

BOLINAS HEARSAY NEWS

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FRIDAY, May 11th, 2018



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INSIDE TODAY'S EXXTRA BIG HEARSAY.

ANSWERS TO THESE PERTINENT Qs:

Who Let the Cat Out of the Bag??

What is M.U.S.S.L.E??

Who is/What is Little Wings??

How to celebrate Our Mother Earth on Mother's Day??
and, as always...

WHAT'S HAPPENING???

Friday, May 11

FELSEN

Live indie-rock @ Smiley's, 9pm, \$5

Saturday, May 12

FREE SECOND SATURDAY

@ Samuel P Taylor & Mt Tamalpais State Parks

SALLY ROBERTSON OPEN STUDIO & GARDEN

Watercolors, Prints, Notecards. 10am-5pm Saturday and Sunday 284 Cherry

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Art Opening Bolinas Gallery Noon-7pm

BOJA QUARTET

Courtyard jazz concert @ Bolinas Museum, 4-5pm, free.

GRATEFUL DEAD NIGHT #8

Open Mic 5-6:59pm, West Marin Grateful Dead Appreciation Society 7pm, Screening of 7/17/89 concert, authentic Thai food, silent auction. \$10, Community Center

KIING STREET GIANTS

Live New Orleans music @ Smiley's, 9pm, \$10

Sunday, May 13

SALLY ROBERTSON OPEN STUDIO & GARDEN

Watercolors, Prints, Notecards. 10am-5pm 284 Cherry

Sunbathing at the Sewer Ponds by Rob Moss Wilson

Monday, May 14

LITTLE WINGS, LEE BAGGETT, JEFF MANSON
Original tunes at Gospel Flat Farmstand. Potluck at 7pm, music at 8 sharp. \$10 donation for touring musicians.

Thursday, May 17

TIJUANA MAKES ME HAPPY

Film screening at the Community Center, 7pm

Monday, May 21

LYNN O'HARE READS FROM HER BOOK "ALL MY MARBLES"

Bolinas Library, 7pm Free

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

May 11:

Carrie Thomas
Sarah Hammond

May 12:

Arn Angelius
Betty Buffington

May 13:

Zoë Carolyn Scott
Harmony Maia
Jack Siedman
Ned Hoke

May 14:

Isabel Fine
Paul Fradelizio
Taeya Glavis

May 15: Weston Robinson
Judy Dugan

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SAT MAY 12 · 7:30 PM
SUN MAY 13 · 3 PM

James Dunn Theatre, COM Kentfield Campus

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The 100-voice MARIN ORATORIO chorus and orchestra present an all-Mozart concert of sacred choral works. Mozart's *Te Deum* is the work of a youthful 13-year-old nascent master. From his late Salzburg period, his *Ave Verum Corpus* is a gem of reverence, simplicity and beauty, while *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* contains choruses and arias beautiful enough to earn a spot in any of his operas. The *Great Mass in C Minor*, of which Pope Francis said is "matchless" and "lifts you to God", is a triumph of counterpoint and lyricism. MARIN ORATORIO will be joined by guest vocal soloists Rita Lilly, Christa Pfeiffer, Kyle Stegall, and Jeffrey Fields.

Ticket reservations **415.485.9385** brownpapertickets.com
\$20 general; \$15 COM employees/retirees/alumni, students, and seniors
All proceeds go to support the programs of Marin Oratorio
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Tenor—Michael Rafferty and Rishi Schweg, Bass



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Come join us for our 8th Grateful Dead Night in Bolinas. We start with a Grateful Dead open mic for 2 hours, then our amazing local Dead cover band will play 2 sets, followed by a screening of 7/19/89 at Alpine Valley on the big screen. There will be traditional Thai food, prepared by Nan Skinner, Beer from Lagunitas Brewing Co., wine from Thackrey & Co., Silent Auction with some amazing items, (will keep ya posted), Bake Sale, a 50/50 raffle..... All proceeds are benefitting two local kids and their medical expenses with Lyme disease. So please come dance with us, it's always a blast, and do good at the same time. It's a win win for all. If you are interested in vending, please let me know. Hope to see ya there.
♥️ ♥️ Also need baked goods... If ya can, let me know. XOXO - 9615



Just so you know:

Join us for our May 19th Event!

As a part of our two-year capital campaign we present a spring event at The Peace Barn
Entertainment will include a presentation by Jaron Lanier and musical performance by Thao Nguyen. Food, drink and a good time all in the effort to create more affordable homes and community sustainability in Bolinas.

More info + tickets available on our website

For more information:
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\$20 each or 6 for \$100
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--submitted by Meg Simonds for the quilt

GRATEFUL DEAD NIGHT #8

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Grateful Dead Open Mic from 5-6:59pm

WEST MARIN GRATEFUL DEAD APPRECIATION SOCIETY @ 7PM

FOLLOWED BY
SCREENING OF JULY 17, 1989 AT ALPINE VALLEY, WI

Authentic Thai Food, Libations, Silent Auction and more...

All proceeds to benefit Ruby & Kayanti's continuing cost of fighting Lyme Disease

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Who is/what is Little Wings?

Little Wings is the name of a multi-decade long band/project created by my friend and quintessential California poet Kyle Field. The semi-quiet band name belies a dense body of work; heady and deeply-considered songs spanning close to a dozen albums which have attracted a cult following amongst the finest California coastal weirdo drifters and beyond...

Kyle is a larger than life character, and his poetry demarks its own particular and peculiar world, straddling legend and reality, full of West Coast wildness, intimate scenes, hazy emotional landscapes and inhabited by peculiar characters with names like Scuby, and The Shredder.

The good vibe one often witnesses at a Little Wings show is akin to the feeling that many of you Bolinas people know well from Greg Schindell's Kindred Souls reunions; a joyful abandon coupled with road-weary sly dog humor, all draped in disguises of child-like wonder.

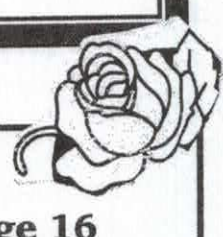
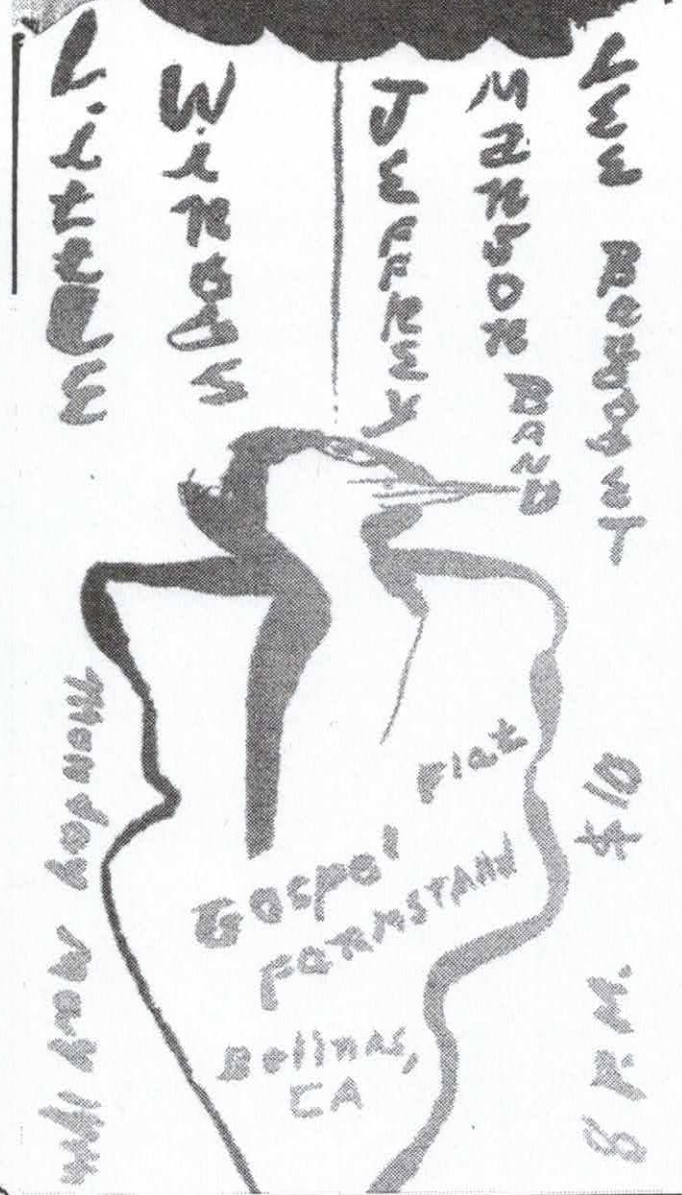
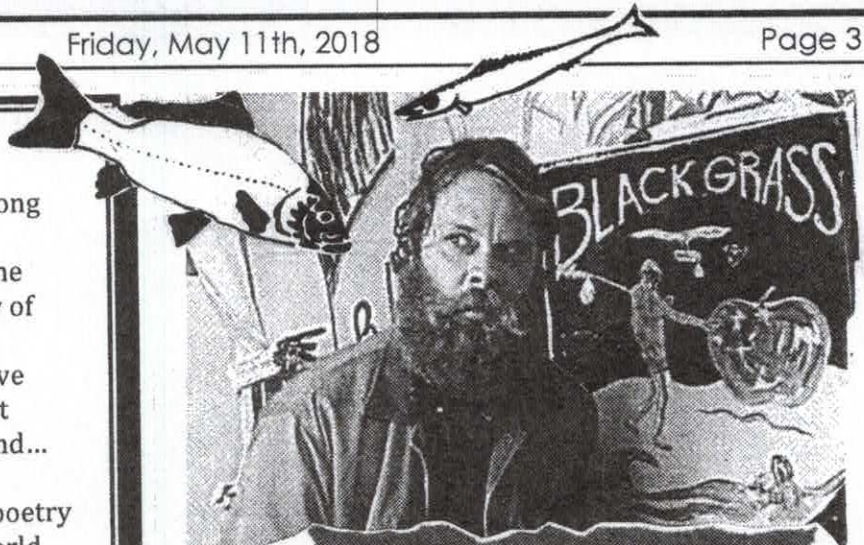
Little Wings will be making a long anticipated appearance in Bolinas this coming Monday evening at the Gospel Flat Farmstand. They've got a classic lineup on the road this time, including longtime collaborator Lee Baggett, a wonderfully inscrutable, "lifer" songwriter in his own right who will be playing a set as well. I'll sing a few with my band and we can all enjoy the excellent wood steel and clay exhibit.

Bound to be, in the words of Howard Dillon, "World Class", if maybe a little crowded; do try to walk, bike, carpool or at least park at the graveyard.

So that's: Monday, May 14th, Gospel Flat Farmstand. 7PM gather, music promptly at 8. BYOB and a \$10 donation to support the touring band.

Sincerely,

☺ JB Manson



R.I.P. Billy Bean
Died May 10th 2018, age 16
Much Loved Sweet Dog

Bolinas Marine Lab is 100 years old on Tuesday

I recently noticed that next Tuesday marks the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Bolinas Bay Lifeboat Station No. 321, in recent decades the COM Bolinas Marine Lab, which is in the news these days. Most accounts place the opening as 1914 or 1915, but it was actually commissioned on May 15, 1918. I have a copy of the official memo stating the opening, which I obtained at the National Archives back in the 1990s while researching other stations. I also have a photo of the buildings at the time they opened.

I have no doubt that the buildings would be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; the Point Reyes Lifeboat Station is a National Historic Landmark, the highest of honors. I think the buildings, which are intact and possess excellent historical integrity, should be preserved.

Dewey Livingston

STAR ROUTE FARMSTAND

Cool Coastal Greens
and then some!

Friday 12 - 5 PM • Roadside In Our Field



WHO LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG ??
A MYSTERY

It all began about a year ago. This cat, black on top and white on the bottom, showed up at our homestead. This was not so unusual being our neighbors many cats had for years spent their days lounging on our garden beds / their cat box. As those cats slowly died off we would see more and more of this Pinto cat. We would see it day and night. Skulking for rats in the woodpile, stalking birds at the birdbath, just hanging around. It seemed like it was feral. No tags, skittish of us, the lone hunter. It also seemed like he was quite at home.

Between a large garden, native landscaping and available water we attract a plethora of insects and birds. Its quite idyllic. Breakfast on the deck, bees buzzing, birds bathing. Ahh. And then a black and white cat jumps out from behind a bush. Birds scatter, Meg jumps to her feet, screams and flings a rock. Mark is thrown out of his reverie. Something is definitely wrong here. Pinto has to go!! But he won't. He's just a cat doing his cat thing. And, by the way, he's doing it in his newly adopted home. So whats the big deal. He's just joined the deer eating the apples ,the raccoon's eating the pears, the foxes eating the strawberries, and the skunks turning up the beds looking for grubs and the gophers. Oh, don't get me going on the gophers.

Obviously, this is not to our liking. But nothing seems to detour Pinto. Christ, I've even named him now! He's worming his way into our hearts. So one night I try to engage him in some friendly meowing. But noooo. He is not going for it at all. He's properly thinking about those rocks wizzing by his head. Even so I have decided to accept him and begin talk to him in a friendly way. We have reached a form of stasis.

Once again the wild enters our lives. This time it's the skunks. Mom's got the kids and is protecting them. Eating very little at this time. Dad, the sperm donor, has left and has chosen our garden beds to root around for grubs and worms. He needs to fatten up after all that hard work impregnating multiple partners. It looks like we are a truffle farm and the pigs have come home to roost.

Now we are completely on the defensive. Out come the Have-a-Heart traps. Set with tuna the first night we capture the same fox twice. Of course we let him go but now we are ready for the skunk. Night number two's snack is peanut on bread. We set the traps. Go out to dinner. And return to find a cute little furry black and white animal inside. We have done it! Relocation is in order. But, as I look closer I see it is not the skunk but Pinto, the cat I thought I could never catch. This is a dilemma. Now that we have him in our clutches what are we to do? After putting him to bed in the cage with a can of tuna and protected from the elements we deliberate. The final solution is to take him to the vet to see if he has a chip. He may actually be someones pet. If not lets see if he is neutered. Not neutered. We have the operation ,get shots, bring him home and begin to feed our new pet. The next day after feeding, petting [he is not feral] and a lot of meowing we are ready to go. I run in the house to make lunch and while doing so Meg comes in and says "THE CAT IS GONE". This is unbelievable. Someone has come into our yard and let Pinto out of the cage. We were in the house. They

VOTE

I am writing to remind you all to VOTE in the June 5th election. This special election but it is still important. One of the candidates on the ballot is Anna Pletcher who is running for Marin County DA. This position hasn't seen an open race in 20 years and it is time for change! Anna has the skill and experience for the office and will bring a fresh and fair approach to fighting crime in Marin County. A few of us had the pleasure of meeting Anna at a gathering here in Bolinas two weeks ago. I think we all found her incredibly knowledgeable, engaging, well informed and personable. I believe she is the woman for the job!

Here are a few of Anna's priorities. How crazy is it that we don't have rape kits in Marin and that victims of sexual assault have to go all the way to Vallejo to be tested?

Protect women and families. Anna's top priority is to ensure justice for victims by bringing rape kit exams back to Marin County.

Advance smart reforms. Anna will collaborate to break the cycle of mental illness, homelessness, and the court system by investing in prevention and diversion, starting with our youth.

Build safer schools. Ann will enforce gun safety laws, improve public school mental health services, and expand restorative justice programs for all students in Marin.

VOTE

Arianne Dar



didn't come to ask what was going on. A cat in a cage with water, food and a blanket for shade. What were they thinking? Thus the Mystery.

Any revelations on this would be greatly appreciated.
Mark and Meg -0245

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Introducing a new group in town.... M.U.S.S.E.L.

A new group of like-minded friends has formed a neighborhood group called **Mesa United in Support of Solutions for Equitable Land Use or MUSSEL.**

Like most of the Bolinas community, we are concerned about and in support of creating affordable housing in our neighborhoods. We greatly admire the past accomplishments of BCLT: they have served to enrich our local community by creating affordable options at the downtown gas station and the converted Gibson House.

As the word of new BCLT plans for multiple projects in a two-block area on the mesa has come to light, many questions have surfaced. How would an intact residential neighborhood absorb a 55+% residential increase? What are the environmental and infrastructure impacts of the full, multi-resident development of 3 properties in one small residential area? Among many other questions, we hope to explore the following:

1. Transparency: How to make information available to the whole Bolinas community and the entire BCLT board? How to initiate meaningful, inclusive dialog with BCLT with community participation in the deep planning and execution of any neighborhood development?
2. Evaluation and Development of a strategic, comprehensive all-Mesa plan: How to develop a viable, inclusive plan that balances the many values inherent in our community? How will the building projects be integrated into each Mesa setting? How can we successfully accomplish the shared dream to keep locals local at affordable prices while preserving the quality-of-life values protected in our Countywide Plan and Local Coastal Plan as recognized by the County and the Coastal Commission?

To this end, **MUSSEL** hopes to gain support of the BCLT and our Mesa neighbors to begin a collaboration to create **YIMBY (yes in my backyard)** housing strategies most in tune with the overall values of Bolinas. Watch the Hearsay News and NextDoor for more detailed articles on the questions we are exploring.

Submitted by Mary Abbott for MUSSEL



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-submitted by Curly Rigg

Randy's husband, Robert Lemmons celebrated his 66th on Kentucky Derby Day AND Cinco do Mayo, last Saturday 5/5. Happy Happy Birthday Robert!

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Firehouse Community Park Agency
Mesa Park Board Meeting
May 14, 2018, 7pm
Bolinas Firehouse Community Room
Contact: mesaparkboard@gmail.com

Call to Order:

Board Members Present:

Others Present:

Community Expression:

1.

Downtown Park:

1. New Watch Commander
2. Cobb oven proposed policy review
3. Final follow up on clean up work on tree behind bathrooms
4. Second groundskeeper

Mesa Park:

1. Audit is in process
2. Movie in the park – movie & date decision
3. Follow up on leak in cooler roof, trimming of branches & equipment relocation.
4. New mower discussion / options.
5. Outfield signage options

Treasurer's Report:

1. Budget and work plan for the next fiscal year 2018-2019.

Old News:

1.

Other:

1.

Approve Warrants:

TOTAL Warrant: \$ 2,784.42

Approve Minutes:

Next Meeting: June 11, 2018

Meeting adjourned:



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West Marin Players Present Handel's Acis & Galatea 05/12/2018 - 8:00pm to 10:00pm Tickets \$30

Handel's most popular opera, Acis and Galatea, will be presented by the Dance Palace and West Marin Players. Tickets are \$30. This short opera, first performed in 1718, tells the mythical story of the passionate love of a handsome Sicilian shepherd, Acis and the beautiful sea nymph, Galatea. For more information call (415) 663-1075.



MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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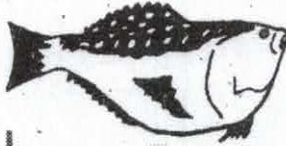
Sunday, May 13th ‡
8am to 11am

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\$10 Adults \$5 Kids

All proceeds benefit the Bolinas Disaster Council and the Bolinas Volunteer Firefighters Association



CELEBRATE YOUR MOTHER (EARTH) –

b.y.o. utensils and plates!

by Lauren Pollak

This Mother's Day, if you - like our family - plan to partake of the delicious Sunday pancake breakfast at our local Fire House, why not do our mother planet a favor too?

Simply refrain from using any disposable items that will likely go directly to the landfill.

Sadly, the landfill may even be the best-case scenario. Imagine that plastic fork you used for 28 bites spending the next several centuries fouling the ocean and threatening the plant and animal life within it. Those 28 bites can't possibly be worth it!

However, it'll be easy to enjoy those pancakes and fruit salad with a clear conscience... If at all possible, just remember to pack along your own plate and utensils, and you're all set.

BYO and rinse. Big Mama Earth will thank you for it.

See you at the Fire House on Sunday.

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Before I'd ever been, I heard stories of Bolinas. What I knew was limited to—it's an artist community, and they take down road signs to discourage visitors. From this I weaved a preconception of a closed off society unwelcome to outsiders, but that's not what I found in actuality. Melinda Stone, a resident as well as our Environmental Studies professor at USF, introduced us to the town through the lense of RDI my sophomore year. I could immediately sense that there was something special about this place and its people.

Afterwards I'd visit now and again. Each time I went, I discovered something new I didn't even know I was looking for. Bolinas is home to a farmstand, which offers the best beets I've ever had. It's home to unique conversation from character's at Smileys with insights ranging from how the youth is going to save America, to stranger incidences like a disheveled man asking everyone to "take him to the leader of Bolinas". Most importantly however, Bolinas is home to people with a perspective on life that is precious— a perspective that needs to be shared considering our current environmental and political climate. USF's recent purchase of Star Route Farm is the perfect opportunity to facilitate this sharing of knowledge.

Upon hearing about fellow students excitement over this purchase, I initially set out to devise a proposal for the school's environmental department. After an extended period of time passed, we still knew very little of USF's intentions for Star Route. Along the way however, with each subsequent visit to the community of Bolinas, my perspective began to shift when I realized the place cannot be separated from its people. I began to question not just how USF students could benefit from the potential educational opportunities the land provides, but how we could benefit from its people and vice versa. Through conversations with USF students and the Bolinas community alike, what I concluded at first was a contradiction. From students, I heard of immense excitement for the possibilities. From the community, I head a desire to remain steadfast in a way of life that differentiates Bolinas from neighboring cities and landscapes. Conversations ran the gamut of student's expressing "That's awesome, what new things are happening?" to Bolinas saying "That's great, but everything is staying the same, right?" It seemed a stark difference, but looking to history for perspective, the current community's newfound aversion to change can be most attributed to fear—fear that an influx in students and programming would alter the community itself.

Joanne Kyger once said:

Bolinas offered an alternative lifestyle, one that was sought at that time in the late 60s and early 70s. A small coastal town of about 500 inhabitants at the time, it offered rural living, the hippies versus the surfers for softball teams, and in large letters painted on the sea wall NEW YORK REFUGEES GO HOME...The pictures of those years have everyone sitting on the ground, shoulder high long grasses, and long hair. On Indian print bedspreads. We could sit all afternoon, with bottles of wine and smokes, and conversation and poetry, moving along with the path of the sun. Nobody sits on the ground anymore. Bolinas was a destination point.

It's true that Bolinas has something intrinsically unique. That's what draws so many people in and beckons them to stay. The initial desire from impassioned individuals to create a place of change – of change from the way the world seemed to be progressing – fostered an anomaly. Bolinas is a concentration of loving people who clearly care for each other and the environment in the same vein. The hesitation of change seems only natural, to hold on tight. However, I believe that the spark that created Bolinas has more fire in it. I believe similar ideals could spread from there and permeate other places.

As Kyger articulates in her poems the point of life is to be; to enjoy. There's not a lot of that these days. This particular form of environmentalism is the one we should be spreading, and it's one inherent to Bolinas. Students can only spread that message if they're given the opportunity to learn it. That's why I see immense possibility through the merging of USF and Bolinas communities.

-Hannah Sawyer, USF class of 2018'



*Come experience the projects of Hannah and her Environmental Studies Capstone cohort at the Exploratorium's Observatory tomorrow, Saturday, May 11 from 1-3PM.

Miwok artifacts found at Star Route Farms on loan from Betsyann Gallagher will be on display, a collection of historical maps of the region will be featured, snippets from interviews with Warren Weber, Aggie Murch, Elia Haworth, Peter Martinelli and Annabelle Linderink can be heard, contemporary photographs can be seen and more.

-Submitted by Melinda Stone

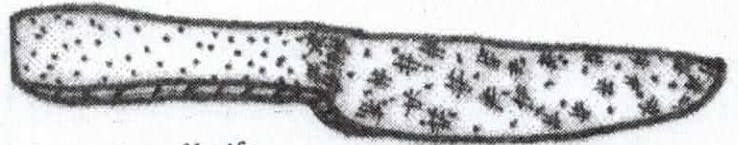


illustration of knife

possibly used by Juana Briones in 1846 while visiting her brother Gregorio at Rancho Las Baulines

-Submitted by Valerie J. Arce-Bazan University of San Francisco, Class of 2018

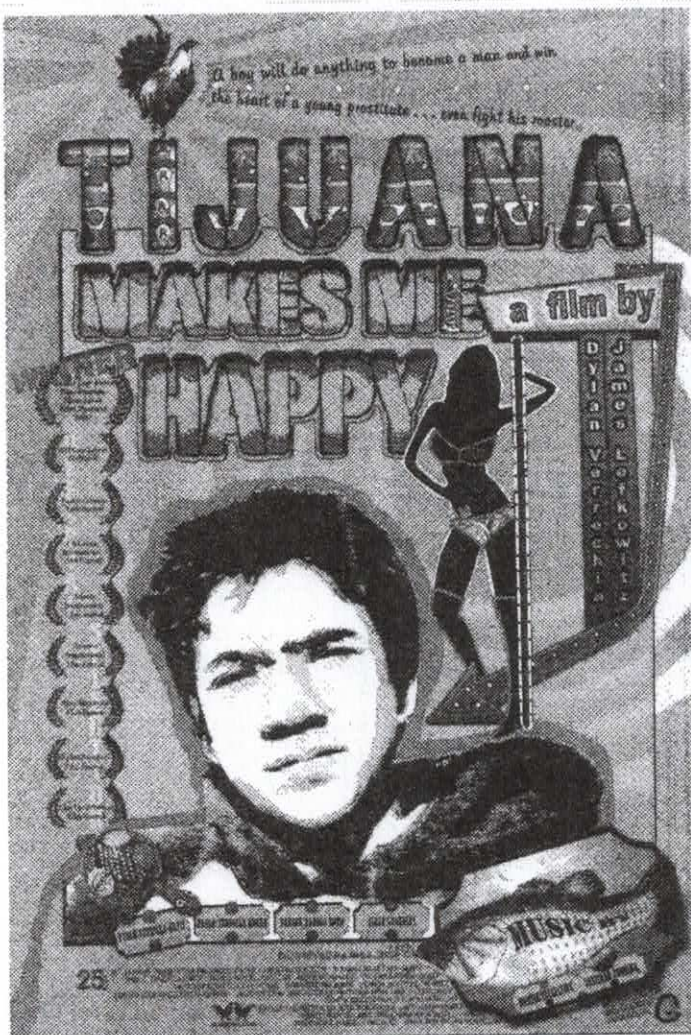
This SATURDAY May 12th A Fundraiser to send Amber to study dance + music in the CARRIBEAN THIS SUMMER. LADIES ONLY PLEASE. COME DANCE AND BRUNCH TO LIVE MUSIC. ENJOY ALL OR SOME OF THE EVENT. SEE THIS FACEBOOK LINK FOR DETAILS. <https://www.facebook.com/event/400735513727598/>

FREE SCREENING THURSDAY MAY 17th 7PM
The film is 85 minutes in spanish with english subtitles.

Hello this is James Lefkowitz I am Ole Schell's film partner. I have been spending a lot of time getting to know the people of Bolinas while staying here on Ole's family ranch. About a year ago I was honored to share my film THE DOG WEDDING with the incredible community of Bolinas and was blown away by the turnout and audience reaction. I must admit that the projector at the community center could be updated. I wanted to do my part to bring the community together and help raise money for some new video equipment for future screenings..



So I am presenting a feature film I made in Mexico called TIJUANA MAKES ME HAPPY which won the Grand Jury prize for Best Narrative Feature at Slamdance and SAFILM Indie Max Award as well as playing all over the world and USA. It's a coming-of-age story about a young boy growing to manhood in Playas de Tijuana. The film is a fusion of reality and fiction using all non actors and made with a shoestring budget. It's a look at the notorious border city through the eyes of a teenager.



EXHIBICIÓN GRATUITA JUEVES 17 MAYO 7PM
La película tiene 85 minutos en español con subtítulos en inglés.

It breaks my heart whenever I hear how our government and news portrays Mexico because I met so many beautiful people while living in Tijuana and hope everyone will be able to experience the tijuana that I know and love!. PLEASE COME ONE, COME ALL to this FREE SCREENING. The Community Center will be accepting donations but please don't feel obligated just show up and enjoy!!!!

FREE COURTYARD CONCERT
THIS SATURDAY!



MAY 12 // 4PM

Bolinas Museum has a happy tradition of celebrating Mother's Day weekend with a free courtyard concert. Join us this Saturday and enjoy the sounds of Bolinas's very own Jazz Quartet, BoJa!

The BoJa Quartet is a hometown modern jazz band featuring Taylor Cutcomb on piano, Piro Patton on bass, Marc Carni on drums, and Aaron Saul on sax. This strong union of musicians has led to gigs all over the Bay Area and a loyal fan base. Each musician plays many types of music in dozens of different bands. A local favorite, their inspired sounds can be enjoyed every third Sunday of the month at Smiley's Schooner Saloon. BoJa is currently working on their first compilation of their best live recordings of original music and American Songbook classics. Enjoy them live as they improvise with the hummingbirds in the museum's courtyard this Mother's Day weekend!



BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
 May 16, 2018 7:30 p.m.



1. Call to Order.

2. Roll.

3. Manager's Report.

- Update on the Terrace Avenue Bluff Stabilization Project.
- Update on the East Tank Rehabilitation Project: 100% Design Submittal from Stetson Engineering; Authorize BCPUD Staff to Notice the Project for Bids.
- Update on the Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade and Pond Recirculation Project.
- Update on the BCPUD's Fire Fuel Reduction Project. Proposal for Goat Herd Grazing in Project Area to Remove Poison Oak and Other Ground Vegetation..
- Update on BCPUD/BFPD Survey of Obstructions and Encroachments in the Public Rights-of-Way.

4. Community Expression

5. Request to Keep Redwood Trees Planted in the Public Right-of-Way on Yucca Road near Zebra Road (E. McCrea).

6. Request to Remove Hazardous Trees from the Alder Right-of-Way near Fern Road (BCPUD staff).

7. Update re: California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") Action on Draft Resolution T-17608: Approval of Funding for the Grant Application of Inyo Networks, Inc. (U-7159-C) from the California Advanced Services Fund ("CASF") up to the amount of \$1,868,881 for the Bolinas Gigabit Network Project.

8. BCPUD Sewer System Management Plan - 2018 Audit; Amendments to BCPUD's Sewer System Management Plan.

9. BCPUD Resolution 657: Grant Director Grace Godino Permission to be Absent.

10. BCPUD Resolution 658: Approving Form of Contract Documents for the Bolinas Eucalyptus Grove Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project and Awarding a Contract for the Project to the Lowest Responsible Qualified Bidder, Subject to Certain Conditions.

11. Water Supply Update.

12. Volunteer Committee Reports:

- Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Committee:
- Downtown Parking & Traffic Committee:
- Resource Recovery:
- West Marin Mosquito Control Coordinating Council:
- Land Stewardship Committee:
- Internet Access Committee:
- Vehicle Habitation Committee:

13. Other Business.

a. Board Committee Reports.

-- Finance: *Engagement Letter from Doran & Associates for FY 2017-1028 Audit.*

- Legal:
- Mesa Septic, Flood Control and Roads:
- Operations:
- Park and Recreation:
- Personnel:
- Sewer:

- b. Minutes of the April 18, 2018 regular Board meeting.
- c. Warrants.
- d. Scheduling of Next Meeting(s):

14. Adjournment.



Dear Community Members,

This has been a busy year for the BCLT and in anticipation of our upcoming quarterly meeting on June 3rd we want to bring everyone up to date with what we are doing in regard to preserving and sustaining long term affordable homes in Bolinas.

Property values are soaring and it is harder and harder to find affordable homes for residents who live and work in this town. While the BCLT would prefer to prioritize *acquiring existing homes* or *helping to build second units*, in order to create affordable housing, both of these pathways are extremely expensive. This reality is compounded by a "chicken or egg" proposition in which funding for a project cannot be acquired unless you have a property, and property cannot be acquired unless you have funding. A real estate market in which most transactions are done in cash rather than with loans, makes circumstances worse.

To counteract these dilemmas the BCLT has come up with a plan to raise \$2,000,000 in two years. This will help ensure we have cash on hand when appropriate properties become available. We are calling this effort our "Revolving Fund Campaign." To date, we have received over \$300,000 in personal gifts and have taken out \$400,000 in personal loans from community members. We are already putting these funds to work.

To date, we have purchased a red tagged home at 430 Aspen. We are hopeful the required renovations will be completed by next winter so affordable housing will be available for new tenants. We have also purchased a water meter, which is required for building on vacant land. Finally, we have received parcels of land along Overlook Rd. and have been promised two Bolinas homes as legacy gifts.

Creating affordable housing in an inflated and constricted real estate market such as ours is complicated. It involves many steps and the clearing many hurdles. In an effort to create realistic expectations, the board has decided to wait until projects are viable and have the potential to come to fruition before making the information public. Please be patient with us. We have no intention or desire to hide our activities from you, *our community*, and will share information about projects as soon as we know there is a clear path forward.

We are not alone in our efforts. A Community Land Trust is a sustainable model of affordable housing and community ownership used throughout the United States, Canada, U.K. and increasingly around the world. This movement is at an exciting and critical moment in history and we have a few inspiring videos in our office about work done in other communities. Please visit us and borrow one to learn more about the CLT movement.

It takes community to preserve community and we are both excited and prepared to work *with* and *for* you.

-Submitted by Evan Wilhelm for the BCLT

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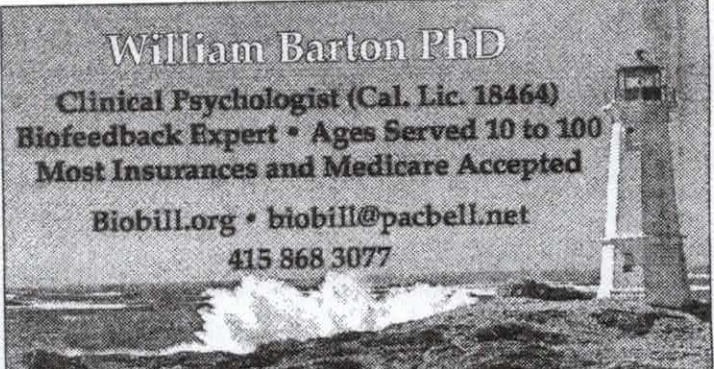
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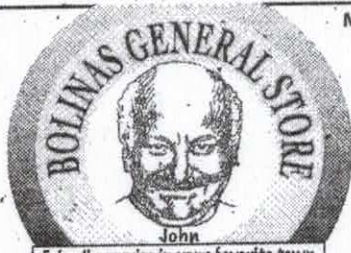
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