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Arbor Day Inspires Mira Costa Seniors to Nurture, Plant, Celebrate Trees



Adam Gerard, Mira Costa senior and president of Tree Musketeers, takes a break with other volunteers after a day of tree care. Photo Courtesy of Tree Musketeers.

Community Invited to Celebrate Trees During Annual Arbor Day Festivities

Courtesy of the Tree Musketeers

Arbor Day, that special holiday for trees, is fast approaching. Chevron, which has supported Tree Musketeers' Annual Community Arbor Day Celebrations for 26 years, is the presenting sponsor for 2013. The festivities will take place on West Grand Ave. between El Segundo and its beach 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 9.

This area is known as Millennium Row, because the 104 melaleuca trees were planted by 300 volunteers in January 2000 to celebrate the new millennium. The street is technically in the City of Los Angeles and LADWP owns the adjacent property on both sides.

Instead of planting hundreds of new trees as has come to be the practice, the 2013 focus is on loving the trees already planted beginning with the Millennium Trees on Arbor Day. Life for the trees in this inhospitable industrial area so close to the beach has not been easy. In fact, the City of Los Angeles had twice before planted on the street and only three of the trees survived. That is why it took eight years and two generations of Tree Musketeers youth leaders to get permission to tree-line W. Grand Ave.

Most trees only require intensive care for the first three years, but the Millennium Trees still need significant attention due to the ocean salt and industrial pollution. These trees that line the western entrance to El Segundo have faced other affronts as well. Berry vines the community planted in 2001 to further green the street by covering the rusty fences were removed by Scattergood gardeners who then beheaded the Millennium Trees three years later.

When elected to El Segundo City Council in 2004, Eric Busch's first adventure in diplomacy was to lead a painstaking process of getting a written agreement between Tree Musketeers and DWP regarding Millennium Row. That was instrumental to forging the congenial relationship that exists today.

Busch has served since 2004 on the Arbor Day task force among other community leaders. This year that group also includes Lily Craig of Chevron, Mike Rotolo of TG Construction, El Segundo City Councilmembers Bill Fisher & Marie Fellhauer, Tree Musketeers board member Scott Houston, youth leaders Julian Poyourow & Blake Parker, Recreation & Parks staff Art Murphy & Allison Fiorini, and Tree Musketeers staff. When asked why he keeps coming back after 10 years of Arbor Days, Fisher replies this way. "There is a great tradition and wonderful legacy of Tree Musketeers in El Segundo, and we are lucky to have such an organization in our city. They empower kids in ways that I haven't seen before and accomplish big things year after year. It's quite inspiring, and that's the reason I support them. Plus we get trees planted and cared for on a scale that most organizations would envy if they understood what is done year after year after year. It's quite inspiring, and that's the reason I support them."

Members of the South Bay business and residential community are invited to participate in Arbor Day. Come to volunteer for a couple of hours of Millennium Tree care, mingle with a few hundred of your neighbors and have lunch. Chevron will match contributions of any size and give you a T-shirt to boot. Not up for digging in the dirt? Join Northrop Grumman, Federal Realty, Mar Ventures and others as an event sponsor. Donations are not for just that day, but an entire year of nurturing over 1,800 trees that depend on Tree Musketeers and its volunteers. Contributors can be proud of how effectively donations are used. Because of the generous community, Tree Musketeers can boast of a 97% tree survival rate. This becomes even more impressive when you learn that 90% is the industry standard. Be part of this special time of year when the South Bay community comes together to serve the Earth with local action. Call Tree Musketeers at 310/322-0263 to get more details and find registration or sponsorship forms on the homepage at www.treemusketeers.org. •

Weekend Forecast

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Looking Up

World's Smallest Space Telescope Goes into Orbit

By Bob Eklund

The smallest astronomical satellite ever built was launched from India February 25 as part of a mission to prove that even a very

small telescope can push the boundaries of astronomy. The satellite was designed and assembled at the Space Flight Laboratory (SFL) of the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS) and launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, India, along with its



twin, also designed in Canada, but assembled in Austria.

Each nano-satellite in the BRIght Target Explorer (BRITE) mission is a cube measuring about eight inches per side, and weighing 15 pounds. The BRITE satellites represent a new concept in space astronomy: nano-satellites that can be designed, assembled and deployed fast and cheaply.

"SFL has demonstrated that nano-satellites can be developed quickly, by a small team and at a cost that is within reach of many universities, small companies and other organizations," says Cordell Grant, Manager of Satellite Systems for the Space Flight Laboratory at UTIAS.

Up to now, such nano-satellites had been used only to monitor the Earth and experiment with new technologies. "Researchers, scientists and companies worldwide, who have great ideas for space-borne experiments but do not have the means to fund a large spacecraft, can now see their ideas realized," says Grant. "BRITE has the potential to open an entirely new market for low-cost, high-performance satellites."

"BRITE is expected to demonstrate that nano-satellites are now capable of performance that was once thought impossible for such small spacecraft," Grant adds. But only small telescopes can fit within a 20-centimeter cube. Therefore, BRITE is not intended to take pretty pictures, but will simply observe stars and

record changes in their brightness over time. Such changes could be caused by spots on the star, a planet or other star orbiting the star, or by oscillations and reverberations within the star itself—the analogue of earthquakes on stars. The study of these so-called "starquakes" is called asteroseismology.

To perform precise measurements of the brightness of stars, the telescopes need to be above the atmosphere. Otherwise, scintillation—the atmospheric effect that causes stars to twinkle—overwhelms the relatively small brightness variations of the stars themselves. By avoiding this, a very small telescope in space can produce more accurate data than a much larger telescope on the ground. Also, unlike telescopes on Earth, which are useless during the day, in bad weather or when the stars set below the horizon, telescopes in space can potentially observe stars all the time.

As their name suggests, the BRITE satellites will focus on the brightest stars in the sky including those that make up prominent constellations like Orion the Hunter. These stars are the same ones visible to the naked eye, even from cities. Because very large telescopes mostly observe very faint objects, the brightest stars are also some of the most poorly studied stars.

More information & videos: http://universe.utoronto.ca/BRITE

Stars of Orion photo:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orion_(constellation) •

Calendar

FRIDAY MARCH 8

Swing and Sway Ballroom Dance, 8-11
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SUNDAY MARCH 10

• Michael Mitzvah Day - A Mitzvah Is A Good Deed, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Temple Menorah, 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach. For more information call (310) 316-8444.

Saturday, March 16

- Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, M5 Building Parking Lot, Aviation Blvd. and Marine Ave.
- City Council Meeting, 6-11 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Avenue. •

<u>Seniors</u>

Fall-Prevention Strategies Boomers Can Fall In Love With

(BPT) - You're only as old as you feel, which is great news for today's baby boomers, as 61 percent report they feel younger than their true age. But despite feeling great, the reality is that adults may need to make minor changes to their homes and lifestyles to ensure they can continue to enjoy safe, healthy and independent lives.

If you are part of this demographic, you're

likely thinking, "Not me. Not yet." But did you know that one in three older Americans falls every year, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention? Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for people aged 65 and older.

Don't worry - protecting yourself from falls does not mean using a walker or wearing an alert siren. Try these simple tips to protect yourself

from becoming a fall statistic, while improving your home and lifestyle.

GET MOVING

It's no wonder that 50-years-plus is the fastest growing segment of the fitness population. In addition to maintaining a healthy weight, regular exercise improves your leg strength and balance - both of which are important in reducing falls.

Experts at the National Institute of Health recommend that seniors enjoy a combination of four types of exercises: endurance, such as walking, cycling or swimming; flexibility, which includes stretching before and after endurance workouts; balance, such as walking on a line or stepping over small objects, and strength, which is using resistance or weights to target core muscles.

PREPARE YOUR HOME

According to the Home Safety Council, more falls occur in the bathroom than any other room in the home. But don't fear, adding safety to your bathroom can add exquisite styling as well.

Grab bars are the most common bath safety product installed, and brands such as Moen Home Care offer stylish Designer Grab Bars with Accessories, which combine the safety benefits of a grab bar with common bath essentials. Options include a towel bar, a paper holder, a straight shelf and a corner shelf, making each item functional and fashionable. Plus, each is available in popular finishes such as Chrome, Brushed Nickel and Old World Bronze, to coordinate with the rest of your bath.

Next, add style and peace of mind in the shower by adding a Fold-Down Shower Seat. Unlike traditional bath seats that can be intrusive, this wall-mount design from Moen Home Care folds down for a comfortable and secure shower seat to avoid slips and falls - yet folds up for a thin, compact profile when not in use. Plus, the teak wood and stylish metal trim will accentuate the look of even the most upscale shower.

For the final step to your safety-upgraded bathroom, increase the amount of lighting. Researchers have found that by the time a person is 60 years old, he or she needs up



to 15 times more light than when that person was 10 years old. Add higher-wattage bulbs or even additional lamps to the room for improved illumination.

ASSESS YOUR MEDICATIONS

Since boomers buy 77 percent of all prescription drugs sold, chances are that you take more than one medication daily. However, these remedies may have been prescribed by different doctors - and could unknowingly cause side effects such as dizziness or drowsiness, which can increase the risk of falls. Speak with your physician to ensure that your medications will not interact with other drugs. Programmed pill boxes are also a great idea to keep your prescriptions organized and help you remember what to take and when.

EAT RIGHT

You are what you eat ... which is why a healthy diet is very important to older adults. In fact, healthy eating can reduce the risk for many conditions, including anemia, confusion, hip fractures, hypotension and wounds. Experts note that older adults generally require fewer calories in their diet than other age groups - but need more nutrition.

Especially important to reduce falls is to increase foods that are high in calcium and vitamin D, such as milk and dairy, which help keep bones strong. Maintaining a healthy weight through proper eating is also essential, as added weight can cause instability, leading to falls.

With these few simple updates to your home and lifestyle, you'll soon feel better about yourself and your home - and can enjoy the peace of mind knowing that you're doing the best to reduce the risk of becoming a fall statistic. •

The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.
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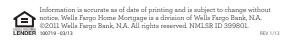
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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

What If...

By Gerry Chong

The public consensus is that if only Republicans and Democrats would stop their squabbling and address the country's needs, our never-ending financial crises can be resolved and we can move on with our lives. But WHAT IF the consensus is wrong?

WHAT IF our national debt is so large that it is no longer a political question, but one of arithmetic? WHAT IF the total debt and annual deficit are so large that neither Democratic proposals for tax increases nor Republican proposals to cut spending, nor any combination of the two will make a material impact on our financial trajectory? WHAT IF...

The simple facts are these: Our GDP in 2012 was \$15.8 trillion, but our national debt is \$16.4 trillion. Therefore our debt is 1.04 percent of our productivity. Further, The Congressional Budget Office projects that we will add \$845 billion to our debt this year and add an average of \$1 trillion in new debt each year for the next 10 years. The obvious question then, is whether or not our economy is beyond salvation.

Earlier, economists Carmen Reinhart and Kenneth Rogoff had declared that public debt in excess of 90 percent of the nation's productivity "leaves a nation's economy in a dangerous place." Similarly, economists David Greenlaw, James Hamilton, Peter Hooper and Frederic Mishkin said a nation with debt greater than 80 percent of GDP could see its finances spiral out of its own control. Regardless of who is right, since our debt is already at 104 percent of our GDP

and growing, we are living in an ever more "dangerous place."

As discomfort with this "dangerous place" grows, buyers of our debt will eventually require a higher interest rate premium. Interest on our debt will then consume a greater share of our national budget, thus increasing our debt further, squeezing out other valid functions of government, or both.

Why doesn't the Democratic approach work? Essentially, the private sector of the economy is the driver of economic growth. Raising taxes simply withdraws money from investors, businesses and consumers, thus stalling out economic growth. To state the obvious, this approach is counterproductive.

Why doesn't the Republican approach work? Between 1946 and 1964, Baby Boomers added 76 million to our population. Add four million of the same age group from immigration, and you have more than 25 percent of our population needing Social Security benefits, Medicare, and Medicaid benefits. The primary drivers of spending therefore cannot be reversed.

There appears to be no way to tax our way out, borrow our way out, or cut our way out of a long-term economic demolition. The daily economic battles are no longer about political ideology, but now sound more like angry cats in a bag, scratching to find the answer to a question that may no longer be answerable.

WHAT IF we've set our ship of state on a course that cannot turn to port or starboard, and dead ahead is a tipping point from which there is no return. WHAT IF... •

Another Man's Opinion

Making Education Attainable Benefits Everybody

By Cristian Vasquez

Education has been a topic of discussion for Republicans and Democrats during every local, state and national election. Many steps have been taken to address the academic needs of the nation, all with mixed results. President Bush's No Child Left Behind addressed our national K-12 system while current President Obama's Race to the Top expanded on what the previous administration set into motion. However, there is one area of education that President Obama has been addressing during his administration and that is the ability for students to afford a post-secondary degree.

It is hard to dispute that the more educated a person is, the more likely they are to earn more money throughout their lifetime. With some of the best universities in the world. Americans have all the tools necessary to prepare for a career and successfully transition from student to professional. However, the cost of education continues to get higher and higher, making it more difficult for students from a middle- and lower-socioeconomic background to pursue a higher education. According to numbers provided by the White House, in 2010 students who took out loans for college graduated with more than \$26,000 in student loan debt, surpassing credit card debt. In response to this crisis, President Obama has taken steps like raising the maximum Pell Grant award to \$5,635 for the 2013-2014 year. This is a \$905 increase since 2008.

It is understood that these institutions of higher learning have expenses and this

is not suggesting that they give away their education for free. Furthermore, it is common knowledge that there are thousands of corporations that provide full and partial scholarships to academically gifted students. Unfortunately, the private sector alone cannot address the entire issue on its own. President Obama's increase in Pell Grant awards is encouraging for current and future students who are seeking an avenue to financing their schooling without getting into so much debt that upon graduation, they are being crushed by student loan debts.

Our colleges and universities are so prestigious that they continue to attract students from abroad. It would be a shame if our school financing system became so unaffordable that we as Americans would be unable to seek a higher education because the financial burden would not be worth the expense. President Obama's administration is aiming at having America produce the highest portion of college graduates in the world by 2020. Producing career-ready college graduates is a process that begins in elementary school, but one that must be completed in college. In order to complete that process, the issue of affordability must be dealt with in a reasonable manner.

The President's increase in Pell Grant money is not the ultimate solution, nor will it solve all the financial complications facing students. Yet, it is a good incentive for students seeking financial aid to pay for





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This week we are going to talk about BBQ. Ever since I was young I have always loved the taste of BBQ. Whether it was chicken pork beef or even vegetables. The taste and smell of the grill is intoxicating.

First Rule of Grilling is to get the grill hot. Those grill rods need to be both clean

and hot before you even think about placing anything on the grill.

Next is what flavor you want to get out of the grill. All regions have a special style of their own. There is Southwest, Thai, Cantonese, Mediterranean, Moroccan, Indian etc.

My favorite is Asian. This is a blend of the flavors of the far east without the over powering heavy sauce.

Hope you like it.

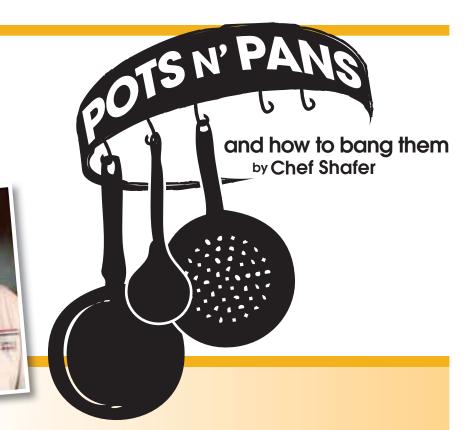
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Asian BBQ Sauce

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1/4 cup chopped pickled ginger (the kind you eat at a sushi bar)

1/2 cup brown sugar

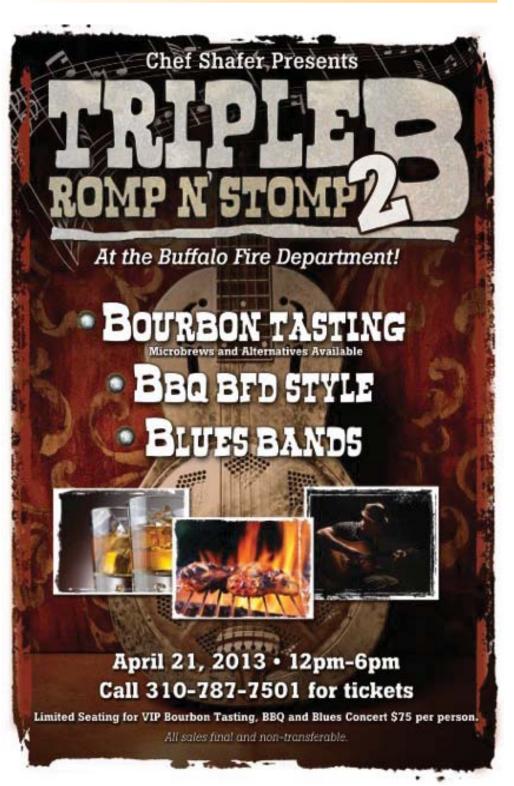
2 tablespoons chopped garlic

1 to 4 tablespoons hot chili sauce depending on how spicy you want it (like sambal oelek or siracha sauce/ both can be found at your local super market)

Mix together all ingredients.

If using as a marinade, add a cup of chicken broth to thin it out

Get your grill hot then start by brushing your meat, fish or vegetables with a little vegetables oil. Place it on the grill and proceed to mark off or get some color on the product. Then as it cooks, baste the stuff with the sauce until you have cooked to the degree you wish. The sauce has sugar in it so you have to be careful that it doesn't burn so flip it repeatedly. Have fun and don't forget BBQ is for finger licking!



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Sports

Season Off to a Great Start

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo High School baseball season is off to a great start. The Eagles are hosting their own tournament and have played well so far. With a new coaching staff in place, a number of returning players and more than enough talent that has moved up from the JV and frosh/soph teams, the Eagles have looked impressive. Though they fell to nationally ranked Serra 7-1 to open the season, the Eagles bounced back against Bell with a 2-0 win to even their record to 1-1. The Eagles faced 2012 CIF Southern Section Division 7 champions Tuesday and continued pool play today against a team to be announced (weather permitting).

The Eagles opened the season by hosting Serra. The Cavaliers have put together an impressive lineup of players recruited from a number of schools including Mira Costa, St. Bernard, Victor Valley and Hamilton. Their prize possession, Dominic Smith, is a hardthrowing left-hander who hit the upper 80s and low 90s throughout the game.

The Cavaliers' plans to throw Smith against the Eagles was in the works for weeks. Serra opted to play at El Segundo instead of its own dilapidated field so it could take advantage of field and crowd conditions. It was also an opportunity to showcase two South Bay teams that should be in the thick of things when league play and the playoffs come around.

Serra struck first with two unearned runs in the first inning. It came back with four more in the third inning and one more in the fourth. Ryan Pordes, who started for the Eagles, gave up six runs--four of them earned--in just over four innings. Tanner Stevens came in to shut down the Cavaliers.

The Eagles had their difficulties against Smith who struck out 10 in five innings. Smith, who is a projected a top five round Major League prospect, limited the Eagles to just two hits and walked three. Facing a pitcher like Smith to start the year may have been a daunting task, but Eagle batters didn't look intimidated. "We were just out of sync with his fastball. I'd like to see where we'd be against him in another month or so," said Eagle head coach Steve Shevlin.

The Eagles' lone run came in the seventh inning when junior third baseman Nick Martinez clobbered his first home run of the year that cleared the towering second fence in left-centerfield. Shevlin, who became just the third El Segundo High head baseball coach in the past 53 years, was upbeat after his team's season opening day loss. "We played well in spite of the score," he said. "That's a good team, but we certainly are too. We're a little banged up with a couple of injuries right now."

The injuries Shevlin is speaking of are to All-South Bay centerfielder Eric Gronhagen and sophomore shortstop Lars Nootbaar. Both are expected to have great seasons and both are expected to return to the lineup in the next week or so.

Against Bell, the Eagles played a clean game defensively and turned three double plays to aid a great pitching performance by right-hander Willem Mostert. The sophomore struck out one, walked three and allowed just four hits. With his complete game, shutout victory, he became just the third pitcher in three years to match that feat. The others were Nigel Nootbaar (USC) and Josh Bornstein (UC Irvine).

The Eagles hit the ball hard against Bell and didn't strike out once, but unfortunately grounded out 14 times. El Segundo managed five hits and Nootbaar accounted for three of them, going three for three on the day with

a stolen base. The only run production came in the fourth inning when Austin Brasher lashed a single to left-centerfield. Martinez then hammered his second home run of the year to give his team a 2-0 lead.

The Eagles continued pool play against Firebaugh in their own tournament on Tuesday and play today weather permitting. The tournament wraps up on Saturday with games and sites to be determined. Next week, the Eagles travel to face Redondo in a doubleheader on Thursday with games starting at 3:15 and 5:30 p.m.

The JV baseball team started its season with an 11-1 win over Narbonne. Davis Salzman went five innings to pick up the win. He gave up one run on four hits, struck out three and walked one in an impressive start. Kyle Atmore finished up by throwing two perfect innings.

Joey Garza had a two-run double in the first and Dylan McDonnell's bases loaded triple highlighted a four-run fourth Inning for the Eagles. McDonnell, Matt Mc Clean, Jackson Walz and Richard Bennett each had two hits to lead the Eagles.

EAGLES IN THE NEWS

Former Eagles are making an impact at the colligate level. Trent Miera (2012) is the starting second baseman for the El Camino Warriors. He is hitting a respectable .318 for the 6-7 Warriors. Justin McCullough (2010) is splitting time at catcher for El Camino and has an on-base percentage of .385 as a hitter.

Nigel Nootbaar (2011) is a sophomore pitcher for the USC Trojans. In his first start of the year, he went six innings in the Trojans' 5-1 loss to Fresno State. Nootbaar, however, may have made an impact by striking out 12 batters--the most by a Trojan in two years. At one point, he retired 11 consecutive batters including striking out the side in the fourth inning. With the loss, he dropped to 1-1 on the year and upped his ERA to 2.45.

It was an El Segundo Eagle baseball reunion of sorts when UC Irvine and Loyola Marymount faced off against each other. UC Irvine had pitcher Josh Bornstein (2012) and Grant Palmer (2011) in one dugout, with Brice Savage (2010) in the other and Heath Jones (1988) as the third base umpire.

With the 2013 Eagles' baseball team in the stands, they watched as both Savage and Palmer made significant contributions to their teams during this game. UC Irvine's power-hitting lineup came out on top 10-3 as both Palmer and Savage scored for their respective teams.



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<u>Frankly Plank</u>

By Duane Plank

Nice moment at the Spectrum Club last weekend. Finished my workout, which usually includes about an hour of cardio starting on the stationary bike and ending up on the treadmill--with an occasional couple of minutes on the rowing machine.

Haven't returned to running around the streets of Mayberry yet. Still feeling some stiffness in the right knee, which makes constantly pounding the pavement a dubious idea at best. When I do start to jog again, think it will be on the cushioned surface of the high school track. And more than one supporter has mentioned that I should break down and invest in a knee brace, which I haven't done yet, of course.

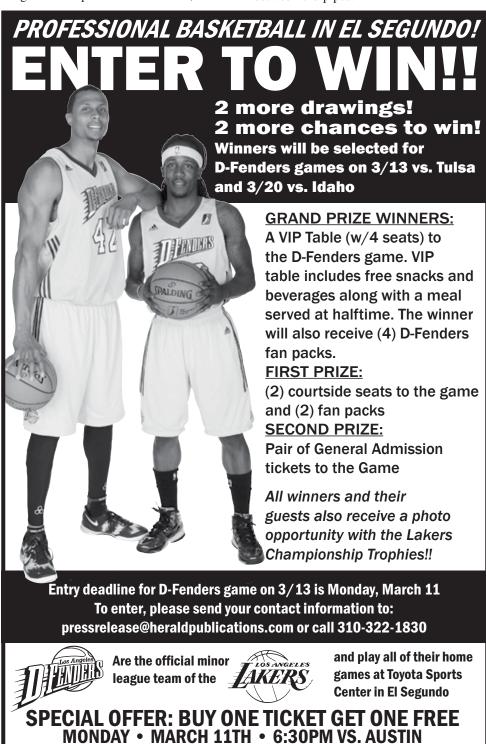
Back to the Spectrum. Finished the workout, entered the nice locker facility and completely forgot which locker I had stowed my clothes in. Now I usually try to use the same couple of lockers, which are available on a daily basis. Throw your clothes in, dial in a four-digit combo, turn the lock to the left and your clothes and valuables are safe. Really safe, in this case, because I hadn't a clue which locker that I had selected.

So, with a bunch of undressing and undressed men milling around, sheepishly went to the first locker that I thought might hold my stuff, and turned the tumblers, entering my top-secret combo. Which did nothing--was the wrong locker. Course, as luck would have it, the man whose locker I was trying to break into came out of the showers and wasn't too amused when he spied me playing with the lock on his locker. He gave me a quick look of disdain, while I quickly explained that I had forgotten which locker that I had used.

A similar scene played out twice more, with just-showered men looking at me like I was an idiot as I fiddled with the lock on their locker. Luckily, the fourth locker that I tried the top-secret combo on was mine. I was about one minute from saying to heck with it and heading to the parking lot. Idiot.

So the softball has been going well, although I can't take credit for much of the 14U Benchwarmers' early successes. One of the great things about the games has been the pace of play. No inning can start after 90 minutes and the umpires have shown a great knack for moving the games along, getting the girls in and out between innings. Still getting the knack of the underhanded pitching and not-so-proudly had my first runner thrown out at home by about 20 feet the other afternoon with a little over-aggressive base coaching.

As for the guys and gals who are paid to play, the Lakers continue teasing their fans as they edge closer towards the playoffs; the Clips are on cruise control as they comfortably hold down their Western Conference playoff spot; the Ducks continue to pile up points as they continue to lead the Pacific Division; and the Kings had a nice win streak snapped last Saturday in Vancouver, partly due to some suspect goaltending by Jon Quick. Again. Unless Quick picks it up soon and increases his very pedestrian save percentage, look for no Bolshoi coach Darryl Sutter to give presumed number two net-minder Jon Bernier substantial time between the pipes. •



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<u>Finance</u>

Tax Deadlines Are Real

By Jason Alderman

Congress could well debate the debt ceiling, tax reform and other important economic issues until the cows come home, but one

thing's for sure: If you don't pay your income taxes - or at least file for an extension - by April 15, you could be in for a world of financial hurt.

That's because the IRS probably won't give you a break on the penalties it levies on unpaid taxes unless you were the victim of a natural disaster, suffered death or serious illness in your immediate family, or experienced another catastrophic event.

You must file your 2012 federal tax return (or request an extension) by midnight on April 15, 2013 otherwise the penalty on any taxes you owe will increase dramatically. You'll be charged an additional five percent of taxes owed for each full or partial month you're late, plus interest, up to a maximum penalty of 25 percent of the amount owed. (The interest rate currently charged is 3.22 percent.)

If you file your return or extension request on time, however, the penalty drops tenfold to only 0.5 percent per month, plus interest.

Here's how it adds up: Say you owe \$2,500 in federal income tax. If you haven't requested an extension, you would be charged an additional \$125 (5 percent), plus interest, for each month you're late in paying off your bill. Had you filed for an extension, the penalty would drop to only \$12.50 per month (0.5 percent).

Be sure to contact the IRS early if you won't be able to pay on time so you keep as many payment options open as possible - either call 800-829-1040 or visit your local IRS office. Also check out the IRS' "Filing Late and/or Paying Late" webpage for helpful information (www.irs.gov).

One way to avoid this penalty is to pay by credit or debit card before the filing deadline. You'll pay a convenience fee, which is tax-deductible if you itemize. Fees vary

> depending on which payment processor you choose. (See "Pay Your Taxes by Debit or Credit Card" at www.irs.gov for details.) If you use a credit card, make sure you can pay off the balance within a few months; otherwise the accrued interest might exceed the penalty.

> Other payment options include:

> If you can pay the full amount within 120 days, you

may qualify for a Short-Term Extension. If granted, you'll still owe interest on your debt, but will avoid the application fee for an installment agreement.

If you need longer than 120 days, an Installment Agreement lets you pay off your bill in monthly installments.

To apply for either, fill out an Online Payment Agreement Application at www. irs.gov or call an IRS representative at 800-829-1040.

Under certain dire financial-hardship circumstances, the IRS will allow some taxpayers with annual incomes of up to \$100,000 to negotiate a reduction in the amount owed through an Offer in Compromise. For step-by-step instructions, read the IRS Form 656 Booklet.

If you're unable to make payments on your installment agreement or offer in compromise, call the IRS immediately for alternative payment options, which could include reducing the monthly payment to reflect your current financial condition.

Also read the IRS's guide, "The What Ifs for Struggling Taxpayers," which contains helpful information on the tax impacts of different scenarios such as job loss, debt forgiveness or tapping a retirement fund. •

<u>Ask the DMV</u>

Expert Answers to Common DMV Questions

Do you have questions about general driving related requirements like registration and insurance? Are you unclear about laws and restrictions related to driving? The California Department of Motor Vehicles has answers. Save Time. Go Online at www.DMV.ca.gov.

Q. I hear that it will soon be okay to text using voice-operated devices. Is this true?

A. Yes! Current laws do not allow drivers to use electronic wireless communications devices to write, send, or read a text. Starting, January 1, 2013, Assembly Bill 1536 will allow drivers to use wireless communication devices that are specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation to dictate, send, or listen to a text-based communication, and it is used in that manner while driving.

Q. Can I renew my vehicle's registration on the Internet if the registration is suspended for vehicle insurance?

A. No. If the registration is suspended for vehicle insurance when the renewal notice is printed, you will not be given the option of renewing your vehicle registration online. The renewal notice will provide instructions for clearing the suspension and renewing the registration. For more information on registration renewals please visit http://www.DMV.ca.gov/online/vrir/ faqins.htm. Remember to Save Time! Go Online!

Q. How do I contact the DMV for help with technical issues I am experiencing with DMV's online services?

A. For assistance with technical issues while using our online services, please call 1-877-563-5213. The Online Technical Support Call Center business hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Across

1. Bohemian, e.g.

5. Foreshadow 10. Beat

14. Calcite rock 15. Kind of force

16. Deplaned

17. Hoagie, e.g. 20. "What's Happening!!" character

21. Grand

22. 1965 Ursula Andress film

23. Delineate 26. Fertilizer ingredient

28. Common contraction

31. Some deer 33. B & B

34. Creamy dessert 40. The "B" in N.B.

41. "Arabian Nights" menace

42. "___ cost you!"

43. Basic 48. Blinking light, maybe

49. Jewish month 50. Cow, maybe

51. Zoroastrian

54. Nile wader

__ system

57. Hot

61. Didn't walk

65. Cooking style

69. As a result

70. Doozie 71. Dance

72. Dither

73. Mesh

74. With understanding

Down

1. Bustle

2. Vermeer's "Woman With a __

3. A long way off 4. Care for

5. Dr. J's first pro league

6. Mantel piece

7. Surge 8. Bryce Canyon locale

9. City near Sparks

10. Aviary sound 11. Elite

12. Corner

13. Aromatic solvent 18. Foreword

19. "Beats me!"

24. Rank above maj

25. Got wind of

27. Indigenous Canadian

28. Part of a nuclear arsenal, for

short

29. Biblical pronoun

30. Lady of Lisbon

32. Ore remover 33. "___ Not There," 2007 film

35. Sea monster of myth

36. Dangerous bacteria

37. Greek promenade

38. Knocked off, in a way 39. If not

44. All excited

45. ___ Doubt, rock band

46. It has a certain ring to it

47. Excuse

51. Glazier's items

52. Scrub 53. Cheek cosmetic

55. Bar offering

58. Skin products maker

59. Swift fly

60. Oenologist's interest

62. Municipality in France

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67. Nod, maybe

68. Adaptable truck, for short

Last Week's Answers

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Adopt a "pet without a partner" and give a homeless pet a second chance in life. **SugarMom** and her litter of 11 puppies Thalia lived with two other dogs in her prior home. She is also housebroken. Currently she is kenneled most of the day and needless to



One of SugarMom's 11 Pups.

came to us on Sunday the 24th, the day Tinseltown got all dressed up for the Oscars. So, without further ado... Meet our Academy! SugarMom is named after Searching for Sugarman, which won an Oscar for best documentary feature. We can't say enough say, this lovely girl has a lot of energy when she gets out for her daily walks. When in a home, Thalia settles down very nicely and has very good house manners. She will sit and lie down on command. The vet techs have taken her home for overnight visits and

she is such a good dog. Thalia is fun-loving, cute, silly, spunky and has personality plus! Please help her find her forever home by contacting Nancy or Deanna at Primary Care Vet hospital at 562-274-7776 to meet Thalia.

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SugarMom

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Thalia is a very sweet, 40-pound Pittie mix with a shiny, silky, chocolate brown coat with a white blaze down her chest. Her prior owner lost his home and she has been living at Primary Care Veterinary Hospital in Long Beach since November 2012. The vets and staff are trying to find a good home for her, as she is way too special to take to the shelter.



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