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San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Rutherford spoke to more than 1,000 people gathered at the 2013 State of the County event at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario. To view a video of the complete program, visit www.sbcountyadvantage.com.

God sends children to enlarge our hearts, and make us unselfish and full of kindly sympathies and affections.

—Mary Howitt

Vista Metals Makes Aluminum Better

Southern California's booming aerospace industry enticed the founders of Vista Metals Corp. to locate their business in unincorporated Fontana more than four decades ago, and over the years, the company has molded itself into the world's largest producer of specialty aluminum products.

But don't show up at Vista Metals looking for a new lightweight aluminum bike frame or car bumper.

"We don't make any final parts here," explained Jeff Tringham, Director, Global Sales of Specialty Aluminum Products.

"We cast aluminum ingot and billet for the extrusion and forging industry. Think of a log or a telephone pole of aluminum."

Here's how the company works.

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Resident Aims to Build Community Unity



When Bev Nelson learned about some inappropriate activity that took place during her oldest son's overnight trip with his high school chorus, she went straight to the principal to let him know how she felt about the lack of supervision.

"He said something that really made me stop and think," Nelson said. "He said, 'Where were you?'"

For the next 15 years, Nelson—a Rancho Cucamonga resident and the mother of eight —planned, organized, and

chaperoned countless chorus trips, including journeys to competitions in Canada and Europe.

"I made sure that the parents who went on the trip knew what their responsibilities were in terms of supervising the students," she said.

Nelson's involvement in the chorus trips as well as her active role in her children's school, scouting, sporting, and other activities helped her earn the California 2012 Mother of the Year award from American Mothers Inc., a national nonprofit group that recognizes the important role of motherhood through educational programs and community outreach.

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Vista Metals gets a lot of its aluminum from raw suppliers who take bauxite ore and refine it to create pure aluminum, which on its own has only limited uses.

“It needs to have other elements added to give it flexibility, strength and corrosion resistance that you expect from aluminum products,” Tringham said.

That’s where Vista Metals comes in.

The company melts the aluminum and adds various amounts of ingredients such as copper, magnesium, silicon, or zinc to give the final product the characteristics the customer wants. Adding a little of one ingredient will make the aluminum flexible, adding a lot of another will make it more rigid, and so on.

There are many established aluminum alloy formulas, and Vista Metals will even formulate a new one if a customer reaches out with a special need.

In addition to buying raw aluminum, Vista Metals also purchases scrap from the customers who use its product.

It’s a symbiotic relationship that means an old airplane wing made from an aluminum alloy sold by Vista Metals could one day be part of a car, a rocket, or perhaps even another airplane wing made from an aluminum alloy produced by Vista Metals.

The business has expanded its customer base over the years, and today it sells aluminum alloy products to customers across the country as well as in Europe and Asia. Last year, it sold more than 150 million pounds of aluminum.

The company recently invested about \$15 million into new equipment at its Fontana facility. The upgrades will increase production capacity about 30 percent.

Three years ago, Vista Metals Georgia was created to accommodate a large customer based in the state. Since then, that business has flourished and today also serves customers globally.

You can learn more about Vista Metals by visiting its website at www.vistametals.com.

County Child Support Works with Parents

The San Bernardino County Department of Child Support Services has a message for parents who are not meeting their financial responsibility to their children: We will work with you.

Last year, the department handled about 118,000 cases and collected more than \$169 million in child support payments.

“Locating parents is one of the biggest things we do,” Child Support Services Director Connie Brunn said.

The department utilizes numerous ways to find parents who have not met their obligation to pay child support including Department of Motor Vehicle records and the Federal Parent Locator Service.

While access to multiple federal, state, and county databases gives the department an edge in finding parents, sometimes it’s as easy as doing an Internet search and finding a parent’s Facebook page, Brunn said.

The federal government launched the Child Support Enforcement Program in 1975 to reduce welfare costs by requiring states to collect payments from noncustodial parents whose children were the beneficiaries of federal aid.

Child Support Services, like many federal programs, is administered by the states, which often relegate the responsibility to individual counties, such as in California.

County District Attorney offices in California administered the program until a new state law effective in 2000 required counties to establish local agencies whose primary purpose would be collecting child support and establishing paternity.

In addition, Child Support Services has expanded its scope by offering collection and paternity services to parents who do not receive government aid. Currently, the fee for the service is \$25 a year.

Once Child Support Services has established who is legally responsible for a child, it can seek court orders for child support, which is determined by an established legal formula that takes into account the parent’s income and how much time he/she spends caring for the child.

“It’s not something that we make up,” Brunn said. “There’s an algorithm that we use to reach that amount.”

On occasion, parents contact the agency after they have already secured court orders for child support.

Partnership Preserves Printed Past

A partnership between the County of San Bernardino, The Sun newspaper, and Cal State San Bernardino aims to preserve and digitize old newspapers and photographs so the public can view and use the records.

The San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk helped get the cooperative project started.

A researcher who uses the collection at the San Bernardino County Historical Archives (SBCHA) notified Archivist Genevieve Preston that The Sun was moving its office to downtown San Bernardino and would not have room to store bound editions of the newspapers dating from 1894 to 1999. The mission of the SBCHA is to identify, collect, preserve, maintain, and make available records and historical materials relating to the County of San Bernardino.

Meanwhile, Cesar Caballero—Dean of the John M. Pfau Library at Cal State San Bernardino—had also contacted The Sun about preserving the archive, but the university

didn't have enough space to store the massive collection of old newspapers.

The SBCHA, however, did have room. The three began working on a formal memorandum of understanding to store the collection at the SBCHA's office and to begin digitizing the papers so they can be made available to library users for free at both the university library and the Recorder's office.

Once the newspaper archive has been digitized (i.e. converted into a format that can be viewed on a computer), the Assessor-Recorder would like to make the entire archive available to the public online. They can do that with all of the newspapers between 1894 and 1923, but copyright issues, which are still being worked out, prevent publishing the remaining papers on the Web.

You can learn more about the San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk Division by visiting www.sbcounty.gov/ARC/archives/default.aspx.

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After the parent not paying support has been located, Child Support Services attempts to work with the parent to secure consistent, reliable payments, but that doesn't always work.

Child Support Services can garnish wages, intercept tax returns, place liens, suspend professional and driver's licenses, and levy bank accounts.

The department posts job openings at its offices in San Bernardino, Loma Linda, Ontario, and Victorville to give out-of-work parents leads on employment opportunities.

The department also refers unemployed parents to the Workforce Development Department's Employment Resource Center for job related assistance.

While Child Support Services can help parents secure legally mandated financial support for their children, the agency does not get involved in parental matters such as child custody or visitation.

You can learn more about the San Bernardino County Department of Child Support Services at <http://hss.sbcounty.gov/dcss>.

2nd District Trivia

Last Issue's Answer: Benjamin D. Wilson is credited with being the first European to explore the Big Bear Valley. He led an expedition of 22 men there in 1845 on a mission to catch cattle rustlers.

Question: What is the name of the citrus packing house founded in 1906 by Arthur Gregory, who also developed Lake Gregory in Crestline?

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Each of the women selected as Mother of the Year for their state are featured in online videos produced by American Mothers. In her video, Nelson encourages young mothers to surround their children with “wonderful adult role models.”

“They need to look at other people besides you for encouragement and wisdom,” said Nelson, who serves as president of the California Association of American Mothers. “It only validates what you as a mother teach them.”

Now she is working to start a local chapter of American Mothers to work on local community service projects, such as collecting donations for domestic violence shelters, hosting events to educate young mothers, and recognizing local mothers for the work they do.

“Most mothers are the unsung heroes of the world,” Nelson said. “They do so much for their families without any desire for recognition.”

About a year and a half ago, Nelson helped start the Upland Community Service Council to bring local service organizations such as Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis clubs as well as local churches together to cooperate on community projects.

“This kind of effort just builds unity in the community,” she said. “And isn’t that what you try to do when you are a mom?”

If you would like more information about the Upland Community Service Council or the local chapter of American Mothers, send an email to Nelson at bevpnelson@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

May 4	Arrowhead Regional Medical Center will host a free stroke screening and assessment event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the main lobby of the hospital located at 400 North Pepper Avenue in Colton. Screenings are limited to the first 200 attendees.
May 5	The Mountain Meals on Wheels annual spaghetti dinner will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Mountain Communities Senior Center in Twin Peaks. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.
May 7	The Crest Forest Municipal Advisory Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at the Crestline Sanitation District located at 24516 Lake Drive in Crestline.
May 8	The Crestline Library located at 24105 Lake Gregory Drive hosts free yoga classes at noon on Wednesdays. Come stretch out your tensions at the library overlooking Lake Gregory.
May 10	The City of Fontana will host a teen talent show from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Steelworkers’ Auditorium located at 8437 Sierra Avenue. Call (909) 349-6975 for more information.
May 11	The City of Upland and the Friends of the Upland Animal Shelter will host the 2013 Spring Pet Adoption Faire from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Memorial Park located on Foothill Boulevard between Hospital Way and Grove Avenue. Call (909) 931-4185 for more information.
May 11	The 12th annual Bid for Kids Dinner and Auction will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa. Proceeds from the event benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Mountain Communities. Call (909) 338-9390 for more information.
May 11	The Mountain Home Improvement Expo will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Moritz Lodge located at 24640 San Moritz Drive in Crestline.
May 25	The Heaps Peak Arboretum will host a plant sale starting at 9 a.m. Call (661) 549-2179 for more information.
May 25	The Lytle Creek Community Center at 14082 Center Road in Lytle Creek will host a car and dog wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Community Center.
May 30	The 100th annual Fontana Days Festival kicks off with carnival rides, entertainment, and more from 5 to 10 p.m. at Veterans Park located at the intersection of Palmetto and Merrill avenues. This event will run through June 2. The big Fontana Days Parade will take place on June 1 at 11 a.m. Call (909) 350-7655 for more information.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford’s office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford’s home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.