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Or give a check to John MacKenzie or Bill
Stancer at a Cosmo luncheon meeting.

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please check the listing of alleged arrears on
page three*

Next Program, October 2, 2008

Jonathan Fox . . The Ensemble Theater .
Jonathan Fox has been the executive director of
the Ensemble Theatre for two years. He is a
convert from mathematics and the computer
industry to the theatre. He has studied abroad and directed
many plays in Frankfurt and Vienna . . . Intro by Warren Elliott



October 16

Robert Eringer will present
"Investigative Journalism by an FBI Undercover
Agent".
Mr. Eringer has enjoyed a wide-ranging career
in the information collection and reporting field
as a journalist, novelist, private intelligence
consultant , undercover FBI operative and, most
recently, director of an intelligence service for Prince Albert II of
Monaco.



As an investigative reporter for British large circulation Sunday
newspapers, Mr. Eringer's specialty was infiltrating extremist
groups, including violent anarchists, before embarking on a ten
year stint operating undercover in Moscow and Havana for FBT

counterintelligence. Some of his missions are included in his
book "Ruse" on sale at all book stores.

Nov. 6

Gordon Bjork will talk on "Economic problems facing the New
Administration" . (There was some discussion on whether one
date would allow enough time to this subject) Intro by Ben
Walsh

November 20

Nir Kabaretti will tell us about the Santa Barbara Symphony.
Introduction by Arthur Kvass

December 4

Our traditional Christmas program by the San Marcos High
School Madrigal singers, introduced by the equally traditional Bill
Spangler.

Jan 15

Fyfe Symington will tell us "What we can expect after the next
election"

February 5

Professor Richard Applebaum "Impact of Nano-technology on
society in China. Intro by Ben Walsh

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Dennis J. Gion

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Denny retired in July 2003 from ANIA Corporation in Fullerton, where he was V.P. for sales. He and his wife Dianne have lived in Santa Barbara since that time. They have three sons.



Sign up and mark your calendars for this most unusual trip to the Nethercutt. There you will see dozens of elegant antique vintage black iron & classic automobiles. Also of interest is the world's finest collection of mechanical musical instruments, all in working order. They have added the 1912 Pullman private car owned by the daughter of the famous "Lucky Baldwin" and a 1937 Canadian Pacific Hudson locomotive.

We will stop beforehand for lunch at your personal expense. The cost of \$35/person is for the bus, driver's tip and onboard refreshments.

This trip will probably be sold out. Checks should be made payable to the Cosmopolitan Club and mailed to Harry Stroud, 3778 W. Pacific Coast Hwy, Ventura 93001, Phone 653-5117 for reservations or questions.

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Robert J. Buegler

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Bob was born on Jan 5 in Staten Island, N.Y. He obtained degrees in Electrical engineering from Columbia and M.I.T. and was employed for 28 years in the computer and communications industries. He retired from Sprint Corporation in November 2001. He has both a wife and daughter named Marion. He retired in 2001. They have resided in Santa Barbara since 2008.

Bob is interested in genealogy

Sponsors: Bob Williams, John VanAken and Henry Levy

Fashion Heads Up

The second annual Hawaiian Shirt contest will be held this year on October 16. This will give you all ample opportunity to do your Hawaiian Habardashing. This also will serve to remind that October is the last month of toleration for no tie-no jacket laxity.

Bridge

And after all of the tallys were certified . . . the bridge victors turned out to be . . .

Dick Phillips	3060 Pts
Ed Loper	2980 Pts
Mac McMillin	2640 Pts



Join us for fun bridge: We meet upstairs after all regular meetings and play until 3:30. Contact Pres Gould 964-6568 or pwgould@cox.net

Special Events.

Nethercutt Museum . . . November 4



Christmas Dinner Dance December 9 2008

Our Christmas Dinner-Dance will be held at La Cumbre Country Club, the evening of Tuesday, December 9, 2008.

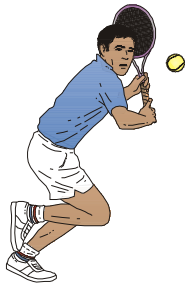
You and your best-girl will not want to miss this superb holiday party. Dancing to the great sound of the "City Lights" orchestra is sure to put some spring back into your step. The ladies really appreciate this opportunity to put on some glamour and enjoy this very special event at our city's best country club.

Dance Committee will meet at 11:00 Oct. 2 outside the Cosmo dining room. Jim Patillo, Chairman.



Tennis:

The Cosmo Tennis Group play doubles twice a week, and all tennis players are invited. We play at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8 A.M., Mondays and Thursdays. Bruce Long, 692-4072 or Walter Mead, 682-3045.



Cosmo Computer Society:

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 21. Bob Gerity has arranged for Murray Kalisher to discuss current computer. Murray teaches computers at Adult Ed., and has spoken to us several times.

We meet upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday of every month. Open discussion starts at 10:00. The feature presentation starts at 10:30, concluding with a no-host luncheon. All Cosmo members are welcome. Jim Stubchaer and Bob Gerity, Program Chairmen: Chair, Howard Glenn, 967-2633



S.A.G.E. Investment Group:

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 10:00 AM

We welcome all Cosmo members to come and discuss economic trends & current issues. We meet at 10 A.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elks Club, 2nd floor, followed by a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Grill downstairs. We do not select or buy any stocks.

Chair Dick Evans, 967-6930, dickevans1@cox.net



Golf:

Como Golf . . . HELP

Ron Singer is the new chairman of golf, replacing Lynn Garden. He needs people to work with him on this committee. A meeting with all of you who are interested is to be held at 10:45 just before the Oct. 2 meeting.

Contact Ron at RSinger916@aol.com



Optimistically speaking; as of September 17, we show the following members as tardy poised to pay.

UNPAID LIST OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2008.9 ANNUAL DUES AS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

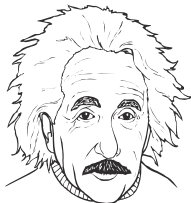
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Campbell, Foster	Perry, Wilfred
Carillo, Edward	Potter, George
Chase, Daniel	Potter, Walter
Clapp, Walter	Primbs, George
Cole, Herbert	Purdy, Harold
Cook, Robert	Romano, Sam
Cook, Addison	Scott, George
Cowell, Robert	Shiells, Daniel
Dahlen, Gregory	Slais, John
Englund, Harold	Smith, Julian
Fletcher, Harold .	Stancer, Harvey
Fogelson, Wayne	Stier, Roy
Jessup, Donald	Thomsen, Roger
Gleitman, George	Thorensen, Ragnar
Harter, Gerald	Umanzio, Frank
Heybl, Jacob	Van Sicklen, Douglas
Higgins, Raymond	Yamin, Robert
Holian, Darwin	Markham, Charlie
Hoyt, William	Manic, Fred
Kassity, Karl	McCoy, Raymond
Katz, Sidney	McDonough, William
	Menudier, John
	Mercado, Robert
	Messori, Roland
	Mills, Rutledge
	Murdock, Linton
	Dodson, Floyd

If you find your name, and wish to continue your membership, you may protest to John MacKenzie or Bill Stancer, (bring documentation) or send a check.

Last Meeting

Astronomy.

Professor Hartle .



Many of you fellow listeners were stimulated to ask many questions of Dr. Hartle. I envy your courage in risking

curiosity in such a totally daunting subject. Dr. Hartle has been teaching and researching in his field for over 30 years. And he indicates clearly that the mysteries of space, and the universe remain manifest. A major challenge in his field of study must be trying to maintain the belief we will ever really understand how we all came about, here on this spec of our solar system. At such times as this, I appreciate being able to blame my lack of comprehension on my imperfect hearing aids. I guess that is why I am so awestruck by your questions. Either you enjoy more confidence, or have less concern over "making sense" in phrasing your questions.

It is sobering and challenging to come face-to-face with a vast body of mysteries and poorly understood observations. I understand why smart people get into such a field. After all, just look at knowledge we have gained over the eyeblink of the last 500 years or so. The earth is spherical. We don't fall off because of this attraction we call gravity. Etc. etc. And we are gaining so much more knowledge so quickly that it is certain that our descendants a few hundred years from now will have divined many answers that we now find mind-boggling. Professor Hartle walked us through current observations. This array could have been launched by a Big Bang, some 13.5 B years ago (give or take a few hundred million years. This is essentially based on the behavior and trajectories of those space objects which we can see. If we mentally reverse their tracks they would appear to run back together in about 16.5B years ago. As I understood his presentation, a problem exists when one tangles with the details. We observe more gravitational and radiation effects influencing this visible debris than can be inferred by such visible debris. It is not even close. The matter/energy we observe in the universe would provide only some 4% of the gravitational effects we observe. So we feel an urge to invent other explanations. Via rationales I do not begin to understand, some 22% of the inferred but unobserved material is thought to be "dark matter". And the rest of the missing influence (74%) is attributed to "dark energy. Dark matter accounts for the missing gravitational effects dark energy the electromagnetic effects.

Wikipedia observes that this "dark matter and dark energy are simply constructs, similar to that employed by 14th century mapmakers as "Terra Incognita". i.e. needed to satisfy current theories about "what must be there".

There's lots to yet understand.

Professor Hartle comes to us as a master scientist and researcher who can help us to understand astronomy, our world and our universe. But, as we grow in sophistication, as we develop bigger and better tools to probe observed mysteries, we run head-smack into dilemma.

How or who or what ever got all of that infinity of mass and energy into that space/time at that nanosecond before the Big Blast?



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