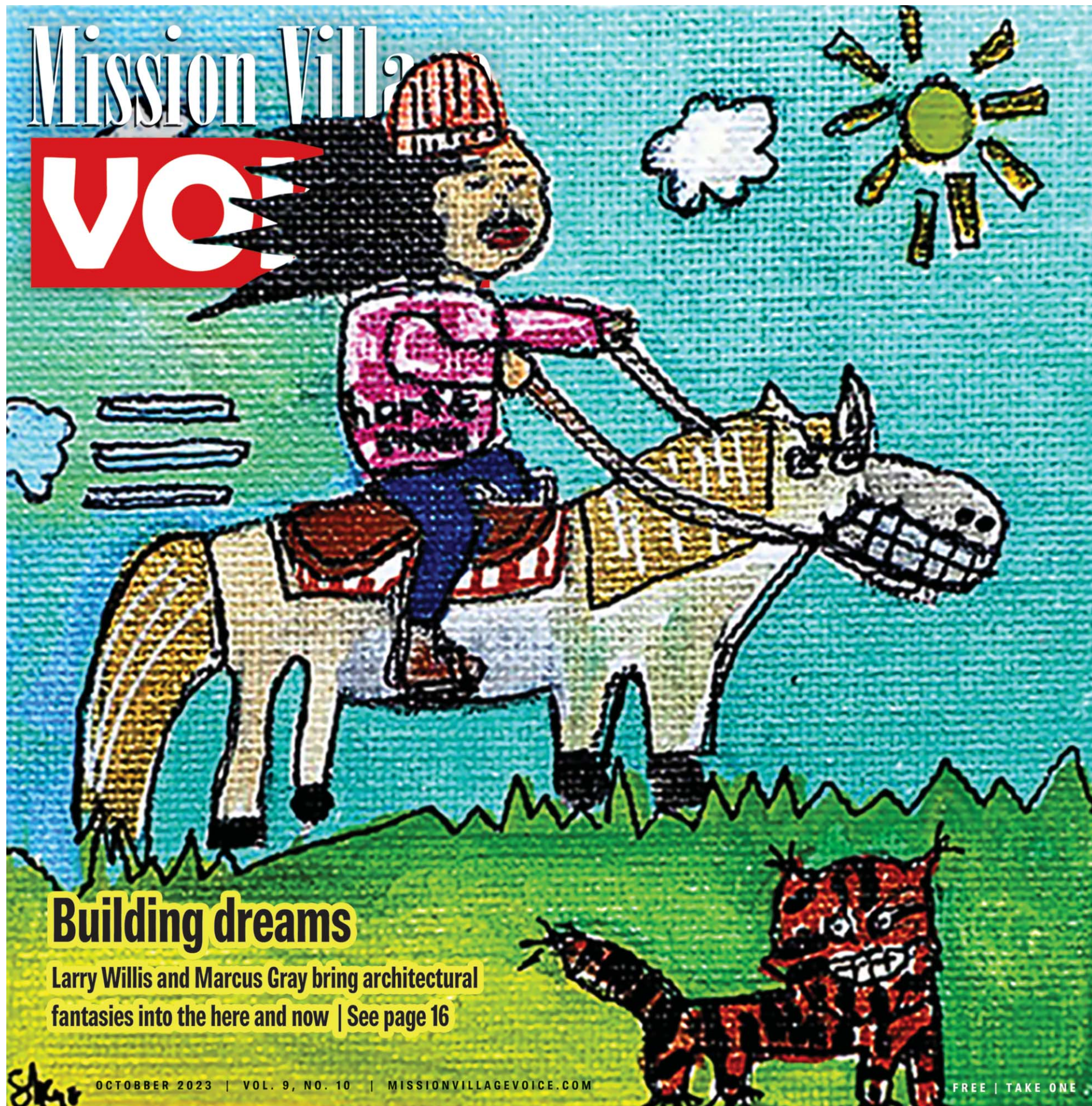


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Building dreams

Larry Willis and Marcus Gray bring architectural fantasies into the here and now | See page 16



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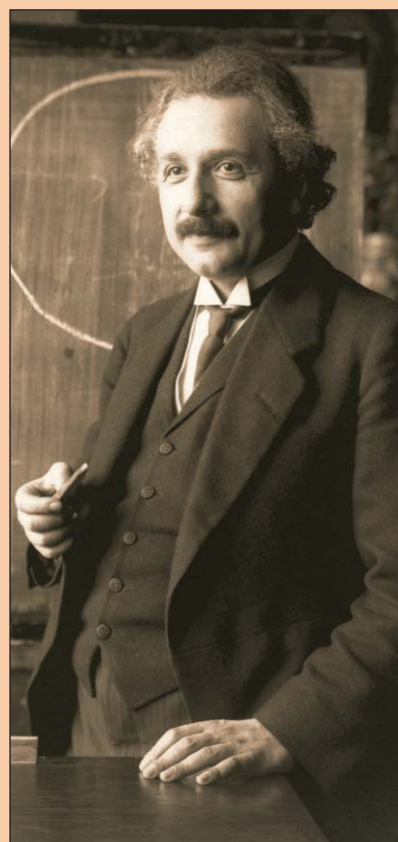
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A quote for our readers

“Nothing
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—Albert Einstein

On the cover

Bobby Lee. The Horseman. 8x8 painting, by artist Sarah Hyland. For more information about the artist, see page 8.



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#BOOKWORM

Local author publishes cookbook

By Leanne Oliveira

"October, baptize me with leaves! Swaddle me in corduroy and nurse me with split pea soup. October, tuck tiny candy bars in my pockets and carve my smile into a thousand pumpkins. O autumn! O teakettle! O grace!" -

Rainbow Rowell, *Attachments*

October has arrived! Long-time readers might recall that I always reread *Frankenstein* and *A Matter of Sixpence* this month, but October is also National Cookbook Month. I have recently assisted SJB local Elayne "Bluebird" Reyna in digitizing a lifetime of recipes collected along her travels. Her book is now available on Amazon (\$13.95 @ <https://tinyurl.com/ReynaCookbook>).

The freedom to read is under attack; let's do something about it! During Banned Books Week (10/1-10/7), folks are asked to take at least one action to help defend books from censorship and to stand up for library staff, educators, writers, publishers, and booksellers who make them available. Ideas include volunteering at a library, buy/borrow banned books, call elected representatives, etc. Share those actions on social media by using the hashtags #Let-FreedomReadDay and #BannedBooksWeek. More ideas and information at ALA.org/advocacy/bbooks/shop.

BIPOC LIVES MATTER

Oprah's *Build The Life You Want: The Art & Science of Getting Happier* and Trevor Noah's children's book *Into The Uncut Grass* have been released - and LeVar Burton will lead this year's Banned Books Week! For more on this event, see above. Note that many libraries are closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day 10/9.

CLUB #BOOKWORM (Est. 2016)

September's swashbuckling book *Dark Water Daughter* by HM Long was well-received. This month, Nina Alejandro and I are throwing a costume party at my house, though she has yet to choose the book title at the time of this printing. Stay tuned!

COUNTY LIBRARY

Congrats to my fellow FOTL Board mem-



Leanne Oliveira

ber Ruth Erickson who was chosen as Poll Worker of the Year by the SBC Elections Department! The next Friends of the Library book sale (10/14@9AM-12PM) features holiday books, weather permitting. In lieu of an update, staff wish to direct folks to their website for upcoming events: SBCFL.org. Thanks to all who visited our Rodeo booth. See you at the Library for National Friends of Libraries Week (10/15-10/20) when you can spin a

prize wheel!

EX-WALMART LIBRARY

With each store taking up enough space for 2.5 football fields, Walmart's use of more than 698 million square feet of land in the

USA is one of our biggest environmental impacts. Now, an abandoned Walmart in Texas has become the nation's largest library at 124,500sf! Info at bit.ly/walmartlibrary.

GILROY LIBRARY

Film Screening of *The Little Mermaid* (2023) plus classes on Zumba (adults), Classical Guitar, Paper Quilling, "Growing Vegetables in Fall & Winter with the Master Gardeners", and a discussion of *The Library of Legends*. Much more at SCCLD.org.

LA LIBRARY AUCTION WIN

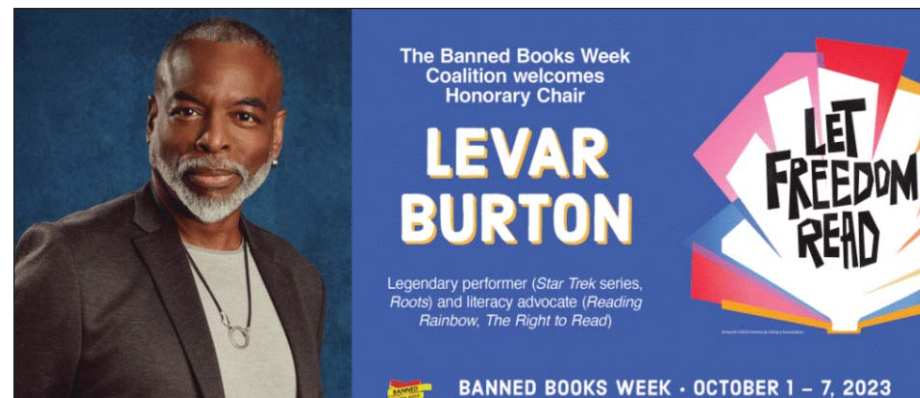
The LA Library recently bid \$144,000 to acquire 12,500 celebrity slides taken by photographer John Verzi, a post office worker whose decades of travel through parties of A-list celebrities resulted in extremely rare images and autographs of many stars including Marilyn Monroe. More at Tinyurl.com/LibraryAuction.

LIBRARY REPAIR CLINIC

Every year, people throw away countless items because they don't know how to fix them. How about a place that will repair your items and save them from a landfill? Sunnyvale Library's "Repair Café" () to the rescue! FREE. Ongoing. Registration required. For further reading, consider *Repair Revolution: How Fixers Are Transforming Our Throwaway Culture* by John Wackman and Elizabeth Knight.

LITERARY HOLIDAYS

October offers Banned Books Week, American Archives Month, National Friends of Libraries Month, National Book Month, Reading



Group Month, Medical Librarians Month, Graphic Novel Writing Month, and National Cookbook Month. Also: 10/1 Postcard Day, 10/3-10/9 Mystery Series Week, 10/6 Mad Hatter Day (Hint: See hat!), 10/11 Myths & Legends Day/Kraken Day, 10/16 Dictionary Day/Noah Webster's Birthday, 10/18 Newspaper Comic Strip Appreciation Day, and 10/15-10/21 Friends of Libraries Week plus "TeenTober."

LUCK LIBRARY

In lieu of an update, staff wish to direct folks to their website for upcoming events: san-juan-bautista.ca.us/community/library.php. Questions? Call 831-623-4687.

NEW RELEASES

Visit the Publisher's Weekly On-Sale cal-

endar at tinyurl.com/BookwormOct23 for #AllTheBooks.

STAR TREK MEMOIR

Patrick Stewart's memoir *Making It So* releases this month.

SUN-MAID

Sun-Maid recently launched a campaign placing books in neighborhoods via Little Free Libraries. More info at tinyurl.com/SunMaidBooks.

p.s. LITERARY TIDBITS

There are more libraries in the USA than McDonalds restaurants. I'm lovin' it!

Leanne Oliveira (MLIS, MA History) is a dual EU/US citizen, Social Worker, and Reference Librarian (History). Contact or "Comicfairy" on Goodreads/IG. ■



COMMUNITY

Sip and Celebrate Beer & Wine Stroll returns to San Juan Bautista

By Spirit of San Juan Bautista

We are thrilled to announce that the San Juan Bautista Sip and Celebrate finally returns this year after a 3-year hiatus.

This very festive beer & wine stroll comes to you on Saturday, November 4th from 1-5 p.m., with stops at 20 of our local businesses to help highlight retail/hospitality in our historic city and our local/regional wineries, cideries, and breweries. The stroll will also celebrate and contribute funds to our beloved El Teatro Campesino. It's absolutely our honor to have this amazing opportunity.



The best part this year is that each stop during the stroll will transform into a Dia de los Muertos theme, offering attendees a perfect extension to ETC's annual celebration.

Details are coming soon. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @spiritofsan-juanbautista. ■

COMMUNITY

A Spirited Celebration

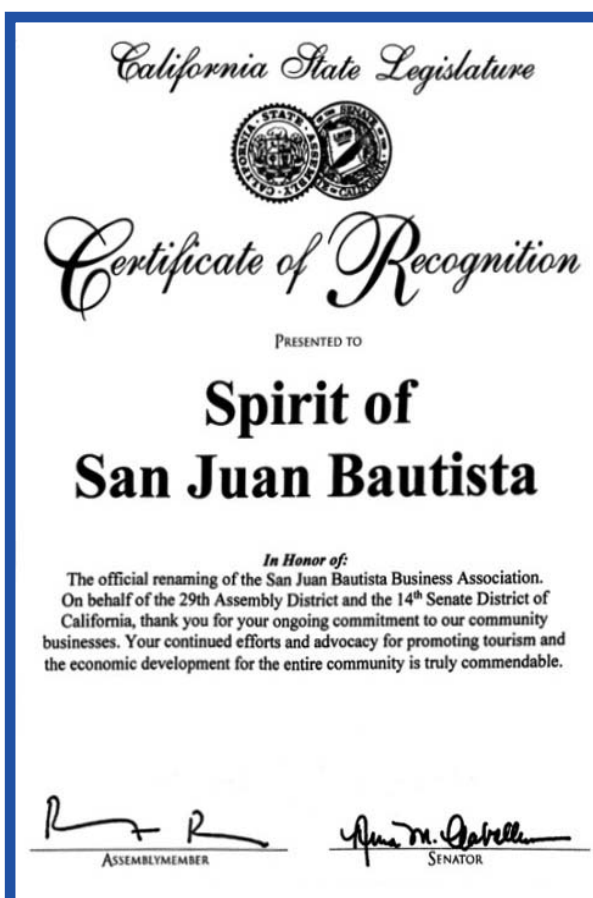


Spirit of San Juan Bautista launched its new name with a joyful celebration in the San Juan State Historic Park Orchard Garden. Holding the event in that location symbolizes collaboration and community pride, which is fundamental to Spirit of San Juan Bautista. Included among the over 200 attendees were present and past City Managers, Mayors, City Councilmembers, District 2 County Supervisors, founding members of the San Juan Committee, and our supportive community.

While strolling around the beautiful garden or relaxing on one of the many benches, guests enjoyed light savory or sweet nibbles and beverages from Brewery Twenty Five, Correia Company, Doña Esther's, Hapa Bros, Inaka, Lolla, Margot's Ice Cream Parlor, Pizza Factory, Smoke Point, Windmill Market, 18th Barrel Tasting Room, Vertigo Coffee Roasters. Thank you all for your generous support and contributions.

Senator Anna Caballero and Speaker of the House Robert Rivas were unable to attend but signed a Certificate of Recognition commending the Board for its "continued efforts and advocacy for promoting tourism and economic development for the entire community."

Though the cool coastal fog rolled in as usual, the warm



spirit prevailed. Guest speaker Gary Bryne, President of the Community Foundation for San Benito County, regaled the group with his Irish wit and recollections of when the Spirit board first branded itself with the tagline "Lift Your Spirit" and congratulated the non-profit on the natural evolution to its new name and updated logo by Schipper Designs/Waltz Studio.

Here are a few samplings of the heartwarming sentiments expressed by the community.

- "Congratulations on your pleasant and well-organized event...this is the first time in the 16 years or so I have been in SJB that I have been able to enjoy the orchard from inside. It was lovely. I know it was a huge amount of work for all of you to organize the venue, food, beverages, etc. All your efforts really paid off, and the result was a wonderful event to launch your new name."
- "Thank you all for a wonderful event...it was a great time had by all!"
- "What a great group of people looking after our town!"
- "A great way to kick off the new name! Congratulations on a successful event!"
- "What a great way to celebrate the Spirit of San Juan Bautista and all that the City has to offer!"
- "Wonderful, well-deserved celebration"

Spirit of San Juan Bautista board members THANK YOU all for celebrating with us. It was a memorable time filled with support from so many businesses, nonprofits, and community members. Special thanks to DJ Sean and Heidi Balz, whose family roots are among the deepest in San Juan and whose love for San Juan runs equally deep. Onward and upward we go! ■

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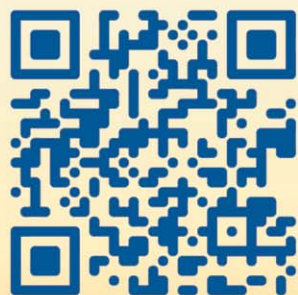
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On Sept. 22, USPS released a new stamp celebrating NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft and the samples of the asteroid Bennu that it delivered to the Utah desert.

The stamp's artwork shows the OSIRIS-REx capsule, which contains the asteroid samples, descending under a parachute to the Utah Test and Training Range, a U.S. Department of Defense facility.

The stamp comes in sheets of 20 with a depiction of the surface of Bennu at the bottom of the pane and an outer space scene of deep blue dappled with celestial bodies above. A view of the asteroid as imaged by the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft is in the upper right corner.


USPS art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp and pane, which features illustrations by Alan Dingman based on imagery supplied by NASA. Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the Postal Store at usps.com/shop-stamps. ■



COMMUNITY Community Foundation celebrates National Philanthropy Day 2023

Are you a nonprofit looking to celebrate National Philanthropy Day in San Benito County? This year's annual dinner celebration returns after 3 years since Covid at an all-new location. Event will be held at the Hollister Elks Lodge on Thursday, November 16, 2023. Registration is now open and all information can be found on our website givesanbenito.org or ticket sales, scan the QR Code here and be sure to send back all reservation forms with your honoree nominations to czanger@givesanbenito.org.

Contact the Community Foundation for additional information or with questions at 831.630.1924. ■

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to honor

Outstanding Philanthropists

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The Community Foundation is excited to announce National Philanthropy Day is back! After a 3-year recess, our Annual National Philanthropy Day Celebration returns for an evening to step briefly into the spotlight reminding our society that the spirit of giving is alive and well.

Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 5:30-8:00pm

Hollister Elks Lodge
351 Astro Dr. Hollister, CA 95023

Dinner \$50 per person

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Don't leave your IRA to the IRS

If you've invested in an IRA for many decades, it may well turn into a key source of income for your retirement. Still, you might not deplete your IRA in your lifetime, especially if you also have a pension or a 401(k) and other investment income. So, if your IRA still has sizable assets after your passing, it would likely end up in your estate plan. If you leave your IRA to grown children or other family members, could they be hit with a big tax bill?

Here's a little background: Up until the Secure Act of 2019, those who inherited traditional IRAs could extend their required withdrawals over their lifetimes, which stretched out the annual taxes due on these withdrawals. But the Secure Act changed the provisions for non-spouse beneficiaries who inherited an IRA after 2019, meaning that beneficiaries of inherited IRAs had only 10 years (beginning the year after death) to withdraw the entire balance. For some beneficiaries, this could potentially create a tax burden. (Inheritors of Roth IRAs are also required to follow the 10-year distribution rule but are not subject to income taxes on account earnings if the Roth IRA's five-year holding period has been met).

However, not all beneficiaries were affected by the new rules. Spouses can stretch their inherited IRA distributions over their lifetimes and exceptions exist for certain non-spouse beneficiaries. Minor children of the IRA owner (until the age of majority), chronically ill or disabled individuals, and beneficiaries who are no more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner may opt to stretch their distributions.

The new 10-year requirement applies to IRAs inherited on or after

Jan. 1, 2020. But due to confusion over changes to required minimum distribution (RMD) rules for some beneficiaries of inherited IRAs, the IRS waived penalties for individuals who failed to take RMDs in 2021 and 2022 and extended the RMD penalty waiver for 2023.

Although these rulings give beneficiaries — those not eligible for the exemptions listed above — more time to plan, they will eventually need to start taking RMDs, which could affect their tax situations. To help protect your heirs, consider these suggestions:

- Using permanent life insurance. A properly structured permanent life insurance policy could help you replace the assets your family might lose to the taxes resulting from an inher-

ited IRA. You might even consider naming a charity as the beneficiary of an IRA, rather than your family members. The charity would receive the IRA proceeds tax free, and the life insurance could then provide tax-free benefits to your heirs.

- Leaving taxable investment accounts to your heirs. Apart from your tax-deferred IRA, you may own other, fully taxable accounts containing investments such as stocks or bonds. Typically, these investments receive what's

known as a "step-up" in their cost basis once they are inherited. This means your heirs will essentially inherit all the gains your investments earned by the time of your passing — but they won't be taxed on these gains if they sell the assets immediately. This type of sale could help offset the taxes your heirs will incur from the inherited IRA.

The tax and investment issues surrounding inherited IRAs can be complex, so consult with your tax and financial advisors before making any moves. And, as with many areas relating to inheritances, the sooner you start planning, the better.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Alexis Winder. Edward Jones, Member SIPC

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Bobby Lee and Khalyla, a painting by cover artist Sarah Hyland.

COVER ARTIST

Sarah Hyland

Sarah Hyland was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. She has had a love of art from the very beginning and always knew that coloring outside the lines was going to be her style from age 7 and on. Having won several national awards in high school landed her at The School of The Art Institute of Chicago on scholarship.

She continued her performing arts education at The Second City Training Center where she attended and learned the craft of improv comedy for 3 years. After graduating the Chicago program, it was her time to move out west to pursue her creative dreams in visual and performing arts.

So, from Chicago, she made her way out to Los Angeles, California, where she has resided for 2 decades. Sarah continues to paint AND perform. She has become a part of the Moonlight Collective, founded by Brandon Bowen, who is known as the lead singer in the popular band, Incubus. Moonlight Collective is a group of artists curated by Brandon Bowen based on their unique and individual styles. As a member of the



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Moonlight Collective, Sarah and her work were a part of 2022 L.A. Art Fair held in Santa Monica, California.

When it comes to her work, Sarah's goals and ambitions are that the viewer be able to feel a little lightness, playfulness and a childlike freedom. Sarah still resides in Los Angeles with her wife and celebrity photographer, Jen Rosenstein, their pup, Pegasus and cat, Esther. She spends a good amount of time in her hometown of Louisville and finds that the differences and flavor in both LA and KY are a fruitful playground for creative inspiration.

Sarah can be found at the following links:
Instagram: @sarahhylandrosenstein
Web: <https://www.thesarahrose.com>
YouTube: SarahHylandComedy ■



Monserat Solis, BenitoLink reporter, reporting at the youth listening session. Photo by Leslie David

BENITOLINK

Residents: Stop and listen

Residents share their angst about life today and dreams for the County's future

Everyone is busy today with jobs, kids, and commuting. It is nearly impossible to sit down for a couple hours and reflect on life, but that is exactly what is needed in a community listening session.

In 2012, the Community Foundation for San Benito County hosted listening sessions with over 800 residents. As a result, REACH San Benito Parks Foundation, the CFFSBC Women's Fund, BenitoLink, a community-based news organization and leadership programs were created. Listening Sessions help people with common interests find each other and organize.

Ten years later, BenitoLink is hosting "Community Vision San Benito County." These sessions are like taking the temperature of the county population. For example, in the Youth Listening Session, held Sept. 19, over 50% of the students identified safety as their primary concern. A week earlier, Hollister High School students had been held in a lockdown for almost two hours.

Divided into about twenty sessions, guests break into small groups with BenitoLink team members. BenitoLink publishes an article on sessions to recap the group's issues and goals.

Here's just a taste of what we're hearing from some of the groups:

Farming- loss of ag land, conflicting regs

Ranching- will youth continue? Conflicting regs.

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Public safety- lack of respect for rules, fentanyl

Youth- less safety at school/community theft/fentanyl

Seniors- no community center, few social activities, confusion over services

Recreation- not enough walking/playing acres per population, need art/drama center

Homeless- better organized assistance, mental health needs, fentanyl risk.



Sessions are still planned with native Spanish speakers and rural tourism, housing providers, health care workers and indigenous community members.

The BenitoLink team reminds residents to share their perspectives through its "Community Opinion" section at <https://benitolink.com/category/community-opinion/>. Join in on the community conversation.

Thank you to Listening Session sponsors: The Community Foundation of San Benito County and The Calhoun/Christiano Family Fund. ■



Educators and parents listening session group. Photo by Leslie David

Environmental Day

Three Free Services for San Benito County Residents!



2023 EVENTS FROM 9AM – 1PM

WHEN: **OCTOBER 7**

WHERE: Brigantino Park

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WHEN: **OCTOBER 14**

WHERE: San Juan School

100 Nyland Dr., San Juan Bautista

WHAT:



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CITY BEAT

New rec program approved in 2023-24 budget

By Don Reynolds, City Manager

The City is implementing new programs approved in the budget for Fiscal Year 2023/24. This includes the reorganization of the Public Safety Department and creation of a new recreation program.

The City has recruited a new Recreation Assistant to establish programs for youth and support seniors. City facilities are being improved to accommodate these new programs. Capital improvements of \$300,000 are budgeted for Community Hall acoustical repairs, Abbe Field ballfield lights, and close to \$100,000 to support the historic gas station/Luck Museum and Luck Park Master Plan. When combined with the use of the school sports fields and basketball courts, the park at Franklin Circle and Verutti Park, there will be plenty of opportunity for great happenings.

Between 2021 and 2022, the City's Public Safety Committee met and recommended a Public Safety Initiative to provide a citywide security camera system. This matter was before the City Council in September and will be approved and implemented soon. It will monitor the entrances and exits to the City and be integrated with



law enforcement in other regional jurisdictions.

The City organization study completed last summer recommended a reorganization of the Public Safety Services Department. This includes ending the Private Security contract for patrol services and ending the part-time code enforcement position. These functions are being replaced by 2 new full-time positions. A Public Safety Coordinator will better manage the Sheriff and Fire contracts and develop new safety programs. These include a security camera system and animal control contract. A Community Services Officer will help with patrol services, parking, and illegal commercial vehicle enforcement. These job descriptions were approved in September, allowing recruitment to begin soon. This reorganization will result in savings to the City and will provide better service. ■

HISTORY

Annual October Open House at Luck Museum

By Wanda Guibert
SJB Historical Society

Please join us on Saturday, October 7 from 10am-1pm for our annual Open House at Luck Museum, corner of Third & Monterey. Built in 1919 of poured-in-place concrete from our local Ideal Cement Plant in the mouth of San Juan Canyon, this building began as a Standard Service Station and ended its filling station days as a Mohawk. It has been home to the San Juan Bautista Historical Society archives since 2001.

Come have a look about and see what we have. Unfortunately, you won't be able to do any research that day, but you will get an overview of the many resources available and can schedule an appointment for a future date. The restored Liars' Bench with the original seat belts installed by Kenny



Laverone, will be outside under the portico. Sit a spell and shoot the breeze with old or new friends. Here are just a few things to see:

- Collection of Fiesta Rodeo posters
- Papier-mâché head of Clodoveo Chávez, made by cement plant workers
- The crown of Fiesta Rodeo Queen Linda Vaccarezza
- Team photo & home plate signed by the 1938 Pear Pickers team managed by Ed Lamb
- Reference books and books for sale
- Photo files, family files & street address files
- Complete set of San Juan Mission News (1919-1969). ■

MISSIONVILLAGEVOICE Community Bulletin Board

71 Central California artists awarded California Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowships

Prestigious 2023 California Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowships, totaling \$660,000, have been awarded to 71 artists across 17 counties in the Central California region, with 3 awards going to artists based in San Benito County. The Individual Artist Fellowship (IAF) Program is designed to recognize, uplift, and celebrate the excellence of California artists practicing any art form. Through this program, the California Arts Council and local arts agencies, aim to highlight the centrality of artists' leadership and impact in the evolution of our traditional and contemporary cultures. The artist fellows were selected from 512 applicants that applied to the IAF Program within the Central California region. Visit the SVCREATES' website to view a full list of the artist fellows.

The San Benito County Arts Council extends congratulations to all fellows, particularly to the three artist fellows awarded in San Benito County: Aidet Maupomé and Kirti Bassendine, who were awarded the Established Artist Fellowship (\$10,000/each), and Vencia Prudencio, who was awarded the Emerging Artist Fellowship (\$5,000).

Please visit SVCREATES' website to view a full list of

the Central CA artist fellows. Artists residing outside Central California were served by three other CAC IAF Program Regions. Information about those awards may be found here: https://arts.ca.gov/grant_program/individual-artists-fellowship/

Arts Council announces hours for "Kulture through the Lens, a Collec- tion of Classic Car & Lowrider Art"

The San Benito County Arts Council invites the community to see their newest art show, Kulture through the Lens, during special viewing hours from 5-7 pm, Fridays, Oct. 13th & 27th. Artwork in the show includes automotive focused and themed photography, paintings, drawings, and other 2D & 3D works created by local and regional photographers and artists. This show explores the brilliant artistry and culture of our local car scene.

This show will be displayed at the Art Depot located at 35 Fifth Street in downtown Hollister from Oct. 13th-Nov. 9th. The exhibition launch is scheduled from 12-4 pm, Saturday, Nov. 4th.

To learn more about this exhibition or for general information, please contact the Arts Council at 831.636.2787 or at heidi@sanbenitoarts.org.

San Benito Arts - Youth Art Class

Enroll in a youth art class with the San Benito County Arts Council. Scholarships available for qualifying students! Full schedule & registration link can be found at www.sanbenitoarts.org Classes take place at the Art Depot in downtown Hollister. For more info, 831.636.2787 or kat@sanbenitoarts.org

Toastmasters of San Benito to host Open House, free to the public

Toastmasters of San Benito invites residents to its open house to meet members and talk about the importance of communication skills for today's professional.

"Toastmasters of San Benito provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills," says Brenda Weatherly, Club President for Toastmasters of San Benito.

After hearing from Carmel de Bertaut, Vice President – Education, members and guests will enjoy a regular Toastmasters meeting, including Table Topics™ (impromptu speeches) and evaluations.

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023. Location: Epicenter, 440 San Benito Street, Hollister, CA Time: 11:30 – 1:30. Refreshments provided. For more information and to RSVP, email Jenny Arbizu at jennyarbizu@yahoo.com, phone 831-917-1828

Toastmasters of San Benito meets each Thursday at Noon at the Epicenter.

Local organizations partner to raise awareness of violence against women

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, Emmaus House and Community Solutions will host the 9th Walk a Mile in Their Shoes – A March to stop rape, sexual assault, and gender violence. The event will take place at the Veterans Memorial Building, 649 San Benito Streets in Hollister, registration begins at 10:30am. To register or for more information, visit: www.emmaushouse.net This

year's registration for adults is \$30. Registration for youth under 18 years of age is free.

Take the red shoe challenge: challenge your neighbors, co-workers, and other to walk with you this year; Challenge people you know to donate money and make a pledge towards your walk to help raise fund for survivor services; or take the team challenge and compete for largest team and/or be honored for the most money raised! Prizes are awarded for largest adult team, largest youth team and for the most money raised.

For more information, visit www.communitysolutions.org or call 831-637-1094.



Senior committee receives funds

District 2 County Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki allocated \$3,000 from his annual discretionary supervisor's account to the San Juan Bautista Senior Center Organizing Committee. These dedicated volunteers led by residents like Mary Vazquez Edge (seen above with Kosmicki) are working toward opening a senior center in San Juan. Kosmicki allocated his entire discretionary amount for 2023-24 to help with startup costs along with \$1,750 last fiscal year.

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STEFFIE SIFTS

No Knead Gluten Free Lentil Bread Rolls

By Stephanie Correia

Hello, I have been experimenting with recipes from Instagram. Here is the first in a series of successful recipes that have been well received by a handful of tasters. This recipe is easy and tasty and a snap to clean up. As an added bonus for those of you in San Juan, Windmill Market carries red lentils; hopefully, they will stock psyllium husk soon. The recipe is courtesy of dr.doodoolicious (Dr. A. Cheragwandi) and is posted on her Instagram account: @dr.doodoolicious



No Knead Gluten Free Lentil bread rolls

These easy vegan, coeliac friendly/ gluten free lentil bread rolls are good for your gut and waistline (low calorie). And no grains, flour, sugar or yeast is used.

Ingredients:

- 200 g (1 cup) dry red lentils, rinsed
- 20 g (¼ cup) whole psyllium husk (not powder)
- 60 ml (¼ cup) water
- 1½ tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tbsp lemon juice or apple cider vinegar

Toppings (optional but highly recommended): 3 tbsp mixed seeds e.g. pepitas (pumpkin seeds) + sunflower seeds + crushed linseeds.

Method:

Soak the red lentils in plenty of warm water for at least 2 hrs or overnight; then drain



Preheat the oven to 350°F/180°C. Line a baking tray with parchment paper or a silicon mat

Add lentils together with all the ingredients (except the toppings) to a food processor, but add the lemon juice/vinegar last (preferably on top of the soda) because the reaction between the acid and the baking soda is immediate (bubbles), and we do not want it to lose that momentum. Immediately start processing until a dough forms. Don't let the dough rest, quickly shape the bread rolls by hand (wet your hands a bit), roll the top in the seed-mixture and place it on the baking tray. Bake for 25 min until golden brown and crispy. Remove from oven and transfer to a cooling rack to cool for at least 15 min before slicing it.

Nutritional value per roll (w/o toppings): 14.5/13.4g dietary fiber, 14.8/12.8g protein, 200g legumes.

Prep: < 10 min. Soaking time: > 2h. Oven time: 25 min. Yields: 4 rolls. ■

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SBALT NEWS

Harvesting nature's bounty: Collecting seeds from native plants

By Laura Kirschmann

Native plants are the unsung heroes of our ecosystems, perfectly adapted to local climates and conditions. They provide essential habitat for wildlife, support biodiversity, and offer a glimpse into the natural heritage of a region. Collecting seeds from native plants and propagating them is a sustainable and rewarding way to have genetically adapted plants for restoration needs on our working lands or to create a little native habitat to attract birds and pollinators to your home.

On September 3rd, the San Benito Agricultural Land Trust (SBALT) led eight volunteers on a hike on the Nyland Property to collect seeds from native plants, such as blue elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*), common snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*), and California wild rose (*Rosa californica*). Local native plant restoration specialist, Joey Dorrell-Canepa helped the group identify the native plants that had mature fruit that were ready for propagation. After collecting the seeds, Joey and the volunteers planted the seeds in trays where they will germinate and sprout under Joey's watchful eye.

During the hike, the group was treated to a couple of surprises. First, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band member Trina Higuera-Coates, one of the volunteers, shared with the group how the native plants are an integral part of the Amah Mutsun's cultural identity, providing materials for basketry, food, and medicine. The Amah Mutsun Land Trust holds a



cultural easement on the Nyland Property allowing the tribe to share their Indigenous knowledge and practices with their members and others. Second, SBALT's Lynn Overtree, Executive Director, taught us a rhyme to identify if a plant is a sedge, a rush, or a grass. It goes a little something like this, "Sedges have edges, rushes are round, grasses are jointed, are three families found."

I have to say it was an enjoyable experience for this writer's first Ranch Day. It was fun and educational, and I had a chance to connect with wonderful people. Joey shares, "The volunteers are friendly and helpful and have a deep and abiding love for nature that buoy my spirit! Everyone has interesting stories and experiences to share. I learn so much new information every Ranch Day! Everyone works together cohesively, and the work is so much easier with willing hands!" Thank you to all the volunteers and to Raley's Community Giving for their support of Ranch Days. If you are interested in attending our next Ranch Day, you can register at <https://www.sanbenitolandtrust.org/ranch-days>. ■



Pictured: Native plants on Nyland; Executive Director Lynn Overtree teaching the differences between sedges, rushes, and grasses.

HEADSTONE OF THE MONTH

Beethoven at Zentralfriedhof

Zentralfriedhof (also called Vienna Central Cemetery). is not only Austria's largest cemetery, but one of the largest cemeteries in the world. Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert are there. "And of course, there are more than just musicians here—this vast cemetery is a final resting place for artists, scientists, inventors, politicians, socialites, architects, and more." ■



VUE A LA LOO

Strong Water Anaheim

A tiki bar in Anaheim, CA by the name of "Strong Water Anaheim" has an unusually direct request of its patrons posted in its intriguingly themed restroom.

Strong Water, named the "Best Cocktail Bar" for 2023 by the *Los Angeles Times*, is known for its mysterious themed rooms, which appear to be various stations located inside the cabin of a sunken wooden ship.

The ship's treasure chests may be illusive, but patrons can stock up on the bar's collectible ceramic mugs, another form of booty. Ahoy! ■

Photo credit: Jeff Baham



BEEN THERE, DONE THAT



Highest hairstyle wins! Garardo Gallo & Jimmy Smiley.



Spirit of San Juan Bautista Celebration. a huge turn-out & a magical event!



San Benito County Historical Society events. Above: Union soldiers, Civil War Days reenactment. Below: School Days program at Civil War Days living history.



Congratulations Street Urchin in San Juan Bautista! Proprietor Bella Marquez is in the center.



SBALT Ranch Day: L-R Joey Canepa, Bill Fortner, Wendi Reed, Trina Higuera-Coates, Daniel & Angela Atherton, Mary Watson, Lynn Overtree, Taylor & Jason Voss.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT



Above and below: Mexican Independence Day 2023.



Susan Botelho's golf club taking the brunt at the Willis Construction Annual Golf Tournament.



Bly Morales Chandler, the event manager at Jardines, pauses to pose.



Baler Class of 83' 40 Year Reunion!



Washington St. Underpass project artist, Ryan Sarfati of Yanoe x Zoueh, in progress at the mural.

MISSION VILLAGE VOICE Q&A

Larry Willis, CEO, and Marcus Gray, President and CFO, Willis Construction

By Anne Caetano

Mission Village Voice met with Larry Willis, CEO & Marcus Gray, President and CFO of Willis Construction, an employee-owned business providing architectural precast building panels and products for the construction industry since 1979. Two of their three production plants are located in San Benito County – one in San Juan Bautista, and the other in Hollister. Driven to build the most complicated concrete buildings in the marketplace, some of their projects include the Broad Museum and Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in LA and Giants baseball stadium in SF. Their mantra is that you need excellent people to have an excellent company.

MVV: Hi Marcus, Larry told me you're his boss.

Marcus: I struggle with that. I think that Larry and I are equal; we both manage the company together.

How long have you been here at Willis?

Marcus: 18 years. I started here in March of 2005 as a project manager.

Larry: We made him vice president 7 years ago. I wouldn't say that he argued, but he said, "Why would you choose me?" He

was made president in 2019.

And what did you say? Your humility?

Larry: That's part of it. He's brilliant, and he cares about our people. That is one key thing you must have in an employee-owned company. The boss really must want to take care of the people.

You have some prestigious projects that come out of this tiny little town.

Larry: We build the most complicated concrete buildings in the marketplace. When a



The Broad Museum on Grand Avenue in Los Angeles



Larry Willis (left) and Marcus Gray

project comes up that has never been built before, we try to get the job and figure out how to build it.

About how many projects do you have going on at once?

Marcus: It fluctuates, but I would say anywhere from 10 to 15.

Are you responsible for the transport too?

Larry: Yes, we get paid for designing, drawing, fabricating, shipping and installation. We have a large design, engineering and drafting staff. We also have a full office in Napa with remote workers in California, Texas & Missouri.

How many factories do you have?

Larry: Besides the plant we have here in SJB, we have a factory in Tecate Mexico. We have a drafting company that is independent from us, but they pretty much only work for us. We also have a factory in Hollister.

How many owner-employees are there at Willis?

Larry: We have approximately 180 employees among the plants right now. And we've had just under 300 at the peak.

What type of buildings do you build?

Marcus: Commercial, residential, medical office buildings, parking structures, educational, hospitals, and religious buildings, (such as Mormon temples), and prisons. We've done three temples: one in Tijuana, one in Yuba City, California and one in Layton, Utah.

Do you have a favorite building?

Marcus: I think collectively, our favorite building is the Broad Museum; it's at the top of the list. And the AMP (which is the Academy Motion Pictures Museum) also rates pretty high as a favorite.

Larry: People aren't aware that the Giants Ball Park, Visa & The Gap corporate headquarters, Taylor Farms corporate offices,

and many more high-profile buildings were made in San Juan Bautista and shipped and assembled on site.

Larry: UCLA film archives built this phenomenal building. We built 40-foot long, concrete trusses that looked like they had artists painting knots and wood grain. We had to buy a tree and mill it down, and we made rubber form liners from them so it would appear as one solid piece of wood.

Larry: One of the reasons I really liked the complicated buildings is it keeps smart people engaged. If we were just making concrete boxes that were buried in the ground, we wouldn't be able to retain the good people we have because they'd be bored.

The Broad and AMP Museums are stunning!

Larry: It's a large concrete sphere up in the air -- it's amazing! We were the only ones at that time that could build that structure because of our technology, our people and our know-how.

Willis Construction is 45 years old.

Larry: Yes, we started in 1978 and incorporated in 1979.

That's impressive. Congratulations!

Larry: What really is miraculous is that when we started, we were undercapitalized, understaffed and underequipped. With determination, persistence, hard work and the grace of God, we ended up here!

Marcus, obviously you are thriving here at Willis.

Marcus: I really love the company and the people I work with. Larry and I have a high standard as far as the quality of people we want to have here. We have a collective family atmosphere. We don't micromanage, and we promote individuality as far as employees doing things their own way. We push leaning into what you do well and that will result in doing good things.

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What is your favorite part about your job?

Marcus: The interaction with people, both internally and externally. I've managed for so long, and I like managing, and I like structuring things to keep them moving. I love figuring out ways to make things more efficient without losing or compromising quality or accuracy and doing it together. That's what I enjoy.

Great ethics!

Larry: Going back to one of the things Marcus was saying earlier. We have a mantra, and that's that you need excellent people to have an excellent company. So, we do strive to have excellent people, and whenever there's an issue such as whether we should keep a person, we ask the question, "Is this person excellent?" And, if not, "Will they ever be excellent?" And if an answer to both of those is no, then we let them go.

You must have a low turnover.

Larry: Yes, we have a very low turnover. When we did the 40-year company yearbook, we had 47 people who had been with us for 20 years or more.

That's rare.

Larry: Well, they're owners. Thank you!

Larry: And we pay to educate our employees and their kids. Marcus and I both just got a really nice email from our plant manager in Mexico, who just finished his engineering degree. And we paid for it, and we are putting his three kids through school.

What are the requirements?

Larry: It's an academic scholarship; they must have a 3.0 or better and take 12 units or more, and they must work.

Wonderful!

Larry: We have the two former presidents of the company still working here. We have a lesser role than we used to have, but we never left, Mark Hildebrand and I. Mark is our chief engineer. He's brilliant, and our younger people learn from him. It's good to have a balance of age. If it's too young, there's not enough experience. If it's too old, there's not enough freshness.

Larry: I've always tried to keep good people as long as we can. So, I let them adjust their work schedule, and I let them adjust responsibilities. Part of the employee ownership makes employment self-policing. And everybody who works here is an owner.

Marcus: Usually when something belongs to you, you take pride in it, and you want to do your best to contribute to its success.

What do you see for the future?

Marcus: We have a good group of project managers, and the majority are in their 30s. Looking at them as an example and working with them and just being excited about the future and seeing them grow and push the com-

pany forward. Things are always changing and evolving, and we must evolve with it, within reason, while staying true to what we do and what we know we do well.

Marcus: We're currently installing our product on a high-profile project in Utah. We have some large projects out of state, and we have several projects with high-profile companies that the world deals with daily, but we can't disclose them because there are NDA's.

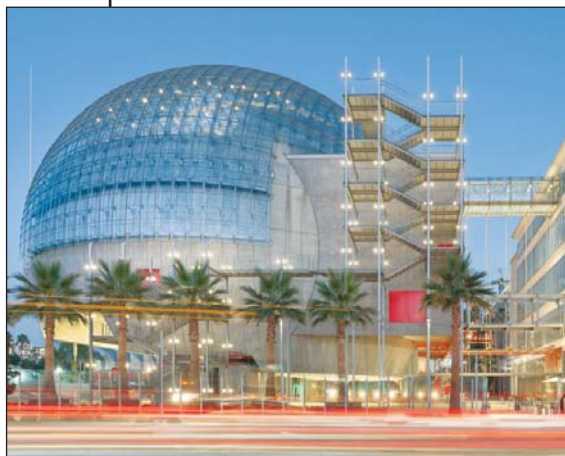
How long have you been in San Juan?

Larry: Since 1989. We really like operating in SJB. Whenever we've had visitors come, they just rave about our location, especially about our effort to have a "green" facility.

Wait a second, Marilyn Monroe etched in concrete??

Larry: It's a job we're doing in Southern California. It's an NDA project. What you see is a chemical retarder that etches through the cement paste. It's like a dot matrix. It's for a company that's doing a tribute to their founder and their employees. They're putting up a two-story tall wall inside their building, with etched images of notable people throughout the years.

What is a key element of your business plan or secret to success?



Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles

Larry: One of the things we strive for and take pride in is our compatibility in working with others. We make every effort to treat people fairly. This has contributed to our success in keeping our doors open for 45 years, by getting us repeat jobs/employers.

Marcus: We are really proud to be an employee-owned business. We're all working together for a common goal. When you own part of the business, you feel different about it. You take pride in the company and the work you do. The company thrives with better efficiency and personal investment from the employees who realize that as the company does better (increases in productivity and profit), so do they!

To learn more about our unique and successful employee-owned company, check us out at www.willisconstruction.com. ■



WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION NEWS

Fall landscape tips to help you make the most of your water usage

Autumn is here and your garden does not need as much water in October as it does in July. Lawns require watering a maximum of three times per week in the hot summer months and one or two times per week in the spring and autumn. Perennials and shrubs require less watering than lawns. Once rain is frequent, turn off your irrigation system. Even if we do not get rain in the fall, the days are shorter, and your landscape will not need as much water.

The Water Resources Association of San Benito County (WRASBC) has a rebate program on rain sensors. A rain sensor is a device that can be attached to your sprinkler system to automatically turn it off when it rains. This minimizes the amount of water that you use to keep your lawn green, and you will not have to remember to turn off the irrigation system when it rains. Call the WRASBC office for more details or if you need assistance in setting your irrigation controller. They can be reached at (831) 637-4378 or via email at snovack@sbcwd.com.

In California, fall is the best time to plant. This is when the soil is still warm, but the air is cool. Cooler air reduces heat stress, and warm soil encourages rapid root growth. And with any luck, Mother Nature will help keep the soil damp all the way through next spring. Take advantage of the WRASBC's Turf Removal Program and get \$2 for each square foot of turf removed from your landscape. 1,000 square foot

maximum (\$2,000). Special rules apply and funding is limited for all rebate programs.

If it is still hot weather for the first week or two of October, put your planting on hold. But once the heat abates, get ready, then start planting.

Plant just about any tree, shrub, perennial, vine, or succulent that is native to our sister climates of southwestern and western South Africa, Australia, the west coast of Chile, and the Mediterranean coast. Fall planting especially favors California native plants. The WRASBC has a list of California native plants that you can obtain by contacting them at the phone number or email above.

Before you plant, be sure your garden has a solid infrastructure: Grade the property so water flows away from the house and into planting beds or bioswales, so water remains on site.

If your garden is heavy clay soil, create large planting mounds of well-draining soil to plant into. A mix of 30% organic matter to 70% inorganic soil is a good starting point for all California natives and other Mediterranean climate plants. ■





Left: THEN - Dias Towing at former Bettencourt Warehouse, 1997. Center: NOW - Warehouse viewed from the corner of Third and San Jose. Right: Another view of the warehouse.

Then... and Now: The Peterson/Bettencourt Warehouse, 507 Third Street

By Wanda Guibert

San Juan Bautista Historical Society

A historic town such as San Juan Bautista frequently refers to its Historic Resources Inventories for information about its historic buildings. The 1981 Inventory is an invaluable resource as it is more detailed than the 2005; 42 years ago there many more San Juaners who could recall the historic names of buildings, who occupied them and for what purpose. In addition to documenting each building over 50 years of age, the inventories also discuss building styles, economic trends and local industries, etc.

The 1981 Inventory includes a page on Utility Buildings from 1900-1950. It states that San Juan was “a service supply core for the transportation business prior to the introduction of the railroad or the automobile.” A town of teamsters, blacksmiths, and wheelwrights, it was also the service center of a considerable amount of both dry and row crop farming in the San Juan Valley. There are a few remaining examples of the types of structures used for this purpose, both in town and within its sphere of influence. Indeed, the November 2015 “Then and Now” article featured the Regas packing shed; in December 2018, Botelho Potato Shed; in April 2020, Zbranek Blacksmith; in September 2021, Polk Street Abbe Co. Warehouses, and in June 2023, Nyland Warehouse. All have been repurposed and are still in use. (www.missionvillagevoice.com/past-issues)

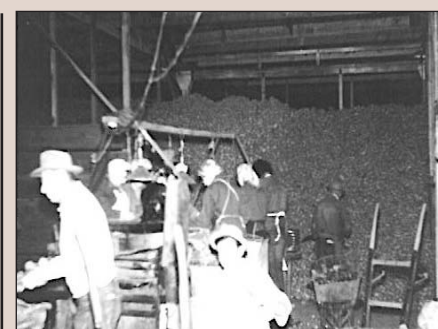
These barns, granaries, blacksmith shops and agricultural warehouses can be identified by their size, especially the ag warehouses which were built as potato processing facilities. Each is an important

physical reminder of the agricultural base of San Juan Bautista and a valued historic resource. Generally, they are wood-framed structures clad with either wood or sheet metal and capped with gable or flare roofs of the same material.

The building at 507 Third Street is historically known as the Peterson/Bettencourt Warehouse. It was built in the 1930s by the Joe Cullumber Construction Co. of San Juan Bautista for Henry Peterson for the processing of potatoes. In the vernacular of functional architecture, it is a rectangular, 1-story wood-frame and sheet metal faced building on a concrete foundation with a low-pitched roof behind a stepped false front façade. The

2 large sliding front barn doors are gone now, but the 5 ball-shaped roof ventilators along the peak of the roof and the horizontal pattern of the sheet metal siding remain. The sheet metal siding on the side elevation is vertical in contrast to the horizontal pattern on the front. Alterations over the years include the following: replacement of the large sliding front barn door with modern storefront windows and entry door and the replacement of the original sheet metal siding with vertical wood siding at all but the east elevation. There is also an early addition to the south elevation. The character defining features of this warehouse building include:

- Rectangular plan of the original building



An interior view of the Peterson Warehouse, being used to process potatoes.

- Utilitarian design
- Moderately pitched, front gabled roof clad with metal sheets with a stepped parapet and coping
- Corrugated metal siding at the east elevation
- Minimal door and window openings
- Clearstory windows at the east elevation
- Warehouse opening at the west elevation

The 1981 Inventory states that the Peterson Warehouse “represents a change in agriculture in San Juan Valley to potatoes as a major cash crop with the advent of a potato chip plant in the San Jose area.” The potato chip processing industry continued in San Juan from the 1930s into the early 1950s when Laura Scudder moved operations to the Salinas Valley. The Peterson Warehouse is the oldest of about 3 of these warehouses. The Botelho and Nyland Warehouses post date WWII. A note on the back of the interior photo says “1940-1955 George Peterson Potato. At present time [1993] Dias Garage & Towing.” On both the 1981 & 2005 Historic Resources Inventories, NRHP Status Code is 5S3.” Appears to be individually eligible for



Warehouse and Vigilante Ambulance. Photo credit: Ed Lamb



Left: A float for the San Juan Bautista Skating Club designed by Bettencourt in the mid-1960s. Right: Peterson Warehouse and Girl Scout float. Photo credit: Ed Lamb

local listing or designation through survey evaluation."

Subsequently, the warehouse was later repurposed by Tony (1909-1980) and Frank (1916-2003) Bettencourt as a shop to construct floats for various parades around the Monterey Bay area. In the Aug. 2016 Then and Now about Community Hall, Connie Espinosa said that Edna (1911-1976) and Frank Sr. also operated the community skate every Friday at the Community Center. He was parade chairman of the San Juan Bautista festival in 1957 and a professional float builder. Using the designs of his artistic son Frank Jr. (1947-1983), he built animated floats used in the Fiesta Rodeo parades and even parades in Salinas and Redwood City. The Club would travel to State meets in L.A., and one of the skaters, Karen Gervais, went on to skate competitively. Connie describes Frankie (Jr.) as a remarkable, community-spirited person who wanted kids to be suc-

cessful in school; he even tutored some in algebra. Sadly, he passed away in 1983, but he made a lasting impression on those who knew him and offered the small-town kids exposure to the arts. Jill Glass Pagarán sums up his legacy very nicely: "We were so lucky to have the Skating Club and really fortunate that Frankie was the talented person he was and had the desire to share it with all of us."

According to Mark Dias, after the Dias Chevron station at 300 The Alameda was closed (by Chevron) in about 1981, his father George Dias (1940-2022) did work a few years out of the old Bettencourt warehouse where he ran Dias' Trucking, a towing and trucking company. Decades later, the building was home to People's Plaza Antique and Collectible Mall and now serves as Timeless Treasures Conference and Event Center. Until fairly recently, Mission Hardware occupied the annex extension in the back for a few years. Hopefully, the building will always



Peterson Bros. Warehouse behind a float with water skiers. Photo credit: Ed Lamb

be recognized as a timeless treasure.

If you enjoy these "Then & Now" articles (based on research gathered from our locals and our publications, archives, and "Mission News" issues spanning 98 years), we invite you to join the SJB Historical Society and support our work. Send your \$15.00 check and contact info to P.O. Box 1, SJB, CA 95045. Like us on Facebook @sjbhistoricalsociety and contact us at sjbhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. ■

Below and bottom photos: the headstones for Petersen and the Bettencourts.



An ad for Laura Scudder's chips from the Oakland Tribune, Sep. 6, 1951. Vintage Laura Scudder's packaging for Mayflower Potato Chips (package photo credit: eBay)

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Calendar

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Call Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital to schedule an appointment 831.636.2650

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29 - SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

RANCH DAYS / HIKES ON NYLAND & RANCHO LARIOS PROTECTED LANDS IN SAN JUAN BAUTISTA 9am-12pm. Families welcome! www.sanbenitolandtrust.org 1st Sunday of @ month.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4

VERTIGO OPEN MIC NIGHT Vertigo Coffee Roasters, San Juan Bautista, Vertigocoffee.com 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

RANCHO CIELO PRESENTS PAULA WEST JAZZ 6pm, Visit www.ranchocieloyc.org/jazzAtTheRanch

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

RECOLOGY ENVIRONMENTAL DAY - HOLLISTER 9am-1pm. E-waste recycling, secure document shredding & compost giveaway. Brigantino Park, 2100 San Juan Hol-

lister Rd., Hollister. Visit recologysanbenito.com or 831.636.7500

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY VIEWING 8pm Presentation 8:30pm-Midnight Viewing. Visit fpoa.net

PUMPKIN GIVEAWAY 1-4pm. Gonzalez & Jones and Beale Properties.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE 10am-1pm. Corner of Third & Monterey, SJB.

EDEN RIFT HARVEST CONCERT 5-8pm. San Benito County Line performs & Hapa Bros. food truck. Visit edenrift.com

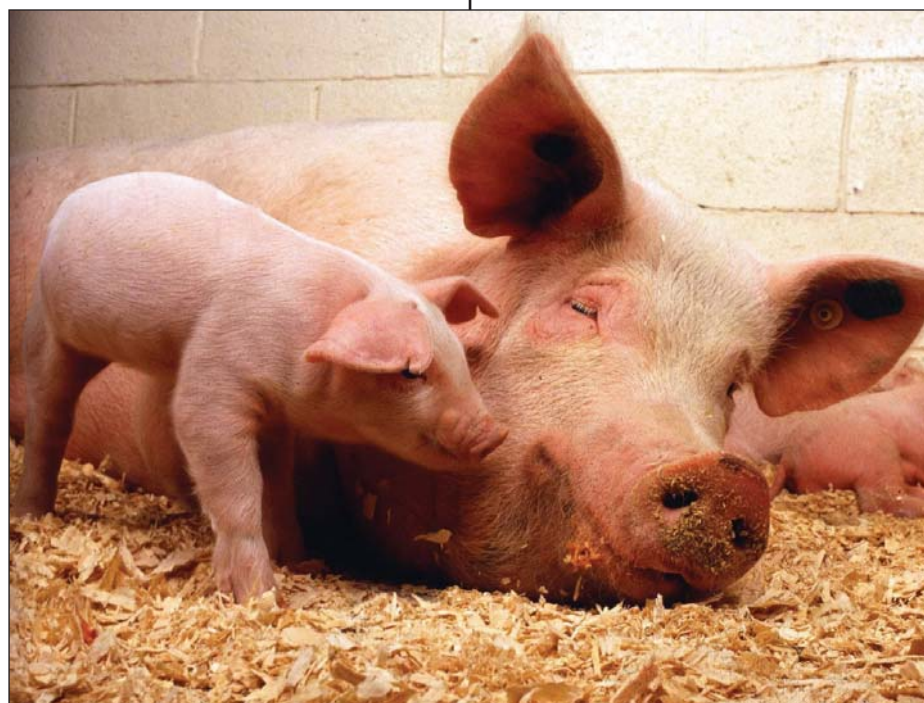
ALBA FAMILY FARM DAY 11am-3pm. Visit our 100-acre training facility and purchase bounty of freshly harvested organic produce. Visit www.albafarmers.org

LIVING HISTORY DAYS 11am-4pm. SJB State Historic Park. Step back into the early days. 1st Saturday of the month.

FLEA MARKET 8am-1pm Indoor & Outdoor. San Martin Presbyterian Church, 13200 Lincoln Ave. San Martin. 1st Saturday of @ month. Info email shadychoo@yahoo.com

MONDAY OCTOBER 9

SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH-CARE & SERVICE OFFICE EVENT 10am-1pm. Enroll in



Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1

SAN BENITO COUNTY FAIR Bolado Park, Tres Pinos. Visit sanbenitocountyfair.com

VA Healthcare? Fill RX? check-up? Housing Assistance? Justice Outreach? Mental Health Assistance? Veterans Memorial Building, Hollister. 2nd Monday @ month.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

VERTIGO OPEN MIC NIGHT Vertigo Coffee Roasters, San Juan Bautista, Vertigocoffee.com 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

CARMEL SUNSET CENTER PRESENTS - THE RIGHT-EOUS BROTHERS Visit sunsetcenter.org

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

RECOLOGY ENVIRONMENTAL DAY - SAN JUAN 9am-1pm. E-waste recycling, secure document shredding & compost giveaway. San Juan School, 100 Nyland Dr., San Juan. Visit recologysanbenito.com or 831.636.7500

WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES - SAN BENITO COUNTY 2023 10:30am-1pm. Visit emmaushouse.com/events

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA HARVEST FESTIVAL 10am - 5pm. Artisan Vendors, food, live music, beer garden and family fun, including obstacle course, games, arts & crafts and more.

FRIENDS OF THE SBC FREE LIBRARY BOOK SALE 9am-12pm. Behind Library. 2nd Sat @ month. SBCFL.ORG

NEW MOON SOLAR ECLIPSE IN LIBRA

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY SPECIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE PROGRAM 8-11am. An Annular Eclipse will cross the Western US. At FPOA it will be about 80%. Join us at our special edition of the solar program. This will cover the entire eclipse. Maximum will be at 9:20am. Visit fpoa.net

A CLUELESS MURDER MYSTERY 6-9pm. The Garden-shoppe and Bar, Hollister. Gardenshoppeandbar.com

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY VIEWING 8pm Presentation 8:30pm-Midnight Viewing. Visit fpoa.net

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

GRANITEROCK ROCK N RUN 8am Start. 10k/5k Run/Walk at the A.R. Wilson Quarry in Aromas. Visit graniterock.com

THE POWER PLANT COFFEE + STORE ANTIQUE MARKET 9am-2pm, Buy, sell & trade all things vintage & antique. 3rd Sunday of every month. Visit thepowerplant.store/famers-market

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY VIEWING 8pm Presentation 8:30pm-Midnight Viewing. Visit fpoa.net

ART RECEPTION & LIVE MUSIC BY "THE DEAD COW-BOYS" 5-7pm. Luna Gallery, 107B The Alameda, SJB 831.623.2783

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS 9am - 12pm. 3rd Sat @ month. John Smith Rd. Hollister

MARSHALL'S MARKET CAR SHOW 12-6pm. 100 Carpenteria Rd., Aromas.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

AROMAS GRANGE PRESENTS - KEITH GREENINGER AND NINA GERBER 3:30pm Doors, 4:30pm Show. Visit aromasgrange.org

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26

HOLLISTER HIGH HOMECOMING PARADE 2-3pm, Downtown Hollister.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27



Saturday, October 28

HOLLISTER HILLS SVRA CREATURES OF THE NIGHT 5-7pm. Explore the weird and wonderful nocturnal life of Hollister Hills SVRA. Visit HollisterHills@parks.ca.gov or call 831.638.3207.

FREE GHOST SEMINAR - MESSAGES FROM HEAVEN WITH LEANNE THOMAS 6:30-8:30pm. Register angelchope.com/classes-and-events. Posada Hotel San Juan Bautista

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27

RANCHO CIELO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SERIES Visit www.ranchocieloyc.org/dinner-at-rancho-cielo

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27 - SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

ROTARY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PRESENTS - GHOST WALK 2023 Tours every half hour from 6-8:30pm. Tickets www.rotarysanjuanbautista.com or call Jackie Munoz 831.320.1764

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

FULL MOON LUNAR ECLIPSE IN TAURUS

HOLLISTER HILLS SVRA CLEAN WHEELING 9am-1pm. Annual trash pick-up on the upper ranch. Contact HollisterHills@parks.ca.gov or call 831.638.3207

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 31

SAN JUAN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION San Juan Bautista Library

Every Week

TUESDAYS

EVENING BICYCLE RIDE 6pm @ Off The Chain Bikes, 22 mi. bike ride. Santa Ana Rd thru backroads, moderate - fast. www.offthechainbikes.com

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Thursday, November 2

EL TEATRO CAMPESINO'S ANNUAL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FREE EVENT & PROCESSION. 6-8:30pm Activities & Entertainment, 7pm Procession thru SJB begins. ETC Playhouse, 705 Fourth St., SJB Visit www.elteatrocampesino.com.

ARTISTS & LIBRARY MEETING 2:45pm San Juan Library. All local artists welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

GEEKS WHO DRINK - RUNNING ROOSTER TRIVIA NIGHT 6:30pm. Every Wednesday @ Running Rooster, Hollister Runningrooster.com

HOLLISTER CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET 3-7pm. Downtown Hollister. Visit downtownhollister.org Thru October 11th.

ARTISTS & LIBRARY MEETING 11am San Juan Library. All local artists welcome.

THURSDAYS

LADIES NIGHT @ BEAR'S HIDEAWAY Every Thursday. Special drinks, guest bartenders and much more! 402 Third St., San Juan Bautista. 831.623.9363 bears-hideaway.com

TRIVIA NIGHT WITH MIGUEL SILVA 6:30-8:30pm. Prizes! Every Wednesday. Vertigo Coffee Roasters, SJB. Vertigocoffee.com

EVENING BICYCLE RIDE 6pm @ Off The Chain Bikes, 22 mi. bike ride. Santa Ana Rd thru backroads, moderate - fast. www.offthechainbikes.com

ARTISTS & LIBRARY MEETING 2:45pm San Juan Library. All local artists welcome.

SENIOR LUNCHESES SJB COMMUNITY CENTER Doors open 10:30. Info call Mary Edge 831.262.3484

FRIDAYS

LIVE MUSIC AT DAISY'S SALOON 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, SJB. 831.623.4484

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS AT RANCHO CIELO - DRUMMOND CULINARY ACADEMY Seating starts at 5pm. Reservations call 831.444.3521

SATURDAYS

SATURDAY MORNING BICYCLE RIDE 8am @ Off the Chain Bikes. A 22 mi. bike ride. Santa Ana Rd thru backroads, moderate -fast. www.offthechainbikes.com

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SUNDAYS

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Save the Date

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1

DAY OF THE DEAD RECEPTION & ALTAR EXHIBIT 6-7pm. Luna Gallery, 107B The Alameda, SJB 831.623.2783

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4

SAN BENITO COUNTY RECYCLE DAY! 9am-1pm. Accepting paint, mattresses & non-rechargeable household batteries. FREE LED BULBS. Veteran's Memorial Park, 1023 Memorial Drive, Hollister.

SIP & CELEBRATE BEER & WINE STROLL -SAN JUAN BAUTISTA 1-5pm. 20 stops highlighting our historic city. Taste regional & local wineries, cideries & breweries. Facebook and Instagram @spiritofsanjuanbautista.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY - SAN BENITO COUNTY Visit givessanbenito.org

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, NOV. 25 - 26

HOLIDAYS ON THE FARM VINTAGE MARKET - B & R FARMS 10am-3pm. 5280 Fairview Road, Hollister. Visit brfarms.com

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

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Kinopio is basically a thinking tool! Now, we understand that may not make a lot of sense. But here's what it does - it let's you think in any way you want. Kinopio is a space where you can create notes, write down your thoughts, connect them together, add tags, maps, links, and much more! It is handy for students and researchers that wish to gather and sync data visually! Get your thoughts out and visually connect them together. Kinopio works the way your mind works. Use it for brainstorming, planning, mood-boards, journaling. Basically for figuring stuff out - by yourself or collaboratively.



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A mobile application or app is a computer program or software application designed to run on a mobile device such as a phone, tablet, or watch. Mobile applications often stand in contrast to desktop applications which are designed to run on desktop computers, and web applications which run in mobile web browsers rather than directly on the mobile device.

Apps were originally intended for productivity assistance such as email, calendar, and contact databases, but the public demand for apps caused rapid expansion into other areas such as mobile games, GPS and location-based services, order-tracking, and ticket purchases, so that there are now millions of apps available.



Past Lives: The Real Witches of NH

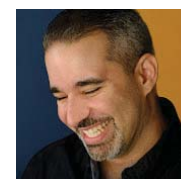
For our first story, we presented a three part series: The Real Witches of New Hampshire, a collaboration between New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR) and New Hampshire Humanities. In this series, we explore historical cases of witchcraft in New Hampshire along with the stories of modern witches in order to understand how our idea of the witch has changed over time. The Real Witches of New Hampshire is hosted by NHPR's Justine Paradis and Dr. Tricia Peone.



Dr. Tricia Peone holds a Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire in early American history with a specialization in the history of science. Her scholarship examines the ways that people interpreted their experiences with unexplained or unusual phenomena in the early modern period. Dr. Peone is an expert in early modern witchcraft cases and the history of magic and the occult from the renaissance to today. She has taught classes on the Salem witch trials, colonial New England, and New Hampshire history.

Next Level Soul

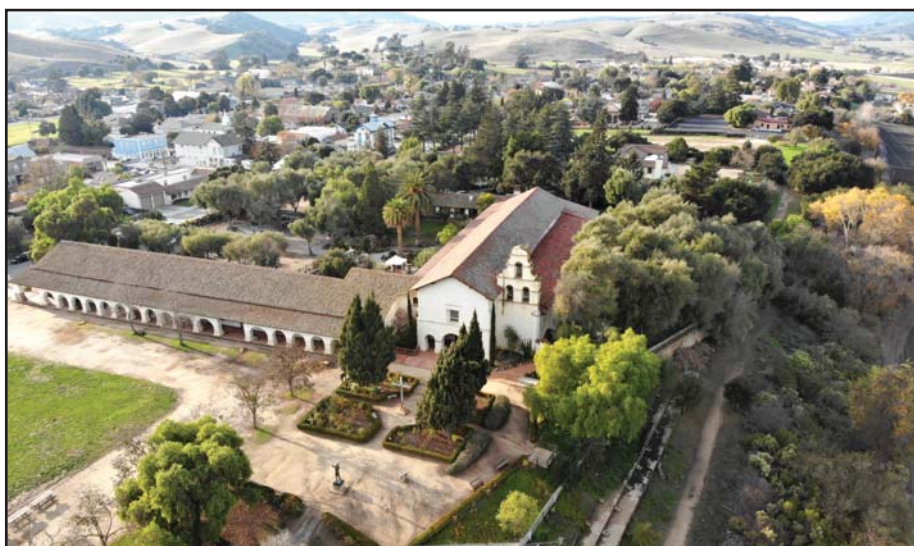
Next Level Soul founder Alex Ferrari is a #1 best-selling author, podcaster, speaker, entrepreneur, & filmmaker. Throughout his life, Alex always asked the big questions: Why are we here? Is this all there is? What is my soul's mission in this life? He developed Next Level Soul to help people around the world get closer to their own higher power to look inward for the answers they are searching for.



The Next Level Soul Podcast discusses all the mysteries of life's journey and reality. Topics like: Spirituality, Near Death Experiences, Channelers, Quantum Physics, Creativity, Ancient Civilizations, Lost History, Spiritual Masters, End of Life, Mindset, and Healing & Wellness.

New to podcasts?

A podcast is typically a series of spoken word, audio episodes, all focused on a particular topic or theme. You can subscribe to the show with an app on your phone to listen to episodes whenever you like - on your headphones, in the car or through speakers.



The \$1.5 million total will be used for seismic strengthening and adjacent roof repair of the Mission church's two-story Principal Façade.

COMMUNITY

Mission San Juan Bautista Preservation Fund awarded \$750K grant

By Jewel Sean Gentry, Executive Director, Save Mission SJB

The National Parks Service has awarded a \$750,000 Saving America's Treasures matching grant to the California Missions Foundation for a project submitted by the Mission San Juan Bautista Preservation Fund, a separate non-profit organization dedicated to restoring and preserving the Mission, in cooperation with the Old Mission San Juan Bautista Parish of the Diocese of Monterey. The Saving America's treasures program requires applicants to match the grant money dollar-for-dollar with non-federal funding.

When the Saving America's Treasures grant is matched, the \$1.5 million total will be used for seismic strengthening and adjacent roof repair of the Mission church's two-story Principal Façade—its front entrance, the

baptistry, and the choir loft—the most seismically vulnerable section of the Mission church.

Seismologist have estimated a 62% probability of one or more 6.7 or greater earthquakes in the San Francisco Bay Region from 2003 – 2032. The Mission church is only 100 feet from the San Andreas Fault. Mitigating the seismic threat to the front section of the church is the essential first step in the restoration and preservation of the Mission, as well as the safety of its parishioners and visitors. Earthquakes destroyed the Mission twice in the 1800s and it was badly damaged by the 1906 earthquake.

As one of California's most significant and well visited historic sites, the Mission hosts 100,000 annual visitors. This includes 40,000 school aged children from throughout the state. On most weekends during the school year, as many as five school busloads of children, their teachers, and chaperones come to the Mission and learn about its role in California history. ■



San Juan Bautista Library

801 Second St:

Thursdays 11:30am

Bilingual Storytime

Fridays 2:00pm

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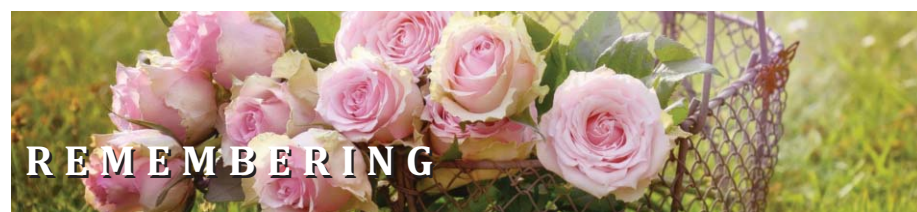
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IN MEMORY

Kenneth Edward Vaccarezza

Kenneth Edward Vaccarezza passed away on September 18, 2023 at the age of 97. He was born on April 1, 1926 to Charles and Louise Vaccarezza and lived in the San Juan Bautista area before moving to Hollister in 2000. Kenneth joined the Navy and served in the South Pacific during World War II. After the service he returned to San Juan Bautista where he held several jobs before owning and operating a gas station where he met Marilyn Arceo. They fell in love and were married in October 1951. Kenneth and Marilyn went on to have seven children.

When the children were growing up they all belonged to 4-H and FFA where Kenneth loved to be involved with all of their animal projects including sheep and steers. He was also an avid San Francisco 49er fan and attended many games when he was younger.

Kenneth worked for over 40 years as a Meat Cutter for Lucky Stores before retiring. During his retirement he enjoyed fishing and gardening. He especially enjoyed his



rose garden where he had over 50 varieties.

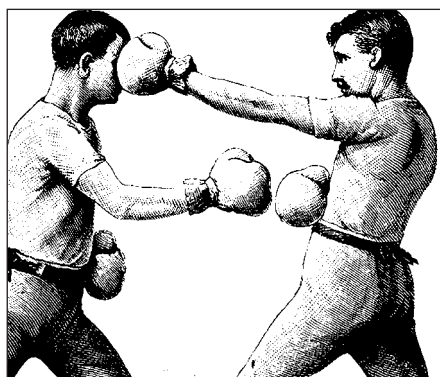
He was predeceased by his wife, Marilyn who he was married to for over 60 years. Kenneth is survived by his seven children, Linda, Don (Sheila), Ron (Bernedette), Kendra (Steve), Sandi (Antone), Steve (Dana) and Rob (Audra) also, twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Tres Pinos on Friday, October 6, 2023. Following will be a Christian Burial Service at the San Juan Bautista District Cemetery with a reception and celebration of life at the VFW in San Juan Bautista. All are welcome to attend and pay their respects to Kenneth. ■

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Bring home the bacon

Etymologists now take the view that the idiom is a 20th-century invention: It appeared in a 1906 telegram from the mother of boxer Joe Gans, who urged her son to win a fight and "bring home the bacon." Sports writers loved this turn of phrase, and it was soon in newspapers across the country. ■



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Baconer

Irked wife: Antonio's not home yet!

Mother: Be good to him, Marie; he brings home the bacon.

VFW Bar Scene

Friend 1: Look at those old folks...dancing fools.

Friend 2: Yeah, it's like watching Cocoon. ■



Green Business Tips

More funds than ever available to business owners

By Timaree Nelson

The San Benito County Green Business Program can help your business be more green and save money! Businesses that get certified between now and November 30th, 2023 are eligible for \$1,000 (and some businesses can get even more!) in rebates!

What can this look like in your business?

Green Cleaning: Switch your cleaning products with our approved third-party certified products to avoid harmful ingredients from impacting your employees and the local environment.

Water Efficiency Upgrades: Replace low-efficiency toilets with high-efficiency ones, or add aerators to your sinks to avoid wasting water.

Energy Efficiency Upgrades: Make the switch to LEDs! They last longer and work more efficiently, saving you money and the hassle of frequent replacement. The rebate



can also be used towards an electrician's services if your business needs it.

Reducing Solid Waste: Change out single-use items like disposable foodware and water bottles and replace them with reusable options! Things like reusable water bottles and dishware are eligible for rebate.

Much more! Our checklists are tailored to your business's sector, and there may be many other sustainability upgrades that would be eligible for rebate.

Interested in learning more about the program? Contact Bryan Garcia at bgarcia@environmentalin.com. ■



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The Caetano Family

KUDOS

Fearless Yorkie rescued from tree by local firefighter

By Luke Kerbs

A Sunday evening stroll turned into a heart-stopping adventure when a one-year-old Yorkshire Terrier named Stevie found himself in a perilous predicament high atop a tree limb. Luckily, local firefighter Steve Cabral came to the rescue, ensuring a happy ending to this daring escapade.

The incident unfolded on Sunday, September 10th, when Stevie's owners took him for a walk to the community soccer field in the historic mission village of San Juan Bautista, California. Stevie, a spirited Yorkie, has a knack for tree climbing, but this time, he outdid himself. Typically, his escapades involve scaling to a modest height of three or four feet. However, on this day, Stevie's adventurous spirit led him to



new heights, quite literally. In pursuit of a squirrel, Stevie boldly ascended an overhanging tree limb, eventually reaching a staggering 25 feet from the ground.

Despite his owners' frantic calls, Stevie remained undeterred, perched high above. Thankfully, two passing pedestrians stepped in, positioning themselves under Stevie to try to catch him should the unthinkable happen. Across the street, a quick-thinking neighbor brought a tarp, and the good samaritans assembled, firmly holding each corner of the tarp, creating a makeshift safety net.

A quick call to the San Juan Bautista Fire Department brought firefighters racing to the scene. They parked their firetruck beneath the tree and extended a ladder to reach Stevie.

Firefighter Steve, a fitting coincidence, climbed the ladder and carefully plucked Stevie from his perch. The onlooking crowd broke out in applause as the brave firefighter Steve and the daring Yorkie Stevie made their way back to solid ground. The coincidence of a firefighter named Steve saving a dog named Stevie added an unexpected touch of humor and warmth to the heroic feat.

Stevie's loving owner, Bella, runs the nearby San Juan Bautista clothing store "Street Urchin," where visitors can come visit the intrepid little Yorkie who lived to tell the tale. This heartwarming rescue showcased the swift response and courage of our local firefighters, proving that heroes can come in all forms, even a brave little Yorkie named Stevie and a firefighter named Steve. ■



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CELESTIAL EVENTS



October 8, 9 - Draconids Meteor Shower. The Draconids is a minor meteor shower producing only about 10 meteors per hour. It is produced by dust grains left behind by comet 21P Giacobini-Zinner, which was first discovered in 1900. The Draconids is an unusual shower in that the best viewing is in the early evening instead of early morning like most other showers. The shower runs annually from October 6-10 and peaks this year on the the night of the the 8th and morning of the 9th. The second quarter moon will be visible in the early morning but shouldn't interfere too much. Best viewing will be in the early evening from a dark location far away from city lights. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Draco, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

October 14 - New Moon Libra. The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 17:56 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.

October 14 - Annular Solar Eclipse in Libra. An annular solar eclipse occurs when the Moon is too far away from the Earth to completely cover the Sun. This results in a ring of light around the darkened Moon. The Sun's corona is not visible during an annular eclipse. The eclipse path will begin in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of southern Canada and move across the southwestern United States and Central America, Columbia, and Brazil. A partial eclipse will be visible throughout much of North and South America.

October 20, 21 - Orionids Meteor Shower. The Orionids is an average shower producing up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by dust grains left behind by comet Halley, which has been known and observed since ancient times. The shower runs annually from October 2 to November 7. It peaks this year on the night of October 20 and the morning of October 21. The first quarter moon may block some of the dim meteors in the evening, but it will set shortly after midnight. This will leave dark skies for what could be a good morning show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Orion, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

October 23 - Venus at Greatest Western Elongation. The planet Venus reaches greatest eastern elongation of 46.4 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Venus since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the bright planet in the eastern sky before sunrise.

October 28 - Full Moon in Taurus. The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be will be fully illuminated. This phase occurs at 20:25 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Hunters Moon because at this time of year the leaves are falling and the game is fat and ready to hunt. This moon has also been known as the Travel Moon and the Blood Moon.

October 28 - Partial Lunar Eclipse in Taurus. A partial lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes through the Earth's partial shadow, or penumbra, and only a portion of it passes through the darkest shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse a part of the Moon will darken as it moves through the Earth's shadow. The eclipse will be visible throughout all of Europe, Asia, and Africa, and western Australia.



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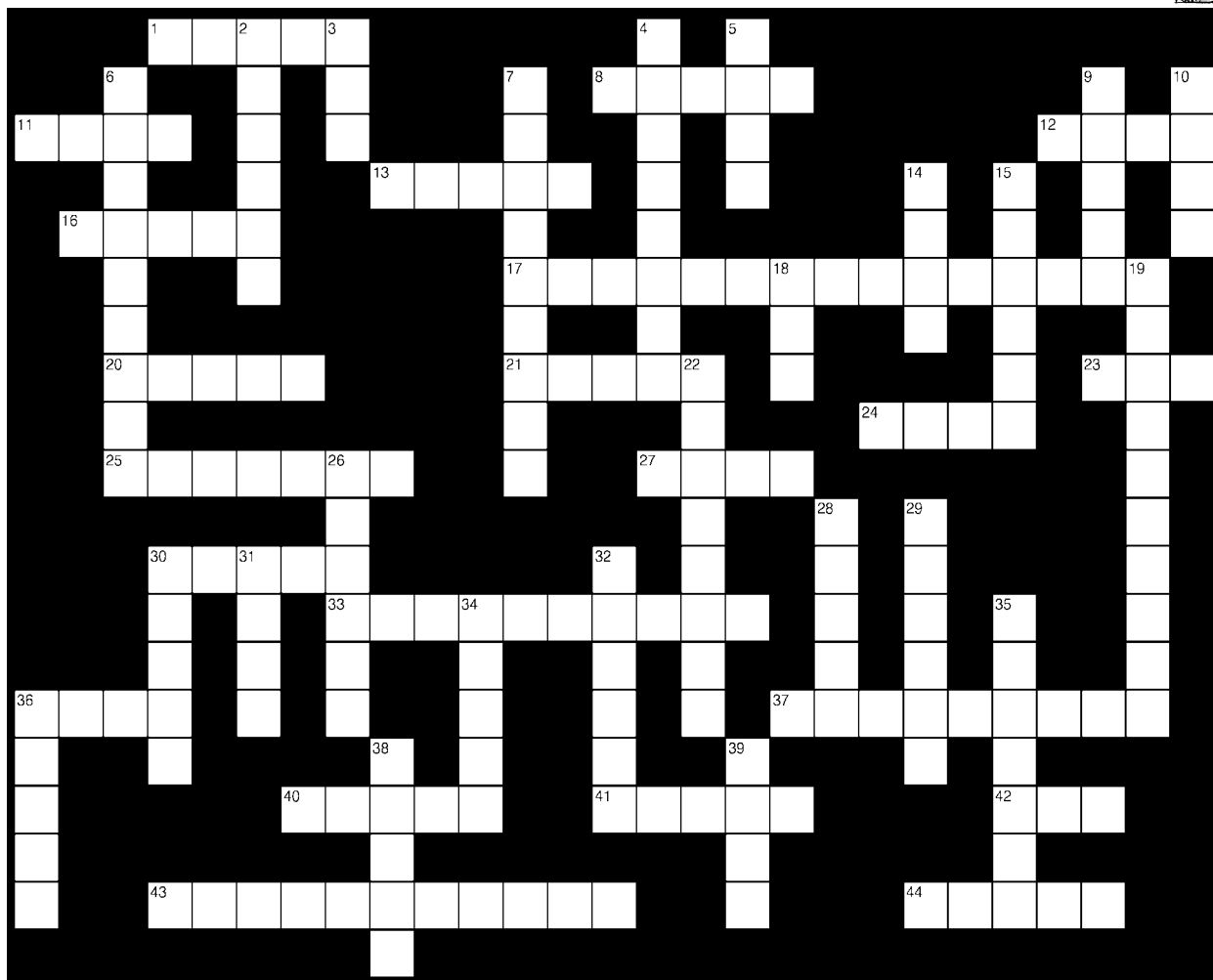
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- 41 ++ Beetle's " __ days a week"
- 42 ++ Back to square

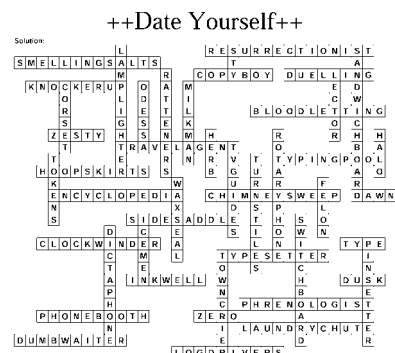
- 43 ++ The ol' variety store
- 44 ++ Sheets to the wind

DOWN

- 2 ++ 7 plus __ for craps
- 3 ++ To tango
- 4 False appearance
- 5 ++ Leaf clover
- 6 ++ Hands on the wheel
- 7 ++ Jump Street
- 9 Airline seat choice
- 10 ++ __ tolerance
- 14 Days gone by
- 15 Port city in Russia
- 18 Pocket- watch accessory
- 19 ++ Workday
- 22 ++ An unlucky number?
- 26 ++ "Just a moment.."
- 28 Studio stand
- 29 Grew like a weed
- 30 ++ Given the __ degree

- 31 Hurry
- 32 Catch sight of
- 34 ++ Minutes in heaven
- 35 ++ CB lingo for gotcha
- 36 ++ Shades of Grey
- 38 __-garde
- 39 Pork serving

Last month's puzzle solution



HOROSCOPE

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ARIES

March 21-April 20

The task is to understand what needs to die versus what you need to nourish so it can usher in a new birth. This requires your emotional intelligence and astute self-awareness to navigate. Make sure you have the resources you need to support yourself.



TAURUS

April 21-May 21

The theme is about creating space when it comes to your daily habits so you can bring in more of what you need. Think of purging and cutting things off that are either excessive or stagnant. Develop new patterns that will nourish and support you.



GEMINI

May 22-June 21

A yearning for inspiration can do wonders for your mental health. If you're not in the mood, get yourself in the mood. Prioritize being present for the process. The point is to allow yourself to enter a headspace as a child would when they're innocently playing. Just go with the flow.



CANCER

June 22-July 22

Something related to your close relationships could be going through pivotal moments of change this month. Some of the transformations are critical for your healing and growth, especially when it comes to your sense of belonging.



LEO

July 23-August 22

As you navigate a major ending and turning point in your work and overall life direction, you will become more sensitive to the dynamics of your daily surroundings. Spice up your life and change things.

VIRGO

August 23-September 22

Do you feel a better sense of your place in the world, because you're firmly grounded? Embark on a new journey that will teach you a new frame of perspective. Doing so will help you navigate acquiring the resources.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

A major new beginning for you that



SCORPIO

October 23-November 21

This month ahead is quite reflective, and you're invited to pay closer attention to your health. This can look like tending to your physical wellness but also taking care of your mental, emotional and spiritual health. Major things are wrapping up.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21



A new beginning will continue to build up until the spring of 2024. Now more than ever it feels important that you are an essential part of movements that you care about. You're starting to move away from any work-oriented values and beliefs that were making you unwell.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20



A potent purging and blossoming are transpiring in your career and overall life path.

Don't underestimate the importance of your excitement when it comes to your choices. Your sense of enjoyment is a great marker to positively affirm the direction you've chosen.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 19



Get obsessed with learning something new that will change some of your fundamental beliefs. It's exciting for the most part—and a bit unnerving—to change your mind.

It's time to let go of a past that you've had to contemplate intensely in the past 18 months.

PISCES

February 20-March 20



Avoiding something doesn't make it go away. Avoidance can be a useful strategy only if you actually

give your presence to whatever you're avoiding at a later date. Sometimes the most important thing in life is to show up.



THE GOLDEN AGE

Mahjong and Medicare

By Leanne Oliveira

"With mirth and laughter, let old wrinkles come." - William Shakespeare

The Affordable Connectivity Program is now open to all low-income California residents. Its discount of \$30/mo is accepted by most internet providers. Call my office (888-637-6757) to set up an enrollment appointment, request a mailed application, or visit www.FCC.gov/ACP to submit online.

This month also begins Medicare's annual open enrollment period (10/15-12/7). Medicare renews its plans automatically, so you may have been on a plan for years that is unsuited to your needs and finances. The Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) is free and facilitated by nonprofit Senior Network Services (831-462-5510). Their caseworker Sherri Rodrigues is available for appointments and walk-ins every 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings in Hollister. She has helped my own parents, and I highly recommend her services.

The Senior Center in Hollister will soon hold a workshop to address current scams. Details TBA; call Connie Padron at 831-637-9275.

Like Mahjong? Noreen is seeking fellow players in Hollister and Gilroy! Call 209-915-

8944 or email dorwebs712@gmail.com.

GOLDEN EVENTS

+ **Exercise Class** (Tues/Thurs 10:30-11:00AM, FREE) & **Lunch/Bingo** (Mon-Fri 11:30AM, \$2.50/ea). Senior Center, Hollister. 831-637-9275 www.jdasbcseniors.org

+ Tuesdays 1PM-4:30PM: **Consumer Debt Clinic**. www.seniorlegal.org

+ Tuesdays 4:30PM-5:30PM: **Senior Qigong/Yoga Class**. HHMH Great Room. Bring your own mat. FREE. wecare@hazelhawkins.com

+ Thursdays 11AM-1PM: **Senior Lunch + Bingo**. SJB Community Center. 10 San Jose St. Donation: \$2.50.

+ 10/7: **"2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's"** in Monterey. Alzheimer's Association. FREE. Register: www.ALZ.org/CRF

+ 10/20 3PM-7PM: **SBC Aging & Long-Term Care Commission (ALTCC) booth** at the Hollister Farmers Market.

+ 10/12 10:30AM-12PM: **FREE Flu Shot Clinic**. Senior Center, Hollister. 831-637-9275 www.jdasbcseniors.org

+ 10/23 4PM: **SJB Senior Center Committee Meeting**. Info: 831-262-3484 or maryedge@sbcglobal.net

+ 11/18: SAVE THE DATE: Health Projects Center/Del Mar Caregivers is hosting **Caregiver University** at the Chaminade in Santa Cruz. FREE. Register early! www.delmar-caregiver.org ■

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ARTIST Q&A

Questions with local artist Julian Torres

Submitted by Heidi Jumper, Director of Marketing & Outreach, San Benito County Arts Council

With the new season come exciting things at the San Benito County Arts Council including upcoming opportunities and a new Arts Council Program Assistant, local artist Julian Torres. Julian is a Hollister-based artist and muralist whose primary medium is spray paint. Along with Gabriel Rios of Hollister's Rios Barber Shop, Julian is currently guest curating the Arts Council's upcoming exhibition, *Kulture through the Lens*, a collection of classic car and lowrider art. Community members can see the show at the Art Depot in downtown Hollister during special viewing hours, 5-7 pm, Fridays, October 13th & 27th.

For this month's column, I asked Julian a few questions about his personal practice and the upcoming art show.

If you could sum it up in one or two sentences, how would you describe your artistic style?

You could picture my style as blue, semi-realistic artwork with a little Mexican-American and graffiti twist to it.

What are some of your favorite materials to work with?

I work with a lot of different materials depending on the project, but my favorite would have to be spray paint. This is what I spend



most of my time working with.

Tell me what you're most looking forward to about the upcoming *Kulture through the Lens* art show?

This past year or so, I've met a lot of amazing artists and photographers. I think this is a perfect opportunity to get these people to finally meet each other. I'm thrilled and I can't wait to see how this show will turn out.

Related to our local art scene, what would you like to see more of in San Benito County?

I would love to see more art here, more murals or more sculptures. San Benito County is a lovely county, and I believe the arts would help emphasize that and bring more beauty to the community.

Learn more about *Kulture through the Lens* and other Arts Council upcoming events at www.sanbenitoarts.org or email heidi@sanbenitoarts.org. ■

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