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True Colors: Color Me Pleased

The True Colors system of identifying personality types has been around since 1978 and it's coming soon to a library near you.

While recognizing that everyone has a legion of elements that go into making up the total person, True Colors teaches that there are four basic personality types and that each of us has a dominant set of traits. True Colors associates each basic type with a different color: blue, gold, green and orange.

You find out what color you are by taking a simple quiz that pinpoints certain attitudes and responses. Each answer is given a numerical value, and when the points are added up, you can determine where you fall on the color chart. The process can be a lot of fun.

But it's more than just fun. As the True Colors website says, "A distinguishing quality of the True Colors Programs is the artful blending of education and entertainment, into 'edu-training' programs that combine audience interaction with insightful materials that inform and delight participants because they are easy to understand, to apply on a daily basis and to retain over a lifetime."

"I believe True Colors is important," said program facilitator and MLS Volunteer Coordinator **Heidi Port**, "because it is through

appreciating ourselves and others that we all gain dignity, pride, self-respect and esteem."

Heidi, and other facilitators, will be conducting True Colors sessions at locations around the system. Watch for announcements soon as to dates and locations.

"True Colors helps us recognize and appreciate our unique strengths and preferences," Heidi continued, "and the unique



The four types and color cards of the True Colors system.

strengths and preferences of people at work and at home. It also reinforces the value and importance of diversity, and provides opportunity to enhance our communication skills."

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MLS and The Oklahoma Centennial

If you haven't already done so, check out the article called "Picture This" in the next column and see how DN librarian **Buddy Johnson** and Special Collections Assistant **Evelyn Davis** contributed to a new book about Urban Renewal and the OKC MAPS projects.

Now, did you know that Buddy is also contributing in a significant way to an MLS Oklahoma Centennial project? Read on ...

B.J. Williams and **Doug Bentin** got the idea that it would be interesting to add to each episode of MLS' weekly TV program "Read About It" a one to two minutes segment during the Centennial year dedicated to briefly telling about something or someone from the state's history.

The idea was mentioned in front of Bob Burke, OKC attorney, author, and RAI regular guest, and Bob suggested that he might be able to get former Gov. George Nigh to tape the spots for us. Bob came through and Gov. Nigh agreed to be our spokesman.

The next step was writing the scripts. Since Buddy had been contributing an Oklahoma Images piece to our magazine

for years, he was the man to turn to. He agreed to give it a shot and he's now in the process of writing 50 "Oklamoments" for us. Gov. Nigh has taped the first ten—they will begin appearing on "Read About It" this month—and the second ten scripts are ready to go.

So next time you see Buddy, be sure to thank him for helping MLS claim such a prominent place in Oklahoma's Centennial celebration.



Governor George Nigh.



Have you seen the new book, *OKC: Second Time Around, a Renaissance Story* by Steve Lackmeyer & Jack Money? It's a heavily illustrated history of Urban Renewal and the MAPS projects in Oklahoma City written by two fellas from *The Daily Oklahoman*.

Lackmeyer and Money discuss MLS concerns in the book, and Lee Brawner is quoted a couple of times, but our major contribution to the work is the number of photos—especially of early Oklahoma City through the 1950s—that we supplied to the authors. **Buddy Johnson** and **Evelyn Davis**, stationed in DN's Oklahoma Room, did a lot to help the writers show as well as tell the story of OKC's re-birth.

We all feel at times that we can't see how MLS fits into the broader picture of central Oklahoma. You won't feel that way for a long time after thumbing through Lackmeyer's and Money's book.

And take a look at the March issue of *info*, MLS' new magazine/calendar of library events. **Marilyn Backus**, from Materials Selection, has written a review of *OKC: Second Time Around*.



The Latest Words: Reviewers Needed

Someone once complained to the Irish playwright Bernard Shaw that his plays were "nothing but words, words, words." Shaw agreed and added that the Mona Lisa was "nothing but paint, paint, paint."

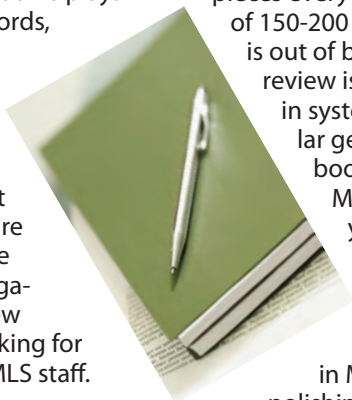
Well, we here in MaC are not interested in paint, but we are looking for some words. The book section of our *info* magazine will be adding some new material soon and we're looking for new reviewers among the MLS staff.

So if you like to read and then talk about what you've read, put that talk down on paper and send it to us. That section of the magazine is called "Reviews and Recommendations," and that gives you room to write a critical review or just to be chatty—you can be as easy-going as you would be if you were telling a friend about this terrific book you just read.

We'd like to run seven or eight short pieces every month, with a maximum of 150-200 words each. Nothing is out of bounds as long as your review is of something we own in system. CDs, DVDs, popular genre fiction, bestsellers, books for kids and teens—if MLS has it on the shelf and you like to read it, tell us what you think of it.

Send your review to co-editor **Doug Bentin** in MaC. If it needs a little polishing, we'll take care of it. If it's a little too long, we'll give it a trimming. If it's absolutely brilliant, we'll take your name off it and put ours on. (Just joking.)

Questions? Email them to Doug, **Marilyn Backus** or **Jana Hausburg**, our current corps of reviewers. There's nothing we love more than words, words, words.



Mark Twain *Looks at* *Winter* *Weather*

(He must have been in Oklahoma last month.)

"Cold! If the thermometer had been an inch longer we'd all have frozen to death. Winter is begun. It blew part of the hair off the dog yesterday and got the rest this morning. Yes, the weather is bad, and if I were dealing in weather it is not the brand that I'd put up in cans for future use. No, it is the kind of weather I'd throw on the market and let it go for what it would fetch, and if it wouldn't sell for anything I would hunt up some life-long enemy and present it to him. Failing in this, as a last resort I should probably take it out on the big bridge, dump it into the Mississippi. I'd unload it some-way, and quickly, too."

Space Center *or The Further Adventures of Elizabeth*

Christmas, 2006. I wondered what my husband would get me this year. Two years ago, it was a plane ride in an old WWII fighter plane. Last year I was a NASCAR driver down in Dallas. This year I knew he was up to something, but I just couldn't figure it out.

Finally, Christmas morning came and I opened my presents. First I received some cut-out stars and then a space shuttle toy. Next, I tore the wrapping paper off the DVD *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. I thought to myself, am I

going to the moon? He always told me, "One of these days...to the moon!" Then I opened an envelope and inside was a packet telling me to report for duty at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. My eyes lit up. I had always wanted to visit NASA or fly into space. Maybe that's why I like *Star Trek* so much. When I was a kid growing up in New Mexico, I was fortunate to live down the street from the International Space Hall of Fame and Museum. I went there quite a bit to gaze at the stars and eat freeze-dried food.

Now, I am off to see where rockets and space shuttles blast off into space. I don't know what to expect when I get there but hopefully I won't throw up when they put me in zero gravity. So until then, stay tuned....

*Elizabeth Kessler, Mat.Sel.
Astronaut in Training*



International Space Hall of Fame



On The Road With the Rounders

In the movie *Ghost World* a collector of old 78 rpm blues records rants about contemporary bands that claim to play authentic Mississippi delta blues when what they really play is noise.

MLS Researcher **Stuart Williamson** has nothing in common with the movie's cranky eccentric but a taste for the same kind of music. But while the character merely collects and listens to it, Stu and his four mates in the band **The Rounders** make the music.



Percussionist Stu isn't the band's only MLS connection. DN librarian **Ryan**

From left to right are Brian Whitten, Ryan Taylor, Stuart Williamson, Mike Stone and Dave Spindle.



The Rounders

Taylor is a Rounders guitarist and Dave Spindle, son of retired DN MLO Deb Spindle, is the bassist.

"Ryan and I have been playing together for around 13 years," Stu said. They, along with guitarist Michael Stone, were the band before it became The Rounders and when their only concert venue was

someone's garage. Dave and vocalist Brian Whitten joined up later, the band got a rave review from *The Daily Oklahoman*, and they're getting ready to hit the road for a promotional tour to debut their new CD, *Wish I Had You*.

"We're having a release party this Friday," Stu said, "and the CD comes out on Jan.

30. Also on Friday we're making an in-studio appearance on KRXX at 3:00 p.m.

"From there it's on to Kansas City on Saturday."

The band's tour of the Midwest includes seven stops in Wisconsin, two in Minnesota, two in Ohio, two in Missouri, and one each in Chicago and Fargo. On Feb. 23, The Rounders complete their tour at the Belle Isle Brewery. They're playing 17 gigs in 27 days. So much for the glamour of show biz.

And when asked if he would like to be a fulltime musician, Stu answered wisely, "I would if I could do that and eat, too."

Photos by Holly Roach.

People

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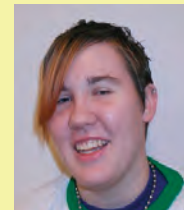
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 to Assoc. Librarian, MC

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Marilyn Barnett..... Circ. Clerk, SO

CONGRATULATIONS



To **Ann Aliotta**, ED, who has new grand baby twins, Sofia Elizabeth Aliotta, 7.4 pounds, and Charles Benjamin Aliotta, 5.9 pounds, born Dec. 28. Congratulations ANN.

And congrats to **Anita Roesler**, OUT, grandma to an “adorable child”—a boy, Carter Ray Webster, weighing in at 6 pounds 15 ounces and 20 inches long with a healthy head of red hair. Born Jan. 22.

Congratulations also to **Steven Isaacs**, IT, and his wife, Fanniesha. They had a baby boy on Jan. 23. Connor Steven Isaacs weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and is 21 inches long.

WOW - Lot's of Babies!

FOR SALE

For Sale: a three-cushion Broyhill sofa. It's approximately 3 feet wide & 71/2 feet long. Asking \$100, negotiable, and you pick up. I live near the Belle Isle Library. E-mail or call with questions. Here is a picture, cat not included. Thanks, Ann Meeks @ BL.



ALSO For Sale: Two 47" wide & 79" tall glass/metal patio doors from old patio door we replaced. We also have a brand new screen door that size. Make me a good offer and you haul away. Someone suggested use as a table or for greenhouse walls. Call Debbie Robertus at 949-1645 after 6 p.m. Sorry—no photo!

February Birthdays

FRANK C. RAY	2/1
ANDREW KEEPERS-PHILLIPS	2/2
MELISSA S. O'NEIL	2/2
JOANNE SCHNEIDER	2/3
MARY J. PATTON	2/4
LEE MATA	2/6
KAREN L. LITTERAL	2/9
ANN L. MEEKS	2/9
CATHERINE A. WADE	2/10
DEVON D. MCDANIEL	2/10
CHARLA RENE AUCONE	2/15
ROSA ELVIRA CANTU	2/16
ERIC G. KING	2/18
CAROL S. HUNTER	2/18
ATHENA JEAN PARKER	2/18
KATHLEEN M. LAUGERMAN	2/20
DEBORAH J. WILLIS	2/20
HOLLIE A. HIRE	2/20
DANIEL E. FIELDS	2/20
SHANTEL RENA LOVE	2/21
GENE E. CHAPPELL	2/22
JULIANNA LOUISE LINK	2/23
LARRY G. JOHNSON	2/24
ERNESTINE F. CLARK	2/28

Employee's Date-of-Hire for February

• RIC REA	2/16/1982
• DENESA C. YOST	2/28/1986
• LINDA J. JAMESON	2/26/1990
• SARAH J. KELLUM	2/14/1994
• SUSAN M. MONROE	2/12/1996
• DARLENE S. BROWERS	2/12/1996
• ROY S. BALLOU	2/8/1999
• GEORGE M. MARSHALL	2/15/1999
• SHAHIN S. ASGHARI	2/16/1999
• SUSAN K. BECKETT	2/7/2000
• TERI L. REDENBAUGH	2/16/2001
• KATHRYN M. DUNN	2/19/2001
• CAROL S. HUNTER	2/19/2001
• JANA L. EATMON	2/18/2002
• CHERYLL R. SMITH	2/3/2003
• GLORIA J. TURNER	2/2/2004
• TAMERAT ATLABACHEW	2/2/2004
• CHRISTOPHER CARROLL	2/17/2004
• LAWANA MORGAN	2/23/2004
• JAMES B. GORDON	2/2/2005
• ANDREW KEEPERS-PHILLIPS	2/14/2005
• JESSICA HEITMAN	2/6/2006
• RHONDA J. TURLEY	2/13/2006
• LINDSAY E. JONES	2/27/2006

March Birthdays

• JESSICA REAGAN KLOIBER	3/2
• EDWARD AHAD MARAND	3/5
• SARAH J. KELLUM	3/6
• PATSY A. GLOVER	3/8
• NANCY J. LYTLE	3/9
• JULIA ANN BALLOU	3/9
• DONALD W. BRUNER	3/11
• CHARLES S. ISAACS	3/12
• SERINA L. GARCIA	3/14
• JUANITA M. MENDOZA	3/14
• ROBERT M. FERGUSON	3/15
• ALLEGRA D. SEALS	3/16
• CHRISTOPHER CARL CADE	3/17
• BARBARA M. PARR	3/17
• AMY KATHRYN UPCHURCH	3/19
• DIANNA L. RUPP	3/19
• FARIBA WILLIAMS	3/21
• TREVOR L. DAILEY	3/21
• MARY J. SHOLLY	3/22
• RUSSELL L. PIERCE	3/22
• KATHRYN F. HATFIELD	3/22
• EBRAHIM EJTEHADI	3/23
• SHARON JANE TAYLOR	3/23
• SHAHIN S. ASGHARI	3/25
• KIM L. COBB	3/26
• KATHRYN ELISE BARGER	3/27
• PAMELA S. BUCHANAN	3/27
• MARY L. STEPHENS	3/27
• PATRICIA RIVAS	3/30
• APRIL ZIMMERMAN	3/30
• SHEILA D. FIXEL	3/31
• JANA C. HAUSBURG	3/31



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DARCUS D. SMITH	3/28/1986	•	TONDA FAME KELLY	3/4/2002
KIMBERLY L. WADE	3/31/1986	•	VERONICA BERNAL	3/4/2002
DENISE A. COURTS	3/16/1987	•	BETTY ANN HEPLER SCOTT	3/11/2002
JILL L. VESSELS	3/19/1987	•	SIMONA LONG	3/17/2003
JOE J. POE	3/21/1987	•	DEBORAH MARTINEZ-THOMPSON	3/8/2004
MARY A. MAHAN	3/15/1988	•	BRENDA ANN HAMMONS	3/29/2004
TRACY C. STONE	3/17/1988	•	MARGARET DIANA ANGELES	3/29/2004
MARY L. STRASNER	3/6/1989	•	KAREN J. DAVIS	3/23/2005
BEVERLY K. PHILLIPS	3/22/1993	•	ROBERT A. JACKSON	3/24/2005
LEE MATA	3/15/1994	•	JULIET M. ALAVICHEH	3/28/2005
MICHAEL A. BAUGHMAN	3/22/1999	•	DONALD W. BRUNER	3/13/2006
MARGARET J. COLLINS	3/27/2000	•	KENDRA MICHELLE WILLIAMS	3/27/2006
KATHY S. MARQUIS	3/5/2001	•		
VINCENT D. ARMIJO	3/26/2001	•		