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- Yes.
- No. They should keep looking.

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San Diego People

Executive Spotlight: Don W. Starkey

Don W. Starkey, one of San Diego Magazine's "50 People to Watch" in 2008, has joined Union Bank, N.A., as a vice president and senior relationship manager for the Corporate Banking Group. He will manage a portfolio of bank clients, develop market strategies, direct new business efforts and form key partnerships with Union Bank. Starkey has nearly 20 years of experience, and has held various positions in retail, small business and commercial banking in multiple California markets. Prior to joining Union Bank, Starkey was senior vice president, commercial banking director for Wachovia Bank in San Diego.

Banking and Finance

The San Diego office of PKF Public Accountants has named Jim Stewart, CPA, director of audit. Stewart holds 20 years of experience in public accounting, mostly serving small- to medium-sized businesses. In the past, his practice has included jobs as senior audit manager at two leading local San Diego accounting firms, and senior accountant at a regional firm. He is currently a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of CPAs, and serves as president-elect for the Association of Corporate Growth.

Construction and Design

R. Brett Tullis has joined Sillman Wright Architects as principal architect, where he will play a key role in expanding the firm's services and markets. Tullis brings with him 15 years of award-winning architectural and urban design experience. In the past, he has been successful in designing and managing various project types, ranging from community libraries to mixed-use urban high-rises and corporate office campuses. Tullis joins the company from Carrier Johnson + Culture, where he was a senior designer responsible for numerous design/build and design/bid/build projects.

Government and Nonprofit



Words Alive, a leading San Diego nonprofit literacy organization, has named Chrissy Green Califf and Amanda Bonds program manager and program coordinator III, respectively. As program manager, Califf is responsible for recruiting, training and managing the 150-member-strong Words Alive volunteer force. Califf previously spent three years as volunteer program coordinator with the American Red Cross, San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter, where she increased the volunteer force from 850 to 1,500, and took approval ratings for the organization from 45 percent to 90 percent. In Bonds' new position as program coordinator III, she is responsible for an integrated series of literacy programs targeted at children age 0-5 and their parents. Prior to joining Words Alive, Bonds was a teaching assistant for the Making of the Modern World writing program.

Douglas A. Ray has joined TechFlow Inc. as director of Department of Defense operations, and will lead TechFlow's business development and program execution. Ray has more than 25 years of experience in the development and fielding of Navy weapon and C4ISR systems. In the decade prior to joining TechFlow, he worked for SAIC, where he was the program manager for a \$600 million technical services contract with the Navy.

Experienced local venture capitalist David Titus has joined the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp.'s team as managing director of strategic initiatives. In this position, he will be responsible for familiarizing company executives in San Diego with the EDC's mission, business development and policy programs to encourage them to remain and grow here. In addition, he will engage them in business climate issues affecting San Diego's innovation economy, as well as support the Business Development program. Titus is a founder and managing director of Windward Ventures, an early stage venture capital firm focused on Southern California. He will continue to manage the Windward portfolio as well as participate on the boards of select private and public companies.

Health Care and Biotech

Curt W. Bradshaw, Ph.D., has been named vice president of research and development of Traversa Therapeutics, a preclinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel RNA interference (RNAi) technologies. Bradshaw holds 18 years of extensive life science and industry experience, as well as key leadership expertise to support the company's ongoing efforts to advance its RNAi technologies into the clinics. He has worked with leading biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Abbott Laboratories, and was previously the vice president of chemistry at CovX, where he is credited with co-inventing multiple clinical candidates and jointly establishing regulatory and intellectual property strategy.

Distinguished scientist Amnon Altman, Ph.D., has been named to the newly created position of director, scientific affairs at the La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology. As director, which became effective Jan. 1, he will oversee the management of several components of the institute's scientific research infrastructure, scientific operations and scientific affairs. Altman is a member and head of the institute's division of cell biology, and looks forward to his new position while also maintaining his active research program.

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