

# The Evening Star

Empire College Evening School Student Newsletter - 5th Edition - May 1, 2008

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MAY DAY!!! Yes, in our universe it's May 1! But did you ever wonder why it is also the frantic words that pilots and sailors use when they're in distress? This comes from the French word *m'aidez*, meaning "Help Me!", and is pronounced "mayday".

(Note: Okay, not exactly... its pronounced "med-ay" but that's close enough!)

### Las Vegas Legal...

Okay, what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. But... Paralegal instructor Monica Lehre was able to smuggle out the news from a conference she attended in April! She attended the American Association for Paralegal Education conference, which offered a great deal of useful information with seminars on what's new with LexisNexis Total Litigator and other data mining search engines and litigation support software. It also featured seminars of teaching legal research, legal writing, ethics, civil litigation, online courses, and how to close the loop on assessments.

"Hearing what works for other paralegal educators and what doesn't and also what new technology paralegals need coming out of our program was a very valuable experience. I came back excited about implementing new curriculum for our legal department that will help us stay current with what our legal community is looking for from our new graduates."

Thank you Monica, we're glad not everything stays in Vegas!

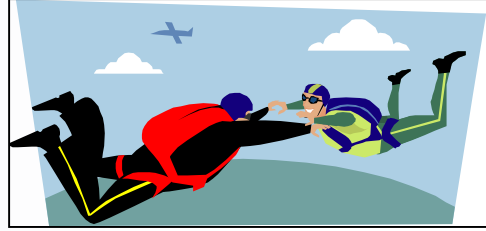
### And Speaking of Legal...

Wallace Francis and Murray Cockerill will be leaving Empire College as of May 16, 2008. Murray will be studying for the Bar Exam in July and Wallace will be opening his own law practice here in Santa Rosa. Although Wallace will still be available to teach in the evening program, we will miss both of them and wish them both the best of luck. May the force be with you!!!

### Thoughts from Space:

*"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there..."*

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## Are There Board Games in Space?

Of course, if that space is the Empire College parking lot! Monopoly 2008 will be taking place on June 14, 2008, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be raising money for some very worthy charities, such as the 211 Hot Line, the United Way youth Development programs, and the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County. This is a wonderful cause and great fun! Stay tuned for more information, or watch the Evening Star bulletin board.

## Friendly Words From The Flight Deck:

Students, our parking lot is one of the most spacious on the planet... and it's free! Please watch for the signs that designate the Faculty, Staff, Motorcycle, Student of the Month, etc. parking spaces and don't land there unless you fit into that category! There's plenty of front row parking for everyone, especially at night.

## Who Won the Evening Star Contest?

Well, we don't know, because the contest continues! The flight deck is dazzling with new stars! Come check it out and bring your own, the prizes keep getting better and the universe keeps expanding! We're waiting for the summer solstice—June 21, 2008—so the prize winners can celebrate in a blaze of glory!!!

## Human Race 2008 - One Community, One Dream!

That's right, it is time for the Human Race once again! The Human Race is an opportunity for individuals, families, and businesses to work together to raise money for local nonprofit organizations. Participants can choose to walk or run the 10K or 3K routes which begins and ends at Herbert Slater Middle School in Santa Rosa. Registration is from 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. and the run begins at 8:00 a.m. so be sure to get lots of sleep that night! Interested in finding out more about the Human Race? Please see Carol Reinke for further details.

If you're ever in a May Day situation, remember; time flies, but you're the pilot!

R2D2 and OB1

## Thoughts from Space:

*" The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost luggage. "*