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Free local events

to celebrate the

Fourth of July

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Coach Greg Howes, left, will be Las Vegas Legends' first coach for the professional indoor team. Home games will be held at Orleans Arena.



Las Vegas scores new professional team

By Justine Espersen The Guardian Express

Photos by Claudia Ponce

Las Vegas welcomes their new professional sports team, the Las Vegas Legends indoor soccer team. This is the 15th addition to the Professional Arena Soccer League (PASL).

"Residents of Las Vegas are craving more professional sports and we are sure they will really enjoy the action and competitiveness of indoor soccer," says

Meir Cohen, general manager and president of Las Vegas Legends. "We have

and helped bring the Milwaukee Wave the championship title in 2011. Along with working hard just on the field, but off, too." Howes added he has expectations for the players

"We are sure to have the

best fan base in the entire

league and with affordable

family can watch the action

without having to break the

bank," Cohen added in a

press release.

ticket prices, the entire

kids.

to be role models for young

Additionally, the Legends will be holding open tryouts for Las Vegas residents the week of Aug. 20-15 at the Las Vegas Indoor Soccer Complex, 1400 N. Rampart Blvd.

Season tickets can now be reserved for the Legends' ten home games. Kids' season tickets are \$80 while adult season tickets are \$144. There are additional packages to be offered. Visit www.lasvegaslegends. com for more information.

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our head coach and are eager to field a strong team."

The team is to be coached by renowned player Greg Howes. He has earned the Major Indoor Soccer League's Most Valuable Player award three times

on the field, the team's management expects its players to work just as hard within the Las Vegas community.

"Las Vegas Legends is a team who will be a part of the community," Legends' General Manager and President Meir Cohen said. "Not

First Lady makes visit to Henderson

By Alberto Angulo

The Guardian Express

HENDERSON, NEV., JUNE 19: "Another four years! Another four years!" people chanted at the Henderson Convention Center, as they waited for the first lady of the United States of America, Michelle Obama, in what turned out to be her third surprise visit to this state, answering the invitation made by Henderson's local supporters.

"Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something," said Emma Sutton, retired librarian who volunteered for the

event and was one of the speakers at the podium. The First lady told the audience an emotional story

about how her father debated many times over paying rent or paying college loans. Michelle gave an emotional testimony about her father, who showed her unconditional love and worked very hard. "Michelle" continued on page 2



Above: Michelle Obama made a surprise visit and further discussed student loans.

Residential Civic Alliance meets in Henderson

By Luis Cabrera

The Guardian Express

The City of Henderson's Downtown Residential Civic Alliance carried out its third meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19th in the Henderson's City Hall Annex Conference Room, located at 280 Water Street. The Civic Alliance organization, founded this year, is structured as a community-based coalition that strives to uphold and enhance the quality of life in downtown Henderson. The citizen group seeks to

create accord and strength-

en ties and cooperation between the community and the city's public officials. Part of the alliance's goal includes "Henderson" continued on page 2



Above: Henderson Industrial Park under construction.

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Northern Nevada next for smart meters

firm Sage and Associates

discovered several health

risks related to smart meters.

These include headaches,

sleep disruption, cancer and

heart problems. Verizon

and other companies who

transmit the information

from these meters proclaim

that the radiation levels are

in the "safety zone." Op-

ponents to the device cite

other research, including

By James Turnage The Guardian Express

NV Energy is planning to install "smart meters" in every home in the northern part of our state. There have been protests in San Francisco already, demanding the cessation of the installation of these instruments. The complaints are twofold. First, the radio frequency radiation is believed to exceed FCC limits, a level dangerous to living organisms. Second,

many customers are complaining of an outrageous increase in their monthly bills. A study by the consulting

"Michelle" from page 1

mong other topics, she spoke of birth A she spoke of birth control for women, gay rights and social security benefits, but the main message of her speech was definitely not to let voters forget the accomplishments of her husband, Barack Obama. On immigration, the first lady made the same case this is an important step, it

ten times higher monthly bills have been reported. Obama did last week when ment of Homeland Security not to deport an estimated 800,000 young immigrants who grew up here after their parents brought them to the United States illegally. "They came here as children and were raised as Americans," the first lady

The PUC has agreed to have a hearing as soon as possible. The time and date have not been set.

Left: Nev-

dada Energy

is looking to

place smart

meters in

northern

Nevada.

The "stop smart meters" movement is spreading across the United States, the UK and Australia. An increase in brain tumors is thought by many doctors and scientists to be a direct result of increased usage of wireless devices. More information can be

acquired by going to sage By the way, my analog meter

is not a permanent solution. he ordered the Depart- It is not. So Barack is going to keep fighting to give these children a real path to citizenship," she continued.

On her way to convention center, the first lady stopped by a local coffee house where she ordered a passion tea, talked about the weather and left a very good tip, said an employee.

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"Henderson" from page 1

preserving elements of the downtown sector, such as its pedestrian-friendly character. In addition, they focus on encouraging growth and development in the city's central zone. The efforts for development and redevelopment concern five different precincts in the area: the Atlantic, Basic, Gateway, St. Rose and Water Street District.

This week's assembly was presided over by the redevelopment communication specialist for the City of Henderson, Tiffany Reardon. The scheduled agenda for the night included a brainstorming session to generate fresh ideas to engage neighbors' involvement, and several proposed initiatives to identify group's priorities and funding opportunities.

In a phone conversation, Reardon explained that this week's meeting, in which they welcomed new members in addition to regular ones, "went really well." "They finalized their mission and vision," she added, and "they already have a cleanup scheduled for June 29th." Members of the alliance who go to the meetings take the resulting initiatives back to their neighbors, while at the same time acquiring feedback from the area residents. For now, the Basic and Wa-

ter districts are the ones seeing more involvement from "active in their community."

that the group is trying to get more participation. "We are trying to get more neighbors," she stated, referring to the districts with fewer enrollments, "we are working on those." Concerning downtown, two of the main issues being addressed at this time are the appearance of the buildings and streets as well as their general cleanliness. In addition, safety in the area is also an important topic on the agenda.

citizens, but Reardon said

The official with the City of Henderson is pleased to see the ongoing effort: "They're making great progress" she commented, referring to the members of the alliance. "They're all very passionate about downtown." Reardon went on to say that the residents involved "love living down here" and they are organizing on further activities for the next couple of months. They are "working together to bring the neighbors onboard," she offered because we want to have the others share the same "passion and love for the neighborhood." Great work is underway to

mprove and embellish beautiful downtown Henderson. However, more involvement and participation in the Civic Alliance is needed. The redevelopment expert for the city expressed that she would like to "see more residents" participate, and be



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Four southern Nevada swimmers head to Olympic Trials

By Justine Espersen The Guardian Express

Four of southern Nevada's swimmers are competing in the Olympic Trials of Omaha, Nebraska. Swimmers include Erin Emery, 14, of Palo Verde

High School; Catie Miller, 15, of Bishop Gormon High School; Olivia Barker, 17, of Bishop Gormon High School; and Hannon Daigler, 19, originally from Pahrump, who will be attending University of Arizona in the fall. "I'm excited, not really

nervous," said Barker, who is competing in the 400m

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Radio Apprentice Contestants

- Danny Lopez
- Lynda Kennedy
- Jessica Robinson
- Amber Malise
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said to loud cheers. "While

the use of cell phones as being a cause of brain tumors. As for the increase in fees, reports.com/smart-meterreports of two, three and even rf/ or StopSmartMeters.org. seems to be working just fine.

News



hotos by Angel Valdez

Above from left to right: Catie Miller, 15, Erin Emery, 14, Olivia Barker, 17, and Hannon Daigler, 19, give last minute smiles before heading to the Olympic Trials of Omaha, Neb. Top right: Olivia Barker practices the butterfly while Hannon Daigler, bottom right, practices the breast stroke.

individual medley and 200m and 100m butterfly, "but I'm sure I will be when I get there." June 25th through July 2 will be the first time for all

of the swimmers to compete in the Olympic Trials. "Our goal is to get a best time," Miller, competing in the 400m individual medley. and Emery, who is competing in the 800m freestyle, said. "That's always the goal," Daigler added, who will be competing in the 400m individual medley.

A coach for 17 years, Ron Aitken has had some swimmers make it to the Olympic Trials before, including

We just wish the best for each

other. 🖷

Miller's older brother Cody Miller. However, it is more of an accomplishment to send these swimmers as they are still living in the valley and haven't received further training from a college.

In part, with the local swimmers' first attempt at the Olympic Trials, they will have to deal with a lot of new obstacles.

"It should go pretty well, but we'll have to worry about the atmosphere, which will be pretty intimidating," Aitken said. "Imagine it like a huge basketball arena; envision it like the NBA arena."

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The event expects to have around 60,000 fans attend in support of the swimmers "It gets really noisy fast and gets the kids' adrenaline going," Aitken said.

Coach Aitken expects the Olympic Trials to be an experience and a test for the swimmers.

"If they can get through this, it will be their first step to success," Aitken said.

No matter the outcome, the teammates and swimmers hope to do their best, supporting each other the entire way.

"We just wish the best for each other," Emery said. "We all motivate each other."

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A further in-depth look into the reasoning behind Las Vegas' unemployment and how to fix it.



The truth behind unemployment in Las Vegas Part Two: the sypmtoms of the problem

By Bridgette Bryant The Guardian Express

Unemployment across the country is occurring because of an unqualified workforce, budget restricted businesses and lower-wage competition overseas.

As a home-based business owner. I moved to Vegas with the objective of helping rebound the economy here by building up other businesses using my graphic design and communication skills (I moved here with that purpose). The only way for me to do this was to hire contractbased employees. I needed five sales representatives, an administrative assistant, a graphic design intern, one web designer and three graphic designers in order to do execute the marketing plan I had developed.

After reviewing somewhere around 300 inquiries at different points in time over a two month period for these positions and interviewing the best candidates from my options (about 15 in all), I had to give up my plight, and here is why: In a five-month period, I went through three admin assistants, each of which was guilty of the same crime: not meeting deadlines. Their job was simple: work from home, call these people on this list I am giving you and get their email addresses. That's it. No kidding.

"Well," you say, "what were you paying them? Maybe you just weren't attracting the right candidates."

I thought that too, when I brought on the first two contractors at \$12 an hour, so I raised it to \$15 for the last one (and when you work in the fact that they were able to work from home and only had to "come in" for one paid lunch meeting per week, it starts to look like a pretty good deal)

"Well, maybe it was your management style ... " It absolutely was. I totally agree. I expected a worker to take an assignment and, well, do it. I have learned, however, that not everyone works from a high level of standards. I assumed that most people worked at least almost as hard as myself or that, even if they didn't, they would at least accomplish tasks that were put before them in order to be

paid. I was wrong. Another place I went wrong was expecting people who actually applied for a job to actually be ... quali-

fied for it. When I put out my ads looking for graphic designers, I got a high school coach, an accountant, and other random skill sets. Many of them had never even performed the duties listed in the job post. I would have been open to training someone with the right attitude, but it was clear by their messages that many of them sent me a form letter and clearly did not even read the details

of the position. Some of them even mis-referenced the job they were applying to. "Hi, I'm writing to apply for your lifeguard position." Really?

Many of them were simply applying to every job they could find, which I totally understand when times are rough. But I can't even remember how many resumes I got that were addressed to the wrong person or referred to me as "sir" (don't ever address by sex to a job posting unless you know for sure).

My worst interview story: I decided to try for interns. I changed my schedule to meet with one little fu&#@% because it was right before I was heading out of town and he was the most promising candidate, (on paper anyway) and I wanted to get the process going.

I got up an hour earlier than normal to interview him for one hour, only for him to tell me at the

end that he was just going around doing interviews because his dad told him to and that he wasn't really looking for a job.

I have never been so close to committing physical violence before in my life!

After asking how many companies he had done this to and nicely telling him how pissed I was that he wasted my time (in those words), I actually found myself giving him career advice..."what the -?"

Not taking work and responsibility seriously are cornerstones of the unemployment problem. So is need for additional training and technologically advanced skill sets.

The symptoms of the high unemployment rate are a lackluster pursuit for work, diminishing hope of actually finding work, and a cyclical pattern that businesses are perpetuating in deciding not to hire people who have not worked in

putting people back in the fresh-out-of-school position where they want to get a good job because now they've graduated with this education but they cannot get a good job because they have no experience, so they are stuck in a position where they cannot do anything at all.

over six months. It's like

Each side has a part to play in resolving this situation.

Employers must begin looking for character and being willing to train in the area of skill.

Jobseekers must give their all to their work and seek out only jobs that they are passionate about and are good at. If we each only pursue the work we want to do in our hearts, in the long run, we will all be happier and more fulfilled.

Lastly, governing bodies must stop making it difficult for people to start and grow their businesses. Our "Unemployment" continued on page 7

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By Dorothy Bunce The Guardian Express

s a bankruptcy attorney, I know a lot of people with bad credit. Until recently, though, no one had ever brought up a problem involving the dirty little secret of the relationship between insurance premiums and credit scores. Recently though, I received a call from one of my Chapter 13 clients who had been struggling to make payments in order to catch up on his past due mortgage payments through the Bankruptcy system. Unexpectedly, his mortgage payment had increased by a lot! I looked into this situation. No, his interest rate hadn't gone up. His taxes had actually gone down, along with the value of his home. But for some reason, his real estate insurance

premiums had tripled - going from \$600 a year to over \$1,800 a year even though in ten years, he had never filed a claim.

That didn't make any sense. I figured his premiums should have gone down since the value of his house had gone down drastically. To get an explanation, I called my trusted insurance agent. He explained that regardless of the current market value of real estate, property insurance covers the cost of replacing any property that is damaged. That cost has actually gone up. In addition, my insurance guy showed me why he is my trusted insurance guy. He explained that premiums for all kinds of insurance, from car insurance to property insurance and even medical insurance, are based on a person's credit score. Two people with the same property or medical history, obtaining the same insurance, will pay



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Allen Anthony Blangue

Insurance premiums and your credit:

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vastly different rates if they have different credit scores. The person with the bad credit will pay a lot more for insurance coverage than someone with good credit.

Fortunately, my insurance guy was able to find a better deal for my client. But more and more I am discovering that many of the practices of insurance companies make no sense and in some instances, sound somewhat shady. For example, if your car is damaged in an accident, does your insurance company tell the repairman to use original manufacturer's parts? Or do they order the

repairs to be made with "generic parts" that may or may not have the same quality as the car was made with? Maybe this doesn't matter to you, but it seems to me that with all the fine print contained in our insurance policies, the policy ought to at least tell us what kind of coverage we are getting for our money. Should my insurance company be saying what kind of parts the repairman should use? Shouldn't that be a decision for me to make?

For the amount of money we pay for insurance, I believe we ought to know what we are buying. I urge

you to have a conversation with your insurance agent about what your coverage does and doesn't provide. And certainly, for those who have young children, life insurance needs to be part of your estate plan. Term life insurance can be a very economical way to protect your family should the worst happen. Having a conversation with your insurance agent can also be a good way to find out if he or she is your "trusted insurance guy" as well.

For information about your credit score, you will want to check with the only legitimate provider of credit



Bankruptcy attorney Dorothy Bunce analyzes the relationship between insurance premiums and credit scores.

information to creditors, FICO. Other credit reporting services (like the ones with the catchy jingle on TV) are only guessing about your credit scores, whereas FICO owns a secret method of calculating credit scores.

If you would like more information about repairing your credit, I would suggest that you review my many legal guides on Avvo at www.avvo.com. There is no cost to access this important free information.



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Tips about how one should go about investing as a small business within today's economy.

Small business investing in an uncertain economy

By Ron Peltier The Guardian Express

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Millions of Americans invest in a variety of ways: mutual funds, stocks, bonds, real estate, savings accounts, etc. The reality is that small business is also an investment—perhaps the best one out there.

Small business can provide an awesome return on your investment, plus provide you with equity, and the crucial difference is that in other areas of investments, you are left to the vagaries of the market with little to no influence regarding investment.

That is not the case in small business. Your investment in small business provides the opportunity to have a direct impact on its success. What's better than that?

So now you are convinced that starting your small business is your goal. Where do you go from there? It's not like you simply fill out a form and magically, a small business appears.

Here it would be prudent to consider a few things. Look at this checklist and make some decisions about where you fit.

Small Business Starter's Checklist: -What type of small

business are you interested in—a hands-on job or hands-off

-Be sure to Know Thyself

-Review the literature—research, read, understand -Identify an Industry will you provide a service or a product, for example -Identify professionals who can help you-business brokers, accounts, etc. Finding your niche Small business can be hands-on or hands-off. You can get up and go to work at the same time every day, like you would with any other job, with the main dif-

ference being that your hard

you should understand that whenever you begin a small business, there will be lots of hard work. You will need to roll up your sleeves and get involved—at least initially. With the right plan-

ning and decision-making, however, you can step back from the small business and reap the profits. And when you achieve this goal, then you can move into being a venture capitalist. More on that later.

one knows about it or your service is terrible, that won't matter.

You have to know how to order the food, find and train employees, deal with vendors, market it, etc.

On the other hand, if you know that you are a behindthe-scenes type of person, managing the books, ordering supplies, you should consider working with someone who can handle the customers, for example Poor service can be the

ownership generated 6,290,000 hits in less than one second. However, there are some staple starter sites that should be reviewed, such as:

> www.sba.gov www.score.org

www.business.gov www.chamber-of-commerce.com

www.peoplethatclick.com Chamber of Commerce:

Visit your local Chamber of Commerce. You will be able to ascertain information on small business ownership as well as find demographic information on your community. Also, many offer seminars on small business for reasonable rates. Seminars: Seminars are

Owner's Checklist for Starting a New Business

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Business transac- tions	First steps				
Select a lawyer	Get business cards				
Choose a form of organization	Review local busi- ness codes				
Select an account- ant	Obtain a lease				
Prepare a business plan	Get a federal employer identifica- tion number				
Select a banker	Get a state employ- er identification number				
Set up a business checking account	Send for federal and state tax forms				
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ting the job.

By Sabrina S. Siracusa The Guardian Express

here is no need to tell you that a job search in Las Vegas can wear even the most seasoned job seeker. In fact, you might think you have a better chance of making money from playing the slots. So it's no surprise to me that when people find out I worked in Human Resources for 18 years, the question asked over and over again is, "How do I get a job?"

The truth is that by following a few simple suggestions, you can greatly improve your chances of getting hired. In fact, you need to if you really want to stay ahead of the competition. Once you get into the habit of following these steps, it will be so easy, you will wonder why you never did it before. You might already be doing a few of them, but read on to get more helpful tips to double the odds in your search for a job. The first thing you should do is to carefully read the job posting for two reasons: It will help you understand what the employer is looking for, or at least hoping for, and it will guide you on how to

G Great customer service and going the extra mile is all well and good but can become a problem for your business without some fiduciary prudence.

work and energy directly improve your small business and your finances. This is not the case when you work for the "man."

For example, take the story of Mr. Jones: Mr. Jones worked for 20 years at a major corporation making a decent living. But he was not happy; he hated working for someone else, making THAT person rich, so one day, he decided to go into business for himself, delivering ice.

He started his own ice delivery business. His small business required him to deliver ice to various stores and gas stations every day, but he loved it. To him it didn't feel like a job.

Small business can also be more hands-off. However, before we go further,

Know Thyself The famous philosopher Socrates invited us to

"Know thyself." This is true with small businesses. An honest evaluation of yourself will be a major component to the success of your small business. Indeed, a successful small business often involves partnerships.

Suppose you have a great idea for opening a new, low-carb restaurant because you have experimented in the kitchen and have come up with some delicious dishes. In other words, you know how to cook and love

to cook. However, cooking the food is just one aspect of

running a restaurant. In fact, you may have the best tasting food this side of the Mississippi river, but if no

death knell of your business, that's for sure. The successful small

business needs to manage all aspects of its operations. Great customer service and going the extra mile is all well and good but can become a problem for your business without some fiduciary prudence.

Review the literature Books: You should review all the literature you can find on small businesses. Go to you local library and check out every book on small business that you can find. You can never have enough information. The

more you know, the better. Internet: The Internet is also an outstanding source of information.

For example, a Google search on small business

Business

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'Unemployment" from page 4 country was founded and prospered by the freedom of immigrants to build and create the life they wanted without limitation and without excessive regulation or taxation. They were free to be creative and free to solve their problems independently. When the people have freedom, their creative juices flow and they are able to not only see solutions but also to take the steps necessary to make those solutions a reality.

The symptoms of unemployment are simple and reversible and, if everyone does their part-- the employer, the jobseeker, and the government-- we will be able to patch up our boo boo and begin the restoration of Nevada.



Above: The basis of getting any good job is having an excellent resume and being respectful in sending out a thank you note for the job interview despite get-

How to double your odds of getting a job

write your resume. Recruiters are looking for a match as close as possible to the job description. The closer you match your resume to the position, the more likely you will get called in for a phone or in-person interview.

Regardless of what you do for a living, you will need a strong resume. There are many free resume templates available online. If you are having problems writing a resume, consider hiring a professional resume writer. There are many writers out there who are willing to work within your budget. Few things put off a recruiter more than a resume that is written in a confusing way or has poor grammar. You should also avoid including irrelevant personal information, such as hobbies or family information. Whether you write the resume yourself or hire someone, make sure it's clear and to the point. Also, keep in mind that many employers hire pre-employment screeners to verify the information, so be sure that your resume is factual as well.

A valuable tip that most people overlook is to sign up for work. If you have

been eyeing a company, create an applicant profile by leaving your resume on their website. By doing this, you will be the first in line when recruiters start looking through resumes to fill job openings. Don't stop there. Go on job search sites such as Monster and careerbuilder.com, and post your resume there as well. Be sure to go back every few weeks and update your resume so that you remain visible and available to recruiters.

As a former recruiter, I recommend that you get to know the company you want to work for. Go on their website and read their mission statement and the company's history. This will help you decide if you want to work there. Network with employees by attending face to face job fairs. Getting to know the company and its culture will also help you answer the age-old interview question, "Why do you want to work here?"

So you have followed some of my suggestions, and you got the interview. Make a great impression by showing up a few minutes early. Plan ahead by getting directions in advance and

leaving early to account for unexpected traffic delays. Murphy's Law dictates that something will happen on the way to the interview, so be prepared. Dress conservatively, and be polite to everyone you meet during your job interview. Sounds a bit old-fashioned, but these tips are time-tested.

Whether you think the job interview went well or not, you can still improve your chances on getting that job by following up after the interview. Send a thank you note. This lets the employer know you are still interested in the position.

It will also make you stand out among the other applicants because most people don't bother to do this. I can count the number of thank you letters on one hand that I received from applicants. It shows follow up and self direction, a quality employers always appreciate. And last but not least, save this article and use it when you are applying for a job. By following a combination or all of these simple tips you will impress the recruiter and increase the odds in getting your foot in the door and landing the job. Best of luck in your search!





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Democrats say they support the poor but their actions don't By Randy Rose

The Guardian Express

the poor, and you can be certain that a huge percentage are registered democrat. The democrats are primarily full of Progressives, so they are well-adept at lying and causing the masses to believe the lie as truth. Democrats lie about racism. You can read my article "Zimmerman is a Democrat" to learn the racism deeply embedded in the Democratic Party. Yet with the truth always out there to be seen, the democrats are masters of deception. They say "We want to help the poor and the children." Sounds great, but then they decide that you are no longer allowed to light your own home with incandescent light bulbs. You must use the mercuryfilled, fluorescent light bulb that retails for \$5.00; but

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the incandescent retails for .69 for 4 light bulbs. There is a huge price increase from 4/.69 to 4/\$20, and the incandescents last 1/3 the time. Even after the math, you can see \$2.76 for incandescent and \$20 is still a financial burden for the poor. President Obama has always been clear that energy "prices will necessarily skyrocket under my plan" and gasoline has gone from \$1.83/gallon on January 20, 2009 to \$3.89/ gallon a week ago. Both those great plans from the democrats sure did help the poor! The real rich, the old money, is in the hands of democrats; that is why they always have more campaign funds. When you are rich, \$4.00/gallon is no big deal, but the poor take it hard financially, and that is the democrats keeping

the poor, most of whom are also democrats, in their place. The fact is that it is easier to control poor people. The cornerstone of the Progressives is to take control of you and strip you of your liberties. Have you noticed that your electric bill is higher this year? That is due to the democrats and their Green Agenda, which

is a huge asset that can be used to control the masses. The electric bill is up, gas prices are up, food prices are up and lightbulbs are going up, so how does this help the poor? So you keep electing the Progressives like Obama, Romney, Reid and Shelly B. Then you wonder why we are in the state of affairs that we are



Above: The poor take gasoline price increases hard financially, compared to the wealthy

as saying two things. One:

the main thing is, Obama

have a better answer, but if

you want to know what it

I vote.

is, vote us in and find out. I

want more than that before

MR: The reason I oppose

tax increases, is because I

think they hurt growth. It's

DG: Would you like to

see insurance guarantees

destructive to growth.

is wrong. Two: I (or we)

Politics trumps country: interview with Marco Rubio

By Art Stevens

The Guardian Express

Meet the Press: Sunday, June 24th 2012: Dick Gregory interviews Marco Rubio.

DG: Can any illegal immigrant become legal in the United States without first going home?

MR: What we have to do first; is to win the confidence of the American people, and second; modernize our immigration system. The border security element, which has improved, needs



Above: Republican Florida Senator Marco Rubio.

to continue to improve. If we do these things, the problem of the nine to twelve million people becomes easier to deal with. DG: Who can become legal? What is amnesty?

MR: We began to work on an approach, and will continue to work on an approach. We have to be compassionate to those nine to twelve million people.

DG: I'm not able to get a definitive answer from you; which is; 'Can anyone become legal without first going home? This is going to be the brass tacks question."

MR: The answer to that question depends on the environment on which it is being answered. Gregory then plays a clip

of Obama defending his recent decision affecting Latin children. DG: You are not even

comfortable saying what you would do about a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, even the children of illegal immigrants, because this is such a tough issue in the Republican Party over what is quote,

unquote, amnesty. MR: That's not an accurate assessment. The Dream Act is too broad. It could lead to these kids bringing in multiple relatives. For many people, this issue is more valuable unresolved.

Rubio brings up the issue of our enforcing our immigration laws, and I don't think ANYONE disagrees with that. Yet at the same time, he says that things have been getting better. If that is true, why not just

some very slight praise for Obama? We know why. It's because politics trumps country. He asserts that the Dream Act is too broad, and that he is working on an alternative that is better. Is it a secret? Is the reason for his not letting us know about it because even though he is Latin American, and has had years and years to contemplate it, he still doesn't have the answer? I read his statement



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conditions?

MR: People that are dif-

ficult to insure, should be in

high-risk pools. If the law

is overturned, Republicans

are going to have to come

up with a way to replace

what Obama Care does.

DG: Would you use

ANY money from closing

tax loopholes, or any new

revenue that comes into the

government, to pay down

the debt?

for people with pre-existing "Immigration" continued on page 9

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"Immigration" from page 8

Saturday, June 30:

MR: It's a question of how you generate it. DG: My question is:

would you use ANY of it to pay down the debt?

only way to solve this problem. I would use revenue from growth.

The initial question was very clear. "Can any illegal immigrant become legal in the United States without first going home?" What I would HOPE to get as an answer from any politician



Free local events to celebrate the Fourth of July

Red, White and Tunes at Springs Preserve, 8-10 p.m. A kick-off to the Independence Day weekend, featuring live music and old-fash

Wednesday, July 4: **Summerlin Patriotic** Parade. Escort & Dignitary Parade step-off, 8:30 a.m., and Patriotic Parade stepoff, 9 a.m. Start at corner of Hillpointe Road and Hills Center Drive in the Trails Village of Summerlin. The parade travels south toward

Wednesday, July 4: Free July 4th fireworks **display** at Providence's Knickerbocker Park in Providence Master Planned Community from 6-9:30 a.m. Includes a band, contests, food vendors, park activities. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.

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City of Henderson Fireworks from 6-9 p.m at Million Hills Park, 551 E. Mission Drive. Featuring live entertainment by The Randy Anderson Band, Battle of the Bands contest with 9 high high school bands, fireworks begin at 9

this before I vote, not after.

"The Dream Act could lead to these kids bringing in multiple relatives." How ridiculous.

First of all, I think that both sides agree that border security must be made as airtight as possible. In fact, Rubio even states that it has been improved already. How do these relatives get into the country?

The only thing that must be done to avoid anything like what Rubio is suggesting, is to write laws that address the situation, and

then ENFORCE THEM. The enforcing part is what has eluded Presidents from Obama on down for many many years, and that must be changed.

"People that are difficult to insure should be in high risk pools?" Do YOU know what a high risk pool is? Again, we get a name, or a description of something, but with nothing spelled out

What is it? What does it do? How will these "difficult to insure: people" ACTU-ALLY be affected? No

answers. Vote us in to find out. I want to know now, not after the election.

On taxes: I don't have room here to go into detail but I urge all of you to look back to our history. Look back to all the Presidents and their use of taxes. Reagan is a Republican idol. Bush One: "Read my Lips." PLEASE look back to history. NO ONE ever WANTS to raise taxes.

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on either side of the isle would be: Yes, and then explain how; or no, and here

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MR: I think growth is the

is why. In all the times that the question was asked, we never, ever, got an answer. l really don't expect him to go into minute detail, but I DO expect him to give us his answer, and then make all the qualifications he likes.

> The message I take from this is: This is not about ideas that we (the Republican Party) have that will make things better. It IS, first and foremost, that Obama is

wrong. What would we do better? Vote us in; then wait and see. I want more than that before I vote. "Who can become legal?

What is amnesty?" "We will continue to work on an approach."

Same problem. Agree or disagree with what Obama is doing or not doing, but if you are running against him, don't you have to either agree with his handling of the issue, (OK, I'll wait until you stop laughing,) or tell us how YOU would handle it? I want to know

Unaware that we're living in Brave New World and 1984

By Michael Blain

The Guardian Express

predetermined and prefabricated society under complete surveillance has been a fear of intel-Rectuals and the socially conscious for eons, yet the majority of first world citizens across the Earth do not realize that this is already happening. Brave New World had a government that determined your future possibilities before your life was created scientifically in a dish by relegating a person as an alpha, beta or gamma. This was how it worked in the normal, acceptable society akin to our current first world economies, and on the savage reservations, humans could be born naturally but were forced to live in extremely dangerous conditions for survival, like our current third world economies. In our present day, the creation of humans still relies mostly on individual free will, with the exception of child restrictions that exist within China, for example, although this just causes the inhabitants of rural areas of their country to neglect to report the creation of child that exceeds the limitations for fear that the child may be taken away from them.

The distinctive ideas that are already in full swing from the predictions of Brave New World are the aspects of predetermination. People are being endlessly put on one way tracks in their lives and careers before they even notice what has truly happened to them. A gifted student gets separated from the rest of the pack and put into advanced and challenging curriculum courses, whilst a student that may be struggling early on in their education may easily be bogged down in remedial courses for the duration of their schooling without even the slightest

option to excel. McDonald's, one of the largest corporations on the globe, also does their best to keep workers as specifically deskilled to advancement as possible, meaning someone hired as a fry cook has a zero percent chance of ever becoming a manager regardless of the potential they may exude. And the worst part is that people seem comfortable with it. To quote the novel, "All conditioning aims at that: making people like their inescapable social destiny."

The most negative aspects and warnings of Brave New World may still be yet to come, but the most fearful ideas in 1984, a novel written by George Orwell in 1949, already surround us each and every day. It is terrifying that if you have an idea that could make life in this world better and it conflicts with the already established societal norms put in place by governments and the media, you are instantly deemed a criminal. 1984 had Thought Police, who could arrest you for even thinking about something revolutionary, and we are only a few baby steps away from that. The revolutionaries in Egypt, in America with Occupy Wall Street and countless other nations are considered criminals by the powers that be for non-violently voicing their opinions about grave injustices. Governments and militaries would rather see them dead than have them assembled in the streets resisting corrupt ideals that have already been in place for far too long. As the book says: "Thoughtcrime does not entail death: thoughtcrime is death."

In 1984, citizens were under surveillance at all times through endless cameras, microchips and even monitoring of individual brains themselves. Although we do not currently possess the technology to monitor thoughts, we are already filming and tracking a vast amount of



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the world's population. London has cameras watching people literally everywhere, and new parents are asking for microchips to be put into their babies for what they think is an intelligent safety precaution. No one seems to be consistently protesting the cameras in London, and people are actually asking for the microchips without being pressured. That is how the dire warnings of these two novels are coming true. People think they can't possibly be forced into a society that they want no part of whatsoever, but they are not being forced; they are being manipulated into begging for it. The governmental entity that controlled everything in 1984 was referred to as Big Brother, so I guess the most poignant question is: Do you really love Big Brother?



DJ Mizzy Matt a Rockstar DJ

By Kelly J Newson

J Mizzy Matt is a Rockstar DJ who is highly sought after in Las Vegas and recently with his Rockstar fam. He has released a new mix on iTunes, which you can download or stream and listen to while sitting back and relaxing or getting a party started. You can also hear DJ Mizzy Matt mixing it up on Hot 975 Vegas (97.5FM) and with his skills, DJ Mizzy Matt will be, if he's not already, a force to reckon with in this industry. There are definitely some positive things in store for DJ Mizzy Matt and if you want to keep up with all him, go to www.Specialistmg.com and also check out his YouTube channel at Youtube.com/DJMizzyMatt. Then, after you check him out and you want to book DJ Mizzy Matt for your event, just send an email to DJMizzyMatt@Gmail.com, and no matter your event, DJ Mizzy Matt is sure to get your party jumping.



By Rachel Diehl

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - June 22, 2012 - The Ultimate Fighting Championship[®] and Fremont Street Experience kick-off the inaugural UFC International Fight Week® with a free Fourth of July concert in downtown Las Vegas featuring multi-platinum rock band 3 Doors Down. UFC International Fight Week brings mixed martial arts fans from around the globe to Las Vegas from July 4-7 to celebrate their passion for the fastest growing sport in the world. Offering free concerts, pub crawls, pool parties and the highly-anticipated UFC Fan Expo®, International Fight Week offers fan unprecedented access to the largest gathering of UFC fighters ever. International Fight Week culminates with one of the biggest sporting events of the year: UFC^{*} 148: SILVA vs. SONNEN II from the MGM Grand Garden Arena on July 7.

Many of the great International Fight Week events, in-

UFC and Fremont Street Present Free Concert

3 Doors Down on July 4 to Kick-Off International Fight Week

4-7, for a free, public event. The UFC Octagon Truck, a fully customized 18-wheeler equipped with two Octagon-sized tents, will be on display at the 3rd Street North area, giving fans a chance to meet UFC athletes, play the latest UFC video games, check out cool memorabilia and more.

Downtown Pub Crawl

A Downtown Pub Crawl will be held on Thursday, July 5 from 6-8 p.m. and will be hosted by UFC fighters at the D Casino Hotel, Golden Gate Hotel & Casino, Golden Nugget Las Vegas and El Cortez Hotel & Casino. Fuel TV

On July 4-5, Fuel TV, the only cable and satellite television cable and satellite television network that features the exciting world of adrenaline and thrill-seeking sports including UFC, motocross, surfing, snowboarding and more, will be reporting live from Fremont Street Experience.

cluding the 3 Doors Down concert, are scheduled to take place at Fremont Street Experience, a staple of downtown Las Vegas.

"This is a great opportunity for UFC fight fans – and fans of great music - to take in a free concert starring 3 Doors Down, one of today's most notable bands," said Jeff Victor, president of Fremont Street Experience. "Fans can also participate in UFC's Octagon Nation Tour, a fan experience that really puts you in the middle of the action. Fremont Street Experience is eager to be a part of UFC Fight Week and we look forward to seeing the fans from around world and right here in Las Vegas come downtown to celebrate."

Schedule of Events:

Kick-Off Party Featuring Free Concert from 3 Doors Down

On Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Fremont Street Experience and UFC will host a free kick-off party

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A CineVegas Movie Review

By Ron Peltier The Guardian Express

End of the World," begins as Dodge Patterson, played by Steve Carell, and his wife Linda, played by his real wife, Nancy, sit in a car listening to a news station relay the last attempt to save humanity from Maltida-an asteroid that is on a collision course with Earth and will destroy humanity shortly after impact-has failed. Impact is a mere three weeks hence. Apparently, Bruce Willis and his expert oil-drilling team were not available to save humanity this time. His wife runs out of the car immediately after the station returns to its happy and upbeat playlist. This scene exemplifies the rather bumpy and uncomfortable juxtaposition in the film. The film combines two

cinematic motifs-the end of-humanity disaster film and "rom-com;" however, that is precisely where the problem occurs with the movie. It wants to be serious and profound, even



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"Seeking a Friend For the End of the World,"

"Seeking a Friend For the

morose at times, while light-hearted and capricious. This is a tough mix and often the film does not work. Steve Carell's "Dodge" is

ineffectual, hapless and lonely. The reason he got married was so that he would not die alone, he says. Initially, he still goes to work and conducts his business as he might normally, until he meets his neighbor, Penny, crying on landing. As he enters, she says "please don't rape me and I won't steal anything." Dodge is hardly capable of such depravity, but at least the film does not pretend that horrible things might be occurring off-screen. Is this going to be a sweet love story, a harrowing portrayal of humanity's depravity in the face of annihilation, or a reminder about what truly is important? Penny is played by Keira

Knightly, and it is nice to see her in a modern setting—she plays characters that seem perpetually stuck in Victorian England and period pieces. Everyone

in the film wrestles with end of times, and she is no different. Together, Dodge and Penny decide to reconcile relationships: Dodge looking for long, lost, love and Penny with her family. And so here the "rom-com" element begins.

One rather obvious theme presented is carpe diem. As they embark on a journey to seize what's left of the remaining days, the film loses focus. Clearly, the two of them are "meant" for each other, but somehow they can't see that. Given the impending end of humanity, the fact that the characters fail to see this is frustrating and pathetic. In a traditional romance, the couple fails to recognize the emerging and deepening affection. When they do finally "discover" it however, they live happily ever after. Their scenario affords no such happy long-term ending.

One of the problems as Dodge and Penny embark on their journey is that there is no sense of urgency. Their travels have several detours-the



best of which occurs at a franchise dinner, with a staff that embraces "customer service" literally and in figurative ways. The film meanders from one setting to the next, each trying to illustrate some profound orientation with life and more specifically, what's important about it. Occasionally, these scenes work. When Dodge visits his long-estranged father, played with appropriate gravitas by Martin Sheen, we are moved and compelled to deeper reflection

as to the nature and complexity of familial relationships.

There are some funny moments in the movie, so it's not all tedium. An "end-of-the-world" party early on at his friend's house, where inhibitions are quickly eschewed, generates humor. "I brought some heroin," one party goer announces, and Dodge's friend says, "one more off the bucket list."

An early summer movie, Prometheus, focused on the origins of human-

ity, and this one focuses humanity itself. Films and literature have often dealt with our existential crisis; some do it better and more entertaining than others.





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THE KNUCKLER VS. THE GREENBACKS

New York Subway Series-Game 3

By Art Stevens

The Guardian Express

A. Dickey pitches for the Mets. C.C. Sabathia for the Yankees. The series is tied at one game Reach. Derek Jeter leads off for the Yankees. Knowing about R.A.'s control, I'm sure he'll be looking for the first pitch. Hey, I was right. Weak swing. Jeter is out, 1-3. Dickey makes short work of the next two batters, striking out Alex Rodriguez to end the first. Sabathia returns the compliment in bottom one. Yankees load the bases with two out in the second, but R.A. pitches out of it. Mets get three singles in their second, but can't score.

Yankee third. A bubble burst. Small bubble? Big bubble? That remains to be seen. A couple of uncharacteristic Dickey walks, a dribbler up the third base line- but the BIG hit, a three run home run by Nick Swisher. 4-0 Yankees. Mets fight back with a run in their third. 4-1. Both pitchers an easy 1,2,3 fourth. Yankees scratch out a run in their 5th. Yankees lead, 5-1. In the Met's fifth, R.A. leads off with a base hit, and with some small ball, the Mets close to 5-2.

Yankees don't score in the sixth. In the Met's sixth, a Cano error, a Cedeno single, a Rotino pinch-hit walk loads the bases with two out. Andres Torres delivers a ground single to right to score two, making it 5-4. Sabathia out. Corey Wade in. Rueben Tejada, in his first game back from injury, lines a solid drive to left for a single to tie the game at 5-5, the Mets scoring three runs in the inning with two out. David Wright walks, but pinch hitter Kirk Neiuwenhuis strikes out to end the inning. 5-5.

Miguel Batiste pitching for the Mets, and he retires the Yankees, 1,2,3 in the seventh. Bottom seven; Boone Logan pitches for the Yankees. He also retires three in a row. It is now a battle of the bullpens. Top eight, Cano hits one 430 feet to straight away center field for a home run, and a Yankee 6-5 lead. With Robertson pitching in the Met eighth, the Mets get the tying run to third, thanks to a balk, but can't score.

Top nine, Bobby Parnell sets the Yankees down in order. Bottom of the ninth, and the skies have opened up. It is coming down in buckets, LARGE buckets, but if you think that they might hold up this game, my advice would be, don't hold your breath while you are waiting. Soriano

is pitching for the Yankees. David Wright has a fine at-bat, fouling off seven or eight pitches, but finally swings and misses for the first out. Daniel Murphy hits a solid line drive, but right at second baseman Cano. Two out, Lucas Duda keeps the Mets alive, with a single to right. Ike Davis pinch hits, and hits a fly ball to right to end the game.

As for R.A. Dickey, he pitched fairly well. Certainly not quite up to what he has been doing, but the combination of a most unusual three walks, and of course the Swisher home run did him in on this night. He didn't wind up getting the loss, but I'm sure R.A. would tell you that he is not at all satisfied with his appearance.



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Making Kneckelball History In N.Y.

By Art Stevens

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olks, I don't know if you've been watching, but there is history being made by a pitcher on the L New York Mets. His name is Richard Alan Dickey, better known as R.A. He is a 37-year-old, right-handed pitcher who has bounced around for many years at the Major League level; finally winding up at the Met's AAA

It was there that he was persuaded to try using the knuckleball. It was far from an overnight success, but he stuck with it, and was finally called up to the parent club

He had some moderate success in his first year with the Mets, going 11-9, with a 2.84 ERA. In 2011, he went 8-13, with a 3.28 ERA. Actually, he should have had a few more wins that year, but got almost no support from the Met offense. So far, in 2012, he is 11-1, with an ERA of 2.00. A knuckleball is usually described as a pitch with an erratic, unpredictable motion. The basic idea is to throw it with no spin whatsoever, and let any slight breeze carry it

Which direction? Don't ask me. For that matter, don't ask the pitcher either. He has no idea which way the ball will break; that is, If it DOES break.

Above all, don't ask the poor catcher, whose job it is to catch a ball that is going to break late, and in any direc-

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catch a knuckleball. They are much larger than a regular catcher's mitt (usually called a 'pancake,') and yet, most catchers are usually charged with two or three passed balls per game. The very name would make it seem that the knuckles would be in contact with the ball, but that is

As I write, he has just completed his second consecutive one-hitter; this one against the hot Baltimore Orioles, striking out thirteen, and bringing his consecutive innings pitched without allowing an earned run, to 42 2/3,

which is only 6 1/3 innings from the Mets record held by Dwight 'Doc' Gooden.

He is also tied for the lead in strikeouts with 103.

Consider this: while throwing a knuckleball, his walks to strikeouts ratio is 20 walks to 103 strikeouts, which is not just good; it's off-the-wall.

And, did I mention that R.A. is one of the best fielding pitchers in baseball?

In the past, knuckleballers like Hoyt Wilhelm, Phil Niekro and brother Joe, Tim Wakefield, Wilbur Wood, Charlie Hough; the best of the knuckleballers of past vears, threw the pitch from the 60's to the low 70's, and all had their problems with being able to control it.

It is not just the brilliant results that lead me to say that he is revolutionizing the knuckleball; it is HOW he is doing it.

He is using the pitch in a way that is completely different than all the previously mentioned knuckleballers. all of whom were great in their own right. There has NEVER been a knuckle ball pitcher who has thrown the pitch anywhere close to eighty miles an hour. This is a FIRST for R.A. Dickey. The great advantage that THAT gives him is that while the ball breaks in the same way, it breaks so much faster, and so much later, that it gives him a greater advantage over the batter. ALL the knucklers

before threw from the 60's to low 70's. R.A. routinely throws it at about 80 mph, while varying the speeds all the way down to his version of the eefus at about 58 mph. Then, on top of that, and originating from the fact that he WAS a conventional pitcher with conventional stuff (fastball, curve, slider, change-up,) he will use his fastball at around 85 mph maybe 4 or 5 times per game.

Through the years, many pitchers have tried to utilize the knuckleball at the Major League level. Very few have succeeded. The pitchers mentioned above DID succeed, but they are



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just a tiny fraction of the hundreds (I should say thousands) of pitchers who have competed at this level. R.A. Dickey is 37 years old. For a conventional pitcher, that is coming at least toward the end of his career. A knuckleball pitcher? Who knows? Hoyt Wilhelm, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1985, pitched his last game in the Majors when he was 16 days short of his 50th birthday. Get familiar with the name. It's R.A. Dickey. He may be around for a while.

In Baseball, things can change in a hurry. Change for a team, as well as for a player. But for me, judging from what I've seen so far this year, I'm hoping to see R.A. Dickey win close to twenty games.

I'm looking forward to seeing him represent the New York Mets in the 2012 All-Star game, possibly as the starter for the National League. And lastly, while it is certainly WAY in the back of my mind, and FAR, far down the road, is that a vision of the initials C.Y. that I see?

All these superlatives, and I haven't even mentioned Dickey's climb to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro during this past off-season.

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