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November 6 Deadline Looms for Growers



Cannibus Legalization on the November 8 Ballot

Voters to Decide on Statewide Legalisation, Local Tax

by Jim Coffis

The next few weeks will be among the most significant in the long history of cannabis in Santa Cruz County. A cannabis licensing official will set up office; a November 6 deadline looms for cultivators and dispensary operators to register their intent to seek a license; and two issues on the November 8 ballot will be decided.

Proposition 64

County voters will join the rest of the state deciding Prop 64, The Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA). The 62 page Act is a comprehensive piece of legislation that prescribes in detail how non-medical cannabis will be regulated. The most recent polls (end of Sept) shows 58% in support. Early voting began October 10, and the deadline to register to vote is October 24.

Measure E

Voters will also have the opportunity to weigh in on County Measure E, which amends the current local cannabis tax ordinance adopted in 2014 with the passage of Measure K. The measure would expand the number of businesses subject to the tax. To date, the County has collected around \$5 million from the 14 approved dispensaries. The measure would not change the tax rate, and all funds collected would continue to go into the general fund.

The amendment has the unanimous support of the Board of Supervisors as well as some cannabis businesses, but opposition is developing among cultivators who object to the fact that over half of the money collected so far has gone to law enforcement to continue the "war on drugs" and patients who object to any tax on medical cannabis.

Licensing Official Hired

On October 17th, the County's first ever Cannabis Licensing Official is expected to begin work. Daniel W Peterson, 55, currently the water resources engineer for Yuba County (pop. 73,000), was selected by County Administrative Officer, Susan Mauriello, from among over 100 applicants for the \$140,000-a-year job.

Peterson has a pair of Bachelor's degrees, one from CSUC (Civil Engineering) and one from CSUS (Mechanical Engineering), as well as a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Walden University. He wrote his thesis on how local California governments should develop and implement regulations concerning medical cannabis.

Registration Program Revised

In addition to hiring a staff, Peterson will take over the licensing registration program, which was rolled out in early August and which came under fire for being overly burdensome and intrusive.

Major revisions to the online process went into effect on September 23. The new nine-page form can be filled out and submitted anonymously.

The account creation page has been changed to allow cultivators to register using only an email address, a username, and a password. You will not have to provide your name, address, APN, or other cultivation site information in order to open an account, and you are allowed to opt out of providing this information on the registration form as well.

You will need to pay \$500 and complete and upload the registration by midnight, November 6. If you subsequently need to change any information, a \$300 "amended registration" fee will be assessed. Your eligibility may or may not be **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7**

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Fires in the Santa Cruz Mountains - What should you do?





Left: Fire near Lockhart Gulch Road, Scotts Valley, Monday evening September 26. Photo by Steve Kuehl. Right: Fire in Henry Cowell Redwood State Park, Tuesday, September 27. Photo by Ian Applegate

by Rachel Wooster

In late September/early October we had three unrelated fires in the Santa Cruz Mountains that started within 24 hours of each other. The Loma Fire, the fire near Lockhart Gulch Road in Scotts Valley, and the fire in Henry Cowell State Park. The following week we had three more fires, one on Monday on Rebecca Drive in Boulder Creek, one on Tuesday in Felton across from Monty's Log Cabin, and one on Wednesday on Bear Creek Road in Boulder Creek. All three of these fires were around a quarter acre in size or smaller, and again, unrelated to each other. So many fires in such a short time is alarming but is not unusual for this time of year. I talked to a few area fire departments and they all said the same thing: The fire danger is currently high, and fires are expected, especially during September and October.

What these fires have in common is that they occurred in areas serviced by Cal Fire and volunteer fire departments. You may not know this, but the Ben Lomond, Boulder Creek, Felton, and Zayante fire departments are staffed by volunteer firefighters. The public elects the board for each fire department, and the chief at each station may have a salary, but all the firefighters are unpaid volunteers. So what happens when these volunteer firefighters work on a fire outside their call area like the Loma Fire or Soberanes Fire? Those volunteer firefighters do get paid, but not immediately. The fire department bills Cal Fire through the state, and three to four months, sometimes six months later, the firefighter receives payment.

So does having a volunteer fire department affect your property fire insurance? It can. Property fire insurance rates are based on your credit score, how far your property is from the fire station, the equipment at the fire station, and the fire district rating. If you are too far from a fire station, you may not be able to get fire insurance. If the fire station you are near is not able to purchase new equipment or keep equipment up to a certain standard, you may not be able to get fire insurance, your fire insurance may be cancelled, or when you file a claim it may be denied. This is one of the many reasons why, when you have an all-volunteer fire department, it is so important to support them. And remember, our volunteer firefighters don't just fight fires. They are also our first responders for auto accidents and medical emergencies.

What should you do if you come across a fire? Call 911. If you are not in an area with cell service, get to an area with service as soon as possible and call 911. You can also call your fire department directly or call the Sheriff's Office Dispatch at (831) 471-1121. Calling 911 gets the information to all fire departments in closest range of the fire, allowing the quickest response possible. Calling 911 is exactly what Ian Applegate and Jason Bunter, Roaring Camp employees, did when they reported the Henry Cowell Fire. Quick reporting and response to wildfires is our best chance for keeping our mountains from going up in flames.





Short's Studio Continues After the Loss of Cliff Short

by Rachel Wooster

When we think of Short's Studio many of us think it was just Cliff Short, but it really was Norma and Cliff. Two amazing artists working together to make lasting pieces of artwork out of redwood and other woods. Cliff passed away September 15, just a day shy of their 61st wedding anniversary. Cliff was 79 years old and left behind Norma, his wife, business partner, and co-artist. He also left behind his four children, 15 grand children, and 18 great grandchildren. The Short family moved to Felton in 1971 and in those 45 years touched a lot of lives with their kindness and artwork. Saint John's Catholic Church was very full the day of his memorial, many spoke including a few of his children and grandchildren.

The Short family and extended family is a clan of artists, kind of like the ones you would see in the olden days. All four of Cliff's children are working artists. Nancy Faneuf does reclaimed furniture with her husband next door to Short's studio; Ann Brofft is a jeweler in Boulder Creek; Mark and Chris Short both went into working with wrought iron. Father and son worked together in one client's home: Cliff created the wood sculptures, and Mark did the rod iron stairs. Norma and Nancy, with whom I spoke extensively inside Short's Studio, told endless stories of the children and grandchildren helping with sanding because their little hands were the perfect fit. Cliff didn't believe in adding on pieces of wood to his sculptures, most of his work is made of one large piece of wood and slowly chiseled away to its final form. The stoic firefighter standing among flames outside of Zayante Fire Station is an excellent example of this; the flames and hose aren't added on but are painstakingly carved out of the same piece of wood.

For the last 10 or 12 years Cliff had been suffering from dementia; the last two years had been the hardest because he couldn't carve anymore. He spent his days watering the garden, not remembering he had done it the day before, or at times even hours before. Norma did everything she could to save water and to get him to stop watering. Towards the end it was one of the only things Cliff could do. San Lorenzo Valley Water district has a letter on file about Cliff's condition, and they never fined the Shorts. Norma wanted them to know how much she appreciated their understanding during such difficult years. The last two weeks of his life he was in a wheelchair, and the house constantly flowed with friends and family saying their goodbyes. The night he passed he said, "Angels come get me, I am ready." There is no doubt that he is in heaven looking after us all.

So what is the future of Short's Studio? Norma is slowly getting used to living alone for the first time in her life. She is keeping the studio open and taking on new jobs - she is the artist behind the studio's tables, clocks, and signs. The wedding sign outside Cowboy Diner and the sign for San Lorenzo Valley Elementary and Middle school are both her work, as well as countless others in our valley.

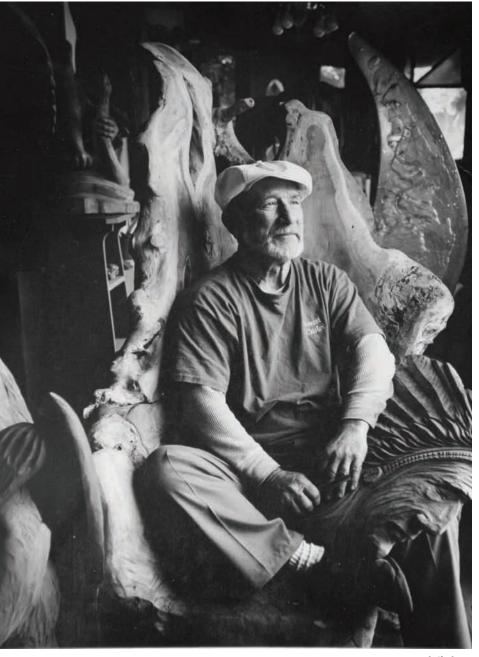
If you happen to have one of Cliff's sculptures, there are few things you need to do to keep it looking nice and lasting for decades to come.

- 1. Keep the sculpture in the shade as much as possible. Constant sun can do a lot of damage go look at the Ox at Felton Covered Bridge Park to see what years of direct sun can do.
- 2. Once a year, before winter, put a protective coat of wood oil on your sculpture. Use the same kind of oil you would put on any outdoor wood deck. Failing to oil your sculpture will, over the years, allow cracks and breakage. Smokey the bear outside of Cal Fire headquarters in Felton is a good example of this kind of damage.

With these two simple steps your sculpture will be a lasting memorial of Cliff's amazing work. Zayante Fire Protection District has done a great job keeping their statue looking wonderful, even though it's in full sunlight much of the time. That statue was installed in 1997, and you can clearly see the difference in its condition compared to the Ox at Felton Covered Bridge Park.

Katie Louise Nelson, one of Cliff's granddaughters, lived nextdoor to her grand-





Artist, Cliff Short

parents most of her life. She summarizes: "How much he meant to me - not just me - our family, our community, our entire mountain town. I couldn't have been closer to him, and his passing has been a great loss in our family. He will be missed. I can't say that enough. He was a beautiful man who taught all of us to be true, good, and above all else, kind." She joins other family members in recognizing "the incredible blessing of working with him."

The Santa Cruz Mountain Bulletin has photos online of some of Cliff's artwork, a list of his sculptures, his full obituary, and Katie Louise Nelson's speech from the memorial. Visit: http://mountainbulletin.com/

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Record Number of Youngsters Help 30th Annual SLV River and Road Clean Up

The 30th Annual SLV River & Road Clean Up was both successful and unusual. For the first time, the number of children working to remove trash and recyclables from along the waterways outnumbered the adults! More family groups and over 30 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts (including Troop 604, and Pack 654 in Felton and Pack 623 in Boulder Creek) made the difference. This showed in the weight and types of materials, like 12 zip-lock bags packed with cigarette butts and fewer large items brought in to the sign-in/weigh-in stations. Even so, messy mountains of junk were accumulated



The McIvor Family at the SLV River & Road Cleanup

along roadsides for pickup by volunteers and by the dedicated County Public Works and SLV Water District truck drivers.

A total of 146 volunteers, ranging in age from preschool to 90-plus, participated in the Cleanup. The event has been organized by The Valley Women's Club since 1986, partnering with Save Our Shores for the past eight years. Over 4200 pounds of trash, plus over 1000 pounds of recyclable materials were retrieved that otherwise would have contaminated the river and its wildlife on the way to the Bay. A 30th anniversary celebration also took place at Covered Bridge Park, with fresh popcorn (thanks to the Felton Fire popcorn machine) and relay races.

Special kudos go out to the leaders of Troop 604 and Packs 654 and 623, along with the many caring parents who want their children to take responsibility for the health of their watershed. And thanks to Dustin Cochran (who has brought in huge truckloads of trash from along Bear Creek Road for many years), and to Jen Mount and the team of Allison Fischer and Natalie Dervaux, who handhauled hundreds of pounds of materials from along Zayante Creek.

Several dozen photos, featuring many of the volunteers and some remarkably awful trash, give a real feel for the event and are posted on the Valley Women's

Club's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/valleywomensclub/ Those with more photos to share may send them to: info@valleywomensclub.org

Each resident of the San Lorenzo Valley can help make every day River & Road Clean Up Day by removing the trash from along their road frontage or from the pullouts along Hwy 9 and other major roads. Don't wait another year to help protect your waterways and their wildlife from the impacts of cigarette butts, plastics, and other debris contamination. It's every-

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Santa Cruz Mountains Local News Roundup

October 5, 2016 - Quarter acre fire on Bear Creek Road in Boulder Creek.

October 4, 2016 - Small fire across the street from Monty's Log Cabin in Felton. One arrest, Jed Morouse. Bond was set at \$500 and he was released the next day.

October 3, 2016 - Quarter acre fire on Rebecca Drive in Boulder Creek. Neighbors concerned about squatter activity.

September 27, 2016 - Third fire, again completely unrelated to the Loma Fire, was called in by Ian Applegate and Jason Bunter, both Roaring Camp employees. The fire received two aerial water drops and was completely extinguished within hours. It was no larger than an acre in size.

September 26, 2016 - Second fire, completely unrelated to the Loma Fire, started in the evening near Lockhart Gulch Road in Scotts Valley. It was completely extinguished the next morning by 5:30 am after burning about 9 acres.

September 26 through October 14 - Loma Fire burned 4,474 acres and is 99% contained. 12 residences and 16 outbuildings were destroyed and 1 residence was damaged. The cause is still under investigation.

September 16, 2016 - Brookdale Lodge Receives Permit Approvals The county finally cleared the Brookdale Lodge to begin renovations to restore the hotel, lobby, and retail spaces to its pre-2009 fire status. Pravin Patel purchased the property in July 2014 with a grand reopening originally scheduled for 2016. The property dates back to 1890, so the historical permits needed took over two years to approve. With the permits finally in hand, construction can begin. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Watch for Deer - California Mule Deer rutting season occurs in autumn and this time of year drivers and cyclists need to be extra vigilant about deer darting into mountain roadways. Santa Cruz County Sheriff: (831) 461-7400 | Native Animal Rescue: (831) 462-0726

Half Price Pet Adoptions - Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is currently full and thus, they are having half off all adoption fees through the end of October. Visit the shelter: 2200 7th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 | (831) 454-7200

Water and Other Rebates Still Available - Many water rebates are still available. San Lorenzo Valley Water District issues water credits for the following: Greywater irrigation system (also known as laundry to landscape) of up to \$450. Up to \$125 for a weather-based irrigation controller. Up to \$100 for replacing your washing machine with a qualifying high efficiency version.

PG&E will add up to \$150 in additional rebates for that same high efficiency washing machine replacement.

The state of California will give you up to \$2 per square foot of turf grass that you remove and replace with low-water alternatives - maximum rebate is \$2,000. Because of overwhelming response, California is no longer offering rebates for low flow toilets, but that rebate may resume next summer.





Santa Cruz Public Libraries Seek Community Input on Strategic Plan

Community Meetings to be Held at each of 10 Branch Libraries

October 6, 2016—SANTA CRUZ, CA—The Santa Cruz Public Library System (SCPL), a network of 10 neighborhood library branches throughout Santa Cruz County, today announced a series of meetings to be held at each branch library to obtain community input on an updated Strategic Plan.

"In current public library research and practice, we have found that the most effective Strategic Plans begin with the community, not in the library," stated Janis O'Driscoll, Manager of System Services. The community meetings will be facilitated by Library Director, Susan Nemitz, as roundtable conversations with community members to determine shared priorities, passions, and values with an eye toward where the library fits in. O'Driscoll continues, "That's why we really hope the entire community around each branch will attend the meetings, whether they use the library or not."

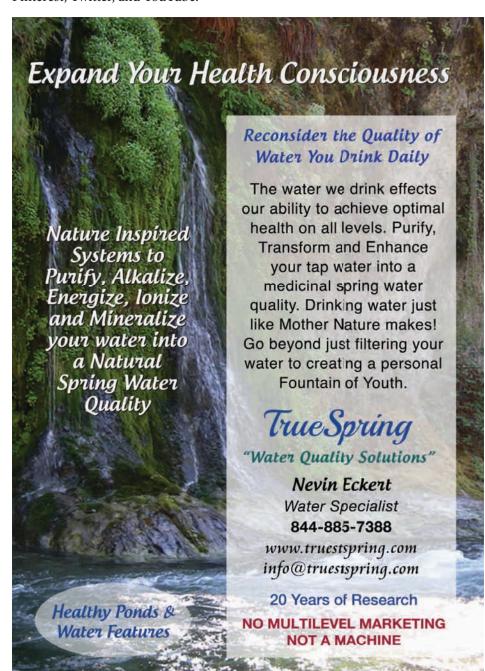
Input for the library's Strategic Plan will take a "community first" approach. The plan will be a roadmap for library decision-making about what services, programs, and activities to focus on over the next three years. Director Nemitz says, "In June 2016, the voters gave their support to the improvement of each of SCPL's ten physical branches. We are very grateful for that support, and we owe it to the voters to create spaces that support services and programs that are relevant to our communities' values, needs, and goals. We need a plan."

Community Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, October 19 2:30 pm, Branciforte Library, 230 Gault St. SC Thursday, October 20 4:00 pm, Garfield Park Library, 705 Woodrow Ave. SC Tuesday, October 25 7:00 pm, La Selva Beach Library, 316 Estrella Ave. LSB Wednesday, October 26 7:00 pm, Boulder Creek Library, 13390 West Park Ave. Thursday, October 27 6:00 pm, Aptos Library, 7695 Soquel Dr. Aptos Tuesday, November 1 7:00 pm, Capitola Library, 2005 Wharf Rd. CAP Saturday, November - 10:00 am, Downtown Library, 224 Church St. SC Sunday, November 6 2:00 pm, Live Oak Library, 2380 Portola Ave. SC Wednesday, November 9 7:00 pm, Felton Library, 6299 Gushee, FEL Thursday, November 10 7:00 pm, Scotts Valley Library, 251 Kings Village Rd.

In addition to each of these branch meetings, library staff are also participating in conversations with individuals, groups, and organizations to gain input. This information, combined with benchmarking studies against other California Libraries, demographic and other data analytics, will be analyzed in preparation for the written plan. The 2017-2020 Strategic Plan is expected to be complete in January.

Learn more about SCPL at SantaCruzPL.org or via Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter, and YouTube.



Valley Business

Balance Studio Spa Transforms into Spa Santangelo

by Rachel Wooster

Balance Studio Spa has been in business for thirteen years, and over those years they have evolved and changed. They chose their thirteenth birthday to transform into Spa Santangelo. When I attended their grand re-opening in September, I immediately fell in love with the place. I already have a great massage therapist that I see for regular bodywork, but I have been looking for years for a spa getaway - a place I can go to reconnect, feel pampered, re-center myself, and maybe even have a spa day with friends.

Spa Santangelo offers all of that and more, allowing you to experience quality spa treatments at reasonable prices all in the



Melissa Stone Santangelo, owner of Spa Santangelo in Felton

beauty of the redwood forest. They have a variety of traditional spa treatments, and they offer royalty spa packages, and group packages just for brides or for the whole wedding party. Services also include tips for achieving a life of balance, and advice on healthy recipes and cooking. The owner, Melissa Stone Santangelo, is the author of Spa-Cipes, The Spa Cookbook, which includes lots of natural holistic recipes for food facials, detox wraps, soaks, hair treatments, and even stuff for your dog.

Talking to Melissa and her staff is a dream - they're all experts in alternative medicine and can guide you in the right direction. If they don't know, they actually say, "I don't know" instead of making it up on the fly. They also offer a lot of treatments that they don't have on their website, such as lymph node massage.

During the grand re-opening, I was able to sample some of their treatments and take home a trial size pumpkin facial and foot scrub. The facial I tried isn't like the ones you purchase in stores that will last for years - it needed to be refrigerated and used within a few days. This allows your body to get the most out of these fresh organic ingredients without any added chemicals or preservatives. It was quite a refreshing experience and put me in the kind of mindset I have been looking for.

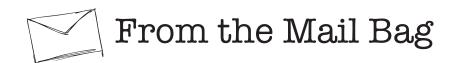
I set up an appointment to come back with a friend to experience the full treatment. We had a 30-minute soak in their spa and then a 60-minute massage. I didn't ask for any special bodywork, or tell them much about my injuries. I wanted to be able to tell you guys what a typical massage is like. I wasn't able to stay in the spa for the whole 30 minutes - I tend to run too hot - but just sitting in the patio area next to the spa, hearing the birds, feeling the sunlight, and enjoying the smell of the redwoods was extremely relaxing. When your muscles are already relaxed, you get a lot more out of the massage.

The massage itself was wonderful, and the oil used was light, not too heavy. The session ended with a mist of lavender and then, after dressing, we were allowed relax in the patio area until we were ready to leave - we were never rushed in or out. With so many places on the patio to sit, it's not like someone else is waiting for your spot. It really allowed for a thoroughly relaxing and reconnecting experience. I am hoping to be able to do another retreat soon, even if only for an hour or so.

If you are looking for a spa experience in a beautiful natural environment,



I highly recommend Spa Santangelo located in the Forest Lake neighborhood of Felton. Take a virtual tour and book online: http:// balancestudiospa. com/



9/27/2016 in response to Blog Post ~ Scotts Valley fire last night

We live on Lockhart Gulch across from the location of the fire last night. As dozens and dozens of firefighters and policemen roared up the road toward our danger, we quickly packed up our family treasures, keepsakes, and cat to leave. The responding heroes worked vigorously and methodically to stomp down the fire within a few hours. Although the fire was declared completely out at 5:30, the crew worked 12 hours until they left the scene at 9am, hopefully for a well-deserved rest.

To the Firefighters and Police:

As always the populace can never fully express our appreciation for your hard, effective work, and for putting yourselves in harm's way. I expect you all just view it as 'doing your job', but it's really much more than that to us. Just remember that all the people you help really, really do appreciate it.

Stay safe, and keep up the great work! And thanks to Steve Kuehl for the excellent photos.

~ Charlie Cameron

10/7/22016 in response to Blog Post ~ Loma Fire FINAL Report 10/4

Deepest gratitude for saving our houses at 30205 Loma Chiquita Road....90 years of memories. Grandma bought 5 acres for 50.00 for 2 acres.in 1927. Bought pink house in 1933 with 10 acres for \$1000.00 in 1933. Words just can't express our feelings. Thank you with all our hearts.

~ The Woodworth Family

In response to Article ~ Proposed Flightpath Threatens the San Lorenzo Valley, SLV Residents Move to Stop Proposed Jet Flightpath

October 5, 2016

Dear Editors,

Just wanted to voice my concern over the flight path issue and how SLV needs to try to fight this. We in the San Lorenzo Valley need to speak up to the Select Committee and oppose the move to DaveyJ and/or reverting the flight path, because it will bring substantially more planes (due to combined vectors and increased traffic) and noise at lower altitudes than ever before to SLV.

A vocal group spearheaded by "Quiet Skies NorCal" has organized itself to not only assert their views, but has mischaracterize the facts and apparently asserted that the residents of San Lorenzo Valley have already provided input and for support of their position. This not true and is the opposite of the facts provided by knowledge SLV residents.

This is very unfair to all of us in SLV. We need the Select Committee to consider amending the Class B airspace, or use of other methods to alleviate the current situation and not "move the noise" over SLV.

Thank you very much! Jennifer Parks, Boulder Creek.

October 4, 2016

Dear Editor

The proposal to move the flight path to the San Lorenzo Valley is NIMBYism at its worst. Since we all live in proximity to 3 international airports, and dozens of smaller municipal airports, there is a reasonable expectation that there is going to be airplane noise for everyone. San Lorenzo Valley has airplane noise, we don't need additional noise because other folks elsewhere in the county want peace and quiet at our expense.

Those folks who suggest that their homes have a value that precludes a flight path ought to consider a more equitable perspective.

Tom Andersen Felton, CA

October 4, 2016

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the article regarding a potential flight path proposed for the San Lorenzo Valley. It seems that every remedy should be made to alleviate noise where the path is now – raising altitude for example. Moving it to SLV just moves the problem to us. We have a large population in our valley that would be negatively impacted.

All 7 Santa Cruz Sentinel articles presented only the perspective of the people who want to move the flight path away from their homes and over ours. We are fortunate to have a local mountain paper that represents the interests of SLV residents. Please continue to keep us informed.

Kara Carter Ben Lomond, CA

Why You Should Vote

by Rachel Wooster

The two major candidates for President this year have most Americans disgusted. In a year when much of the country wants an anti-establishment candidate, we have the most establishment candidate ever. On the other side, we have someone who is the farthest thing from establishment but who has accepted an endorsement by David Duke (a former KKK grand wizard), has legitimized racism, and has a history of disrespecting and objectifying women. The whole thing has many people throwing up their hands in frustration contemplating not voting at all in November. Even the most diligent of voters are questioning the point of voting. For many, this election is about choosing between the lesser of two evils

I understand what everyone is feeling, I am quite disgusted and frustrated myself. But there is much more on the ballot this year than just the presidency and many of those races and measures will affect your daily life much more than who is president. So why should you vote this November? **BECAUSE of EVERYTHING ELSE that is ON THE BALLOT!**

First is the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, which is celebrating its 75th birth-day this year. What started as a water district for just Boulder Creek, Brookdale, and Ben Lomond, grew to include Felton in 2008, and Lompico last year. It is because of local elections that we have kept our water supply and its management 100% local. Then we have the Boulder Creek Rec and Park District, which is 57 years old. It also was created because of local elections, and its board members are also elected every two years. And don't forget that we elect the board to each of our volunteer fire departments. Zayante got their firehouse in the 1980s through a bond measure. And finally on the ballot, local projects such as road improvement, school construction, and library expansion, which count on the electorate to help decide how to delegate county resources designated for these projects.

The Santa Cruz Mountain Bulletin Voting Guide in this issue contains information about local Measures D, E, N, and O. We also have our non-partisan voting guide online, and next week we will have an additional article online regarding the three candidates running for the San Lorenzo Valley Water Board. We include everything that is on the ballot with links to all the measures and candidate websites, as well as neutral website analysis from BallotPedia and Voter's Edge, when available. These links give you all available information in one place, including information that usually isn't as easy to find and may not be listed on the state and county election websites.

The conversation continues: Read my article *How Our Election System is Broken* in the Santa Cruz Mountain Bulletin online. www.mountainbulletin.com

Measure O ~ **Zayante Fire Protection District**

by Rachel Wooster

Measure O requires a 66% yes vote to pass. This measure will repeal the \$35 parcel tax that was implemented in 1992 and replace it with a \$68 parcel tax. Back in 1987, the voters passed Measure E giving the district \$495,000 in Fire Station General Obligation Bonds to build the fire station and community center they have today. These 30-year bonds were based on property values and will be completely paid off in 2017. Therefore, this new \$68 parcel tax will be equal to or less than what many property owners currently pay, and going forward everyone will be paying the same amount.

So what is this new \$68 parcel tax meant to pay for? Two major things: First, new equipment as needed, and second, three paid personnel to be on duty 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

The district has a long standing history of being good fiscal shoppers when it comes to purchasing new engines. Back in 1992, when the \$35 parcel tax was passed, you could get a new engine for \$200,000 to \$250,000. Now a new fire engine is \$500,000 and up.

As you may know, Zayante Fire Protection District is a volunteer fire department, their board is elected by the public. Their fire chief, John Stipes, is currently the only one who is paid and he tends to work 40-plus hours a week. He has been doing so for the last six years, and spent an additional 10 years as assistant chief. Many of the volunteer firefighters currently on "Team Z" work 8 to 5, Monday through Friday at their paying jobs, volunteering for the department in the evenings and on weekends. The addition of three paid personnel during the week would allow calls to be answered much more quickly. The person answering the call wouldn't have to go from their home or other location to the station to suit up and then get in the engine and answer the call. They would already be at the station and could answer the call immediately.

This is especially important because the district covers 15 square miles all the way up to Summit Road. Once a call is received from the fire station, it can take up to 15 minutes to get to the incident. The calls they answer aren't just for fires; they are also the first responders for auto accidents and medical emergencies. In the past, call volume has been 130 to 140 calls a year, and over the years it has increased so that now call volume is up to 300 calls per year.

So with the increase in the cost of equipment and the increase in call volume, it really makes sense to increase the existing parcel tax to support Zayante fire-fighters. See our online article for the full text of Measure O. http://mountain-bulletin.com/



Measure D: Pays for Needed Road Repairs

by Chris Finnie

Unlike a lot of recent local transit measures that only focus on the Highway 1 corridor, Measure D actually spreads funding around more widely. In fact, more funding goes to road repair and neighborhood safety improvements than any other category of spending.

Don Lane, co-chair of the Yes on D campaign, explained that CalTrans is only responsible for maintaining local highways, not improving them. So, after a portion of roadway starts to crumble into a canyon, they'll step in and reinforce it. But they won't improve it before that happens. Measure D would give the county the funds to do that. He adds that, "30% annually, or about \$5 million a year goes to each jurisdiction for repairs. That would mean about \$2.5 million a year for county roads." The Board of Supervisors and the County Public Works Department will allocate the funding raised by a ½¢ increase in sales taxes countywide.

State or federal governments cannot take funds raised by Measure D. But the additional funding will make it possible for Santa Cruz County to take advantage of matching funds that are available from the state and federal governments—something not possible without Measure D.

Investments in Scotts Valley and the San Lorenzo Valley

The plan includes Highway 9 safety improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. It will also address access to schools, businesses, and bus stops; as well as traffic operations, pavement conditions, drainage, and other needs in this important travel corridor. Money will also be used for road maintenance on county roads, including fixing potholes throughout the San Lorenzo Valley

Local Endorsements

Endorsed by many local elected officials, the measure also has the backing of the Valley Women's Club of San Lorenzo Valley, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, and the Scotts Valley City Council. Lane pointed out that many first responders are also in favor of it because it will improve access for them. As I noted in my piece on Measure N, that is part of the ISO rating that affects our fire insurance.

We all know our local roads are crumbling. This is a cost-effective way to fix that.

MARIJUANA LEGALISATION CONTINUED

considered until you have identified yourself and completed additional forms which are still being developed.

Applicants who do choose to identify themselves (and everyone with a financial interest in their operation) as well as the location of current and proposed grow sites could be given priority consideration when the County finalizes the additional forms it will require. An additional \$2,500 fee to "participate in the pre-licensing application process" will be collected with the submission of these additional forms. It is anticipated that the County staff will make a site visit and provide feedback and assistance in helping applicants to become compliant.

The County is encouraging everyone who wishes to operate in the regulated market in the future to register, "... even if they think at this time their site might not qualify for licensing under the proposed ordinance so that you can preserve your ability to apply for a license."

In the meantime, the County will use the information collected to begin their environmental review of the proposed ordinance. This process could take eight or more months, at which time the Board of Supervisors will decide on any changes to the current language of their proposed ordinance.

Anyone who is serious about seeking a local license for cultivation when they become available late next year should be making plans now to complete this pre-licensing program. Rules for processors, transporters, distributors, and testing are still to come.

Contact Jim Coffis at jcoffis@gmail. com for more information, particularly if you are unclear on whether or not you should participate in the County Registration program.

Measure N: Pay a Little to Save a Lot

by Chris Finnie

A few years ago, the rates on my homeowner's insurance jumped. I called the agent to see why. He told me that many companies use the rating supplied by the for-profit Insurance Services Office (ISO) as a factor when selling policies and setting rates. The ISO rates areas for fire hazards on a scale of 1 to 10—with Class 1 being the most prepared for a fire. He added that, after recent wildland fires, many homeowners in rural California were seeing even bigger increases, or were unable to get insurance at all.

Kevin McClish, Chief of the Boulder Creek Fire Protection District, says he hears from about 10 homeowners a year with the same problem. He adds, "I'll do an inspection for them. Sometimes the insurance companies will back off after I write them a letter saying I inspected the property and corrections were made. Others just get cancelled."

In fact, the Contra Costa Taxpayer Association says on their website that the annual premium cost for a home valued at \$250,000 could range from \$1,179 a year with an ISO rating of 5, to \$2,826 a year with an ISO rating of 10. In other words, the higher rating more than doubled the rate.

How We Can Keep Rates Lower

50% of the ISO rating for a district is based on availability of emergency communications and water supply. Those are controlled by the county and the water districts.

That leaves the other 50%—which is the preparedness of the local fire department. The chief says, "They look at response time, type and age of equipment and apparatus, plus training. Our rating is a 4B, which is good for a small, volunteer district. But, to keep that rating, we need to replace equipment, which is what Measure N addresses.

How We Pay for it

The chief explained that the district buys equipment—everything from engines to protective equipment for firefighters—with a small portion of county property tax revenues. He says, "In the past, this was adequate to replace equipment. But it isn't any more. We had to replace one engine because it was more than 30 years old and we couldn't get parts to repair it any more. So we bought a used one from Scotts Valley. But the cost of the equipment just keeps increasing." The only other option the district has is to rely on outside resources, which could increase response time—also an ISO rating point. He pointed out that outside firefighters lack local knowledge, "They don't know the local terrain or streets. We have 3 or 4 'Redwood' streets scattered around the district. They'd have trouble knowing where to go, or what truck would make it up that road. Our firefighters know how to access places where you can't take a large truck."

216,000 Pancakes

That's how many pancakes the district would have to sell on July 4 to buy a fire truck. While our little town draws a big crowd for the parade, it's still not enough. For \$35 a year, we can save ourselves thousands in insurance increases for the next 30 years. Better yet, we may also save our homes, and the lives of our volunteer firefighters. It seems like a good investment to me.



SCM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October/November 2016

For more events and expanded information on events listed, go to our Community Calendar online: mountainbulletin.com/events/

October 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23

A Flea in Her Ear

8:00 pm & 2:00 pm Sunday matinee | Widely regarded as one of the funniest farces ever written, A Flea in Her Ear teems with suspicious spouses, hotel liaisons, crossed wires and abundant physical comedy. | Park Hall, 9370 Mill Street, Ben Lomond | MCTshows.org

October 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

Thomas & Percy's Halloween Party

9:00 am - 5:00 pm | Dress up for Halloween with favorites Thomas and Percy, for a 20 minute train ride, entertainment, and fun filled activities for the entire family. | Roaring Camp | Roaring Camp.com Saturdays and Sundays, October 15, & 16

Open Studios Art Tour

11:00 am – 5:00 pm | Open Studios Art tour is your opportunity to explore creativity in Santa Cruz County. For 31 years, our goal has been simple: connect artists with people who love art. | varies artists studios throughout the Santa Cruz Mountains artscouncilsc.org/open-studios/

Saturday, October 15

Boulder Creek Dog Meet & Greet

10:00 am | We'll take our Boulder Creek hound dogs on a tour of West Park smelling every tree and stopping at most fire hydrants. Rain or shine! | meet at BC Public Library

Sensory Friendly Matinee "Middle School"

10:00 am | Sensory friendly matinees are designed for families with special needs children who cannot sit through an entire feature without moving or being a little loud. | CineLux Scotts Valley | cineluxtheatres.com/sensory-friendly

Statewide Propositions ~ Free Forum

11:30 am – 1:30 pm | California Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird will conduct a community forum to explain the 17 California propositions you will see on your ballot. This is a wonderful way to learn about the pros and cons of state initiatives, several of which are overlapping, duplicative, and/or confusing. | Park Hall, 9370 Mill Street, Ben Lomond

Community Dialogues on Healthy Communities

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm | Santa Cruz County, Health Services Agency, Public Health Division invites Santa Cruz County residents to learn, discuss and provide input about healthy communities. | SC Police Community Room, 155 Center Street, Santa

Made in the Mountains

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Look for the red ballots outside participating local shops who are hosting local artists exhibiting art made in our mountains. | Downtown Boulder Creek | facebook.com/ bouldercreekmadeinthemountains

Kids Fun Night

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm | A community favorite is back! Send your child with a brown bag dinner. We will play games and watch a movie while you enjoy an evening of free time. | BC Rec Center | (831) 338-4144

Ancestor Ritual

3:00 pm | A full moon ritual remembering, honoring, communing with our ancestors and beloved dead. We will gather in sacred space, feed our ancestors and offer light to spirits who need some help. Air & Fire | www.airandfire.com

Monday, October 17

Planning Ahead for Your Pets!

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Four animal-loving professionals will cover a range of topics related to planning for our pets, and giving to support pets in need. | Santa Cruz Animal Shelter, 2200 7th Avenue, Santa Cruz

Wednesday, October 19

Triple P, Together in the Park

10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Positive Parenting Program drop-in playgroup, encouraging a growth mindset Felton Covered Bridge Park

Air & Fire Witchy Wednesday

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | An Evening of Tea and Conversation | Air & Fire | www.airandfire.com

Friday, October 21

The Mountain Affair

A fundraiser for Mountain Community Resources in Felton. Held at the "Heart of it All", MCR, 6134 Highway 9, Felton. Live music, a silent auction with SCM Makers Market items, appetizers, beer and wine. 6:00-9:00pm. Tickets \$35 available online at communitybridges.org/events

Saturday, October 22

Meditating with the Redwoods, A Daylong Retreat

9:30 am – 3:30 pm | We will meet outdoors in a lovely natural amphitheater surrounded by redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains of Ben Lomond, CA. The day will be mostly in silence, practicing both sitting and moving mindfulness meditations. For both experienced and beginning meditators. Join us for meditation "without walls!" | Register by emailing Carol carolvandenbos1@yahoo.com

Flicks in the Sticks "The Nightmare Before Christmas"

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm | Bring your blanket, get comfy on the lawn and watch a great family movie under the stars. We will have popcorn, candy and cocoa for sale. Benefits KBCZ 90.1 radio station. | Junction

Friday, October 28

9:00 pm - 1:00 am | Come celebrate Halloween and honor the witches of the woods. Live music by Naked Bootleggers. Dance till you drop, enjoy some witches "brews" or "Divine from the Vine" love potion, and enjoy the evening with your neighbors. So much spooky fun. | I.O.O.F Hall upstairs | \$15

Saturday, October 29

Ben Lomond Fire, Halloween Dance

6:00 pm - midnight | This 21 and over event will be packed full of fun including live music, dancing a costume contest and more. Ben Lomond Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser | Park Hall, 9370 Mill Street, Ben Lomond | \$20

Monday, October 31

Halloween in Boulder Creek

5:00pm – 7:00pm | Trick-or-Treating | Downtown Boulder Creek

5:30pm | Thriller Performance | Downtown Boulder

6:00pm - 8:00pm | Haunted House, Crafts & Games, Photo Booth, Jump House | BC Rec Center | (831) 338-4144

7:30pm | Thriller Dance | BC Rec Center | (831) 338-4144

Halloween in Felton

5:00-7:00pm | Dowtown Felton

Wednesday, November 2

Triple P, Together in the Park

10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Positive Parenting Program drop-in playgroup, encouraging a growth mindset Felton Covered Bridge Park

Friday, November 4

First Friday Art Walk Boulder Creek

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Local artists of all kinds display their work in downtown Boulder Creek shops. Light refreshments, libations. Free | facebook.com/ FirstFridayArtWalBoulderCreek

First Friday Art Walk Felton

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm | A collection of centrally located shops in downtown Felton hosting vibrant local artists and craftspeople. Free | facebook.com/ FirstFridayFelton

Saturday, November 11

Sensory Friendly Matinee "Trolls"

10:00 am | Sensory friendly matinees are designed for families with special needs children who cannot sit through an entire feature without moving or being a little loud. | CineLux Scotts Valley | cineluxtheatres.com/sensory-friendly

Saturday, November 26

The SCM Holiday Makers Market

10:00am-5pm at the Felton Community Hall, 6191 Hughway 9, Felton. Come shop with local artists and crafters while enjoying live local music featuring Taylor Rae and Joshua Lowe with Patti Maxine. Hosting a silent auction during the event to benefit Mountain Community Resources. FREE admission! www.scmmakersmarket.com

Ongoing

Jazzercise - 7 days a week

Boulder Creek Rec Center | (831) 338-9716 Felton Community Hall | (805) 801-9620 Monday – Friday | 8:45 am – 9:45 am | Felton Monday – Sunday | 9:00 am – 10:00 am | BC Rec Monday – Thursday | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm | BC Rec Monday – Thursday | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Felton Saturday & Sunday | 8:00 am - 9:00 am | Felton Saturday & Sunday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am | BC Rec Saturday & Sunday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am | Felton Hour long class combining dance, strength, stretching. Jazzercise.com

BC Rec Center Open Gym Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Wednesdays | 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Thursdays | 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

Felton Farmers' Market

Tuesdays | 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Corner of Russell Ave and Hwy 9, Felton

Family Crafts at Felton Library

Tuesdays | 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm | 6299 Gushee St, Felton | (831) 427-7708

Boulder Creek Business Association Meeting 1st Wednesday | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | IOOF building

upstairs | BCBA.net

Boulder Creek Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

1st Wednesday | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | 13333 Middleton Ave (831) 338-4144 | BCRPD.org

Family Crafts at Boulder Creek Library

Thursdays | 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm | 13390 W Park Ave, Boulder Creek | (831) 427-7703

CERT Boulder Creek

1st Thursday | 7:00 pm | Learn to be prepared for any disaster. | Boulder Creek Fire House

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Community Paint Night

1st and 3rd Thursdays | 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Relax and be creative amongst friends. | Art Lab, 13124 Hwy 9, Boulder Creek

SLV Water District Board Meeting

1st and 3rd Thursdays | 7:00 pm | 13057 Hwy 9, Boulder Creek

SLV Caregivers Support Group

2nd and 4th Thursdays | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Highlands Park Senior Center

Traditional Irish Jam Session

3rd Thursdays | 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Rosie McCann's 1220 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz facebook. com/SantaCruzTradIrishSeisiun

Scotts Valley Farmers' Market

Saturdays | 9:00am – 1:00 pm | 360 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley

Saturday Morning Ballroom Dance

Saturdays | 11:15 am | Active Sports Club 100 Enterprise Way, Scotts Valley -All levels of ballroom class, no partner needed. \$10. meetup.com/ Scotts-Valley-Ballroom-Dancing

Mountain Spirit Workshops

6299 Hwy 9, Felton 831-335-7700 www.facebook.com/MountainSpiritFelton

First Sunday- Sound Meditation with Bruce

First Sunday- Sound Meditation with Bruce Manaka. FREE. 10:30-11:45am

First Wednesday of every month- Gratitude Wednesdays at Mountain Spirit...Mountain Spirit donates 10% of our sales to a local organization!

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month-Mountain Spirit Writing Group with Wendy Ledger. 5:00-7:00pm.

2nd Sunday of every month- Mountain Spirit's Crafting Circle with Brandy Flores Join our creative circle for inspiration, assistance, and insights on beading and crafting projects! \$15. 4:00-6:00pm

3rd Thursday of every month- A Course In Miracles Monthly Meetup with Nicki Wolff 5:00-7:00pm

Oct. 13- Intro to Aromatherapy with Heather Williams. 5:30-7:00 pm - \$15 Explore the medicinal world of essential oils....everyone goes home with a handmade essential oil gift.

Oct 16 & Nov 6 -Embrace Your Fate to Realize Your Destiny with Nicki Wolff...open your mind & explore new insights into the universal principles of Fate and Destiny! 3:00-5:00 pm

Oct 23, Nov 6, 13 & 20 -Create with Clay for the Holidays with Nora Sarkissian.... Nora will guide you through the basic techniques of hand-building with clay to create your very own sculpture, shrine, or vessel. \$20 per class, \$10 material fee.

Nov 5th -Spa-cipes: Creating Bodycare Products with Melissa Santangelo...Learn recipes to make your own bodycare treatments out of your kitchen! You will go home with your very own hand crafted body care product and be empowered to make holiday gifts for friends and family. Cost is \$15. 4:00-5:30pm

Nov 15th -Mountain Spirit's 6th annual Angel Giveaway. It's our 6 year anniversary and keeping with our tradition we're having another drawing. From now til Nov 15th with every purchase made....your name will be entered in our Angel Giveaway. 1st prize: 4 foot tall Peace Angel (valued at \$300.00) 2nd prize \$50 Gift Certificate...3rd prize \$50 Gift Certificate. 4th prize a gift bag filled with Mountain Spirit Magic.

Sept./Oct. Parks Calendar

Big Basin Redwoods State Park 21600 Big Basin Way, Boulder Creek, CA 95006 (831) 338-8883 | parks.ca.gov/bigbasin/activities

Exploring Big Basin

Every Tuesday | 9:00 am Park Headquarters

Redwood Loop Walk

Every Saturday and Sunday | 11am & 2pm

Volunteer with the Trail Crew 2nd Saturday of each month | 9:00 am

Meteor Trail Hike

Saturday, October 15 | 10:30 am

Wildflower Walk!

Sunday, October 16 | 10:00 am

Hike to Buzzard's Roost

Sunday, October 16 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Creeping Forest Ramble Sunday, October 16 & 30 | 1:00 pm

Hike to Ocean View Summit Saturday, October 22 | 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Discover Big Basin Redwoods Hike Saturday, October 22 & Sunday, October 30 | 12:00 pm

"The Missing Arm of Christopher Caldwell" Special Event

Saturday, October 22 | 6:30 pm Experience a haunted tale of Big Basin's last lumber mill owner and his fateful encounter with a grizzly bear! Celebrate the forest in autumn with this spooky and slightly silly half-mile theatrical guided walk through the redwoods at night. Ranger apples cooked around the campfire and storytellers round out this festive family event. The trail is stroller and wheelchair accessible.

Spooky or Not Spooky?

Sunday, October 23 & Sunday, October 30 | 11:30 am

Outlook from Mt. McAbee Sunday, October 23 | 1:00 pm

Coffee Talk and Crafts Saturday, October 29 | 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Snakes Alive!

Saturday, October 29 | 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Family Discovery Walk

Saturday, October 29 | 1:00 pm

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
Day Use Area 101 N Big Trees Park Rd, Felton,
CA 95018 | (831) 335-7077

Guided Redwood Grove Walks Every Saturday | 12:00 pm | Visitor Center

Full Moon Madness

Friday, October 15 | 6:00pm | Day Use Area

Quail Hollow County Park 800 Quail Hollow Rd, Felton, CA 95018 (831) 335-9348 | SCParks.com

Nature History Walks

Tuesday, October 25, November 1, 8, 15 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am | Visitor Center

Birding Walks

Wednesday, October 19, 26, November 9, 16 | 8:00 am – 11:00 am | Visitor Center

Small Worlds, Tardigrades (Water Bears) Sunday, October 16 | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Visitor Center | \$5 per person

Star Gazing

Friday, October 21 | 8:00 pm – midnight

Bird Migration

Sunday, October 23 | 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Beginning Birding

Sunday, November 6 | 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Mushroom Identification for Beginners Sunday, November 20 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Visitor Center | \$5 per person

More info at mountainbulletin.com

Detailed information can be found on our website, mountainbulletin.com

San Lorenzo Valley & Scotts Valley Meal and Food Programs (October 2016)

Tuesdays through Saturdays (also 4th Mondays). Valley Churches United, Food Pantry and Food Distribution programs. Tues-Thurs 9:00-11:45 and Saturday 10:00-11:45. 1st and 3rd Fridays 9:00-11:00 are for seniors only. USDA Distribution on 4th Monday 10:00-1:00. For SLV, Scotts Valley, and Bonny Doon residents. Ben Lomond, corner of Highway 9 across from Ben Lomond Market, 336-8258.

Tuesdays, 12:00. Felton Presbyterian Church, 6090 Highway 9, across from Rite-Aid, 335-6900. Free Lunch Tuesday.

Tuesdays, 2:30-6:30, Felton Farmers' Market, Hwy 9 and Russell. Up to \$10 matched when customers use their CalFresh (EBT/SNAP) cards. The extra money must be used for fresh produce at the market.

Wednesdays, 12:00-2:00, San Agustin Catholic Church, 257 Glenwood Dr, Scotts Valley (next to the fire station), 438-3633. Food Distribution.

Thursdays 10:00-2:30 (doors open 9:00-3:00). St. John's Catholic Church, down from Rite-Aid, Highway 9 and Russell, Felton. 335-4657. Thursday Lunch.

Thursdays, 11:00-12:00. Mountain Community Resources (a Community Bridges program), 6134 Highway 9, across from Rite Aid, Felton. 335-6600. Food Distribution.

Thursdays, 5:00-6:30, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 5271 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley. 438-4360. Food Distribution.

Fridays, 5:00-5:30, Gateway Bible Church, 5000 Granite Creek Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. 438-0646. "Fridays at Five" food distribution.

Sunday, October 16, 12:30-2:15. Redwood Christian Center, 6869 Highway 9, Felton (at Fall Creek Dr., near San Lorenzo Valley High School). 335-5307. Lunch.

Sunday, October 30, 2:00. SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 9980 Highway 9, Ben Lomond, north of town, 336-2228. Dinner.

Meals on Wheels (a Community Bridges program), hot meals at dining centers in Ben Lomond (M-F, 336-5366) and Scotts Valley (Wednesdays, 438-8666). Reservation required, \$2.50 requested donation, for age 60+ (limited exceptions). Meals delivered if eligible, 454-3180.

Grey Bears Brown Bag Program, weekly bag of produce to be picked up in Ben Lomond, Felton, or Scotts Valley. Delivery available for homebound seniors. \$30 annual membership fee, for age 55+. www.greybears.org (479-1055).

Except as noted, all programs are free of charge -- Schedules are subject to change. Submit Changes/Additions to slvsvmeals@gmail.com



A Wild Secret in Town

There is something stunning in Boulder Creek. It's right under your nose. You may be walking past magic plants and not even know.

Plants can smile with life giving tonics! Plants can also frown and fall out of favor over time. Their secrets can be lost. The best plants can turn into wily weeds that need whacking. Sit down, take a deep breath, and be amazed.

This month I reveal your town's #1 wonder-weed. You can pick it wild and eat it free. Make it like salad or cook it like spinach. Brew it like coffee or fry it like fritters. Imagine it as a fun garnish or treat at your next BBQ. Astonish your friends and eat off your lawn.

Here's the story of how I first met this misunderstood weed.

Flash back. Picture my childhood. My mom, wondering if I weed-whacked the backyard. Her face is red in the summer heat. "Those dastardly dandelions are running wild again. Who

Dandelions!

knows what will happen if they go to seed. It's Dandelion Armageddon!"

I skipped the sun and surf. I stayed home to save the property from invasion. Only recently did I find out how amazing these plants are. If I could just go back and show my mom the wonders of the dandelion.

"Dandelion, the supermarket of the lawn." This is how Thomas Elpel famously describes this unassuming little plant. In his book, Foraging The Mountain West, he writes of its benefits. Vitamins: A,B,C, and E! Minerals: Iron, Phosphorus, Potassium, and Calcium! Triple the fiber content of market greens! Stimulates digestion and cleanses the liver. On top of all this, dandelion roots can replace coffee. I feel like my head just exploded. So dandelions pretty much save the world and make you more good looking too? Why did I spend so much time pulling their pretty heads off for sport? I didn't know these next tricks.

Three tips for sweeter greens: Pick plants that grow in shade. Pick young plants. Don't pick plants in sprayed areas. And that's just the raw greens.

You won't believe the other useful parts. Roots and flowers. Crowns and leaves. Stems and buds. Yep, you can eat every plant-part. The only side effect is you will suddenly have super health.

Seven ways to eat dandelion: Make a leaf salad. Batter-fry the flower heads. Sprinkle the flower petals as garnish. Blanch the crown. Make tea or roast roots to perfection. The possibilities are endless. No wonder they're called "dandy." To see cooking videos, go to my Village Wash Community Garden Facebook page. Now lick your lips and plan your dandelion hunting trip.

Thanks for reading my article. See you at Village Wash Community Garden.

Lovely Day, Brandon

PS- I'm pondering the quote, "Time Is Money"
That rubs me wrong. I disagree. Money is only paper. On the other hand, your time is wonderful and precious. If your money runs out, you buy cheap coffee. If your time runs out, you die. Time is life. Money is work. How do you use your time? How do you get more time?

At Village Wash, I do your laundry for you. I save you time. Give yourself a break. Drop-off your dirty wash. Go on a walk and pick some dandelions with your family. (10-7 M-F)



Food 831

A Taste of the Santa Cruz Mountains

by Pam Gharibians

Fall is a great time to CLEANSE and make way for the feasts ahead! As we recently passed the equinox into Fall, I began my annual juice feast cleanse. Somehow this time of year works for me. Maybe it's all the organizing around school starting, maybe it's watching the trees begin to shed their orange leaves, or maybe it's about preparing for the holiday celebrations ahead...maybe it's all three...but it's time.

As an Armenian food columnist, I must point out that I never sacrifice flavor... yes, even cleansing has to be delicious. Therefore, in lieu of a restaurant meal review, I have added a Fall festive superfood beverage recipe I call "October Yummy Mummy." I hope you try it and feel the difference!

This Orange October Oooo Ya Yummy Mummy cocktail is loaded with great sweet things and it's oh so orange!

The base is carrot juice – sweet, healthy and delish. I have been juice concocting at home, so if you are inspired to add celery, apple, pear and/or ginger juice, you won't be disappointed! Fresh is best!

To this juice I add a warming anti-inflammatory known as Golden Milk. This is an Indian spice blend that is so healing and delicious! Turmeric is the main ingredient and its effect is undeniable. Aches and pains disappear. Tumeric is not usually



Ingredients for Pam's Cleanse

an easy ingredient to work with but this drink is a great disguise! Also in Golden Milk, ashwagandha – an Autumn adrenal advocate!

Now if that's not sweet enough for you, I add a few pumps of Vanilla CBDs (cannabidiol). CBDs come from medicinal hemp and are quickly becoming popular for folks with any pain or nerve stress – which is likely all of us!? CBDs are an antispasmodic and a nervine so they aid in relaxation on all levels.

All ingredients are available at New Leaf. Try this exotic delicious trio and enjoy some antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and relaxing effects. Nourish yourself richly this Fall.

Next month I'll be back to reviewing a new Santa Cruz Mountain eatery but for now...it's all about the healthy, loaded, superfood beverages! Wish me luck! Happy Halloween!



Health Tidbits

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How to Ready Ourselves for the Cold and Flu Season



by Marcey Klein BS, CNC

There are several things we can do to enhance and optimize our immune systems in preparation for the weather changes and the challenges that come from the cooler weather and damper environment. First and foremost, new studies have found that vitamin D is crucial in immune system function. So much so that low lev-

els are correlated with an increase in cancers, arthritis, upper respiratory infections, and autoimmune diseases. Vitamin D is crucial in helping our T cells (one of our central immune cells) mature in the thymus gland. Vitamin D is manufactured in our own body from UVB rays from the sun, and is found in organ meats, egg yolks, butter, and cod liver oil. However, deficiency is very common: The sun's rays that we need for us to produce this vitamin occur only in the morning, are weaker the further we are from the equator, and need to cover a large part of our body to be effective. And the foods that contain vitamin D are rarely eaten. So I take 5000 iu of vit D year-round, which has shown to be a safe amount as an insurance policy for my health. Vitamin D is very reasonable in price, and has been shown to also be important for heart health, bone strength, improving mood, reducing pain, and for blood sugar control.

Selenium is a mineral that's a powerful immune enhancer, antioxidant, and cancer preventive, and is essential for our thyroids. If your body has enough selenium, the influenza virus (the flu) has a harder time spreading in your system. We can get selenium in mushrooms, Brazil nuts, seafood, and nutritional yeast. Taking 200mcg of this great mineral per day is a good insurance policy.



Citrus foods give us a plethora of good nutrition for our immune systems, and aid in cancer prevention and liver detoxification. The vitamin C combined with bioflavonoids in the rind helps strengthen our body's structure, our cell membranes, and keeps us young by restoring the collagen in our skin. I like to eat citrus foods several times a week, but I also take a minimum of 1000mg of vit C daily as an insurance policy on my health, because this antioxidant also helps strengthen our cardiovascular systems, protects our eyes, is a cofactor in serotonin production, and protects our bodies from cancers.

Making sure we get enough protein is also important, as the immune system uses proteins to build, maintain, and repair itself. The way to figure out your protein needs is to divide your weight by 2.2 (to get into kilograms), then multiply by .8. High quality eggs, seafood, tofu, tempeh, meats, beans, and protein drinks are good sources of protein.

Elderberry syrup is not only delicious, it also strengthens our immune system with its high content of antioxidants, vit C, vit A, quercetin, and complex sugars that protect our cells from viral attacks. It's super easy to make a syrup with the dried berries (which we do sell in our bulk herb section at New Leaf): Use 3 ounces (% cup) dried elderberries, 3.5 cup water, 2 Tbs ginger (anti-inflammatory), 1 tsp cinnamon (antibacterial), and 1 cup raw honey. Add everything but the honey to a pot and simmer for 45 minutes, then strain. Once at room temperature, add the honey. Store in the fridge and take one teaspoon a day to strengthen your immune system.

Keep eating healthy, nutrient-dense real foods, especially winter squashes this time of year, as they help strengthen our digestive system. Good fats in avocados, nuts, seeds, and olive oils will support our mucus membranes and cells. And teas and soups with warming spices like ginger, garlic, and turmeric, help with detoxification, circulation, and reducing inflammation. Stay warm and bundled this fall and winter and don't let a cold get a foothold in the first place. Stop by New Leaf in Boulder Creek if you have any questions or concerns. Otherwise, be well!

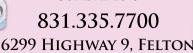
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Holiday Party Planning

It's getting to be that time of year! The holidays are coming up and planning a party or two is either something to look forward to or a source of stress. Let's make it something to look forward to! Creating gatherings to celebrate family, friends, clients, co-workers, etc. is so rewarding and the driving force behind a great party. While there is no right or wrong way to party, there are always tips and ideas to help ease the "work" of preparing so that you get to have more fun while still being the hostess/host with the mostest/



Guest List: Sending out invites early is always a good idea so guests have time to RSVP and get your party on their schedule. This, in turn, helps the host decide how much food will be needed. These days there are not only paper invites, but e-vites via email or social media. Making a list of potential guests in advance will give you time to add or delete before hitting the send button.

Location: If the party is at a venue, check in advance that it will accommodate that large guest list you've been working on and will meet other party needs. Will you need to bring décor? If the party is at your home, then another list may be needed to get the house ready. Work on that list well in advance so that you don't find yourself mulching the flower bed an hour before the party or realizing you are out of TP or can't locate the outdoor lanterns at the last minute.

Décor: My favorite part, as you might have guessed! Again, plan ahead. Hang lights, freshen candles, arrange pumpkins, hang wreaths, arrange centerpieces, and even set up extra tables and chairs in advance when possible. Shop for extras you may need like cloth napkins and tablecloths or pretty decanters, ice buckets and chalkboard tags. Have fun with this part. Leave yourself time to add those extras that make the décor really special.

Menu: Decide if the party is a potluck or whether will you provide all the grub. A potluck with assignments such as "appetizer," "dessert," and "savory item" are helpful to insure variety. BYOB is great for big parties. Plan your menu in advance, and if you have not prepared a dish on the menu before, a trial run is always a good idea. Give yourself plenty of time for food prep. Prep as much as possible the day before so there is less to do right before guests arrive. Make sure you have plenty of ingredients, ice, and beverages. Plan what serving dishes you'll need and set them out. Trust me, the more planned the better!

Activities & Music: If you have a live band that's awesome! If not, charge up Bluetooth speakers and cell phones, create playlists, or load the CD player and be sure the music carries through the party. Game tables are fun for kids and adults. Set up a designated area for that. In the yard, games like bocce ball and badminton can be fun. For pool parties, have plenty of towels handy.

Cleanup: Make it easy for guests to toss their trash and recycles in convenient, yet attractive, bins. Have a clean kitchen with an empty dishwasher after the food preparation so that cleanup is easier at the party's end. If possible, plan a date for your party that affords you the next day to put the house back together. Allowing wiggle room before AND after the party is always worth doing.

And don't forget to have fun! The host should be celebrated for creating a space to bring people together. Enjoy that you have done just that and that it was fabulous!

~ Mahlah Karpavage



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Mr. Astrology -November 2016

According to statistics from the National Science Foundation's just-now released 2014 Science and Engineering Indicators study, an increasing number of Americans believe in astrology. This information is gathered by the NSF but comes from a range of sources. Since 2006 this information has been gathered by the General Social Survey (GSS), a group that has documented the viewpoints of Americans from the early 1970s to today. Since 1979, the GSS and other surveys have asked Americans the same question: "Would you say that astrology is very scientific, sort of scientific, or not at all scientific?"

The NSF reports that the percentage of Americans who think astrology is "not at all scientific" dropped from 62 percent in 2010 to just 55 percent in 2012 (the last year for which a cumulative dataset has been released). For that reason, it appears that Americans are less skeptical of astrology than they have been at any time since 1983.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Your ruling planet Venus teams up with Pluto on the 25th. Desires are passionate and powerful, with a sense of being for all or nothing! On the 29th the Moon enters your 3rd house of communications. Now would be a good time to explore further education and development of new skills.

Scorpio *Oct. 23-Nov. 22* On the 7th the Sun is in a favorable alignment with your ruling planet powerful Pluto. You exude a remarkable sense of strength and self-confidence! Mars enters your 4th house of home and family on the 8th. Clearing up miscommunications with relatives seems to be important at this time.

Sagittarius *Nov.* 23-*Dec.* 21 Venus enters your 2nd house of resources on the 11th. You understand that others really value you. Earning money gives you much satisfaction. Take care to save as well! On the 22nd Mercury harmonizes with your ruling planet Jupiter. The focus under this influence is favorable for spiritual growth and expanding the frontiers of your consciousness!

Capricorn *Dec. 22-Jan. 20* On the 14th the Moon enters your 5th house of creativity. People are likely to be drawn to you emotionally, and you are inclined to reciprocate the good feelings! Mercury joins up with your ruling planet Saturn on the 23rd. Make an effort to distinguish fact from fantasy.

Aquarius *Jan. 21-Feb. 19* Venus harmonizes with your ruling planet Uranus on the 5th. Operating in the background on a creative project may impart you with an alluring radiance! On the 12th Mercury enters your 11th house of community. Communicating your ideas with other people is the main focus during this alignment. You are as equally skilled at listening as you are at contributing your own ideas.

Pisces Feb. 20-March 20 On the 14th the Moon enters your 3rd house of communications, providing opportunities to reflect on your skills and talents. On the 30th the Sun squares off with your ruling planet Neptune. Under this influence, focusing on creative or spiritual activities is preferable to utilizing ideas that necessitate clear, accurate reasoning.

Aries March 21-April 20 On the 15th Mercury harmonizes with your ruling planet Mars. Trust your instincts! This is a good time to devote your energy to nurturing things that signify long-term security. The Sun enters your 9th house of journeys and higher learning on the 21st. The next four weeks provide an opportunity to examine your life from a larger perspective. Imagine the possibilities!

Taurus *April* **21**-*May* **21** Your ruling planet Venus forms a beneficial alignment with Uranus on the 5th. You enthusiastically welcome all that is new, exceptional and uncommon during this time. On the 11th Venus enters your 9th house of journeys and higher learning. You could have an encounter with someone quite unlike yourself!

Gemini May 22-June 20 On the 18th your ruling planet Mercury squares off with Neptune. Communications may seem to be blocked. Be patient! All situations come to a resolution eventually. Mars enters your 9th house of journeys and higher learning on the 8th. Others seem to be especially opinionated. It is best to reserve judgment for the time being.

Cancer June 21-July 21 Venus enters your 7th house of partnerships on the 11th. Intimate communication attracts you more than social activities or more spontaneous associations. On the 14th your ruling planet the Moon lights up your 11th house of community. This is a more outgoing transit of the Moon, rendering you more sympathetic to the feelings of others in your group.



Leo July 22-Aug. 22 On the 1st your ruling planet the Sun harmonizes with Neptune. During this influence creativity and inspiration are tapped effortlessly! Mercury enters your 5th house of creativity on the 12th. Your thoughts spotlight on all things entertaining and enjoyable! People take

notice of you, and you want to demonstrate to everyone how resourceful and imaginative you really are!



Virgo *Aug.* 23-*Sept.* 22 Your ruling planet Mercury forms a harmonious connection with Pluto on the 1st. During this influence you are more patient and calculated when making your assessments. The Sun enters your 4th house of home and family on the 21st. Spending time with family will bring contentment. For the next four weeks family exchanges feel beneficial and illuminating.

According to the NSF, the peak year for those maintaining that astrology was "not at all scientific" was 2004, when 66 percent gave this response. But each year, fewer and fewer people have dismissed the assertion that fate can be predicted by observing the heavens as having no factual basis.

Public opinion authority, John Besley of Michigan State University, the lead author of the NSF Science and Engineering Indicators chapter at issue, advises that we should wait "to see if it's a real change" before drawing any conclusions. But, he acknowledges, the significant upsurge in those believing in astrology "popped out to me when I saw it."

Have a great month, and always remember: Keep looking to the stars!

Tips for Teens

(And a little help for the rest of us!)

Disaster Preparedness

According to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) at www.ready. gov, September is Disaster Preparedness month and we missed it. With all the recent fires we've had and crazy Hurricane Matthew pummelling Florida and points south, I wanted to talk about what we can all do to keep ourselves safer when we're away from home.

- -I know your backpacks are super heavy with school stuff, but there's a few things you should carry at all times:
- -A super small first aid kit—Maybe some alcohol wipes, a few adhesive bandages, and lip balm. Lip balm is great for paper cuts, minor burns and scrapes as well as chapped lips!
- -A secret stash of cash—What if you miss your ride and you now have to take the bus AND you're super hungry and need an emergency snack?
- -Get in the habit of carrying your student ID card in your wallet with your emergency money at all times.
- -Have a cell phone? Keep it as charged up as possible.
- -Small flashlight—It's better than the phone app because it doesn't eat up your phone battery
- -A bottle of water
- -Ladies—Backup supplies; you know what I mean!

Create a plan with your grownups. If we get hit by a big fire or an earthquake and you're away from home, what are you supposed to do? (Or more likely, a tree falls across Highway 9 in a big storm!) Your school will have a plan and set up a safety area for you to wait until you can get picked up. But what if your grownups are stuck in San Jose and can't get to you? Talk about options with your family or a friend to figure out some other plan.

What if you're having a smaller emergency, like your mom's car blew a gasket in Capitola and she can't pick you up? Can you take the bus home from school? Go to a friend's house? Get a ride from a safe person your mom knows about? Hang out at the pizza pub until someone comes to get you? Figure out a few ideas that work for you. The more you prepare in advance, the less scary it will be if it

Remember, tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life, make it count!



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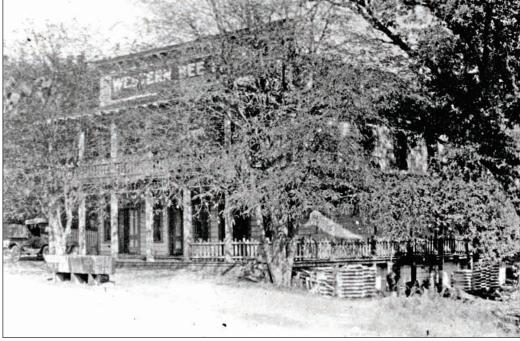
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A Rightfully Famous Hotel

by Lisa Robinson

So was described the Felton Hotel in 1915. The hotel was built in 1876 by Thomas Cremer, a well known Santa Cruz hotelier, and operated for 17 years as the Cramer Hotel by Thomas and his wife Margaret, and later their sons.

In 1912, now called the Felton Hotel, it was bought by George Fetherston, and in 1915, as guests of the Fetherstons, the cast and crew of an Ince Triangle Film Company Production enjoyed Mrs. Featherston's "marvelous cookery." It was noted that they could eat as much of her wonderful "viands" as they wanted to and "not grow fat."



The Felton Hotel Circa 1920. Photo courtesy of the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History.

The New York Motion Picture Co., by whom the cast was employed, had erected a small village on Cowell property above Fall Creek on the Boulder Creek Road about half a mile from Felton. The village, representing the frontier Canadian Trading post, had about ten "staunchly constructed" log cabins surrounded by a high redwood stockade.

"bundled up in furs and huge

Canadian mackinaws."

"To the regret of every member of the Ince company," it was announced on December 31 that the filming had concluded and the crew was to return to Southern California. Co-director/script writer Cliff Smith pronounced, "We are all certainly in

love with this country, and you can count on us to be back bright and early next March. We intend to film two or three more stories at our present location."

But it wasn't long before a new film crew arrived. Just a few days later, in early January 1916, the "movie men" of the Lasky Motion Picture Company arrived in two special Southern Pacific railroad cars to film scenes from The Trail of the Lonesome Pine directed by the renowned Cecil B. DeMille and starring Charlotte Walker, on the Frederick A. Hihn property near Big Trees.

However, it wasn't until 1917 that William S. Hart and the Ince company once again graced George Fetherston's Hotel. In the first of two visits that year, Corinne Wood, a local "extra" declared, "Mr. Hart loves our mountains," and took note of Hart's dominating presence in the hotel's reception room warning, "girls don't take your sweethearts or husbands into the same room with this great star ... they'll look so small and insignificant." This movie was The Cold Deck.

The reason they were able to partake so readily of her culinary creations was the exercise that ensued after the meals. A new dance was created right here in Felton - the dog trot!

It began with the crew and cast trotting to the film locations for exercise. They became so used to "dog-trotting" that when the phonograph was begun in the evenings after dinner, they dog-trotted to the music. What a sight to see! Director and lead actor William S. Hart dancing with "dainty little" lead actress Margaret Wilson and "handsome" Bob McKim, cast as the villain, winning the laurels for his trotting with Dorcas Matthews.

Dog-trotting is a method of traveling fast on foot "up north" by trappers who have to cover 20-30 miles a day. The movie being filmed was to be called, The Factor, and was based on the novel, The Primal Lure, by Vingie Eve Roe and Charles Buckles Fall. The story was set in Fort LuCerne, a settlement in the northwest Canadian wilderness. The movie cast could be seen around Felton







The Recipe Box by Quail Hollow Kitchens

Below are two recipes: Coarse ground mustard and my grandfather's Knockwurst. Many people know my dad was Hungarian but few know my mom is German. Every October we would go to a German Club called "The Phoenix Club" for Oktoberfest (Wiesn). There was always plenty of food, dancing and beer. Well, maybe beer (Bier) first and everything else after. My dad always brought his own stein (krug) and he had quite the collection.

I do not eat meat these days, but I grew up in a meat-eating family. A regular pastime in my family's house was making sausages, as well as ground mustard, sauerkraut, spätzle, and strudel. We always had a few pounds of pork (hog) casing packed in brine tucked in the back of the refrigerator. When we wanted sausages my mom would send me to the refrigerator and I would cut off a few feet, rinse off the brine and be ready to make a batch of sausages. You can get fresh casing from a local butcher and if you don't have a grinder, you can ask them to grind your meat and just make little patties and fry them. Most items can be purchased at our local Mountain Feed. I personally use vegan edible sausage casing to make vegetarian sausages. Glücklich Wiesn!

Coarse Ground Mustard

1/3 cup yellow mustard seeds 1/3 cup brown mustard seeds 2/3 cup white wine ½ tsp salt ½ tsp ground ginger Pinch allspice 2 Tbs honey 2 minced garlic cloves

Place mustard seed and wine in a small bowl and let stand for 3 hours. Process in a food processor, blender or mortar and pestle until seeds are bruised and broken. Add salt, ginger, allspice, honey and garlic; mix well. Cover loosely, and allow to stand overnight. Spoon into four 4 ounce jars. For best flavor chill 2 days, and store up to three months.

Grandpa Heitz' Knockwurst

- 3 lbs fine ground beef chuck
- 2 lbs fine ground pork butt
- 2 Tbs salt
- 2 tsp sugar
- 2 ½ Tbs white pepper
- ½ tsp nutmeg ¼ tsp ground allspice
- ½ tsp coriander
- 1 Tb paprika
- 4 cloves pressed garlic
- 1 cup water

Combine all ingredients, mix well, and stuff into hog casings. To cook, Homemade Sausage from Quail Hollow Kitchens bake or fry. Store in parchment or butcher paper and freeze.



Comments or suggestion are welcomed. Contact Patricia Davis at TheRecipeBox@QuailHollowKitchens.com

For more information on Patricia or her cooking classes go to: www.QuailHollowKitchens.com or follow on social media at www.facebook. com/quailhollowkitchens or www.instagram.com/quail_hollow_kitchens

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A Capella to End All Wars

~ The Gold Standard Barbershop Chorus of Santa Cruz

by Julie Horner

Late night at Jeffrey's in Santa Cruz who would expect the eight-or-so diners at the back table to rise up singing in perfect four-part harmony? In a fanfare of gratitude, a gesture of thanks for good food and good company, they stood, drawn close around the table, and sang their version of the familiar Irish blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; The rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

The Gold Standard Chorus of Santa Cruz is the local chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, the umbrella organization for the proliferation and preservation of barbershop singing in America. Known for doing things a bit differently, the Santa Cruz group features voices in "mixed harmony" (both men and women singers), a rarity in the barbershop world. All-female barbershop quartets are called, Sweet Adelines, and barbershop singers of all genders refer to themselves as "barbershoppers." Innately good natured, welcoming, and bubbling with wisecracks and whacky anecdotes, barbershoppers are as much a family to each other - their art a way of life - as bluegrassers and Irish tune-heads, participating in workshops, festivals, competitions, and camp-outs anywhere the fun might be.

Barbershop is a style of singing characterized by simultaneous four-part harmony (tenor, lead, baritone, and bass), sung a cappella with utmost clarity. According to Music Director, Jordon Johnson, because the notes must be sung with an ear to perfection, "There's nowhere to hide." He calls it, "the advanced martial arts of the a cappella world" and stresses that it all depends on which side of the pitch you naturally sing on and how are you breathing. Creating harmony is an art form. Singers must always be listening carefully to one another to keep the sound as pure as possible, to achieve that "lock and ring." He says with the world's top quartets, "the precision is insane."

Organized in October, 1989, the Santa Cruz chapter is active all over the county with regular appearances along the route of the Wharf-to-Wharf race, their annual Cabaret 1st Saturday in June at Felton Hall, Scotts Valley's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, and caroling at Boulder Creek's holiday festivities.

The chorus also presents a popular themed show every November. "This year we're proud to present an evening of Irish songs, including some exciting new music." Director Johnson says, "We'll be singing The Parting Glass, Molly Malone, Wild Irish Rose, and other favorites as well as pieces you may never have heard. We're even singing a song from The Pogues!" There will be humor, and some special surprise guests like Boulder Creek Irish group, The Crooked Road Céilí Band, joining the magic at the evening show. At the end of the night, everyone is invited to join in singing.

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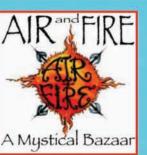






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