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IT'S THE END OF IDOLIZING CELEBRITIES

I don't know Tiger Woods. Of course, that is like saying I haven't hung out with Mick Jagger, the Queen of England or Barack Obama. Mr. Woods' cell phone number is not on my speed dial. But, like most Americans, I have been transfixed by his meteoric rise to fame and equally incendiary fall from grace. Actually, since he's been playing golf with his father since age 3, I would observe his fall was much faster than his ascent.

I read a sports columnist who likened Tiger Wood's decline to that of Mike Tyson. Once seen as invincible, they are now both noticeably mortal. While it could be argued these men are self-destructive, Mike Tyson's skills left him when most boxers find their abilities leaving — with age. Golfers, certainly golfers in their 30s or 40s, can still be at the top of their game. So I don't think comparisons to Mike Tyson make a lot of sense.

If anyone doubted the connection between mind and body, Tiger Woods would be an excellent PowerPoint slide. Once the greatest golfer on the planet, he now has problems qualifying for a professional tour. Shots he could make in his sleep seem to cause Mr. Woods great angst, even confusion. Something happened to his athletic skills and concentration. If the tabloids are correct, it is occurring in his mind.

I never saw Tiger as arrogant, like Mike Tyson or Charlie Sheen, at least not before the revelations hit the media. So I find it harder to be pleased by his downfall. I don't find myself saying "Good, he deserves to be an outcast. I hope he never wins another tournament." I don't defend what he allegedly did; repulsion would come closer.

When arrogant men fall, I notice a bit of glee in myself. I'm not proud of it, just notice it. Like most people, I can get caught up in the envy of celebrities. And like most, I have opinions when they fall. Ask me what I think about Mel Gibson and you'd have to put aside at least 30 minutes. But unlike Mr. Gibson, I have compassion for Britney Spears or Lindsay Lohan. Don't know any of them: All of my information is third-, even fourth-hand, but when a person self-destructs, that gets my attention.

With the disclaimer that I really don't know any of the people I am using as metaphors, I conclude if a person is sick, either with mental illness or drug abuse, I hope I can view them with compassion. Just because they made millions in a single year should not matter. I learn about myself from my envy or contempt of others. I wonder why some individuals spark such disdain and others sympathy. It probably has to do with issues within myself. I hope before I jump on the "Good, I'm glad they're down" bandwagon, I can ask whether addiction or mental illness may be to blame.

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Our Lady of Fatima statue on Inland tour

RELIGION: Believers say the Virgin Mary appeared in Portugal in 1917.

A statue of Our Lady of Fatima that tours Catholic churches in the United States will be in French Valley and other Inland communities over the next few weeks.

Known as the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue, it is now touring parishes in the San Bernardino Diocese. The statue was given to the United States by the Bishop of Fatima in 1967. Pope Paul VI blessed the statue during his visit to Fatima in 1967. It now travels the United States, sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima.

Believers say the Virgin Mary began appearing to three shepherd children over several months in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal, culminating on Oct. 13, 1917, when a



Submitted to the Press-Enterprise: The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on tour.

large group of people said they witnessed a miracle. They said the sun appeared to spin, change col-

STATUE STOPS

WHAT: A statue of Our Lady of Fatima is being brought to Catholic churches across the Inland area. Its tour includes:

- MARCH 18:** Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, French Valley
- MARCH 22:** St. Francis of Rome, Wildomar
- MARCH 23:** Corpus Christi, Corona
- MARCH 27:** St. Vincent Ferrer, Menifee
- MARCH 28:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Riverside
- MARCH 31:** Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Banning
- APRIL 1-2:** St. Anthony, San Jacinto

ors and move toward Earth. Since then, pilgrims have flocked to Fatima.

Nancy Murphy, of the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic

Church in French Valley, said the statue helps spread the message of Our Lady of Fatima to those who cannot make the pilgrimage to Portugal.

The statue will be at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta on March 18. It arrives at 6:30 a.m. Mass is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. The statue custodian, William Sockey, will speak about the message of Fatima at 8:30 a.m. The church is temporarily housed at the Moose Lodge at Winchester and Briggs roads.

Other stops on the tour include St. Francis of Rome in Wildomar on March 22, Corpus Christi in Corona on March 23, St. Vincent Ferrer in Menifee on March 27, St. Catherine of Alexandria in Riverside on March 28, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Banning on March 31 and St. Anthony in San Jacinto on April 1.

Submitted by Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church.



2010/Submitted to the Press-Enterprise: Physicist Aaron Wiest, left, and Michelle Elliott of CSC Business Management Support enjoy pies during Pi Day observance at Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco. Pi, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, is celebrated by math enthusiasts worldwide on March 14.

HAVE YOUR PI AND EAT IT, TOO

Submitted to the Press-Enterprise

Putting down their calculators for a snack break, Navy engineers and scientists at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, plan to have their pie — apple, of course — and eat it, too, as they celebrate Pi Day today, which just happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday.

For anybody who remembers taking a math class, pi, also known by its iconic Greek symbol, is a mathematical constant that normally is abbreviated to three numerals — 3.14, the same three numbers designating March 14 in math short-hand.

And for those who think it's easier to spell "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" than remember back to math class, pi allows you to calculate the circumference of a circle by measuring the diameter and multiplying that number by 3.14. You can also calculate how much stuff is inside the circle using pi. And, if you really want to get

geeky, you can calculate pi by using a super-computer and further extend that 3.141592653589 by endless numerals while never repeating the sequence.

Math geniuses have contests to see who can recite the most numerals. One whiz took pi to 22,514 decimal digits.

Aaron Wiest, a physicist at NSWC Corona who trained at the cradle of American mathematicians at Caltech in Pasadena, loves to celebrate each Pi Day. "We need more people excited about this funny holiday," he said.

On Pi Day, base scientists and engineers plan to gather in front of the command building and pay homage to a 12-foot apple tree. Not just any old apple tree, but a direct descendant of Sir Isaac Newton's famed tree from his London garden in 1660 that was planted and dedicated on June 21, 1988, as a mere sapling.

Pam Clute, a UC Riverside math professor who founded the Alpha

Center and is renowned for devising great learning tips to comprehend complex math problems, said pi is also used to check the accuracy of computers. "Very cool, and most people don't know this."

Clute said a fun example of pi is to cut a length of string that exactly matches one's height — without shoes. "How many times can I wrap this string around my head? Most will say five or six times. For me, it was 3.14 times, an approximation of pi. This is true for babies and for 6-foot male adults, because pi is a constant."

Pi Day was started in 1989. Then came Pi Approximation Day on July 22 when mathematicians proclaimed 22/7 is closer than 3.14. That's what happens when people sit around contemplating their pi on Pi Day and come up with brand new theories.

But Pi Day is preferred by mathematicians who pay tribute to the ancient Babylonians who calculated the measurement of a circle by

taking three times of its radius nearly 4,000 years ago. Later, ancient Egyptians used a formula of pi being 3.1605. Among the greatest of mathematicians, Archimedes, some 200 years before Christ, calculated pi as a number he knew was not precise: somewhere between 3 1/2 and 3 1/4.

William Jones introduced the Greek symbol in 1706, and French mathematician Georges Buffon pioneered a formula for calculating pi based on probability. Pi's lesser famous mathematical cousin, phi, was discovered by Euclid 2,000 years ago and was used by ancient Egyptians to build the pyramids. Phi is 1.618339887 and is used to calculate a pentagram, a mystical design to ancient cultures.

Albert Einstein, who would savor Pi Day or Pi Approximation Day or any math observance, would be 132 today.

Submitted by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division.

Horse program at starting gate

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Horses may not be the most cuddly pet to own, but for the most part they are gentle giants and there's much we can learn from them.

Melissa Donaldson, executive director of Temecula's Safe Alternatives for Everyone, had this thought when she began planning an equestrian program for the Police Athletic League, which is one of the many programs run by SAFE. Donaldson knew an equestrian program would be

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tough to put together, but she's used to the tough jobs. You have to be pretty strong to deal with the fallout of domestic violence day after day.

Murrieta police Cpl. Jay Fro-

boese has been named coordinator of the program, to be housed at the Murrieta Equestrian Center. There the kids will have classroom time learning about horses, hands on training in caring for them and a riding test to make sure they are competent to ride.

"Like our other PAL programs, we want to expose the youth to things they may not have the opportunity to experience," said Donaldson, "and it will teach them respect, responsibility and

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THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE: Jennifer Gonzalez will be among those working with the PAL Equestrian Program, to be funded by Safe Alternatives for Everyone in Temecula.