

**YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

# Business, churches as allies

**TO OUR READERS:**

Each week, we answer reader questions on the Register's 20-part series on Rick Warren, Saddleback Church and his global PEACE Plan of missionary outreach.

**Q: What is the history of evangelical Christianity and the business community?**

"Major evangelicals have all enjoyed the support of the business community," says William Martin, Rice University professor emeritus and the author of several books about the evangelical movement.

Martin says this is because evangelical leadership and religious-minded businessmen, such as the 19th century's Association of Gentlemen, often shared beliefs in the importance of free markets and later antipathy to communism.

Billy Sunday, the flamboyant turn-of-the-century evangelist, preached against unions. "The Fundamentals," a series of early 20th-century books expounding upon evangelical beliefs, were funded by Lynman Stewart, president and co-founder of the Union Oil Company of California. John Wanamaker, head of the Philadelphia department store of the same name, offered evangelist D.L. Moody his store facilities, as well as 300 staff to act as ushers. And Billy Graham was famously blessed by newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst.

Evangelical organizations often reflected strong support for business goals. The YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) formed in part to encourage "pious, moral men, regardless of social standing (who) would self-sacrificingly cooperate in the production of industrial wealth, while bringing about the Kingdom of God on Earth," according to Thomas Winter, author of a book on the organization's work with the railroad industry.

The "businessmen's revival" of 1858 was spurred by a stock market crash the year before and helped build bridges between pastors and businessmen. "The feeling was: If God could generate revival in the hearts of men engaged in capitalism and commerce, then God was smiling on their endeavors," Martin says.

**Q: Rick Warren is involved in many organizations. Which ones belong to him, and which ones belong to Saddleback Church?**

Warren founded Saddleback Church and the church's Purpose-Driven Ministries, a pastor training organization currently under the umbrella of the main church. (It used to be a separate nonprofit organization.)

Warren also created **pastors.com**, a for-profit Web site to sell sermons and other religious products to pastors. This Web site was originally owned by the Warren family but has been given to the church.

Using royalties from his best-selling book "The Purpose-Driven Life," Warren also created three charities: Acts of Mercy, Equipping Leaders and the PEACE Plan.

Acts of Mercy, an HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention public charity run by Warren's wife, Kay, is a limited liability company established by the Warren family and independent of Saddleback Church. Equipping Leaders is described as a charitable trust. The PEACE Plan is a charitable organization owned by Saddleback Church and dedicated, as this series details, to building a global coalition of churches dedicated to evangelism and humanitarian aid.

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# ELECTION: Signatures to be examined

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precincts.

"Somebody said a lot of signatures looked similar, and we're going to go back and look at those," Ackerman said. He said formal action would likely not take place until the vote is certified Dec. 5.

Ackerman has also expressed concern about the candidacy of last-minute write-in candidate Otto Bade, a Republican widely considered a decoy candidate.

Campaign mailers and

phone calls on Bade's behalf were funded by a committee called Californians United, which also helped Correa's campaign.

Californians United's efforts for Bade focused on Republican voters. One mailer said of Daucher, "She's got a LIBERAL Record!" while touting Bade as "A Proud Conservative Republican!"

There is no law banning decoy candidates. Ackerman is looking into claims that Californians United may have misrepresented itself or otherwise violated election laws.

However, such violations are unlikely to change the results, he said.

Daucher campaign manager Bryan Lanza and county Democratic Party Executive Director Mike Levin have been among the partisans of officially observing the vote count. Both said the two sides have been amicable, with relatively few disputes over ballots.

Daucher, a longtime Brea resident, rented an apartment in central county's 34th

Senate District specifically to qualify for the race.

Although she started with a large deficit in name identification, she campaigned relentlessly and was running neck and neck with Correa by Election Day.

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# Diver shows how guts outweigh skin

The sport's first Asian-American to win Olympic gold tells pupils about bias and athletics.

By ERIK ORTIZ  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

**YORBA LINDA** • He might not be as well known as Jackie Robinson, Jesse Owens, Arthur Ashe and other athletes who overcame color barriers to become sports champions, but Dr. Sammy Lee's accomplishments are also impressive.

Lee, the son of Korean immigrants, won gold medals in high diving at the Summer Olympics in 1948 and 1952, becoming the first Asian-American to win a top prize in the international competition.

The retired doctor and former coach of Olympic champion Greg Louganis recently spoke to 70 children at Lakeview Elementary School and discussed becoming a top diver in the face of racism.

The 2005 biography, "Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story," has been taught in local classrooms. In an interview, Lee talked about his groundbreaking life:

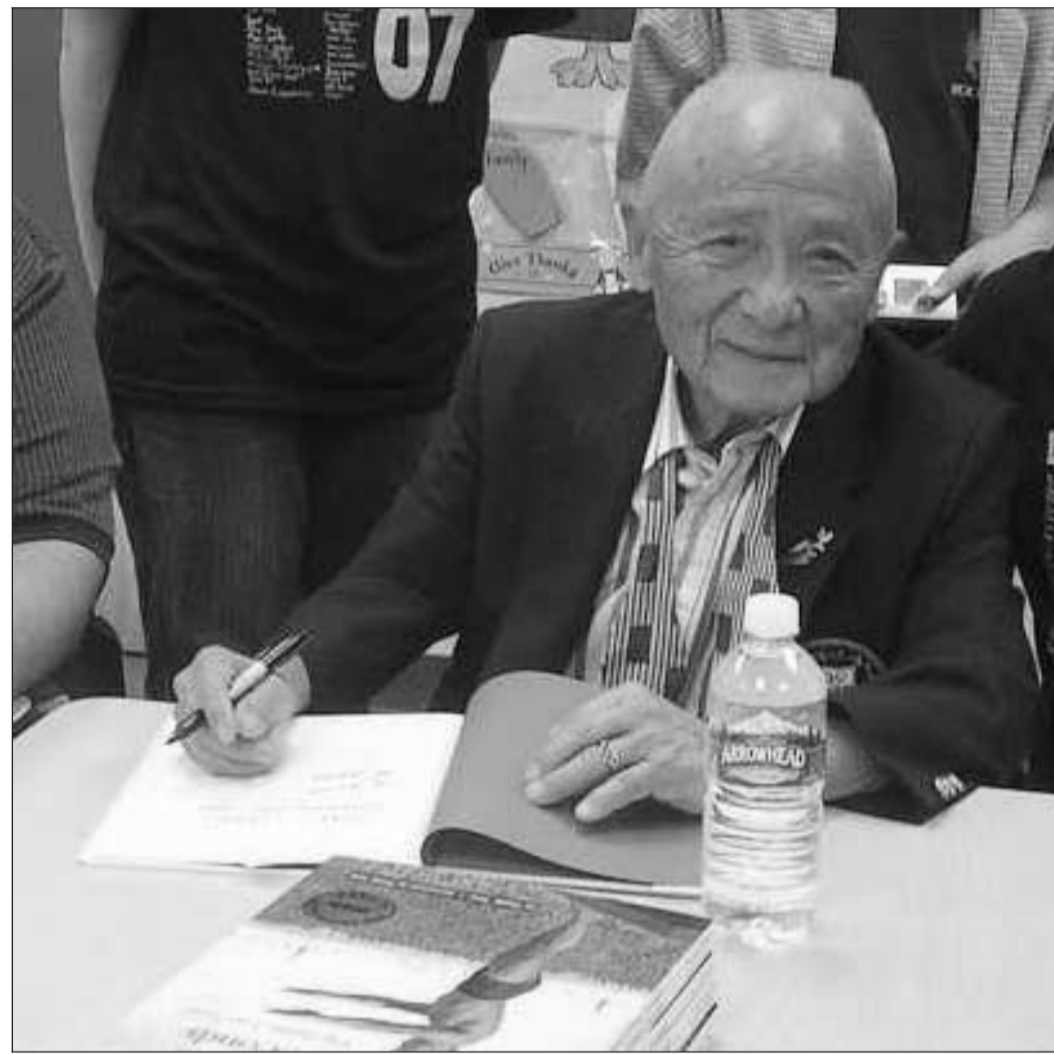
**Q: How was the environment while training in a sport traditionally dominated by white athletes?**

**A:** It didn't depress me. It made me more determined to succeed in the American way of life. I wanted to represent the finest qualities of my ancestral background and show that they can be accepted as 100 percent American.

I tell the kids today that if you got the fighting instinct in you, you can overcome prejudice. You show people with your performance, not just words.

**Q: You've mentioned your days prior to World War II, swimming in the one pool in Pasadena that allowed minorities. It's been reported that the owners would drain the pool after you used it. What was going there like?**

**A:** They showed me prejudice. They had something



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**BODY OF WORK:** Dr. Sammy Lee signs copies of his 2005 biography, "Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story," for Lakeview Elementary School pupils.

called International Day, where I got to swim one day a week. I ran into (the former pool director) one time, and he said, "Sam, how can we empty a pool 55 yards long, 12 feet deep (at the deep end) and 5 feet deep (at the shallow end)?" They couldn't drain a pool that big. They pretended to drain it. Now they call it the Jackie Robinson Recreation Center. How the times have changed.

**Q: In 1955 you tried to buy your first house, and you chose Orange County. How was that experience?**

**A:** The real estate agent in Garden Grove said he couldn't sell me the house or he'd get fired. Then my wife and I went up to the custom-built homes (in Garden Grove), which were around \$50,000. Irony of ironies, it was called Lee Lane. My wife was eight months pregnant, and I had just been invited to the White House for the first

conference on physical fitness and sports for President Eisenhower. When I got to the White House luncheon, I called my wife, and she said that they wouldn't sell it to us.

I wrote a letter to Bob Pierpoint, a CBS White House correspondent who I knew during the Korean War, and told him, "Things have really improved - in the old days they used to say (racist epithets) and just slam the door in our face." (Pierpoint) told Edward R. Murrow about it. Next day it came out on the news that it was a two-time Olympic gold medalist and a U.S. Army major in the Medical Corps could not get a home in Orange County. Then a Jewish fellow ... sold us a home on the edge of Garden Grove right next to Disneyland for \$16,000.

**Q: What did you learn from coaching Greg Louganis?**

**A:** He was so talented that they used to describe diving

as gymnastics over water, but I say he did ballet over water. He's the greatest diver of all time. I saw him a couple months ago. Now he coaches little Jack Russell dogs how to jump hurdles. He coaches before dog shows. He should have been a veterinarian.

**Q: What's next for Sammy Lee?**

**A:** I'm the honorary ambassador to the Olympic Organizing Committee for bringing the 2014 Winter Olympics to PyeongChang, South Korea. The bid comes up July of next year, and we'll know if PyeongChang wins. The reason I'd like to see Korea win like (with Seoul) in 1988 is so that people who lost their husbands, uncles, children in the Korean War - when the world sees how (South Korea) has been modernized - (the Koreans) will realize that their relatives did not die in vain. I also want to stay alive so I can freeload at the Olympics.

# 5 arrested, 1 sought in O.C. jail beating death

Man facing child pornography charges was killed at Lacy Facility in October.

By KIMBERLY EDDS  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

**ORANGE** • Murder charges have been filed against six current and former inmates at the Theo Lacy Facility alleging they kicked and stomped a fellow inmate to death outside a jail shower last month.

John Derek Chamberlain, 41, of Mission Viejo was awaiting trial on child pornography charges when he was beaten to death Oct. 5 by inmates

who attacked him inside Module F at the jail in Orange.

After a six-week investigation into the death, sheriff's officials Friday arrested current Theo Lacy inmates Stephen Paul Carlstrom, 38; Garret Eugene Aguilar, 24; Michael Stewart Garten, 21 and Jared Louis Petrovich, 22.

Murder charges were filed against Christopher Cope Teague and Eric Charles Miller, 22, who were inmates in Module F but had since been released. Miller was arrested



Chamberlain

Friday. An arrest warrant has been issued for Teague.

The module where Chamberlain was being housed was for nonviolent offenders. Inmates are banded two to a cell with groups of inmates allowed to roam in a day room a few hours at a time.

Chamberlain was showering at about 6:30 p.m. when he was jumped by the six men, said Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino.

If the other inmates knew what charges Chamberlain was facing, it did not come from sheriff's deputies, Amormino said.

"There is nothing to indicate that any deputy told any inmate what he was being charged with," Amormino said.

The Sheriff's Department investigated the death despite a longstanding department policy "to immediately refer to the Orange County District Attorney's Office all cases wherein ... the deceased or seriously injured was in the custody of this department."

**BELIEFS**

# Give thanks to the Giver

Our nation features two characteristic images of Thanksgiving: a community of Pilgrims and American Indians sharing a meal and Norman Rockwell's painting "Freedom from Want," where a large turkey is the center of a family dinner.

Both images suggest a tradition of giving thanks for good things. But do these images tell the whole story?

Do we thank God just because we are healthy, have a bed

to sleep on, a roof over our head and a car that gets us to work and back home?

What if we do not have these things: Can we still be thankful? If we give thanks only for things, there are many with very little to be thankful for.

I need to be thankful for a God who loves me and watches over me. The challenge is to be not so fixated on "things" that I forfeit the bigger meaning of Thanksgiving.

In his 1863 "Thanksgiving Proclamation," President Lincoln observed that while Americans enjoyed the bounties of our nation, we were "prone to forget the source from which they come." By reminding us that all things we enjoy are "gracious gifts of the Most High God," Lincoln redirected our attention from the gifts to the Giver.

The Bible tells us, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God for us." This is impossible unless I believe the Scripture that tells me all things - things I consider good or bad - are working together for good to those who love God and are called according to his purpose.

As I am at an age when I can look back much further than ahead, I find there were experiences that caused me to wonder how I could ever be thankful for what seemed such a tragedy. As time has filled in information, I find that what I thought at the time was a curse turned out to be a great blessing.

So Thanksgiving is often an act of faith.

There is a beautiful tradition in Judaism to bless every event in life, thanking God for both the good and the bad. This is not to say that we appreciate every circumstance or have to say, "Thank God I lost my job." But in always being thankful we begin to realize that something precious or valuable can be lost if we do not recognize the presence of God in all of life's experiences. To not give thanks in everything is to lose whatever lesson or growth of character that we often learn only through suffering.

Thanksgiving is not simply another holiday. It is an action that connects us to our Creator and to what he is doing in our world. Our lives are enriched through giving thanks, and at the same time we become a cause for gratitude in other hearts.

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**COUNTY LINE POLL**

**Today:** Should authorities pursue more gang injunctions?

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**Yes** 96% **No** 4%  
503 respondents

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