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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thursday, April 11
COAST CAFE CONCERT SERIES
Live music, food & drink specials @ Coast Café, 6-8pm

LOVE'S IT
Live sweet funk music @ Smiley’s, 8:30pm. No cover

Friday, April 12
BUXTER HOOT'N
Live alt country music @ Smiley’s, 9:30pm

Saturday, April 13
COMMUNITY CENTER
Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors @ Firehouse, 10am

JUST FRIENDS
Charlie Docherty, James Vest, Jerome Bohlman, Molly Maguire, Michael Pinkham. Live at Smiley’s- Cover

Monday, April 15
CHARLIE DOCHERTY
Plays the Sweetwater, Mill Valley 5:30-7pm

Tuesday, April 16
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special meeting of Board of Directors @ Bolinas campus, 5:30pm closed session, 6:30pm open. (Agenda inside)

City unsure why the sewer smells

- Press release by Steve “Just the Facts, Man” Helwig

- Kristin May

- Staffed by Newlin, et al
On Feb. 6, 1844, a Coastal Miwok insurgent named Pompicio was executed by firing squad in Monterey for his crimes of "mayhem and murder." Born near today's town of Bolinas, Pompicio was the leader of Los Insurgentes, a band of Native Americans who rebelled against Mexican rule and "terrorized" missions up and down the coast. After killing a Mexican soldier, Pompicio fled to Marin County, where Mexican military captured him north of San Rafael. Unsubstantiated reports have it that while imprisoned in Monterey, he committed his ownicide to escape his shackles. Pompicio 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.
POINT REYES GIFT SHOP CLOSING

Stacey Henderson called and asked us to let folks know that the gift shop in Point Reyes is having its going out of business sale and has lots of great stuff deeply discounted. Get there before the doors close! (It is across the street from the building supply store.)

Submitted by June McAdams

KWMR-FM
(90.5 PRS & 89.9 Bolinas)

Thu Apr 11
8:30 pm L.A. Theatre: Patrick Link "Headstrong," Lyle Kessler "Orphan."!

Fri Apr 12
12 pm Open House: Immigration Education with Socorro Romo, Angel Ku, Ariana Aparicio, Jordan Mcahill.

1 pm Transition to Peace: Lawyer/mediator/trainer Steven Levine on conflict resolution.

Sat Apr 13
11 am Place We Live: Acharya Melissa Moore & Alan Schwartz on creating enlightened society.

2 pm World Playground: Gamelan Sekar Jaya, the Traditions and Innovations of Bali.

Mon Apr 15
1 pm New Show Pieces of Peace with Susan Santiago.

Tue Apr 16

Schedules & More Info at www.kwmr.org

As an adolescent I aspired to lasting fame, I craved factual certainty, and I thirsted for a meaningful vision of human life — so I became a scientist. This is like becoming an archbishop so you can meet girls.

Matt Cartmill

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California Kobe Beef, Swiss Cheese, Roasted Jalapeno Aioli, Mushrooms, Onions & Star Route Greens on a Fresh Roll
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Barbary Coast Bistro

Everybody's Horoscope
The last thing you could do is a flatline situation to relax. Other will breathe easier when they sense that you are doing the same.

Love, Love... Babolicious
St. Aidan’s Family Service:
This Sunday, April 14 at 10 a.m.

Families need times when they can join with others to reflect on the deeper things of life and living. Whether spiritual practice is a part of family life or not, parents sometimes wonder how to start a conversation with their children about what matters most, how to begin the exploration of life’s big questions. The St. Aidan’s “family” would like to be a resource for your family in this exploration. Why not join us some month for our brief family service? This month’s intergenerational service includes a special Easter story, fun songs and our “Great Feast.” Join us as we wonder together about divine Mystery...

Please, no poison

EDITOR:

Rats in the Garden! (WM Citizen 3-28-13). How about Bats in the Belfry? I read with appreciation the efforts to deter rodent damage to one’s garden, but at the same time in total disbelief, the subtle boast that one can “up one’s game” by using poison. In addition to poison: snails, slugs and earwigs (bad luck for the birds), trays of rat poison outside any kind of accessible container will affect rodents, but it can also decimate ALL the beneficial native predators that help keep nature in relative balance.

Please Google: “marijuana-rodenticides” to see how devastating Google again, for non-toxic alternatives for rodent control.

It only takes one in a neighborhood to kill off all the owls—those that can help the most. A family of Barn Owls can consume upwards of 3000 rodents a year, and once the predators are gone, all everyone is left with are traps and more poison. Let’s work together to preserve our natural environment, the joys of country living and the reasons we all moved here.

Stockton Buck
Rodenticide Free Project
Bolinas

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
April 10: Annie Lamott
           Sarah Pusey
April 11: Tammy Lehman
April 12: Emily Lord Grenier
April 13: Karen Sexton
April 14: Kobi Lee Jones
          Waldemar Mitrowski

I'm liking it already!

NewScientist

West Marin Citizen • April 4, 2013
10 small-town escapes worth the drive

Last week, Smithsonian magazine published its list of the 20 Best Small Towns to Visit in 2013. Not surprisingly, the Bay Area’s very own Sausalito made the cut. That got us thinking: What other small towns in the region are worth a visit?

Here are 10 destinations, all within a couple of hours’ drive of San Francisco (depending on traffic, of course), that are big on the small town vibe.

**BOLINAS**: A view from Little Mesa overlooking a portion of downtown Bolinas, Marin County’s hippie enclave on the ocean.

**Online comments**

Hippie enclave. Ha. The building in the center used to be the Blue Heron Inn and has been listed for half a year as a family home for over $2 million (the average price of homes there). That's a lot of pot and tie dyed T-shirts these hippies must be selling.

Bolinas is openly hostile to outsiders. Kind of kills the mood when you visit there. Of course they expect to be treated well when they visit YOUR town or city.

I've spent good amount of time in Bolinas over the last 4 years and I've never had a bad experience with locals.

The locals are always very kind when I visit. Bi perhaps you are just feeding the legend so less people’ will visit, and I'm okay with that.

**LSO refugees.**

Bolinas is horrible don't go there, really. It's just fast food restaurants and auto shops. The big deal in town is hanging out at 7-Eleven. Don't go, trust me.

You forgot to mention the sewage smelter and the paper factory.

You're trying to discourage people from going to Bolinas so it won't turn into what you described in your comment above. I hope you succeed because I hate to hear people converge on a beautiful place and ruin it.

**Why do the residents of Bolinas smell sewage? AHHHH! I know! You all don't want anyone to go to Bolinas 'cause you found out how to turn poo into gold!**

We only drive past there on our way to the Palomarin parking lot at Point Reyes National Seashore.

thanks for blowing the secret of Bolinas guys, yeah we know people go there now, but when i lived there late '80s it was still kind of unknown and the signs were taken down. now you have exposed that sweet place to even MORE surfers, wanna be's etc leave it and the locals alone, it's like the only place left on the planet that has not been totally ruined, and thankfully there are no starbucks or chains! it was a VERY special place early on, now has changed quite a bit, but i still feel it is home. there just is something about that place!

Signs are still down

**MY WAVE!!!**

Bolinas is awful. No parking anywhere, wild dogs running loose, sinister locals, cold and windy all the time, and no Starbucks. Best to go to Sausalito--easier to get to form the city and you can even get a decent latte with a scone for under 10 bucks.

*No Starbucks* is similar as saying *no McBurnees* in my book. In other words *Nirvana*.

dEdname22, it is true. There is no Starbucks in Bolinas—that alone should tell everyone exactly what they need to know about the place.

Ooh I love wild dogs running loose. They are my favorite. Can you send me and all of my friends directions?

No problemo ScatterI! Once you hit Stinson keep going north on Hwy 1 for about 12 miles or so. You can't miss it. BTW—some of the locals have gotten real clever and put up signs that say 'Olema' all over the place, but it's really Bolinas. Just smile. Just keep to yourself and play along and you'll fit in OK.

I like Bolinas. But I always miss the sign.

Because there isn't one.

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I always figured that is some town is all that self-consciously hip and secretive, I don't want to go there anyway. Somebody dragged me by once and said, this is special? I'd rather be in Benicia.

Bolinas, eh? Did you check with the residents before posting this? This is the same town that takes down the road sign out on highway 1 when it's put up.

dude, we're all locals. we know that. what IS worth mentioning though is that I think there's only one hotel in Bolinas and it's right over a very trashy and noisy bar!

I have to admit that when I saw the headline my first thought was *Please don't let Bolinas be on the list!*

Everybody that *should* know about Bolinas already knows. That's it in a nutshell.

biggieb, did you know that decades ago there was a cafe/cake cream parlor across the street from Smileys called Scoleys'? I lived there as a kid for a year 55 years ago, camped on the lagoon island, you can still see the base of the shack, dug honsnack clams and raided farmers artichoke patches. It was a bucolic place for a kid, out of Mark Twain.
Into The Wake
Of The Quake
by Steve Helling

Two years ago this month, an earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale off the northeastern coast of Japan unleashed the energy of 600 million Hiroshima bombs, followed by massive seismic tidal waves. The world’s media reported insistently on the resulting destruction, especially since it triggered the meltdown of a nuclear power plant. Then international attention moved on, but Gretel Ehrlich chose to go to the heart, both physically and emotionally, of what became “a wild place of total devastation,” where one hundred years of modernization seem to have been erased in one afternoon.

Ehrlich, renowned author of fifteen books of nature writing, fiction, poetry and more, was no stranger to Japan, having spent much time there since childhood. One of her most famous books details her experience of being struck by lightning. But nothing could have really prepared her for what she witnessed in the months following the “Three sorrows: quake, tsunami, meltdown.” Traveling widely with local people through the most impacted areas, she gives voice to over thirty local survivors — fishermen, farmers, Buddhist priests and nuns, families ripped apart and, decimated. Entire villages, including schools, hospitals, factories — everything — were swept away. Bodies were found in trees and hung upside down.

Simultaneously, the worst maritime contamination disaster in recorded history was underway at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, with over 200,000 surviving residents evacuated. The extent of the radiation and risk and quality of the response were — and are — debated, and will take decades to truly determine. But for many at ground zero, that unknown cloud results in what feels like “a futureless future.”

The overwhelming tragedy, perhaps unsurprisingly, brings out both the best and worst in people. Looting and fraud occur, but from Ehrlich’s reporting, many more people responded with self-sacrifice in helping others. People tell of many large and small efforts to feed and comfort others, even when they have little to nothing to give. Monks begged for funds and baked bread to take to the disaster’s homeless. Temples and homes became shelters and morgues. Older men volunteered to work at the reactor to spare the young. Many risked their own health to rescue lost animals. Ehrlich strived to record it all and to sense some of the human dynamic. “To say that the tsunami survivors’ attitude towards their tremendous loss is stoic would be to underestimate the complexity of their response. Courage and self-discipline are evident everywhere...but the pain of loss is staggering; there is confusion, nightmarish fear, and there are suicides.”

Yet Ehrlich, who stayed in Japan for nine months, finds and ends on notes of perseverance and hope. “We’ve been laughing a lot. I don’t know why,” marvels a Buddhist abbots wife, who lost and suffered much. “The tsunami is past. We must think about the future,” the abbots himself counsels. As Ehrlich concludes, “We can see the pain of loss and swing the other way, encountering the unexpected joy of survival.” Her own account in this brief but unforgettable book is itself a harrowing and unexpected marvel.

(FACING THE WAVE: A Journey in the Wake of the Tsunami By Gretel Ehrlich. Pantheon; 240 pages, $22)
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Yoga w/Trishna 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Brazilian Dance w/Anna 11:00 a.m. - noon
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Monday
Pilates w/Lisa (pro-register 868-0473) 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Yoga w/Lisa Brendel 9:30 - 11:00 a.m
Bo Babies 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Aerial Arts for Youth w/ Joanna 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Pirate Pizza in BCC kitchen (pre-order 328-1066) 4:30 - 7:00 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 Espanol 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Thursday
Yoga w/ Joody Marks (new class started 3/14) 8:00-9:30am
USDA food bank 12 noon
Ballet w/ Erika Townsend (new class starts 3/28) 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
After-School Ballet w/ Erika Townsend 3:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Barbary Coast Bistro Food-To-Go in kitchen (328-1066) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Congolese Dance & song w/ Sandor 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.
Ballet w/ Erika Townsend 12:00 - 1:30 a.m.

Check the Library marquee or Calendar in BCC Foyer for special events. For More Info call 868-2128 or visit www.bocenter.org

LOST & FOUND

MISSING: FROM THE ROD AND BOAT CLUB
ST. Patrick’s Day dinner: a brown leather handbag in a backpack
shape and bright pink wallet. Please return, no questions asked.

AM 3/18

LOST: BICYCLE—FROM 485 OVERLOOK DRIVE,
Bolinas. Women’s “Huffy Comforts”, Silvery gold color, big
seat, no baskets. Please return or call Diana-1-207-841-8139

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

3/28 DL

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

SV 2/4

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.

1/25

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i am sideways -
held out like a hand wanting fingers -
a bouquet of chance in the palms opened out.

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and the incorrigible temptation to feel
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