WALKING THE CIRCLE
JTony Serra

I am proud to say that I represented Hells Angels Motorcycle Club members for approximately fifteen years on all variety of charges including a federal racketeering case in San Francisco. I learned to admire and respect the Hells Angels. They, for me, are like the western cowboy outlaw image of the 1800s. They are ruggedly individualistic. They prize freedom. They uphold constitutional values. They are literally poetry on wheels. During the racketeering charge, I represented a major defendant who was later acquitted! At that time my children were young and we all lived in a little seaside hamlet called Bolinas just north of San Francisco. One of the cherished memories I have are the Hells Angels with their pounding, rhythmic motor sound coming to this little town, putting my children (I had five of them) on the back of their motorcycles and spiriting through the paths and roads of the vicinity. It was fabulous for them; it was fabulous for me, even now!

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Thursday, February 14
ST VALENTINE’S DAY He was beheaded by the Romans in 270AD that we might enrich the greeting-card industry
COAST CAFÉ CONCERT SERIES
Live music, food & drink specials @ Coast Café, 6-8pm

MADRONE BROTHERS
Live bluegrass music @ Smiley’s, 8:30pm, no cover

Friday, February 15
MAD HANNANS Irish rock @ Smiley’s, 9pm. Cover.

Saturday, February 16
JUST FRIENDS Charlie Docherty, Jim Vest, Jerome Bohman & Molly Maguire, Smiley’s, 9:30pm

Sunday, February 17
COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT @ BCC; 7PM.
“Tibetan Book Book of the Dead” by Leonard Cohen

DALE POLISSAR & BART HOPKIN clarinet/guitar jazz @ Panama Hotel, San Rafael, 6-9pm

MUSIC AT GOSPEL FLAT FARM STAND with Jeremy Harris, Yes-Way & Nick Jaina; paintings by Mary Siedman and light projections by Misto Reef Lights on the ceiling. 7pm. By donation, no one turned away

FORWARD ON CLIMATE RALLY
One Market Plaza (Embarcadero) S.F. 1-3pm
ride share and info call Mark -0245
**Dog Droppings**

I shouldn’t really have to point this out, but I’ve carried these disgusting packages off the beach and elsewhere enough times now for me to feel obliged to say that scooping your dog’s dropping into a plastic bag and then leaving it on the beach does not solve the problem! Starting with good intentions and then spacing out before the task is completed actually makes this problem worse, because instead of the dropping getting swept away by the tide or decimated by the elements, it just lies there looking ugly and adding to the appalling accumulation of marine plastic waste. If you’re the kind of person who regularly spaces out mid-chore like this – and we all do so from time to time – it would be better for the beach if you’d either tie the bag to your body or not use it at all. Thank you.

- submitted by Don Smith

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**LIVE MUSIC AT THE BEACH**

Fri., Sat. & Sun Nites FEBRUARY
Open Mic Sun. 8-12
DJ Spin Mon. 9-12:30
Pool Tourney Tue. 8-12
Karaoke Wed. 8-12:30
New Bands Thu. 8-12

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**HOTEL ROOMS**
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**GRAND POOL TOURNAMENT**
Mon. Feb. 1, reggae, rec spin, 9-1
MARDONE BROS.
Fri. Feb. 15, 9-1, Irish rock, MAD HANNANS
Sat. Feb. 16, 9-1, sweet n’ easy JUST FRIENDS
Sun. Feb. 17, 8-12, OPEN MIC w/Ell
Mon. Feb. 18, 9-1, reggae, rec spin, MONDAY NITE LIVE
Tue. Feb. 19, 7-11 GRAND POOL TOURNAMENT
Wed. Feb. 20, 8:30-12:30, LARRY’S KARAOKE

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**HIGHWAY POETS**
Fri. Feb. 22, 9-11, rock’n’roll, THE FARALLONS
Sat. Feb. 23, 9-1, funk BLACK WATER GOLD
Sun. Feb. 24, 8-12 OPEN MIC w/Jeff
Mon. Feb. 25, 9-1, reggae spin, MONDAY NITE LIVE

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Hi, so we are having an opening:
Bolinas Gallery - 1000 6: Michael Cullen, Kim McNeelan, Tripp Carpenter, Alison McLennan, Jade Fletcher, JH Mooi
Opening Party - Saturday, February 2, from 2 - 6 pm
The show will be open every weekend of February:
(Friday - Sunday) from noon - 5 pm
questions - (415)868-1542
Kimberly McNeelan

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On Feb. 6, 1844, a coastal Miwok insurgent named Pomponio was executed by firing squad in Monterrey for his crimes of "murther and murder." Born near today’s town of Bolinas, Pomponio was the leader of the insurrection, a band of Native Americans who rebelled against Mexican rule and "introduced" missions up and down the coast. After killing a Mexican soldier, Pomponio fled to Marin County, where Mexican military captured him north of San Rafael. Unsubstantiated lore has it that while imprisoned in Monterrey, he amputated his own hand to escape his shackles. Pomponio State Beach south of Half Moon Bay bears his name.

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**TODAY'S HEARSAY brought to you by Steve Heilig, June McAdams, and David Cattell.**

SAVE THE DATE!
A fund-raiser/benefit for the Hearsay News is being organized for Friday, March 15 at the Community Center. Tentative plans include a variety show/revue and locally filmed movies.

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Monday editor
Dear Friends,

Forward on Climate Bay Area Rally

Crippling drought. Devastating wildfires. Superstorm Sandy. Climate has come home — and the American people get it.

On Sunday, February 17, thousands of Americans will head to Washington, D.C. to make Forward on Climate the largest climate rally in history. Join this historic event to make your voice heard and help the president start his second term with strong climate action.

From rejecting the toxic Keystone XL tar sands pipeline to firing up our clean energy economy, Barack Obama’s legacy as president will rest squarely on his response, resolve, and leadership in solving the climate crisis. That’s why on February 17, we will be marching to the president’s doorstep to show him that we can’t afford to wait any longer. Sign up to join the action in D.C.

As an alternative to going to Washington D.C., Join the Sierra Club and 350 Bay Area at a Forward on Climate rally in San Francisco on Presidents Day to demand that President Obama take action on climate change and reject the Keystone XL Pipeline!

Where: One Market Plaza (next to the Embarcadero BART, map)
When: Sunday, February 17, 1 – 3 p.m.
Submitted By: Mark Butler
For RIDE Share & info - 0245

Hello Live Music Fans!

This week at Smiley’s we have a sweetheart of a weekend for you!

Thursday night it’s The Madrone Brothers, a three piece bluegrass band coming down to play you all their sweet originals for Valentine’s Day! No cover on Thursdays makes this the best deal around.

Friday night it’s THE MAD HANNANS!!! That’s right! The brothers are back together and playing right here at Smiley’s. If you don’t remember this amazing show you can hear tracks at jerryhannan.com. Don’t miss this show, at only $10 it’s the least expensive way to see these boys.

Saturday night it’s JUST FRIENDS! More local love! Charlie Docheity and his band of friends is back to dance the night away. These guys put on quite a show, last time they were here everyone actually danced out into the streets! Don’t miss this wonderful band. $10

Can’t wait to see you all down here at the old watering hole. If there’s a band or a type of music you and your friends want to hear, let me know! emmaleesings@gmail.com
The Great Car Battery Caper

By Robin Bradford

“You’ve got a great big dollar sign there where most women have a heart.”
—Sterling Hayden in The Killing

He liked me. I could feel it. Like a poker game when the cards are falling right for you, with a nice little pile of blue and yellow chips in the middle of the table. What I didn’t know then was that I wasn’t playing him. He was playing me, his deck was marked, and the stakes weren’t blue and yellow chips. What hung in the balance was a car battery.

Some things you do, some things you don’t. This devil with the angel’s smile did something you just don’t do: Battery dumping, broad daylight, Bolinas. Now we’re going to have to pay to take some schmuck’s car battery off our hands. You know what that is, don’t you? It’s bad news, real bad.

You heard me right—a CAR BATTERY. Oh sure, our sign advertises we recycle batteries. It’s a service we perform for free for the guys and dolls living in this mixed-up little town we like to call home. But this Johnny Scofflaw must’ve known he was pulling a fast one, dumpin’ a car battery like that right in front of the hardware store. Only a human being with a tiny shred of decency would take the time to bring it to a place that actually takes car batteries, but decency must be something he didn’t learn in Boy Scouts.

Yeah, he might’ve saved a few bucks. You know what bucks are, don’t ya? The stuff you never have enough of. The little green paper things with Alexander Hamilton half-smiling right at ya. Men die for it, women act like tramps for it. It causes more trouble in this world than anything, and if you’ve ever wondered why, here’s your answer: because there’s just too dam little of it to go around!

Sure, I may sound like a bitter little lady, but it’s a bitter little world.

Time passed. Pina Coladas, walks on the beach in the rain, and nights of solitude, mixed with the fact that the car battery, and the moke, were out of my life, made this quiet little burg halfway livable once again. And then— the unthinkable. Of all the nail joints in all the world, he had to walk back into this one.

I gulped, then sputtered, then gulped and sputtered again before deciding to give him a piece of my mind. And friend, there aren’t that many pieces left, but I scrambled for each remaining scrap and frittered it away like I had a whole wad buried under a mattress. “L-l-last time I looked, you were a nice g-g-guy.”

He grimaced, “Maybe next time you look, I won’t be.”

“You just keep on talking, honey,” I retorted. “I like the way you run me down like that. Like an old battery that can’t be jumpstarted!” The battery couldn’t be jumped, but he did, nearly out of his skin. I guess I got him good because his face drained, drained like a—you guessed it—a battery that needed recycling. “Except we don’t recycle car batteries,” I screeched. “Never have, never will!”

“I’ll be back,” he snerked, in a tone reminiscent of a black pool of radioactive fluid opening up at my feet. And like the fool my mother raised me to be, I dove right in, head first, not even thinking about my hair. It was like a whirlpool, a black whirlpool sucking me under. But at least it provided me with a metaphor as he slunk backwards out the door.

“What I like about you is you’re rock bottom. I wouldn’t expect you to understand this, Johnny, but it’s a great comfort for a girl to know she could not possibly sink any lower!”

Some dames who’ve been around the block even more than I have suggest if I hate car batteries so much, I should get on my knees and pray. Pray that I never run into such an ill-mannered jerk ever again. But as for me, I never pray. Kneeling, you see, bags my nylons. But don’t even get me started on that, for that is another story entirely.

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 13: Caitlin Longini
Christy Wareham
Jamaal Forrest

February 14: Oliver Whitcroft
Mary Lindheim (remembered)
Diane Blacker
Melinda Morgan

February 15: Ian Gaffney
Tobi Eearnhart-Gold
Johnny Ratcliffe II

February 16: Pat Tassa
Christine Borg
Signs of the Times

Congratulations to Caroline Wilson of San Anselmo, who found this sign on the beach in Bolinas. She won a $80 gift certificate to a Marin restaurant with her entry in “Signs of the Times” (March 2012, page 106).

Free tax advice at Dance Palace

A free tax preparation session sponsored by West Marin Community Services, the Dance Palace Community and Cultural Center and AARP foundation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, at the community center. Appointments are required, so please call the resource center at (415) 663.8361 before the day of the event. Translation services will be available.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your comments may be edited for clarity and brevity. Send letters to Marin Magazine, One Harbor Drive, Suite 208, Sausalito, CA 94965, or email at letters@marinmagazine.com. Please include the town where you live and a daytime phone number.

Thu Feb 14

Sat Feb 16
2 pm Hawaii Calling, Led Ka’apana, slack key guitar.

Mon Feb 18
1 pm Transition to Peace, Jack Hoban, The Ethical Warrior: Values, Morals and Ethics.

Tue Feb 19
8 am Rise and Shine. Blues guitarist, David Hill.


Wed Feb 20
2 pm Classical Wednesday. G.S. Sachdev, bamboo flute.

5:30 pm Geography of Hope Conference. Buddy Huffaker, Aldo Leopold Foundation; Steve Costa, founder.

Schedules & More Info at www.kwmr.org
Bolinas-Stinson preschool forum

By Lynn Axelrod

“Don’t bother being better than anyone else. Be better than yourself.” The quotation by William Faulkner was one of several Ethel Seideman handed out to the roughly 30 people who attended a preschool forum at the Bolinas school Monday evening.

The goal of the evening was to recruit members to a task force that will study the possibility of setting up a public preschool for all children in the Bolinas-Stinson school district. A $25,000 grant from First 5 Marin is underwriting the year-long effort.

Having faced some of her own battles to pioneer preschool education, Seideman told the group that precedent often is "used to keep the status quo." She also recommended the district remember to include all the population cultures of the community in its discussions.

Dave Cort, who runs the San Gertrudis Valley Community Center, was present. His community and others, he said, are looking at this as a possible model to develop their own publicly run preschool.

Ethel Seideman (center) at the Bolinas-Stinson preschool forum. District Superintendent Larry Enos stands to the right. Susan Tacherra, director of the Stinson Beach Preschool is to the left of Seideman. Photo by Lynn Axelrod

Seideman, a much lauded preschool authority, put the group through some exercises that brought out shared values such as family, truth and honesty, community, compassion and kindness. These would be needed to guide the work of the committee, she said, especially when controversies arise.

A bell-ringing dispute arose last year when district trustees voted to give the privately run Stinson Beach preschool one last year to lease a district classroom. The decision was based on the need to use the room for the district’s K-8 students.

It stirred heated argument by the parents of the affected tots. Others felt that the Stinson preschool had an unfair advantage over the other preschool, the Bolinas Children’s Center, which also serves the community’s children. The directors of both preschools were present Monday as were two trustees and school principal Elaine Doss.

Seideman told the group to think of preschool as the first link to kindergarten but as an independent period of discovery in children’s lives. She also commented on how the adults should behave, some of which, she said, reflects on how children are treated.

Communications require giving others space to clarify statements so that “battle lines” are not drawn. The committee should remember its shared values, she also advised, when and if it’s accused of “a hidden

Superintendent Larry Enos said the composition of the task force can vary but the current nine-member makeup will be two preschool parents and one community member along with district staff, teachers and administration.

Enos said that while the outcome is unpredictable, it can range from one or five preschool classes, school-owned or not. There are "so many resources in this tiny community...I hope we don’t blow it." The deadline to apply for the committee is February 12. Its members will decide for themselves how they work and when they meet, Enos said. The grant includes committee activities on a monthly basis ranging from visiting a program in Bremerton, Washington, to figuring out how to cover the preschool's costs.

The task force would hold a community meeting in March to share preliminary recommendations. The goal is a pilot program this fall or in 2014.

BOLINAS: At 12:02 p.m. a Porsche owner reported a missing rear license plate.

BOLINAS: At 1:46 p.m. someone complained that three people in a motorboat were trying to catch crabs.
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UNIQUITIES EMPORIUM
Lots of interesting treasures are awaiting your visit to this unique store. Valentine's Day is tomorrow and there are decorations and gifts to help you and your loved one enjoy the day! Right around the corner from the Book Exchange, Open 12-5pm daily except Tuesday.
June McAdams

LOST & FOUND

BRACELET LOST SATURDAY, 2/2 AT CRAB FEAST or somewhere downtown-woven beaded green, gold, white & black bracelet. Please call 0321 if found

A CORDLESS PHONE WAS FOUND outside the Bolinas Library last Saturday. It is not a cell phone. It was found on a bike outside the library.

FOUND: @ BCC - WOMAN'S JACKET reversible green and black with gold pin. Claim at Bolinas Community Center office.

LOST: 1 OLIVE GREEN CASHMERE GLOVE on Terrace or Overlook on Thursday 12/27-868-0339. Thank you.

LOST: DANGLY EARRING WITH PINK & CLEAR teardrop shaped crystals and small leather pouch with square box on December 25th. Please call 264-5541 if found

LOST: MY GRANDDAUGHTER'S SILVER METAL case. 3-4" with a fairy design on it and her Xmas $5 inside. Lost at end of Opal at bus stop. Mariya 415 259-8739

How to contribute to the Hearsay News in person

Come to the office at 270 Elm at Maple, behind the BPUD office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:30 & 10:30 am to have your article appear the same day, and until 11:00 am for classified ads.

Ad forms are also available anytime in the small mailbox next to the Hearsay door. You can fill out the form and have your ad billed to you, or you can enclose payment (please note on your ad if you are paying cash in as they might become separated) & drop into door slot.

Class Schedule

Sunday
Yoga w/ Trishna 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Brazilian Dance w/ Anna 11:00 a.m. - noon
Ninjutsu Martial Arts for adults w/ Martin 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Monday
Pilates w/Lisa (pre-register 868-0473) 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Figure Drawing every other Mon. (cont. 1/14/13) 6:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Tuesday
Yoga w/Lisa Brendel 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Bo Babies 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Dance with Eleanor 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Aerial Arts for Youth w/ Joanna 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
CommUnity Nights 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
W/ free movies, games or music. Call -2128 for details

Wednesday
Pilates w/Lisa 8:30 -10:00 a.m.
After-School Theater w/ Lisa Townsend 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Theater with Patrice Daley 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Biblia en Español 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Thursday
Yoga w/ Trishna 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
USDA food bank 12 noon
Congolese Dance & Song w/Sandor (cont. 2/13/13) 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday
Pilates Mat Class w/ Lisa 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday
Yoga w/ Lisa Brendel 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Creative Movement w/ Lisa 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Ballet w/ Erika Townsend 12:00 - 1:30 a.m.

Check the Library marquee or Calendar in BCC foyer for special events at the Community Center. For More Info call 868-2128 or visit Bocenter.org