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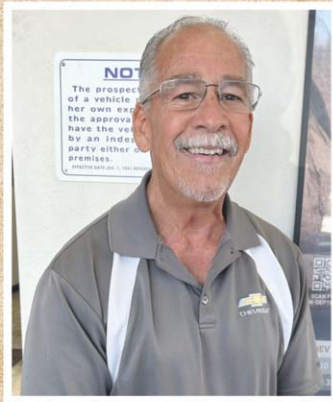
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Remembering Carla Hollander

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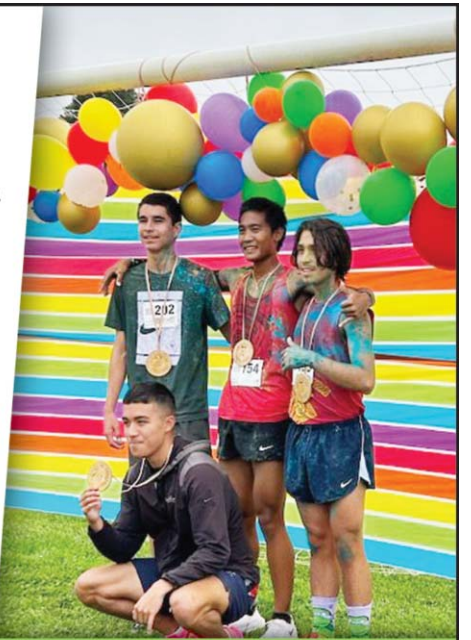
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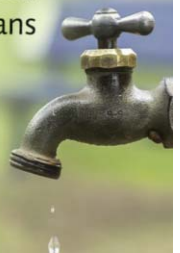
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## A note for our readers

We lost our Carla, MVV cover art curator and beloved member of our team. As sad as we are, we are grateful she is no longer suffering. Carla and I had many talks about her death, and early on she asked what I would do for a cover when she passed. I said, "Whatever you want." In her true gritty, NYC fashion Carla said, "Nathan's," so Nathan's it is.

Nazdarovya!

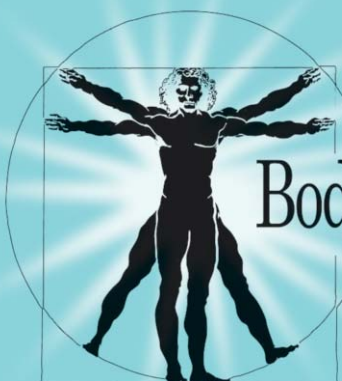
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## #BOOKWORM

## Dickens, Marxism, and ... Hula?

By Leanne Oliveira

"There is absolutely nothing wrong with a parent deciding a certain book is not right for her child. There is a colossal problem with a parent deciding that, therefore, no child should be allowed to read that book."

- Jodi Picoult

This month, I'm foregoing my usual ramble to offer a moment of silence for the passing of a genuinely kind soul in *Mission Village Voice's* own



Leanne Oliveira

Carla Hollander whose covers have always protected and beautified this column and whose laughter and smiles (seriously, she was always smiling!) beautified this community.

**BIPOC LIVES MATTER**

Enjoy live music and dance by Hula Halau 'O Pi'ilani at the Gilroy Library to celebrate National Hawaii Day 7/29 (info at SCLLD.org) and for NPR Summer Reading picks featuring BIPOC, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Summer-2023-Picks>.

**CLUB #BOOKWORM (Est. 2016)**

Last month, Maria Begiebing chose *When We Were Villains* by ML Rio which I highly recommended for any fans of Shakespeare and/or Dark Academia. July's book *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George was chosen by Maze Middle School Math Teacher Kellie Rodden.

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Call 831-637-4106 or visit [SBCFL.org](http://SBCFL.org) for a free Chromebook. Thousands of devices are still available! Summer reading program has begun with lots of raffle prizes. To donate materials to the next used book sale (9am-12pm on 7/8), call 831-205-1373. Modern books (within 5 years) only, please.

**DICKENS UNIVERSE**

Likened to a blend of summer camp, book

club, outdoor festival, and scholarly conference, this week of total immersion in the world of Victorian fiction at UCSC runs 7/23-7/29 and features Charles Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*. Cost? \$300 (virtual) to \$1750 (in-person). Info at [www.ucsc.edu](http://www.ucsc.edu).

**FREE BANNED BOOKS**

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**GAIMAN'S MUSIC ALBUM**

One of my favorite writers Neil Gaiman (*Sandman*) has debuted his first album with the Australian string quartet FourPlays. Info: [tinyurl.com/GaimanAlbum](http://tinyurl.com/GaimanAlbum).

**GILROY LIBRARY**

Offering Youth art classes (Digital Art, Oil and Watercolor workshops), Teen Crafts (Design a Tote Bag, Laser Cutting), Book Discussions (*The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa and *Small is Beautiful* by EF Schumacher), Find Your Voice series (Q&A with choir, comedians, and magicians), Immigration Rights and Benefits, Speaking Self-Esteem/Positive Self-Expression, Biking Basics & Bike Repair Clinic, Horror Writing Workshops, Hula Performance, and more! Visit [SCLLD.org](http://SCLLD.org).

**HUMAN LIBRARY**

Where the books are people! Intrigued? Visit [humanlibrary.org](http://humanlibrary.org).

**LITERARY HOLIDAYS**

Enjoy "Read an Almanac Month" (which apparently exists), National Tom Sawyer Days in Hannibal, MO (6/30-7/4), Clerihew Day (Edmund Clerihew created the four-line



Friends of the Library volunteers Catherine Njeri, Mary Divinski, Marianne Gennis, and Susan Logue (not pictured) walked with the Bookmobile at the Saddle Horse Show Parade in downtown Hollister.

biographical "clerihew" poem), and National Paperback Book Day 7/30. Hemingway Days will be celebrated 7/18-7/23 in the Florida Keys. Happy birthday to EB White 7/14/1899, Beatrix Potter 7/28/1866, Isaak Babel 7/13/1894, JK Rowling 7/3/1965 ... and the USA.

**LUCK LIBRARY**

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

**MANHATTAN MONASTERY MANUSCRIPTS**

During renovations, a Manhattan auction house recently found (and returned) 16th and 17th-century texts looted from a Greek monastery during WWI.

**MONTANA V. MARXISM**

The Montana State Library Commission

will consider withdrawing from the American Library Association later this summer after a state commissioner raised concerns (fueled by right-wing media outlets) that ALA's president-elect Emily Drabinski is a self-proclaimed "Marxist Lesbian". For a great interview with Emily, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MontanaVMarxism>.

**NEW RELEASES**

Visit the Publisher's Weekly On-Sale calendar at <https://tinyurl.com/BookwormJuly23> for #AllTheBooks.

**RIP**

Carol Higgins Clark, Cormac McCarthy, Martin Amis, Julie Garwood.

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



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## KUDOS

# Showing us all the right way to play

CONGRATULATIONS to the Hollister High School Balers Softball team and our one-and-only **Ashlee Io** (pictured) on an amazing season of softball!

The Balers are the CIF Division 1 Softball Champions for the Northern Regional Championships.

Way to go, Balers, and best of luck next season! ■



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# No bird cage liners here

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your kindness to me. I received three copies of *Mission Village Voice* and have enjoyed reading about the people and places in the area. The article "Tete a tete with Carla and Anne" was a lot of fun to read. My issues of MVV are proudly put on my coffee table in my living room, and will never be used for bird cage liners.

My favorite articles are "Then and Now," "Been There, Done That," "A Quote for Readers," "#Bookworm," "Golden Age" and the Calendar of Events - and all the news items.

What a great newspaper! The ads are good, too. Thank you once more for bringing happiness to my life via MVV. God bless you in all you do.

Sincerely,

**Katherine Shirley Regan Beall**

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**CITY BEAT****Public service,  
water top priorities**

By Don Reynolds, City Manager

At its meeting June 13, 2023, the City adopted its new budget. It reflects three months of community feedback including interviews with residents, business owners, non-profits, and 158 citizen survey responses. Now, with a clear path forward, it is ready to meet the community's ten top priorities and address its ten top concerns. The budget is available at this link: <https://city-san-juan-bautista-ca-budget-book.cleargov.com/10219>.

One of the top concerns expressed in the feedback was a lack of understanding in the community about what the City administra-



tion was doing. Public service in San Juan Bautista has been re-branded: "Respectful, Responsive, Helpful, Friendly." In response to this concern, the new quarterly "Newsletter" project has been launched and will be included in the next utility bill. Time to walk the talk.

Nearly 80% of the survey responses voted "water" or "water quality" to be the top priority. In the last year, the City settled

a \$900,000 fine with the sewer regulatory agency and used grants and low interest loans to pay for a 7-mile sanitary sewer force main to Hollister. The increase in sewer rates will pay the USDA for a \$10 million loan at 2.5% interest over the next 40-years. Construction will begin this summer and be completed by June 30, 2024. Agreements are coming forward this summer for the City to build a pipeline in the soon-to-be-abandoned old Highway 156, connecting the City's ground water system to the Water District source of surface water. The ground water will be 65% blended from the new source of surface water. The increase in water rates will pay for this project, which will be completed in summer of 2025.

Please feel free to call and schedule an appointment at (831) 426-4661 to learn more about how your tax dollars are budgeted and being used to serve you. ■

**ARTS****Central Coast Creative Corps awards over \$3.2M in grants to community-based organizations for artist-led outreach initiatives**

*Artists across disciplines will advance civic engagement, public health, social justice, and climate resilience across the Central Coast*

By Jennifer Laine  
Executive Director,  
San Benito County Arts Council

The San Benito County Arts Council is pleased to announce that two local organizations, Costanoan Indian Research Inc. and San Benito County Clerk-Recorder-Elections, have been selected for the Central Coast Creative Corps Program, a pilot grant program funded by the California Arts Council and coordinated by 6 local arts agencies along the central coast/inland region. Altogether, 23 community-based organizations have been awarded \$140,000 grants/each to work closely with central coast Artists and Culture Bearers for one year to address one of four key priority areas: climate impact, public health, civic engagement and social justice.

Grantees were selected by a diverse panel of local artists and community leaders who represented all six geographic regions with funding going towards organizations that serve and represent the region's most under-served communities, as indicated by the California Healthy Places Index (HPI). Panelists also ranked applicants based on a range of organizational missions, program



objectives and unique approaches to artistic collaboration.

Central Coast Creative Corps grantees include Community Health Trust of Pajaro Valley; the Coastal Watershed Council; Housing Matters; Esperanza Community Farms; Safe Ag Safe Schools; The Village Project, Inc.; El Sistema USA/Salinas, Inc; Costanoan Indian Research Inc.; San Benito County Clerk-Recorder-Elections; Lumina Alliance; RACE Matters SLO County; Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP); Nyeland Promise; LULAC Colonia Council; Lucha Inc.; County of Ventura; Santa Paula Latino Town Hall; Barbareño Chumash Tribal Council; Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, Inc. (CHCCC); Family Service Agency; Freedom 4 Youth; Awakening Giantz; and

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Above: Creative Corps Grantee, San Benito County Elections

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# Rancho Cielo upcoming events

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Our Veggie Box Fundraiser Event offers a few ways to get involved – and yes, we have options available to come out to the campus and participate, because it truly is worth a visit! The first way to get involved is by purchasing a \$20 veggie box packed with the freshest local fruits and veggies, for yourself or donate to a charity. You can also volunteer to pack the boxes themselves here on-site —

each year we have hundreds of incredible volunteers who make this event possible.

In addition, you can buy a delicious Tri-tip BBQ Meal. For only \$15 you will get a roundup of tri-tip, ranch beans, salsa, Caesar salad, and a treat – all while taking in the beautiful campus. Purchase your veggie boxes and BBQ meal in advance, to either pick up and take home or stay and enjoy your lunch here at the Ranch on Friday, August 11, 2023.

If the arts are more of your thing, you can't miss our inaugural Jazz at the Ranch series, kicking off August 25, 2023. Grammy award winners, Grammy nominees, West Coast Jazz Legends, and remarkably talented young musicians will provide a diverse, entertaining experience of which Salinas can be very proud. Proceeds from the Jazz at the Ranch Fundraising events will go towards Rancho Cielo's Mental Health and Arts Program.

For a series of six Fridays, come enjoy some Salinas' finest musicians in the rural setting of the Rancho Cielo Campus. General admission starts at \$100 and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared by Monterey chefs, paired with Folktale wine and craft beer from local breweries. If you want to enjoy the entire series (of course you do) purchase a concert series pass at \$500 (available on our website) and don't miss a beat! Purchase before August 1st to take advantage of our discounted price.

Visit our website at [RanchoCieloyc.org](http://RanchoCieloyc.org) to purchase a box, order your tri-tip lunch, or reserve your concert tickets (or maybe all three!). We can't wait to see you out here, and thank you in advance for your support of Rancho Cielo! ■



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**What's App?**

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**Bananas**

The podcast Bananas is the place to go for quirky, funny and frankly bizarre stories from around the world, said Ann Lee in The Guardian. The topics discussed by comedians Scotty Landes and Kurt Braunohler (plus their celebrity guests) include a Russian man who was "trapped" on a Chinese reality show after joining a boy band, and a footballer who was fired for flatulence.



**Wolf and Owl**

The British podcast Wolf and Owl offers an hour of "random musings, funny anecdotes and sage advice" from hosts Tom Davis and Romesh Ranganathan, who also answer emails from listeners, said Ann Lee in The Guardian. There's "great chemistry and real warmth" between the two comedians, who "frequently struggle to contain themselves because they're laughing too much" – and you will, too.



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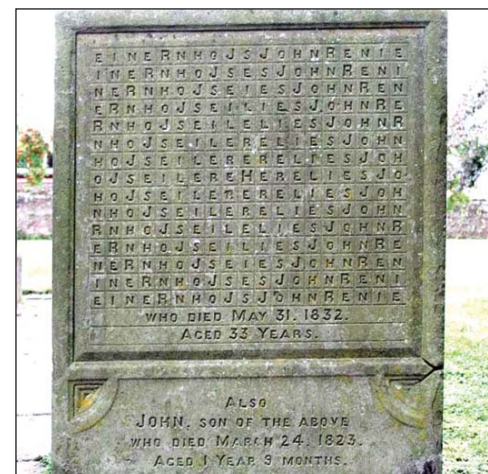
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**HEADSTONE OF THE MONTH**

## Who lies here?

In 1832, a 33-year-old Welshman died, leaving behind a wife, two sons, and a mystery: What was the man's name? Where his name should have been on his tombstone, there's instead a 285-letter cryptic crossword puzzle that he is said to have designed himself. If you trace the letters, you'll see that no matter which direction you go, the message is the same: Here lies John Renie. What is harder to understand is why, as it turns out, this is not where the body of John Renie lies. ■



Courtesy Robert Cutts



**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION****The Community Foundation to focus on Senior Initiative in San Benito County**

At the end of 2022, the Community Foundation's Board of Directors held a visionary retreat to help better understand and discuss the needs in our community. Made up of volunteers and professionals passionate about building a stronger community, the Foundation's purpose has always been to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families in the county. Eager to understand some of the major issues facing our community, listening sessions were formed to hear the gaps of three different focused groups, affordable housing, youth, and seniors in San Benito County.

We wanted to know what the issues are, who is affected, what is already being done to address the needs and how we could help. Questions like, what are the common obstacles faced, who is impacted, or even explanation of the current status each specific group spoke on were addressed and part of a productive discussion inspiring change.

Ultimately it came down to a vote on which group to aim our focus and the senior citizens in San Benito County is where we choose to start.

Eight nonprofit organizations came together sharing information and facts about the work they do and services they offer to these residents. The Alzheimer's Association, Community Action Board, Health Projects Center, Hollister Outreach, Jovenes, Senior Legal Services, Seniors Council, and San Juan Bautista Seniors Program are all organizations that joined forces at the Epicenter and are hopeful to create a plan.

We learned that:

- Seniors are the fastest growing segment of the population in SBC.
- 25% of the homeless population in SBC are seniors 55+
- Seniors need home health care and

human interaction, among many other needs.

- There are over 1200 senior Alzheimer patients in the county, of which Latinos are the largest underserved portion of that population.

- Jobs for seniors are needed for income and to keep them engaged.

- Affordable senior housing is a significant problem.



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- Meals on Wheels is currently operated by Jovenes but has 80+ seniors on the waiting list. Hunger and loneliness are two major pressing concerns for seniors.

We also heard the senior concerns in San Benito County, being:

- Understanding Medicare or Medical
- Feeling sad, depressed, lonely, or isolated.
- Finding reliable help and high cost of in-

home care.

- Food insecurity. Additionally, transportation to get to the Food Bank is an issue.
- 800-900 households in need of energy assistance.

- Help with house work.

- Cost and paying for dental care.

Advocating for seniors including outreach between the senior providers and seniors themselves is a demand that needs attention and we anticipate making an impact in. Stay tuned as we work to utilize our resources and new found knowledge of the problems and do the work necessary to make San Benito County a better place for senior residents in our community. ■



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*Central Coast Community  
Energy offers cash rebates and  
assistance to get you there*

By Timaree Nelson

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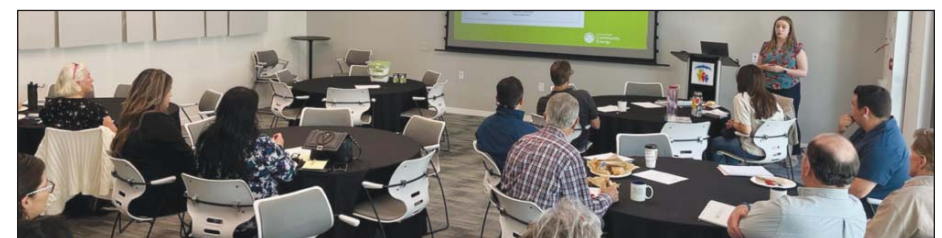
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**FINANCIAL FOCUS****Retirees: Talk finances with your grown children**

When you're retired, you'll likely have some financial concerns — just like all retirees. However, if you've invested regularly and followed a long-term financial strategy, you should be able to address most issues that come your way. But there's one important action that's sometimes overlooked by retirees: sharing their financial situation with their grown children. And this knowledge can benefit everyone in your family.

You might be surprised by the concern your children have for your financial well-being. Consider these findings from a 2023 study by Age Wave and Edward Jones:

- 66% of millennials (generally defined as ranging from 27 to 42) worry that their parents or in-laws may not have enough money to live comfortably in retirement.
- 83% of millennials would rather know their parents are financially secure in their retirement, even if it means their parents pass on less money to them.

If you have children in this age range or older, or who soon will be, how can you address their concerns and potentially improve your financial outlook? Communication is the key. By openly communicating with your family about your financial status, you can reduce anxieties and misperceptions. If you're in good financial shape, your adult children may be reassured that you won't be needing their assistance. And if you are feeling some financial pressures, you can inform your children of the steps you are taking to improve your situation.

One such step may be to reduce your cost of living — the less you spend day to day, the better your ability to preserve your investment and retirement accounts. You may be able to reduce costs in many small ways, such as ending streaming services you no longer use, but you could make an even bigger impact by downsizing your living arrangements. In fact, 72% of today's retirees have downsized or are willing to downsize to reduce their housing costs, according to the Age Wave/Edward Jones survey. Downsizing isn't for everyone, but if it's a possibility for you, it may be worth considering because

the savings could be significant.

You may also be able to reduce or consolidate your debts. Start by understanding how much and what kinds of debt you have. Then, consider ways to lower your payments, such as refinancing. For example, if you're carrying a balance on multiple credit cards, you might be able to transfer the amounts you owe onto a single card with a more favorable interest rate.

Here's another move to consider: Adjust your investment mix to possibly provide you with more income in retirement. During your working years, you may have invested primarily for growth — after all, you could be retired for two or more decades, so you'll need to draw on as many financial assets as possible. But once you're retired, your investment focus may need to shift somewhat toward income-producing opportunities. Keep in mind, though, that you'll still need some growth potential to help keep ahead of inflation.

One final suggestion: Let your children know if you already have a strategy in place to meet the potentially high costs of long-term care, such as a nursing home stay. This burden is certainly something you won't want your children to take on.

By informing your children about your financial picture, and how you're trying to

improve it, you can ease everyone's minds — so keep the lines of communication open.

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**THOMMELIER****Wine appreciates you, but do you fully return the f(l)avor?**

By Thomas Brenner, Sommelier

Happy July, dear Mission Village Voice readership. The time is nigh for hammocks lazily swinging in the summer breeze, 90s rock band reunion concert tours, holding those near and dear to you and sharing with great minds great wines all the times. Wouldn't you say so too?

To appreciate a time with wine takes an understanding and thankfulness for all the intricate nuances this liquid elixir exudes. How shall we best appreciate a vintage's capture after ingesting it? We pay homage to the insights we gain from unclosing a bottle of vino and tasting of it all that it ever wished to tell us. A wine desires only to tell us of its origin, the days, nights, winds, the symbiotic relationship between even just the clover cover crop, bees, bugs and birds it was raised about. Every facet of what surrounds a finished wine stems (no pun intended) from the field, winery or bottle. Primary notes come from the unique characteristics from the individual grapes amassed as one, be they of mono-varietal composition, a field blend, a cuvée, assemblage, or co-ferment of varying grape varieties. Secondary notes are manifested at the winery, while the tertiary notes come from bottle conditioning. It's the holy tri-



fecta in wine we should be wise not to underappreciate.

You see, a grape is hermaphroditic. It can literally go off itself but cannot survive without the birds that await a vine's color change from green (Veraison), sour and bitter, to pink, red or purple, and majestically laden with sugar. In a naturally inhabited environment, ambient yeast cleverly await the berry's encapsulating skins to be punctured in one way or another and convert these sugars into alcohol: wine! There isn't really anything out there in life and nature that is as destined for greatness as the vitis vinifera grape species that so resolutely brings us grape wine.

It took thousands upon thousands of years for mankind to find the most drought-resistant rootstocks, figure out the benefits of cover crops, trellising, irrigation, biodynamics, dry farming, canopy management, sulphur, mega purple, iconic labels, the illuminati and volatizing esthers.

I like to think about grapes hanging on the vine, and happily so, under the heat of the summer sun and the gossip the farmer's daughter is planting in the minds

of the vineyard workers. Sipping a glass of wine, I often muse about whether or not the vineyard was oxen-plowed or harvested by mechanized means. What was the winemaker's favorite color in 1986 from this Bordeaux Chateau?

It all doesn't matter (or does it?). The only thing that counts when it comes to wine, in general, is being resolute enough to answer the question of whether you like it or not. It's not really up to most of us, thank goodness, to ascertain a wine's structural integrity, but only deem it an iteration of what it is. Moscatos will often be fruity. Champagnes will be bubbly, and sweet wines will be less acidic. Every wine tells a story of a year, a place of origin and a time.

Oh, and I have great news! The Central Coast of California makes among the most delicious and coveted wines ever prized by our planet (Earth). So, what do you say, and support local, drink local and taste of an insight into the lay of the land we all call home? And after we've done that, let's taste of all the grape varieties we enjoy here in California every day (Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Grenache, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, fun times with friends and family) manifested in their ancestral homeland of France too while we are at it. I often think of GSM (Grenache Syrah and Mourvèdre lazily chattering about in the vineyard, the best of friends, thick as thieves, under the lightly clouded skies of Châteauneuf du Papes too. Then I think about the terroir (a belief that that which surrounds a vineyard site imparts a certain flavor characteristic in it) and marvel about a time and a place, both for the wine and where I find myself. Will you find yourself matched perfectly with a wine and time, food and mood of thine too this summer? ■

**Grants**

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Blue Sky Sustainable Living Center. All grantees are based in Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.

"We're excited for the opportunity to collaborate with the San Benito County Arts Council to find the most creative approach to increase civic engagement," adds Francisco Diaz, Registrar of Voters, San Benito County Clerk-Recorder-Elections, one of two grantees in San Benito County.

The goal of the Central Coast Creative Corps is to uplift the creative workforce and improve community health outcomes. It is investing in artists across disciplines to collaborate with selected community partners for 12 months on producing a

sustained outreach and engagement initiatives addressing one of the following four priority areas as identified by the California Arts Council: (1) public health awareness messages to stop the spread of COVID-19; (2) public awareness related to water and energy conservation, climate mitigation, and emergency preparedness, relief, and recovery; (3) civic engagement, including election participation; and (4) social justice and community engagement.

"Working with the Central Coast partners has been an absolute privilege, and we are pleased to see so many applicants from the region and specifically from San Benito County. Our goal has been to make sure that these funds are accessible to first-time grantees, small budget organizations and organizations that are new to arts and culture, across the region. As one

of six county partners, we also wanted to ensure that we represent the needs and priorities in San Benito County," said Jennifer Laine, Executive Director of the San Benito County Arts Council. "We are excited that two projects from San Benito County were chosen by the panel, and we look forward to working closely with the San Benito County Elections Department and Coastanoan Indian Research Inc. on this innovative pilot program."

More information about the Central Coast Creative Corps can be found at [www.centralcoastcreativecorps.org/](http://www.centralcoastcreativecorps.org/). To view the Central Coast Artist Directory, please visit <https://www.centralcoastartists.org>

For more general grant and program information, please contact the San Benito County Arts Council at 831.636.2787 or [info@sanbenitoarts.org](mailto:info@sanbenitoarts.org). ■

**NEWS****San Juan Day 2023 is Aug. 13: UPDATE!**

San Juan Day is still scheduled for Sunday, August 13, 2023 from 10 to 5. This year's event will need to be a restructured version from the past, featuring several market type pop-ups throughout town, the city-wide garage sales, food & beverage specials, and live music – San Juan Day, Chicken Coop Style!

Follow the "San Juan Day" Facebook (@sanjuanday.sjb) & Instagram (@sanjuanday.sjb) pages for all the details coming very soon. Contact [sanjuanday2022@gmail.com](mailto:sanjuanday2022@gmail.com). ■



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## SBALT NEWS

## San Benito Agricultural Land Trust takes title to the Historic Harvey and Gladys Nyland Property

By Lynn Overtree

On June 1, after managing the land for 20 months, your local San Benito Agricultural Land Trust (SBALT) took title to the Nyland Property! This reflects the formal conveyance of the property from the Trust for Public Land (TPL), a nationwide land trust, to SBALT, with a conservation easement protecting agriculture and wildlife habitat held by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (LTSCC), a cultural easement providing access for Indigenous land stewardship, and cultural and educational activities held by the Amah Mutsun Land Trust (AMLT). The 3 local land trusts will collaborate to steward the property.

The funding came from a state grant, TPL donors, and the Wildlife Conservation Network (WCN). In addition to providing valuable wildlife habitat for numerous wildlife species, the property contributes to an important regional wildlife corridor linking the Gabilan Mountains to the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The 540 acres helped sustain the Indigenous Amah Mutsun people for thousands of years before they were taken to Mission San Juan Bautista and Mission Santa Cruz as part of the Spanish conquest of California.

"The Amah Mutsun people have lived in Popoloutchum, which is now recognized as San Benito County and beyond, for millennia," said Valentin Lopez, President of the Amah Mutsun Land Trust and Chairman of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band. "Our ancestors worked to fulfill their sacred obligation to take care of Mother Earth and all living things for thousands of years. Today we are happy to return to Popoloutchum through this Cultural Easement. This easement will ensure this land remains undeveloped and intact. We hope to share our traditional Indigenous knowledge and practices regarding land management with our partners and the public so we can all learn from each other."

In support of SBALT's mission to conserve agricultural lands, the property is currently leased for cattle grazing. On the first Sunday



Nyland burn started by Chairman Valentin Lopez of AMLT. Photo by Bob Connolly.



of every month, members of the public join SBALT staff for a work party and/or hike on SBALT lands.

"Permanent conservation of the ranch will ensure this land can support viable grazing operations that contribute to our local economy, feed people, and protect our scenic views," said Michael Reeves, Board President of the San Benito Agricultural Land Trust. "We are excited about owning these 540 acres, which are adjacent to the 520-acre Rancho Larios Open Space that we have owned since 2004. Together with the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County's Rocks Ranch, there is now a chain of protected working lands from the San Juan Road exit of Hwy 101 to the City of San Juan Bautista. We are honored to continue the Nyland family's stewardship legacy."

Three days after the transfer, the partners hosted their first prescribed burn on the Ny-

land Property. CAL FIRE led the burn with the Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association coordinating a large training event for approximately 40 people. California Academy of Sciences sent a film crew to the event to get footage for an exhibit on prescribed burning that will open Memorial Day weekend, 2024. The U.C. Cooperative Extension Fire Advisor explained the burn process to about 15 community members who registered to observe

the event. On the second day, Hollister Fire joined the training event. A 30-acre area was burned sparsely due to the high moisture remaining in the vegetation from this year's wet winter. For Michael Reeves, "The highlight was watching Chairman Lopez, along with individuals from several other tribes, sing traditional songs and then light the first fire, reviving their practice after 200 years."

To learn more about how to be involved with the Nyland Property, visit our website at [www.sanbenitolandtrust.org](http://www.sanbenitolandtrust.org) and subscribe to our email list. ■



The iconic barn on the Nyland Property.

## GOING POSTAL Waterfalls

The U.S. Postal Service is celebrating the variety and beauty of American waterfalls with 12 new stamps. Each stamp features a photograph with the name of the waterfall and state in which it is located beneath it.

Among nature's most beautiful wonders, waterfalls come in all shapes and sizes, from serene cascades to mighty cataracts. The 12 waterfalls featured on the stamps represent many different types — and each is unique.

First row: Deer Creek Falls, Grand Canyon National Park; Nevada Fall, Yosemite National Park; Harrison Wright Falls, Ricketts Glen State Park, PA; and Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River, Yellowstone National Park.

Second row: Waimoku Falls, Haleakalā National Park, HI; Stewart Falls, Mount Timpanogos Wilderness; Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls State Park; and Dark Hollow Falls, Shenandoah National Park.

Third row: Grotto Falls, Great Smoky

Mountains National Park; Sunbeam Falls, Mount Rainier National Park; LaSalle Canyon Waterfall, Starved Rock State Park; and Upper Falls, Blue Ridge Parkway.

Framing the stamps is selvage that features David B. Vernon's LaSalle Canyon image.

Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps and pane with existing photographs.

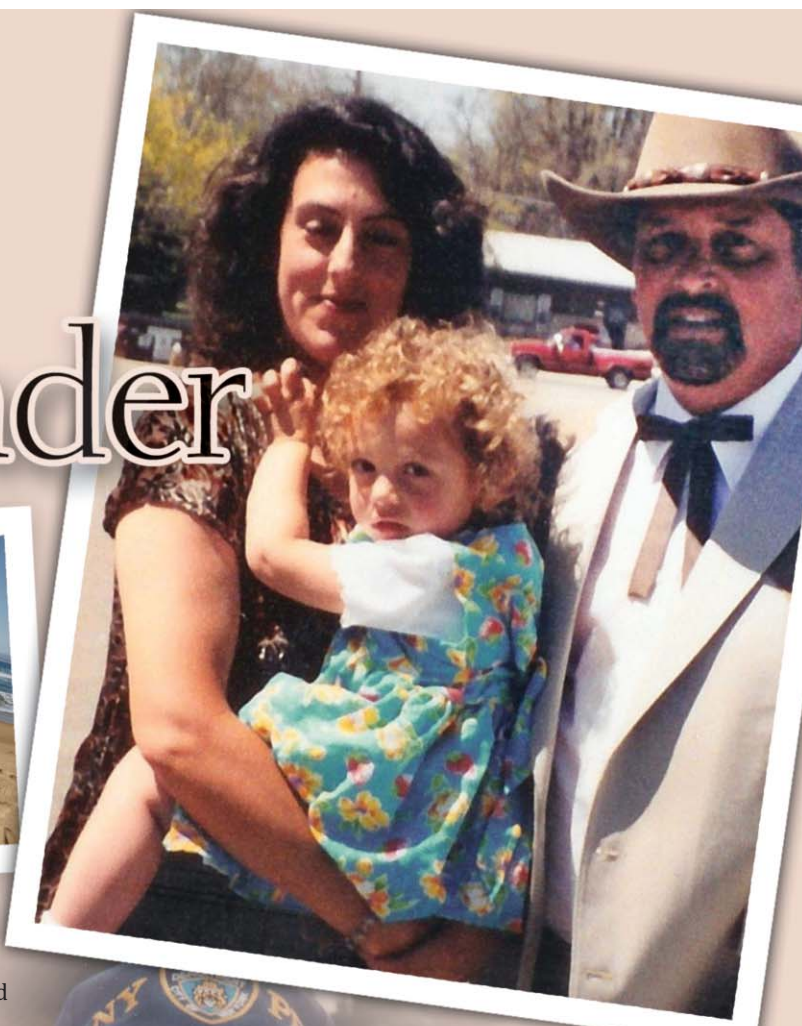
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101 Equipment grazes cattle on the Nyland Property.



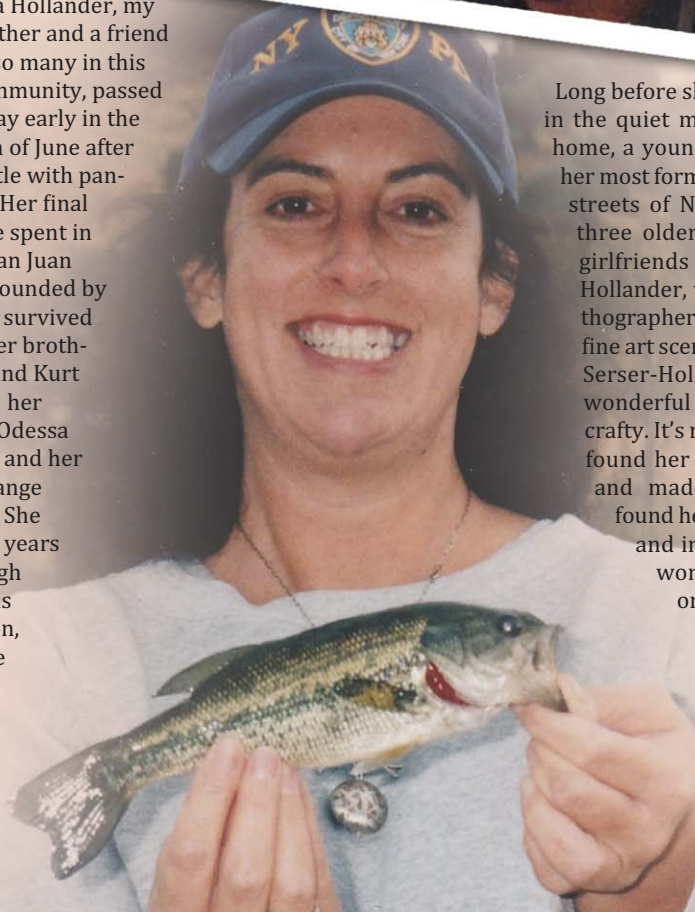
# In Memory Carla Hollander



By Odessa VanOrder

**C**arla Hollander, my mother and a friend to so many in this community, passed away early in the morning of 18th of June after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Her final moments were spent in her home in San Juan Bautista, surrounded by family. She is survived by her three older brothers, Mark, Eric, and Kurt Hollander; her daughter, Odessa Van Order, and her beloved orange cat, George. She was only 62 years of age. Though she has left us much too soon, she lived a life that she was proud of and in a way that touched the lives of anyone who was lucky enough to know her.

Long before she found herself nestled in the quiet mission town she called home, a young Carla Hollander lived her most formative years roaming the streets of New York City with her three older brothers and gang of girlfriends alike. Her father, Irwin Hollander, was an accomplished lithographer in the midst of the city's fine art scene, and her mother, Nina Serser-Hollander, was herself a wonderful painter and immensely crafty. It's no wonder that my mom found her own path into the arts and made it her passion. She found her niche in metal jewelry and in simple, elegant woodworking. She took herself on trips around the globe and made her living in different states as she made her way closer to the town she finally called home. In this town she met some of her best friends. She became an active member of the commu-





nity, and she even helped to create a certain local paper that has become a monthly staple in people's hearts and homes.

My mother was, and always will be, my biggest aspiration and inspiration for what it means to be yourself and enjoy the most out of life. She never watered herself down for anybody; what you saw was what you got. She had a wicked sense of humor and a laugh that bounced around the room. She spent more time outdoors than in, whether it was working in the yard or taking thirteen-mile beach walks with any of her friends who could keep up. She travelled all across the world, met people from all over and all walks of life, and still I believe her happiest years were the years spent in her own home, in a peaceful neighborhood with great friends, and the freedom to live exactly the way she wanted. If there is anything we can learn from our lovely lady, it's to prioritize the things that make us happy to be alive. I would ask that she be remembered for the joy she brought to anyone that had the pleasure of knowing her more than the sadness of her passing. And if you ever had the privilege of being her friend, I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for being such good neighbors.

A Celebration of Carla's Life will be held on Sunday July 9th at Bear's Hideaway in San Juan Bautista 1-5pm. ■





Then: The Pear Pickers play at what is now Abbe Park (credit: SJB Historical Society); Now: Abbe Park now, with Pagan Hill Cross visible in the background.

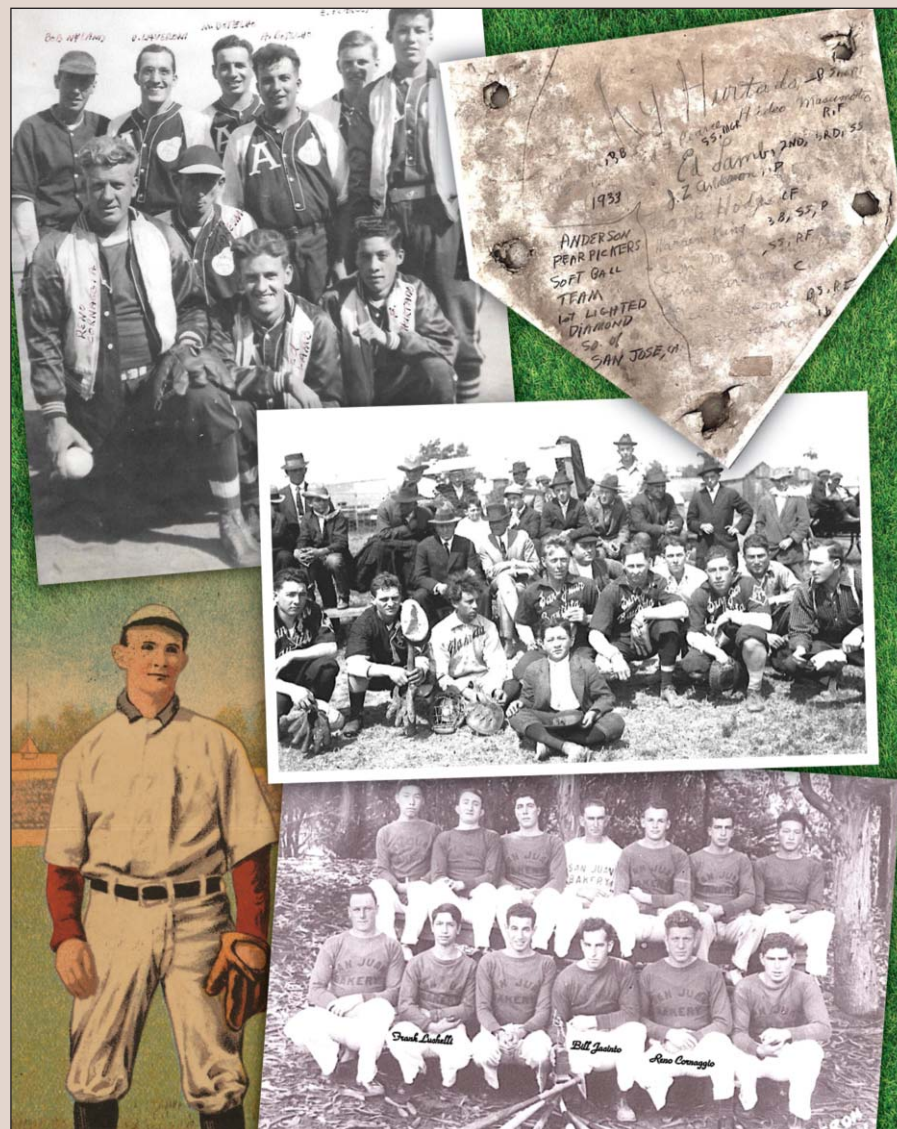
## Then... and Now: Abbe Park, field of dreams

By Wanda Guibert

San Juan Bautista Historical Society

Summer has officially arrived, and baseball season is well underway. Fastpitch softball and baseball have been a long-standing tradition in San Juan Bautista, and in the Luck Museum archives, we have an array of photos and articles about “ballplayers” such as the San Juan Bakery, Anderson Pear Pickers, San Juan Cubs, and the San Juan Ball Club (dated 1916). The latter team includes players with familiar names: Verutti, Rozas, Rampone, Cullumber, Andrade, Nyland, Carreiro, Shade. Also in the Museum is the home plate signed by the champion Anderson Pear Pickers 1933 team: Lamb, Ayala, Hurtado, Pearce, Beuttler, Anderson, Hodges, Myer, Laveroni, Masumoto. In addition to players identified on the San Juan Bakery photo were also Dias, Nishita, Botelho, Jacinto, Lang, Lucchelli, Lavagnino. Over the years, other players have included women’s softball (Dorothy Lemos, Mary Sellen, Agnes Dyer, Louise Perry, Rosemarie “Mim” Lavagnino Caetano), donkey baseball games held during the Rodeo, and Little League.

Look closely at the Then and Now photos; Flint Hill – now known as Pagan Hill — is visible in the left background of both. The concrete cross, installed in 1929, is present



Pictured in collage at right: Top left: The Anderson Pear Pickers, the 1932 champions; top right: home plate, autographed by some of the players; center right: early San Juan Bautista ballplayers circa 1915 (credit: SJB Historical Society); bottom right: San Juan Bakery team from the 1940s (credit: Eilode.)

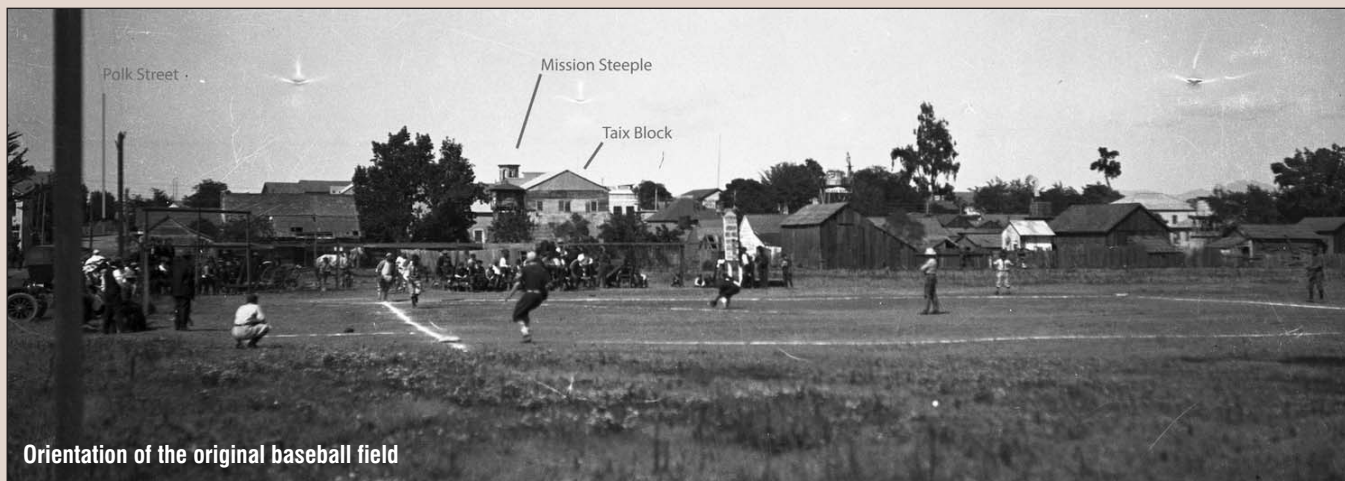
in the Now photo (zooming in), but can you see it Then? Notice too that the baseball diamonds/fields are oriented differently. Then, home plate faced Fourth Street “known as the waterfront,” as pioneer Isaac Mylar called it. Now home plate faces the corner of Fifth and Polk. The field then was probably not quite at Abbe Park but a little more east, perhaps on Fourth near Polk.

The 20 January 1939 *San Juan Mission News* quotes Ernest Lavagnino, “...the ball-park was founded by Jack Anderson in 1933, at an initial cost of \$420. The total amount spent on the park since its inception is \$3,800...” The 6 January 1939 *Mission News* headline announces “Service Club Presents Ball Park to Town as Recreational Center.” The article states that years of planning by the San Juan Service Club baseball committee culminated when E. F. Pearce (chair of the committee) declared that the Service Club had purchased the softball diamond and park and would present it to the town of San Juan free of charge with provisions listed in legal papers to be drawn by the Town Attorney, John T. Lewis.

Then on 8 July 1939, a grant deed was signed and subsequently recorded a month later at the request of then Mayor George Abbe. The deed states:

For value received by Lydia A. Abbe, Rena Grace Louis, formerly Rena Grace Abbe, individually, and Rena Grace Louis, Trustee under the Last Will and Testament of Frank A. Abbe, deceased, GRANT to the City of San Juan all the real property situate in the City of San Juan, County of San Benito, described as follows: Lots 8 to 15, inclusive, in Block 1 and Lots 5 to 9, inclusive, in Block 2,





Orientation of the original baseball field

and that part of Lot \_ adjacent to and joining the above-described property, all of them Ramona Heights, according to the Map thereof filed September 17, 1907 in Vol. 1 of Maps at page 21, San Benito County Records. Subject to the following restrictions: That said premises shall be used as a recreational park. That said premises shall be called the Abbe Recreation Park. That as long as the San Juan Service Club function in the City of San Juan, said San Juan Service Club shall have control of the said park activities.

At the formal presentation 14 April 1939, E. F. Pearce stated, "We want the young people of the County to enjoy it and we want to make good clean sports of those in San Juan." When presented the deed, Mayor Abbe shared that he considered this to be "...one of the finest ceremonies ever enacted in San Juan. Personally, I am deeply sensible of the honor bestowed on

the Abbe family by having the park bear that name. The name of Abbe has been connected with the history of San Juan since 1852..."

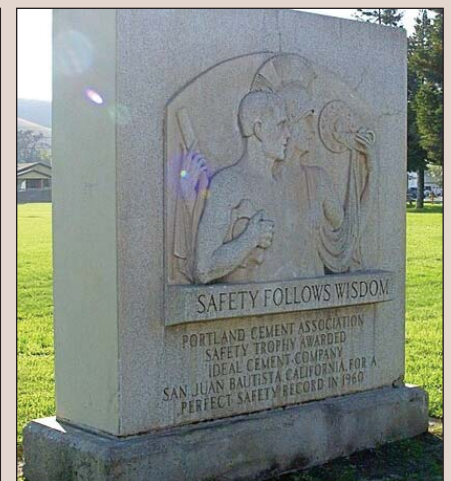
Indeed, as early San Juan settlers, the Andrew + Mary Jane Abbe family contributed significantly to the town. In 1880 their sons Frank B. and George E. were editors of the *San Juan Amateur* newspaper and the *San Juan Argonaut* in 1888-1891. Then Frank,



CA Landmark No.181 Fremont Peak at Abbe Park

George and brother Fred operated the Abbe Company mercantile for almost 50 years at the corner of Third and Mariposa, now San Juan Bakery. George also served as town mayor. Mayor Frank B. Abbe, Sr. (who served 8 consecutive terms) was instrumental in securing State Historical Park status for the historic Plaza and surrounding buildings and perhaps also Fremont Peak. "It can be said that up until the 1930s either Frank or George was active in every important undertaking in San Juan," according to Charles Clough in *San Juan Bautista: The Town, the Mission & the Park*.

Abbe Park is bounded by Fourth, Polk, Fifth & Muckelemi Streets. This 1.74-acre park features a baseball diamond, dugouts, bleachers, snack shack, scorer's booth, field lights, a smaller T-ball field, bike racks, public restrooms, open turf, and picnic areas. The Junior Giants, a free, non-competitive baseball program for boys and girls 5 -18 years old, uses the field each summer under the leadership of local volunteer Anthony Ponce. "Abbe Park Restoration project" was an agenda item at a recent City Council budget meeting, and \$200,000 was allo-



Above: Safety Follows Wisdom Monument, 1960. Below: Abbe Park today.

cated to redo the field lights and buildings.

At the southwest corner of Abbe Park is an electric vehicle charging station, and there are several historical monuments in the park: California Historical Landmark No.181 Fremont Peak, Portland Cement Association Safety Trophy monument, Pimi Rodriguez memorial bench. There is also a bus shelter. One thing missing, however, is a monument memorializing the significance of the Abbe Family and Abbe Park to the city of San Juan Bautista. This might be a timely project for the Service Club or local chapters of the Native Sons of the Golden West or E Clampus Vitus... ■



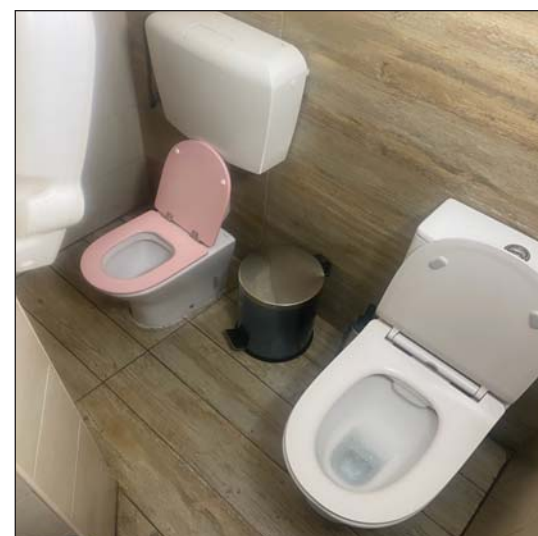
## id·i·om

# The dog days of summer

**Meaning:** Here's an idiom related to summer, which is used to talk about the hottest part of summer, occurring in July and August.

**Origin:** This summer idiom comes from ancient Rome, referring to when the constellation Sirius – the dog star – appeared to rise just before the sun, around July.

**Example:** During the dog days of summer, it's too hot to work outdoors. ■



## VUE A LA LOO

# The Azores family loo

Only in the Azores: a mama and baby banheiro.

The Azores are islands which are characterized by dramatic landscapes, fishing villages, green pastures and hedgerows of blue hydrangeas in an autonomous region of Portugal. ■

# BEEN THERE, DONE THAT



4th Annual Anza Trail Moonlight Walk. Great group of Happy Hikers!



Get your MVV, tortillas and Sam at Marshall's Market in Aromas.



SBALT hikers, Mariah & Beth Roybal, John Freeman, Vicky Morris



Volunteers and one visitor learning traditional Californio folk dancing at Early Days SJB.



Volunteers add joyful color to a crosswalk in San Juan Bautista.

# BEEN THERE, DONE THAT



Hollister High Class of 1956 celebrated their 67th reunion at the childhood home of Gino Bonifacio in SJB.



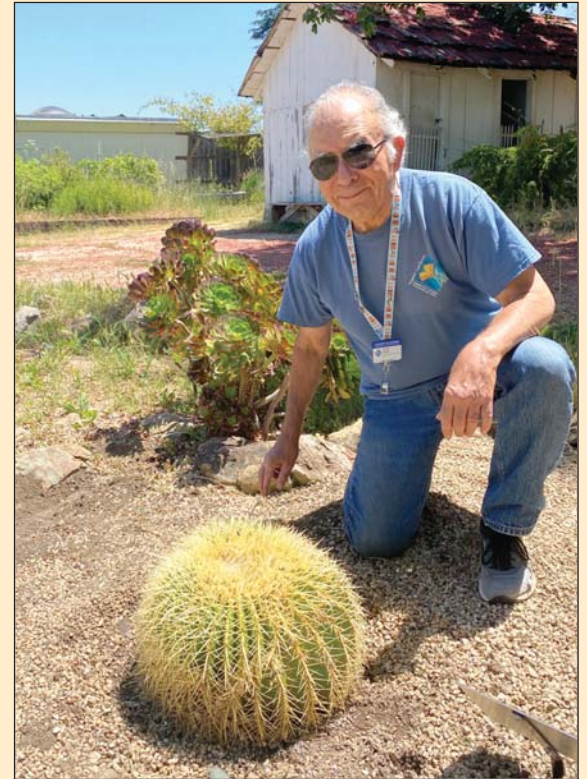
Teresa Lavagnino, Elvis and Darlene Boyd, in Vegas of course!



At the Saddlehorse Parade: Robin Pollard, Valerie Eglund and Ambur Cameron.



Barb Satink Wolfson, Fire Advisor for the U.C. Cooperative Extension, guided members of the public to observe a prescribed fire at the Nyland property on June 4th



Master Gardener, Ernie Franco planting the Succulent Garden at San Juan Bautista State Historic Park.



I wanted to thank you for the special hundredth issue insert. The tiny images of the covers were perfect for my dollhouse. —Shana McCracken

## MISSION VILLAGE VOICE | JULY 2023

# Calendar

## SATURDAY JULY 1

**FIREWORK FESTIVAL** 5pm opens, 9:30pm Fireworks. Brigantino Park, Hollister.

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

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

## SUNDAY JULY 2

**AROMAS GRANGE COMMUNITY MARKET** 10am-1pm @ Aromas Grange. Live Music, BBQ Ribs, Organic Produce, Tamales, Sourdough Bread, Fresh Eggs & Handmade Crafts. Email bacigalchick@gmail.com

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

**BEAR'S HIDEAWAY 13 YEAR ANNIVERSARY** 2-5pm. BBQ and Live Music. 402 #B 3rd St., San Juan Bautista

## THURSDAY JULY 6

**SJB SENIOR SUMMER POTLUCK** Contact maryedge@sbcglobal.net



## Saturday, July 15

**36TH ANNUAL STREET FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW DOWNTOWN HOLLISTER** 10am-4pm. Over 250 cars, 2 stages of live entertainment, kid area, merchant sales & vendors, free admission. Visit downtownhollister.org.

## FRIDAY JULY 7

**BORED TEACHERS COMEDY TOUR** Goldenstatetheatre.com

**B & R FARMS SUMMER VINTAGE MARKET** 3-7 Try something new, enjoy the refreshment bar and the amazing evening sunsets on the farm

## SATURDAY JULY 8

**B & R FARMS SUMMER VINTAGE MARKET** 10am-3pm. Try something new, enjoy the refreshment bar and the farm.

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

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

**20TH ANNUAL MONTEREY BAY BEER FESTIVAL** 12:30pm-4:30pm. Monterey County Fairgrounds. Visit montereybeerfestival.com

## MONDAY JULY 10

**SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH-CARE & 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.

## WEDNESDAY JULY 12

**VERTIGO OPEN MIC NIGHT** Vertigo Coffee Roasters, San



## Friday, July 14 - Saturday, July 29

**SAN BENITO STAGE CO. PRESENTS FOOTLOOSE** at Marguerite Maze Middle School in Hollister. Sanbenitostage.org. So kick off your Sunday shoes, and everybody cut footloose!

Juan Bautista, Vertigocoffee.com 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

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## SATURDAY JULY 15

**YOUTH ALLIANCE PRESENTS: 1ST ANNUAL HOLLISTER NATIVE AMERICAN GATHERING** 10am-7pm. Hollister High School Football Field. Contact 831.801.5530 or HollisterNativeAmerican@gmail.com

**EDEN RIFT GRAND REOPENING** 2-8pm. Join us to celebrate at the estate. Explore our newly redesigned tasting spaces, sneak peek the Rift Riders to dine in the vines. Visit tastingroom@edenrift.com

**36TH ANNUAL STREET FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW DOWNTOWN HOLLISTER** 10am-4pm. Over 250 cars, 2 stages of live entertainment, kid area, merchant sales & vendors, free admission. Visit downtownhollister.org

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY** 11am-4pm, 507 Third St, San Juan Bautista. Live entertainment, food, Summer Santa Claus & Face Painting. Contact Patricia Bains 831.593.1037 or 831.207.3737

**ELTON JOHN THE EARLY YEARS & BILLY NATION** Tributes to Elton John & Billy Joel. Visit hollisterconcerts.com

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

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

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

## SATURDAY JULY 15 - SATURDAY JULY 29

**CARMEL BACH FESTIVAL 86TH SEASON** Info@bach-festival.org

## SUNDAY JULY 16

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

## MONDAY JULY 17 - FRIDAY JULY 21

**BATTLEFIELD LASER TAG SUMMER CAMP** Visit battlefieldlasertag.com

## WEDNESDAY JULY 19

**MARSHALL'S MARKET CAR SHOW** 100 Carpenteria Rd. Aromas.

## FRIDAY JULY 21

**ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL** goldenstatetheatre.com

## SATURDAY JULY 22

**WINE & CIGAR NIGHT @ THE GARDENSHOPPE N BAR** 6-9pm. Visit Gardenshoppeandbar.com

## SUNDAY JULY 23

**ART OF EATING: A-FARM-TO-TABLE BENEFIT FOR THE ARTS** 5-8pm. At Paicines Ranch. A 4-course, plain air dinner by local chefs, Carlos Canada & Nancy Sorgatz, local beer & wine, world class entertainment. Visit art-of-eating.eventbrite.com

## WEDNESDAY JULY 26

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

## THURSDAY JULY 27

**STEVE EARLE: ALONE AGAIN TOUR** goldenstatetheatre.com

## FRIDAY JULY 28

**LATIN NIGHT DANCE PARTY** 8-11:30pm. Chillin & Grillin Alehouse, Hollister. Salsa, Bachata, Merengue & Cumbia. Info visit Sanbenitoarts.org

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**SATURDAY JULY 29**

**CASA SAN BENITO COUNTY - SIP, SAVOR & CELEBRATE** 2-5pm. Eden Rift Vineyards. 831.637.4992

**NOR CAL DUB AFFAIR VOLKSWAGEN CAR SHOW** 7am - dusk. Downtown San Juan Bautista. Coolest custom & vintage VW's from all over. Food, music, local beer & wine. Email ray@dubaffair.com

**DISNEY SING-ALONG MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT** 6-10pm. Gardenshoppeandbar.com

**CLASSIC RUSH TRIBUTE YNOT** at the Golden State Theater. Visit goldenstatetheatre.com

**Every Week****TUESDAYS**

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

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**HOLLISTER CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET** 3-7pm. Downtown Hollister. Visit downtownhollister.org

**THURSDAYS**

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

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

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

**SIP & CREATE @ THE GARDENSHOPPE N BAR** 7-9pm. Visit the Gardenshoppeandbar.com

**FRIDAYS**

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

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

**SATURDAYS**

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

**FREE COFFEE @ SAN JUAN LIBRARY** 11am-1pm. Every Saturday!

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

**MOSS LANDING CERTIFIED FARMER'S MARKET** 9am-2pm. Visit thepowerplant.store/farmers-market

**SUNDAYS**

**LIVE MUSIC AT DAISY'S SALOON** 2-6pm. Daisy's Saloon. SJB 831.623.4484

**Saturdays**

Start your weekend off with a free cup o' Joe! **Free coffee** is offered at San Juan Library 11am-1pm every Saturday!

**Save the Date****FRIDAY AUGUST 11**

**RANCHO CIELO VEGGIE BOX FUNDRAISER** 1pm. 700 Old Stage Rd., Salinas RanchoCieloyc.org to purchase veggie box or tri-tip BBQ.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 13**

**SAN JUAN DAY, CHICKEN COOP STYLE!** 10am-5pm. Featuring several market type pop-ups throughout town, city-wide garage sales, food & beverage specials, and live music. Facebook @sanjuanday.sjb Instagram sanjuanday.sjb and contact sanjuanday2022@gmail.com

**SUNDAY AUGUST 13**

**SAN JUAN DAY FLEA MARKET** - SJB VFW 8am-4pm. 58 Monterey St., SJB Info 408.603.9065

**SATURDAY AUGUST 19**

**GABILAN CHAPTER SENECA WINE & FOOD TASTING** 4-

7PM. Exciting New Location: Swank Farms.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 25**

**RANCHO CIELO JAZZ AT THE RANCH SERIES KICK-OFF** Grammy winners & nominees, West Coast Jazz Legends and remarkably talented young musicians. Visit RanchoCieloyc.org

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26 - SUNDAY AUGUST 27**

**SAN JOSE SPARTAN TRIFECTA WEEKEND EVENT** Paicines Ranch, 13388 Airline HWY, Paicines. Visit www.spartan.com

**SUNDAY AUGUST 27**

**AROMAS DAY** Visit www.aromasday.com or call 831.277.8194

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2**

**HAYBALERS CLASS OF 83' 40TH REUNION** Damm Vineyards email Balers83@gmail.com

**COMMUNITY****Nor Cal Dub Affair VW Car Show, Festival and Swap Meet scheduled for July 29**

Ray Diaz is a local Gilroy resident whose family has resided there for over 100 years. He has been a Volkswagen car enthusiast since he was 12 and now continues his passion for classic cars. Ray is hosting his 2nd annual car show July 29, 2023 in San Juan Bautista.

He began his passion for classic cars as a young boy working with his stepfather on classic Chevy trucks and muscle



Ray Diaz with his 1967 Fastback Volkswagen.

cars. As a teenager in the 80's, he discovered his passion for VWs and bought his first VW (completely disassembled) from a neighbor and built it in his mother's garage. He learned a lot on his own by spending lots of time at the local VW shop and asking lots of questions. YouTube video was not available back then! He was introduced to a Porsche mechanic in Campbell who needed some shop help and spent lots of time cleaning parts in exchange for help learning about performance VW motors.

Ray's favorite thing about VW's is that everyone has a "VW Story" -- "That was my first car," "My parents used to take me to school in a beat-up VW bus," and "My bug caught fire because someone was in the back seat!" The other cool thing about driving a VW around town is when everyone gives

you the thumbs up or the Hawaiian Shaka.

The Dub Affair show is just a way for the VW community to get together whether you have a Classic Stock or completely Custom VW. Ray's vision for the show is not only to show off your VW but also to have a great time with friends and family in more of a festival type of environment. We like to have great food, drinks, and live entertainment for all ages.

This year's event will be held in the historic mission town of San Juan Bautista. We are supporting local businesses by giving them the opportunity to sell their food, products, and services to our VW community. We are expecting 300+ VW's and over 2,500 spectators this year. We have all VW parts, apparel, gadgets, souvenir vendors, along with used parts for the swap meet. The show is free to the public and spectators. ■



## MISSION VILLAGE VOICE Q&amp;A

## Miguel Silva

## Trivia Quizmaster

By Anne Caetano

**O**n a recent Thursday night at Vertigo Coffee Roasters, MVV sat down with Miguel Silva, contract analyst by day and trivia quizmaster by night. Though he now lives in Monterey, Miguel was born and raised in San Juan Bautista and enjoys connecting with family and old friends each week on Trivia Night at Vertigo. If you're a trivia fan, stop by Vertigo some Thursday night from 6:30-8:30. If you "play well with others," you'll not only have a fun time and good eats, but you just may win a prize as well.

**MVV: What do you do for a living?**

MS: I work for Cal State Monterey Bay in finance. I'm a contract analyst; I review contracts and help with procurement across campus.

**And by night, you are the quizmaster at Vertigo Trivia Nights.**

Yes, Thursday nights at Vertigo in SJB and Wednesdays in Monterey at Sovino Wine Bar in the Portola Plaza. I used to attend Sovino as a fan of trivia, and that's where I met my fiancée.

**How do you select your trivia questions?**

It's a mixture of stuff I grew up with and

things I'm interested in. A lot of it will come from just if I'm working, watching TV or listening to a podcast and I see or hear something, and it's like, "Oh, I didn't think about that," and I'll research it. And then I can come up with questions. For example, I was watching Star Trek (The Next Generation) one time, and they mentioned some scientific principle. It's like, "Oh, what is that?" which then leads me down the rabbit hole. At worst, I make a really good Star Trek question, haha.

**What's the difference between the Vertigo crowd and the Monterey crowd?**

They are both fun for different reasons.

We get a lot of locals and regulars at Vertigo, which I love. I was born and raised here in San Juan Bautista, and it's nice to have something to do in town. Since we're outside, it's more spread out; it's more of a chill vibe, but fun. Monterey is a tighter space and has a younger crowd; it's mostly people in their early 20s to early 40s plus you get a lot of military personnel. Sovino is a wine bar with no food, so it gets a little rowdy there, but the fun kind.

**From the looks of the crowd here at Vertigo, it is very mixed.**

Yes, you get mid-20s to late 60s at Vertigo. You can get wood-fired pizza, drinks and craft beer here, and you get to sit outside in this beautiful garden with heat lamps. Can't beat it.

**Are the teams competitive?**

Yes, it's good. At least once a night (mostly in Monterey) someone will have an issue with a question. They will say, "I googled it" and show me I was wrong.

**What do you do?**

I'm usually nice about it. If you can show me what's wrong or that something could be perceived a different way, I'll hear you out at least.

**How did you become a quizmaster?**

I started here at Vertigo in 2018. I have had a good relationship with Ryan Morris, the manager of Vertigo, for many years, and he asked if I was interested in hosting a Trivia Night. I loved attending, so I thought, "Why not give it a shot?" It worked out well, so my fiancée and I come here from



Miguel Silva with his parents Ana &amp; David at Vertigo Trivia Night.

Monterey once a week to host Trivia Night.

**What topics are the most popular?**

All pop culture does well, and Harry Potter is a huge one. In Monterey geography does really well. There are a lot of military personnel in Monterey studying languages, and they travel around a lot.

I appreciate feedback. It got to a point where people would say, "I didn't come because I don't like sports." So I started to mix it up, and every other week, we'll do sports, and the alternate week, we'll do some kind of theme.

**Are there prizes?**

Yes, we have prizes. At Vertigo there is a \$30 gift card for 1st place, \$15 for 2nd and \$10 for 3rd. And at Sovino, \$40 gift card for 1st, \$20 for 2nd. I also do a second to last place grab bag of random things.

**How many questions per game?**

I try to keep it between 50 and 60, spread over 5 rounds.

**Do you feel pressure to come up with good questions?**

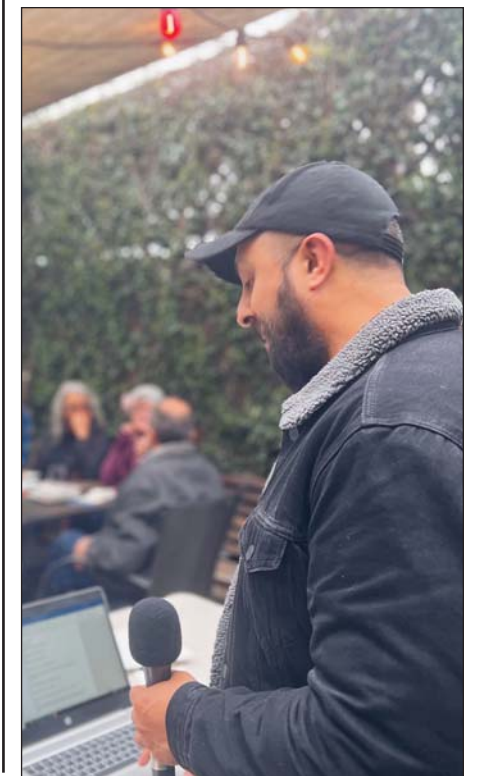
Yes, people come and expect quality product. You want people to be engaged.

**The crowd gathering here at Vertigo looks like trivia diehards.**

Yes, and the same with Sovino. You get the teams that come every week and know the drill. They know me, and I try to be personable and talk to every team. If they come more frequently, I will go and sit and have a beer with them when I can.

**It's clear you love doing this.**

Yes, it's cool for me because I get to meet all these people and I get to see them once a week; they're my trivia buddies. ■



# MISSIONVILLAGEVOICE

## Community Bulletin Board

### San Benito County Office of Education's 2022-2023 Certificated and Classified Employee of the Year

#### 36 Individuals Recognized

The San Benito County Office Board of Education and San Benito County Superintendent of Schools hosted the annual countywide Certificated and Classified Employee of the Year celebration on May 25, 2023, at the Hollister High School Auditorium.

The annual Employee of the Year celebration is to recognize certificated and classified staff who challenge, motivate, inspire students and/or provide valuable services to the school and students of our community who strive for excellence in all areas relative to the educational community. Individuals were nominated by their school district. Recipients received a plaque from the SBCOE, and certificates of recognition from the offices of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, 18th Congressional District; State Senator Anna Caballero, Senate District 12; Assemblymember Robert Rivas, District 29; San Benito County Board of Supervisors and City of Hollister. We are grateful for the dedication, hard work, and passion each employee exhibits daily. We thank you for making a difference for our students across San Benito County.

Certificated and Classified Employees of the Year:  
Accelerated Achievement Academy - Jose Ibarra, Certificated

Anzar High School - Debra Miller, Certificated  
Anzar High School - Michael O'Connor, Classified  
Aromas School - Wendi Gurnee, Certificated  
Aromas School - Brenda Temperino, Classified  
Aromas-San Juan Unified School District - Anne Siri, Classified

Bitterwater-Tully Union - Erica McLane, Classified  
Calaveras School - Megan Avery, Certificated  
Calaveras/AAA - Sandra Lopez, Classified  
Cerra Vista School - Sonia Fierro-Biggs, Certificated  
Cerra Vista School - Nubia Zamora, Classified  
Hollister Dual Language Academy - Lucia Aleman, Classified

Hollister Dual Language Academy - Irma Gomez, Certificated

Hollister High School District - Elizabeth Burley, Certificated

Hollister High School District - Christopher Urzua, Classified

Ladd Lane - Rosa Garcia-Gomez, Certificated  
Ladd Lane - Tracey Ranalli, Classified  
Marguerite Maze - Julie Willhite, Certificated  
Marguerite Maze - Edgar Munoz, Classified  
Panoche School - Amanda McCraw, Certificated  
R.O. Hardin - Mary Christian, Classified  
R.O. Hardin - Fritzie Jane Manacap, Certificated  
Rancho San Justo - Lesley Anderson Nakagawa, Certificated

Rancho San Justo - Ernesto "Tony" Armenta, Classified

Rancho Santana - Lesli Reyes, Certificated  
Rancho Santana - Oscar Ruiz-Sanchez, Classified  
San Juan School - Sara Perez, Certificated  
San Juan School - Alicia Gonzalez, Classified  
Southside School - Jesus Sanchez, Classified  
Southside School - Joanna Glass, Certificated

Spring Grove School - Karen Firstbrook, Classified  
Spring Grove School - Hillary Raine, Certificated  
Sunnyslope School - Miranda Eyster, Certificated  
Sunnyslope School - Joshua Martinez, Classified  
SBCOE - Vicki Wanken, Certificated  
SBCOE - Mario Bencomo, Classified

### Multi-generational ranching family partners with California Rangeland Trust to protect 4,500-acre property

The California Rangeland Trust is pleased to announce the conservation of the Sans Topo Ranch in San Benito County, Calif. The 4,500-acre conservation easement was completed with funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), with support from USFWS Ventura Fish & Wildlife Office (VFWO), California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW), and San Benito Working Landscapes Group.

Located approximately 35 miles south of the city Hollister and two miles west of State Route 25, the ranch lies just outside Pinnacles National Park. The property is comprised of three different habitat types: annual grasslands, coastal shrubs, and blue oak woodlands. The annual grasslands provide good forage and habitat for the livestock and wildlife that inhabit the land.

The diverse plant population on the Ranch provides significant habitat for the many species of wildlife found on the property. The special status species that have been documented on the property include, California condor, American badger, California tiger salamander, mountain lion, vernal pool fairy shrimp, and western spadefoot toad.

The Sans family has owned and managed the land since 1926 - tying five generations to the property. Over the years, the family has seen a lot of changes to the surrounding area. The family chose to conserve the property to ensure that the land that their family has managed for nearly 100 years will never be lost to development.

Wendy Sans, one of the Ranch owners, stated, "It is very exciting knowing that the Sans Topo Ranch will be protected forever. It will remain a working ranch forever; this land is our family's legacy."

The family runs a stocker cattle operation on the Ranch. They rotationally graze the property to ensure the health of the land, and its diverse habitat, remains viable into the future. Under the conservation easement, the family will continue to own manage the land as they always have while ensuring the property will never be subdivided or developed.

"We are in the business of protecting and maintaining the health of the Golden State's rangelands for the benefit of all Californians," Michael Delbar, CEO of the Rangeland Trust explained. "It is because of the top-notch stewardship of the ranching community that Californians have access to local food, clean air, fresh water, and beautiful views. We are proud to partner with dedicated ranching families, like the Sans, that not only care for their livestock, but also the land and wildlife alike."

Thanks to the partnership between the Sans family and the Rangeland Trust, the land and its bounty will benefit people, livestock, and wildlife for generations to come. ■

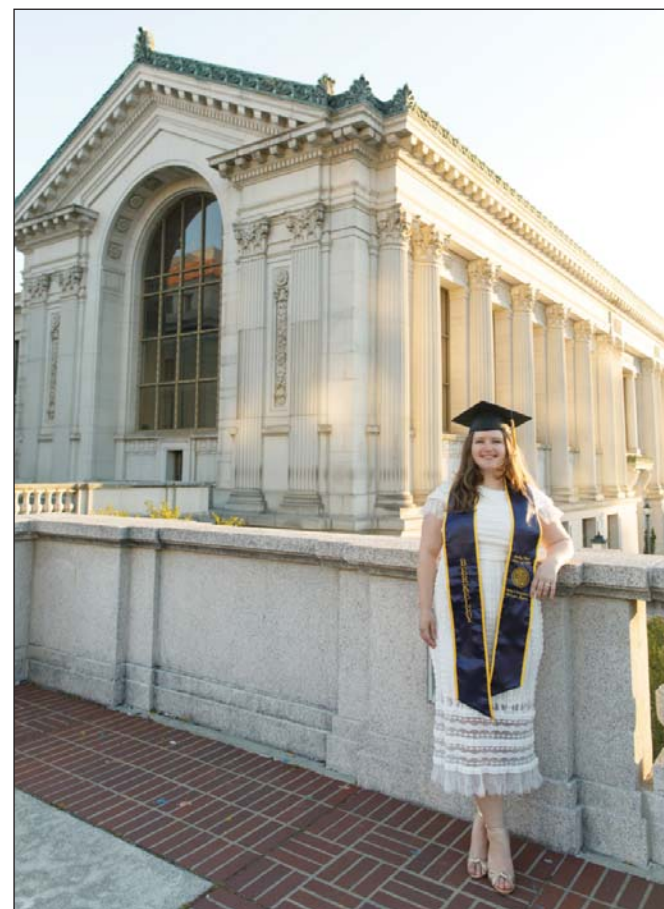
### KUDOS

## Shelby O'Neil graduates from UC Berkeley, heads to Northwestern

Shelby O'Neil graduated with Bachelor of Science in Society and Environment from the College of Natural Resources at Cal Berkeley, and a minor in Human Rights.

She will be attending Northwestern University in the fall for a Master of Science in Energy and Sustainability in the McCormick College of Engineering.

Fun fact: part of her application was on San Juan Bautista! ■



MONTEREY BAY AIR RESOURCES DISTRICT

## Electric Bicycle Incentive Program

MBARD is offering \$500 to low-income applicants in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties as an incentive to purchase a Class 1, 2 or 3 electric bicycle priced at more than \$1,000.



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831.647.9411



## VOICING SOME THOUGHTS

### How to really try without succeeding

By Halina Kleinsmith

How to try successfully. It sounds a bit dichotomous, as it's hard to be successful in an achievement until and unless you try.

"Giving it the old College try" is a vintage quip, referring to doing your best based upon how well you've prepared for the task at hand. Yet even with accomplished efforts, there are still times when trying to reach a desired outcome finds us stymied by things not working in our favor.

For example, we're all set with clear instructions or prior knowledge before starting a project, only to discover that parts are missing, directions aren't included, or other elements do not fit the process.

Our optimism prevails in trying to navigate such challenges, because at the very least, we stand to learn something through the struggles of our endeavors. Education, experience, and attitude then go hand in hand with dumb luck, hard work and encouragement from others. Because, if at first you don't succeed, which is pretty normal, you try, try again.

With no thought of giving up, trying brings us successful end results in tangible ways, and the experience of realizing how much we've learned throughout the whole process.

In reflecting upon either realized ingenuity or exercises in frustration, it's important to step back and cut yourself some slack for those times when you valiantly tried to do something, and discovered you'd either been doing it wrong, or were too tired at the start, and basically set yourself up to fail.

Through all of this, there still looms the perception of an invisible high bar that society sets when it comes to accomplishment. It seems to indicate that you can try all you want, but if you're not well equipped to handle the task at hand, you'll likely be seen as falling below that imagined line of achievement.

Trying exercises our physical efforts, which become more expertly tangible through practice. This conjures up the famous scene from that film with all the droids and monsters, where the bright minded alien elder says "Try not, do or do not; There is no try!"

Well, fortunately that sage advice from a sage portraying puppet is already inherent to our earthing composition: to always try and more importantly, to do that which we had only imagined. ■

## BENITOLINK

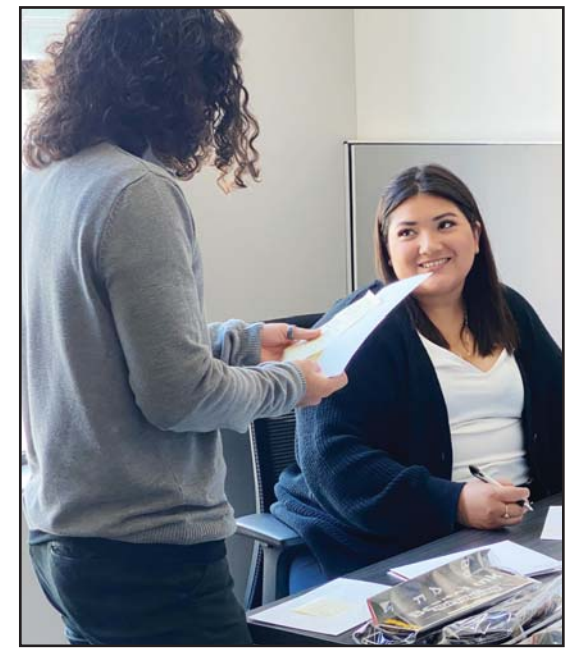
### Putting marketing skills to work

By Vivian Guadalupe Sierra

BenitoLink, San Benito County's trusted news and information source makes sure residents have current, local coverage. BenitoLink also offers internships to many students and young adults, looking to expand their skill-set in journalism, marketing, business, and technology. Leslie David, executive director at BenitoLink explained, "They get on-the-job experience but also get to know their local government better and understand the current issues their county faces," she said.

BenitoLink has five interns right now, myself, Vivian Guadalupe Sierra, Hollister High school students Michael Koteles and Jenna Ellis, Gavilan student Alexis Castro Juarez and Cal Poly student Grace Gillio. Executive Director David pointed out, "BenitoLink definitely benefits too. Our interns bring in their own personal experiences, challenges they've faced and a wide variety of cultural backgrounds. They bring in stories we wouldn't come across any other way."

This summer, I am fortunate to be part of the Emma Bowen Foundation and BenitoLink partnership as a full-time marketing and communications intern. As a first-generation Latina, born and raised in Hollister, having the chance to join a national organization and still work in my hometown with a local non-profit organization is rare to find. With an academic background in Communication Studies, gaining a jumpstart into marketing and



BenitoLink Marketing Coordinator Mo Ismail and Marketing Intern Vivian Guadalupe Sierra. Photo by Leslie David

journalism isn't always an easy thing to do, especially with entry-level experience. I'm excited for not only my future but also the future of BenitoLink! This nonprofit newsroom has made a positive impact on our community and its future- from providing serious journalism to internship opportunities.

Along with Mo Ismail, BenitoLink's Marketing and Development coordinator, I have been working on the marketing efforts of our 2023 Summer Campaign, which launched the week of June

26. This has been a great opportunity for me to get real marketing experience and be paid for it. However, it's no secret that reporting is neither easy nor cheap and for this reason, I hope you'll consider the role

we can all play in supporting our local news. You can learn more about our 2023 Summer Campaign by taking a shot of this QR Code or going to our BenitoLink website.

Use this QR code to visit the BenitoLink donate page. ■

**BenitoLink**  
San Benito County's News



**ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

*Monterey Bay Air Resources District*

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## IN MEMORY

### Helen Marie McAbee

On the morning of June 8, 2023, our beautiful, energetic and feisty mother, Helen Marie McAbee, passed away peacefully with her family by her side. Her en-



thusiasm and determination for living never waned.

She continued to enjoy her flowers, her view, her family and friends, her cat (Suki), her love of dancing, tasty food and good wine or cocktail right up to the last day she was with us.

Read more at <https://grunnagle.com/tribute/details/1434/Helen-McAbee/obituary.html>. ■



# CELESTIAL EVENTS



**July 1 - Conjunction of Venus and Mars.** The planets Venus and Mars will pass within 3 1/2 degrees of each other. The event will take place on the morning of July 1 at 2:48 AM (06:48 UTC). Both planets will be visible with the naked eye in the constellation Leo.

**July 3 - Full Moon in Capricorn, Supermoon.** 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 11:40 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Buck Moon because the male buck deer would begin to grow their new antlers at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Thunder Moon and the Hay Moon. This is also the first of four supermoons for 2023. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

**July 17 - New Moon in Cancer.** 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 18:33 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.

**July 29, 30 - Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower.** The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by comets Marsden and Kracht. The shower runs annually from July 12 to August 23. It peaks this year on the night of July 29 and morning of July 30. The nearly full moon will block most of the fainter meteors this year.



But if you are patient, you may still be able to catch a few good ones. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Aquarius, but can appear anywhere in the sky. *Photo credit: NASA* ■

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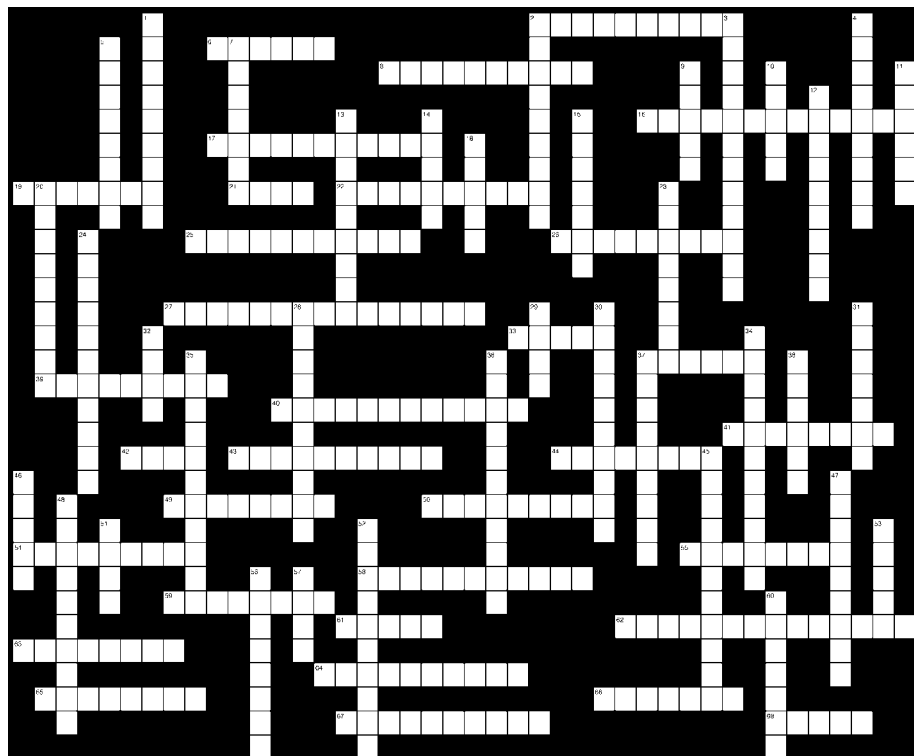
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- ACROSS**
- 2 +A person who spies lasciviously
  - 6 +Running stream or babbling\_\_
  - 8 +aka loggers
  - 16 +Neil Diamond hit
  - 17 +Red-head in comic strip "Little\_\_"
  - 19 +White sauced pasta dish
  - 21 Sketched
  - 22 +Can be found in a dry martini
  - 25 +aka hotdog
  - 26 +Toe's and feet at the salon
  - 27 +Candy in a YORK wrapper
  - 33 +Red Breast
  - 37 +Salve for aching bones
  - 39 +Know-it-all
  - 40 +Muscle cramps or dead leg
  - 41 +He holds your hair in place
  - 42 +Vintage toys + hobbies "\_\_Homemaker"
  - 43 +Weaving flowers for a crown
  - 44 +Weapon of the gangster era
  - 49 +Small cart for transporting passengers

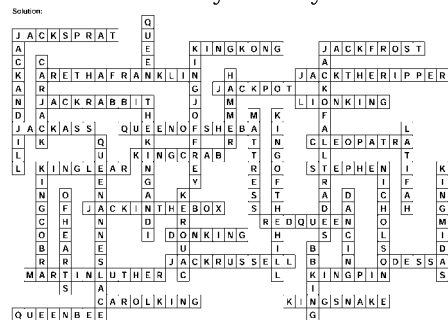
- 50 +Potassium nitrate compound
  - 54 +Type of fence
  - 55 +Letter ending a relationship
  - 58 +1994 Olympics in \_\_,Norway
  - 59 +Eddie Vedder and cohorts
  - 61 The average head has 120,000
  - 62 +Sung around Dec. 25th
  - 63 +The absolute highest point
  - 64 +Worn with saddle shoes
  - 65 +aka pancakes
  - 66 + Popular Mexican island
  - 67 +Brunch beverage with celery
  - 68 Get some zzz's
- DOWN**
- 1 +L A's movie town
  - 2 +Dull and ordinary girl
  - 3 +3 Penny Opera villian
  - 4 +Moist finger in the ear
  - 5 +Place to cook pizza
  - 7 +Type of grapefruit
  - 9 Thin French pancake
  - 10 Grammy or Oscar
  - 11 Port city in Ukraine
  - 12 +Lincoln's nickname

- 13 +Fancy man?
- 14 +Machine gun\_\_
- 15 +Type of navy bird
- 18 +Three card ---
- 20 +Worn in cold winters
- 23 +slang for coffee
- 24 +Known as a hobo soup
- 28 +Anything that can go wrong will
- 29 +Sponge and Sideshow follower
- 30 +\_\_,get set, go
- 31 +Tip toe through the tulips
- 32 Trendy spiced tea
- 34 +Fever carrying cook of yore
- 35 +Type of blue flower

- 36 +Cartoon gunslinging rabbit hater
- 37 +A copper's side weapon
- 38 +London's time piece
- 45 +Dec. 31st
- 46 Orange serving
- 47 +Beatles song on M M Tour album
- 48 +Found on a man's throat
- 51 Sound of a scissor's cut
- 52 +Paper form of 100 cents
- 53 Jiggle dessert
- 56 +Can be extra virgin
- 57 +"\_\_the Ripper"
- 60 +Do you know the way to--

### Last month's puzzle solution

++The Royal Family++



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## HOROSCOPE

## JULY 2023 by Hilda De Anza



### ARIES March 21-April 20

You have more practical things on your mind, and a very positive period begins in your working life, with a corresponding increase in earnings. New earning opportunities are on the agenda over the next six months. The new moon on July 17th may also bring some opportunities. This can relate to an ongoing process of transformation in your career.



### TAURUS April 21-May 21

There is an element of unpredictability which can have a destabilizing effect on domestic plans until the end of September. One of your highest priorities right now is to enjoy life. You are prepared to invest a lot of money in things which reflect status or provide luxury. You are also concerned about fairness and justice, and you are prepared to go back a long way to uncover injustices.



### GEMINI May 22-June 21

There are many opportunities for you to travel. Later in the month you have the opportunity to meet up with a child or someone you have a romantic connection with from the past, and again you will want to do something exciting and untraditional. At the very end of July, the focus is on practical issues at home and professionally.



### CANCER June 22-July 22

Life is pretty intense as July begins, but there is a tremendous amount to look forward to, especially as regards travel, meetings with influential people and connecting with friends in general. After July 23rd, the focus shifts towards developing your resources. This period is a little unpredictable as the lines of communication can be shaky, but it's still a good time for cultivating ideas and people who are off the beaten track.



### LEO July 23-August 22

It's a very satisfying period for you, as goals are realized and recognition comes your way. Relationships tend to be first on, then off, then

on again. Also, the people in your life in this period may come from a different country or social group. Later in July, the tremors that have been affecting some relationships subside, but you sense an inescapable transition coming in the not-too-distant future.

### VIRGO August 23-September 22



Early July is for being in a learning environment with friends and partners, with the emphasis on community and service. Around July 10th, you will want more peace and quiet after the recent intense social events. By the end of July, you are ready to emerge from the shadows and invest a lot of energy into realizing your personal and professional agenda. A positive and extremely productive period begins lasting until mid-October.

### LIBRA September 23 - October 22



You are drawn to groups and communities that are counter-cultural or foreign in some way, and you are also drawn to potential lovers who strongly diverge from the norms of society. In late July, you are in no hurry to go anywhere, and you stop and wait. At this time, you can expect to meet up with a very good friend. You may feel as if you have gone too far too fast, so the end of July and all of August will be a time to reconnect. There will be a strong connection with elites at this time.

### SCORPIO October 23-November 21



Early July you are restless, and partners are restless. Around July 10th, changes take place, and for you the focus shifts towards social and family duties rather than career. There is a strong focus on partnerships and other important relationships in July. However, potential partners are unpredictable, and they can easily have a change of heart or a change of direction, especially towards the end of the month.

### SAGITTARIUS November 22-December 21

July starts on a positive note in this respect, and early July is both



fortunate for receiving money and goods on the one hand, and travel on the other. This going to be favorable for constructive development at work well into August. Late July is a time when there are a lot of demanding projects, especially at home, so if you are contemplating building or improvements in the home or garden, this is the best time.

### CAPRICORN December 22-January 20



July starts on a positive note and good news comes your way. There are some changes taking place around July 10th and onwards, and this is also a time when travel may be on the agenda. Mid-July there is a strong focus on partnerships, and it is possible that some old issues come to the surface. The end of the month brings a focus on learning and education, and this is a good period to master the details of a subject through focused determination.

### AQUARIUS January 21-February 19



The beginning of July is characterized by intense activity, probably together with a partner and/or child, and there is a strong sense of expectation. Mid to late July brings you into a lot of testing situations, and it is important that you think positive and refrain from either self-criticism or allowing others to undermine your confidence. Long-term success is on the way, and you are creating the building blocks now.

### PISCES February 20-March 20



Early July brings happy developments with partners and children, and it is the perfect time for local travel, holidaying and enjoying the pleasures of love and family. There are a number of changes around July 10th, and at this time people appear on the horizon who bring a lot of challenges into your life. You may feel challenged by disruptive people who disturb the peace; alternatively, you may also embrace unconventional trends that make life that much more exciting.

## THE GOLDEN AGE

# Get moving, Goldens!

By Leanne Oliviera

Happy Summer! 'Tis the season for sunshine and exercise, so I've put together a fun list of local (mostly free) senior exercise activities.

Ever played pickleball? My parents love it so much they set up a court in their backyard! Browse the many free fun courts around Hollister and San Juan Bautista at [www.Pickle-Heads.com](http://www.Pickle-Heads.com).

Like hiking and walking? I recommend the De Anza Trail in SJB ([www.anzahistoric-trail.org](http://www.anzahistoric-trail.org)) and the Pinnacles National Park ([www.nps.gov/pinn](http://www.nps.gov/pinn)) where you can go at your own pace – or consider walking tours offered at Hollister Hills' Mudstone Ranch ([ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1183](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1183)). For more Park ideas, visit REACH ([www.reachsandenito.org](http://www.reachsandenito.org)).

Prefer Yoga? Try Senior Yoga at Vet's Hall MWF 9AM-10AM (831-637-0949) and Qigong/Yoga at the Hospital Tuesdays 4:30PM-5:30PM (831-636-2644). The newly reopened Senior Center offers exercise classes (hosted by YMCA) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30AM-11:30 AM.

Worth noting that while the YMCA offers Yoga and exercise classes to its members of all ages at their main location (discounted assistance available), they also facilitate free senior-specific programs at Sunrise Senior Apartments (Chair Fitness), Buena Vista Apartments (Zumba) and the Senior Center (Aerobics). You do not have to be an apartment resident to attend these. Schedule has recently changed, so please call the YMCA at 831-637-8600 for an updated schedule.

Local Gym Report: Gold's Gym's "Silver Sneakers" senior program recently ended, and they do not provide a low-income discount (Booo!) and neither does CrossFit, but Anytime Fitness offers seniors \$17/mo (831-636-4699) and BodyAde offers a \$10 discount off basic membership (831-801-0470).

Unfortunately, Rovella's Gym has no senior or low-income discounts (Booo!), but they are the only gym in town with a heated pool, hot tubs, steam rooms, and saunas for arthritic joints (including senior aerobics swim) 24/7 with fees starting at \$45/mo for basic individual membership (831-636-

8500). Another swimming option is the Baler Aquatic Center at the Highschool (831-245-9890) at \$75/mo or \$12/hour.

If you have the budget, personal trainers are the best option for senior-specific activities. Call CrossFit (831-297-3614) or Mary Margaret (831-637-8054). If you'd prefer to train virtually with a stationary bike and stay at home, call Hollister's Live to Cycle (408-833-8440) or consider getting a Peleton ([www.onepeloton.com](http://www.onepeloton.com)). For a low-budget option, get a free Chromebook from the Hollister Library (831-636-4107) to watch pro biking videos on YouTube!

Golden Tip: If you have Medicare Advantage, you may be entitled to additional fitness options including gym membership and home fitness equipment. Call the HICAP program for more information: 831-462-5510.

### GOLDEN EVENTS

Email [LeanneO@SeniorsCouncil.org](mailto:LeanneO@SeniorsCouncil.org) with any events one month in advance.

+ **Senior Center: Lunches** (Mon-Fri 11:30AM-1PM, \$2.50/ea), Bingo (Mon-Fri 12:45 PM-1:30PM), Computer Lab, Exercise classes (see above). Info: 831-637-9275.

+ **7/18: "Container Gardening"** hosted by



Meet the Golden State Warriors' senior dance team, the "Hardwood Classics" (ages 55+)! More at: <https://www.nba.com/warriors/danceteams/hardwood-classics>. (Via NPR)

the Growing Hearts Garden Center at the Park Hill Community Garden. Mostly seniors! FREE. Info: [growingheartsgardencenter.org](http://growingheartsgardencenter.org).

+ **7/19: Meet Aging & Long-Term Care Commission (ALTC)** at the Hollister Farmers Market booth 3 PM-7 PM.

+ **7/27: Homeless Outreach Event at Brigantino Park** 10AM-1PM. Free Lunch (11:30AM), hygiene kits, giftcards, and multiple resource booths. Info subject to change; call ahead at (831) 637-9293.

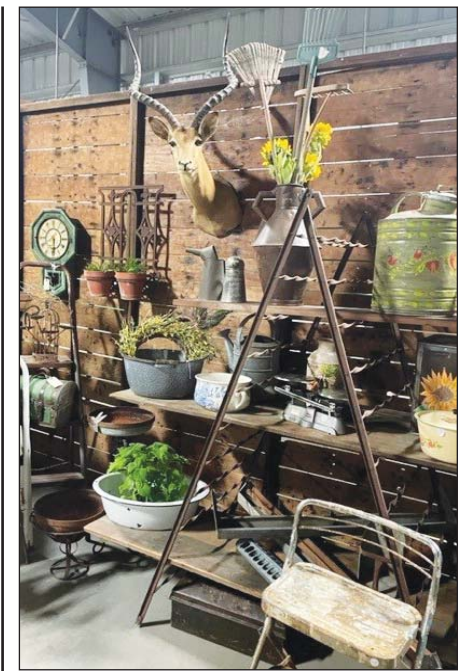
Questions? Email [LeanneO@Seniors Council.org](mailto:LeanneO@SeniorsCouncil.org), call 888-637-6757, browse [www.SanBenitoADRC.org](http://www.SanBenitoADRC.org), or visit my office (M-Th-F 10AM-4PM) in the Senior Center at 300 West Street in Hollister.

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## COMMUNITY

# Come visit the U-Pick Vintage Market 2023

The U-Pick season is a special time of year for B & R Farms. As families and customers from all over the county and beyond enjoy meandering the orchards to experience first-hand the enjoyment of harvesting the apricot fruit, the Rossi Family wanted to share their Vintage Market event as well. Folks will have the opportunity to enjoy artisans and vendors selling a variety of products including vintage furni-

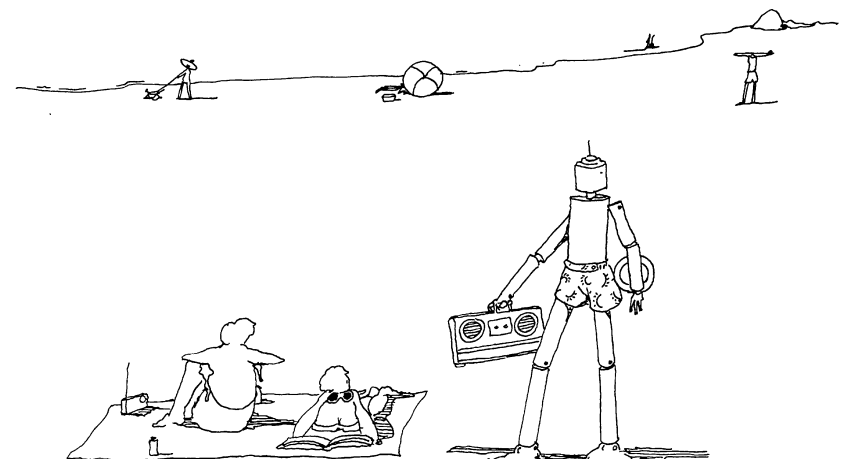


ture, antiques, clothing, crafts, candles, candies, baked goods, jewelry, glasswork, woodwork, handmade items, flowers, baby items, and so much more!

New this year, we are excited to announce an evening Vintage Market Friday, July 7th from 3pm to 7pm! During the evening event, you can sip and shop the Market, enjoy food and refreshments and experience an amazing sunset on the Farm. Then come back and pick a bucket of apricots and shop the 2nd day, Saturday, July 8th from 10am to 3pm. The Market will feature artisans and vendor favorites that we've grown to know and love, as well as newcomers.

So come on out and stroll our farm, pick a bucket of apricots, enjoy a sip of refreshments and browse our Vintage Market! We can't wait to see y'all soon! ■

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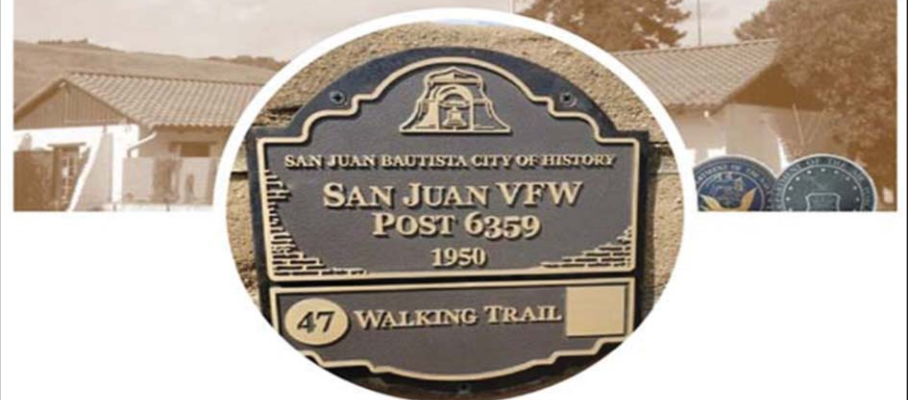
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