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From Travis' Desk:

DID YOU KNOW? I'm very excited to announce that I have just helped launch another law office in Northwest Arkansas, to help our neighbors with their tax problems. The great State of Arkansas gave us Barry Switzer, so

we're returning the gift! The Tax Office is located at 609 SW 8th St Bentonville AR. Its telephone number is 479-286-1340. July 1, I also assisted another attorney, Jordan Wilcox, open his tax help law firm in Layton, Utah (outside Salt Lake City). Jordan's firm

is located at 347 W Gordon Ave. Ste 3. Its telephone number is 801-657-5951.

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Jordan Wilcox

MUSICIAN STEVIE J OWES IRS \$371,000 IN TAXES

In the music business, Stevie J is a big name. While you may not know him by name,



you most certainly know his work. He's the producer talent behind such artists as

Notorious B.I.G., Mariah Carey, Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z, among many others.

Now, he's also a big name in the world of tax debt. According to reporting by celebrity news website TMZ, Stevie J, whose real name is Steven Jordan, owes the IRS \$371,000. The tax-collecting

agency reportedly filed four tax liens against the music producer. Most recently, Stevie J starred in the VH1 reality TV show Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta. In the show, Stevie J was involved in a love triangle, with his girlfriend at the time, Mimi Faust, and rapper Joseline Hernandez competing for his attention.

COLORADO COUPLE GUILTY; OWE \$800,000 TO IRS

A Colorado couple pleaded guilty to willful failure to pay income taxes, and have agreed to pay the IRS more than \$800,000 in restitution. According to court documents, beginning in 1986

and continuing through 2009, the Mathew and Sandra Zuckerman either failed to file an income tax return, or filed a return using incorrect amounts. From 2003 through 2009, no income tax returns were

filed with the IRS. Zuckerman concealed his assets and business affairs from the IRS by utilizing additional corporations and trusts. Mathew Zuckerman faces up to five years in federal prison

and a fine of up to \$250,000 per count. Sandra Zuckerman faces not more than one year in federal prison and a fine of up to \$100,000, per count.

FOR FALSE RETURNS, 18 MONTHS

An Orange County, N.Y., man who owned a New Jersey company that sold debit cards was sentenced to 18 months in prison for filing false income tax returns. According to court documents, Richard Jacko-

witz, 61, of Warwick, N.Y., had unreported his company income by \$105,512 in 2007 and \$359,677 in 2008. Jackowitz's false tax returns caused a loss to the IRS of more than \$300,000. In addition to his prison sen-

tence, Jackowitz will serve one year of supervised release and pay a fine of \$4,000.

Separately, in a 2012 lawsuit, the state of New Jersey accused Jackowitz and his business partners

in Branded Marketing of defrauding more than 50 investors of about \$1.4 million and violating state securities laws. Branded Marketing went under in 2010.

Our Staff Celebrity look-a-like of the Month

We are so happy to welcome our newest employee **Jessica Harder** we are very glad to have her part of our team!



Jessica Harder



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Jessica is an Administrative Assistant for the Law Offices of Travis W. Watkins, P.C. Prior to joining the office she spent numerous years in banking. She is currently attending school at the University of Central Oklahoma where she is working towards her Bachelor's Degree. Some of her duties in the office in-

clude data entry and reaching out to new and potential clients. Jessica is originally from California but now resides in Choctaw. When she's not at work she enjoys traveling, cheering on the Thunder, and spending time with her family and friends.

OWNERS OF SALON PLEAD GUILTY TO TAX CHARGES

The owners and operators of Richard Joseph SalonSpas in the Birmingham, Ala., pleaded guilty to a tax fraud conspiracy for failing to pay employment taxes to the IRS that they withheld from employees' wages over an eight-year period.

Richard Joseph Smith, 54, and Timothy Euell Brown, 55, both of Hoover, Ala., have also agreed to pay \$1.4

million in restitution to the IRS as part of their plea agreements.

Smith and Brown acknowledged in their plea agreements that they withheld employment taxes from salon employees but did not report and pay those taxes over to the IRS. They also acknowledge that they skimmed money from the businesses for personal use.

The \$1.4 million represents only the

payroll taxes withheld from employees, not the employer portion of payroll taxes, which also went unpaid. Smith and Brown have agreed to cooperate with the IRS in determining their liability for the employer taxes and for unpaid personal taxes.

Richard Joseph SalonSpa has been a prominent business for more than two decades with sever-

al locations in north Alabama. Smith was a master stylist at the salon's original location in Mountain Brook, and Brown was the business manager who handled finances, including payroll.

"These defendants have lived lavish lifestyles at the expense of the employees in their salons," U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance said in a statement.



Everything was handled professional, timely and with a lot of class. Thank you everyone especially Joe, Rhonda, Office Staff and Sherri.

G.D Carmen OK



ALABAMA SISTERS CHARGED IN TAX CASE

Two sisters in Alabama were charged with preparing fraudulent tax returns for themselves and others, often falsely claiming a credit for first-time homebuyers.

Lugenia L. "Gigi" Conner, 31, of Trussville, Ala., and Kaneshia L. "Kiki" Conner-Goodgame, 34, of Birmingham, Ala., were charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States by obstructing and defeating collection of income taxes by the IRS. They filed the returns through their business, Taxes N More in Tarrant, Ala.

The indictment also charges both sisters, individually, with assisting in the preparation and presentation of false and fraudulent returns for the 2008 tax year, and with making and filing false returns for themselves for 2008. "Tax return preparers who concoct schemes to collect inflated refunds are stealing from the U.S. Treasury and cheating the millions of hard-working Americans who pay their due share of taxes each year," U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance said in a statement.

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Question:

What city's drivers owe over \$460 million in parking fines?

- A. New York City
- B. Boston
- C. Los Angeles
- D. Washington DC

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