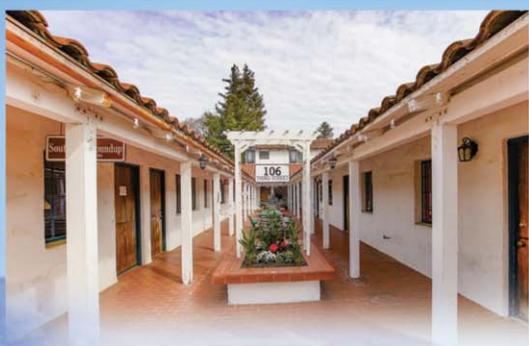




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#BOOKWORM

I love big (banned) books!

By Leanne Oliveira

"Life is lived forward but is judged in reverse."

- Salman Rushdie

If you're reading this, you likely already appreciate that libraries are gloriously democratic even in the face of being perpetually underfunded, underappreciated, and under attack. As "Banned Book Month," September is my favorite month of the literary year because it spotlights horrifying banning practices.

A few recent examples: In Idaho, a library director has resigned while citing "extremism" in her community. In Texas, a school district banned 41 books from its libraries including *The Diary of Anne Frank*. In Louisiana, a middle-school librarian is suing conservative activists for defamation following her refusal to remove LGBTQ books from her shelves.

Given the recent horrific multiple stabbing onstage attack of writer Salman Rushdie at the Chautauqua Institution, the need to defend author freedom of expression is crucial. When I lived in upstate New York, I was Head of Programs for the library system that included a branch within the Institution and visited many times. It is a breathtaking magical little pet-friendly community: happy and healthy, cultured and intelligent, yet still somehow a bit bohemian and inclusive. It is easily one of my favorite places in the world, so it's hard to be-



Leanne Oliveira

lieve that a nightmare like this could happen there.

The American Library Association recorded 1,597 individual book challenges or removals in 2021 — and, sadly, these figures do not include the 82-97% "unofficial" book challenges that went unreported.

So what can we do? Write to our electeds, libraries, newspapers, and school systems. Help educate on social media with talking points offered at ALA.org. Select challenged books for clubs and reading lists. Subscribe to causes like Skylark Bookshop's "Getting the Banned Back Together" book club that gets families free banned books (tinyurl.com/GettingtheBannedBackTogether)!

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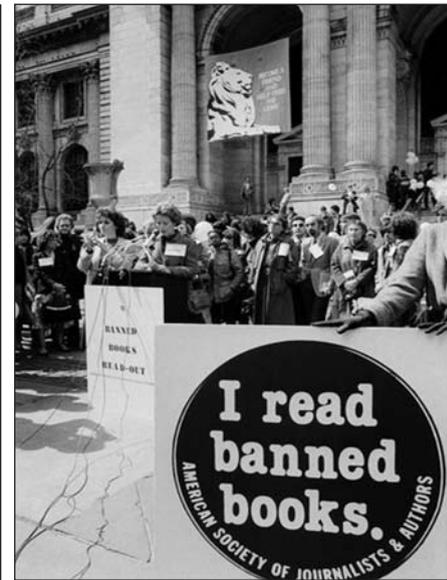
Catch Sandra Cisneros discussing *Woman Without Shame: Poems* 9/20@7pm (ticketed via Bookshop Santa Cruz) at UCSC's Cowell Ranch Hay Barn. Meet Silvia Moreno-Garcia (her *Mexican Gothic* was a favorite of my book club) 10/1@3pm at Foothill College. Though free, registration is required at scclld.org/authorseries.

CLUB #BOOKWORM (est. 2016)

While August's book *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens was okay, I preferred our Smoke Point dinner! September's book *Come Fly The World* by Julia Cooke was chosen by local digital artist Francesca Damkar.

DOJ FIGHTING PUBLISHER MERGER

In one of the largest antitrust trials in publishing history, the US Department of Justice is suing Penguin-Random House and Simon & Schuster to block their \$2 billion merger which will likely devastate library budgets, among other calamities. For info, visit tinyurl.com/



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GILROY LIBRARY

On behalf of fellow #childfree folks attempting to enjoy quiet dinners and movie theaters everywhere, thanks for hosting a "Tame the Tantrums" parenting class! Visit SCCLD.org for other great offerings including free 24/7 Rosetta Stone access and a Guitar Class. Open Sundays.

LITERARY HOLIDAYS

Short on word count this month, so enjoy Literary Holiday browsing at buildbookbuzz.com/2022-literary-calendar!

LUCK LIBRARY

The library's recent "Where the Art Is" and "Ice Cream Social" events were a success! Visit san-juan-bautista.ca.us/community/library.php, call 831-623-4687, or follow @SJBCityLibrary on FB/Instagram for info and

offerings like notary assistance, storytimes, free online courses, and entertainment downloads.

NEW RELEASES

Visit the Publisher's Weekly On-Sale calendar at tinyurl.com/BookwormSept22.

RIP

Stuart Woods, Nicolas Evans, and David McCullough.

SBC LIBRARY

The Friends would like to thank the community for supporting the Hollister 150 Carnival downtown; it was fun! I worked a Ring Toss booth along with fellow FOL Board members Susan Logue, Ellen Campos, and Francesca Damkar ... and I will be sure to wear a hockey goalie costume in 2172 because those kids were dangerous, dude!

All sales from our 9/10@9am-12pm Book-sale + Storytime (behind the library) will be matched by a generous grant from Tom Walerius! Deep discounts always offered to Friends members; visit SBCFriends.org for any membership/donation/volunteer inquiries. Other September events: Riverview Way Kiosk groundbreaking 9/23@10:30am, Manga Dojo for teens, daily kid's lunches, and environmentally-themed storytimes. The Little Books in Little Hands program, Homework Club, and the Bookmobile return this month. The Library is also seeking Americorps "volunteers" (stipend given) and literacy tutors (unpaid). Keep an eye on SBCFL.org for upcoming projects including a Passport Fair, refreshed ESL & Citizenship programming, and Will-Call Lockers.

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Glass Half Full

By Halina Kleinsmith

In recent slumber, my subconscious went on an odd journey, Taking me in dreaming time, to a pity party.

Amongst the pinwheels and balloons, a gathering was there: Complainers, whiners, sarcastics, and those who didn't care.

Their oratories blamed all others for things not being great, As they talked the talk and wrung their hands, but really couldn't relate.

I circulated amongst the group, observing their stuck-in-the-void portrayal, Listening intently to the themes, pertinent in each tale.

Through the stories of their lives, they were subsequently revealing The many ways in which they'd gained the emotions they were feeling.

Standing back to assess this situation and its gloom, I turned on some music, grabbed a Mic, and then addressed the room.



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Green Business Tips

Celebrate Zero Emissions Day in your business

By Timaree Nelson

September 21, 2022 is Zero Emissions Day! Nations across the globe annually participate in this day to raise awareness about the environmental footprint we all create. To achieve meaningful change, individuals from all around the world and businesses from all different sectors need to join together in their efforts. According to Terra-pass, the average office-based business can generate 1-6 metric tons of GHG emissions for each employee every year! We have some tips for you to try out this month, that you may want to adopt all year round:

- Encourage alternative transportation: This can take so many forms, such as biking, carpooling, or public transportation.
- Incentivize your employees. Have a raffle where those who use the above alternatives can enter to win a fun prize!
- Get your business running lean and green. Consider transitioning your business to an electric heat pump rather than a gas setup. Consider switching to renewable energy from your local provider or joining your local Community Choice Aggregation (Central Coast Community Energy).
- Be as zero waste as possible. Wasting

less means less wasted resources poured into materials being thrown away. Buy second hand to furnish your business and give items a second chance.

- Provide plant-based protein options for company events, to contribute less to the emissions coming from the meat and dairy industry.
 - Provide clear and current information. Let your employees know about their options for cleaner energy in their own lives. Make sure they know about Central Coast Community Energy and are familiar with how to switch to renewable energy.
 - Ditch the electronics: have an event outside without electricity-draining electronics!
 - Know your business's footprint: Simply Google "Berkeley's CoolClimate Calculator" and select the options for Business Calculator to evaluate your business's footprint.
- Want to do more to reduce your business's carbon footprint? Working with us can help you reach your carbon reduction goals! 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. ■



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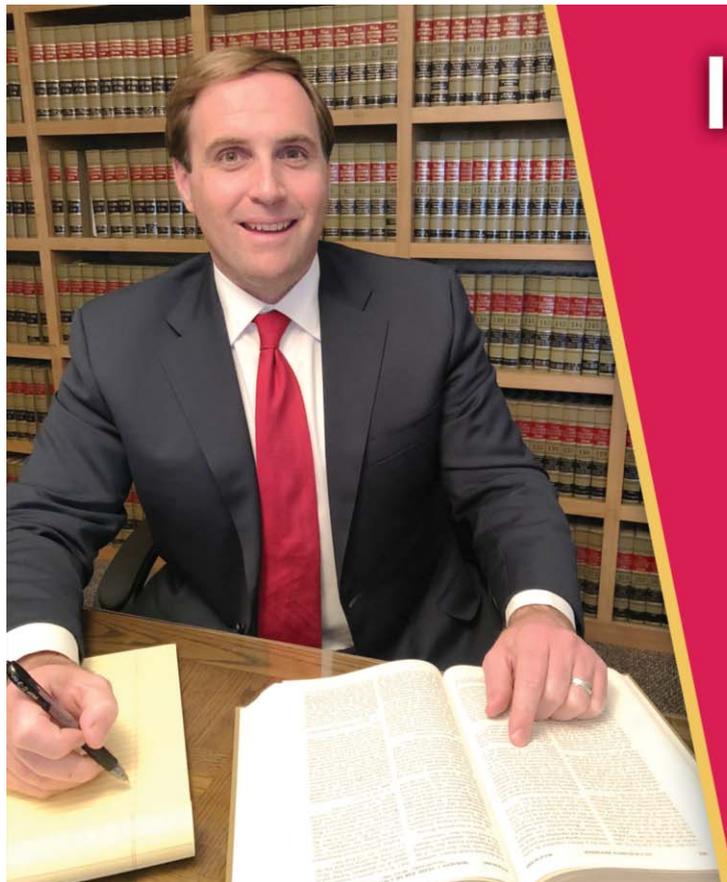
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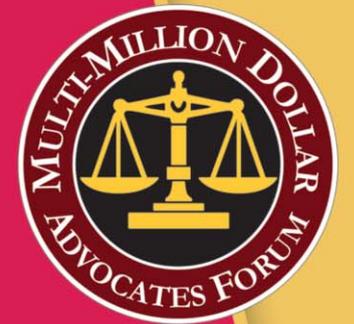
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Election season has launched

By Don Reynolds, City Manager

The 2022 Election season has been launched with five candidates filing paper work for three City Council seats. The deadline to file for the November ballot was August 17, 2022. Thank you to those brave residents offering their time and energy to lead the City to a stronger, more resilient place. The City's ballot also includes consideration of two Measures that if approved, will change the method by which the City Treasurer and City Clerk are appointed, rather than elected. Over the years the City has struggled to find qualified candidates to run for these two offices. The City officially does not have a Clerk now, and this is staffed by the new Deputy City Clerk Melissa Lee, who started her job August 1, 2022. The Treasurer Michelle Sabathia was appointed when no one stepped up to run for office. She continues to do an excellent job for the City. If both Measures pass, the City Council will appoint the next Clerk ("Measure V") and Treasurer ("Measure W").



The City posts status reports on its web site by the 10th of each month. The City Manager's July status report can be found there to include 11 slides describing the events from July. A water rate increase was approved in July, combined with a sewer

rate increase approved last fall. Both of the City's water projects are funded and moving forward with anticipated completion dates in 2024. The City's Street improvement project went out to bid in July. This million-dollar project will improve 13 different downtown streets and install or replace 5,000 linear feet of sidewalks. The contract will be awarded in October.

At the August 16, 2022, Council meeting, the City Council considered a set of guidelines intended to guide the work of re-defining the City's "sphere of influence." The overriding objective is to re-define the area that surrounds the City limits ("Sphere of Influence") that balances some growth but emphasizes preservation and conservation. All of these guidelines are derived from the City's General Plan and look more than 10 years into the future. The staff report and draft guidelines can be found on the City's web site for the August 16, 2022, City Council meeting and will be reconsidered for adoption at the September 20, 2022, Council meeting. This is perhaps the City's most critical policy decision right now. It will take a well-informed public and strong City leadership to get this right.

The City and Aromas-San Juan Bautista Unified School District are planning a ribbon cutting September 2, 2022. The new Joint Use Agreement between the District and City has resulted in the shared use of the San Juan School playground when school is not in session. Over 1,000 linear feet of fencing has been installed on the playground, and the gates on the Alameda will be opened to allow access to the basketball courts, turf area and children's' playground. This fall it is anticipated that the new track and field will be under construction.

That is all for now! ■

Glass Half Full

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Our time is now, our place is here, we have another chance
To love our lives, develop our joy, and share our knowledge
and romance.

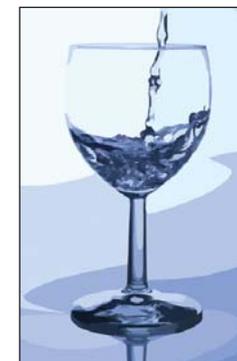
Instead they opted to eschew the fun, with critics
arrogantly saying,
"The glass is half empty, not half full, of what you are relaying."

Not being one to be outdone, I answered in reply,
"You're lucky to even have a glass, and you can fill it if you try."

It's easy to get booboo lipped, discouraged and down low,
But you need those dips in your life, to recover and to grow.

So 50/50, half and half, provides equal accommodation,
For your glass half empty to become half full when you use your imagination.

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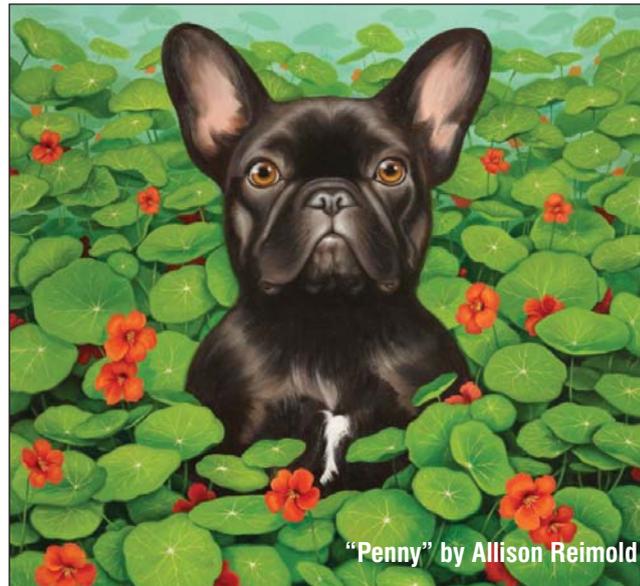


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Allison Reimold is a Los Angeles native and nature enthusiast who cur-

ARTS Luna Gallery, Eco Art introduce new studio

In September Luna Gallery and Eco Art Studio will introduce the new studio through free workshops on Friday evenings. Dr. Jennifer Colby will open the doors at 5pm for one and a half hour creative workshops. Dr. Colby, artist and educator is a SoulCollage® facilitator and has years of experience teaching the arts to all ages. She creates a non-judgmental environment for creative exploration. Each workshop is limited to 10 participants.

SoulCollage® is a process for understanding oneself through creating and reading collages made from found magazine images. Come for an introduction for adults on September 9th and 23rd.

Printing from plants in the Eco Art studio provides a crossover of the arts and understanding the natural world. This workshop on September 16th is open for ages 10 through adult requires \$20 for materials.

During the Fun Friday maker space we will explore several projects that can be made with recycled materials, with a \$5 materials fee. Children 4 - 7 years old are welcome with parents and ages 8 through adults are welcome.

Jennifer Colby will also participate in the San Benito County Open Studios September 24th and 25th. From 10 - 4 each day artists across the county are opening their studios to the public to share their art process. Stop by 107 C The Alameda in San Juan Bautista to visit the artist-in-residence.

To register for workshops or more information 831-623-2783. ■

rently works in the entertainment industry with over 10 years experience illustrating posters for film and TV. In addition to her extensive career in the industry, she has also shown her meticulous oil paintings

in galleries across the world. She is a graduate of Otis College of Art and Design, and resides in Los Angeles with her muse, a French Bulldog named Penny. Follow Allison on Instagram @allison_reimold. ■

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By Gabbie Ulloa

Dear Gabbie,

I'm so excited for the fall season! I love fashion, and I'd love to add some new looks to my closet. I don't want to spend a lot, but whenever I've gone to thrift stores, I never seem to find anything good. Any suggestions?

—Fashionista on Fourth St.

Dear Fashionista,

With the summer weather still around, now is a great time to score some great deals on fall attire! Thrifting can seem overwhelming at first because there is so much to look through. Here are a few tips that can help.

1. Think of a few items you're interested in finding before you go. Then be open to surprises!

2. Try shopping in sections of the store that are outside your usual. Sometimes items are placed in the wrong department by mistake. Or you might find a cozy men's sweater that looks great on you!

3. Labels can be misleading, so try pieces on

even if they aren't marked with your size.

4. Ask employees or volunteers which is the best day is to stop by. Sometimes thrift stores will put out new inventory on a certain day, and many have discount days! We have a wide range of thrift stores locally to browse, including Hazel's, Sacred Heart, a resale boutique at the Community Food Bank, Utopia, We Are Awesome and more!

5. Consider donating items while you're visiting a thrift shop. You'll make room for your new items, while helping the community. Check ahead to be sure they're accepting donations.

Hope that helps. Happy thrifting!

Zero Wastingly,

Gabbie Ulloa

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FINANCIAL FOCUS**Look closely at open enrollment choices**

Once again, it's the season for football games and back-to-school activities. And if you work for a medium-size or large employer, it will soon be open enrollment season – the time of year when you can review your employee benefits and make changes as needed. What areas should you focus on?

Actually, it's a good idea to pay close attention to all your benefits. Some of the offerings may have changed from last year — and you might have experienced changes in your own life, too, which might lead you to look for something different from your existing benefits package.

You may want to start with your health insurance. If you're satisfied with your coverage, and it's essentially the same as it's been, you may well want to stick with what you have. However, many employers are increasingly offering high-deductible health plans, which, as the name suggests, could entail more out-of-pocket costs for you. But high-deductible plans may also offer something of benefit: the ability to contribute to a health savings account (HSA). Your HSA contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, so they

can reduce your taxable income for the year. Also, 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 as income if not used for a qualified expense.)

Your next benefit to consider: Life insurance. Your employer may offer a group life insurance plan, but you'll want to evaluate whether it's sufficient for your needs, especially if you've experienced changes in your personal situation over the past year, such as getting married or adding a new child. There's no magic formula for how much life insurance you need — you'll need to consider a variety of factors, such as your income, family size, mortgage and so on — but it may be necessary to supplement your employer's coverage with a private policy.

Your employer may also offer disability insurance as a benefit. Some employers' disability policies are fairly limited, covering only

short periods of time, so you may want to consider a private policy.

Beyond the various insurance policies your employer may offer, you'll also want to closely look at your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Typically, you can make changes to your 401(k) throughout the year, but it's important to make sure your investment selections and contribution amounts are still aligned with your risk tolerance and goals. Also, are you contributing enough to earn

your employer's match, if one is offered? And if you've already receiving the match, can you still afford to put in more to your plan if such a move makes sense for you?

Your employee benefits package can be a valuable part of your overall financial strategy. So, as open enrollment season proceeds, take a close look at what you already have, what's being offered, and what changes you need to make. It will be time well spent.

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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.



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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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The San Benito County Board of Supervisors District 1 candidates. Photo by Raul Ceja.

BENITOLINK

Goodbye summertime

By Alex Esquivel

This summer, we had a full house with BenitoLink staff and interns taking over space at The Epicenter, the new home for the Community Foundation for San Benito County. It was an amazing experience having different minds come together, reporting on what's important in our county. As summer comes to an end, a few of our interns have returned to school for the fall semester, or have taken on new ventures. We appreciate all the work they've done!

We would like to thank our summer interns Kinsey Canez, Eden De Alba and Marisa Sachau for a wonderful experience.

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BenitoLink wishes them well on their future endeavors. We may see them back! Juliana Luna, our Emma Bowen grant recipient has extended her internship and will continue reporting and helping BenitoLink during our general election forum.

As the date for the general election gets closer, we get busier here at BenitoLink. BenitoLink's 2022 Your Voice- Your Vote General Election Forum is set for Tuesday, October 11 at the Granada Theater, 336 Fifth Street in Hollister. The free, nonpartisan forum will run from 6 - 8 p.m.

Our April Primary Election Forum was a full house! It was great to see our community come together and to hear what the candidates had to say.

There will be more information on the forum coming out soon. Keep an eye out for our election forum advertisement here in the *Mission Village Voice*. ■



(L TO R) Eden De Alba, Marisa Sachau, Juliana Luna, and Kinsey Canez.



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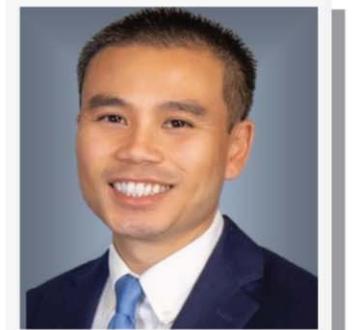
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THEN: Dias Chevron, 1962. NOW (above right): Empty lot between soccer field & Nyland Drive. "THEN" photo by Grizzly.

Then... and Now: Dias Chevron

By Wanda Guibert, San Juan Bautista Historical Society

Sadly, on 11 SEPTEMBER 2022, San Juan Bautista lost another longtimer: George J. Dias, Jr. (1940-2022). George was very active in civic and social roles in his hometown including Planning Commission, School Board, Little League, Volunteer Fire Department, the Fiesta Rodeo & BBQ Committee. He also enjoyed membership in the San Juan Rod & Reel Club, Holthouse Deer Club, Breen Caldera Deer Club, and the Padres Car Club. His full obituary will follow in the October issue of *Mission Village Voice*. George will be missed and remembered by all who knew him.

The San Juan Bautista Historical Society was pleased when George participated in our 9 June 2018 annual meeting, focusing on the many gas stations that had once been in San Juan when The Alameda/Third Street was Historic Highway 101. George and many of his long-time buddies recalled 13 gas stations, as well as most of the station names/proprietors. Some of the owners' names included Ellis, Jacinto, Joseph, Laverone, Lopez, Lucchelli, Mazzuca, Sellen, Serrano, Vaccarezza...

The Then photo by John Magure (AKA Grizzly) shows the dedication of the new Dias Chevron; Magure had a shop at 406 Third St. and had been a ranger at the State Historic Park. According to Karen Stacy, he looked a bit like Grizzly Adams. The backs of his photos are stamped, "PHOTOS BY GRIZZLY. Can't bear to do a bad job." The inset photo provided by Anthony Cornaggia of Golden Wheel Antiques depicts an promotional ashtray shaped like the head of a bear.

The new Dias Chevron Station opened at 300 The Alameda on 26 September 1962 and was dedicated on 12 October 1962, on property leased to Chevron by the San Juan School District. Appearing in the ribbon-

cutting ceremony left to right are 1) Bud Soldate, Standard Oil; 2) unknown 3) young George A. Dias.; 4) Mayor Leonard Caetano; 5) Dr. Thomas Farney, District Superintendent San Juan Union Elementary; 6) George J. Dias, Jr.; Anna Baccala, Chairman San Juan Union Elementary Board; 8) Arthur S. Nyland, Clerk San Juan Union Elementary Board; 9) Enos N. Silva, Member San Juan Union Elementary Board. [For the purposes of clarity, there have been at least three relatives in San Juan named George Dias: George J. "Zeke" Dias, Sr. (1915-2002); his son George J. Dias, Jr. (1940-2022) and his grandson, the current George A. Dias - all native San Juaners.]

The obituary for the wife of George J. "Zeke" Dias, Sr - Evelyn F. "Tudy" Dias 1915-2005 - states that "besides being a homemaker, Tudy was also the bookkeeper for the Chevron Service Station that she and George ("Zeke") owned in San Juan Bautista from 1956 until 1981." Zeke's son George's recent obituary states that he "bought the gas station right out of high school in 1958, which he named "Dias Chevron." However, if the new Dias Chevron station was not built until 1962, where was his old station?

Continuing south along The Alameda and across Highway 156 (at the southeast intersection with San Juan-Hollister High-

Work begun on new station

Work started on Friday, July 13th, on the new Chevron Service Station, on the East side of The Alameda, near the Expressway.

Joe W. Cullumber, contractor, of San Juan Bautista, is in charge of construction.

Work is expected to be completed in 45 days.

The building will be built of slump stone (adobe-concrete type) and will have a shake roof. The large building will have two overhead doors, a lubrication room, an office, tool space and restrooms.

The lot will be enclosed by a grape-stake fence on three sides. The three-pump station will be operated by George Dias and son, present operators of the Chevron Station on The Alameda at the intersection of the old San Juan-Hollister highway.

The Standard Oil Company leased the land for the new station from the San Juan Union Elementary School District.

San Juan Bautista's David Wright was owner-operator of the Old Mission Gas Service Station, corner of San Juan Grade and Hollister Road (1929 picture). It was located on the north-east side of the highway across from Porta's Bar (later Frenchie's Bar).

Years later the service station was Chevron Gas operated by George Dias; today, the location is where the San Juan Inn is situated.



GRIZZLY'S PHOTOS ash tray. Photo credit: Anthony Cornaggia

way) stood the San Juan Inn, now Hacienda de Léal. Circa the 1920s, that location had been the site of the Old Mission Station, which sold Standard Oil products and Magnus Root Beer. See inset photo of Ben Ahern (early Mission News publisher) in front of his home on The Alameda, with the Old Mission Station behind him at the corner of The Alameda and the San Juan-Hollister Highway. A Mission News article with photos states, "Years later the service station was Chevron Gas operated by George Dias; today the location is where the San Juan Inn is situated." [Now Hacienda de Léal].

On a San Juan Bautista Facebook page in 2011, longtimers shared their memories of the good old days, including the Dias family and service station. "Around 1964 I would take my '55 Chevy there for tune ups and get gas. A lot of us San Juaners would hang out there. George and his dad were the best." Someone else posted, "High school friends worked there, and it was a hangout when cruising was the thing because there was no Internet and gas was cheap. Good times hanging out there." Another response, "Yes, they would lend tools for us to "do it yourself" at no charge. Good times." Also, "The Dias' were such nice people." Apparently, Dias Chevron was also where many young San Juaners got their first jobs.

According to son Mark Dias, after the Chevron was closed (by Chevron), George did work a few years out of the old Bettencourt warehouse at 507 Third Street where he ran

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Dias' Trucking, a towing and trucking company. See inset photo. The Peterson Warehouse was built in the 1930s by Cullumber Construction Co. for processing potatoes. The building was later re-purposed by Tony & Frank Bettencourt as a shop to construct floats for the San Juan Bautista Fiesta Rodeo Parades and various parades around the Monterey County area.

So another story has come full circle. The empty lot where Dias Chevron had been located is once again an empty lot, and there is currently only one gas station in town. When the 76 gas station closed in 2007, it wasn't until 2009 that Valero Gas opened in the same location; for those 2 years, San Juan was without a single gas station. Almost 10 years ago, a convenience store, gas station with 12 fuel pump stations, 46 on-site parking spaces, an electric vehicle charging station, and a quick-serve restaurant (unfranchised) was approved at 404-

**DIAS
CHEVRON
STATION**

300 The Alameda San Juan Bautista



Dias Towing at Bettencourt Warehouse

GRAND OPENING OF NEW STATION

The new George Dias Chevron Service Station will have its Grand Opening today and tomorrow, October 12 and 13.

The station is located on a portion of school district property on The Alameda, which was leased from the District by Standard Oil Co.

Mr. Dias and his son, George, Jr. formerly operated the Chevron Station at the intersection of The Alameda and the San Juan-Hollister Road.

Architects for the company styled the building to conform with the early California era.

The Diales will wear costumes of that era for their grand opening events.

Free flowers will be given to the ladies, and coke, coffee and doughnuts will be provided today and tomorrow without charge.

If the weather permits, free stage coach rides will be given to children tomorrow from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. as a special treat.

The community extends its congratulations to the Diales on the opening of their attractive new station.

408 The Alameda, at the southeast corner of State Highway 156. After undergoing litigation, a noise study, and a reimbursement plan for the right-hand deceleration lane – now under Caltrans review to verify safety measures – the project may finally break ground this Fall. The new station will not be far from the Old Mission Station, which became the first Dias Chevron. Another full circle? Perhaps once again young San Juaners will find their first jobs at this gas station and one day recall these as the good old days. ■



Old Mission Gas Station



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From the Office of the Assessor of San Benito County
2022 Value Notices

Pursuant to California Revenue & Taxation Code section 621 new legislation effective January 1, 2011; the San Benito County Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2011 approved the Assessor's request (Resolution 2011-42) to provide assessed value notices to owners of real and personal property via the county website instead of mailing printed notices.

Property owners can review their value notices at www.cosb.us/assessor. Under links select 'View your 2022-2023 Values'; Click Public Access; Input your assessment number (Assessor Parcel Number) or address; Click on Assessment Number; Click on 'View/Print Value Notice'.

Property owners without access to the county website can obtain a printed value notice at no charge by calling the Assessor's Office at (831)636-4030, emailing the office (sbcassr@cosb.us), or writing the office at 440 Fifth Street, Room 108, Hollister, CA 95023.

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As part of National Health Center Week, San Benito Health Foundation held a successful event, distributing food, produce, dried goods and health information to 299 families comprised of 333 adults and 92 children. There were 192 cars that drove through, and we even had 69 walk-in families! We could not have served so many people without your support and generosity!

MISSION VILLAGE VOICE Q&A

Mary Casillas,

COO/VP Ambulatory Service, Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital

By Anne Caetano

MVV met with Mary Casillas, the new Chief Operations Officer and Vice President of Ambulatory Service at Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital. Mary is completing a full circle having been born at HHH, working in various cities, and now bringing her broad range of health care experience back to her hometown. Serving on an interview panel for her current position, she realized that as a local, she herself was the candidate who could “fit the culture and the community.” Mary comments, “This is my opportunity to be a part of creating health-care for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren... just like my mom did for her grandchildren and great grandchildren.”

MVV: Were you born at Hazel Hawkins Hospital?

MC: Yes, my sisters and my daughter were born here too. My mom worked here for 40 years. That's her nursing cap and her badge that she gave to me when I started working here. Mom was employee #20, and I am employee #6521. She started working at Hazel Hawkins when it was on Monterey Street. That really started my dedication to this hospital. I literally grew up here at Hazel Hawkins. It's come full circle.

How does it feel working here?

I've never worked in a hospital where I knew people. On my first day, Steve Hannah, our CEO, was introducing me around, and he introduced me to a nurse in the emergency room. And she was like, “Yeah, we went to school together.” And then, we went and saw a respiratory person who commented, “Oh my God. You look just like your mother!” And somebody else said, “I used to work with your mom.” Steve was like, “You really do know every-

body.”

A nice homecoming.

You asked me how I feel. It's really heart-warming.

What made you decide to come to Hazel Hawkins?



I felt like I needed and wanted to be here. Bringing my experience home to affect all the community members that have been here forever and the new ones too, and I want to give back to them. It was never that personal. This is personal.

Why health care?

My daughter was sick when she was born. I wanted to help other people that were in my situation of having a sick kid, which is probably the hardest. It was so hard, and I was in my 20's and kind of floundering.

My whole health care career came about with intervention from the universe. It really did with Laura being sick. She and I both firmly believe that one of the reasons I had a child going through all that was for me to go into health care. Laura feels that is the reason she's in health care now.

Laura has a very extensive medical history. She has been seen everywhere from Hazel Hawkins to Stanford, UCSF, and Boston Children's Hospital. It was an eye-opening experience for us. We became very passionate about the experience we had at all these places and wanted to use it.

Quite an experience.

Yes, so much so that a few years ago, Laura and I started doing public speaking.

Public speaking about health care?

Yes, our audience is health care providers where we talk about the patient and parent experience. We strip it down and simplify it for them. Exactly what we need as a parent and a patient to make our experience better. It's not some academic thing, and it's not some checklist.

And forthcoming?

Yes, it's a very emotional talk for us. We give specific examples of how we felt not seen in certain circumstances. When your child is in a hospital room, in a crib with metal poles and people are coming through to look at her because she has a rare condition, you feel like you have an animal in a sideshow. We want them to understand how a patient and parent feel during care.

How did you start in health care?

I became an X-Ray Technologist, and everybody thought I was going to work here at Hazel because I'm Lil's daughter, but they didn't have anything open. So I went to Gilroy, where I was an X-Ray Tech for 4 years and then became Director of Imaging.

How long?

I was there for 11 years and early on, my mentor there said, “You've got to get your degree.” So I went and got a Bachelor's in Management while I was working full time as a single mom.

I learned so much about management, hospital finance, managing employees, legal aspects to health care, and I managed so many construction projects that I lost count.

Then Dominican?

Yes, I was hired as Director of Imaging at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, and I was overseeing a much larger department with a much larger staff. I was doing different modalities, more construction, more service line development.

A big responsibility.

Yes, then they said, “You really should have a Master's degree.” And so I earned my Master's in Healthcare Administration.

While a director at Dominican?

Yes, and my mentor is like, “Let's be real. You're never going to get out of health care; it's bred in you.”

Then one day he called me into his office, and said, “We have a brand-new program, looking at the operations of the whole hospital and doing performance improvement. You'd be leading teams to improve processes, policies, whatever it is to make

improvements but through the entire hospital.”

Then Dignity Health?

Yes, Dominican is part of Dignity Health, and in 2012 they asked me to come to their corporate office and do the same type of thing but for several hospitals.

Where were the hospitals?

California, Arizona and Nevada. Our methodology was working with front-line staff. We would work with the nurses in the OR for instance. We would pick a process and see what's broken and fix it. So literally, I was learning the operations of the hospital by hands-on fixing things. That's how I really started to learn and go into operations.

And most recent before you joined Hazel Hawkins?

Then, I started doing more corporate projects in the last few years. I helped manage the body of work when Dignity Health merged with Catholic Healthcare Initiatives. So I had Mergers and Acquisitions on my resume.

Another fun project I was given was when COVID started, Governor Newsom called the CEOs of Dignity and Kaiser and said, “We need a COVID hospital set up in LA. Would you work together to set up a COVID hospital? And by the way, we need it in 14 days.” It took us a little bit more than 14 days, and it was very rewarding.

Then after that?

I had a wonderful boss, and she asked what I wanted to do next in my career. I told her I wanted to stay on the COO path, and that I'd like to end my career at Hazel Hawkins where I live, going in and making a difference. She encouraged me to run for the Hazel Hawkins Hospital Board where I could make an impact and take what I was learning with Dignity Health and bring it to my hometown.

What years?

In 2018 I had my election, and I went into the seat in 2019. It was so great to bring things home and to sit on a board and just feel like I was making a difference.

Testing the waters?

Yes, and I was able to really see what Hazel Hawkins was like, and what was going on here, both financially and with physicians and services that they provide. I sat on the board almost 3 ½ years.

What made you take the plunge?

I didn't really have my eyes set on this position. It was posted at the end of last year, and I was on the interview panel for this position. We had many candidates with wonderful skill sets. That wasn't the issue. We needed to find somebody to fit the culture and the community.

So, my thing was we're bringing somebody into my hometown hospital, and they must have the culture and the community. So I'm sitting there thinking, “You know what? I can do this,” which wasn't the question. It was, “Do I want to do this?”

And?

It was a couple of months going through these interviews and not finding the right person. I have a morning gratitude, meditation routine which has gotten me through a lot in life. And it just hit me one day that this is where I need to be. I had to address self-confidence within myself, though.

You have a calm, confident demeanor.

Calm, yeah. But I had never had the title. I was suffering from impostor syndrome, which a lot of women suffer from.

At the time I was in a position where I had been working with this team for 10 years at the system level. Super high-level projects. I was a “go to person” and that felt good. And when the Corporate Chief Administrator Office says, “Thank God you have Mary on this project,” that felt really good.

What excites you the most about the future of Hazel Hawkins?

Hazel Hawkins is at a turning point. Our community has really grown, and we need to keep up with the healthcare demand in our county. Combine that with the fact that our current site is not compliant with seismic regulations coming in 2030, we need to make a decision on what to do with the current campus. After much evaluation, our Board and administration feel we need to focus on a new campus in our community. This site would stay but become an outpatient service of some sort. We need to build a hospital that will serve San Benito County for the next 70 years. This is my opportunity to be a part of creating healthcare for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren... just like my mom did for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. ■

ARTS

International artists selected to install two public art projects in San Benito County, as part of Clean California Program

The San Benito County Arts Council, along with local artists, community members and representatives from California Department of Transportation, recently selected 3 artists through a competitive, statewide call-for-artists



to create and install new public artworks for two, distinct Clean California Projects in San Benito County.

The first public art project, the Washington St. Underpass Mural Project in San Juan Bautista, was awarded to the artist team Yanoe x Zoueh, comprised of artists Ryan Sarfati and Eric Skotnes. Yanoe x Zoueh are an interdisciplinary collaborative team from Los Angeles, CA, experienced in painting and navigating between graffiti, traditional portraiture, representational imagery, sculptural and vivacious abstraction. They were chosen out of 48 artist submissions for their proposal, “The Fabric of Life,” which incorporates a large-scale painted mural, representing local stories and histories, along the walls of the underpass, as well as site-specific sculptural elements. Local stories that the artists gathered from a 3 day visit in August will inform the specific imagery that will be reflected in the mural, to be unveiled in Spring 2023.

“We feel honored to have been chosen to create a compelling piece of art for the city of San Juan



The artist team Yanoe x Zoueh is comprised of artists Ryan Sarfati and Eric Skotnes.

Bautista. With this being the first Clean California project, our goal is to set the bar high,” said artist Ryan Sarfati. “We are excited to play a role in creating a final artwork the entire community of San Juan Bautista can be proud of. The inspiration of the artwork will derive directly from the city's rich history, and meeting with locals to better understand the city will be an invaluable resource when telling the story of its residents.”

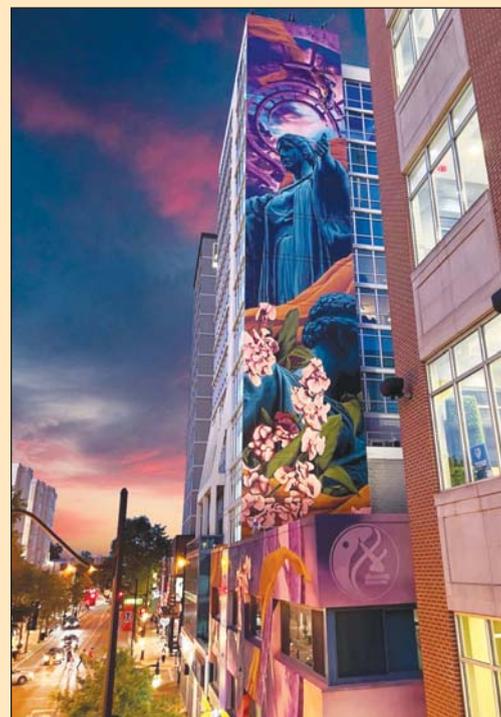
The second public art project, the Highway 25 Sculpture Project, which will be installed at the intersection of Meridian St. and Highway 25 in Hollister, was awarded to artist James Peterson of Art Contraptions based in Southern California. Peterson was selected through a competitive RFQ process that received over 33 artist submissions. Peterson's work merges sculpture, engineering, mechanics, geometry, modularity and a love of materials in order to spark interactivity and responsiveness between the object and the viewer. Most recently he has been exploring the field of sustainability and energy efficiency, creating works that give maximum benefit from the least input of energy resources.

The Clean California Program, launched by Governor Newsom as part of his California Comeback Plan, has invested \$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. Unique to this legislation is the incorporation of artists in the statewide beautification effort.

“I really hope the results from these projects are not just a one and done and that what started as a pilot project will become a regular Caltrans program” states Corby Kilmer, District 5 Senior Landscape Architect with Caltrans. “We can already see the benefits for the local economy, tourism and employment for artists.”

Jennifer Laine who serves Executive Director of the San Benito County Arts Council, the local organization that was contracted by Caltrans to provide public art management and coordinate the artist selection process, adds “This is such a unique opportunity for our community. We've never had this type of public art funding in San Benito County and it will

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BEEN THERE, DONE THAT



CASA'S BLACK & WHITE EVENT at Epicenter. Left to right: Irene Davis, Molly Orsetti, Chris Breen, Jeanette Campbell & Roberta Sopko Daniel. Above right: Left to right: Emily Crawford, Diane Barr and Irma Albright.

Juan Perez shows an eager learner during Story Time with Friends of the SBC Library.

Mother and Son, Sandra and Bullet Casarez on their same day birthday August 6th.



Tons of fun at San Juan Day! Above: a photo op in the Kid Zone. Below left: Marley and her dad. Below right: Family Mirassou! Desi, Paul & Mia.



The Hollister 150 Gala was a huge success! Above: Sesquicentennial Guests: Assembly member Robert Rivas, Mrs. Rivas, Jeremy Dirks, Supervisor Betsy Dirks, Diane Ortiz, Maria Cid. At left: Jim Gillio, Shawn Herrera, Victor Gomez, Ramiro Rodriguez. Below: Sesquicentennial Organizers: Isabella Scaglione, Michelle Leonard, Daisy Caceres, Eduardo Navarro.



BEEN THERE, DONE THAT



Family & friends gather for Steve Medina's Celebration of Life.

Above, L to R: Eric Skotnes, Amanda Chiado, Ryan Sarfati, Heidi Jumper, Jennifer Laine, Cesar Flores at Jardines. Above right: L-R: Luis Matchain and Jennifer Colby owners at Luna Gallery with Jennifer Laine Executive Director SBC Arts Council at the Luna Gallery Opening.



United Way's 2022 Stuff The Bus Volunteers!



Shana McCracken celebrating her birthday with her hubby Tim.



UEFA-licensed international coaches giving a demonstration soccer camp to San Benito County soccer teams.



L-R: Ranch Day at Rancho Larios. Cynthia Ponce, Beth Roybal, Kathy Flores, Gregory Gaboni, Michael Reeves, Kris Hernandez, Lynn Overtree, Ramona Hill, Marvie & Raymond Hill

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Calendar

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY STARGAZING 8pm-12am. Gaze in wonder at night sky's splendors through a 30-inch diameter Challenger Telescope, & a variety of sophisticated amateur telescopes.

SAN BENITO COUNTY OPEN STUDIOS ART TOUR PREVIEW EXHIBITION 12-3pm. On display @ Art Depot through September 16th. heidi@sanbenitoarts.org

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

VERTIGO BRUNCH POP-UP WITH JESSICA YARR OF CHICKEN FOOT Vertigo Coffee Roasters, SJB. Vertigocoffee.com

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8

ART CLASS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA! 11am-2pm. Artist Ralph Marquez teaches basics of watercolors. \$15/supplies.

Prizes. RSVP Mary Edge 831.262.3484 maryedge@sbcglobal.net

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9

SUSTAINABLE FASHION BROWN BAG LUNCH - PRESENTATION AND FASHION SHOW 12-1pm. FREE event, offering a green counterpoint to New York Fashion Week. SBC Community Foundation Epicenter. Hollister. Tickets @ eventbrite.com

SOULCOLLAGE WORKSHOP 5-6:30pm. Free Intro for adults. @ Luna Eco Art Studio, SJB. 831.623.2783

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10

FULL MOON IN PISCES

KINSHIP 66TH ANNUAL WINE & FOOD TASTING - PAICINES RANCH GARDEN 4-7pm. \$80/person @ gabilankinship.org

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Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2

SAN BENITO COUNTY FAIR Friday & Saturday 10am-10pm, Sunday 10am-6pm. Bolado Park, Tres Pinos.



Saturday, September 24

VERTIGO DAY Tour 3-4:30pm Lecture 5pm, Movie under the stars 8:10pm. 831.623.4881. SJB State Historic Park.

A CONCERT ON THE RANCH WESTERN BLUES W/ GARY ALLERGRETO & IAN ESPINOZA 23010 Panoche Road, Paicines. Contact Mitch Hammond @ 510.867.7954 or mitchhammond64@gmail.com

SAN BENITO COUNTY ARTS INVITES YOU TO AN INDIAN DANCE PERFORMANCE 3-4pm. Indian dancer, Devii Rao Bharatanatyam, a classical dance style from So. India. FREE. rdeviirao@gmail.com or visit sanbenitoarts.org

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTHCARE & SERVICE OFFICE EVENT 10am-1pm. Enroll in VA Healthcare? Fill RX? check-up? Housing Assistance? Justice Outreach? Mental Health Assistance? Veterans Memorial Building, Hollister. 2nd Monday @ month.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL Old-mission.org / 831.623.2127

PLANT PRINTING WORKSHOP 5-6:30pm. \$20/materials. 10-Adult. Luna Eco Art Studio, SJB. 831.623.2783

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

AROMAS GRANGE PRESENTS: RAYBURN BROTHERS BAND AND FRIENDS Doors 3:45pm, Show 4:30pm \$20/advance \$25/door. www.aromasgrange.org

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY STARGAZING 2-5pm. fpoa.net

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY STARGAZING 8pm-12am. Gaze in wonder at night sky's splendors through a 30-inch diameter Challenger Telescope, & a variety of sophisticated amateur telescopes.

HOLLISTER CONCERTS PRESENTS BONFIRE - AC/DC TRIBUTE Gate 5pm, Band starts 6:30pm. Hollisterconcerts.com

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

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SBC FREE LIBRARY'S 24-HOUR LIBRARY KIOSK GROUND BREAKING 10:30-11:30am. 3064 Riverview Way, Hollister. sbcfl.org

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

NEW MOON IN LIBRA

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30

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Friday, September 30

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30 - SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

SAN BENITO COUNTY FAIR Friday & Saturday 10am-10pm, Sunday 10am-6pm. Bolado Park, Tres Pinos.

Every Week

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

WINE TASTING @ VERTIGO 5-8pm. \$15/per tasting. Wednesday nights. Vertigo Coffee Roasters, SJB. vertigocoffee.com

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THURSDAYS

SPADE AND PLOW CSA - PICK-UP @ VERTIGO 10:30am - Closing. @ Thursday. spadeandplow.com. Vertigo Coffee Roasters, SJB.

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Thursdays

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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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

SJB PICKLEBALL PLAYDAYS 9am-1pm. SJB School. Beg.-Advanced. \$2 sugg. donation.

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ARTIST POP-UP @ VERTIGO 9am-2pm. Vertigo Coffee Roasters, SJB. vertigocoffee.com

MUSIC EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT @ VERTIGO 5-8pm. Vertigo Coffee Roasters, SJB. vertigocoffee.com

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

SAN BENITO COUNTY RECYCLE DAY 9am-1pm. FOR FREE! Veteran's Memorial Park, Hollister.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

SAN BENITO COUNTY FAIR BEER STROLL 1-3pm. \$20/10 tastings. Bolado Park, Tres Pinos. Visit sanbenitocountyfair.com

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8

RECOLOGY ENVIRONMENTAL DAY 9am-1pm.

Drop off unwanted e-waste. Secure document shredding & compost giveaway. Veteran's Memorial Park, Hollister.

WOMEN'S CLUB OF HOLLISTER PRESENTS "BEAUTY IS A STRONG WOMAN FASHION SHOW" 12-4pm. See the latest in fall fashions. \$50/person or table of 8/\$400. RAFFLE. Hollister Elk's Lodge. Tickets visit womensclubofhollister.com or call Kimberly 831.207.7016.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

GRANITEROCK ROCK & RUN 10k/5k Run/Walk @ A.R. Wilson Quarry Aromas. runsignup.com/Race/Ca/Aromas/RockandRun.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

BENITOLINK ELECTION FORUM 6pm. Granada Theatre, Hollister. benitolink.com

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15

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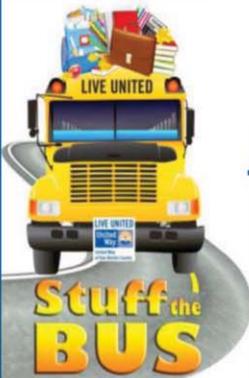
SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES SAN BENITO COUNTY 2022 12-3pm. Veteran's Memorial Building, Hollister. \$20/register FREE for youth under 18. Visit emmaushouse.net

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 -

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29

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Gavilan's Susan Dodd Crossing Ribbon Cutting Celebration

Gavilan College will be celebrating the completion of its new steel and cement bridge with a special ribbon cutting event on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 11 a.m., at the Gilroy Campus, 5055 Santa Teresa Boulevard. The event will also commemorate the naming of the newly constructed bridge as the "Susan Dodd Crossing," in honor of former faculty member, Athletic Director, longtime community member, and largest single donor for the construction of the bridge who worked at Gavilan for 37 years. Associated Students of Gavilan College will be hosting a welcome lunch reception for all students, following the ribbon cutting.

Gavilan Governing Board of Trustees President, Edwin Diaz joyfully remarked:

"This new bridge is symbolic of the next and exciting phase our college district has entered, with the arrival of our new Superintendent/President, Dr. Pedro Avila, and the implementation of the rest of the Measure X construction projects that will improve the lives of our South County communities."

Gavilan Superintendent / President, Dr. Pedro Avila shared:

"It is an honor for me to lead this college district through its reinvention and expansion. The communities we serve need a bridge to increase their earning potential, a solid foundation of support and resources to succeed. I am grateful for the years of dedication and donation to our college from Susan Dodd."

Women's Club of Hollister presents "Beauty is a Strong Woman Fashion Show"

The Women's Club of Hollister (WCH) is pleased to announce the "Beauty is a Strong Woman Fashion Show" for 2022. Join us at the Elk's Lodge on October 8, 2022, 12:00-4:00 p.m. and see the latest in Fall fashions. Tickets are \$50 each, or you can reserve a table of eight for \$400. We are proud to partner with Bella Charm, Irma's Fashions, and Mrs. B's Z Place, who will provide items to our models. To purchase tickets, visit <https://womensclubofhollister.com/tickets>, call Kimberly at (831) 207-7016, or purchase at Postal Graphics, 1760 Airline Highway in Hollister. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early! We have some fabulous raffle items donated by generous club members and donors in the community and a 50/50 drawing.

We hope to see you there!!

About the Women's Club of Hollister

The Women's Club of Hollister's mission is to support and serve our community through volunteer hours, special projects, and donations to nonprofits that provide services to underserved women and children. The club was formed in 1913, joining the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the largest and oldest international women's organizations, founded in 1890. We are a member of the Loma Prieta District-Area A, the California Federation of Women's Clubs.



Above: Hope Harvest Festival volunteers

Hope Harvest Festival readies for a weekend of fall fun

The Hope Harvest Festival is a two-day event on September 24 and September 25 at the San Benito County Historical Park, 3800 Airline Hwy, Tres Pinos. This is just 7 minutes south of Hollister. This park venue has historical buildings that will be open for the public to enter and outdoors there are pieces of antique farm equipment. The admission to the festival is 5.00 per vehicle.

The Hope Harvest Festival has a fresh produce stand, pumpkin patch, artisan and vintage vendors, and food and drinks available for purchase. All the produce stand items and pumpkins are donated by generous farmers in San Benito County and Monterey County.

A little history of our event: The Hope Harvest Festival held for six years on Hwy 156 and was blessed with success at that location. Four years ago, it became apparent that we needed to move the event to accommodate our growing number of visitors. With the customers safety in mind, we moved the entire event to the San Benito County Historical Park and we are continuing expanding the products available to our patrons.



The proceeds from our nonprofit event are held at the Community Foundation of San Benito County and are available by way of a grant. Any San Benito County resident that is in need of financial assistance while they are completing their cancer treatment, can apply for a grant. In the last four months we have issued out \$30,000.00 in grants, to three separate families, all in dire need of financial help.

All of our grant funds are the results of local donations and the supporters that come to our festival.

Come and join us Sept. 24 and Sept. 25, 2022, we are open 10-5, and enjoy a beautiful day at a local park supporting a great cause! ■

THOMMELIER

Where to get your wine

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

Where should you get your wine from?

If tradition were to dictate where we source wine from, it would be from anywhere between the 30th and 50th parallel in the northern and southern hemispheres. I personally prefer my news directly from the horse's mouth, so getting my wine directly from the winery makes a lot of sense to me. It is, as is true with many purchases, quite nice to cut out the middleman. By purchasing products directly from the source, you can also be assured that the money spent goes directly to the producer. Winery-direct purchases will also vastly decrease the possibility that said wine didn't see its structural integrity diminish in transit to the conventional retail outlet.

Purchasing wine from a grocery store is all well and good, as we do not always get our produce directly from the farmers' market either. There are, however, some pitfalls you would inherently have to contend with when purchasing wine from a large grocery store chain. Grocery stores all store and display their bottles standing upright. Conventional wisdom dictates that this is a faux pas, as bottles should be laid down so that the cork may not dry out. A dry cork could potentially allow for destructive air to enter the wine and ruin it. Grocery store wines often linger on display for months, sometimes years on end. Prolonged exposure to bright, neon lights, constant handling and less than ideal temperatures also augment the rapid decline of a wine's structural integrity.

The selection, wine quality and service would certainly be enhanced significantly visiting a big box wine retailer. These bene-



fits would be heightened even more so if you were to seek your wine selections from a specialty wine boutique, tasting room or merchant. We all could profit from the expertise of passionate and trained staff to guide you to the wine of your dreams, right? Wines from dedicated wine stores, of course, will be kept in perfect condition, and they're less likely to boast less-than-ideal wine selections. Wine stores depend on quality, trust, repute, and knowledge as much as the quantity in sales and quality of their wares.

Restaurants do a great job of finding the absolute perfect wine for an occasion or as a pairing for a meal. Hospitality outlets like restaurants, clubs and resorts are THE kind of food and wine source to turn to for help in selecting that textbook pairing. Wine-to-human coupling does take skill, wherewithal, and dedication after all. You commonly get what you pay for. That being said...price points vary vastly between all the aforementioned wine outlets, too.

If price is any factor at all, then familiar grocery stores and big alcoholic beverage retailers are a good bet to get deals. If perceived value and a satisfactory quality-to-price ratio can be attained via a wine purchase from wineries, tasting rooms, restaurants, and boutique wine shops, then even better, all around!

There exists a myriad of pricing structures for a wine's markup. Most retail outlets double the price of their true cost of wine at their stores. Restaurants usually charge per glass of wine the same price at which they purchased the bottle. Wines from a restaurant's wine list are often 3 times more than the establishment's bottle cost. Auctions can sometimes be a great source for killer wine deals to grow your collection from others' collections too. The wine buying world is our oyster; we just live in it.

I like to buy wines that intrigue me, and so I always find myself happy with my wine purchase. How about you? ■

Artists

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really help put us on the map with our growing public art collection."

Laine, who is also a Board Member with Californians for the Arts, a statewide arts advocacy organization, acknowledges the importance of state arts funding for historically under-resourced communities like San Benito County, stating "The steadfast advocacy efforts by artists and art supporters throughout California have been heard in Sacramento. We need greater public funding for

the arts to help uplift our sector which has been devastated by the pandemic, as well as to do the things that art and culture do so uniquely well, such as improve quality of life, create equitable and livable communities and increase the health and well-being of all residents."

For more information about the Clean California Program, please visit <https://clean-california.dot.ca.gov>. ■

For more information about public art projects in San Benito County, please contact the Jennifer Laine, Executive Director, at 831.636.2787 or at info@sanbenitoarts.org

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Aromas and San Juan Bautista Community Schools Foundation thanks everyone who supported our BBQ & auction fundraiser. Your contribution was an important part of the nearly \$23,000 we raised that day.

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A special thanks to the 15+ local business owners and 17 individuals and groups that made our auction such a success.

Thank you all again,
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San Benito County mural restored after 25 years

A mural can be described as a crafted painting or illustration intended to take a space, most commonly a blank wall, and transform it into a beautiful piece of art. Ernie Valles, a locally born and raised Hollister artist, created just that for the community in 1996 in the parking lot off 5th Street, behind the Vault. Originally inspired by a 1950s map of Hollister, the mural highlights significant buildings and key factors of the city in a neutral, sepia tone. Fast forward twenty-six years later, after multiple years of wear on the piece, Valles teamed up with the Community Foun-



ation and paid a visit back to Hollister to restore the mural for the community this summer. Updating the mural to a brighter color scheme, capturing distinct details intended to portray Hollister and the town's history, Valles worked hard to restore, retouch and revarnish his piece with the help of colleagues and friends.

The goal was to always bring light to Hollister, especially for those who don't know our city, making them aware of what this

town is all about. Valles shared that he was, "Proud to have done something substantial and honor the arts". He was happy to use his talents and

skills in this way.

Capturing the notable elements of Hollister was an important part of the process of the creation and restoration of this mural. The art illustrates imagery from the California Condor over the Pinnacles to a sketch of rich California Valley tomatoes. The piece gives just a glimpse of what it means to be part of San Benito County and what makes Hollister a unique place to call home. ■

COMMUNITY

Fall is on the way

By Jill Glass Paganan

To many, September means back to school, but at San Juan Bautista Business Association, it is a time of early planning stages for the fall promotions. We have been busy with five major projects on the horizon.

You may have noticed Alfredo Avila and crew (who often film for El Teatro Campesino) actively filming on San Juan Day. We are working in collaboration with Freddie to film segments for our future use on social media, website, and blog posts.

Another project we are proud to announce is our partnership with Sunset magazine. They will be displaying our ad along

with others on the Central Coast. If you are flying Alaskan Airlines, please look for our ad in the inflight magazine.

Our position on the California Road Trip Map features a photo of the Old Mission San Juan Bautista along with three listings.

These maps along with our brochure will be distributed by Certified Folder throughout California including the San Jose Airport.

Edible Monterey Bay will also feature an ad in collaboration with SJBBA and five of our hospitality businesses in the upcoming fall issue and throughout the year. They also were instrumental in featuring an email blast about San Juan Day.

If you would like to learn more about what we have in store for promotions, please join us. We meet the 1st Monday of the month at Posada De San Juan hotel lobby, 9 am. SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELED DUE TO HOLIDAY. ■





Prescribed burns can reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, improve rangeland, and help restore habitat for native plants and wildlife. Photo by Devii Rao.

SBALT NEWS

When fire can be our friend

By Paul Hain,
Board Vice President

Most people are afraid of fire, and it is natural to feel

alarmed when you see smoke rising from a nearby landscape. Recent wildfire activity in the State, and around the world, has raised awareness of the need to actively manage our landscapes to lower the risk of catastrophic wildfire. But did you know that fire itself has been used as a tool for thousands of years to improve the environment and promote healthy ecosystems?

Prescribed burns, also known as controlled burns, are planned months or years in advance to achieve a number of specific objectives such as removal of invasive plant species, reduction of thatch fuel load, and encouragement of native plant species. Prescribed burns can help to reach land management goals within a set of safety parameters such as wind speed and direction, temperature range, humidity levels, and resource availability. In contrast, these factors are outside of control in the event of a wildland fire.

In our region, we are fortunate to have the Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association (CCPBA) to assist local landowners and land managers with prescribed burns to improve rangeland, reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, and restore habitat. The CCPBA assists in developing a burn plan with extensive pre-burn preparation. A certified burn boss is hired to oversee the plan-

ning and the firing operation, as well as safety for everyone involved. A hearty meal is often provided for participants following fire treatments, and post-burn seeding with native plants is often included in the burn plan.

For millennia, indigenous Californians have used fire for cultural and ecological purposes. The Amah Mutsun Land Trust (AMLT) is actively building capacity to carry out cultural burns on the Central Coast landscapes that their ancestors tended prior to colonization. We are grateful to the AMLT for partnering with CCPBA, SBALT, and other organizations in the region to share their traditional knowledge of the benefits of "good fire."

Stay tuned for more information from SBALT about prescribed and cultural burns. Visit www.sanbenitolandtrust.org to learn more and donate in support of our work.



Prescribed burns are planned by trained professionals and only carried out if all of the safety parameters are met on the day of the scheduled burn. Photo by Devii Rao.



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- No washing of cars without the use of a quick acting, positive shutoff nozzle
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IN MEMORY

Harold Edward Bohn

On Wednesday, August 3, 2022, Harold Edward Bohn, beloved husband and father, passed away peacefully at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, California at the age of 88.

"Hal," as he was known to those who knew and loved him, is survived by the love of his life, Jill Anita Bohn. Hal and Jill married on December 26, 1981, and were married for 40 years.

Hal was born on March 4, 1934, in Woodstock, IL to Ernest A. and Betty G. (Grobe) Bohn. He was a 1952 graduate of Woodstock High School. He attended the Chicago Art Institute from 1953-1954. Hal was a veteran, serving in the Army as a Private from 1955 to 1957 and then serving as a Reservist until he was honorably discharged in 1962. He received his Master of Fine Arts degree from the Otis Art Institute of Los Angeles County in 1962. He was an art professor at Hartnell College and Gavilan College from 1963-1967. He served on many San Juan Bautista boards including the Cultural Resources, San Benito County Art Commission, San Benito Artists and the San Benito County Fair Art Section. He was the first children's swimming instructor



on Lopez Island, WA.

Hal was the caretaker for the San Juan Bautista cemetery district for 20 years, where he tended to gravesites and the grounds with the utmost devotion.

Hal had a passion for painting and creating beautiful living spaces wherever he and Jill resided. He was known for his infectious smile and his kind, gentle and compassionate spirit. Hal's life always included a dachshund by his side. Hal loved swimming in rivers, walks in the

woods, putting in the garden, molding ceramic masterpieces and sharing his art knowledge with others. He was known for his "break" dancing at various weddings and events. He always made his house guests feel welcome by providing cut flowers from the garden, sharing walks and berry picking in parks and neighborhoods, and happily keeping bowls of popcorn refilled.

Hal and Jill became residents of Corvallis, OR in 2007. Hal adored Corvallis, and while working in the yard, thoroughly enjoyed greeting neighbors and passersby. He kept his Little Library well stocked, and he took great pride in what it offered to the community.

He is survived by his wife Jill, his three children, Matthew (Beth) Bohn, Rachael (Mark) Yanez and Sibyl (Bryan) Felts; step-children Gary Sullivan and Kelley (Ryan) Jilek; grandchildren, Emily (Joshua) Brady, David (Deborah) Yanez, Finnegan Felts, Keegan Felts, Keith (Morgan) Hapip, Jr., Samuel (Annika) Hapip, Benjamin Hapip and Sophia Jilek; and great-grandchildren Madyson Brady, Lydia Hapip, Greta Hapip and Tabitha Hapip; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Hal was preceded in death by his parents and his three brothers, Ernest E. Bohn, Kenneth Bohn and Larry Bohn.

A memorial service and interment will be held at his gravesite on Lopez Island, WA, on October 15, 2022 at 12:30pm. All friends and family are invited to attend.



duty at the Mission. She brought excitement to scores of visiting children, peace to parishioners during Mass, and healing to the hurting. As a survivor of multiple forms of cancer, including skin cancer that took her ears years ago, she served as a role model to cancer patients. Visitors came not only to visit the Mission but also to meet Sula. On her Facebook page, she had over 1000 followers, including fans from more than a dozen states and many countries.

Sula, a "divine cat" and "a cat with a mission," was featured in *Guideposts Magazine*, *All Creatures Magazine*, local newspapers, and, most recently, the San Francisco Post. In addition, she published six books on spiritual topics. A seventh, *Sula and the Franciscan Sisters*, was released last week and will be available soon.

Sula will be cremated. A memorial is being planned. Details will become available at www.facebook.com/sulathecat or through the Mission bulletin and Gift Shop.

After fighting cancer for most of her life, Sula has earned a pain-free and joy-filled existence on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge. August 24 was a sad day for Old Mission San Juan Bautista but a happy one in Heaven. One of God's best has arrived home. ■

Sula

On August 24, 2022, Sula, the beloved parish cat at Old Mission San Juan Bautista, passed away quietly in her carrier as she prepared to spend her last working day at the Mission. For about 15 years, based on the estimates of parishioners who have known her since she appeared at the Mission as a kitten, she has spent her time at Masses, exploring the gardens, and in the Gift Shop where she lived until recently, moving in with parishioners -- her godparents -- when Covid struck and spending Sundays on

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SBHF NEWS**Breastfeeding awareness from SBHF pediatrician and new mom, Dr. Yazmin Gomez**

August was National Breastfeeding Month and though it has weaned off, it was the perfect time for San Benito Health Foundation's pediatrician, Dr. Gomez, to welcome the arrival of her new baby boy. It's been ten days since she brought him home. She doesn't leave the room in case he wakes up to eat and she works in low light to avoid interrupting his sleep, working in the early morning so that



she can dedicate every minute to be at his side during the daytime. Each day, she is getting to know him and learn from him. She is learning about his care and feeding, which requires more than 24 hours a day, making her feel like she's working against the clock.

Dr. Gomez is intimately experiencing and now finally understands that breastfeeding is not easy. It hurts! It requires time and support, and it often becomes frustrating. However, after these first 10 days, despite everything described above, she is satisfied because she knows it is one of the best things she can offer her baby.

She is a huge proponent of the WIC program, which supports pregnant women and children in their first 5 years of life. The SBHF clinic provides lactation counseling to share the benefits of breastfeeding and resolve any doubts. Myths and realities are discussed, as well as explaining the proper way and positions that can be taken during breastfeeding.

After the birth of her baby, Dr. Gomez is even more committed to SBHF's WIC participants and pediatric patients. She now knows from personal experience that it is crucial to support mothers who are breastfeeding, as well as those who are not, so they can find the best nutritional formula for each baby. Dr. Gomez's main goal as a doctor and person is to promote a happy childhood.



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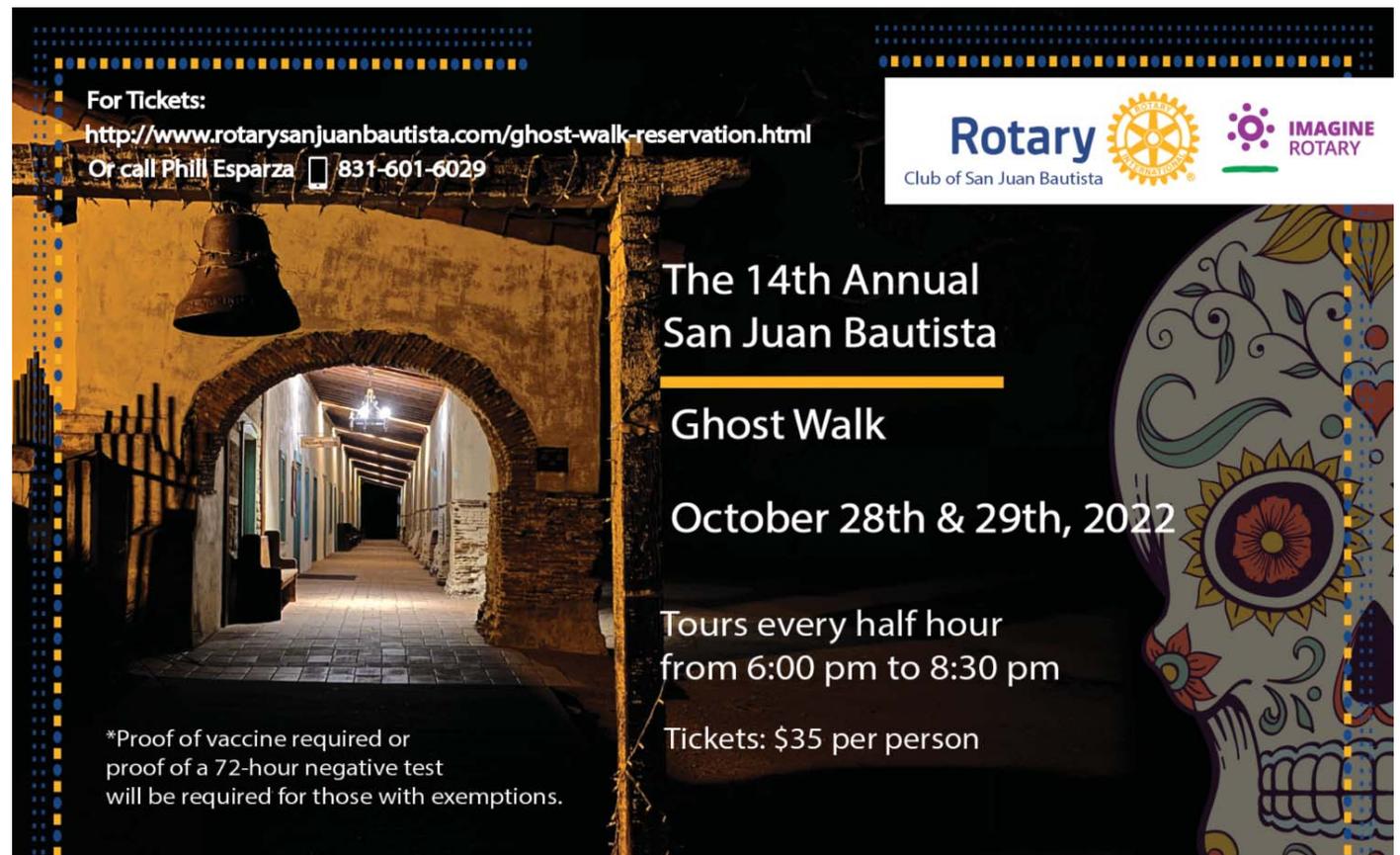
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A group of Portuguese seniors recently gathered at Casa de Fruta for a weekend of camping and games; here, some are focused on a traditional card game known as "sueca."

#TheGoldenAge

Fall fun for everyone aged 50 and better

By Leanne Oliveira

"Youth is a gift of nature, but age is a work of art." — Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

Welcome back! Fall registration is now open for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes, which promote fun classes to seniors at amazing (!) prices taught by professors at UCSC, CSUMB, and more. For a catalog, visit me at the Senior Center (300 West St) in Hollister or browse offerings at www.csumbeeip.com/Olli/Fall2022.

In collaboration with local artist Ralph Marquez (who is donating his time -- thank you!), the SJB Senior Citizen's Forum is hosting a watercolor painting class for seniors 9/8 11am-2pm at the SJB Community Center. There is a \$15 supply fee and door prizes. RSVP to Mary Edge at 831-262-3484 or maryedge@sbcglobal.net, then save the date for the next Forum meet up 10/6 at St. Francis Retreat (details TBA).

Free bilingual copies of my office's Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) directories are available at the SJB Library. They're helpful since they're singularly fo-

cused on non-profit senior and disability resources within our County, and a PDF copy is also available at www.SanBenitoADRC.org.

As promised last issue, I wanted to spotlight my ADRC partner-officemate HICAP a bit this month. The Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program's unbiased staff assist with Medicare questions. For example, did you know that once folks sign up for Medicare Parts A & B, they should also sign up for a Part D plan that covers prescription costs so they won't start to accumulate a penalty? Also, FYI, Medicare's upcoming Annual Enrollment Period is 10/15-12/7. For all inquiries, call 831-462-5510 or visit www.SeniorNetworkServices.org. HICAP services are available at the Hollister ADRC office by appointment.

I hope this has been helpful! Feel free to contact me at LeanneO@SeniorsCouncil.org, or 888-637-6757 with any inquiries.

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CELESTIAL EVENTS



September 10 - Full Moon in Pisces. 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 09:58 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Corn Moon because the corn is harvested around this time of year. This moon is also known as the Harvest Moon. The Harvest Moon is the full moon that occurs closest to the September equinox each year.

September 16 - Neptune at Opposition. The blue giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view and photograph Neptune. Due to its extreme distance from Earth, it will only appear as a tiny blue dot in all but the most powerful telescopes.

September 23 - September Equinox. The September equinox occurs at 00:55 UTC. The Sun will shine directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. This is also the first day of fall (autumnal equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of spring (vernal equinox) in the Southern Hemisphere.

September 25 - New Moon in Libra. 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 21:55 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.

September 26 - Jupiter at Opposition. The giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view and photograph Jupiter and its moons. A medium-sized telescope should be able to show you some of the details in Jupiter's cloud bands. A good pair of binoculars should allow you to see Jupiter's four largest moons, appearing as bright dots on either side of the planet.



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ENVIRONMENT

Water storage is essential for our county's future

We're at a transitional moment for water in our community once again. San Benito County is growing, and our water supply must be resilient enough to both accommodate projected population growth while still providing reliable water supply for existing local agricultural, residential, and commercial uses. At the same time, precipitation and snowfall patterns in California are becoming less stable. Thus, continuing to provide a reliable and affordable water supply becomes ever more challenging. Climate scientists have stated the west is in a "megadrought", which is defined as a prolonged drought lasting two decades or longer.

To this point, San Benito County residents have answered the call to conserve water. Local water conservation efforts have played a huge part in helping San Benito County cope with the megadrought. The Hollister Urban Area has seen its water usage go from 220 gallons per person per day in the late 1990's to 117 gallons per person per day in 2020. This decrease in water use has been facilitated through a combination of state and local water conservation legislation, education programs, and rebate programs for water-efficient plumbing fixtures and turf removal. Unfortunately, you can only conserve so much, and conservation alone will not be enough to sustain San Benito County's long-term water supply resiliency.

In response, local water agencies are evaluating alternatives to enhance long-term water supply reliability by bringing more water storage capacity to San Benito County. This would allow the County to import and store more water during wet years, which will enhance the County's ability to maintain a reliable supply through extended periods of drought. San Benito County's largest source of imported surface water comes from the Central Valley Project (CVP), and it also imports water purchased on the open market. Since connecting to the CVP in the 1980's, the San Benito County Water District (SBCWD) has successfully managed our local water supply by using CVP water, other purchased water, and now recycled water to balance the inflows and outflows within the North San Benito County Groundwater Basin. However, extended periods of drought have resulted in imported water becoming more variable and less reliable. Thus, having the flexibility to



Water Resources Association of San Benito County

store imported water in years when its abundant is critical to maintaining a resilient long-term water supply.

A couple of potential storage project alternatives involve using the local groundwater basin for storage. When people think of

water storage, most think of dams or reservoirs. However, another means of storing water is to put it in the ground for future withdrawal. The North San Benito County Groundwater Basin is the largest source of stored water in San Benito County. The North San Benito County Groundwater Basin acts like a water savings account – it helps bridge the gap between years of imported water shortage and years where precipitation and snowpack in California are more plentiful.

Other alternatives involve increasing local above-ground storage capacity. The two most likely candidates for expansion are the San Luis Reservoir and the Pacheco Reservoir. Both projects would be led by agencies outside of San Benito County, with the SBCWD having the option of participating in a partial capacity.

Choosing the right storage projects to implement at the right times will involve a balancing act between ensuring long-term water supply reliability and continuing to keep the cost of water as affordable as possible. A couple ways to accomplish this are to construct projects in phased approaches which allows for expansion as demand increases, another is to maximize available grant funding to help reduce the cost burden on local ratepayers and taxpayers. No matter which projects move forward, cost-benefit will be the driving factor in the decision-making process and continuing the ongoing coordination between local water agencies will be critical to ensure the water supply needs within San Benito County are met with coordinated regional solutions.

For more information, residents are encouraged to review the 2022 San Benito Urban Areas Water Supply and Treatment Master Plan (Master Plan), which is scheduled to be released in the coming months. This master plan is an update to the 2008 Hollister Urban Area Water and Wastewater Master Plan and is a collaborative effort between the SBCWD, San Benito County, City of Hollister, Sunnyslope County Water District, and a new partner – the City of San Juan Bautista. ■

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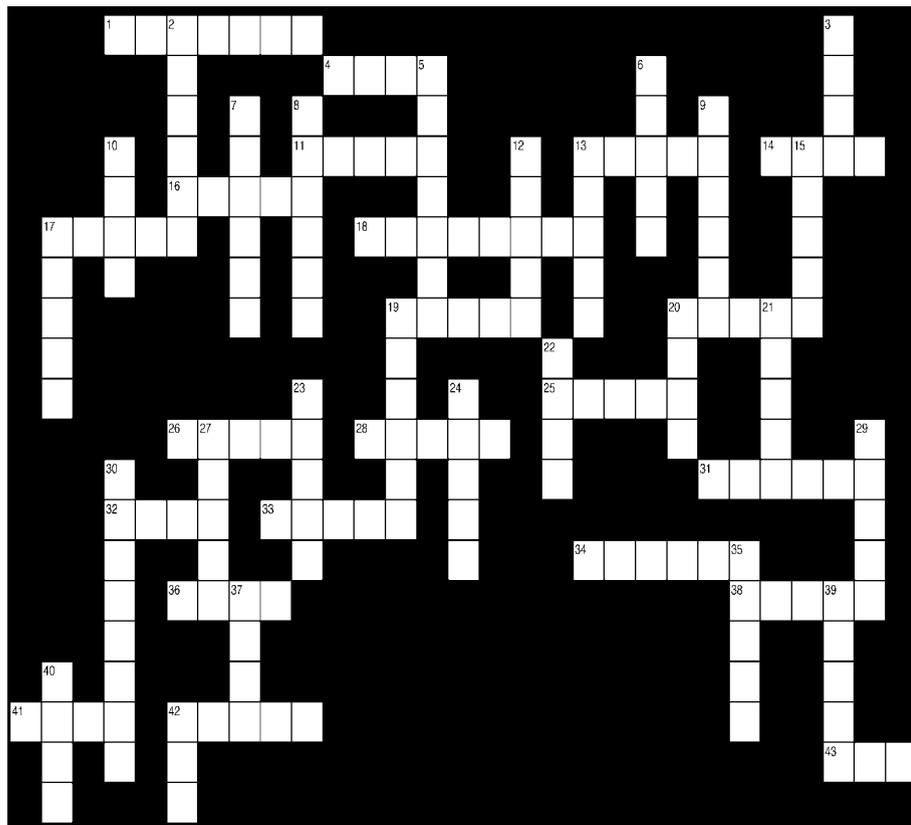
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- 4 Street crossers: Abbr.
- 11 Childbirth assistant
- 13 Complete and total
- 14 Gush forth
- 16 Strongly give off
- 17 Church songs
- 18 +TY in Japanese
- 19 +TY in German
- 20 Entice
- 25 Made a mistake
- 26 City attacked by Godzilla
- 28 Palindromic carpentry tool
- 31 +TY in Hawaiian
- 32 Slight feeling of intoxication
- 33 +TY in French
- 34 Historic S.F. district, with "the"

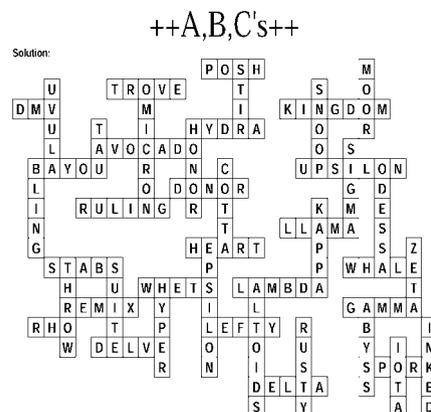
- 36 Gives a "Jeopardy!" answer
- 38 Cacophonous
- 41 Thick white rind on brie, e.g.
- 42 Experiences on acid
- 43 Smallest part of N.Y.C.?

DOWN

- 2 Places of residence
- 3 ___-Ball (arcade game)
- 5 +TY in Russian
- 6 Conductor's stick
- 7 Reliable
- 8 Port city in Ukraine
- 9 +TY in Italian
- 10 Do poorly, as a comedian
- 12 Thin and graceful
- 13 Dangler in the throat
- 15 Hair braid

- 17 +TY in Croatian
- 19 +TY in Polish
- 20 +TY in Hebrew
- 21 Feature of a pelican's neck
- 22 Chest muscles, for short
- 23 Mead is made by fermenting it
- 24 Dried meat stick
- 27 Seeps out
- 29 Looney Tunes pig
- 30 +TY in Portuguese
- 35 How the victorious come out
- 37 Fuzzy fruit
- 39 Cuddle sideways
- 40 Pac-Man's "food"
- 42 +TY in Danish

Last month's puzzle solution



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ARIES

March 21-April 20



September gets off to an excellent start, it's a brilliant time for anything to do with communication and education. It's a time to travel, embark on courses, and satisfy a newly awakened appetite for knowledge. You can express yourself knowledgably and you'll generally get on with and be a source of inspiration for the people you encounter. End month is a fortunate time for new beginnings, expect good fortune and expansion.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21



Early September you start thinking more about practical ways to develop your creativity and promote your ideas. You are inclined to make compromises for the sake of harmony, and if you do, you risk being taken advantage of. Late September, you can find yourself disoriented in relation to children or romantic partners. It is at this time that someone you are close to shares information that they have gathered.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21



This is an excellent time for romantic and social interactions, and your calendar will be full as you eagerly reach out to others. The full moon on the 10th highlights developments in your career, and it can be a big challenge to get a grip on a situation which is rather fluid. End September, expect new developments affecting children and romance, as well as creative projects which have a large social impact.

CANCER

June 22-July 22



It is an excellent month for powerful new innovative methods, and highlights cooperation with international thinkers or organizations. You can use breakthrough methods to get your ideas across. You are still in a wonderful phase for career initiatives and expansion. The new moon highlights good fortune and expansion opportunities. A fortunate period is due to begin which brings harmony and happiness at home.

LEO

July 23-August 22



This is a great time to seek new ways of capitalizing on your resources, adjusting to changes in your professional life which provide new opportunities. International connections, innovating, new media and carefully orchestrated experiments can all contribute to a transformation of your economy. End month there is a major change of focus, and a more outgoing period begins. A harmonious period for relationships begins.

VIRGO

August 23-September 22



Initiatives as the months starts can be excellent for professional connections and money-making ideas. On September 5th, Venus, moves into your sign, and this puts the focus on the important relationships in your life, particularly professionally. Basically, over the next many months, people in a position of power or authority are going to make mistakes, so you need to be particularly alert to any signs of deception, weakness or disorganization.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22



This is a peak time for social engagements which can end up being rather disorienting. On September 5th, Venus moves from Leo into Virgo, which signals a more spiritually attuned period when your focus is very much on healthy habits and work-life balance. This continues throughout the month, until the very end, when Venus moves into Libra and a more empowering period begins.

SCORPIO

October 23-November 21



Romantic involvement can get chaotic, especially if you find yourself in a situation which requires choosing between two alternatives. The wise Scorpio keeps things simple and does not stray from the straight and narrow path. What works well over the coming months is a commitment to home, family, community and this is where emotional and financial investments need to be made. What does not work are situations where you are leading a double life.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21



September gets off to a dynamic start, and it is an excellent time for adventures and creative activities. The focus in on enjoying life and on self-expression, which takes place primarily with friends and partners in an active learning environment. Social and creative projects at this time will stretch out a lot longer. End of September there are some really positive developments amongst the groups and organizations of which you are a part. New groups form and new people appear on the scene.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20



Early in September there are developments which are going to end up far more complex than initially planned. For the next six months, you are going to have to supervise colleagues extremely closely, if you keep tight control, you can achieve great things. End month brings expansion possibilities that can affect relationships, the home and professional cooperation.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 19



There is a strong focus on economic matters and sharing in the period around the 10th of September, and there are both opportunities to take, and pitfalls to avoid. In partnership, there may be some innovative ideas about how to make money or organize things better. Inventiveness on the one hand and eliminating weaknesses on the other hand helps bring a positive transformation of the economy.

PISCES

February 20-March 20



As September starts there are some great opportunities for money-making ideas and partnership. You may want to take a risk or two and generally expand your footprint in the world. The full moon on September 10th falls in your sign Pisces, and this highlights relationships. It's an exciting time for getting together with unusual people in untraditional environments, especially if there is a neighborhood or an educational project to promote.

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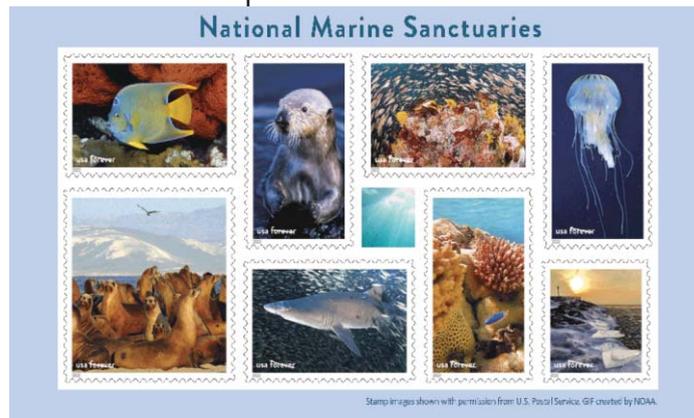
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