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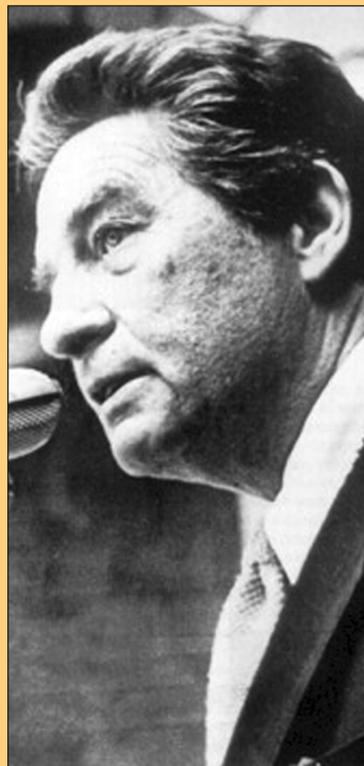
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A quote for our readers

“The Mexican... is familiar with death. [He] jokes about it, caresses it, sleeps with it, celebrates it. It is one of his favorite toys and his most steadfast love.”

– Octavio Paz

On the cover

“El Millonario Mexicano” by cover artist Mateo Vegas. To learn more about the artist, see page 8.

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#BOOKWORM

Grateful and geeky

By Leanne Oliveira

"November at its best — with a sort of delightful menace in the air."

— Anne Bosworth Greene

Hello, my darling local and abroad (Joe F in France!) #Bookworms. This month, I'm especially thankful for our tight yet inclusive literary community. Life can be hard and it's much harder without hobbies/interests or a support network. While I'm on a handful of boards and committees and volunteer all over the place, I also have a F/T job helping seniors and people with disabilities (www.SanBenitoADRC.org), so believe me when I say that I meet people of many diverse paths regularly, and guess what? None of that matters in the book stacks or at a book club dinner. Our concerns around race and religion or pay and politics just fall away while ranting about awful adaptations or cutesy cookbooks. It's so beautiful to see bookworms connect with each other on another level.

I appreciate all of you and am so grateful we have this. If you ever want to meet in person, just email (see bio) or show up at a book sale any Second Saturday behind the SBC Library 9AM-12PM. I'd love to connect.

BIPOC LIVES MATTER

This is huge! The Dolores Huerta Smithsonian Exhibit "Revolution in the Fields" begins this month at the Gilroy Library and runs through January 2023. Related to that, you can attend an in-person discussion with Luis Valdez, Dolores Huerta, and Francisco Jimenez on 11/12 at 2PM! There will also be onsite dancers and mariachi music. Details at SCCLD.org.

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Hosting George Saunders, Aida Salazar, Patty Smith (!) and more. Visit bookshopsantacruz.com for details.



Leanne Oliveira

CLUB #BOOKWORM (est. 2016)

This month we read *The Butcher and the Wren* chosen by clubber Nina Alejandro. Though fictional, it felt like true crime thanks to talented narrators and author Alaina Urquhart who is a *Morbid* podcast co-host and medical examiner/autopsy tech. In the spirit of election season, November's book is *When Justice Sleeps*, a thriller by Stacey Abrams (a Georgia peach and current Candidate for Governor) chosen by moi.

DARK ACADEMIA FICTION

With the sequel for *The Ninth House* finally upcoming and *Atlas Six and Discovery of Witches* adapted onto film, this "campus novel" subgenre shares themes with Gothic literature, spans highbrow literature to New Adult fantasy, and is picking up speed. Learn more about it at rd.com/list/dark-academia-books.

GILROY LIBRARY

Virtual Adult Trivia Night 11/14@6PM! Also offering a Girls Who Code session every Tuesday, LGBTQ+ Safe Space, classes on College Prep and sewing "DIY Fabric Rolls" (to store tools and makeup brushes, picnic silverware, etc.) and more at SCCLD.org. Open Sundays!

INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES ARE SU-



Meet Chanel who stopped by our SBC Library table during National Friends of the Library Week in October. At a Library crafts workshop, she decorated a rainbow pumpkin to match our Prize Wheel. (Picture courtesy my favorite Librarian: Laura Moorcer.)

PERHEROES

Visit NPR to learn about how independent bookstores help in the fight against book banning and why it matters: tinyurl.com/BookstoreHeroes.

LITERARY HOLIDAYS

November is National Picture Book Month, Family Literacy Month, International Games Month, & Novel Writing Month. Family Literacy Day and Authors Day 11/1, UK Non-Fic Day 11/3, Young Readers Week 11/14-11/18 (in conjunction with the Library of Congress and Pizza Hut's Book It! program), Sesame Street Premier Day 11/10 (c. 1969), I Love to Write Day 11/15, World Philosophy Day 11/17, and High-Five a Librarian Day 11/18. Happy Birthday to Neil Gaiman 11/10 and Astrid Lindgren 11/14 (*Pippi Longstocking*)!

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Visit san-juan-bautista.ca.us/community/library.php, call (831) 623-4687, or follow @SJBcityLibrary on FB/Instagram for goodies like notary assistance (have stamp, will travel!) and free online courses and downloadable + streaming entertainment.

MOVIE ADAPTATIONS

I hope by now everyone has watched the adaptations of *Sandman* and *Interview with the Vampire*? Brett Haley is directing Emily Henry's *People We Meet On Vacation*, Harlan

Coben's *Shelter* cast has been posted, and Liam Neeson stars in Neil Jordan's "frisky noir" *Marlowe*.

NEW RELEASES

Visit the Publisher's Weekly calendar at tinyurl.com/BookwormNov22 for #AllTheBooks!

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Email sbcfriends.org@gmail.com for a bilingual Friends Fall newsletter created by yours truly, out now. Zip books (request any item up to \$50 not in the SBCFL catalog and it ships free to you from Amazon) and camping supplies (backpacks, tents, State Park passes, oh my!) are now available free of charge; visit SBCFL.org. For book donations, please call 831-205-1373. Next sale behind the Library is 11/12 @ 9AM-12PM with dog treats and other holiday goodies! (Pets always welcomed.) Keep an eye out for the Bookmobile and/or Techmobile at this month's Lights On Parade!

SECRET SOCIETY OF BOOKS

Intrigued? Grab your kid and check out super cute site secretsocietyofbooks.com. ■

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COMMUNITY

'Guitars not Guns' receives grant

By Steve Harris

The San Benito County chapter of Guitars not Guns (SBCGNG) is back in tune (pun intended), with the support of a grant from the Community Foundation of San Benito County and the collaboration with Youth Alliance.

The program consists of an 8-week course where students are provided the tools to make it a successful and inspiring experience. Each student is supplied with a guitar, carrying case, strap, tuner, instruction booklet, and most importantly, a team of patient and motivating instructors. At the end of the course, students are allowed to keep their instruments and are given the option to either move to a level 2



class or simply take what they have learned and enjoy their musical journey at their own pace.

On November 19, 2022, SBCGNG will proudly graduate our first class of 11 students. SBCGNG is also happy to announce that plans are in the works to add classes in San Juan Bautista/ Aromas early in 2023 with announcements for the first class coming out by year end.

SBCGNG would like to offer a special thanks to Diane Ortiz and Veronica Ochoa from Youth Alliance, our board members Shawn Herrera, Steve Harris and Bob Quaid, and our instructors Bruce Gilसन, Ramona Hill and Richard Primont for their time in bringing this program together.

Guitars not Guns is actively recruiting more volunteer instructors and is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Like us on Facebook @Guitars not Guns San Benito County. ■





Green Business Tips

Shopping green: Small Business Saturday and holiday shopping

By Timaree Nelson

November 26th is Small Business Saturday. Celebrate this day by supporting local businesses in your community. We want to highlight some of our Certified Green Businesses visit our directory to find local Certified Green Businesses to explore! Just go to search.greenbusinessca.org and search by location and/or business type.

Additionally, this is an excellent time to start marketing your own business for holiday shopping! Studies have shown that consumers want to support businesses that are environmentally conscious and take the extra steps to conserve resources. Consider joining our FREE Green Business Certification Program this season. Some benefits include:

- **Saving money on utilities.** Small changes in efficiency can add up!
- **Getting free technical assistance.** We can connect you with resources to make sustainability and efficiency upgrades.
- **Marketing your business as green!** You will be able to let your patrons know that you are dedicated to environmental efforts.



- **Joining our network of fellow green businesses** for local recognition and support.
- **Gaining access to up to \$500 in rebates** for businesses that complete certification.

Interested in getting certified? The San Benito County Green Business Program is here to get your business lean and green. If you have any questions or wish to enroll, contact Saburi Sai at ssai@environmentalin.com. ■



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CITY BEAT**Addressing local parking questions**

By Don Reynolds, City Manager

The City hired a new private security company in June, and part of their duties includes parking enforcement. In the past week, the City has received several questions about parking. Parking laws can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/3SnTZeT>

At the City's website, the latest adopted changes to the parking codes are provided in an ordinance that goes into effect 30 days from October 18, 2022. It will be illegal to block sidewalks and driveways. The Council is considering a modification to the RV parking requirements but has not acted yet. That draft ordinance is also on the City's website.

If you receive a parking citation and do not agree that you committed a violation of the parking laws, the back of the citation has a link to a website where you can submit a request for the citation to be reviewed by a hearing officer. If after the initial review, the hearing officer upholds the citation, and you feel strongly that the citation is wrong, you can schedule a hearing. To schedule a hear-



ing, you must pre-pay the fine amount as a deposit, which will be refunded to you if the citation is dismissed. Visit www.citation-processingcenter.com or call 1 (800) 969-6158.

New water rates go into effect this month. The base rate is increasing from \$55.76 to \$65.91. The volumetric rate is increasing from \$6.35 per 1,000 gallons to \$7.05 per 1,000 gallons. Water conservation efforts will help the City respond to the severe drought and help offset this rate increase. The City will continue to help its utility customers with their bills until September 2023. In the past 9 months, 105 utility customers have received \$37,140 dollars in assistance through this program. To apply, call this number: (831) 637-9293 or (831) 630-5191. ■

**VUE A LA LOO****Schiphol's flies**

In Amsterdam, the tile under Schiphol's urinals would pass inspection in an operating room. But nobody notices. What everybody does notice is that each urinal has a fly in it. Look harder, and the fly turns into the black outline of a fly, etched into the porcelain. It improves the aim. If a man sees a fly, he aims at it. Fly-in-urinal research found that etchings reduce spillage by 80%. It gives a guy something to think about.



That's the perfect example of process control.

According to hoaxes.org, this report is true. Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam has fly-adorned urinals. The Straight Dope claims that New York's Kennedy airport is also considering using the same fake-fly technology. ■

ANZAR NOTEBOOK**Swim and Dive Team is big news for '23**

Hey, Anzar Hawks! Exciting news for 2023 – a swim and dive team! What a wonderful opportunity to improve your swimming skills, get in great shape, represent your school, and have fun. Check it out...

The Anzar High School Hawks will have a swimming and diving team for the 2023 season. Anzar High School competes in the Pacific Coast Athletic League. Because we don't have our own pool, we will be practicing at Watsonville High in their 15-lane pool. We have a pool, a coach, and swimmers for this year's swim season. The swim season begins on January 30 and goes approximately 3 months. We already have 24 swimmers signed up for the team with a goal of 20 girls and 20 boys, which is needed to fill up all the swim meet events. This is an opportunity for students to improve their swimming skills, to get in excellent condition and to have fun representing their school at swim meets. No prior competitive swimming experience is re-



quired. Students with gymnastics experience make good divers. We encourage any student interested to sign up in the office to receive additional information about the team.

ANZAR HIGH SWIM MEETS

Swimmers may enter 2 individual and 2 relay events.

ORDER AND LENGTH OF EVENTS

1. 200-yard medley relay. Fifty yards of backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, freestyle
2. 200-yard freestyle.
3. 200-yard individual medley. Fifty yards of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.
4. 50-yard freestyle
5. 1 meter diving
6. 100-yard butterfly
7. 100-yard freestyle
8. 500-yard freestyle
9. 200-yard freestyle relay
10. 100-yard backstroke
11. 100-yard breaststroke
12. 400-yard freestyle relay

Each swim meet has 1,550 yards of freestyle and 200 yards each of backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.



Most swim meets use 6 lanes allowing us 3 swimmers per event. It takes 18 swimmers to fill the 9 individual and 3 relay events. Our goal is to recruit 20 swimmers for both boys and girls. Please join us and bring a friend.

Swim Team Contacts: Larry Willis llwillis@willisconstruction.com (831-801-7809) and League Representative: Matthew Briney matthew.briney@salinasuhd.org (831-273-7700; 3408). ■

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SBHF NEWS

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Keep an eye on your diabetes

Did you know diabetes is the leading cause of blindness among adults in the United States? This is mostly due to developing diabetic retinopathy which happens from high blood sugar damaging the blood vessels of the retina. Diabetics are also more likely to develop other eye diseases like glaucoma and cataracts. The good news is all of these can be prevented with early detection and treatment.

That is why every patient who has diabetes or high blood pressure is also seen in Ophthalmology at SBHF's clinic.



**SAN BENITO
HEALTH FOUNDATION**

Dr. Nazhat Parveen Sharma is the clinic's ophthalmologist, and she has treated five generations in San Benito County. When she closed her private practice, she wanted to donate the diagnostic equipment to SBHF, which they gladly accepted on one condition—that she worked at the clinic at least one day a week. Dr. Sharma couldn't refuse!

She and the clinic's optometrist, Dr. Joyce Wilbur are the early detectors of conditions not usually seen with the naked eye. The advanced diagnostic equipment they use can show damage caused by diabetes or glaucoma long before the patient has symptoms or a diagnosis. Using an electroretinogram machine, Dr. Sharma has even detected the beginnings of macular degeneration, as well as Alzheimer's and other neurological condi-



Medical pays for all glasses and Dr. Wilbur says, "Just because they're free doesn't mean they have to be ugly!"

tions. She's also able to treat diabetic patients with laser equipment—a valuable and rare offering for a rural health clinic.

Full eye exams are also given to children. Dr. Wilbur is seeing an increased need for prescription glasses in young patients. Not from diabetes, but over exposure to digital devices. Changes in eyesight may go unnoticed in children, but a deeper look by Dr. Wilbur shows what needs to be corrected.

Thomas Phaer said, "The eyes are the windows of the soul." What he didn't say is the eyes can also reflect the health of our bodies.

You can schedule an eye exam at SBHF by calling (831) 637-5306. ■

COVER ARTIST

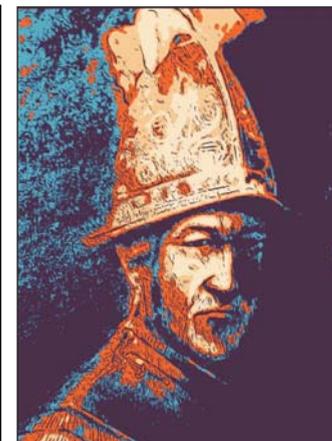
Mateo Vegas

Based in Denver Colorado, Mateo Vegas was raised and nourished by a family of artists. Mateo is an interdisciplinary artist and has been honing his skills in drawing and painting since 1984.

Mateo's progression as an artist is reflected in a number of different mediums and styles, all conveying intellectual, spiritual, emotional and social messages. His drive to discover his own distinctive style led to his interdisciplinary works, which includes digital compositions based from his own original drawings and paintings. Mateo is also a masterful pencil artist and his playful fusion of color and light to traditional styles of drawing and painting allows him to push the boundaries of creativity, telling classic stories in new ways, movements and compositions.

Currently open for collaborations. Please send an email to mvegas4asl@gmail.com. ■

Above right: One of Vegas' intriguing portraits. At right: Mateo Vegas.



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Amateur golfer giving her pro partner golf tips:

"Can you believe she's giving the pro tips? That takes balls."

Last night

Friend: We had a good night. You only fell once.

Other friend: I fell?

Behave thyself

Friend: That doesn't mean much.

Other friend: It's the thought that counts.



or-i-gin

Freelancer: (English)

This word first appears in Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*. Here he describes a kind of mercenary knight that would fight for any side for payment. These "free lances" would be bought for a price by the lords and had no loyalties to any particular cause. ■





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ASK RECOLOGY

Reader flips script with holiday tip

By Shana McCracken

Dear Recology,

The holiday season is upon us, and I've already started thinking about (and not really looking forward to) shopping for gifts. Then it occurred to me! What I treasure most about the holidays are the memories made with family and friends. I'll bet it's the same for a lot of people. So why not use this year's winter season as an opportunity to make more memories with those we love?

— Nostalgic on North St.

Dear Nostalgic,

Thank you so much for your letter! You've given me a gift by prompting me to call to mind some of my own favorite memories: Playing board games in my grandparents' den with my cousins, taking starlit walks with my grandpa, who would point out Rudolph's nose (a passing airplane,



I now realize) blinking in the sky.

Making memories takes time, which seems to be our scarcest resource these days. So what more precious gift could we give our loved ones than a little bit of our time? Thanks to you, I am setting an intention to do just that this year—spend time with those I care about by inviting them over for a cup of hot cocoa or calling them on the phone. Just thinking about it makes me want to get started!

A side benefit will be less waste since time has no packaging and doesn't require wrapping paper! What do you say -- shall we make a pact, Nostalgic? Time instead of things this year? I'll do it if you will.

Zero Wastingly,
Shana McCracken

Shana is
Waste Zero
Manager for
Recology San



Benito County. If you have a question—or an idea—to share, send an email to sbcwz@recology.com.

— Dessert photo by Hannah Balan

ARTS

Jazz @ Gavilan concert returns on November 3

The Jazz @ Gavilan Concert returns this Fall on November 3rd at 7:30 pm, at the Gavilan College Theater. The show will feature two groups, including Gavilan faculty member pianist, Dahveed Behroozi, and tenor saxophonist, Ken Moran, performing as a duet, as well as the Gilroy High School Jazz Ensemble.

Band Director Mitch Goldsmith will be leading the highly talented Gilroy High Jazz Ensemble, performing newer renditions of their jazz repertoire.

Both Behroozi and Moran will be playing original material, as well as selections from the American Songbook. Both musicians have earned high accolades across the international jazz scene.

Jazztimes calls Behroozi “a composer/improviser in possession of important new understandings about lyricism... He is a pianist that gets under your skin.”

General admission is \$20, but students get in for free with their Student ID. Tickets can be purchased online through Brown Paper Tickets, the Gavilan College Bookstore, BookSmart in Morgan Hill, or on the day of the event, at the door.

For more information, email dbehroozi@gavilan.edu. ■



Above: Gavilan faculty member pianist Dahveed Behroozi, and (below) tenor saxophonist Ken Moran.



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Here's your 'recession survival' checklist

It's unfortunate, but recessions are a fairly normal part of the economic landscape. When a recession occurs, how might you be affected? The answer depends on your individual situation, but regardless of your circumstances, you might want to consider the items in this recession survival checklist:

Assess your income stability. If your employment remains steady, you may not have to do anything different during a recession. But if you think your income could be threatened or disrupted, you might want to consider joining the "gig economy" or looking for freelance or consulting opportunities.

Review your spending. Look for ways to trim your spending, such as canceling subscription services you don't use, eating out less often, and so on.

Pay down your debts. Try to reduce your debts, especially those with high interest rates.

Plan your emergency fund. If you haven't already built one, try to create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account.

Review your protection plan. If your health or life insurance is tied to your work, a change in your employment status could jeopardize

this coverage. Review all your options for replacing these types of protection. Also, look for ways to lower premiums on home or auto insurance, without significantly sacrificing coverage, to free up money that could be used for health/life insurance.

Keep your long-term goals in mind. Even if you adjust your portfolio during times of volatility, don't lose sight of your long-term goals. Trying to "outsmart" the market with short-term strategies can often lead to mistakes and missed opportunities.

Don't stop investing. If you can afford it, try to continue investing. Coming out of a recession, stock prices tend to bottom out and then rebound, so if you had headed to the investment "sidelines," you would have missed the opportunity to benefit from a market rally.

Revisit your performance expectations. During a bear market, you will constantly be reminded of the decline of a particular market index, such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Industrial Average. But instead of focusing on these short-term numbers, look instead at the long-term performance of your portfolio to determine if you're still on track toward meeting your goals.

Assess your risk tolerance. If you find your-

self worrying excessively about declines in your investment statements, you may want to reevaluate your tolerance for risk. One's risk tolerance can change over time — and it's important you feel comfortable with the amount of risk you take when investing.

Keep diversifying. Diversification is always important for investors — by having a mix of stocks, mutual funds and bonds, you can reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. To cite one example: Higher-quality

bonds, such as Treasuries, often move in the opposite direction of stocks, so the presence of these bonds in your portfolio, if appropriate for your goals, can be valuable when market conditions are worsening. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee profits or protect against all losses in a declining market.)

A recession accompanied by a bear market is not pleasant. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can boost your chances of getting through a difficult period and staying on track toward your important financial goals.

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MISSION VILLAGE VOICE Q&A

Cristal and Alfredo Avila Co-producers, El Teatro Campesino

By Anne Caetano

Mission Village Voice met with Cristal and Alfredo Avila, co-producers of El Teatro Campesino's Dia de Los Muertos Procession. "Leyendas Nunca Mueren" (Legends Never Die) is the short play that will be performed in this year's procession – on the flatbed truck. It's a magical series of theatrical skits stitched together by music, canto and dance. Be sure to attend this FREE event – rich in cultural history and tradition – Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at El Teatro Campesino's Playhouse, 705 Fourth Street, San Juan Bautista. Get there early to enjoy the beer garden with Corina's Cantina, the display of altars, photo booths, and ETC tiendita (store). For more information, visit www.elteatrocampesino.com or email Cristal Gonzales Avila at gonzalezcris1987@gmail.com.

MVV: What an honor it must be to produce El Teatro Campesino's Dia de Los Muertos procession.

C & A: It means a lot to take leadership of an event that celebrates an ancient tradition that connects everybody because we're all connected through death. Death is one thing we can count on, our final destination.

You are so right.

But really that's our condition, as human beings living in between those two worlds. And then for us as Mexican/American Chicanos, those are also two worlds that we go between. And so, Dia de Los Muertos brings all of that together for us.

And this year's theme?

Leyendas Nunca Mueren (Legends Never Die) is the name of the short play that will be performed in this year's procession. It's a series of theatrical skits stitched together by music, canto and dance. Join us on Lucha Victoria's quest to find leyendas en el más allá (legends in the after life). Our procession begins at ETC playhouse and goes through our historic pueblo; many surprises await.

Will the performances be on the big flatbed truck?

Yes, flatbed truck and a lot more magic, but we want to keep you in suspense. I will share that Danza Conchera- Grupo Nauhcampa will bless our altares and accompany us in the procession. We also have a youth folklorico dance group Estrellas de Esperanza from Watsonville that will be part of our celebration. The procession itself will be

on a flatbed truck, and we're going to make stops along Third Street. The businesses are supporting our set pieces, so we're excited about this collaboration.

And then we take you on this journey with six stops, and at each stop we'll have magic. Look around. Keep your eyes and heart open!

The opening act?

I'm going to leave you hanging on the opening act, but it will be beautiful.

And the altars?

There are four large altares (altars), and we're inviting community members to add to those 4 altars.



What are the meanings of the offerings on the altars?

Everything we place on the altar has meaning. El papel picado (banners) are put on the altar to represent the breath. So, when you see the banners moving, that's the breath of your ancestor passing by.

The cempasuchil (Marigolds) reminds us of the element of the tierra (earth). This flower has a really earthy smell to it. It reminds us of where we come from and where we end, and at the same time the scent of the flower guides the spirits to the altares.

The water is to purify the soul and/or to offer them something to drink because the journey is long from el mas alla and here, the living. The salt also serves as a way to purify the body.

You burn the sap from a tree and the smell is to guide them to their home. This is traditionally used as a way to bless your altar and welcome your dearly departed home for Dia de los Muertos.

And the pan de muerto (bread) represents the body or the heart, el corazon. Butterflies are a symbol of our transformation / evolution. The four levels represent the 4 directions -- 4 elements -- the 4 phases in life. All these elements and many others are typically found in altares, but the most important thing for me is the intention behind your altar. Who is this for? Why are you inviting them to visit you?

Who are the altars honoring?

One of them is dedicated to the campesinos (farmworkers); another is for artists; one for our little animalitos (animals), and the last one is for the pequenos angelitos /little angels, the children that have left us.

If you want to add to any of those altars, we ask that you bring a photocopy of that picture. At the ETC website you will also find a digital way to upload a photo of your loved ones. Visit <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/AfSSa4Wj>

Will the Playhouse be open?



Our Playhouse itself won't be open, but the entire side and the front parking lot will be active. There will be a display of altars, photo booths, and ETC tiendita (store). We're also having our first-time beer garden with Corina's Cantina. So many good incentives to get there at 6pm.

What time does it start and end?

The parking lot opens at 6pm so come visit the altar and connect with the community. The SJB VFW is allowing us to use their parking space as our extended parking lot for this event.

We will return to the playhouse from the procession around eight. And the last half an hour is music and people until about 8:30. Some businesses in town will be open a little later just in case people want to grab a bite afterwards. It's a shorter program than previous years but it's a solid first step to continuing our procession tradition that began at ETC in 1971.

It's such a magical evening. You really do feel the spirit. it's otherworldly.

We're all coming together for the same reason: to laugh, to cry, to celebrate, to hold each other, to see each other, to mourn, to celebrate life. So yes, and the spirits are with



us. There is definitely something very vulnerable about the days leading up to Nov. 2. You're in between spaces and your body feels it. El Teatro Campesino invites your family to celebrate with us.

And your families?

We are very fortunate to be surrounded by so many families that volunteer year after year. They volunteered in making decorations, painting artwork, in the procession...they want to be a part of it. And while doing this communal process of art making, stories come up because people start talking. We've heard a lot of times; "Our

family really needed this," or "This came at the right time." And that's been the most special part for us.

It takes so many people to put this together. And we want to take this opportunity to thank all those families for all the work that they've put in throughout the years. There are so many people to thank: the veterans of El Teatro Campesino, the late Jim West and Rotary of San Juan Bautista, to name a few.

Leyendas Nunca Mueren is a free event, it's magical and it's made with a lot of love, and a lot of beautiful local talent. We really hope you come! ■



LOCAL BUSINESS

It's beginning to look a lot like November!

By Jill Glass Pagan

San Juan Bautista celebrates the upcoming months with age-old traditions and events. There may not be any snow, but the air is alive with the spirit of the holidays. October came alive with the Candidates Meet & Greet, Anzar

High School Homecoming procession, and the Rotary Ghost Walk. In November things really get going with El Teatro Campesino's Dia de los Muertos celebration, National Philanthropy Day, Sip & Shop, Saints appearing on light poles, Community Christmas Tree going up, and of course the Annual Celebration of Lights Parade on December 1.

This November we are especially thankful for all the volunteers that help bring these events and traditions to life. San Juan Bautista Business As-



sociation mission statement: to promote the economic vitality of San Juan Bautista through collaborations with business owners, Mission San Juan Bautista, the State Historic Park, and most importantly with our community -- always preserving age-old traditions and helping to create new ones. These volunteers dedicate countless hours for the good of San Juan Bautista moderating the Calendar of Events, spearheading the traditional Holiday Celebration of Lights décor, promoting and sharing events throughout the year, and working tirelessly behind the scenes to celebrate the community

of San Juan Bautista.

If you would like more information about joining our volunteer force, please reach out to info@SanJuanBautistaCA.com or contact Jillpagan@gmail.com, Heidibalz@att.net or Fran@brewerytwentyfive.com. We meet the first Monday of each month at 9am in the Posada Hotel Lobby.

Have a great month and hope to see you around town this coming season. ■

BENITOLINK

Getting ready for the end of the year!

Over 200 people attended the BenitoLink general election candidate forum on Oct. 11 at the Granada Theater in Hollister. The two-hour event featured seven races, Measures Q and R, and covered topics such as transportation, housing, mental health, agriculture and economic development.

We would like to thank everyone who made this event possible. Thank you to the Community Foundation For San Benito County and our sponsors Brent Redmond Transportation, Golden Memorial, Phil Foster Pinnacle Organic, Wright Bros Industrial Supply, Richard Shelton Insurance Marketing, Rotary Club of San Juan Bautista, SBC Cosmetic Care and True Value Hardware. We also give a big thank you to all of our staff, the candidates, and the community members who took the time to attend this forum.

The full general election forum video is now available on our BenitoLink YouTube page.

Now, our staff is getting ready for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Our end of the year fundraising campaign kicks off November 1 through December 31. During this time your donation is matched thanks to core BenitoLink supporters, NewsMatch, and the Institute for Nonprofit News. Individual donations like yours fund more coverage and deeper reporting. We have plans of hiring an investigative reporter, as well as new updates to our site to better serve our community. Your dollars also help pay for our

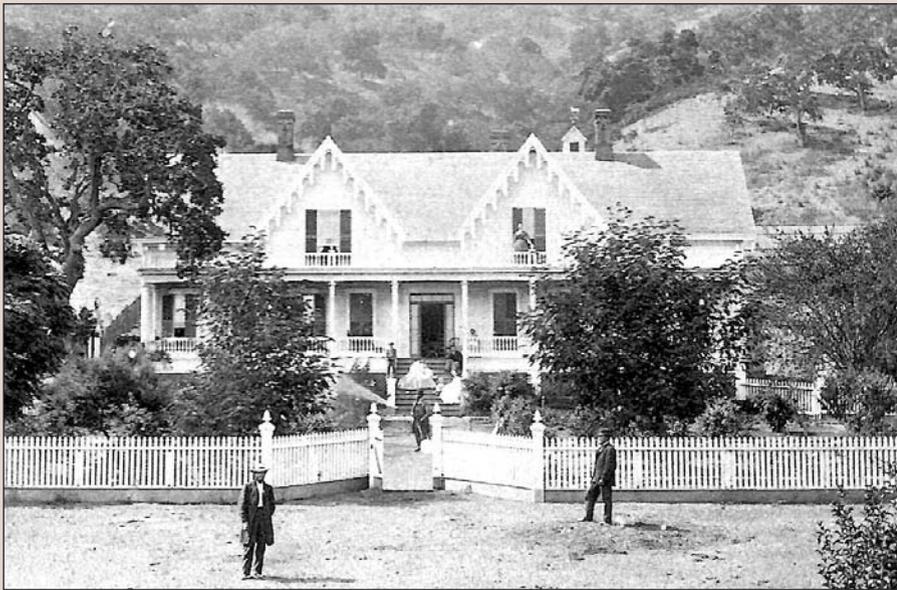


year-round paid internship program and allow us to host more BenitoLink events like public service, nonpartisan election forums and panels.

BenitoLink helps you stay aware of what is happening all over San Benito County- so you can take part in this growing, changing community. Improve San Benito's future by staying informed and supporting BenitoLink, our very own homegrown nonprofit news. ■



San Juan city council candidate EJ Sabathia.



Then photo: Rancho San Justo: Home of the Flint Family, c.1865. Photo credit: Flint Collection, SJB Historical Society. Now photo: St. Francis Retreat 2022, on footprint of old ranch house. Photo credit: Heidi Balz

Then... and Now: The St. Francis Retreat Center on the old Rancho San Justo

By Wanda Guibert
San Juan Bautista Historical Society

"I was born on a sheep ranch in California, the San Justo, near San Juan Bautista, an old mission town of the Spanish padres. It stands in the lovely San Benito Valley, over the hills from Monterey and about a hundred miles south of San Francisco.

The gold days were gone and the time of fruit and small farms had not yet come. On the rolling hills the sheep went softly, and in vacant valleys cropped the lush verdure of the springtime, or in summer sought a scanty sustenance in the sun-dried grasses...

The months went by and I came to know my home. It was among rolling hills whose velvety slopes bounded my world. Over all was the wide blue sky, a bit of it having fallen into a nearby hollow. This was a fascinating pond, for water ran uphill beside the road to get into it. Then there were many fish, none of which ever would get on my bent-pin hook..."

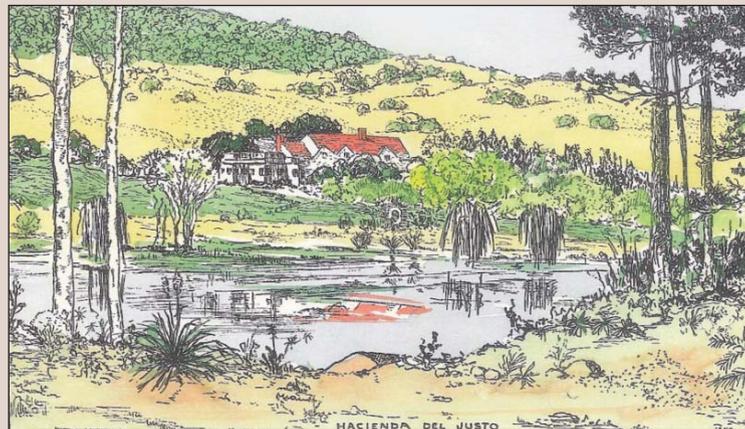
Sarah Bixby Smith (1871-1935)

Through Sarah's reminiscences in Adobe Days, we learn about shepherding and life at Rancho San Justo and "the green-shuttered communal dwelling at San Justo where the Bixby men, recently transported from Maine, introduced their new brides to life out west." Today, under a canopy of oak trees, the winding road up to what is now the St. Francis Retreat transports us to a historic and pastoral setting nestled at the base of the Gabilan Mountains, which harkens back to rancho days. The area is steeped in such a rich cultural and natural history that a timeline may best encapsulate the main events.

1833 Secularization of Missions – land divided into "ranchos."

1836 Rancho San Justo: A 34,615-acre Mexican land grant awarded to Rafael Gonzales, which he soon abandoned.

1839 Rancho San Justo acquired by General José Castro, who shortly thereafter sold to Francisco Pérez Pacheco for



"Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Madame Butler Hedges."
Artist Nutton Webster.

\$1,400.00.

1849 Flint brothers Thomas & Benjamin and cousin Llewellyn Bixby came west from New England to the California gold mines, ultimately forming Flint, Bixby & Company and acquiring ranchos throughout central and southern California, primarily ranching sheep (start of wool industry), cattle and horses.

1855 Rancho San Justo purchased for \$25,000.00 by Dr. Thomas Flint, brother Benjamin & cousin Llewellyn Bixby with Colonel William Wells Hollister as a partner in half of Rancho acreage.

1863 Flint & Bixby built a large New England-style home (all of the millwork was shipped around the Horn) on 73-acre Rancho San Justo, designed with 3 sets of family apartments where they lived communally for 15 years, with a common kitchen, dining room, parlor and office.

1868 Colonel Hollister sold his half of Rancho San Justo to San Justo Homestead Association, which developed the community of "Hollister."

1869-1877 Flint, Bixby & Co. operated The Coast Line

Stage running from San Jose to Los Angeles.

1880 Dr. Thomas Flint elected as State senator.

1896 Flint, Bixby & Co. dissolved after Bixby's death that year; Rancho San Justo land divided by heirs.

1906 In Escarpment on the San Andreas, Dorothy Flint states that the 1906 earthquake shifted the natural water flow and water level of the formerly spring-fed lake, rendering it seasonal. Ed DeGroot, Drinking Water System Operator at the Retreat Center, comments that it generally takes 30" of rain to fill the lake.

1922 San Francisco socialite Madame Leila Butler Hedges bought 2,400 acres of Rancho San Justo for \$150,000.00; she referred to the site as "Hacienda del Justo." Hedges had inherited ½ her mother's large estate in 1921. MacRorie-McLaren Company (est. 1909), landscape engineer firm of San Francisco, prepared a landscape blueprint proposal,

which did not seem to materialize. Donald McLaren, the McLaren partner of the company, was the son of the noted John McLaren who planned Golden Gate Park. The MacRorie-McLaren Company provided a majority of the trees and plants for the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition as well as stadium & grounds of UC Berkeley, Stanford, Santa Clara University. The blueprint proposal included an observatory, tea room & adjacent dance floor, old-fashioned flower garden, heather garden, lawns, formal gardens. With the goal of refilling the lake, Mme. Hedges arranged with the Civilian Conservation Corps to build a small dam at the west edge of the property and a diversion canal. She also expanded the Flint-Bixby ranch house and added a gazebo.

1942 Arthur S. Nyland secured a 5-year lease to 2,400-acre Rancho Hacienda del Justo from Mme. Hedges' son.

1947 Franciscan Order of Friars Minor bought the 73-acre Rancho San Justo (homesite and various structures) for \$100,000.00 to use as a men's retreat center and Friars' home.



Many familiar faces at Men's Retreat 1958. Photo credit: Sigurd Larsen

1951 St. Francis Court is built (the "motel unit" with 16 more rooms)

1958 Lower building constructed (42 more residences) & Chapel-Fireside Lounge

2006 A raging fire destroyed the historic Flint-Bixby ranch house; no injuries but all documents and furnishings lost. Miraculously, no other buildings were damaged.

2009 New St. Francis Retreat Center Spanish-style main building constructed on original footprint of historic ranch house through donations and loans. Vaquero Heritage Days, directed by Jane Merrill, fundraised for St. Francis Retreat and historic Rancho San Justo in 2014, 2016, and 2018. The courtyard in the midst of the facilities features a California native landscape designed by John Greenlee, an internationally known horticulturist and landscape architect specializing in the cul-



Observatory: Portion of proposed landscaping blueprint showing observatory.

tivation and study of grasses and grass-like plants.

2022 The St. Francis Retreat Center is a full-scale retreat and conference center, offering varied conference spaces, restaurant-quality cuisine and dining room, overnight guest accommodations and various outdoor amenities. In the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the Center's staff commits itself to stewardship of the earth by honoring and preserving the Center's natural surroundings while extending hospitality and spiritual support to peoples of all faiths. Retreats include diverse religious groups, quilters, photographers, schools, recovery groups, etc. with attendance once again well over 7,000 guests per year. Info@stfrancisretreat.com Phone: 831-623-4234.

Further reading: *Escarpment on the San Andreas: The Probing of a California Heritage* by Dorothy Flint; *The Diary of Dr. Thomas Flint: California to Maine and Return 1851-1855*; *Adobe Days* by Sarah Bixby Smith; *East of the Gabilans* by Marjorie Pierce; *San Juan Bautista: The Town, the Mission & the Park* by Charles Clough. ■

Last Portion of San Benito County Grant Under Lease

Arthur S. Nyland has leased the 2,400-acre Rancho Hacienda del Justo from E. Walton Hedges Jr. for a period of five years, according to the San Juan News.

About 70 acres of land surrounding the Hedges residence were not included in the lease.

The transaction included the purchase of 320 head of cattle by Nyland.

The land is said to be the last remaining portion of the original San Justo Grant, and was formerly the home of Dr. Thomas Flint. It was acquired by Madame Leila Butler Hedges about 20 years ago.

Title to the land recently passed to Mr. Hedges.

King City Rustler, 7 Sept. 1942

CFFSBC NEWS

Community Foundation and local leaders meet to combat food insecurity

The Community Foundation for San Benito County hosted an informational meeting to bring awareness to the significant unmet need for food assistance affecting thousands of homes across San Benito County. According to a report on Food Insecurity in San Benito County by UC Santa Cruz's Blum Center on Poverty, Social Enterprise & Participatory Governance, one in four San Benito County residents may be at risk for a food shortage.

The report was written by Blum Center Director Heather Bullock and a team of graduate researchers, David Amaral, Emily Hentschke, and Eva Bertram. Data from 2016-2017 and 2019-2020 was analyzed using a "food insecurity index" developed by the Blum Center, which at an aggregate level, estimates the number of meals being missed after considering meals purchased and food assistance provided.

Leaders of food agencies and elected officials in San Benito County were invited to come together at the Community Foundation



to listen to the presentation, ask questions, and brainstorm strategies for reducing food insecurity and to foster collaborative efforts. To get a current position on food insecurity impacting county agencies, Bill Lee, Executive Director of Martha's Kitchen, and Sarah Nordwick, CEO/Executive Director of Community Food Bank of San Benito County, both gave a brief statement of their perspective on present trends in their field. Lee stated that the "demand for food has not gone down" in recent months. Nordwick added that an increase of 50 or more families a week had signed up for services at the Food Bank since January of this year. "This is our community, it's our county, and none of us can make this better unless we all work together," Nordwick stated.

The Community Foundation plans to host a follow-up meeting at the start of 2023 to further support nonprofits and agencies that work to combat food insecurity in San Benito County.

For the full report or access to a recording of the presentation, visit the Community Foundation website at GiveSanBenito.org/FoodInsecurity or email genesis@givesanbenito.org. ■

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MISSION VILLAGE VOICE Q&A

Berenice Rosillo

Director of Cemeteries, Diocese of Monterey

By Anne Caetano

MVV met with Berenice Rosillo, Director of Cemeteries for the Diocese of Monterey. Berenice oversees the entire cemetery operations for 5 active and 6 historical cemeteries including Calvary Cemetery in Hollister, which is one of their most active All Souls' Day Celebrations. Calvary Cemetery's Dia de los Muertos All Souls' Day Celebration is November 2 with a 2:00 pm Mass on site. The Calvary visiting hours are 8am - 5pm; gates close at 5pm.

MVV: How many cemeteries are part of the Diocese of Monterey?

BR: We oversee 4 counties: Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey and San Luis Obispo. Within those 4 counties, we have 5 active cemeteries: Calvary in Hollister, Queen of Heaven in Salinas, San Carlos in Monterey, Holy Cross in Santa Cruz and Old Mission in San Luis Obispo. Aside from them, we have another 6 historical cemeteries that are no longer active.

No longer active?

It means the cemetery is classified as full to capacity, but we still fulfill burials for families that can prove ownership of a burial right. Although we do not keep full-time staff on site, we do maintain the sites.

And columbariums?

We have them in some of our active cemeteries and historical cemeteries. They are walls of niches for cremated remains.

How old is the Calvary Cemetery in Hollister?

It is about 150 years old. The San Carlos Cemetery in Monterey is our oldest; it is

about 200 years old.

How long have you been having the All Souls' Day Celebration at Calvary Cemetery?

About 6 years. It started off with about 100 individuals coming to honor their loved ones, and now we are up to about 600 people coming. We now hire security for the event because the number of attendees is so large that we felt we needed help to manage the time of exit and minimize chaos.

Traditionally families in Latin America are allowed to stay all night to celebrate their loved ones.

What time does the event start in Hollister?

It's an all-day event, starting at 8am when we open the gates, and we will be closing the gates at 5pm.

And what happens during the event?

For this year, since we are still recover-



ing from the pandemic, we will have a pared-down version. We will have a special bilingual memorial Mass at 2:00 pm in the cemetery chapel. Of course, the families gathered at the grave of their loved ones often remember them in prayer and sometimes song, together. It is a beautiful testimony to faith and love.

When do the families start decorating the graves?

They start around mid-October, and the week of All Souls' Day is the most active.

And what are the guidelines for decorating the graves?

For now, we don't allow tables. We ask our families to keep the decorations over the existing plot itself, which is about 3 x 6'. Decorations usually consist of marigolds, photographs of their loved ones, letters, and most often food. It is a beautiful custom of remembrance of our beloved dead to share a meal at the graveside of the favorite foods they enjoyed in this life, in honor of them. We don't allow alcohol. Traditionally, people bring candles, but we don't allow open flame at our cemeteries. It is such a colorful day at our cemeteries.

There must be some beautiful decorations.

Oh, yes. We've had headstones that are completely covered in marigolds. There have been statues created with marigolds. I am always shocked at how creative our families can be when decorating their loved one's graves.

When are decorations removed?

We ask that they be removed by the end

of the week. Anything that is left there will be removed.

Are the families allowed to take food?

Yes, although we don't allow open fires. Most families bring a picnic. A lot of families just come and bring a picnic and spend the day there and honor their loved ones.

What surprised you the most in this job?

The family heritage that I never considered. Once you are here, you realize families come daily, weekly, monthly and once they've lost the hierarchy of the family, the kids and grandkids come back to plan to be laid to rest with their loved ones. It is that long-term foreverness that you've never considered until you've had someone very close to you pass.

What is the hardest part about your job?

Children's burials. Queen of Heaven in Salinas and Calvary in Hollister have the highest rate of infant burials. Hispanic communities really do honor everyone. Whether it's a miscarriage or stillborn, they will go through the entire process of Catholic Funeral Rites while not everybody does.

What the strangest burial request you've had?

You'd be surprised. When I think I've heard it all, something new always comes out. The most common is for pets to be buried with their loved ones. We don't allow it.

Our cemeteries are owned by the Diocese of Monterey, and we are open to everyone no matter your background or religion. We don't turn anyone away. ■

VOICING SOME THOUGHTS

Who wears the apron in your house?

By Halina Kleinsmith

Whether you call it good old country cooking or elegant cuisine, making a great meal boils down to employing logic and chemistry in combining your ingredients.

Chemistry plays a significant part in recipes, producing alternative results, like adding vinegar to milk for buttermilk, leftover pasta water for thinning sauces, lemon juice for retaining color or cutting sweetness, and dashes of sugar to spices for a taste twist.

The ingredients are there, waiting to be mixed, but not haphazardly, as proven successful outcomes result when you stir, whisk, fold or knead in the same direction. This creates an advantage in how molecules work together to promote a chemical reaction that properly structures the mixture, rewarding you with a refined product.

Air is introduced through blender and whisk use, aiding in frothing, fluffing and infusing oxygen delicately into whipped

creams and baking doughs. Applied temperatures spur these ingredients into molecular changes, bringing flour to a new result as pastry and breads.

Experimenting with fabulous flavors continues for us, emanating from the multicultural seasonings shelf. We have ancestors to thank for travelling the world's spice routes and bringing humanity a wealth of unbefore seen or tasted elements.

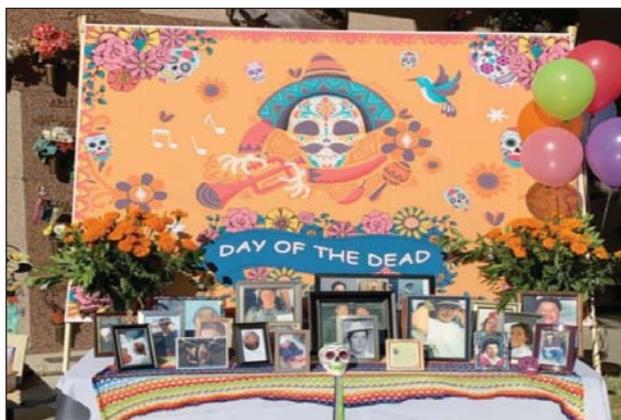
Food memories are triggers for us to be delighted and inspired by. This attention to emulating flavors helps us to cook by taste, and to choose how we wish to sharpen or spark up our cuisine reminiscence.

Using what you love results in comfort food. Adding chocolate, cinnamon, paprika, soy, vinegars, liquors, ginger, pepper fresh and ground, peppers mild to in-

credibly hot, curry, cardamon, clove, saffron, lemon, herbs, spices, grated roots, fruit or vegetable juice, yogurt, milk, cream, sour cream, cheeses, nuts, and more, transports favored indigenous flavors to our tables.

Continued experience thus guides us along to achieving consistency in the tastes, colors, and appearances of our creations.

Presentation is practiced. But as a recent television guest chef said, "As long as it's cooked, it's edible!" Spatulas up to him... ■



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Happy Thanksgiving

We are thinking of you this season and hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



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Community Bulletin Board

Arts Council announces a Latin Night Dance Party at the Ale House

Join the Arts Council at the Grillin' & Chillin' Ale House in Hollister on Friday, Nov. 18th, 7:30-11:30 pm for a Latin Night Dance Party and learn Salsa, Bachata, Merengue and Cumbia in a fun and social atmosphere. All levels of dance experience welcome, no partner or prior experience needed! No cover charge.

The evening's schedule will include:
7:30-8:30 pm- Salsa Lesson with Helen Vazquez; Beginners welcomed; No partner needed

8:30-11:30 pm- Social Dance with DJ Len

For more information, contact the San Benito County Arts Council, at info@sanbenitoarts.org or at 831.636.2787.

Arts Council announces a Winter Pick-Up Dinner for the Arts

The San Benito County Arts Council is excited to announce its 3rd annual Winter Pick-Up Dinner for the Arts on Friday, Dec 2nd. This farm-to-your table experience will consist of a family style, pick-up dinner

prepared by local chef Becky Herbert of the Farmhouse Café.

The winter themed dinner features locally-sourced, organic food and produce and will be available for pick-up at The Art Depot, 35th St., Suite D, located in the historic train depot in downtown Hollister from 5-7:30 pm on Friday, Dec. 2nd.

Dinner tickets are limited and are \$50/dinner for two or \$100/ dinner for four. Ticket sales are now open and end Nov. 25th. Tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Please visit www.sanbenitoarts.org or www.eventbrite.com to see the full menu and to purchase tickets.

The Winter Pick-Up Dinner is part of the Arts Council's end of year Art of Giving campaign to raise funds in support of their local Arts in Education Programs. Other Art of Giving events include the Small Works Exhibition & Art Giveaway Fundraiser, also at the Art Depot on Dec. 2nd, and #GivingTuesday, Nov. 29th. All proceeds from these events will support dance and local Arts in Education Programs serving San Benito County students grades TK-8.

Please email info@sanbenitoarts.org or visit www.sanbenitoarts.org for more information.

ARTS

The Annual Small Works Exhibition & Art Giveaway

By Heidi Jumper, Marketing and Community Engagement Manager, San Benito County Arts Council

November is a celebratory month at the San Benito County Arts Council and marks the hanging of one of our favorite exhibitions of the year. For the past four Novembers, we've welcomed the community to view and enjoy our Small Works Exhibition. This annual art show features works, no larger than 7"x 9", created and donated by over 30 San Benito County based artists.

During this exhibition, art lovers and supporters also have the chance to win one of the exhibition art pieces by making a \$5 donation via the artwork of their choice. The November exhibition will conclude with a Small Works Art Party on Friday, Dec. 2nd, 5:30-8 pm at The Art Depot, 35 5th St. in downtown Hollister.

All donations and event proceeds will support a NEW dance and movement focused Arts in Education Program serving students enrolled in Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and Aromas schools.

The Arts Council would like to thank this year's participating artists for their generous



"Fish" by Dan Campos

donation of artworks and continued support.

2022 Small Works Artists include: Kathleen Sheridan, Glynis Crabb, Keith Bonner, Danae Parra, Clay Peer, Dylan Sandstrom, Heidi Jumper, Adam Valentino, Andrea McCann, Sulas Jumper, Kent Child, Louise Roy, Stephanie Skow, Dar Brenneise, Wilbur Hurley, Nicole Maican, Donna Lopez, Dan Campos, Ashton Jumper, Laurie Tholen, Stacy Koontz, Arturo Rosetti, Rachel Wohlander, Jeanine Riddle, Devii Rao, Phillip Ray Orabuena, Maria Elena Madrigal, Max Rain, Eric Tapley, Rebecca Pearson, Francesca Damkar, Hannah Gelb, Maureen Serafini, and more.

For more exhibition information and for special viewing hours, please contact the San Benito County Arts Council at heidi@sanbenitoarts.org or visit www.sanbenitoarts.org. ■

CELESTIAL EVENTS



November 4, 5 - Taurids Meteor Shower. The Taurids is a long-running minor meteor shower producing only about 5-10 meteors per hour. It is unusual in that it consists of two separate streams. The first is produced by dust grains left behind by Asteroid 2004 TG10. The second stream is produced by debris left behind by Comet 2P Encke. The shower runs annually from September 7 to December 10. It peaks this year on the the night of November 4. This year the nearly full moon will block out all but the brightest meteors. But if you are patient, you may still be able to catch a few good ones. Best viewing will be just after midnight from a dark location far away from city lights. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Taurus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

November 8 - Full Moon in Taurus. 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 11:03 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Beaver Moon because this was the time of year to set the beaver traps before the swamps and rivers froze. It has also been known as the Frosty Moon and the Dark Moon.

November 8 - Total Lunar Eclipse. A total lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes completely through the Earth's dark shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse, the Moon will gradually get darker and then take on a rusty or blood red color. The eclipse will be visible throughout eastern Russia, Japan, Australia, the Pacific Ocean, and parts of western and central North America. (NASA Map and Eclipse Information)

November 9 - Uranus at Opposition. The blue-green planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view Uranus. Due to its distance, it will only appear as a tiny blue-green dot in all but the most powerful telescopes.

November 17, 18 - Leonids Meteor Shower. The Leonids is an average shower, producing an average of up to 15 meteors per hour at its peak. This shower is unique in that it has a cyclonic peak about every 33 years where hundreds of meteors per hour can be seen. That last of these occurred in 2001. The Leonids is produced by dust grains left behind by comet Tempel-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1865. The shower runs annually from November 6-30. It peaks this year on the night of the 17th and morning of the 18th. The second quarter moon will block many of the fainter meteors this year. But the Leonids can be unpredictable so there is still potential for a good show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Leo, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

November 23 - New Moon in Scorpio. The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 22:58 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.

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ARTS

The Art of Gaman

By Wanda Guibert

In October 2005, third generation Japanese American Delphine Hirasuna published *The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps 1942-1946*. Hirasuna explains that the Japanese word gaman (gáh-mon) means “enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity.”

“Struggling to form communities within the camps, the internees practiced gaman through artistic expression – fashioning furniture from scrap lumber, weaving baskets from unraveled twine, making corsages from shells dug up from an ancient seabed.” Indeed, their creations celebrate “the nobility of the human spirit under adversity.” Hirasuna adds, “The things they made from scrap and found materials are testaments to their perseverance, their resourcefulness, their spirit and humanity.”

Finding a tiny wooden bird brooch with a safety pin clasp on the back among her late mother’s keepsakes, Hirasuna wondered what other art objects had been created at “camp” and began her research. Beautiful photographs in her book reveal her many discoveries.

Carving little birds from wood was a common art form in the camps, inspired by old National Geographic issues featuring birds. She describes the process as drawing a pattern on scrap lumber, sculpting and then sanding into a 3-dimensional form. The final step was to paint and lacquer the bird and glue a safety pin onto the back. These birds



Birds photo from *The Art of Gaman*.
Photo by Terry Heffernan

are just a small sampling of the amazing artistry created during the adversity of internment, using discarded and indigenous raw materials.

Years ago, RoseMarie “Mim” Lavagnino Caetano was gifted with 3 bird brooches by her classmate Namie Yamanishi Naito, whose father Tadao Yamanishi crafted them while their family was confined at Poston, Camp 2. Mim donated those treasures to the San Juan Bautista Historical Society in 2016. They appear to be a tropical bird (possibly a Scarlet Macaw with a cropped tail), a blue jay, and a finely-detailed bald eagle or other raptor, each perched on a little twig. Tadao was a farmer in the San Juan Valley, and during internment, Greek immigrant Sam Regas took care of the Yamanishi farm while continuing to conduct his own growing, packing, and shipping of the “Delicia” Spinach brand.

Sam Regas was also one of the local businessmen who helped his Japanese American neighbors rebuild their lives after WWII. In a recent phone interview, Namie fondly recalls Mr. Regas as “a friend to the Japanese who was very kind to all of us.” The Lavagnino family was also sympathetic to the Japanese during their “evacuation.” Stephanie Caetano Correia shares, “This isn’t common knowledge, but there was a full basement below my grandparents’ house [John H. & Rose Lavagnino] with a cement driveway and garage door. During the war my grandparents stored many cars for their Japanese neighbors. Out in the San Juan Valley, the Caetano, Fontes, Freitas, Minhoto, and other families also helped their neighbors.”

Though she has been away from San Juan since 1942 – 80 years – Namie wistfully says, “San Juan is still my hometown and has always been special.” Both Namie and Rose-Marie celebrate their 91st birthdays this year. ■



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DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION - SJB CEMETERY
SJB Cemetery. casadecolor@gmail.com or 831.245.9129

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALL SOULS DAY - CALVARY CEMETERY HOLLISTER 8am-5pm. 2pm Special Mass on site.

EL TEATRO CAMPESINO DIA DE LOS MUERTOS PROCESSION 6 - 8:30pm Outdoor events at El Teatro Campesino Playhouse. 7pm Procession through SJB. Elteatrocampesino.com

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3

GOLDEN STATE THEATRE PRESENTS - THREE DOG NIGHT LIVE IN CONCERT Visit goldenstatetheatre.com

CARMEL SUNSET CENTER PRESENTS - CAPITOL COMEDY Hilarious Troupe Eases Midterm Election Anxieties by poking fun at American Politics. Visit sunsetcenter.org

JAZZ @ GAVALAN CONCERT 7:30pm. Gavilan College Theatre. Pianist Dahveed Behroozi, Tenor Saxophonist: Ken Moran & The Gilroy HS Jazz Ensemble. Email dbehroozi@gavalan.edu

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4 - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

CARMEL SUNSET CENTER PRESENTS - BALLARE CARMEL World-Class Contemporary Dance. Visit sunsetcenter.org

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

GOLDEN STATE THEATRE PRESENTS - LYLE LOVETTE & JOHN HIATT Visit goldenstatetheatre.com

PAINT & PLANT FRIDA 12-4pm. Paint & plant drop in class. Thegardenshoppeandbar.com

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

CAREGIVER UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE 2022 8:30am-12pm. FREE EVENT. Tides Hotel, Monterey. Register www.delmarcaregiver.org/education

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

JAPANESE - BRAZILIAN FUSION EXPERIENCE 1-4pm. Live music, beer tastings, japanese inspired meal. Thegardenshoppeandbar.com



Saturday, November 26

32ND ANNUAL LIGHTS ON CELEBRATION & PARADE-DOWNTOWN HOLLISTER 10am-2pm Holiday Car Display, ALL DAY Dec-A-Tree, 5:30pm Lights On Parade, 7pm Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Visit downtownhollister.org for a complete list of events.

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

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8

FULL MOON LUNAR ECLIPSE IN TAURUS

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10

SUCCULENT PUMPKIN MAKING CLASS FOR SENIORS OF SJB! 11am. SJB Community Center. With Landscape designer Rose Mary Bridwell \$10/\$25 Bring your own pumpkin. Mary Edge 831.262.3484 or maryedge@sbc-global.net

SJB COMMUNITY RECREATION THINK TANK 6-8pm. SJB VFW. Talk about "community-based" recreation resources, programs & events. Hosted by Economic Development Citizens Action Committee. Contact BrianFoucht 831.623.4661

GOLDENSTATE THEATRE PRESENTS - DROPKICK MURPHYS American Celtic Punk Band. Visit goldenstatetheatre.com

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY SJB CEMETERY 10am. Open house SJB VFW Post to follow. Vintage historical photos and stories, hot dogs & burgers, canteen open all day!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

AROMAS GRANGE PRESENT DAYAN KAI & FRIENDS 4:30pm. With special guest: Aromas Musician's Chris McDougall & Richard Smith. Visit www.aromasgrange.org or email concerts@aromasgrange.org

MONDAY NOVEMBER 14

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.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15

CALIFORNIA BLUEGRASS REUNION WITH OTTER OPRY 4pm. Monterey Methodist Church. Visit www.otteropry.com

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18

ARTS COUNCIL LATIN NIGHT DANCE PARTY 7:30-11:30pm/ Grillin n Chillin Ale House, Hollister. 7:30 Salsa lessons 8:30 Social Dance with DJ Len. info@sanbenitoarts.org or 831.636.2787

MEET, GREET & EAT 7-10pm, Fun ice breaker activities & the eats are on us. Thegardenshoppeandbar.com

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT PROPAGATION CLASS 10am-noon FREE. Take home pots & slips. Coffee, tea & snacks. @ Wildfarmers, 20112 Panoche Road, Paicines. www.wildfarmers.org or 831.313.5574 of stork@storkpeterkin.org

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

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MERCHANT HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 11am-7pm. Sponsored by San Juan Bautista Community Business Association.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19 - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

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Friday, November 25

CARMEL SUNSET CENTER PRESENTS - VIENNA BOYS CHOIR Beloved European Youth Choir Rejoices in Holiday Classics. Visit sunsetcenter.org

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22**GAVILAN COLLEGE REGISTRATION STARTS** Gavilan.edu**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23****BLACKOUT WEDNESDAY & MARCI'S BIRTHDAY BASH** 6:30-9:30pm. Join us for some pre-thanksgiving fun with DJ Junior D and The JJ Hawg Band. RSVP'S greatly appreciated. Thegardenshoppeandbar.com**NEW MOON IN SAGITTARIUS****THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24****ST. FRANCIS RETREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL** 11am-3pm. We are continuing the tradition of SJB's free community Thanksgiving meal, featuring traditional American & Mexican dishes along with music & family games. ALL ARE WELCOME! 831.623.4234 or info@stfrancisretreat.com**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25****CARMEL SUNSET CENTER PRESENTS - VIENNA BOYS CHOIR** Beloved European Youth Choir Rejoices in Holiday Classics. Visit sunsetcenter.org**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26****THANKSGIVING WEEKEND HIKE** 10am-2pm Families welcome! Hike through the Nyland & Rancho Larios properties @ picnic lunch. www.sanbenitolandtrust.org/ranch-days**32ND ANNUAL LIGHTS ON CELEBRATION & PARADE-DOWNTOWN HOLLISTER** 10am-2pm Holiday Car Display, ALL DAY Dec-A-Tree, 5:30pm Lights On Parade, 7pm Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Visit downtown-hollister.org for a complete list of events.**SJB LOCAL HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT BAZAAR** 507 Third St., SJB Contact Mrs. B's Z Place 831.623.8880**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26 -
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27****HOLIDAYS ON THE FARM - VINTAGE MARKET** 10am - 4pm. B & R Farms, 5280 Fairview Rd., Hollister.**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**W.I.N.G.S** 9:30 - 11:30am. Spiritual growth & fellowship. St Benedicts Hall, Hollister. Every other Wednesday. Call 650.595.0392 or thehealys94070@yahoo.com**THURSDAYS****TRIVIA NIGHT WITH MIGUEL SILVA** 6:30-8:30pm. Prizes! Every Wednesday. Vertigo Coffee Roasters, SJB. Vertigo-coffee.com**EVENING BICYCLE RIDE** 6pm @ Off The Chain Bikes, 22 mi. bike ride. Santa Ana Rd thru backroads, moderate-fast. www.offthechainbikes.com**FRIDAYS****LIVE MUSIC AT DAISY'S SALOON** 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, SJB. 831.623.4484**SATURDAYS****SATURDAY MORNING BICYCLE RIDE** 8am @ Off the Chain Bikes. A 22 mi. bike ride. Santa Ana Rd thru backroads, moderate-fast. www.offthechainbikes.com**SJB PICKLEBALL PLAYDAYS** 9am-1pm. SJB School. Beg.-Advanced. \$2 sugg. donation.**LIVE MUSIC AT DAISY'S SALOON** 9pm-1am. Daisy's Saloon, SJB. 831.623.4484**SUNDAYS****LIVE MUSIC AT DAISY'S SALOON** 2-6pm. Daisy's Saloon. SJB 831.623.4484**WATCH FOOTBALL @ SAN JUAN VFW CANTEEN** 12pm. 58 Monterey St., SJB.**Save the Date****THURSDAY DECEMBER 1 -
FRIDAY DECEMBER 2****WATSONVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ARTS & CRAFT FAIR** 11am-4pm. Baked goods and hand crafted items. Community Health Trust Building. Email Sonia Westphal at keson1@comcast.net**FRIDAY DECEMBER 2****ANNUAL SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION & ART GIVEAWAY** 5:30-8pm. Art Depot, downtown Hollister. Info heidi@sanbenitoharts.org or www.sanbenitoarts.org**SATURDAY DECEMBER 3****UNITED WAY GALA** 5pm. Swank Barn. Contact Vicki Fortino 831.245.0051 or www.unitedwaysbc.org**SATURDAY DECEMBER 3****ROTARY OF SJB HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS PARADE** Visit rotarysanjuanbautista.com 831.320.1764**SJB STATE HISTORIC PARK/LIVING HISTORY HOLIDAY DECORATING** Visit www.parks.ca/gov or 831.623.4881**SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 -
SUNDAY DECEMBER 4 & 10****HOLIDAYS ON THE FARM - VINTAGE MARKET** 10am - 4pm. B & R Farms, 5280 Fairview Rd., Hollister.**FRIDAY DECEMBER 9 -
SUNDAY DECEMBER 11****ST. FRANCIS RETREAT - ADVENT RETREAT** Topic: Sisters Saints of Advent, Led by Jan Stegner register www.stfrancisretreat.com/events or call 831.623.4234. St. Francis Retreat, San Juan Bautista.**SUNDAY DECEMBER 18 -
MONDAY DECEMBER 19****SAN BENITO DANCE PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER** Sherwood Hall, Salinas. Visit SanBenitoDanceAcademy.com**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25****ART SHOW ON FEBRUARY 25TH- CALL FOR ARTISTS!** Call for artists and selection for poster artists thru December 30. Please send samples contact micheale-laforge@gmail.com.**Holidays on the
Farm Vintage
Market 2022**

Mari and Jim Rossi dreamed of starting a Cozy Christmas event in their garage featuring local small businesses selling homemade treasures. Who knew that 20 years later, B & R Farms would evolve as one of the longest running Holiday Markets in the County!

The Rossi family and friends are so excited as they prepare to celebrate 20 years of B & R Holidays on the Farm November 26 and 27, December 3, 4 and 10 from 10 am - 4 pm! The Holidays are their favorite season, and they look forward to everything that comes with it. Cooler weather, twinkling lights, the smell of pine and most of all - Holiday shopping! Oh, and to make this year even more special, a free gift to the first 20 shoppers!

The warehouses will transform into a holiday-inspired Vintage Market featuring local art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, home decor, consumable yummys and plenty of seasonal gifts. You can also pick up fresh holiday wreaths and garlands at the Flower Cart.

Start your morning at the outdoor bar featuring hot apricot cider, apricot turnovers from El Nopal, coffee, and cocoa. For a small donation you can sip local wine and beer with proceeds benefiting local nonprofits around San Benito County. You won't want to miss Hapa Brothers - a scratch kitchen food truck featuring amazing Asian Fusion Cuisine - YUM!

You can't have a Holiday event without the Big Guy in Red! Take pictures with Santa Claus Dec. 3, 4 and 10 from 11-2. We'll also be rolling out Vintage Cars for another photo worthy spot.

Invite your family and friends, bring your shopping list and join us as we celebrate 20 Years of B & R Holidays on the Farm - November 26 and 27 or Dec. 3, 4 and 10. Parking and admission is free! ■



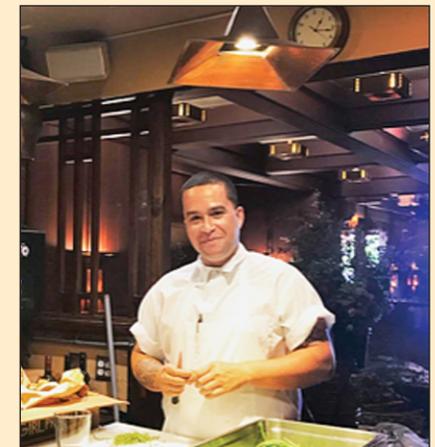
BEEN THERE, DONE THAT



Alexia Sanchez honoring her mother Amanda Marie Cherny-Reyes.



Friends volunteers Sandy Gabe and Cindi Snow at the SBC Library during National Friends of the Library Week.



Chef Lucas Morris-Lopez is interning at Chez Panisse in Berkeley – congratulations, Lucas!



TINKERBELL, waitressing 20 years at California Grill in Watsonville.



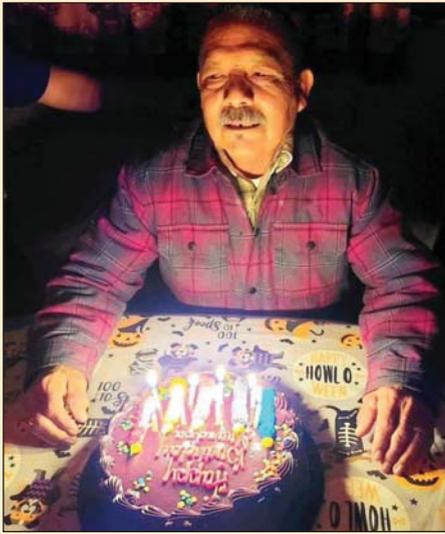
SBALT Ranch Day on the Nyland property. L-R Alan Robertson, Tina Jollyschmidt, Brian Schmidt, Ben Combs, Kris Hernandez and Suzanne Pelkey.
Below: Second grader at Calaveras School, Cattaleya, and her creation for the Art Council's SBC Cardboard Challenge.



CHANCHITOS!

CHANCHITOS
In the small village of Pomaire, Chile, it is believed that "chanchitos", little pigs, bring good luck. Three legged chanchitos are especially fortunate and are traditionally given to friends as a token of goodwill and love.
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BEEN THERE, DONE THAT



John Sanchez celebrating his 75th!



Above: Charlotte King Rocha in her cheerleader outfit from 40 years ago!



Cara Denny celebrating 20 years in real estate L-R Fran Fitzharris, Sarah Griss, Brianna Tome, Cara Denny, Jen Sparkle and Cherie Foletta.



At left: Arts Council Teaching Artists at the Art Depot to plan the Visual Arts Program at Hollister School District.



Hollister High Class Of 1982 40th Class Reunion!



Hollister High class of 1975 get together.



SBC Manager Ray Espinosa, Supervisors Kolin Kosmicki & Bea Gonzalez-Ramirez, Librarians Nora Conti & Erin Baxter & Supervisor Bob Tiffany at Library Kiosk Groundbreaking on Riverview Dr., Hollister.

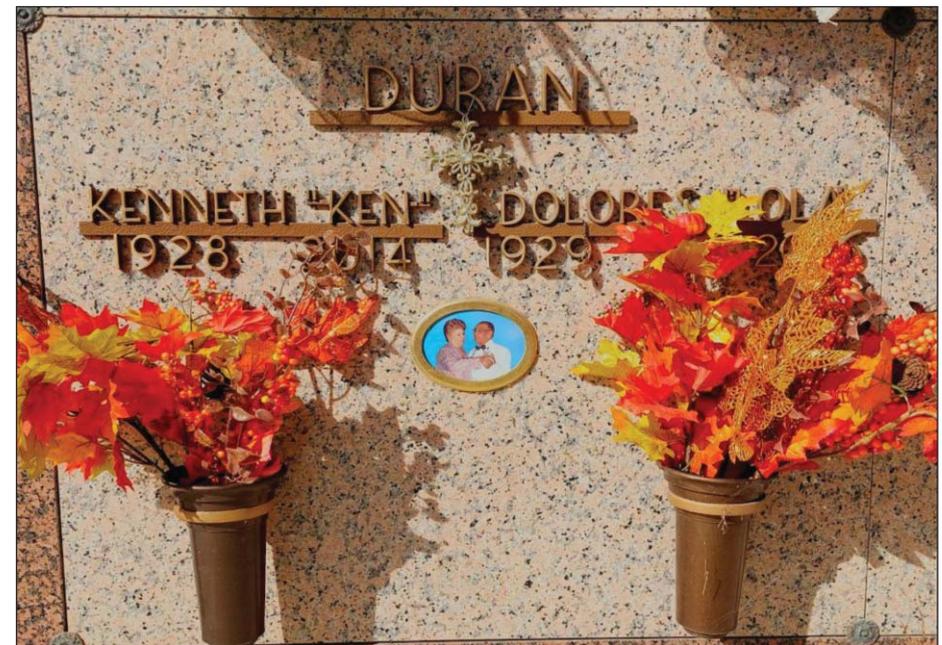


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HEADSTONE OF THE MONTH

The Honorable Ken Duran

The Honorable Ken Duran Served Hollister City Council 1992 - 2000. Served two terms as Hollister Mayor. President of LULAC, and a founding member of the San Benito County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Mexican American Committee on Education. ■



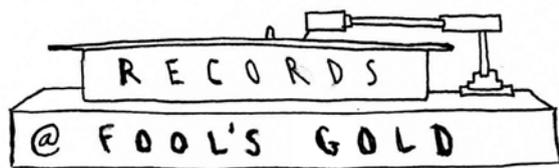
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SBALT supporters attended the 2nd annual Farm Tour and Reception at Phil Foster Ranch in October. Photo by Bob Connolly.

SBALT NEWS

Members enjoy on-farm learning, tasty bites at annual event

By Meghan Knowles
SBALT Administrative Assistant

Phil Foster walks with a shovel on his property in San Juan Bautista. Following him is a group of SBALT supporters (donors and volunteers), eager to learn about the sustainable practices he has employed for three decades. Phil stops at the intersection of a row of apple trees, row crops, and a hedgerow. He digs into the soil of the apple orchard and row crops to show visitors the difference in soil color and composition between the two. The group is noticeably impressed.

Soils on Phil Foster Ranch, also known as Pinnacle Organically Grown, are improved with cover crops, compost, manure from local sources, and varying degrees of tillage. On the western edge of the farm is a dense hedgerow comprised of a variety of native shrubs and trees selected by regional experts. Native plants require little water and attract a diversity of beneficial insects that provide natural pest control and increase pollination. The hedgerow also provides wind protection. In fact, Phil explains, one foot in vertical height can provide ten linear feet of wind protection.

Four participants were also surprised to learn that the farm produces more than 40 different fruits and vegetables. As Phil talked to the group, it was clear that all decisions are made carefully and with sustainability in mind to produce high quality produce.

After the farm tour, attendees were treated to a reception catered by Katherine Foster and friends. Recently retired from teaching at Hollister High School, Katherine



excels at the culinary arts. She prepared beautiful savory appetizers and delicious sweet treats for the group – all made with farm-fresh ingredients.

The gathering was joyous as fellow SBALT members socialized over wine and appetizers, discussing their connection to the land. SBALT Executive Director, Lynn Overtree, provided a re-cap of the Land Trust's recent accomplishments, and Phil Foster spoke to the group about his experience working with SBALT to place a permanent conservation easement on his ranch.

Would you like to attend an SBALT member event? Consider joining one of our monthly Ranch Days, volunteering on a committee, or making a donation. Visit our website to learn more: www.sanbenitolandtrust.org. ■



Guests enjoyed a lovely reception on the patio of the Fosters' home. Photo by Bob Connolly.

CFFSBC NEWS

Women's Fund holds series of Financial Workshops

According to a 2019 survey by Laurel Road, a national online lending company, the lack of basic financial skills is felt more acutely by women. Only 66% of women reported having an emergency fund versus 82% of men, and women were also twice as likely as men to not have any money saved for retirement.



To help provide women with the necessary tools to be in control of their financial well-being, the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation for San Benito County assembled a Financial Health and Well-Being workshop series. This was the second series that the Women's Fund had done; the first was a successful online event in 2020.

This year, a 3-day workshop was completed in person at the Community Foundation Epicenter. All guests were gifted a binder full of informational worksheets, templates, and other resources to follow along with the series and take home. Each day consisted of a different guest speaker passionate about helping women succeed in their financial journey, and covered a new financial topic. Guest speakers and their topics include:

- Shannon Wilkinson, CPA, on how to budget, important documents to keep, debt management, and more.
- Alexis Winder, Financial Advisor/ Edward Jones. On investing, retirement accounts, and life insurance basics.
- Marla Pleyte, Estate Planning Attorney, on estate planning, family trusts, and asset protection for you and your family.

Twenty-five women attended the morning or evening sessions of the workshop with a majority reporting the time spent was valuable, and all of whom said they felt the speak-



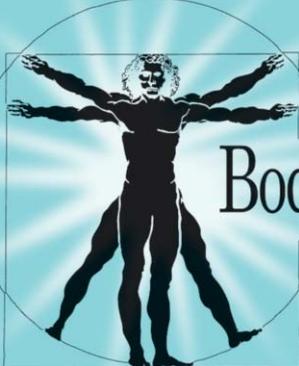
ers were knowledgeable. The workshop series was highly recommended by all of our participants, many of whom stated it was a "good foundation" and "important information for better planning". One remark was that it was "very helpful – [the workshop] encouraged us to think about what we have in place."

An additional budgeting-specific workshop taught in Spanish by Laura Garcilazo, CPA, was held at Youth Alliance for 19 people. "Excellent. Very professional, to the point," "Such good information," and "I loved the session and would have liked a longer session" are only a few of the many positive comments made about the Spanish workshop.

The Women's Fund made it a goal to provide a safe and supportive place to learn and ask questions to professionals in the financial field, and to help women forge a solid financial future with the new skills learned when put into practice.

Financial health is essential and the information shared should be circulated more widely among women. For this purpose, each of the workshop sessions in English was recorded for anyone interested in still learning the information but didn't get a chance to attend in person. You can find a playlist on [Youtube.com/cffsbc](https://www.youtube.com/cffsbc).

For more information on the Women's Fund, email Brenda at BWeatherly@givesanbenito.org. ■



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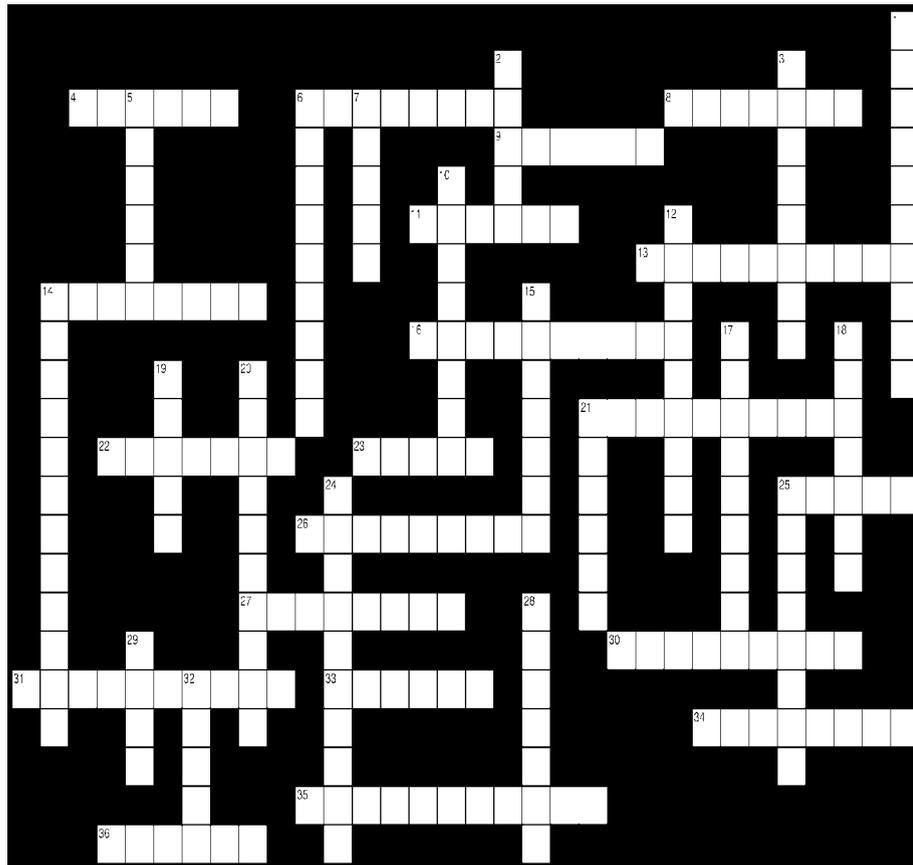
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- 6 ++ "It's all over now ___". Dylan
- 8 ++ Birthplace of the Blues, Tenn.
- 9 ++ Talk a blue ___
- 11 ++ "___ Prison Blues
- 13 ++ Working class folk
- 14 ++ A sound stock option
- 16 ++ Miles Davis tune and album
- 21 ++ Roses are red, ___ blue
- 22 ++ Old Blue Eyes
- 23 ++ ___ Blue Ribbon beverage
- 25 Pickling solution
- 26 ++ "___ Hill", Fat's Domino
- 27 ++ One fish, two fish, red fish, ___
- 30 Huffed and puffed

and blew the ___

- 31 ++ Elvis has some blue ones
- 33 Port city in Russia
- 34 ++ "___, I saw you standing alone..."
- 35 ++ Down in the dumps
- 36 ++ Bunyon and ___ the blue ___

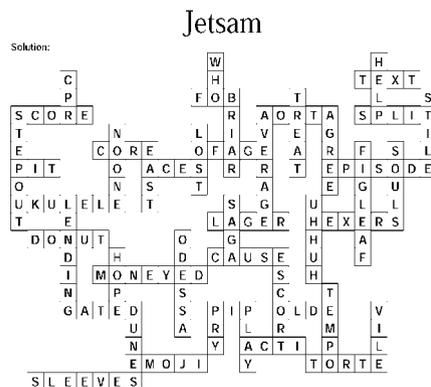
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- 2 Mexico City cash
- 3 ++ Gershwin's" ___ in Blue"
- 5 Delphic prophet
- 6 ++ From nobility?
- 7 ++ Ronstadt's "Blue ___"
- 10 ++ Even ___ get the Blues. Tom Robbins
- 12 ++ A low priced special of the day

- 14 ++ A bad bruise
- 15 ++ Billie ___," Lady Sings the Blues"
- 17 ++ You can scream till you're blue ___
- 18 Bacteria-free
- 19 Bluegrass staple
- 20 ++ Chicken stuffed with ham and cheese

- 21 ++ David Lynch's Blue ___
- 24 ++ Into the wild ___
- 25 ++ Old, new, ___ and blue
- 28 Fill a nail hole
- 29 Gas in signs
- 32 Authority in cards

Last month's puzzle solution



HOROSCOPE

NOVEMBER 2022 by Hilda De Anza



ARIES
March 21-April 20
 What is crucial for you now is the retrograde movement of your ruler Mars, which can evoke the strangest feeling in you that everything has come to a standstill. It seems that you have gone too far too fast, and you need to go back and consolidate. Early November is an extremely important time for security matters, both on an emotional level, and economically. You can never know when unexpected change will arrive, so be prepared.



TAURUS
April 21-May 21
 November is going to be a very significant time for you because of the lunar eclipse on the 8th, which falls in your sign. There is intense focus on the important relationships in your life, and as the eclipse falls exactly on Uranus, which currently is in Taurus. The atmosphere changes considerably mid-November, and a period begins when you rediscover your voice and sense of freedom.



GEMINI
May 22-June 21
 Expect change at work, but it is also an excellent time for major discoveries which are facilitated by your curiosity and ability to delve deep below the surface to unearth things that have been hidden for a long time. The rest of November is a lot more upbeat, and you can expect expansive developments in personal relationships. You will be in the company of interesting people who have new propositions which will expand your circle of contacts and perhaps also bring travel.



CANCER
June 22-July 22
 November brings important and unexpected events in your social life and romantically. Secrets come to light, and there is a shock factor involved. Perhaps there is an exciting group or event, but there is something about this period that can unsettle you, and if you run into opposition, you should keep your cards close to your chest. End November is a much more upbeat period, and the focus is very much on clients, customers and colleagues.

LEO
July 23-August 22
 Early November will be busy and



intense, culminating in a lunar eclipse on the 8th which is very likely to trigger long-awaited changes that will affect your domestic life, and or your career. Outside pressures that have destabilized relationships and your professional life come to a head in one way or another. End November is a lot less serious and a lot more fun. You are fortified by enriching psychological insights. Your natural charm and performance ability is highlighted.

VRGO
August 23-September 22



The lunar eclipse on the 8th heralds some radical changes. These changes can have repercussions on various areas in your life. Your detective abilities peak, and you are sure to unearth explosive facts currently. There is sure to be a lot of controversy too, and there will be people who resist changes that are called for. Things settle down in the second half of the month, and there is a much greater focus on home and family.

LIBRA
September 23 October 22



Early November is a very sensitive time for you, when you are concerned about protecting what is valuable to you both materially and in important relationships. You are joined by a close companion or advisor who helps you navigate through difficult territory, and this partnership helps you avoid troubles and adapt to unpredictable change. Mid-November, there is a transition, and there is a new sense of optimism and possibility.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21



On November 8th there is a lunar eclipse with the Sun in Scorpio and the eclipsed Moon in your opposing sign Taurus. The unusual quality of this eclipse highlights sudden breaks in communication and unpredictable developments in some important relationships. During the last part of the month, the focus is more on finances and there are opportunities to start something new. Agreeing about the best use of resources can be a challenge; the longer you leave it, the better your decision is likely to be.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21



This marks a very spiritual period for you, where you are acutely aware of the sorrows and travails of other people, and where you seek a much deeper understanding of the subtle energies which guide the human journey. You'll find partners are loving and encouraging at this time, and happy to invest time and energy in your personal agenda.

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 20



It's an time excellent for working with friends and colleagues on complex projects. A big effort now creates a stable foundation before major transitions on the way in March 2023. Expect significant developments early November, which will either affect your social life, and children. The lunar eclipse on the 8th is a key moment when people are inclined to act impulsively. Things lighten up mid-November, and at this time you will be happy to quietly withdraw from exhausting group events and lead a quieter life exploring your own private interests.

AQUARIUS
January 21-February 19



The focus in early November is on developments which affect your career or domestic life. The lunar eclipse on the 8th brings important news which may mean you have to recalibrate your plans. It is a time of breakthroughs, especially regarding technology, communication and media. The last two weeks are fun and upbeat, and this is a great time for social events. New people arrive on the social scene, and you find that your new friends are intelligent and cosmopolitan.

PISCES
February 20-March 20



November, you feel a deep love, but in a generalized way, identifying with people and circumstances. The lunar eclipse on the 8th brings surprising information to light and sudden news can change your perspective. The atmosphere changes during the last couple of weeks of November, perhaps because of new developments in your professional life which demand your attention. New people with new ideas appear on the scene, this can be very stimulating.

THOMMELIER

Fun facts about wine

By Thomas Brenner
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Good day to you, dear MVV readership. For the November edition of the Thommelier feature, I thought we might delve into some fun facts to keep our minds sharp and ensure that wine will never cease to captivate us.

Did you know that...

- All grapes stem (pun intended) from a single ancestor, and that all grapes were once black (red wine grapes?) A genetic mutation-generated albino version of these red wine grapes, which is why we have Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc to enjoy today
- Sweet wines pair perfectly with spicy and hot foods? The golden rule: "Beat the heat with sweet!"
- The ancient Egyptian Queen Cleopatra enjoyed drinking Moscato
- All wine grapes, as we know them, originated in the Caucasus Mountain Range between modern day Georgia and Armenia
- Only 4% of all Californian wine comes from Napa
- At least 85% of a wine bottle's contents must hail from the AVA (American Viticultural Area) listed on the label
- In Oregon, a bottle of wine must be constituted of a minimum of 90% of the grape listed on the label
- The country with the highest wine consumption per person is Portugal, with 51.9 liters per person annually
- It is estimated that the annual global average wine consumption for those aged 15 and over is 4.4 liters per person
- As of 2019, all wines with "St. Emilion" printed on the label must be made by sustainable means, such as organic and biodynamic
- There exist several AVAs within larger AVAs. For example, the Green Valley AVA is



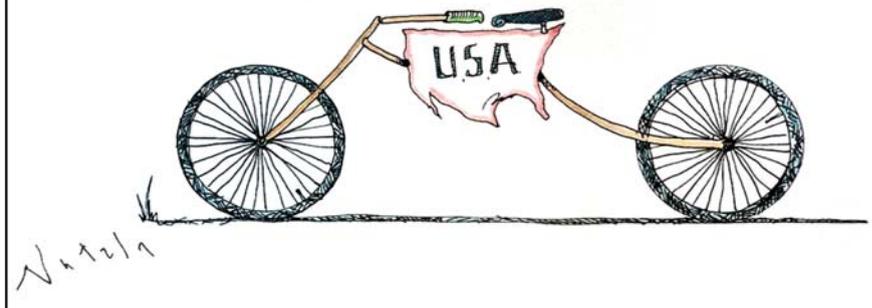
situated in the Russian River Valley AVA, which, in turn is located in the Sonoma County AVA, which itself is located in the North Coast AVA, which finds itself in the California AVA.

- Official wine regions in France are called AOPs, of which many lay within larger AOPs. For example, Vosne-Romanée is situated within the Côte de Nuits, inside the Côte d'Or, which is in Burgundy, and all within the AOP of France
- Meritage wines are American wines won from Bordeaux grapes. The interesting part is that a winery must pay \$500 a year, per label, to the Meritage Alliance
- German wines with the VDP logo seen on the foil come from an affiliation of 197 of Germany's best producers that hold each other accountable for the quality of their members' wines
- Stags' Leap and Stag's Leap are two different wineries. Delve into this legal fiasco for some fine reading on your own time for a fun tidbit of wine world infighting
- The world's second richest person, Bernard Arnault, CEO of Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy owns some of the most renowned wineries and distillers around the globe including Ruinart, Moët et Chandon and Veuve Clicquot
- The best recent vintages in Piedmont, Italy include 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. How do you go wrong?
- The best vintage in Burgundy since 1865 is the newly released 2019 vintage. Bernard Herve, former director of 2 famed Burgundian wine houses is one of the few people alive to say that he has tasted several of both vintages and agrees with this finding. So stock up now, I'd advise.
- The entirety of Piedmont's annual production of Barolo and Barbaresco (11 mio btl) equals that of just one medium-sized California winery!
- Famed wine maker Randall Grahm is not only one of the most interesting and accomplished vigneron in the world, but his legacy project, the Popelouchum vineyard, is situated right here in San Juan Bautista, removed only about 2 miles from Mission San Juan Bautista.

Just some food for thought. Or shall I say "wine for thought." ■



NUTZLE



#TheGoldenAge

Golden resources at local libraries

By Leanne Oliveira

"Wrinkles will only go where the smiles have been." – Jimmy Buffett

As we focus on gratitude this month, it is so heartwarming to know that our seniors have such great voices championing them. One of those voices belonged to my coworker Pauline Valdivia, the dedicated longtime Director of Jovenes de Antaño whose recent passing cast a long shadow. My condolences to her loved ones. Another championing voice is Mary Edge whose team is working tirelessly to bring a Senior Center to SJB. Thanks to all who attended the recent naming celebration! Email maryedge@sbcglobal.net for inquiries.

Modern libraries are neither obsolete nor focused on books. Get notary assistance, veterans' resources from the Luck Library (www.tinyurl.com/LuckLibrary) and educational classes through Great Courses (www.SCCLD.org – No need for Gilroy residency). How about passport assistance, seasonal tax preparation, utility assistance preparation, in-person crafts workshops, exercise classes, technology tutorials, museum and parks passes, and more? All free. Book lovers should consider the Zip books program offered through the SBC Library (www.SBCFL.org) which will mail you five brand new items of your choice every month from Amazon including audio, bilingual, and large print materials!

GOLDEN EVENTS

Nov. 5: Caregiver University Conference 2022: Event runs 8:30AM-12PM on Zoom and in-person at the Tides Hotel in Monterey. Info at www.DelMarCaregiver.org.



Did you know that some California nursing homes use robotic pets to help the elderly? This is "Paro", a robotic baby seal who comforts people with dementia, autism, and other problems related to social isolation.

www.seniornetworkservices.org/Education. Free.

Nov. 14: Resource Fair at Vets Hall in Hollister. Visit me at the Aging & Long-Term Care Commission (ALTCC) table for professionally-bound local senior resource directories and other goodies from 9AM-1PM. Free.

Nov. 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 30: Medicare Annual Enrollment Webinar from Senior Network Services' Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP). Call 831-462-5510 or visit www.seniornetworkservices.org. Free.

Nov. 11, 13: Enjoy an invitational Complimentary Day Pass to The Cannery Club at Twin Oaks Hollister! Play bocce ball, pickleball, swim, play table tennis, corn toss, or receive a workout orientation in the state-of-the-art fitness center. Pre-Register at info@TwinOaksHollister.com or by telephone reservation at (831) 800-2334.

Questions? Email LeanneO@SeniorsCouncil.org, call 888-637-6757, browse www.SanBenitoADRC.org, or visit my office in the Senior Center/Parks & Recreation Building at 300 West Street in Hollister. ■

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