What's Happening?

Wednesday
Chef Yoshi @ Eleven
4-8pm

Thursday
Bolinas Fire Protection District
Meeting 7PM
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Today's editors:
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Happy Happy Birthday!

Feb 22
Linda Samuels
Andrew Whalmsley
Elizabeth Setten
Sera Mac
Russ Faure-Brac
remembered

Feb 23
Andrew Cattell
Wendy Jaffe

Born Feb 22, 1944 and Transitioned to Peace on May 20, 2015.
He was a Peaceful Warrior and well loved in our West Marin Community.
-Anne Sands
What Happened! Plus a Gratitude Spotlight from Jenniepfeiffer 2-22-2021

It was a Presidents' Day holiday week, celebrating past presidents. It was also a continuation of February Black History month, a time to shine an historical spotlight on individuals of color whose contributions in the sciences and humanities have been frequently overlooked in our white culture historical documentation. Breaking out of the month of February with these achievements, into our year-round school history lessons, would be a major cultural advance.

I like to combine these two week's happenings by mentioning our third President, Thomas Jefferson -- lawyer, diplomat, architect, philosopher, "Founding Father", 2nd vice president, 1st Secretary of State, principal author of the Declaration of Independence, founder of the University of Virginia, and ironically, signer of the Act Prohibiting Importation of Slaves -- along with the fact that during his lifetime, Jefferson claimed ownership of over 600 slaves, who were kept in his household and on his plantations. Ongoing controversy has revolved around his relationship with Sally Hemings, a mixed-race enslaved woman and reportedly his late wife's half-sister. I saw this in Wikipedia, "According to DNA evidence from surviving descendants and oral history, Jefferson probably fathered at least six children with Hemings, including four that survived to adulthood."

"Evidence suggests that Jefferson started the relationship with Hemings when they were in Paris, where she arrived at the age of 14, when Jefferson was 44. By the time she returned to the United States at 16, she was pregnant."

Jefferson, it appears, was not only a slave-holder, but also a pedophile. Hemings, (as well as progeny), does not hold the same prominence in Jefferson biographies as did his wife, Martha and her heirs. Thomas Jefferson died on Independence Day, July 4, 1826.

This week's Gratitude Spotlight is on the hardworking Bolinas Community Center staff and Board. The Center is the Heart of our town, and through classes and events have been on hold during this corona virus pandemic, the important work that the center provides for our community continues in even a more imperative way by continuing to organize food distribution on Thursdays, by sponsoring the ongoing preparation of "take what you need, pay what you can" meals in the Community Kitchen, and by making sure bathrooms are sanitized and the building is maintained with bills paid. Big thanks to Randi Arnold, Executive Director and Kate Ryan-Ross, General Manager, for doing the everyday needed tasks; and to the Board of Directors: Jeff Mansor, President; Eleanor Lyman, Vice President; Gene Marchi, Treasurer; Maitreya Rose; Jan Broek; Bobbi Likover; Magi Barror; StuArt Chapman; Alex Bleeker; Susan Tachera; Susie Stewart; and Andrew Brennan. Thanks to all of them for keeping our Heart pumping. The Center Mission Statement has been set to music by StuArt, so if you go to their website, you can hear it, learn it, sing along:

"To foster inclusive community participation by providing an environmentally sound facility for arts, education, recreation, celebration, and locally based human services in order to increase opportunity for personal and collective growth in our community."

This lovely spring weather has me nostalgic for the many years of the BCC sponsored Art and Garden festivities, so looking forward to a time when we can party there again.

THREE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE...

• Not only are we surrounded by the glorious sights of spring these wonderful days as the light strengthens, but listen for the sounds of spring as well: the frog peepers in the evening, and the bird-song arising from the birds' animated courtship rituals. And the buzz of innumerable mowers.

• I took toast and the second cup of coffee out into the morning sun this morning, and after a few minutes realized it was uncomfortably warm out there on the porch. Halleluia for the heat!

• Our household is happy today—my sweetie got the best possible birthday present: an appointment for a covid vaccination.

Hope your week is great.

Cheers, Ned Riley

Free streaming of documentary, co-sponsored by the California Film Institute (CFI) and Golden Gate Village Resident Council. A documentary about a Chicago Housing Project where gentrification and displacement resulted from a private-partnership development plan to revitalize.

THIS STREAMING EVENT IS FREE, BUT TICKETS ARE REQUIRED
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Rachel Gargle is a public academic, philanthropic innovator, and social entrepreneur who has compiled a self-education challenge. We have been sharing this with you during the month of February. Her call to action is as follows: "Those who are existing within and benefiting from white privilege must #DoTheWork to: 1. Recognize and respect the dynamic history of the African American community. 2. Unlearn the world's whitewashed understanding of Black existence. 3. Make the critical connections necessary to take antiracist action." @rachel.gargle - Instagram

**COMMIT TO LIFELONG ALLYSHIP**

**ALLY**
Describes someone who supports a group other than one's own (in terms of racial identity, gender, faith identity, sexual orientation, etc.) Allies acknowledge disadvantage and oppression of other groups than their own; take risks and supportive action on their behalf; commit to reducing their own complicity or collusion in oppression of those groups and invest in strengthening their own knowledge and awareness of oppression.

Source: Center for Assessment and Policy Development

**ALLYSHIP**
is the practice of emphasizing social justice, inclusion, and human rights by members of an ingroup, to advance the interests of an oppressed or marginalized outgroup. Allyship is part of the anti-oppression or anti-racist conversation, which puts into use social justice theories and ideals.

**How to be an Ally?**
1. Take on the struggle as your own.
2. Transfer the benefits of your privilege to those who lack it.
3. Amplify voices of the oppressed before your own.
4. Acknowledge that even though you feel pain the conversation is not about you.
5. Stand up even when you feel scared.
6. Own your mistakes and decenter yourself.
7. Understand that your education is up to you and no one else.

From the Bolinas Anti-racist Column group
- Submitted by Lisa Townsend

**Roxane Gay** (American writer, professor, editor, social commentator) in her article for *Marie Claire*, "On Making Black Lives Matter" notes:

Black people do not need allies. We need people to stand up and take on the problems borne of oppression as their own, without remove or distance.

We need people to do this even if they cannot fully understand what it's like to be oppressed for their race or ethnicity, gender, sexuality, ability, class, religion, or other marker of identity.

We need people to use common sense to figure out how to participate in social justice.

**DO**
- Do be open to listening
- Do be aware of your implicit biases
- Do your research to learn more about the history of the struggle in which you are participating
- Do the inner work to figure out a way to acknowledge how you participate in oppressive systems
- Do the outer work and figure out how to change the oppressive systems
- Do use your privilege to amplify (digitally, in-person) historically suppressed voices
- Do learn how to listen & accept criticism with grace, even if it's uncomfortable
- Do the work every day to learn how to be a better ally

**DON'T**
- Do not expect to be taught or shown. Take it upon yourself to use the tools around you to learn and answer your questions
- Do not participate for the gold medal in the "Oppression Olympics" (you don't need to compare how your struggle is "just as bad as" a marginalized person's)
- Do not behave as though you know best
- Do not take credit for the labor of those who are marginalized & did the work before you stepped into the picture
- Do not assume that every member of an underinvested community feels oppressed

https://guidetoallyship.com/
A project created by amélie lamont
LIFE SAVING CEMETERY

We drove north on a balmy Sunday. What were we thinking? The nature needy urban crowds flooded the Pt. Reyes National Seashore and parked along the roads leading to the Estero, Drake’s Beach, Perry’s Deli. It was St. Valentine’s Day. Who could blame them? And, there on the right driving north, was a sign: Life Saving Cemetery. “Turn there!”, says I. And we did. There, in a lone grove of old eucalyptus, is an equally old cemetery. It’s gravestones tell the tale of young men from Finland, Germany and beyond who gave their lives in the saving of lives on the shores of Northern California. It is unkempt with sagging picket fences. But the graves are recently adorned with coins, seashells and empty bottles of modern craft ciders. We climbed to a carved tree bench that was placed there, saying we would return one day with some friends and a picnic. While gazing out at the Estero, I imagined a group of Bolinas Women (perhaps clad in black?) gathering to clear the gravesites of leaves and bark, realigning the picket fences and honoring those fallen dead. That once saved lives.

- Fran McCoen

Ode to the Eucalyptus

Australian Strippers
Doing their tease
Dropping tawny strips and leaves
Waving about those sweeping fans
Scattering their musky jewels
on roofs and ground
A century separated from their koala lovers,
Now find themselves unprotected immigrants
Often raped by buzz-saws
Their green leaves no longer respected.
So they stand as silent sentinels
As windbreakers rustling a song with the waves
These sacrificial harems
On the Bolinas death row.

Herman Berlandt
-submitted by Ilka Hartmann
Talking about my generation:
So many busy men,
broad in their educations, broad in their views,
but they don't know a thing about their very
own natures,
and they wander way off the Way.
If they really saw what's real,
why would they offer us stale empty dreams?
In the single mantra, now, the heart,
you learn to know your own,
seeing what the Buddha sees.

-Han Shan- Cold Mountain Poems
Translated by J.P. Seaton

The whole course of things goes to teach us
faith. We need only obey. There is guidance
for each of us, and by slowly listening we shall
hear the right word...Place yourself in the
middle of the stream of power and wisdom
which flows into you as life, place yourself in
the full center of that flood, then you are without
effort impelled to truth, to right, and a perfect
contentment.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Beauty
Lavender roses.
Incarnate fragrance,
Priestly hue of dawn,
Spirit unfolding.

Flowers arouse in us an instinct to protect
them, to appreciate them, and to shelter them.
This world is too ugly, too violent. There should
be something delicate to care about. To do so
is to be lifted above the brute and to go toward
the refined. When we offer flowers on our altar,
we are offering a high gift. Money is too vulgar,
food too pedestrian. Only flowers are unsullied.
By offering them, we offer purity.

The tenderness of flowers arouses mercy,
compassion, and understanding. If that beauty
is delicate, so much the better. Life itself is
fleeting. We should take the time to appreciate
beauty in the midst of temporality.

-Deng Ming-Dao- 365 Tao Daily Meditations

Endurance, cleanliness,
strength, purity
Will keep our lives straight
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purpose.
Our words will be truth.
Only honesty shall come from
our interaction
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-From the Lakota Sioux Sweat Lodge ceremony

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Dear HearSayers,

It’s Friday night and Will Bartlett has captured my heart & attention with his call to Mars.

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A goto BOmotto for 2021: Water, and more of it ...

With gratitude,

Marc Fischer - Fischwoof
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Photo by Ilka Hartmann
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LM

PERSONALS

the garbage cans are wearing snow hats here, which is charming, and I've found total pleasure in my boyfriend's bath down the road, still. I think of poems for bolinas: a mystical place, with sparkling sand, where animals might talk, if you give them a chance.
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