BOLINAS HEARSAY NEWS
Monday, February 8, 2021
(includes tax)
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GO FLY A KITE

Monday, February 8th
COVID Testing
Bolinas Fire Station
Walk-Up & Appointments @ curative.com
WHEN: 10am – 12:30pm

Free Hot Meals
Bolinas Community Center
Healthy Stuff. Nom Nom Nom…
WHEN: 5 – 6pm

National Kite-Flying Day
Head to beach with your kite
Live in wonderment, have fun!
WHEN: As long as the wind blows

Tuesday, February 9th
National Stop Bullying Day
Bully: One who abuses their power
Practice being truly powerful by being kind
WHEN: All Day & Everyday

Read in Bathtub Day
Add some Epsom salts
Relaaaaaax
WHEN: Evening time

BIRTHDAYS
FEBRUARY 8TH
NEAL CASSIDY (REMEMBERED)
JULES VERNE (REMEMBERED)
JAMES DEAN (REMEMBERED)
CHRISTINA PETERSON
KARA MCNAUGHTON
ALEX CLARK

FEBRUARY 9TH
CARMEN MIRANDA (REMEMBERED)
BARBARA FITZGERALD
CATHERINE JOYCE
ALICE WALKER
CAROL KING

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A Belated Remembrance
for the Belated

- Sera Mac

June McAdams encouraged me to write. I loved her for this. In an effort to integrate into the community I began writing a column for the Hearsay called The Weekender, because that's what I am! I co-opted and reclaimed the slur and turned into a personal source of pride. And June loved it. She would regularly email asking me to keep it up, and I managed to do so for about a little over a year. Thank you June for cheering me on, I think of you often when I am editing the Hearsay.

Steve Newssted was my neighbor, I witnessed his passing in December. I was heavy. Steve and his wife Armida welcomed me to Bolinas and had me over for tea regularly. We would talk about our love of art (in their past lives they owned a high-end poster / print shop in SF), cats and they would tell me stories of who's who in town. Steve wanted to make sure I understood Bolinas and gifted me the book The Town That Fought to Save Itself. I devoured it. He too was thrilled when I began writing for the Hearsay and would say, "I just think everything that you're writing is great!" Thank you Steve for your kindness, generosity and support.

Gil Stewart once told me he loved me. He was the most authentic and optimistic person I had ever met. Gil worked by my side for nearly a year helping me to clean a lot of junk off my property. He was the epitome of a junk man; his clothes were always soiled and he hoarded junk his junk cars. He was also a Southern gentleman from a blue blood family, who oozed charm and humility, genuinely cared about people (especially the underdogs) and his toothless smile was positively contagious. The last time I saw him was downtown. He was sitting in his car and motioned for me. He was so excited to tell me his son and his wife were coming to visit him. He showed me pictures of them - they were such a hip looking couple. They lived in Berlin and were artists. He said that's what he looked like when he was younger, and I believed him. He told me he wanted me to meet them, I wanted to meet them. A week later he had a stroke and whisked out of Bolinas to be cared for by nurses until his passing January. Thank you Gil for being my friend and for all their thoughtful gifts of useful junk you showered on me.

I miss you all.

Gary E. Frederickson

Longtime Bolinas resident and dentist

Our beloved friend completed his last trip around the sun with us, on January 9, 2021. Dr. Frederickson brought wholistic dentistry to the Bay Area, with practices in Mill Valley, Bolinas, San Francisco, Corte Madera, and Berkeley. To his patients he was "Dr. F." A friend and a caring and gifted dentist whose goal was always to make a positive change in the lives he touched. Gary was a father, husband, brother, and a dear friend to all that knew him.

A Go Fund Me account has been set up for contributions to the Dr. Gary Frederickson Memorial and for Gary's son Adam's transition and care. Gary would have been so appreciative of your support and kindness to his son, Adam.

Submited by Janine Arroyan

THREE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE...

As my son so kindly pointed out, there was a senior moment embedded in last week's praise of 'thousand piece crossword puzzles'—it should have been jigsaw puzzles, but actually any and all puzzles, games and mind challenges are great for binding households together to get through the covid times.

It is a great thing that we still have our beloved bichon—MsSkitty—with us. The wonderful vets at the Pt Reyes Animal Hospital pulled her back from the brink and, we hope, gave us a few more weeks to cherish her companionship.

Even if Pro football isn't one of your enthusiasms, how could you not get excited about the amazing athleticism and longevity of Tom Brady, the winning Tampa Bay quarterback? He made SuperBowl LV a historic (if not particularly dramatic) event.

Cheers,

Ned Riley
AGENDA

Bolinas-Stinson Union School District
Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Closed session from 4:00 to 5:00pm; Open
Session at 5:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to order
2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda
3. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda
4. Recess to Closed session
5. Reconvene into Open Session
6. Announcement of Reportable Action taken during Closed Session
7. Approval of Agenda / Introductions – reading of Mission/Vision Statement and Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement
8. Board member reports and Comments
9. Public Comments
10. Correspondence/Information
12. Superintendent's Report
   -COVID-19 testing on 2/3/2021, 2/24/2021, 3/10 and 3/24
   -Report on charter school regulations
   -Update on consultant to assist with matters relating to Inclusion, Equity and Social Justice
   -Update on LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan)
   -Vaccine update
13. Principal's Report
   -Update on extended day schedule

-Update on School Site Council including outdoor education
-Report on Yoga program and Awakening Wisdom programs

14. Approval of the Consent agenda
   14.1 Warrants:
   14.2 Minutes from: 1/12/2021 regular and 1/13/2021 special
   14.3 Other:
      Contract for school Counselor
      (2020-2021)
      Comprehensive School Safety Plan
      Approve auditor’s contract
      Consolidated Application approval
      Approve student yoga program
      Approve Proposal for World Cafe Proposal for Teacher Professional development

15. Strategic Plan
    a. Expansion of affordable broadband home internet for students at BSUSD
    b. BSUSD's financial commitment to increase access to affordable broadband internet in Bolinas
    c. Core Enrichment – Visual and Performing Arts
    d. Steering Committee replacement
    e. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

16. Audit report
17. 2021-22 School calendar
18. Public Comments:
19. Meeting adjourned
20. FUTURE

The next regular Board meeting will be held on March 9, 2021

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VALENTINE’S SALE
Studio Sale - Saturday Feb 13th 2-6pm
Come feel the love and wear a mask xo

Studio on Poplar at Evergreen in Bolinas

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IN PRAISE OF WATERBARS

Once while backpacking alone on Mt. Hood, I came around a corner and saw a woman frozen.

By “frozen” I don’t mean dead and icy, rather, she had stopped on a narrow part of the trail, and, with the mountain to her right and a ravine to her left, she was now frozen with fear.

Before her, his back to me, knelt a man. He had put aside his backpack and was talking softly to her, telling her it was going to be alright. And really, it was (more about this in a moment.)

It took me a second to take in the scene, and just another second to realize I wasn’t going to be any damn help here. So, I nodded to them both and, stepping around her, kept walking. What else could I do?

It was only later on that I got to thinking about what it all meant.

For one thing: it was a scary trail – the way it hugged the bare mountainside, like something out of the Hobbit. It certainly took some concentration; at least you wouldn’t want to daydream…. Still, I felt pretty confident that (unless she threw herself off) she would, eventually, make it. The reason for my confidence was it was a good trail – especially good for the rainy Northwest -- it was what they call a rolling contour trail, designed so water would sheet across it, causing little damage. Rarely do such trails give way.

The problem I guess is that sometimes these trails can just “feel” dangerous – like a rollercoaster with all the banks reversed – they feel like they want to throw you, with the water, off as well. And I think it was this “feeling” more then anything else that made the woman freeze.

Which brings me to waterbars.

I’m sure the first waterbar was a tree that fell across a trail, and somebody said: “Look, the water’s leaving. Let’s build these.” First with logs, then rock, and finally using treated timber; the problem is: as drainage structures they eventually fail when sediment fills up and the water tops the bar. Then it’s erosion and trail creep, as in: “I went to the waterbar and met a real trail creep.”

No, from a purely practical standpoint, bars would be out, replaced by dips, nicks, and rolling grades....

But now here’s the funny thing: I just like them. I like the way they trip me up every few yards; I like how (when they do fail) the rain pours over, or under, them like a zig-zag waterfall; and mostly I just like their cocky optimism as they try and fix the problem. So, the next time you walk up Steep Ravine or down the Matt Davis trail, check out the futile efforts of the waterbars!

Now I hear you ask: “But why would they build them if they don’t work?” Well, I think it’s mostly just to tell us we were not alone; someone’s got this; there’s no need to freeze; and damn it – it’s a trail! At least until the whole thing just goes.

Peter Axelson

p.s. As such -- waterbars have a lot in common with eucalyptus trees

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For Dale Pollsar:
In addition to all the excellent points raised in Jon Cozzi’s article in Wed (2.1.21) Hearsay, here’s another important one:

THERE IS NO WATER TO FIGHT A WILDFIRE.

Malcolm Fonder
RE-CONSIDERING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Relegating Black History Month to the coldest, shortest month of the year is an insult. Black history is not separate from American history. For more on this topic:

"Director Lisa Cortés on Why a Single Month Does Not Suffice for Black History" Variety

And watch the film More Than a Month by Shukree Hassan Tilghman where he sets out on a cross-country campaign to end Black History Month. He stops in various cities, wearing a sandwich board, to solicit signatures on his petition to end the observance. Through this thoughtful and humorous journey, he explores what the treatment of history tells us about race and equality in a "post-racial" America. Each stop along the journey explores Black History Month as it relates to four ideas: education, history, identity, and commodification.
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A Meeting of the Resident Permit Parking
Plan Committee of the Board of Directors

February 9, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Location: Teleconference

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory Notice:

The health and safety of community members, public officials, and employees is the top priority for the BCPUD. In compliance with local and state shelter-in-place orders, and as allowed by the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), the BCPUD will not offer an in-person meeting location for the public to attend this meeting. The meeting is limited to essential district business items and will be conducted by the BCPUD Committee members by teleconference (see below). Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely from a safe location as described below.

To join by phone, dial (415) 868-6163; user password 6163.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.

2. Roll.

3. Approve Minutes of January 12, 2021 meeting.

4. Report from members regarding their progress on tasks agreed to at January meeting:
   a. Confirm explanation of permit
   b. Community Services Officer description
   c. How other Marin towns operate permit programs
   d. Update of presentation based upon feedback
   e. Schedule of meeting with Supervisor Rodoni
   f. Meeting with Bolinas Fire

5. Community Expression (for items germane to this committee but not on the agenda).

6. Next Meeting Date.

7. Adjournment.

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Parking Violation & Citation

______ Blocking Emergency or Fire Department Access
______ More than 4-hour non-resident time limit
______ Rude or Selfish Parking
______ Other ______________________________

License Plate # ______________________________
Prompts for Further Learning

Rachel Cargle (@rachel.cargle on Instagram // paypal.me/rachelcargle) is a public academic, philanthropic innovator, and social entrepreneur who has compiled a self education challenge that we will be sharing with you throughout the month of February. It is asked that with each of the prompts for further learning, though we will briefly define each of them, you take the time to “google on your own to learn about and appreciate for yourself.” The call to action is as follows:

"Those who are existing within and benefiting from white privilege must: 
1. Recognize and respect the dynamic history of the Black American community. 
2. Unlearn the world’s whitewashed understanding of Black existence. 
3. Most importantly, make the critical connections necessary to take anti racist action.” (Cargle)

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC, often pronounced /ˈsnɪk/ SNIK) was the principal channel of student commitment in the United States to the civil rights movement during the 1960s. The Committee sought to coordinate and assist direct-action challenges to the civic segregation and political exclusion of African Americans. From 1962, with the support of the Voter Education Project, SNCC committed to the registration and mobilization of black voters in the Deep South. (zinnproject.org)

Combahee River Collective (pronounced /ˈkæməbi/ / kəm-BEE/) was a Black feminist lesbian socialist organization active in Boston from 1974 to 1980. The Collective argued that both the white feminist movement and the Civil Rights Movement were not addressing their particular needs as Black women and, more specifically, as Black lesbians. The Collective are perhaps best known for developing the Combahee River Collective Statement, a key document in the history of contemporary Black feminism and the development of the concepts of identity politics as used among political organizers and social theorists, and for introducing the concept of interlocking systems of oppression, a key concept of intersectionality. (blackpast.org)

Black Emergency Cultural Coalition (BECC) protested a 1969 exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art entitled Harlem on My Mind: Cultural Capital of Black America, 1900–1968 (18 January to 6 April 1969). The protest resulted from conflicts between the Met and the Harlem art community after the Met’s decision to exclude black artists and the Harlem community from an exhibit about Harlem, as well as from racism and anti-Semitism within both the exhibition and exhibition catalogue. The BECC was organized in January 1969 by a group of 75 African American artists in direct response to the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s "Harlem on My Mind" exhibit. (also research ‘Harlem on My Mind’ protest)

From the Bolinas Anti Racism Column Group - Submitted by Heather Clapp
HOUSING WANTED

SINGLE GUY, LONG-TIME INVERNESS RESIDENT, SEEKING SMALL, QUIET AND IDEALLY MESA-RURAL BOLINAS HOME. Employed full-time in Sonoma, local references available. No pets (cat lover), non-smoker, quiet and excellent tenant. Thanks! Marc @ jolanehrara@gmail.com

FOR RENT

BEDROOM AND BATH
For one person. Call 415-868-1782

WANTED

SEEKING: GROUND FLOOR GARAGE OR SMALL WAREHOUSE LIKE SPACE to work on speaker and sound system design projects. Anyone in Bolinas to share, excited by tuba and old Altec gear? Would love some audio community in addition to workspace. Reelsman. munificient@gmail.com 310-429-3461 Tailiesin Gilkes-Bower

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LOST & FOUND

LOST: RING in the restroom of the Bolinas Community Center. Call to describe 415-450-8362

LOST: HALF OF A TWO PIECE KAYAK PADDLE (Werner, black w/glitter tape band near blade) washed off my boat at the Patch last week. Would greatly appreciate its return. Marc <Garrisch@gmail.com>

FOUND: LEATHERMAN TOOL on path off Overlook into Sewer Ponds. Would love to return to rightful owner. Text or call Grace 415-528-3880

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12/31