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by Denny Walsh and Sam Stanton

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Federal agents are moving to seize 32 properties stretching from Sacramento to Hawaii to San Diego in an alleged kickback and money laundering scheme that they say drained \$18 million from the coffers of the tribe that runs the Thunder Valley Casino in Lincoln. Documents filed by the Internal Revenue Service in U.S. District Court in Sacramento late Tuesday allege that Sacramento developer Bart Volen and two others systematically siphoned off millions from the United Auburn Indian Community while they oversaw the construction of office buildings that now serve as the tribe's headquarters.

The IRS is seeking to seize the properties -- including condominiums in Hawaii, San Diego and South Lake Tahoe -- that the agency says were purchased with money taken from the tribe in an overbilling scheme. No criminal charges have been filed in the case, which targets Volen, tribal administrator Greg Baker and former tribal worker Darrell Hinz. None of the three men could immediately be reached today. Baker has been placed on paid leave from his post as tribal administrator and a spokesman for the Indian community noted that no charges have been filed.

"We note that no criminal action has been filed at this time," spokesman Doug Elmets said.

"No wrongdoing has been proven.

"If the United Auburn Indian Community has been the victim of fraud, we expect any assets seized to be used as full restitution."

In a 189-page affidavit filed by IRS special agent Daniel M. Norman, the alleged scheme is described as taking place between October 2006 and January 2008, when the three men were involved in the construction of the tribe's Indian Hills Office Project, known as IHOP. According to Norman's investigation, Volen was the construction manager and routinely inflated invoices from the general contractor on the project, then submitted the phony bills to the tribe for payment.

One example involved a bill for asphalt that the general contractor submitted to Volen for \$40,027.12. Volen, in turn, submitted essentially the same bill to the tribe for payment, but

changed the amount to \$1,906,828.48, the affidavit states. Other invoices were changed simply by adding a "2" or a "3" to the thousands column on a bill, changing a \$370 charge to \$2,370, the affidavit states.

The IRS contends that more than \$18 million in overbillings was siphoned off and used to purchase vacation homes, luxury automobiles and commercial properties that the government is now seeking to seize.

<http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2012/03/feds-move-to-seize-assets-allegedly-scammed-from-auburn-tribe.html#storylink=cpy>

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National Funding Opportunities

Support for Performing Arts Audience Development Initiatives

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation: Artist Residency Program

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's Artist Residency Program is designed to support artists and organizations working together to pilot new ways of reaching the public and developing demand for the performing arts. The program will support at least 50 residencies for artists at dance companies, theaters, and/or presenting organizations with grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$150,000. Applications will be accepted from organizations with annual incomes of at least \$300,000 that present and/or produce artists in jazz, theatre, and/or contemporary dance. Applying artists may be from any field. (Funded projects must have developing demand for jazz, theatre, and/or contemporary dance as their primary goal, not the creation of new work or creative time for artists.) Intent to Apply forms must be submitted by June 1, 2012; preliminary applications are due July 30, 2012. Visit the Foundation's website to download the program guidelines.

Land Preservation Projects Funded

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Acres for America

Acres for America, a partnership between Walmart Stores, Inc. and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, was established to provide funding for projects that conserve important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants through acquisition of interest in real property. The goal of the Acres for America program is to offset the footprint of Walmart's domestic facilities on at least an acre by acre basis through these acquisitions. All grant awards require a minimum 1:1 match of cash or contributed goods and services. Preference will be given to acquisitions that are part of published conservation plans (North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Partners in Flight, etc.), State Wildlife Action Plans, or Endangered Species Act Recovery Plans. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation regional director](#) in their area to discuss project ideas prior to applying. Pre-proposals are due June 1, 2012; invited full proposals must be submitted by August 1, 2012. Visit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation website for program details.

Grants Promote Children and Pet Programs in the U.S. and Canada

Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in the United States and Canada that enhance the quality of life for children, families, and pets. The Foundation's grant categories include children's health and wellness, literacy and education, and

domestic pets. Individual project grants as well as organization program grants are provided. Priority is given to nonprofit organizations located near Build-A-Bear Workshop stores. For the children's health and wellness and literacy and education categories the Foundation will accept grant requests from March until August of 2012. For the domestic pets category, requests will be accepted until October of 2012. Visit the Foundation's website to review the funding guidelines for each of the grant categories and submit an online application.

School Running Programs Supported

[ING Run For Something Better School Awards Program](#)

The ING Run For Something Better School Awards Program, in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, seeks to increase physical activity in students and help fight childhood obesity nationwide through the creation of school-based running programs. The awards program will provide at least fifty grants of up to \$2,500 to schools that want to establish a school-based running program, or expand an existing program, that targets grades K through 8 in public elementary or middle schools. Funded programs must have a commitment of at least 25 students in order to apply. The application deadline is May 15, 2012. Visit the program's website to review the grant guidelines and submit an online application.

Regional Funding Opportunities

Funds for Quality Education Programs in Alabama

[The Malone Family Foundation](#)

The mission of the Malone Family Foundation is to promote positive changes in the lives of people, who in turn can build and enhance the communities in which they live. The Foundation primarily supports organizations in the state of Alabama, with limited funding in the states of Florida and Georgia. The Foundation provides grants for initiatives that improve the quality of education and the motivation and the self-esteem of students from pre-kindergarten through higher education. The Foundation has an especially strong interest in supporting innovative endeavors that lead to a better-educated population and a higher standard of living. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. The upcoming deadline for invited proposals is May 15, 2012. Application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website.

Grants Address Water Issues in Company Communities

[American Water Community Giving Program](#)

The American Water Community Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations in the communities the company serves in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Grants are provided in the following categories: Water and the Environment, Water and Healthy Living, Environmental Education, and Community Sustainability. Requests may be submitted at any time. Visit the company's website to learn more about the grant categories and to submit an online application.

Support for Local Initiatives in Washington, DC **[Joseph E. and Marjorie B. Jones Foundation](#)**

The Joseph E. and Marjorie B. Jones Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of the residents of the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that offer projects and initiatives in the fields of education, health care, medical research, and social services. The Foundation primarily supports locally based programs with

measurable and tangible objectives. The application deadline is May 31, 2012. Visit the Foundation's website to review the submission information and download the application form.

Programs in Company Communities Funded

[Autodesk Charitable Giving Program](#)

The Autodesk Charitable Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations worldwide, with emphasis on communities where company employees live and work. Autodesk's areas of interest include arts and culture, education and technology, environment and sustainability, and health and human services. Financial grants generally range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. In addition to financial contributions, Autodesk offers assistance to qualifying nonprofit organizations through in-kind gifts and volunteerism. Requests may be submitted at any time. Visit the company's website for online application information.

Federal Grant and Loan Programs

Small Business Innovations Advancing the Next Generation of Solar Energy Products Funded
[Department of Energy](#)

The Sunshot Incubator Program provides support to assist small businesses in making the transition from a proof of concept or business plan to domestic commercialization or deployment of solar energy products through advanced research and development, strengthening domestic manufacturing and cutting-edge technology. Proposed activities should be focused on developing hardware and non-hardware solutions that address barriers to scale-up, commercialization, and deployment by 2015. The objective of support is to facilitate the large-scale deployment of solar energy technologies without subsidies, which will help increase America's global economic competitiveness, energy security, and environmental health. The letter of intent deadline (optional) is April 2, 2012. Concept papers are due April 9, 2012 and full applications are due May 29, 2012.

Support for Programs to Train Low-Income Minorities for Environmental Work

[Environmental Protection Agency](#)

The Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants Program provides support for environmental workforce development and job training programs focused on hazardous and solid waste management, assessment, and clean-up associated activities; chemical safety; and wastewater management. Proposed programs will be designed to recruit, train, and place unemployed and underemployed residents – predominantly low-income minorities historically affected by hazardous and solid waste sites/facilities – with the skills needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in the environmental field and in the assessment and cleanup work taking place in their communities. The application deadline is April 12, 2012.

Capacity Building Grants to Accelerate Community and Economic Development in Rural Areas
[Department of Agriculture](#)

The Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge provides support for the provision of technical assistance to develop rural communities' capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or economic and community development. Activities eligible for support include the following: providing resources for professional services (e.g. architectural, engineering, or legal); purchase of office equipment and software directly related to technical assistance; providing training and resource material on developing strategic plans, board operations, management, financial systems, and information technology; and hiring of staff

to implement technical assistance related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. The application deadline is May 9, 2012.

Funds for Anti-Poverty Initiatives to Help Underserved Populations Build Assets

Department of Health and Human Services

The Assets for Independence Demonstration Program provides support for community-based organizations to offer Individual Development Accounts (matched savings accounts), financial education, and related services to low-income individuals and families, in order for them to accumulate savings and invest in appreciating assets such as a first home, small business, or higher education or training. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate close collaboration with entities that are serving families with young children, families in the child support system, children and families in the foster care system, people with disabilities, refugees, Native Americans, and survivors of domestic or intimate violence. *Note: Webinars are offered through the Assets for Independence (AFI) Resource Center to assist with designing an AFI project and navigating the application process; visit the [Calendar of Events](#) to register.* The application deadline is May 25, 2012.

New charges for mustang killers RENO, Nev. (AP) —

Two Nevada men called “boneheads” by a U.S. judge when he sentenced them to six months in prison for shooting federally protected mustangs may be headed back behind bars for illegal trapping. [Click here to read the full story...](#)

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By Neely Tucker

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**LOVE THIS TEACHER**

Back in September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock , did something not to be forgotten. On the first

day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom.

When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.  
'Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'  
They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.'

'No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.'

She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom.

By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms. Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom.'

Now I am going to tell you. At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk.

The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned..  
Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks.'

These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens.  
They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded Teacher of the Year for the state of Arkansas in 2006.

Please consider passing this along so others won't forget either that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by U. S.Veterans. Always remember them and the rights they have won for us.  
Blessings abound in the USA !

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Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Posted Date: Mar 15, 2012    Current Closing Date for Applications: May 22, 2012

Funding Instrument Type: Grant    Category of Funding Activity: Education, Health

Expected Number of Awards: 5      Estimated Total Program Funding: \$500,000

CFDA Number(s): 93.879 -- **Medical Library Assistance**

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

### **Eligible Applicants**

State governments/County governments /City or township governments /Special district governments/Independent school districts/Public and State controlled institutions of higher education/Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)/Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities/Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)/Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education/Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education/Private institutions of higher education/For profit organizations other than small businesses/Small businesses/Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

### **Additional Information on Eligibility:**

Other Eligible Applicants include the following: Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions; Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government; Faith-based or Community-based Organizations; Hispanic-serving Institutions; Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized); Regional Organizations; Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs) ; U.S. Territory or Possession; Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions) are not eligible to apply. Non-domestic (non-U.S.) components of U.S. Organizations are not eligible to apply. Foreign components, as defined in the NIH Grants Policy Statement, are not allowed.

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| <b>Agency Name</b> | <b>National Institutes of Health</b> |
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The National Library of Medicine (NLM) solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to health disparity populations and the health care providers who care for those populations. Access to useful, usable, understandable health information is an important factor during health decisions. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers. Preference will be given to applications that show strong involvement of health science libraries.

**Link to Full Announcement** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-LM-12-001.html>

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### **Resources**

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<http://www.ahmium.org/>  
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**[Webinar - California REC Market Update](#)**  
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This webinar will present current updates regarding the California REC market. Participants will learn how California's 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard treats renewable energy certificates (RECs). The webinar will highlight implementation of the 33% RPS from the perspectives of state government, REC marketers, and utilities. The webinar will also explain the function of the voluntary renewable energy reserve account established under California's Cap and Trade Program.

Speakers will include:

- Sara Kamins, (California Public Utilities Commission)
- Randy Lack, (Element Markets)
- Elaine Sison-Lebrilla, (Sacramento Municipal Utilities District)

Presentation slides will be available after the webinar on DOE's [Green Power Network](#).

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## **Dumb Things People Have Said During Job Interviews**

By Kelly Eggers | Fins EG – Fri, Mar 16, 2012 4:47 PM EDT

We've all experienced it. That sinking feeling that occurs when the job interview that was going so well suddenly goes off track. Maybe it's the expression on the hiring manager's face, or the awkward pause that ensues, but there is little doubt when it happens.

Common interview mistakes, of course, include bad mouthing your former employer, failing to adequately research the company or the position and just plain talking too much.

[Careerbuilder.com](http://Careerbuilder.com), a job posting site, publishes an annual list of interview blunders, including asking the hiring manager for a ride home or flushing the toilet during a phone interview.

[More from FINS: [Ten Tips for Keeping Your Temper at Work](#)]

Thanks to the rise of social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter, dumb interview moves are taking on a new character. The urge to share everything about one's life with friends and strangers via cyberspace is invading the very private atmosphere of the recruiter's office. Moreover, the need to stand out in the information cacophony of the Web has increased the pressure to seem unique and special.

"We've been socialized to assume that we have to stand out in some way, and we're encouraged to be bold," says Roy Cohen, author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide" and a New York City-based career coach. "But that is not necessarily what people are looking for in candidates to bring on board. They want people who fit in."

Oversharing has now become an occupational hazard of the job hunt. Here are 5 examples of when too much information was, well, really too much information:

### **"I'm in anger management because I hit a former co-worker."**

"I've had candidates share with me their anger management problems, views on gender, age, and other things that can be damaging in an interview," says Shilonda Downing, owner of Virtual Work Team, which helps business owners find remote workers. "One candidate recently mentioned that he was going through anger management for hitting a co-worker in corporate America, and that is why he would like to work from home going forward."

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Major character flaws, particularly when they are of the physical-harm variety, shouldn't be brought up in an interview. Bringing up disagreements with colleagues or managers as a reason for leaving a former employer doesn't bode well that you'll be reliable and reasonable in a new position—even if it is a remote one. "Mentioning this is typically deemed as someone who is unable to handle situations professionally and without violence," Downing says. Unless you're required to disclose that you're undergoing some kind of psychological treatment, find an honest way to work around it.

**"Oh, that's because I just took a Xanax."**

"I interviewed someone who swore she'd be great at the job, but she was talking incredibly slowly," says Chenofsky Singer, the career management coach. "A single word would take forever. I wanted to pull them out of her mouth." Concerned that the applicant might be suffering from a legitimate medical issue like low blood sugar, Chenofsky Singer asked if this was the candidate's typical rate of speaking. "Oh, yes," she replied, "I take a Xanax before a meeting or a presentation because I get so nervous. I don't think I'm doing poorly, do you?"

Having some nerves before an interview is normal, but before medicating, be sure of the effects on your personality and disposition. "More than trying to pick on her individual interviewing style at the time, I was concerned that there was something I should know," Chenofsky Singer says, which served as a distraction from a discussion of her qualifications.

### **"Just a little itch."**

"I was recruiting for a sales director position for my employer," says Dany Bourjolly Smith, who's a recruiter with a professional services firm selling to C-level executives. "I was thrilled to have this candidate in for a live interview based on his resume. During the interview, he was saying all of the right things. Suddenly, he takes his right hand and sticks it inside his sock and shoe and begins scratching under his heel furiously."

Bourjolly Smith described the itching as "aggressive," and the candidate continued it while he was talking and answering questions unfazed. "At the end of the interview, I did my best to be subtle and not shake his hand. This amounted to an awkward bump of elbows. He definitely noticed that I didn't shake his hand."

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For a client-facing position like the one this candidate was interviewing for, but really, for any position at all, behaving in a strange and unprofessional manner--particularly when it's hygiene-related--is a big red flag. "Naturally, I declined him for the position," Bourjolly Smith says. "If he would behave like that in front of a recruiter, I can only imagine what he would do in front of our clients during a sales meeting."

### **"I locked a mentally ill patient in a room to teach him a lesson."**

"A few years ago, I was hired by a nonprofit that provided services for the homeless, the majority of whom were developmentally disabled, to find them a facilities director," says Bruce Hurwitz, author of "A Hooker's Guide to Getting a Job: Parables from the Real World of Career Counseling and Executive Recruiting." Hurwitz prescreened one well-qualified candidate who didn't raise any red flags, and sent the applicant forward to his clients for a full interview. When asked for examples of how he had interacted with people with psychiatric issues, "he told my client that there was a person living at his facility who refused to stay out of the library."

"One day, the candidate waited for the man to enter the library and locked him in. The man called him numerous times begging to be let out of the room. He refused until the man was about to soil himself. When he promised never to enter the library again, my candidate released him."

When asked for real-life examples of your skills and expertise, it is best to refrain from bringing

up wild, controversial examples, like ones of abusing people to keep them in line, particularly when they're developmentally challenged. "The sad part? My candidate actually thought he was telling the client positive things about his judgment, and had no idea why they didn't want him," Hurwitz says.

[Related: [5 Body Language Moves That Will Ruin an Interview](#)]

**"Oh, he was killed in a drug deal."**

"I had a woman do an excellent interview," says Holly Wolf, who's currently the chief marketing officer with Conestoga Bank in Pennsylvania, but was formerly responsible for hiring staff for an emergency clinic. At the end of the interview, when she asked why the woman wanted to be a nurse, she explained that she had gone back to school after her husband passed away, and she wanted to serve as a good role model for her young girls.

"She was about 33 so that was an incredible accomplishment," Wolf says, "so I said, 'I'm sure your husband is proud of you and what an excellent role model you are for your daughters.' She looked at me and said, 'He really wasn't a good role model for our children. He was killed in a drug deal that went bad.'"

Bringing up losses of friends or family members in an interview can be a touchy subject. Bringing up the illicit and illegal dealings of your late friend or family member is an example of taking it too far. It can be acceptable if you're careful to bring it up in a casual way, and without so much detail that it makes someone uncomfortable. Despite it being an excellent interview, the candidate tainted it by sharing more than was necessary.

[Click here for the full list of Dumb Things People Have Said During Job Interviews.](#)

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(Feb. 8, 2011) Bryan Fischer, Director of Issues Analysis for the conservative Christian American Family Association (AFA), and host of its radio program, Foc

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## **Building Smart Communities through Network Weaving**

Why read it?

This article summarizes both the theory, the strategy, and the importance of consciously creating ever expanding and expansive networks of people and organizations in a community. It provides real life examples of how this kind of network weaving helped to jump start the regional economy of Athens, Ohio.

Many of us have come to realize that new approaches are needed to help us solve the many social issues that we face. It is not simply a matter of just doing more of the same thing and hoping for different results. Our idea is very simple: let's bring people and groups together around Shared Values and Common Needs--let's be "laser beam" focused on what we can agree upon, not on what divides us. And, let's focus on Action, not endless meetings!

Let's keep it very simple--find ways to connect with each other to get real value from our precious time that we spend. Value could be finding more volunteers; or finding opportunities to volunteer; increased donations; collaborations; meeting new friends and connecting with old ones; spiritual and emotional support and inspiration in a very loving environment. The whole point is to be a catalyst for renewal and rebirth of the "can do" spirit that our country is known for.

Connecting the Good has been applying these ideas for the last 9 years in Northern Nevada. We hope that you will spend some time reflecting on how you can continue to expand the connections that you already have in the community into something greater.

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Home - Planned Parenthood - Mar Monte [www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org)

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## **Mets' Owners Agree to Settle Madoff Suit for \$162 Million**

By RICHARD SANDOMIR and KEN BELSON

Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz on Monday settled the lawsuit brought against them by Irving H. Picard, the trustee for the victims of Bernard L. Madoff's fraud, for \$162 million.