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Merle and Theresa Haggard performing with their band, The Strangers, LaX South Oktoberfest Grounds, 7-20-13. Merle had been married four times before he met Theresa Lane; they were married 22 years with two children together; then Merle passed in 2016 (DvJM).

Prentice and Carrie Vaughn in wheelchairs rolling towards horizon, LaX, ca. 2013 (DvJM).

Jane Comeau, FSPA Communications Director, Mary of the Angels Chapel, St. Rose Convent, LaX, 2007 (DvJM).

Schubert family tombstone, maybe relatives of composer of “Ave Maria” Franz S., Oak Grove Cemetery, LaX, ca.2003 (DvJM).


The seven grown children of David A. and Rose C.M. Marcou with their parents, Prospect Street back yard by lilacs, LaX, Memorial Day 1997 (Photo by Matthew A. Marcou, especially for the Rocky and Diane Skifton Family).

St. Lawyer, who told DvJM (me) he’d argued cases in front of US Supreme Court, MLKJr. Library, DC, 2-22-12 (DvJM).

Rick Przyowski, Gundersen Lutheran optician and first-rate musician too, ca. 2014 (DvJM).

Beauty, Union Station, DC, April 2010 (DvJM). When I finally asked her for her portrait, she smiled and said I already had plenty!

Keisa by Cass Street apartment building, LaX, 1-30-17 (DvJM).

Young man walking small dog in alley on snow-covered day, LaX, Early 2017 (DvJM).

Viterbo University student walking near Student Union, LaX, Early 2017 (DvJM).

Gal on bike the day Chelsea Clinton spoke at UW-L, 10-25-16 (DvJM).

Jim Hobart, Ph.D., King St. Kitchen, 2-13-17 (DvJM).

Lady shopping, Cameron Park Farmers’ Market, LaX, Autumnn 2016 (DvJM).

WAFER food delivery, Becker Plaza (BP President Roger L. Chase is helping driver), 2-15-17 (DvJM).

Lisa, Becker Plaza, 2-16-17 (DvJM).

Lady walking near Davy Engineering parking sign, 2-20-17 (DvJM).

Construction near Belle Square and Flags, LaX, 2-22-17 (DvJM).

Memorial bricks, Western Technical College, LaX, 2-22-17 (DvJM).

Katrina, WTC Campus Store employee, LaX, 2-22-17 (DvJM).

Thin young lady walking on 6th Street, LaX, 2-22-17 (DvJM).

Games People Play store and art in area near Cathedral, LaX, 2-22-17 (DvJM).

Cathedral steeple seen from front lower left, LaX, 2-22-17 (DvJM).

Deere Lady, LaX, 2-22-17 (DvJM).

Young couple on Willie Nelson’s road again, 6th&Cass Sts., LaX, 2-22-17 (DvJM).

Mom and two kids walking towards downtown, LaX, 2-22-17 (DvJM).

Emma Kefer, pianist and GRE-taker from UW-La Crosse, 2-22-17 (Pic by DvJM with thanks to Nancy Wagner, program organizer).

Diane, LaX, 2-23-17 (DvJM).

Anita Moris, Hair Stylist, Stoffel Court, LaX, 2-23-17 (DvJM).

Nate and his kids with BP President Roger L. Chase up hall, night of Becker Plaza Christmas Party, 12-10-16 (DvJM).

(L-R) Addie and Jacqui Marcou plus Chris Kahlow, 8th & Cass Sts., LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Esperson-Pettibone House, 8th&King Sts., LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Couple on bikes with small child by sea of poles, 4th&King Sts., LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Rochester City Lines bus, 3rd Street, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

A.J. and Kimber*, Subway Sandwich Store employees, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Satori Arts (“Satori” is Italian for “highest form of art”), 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Couple and man cross 2nd Street, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Bald jogger and shadow, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Sidewalk waltz steps etching, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Weber Performing Arts Center exterior frieze panels, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Xanadu marquee, Weber Performing Arts Center, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Confluence Mural, Pump House Regional Arts Center, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Little Free Library, Pump House, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Roger Grant artist’s bio, Pump House 8th Patron of Art’s Recognition Reception (Roger & Charlotte), LaX, 2-17/18-17 (DvJM).

Roger A. Grant’s “Perspective” Reception Theme, Pump House, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Four Roger A. Grant framed photos and tops of three chairs, Pump House, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

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Table, five chairs, light, and shadows, Pump House, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Trim Design La Crosse’s lettering, 3rd&King Sts., LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Man on bike by Earl’s saloon and grocery, 3rd&King Sts., LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Glory Days pub, 4th&King Sts., LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Young women walking by People’s Food Co-op, 5th Street, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

High-stepping by People’s Food Co-op, 5th Street, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Young woman driving hot car, Cass Street, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

G. Graw, Onalaska MTU driver, waiting for Wells Fargo Bank to open, Early 2017 (DvJM).

“Presidents and Saint” Captions-Credits for BW-Use Pics (Pics on PP15-16)
Nobel Peace Laureate St. Teresa of Calcutta gazes right with hands folded, Anyang, S.Korea, Jan. 1985 (in addition to photographing her four hours, DvJM later received 18 inspirational letters from St. Teresa of Calcutta, then known as Mother Teresa).


Pres. Obama lights up, UW-L, 7-2-15 (DvJM). Donald Trump signs red cap, LaX Center, 4-4-16 (DvJM). Donald Trump shakes hands, and signs autographs, LaX Center, 4-4-16 (DvJM). “American Queen” paddlewheel moored in fog, Riverside Park, LaX, 2015 (DvJM for Mark and Jean Smith and Dale Barclay).

“Journalists” Captions-Credits for BW-Use Pics (Pics on PP17-24)
Wanda, LaX Tribune circulation employee, LaX, 2-14-17 (DvJM). PBS News Hour's Margaret Warner in her office, WETA Studios, Arlington, VA, 4-7-11 (DvJM). PBS News Hour's Judy Woodruff on set, WETA Studios, Arlington, VA, 4-7-11 (DvJM). Pulitzer-finalist Rick Wood in plaid shirt photographing UW-Madison football game, 9-20-14 (DvJM). LaX Tribune reporter Emily Pyrek standing in profile, St. Pat's Parade, Main St., LaX, March 2016 (DvJM). Randal Thom's camouflage jacket's back with “Make America Great Again” on it, Trump rally, LaX Center, 4-4-16 (DvJM). DvJM posing with “America's Mayor” Rudy Giuliani, Charmant Hotel, LaX, 8-16-16 (Pic by RG's Body Guard on my camera). Madalyn O'Neill, WKBT reporter, 7th Street, LaX, 9-15-16 (DvJM). Erik Daily in background taking pic of Chelsea Clinton speaking and me taking pic from near side of CG, UW-L, 10-25-16 (DvJM). Erin O'Brien, WEAU-TV reporter with equipment for interview with Donald Trump, Charmant Hotel, LaX, 8-16-16 (DvJM). UW-Madison Athletic Director Barry Alvarez with WXOW News Director Sean Dwyer and Mrs. Dwyer, Sloopy's Alma Mater pub, Oct. 2007 (DvJM). Woman reporter interviewing girl with braid, President G.W. Bush rally, Copeland Field, LaX, 5-7-04 (DvJM). Press covering G.W. Bush rally, Copeland Field, LaX, 5-7-04 (DvJM). Bucks-Bulls press (four reporters at their laptops), LaX Center, Oct. 2007 (DvJM). Backs of press on platform working at their laptops, Bucks-Bulls exhibition game, LaX Center, Oct. 2007 (DvJM). PBS reporter Jeff Brown with Emmy nearby working in his office, WETA Studios, Arlington, VA, 4-7-11 (DvJM). PBS News Hour logo and staff in group office, WETA Studios, Arlington, VA, 4-7-11 (DvJM). Haririaran “Hari” Syreinivasan, PBS reporter born in Mumbai, India, birth-city of Pinki Virani too (PV was housemate of mine, DvJM, in 1981 London), near monitor showing then-anchor Jim Lehrer, WETA Studios, Arlington, VA, 4-7-11 (DvJM). Then-PBS anchor Jim Lehrer, a fellow alum with DvJM of Missouri Journalism School, posing for photo-portrait on set, WETA Studios, Arlington, VA, 4-7-11 (DvJM).

Adam Mueller (blonde man at center), like DvJM former student of R.A. Grant's, on press-riser, Obama rally, LaX, 10-1-08 (DvJM).

Female reporter using long lens on press-riser, Obama rally, LaX, 10-1-08 (DvJM).

Richard Sennott, Minneapolis Star Tribune photojournalist, Obama rally, LaX, 10-1-08 (DvJM).

Obama press secretary Robert Gibbs viewing image with photojournalist on-camera, Obama rally, LaX, 10-1-08 (DvJM).

Female reporter on keyboard sitting on press-riser steps, Obama rally, LaX, 10-1-08 (DvJM).

John Donvan, ABC-TV reporter, with his producer, Obama rally, LaX, 10-1-08 (DvJM).

Press Table 1, Obama rally, LaX, 10-1-08 (DvJM).

Press Table 2, Obama rally, LaX, 10-1-08 (DvJM).

Press Table 3, Obama rally, LaX, 10-1-08 (DvJM).


DvJM photographing Barack Obama from press-riser (far R in black), LaX, 10-1-08 (Photo by Laurie Reed).

David Brooks, NYT columnist, author, and PBS News Hour analyst, National Press Club, DC, 2-21-12 (DvJM).

WXOW-TV reporter Caroline Hecker and her cameraman Jimmy, President Obama rally, UW-L, 7-2-15 (DvJM).

Young female photojournalist checking her work on smart-phone, President Obama rally, UW-L, 7-2-15 (DvJM).


“Everyday People” Captions-Credits for Color Pics (Pics on PP.25-28).

Young Katie Temp ready to greet guests with brother Paul at her birthday party, Holmen, WI, ca. 2004 (DvJM).

Crystal I believe, attendee, WTC-LaX Tribune Jobs Fair, LaX, 3-29-16 (DvJM).

Then-Aquinas HS, soon-UIW-Madison basketball star Bronson Koenig® with other recruits posing for other photographer at UW football game, Camp Randall Mem. Stadium, ca. 2011 (Scene photo by DvJM, game ticket and transportation via Charles and Christine Freiberg).

Olivia and her step-great-grandfather David A. Marcou, Holmen, WI, ca. Summer 2013 (DvJM).

Rick Weeth, former keyboardist for Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show, and lead male actor in DvJM's Irish play "Song of Joy—Or the Old Reliables", a sequel to Sean O'Casey's "Juno and the Paycock", Aquinas Schools Campbell Theatre, July 2008 (Photo and Playscript by DvJM).

LaX Tribune staffers chat, WTC-LaX Tribune Jobs Fair, WTC, LaX, 3-29-16 (DvJM).

Two attendees, WTC-LaX Tribune Jobs Fair, LaX, 3-29-16 (DvJM).

Kathy's Cookie Company front reminded me of NYT Mag's Photo Editor Kathy Ryan, so I photographed front and e-mailed it to her, which she likes, LaX, Feb. 2017 (DvJM).

Mom with baby-on-bottle, WTC-LaX Tribune Jobs Fair, LaX, 3-29-16 (DvJM).

New Pioneers Lunch Club (L-R) Joe Kotnour, Mark Felker, DvJM, John Medinger, Roger Grant, and Kerry Hruska, Diggers Pub, Autumn 2016 (Photo by passerby Julie; David W. Johns and Bill Harnden are also members).

(L-R) Paul Daniel, Phyllis Daniel (90th birthday party), Deb and Gary Snodgrass, family members, Becker Plaza, 2-11-17 (DvJM).

Man crossing Cass Street with two bridges in background, LaX, 2-9-17 (DvJM).

Amber carrying men's wedding wear, 400 Main St., LaX, 8-16-16 (DvJM).

Moon blessing at dawn over Callanses house, LaX, 2-14-17 (DvJM).

Karie Johnson, UW-Extension Nutrition/Fitness Director, Becker Plaza Fitness Class, 2-16-17 (DvJM).

Robert, a good neighbor with his walker, which he very much needs, 2-17-17 (DvJM).

Mark Bertelsen, MSW, Mayo Clinic, 2-20-17 (DvJM).

A good citizen, Stoffel Court, LaX, 2-23-17 (DvJM).

Baker Kathy of Kathy's Cookie by her products, LaX, Feb. 2017 (DvJM).

Mom holding tiny son wearing Badger headgear, Illinois vs. UW FB Homecoming, Camp Randall Mem. Stadium, 11-12-16 (DvJM).

Redhead walking towards DvJM (me), 8th Street, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Hannah, a LaX Public Library associate archivist, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Travelers Bubba Skey and female friend(H.), in front of Brickhouse Restaurant, 5th & King Sts., LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

Jen Quesada, a Hispanic-American man, Grand River Station, LaX, 2-18-17 (DvJM).

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