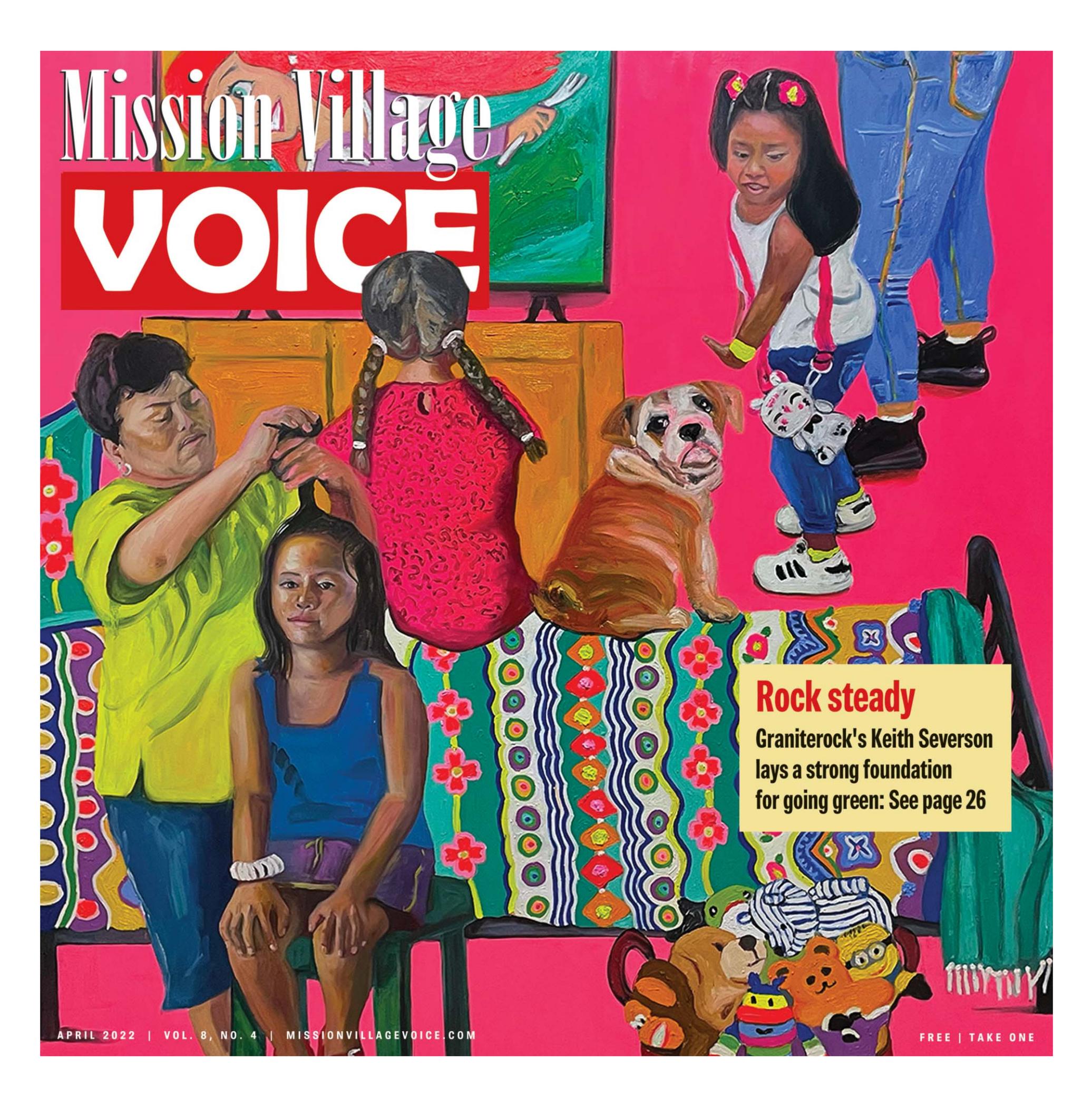


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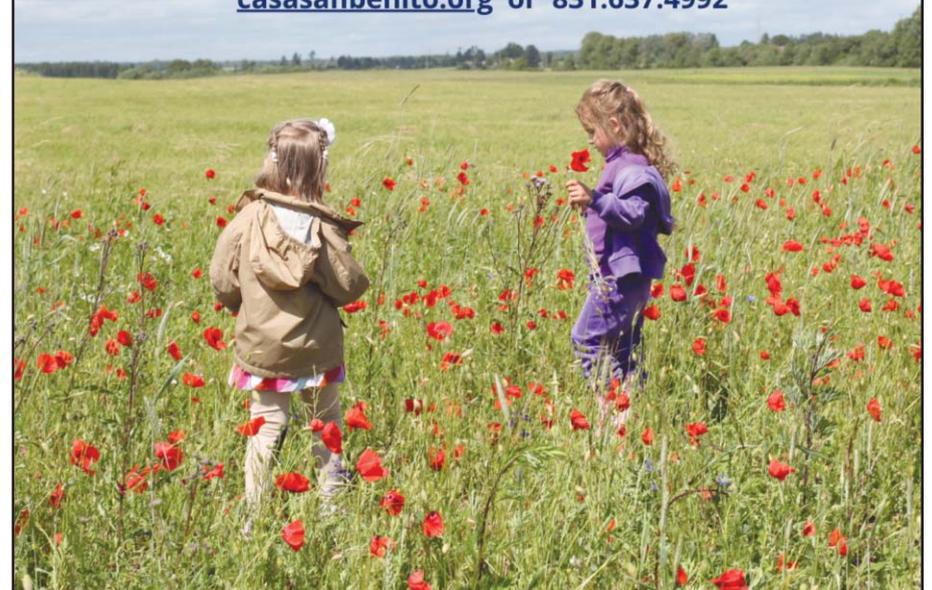
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“The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children.”

- Nelson Mandela

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A note for our readers

“If it weren’t
for the rocks in
its bed, the
stream would
have no song.”

—Carl Perkins

On the cover

“Brushing Hair in Pink” by Jessica Alazraki.
Oil on canvas, private collection. For more
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#BOOKWORM

Our month is here!

By Leanne Oliveira

April was made for #Bookworms. Why? So glad you asked.

First and foremost, it is my birthday (4/3). While we could stop there, we should also acknowledge these minor lesser-known holidays: School Library Month, National Library Week, Independent Bookstore Day, Columnists Day, D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Day, Library Worker's Day, and National Volunteer Week.

As I am currently eligible for all of these holidays, I am going to take full advantage and pamper myself with chocolate and frequent accolades. For details, see LITERARY HOLIDAYS below.

Speaking of holidays, this is not an April Fool's joke: theflowerletters.com is a service that delivers twice monthly handwritten letters from your "beloved" beau abroad.

ADRC: REFERENCE DIRECTORY

I work at SBC's new Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), a non-profit organization facilitated by our local Area Agency on Aging. One of my recent projects included compiling a FREE resource directory for local seniors, folks with disabilities, and caregivers. This is a professionally-bound resource guide that includes a lot of helpful local 2022 information, folks. PDF copies are available at www.SanBenitoADRC.org or you can request a free hard-copy by calling my office at 888-637-6757. Note that we can also assist with a variety of free or low-cost goodies like free falls prevention supplies (ramps, handrails, emergency monitoring devices, etc), legal aid, medicare counseling, tax assistance, Covid testing kits, and plenty more. Enjoy!

B&N VIRTUAL EVENTS

Lots of virtual author events including Tui T. Sutherland, Rebecca Searle, Megan Collins and Gary Janetti with more to be added soon. Note the ongoing BOGO 50% off sale for eligible books of all ages through December! No code needed. Info at BarnesandNoble.com.

BIPOC LIVES MATTER

"Sacred Soul: Cultivating Natural Rhythms" is a free ADA-accessible exhibition hosted by non-profit Pajaro Valley Arts (PVArts.org) in Watsonville featuring an array of artists from across the Central Coast. Various dates in April and May; call 831-722-3062 for info and upcoming summer exhibitions. Thanks to #Bookworm Jennifer Coile for the tip!



Leanne Oliveira

BOOKSHOP SANTA CRUZ

April author visits include Angel Dominguez, James Crews/Danusha Laméris, Leopoldo Gout/Eva Aridjis and more. This year's Independent Bookstore Day festivities include exclusive IBD items, prize wheel, and a scavenger hunt; visit bookshopsantacruz.com for details.

BRIAN SANDERSON COMES CLEAN

I can't give away the details on the bestselling fantasy/sci-fi writer's news, but the video is worth watching! Visit <https://youtu.be/6ak6eaT-jQ>.

DE LA TIERRA MOBILE BOOKSTORE

Valerie Valtierra's upcoming local venture will offer new and used books. Keep your eyes peeled upon their Instagram ([instagram.com/delatierramobile-bookstore](https://www.instagram.com/delatierramobile-bookstore)) or e-mail delatierramobilebookstore@gmail.com with any questions.

FOR FOLK HORROR FANS

A history of Folk Horror, "Woodlands Dark and Days Bewitched" is now out on Shudder TV; visit [shudder.com/wddb](https://www.shudder.com/wddb) for details.

GILROY LIBRARY

Now open Sundays. Check out SCCLD.org for all the great programming and visit their Bookshop Mon-Fri 1pm-3pm if you have a chance.

LITERARY HOLIDAYS

So many! Get comfortable. School Library Month & Virtual Poetry Month plus Hatching Day 4/1 (Dragonriders of Pern Bubbly Pies!), International Children's Book Day 4/2, National Library Week 4/4-4/10, Library Worker's Day 4/6, Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day 4/12, Columnists Day 4/18, National Tell-A-Story Day 4/27, and Independent Bookstore Day 4/30 (visit indiebound.org). Birthday Babies: Anne McCaffrey 4/1, Hans Christian Andersen 4/2, Beverly Cleary 4/12, Shakespeare 4/23, and Harper Lee 4/28.

LITERARY LADIES BOOKCLUB (Est. 2016)

Currently reading Angeline Boulley's Native American debut teen thriller *The Firekeeper's Daughter* chosen by local Teri Adams. Next month, recent Nebraska transplant Annie Birdsall of Moss

Landing hosts *Writers and Lovers* by Lily King.

LUCK LIBRARY

Celebrating Earth Day 4/23 @ 1pm-4pm with Recology, the Banana Slug String Band (after 3pm), and more! Utility Assistance Funds are still available to eligible SBC households; to apply, visit the Library where CSWD's Nora Jimenez will assist you 11am-1pm every Thursday in April. For more information, call CSWD directly at 831-637-9293 or visit the Library's website at

san-juan-bautista.ca.us/community/library.php.

NEW AGATHA CHRISTIE TV SERIES

A mini-series of *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?* directed by Hugh Laurie is premiering 4/12 on BritBox - a fave channel of mine which will also be adapting two other (unknown) Christie stories.

NEW RELEASES

Visit the Publisher's Weekly On-Sale calendar at tinyurl.com/April22Bookworm for #AllTheBooks.

SBC LIBRARY

This year's Tea & Treasures was a success, especially since our profits were matched by an anonymous donor. Thank you, literacy angel! Hope to see you all in the book shed behind the library on 4/9 @ 9am-12pm -- at our first book sale since November. We've been hard at work! Updated library programming at SBCFL.org.

LIT-TLE BLACK BOOK

Reminder of COVID-19 restrictions and possibly modified hours.

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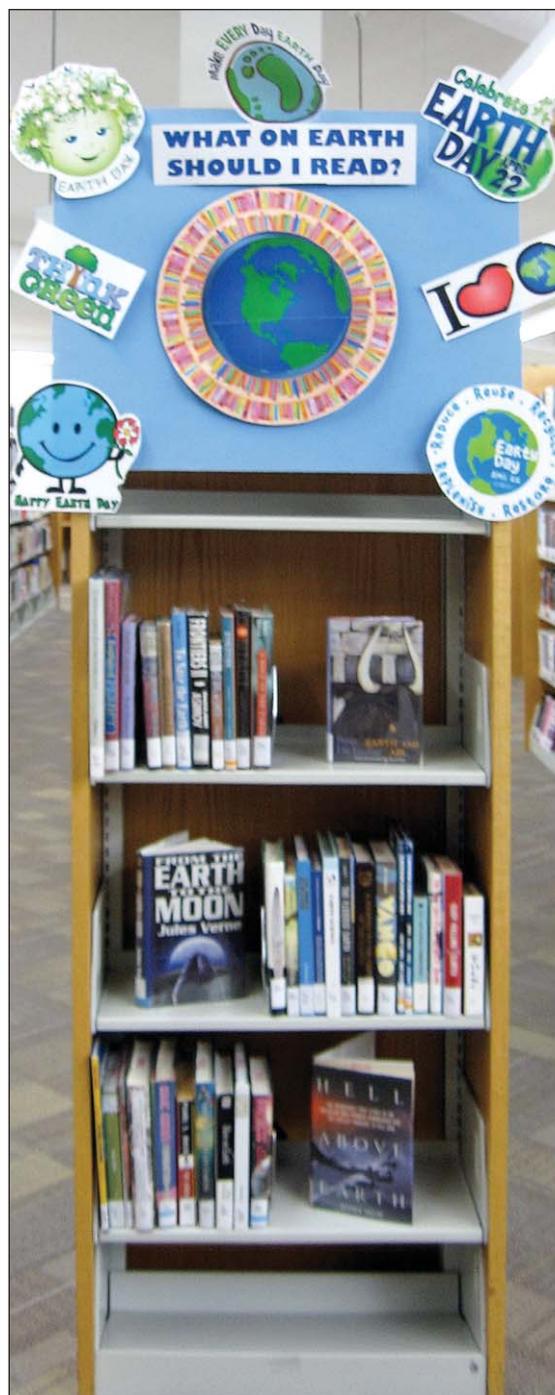
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KELLY'S BOOKS (WATSONVILLE): 1935 Main St

Leanne Oliveira (MLIS, MA History) is a dual EU/US citizen who runs SBC's new ADRC office and teaches Writing for Gavilan College @ the local Jail. Contact OldFashionedOlive@gmail.com or "Comic-fairy" on Goodreads. ■



Henry County Library (henrycolib.org) in Clinton, Missouri celebrates Earth Day in style.

VOICING SOME THOUGHTS

Eggzactly

By Halina Kleinsmith

Easter rolls into the month, featuring the coloring, decorating and enjoyment of eggs and egg-shaped confections, tributes to this worldwide symbol of spring and new life.

Cause for celebration always marked the calendar, when these precious orbs of protein appeared, and could be carefully gathered for the family's use.

Having contended with weather, predators, thieves, adequate feed and water, proper shelter, diseases, and the inherent skills of mother hens to safely and properly incubate their progeny, the rewards of coop tending were dozens of available eggs.

In pre-supermarket times, you relied on home grown, organic products that were pulled from the ground, or picked off trees, and families would put by, preserve, and store what they gathered. Shared bounties would then annually bring neighbors together, who set a festive table with simple homemade contributions.

For example, papery onion skins saved in a container year round were wrapped

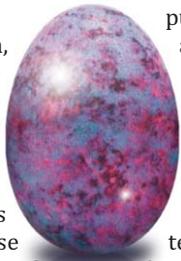
around the shell of a raw egg, which was encased in a square of clean scrap cloth, ends tied closed with string, and dunked into a pot of boiling, vinegar-spiked water.

Once cooked and cooled, you'd unwrap the cloth, revealing a gorgeously stained hard boiled egg. Bermuda onions created purple-red swirls, yellow onions made a cool marbled effect, strips of green onion made basket weave patterns, and carrot peels provided stripes of pale orange.

These were put in a large bowl, and everyone picked out a favorite egg. A game was played where contestants challenged opponents to 'smack' eggs. You'd hold your hard boiled egg pointed end up, inviting another to bash it with theirs, pointed end down. If your shell cracked, you had to flip it rounded end up, to be bashed again. If both ends got bashed, the opponent won your egg!

Play rotated around the table, and a hilarious and sometimes frustrating development was someone picking a unanimously-victorious super hard shelled challenger egg. Soon, their basket was looking as though they'd won a tableful, but in the spirit of the day, everyone left with their own share.

Hope you give the vegetable dye experiment a try, even for a future picnic. It turns out well, and different every time. Having a smashing success. ■



ASK RECOLOGY

Investing in our Earth one tree at a time

By Gabbie Ulloa

Dear Recology,

I'd love to take action to keep my environment clean and enhance the community around me. Do you have any suggestions on how to do this with my family and friends during Earth month?

—Daisy of Dunneville

Dear Daisy,

Thanks for your question! Now is the perfect time to act and invest in both the environment and our community! This year's theme just happens to be Invest in Earth. Here in San Benito County, investing in the planet includes some fun events!

One way you can start investing in Earth is by planting a tree in your yard. San Benito County lies in the middle of the Central Oak Woodland plant community, so consider planting native trees such as the Blue Oak, Arroyo Willow, or a Bay Laurel. Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the air, which helps keep our air clean and slow greenhouse gas buildup in our atmosphere. Did you know

one fully-grown tree provides enough oxygen for two people to breathe for a whole year? With warmer weather coming our way, trees also keep us cool by providing shade. One healthy young tree has the same impact as 10 room-sized air conditioners operating for 20 hours a day!

Be sure to pick up some free compost at our Environmental Days on April 16 (Veteran's Memorial Park in Hollister) and on April 23 (San Juan School in San Juan Bautista) from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Planting a tree with compost helps keep your soil healthy, prevent weeds, and make your tree retain more water. This is especially important since we're in a drought!

We hope to see you at one of our events! Happy Earth Day! Zero Wastingly, Gabbie ■

Gabriella Ulloa is a Waste Zero Specialist with Recology San Benito. Do you have a question for Gabbie? Send it to gulloa@recology.com.

Source for tree facts: <https://blog.tentree.com/your-trees-matter-heres-how-1-tree-impacts-our-world/>

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BOOK EXCERPT

Mommy Poisoned Our House Guest

Mommy Poisoned Our House Guest is a collection of anecdotes about a “detail-oblivious” homemaker and traveler, told from the point of view of CB, her mentally-challenged son. The simplicity of language has made this book a favorite with ESL students, and the humorous “conclusions” about life from a child’s point of view endears it to anyone with a sense of humor.

The reason CB’s mother worked with him to write the book was to teach him the impact of literacy -- why people write and why people read. Even though it has been impossible for him to learn to read and write very much, through the joint preparation of the book he did learn a lot about literacy.

CB is a 42-year-old CHARGE Syndrome adult, one of about four or five worldwide. He was given 0% chance of living, disproving the doctors. He’s quite robust, and he’s lived in a variety of places. While living in Jordan with his parents, CB attended the Middle East School for Special Education and learned to read Arabic. CB now lives in



San Juan Bautista, where he is very active at the Old Mission and has been an altar boy on many occasions.

An excerpt from *Mommy Poisoned Our House Guest* follows:

Our Poisoned Guest

Once a friend of Mommy’s came to visit. His name was Steve, and he and Mommy were writing a book together.

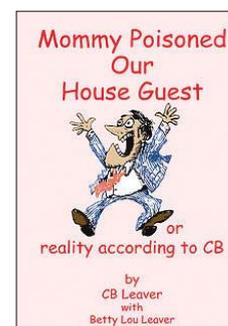
Mommy decided that Steve would sleep in one of our guestrooms. However, that particular room had a nearby bathroom that had not been used in a long time, and the toilet was discolored. Mommy asked a friend who knows a lot about taking care of houses what she should do. The friend told her that Clorox would turn the toilet white again. Mommy was very happy. She bought

a jug of Clorox.

When Steve arrived, he wanted to use the bathroom. Mommy proudly showed him the sparkling clean bathroom.

Steve went into the bathroom for a few minutes. Then we heard two loud sounds, one right after the other. Slam! Slam! The first slam was the bathroom door, and the second slam was the door to the outdoors. Steve streaked past us, screaming. His words started out loud, then in a Doppler effect, got quieter as he dashed past us, down the stairs, and into the streets, “It’s a goddam gas chamber in there!”

Mommy’s friend had not told Mommy to use only a little bit of Clorox, so she used the



entire two-gallon jug. Poor Mommy!

Mommy forgot to flush the Clorox away before Steve came, so when he flushed the toilet after using it, the whole room filled with Clorox bubbles, just like in a real gas chamber. Poor Steve!

After that, Steve started calling Mommy “Little Miss Homemaker.” It sounded like a compliment, but Mommy said that

Steve did not mean it that way.

I guess that means that Mommy will not be selected as Homemaker of the Year this year. Poor Mommy!

Conclusion:

Not everyone can be Homemaker of the Year. ■

ARTS

Poppy Jasper International Film Festival to be held April 6-13

Poppy Jasper International Film Festival is a mission driven, all volunteer nonprofit that holds its annual film festival in Morgan Hill, San Martin Gilroy, Hollister and San Juan Bautista.

Showcasing local talent and diverse filmmaking voices from all over the world, this year’s festival will run from April 6-13 and will screen 193 films from 30 countries. The festival puts the spotlight on films from local filmmakers, dedicates a day to filmmakers from Mexico and Iran, and also a day focusing on LGBTQ films from all over the world.

There will also be filmmaker Q&As and panel discussions with industry professionals and celebrities from TV and film. With more than 150 filmmakers from 11 countries, five states and all over California attending, you can expect a fascinating, fun and great time.

Movie Maker magazine lists PJIFFs as one of the top 50 film festivals worth the entry fee. Visit pjiff.org for tickets and to view the entire schedule.

Wednesday April 6th – The District Theater – Gilroy (Youth/High School/College)

Thursday April 7th – Screenings at the Morgan Hill Playhouse and The District Theater (Northern & Southern California filmmakers)

Friday April 8th – Morgan Hill Community Playhouse (Women’s Day 10am – 6pm



– Film Screenings; Panel Discussion – 4pm – 5:30pm; Poppy Bash! 7pm – 10pm)

Saturday April 9th – Screenings in Morgan Hill Playhouse/The District Theater/Granada – Hollister (Morning Winery walk and brunch – Besson Family Vineyards 9am – 10:30am (must have VIP Pass to attend); Industry Panels – 11am (Gilroy) and 2pm (Hollister); Screenings 12pm – 10pm (times vary in Morgan Hill, Gilroy and Hollister); Music Videos – 10pm – 12am)

Sunday April 10th – Screenings in Morgan Hill – Morgan Hill Community Playhouse and San Juan Bautista Barn at Mission Farm (Screenings 10am – 2pm (San Juan Bautista); Visual Effects Panel 3pm – 5pm (Morgan Hill); Awards Ceremony – 6pm – 8pm (Morgan Hill); Special Screening of Gravel Road 8pm – 10pm (Morgan Hill))

Monday April 11th – Jardines de San Juan Bautista (Mexico Day; Brunch – Jardines – 10:30am – 12pm; Screening of Pepe Serna’s Documentary “Life is Art” 1pm – 2pm; Panel Discussion with Pepe Serna 2:30 – 4:00pm; Screenings – 5pm – 9pm)

Tuesday April 12th – The District Theater (LGBTQ + Day; Screenings/Panel Discussions 2pm – 10pm)

Wednesday April 13th – Iran – The District Theater (Screenings 2pm – 10pm.) ■

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CITY BEAT

Special events return to SJB

By Don Reynolds,
City Manager

As I write this article, the City is preparing for its Art & Crafts Festival, the first "special event" in two years. Spring is in the air, and we expect a lot of people will be coming to town celebrate this "renaissance." On April 23, 2022, we will celebrate Earth Day at Luck Park. The Rib Cook-Off is the highlight for Memorial Day, and we will be swinging right into the heat of the summer. Working closely with the San Juan Committee and the businesses downtown, we are ready to roll out the red carpet.

In terms of City business, the community will be engaged with the City staff to design the new cultural trail system we refer to as the "active transportation plan" (this was the focus of my last article). A complete assessment of the City's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is happening now, to determine the priorities for making our City friendlier for walking. There will be a community-wide conversation on this subject the weekend of June 10. Also kicking off in April and ending in June is the City's budget conversation. Amidst the budget workshops will be a water rate fee study, an effort to pay for the capital expenses needed to im-

port drinking water from the San Benito Water District.

By the time this article is published, the park at Franklin Circle will be nearly completed, as well as the roundabout at Lavagnino and First Street. The new restrooms will arrive for Verutti Park. The City residents have waited a long time for these improvements to be built. Thank you to everyone for your hard work, encouragement and patience.

While amending its Strategic Plan for the new fiscal year, a lot has been discussed regarding recreation in the City. This discussion centers around the joint-use opportunities being developed between the City and the Aromas-San Juan Bautista Unified School District. It is the goal of the District and the City to make these public assets more accessible to the community and develop new opportunities. These include basketball, playground and eventually a track and field. This City and its resources belong to its residents, to be shared with the world.

The transparency of the City's business is important. To that end, the City is investing \$50,000 in its Council Chambers so that live attendance at public meetings can resume "hybrid," with the ability to attend remotely. This contract was signed March 16, 2022. The City continues to use its budgeting software that makes the budget document easy to follow on-line. At City Hall we are doing everything we can to make these treasures easily accessible, by all.

Lastly, we are recruiting for a new City Clerk to be appointed until the election in November. If you, or someone you know wants to be really involved in City business, we are looking for a good City Clerk to help us out!

Happy Easter and spring to everyone! ■



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COVER ARTIST Jessica Alazraki

Jessica Alazraki was born and raised in Mexico City, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communication from Universidad Anáhuac. Since 1998, she's been based in New York City.

She also holds a diploma in graphic design from Parsons School of Design and a certificate in drawing and painting from the New York Academy of Art. Jessica has exhibited her work in four solo exhibitions in the United States and in over 50 group exhibitions in both Mexico and the United States.

In 2018, she received the Award of Excellence from the Huntington Arts Council and an Honorable Mention Award from the Barrett Art Center.

In 2019, she participated in the ART-Works Fellowship at the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning (JCAL) and was selected into the Creative Capital NYC "El Taller" in collaboration with the Hemispheric Institute. In 2020, Jessica completed the Trestle Art Space Residency Program, was awarded the New Work Grant by the Queens Art Fund, and won the Diane Etienne Founders Award from the Stamford Art Association.

In 2021, she was shortlisted for the Hopper Price Award and was a finalist for the Alexander Rutsch Award. More recently, Jes-

sica was named the 2021 MvVo AdArt Show winner and The Jackson Painting Prize Emerging Artist Award 2021. Her work is featured in several publications including New American Paintings, No. 152, Northeast Issue. ■



JESSICA ALAZRAKI

Jessica Alazraki was born and raised in Mexico City. Since 1998, she's been based in New York City.



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WHAT:



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Drop off unwanted e-waste including televisions, computers and accessories, cell phones, laptops, game consoles, radios, stereos, and small electronics with cords. *No large household appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.) will be accepted.*



Secure Document Shredding

Bring up to five full banker boxes (legal size; 24 x 12 x 10) of documents to be confidentially and securely shredded on-site. Paperclips and staples do not need to be removed.



Compost Giveaway

Residents may take up to 32 gallons of compost to use as a soil amendment for gardens and landscaping projects. This compost is from local participation in Recology's Organics program. Please bring your own shovel and container. Limited supply available.

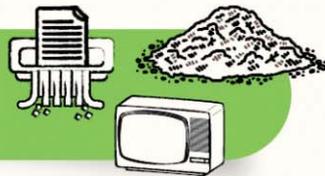
Due to COVID-19, participants will be required to wear a mask and maintain a 6-foot social distance. No assistance will be provided. Bring your own shovel and gloves for loading compost.

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FREE Recycling Events in San Benito County

Recology Environmental Days



Secure Document Shredding, Electronic Waste Recycling (E-Waste), and Compost Giveaway events:

- Jan 8 & 15, April 16 & 23, Oct 8 & 15, 2022
- 9am - 1pm
- www.recology.com/recology-san-benito-county/environmental-day

Quarterly Bulky Item Recycling/Disposal Events



Bring up to 2 bulky items for free recycling/disposal at these events:

- March 26 & 27, June 25 & 26, Sept 24 & 25, Dec 10 & 11, 2022
- 9am - 3pm
- John Smith Rd. Landfill

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Events



Dispose of your paint, motor oil, household cleaners, and other HHW at these events:

- Every 3rd Saturday of the month
- 9am - 12pm
- John Smith Rd. Landfill
- Proof of residency is required
- Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds

National Drug & Sharps Take Back Days



Safely dispose of your sharps and unused or expired medication:

- April 23 & Oct 22, 2022
- 1790 Airline Hwy, Hollister, CA (Target Parking Lot)

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FEATURE

May 7 is Free Comic Book Day at Bill's Bullpen

Worldwide Free Comic Book Day comes to Hollister with comics for all

Bill's Bullpen in Hollister is one of the thousands of comic book shops around the world celebrating the largest event in the comic book industry on Saturday, May 7th: Free Comic Book Day (FCBD). Each year, thousands of participating stores give over six million comic books to millions of fans to introduce them to the wonders of comics.

"Free Comic Book Day is a great event for the whole community. Bringing everyone together, finding books for everyone to enjoy, and seeing people of all ages—children, teens, and adults—sharing our passion for comics is incredible", said Bill Mifsud, owner of Bill's Bullpen. "Even if you've never

picked up a comic book, we want to welcome everyone to Bill's Bullpen on May 7th, because there are so many amazing comics this year and we can't wait to share them."

This is the 21st year Bill's Bullpen celebrates FCBD, offering the community a fun, family-oriented event where everyone can find a comic they'll enjoy. Including taking pictures with your favorite superheroes and a raffle with great prizes.

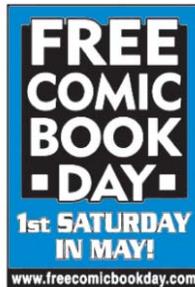
"With awesome titles like Avengers and Spider-man, we're sure there's a comic book for everyone," Mifsud continued. "Comics

are a fun and enduring form of entertainment for readers of all ages to dive into as imagination comes to life. Whether it be popular comics, film, television shows, or video games, there's something for everyone to enjoy."

Regular updates, information about comic books, and a list of participating publishers and their free comics are all online at www.freecomicbookday.com.

Please also visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Bills-Bullpen-Baseball-Cards-Comics-156226584409624>

Free Comic Book Day kicks off at 10 a.m. and runs until 8 p.m. at Bill's Bullpen 207 4th St. Call (831) 636-1180 or follow us on Facebook for more information. ■



FINANCIAL FOCUS

HSA: A healthy way to save for retirement

Many expenses in life are unpredictable. But there are two things you know you'll have to pay for: medical bills and retirement. You'll probably need to take a variety of steps to meet these costs, but one financial instrument that can help is a health savings account (HSA).

If you're not familiar with an HSA, here are the basics:

- **Eligibility** – If you are enrolled in a qualified high-deductible health plan (HDHP), you can generally contribute to an HSA. While HSAs are typically offered through employers, you can still open one if your employer doesn't provide it, or if you're self-employed, although you must have HDHP coverage. You also can't be enrolled in another health insurance plan, other than those permitted, such as dental, vision, long-term care and disability insurance, and you can't be enrolled in Medicare. Also, you can't be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

- **Contribution limits** – In 2022, you can put in up to \$3,650 to an HSA if you have single coverage, or \$7,300 for family coverage. And if you're 55 or older, you can put in an extra \$1,000 per year.

- **Tax benefits** – An HSA has triple tax ad-

vantages: Your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, so they can reduce your taxable income for the year; your earnings grow tax-free; and your withdrawals are tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified medical expenses. (Withdrawals taken before age 65 that aren't used for qualified medical expenses are taxable and subject to a 20% penalty; once you reach 65, the penalty no longer applies, although withdrawals are still taxable.)

In addition to its providing tax benefits, an HSA can help you in other ways. Perhaps most significantly, your HSA can be an additional financial resource for your retirement. That's because the money in your HSA can be carried over from year to year – you aren't obligated to "use it or lose it." So, the money not spent on annual medical expenses can continue to grow tax-deferred. Plus, an HSA is "portable" – it moves with you when you leave a job.

Furthermore, unlike a 401(k) or a traditional IRA, an HSA does not require you to begin taking withdrawals once you reach 72 – you can leave your account untouched for essentially as long as you'd like. And while you may need to use your HSA funds to meet your medical expenses in retirement – which can be considerable, even with Medicare – you can use

what you don't spend on medical costs for your other needs without penalty, once you reach age 65. (As mentioned above, any HSA withdrawals not used for qualified medical costs are taxable.)

Here's one other point to keep in mind: Your HSA likely contains investment options, along with a cash account. If you put all your funds in the cash account, as many people do, you might be depriving yourself of the growth opportunities provided by the investment options.

On the other hand, of course, these investments generally carry more risk. One possible way to benefit from both parts of your HSA is to keep enough cash to cover your health insurance's out-of-pocket maximum and invest the rest.

As you can see, an HSA can help you in numerous ways. If you have access to one, consider taking advantage of it.

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"No matter the questions, the answer is always love!" (Sr. Claire Graham, SSS)

Jan Stegner is married, the mother of two adult children and a graduate from the Franciscan School of Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. She holds two master degrees: Theological Studies and Multi-Cultural Church. She has been giving retreats and presentations on spirituality for twelve years.

Dick Jacob is in the autumn of his life as a Catholic Gay man. He has ministered for several years as a trained Spiritual Director with a focus on serving the LGBTQ+ and recovery communities. He is a retired registered nurse anesthetist and active member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Sacramento, CA.

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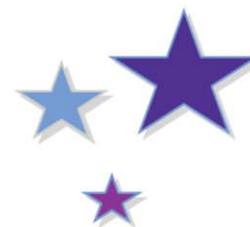
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MISSIONVILLAGEVOICE

Community Bulletin Board

Transparency Certificate of Excellence awarded to Monterey Bay Air Resources District

The Monterey Bay Air Resources District received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

"This award is a testament to the Monterey Bay Air Resource Districts' commitment to open government," said, Richard Stedman, Air Pollution Control Officer. "Our staff is to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight." To receive the award, the Monterey Bay Air Resource District demonstrated the completion of essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best

practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation, and other recognition programs.

Special districts are independent public agencies that deliver core local services to communities, such as water, wastewater treatment, fire protection, parks and recreation, healthcare, sanitation, mosquito abatement, ports, libraries, public cemeteries and more. Districts are established by voters and their funding is approved by voters to meet specific needs through focused service. They can be specially molded to serve large regions or small neighborhoods depending on the need.

STEAM Expo winners recognized by SBC Office of Education

March 16, 2022, marked San Benito County Office of Education's Annual STEAM Expo. The Expo, which celebrates Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, gave students across the county the opportunity to enter science projects, STEAM projects and artwork. Visitors to the Expo were able to see live performances and demonstrations, participate in interactive arts experiences and take part in the STEAM Maker Mo-

bile sponsored by RAFT.

Over 290 students entered Science and STEAM Projects in 6 different categories. Congratulations to the Overall Science Project Award Winner, Kendyl Gamble from Aromas Elementary School and to the San Benito High School Robotics Club who was recognized as the Overall STEAM Project winner. In addition, five students are eligible to enter their Science Projects in the California State Science & Engineering Fair April 12 in Los Angeles.

- Anton Guggenberger 6th grade Sacred Heart School
- Dani Gonzales 6th grade San Juan Elementary School
- Jenna Johst 6th grade Sacred Heart School
- Gael De la Rosa 6th grade San Juan Elementary School
- Liam Meekins 7th Grade Aromas Elementary School

Awards were also given to the top three projects in each category. For a complete list of winners, please visit our website at www.sbcoe.org.

Thank you our partners, the San Benito County Arts Council and Veteran's Memorial Building staff, for helping make the SBC STEAM Expo a huge success. We would also like to thank our sponsors: M & M Farms, Brent Redmond Transportation, Taylor Fresh Foods, Inc., Hollister Elks Lodge #1436 as well as our vendors: RAFT, Recology, Terra Cultura and Integrated Waste Management.



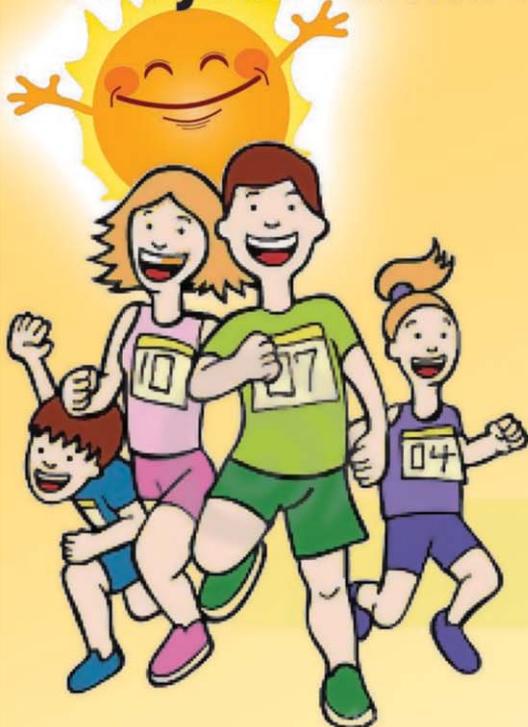
Key to Student Success educators recognized by SBCOE

The San Benito County Office of Education have recognized the following educators across the county for the SBCOE Key to Student Success Award:

- Shannon Silva Alvarez, to 1 Para Professional, Rancho San Justo;
- Gemma Castello, M/S Special Education Teacher, Ladd Lane;
- Kim Garcia, Intervention Teacher, Sunnyslope;
- Adina Austin, Mental Health School Therapist, Cerra Vista;
- Sheila Fanning, Tk-K Teacher, Tres Pinos School;
- David Kaplansky, PE Teacher, Spring Grove School
- Marina Green, School Psychologist, Maze Middle School

These employees are nominated by their site principal and the SBCOE provides a special award. ■

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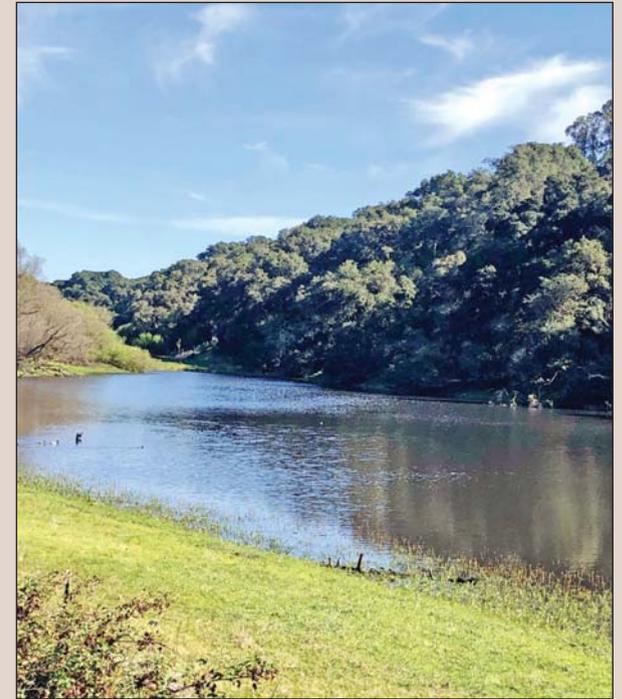
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Above left (Then): Unknown man rowing small sailboat on Anzar Lake; center: Rancho map (Photo: Graniterock archives); right: (Now) Anzar Lake, March 2022.

Then... and Now: Anzar Lake

By Wanda Guibert
SJB Historical Society

About five miles NW of San Juan Bautista along Anzar Road between Cannon and Forest Roads lies Anzar Lake on the San Andreas Fault in the San Andreas Rift Valley. Phil Stoffer, geologist and PhD -- AKA "Fossil Phil" -- led field trips to observe the exceptional geomorphic features along the San Andreas Fault system in that area. In his blog, he wrote, "The lake is really a wetland that has a small perennial pond in the middle of a structurally confined drainage basin -- one of the largest sag ponds along the San Andreas Fault in the region. There is no stream drainage linked to the basin, and the lake expands to cover many acres in wet seasons."

In East of the Gabilans, Marjorie Pierce recounts the history of the Rancho Las Aromitas y Agua Caliente (Rancho Las Aromas), which included Anzar Lake. Don Juan Miguel Anzar, brother of Padre José Antonio Anzar, last of the Franciscan friars to serve at Mission San Juan Bautista, lived on the rancho with Maria Antonia Castro and their children. Their son P.E.G. (Polocronio Escolastico Guadalupe) -- always called Lupe -- and his wife, Maria "Mariquita" Zanetta Anzar also lived with their 12 children on the ranch in a house above the lake. (See inset photo). Pierce states that the house Reginald Anzar (Mary Anzar's father) remembers best was the one on Anzar Road overlooking Anzar Lake, where he lived as a boy growing up. "Looking back on his boyhood, Reg recalled boating on the lake, the dances and good times in this house."

The rancho, which spanned 3 counties, has long been divided into smaller parcels, changing hands over the years.

Much of it now belongs to Graniterock, owned and operated by the same family since founded in 1900; their flagship quarry is in Aromas. In Graniterock's "RockBlog," Rose Ann Woolpert (Board of Directors Member and Shareholder) wrote the following in 2015.

"From time to time, interesting artifacts turn up in the storage boxes and cubby holes of a 111-year-old company. This summer, we found a folded, worn and water-stained map in our storage vault. Now restored and framed, it is a wonderful addition to our Granite Rock archives. On March 2, 1907, Policronio Estolastico de Guadalupe (Lupe) Anzar, his wife Maria G. Anzar, and Robert E. Easton signed this map of a planned division of the "Rancho las Aromitas y Agua Caliente" land, then owned by the Anzars. The name of the rancho means "little perfumes and hot spring" and refers to a sulfur springs next to the Pajaro River. Lupe Anzar was a son of Juan Miguel Anzar, who was given the 8,660-acre land grant in 1835 by Mexican Governor José Castro. Maria "Mariquita" Anzar was the daughter of Angelo Zanetta, whose residence still stands in the historic plaza of San Juan Bautista. Robert Easton was a civil engi-



Mariquita and Lupe Anzar with their family beside the lake in front of their home.

neer and surveyor, and managed the giant Sisquoc Ranch owned by John T. Porter and Thomas B. Bishop. A Santa Cruz native, he also served as a director of Granite Rock Company. His brother-in-law was Warren Porter, director of Granite Rock Company. Robert Easton's brothers, Kimball G. Easton and Stanley A. Easton, had also been directors of the company and both partnered with company founder Arthur Wilson on construction ventures during the 1890's.

The map was drawn in pencil and ink on 36 by 44 inch, fine cotton fabric which was sized and treated to a very smooth finish for reproduction. It depicts an area of San Benito County bordered on the south and west by Monterey County, to the north by Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties, and to the east by a "Part of Rancho San Antonio." It shows the railway, Chittenden Station, and the "New County Road" (now Highway 129) that follow the path of the Pajaro River. Aromitas Avenue, the Bardue Ranch, the Cole and Carr properties and Rialto Oil Refinery are shown, along with a private road (now Anzar Road), house and lake on the Anzar property, and the route of a planned "Monterey, Fresno and Eastern Railway" along what is now Highway 101. The map depicts a proposed division of the Anzar land into seven parcels ranging from 335 to 640 acres. A large portion of this property is now a part of Granite Rock Company." The map is on display at their Corporate Office in Watsonville. See inset photo by Keith Severson, featured in this month's Q&A.

Regarding the natural history of the lake, wildlife abounds. On Nextdoor (social media network) in August 2021, Aromas resident/educator Nelson Samuels reported seeing a bald eagle in a large willow tree on the shore opposite the road (see inset photo). He has observed many other bird species there. Around the same time, Sally Diggory (another Aromas resident) posted that her grandson Ren Io also spotted an eagle while they were together there. Yet another local, Jaimie Conrath, commented that the eagles "...are very elusive and have a wide territory. In



Top: Bald eagle at Anzar Lake, 2021; Above left: Hooded mergansers; Above right: Male and female wood ducks. Photos: Nelson Samuels

years past, they nested off of Rocks Road. We see them once in a great while flying over Anzar Lake and our house...a beautiful sight when they fly over. We have lots of hawks and other birds here around the lake. We have often watched the red tail harassing the bald eagle."

Nelson Samuels adds, "With the drought, the lake has dried up the last several years, which causes a lot of plants, amphibians and insects that normally sustain various bird species to decline. In fact, the eagle was there to eat the frogs and other critters trapped and concentrated in the last puddle." To read more about bird sightings there (110 species listed), by whom, and date, visit <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L651526>. Note that renowned bird specialist Debi Shearwater and Nelson Samuels are frequent contributors.

On a whimsical note, frogs have also been spotted there. Note the inset article about the "Anzar Lake Kid," the jumping frog which represented San Juan Bautista in the

September 30, 1966

'Anzar Lake Kid' to represent San Juan Baut.

The "Anzar Lake Kid" will uphold the honor of San Juan Bautista at the frog jumping contest at the County Fair tomorrow.

"The Kid" is a product of the Anzar Lake, through the courtesy of Doug Tingley.

Mayor Leonard Caetano agreed to sponsor a frog in the contest for the Mayor's Trophy, and then the search for an animal that met the rules began. The first trip was cancelled because of heavy rain, lightning and thunder. The second try came on September 22 when the Caetano, Sutti and Zazueta families went to the Pajaro River for a frog, but had no success.

Getting a little desperate, Caetano, Pete Sutti and Brent went to Anzar Lake Friday night. After stepping in mud up to their knees in their quest, the third frog they captured met the legal size and was brought back to town.

Brent, who will be the jockey for the Mayor's frog, has had it practicing in his yard all week, but is keeping its record jumps a deep secret until tomorrow. The contest is set for 3:00 p. m. in front of the grandstand at Bolado, and the winning Mayor will receive a watermelon as a prize.

The prize winning frog will be eligible to enter the Angels Camp Frog Jumping Contest next year.

The County contest is sponsored by the Grinders Club, of Tres Pinos.

County Fair in 1966. The 1907 Hollister Advance article reports that black bass were planted in the lake.

No one, including Mary Anzar, has been able to identify the dapper man wearing his fedora a tilt, rowing a dinghy in the *Then* photo. The lake level rises and falls with the seasons and the rainfall, vacillating between lake and meadow. During dry seasons, it is hard to imagine rowing there. Let us know if you have any ideas about the man's identity. ■

FISH FOR PAJARO RIVER.

There ought to be good fishing in the Pajaro river next year. Supervisor Prescott deposited a large number of black bass in the river near Sargents this week. Some of the fish were twelve inches in length. They were collected from the overflowed land in the Sacramento Valley. The bass will clean out all the other fish in the river and propagate very rapidly. A consignment of fish was also placed in Anzar Lake. Mr. Thomas Flint will also obtain a consignment for the lake near the San Justo homestead.—Hollister Advance.

Left: "Anzar Lake Kid" jumping frog - September 30, 1966 Mission News; Black bass stocked at Anzar Lake - Dec. 3, 1907.



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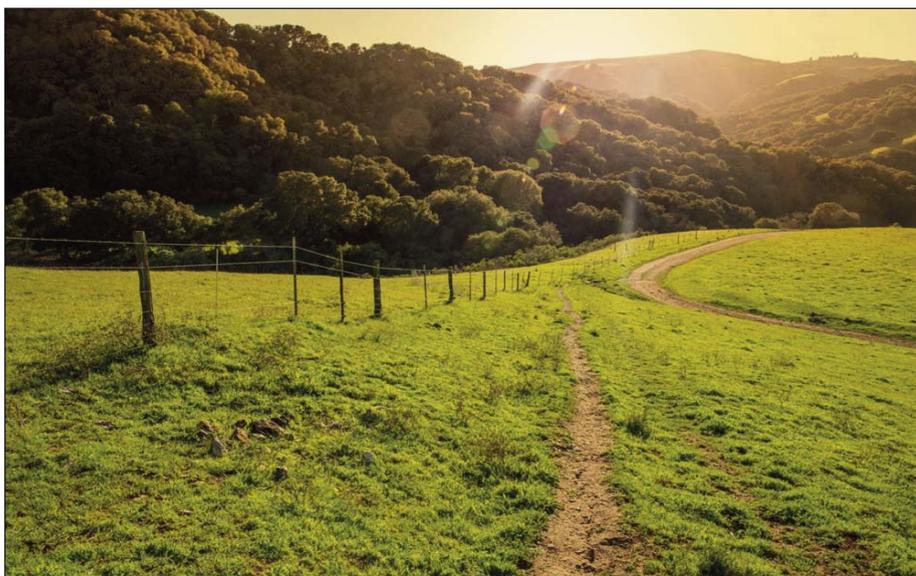


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On April 15, the sun sets at 7:41pm, creating the "Golden Hour" of twilight time.

EVENTS

Third annual Moonlight Walk on Anza Trail to be held April 15

By Kim Johnson

Anza Trail Committee,
R.E.A.C.H. San Benito Parks Foundation

The Waxing Gibbous moon will rise at 6:46pm with 98% illumination on April 15, 2022. The sun sets at 7:41pm, creating the "Golden Hour" of twilight time. This is the most family-friendly time frame for an evening walk on Anza Trail this spring. R.E.A.C.H. San Benito Parks Foundation will partner with BenitoLink and Twin Oaks Volunteers to make our San Benito County community and guests welcome and guided in this unique adventure. COVID mindfulness advised.

Parking attendants will be stationed at Old Stage Road entry point to guide cars. Arrivals are expected between 5:30 and 6:30pm to register at the trailhead gate. Upon registering, folks may begin their one to two-mile journey to various viewing points along the Anza Trail. We have reached out to the Night Sky folks who have found astronomers and storytellers to talk about the moon phases and trail history at the best viewing spots. Please bring water; infants in backpacks; warm jacket; dogs on leash, and if you need light, please bring flashlights with red filters only. Red lights will not interfere with the night sky. In the event of rain, we will cancel, but if



there is just a threat of rain, we will not cancel. The moonrise and sunset have proven to be totally wonderful between clouds!

For those first time participants, you may want to know that the first mile is a bit of a challenge but few have ever turned back. It's important to wear sensible shoes on the trail and take it slow. Given time constraints, the limit of this walk is to the 2-mile marker; all participants must be accounted for before we leave. Volunteers will be posted along the way to give assistance and information. Our local First Responders have been invited to come along to observe our safety procedures and give advice. The event is free while donations and gratuities are used for much appreciated Anza Trail improvements and maintenance.

For questions, call or text 831-673-0665 or email info@reachsandenito.org. Facebook page for updates: REACH San Benito Parks Foundation. Chat/discussion: Fb Group, R.E.A.C.H. for Parks and Trails.

The mission of R.E.A.C.H. San Benito Parks Foundation is to support outdoor adventure and health, raise funds and advocate for more and improved, sustainable parks and recreation facilities, bike ways and trails, programs and services, ensuring healthy living for all in our San Benito County community. ■

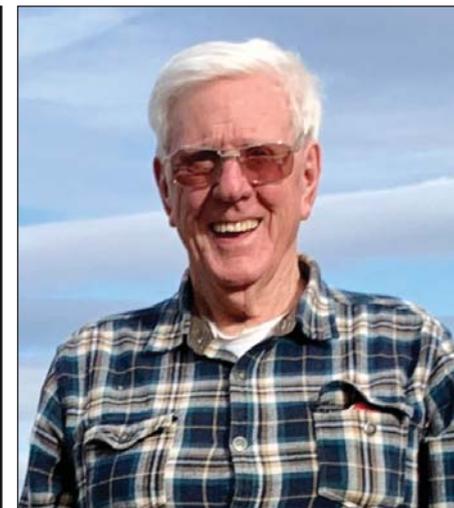


IN MEMORY

Terry Timothy McGrath

Terry Timothy McGrath passed away at his home in San Juan Bautista at the age of 82 on February 27, 2022. Terry was born in San Mateo County on April 7, 1939. He graduated from San Mateo High School. Terry moved to Seattle, WA, where he spent upwards of 20 years as a boys' basketball coach and then owned his own import/export business. He started Prima De Mexico, Inc. and ran it for 12 years from 1987-1999. He traveled to Mexico frequently and acquired a great affinity for Mexican culture. He loved mariachi bands and Mexican food.

His last adventure was to move back to California to be near his brother and sister. He chose to live on property where he could care for and love his own farm animals, first in Fiddletown and then San Juan Bautista in 2003. He had donkeys, goats and a dog named Spike. Terry was passionate about sports, especially college football and basketball. He attended Stanford games frequently. Terry donated generously to charities that were dear to his heart.



During Terry's final years in life, he enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews, especially his great nieces and nephews. Survived by his brother and sister-in-law Tad McGrath and Jean Roberts, 9 nieces and nephews, numerous great nieces and nephews and his beloved burro "Wilfredo." Preceded in death by his parents James Morgan McGrath and Olive "Betty" McGrath, as well as his sister Michele "Shelly" Parola. Forever in our hearts, he will be truly missed. A private ceremony will be held at a later date. ■

IN MEMORY

Lynnmarie Neilson

Lynnmarie Neilson, age 66, was entered into rest on Friday, March 4, 2022. Lynnmarie was born October 23, 1955 in Hollister, California

Lynnmarie was a graduate of Hollister High School and Fresno State University, where she earned a RN degree. Lynnmarie retired in April, 2019 as a Home Health Nurse. Lynnmarie enjoyed quilting, old movies, classic rock and spending time with her family.

Lynnmarie is survived by her son Caleb Leon Neilson (Mariel); daughter Aiko Lisa-Marie Rodriguez (Chris); grandchildren Dylan Masuda, Avalynn Masuda, Tristan Rodriguez, Ryker Rodriguez, Quinn Neilson, Rhett Neilson; and brothers Dennis Laveroni and Keith Laveroni (Barbara).

Lynnmarie was preceded in death by her mother Fern Kelly Laveroni.



A Celebration of Life for Lynnmarie will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM at a private residence located at 9241 Denver Ave, Laton, CA 93242. If possible, please wear something bright. Lynnmarie would have wanted it that way.

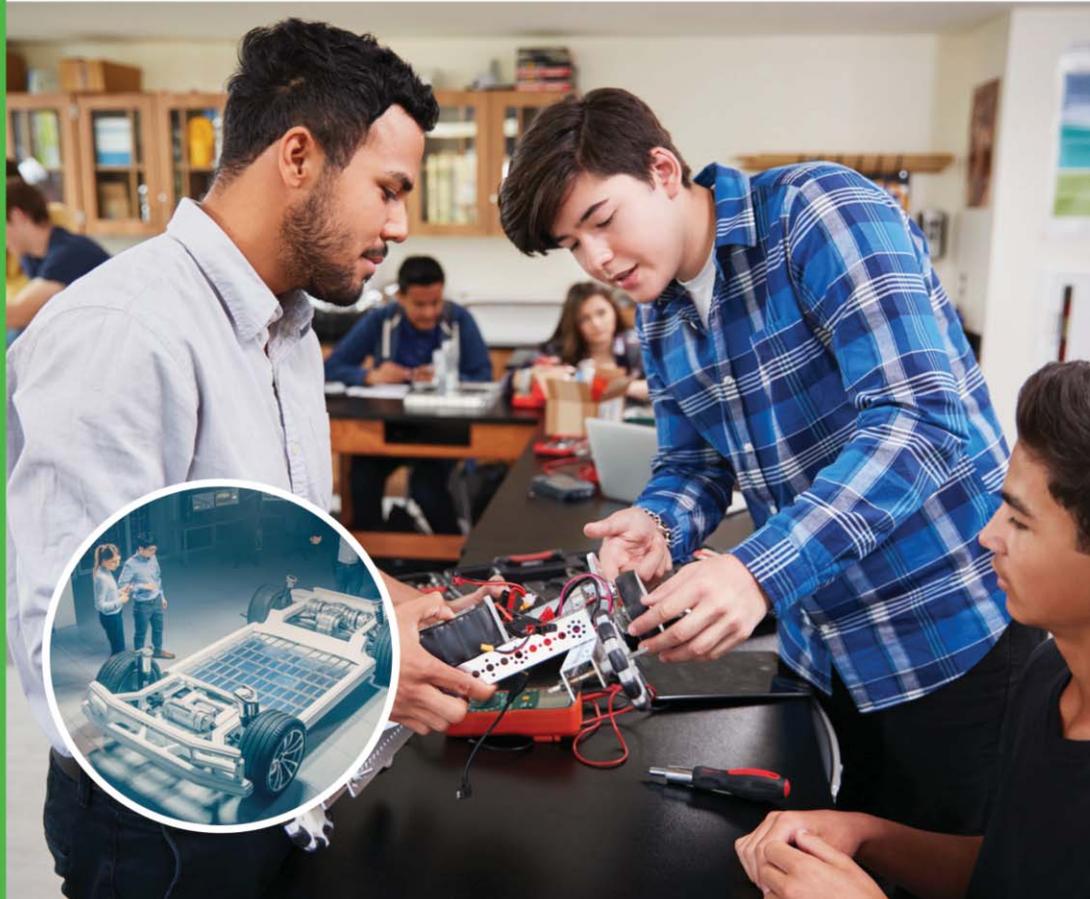
Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.peoplesfuneralchapel.com for the Neilson family. ■

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Mary Byford's 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



Recology's Lisa Jensema at Mission Garden Apartments in San Juan Bautista, the first complex to start composting services.



Left to right: Lori Woodle, Margarita Manzo and Dolores Dribnak at the Women's Fund Reception at the Community Foundation's Epicenter on March 3, 2022.



Jeff and Cindi Wiggin at AnnEugene Wines



CASA's new Advocates swear-in. L-R Olivia Tavinkl, CASA Case Mgr., Amelia Souza-Hatcher- Advocate, Wilma Vermilyer-Advocate, Adam Lyon-Advocate and Esther Curtice, Executive Director.



Alondra Rodriguez on her 18th Birthday in her favorite city by the bay. L-R Nacho, Kilian, Amy & Alondra Rodriguez.



L to R -Ruth Erickson & Mellissa Dutton at SBC Friends of the Library Tea & Treasures lunch at Ridgemark.



Raegan Guibert and Brooklyn Larabell with 2020 softball Olympian Suzannah Brookshire, born and raised in Hollister.



Jarae Tanner's Bridal Shower, happiness reigns supreme! L-R Becky Hart, Judith Ogus, Jarae & Joey Tanner



SJB Mayor Leslie Jordan / part time cacti thorn extraction expert with Sam, a local resident.



GardenShoppe's Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Party



Jesse Huerta and a little purple bird at Bliss Blendz. Mexica - Aztec New Year Celebration.



Neighborhood Luau sending off Tony Johns (center w/ lei & hat) for his new venture in Hawaii. You've got this Tony!



The Lords of the Dance taking a break at Bear's Hideaway L-R Sweet Pea, Nancy Lauritsen, Carla Hollander, Teresa Lavagnino, Jolene Cosio, Linda & Jason Ricketts, Dan Kerbs, Aaron & Steve Ricketts & Roxy.

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Calendar

FRIDAY APRIL 1

NEW MOON IN ARIES

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - DJ JUNIOR D 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

SATURDAY APRIL 2

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - KID DYNAMITE ROCKS 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

LIVING HISTORY DAYS 11am-4p. San Juan Bautista State Historic Park. Step back into the early days of SJB. Meet mountain men, Civil War soldiers, Victorian ladies & more. Enjoy craft & cooking demos. Old-fashioned in the historic Plaza Hotel Saloon. Historic horse-drawn vehicles in the Plaza Stables & Victorian furnishings in the Plaza Hotel & Zanetta family home.

SCHITT'S CREEK PARTY @ THE GARDENSHOPPE 5-9pm. The GardenShoppe, Hollister. Tickets \$20 visit gardenshoppeandbar.com/calendar-of-events

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY STARGAZING 8pm-Midnight. As darkness falls and the stars emerge, they gaze in wonder at night sky's splendors through the eyepiece of the 30-inch diameter Challenger Telescope, and a variety of sophisticated amateur telescopes.

SATURDAY APRIL 2 - SUNDAY APRIL 3

SJB PICKLEBALL PLAYDAYS 9am-1pm. San Juan School, 100 Nyland Dr. Beginners-Advanced players. Everyone is welcome! \$2 suggested donation. Courts open from dawn to dusk daily.

SUNDAY APRIL 3

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - ACOUSTICATZ 2-6pm. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

GEEKS WHO DRINK - RUNNING ROOSTER TRIVIA NIGHT 6:30pm. Think it's just trivia? Think again. 6 people per team! Every Wednesday @ Running Rooster, 800 San Benito St., Hollister. Runningrooster.com

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6 -
WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

POPPY JASPER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Visit pjiff.org

THURSDAY APRIL 7

OTTER OPRY PRESENTS JOHN REISCHMAN & THE JAYBIRDS United Methodist Church. The Jaybirds put their own particular stamp on bluegrass, old time and acoustic roots music, with a satisfying blend of traditional and modern styles. Visit www.otteropry.org

FRIDAY APRIL 8

NATIVE DAUGHTERS PEDRO CARD PARTY 1 - 3:30pm. \$5 to play, snacks and prizes. Native Daughters Adobe, 203 Fourth Street, San Juan Bautista. Second Friday Monthly.

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - BAD DOG 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

SATURDAY APRIL 9

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - SUPernaut 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

FRIENDS OF THE SBC FREE LIBRARY BOOK SALE 9am-12pm. The shed behind the SBC Free Library. The 2nd Saturday of every month. Visit SBCFL.ORG

SATURDAY APRIL 9 - SUNDAY APRIL 10

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SUNDAY APRIL 10

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - RYTHYM TRIBE 2-6pm. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

AROMAS GRANGE PRESENTS...BACKYARD BIRDS Doors 3:45pm Start 4:30pm \$15/Advance \$20/Door. Snack foods plus premium beers & wines for sale. Tickets available at Marshall's Market in Aromas--and eventbrite.com. Visit aromasgrange.org

LATIN DANCE SOCIAL 3-6pm. Featuring Salsa, Cumbia, Bachata & more. Indoor and outdoor dancing with music by DJ Mike. All levels of experience welcome. \$10/person. Wine & Soda available for purchase. Visit sanbenitoarts.org

MONDAY APRIL 11

LENTEN MEDITATION - A SPECIAL MISSION CONCERT - LAURE DE MARCELLUS MEZZOSOPRANO & ALBERTO URROZ PIANO 6pm. Mission San Juan Bautista. All are welcome. Donations Only! Please arrive early. Oldmissionsjb.org 831.238.5254

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

GEEKS WHO DRINK - RUNNING ROOSTER TRIVIA



Saturday, April 2 and 23

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY STARGAZING 8pm-Midnight. As darkness falls and the stars emerge, they gaze in wonder at night sky's splendors through the eyepiece of the 30-inch diameter Challenger Telescope, and a variety of sophisticated amateur telescopes.

NIGHT 6:30pm. Think it's just trivia? Think again. 6 people per team! Every Wednesday @ Running Rooster, 800 San Benito St., Hollister. Runningrooster.com

FRIDAY APRIL 15

ANNUAL MOONLIGHT WALK ON ANZA TRAIL Registration at the gate 5:30 - 6:30pm. Moonrise 6:45pm, Sunset 7:41pm. Off the trail by 9pm. For updates call 831.673.0665 or visit FB REACH.

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - DJ JUNIOR D 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

SATURDAY APRIL 16

FULL MOON IN LIBRA

RECOLOGY ENVIRONMENTAL DAY - 3 FREE SERVICES FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY RESIDENTS! 9am-1pm. Veteran's Memorial Park, 1223 Memorial Dr., Hollister. E-waste Recycling, TV's, computers & accessories, cell phones, laptops, game consoles, radios, stereos & small electronics w/cords. No large household appliances. Secure document shredding & compost giveaway. RecologySanBenito.com 831.636.7500

SOUTH VALLEY FLEURS GARDEN CLUB PLANT & CRAFT SALES 9am-2pm. Grace Hill Church, corner Dunne & Dewitt. Serving the communities of Morgan Hill, Gilroy & Hollister.

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - THE REV TONES 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA 3RD SATURDAY ON 3RD STREET Come celebrate our unique merchants, restaurants & drinking establishments with live music & specials. Extended hours for select businesses. 3rd Saturday of each month on 3rd Street.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS 9am - 12pm. Dispose of your paint, motor oil, household

cleaners, and other HHW. Every 3rd Saturday of the month. John Smith Rd. Landfill. Proof of residency is required. Limit of 15 gallons or 125 gallons.

SATURDAY APRIL 16 -
SUNDAY APRIL 17

SJB PICKLEBALL PLAYDAYS 9am-1pm. San Juan School, 100 Nyland Dr. Beginners-Advanced players. Everyone is welcome! \$2 suggested donation. Courts open from dawn to dusk daily.

SUNDAY APRIL 17

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - SUGAR BEATS 2-6pm. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

SUNDAY APRIL 17 -
SATURDAY APRIL 23

HAZEL HAWKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK Honoring our volunteers during National Volunteer Week!

TUESDAY APRIL 19

BENITOLINK ELECTION FORUM 6pm. **YOUR VOICE - YOUR VOTE** Granada Theatre, 336 Fifth Street, Hollister.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20

MARSHALL'S MARKET CAR SHOW - AROMAS 5pm. Diverse assortment of cars on show. Live music, food and drink. 3rd Wednesday of each month, April - October. Marshall's Market, 300 Carpenteria Rd., Aromas 831.726.3244

GEEKS WHO DRINK - RUNNING ROOSTER TRIVIA NIGHT 6:30pm. Think it's just trivia? Think again. 6 people per team! Every Wednesday @ Running Rooster, 800 San Benito St., Hollister. Runningrooster.com

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UP IN SMOKE MOVIE NIGHT @ THE GARDEN-SHOPPE 7-9pm, Free Event visit gardenshoppeand-bar.com/calendar-of-events

FRIDAY APRIL 22

EARTH DAY!

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - TRIPLE THREAT 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

SATURDAY APRIL 23

RECOLOGY ENVIRONMENTAL DAY - 3 FREE SERVICES FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY RESIDENTS! 9am-1pm. San Juan School, 100 Nyland Dr. San Juan Bautista. E-waste Recycling, TV's, computers & accessories, cell phones, laptops, game consoles, radios, stereos & small electronics w/cords. No large household appliances. Secure document shredding & compost giveaway. RecologySanBenito.com 831.636.7500

HOLLISTER DOWNTOWN SPRING CLEAN-UP 8:30-11:30am. YOU ARE INVITED, clubs, groups, students needing community service hours, & community minded adults. Bring your brooms, dustpans, clippers, gloves and shovels. Help us get our downtown in tip-top shape! Visit downtownhollister.org

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION - CELEBRACION DEL DIA DE LA TIERRA 1-4pm. Luck Park, 801 Second St., SJB. Booths, games, art, performances, free recycling program. ART POSTER CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED Info visit www.cosb.us/iwm or call 831.636.4110

NATIONAL DRUG & SHARPS TAKE BACK DAY Safely dispose of your sharps and unused or expired medication: At Target Parking Lot, 1790 Airline Hwy, Hollister.

SOUTH VALLEY FLEURS GARDEN CLUB PLANT & CRAFT SALES 9am-2pm. Hollister Veteran's Memorial Hall. Serving the communities of Morgan Hill, Gilroy & Hollister.

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FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY SOLAR PROGRAM 2-5pm. Visit tpoa.net

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - TBA 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

SATURDAY APRIL 23 - SUNDAY APRIL 24

SJB PICKLEBALL PLAYDAYS 9am-1pm. San Juan School, 100 Nyland Dr. Beginners-Advanced players. Everyone is welcome! \$2 suggested donation. Courts open from dawn to dusk daily.

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SUNDAY APRIL 24

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - VIC SILVA BAND 2-6pm. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27

GEEKS WHO DRINK - RUNNING ROOSTER TRIVIA NIGHT 6:30pm. Think it's just trivia? Think again. 6 people per team! Every Wednesday @ Running Rooster, 800 San Benito St., Hollister. Runningrooster.com

FRIDAY APRIL 29

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - THE KING BEE 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

FRIDAY APRIL 29 - SUNDAY MAY 1ST

THE GREAT SAN JUAN BAUTISTA RIB COOK-OFF 11am-7pm Friday, 10am-7pm Saturday, 10am-5pm Sunday. Tender slow cooked BBQ ribs from award-winning teams. Ribbers from CA, OR & NV will participate in the cook-off. Official judging Saturday 1pm. Crafts creations, unique one-of-a-kind gifts. Pony rides, face painting, snow cones. Patty Kistner Band performs on the main stage all weekend long. Admission and parking FREE visit williamsltd.com

SATURDAY APRIL 30

LIVE MUSIC @ DAISY'S - JOHN MICHAELS BAND 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, 213 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.4484

SJB PICKLEBALL PLAYDAYS 9am-1pm. San Juan School, 100 Nyland Dr. Beginners-Advanced players. Everyone is welcome! \$2 suggested donation. Courts open from dawn to dusk daily.

Save the date

SUNDAY MAY 1

BOLADO PARK'S SPRING PICNIC 12-4pm. Join us for an afternoon of food, live music, games, activities, raffles, contests & fun! \$15/adults \$10/kids Bring a picnic blanket or rent a picnic table for \$20. Tickets at Bolado Park or at BOLADO-PARK.TICKETLEAP.COM/SPRING-PICNIC/

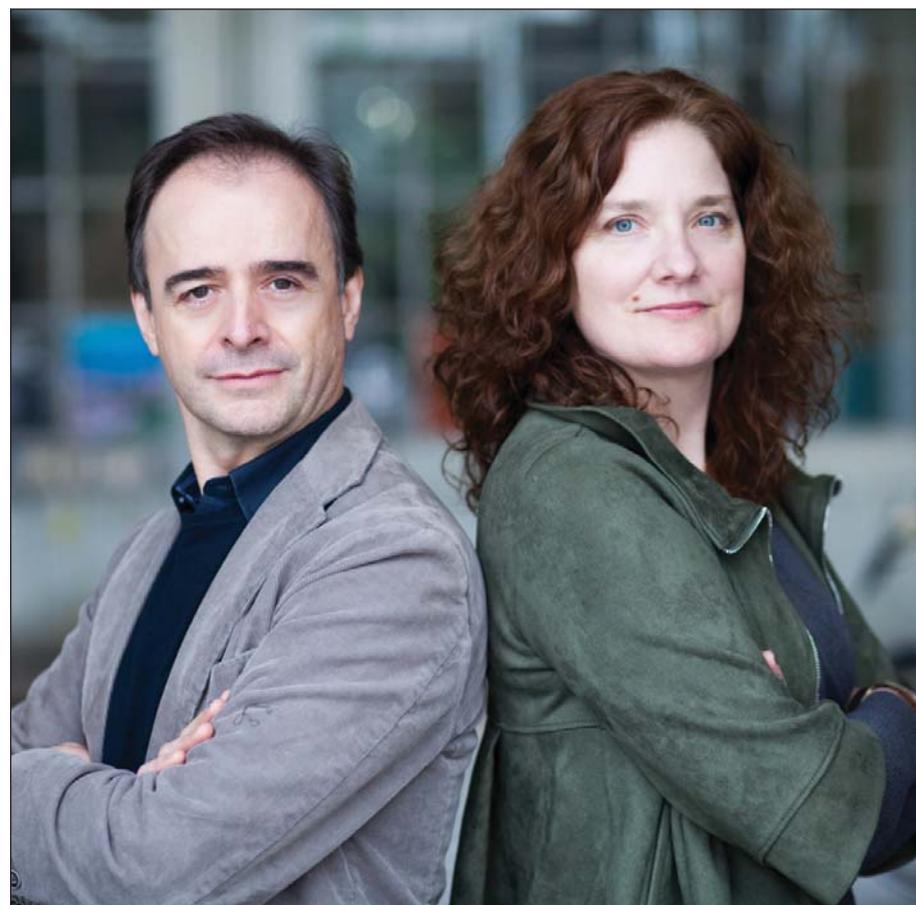
THURSDAY MAY 5 - THURSDAY MAY 7

COMMUNITY CIRCULOS - CREATORS IN COMMUNITY / EL TEATRO CAMPESINO FREE CREATIVE SESSIONS WITH ETC ARTISTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY! Thursdays & Saturdays. Open to members of San Benito, Monterey, Santa Cruz & Santa Clara Counties. Info www.ELTEATROCAMPESINO.COM

SATURDAY MAY 7

HOLLISTER DOWNTOWN WINE & BEER STROLL 1 - 5pm. Hollister Downtown Association's 10th Downtown Wine & Beer Stroll. Participating businesses will be paired with a local winery or brewery, where attendees will be poured a 1oz. Taste of wine or a 2 oz. taste of beer. Visit downtownhollister.org

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AT BILL'S BULLPEN Celebrating the largest event in the comic book industry. A great event for the whole community, bringing everyone together, finding books for everyone to enjoy, and seeing people of all ages.



Monday, April 11

A SPECIAL MISSION CONCERT AND LENTEN MEDITATION WITH LAURE DE MARCELLUS, MEZZOSOPRANO AND ALBERTO URROZ, PIANO. Mission San Juan Bautista, the Mission Of Music, will hold a Benefit for the Mission Parish on Monday April 11th at 6pm. For more information, visit oldmissionsjb.org or call 831-238-5254. Donations only! All are welcome; limited seating available, so please arrive early.

Laure de Marcellus's velvety timbre and riveting stage presence delight both critics and audiences. She honed her craft at the Deutsche Oper, Berlin, where she sang under the baton of conductors such as C. Thielemann, M. Jurowski and Sir Lawrence Foster. Spanning many years, her collaboration with pianist Alberto Urroz has yielded recital performances in Spain and in the USA. They love to blend art forms and have performed with dancers and in unusual venues, involving their audiences in the stories and the poetry they present.

They are delighted to be back at Mission San Juan Bautista for this program of Easter themed music. For more information, visit www.lauredemarcellus.com.

SUNDAY MAY 8

AROMAS GRANGE PRESENTS CASCADA DE FLORES / MOTHER'S DAY DIA DE LAS MADRES Doors 3:45pm Show 4:30pm. Aromas Grange, corner of Rose & Bardue. \$15/advance \$20/door. Premium beers & wines available for purchase. Tickets @ Marshall's Market in Aromas or concerts@aromas-grange.org www.aromasgrange.org

FRIDAY MAY 20

SJB LIBRARY HAPPY HOUR 5pm. The San Juan Bautista community is invited. Meet your neighbors and enjoy "munchies and aperitifs" & meet new friends. Hope to see you there!

FRIDAY MAY 20 - SUNDAY MAY 22

RETREAT FOR LGBTQ+ AT-ONE-MENT WITH GOD

Led by Dick Jaco, is in the autumn of his life as a catholic gay man. He has ministered for several years as a trained Spiritual Director with focus on serving LBGTQ+. Jan Stegner, a graduate of the San Franciscan Theological Union in Berkeley, she holds 2 masters in Theological Studies. Register online www.stfrancis-retreat.com/events

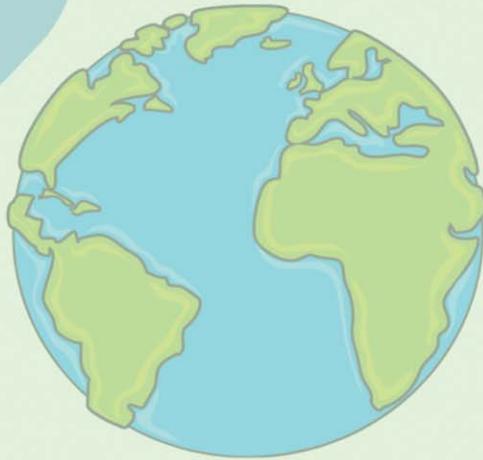
SATURDAY JUNE 4

GRANITEROCK RIVER RUN IS BACK! 8-11am. Family friendly 5k or 1 mile event. The River Run benefits the YMCA of San Benito County. 5632 Airline Hwy, Hollister. Visit runsignup.com/Race/CA/Hollister/GraniterockRiverRun or email YMCASanBenito@ymcacentralcoast.org

5TH ANNUAL FIESTA FUN RUN A run through the streets of San Juan. 1 mile Fun Run @ 8:45am, 5k & 10k @ 9:15M. Visit Fiestafunrun.org

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 23, 2022



Luck Park

801 Second Street

San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

1:00pm - 4:00pm

BOOTHS / GAMES / ART / PERFORMANCES
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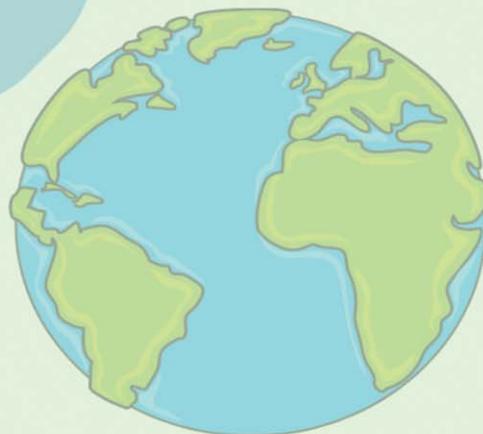
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Green Business Tips

Celebrating Earth Month properly

By Timaree Nelson

It's the most wonderful time of year – Earth Month! We invite businesses to take this opportunity to tighten up their operations and make a commitment to being greener. Your patrons and employees want to see businesses making the effort to lower their carbon footprint. Here are some ideas to get you on the right track:

- **Celebrate!** San Benito County Integrated Waste Management is putting on an Earth Day Celebration. There will be booths, performances, free recycling programs, and more!

Saturday, April 23, 2022, 1:00pm - 4:00pm at Luck Park (801 Second Street, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045)

- **Have your business seeing green!** Become more environmentally friendly while also saving money on utility and energy bills by making your operations more efficient. Invest in technology such as water sensors for outdoor watering or a programmable thermostat for indoor temperature regulation.

- **Grab your team and roll up your sleeves!** Joining a cleanup event can be an amazing team bonding experience. Earth-day.org and the Environmental Protection Agency both have convenient directories to

look up cleanup events near you!

- **Check out a local event:** the Hollister Downtown Association is putting on a Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8:30am - 11:30am. Check-in is at 649 San Benito Street. To participate or for more information, call 831-636-8406

- **Don't forget about Recology's Environmental Day events!** Residents of San Benito County and Regional Agency Members are invited to participate in these community events to drop off electronic waste, shred documents, and bring home some free compost! Both events are 9:00am - 1:00pm*

April 16 -- Veteran's Memorial Park, 1223 Memorial Dr., Hollister, CA

April 23 -- San Juan School, 100 Nyland Dr., San Juan Bautista, CA

*Proof of residency required. Space is limited. Dates subject to change. Call Recology to confirm.

Want to get your business leaner and greener? Become a Certified Green Business! We provide free technical assistance, and offer up to \$500 in rebates for businesses that complete certification. If you have any questions or wish to enroll, contact Saburi Sai at ssai@environmentalin.com. ■

CELESTIAL EVENTS



April 1 - New Moon in Aries. The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 06:27 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

April 16 - Full Moon in Libra. The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This phase occurs at 18:57 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the first spring flowers. This moon has also been known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Growing Moon, and the Egg Moon. Many coastal tribes called it the Fish Moon because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn.

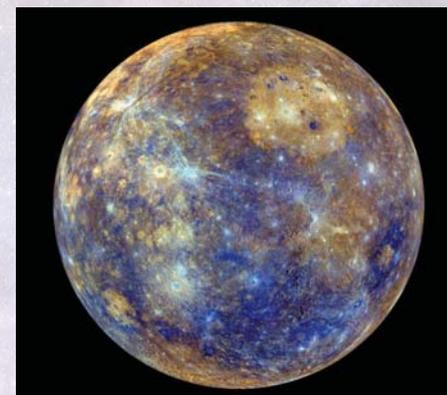
April 22, 23 - Lyrids Meteor Shower. The Lyrids is an average shower, usually producing about 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by dust particles left behind by comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher, which was discovered in 1861. The shower runs annually from April 16-25. It peaks this year on the night of the 22nd and morning of the 23rd. These meteors can sometimes produce bright dust trails that last for several seconds. The waning gibbous moon may block some of the fainter meteors this year, but there is still potential for a good show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Lyra, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

April 29 - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation. The planet Mercury (pictured) reaches greatest eastern elongation of 20.6 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset.

April 30 - New Moon. The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 20:30 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

April 30 - Partial Solar Eclipse. A partial solar eclipse occurs when the Moon covers only a part of the Sun, sometimes resembling a bite taken out of a cookie. A partial solar eclipse can only be safely observed with a special solar filter or by looking at the Sun's reflection. This partial eclipse will be visible throughout most of the southeast Pacific Ocean and southern South America. It will be best seen from Argentina with 53% coverage.

(NASA Map and Eclipse Information. Mercury photo: NASA)



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If you see a rabbit laying little brown eggs, don't eat them, It's not chocolate!

Friend: How's that ring around your finger?

Newlywed: It's kind of like a noose around my neck.

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DEARLY DENOTED

Headstone of the month

William Shakespeare

April 26, 1564 - April 23, 1616

There are a lot of famous resting destinations all over the UK where people are cur-

rently coming to visit. There is another famous grave site which is the Shakespeare's grave that can be found in Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon. Even though that William Shakespeare, was not only born and bred in the Warwickshire town of Stratford-upon-Avon, he was also laid to rest here, where he was also baptised. His wife Anne Hathaway is buried alongside his supposedly cursed tomb. ■

ARTS

The arts work!

By Jennifer Laine
Executive Director, San Benito County Arts Council; Board Member, Californians for the Arts

The arts and culture, indeed creativity, have been vital to the recovery of California as we learn to live with the COVID pandemic and return to a meaningful quality of life. That is why we invite you to celebrate every April as Arts, Culture & Creativity Month (ACCM) and do your part to educate lawmakers to why public investments in arts and culture work for California.

As the theme of ACCM states this year, the arts work to heal and create jobs, as well as to empower our youth, build community and advance social justice. We have seen how the arts have been mobilized to address a multitude of issues that utilize the vitality of creativity to rally our spirits, restore our hearts, create community cohesion and contribute to economic health.

Every day at the San Benito County Arts Council, we see the many ways that the arts work. Most recently, we have been working closely with Caltrans on their Clean California Program to include public art elements in two local highway beautification projects, in Hollister and San Juan Bautista. Launched by Gov-

ernor Newsom as part of his California Comeback Plan, Clean California is investing \$1.1 billion for state and local governments to clean up trash and debris statewide, beautify community gateways and public areas along highways, streets and roads, and to provide good jobs to thousands of Californians. In very real terms, these projects will put artists to work, bring diverse communities together around art, beautify blighted spaces and contribute to overall economic growth.

Here are few data points to consider:

- Art and community development results in greater tax revenues. The downtown Phoenix, AZ creativity hub yielded a 105 percent increase in tax receipts, compared to a citywide decline of 1.04 percent.

- Love for your community leads to economic growth. Data from a three-year study show a significant link between resident attachment and local GDP growth, with the arts as a critical component.

- Art and community development strengthens social networks. Residents living on a block where community-based art projects took place were 1.6 times more likely to report they felt more connected to the neighbors.

As we celebrate Arts, Culture and Creativity Month throughout the month of April, we invite you to get involved and learn more! To participate in this year's event, please visit <https://www.californiansforthearts.org/about-accm> ■



BENITOLINK Your voice; your vote

By Alex Esquivel

Your Voice- Your Vote is a BenitoLink initiative seeking community engagement with our 2022 election coverage. In the past, BenitoLink has held election forums in person. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, our last forum was held virtually. The good news is, this year's Your Voice- Your Vote Election Forum will take place in person once again on April 19, 2022 at Granada Theater in Hollister, from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. The forum will also be recorded and uploaded to our BenitoLink YouTube channel for those who could not attend or wish to watch at a later date. And for the political die-hards who attend and want to catch it a second time!

As your nonprofit, community news organization, BenitoLink wants to learn what issues are important to you and hear the questions you want to ask the candidates for local, state and federal office. We want to hear your concerns and goals for San Benito County. Your input will help inform our reporters as they interview candidates in the coming months and help us prepare questions for the Election Forum.

Races and Candidates

U.S. Representative-18th District:

Peter Hernandez, Zoe Lofgren, Luis Acevedo Arreguin

State Assembly 29th District:

Stephanie L Castro, Robert Rivas

Secretary of State:

Robert Bernosky, James JW Paine

Supervisor-District 1:

Betsy Dirks, Mark Starritt, Sandy Patterson-Jamarck, Kim Hawk, Dom Zanger, Eliza-

beth Zepeda Gonzalez

Supervisor-District 3:

Rolan Resendiz, Eddie Alfaro, Melinda (Mindy) Johnson Sotelo

Supervisor-District 4:

Angela Curro, Elia Salinas, Tony Joseph Avilla Sr.

District Attorney:

Joel A Buckingham, Candice Hooper Mancino

Sheriff-Coroner:

Eric S. Taylor, Juan Guevara

BenitoLink will play the role of messenger and do so in a transparent and nonpartisan way. Our mission to include our whole community in local news means retiring the old model of the newsroom as gatekeeper between the media, the people and those they elect. Instead, BenitoLink serves the public by providing nonpartisan news and information and assists community members by helping them prepare for local elections.

Please join us at the Granada Theater on Tuesday, April 19 from 6:00-8:00 pm for our live ELECTION FORUM!

The Your Voice—Your Vote initiative kicks off by asking this fundamental question: What do you want local candidates to be talking about? Scan our QR code below to take our YVVV survey. ■



TASTE The Great San Juan Bautista Rib Cook-off April 29, 30 & May 1

The Great San Juan Bautista Rib Cook-off returns! They're closing down the streets of historic San Juan Bautista for this 3-day festival of ribs, crafts and music.

Tender slow cooked barbecue ribs from award-winning teams, will be succulently simmered over beds of old fashioned hickory charcoal, and topped with homemade smoke flavored barbeque sauce. Hot and drippin' fresh off the grill, ready for tasting.

Ribbers from California, Oregon and Nevada will be arriving in town to participate in the cook-off. The official judging is set for Saturday at 1pm and the winners will be announced on Sunday at 1pm. Teams will be competing for the best ribs and best

sauce trophies, along with the People's Choice award. Cast your vote on Friday and Saturday for the People's Choice award.

Festivalgoers will discover hundreds of craft creations and unique one-of-a-kind gifts. Bring the family! Kids will enjoy the pony rides, face painting and snow cones. The Patty Kistner Band performs on the main stage all weekend long.

Admission and parking are free.

11am – 7pm Friday, April 29

10am – 7pm Saturday, April 30

10am – 5pm Sunday, May 1 ■



lowdown

Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.



Roman Emperor Galus,

also known as Caligula, made one of his favorite horses a senator. The emperor loved his horse, named Incitatus, so much that he gave him a marble stall, an ivory manger, a jeweled collar, and even a house! Caligula also allegedly planned to make his trusty steed Consul before his assassination. ■



MISSION VILLAGE VOICE Q&A

Keith Severson,

Director of Marketing and Community Involvement at Graniterock

By Anne Caetano

This month, *Mission Village Voice* had a “blast” meeting up with Keith Severson, Director of Marketing and Community Involvement at Graniterock, AKA the Goodwill Ambassador. For 25 years, he has been a Graniterocker-rock star. He is so enthusiastic about the company’s Green Journey and how the Woolpert family and Graniterock are committed to acting “in the spirit of good stewardship, being good corporate citizens, being good stewards of the land.” They celebrate and practice Earth Day all-year long as they “... help the citizens of the Central Coast by taking this energy-intensive operation off the grid as much as we can.” We hope you’ll agree that Keith Severson crushed this Q&A.

KS: I went to the University of Texas at Austin. During that time, I delivered pizzas for Domino’s Pizza. I then became a Domino’s manager. My mentor had five Domino’s stores in California, and so he asked me to come run them. So that’s when I came down here 1979/1980. I worked for him for a good long time, and I built up to 20 Domino’s from the Central Coast up to San Francisco.

MVV: Then you started your own Domino’s?

Yes, I started the first Domino’s store in Gilroy, and I got up to six here on the Central Coast, and during that fateful time, I met Bruce Woolpert, owner and president of Graniterock.

How did you meet?

Bruce Woolpert was very cerebral, really forward thinking -- a brilliant man. He graduated number one in his class at Stanford Business School. He was into this total quality management movement at the time. He was positioning Graniterock to win the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. It’s the highest quality award, given to private business by the federal government. Bruce, Val Verutti and a couple of other managers called me and said, “We’d like to benchmark with you around on-time delivery of a perishable product.”

What’s Graniterock’s perishable product?

They wanted to compare the delivery of ready mix concrete against my 30-minute pizza deliveries. And we normalized those numbers and followed them along quarter by quarter. And he always tried to beat me. And so, one quarter he beat me. I was usu-



ally better, but they came up mightily. We had this working thing together, and that went on for a couple of years. Graniterock ended up winning the Malcolm Baldrige Award in 1992.

What a story!

George H.W. Bush presented Bruce the prestigious award in Washington, D.C., and a bunch of Graniterockers went to D.C. with him to witness the beautiful event. The year Graniterock won was also the year the first year Ritz Carlton, Texas Instruments, and Aerospace won. There we were, this little rock company from Watsonville.

How did you end up at Graniterock?

I got a call from Bruce, and he said, “Hey, I’ve got this marketing position open. And since you were a franchisee, you did every-

Graniterock has built a five-megawatt solar farm with 15,000 photovoltaic panels on the back of the quarry in Aromas.



thing, I mean, from being a janitor to marketing.” And 25 and a half years ago, I joined Graniterock.

You are headquartered in Watsonville.

Yes, and we’ve got a wonderful leadership team. We’re bringing in new people and expanding our leadership.

How are you diversifying?

We brought in some new folks, primarily female. If you add up the 122 years, the company has been owned by women more than men.

In 1929 A.R. Wilson, our founder, died of a heart attack on Highway 129. Then his wife Anna R. Wilson took over ownership of Graniterock. They had a child, Betsy Elizabeth Wilson, who went to Stanford. She took over the company and ran it for many years. She had two sons and ended up giving the company to her son Bruce to run. When Bruce passed away in June 2012, his wife Rose Ann and her children assumed ownership. Rose Ann and her daughter Mary Ann are very active in the business and serve on the Board of Directors.

And you are the Goodwill Ambassador of Graniterock.

I’ve kind of grown into this role. From history to people to philanthropy, I dip my toe in operations a little bit. I like to say that my knowledge of Graniterock is a mile wide but only an inch deep.

We are frankly in a business where we harvest natural materials from the earth. So, we try to do that in the spirit of good stewardship, being good corporate citizens, being good stewards of the land, and so we have a VERY intelligent and forward-thinking Environmental Department that handles the A.R. Wilson Quarry, the Southside Quarry and quarries up in Santa Cruz, all our concrete plants, all our asphalt plants, even our job sites, and so we meet and exceed environmental requirements.

And so, with all that kind of spirit, we need

these Goodwill Ambassadors. Graniterock people get involved in community, their boots on the ground. They’re going to be on committees, and they’re going to vote to make things better in this spirit of continuous improvement. And we’re not publicly traded. We’re privately held.

You’re not publicly traded?

That’s Granite Construction, which is another great piece of the Graniterock story. Graniterock was founded in 1900. And we operate under California contractor license number 22, second oldest in the state. 100 years ago, on Jan. 4, 1922. A.R. Wilson founded Granite Construction Company.

Great history.

And I know this because Granite Construction came over to my office to look for some historical documents. And we found their articles of incorporation. So, in 1936, the end of the depression, there was no work. Urban legend was that nobody was working at the quarry every day. They would ring a bell or a siren to call men in to work if they got an order for rock. And to survive that, A.R. Wilson spun off Granite Construction.

That explains it!

And it’s job security for me because I get to explain it frequently to people who mix us up.

What exactly does Graniterock do?

Graniterock is a beautifully vertically-integrated construction, materials, and general engineering contractor company. We build roads and highways. We frequently work on projects at SFO. There’s a new bid coming out for San Jose International. We’ve done several of their runways and apron taxiways. We have worked in 13 different central California airports, including Hollister, Monterey and Salinas.

And your environmental specialist and CHEER?

That was the Betabel project river cleanup

we did with CHEER. We removed 1,000 old tires from the Buena Vista site, which we recently sold to San Benito County. Rachel Reed, Graniterock's biological resources manager, and I were out there. We restored the San Benito River so the steelhead can come all the way up there.

And your "Rock. Paper. Scissors." newsletter?

This is a monthly newsletter we send to our customers and community members, which has a subscription of roughly 10,000 people. Our last issue focused on environmental stewardship and Graniterock's Green Journey. We just finished up a 20-minute video, and it already won two film festival awards.

Your Green Journey.

The Woolpert family is committed to good corporate citizenship and environmental stewardship as well. When we bought our headquarters building in Watsonville in 2002, it was not designed as a green building. We retrofitted it to the point that it's now a near net zero building. We tinted all the windows. We changed the HVAC system, changed filters, added solar panels to the roof, and we got it almost to net zero.

And.

The next thing we did was address energy usage at our big asphalt plants in Redwood City. And if you know anything about power, PG&E will charge you for the energy that you use, but they also charge you for energy used during peak demand, so to help both PG&E lower the need for peak demand and the charges, we installed a big Tesla battery. You'll see it in the "Rock. Paper. Scissors." video. And so that takes the peaks off that demand charge. When we came back to the corporate office, we put in electric charging stations, so we've got four electric charging stations in the back of the building now.

And your solar farm at the Aromas quarry?

We have built a five-megawatt solar farm with 15,000 photovoltaic panels on the back of the quarry in Aromas. We hope to flip that switch in April.

And what will happen when you flip the switch?

That will take 60% of the quarry's demand off the grid; we will produce 60% of the power to run our full quarry.

How much power does the quarry demand?

It's unbelievable. It's as big as a small city. We're going to help the citizens of the Central Coast by taking this energy-intensive operation off the grid as much as we can.

There's never ending rock. Will you ever run out?

We have done studies, and we currently have a stable supply for the future. We are currently harvesting rock 120 feet below sea level. When I started, we were mining at sea



level, and we can clearly see how we can harvest there for 100 more years.

What does it do to the earth?

It will leave a big hole. Society requires the use of natural materials from the earth for all kinds of things – from building highways to building schools. And people say, "Well, is it sustainable?" The Romans used concrete for constructing the Colosseum, which is way over 2,000 years old, and I would propose that is a sustainable building.

And in California?

California is probably the most progressive place on earth. And our mining laws, rules, and regulations require really solid reclamation plans to help us -- as mankind - protect and utilize our resources in the best possible way. And we have got a very robust reclamation plan for the A.R. Wilson quarry. We're bonded for it, and it's got a forever lifetime when we get done with reclamation.

Is Aromas your main quarry?

Aromas is the largest crushed rock quarry west of the Mississippi -- the center of our universe -- where we started and where we will finish.

And do you crush the rock?

We do crush it, but Mother Nature is the primary crusher. The Quarry is a beautiful vein of pure granite. It bubbled up out of the earth 50-70 million years ago. It was just this pure hard rock. We might have made countertops or tabletops out of it except it sits directly on San Andreas Fault. So, the vein of granite sort of broke in half and has

been riding the San Andreas fault all those years. We blast once a week.

How do you blast?

We drill holes in the ground in the vein of granite and insert an explosive material. And it's very controlled, and it sort of hiccups. We call it a "blast, rip and doze" quarry.

We have a D11 dozer that puts big claws out and rips it and pushes it into our four-story gyratory crusher, known as the Krupp (like the coffee-maker). The Krupp takes boulders the size of a Volkswagen and crushes them down to the size of a soccer ball. And then we crush it more, so it becomes half-inch rock.

You transport by rail car too?

Yes, we have new rail cars that each carry 115 tons of rock, the equivalent of four semi-trucks. So, for every rail car delivery, we keep eight truck trips off the road all the way up to South San Francisco,

Redwood City and San Jose. As luck would have it, it's back to our green discussion; moving freight by rail produces a third of the carbon footprint of trucks, which is a huge carbon savings on the footprint of our construction materials.

And education?

We strive to educate kids about the trades, whether it's concrete or asphalt, excavation, grading and paving and transportation. We've got several female drivers. We've got a woman whose name is Ricki Mancebo. She drives a semi-truck, and she has been driving for us for 44 years. And her sister Linda is in our accounting department, and she's retiring next week after 30 years with us.

The real Graniterock story is the people and the fact that we are family-owned and privately held and have been for all these generations. It's allowed us to foster a culture in the company, so we feel like a family. ■

GOING POSTAL

Shel Silverstein

The U.S. Postal Service will honor author and illustrator Shel Silverstein with a Forever stamp featuring artwork from his book, "The Giving Tree." The first-day-of-issue event will be held on April 8 at the school Shel Silverstein attended, Chicago's Darwin Elementary School.

The extraordinarily versatile Shel Silverstein (1930-1999) was one of the 20th century's most imaginative authors and illustrators.

"The Giving Tree," published in 1964 by Harper & Row, is about a friendship between a motherly tree and a boy. As the child grows older, the tree gives him its shade, apples, branches and trunk. The story ends with the boy, now an old man, returning to rest against the tree's stump. The best-selling tale of selflessness, which is accompanied by the author's elegantly simple black-and-white illustrations, is considered a classic of children's literature.

Silverstein's zany, self-illustrated books of poetry are similarly revered. "Where the Sidewalk Ends" (1974), "A Light in the Attic" (1981), "Falling Up" (1996) and

"Every Thing On It" (2011) feature clever and, at times, playfully nonsensical verse that is adored by young people all over the world. Children are enthralled by Silverstein's poetry, which is full of fantastical imagery and often deals with the joys and fears of childhood. The four distinctive collections of poetry were best-sellers. The New York Times named "Where the Sidewalk Ends" an Outstanding Book of 1974; Silverstein's album version of the book earned a Grammy Award for Best Recording for Children.

The multi-talented Silverstein also wrote and illustrated books for adult readers. He recorded his own songs in addition to writing hits for other artists. Silverstein's music has appeared in many films. In the 1980s, he wrote plays performed off-Broadway in New York. He died in May 1999 at his home in Key West, FL.

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Lettuce on SBALT's Brandenburg conservation easement.

SBALT NEWS

What is soil quality, and why should we care?

By Paul Hain

More than just "dirt," soil is the combination of minerals, clay, and sand in various ratios that hold water and nutrients while allowing for oxygen to enter the rooting zone of plants. Healthy, productive soils are also alive with bacteria, fungi, and other forms of life that facilitate the transfer and breakdown of nutrients and food for plants.

On the Central Coast we are blessed with a great combination of climate and soils that



support a wide range of agricultural operations growing a cornucopia of crops that not only feed us locally, but also the nation

and the world. Part of the San Benito Agricultural Land Trust's (SBALT) mission is to conserve regionally significant lands for agricultural production. We recognize that even though we are surrounded by a seemingly endless supply of farmland, our high quality soils are a finite resource and worthy of conservation.



Healthy, productive soils are alive with bacteria.

I was fortunate to study Crop Science at Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo a few years ago, and we learned that soil quality is the starting point for good agricultural production. The quantity and quality of irrigation water is important as well.

We must ask ourselves -- is it important to support domestic food production? Issues do not exist within bubbles either, so let's not forget that water policy and labor issues related to agriculture and the environment also impact our ability to produce food on the Central Coast.

Locally, SBALT works with landowners to preserve productive farm and ranch soils in our beautiful county that produce a stunning variety of vegetables, fruit, nuts, and meat. This is a great time of year to look around as you walk, cycle, or drive through the countryside to appreciate the diversity of crops that San Benito's high quality soils support.

We invite you to join us in our efforts to protect more of these vital soils. Learn more about your local land trust at www.sanbenitolandtrust.org. Subscribe to our mailing list to receive invitations to monthly hikes at our protected properties (not normally open to the public). And remember, it's not just "dirt"! ■



The shape of it was oval, or rectangular, with the front tipped up slightly. This was so the lady could stand or squat without getting her skirt wet. The name Bourdaloue came from a priest named Louis Bourdaloue. Bourdaloue was known to give long sermons, so the ladies would have to bring their chamber pots in case they had to relieve themselves during the sermon. ■

VUE À LA LOO

How did Shakespeare go to the bathroom?

In the Renaissance, going to the bathroom was not easy, if you think about it with our modern sensibilities: toilet, toilet paper, privacy.

Most of the time people would go behind trees and in the forest. Sometimes people had bowls that they would use. This bowl was called a chamber pot. It was designed to fit under beds so that people could relieve themselves at night. Most chamber pots were ceramic and had lids.

There was also a specially designed chamber pot for women. This was called a Bourdaloue.



The meeting in March was the first in-person meeting in months.

SJBCA NEWS

Welcome Spring!

Our meeting in March was the first in-person meeting in months. SJBCA has hit the floor running, and our newly elected board has been busy. The latest on the agenda has been to approve expenditures for the 30-second promotional spots on KSBW. This will be the first time in almost two years that we have been able to host festivals, and we would like to get the word out. Look for them to be featured in the upcoming month. Did you happen to see the Mandala that was painted on Mariposa Street? We were happy to be a sponsor of this event bringing art to the community.

One other thing that is new is the listing on the Central Coast California Tourism Road Trip map. This upcoming addition will not only have our 3 local listings but a photo of the San Juan Bautista Mission as well. This map is printed in quantities of 225,000 and goes out to all the California Welcome Centers, airports, car rental sites and various other entities.

Community Corner is decorated for Easter. I have already witnessed several people taking photos in front of the display – looking good. Calendar of Events is in the works; look for an updated calendar to be added to the website soon. If anyone has anything to add, please contact heidibalz@att.net.

Remember ... if you are interested, join us. SJBCA meets the 1st Monday of the month, 9am at Posada Hotel. Have a great month. ■





THOMMELIER

Clearing up wine secrets

By Thomas Brenner, Sommelier
Palo Alto Hills Golf & Country Club

Hello wine friends. I hope you've all tasted some vinified gems lately and have been doing well. While we're on the subject of wine, I often get asked what wine-related question I wish to address or what wine secrets need clearing up most. Plenty. We live in a day and age where wine sourced from all over the world is at its best and most sophisticated, and are the most well-structured in the 6000+ year history of vinifying *vitis vinifera*. We have a wide world of vinous delights to indulge in, and there should be a bottling out there to pique the curiosity of any wine lover.

What fascinates me about wine seeking and wine acquirement is that through wine we are afforded a unique insight about the current state of a vinous vision. These hallmarks lend a glimpse into an origin, terroir and culture. Some oenophiles lay their worth in Grand Crus, Chateaux of repute, wines originating from far-flung regions or those stemming from perfect vintages. Pretty labels, great prices, a solid QPR, and trendy wines worthy of celebratory efforts and first forays into the wonderful world of wine bedazzlement is a modern credo. There abounds a wine world of plenty.

I get asked for a "dry wine" relatively often. However, all wines are dry if they're

not sweet wines. What fascinates me about a wine's perceived taste is that the nose can only pick up certain attributes. Fruit flavor, floral accents and inorganic notes can be smelled, but only the palate can pick up on umami, salty, sour and sweet flavors. Our brain can interpret the tropical nuances that remind of us of biting into sweet guava, papaya and passion fruit, but these flavors stem from merely one single grape species



after all. People will sometimes ask if a wine had been infused with other fruits. No. The reason, it turns out, a wine can taste like Thai basil, grapefruit rind, lemon pith, petroleum, minerals, wilted lavender, potpourri, cat pee, blackcurrant, dragon fruit, asphalt, rain, and even cherries is because the grape remains the most complex fruit on our planet. Wine, by definition, is fermented

fruit. But most cultures have enriched their traditions by means of viticulture and vinification and all seem to prefer the grape when it comes to making wine. Only the nose, tongue and olfactory can work together to perceive certain taste profiles, and only wine can bring forth a fermented grape's myriad of flavors to the fullest. Come they may from Bordeaux, Tuscany, Washington or Marlborough, all grapes embody a taste of the lay of the land, a time and place and the nurture of a people.

So, try that Swiss St. Laurent, the Super Tuscans, the French Greats, the obscure and the hallowed. Don't we just want the best setting with the best company, and the best food with the best wine? How wonderful is life! The answer lies in the wine and what you make of it.

Email your questions for Thommelier to missionvillagevoice@gmail.com. ■



The Community Foundation welcomes Epicenter as new home

The Community Foundation has officially moved into the Epicenter building located at 440 San Benito Street in Hollister.

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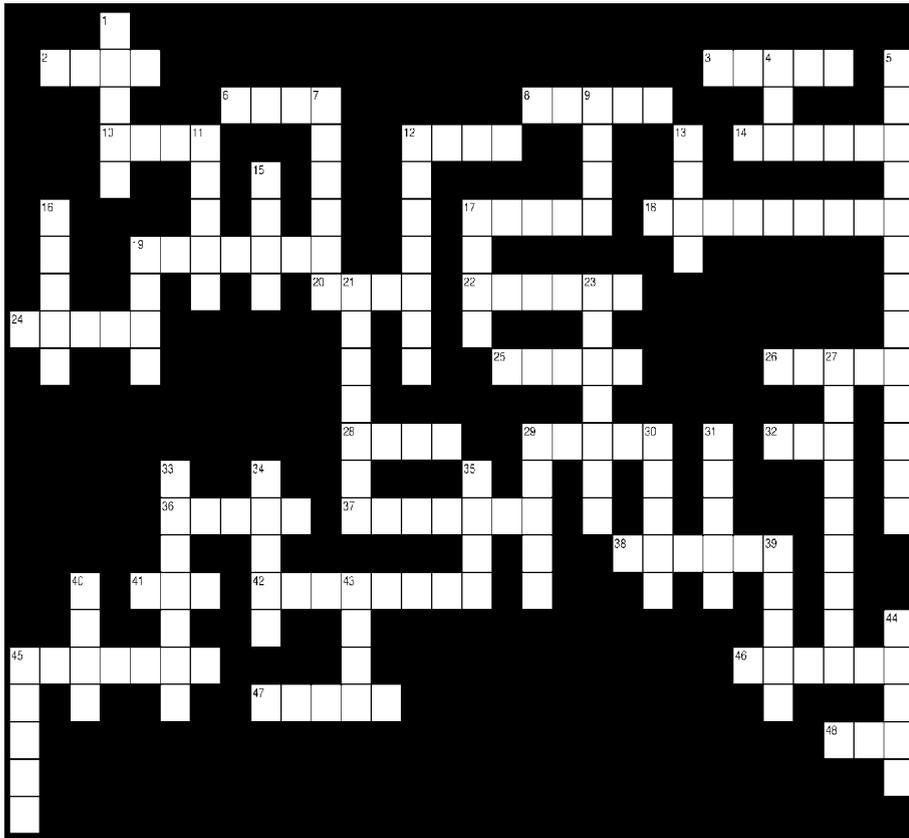
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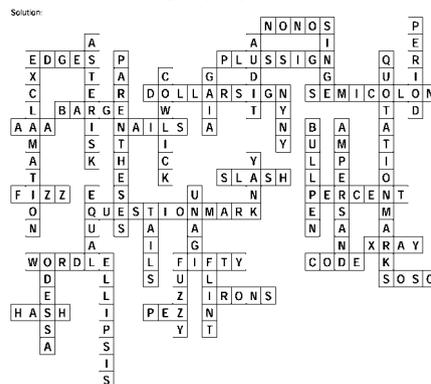
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- 3 High on the Scoville scale
- 6 Apple field
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- 12 Something that's pitched just outside?
- 14 Container on a coffee shop counter
- 17 Like undercooked eggs
- 18 + ___ and Geppetto
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- 20 Give the cold shoulder
- 22 +Charlie Brown and ___
- 24 Gadget
- 25 +Mowgli and ___
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- 29 Plucky spirit
- 32 Alias letters

- 36 Trophy or medal
 - 37 Carbon--(green-house gas)
 - 38 Port city in Ukraine
 - 41 Place for two of a kind
 - 42 Argue
 - 45 Be really, really hot
 - 46 Funny Business?
 - 47 Maternity doc
 - 48 Make a mistake
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 - 9 Doubtful
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- 17 Old brown coat?
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- 23 Fruits and vegetables
- 27 + ___ and Wilbur
- 29 Knight's horse
- 30 Sorta, maybe
- 31 Sinister spell
- 33 Glue for a 'do
- 34 Foamy top of a wave
- 35 5,280 feet
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- 44 Multiheaded serpent of myth
- 45 What keeps a watch on you

Last month's puzzle solution

PUNCTUATE



HOROSCOPE APRIL 2022 by Hilda De Anza



ARIES
March 21-April 20
 April suggests that you will be involved in some tough negotiations with organizations and groups that prize solidarity and rules that protect the majority. Mid-month heralds a period when your ability to affect things is rather limited. This is a good time for spiritual and creative pursuits alone. Collective feelings of compassion and empathy awaken, so you will find yourself more involved with efforts to alleviate the suffering in the world.



TAURUS
April 21-May 21
 Early April shows a change in emphasis from a focus on career developments to an idealistic social agenda. April is a big month for expressing your feelings about social and political events that awaken your conscience and your desire to help. This astrological influence is very connected with the power of the imagination, both creatively and socially. April is characterized by a deep involvement in friendships and groups that call upon your love and kindness.



GEMINI
May 22-June 21
 As April begins, focus is on organizations and people who you feel linked to as in a brotherhood, rather than friends closer to home. Mid-April is a wonderful time for inventive ideas, and it is also a good time for compassionate acts with people whose values you share. The main theme is a focus on a magical vision which somehow breaks down normal barriers and brings an emotional connection with a universal theme that motivates people around shared values.



CANCER
June 22-July 22
 April starts with your desire to take the lead and make progress in your professional life. Mid-April you may reach a crisis point either connected with family or career. There continue to be major developments socially and intellectually. There may be loved ones abroad who you feel a strong connection with, and you will want to get more involved in social movements that implement strong ideals of solidarity.



LEO
July 23-August 22
 April is a powerful and

optimistic period for you. You may find yourself in the company of a friend or group who is equally enthusiastic about the possibilities that lie ahead. The focus is on pioneering initiatives that go beyond local limitations. End of month, there is a greater emphasis on consolidation, particularly in your professional life. You can be very fortunate in this respect, and that there can be considerable money flow in your direction.

VIRGO

August 23-September 22
 April evokes an urge for you to speak your mind and fight for what you think is right, both intimately and in connection with work. Mid-April, some of the emotional tension dissipates, as you focus on new perspectives for expanding your horizons. You will have the benefit of kind people who will give you unconditional support in getting your ideas and views across. End of month, larger than life characters with big dreams will play an important role in expanding your consciousness.

LIBRA

September 23-October 22
 This month, you will be deeply involved trying to alleviate the pain and suffering of others. On a more spiritual level, this is a time of cooperation with people who have revolutionary ideas about how to live a healthy and meaningful life. April is a key time for personal relationships. For the single Libra, romance may be found in connection with projects in the workplace, especially with people who share your ideals of helping people in an unselfish way.

SCORPIO

October 23-November 21
 As April begins, there is a powerful commitment to build a strong foundation in your life. Mid-April, there is a radical change of focus on how best to express yourself, especially on a creative level. This could be in the field of the arts, film etc. or more personally with loved ones. Throughout the month, your dreams and fantasies are activated. On a creative level, this is an excellent period to work with imaginative people on an idealistic project.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21



Caring for others, especially in the home environment, is what April is all about for you, so this will be a month when the floodgates of empathy are opened, and you will be actively engaged in helping people in every way possible. There is a sense of being universally connected, and a feeling that you are at one with humanity. An excellent month for work - partnerships flourish, and kindness and compassion are the dominant emotions.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20
 First of April highlights love and relationships as well as economic initiatives and partnership. Commitments are made, and there is an iron will to achieve something in connection with a group. Brand new initiatives at home and in the family are launched, and whatever is started now has a great chance of success. Influence is felt strongly as a desire to dive into creative projects, and there is also a strong wish to help alleviate suffering on a local level.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 19
 As April begins, you are motivated and clear about your goals and the purpose of your life. This is also a good time for relationships. Finances are a very fluid area of your life. In fact, there may be developments in April when new resources stream in. Mid-month, you want to be generous and giving, so the money that comes in may also go out to help people. April is a month of mental development, communication and travel. Partnerships thrive.

PISCES

February 20-March 20
 April suggests that a lot of people will be entering your space, and that you will be extremely active. This is a wonderful time for creativity, especially connected with music and film, and it is also an excellent time for love. The last week of April is a deeply emotional and loving period, when you will be actively showing you care. If you have a dream, then this is the time to set it in motion. Talented people will want to help, and family or partners will come to your assistance with brilliant and inventive ideas.



Melissa (left photo) and Kaylee (L) with sisters Edena and Lilia during the 2020 Nutcracker Season.

A STUDIO LIFE

SBDA Graduating Senior Spotlights: Melissa Heras & Kaylee Royston

Senior: Melissa Heras

Hi, I am Melissa, one of the advanced dancers at San Benito Dance Academy. I have been dancing at SBDA since I was seven years old, and I'm now 17.

I have taken classes in various different styles including contemporary, lyrical, modern, hip hop, acro, jazz but have taken ballet and tap the longest. I have also helped for many years in the SBDA Helper Program.

Dance has been a huge part of my life ever since I started at SBDA. I have learned so many things that I will take with me forever. Through dance I have made so many amazing friends and have found my favorite style of dance, which is tap.

After high school I plan to attend Gavilan College. I hope to continue taking classes in a couple different styles and eventually get a degree in dance!

Senior: Kaylee Royston

Ballet for me means endless possibilities

to express myself, open new doors, and create beauty. I love dancing with all of my heart, and I will continue to do so even after I graduate from high school. From earning my first pair of pointe shoes to now preparing for a solo piece, I have grown so much as a dancer, a person, and a member of society.

I would like to thank both San Benito Dance Academy and Master Ballet Academy for teaching me the value of a dance family. I am the only dancer who has been dancing at SBDA since the studio's very first Nutcracker production in 2008 with Ms. Kim, and I am so excited to be graduating from the same studio where I first discovered my passion and love for dance.

Going into college at Grand Canyon University this fall, I will take with me those memories and experiences to major in exercise science and minor in dance. I aspire to work as a trainer in a professional ballet company who helps dancers prevent and protect themselves against injuries so that they can keep doing what they love.

I know from firsthand experience what it feels like to be sitting on the sidelines because of an injury. Everyone should get the opportunity to achieve their dreams, and I just want to help make that happen. ■

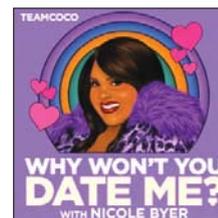


Melissa (left) and Kaylee



Why Won't You Date Me?

We've all asked ourselves that, haven't we? Hilarious host Nicole Byer spends each episode of 'Why Won't You Date Me' talking about modern dating, including conversations about apps, open relationships, matchmakers and more. Yes, it is raunchy.



The Shrink Next Door

Not all crimes involve a severed head in a forest. 'The Shrink Next Door', one of the most shocking – and funniest – stories of manipulation you'll ever hear, is the second kind. It's about a New York psychiatrist who takes his relationship with one patient way, way too far. It's full of swanky country pads and amazing New York Jewish accents, and it will leave you saying 'oy vey' like you really mean it. Once you've finished, check out Apple's new adaptation starring Will Ferrell and Paul Rudd.



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Silent Loo

Bathstore and Saatchi & Saatchi London announced the launch of their 'Silent Loo' app – designed to mimic the sound of water and drown out those embarrassing bathroom noises. Though it was actually an April Fool's hoax, demand for the free mobile app on social media was so high that on the June 5th, it launched for real, to celebrate World Environment Day.

The app forms part of bathstore's continuing quest to create the perfect bathroom experience for its customers. The settings on the app range from Tap and Shower, right up to Costa Rican River and the Tsunami setting - for use in emergency situations only.

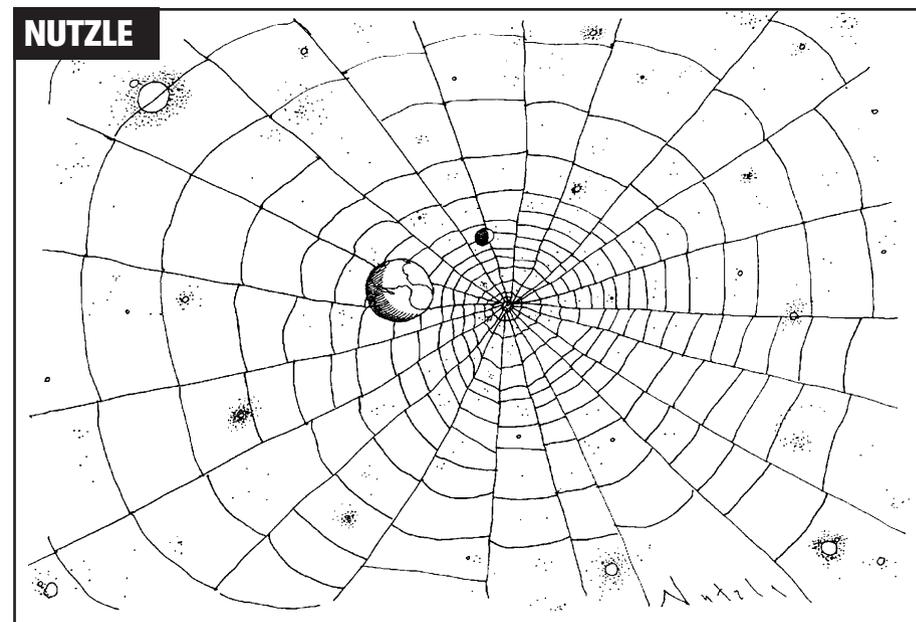
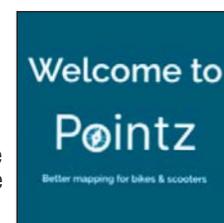


Pointz

Pointz is an app mainly for cyclists. It shows you various routes to get to various places with only your bicycle. It's true there are other apps for stuff like this, such as the vaunted Google Maps. However, Pointz wants to use crowdsourcing to find alternate routes that Google Maps might not know about. The app uses OpenStreetMap (OSM) for its existing data. You may not find much in your area since the app is new and there simply isn't data yet. However, like most new apps, this one has a lot of potential.

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