



# Fog Cutter

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## Daly City retrospects ...

... John Madden: From Daly City sandlots to renown sports guru.

by Bunny Gillespie

AS ANOTHER "FOOTBALL SEASON" captures the interest of pigskin fans worldwide, local residents of somewhat mature age might recall highlights of the warm relationship between the unique and beloved sports broadcasting celebrity, John Madden, and his life as a young man in Daly City. During Madden's thirty years of radio and television commentaries, he often shared anecdotes referring to his adopted hometown, expounding on occasion, "Daly City! I grew up in that town!" Daly City



John Madden — sports guru from Daly City.

boosters enjoy claiming Madden as one of their own. Madden was born in Minnesota. His family moved to Daly City's historic Vista Grande area where he enjoyed a cheerful youth near the Top of the Hill. He and his pals were "sandlot kids" who took over neighborhood vacant lots as their own for tossing balls, playing whatever casual game came into their minds, and often just "hanging out." One undeveloped lot near his home on Knowles Avenue

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## Black History Month Celebration ... ... history, performances, soul food, and more.

DALY CITY WILL HOST its 22nd Annual Black History Month Celebration on Saturday, February 1, 2014, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Pacelli Event Center, 145 Lake Merced Blvd. Betty Reid Soskin, a 92-year-old Park Ranger who works at the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, is the featured speaker at this year's event. Soskin is the oldest full-time Park Ranger in the National Park system. Her firsthand accounts of the bustling shipbuilding activity along the Richmond waterfront during World War II brings history to life for thousands of park visitors each year. She is scheduled to speak at 12 noon.



Betty Reid Soskin — a Park ranger at 92.

Soskin became a media sensation earlier this year as the unlikely face of the Federal government shutdown. She was just one of the 800,000 government workers furloughed on October 1, but her story resonated throughout the nation. She is a passionate historian who just wanted to get back to the job she loves. If her name is familiar, it may be because you have seen her in the newspaper or on TV. During the government shutdown, Soskin appeared on numerous news programs and even made an appearance on the Arsenio Hall Show.

An eloquent speaker, Soskin has been leading tours in Richmond since she

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## City Offices closed for the winter holidays

In response to the continued financial challenges facing the City of Daly City, City offices, including libraries and recreation facilities, will be closed from Tuesday, December 24, 2013, through Wednesday, January 1, 2014. City offices will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2014. During this period, parking enforcement to accommodate street sweeping will be suspended. Street sweeping and related parking enforcement will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

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## Daly City services 2013 Holiday schedule.

### Daly City offices closed during the Holidays ...

... Police and Fire remain open to serve the community.

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**Daly City's Police and Fire Departments** will remain open throughout the holidays. To report an emergency, dial **9-1-1**. Call **(650) 991-8119** to report non-emergencies to the Daly City Police Department.

**Garbage and recycling collection**, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, will not occur on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Please see the schedule below for the Holiday refuse / recycling schedule. As noted, there will be NO service interruptions for Monday or Tuesday customers.

**Christmas tree collection** will take place on regular service days beginning Thursday, December 26, 2013, through Friday, January 31, 2014. Please follow these collection guidelines when placing your tree out for collection:

- ▲ Trees must be cut into 4 ft. sections.
- ▲ Stands, lights and decorations must be removed.
- ▲ Flocked trees will be collected but not recycled.
- ▲ Multi-family residents must call Customer Service to arrange for pickup.
- ▲ Place trees next to yard waste cart for removal.
- ▲ After January 20, please call customer service, **(650) 756-1130** for tree pick-up. A fee will apply for trees collected after January 20.

DALY CITY 2013 HOLIDAY GARBAGE / RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 23	December 24	December 25*	December 26	December 27	December 28
Regular Service	Regular Service	Christmas Day No Service	Service for Wednesday Customers	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers
December 30	December 31	January 1*	January 2	January 3	January 4
Regular Service	Regular Service	New Year's Day No Service	Service for Wednesday Customers	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers

\* Allied Waste Offices, Mussel Rock Transfer Station, and Ox Mountain Landfill closed December 25 and January 1

### Black History Month Celebration

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began her career as a Park Ranger at age 85. She is driven to preserve and share the legacy of the many "Rosie the Riveters"

who built ships in the Bay Area to aid the war effort. Soskin was born on September 22, 1921, in Detroit, Michigan, but she has spent most of her life in the Richmond/Berkeley area.

The theme of this year's Black History Month Celebration is Civil War in America. Highlights of the annual event will include African-American history presentations, live performances, and a tantalizing array of soul food. In addition to the remarkable food, the event will feature ethnic gift vendor booths, civil rights era documentary clips, and a youth art display. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and admission to the celebration is free. Ample parking is available at Westlake Park, located on Lake Merced Blvd., just north of John Daly Blvd. For more information about the Black History Month Celebration, call the Daly City Department of Library and Recreation Services at **(650) 991-8001**.

## FogCutter

The FogCutter is the community newsletter of the City of Daly City. Please address inquiries to:

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## Improving services for Daly City residents.

### Electronic books — part of a modern Library ... ... eBook demonstrations available.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ELECTRONIC BOOKS?** Perhaps you've just received an eBook Reader or tablet computer as a holiday present and don't know where to start. Here is your chance to learn all about the latest digital reading devices and the best sources of free eBooks and electronic audio books to use on those devices.

#### eBook Demonstrations.

Staff from the Daly City Public Library will be demonstrating a variety of different e-readers and players, and encourage you to bring your own device to share. Three sessions are scheduled:

**Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
Westlake Branch, 275 Southgate Avenue

**Saturday, January 11, 2014, 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.** Serramonte Main Library,  
40 Wembley Drive

**Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**  
Bayshore Branch, 460 Martin Street



If you would like to volunteer to show off your favorite digital reader to others in the community, please contact the Serramonte Library at **(650) 991-8023**.

**Borrow eBooks free** from the Daly City Public Library. Visit our eBooks web page ([www.dalycity.org/ebooks](http://www.dalycity.org/ebooks)) to browse the different collections, totaling nearly 20,000 eBooks and audio books for you to use from home.

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1. No late fees, ever - eBooks are returned automatically.
2. eBook holds are free. If an eBook isn't available, place it on hold for free and get an email the minute it's ready.
3. You can keep some books. eBooks in the public domain (written before 1923) and others, that publishers allow, are available as files that you can keep forever!
4. You can read eBooks on your phone, tablet, or eReader.
5. There are ePicture books too. Try the Tumblebook library for almost 1,000 picture books kids can read along within a web browser.

### John Madden

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became known as "Madden's Lot", so often was it commandeered by Madden and his friends. To this day, when asked to share nostalgia about his early years, Madden often chooses to recall active times at "Madden's Lot."



John Madden played high school sports in Daly City.

Madden grew up to be known for a vast number of sports-related talents, ranging from baseball, basketball and football to high school and college athletics, coaching and multi-media commentating. Perhaps lesser known is his skill as a published raconteur. Madden is the author of several highly popular books, most of which chronicle his various life stages in the same breezy manner as his comments during some thirty years of professional broadcasting.

Madden's books are filled with anecdotes about what it was like to patronize the Relish Bakery, Ice Cream Land, pool halls along Mission Street, or hitch-hiking to Kezar Stadium in San Francisco for early 49er football games.

In "Hey, Wait a Minute, I Wrote a Book", Madden tells of his caddie jobs at Lake Merced, San Francisco,

and Olympic golf courses, all within walking distance of his Daly City home. The going rate averaged \$1.50 a bag for an 18-hole loop. In "One Size Doesn't Fit All", he reveals sneaking after hours onto club grounds through an opening in the fencing near the 12th green. "Moonlight was enough to putt by, sometimes until 10 o'clock."

Elsewhere in "One Size", Madden recalls a Rose Bowl locker room exchange in which he and John Robinson shared a celebratory bottle of champagne. Robinson had predicted that his USC team would be in the Rose Bowl and Madden's Oakland Raiders would win Super Bowl XI. "And here we were, two guys that grew up together. I had my first beer with Robinson, and now we were drinking champagne after the biggest week in our lives." Other Madden titles include "All Madden: Hey, I'm Talking Pro Football", "One Knee Equals Two Feet", and a cookbook, "Ultimate Tailgating."

Madden was not known for his erudition, including his years at Our Lady of Perpetual Help grammar school on Wellington Avenue. "I had never been a scholar," he confesses, "...an altar boy, yes, but not a scholar. At our OLPH reunion a few years ago," he remembers, "I was still afraid of Sister Jacqueline, the sixth grade teacher who always whopped me across the hands with her wooden pointer. The most scared I had ever been was when Sister Superior wanted to talk to my parents. She told my dad that I talked too much. I'm sure I did talk too much, but now I get paid to talk!"

*(Bunny Gillespie has been Daly City's official Historian since 1987.)*

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### **New Bayshore shuttle service ...**

*... service begins, Monday, January 6th*

A **FREE MID-WEEK SHUTTLE** will begin service in the Bayshore Neighborhood on Monday, January 6, 2014. The shuttle is entirely grant funded and managed by the San Mateo County Transit District. A group of stakeholders from the Bayshore Neighborhood identified the need for a circulator shuttle when they collaborated with staff from Daly City, SamTrans, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to develop a Community-based Transportation Plan.

The shuttle provides Bayshore residents mobility opportunities in an area with few other public transit options. Service will start at 6:30 a.m. weekdays and continue through the morning commute, with the last shuttle departing the Bayshore Community Center at 10:38 a.m. Service resumes in the afternoon with the first departure from the 7 Mile House on Bayshore Blvd. at 4:00 p.m. A complete route map and timetable is available online at [www.dalycity.org/bayshoreshuttle](http://www.dalycity.org/bayshoreshuttle).

Shuttle destinations include the *North Peninsula Food Pantry and Dining Center of Daly City* (Top of the Hill), *Civic Center* (City Hall, DMV, PeninsulaWorks, the Daly City Community Service Center, and Mike Nevin Health Center), *Serramonte Center*, *Seton Medical Center*, *Safeway*, and *Walgreens*. The shuttle also provides connections to SamTrans and Muni service (regular fare is required for connecting service). Additionally, the shuttle has scheduled stops at the *Daly City and Balboa Park BART stations*.

The shuttle is wheelchair accessible. For more information about the new Bayshore Shuttle, call SamTrans customer service at **1 (800) 660-4287** or visit [www.samtrans.com/DCB](http://www.samtrans.com/DCB).

## Daly City Community Calendar

### **City Council Meetings**

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.  
2nd and 4th Monday of each month  
No meeting December 23

### **Planning Commission Meetings**

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.  
1st Tuesday of each month

### **Library Board of Trustees**

City Hall – 6:00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

### **Parks and Recreation Commission**

City Hall – 6:00 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

### **Black History Month Celebration**

Saturday, February 1 • 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Pacelli Event Center at Westlake Park  
145 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City  
Admission is **Free**

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

**by appointment only**  
Saturday, March 8 • 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Main Parking Lot – City Hall  
333 90th Street, Daly City  
Make appointments online at  
<http://events.smhealth.org/events>

### **Fun, Health, Safety Fair and Library & Recreation Services Day**

Saturday, March 8 • 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Serramonte Shopping Center

### **9th Annual Daly City Women's History Month**

**Celebration and Awards**  
Thursday, March 13 • 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers – City Hall  
333 90th Street, Daly City

