they shopped for a neighborhood.

They discovered Parkview. "I liked that it was near Forest Park, but the Loop was a real discovery for us," Mark said, "especially when we first moved into the

house and we were still living out of boxes." Before the kitchen was unpacked they discovered the eclectic collection of restaurants here. They were pleased to find it so pedestrian-friendly. "And we are happy to be near Washington University; we both like an academic environment." Mark grew up in Ithaca, NY, where both his parents were professors at Cornell University. Viki grew up in New Jersey with her parents and seven siblings.

Having been a Realtor since 2005, Viki has looked at many homes and developed a pretty critical eye. Eventually they found something that would work beautifully here in St. Louis, with a few compromises. Among other characteristics, Viki wanted a two-story home with an updated kitchen--instead they found a three-story home with, well, most of us probably know what they found.

"A kitchen renovation will be coming shortly," said Viki with conviction. With the wisdom of one who has researched many neighborhoods, she is familiar with balancing benefits and challenges. For example, the charm of an older home often comes with a kitchen needing updating. "She is a very good cook," Mark mentioned. "I'm enthusiastic," she added with a smile.

Does she have a specialty?

"Cupcakes!" she responded. She recounted that her youngest son didn't tell her he loved cupcakes until he was 16 years old. "What?" I said, "I only have two years left!" And with that she started a cupcake adventure, making it up along the way. The best yet? Mint Julep cupcakes!

She gets a sparkle in her eye when talking about cooking, especially baking. Since the boys have left home for college, "I usually need a holiday to have an excuse to make cupcakes. Our neighbors have been the recipients of my recent experiments... they have three kids!" (By now you may be wondering if I took this opportunity to remind Viki of the many annual Parkview gatherings where dessert offerings are welcome. Rest assured, dear neighbors, I did!)

"Having eclectic people in the neighborhood is important to us," Mark continued. "Yes," said Viki. Both agree many of the folks they've met in Parkview have been interesting, well traveled, and progressive in their thinking.

Figuring out how to use seven bedrooms in their Parkview home has been interesting, Mark said. After setting aside two for their sons when they are home, "We turned one into a home office, and have one that is dedicated to ping pong."

"I love the landscape here," he said. "The mature growth... huge oak trees... the great canopy of foliage."

They quickly learned of the convenience of the MetroLink station and have used it already to get to baseball, football and hockey games.

So how did these two meet? They met in Harvard Square; Viki had been happily living and working as a Financial Analyst for BASF, in Boston. "I was in my fifth job in TV," Mark said.

Mark appeared understated and introspective during our interview for the Parkview Newsletter so it was fun to learn of his romantic side. They became engaged in Nantucket, on Madaket Beach, at sunset. “Yeah, I got points for that one,” he said with a hint of a smile.

“I knew we would get married after our first date,” Viki related. She surprised her brother with the news when she told him, “I met Mr. Viki Haas.” A year and a half later they married in the Arnold Arboretum in Boston, a beautiful place devoted to trees and horticulture.

From there, Mark’s career has taken them to many cities, including Atlanta, briefly, then to Charleston, South Carolina, where their son Hutch was born. Their home was on the Isle of Palms, ravaged in September of 1989 by Hurricane Hugo with its 120 mph winds and 14-foot rising sea level. Mark took the job just ten days before the Hurricane devastated the area. “Our TV station was the only one to stay on air during the storm.” “You won the duPont-Columbia Award for that,” added Viki “You’ve won several awards.” “Yeah, that’s true,” said Mark.

The duPont-Columbia Award is given for excellence in Broadcast Journalism. In 1991 the Silver Baton was awarded to WCBD-TV, Charleston, South Carolina, for Coverage of Hurricane Hugo. One need only Google Mark’s name to see the numerous journalism awards he’s received throughout his career, including the St. Louis annual Community Spirit Award he accepted on behalf of KMOV-TV in 2012. To read more about that, go to: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/KMOV-receives-Community-Spirit-Honors-award-160228695.html>

They moved to Baltimore where Mark had his “first chance to do a newsroom startup. I hired 35 people, and within 6 months we were on air. It was a unique opportunity to build something from scratch. That was a very satisfying effort.”

In 1994, they returned to Atlanta where Mark was a News Director. It was there that their second son Donovan was born.

“After 18 years of being a news guy I transitioned to General Manager.”

“We moved to Alabama” Viki said. When preparing to move, once again she set herself the task of finding a neighborhood with good schools for the two boys. She was surprised at what she found in Huntsville. “Did you know there are more PhDs per capita in Huntsville than in any other city in the world? We found a top notch public school in Huntsville.”

From there they moved to Richmond, Virginia, “the most Southern town we’ve ever lived in,” said Mark.

They moved to Kentucky, staying long enough in Lexington for Hutch to start and finish high school, then moved to Louisville, where Donovan could start and finish high school. It was important to them to not uproot their sons in the high school years.

St. Louis was the next stop, the farthest west they’ve come so far on the I-64 corridor.

“My office looks out on the arch. It’s a cool space,” Mark said. “Not knowing the city at all, I’ve been surprised by the neighborhoods and restaurants.”

“The proximity to cultural events,” Viki said.

“The theaters,” Mark added. “We think this [Parkview] is one of the nicest neighborhoods there is.”

Hobbies? Mark likes working in the yard, bicycling in Forest Park, and playing racquetball. “I am in search of a hockey team. I’m a goalie... I’m currently filling in on 5 teams, but I’m still looking for my hockey home.”

Viki said, “As a Realtor I’m starting my business all over again here. I recently joined Prudential Alliance ... it takes about two years to gain traction. Other than that, I work out at the YMCA. I swim, spin, lift weights and take classes. On nice days I walk and jog with Rusty, our dog.”

What kind of dog is Rusty? “Lazy.”

Rusty is an 11-year-old black, brown and white, basset hound - cocker spaniel mix, with long hound-dog ears and a helicopter tail that moves his whole rear end, letting you know when he is happy. “He loves going on walks-” Viki said “-when he’s not sleeping,” finished Mark.

When asked about Donovan, their 19-year-old son having recently gone off to Aurora University in Illinois, Viki mentioned that it has been a challenge. When children are growing up “they’re at the center of every thought,” she said. “It was tough... My mother died the same week we dropped Donovan off at college, and then we moved a few weeks later.”

Hutch, their older son at age 22, has graduated from Kalamazoo in Michigan. After graduation he went on a 4 month Southeast Asian adventure. Hutch aspires to a career directing live theatre. In the meantime, he is living in Chicago and looking for a job that will pay the bills.

Donovan is majoring in business and marketing. “He says he wants to be my boss. That’s his plan.” After a pause Mark said, “That’s a worthy goal.”

“I was a financial analyst, then a systems analyst...”before kids,” Viki said. She loved having Hutch and Donovan. “You’ve heard of Post-Partum Depression? I had Post-Partum Elation!”

When asked how they are progressing with moving from a household of four individuals to two, she said with a smile, “We’re adjusting, but we’ve had fun. ... We’ve been coping with our sense of freedom, if not enjoying it.”

The Pimentel’s Waterman neighbors, living up to their Parkview reputation for their proliferation of social events, have welcomed the newcomers, inviting them to parties and gatherings the first week they moved in and since.

Let’s continue to welcome the Pimentels to Parkview. Tell them about your favorite restaurants and who the best doctors are. Maybe we can help make this their new favorite neighborhood!

(Written by Susan Allen-Warren)

### **PARKVIEW PUZZLER** by Susan Allen-Warren

How well do you know our neighborhood? This photo was taken in Parkview. The photographer was standing in the street or on the sidewalk within our neighborhood. Can you identify the address? Send your answer to [parkviewpuzzler@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewpuzzler@gmail.com) to win bragging rights. The answer and name of the first person to send in the correct answer will be published in the next newsletter. By the way, the resident of this house is not eligible!



The winner of last month’s Parkview Puzzler is Timmie Wiant of 6369 Pershing Avenue, the first to e-mail in the correct answer on January 18th. The yard ornament in the picture is located at 6379 Pershing (on the Westgate side), the home of Dave and Sarah Narkiewicz. Also sending in correct answers were Judith Giraud and Jo Stern. Well done! And thanks to the folks who correctly reported that the statue of the “Lady of the Garden” featured in the January puzzler at 6374 Pershing had been removed!

### **A MILESTONE**



**Ted Meiners** of 6235 Waterman celebrated his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday February 1. Ted has lived in Parkview since 1960. He was born at 5919 Pershing, went to Hamilton School and to Soldan High before going to Central College in Fayette, Mo. He returned to St. Louis for med school at Washington University. He has been retired from his obstetrical practice at St. Luke’s Hospital for 15 years but keeps busy raising orchids in his expansive greenhouses. He once said that Emilie, his wife, keeps him young.

### **NEW OWNERS**

**Roger Jenkins and Sam Sinnett** recently purchased the home at 6374 Pershing. They will rehab it for future sale. Roger’s phone number: 707-0672; Sam’s: 477-5798. The previous owner was **Pat Fitzgerald**.

**Nicholas Yackey**, 6324 Westminster Phone: 401-8488 Former Resident: Kathleen Finneran

## RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

**Joe Edwards** (McPherson) was profiled recently in a lengthy article in *The Christian Science Monitor* as a powerful force for civic good in University City and in St. Louis. Ray Hartman, founder of the *Riverfront Times*, was quoted as saying, “It’s hard to give anybody single-handed credit for something this big, but Edwards is largely responsible for saving one of the most historic parts of this city”. *The Monitor* has over 3,000,000 readers. Congratulations, Joe!

**George Pepe** (Pershing), professor of Classics at Washington University, led a Saturday Lecture Series February 2 at Wash. U. on Tolerance and Civic Discourse. George’s lecture was “Debating the Altar of Victory: An Early Discourse on the Limits of Tolerance.” The Lecture Series draws upon perspectives from Classics, Law, Psychology and Literature to examine this crucial social and political virtue.

**Bill Gass** (Westminster) has written a new novel, titled Middle C, which will be published by Knopf Publishing Group on March 12. He will read from it that night at Left Bank Books at 7 pm. Washington University is planning a reading, book signing, and reception on April 2. There will also be an exhibit of manuscripts, books, and other material by Bill at the Library in the Special Collections room. (The details for this will be in the March Newsletter).

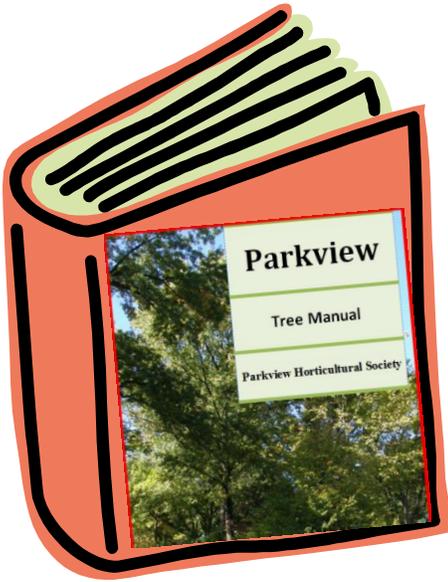
**Ralph Kalish** (McPherson) has written and will perform in the play, *Winning History--The Branch Rickey Story*, which shows how Branch Rickey wrote baseball's story in the mid-20th century. He forever changed the game and, probably, the course of our society. In St. Louis, where we learn baseball before we learn what the colors red and yellow are, the drama of Rickey's life resonates. For further information go to <http://licketytix.com/>

**Robert Dierker** (Westminster), Circuit Judge of the City of St. Louis, presided over a case on CBS’ 48 Hours on January 27.

**Abby Mutrux**, daughter of Jean and Chris Mutrux (Westgate), **won the photo contest with 255 votes.** **There were 57 entries from** all over the nation. The prize for winning is a year’s worth of online advertising for Abby and her horse. Thanks to all who responded. Here is the winning photo of Abby and Watson.



## A NEW BOOKLET FROM THE PARKVIEW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The “Parkview Tree Manual” is a booklet designed to help residents learn about our street and park trees. The manual will aid in describing what species of trees we have in Parkview, which ones are appropriate (or not), and how to care for them.

New residents will receive a copy in the Welcome Basket. If you are interested in a FREE copy please contact Judith Giraud at [judith.stl@gmail.com](mailto:judith.stl@gmail.com).

### CLASSIFIED SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER

Here is something new for Parkview residents. Beginning with the March edition there will be a Classified Section in the monthly Newsletter. This Section is open to all Parkview residents. You may list items you wish to sell, give away, or want. **ADS FOR REAL ESTATE ARE PROHIBITED.** There is a 35 word limit including the resident’s name and telephone number (or e-mail). The ad must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to Rebecca Lobb at [lobbrebecca@gmail.com](mailto:lobbrebecca@gmail.com). for inclusion in the Newsletter for that month, which is distributed around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Items listed may be repeated only once in the next edition. The Newsletter editor reserves the right to edit or deny material submitted, and neither the editor nor the Parkview Agents take any responsibility for the accuracy of ads.



**MOMS Club**, a national organization that provides support and activities for at-home mothers, will hold an open house at 9:30 a.m. next Wednesday (Feb. 20) at the home of Parkview Place resident Trisha Pflantz. Trisha’s residence is at 431 Westgate Ave.

The club is exploring the possibility of establishing a new chapter to serve moms in the cities of University City, Ladue, Creve Coeur, Richmond Heights, Brentwood, Clayton, Webster, Maplewood and Rock Hill.

At the open house, members of the St. Louis City chapter will discuss the process of starting a new chapter and answer any questions that potential members have about MOMS Club.

PLEASE RSVP to Trisha Pflantz at [tpflantz@gmail.com](mailto:tpflantz@gmail.com) if you plan to attend the open house and include the ages and number of children who will be with you. Interested moms who cannot attend next week’s meeting can also email Trisha for further information about the new chapter.

# SKINKER DeBALIVIERE NEWS

## **BOWLING FOR SKINKER DeBALIVIERE ON PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Monday, February 18th, 12pm-3pm

[Pin Up Bowl, 6191 Delmar]

Looking for something fun to do on your day off?? Family and friends of all ages are welcome to come out and bowl with the neighborhood! \$10 for unlimited bowling, shoe rental included. Lanes will be shared, two-game rotation. Food and drink will be for sale. A portion of the sales from this event will be contributed to the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council.



## **Gardening Workshop: How to Start Seedlings Indoors**

Saturday, March 2nd, 10am

[Art Studio, 5949 Kingsbury Ave., Parking on Des Peres Ave.]

Have fun growing your own seedlings indoors! Hitch Powell will teach you how to select, grow, and transfer tomato seedlings to your garden and have the earliest harvest with healthy plants. Learn about the best varieties to choose, which are not usually available in nurseries. This will be a demonstration-based class. Topics will include the following: Grow lights or sun light, Selecting seeds, Germination and culling, Initial planting—how and when, Starter kits or do it yourself, and much more.

## **Registration is Now Open for the 2013 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program!**

A pick-up location at the Skinker deBaliviere Community Council Office (6008 Kingsbury) will be available again this year. Everything you receive in your Lee Farms CSA share box is grown by Lee Farms in Truxton, Mo. For more information about this program contact Rusty Lee at [rusty@leefarms.net](mailto:rusty@leefarms.net) or call his cell phone, 314-954-0551.

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## **AN OPPORTUNITY**

A Parkview resident, Glenn Stone, 6238 Washington, would like to offer neighbors an opportunity to join a season ticket group for Cardinal games. It is an unusual opportunity because four people unexpectedly dropped out of the pool. There is availability for you to join this group. Contact Glenn at [stone@wustl.edu](mailto:stone@wustl.edu) for all the details.

## **NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Send news for the Parkview Newsletter to [giraudstl@gmail.com](mailto:giraudstl@gmail.com) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the Newsletter which is distributed around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.



Wednesday, February 20, 2013

7:00pm update meeting

7:30 program



### *Project FarmWorks*

FarmWorks may be Gateway Greening's most exciting and ambitious project to date and that's saying something considering the stellar accomplishments of the 29-year-old organization at the forefront of the local food production movement.

Executive Director Mike Sorth will describe this north riverfront project that encompasses low-income housing, commercial hydroponic growing, renewable energy and a youth education center and will explain how it fits into a much larger national perspective.

*Please join us at the home  
of our host:*

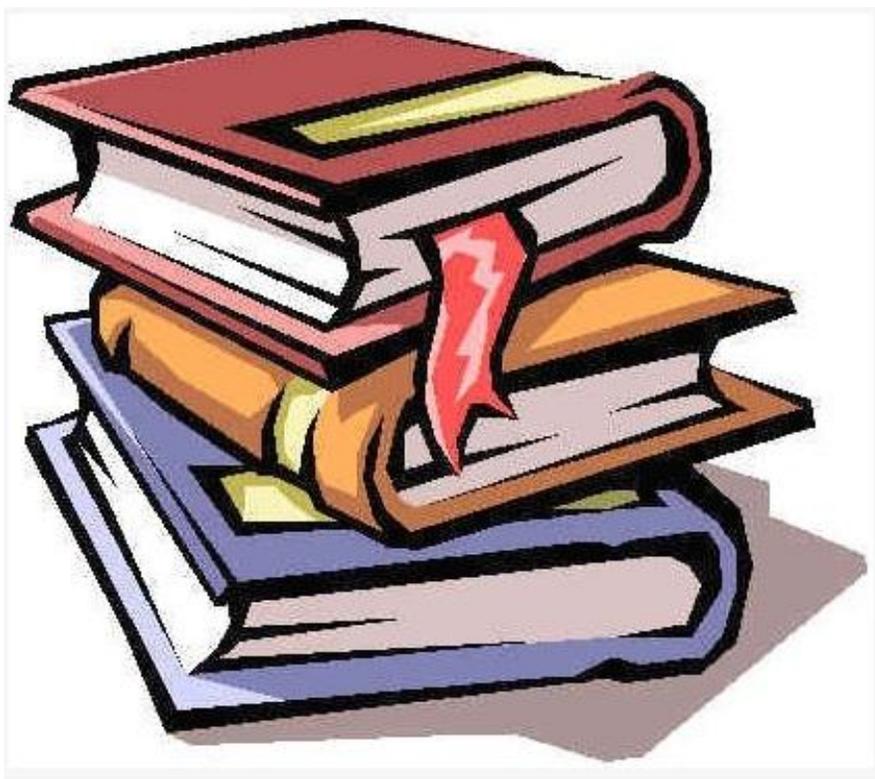
**Holly Palmer**  
**6321 Pershing Ave.**

**PLEASE RSVP**

**To**  
**(314) 727-7008**

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# Join us for the monthly Parkview Book Club!



<http://galileo.d11.org/Drama%20Club%20Slideshow/Forms/DispForm.aspx?ID=3>

When: February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Where: Debra Rosenthal's home @ 6339 Pershing

What: The Sense of An Ending by Julian Barnes

**Those with last names A to M, please bring a drink, snack or dessert to share!**

New members, please RSVP to get added to the E-vite: Tiphonie Vogel ([tiphonievogel@aol.com](mailto:tiphonievogel@aol.com)).

## Book Club Members at the January Meeting



## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARKVIEW AGENTS**

Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 7:00PM

**Agents Present** - Mary Broun, Karen Godar, Jim Warren, Lynn Huson, Mary Pat O’Gorman, Randall Markarian, Beth Fagan, Steve Laury, Amrit Gill, Chris Mutrux.

**Agents Absent** - Lee Lawless, Eli Shuter.

**Trees** - The cost of trimming of trees on Westminster and McPherson, and the removal of five trees on various streets was \$11,850. The cost included the use of a bucket truck, hauling and disposal of tree debris. The Parkview Horticulture Society has a new booklet about Parkview’s trees. See the February Parkview Newsletter for more information.

**Parks** - The bid from Horstman Brothers for mowings of the parks and Skinker strip was approved by the Agents. Horstman will also be responsible for our irrigation systems in the parks. Hendel Lawncare will provide the mulch for the parks. Twice a year cleanup of Limits Walk will be scheduled.

**Security** - There have been no reported incidents.

**Hospitality** - The Spring Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday March 24, with a rainout date of Saturday, March 30. Further information will be in the March Parkview Newsletter.

**Finance** - Past due notices will be sent to residents who have not paid their 2013 assessment. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay requisite dues to include Parkview in the Skinker – DeBaliviere Community Council.

**Lighting** - Briner Electric will be removing one of the monument fixtures to get estimates for repairs and refurbishment of the fixtures. Any repairs would be paid from the Special Assessment account.

**Hospitality** - Please see the e-mail regarding a new Parkview Hospitality Committee.

Meeting Adjourned - Karen Godar, Secretary.

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**\*The signatures of two agents are required for building/fence plan approvals.**

**You may e-mail any of the agents directly or the agents, as a group, may be reached by e-mailing  
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