

## MCCORMIN EMBEZZLEMENT SCHEME GOES TO TRIAL!

Current developments in the ongoing saga of the criminal lawsuit against the McCormin Financial Group and its CEO, Eugene Barrington, have been numerous for this high-profile case. The change of venue was approved and set the trial in the borders of Contra Costa County. Results from the investigation into the financial schemes supposedly led by Mr. Barrington has been reviewed by both the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and Mr. Barrington's Attorney, Calvin Rhodes. The list of witnesses to provide testimony are among San Francisco most monied politicians, athletes, business people, and performers. The most notable witness being the Mayor of San Francisco, Pamela Winchell.



*Embattled McCormin CEO  
Eugene Barrington*

Mayor Winchell has been placed in protective custody due to unconfirmed, but disturbing rumors indicating Mr. Barrington's possible involvement in the death of San Francisco's previous Mayor, Justin Scope. Barrington is a known personal friend to Christina Scope's father, Ross Tallward. Mayor Winchell was initially charged with bribery, but these charges have been dropped due to insufficient evidence. Ms. Winchell's testimony is expected to elaborate on the coercion tactics of Mr. Barrington as described by other investors and clients of the McCormin Financial Group. In a written statement, (continued on page 2)

### Hostage Situation Involving Rogue Firefighter Quelled by Disgraced Cop

December 18, 2017

Firefighter and suspected Arsonist, Marvin Elias, was brought to the San Francisco Public Safety Building after turning himself in to the President of the local Police Union, Julio Juarez in Marin County. In what was supposed to be a routine arrest and transfer turned into a hostage situation when Elias grabbed a nearby officer's service weapon, pointing it at Juarez's head while shielding himself with the same man. Witnesses say Elias was incensed when he saw retired SFPD Officer, Richard Bergen, at the premises. Mr.

Bergen was there to give a statement regarding the McCormin investigation before crossing paths with Mr. Elias on his way out of the building. Mr. Elias called Richard Bergen a "Traitor" and accused Mr. Bergen of killing the former San Francisco Chief of Police, Louis Chaucer. Chaucer, according to the charges brought against Marvin Elias, was responsible in suppressing evidence proving Elias was responsible for setting fire at a number of local residences and warehouses.

During the Hostage incident, Richard Bergen stood in front of Elias, calmly pleading for him to release Mr. Juarez. Elias ignored the Hostage Negotiation team, insisting that everyone is "corrupted by them." In a risky,

and unadvised move, Mr. Bergen approached Elias, grabbing the arm containing the weapon and slamming it into the wall, shattering Elias's elbow, humerus, and Radial bones. Richard Bergen was taken in for further questioning regarding the possible whereabouts of Louis Chaucer while Marvin Elias was taken for medical treatment at SF General hospital before being placed in the San Francisco County Jail without bail.

*From the Archives:  
published in April 1932*

### Correction

A headline on an item in the Feb. 5 edition of the Enquirer-Bulletin incorrectly stated "Stolen groceries." It should have read "Homicide."

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Mayor Winchell describes Mr. Barrington's goal to purchase Treasure Island as a ploy to control access of the span of the Bay Bridge that extends from Treasure Island to San Francisco, possibly adding an additional toll at the Yerba Buena tunnel, which connects the eastern and western expanses of the bridge. Previous employees of the Financial Firm have come forward to testify against Barrington as well, calling him "secretive" and often waved off concerns about impropriety in his use of client information and accounts.

Opening arguments started Monday, December 11th with the Prosecution, led by District Attorney, Melissa Highland, took nearly a week to lay out its case. The picture painted of Mr. Barrington was a bleak one of a man addicted to money in much the same way a person can become codependent on drugs. According to Ms Highland, Mr. Barrington spent years "marching further and further down the rabbit hole of greed until he alienated even his closest friends. Some who considered him family, like Christina Scope." Ms. Highland then showed the range of McCormin's investments in local campaigns and nonprofits, often with office spaces in McCormin-owned and financed buildings. The diverse and widespread holdings of this Financial company had been seen as a way create strong portfolio for investors. Eugene Barrington, instead, exploited these holdings for his own personal benefit. The amount he siphoned to fund his own personal agenda is still being calculated, but is currently estimated between fifty to seventy-five million



*San Francisco County Courthouse*

dollars. Obstruction of Justice charges were added to the already numerous charges against Eugene Barrington due to records missing from the evidence collected by the DA believed to have been purposely omitted by Mr. Barrington. Other charges include conspiracy, racketeering, bribery, and extortion.

On December 18th, the Defense presented a different account of the case, calling the evidence against Eugene Barrington "speculative at best" and points to investors, particularly those who have been called to testify, as a group of people who mistook an uncontrollable economic decline as a measure of Mr. Barrington's failure after his years of leading McCormin in growth and Profits. These investors, according to Mr. Rhodes, started having second thoughts in the acquisition of Treasure Island, but instead of quietly withdrawing their support, they saw an opportunity for an immediate money grab in slandering Mr. Barrington and suing McCormin for more than their investment was worth. Mr. Barrington was noted as an active member of the City of San Francisco so his dealings

with multiple City Officials as well as local celebrities was not unusual for a man of his invested time and effort to fund projects that added beauty and value to the City. Mr. Rhodes also asked the Jury to consider how odd it is for a man who has not had one run in with the law and has spearheaded millions of dollars in philanthropic investments locally would be accused of having the motivation to harm his closest friend, Christina Scope. Mr. Rhodes poignantly pointed out that the autopsy record and conclusion for Justin Scope's case was ruled a suicide by the San Francisco Coroner's office. He equates the Mayor being in protective custody as "character assassination" to his client, trying to project a public image that there is something to fear about his client, who has "not once raised his voice to any single person in any public or private setting."

Due to the Holidays, Court will be in recess until 2018, in which the case will resume with witness testimony starting January 4th. As stocks for McCormin financial plummet, Investors are looking to conduct a class-action lawsuit of their own.

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## AROUND THE BAY

### OAKLAND

#### Five go missing from Nightclub, search ends in grisly mural discovery.

The owner of an auto parts store in West Oakland alerted authorities after a smell of decay led her to the scene of a gristly "mural" of blood and genetic material.

Forensic testing confirms that samples taken at the scene matches five individuals last seen just hours before in the back room of a local nightclub. Police are following all available leads but suspects or a possible motive have not been released to the press.

### SAN JOSE

#### Native American protest at Mission Santa Clara takes an odd turn

November 25, 2017- A protest at Mission Santa Clara ended abruptly when a third party intervened as tensions grew between the Native Rights Activists and the local Police. As reporters on the scene were conducting interviews with spokespeople for the Natives, a limo pulled in front of the Mission and a woman, identified as a local artist named Bianca G, drew the attention of the reporters calling for peace among both groups and speaking with a group of officers nearby who promptly left the area. The same woman, along with an unidentified companion, spoke with the head of the Native group, asking for them to

leave the premises while promising to provide legal representation and local cultural support for future City events. Although this series of interactions caused confusion at first, the Native Leaders complied with Ms. G's requests. The protest was dispersed earlier than anticipated with no incidents or arrests. The San Jose Museum of Art is scheduled to feature an exhibit dedicated to the history and culture of the local Natives featuring items used from this recent protest along with other items on loan from the Native American Community. This step in awareness is championed by both local artists and sponsored by the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum.

#### In Memory of Herb Caen

A city is a state - of mind, of taste, of opportunity. A city is a marketplace - where ideas are traded, opinions clash and eternal conflict may produce eternal truths.

-Herb Caen, Writer, San Francisco Chronicle

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## BUSINESS

#### Carita Global is setting to buy McCormin Financial, offer to Salvage investor Portfolios

Carita Global, known for cornering a large market in International Shipping, is seeking to purchase and potentially re-brand the McCormin Financial Group. As McCormin's stock value plummets, Investors and Account holders are pushing the current CFO and interim CEO, Michelle Arias, to obtain the majority shareholder's stock and sell the company. Since the majority shareholder is Eugene Barrington, this potential deal may be delayed indefinitely until the end of the current McCormin Financial Trial. The outcome of the Trial weighs heavily not just for the higher-ranked members of McCormin, but also for the hundreds of tellers, financial analysts, and other workers under McCormin's employ. Since Eugene Barrington has become so intrinsic to the McCormin name, it is unclear the implication the trial will have for others within this Financial Corporation. No other members within McCormin's board has been named in the lawsuits against McCormin Financial other than Eugene Barrington, and it is expected that no matter the outcome, Mr. Barrington will need to relinquish the company whether by contractual or by legal obligation.

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## OpEd

### The Tallward Foundation's Laughable History as an "Arts Organization"

By Jenna Simone

It is about damn time the residents of San Francisco look beyond the Smoke and Mirrors of the Tallward Foundation. This "charity" who, according to their mission statement, seeks to "reveal the roles in which creatures of the human psyche play in developing society" has finally been exposed as the fraudulent, laughable entity they are! As a parent in the local school district, I have fought against the multiple field trips that were a waste of time and money for taxpayers and the local school district. That money would have been better used for music and other REAL arts education programs.

I was absolutely distraught the first time I saw the materials distributed by this "Educational Foundation" brought home by my child. There were fairy tale stories featuring demons, dog monsters, and other things best left for talking about during Halloween, an appropriate time for fake ghost stories and ENTERTAINMENT of this sort. This material is far from being educational and is not a welcome part of my child's curriculum. We need to teach kids the difference between reality and fiction.

When I brought up my concerns about this with the local School Board, other parents talked about local Artists having less space to feature their work because of all the exhibits the Tallward

Foundation puts out in Museums, galleries, even Libraries! The Tallward Foundation was founded by a man who spent all his time and money looking for Aliens and Bigfoot. He did not help the City with his wealth, and neither did his daughter, Christina, who used her marriage to the Mayor to get Tallward's programs into local schools and libraries. This nonsense is no longer welcome here, and her being tried and put to jail is more than adequate proof of the hoax that the "art" and literature from the Tallward Foundation really is.

### Letters to the Editor

So the moment that McCormin gets investigated they *remind* us that they represent 10% of our charity income. Talk about virtue signaling.

I just don't understand if this is deflection, or a threat.

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The state of the sidewalks in the Financial District is a disgrace! Our tax dollars should be more than sufficient to keep the streets clean and free of panhandlers!

-GK

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### Tallward Foundation Loses Non-Profit Status, Evidence for Stolen/Counterfeit Art and Artifacts Found

November 30, 2017

The Tallward Foundation Chairman of the Board, Christina Scope, and the next ranking member in the Board of Directors, Tan Lui were called into an arraignment based on the charges of money laundering, fraud, and misuse of Public Funds. Investigators confirmed stolen artifacts among the items confiscated from the Tallward offices. Other items taken included counterfeit art and realistic replicas of art and cultural treasures. The Tallward Foundation's status as a nonprofit organization has been withdrawn by the City of San Francisco and all museums and schools with exhibits funded and provided by this Foundation have been taken out of public viewing. Tan Lui and Christina Scope will continue to be under house arrest for the remainder of the time they are on trial. Unlike the McCormin Trial, the Tallward case will be tried within the City of San Francisco. No evidence from the McCormin Trial will be admitted to deter a potential "Double Jeopardy" situation. Jury selection began December 6th. The trial is set to begin after the holidays, most likely in mid January.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Holiday Caroling

Rehearsals for this all-volunteer group will be held at the Fillmore, Saturday evenings at 8pm, with 4 trips planned over the week of December 20th.

### Ice Skating

A temporary ice rink in the Financial District is open from 11am- 11:30pm. Skates available for rental!

### City Lights Tours

Cruise ship tours of the city lights and holiday decor are offered Wednesday nights, departing from pier 11.

### Volunteer Opportunity

Food Bank in the Mission seeks volunteers to sort donations for the holiday season. Everyone welcome!

### Pet Photos with Santa

\$30 for professional quality photos of your pet with St. Nick! Proceeds benefit the San Francisco SPCA.

## WEATHER

Fog likely all week. Nighttime temperatures near freezing.

Rainfall of more than 2" expected Thursday.



## Advice from Miss Manor

### In her column, Miss Manor answers vexing etiquette questions from readers.

*We own a lovely beach retreat on a street where the houses are close together. We love the front garden, and watching the antics of the birds at our feeder. Unfortunately, some neighbors have complained about the bird activity. The situation has become so stressful that we now avoid using the house and are thinking of selling it. What to do?*

Dear Birds,

In this case, it's quite clear that your neighbors have conspired in order to get you to sell. No doubt they intend to buy up your property in an attempt to increase the size of their own lot. You cannot allow them to win! My advice to them would be to build a taller fence or grow a taller hedge if they really cannot stand the birds, which are lovely, innocent creatures that brighten any garden with their presence. For you, I would suggest that you politely ask your neighbor to keep their nose out of things that don't concern them and go on using your garden as you see fit.

Regards,  
Miss Manor

*Vexed? Write to Miss Manor at the Chronicle!*

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