Raising a Glass to Jim Harrison

Photo by Jim Johnson
Tribute to the Late Jim Harrison

By Ann Katzenbach

Jim Harrison, a man who enjoyed a meal, would have been a happy guest at the Patagonia Creative Arts Association’s fundraiser last Saturday night where guests were served tacos with all the add-ons, as well as alcohol, another Harrison indulgence. Approximately 70 people showed up to eat and to watch a Hollywood extravaganza based on Harrison’s novella, “Legends of the Fall.”

Guests sat at tables inventively decorated with American Spirit cigarettes and disposable lighters, a clever and fitting tribute to the man and his vices. There were also scattered pages cut from a paperback edition of “Legends of the Fall” along with lots of pencils, another touch Harrison would have appreciated, since he wrote everything long hand. He wrote more than 25 published books of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Thanks to a grant and the generosity of Michael Schwartz, who donated the last funds needed to complete the heating system, the theater was warm. As diners enjoyed desert, Molly Phinney, who created and helps sustain the art center, spoke about Jim Harrison’s “raunchy side,” his humanity, and his wife, Linda, whom everyone admired for her steadfastness, her cooking, and her graciousness. Anita Clovesko-Wharton stood up to tell the room that Linda Harrison had once told her the reason she and Jim remained married was that neither was willing to admit they’d made a mistake.

And then came the movie. Made in 1994, the story is a western saga. The characters are complex. The themes of love, revenge, redemption, madness, and war keep piling up. It’s violent, passionate, historic, and begins and ends with a grizzly bear attack. Along with that symbolism, it was impossible not to notice the close resemblance between Anthony Hopkins, the film’s aging father, and Jim Harrison, the story’s aging writer.

How could this two-hour film have come from an 84-page novella and be so powerful? According to critics, this is a film as good, or better than, the book. It certainly felt like an emotional roller coaster ride to watch it close up on the big screen in the warm Tin Shed Theater.

Patagonians are proud to claim Jim Harrison as a winter resident here. He was a colorful character who loved to hunt, cook, and have a few drinks at the Wagon Wheel. He wrote many poems about this local landscape. He died last winter, leaving behind his own legend.

Update on the PRT

By Ann Katzenbach

The Patagonia Regional Community Foundation has awarded PRT a grant to help insure the future of the paper. The funds will be used to design a reader survey so that we can find out who reads the paper, what readers like (or don’t) and solicit their ideas. In addition the funds will go towards a long-range planning workshop for the board of directors and staff. In this way, we hope to develop strategies for our survival.

This March, 2017 issue of the paper is in large part due to the efforts of our new editor in chief, Marion Vendituoli and Laura Wenzel, her assistant. Their skills in writing, editing and design all come together here. Be sure to thank them for this amazing effort if you pass them on the street or at the library, the fairgrounds or a local café.

We are delighted to welcome Cynie Murray to our staff. She is the new keeper of our accounting books. Thank you all for your continued financial support. Don’t forget that you can make a monthly pledge easily by going on line to our website: patagoniaregionaltimes.org. And always remember, if you’re not here in the area to get your free monthly copy, PRT is on line.
In the Service of our Country

Several young men and women from Patagonia, Sonoita and Elgin have recently made the choice to serve in the armed forces.

Faith Hendricks Ballew, the daughter of Matthew and Julie Hendricks, of Patagonia, recently returned from deployment with the Air Force and is stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas.

Danny Miranda, the son of Yvette Murrietta and Daniel Miranda, and the grandson of Angel and Terri Murrietta, of Patagonia, finished his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in February and will begin his Army AIT Medic school at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

Levi Purvis, the son of Gordon and Denise Purvis, of Sonoita, will graduate from AIT Medic school at the end of March. He will be stationed at Fort Wainwright Army Base in Fairbanks, Alaska and plans to attend college during his service to obtain his medical degree.

Sam Rutledge, the son of Brian and Kathy Rutledge, of Sonoita, has completed Basic Training and is attending AIT school for Computer Communications at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. He is in the Army Guard.

Herman Sebert, the son of Sonny and Michelle Sebert, of Sonoita, is currently serving as a Seabee in the Navy. He is stationed in Gulfport, Mississippi and is preparing for his second deployment to Guatemala, Honduras, and Colombia building wells for villages that do not have access to fresh water.

Editor’s note: If you know of any other young men and women from our region who are serving in the armed forces, we would be honored to recognize their service.

PUHS B’ball Team Best in a Decade

The Patagonia Lobos basketball season came to an end on Feb. 17 in the first round of the Arizona State Basketball Tournament. They failed to hang on to their half time lead, and lost to the St. David Tigers by 6 points.

The season is still seen as a successful season, as it is the first time that the boys basketball team has made state in over 10 years, along with being the first winning season in that same time span. The Lobos went into the tournament ranked 12th in the state. The highest that the team was ranked this year was 7.

The members of the State team were seniors Chris Quiroga, and Christian Barrios, juniors Chris Miranda, Issac Vazquez, Duke Norton, sophomores Jesus Vasquez, John Hubbell, Ralphie Quiroz, Victor Barajas, and freshmen Sebastian Vasquez, Russell Sherman, Damien Castro, and Brent Anderson. Coach Kenny Hayes was assisted by Todd Norton, and Matthew Davidson filmed the tournament.

Coach Hayes is very proud of the boys for accomplishing so much this year, but says that it is time to look forward now, and start getting ready for next season. “It is very important that we are not happy with past accomplishments, and realize that good is the enemy of great.”

The girls program faced some real adversity this year when their leader Lily Wharton went down with a season ending knee injury. The team did rally and showed great improvement throughout the year. They will be a force in years to come because of their experiences this year.
Denise Jepsen-Blake

June 1, 1960 – February 19, 2017

Denise Jepsen Blake died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the age of 56.

She is survived by son Ryan Mitchell Blake, the light of her life; her parents James and Kathy Jepsen; her sister Patricia Jepsen-Glab; brothers Paul and Raymond Jepsen; as well as her nieces and nephews.

Denise was born in Kankakee, IL on June 1, 1960. She graduated from Western Illinois University and settled in Santa Cruz Valley. Denise taught in both the Nogales and Rio Rico School Districts, continued her education earning her Masters in Bilingual Education and, later, a Masters in Educational Leadership.

Denise moved to Patagonia, AZ, in 2010 where she accepted the principal’s position at Patagonia Public Schools. Throughout her time in Patagonia, Denise succeeded in improving both the quality of education that the students received and the facilities in which they received that education. Through her hard work and dedication she was promoted to superintendent of the two Patagonia School Districts. Her love, however, was with her students and faculty, so she continued as superintendent/principal for five years until her illness forced her into early retirement.

Denise’s accomplishments will live on through the positive impact she has had on so many lives. Her dedication will live on through her students, her family, and the communities in which she has lived and worked. “...And that teacher left her wisdom, in the minds of lots of children and did her best to give them all a better start...”

Her first love will forever be horses. Gunther, Shadow and Tucker, her small herd, always brought her joy. She loved caring for them and learning everything about training and riding. Denise was in the process of buying a horse ranch near Patagonia when she was forced by her untimely illness to abandon her dream of being a western ranch woman.

A memorial service was held in her honor at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Patagonia on February 24, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, you may send donations in Denise’s name to Equine Voices Horse Rescue and Sanctuary in Amado, AZ.

Letters to the Editor

Control Through Fear

By now, many people know about the meeting AMI requested on Feb. 6 with Town Manager Dave Teel to declare its objection to imposing any limits in town regulations on the number of allowable trips between Hwy. 82 and town limits on Harshaw Road. As Councilwoman Andy Woods told reporter Arielle Zionts (Nogales International, 2/13/17), AMI’s representative Greg Lucero and an AMI attorney told Teel and town attorney Mike Massey that if the town persisted in including a frequency provision in the ordinance, A.M.I. would approach a legislator to file an opinion under House Bill 1487, complaining that the town was in conflict with regulations for state highways. In accordance with the bill, Patagonia’s state-shared revenues, which are $342,557 for 2017, could then be withheld following a review by the Attorney General.

That meeting’s purpose was to intimidate and threaten. In actual fact, if the Attorney General is presented with a complaint, he can 1) decide it has no merit 2) freeze funds after 30 days until issue is rectified or 3) determine that the decision requires due process in court. The City of Tucson has challenged the law and is awaiting a decision by AZ Supreme Court, expected shortly. The right of a municipality to regulate traffic is already protected under separate law.

It is surprising that those who spoke against vehicle trip limits at the council meeting on Feb. 8 didn’t direct their outrage at A.M.I. for threatening the town’s survival if it didn’t do their bidding.

Ann Katzenbach, Patagonia

Don’t prejudge newbies

It was with some anger and dismay that I read Mr. Bob Peterson’s comment regarding ‘city people’ (aka ‘new residents’) wanting ‘stuff like that’ meaning the Dollar Store in your recent publication,

As a new resident (going on two years in this grassland paradise), along with many of my new resident friends, not only abhor this Dollar Store travesty, we took the time to attend all of the meetings opposing the construction! I personally loaded up, hauled my trusty mule to the participate in the demonstration, as did a couple of my ‘new residents’ friends with their horses and other ‘new residents’ friends on foot!

Please do not generalize us ‘new residents’ as ones who want or need this disgusting addition to the lovely Sonoita/Elgin area. Had those who have been here longer established a development plan, there would have been a way to stop the construction. Instead of blaming the new people for it, look to us to help organize to keep this corporate cancer from spreading. Instead of blaming and complaining, DO SOMETHING about it!

We did NOT move here to bring ‘this stuff’ with us. Many moved here to get away from it! We personally moved here from a rural area in Wisconsin that was quickly becoming urbanized..... didn’t like it there, either....along with the weather... but I digress.

I hold no ill will to Mr. Peterson, but only ask that instead of placing blame, we work together to not allow this ‘corporate take over’ to spread.

Thanks for your time,
Pat McNamara
'New Elgin Resident'

Respect Mexican culture

I recently found a quote I had clipped from some newspaper in the past. It was a quote from Rudy Jacobson, Patagonia resident and former city engineer for Nogales. I am still impressed with his words and hope you will include them in your next PRT issue. Rudy said: “America will learn more from Mexico than the other way around. There is more heart, more family and unity [in the Mexican culture].”

Doris Wenig, Patagonia
Local Women’s Group Formed

By Carolyn Shafer

2017 is a “perfect storm” year, in that everything is up for change. The days and events move at warp speed and bring Shock and Awe, a term coined to describe a 1996 military doctrine “based on the use of overwhelming power and spectacular displays of force to paralyze the enemy’s perception of the battlefield and destroy its will to fight.”

There is a groundswell of deep desire to draw the line, stand up and speak out to create a just and sustainable world for all. The January 21 world-wide marches included lots of folks from Patagonia, Sonoita, and Elgin participating in the Tucson march. Many of those same folks met on Jan. 26 to talk about “what next” to create a local movement to continue the momentum created by the success of these marches.

In response to the need to share information about developing issues and to be able to react quickly to breaking news and implement ways to influence policy decisions, a group has been formed that will hold monthly meetings. Committees focusing on specific issues, including the border, the environment, education, women’s issues, and health care, have been organized, as well.

An additional focus of this group is ‘self-care (body, mind, soul),’ vital during these times. The group is not affiliated with any political party.

At its February meeting the group chose the name Voices From the Border and added several groups to their organization. One group will be tracking local issues, another will focus on fine tuning communication within the group. The goal is to develop positive outcomes, and all points of view are welcome.

This group of local activists will meet the last Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Carolyn Shafer (JoyfullyBecomingCarolyn@gmail.com) or Liliane Papin (lylip@aol.com).

Workshop on Water to Feature Stories from Locals

As the old adage goes - “The more we know about the past, the better we’ll be prepared for the future.”

Borderlands Restoration invites the public to attend a workshop to document memories of Patagonia’s Water History in Cady Hall Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m.—noon. This first workshop in a series invites local residents to share what they know - stretching from prehistory to living memory - about changes in our local watershed. If you would like to submit a story, photo or article related to local water history in preparation for the workshop, please email these to kpasierb1@gmail.com or drop them at the Borderlands Restoration office behind the Visitors’ Center. All contributors will receive a gift certificate from Friends of Sonoita Creek and be entered into a drawing for the chance to win a copy of T. Sheridan and D. Hadley’s book, Land Use History of the San Rafael Valley.

Patagonia’s Water Futures is a project of the Borderlands Restoration Leadership Institute.

To learn more about the Institute, visit: www.borderlandsinstitute.org.
Local Students Chosen for AZ Trail Assn. Program

By Anna Coleman

Two young men from Patagonia were selected to be a part of the Arizona Trail Association "Seeds of Stewardship" 3-day camping/hiking expedition over President’s Day weekend. This expedition is a unique opportunity for youth of Arizona to gather and blend new perspectives, leadership, and commitment to their community. Both boys were honored to be selected to attend this all-expense paid trip.

Unfortunately, Santos was not able to make the trip due to an illness, but Aguilar attended and had an amazing experience. “Even though the trip was cold and wet, I had a lot of fun with new kids,” he said. “The experience of hiking was the best!”

The trip extended up to the Kearney, AZ area and was attended by nine middle school and high school youth from Arizona.

The Arizona Trail Association and Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center have held monthly hiking experiences for the PYEC youth for the past two years. The hikes have been held on the local Arizona Trail Corridor trails, Patagonia Lake trails, and into local slot canyons. The participants’ ages range from 10-20, and each hike is led by experienced AZ Trail coordinator, Treven Hooker, and PYEC outdoor program manager, Steve Coleman. The youth are challenged and encouraged to achieve their personal best while learning positive social skills and stewardship of the environment.
Following warnings against adoption of its proposed truck traffic ordinance, the Patagonia Town Council went into executive session at its meeting on February 8, to get legal advice on the issue. After nearly an hour, council returned to quickly table the ordinance pending further review of the town’s legal standing to regulate truck traffic and possible consequences if it does.

While the purpose of the ordinance would be to protect the safety of the town’s residents and prevent damage to the streets, there is clearly widespread divergence of opinion among the townsfolk, and possibly even among the council members, as to whether the proposed restrictions on truck weight and trip frequency are necessary. Moreover, many who spoke at the meeting expressed concern that if the town enacts the proposed changes, it could lose the considerable state funding it now receives if the ordinance conflicts with state regulations.

Representative of the voices opposing the ordinance was Bob Ollerton, who spoke as a member of the Patagonia Regional Business Coalition. “Our group strongly opposes this ordinance,” he said. Carolyn Shafer urged the town to enact the proposed changes, saying “It’s a matter of safety and fiscal responsibility.”

At its March 22 meeting, the council welcomed County Supervisor Bruce Bracker and County Manager Jennifer St. John who thanked the council for the opportunity to come before them and emphasized that they are available to hear concerns voiced by Patagonia area residents.

The council also heard reports by Ray Klein and Charlie Montoy on the annual cleanup event scheduled for April 22 (Hazmat items only) and April 29 (general cleanup), requests by Planning and Zoning representative Susan Lange to install solar lights to illuminate the logs that line the sidewalk adjacent to the town’s headquarters and to consider installing a sidewalk along Harshaw Road.

A request by the Patagonia Library to install a new 10X20 foot outbuilding on library grounds to accommodate the Friends of the Library operations and free up space within the main building for other library functions was approved, as was the appointment of Paton Center Coordinator Jonathan Lutz and The Nature Conservancy’s Martin Lawrence to the Flood and Flow Committee.

The council advised the Patagonia Community Fund, Nogales Customs Brokers Assn., the Crossroads Quilters, Santa Cruz County, the SCCFRA Foundation, and private individuals, our Ramada renovation is underway to improve outdoor concert experiences.

The board is supporting a contest for a Volunteer Extraordinaire. At our annual membership dinner, one member who has volunteered the most time and energy will win a special award. To log your hours, there is a “Volunteer Hours” notebook located in the office. Please help us keep track of your hours by stopping by the office, emailing us, or phoning us.

We have lots of opportunities coming up for our fabulous volunteers and we are so excited! We have the Sonoita All Breed Horse Show Circuit which includes five shows! We also have the Sonoita Horse Races in May, two rodeos (Memorial and Labor Day weekends), the Sonoita Quarter Horse Show, and the Santa Cruz County Fair.

For more information, please call Karen or Jennifer at the fairgrounds at (520)455.5553. If you have signed up for any of these events, expect a phone call as you are needed!
Community College in Nogales Gets Some Good News

By Marion Vendituoli

This has been an interesting year for the governing board of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College district (SCCPCCD). This past November, the district learned that Cochise College would not be continuing to provide higher education for Santa Cruz County residents at the Nogales campus after the 2017 spring semester.

This announcement meant that many of the 513 students enrolled in the program face an uncertain future. They could continue their education at one of Cochise College’s other campuses in Sierra Vista, Willcox, Benson or Douglas, but the long distances make this not a viable option for most students, many of whom are working full time while attending classes. Faculty members and staff, who are paid by Cochise, not the district, are left in limbo, waiting to see if they will be employed next year.

“It was a surprise to me to hear about Cochise leaving,” Jose Vasquez, of Patagonia, said. Vasquez attends the community college in Nogales, working towards a degree in agricultural engineering. “If it were to close, people would have to travel further and spend more money,” he said.

The governing board of SCCPCCD did receive good news on February 7, when Cochise College agreed to extend its contract with the Nogales facility for one more semester. This gives the governing board another six months to find a new partner.

SCCPCCD is negotiating with Pima Community College to partner with the district, according to Liz Collier, chairperson of the governing board. “We’re in talks with Pima,” she said, but “the soonest they could get down here would be January, 2018.”

“Not all the details are worked out,” Dr. Stella Perez, CEO of SCCPCCD, said. “We reached out to them, and after their site visit, they said they were interested.”

The Pima College governing board will meet in March to consider a memorandum of understanding between the two districts, and the transition from Cochise to the new district could get under way.

Relations between Pima Community College and Santa Cruz County have not always gone smoothly. Pima College had conducted classes in Nogales until 2003, when the bill for their services jumped from $270,000 a year to $1.2 million. Santa Cruz then contracted with the Cochise College district.

In 2011, Pima Community College sued Santa Cruz County, alleging that the county was not paying its fair share for students taking classes at Pima, a lawsuit that was subsequently settled after the court ruled in favor of Santa Cruz County.

But relations between the two districts have improved, and Perez is optimistic about the possibility of working with Pima Community College. She feels strongly about the importance of having the community college remain open. “I chose this school because of its location and it’s a lot cheaper,” Vasquez said. “I have really good teachers and small classes, so I get a lot of attention.”

Colley Herrera, of Patagonia, hopes to become a psychologist, and is taking her prerequisite courses at the Nogales campus. “It’s a great school,” she said. “It wasn’t what I was planning to do, but I’m happy I’m going there. It saves me money and time and I’m getting the education that I need.”

Berenice Cabrera, of Patagonia, now attends school at the Sierra Vista campus of Cochise College, Cabrera is working on a degree in nursing, after taking courses in Nogales.

“After high school, I wasn’t really sure what I wanted to do. The college gave me an opportunity to get an education,” she said. “Pima has been working south of the border, and we want to be part of that regional solution.” She would like to see expansion of both workforce programs and continuing education classes. “We’re looking to support local industry,” she said. “Our mission statement is to advance student achievement and economic development.”

It is Collier’s expectation that Pima College, should an agreement be reached, would retain most of the teaching staff currently working at the Nogales campus. “If everything goes right,” she said, “The only thing that is going to change would be the emblem on the building.”

Photo by Marion Vendituoli

Liz Collier serves as chairperson of the SCC Provisional college district.
Part 3. The Search for the Right Ranch

By Alison Bunting

Last month’s article described Walter Vail’s and Herbert Hislop’s travels from the Arizona Territory border to Tucson in the summer of 1876.

Walter Vail and Herbert Hislop began their search for a ranch to purchase soon after their arrival in Tucson in early July, 1876. Hislop wrote: “Rested and just looked round the town for horses to buy, but did not succeed. Had more offers of ranches, it is astonishing how quickly one’s business is known in a small place like this. Everybody has the best to sell. It is quite amusing to hear them talk and hear them contradict each other, running down each other as thieves and rascals, but we have our money and intend to keep it unless we get a place suited to our requirements and on reasonable terms.”

They first set out with Tucson businessman E.N. Fish to visit Fish’s ranch located 52 miles southeast of Tucson. Hislop wrote that they left at 8 am, “One of us riding on horseback and the other in a buggy with Fish, who had a fine pair of horses. We stopped for lunch at 2 pm and had a rest of an hour, arrived at the ranch at 6 pm and had supper, mutton chops, taken from a sheep killed on the ranch and mighty good it was to a hungry man and when it was dark, between 8 and 9 pm, went to bed which consisted of lying on the mud floor with a blanket round you and no windows in the house, but for all that I slept like a top.”

At the end of a day spent exploring the ranch on horseback, Hislop commented that “the ranch reminds me of the South Downs [England], being much the same sort of country and evidently a good place for cattle, which was shown by the condition of the cattle.” Vail noted that “it is quite a pretty place, it consists mostly of rolling hills which reminds me very much of the Iowa prairie.” The ranch house was “situated on a hill but is not finished, having no doors or windows.”

Hislop records leaving for Tucson the following morning “…at 7:30 a.m., having had two miners as bed-fellows the night before, the rain having turned them and their families out of doors so they sought refuge as good as the ranch house afforded.” Hislop and Vail consumed a meager lunch of “sardines and deviled turkey” at 2, while they watered the horses, which staved off their hunger until they “…arrived in Tucson at 5:30, once more getting into the civilized world.”

Next month’s article: The partners will visit two more ranches before deciding which to purchase.

Construction Limits

Access to Empire Ranch House

Starting sometime in March, major stabilization work on the historic Empire Ranch House will begin, requiring the building to be closed to the public and fenced off for most of 2017. The rest of the headquarters buildings will remain open and a new docent tour will be offered, featuring visits to the Adobe Hay Barn and the South Barn, with stops to learn about the covered feed troughs, the tack room, the gas pump and more.

The structure and rooms of the Ranch House will be described from the exterior, and a slide show available in the Visitor Contact Station will illustrate what the interior rooms looked like as of December 2016.

Plan to come out and learn something new about the Empire Ranch! Docent tours are offered on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month at 11a.m. For more information visit the ERF website: empireranchfoundation.org
More than 40 people attended the FRANK Talk, War, Liberty & Law: The U.S. Constitution and Times of Crisis, held at Patagonia Library on February 8. Dr. T.J. Davis of Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies facilitated the discussion.

According to the Arizona Humanities website, “the goal of FRANK Talks is to inspire people to practice the skills of citizenship – to listen respectfully and engage thoughtfully with one another on important issues that affect our communities.” Dr. Davis posed thought-provoking, non-partisan questions centered on the Constitution and civil rights regarding border issues and the Border Patrol, the Patriot Act, fear and the government, and confirmation bias, to name a few of the topics discussed. Attendees were encouraged to speak their minds without interruption or judgment from others.

The series, named after Lorraine W. Frank, founding Executive Director of Arizona Humanities, is being held at libraries and museums around the state in partnership with Arizona Humanities and the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. Abbie Zeltzer, Patagonia Library Director, hopes to apply for another FRANK Talk later this spring.

The back yard at Paton Center for Hummingbirds on Pennsylvania Ave. has been closed since January while a new bird viewing platform is constructed. Several deep holes in the ground indicate that this will be a major structure with giant footings. According to Audubon’s Jonathan Lutz, the backyard viewing area will reopen in March, but the exact date is still a mystery.

During the construction, bird feeders are set up in the front yard and the Richard Grand Memorial Meadow remains open for additional viewing.

The Paton Center will remain free and open to the public, though donations to the sugar fund are appreciated and critical to ongoing operations.
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They Walk Among Us

By Martin Levowitz

One thing I've learned from personal experience with genuinely crazy people -- mostly bipolar / borderline types -- is that they quickly drive almost everyone around them batty, too. When nut-jobs commit hostile, selfish acts, it's hard not to be miffed. Most normal, so-called "healthy" folks would like to hold such others to account. We don't quickly accept "unacceptable behavior," unless finally -- out of weariness and frustration -- we're forced to face the fact that these intense gluteal pangs aren't really human after all when they break rules. They're maladjusted mechanisms. Wayward behavior -- and our knee-jerk reaction against it -- point out the fragile, easily-disrupted nature of sanity and civilization.

Most animal behavior is instinctively self-centered: Do what you want. Get what you can. But humans are acculturated to be more empathic and altruistic. Socialization represses normal animal instinct. Aberrant behavior is a surprisingly corrosive solvent which can cut through our own kindness and forbearance in minutes, if not instantaneously. That's why most societies stigmatize and isolate deviant behavior.

The pathological self-centeredness known as narcissism is growing more common, these days. Not considered true psychosis (like schizophrenia, for instance) narcissism is classified as "a character disorder," but that doesn't make it any easier to live with. We're slow to realize that certain persons in our midst do not share the normally-presumed preference for peace and harmony. Some individuals, as the result of bad parenting (overindulgence/inconsistency) are programmed for lifetimes of stirring up strife. Since conflict is a common form of human-contact, too, some folks who can't get love will opt for animus, instead. Attention is a nutrient which all of us must have, and there are many ways to get it. Negativity works. Bullying (physical or intellectual) breaking rules, violating expectations, or hurting feelings -- all yield inverted social juice.

One reason it takes normal people so long to fathom this perverse game is that most of us graduate from infancy desiring to be "good" and to be liked, and we go to great lengths to achieve it. That is the norm. When dealing with a narcissist or certain other loons, it's hard to realize that your provocateur is less concerned with issues over which you disagree than with disagreement itself -- for intensity's sake.

Sociopathic narcissism is psychic vampirism. Unrestrained by humility or pity (except self-pity) the vampire feeds on the discomfort of others. As noted above, it's an odd, upside-down way of life, which parodies normal, me-first, animal behavior. That may be why it's so upsetting. It reminds us "good" boys and girls of something deep inside that we renounced when we were young. Some tame and neutered part of us admires feral, antisocial spunk; and envies those who do what they damn please -- folks like our so-called President.

Some people see as heroes those who "stay true to themselves " (to use a questionable phrase) more than to prevailing social norms. A narcissist thinks that he's better than everyone else, and better than, in fact, he really is. His hunger for adulation, if thwarted, can boomerang back as a thirst for revenge, to punish those who don't endorse his grandiosity. So, keep in mind, dear friends, that when a monster of this sort has got his middle finger poised above the big red button which can launch apocalypse, unless someone can rein him in or soothe his starving heart, we could well have a barbecue, complete with sautéed cities and resplendent mushroom clouds. Would you like something cold to drink with that?
Moving to me is the equivalent of running with tacks in your shoes. It sucks and at times hurts. I plan on not doing it again – EVER. If you’ve been living under a rock, my husband, and I recently bought our first home and have been thrust into the limelight of unsolicited advice, empty promises (or threats) of help and the uplifting feeling of being in debt up to our eyeballs. I have discovered so many things about myself during this process. For instance, there is such a thing as owning too many Mason Jars and that I have been holding onto a futon that is in dire need of a trip to the dump. (I apologize to anyone who has ever had to sit on it). Up until now I didn’t realize how little furniture we actually have and that all the years of buying yard sale couches and side tables has finally caught up with us. For the first time ever we bought brand new furniture at a store that specializes in selling furniture on credit! Imagine that. The bill hasn’t come yet and I imagine the triumph will fade to mild enthusiasm, but man, was it fun. We have a new stove and refrigerator, and I’m pretty sure that all of the dirt in the backyard is ours.

Why is this even important? We’ve never owned any of this stuff before, let alone doors, a roof and two bathrooms. We are happy and grateful. Finally adults with property and debt just like everybody else. We have rooms. Lots of them and we can choose to sit in any one we want, never mind the fact that we sit mostly in the bedroom in the back of the house because it mimics the square footage of our old house and we’re used to bumping into each other. I hope we adjust.

In case you are wondering, the chickens made the move, save a few that went to live with some other really nice chickens across town, and Josey, my faithful companion, is adjusting nicely to town living. He happily trots across the park with me to work in the mornings like every good dog should.

My only regret is that my Dad didn’t make it to see us through this big milestone in our lives. The morning we were set to sign the papers I cried. I wanted so much for him to be able to walk through the house and point out things to be fixed and to watch him walk around my yard lecturing me about water lines and upkeep. I wanted him to be here. So much of this life is bittersweet. Dad would have been so happy to know that we owned a little bit of Patagonia. What started out as sorrow has turned to happiness and as we move forward, his pictures grace the bookshelf and his hunting boots sit on the floor in one of the many rooms in this Patagonia house. Grateful doesn’t begin to describe what we feel right now. We hope to slip out of the limelight and back into everyday life and with any luck any talk of moving will be a distant memory never to be repeated.

Life Move

By Cassina Farley
Award Winning Children’s Musicians Perform at Local Schools

**Richard Perlmutter**

Students from Elgin School, Patagonia Elementary and Patagonia Montessori gathered at the Patagonia School multipurpose room for *Beethoven’s Wig*, performed by Richard Perlmutter on February 9. Perlmutter, who also performed later that evening at the Benderly-Kendall Opera House, sang silly lyrics he wrote for classical music pieces, accompanying himself on the keyboard, guitar and mandolin, as well as with animation projected on a large screen with which Perlmutter interacted.

He opened his performance with “Beethoven’s Wig,” which is set to the music of Beethoven’s fifth symphony, (“Beethoven’s wig, it’s very big”), followed by selections from Chopin, Mozart, Liszt, Verdi and Tchaikovsky, all with funny, fast paced lyrics that kept the young students’ attention. His final number, “Can you can-can,” sung to the music of Jacques Offenbach, even had the students up and dancing in the aisles. Perlmutter’s performance was sponsored by the Santa Cruz Foundation for the Performing Arts.

**Danna Banana**

On February 1, students and staff at the Montessori School got to listen and dance along with Danna Banana, an award-winning children’s entertainer based in New Jersey.

Danna Banana, who was dubbed ‘Best Party Entertainer’ by New York Magazine, and has written for Nickelodeon, as well as other national venues, trained as an operatic baritone at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and has written several musicals, including “Bananukah!, “Suddenly Summer,” and “Danna Banana’s Eclectic Electric Roller Coaster Custard Pie Dance Party.” The event was sponsored by the school and parents.

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**Screenings of Two Mexican Films**

**At the Tin Shed Theatre**

The Consulate General of Mexico, The Tin Shed Theatre and the Cultural Arts Committee cordially invite the public to the screening of two outstanding Mexican films, which are being screened as part of the activities of International Women’s Week.

“Espiral” (Spiral), directed by Jorge Perez Solano, will be shown Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. “Espiral” is the story of the women of a town in the Oaxacan Mixtec region who must face the circumstances after being left without men.

“El Sueño de Lú” (The Dream of Lu), directed by Carlos Sama, will be shown Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. “El Sueño de Lú” is the story of Lucía, who mourns for the loss of her 6 year old son. Lucia will begin a long and tortuous process that will lead her to understand that she can rebuild her life.

The films will be screened at the Tin Shed Theatre, located at 304 Naugle Avenue, Patagonia, Arizona, 85624. Free admission. Shown with English subtitles.

Please call for additional information (520) 287-2521 or (520) 394-9369.
Portrait of a Feminist

By Patra Kelly

Sonia Johnson, a long-time resident of Sonoita, marched with the Patagonia/Sonoita contingent of the Global Women’s March in Tucson on January 21. In the Washington, D.C. March that same day, Sonia’s name was chanted several times along with those of other “strong women who went before us,” including Eleanor Roosevelt, Margaret Mead, and Gloria Steinem.

Sonia was born into the Mormon Church. In the mid 1970s, Mormon leaders in Virginia, where she was living at the time, began organizing members to defeat the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment was designed to guarantee equal rights for women. Sonia was outraged, and for 18 months, while the church struggled desperately to stop her, she maintained “almost daily contact with the Washington Post, reporting the latest Mormon illegals across the country.”

This enraged church leaders so much that they finally, and very unwisely, held trials and excommunicated her, behavior that received international coverage and made Sonia famous. “Best of all,” she explained, “it gave me a platform from which to tell far and wide all the church’s carefully-guarded political secrets.” Doubleday published, From Housewife to Heretic, in 1961, the first of her several books.

For nearly 20 years she spoke all over the country—at universities, conferences, festivals, venues of every description—encouraging women to rise, find their courage and power, and change the world. She became a well-known spokeswoman for Radical Feminism which she describes as “an internal change at the roots of women’s souls that emboldens and frees us from fear. In its comprehensiveness and overarching vision, Radical Feminism is very different from Women’s Rights Feminism—a weak, reformist position that seeks only to ‘tweak’ a little the thoroughly rotten patriarchal system.”

In 1984, she was the presidential candidate for what is now the Green Party, as well as two other parties. The constituents of these parties realized that Radical Feminism included all their issues. She came in fifth in the popular vote, the only alternative candidate in U.S. history to win federal primary matching funds.

After years of civil disobedience, fasting, and resistance of all kinds in the effort to get the Equal Rights Amendment into the constitution, Sonia came to believe that Eleanor Roosevelt was right on and unconsciously very radical when she advised women to do something every day that scares them.

She still agrees with her sister, Eleanor, that only when women love enough to take risks for ourselves and our sisters, perhaps beginning with very small ones, will we ever meet—face-to-face—the courageous, powerful, world-building women we are.

Sonia says, “This is women’s time. To save our own lives, and by doing so to save all life, this is what we are on the earth now to do. As the only alternative to patriarchy, our values and ways in the world—empathetic, nonviolent, cooperative, and caring—these are the hope for the world.”

Are we ready with other women to make a whole world? Since the Global Women’s March, we have all been asking, “What’s next?” Sonia has agreed to talk about some possibilities. Watch for the date and time.

Sonia Johnson is a long time advocate of women’s rights

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Artwork by Julius Bedoni
Mountain Empire Rotary Club Members Travel to Save Children’s Lives

By Sue Archibald

Every year a group of Rotarians partner with the Rotary Club in Caborca, Sonora, Mexico. They go house to house in rural neighborhoods looking for children under the age of five to immunize against polio, parasites and digestive diseases. This year, three local Rotarians, Susan Archibald and Susan Scott, of Sonoita, and Anne Gibson, of Elgin, traveled 135 miles south of the border to participate in this immunization project.

This year’s trip included folks from Canada, Alabama, and Louisiana as well. The children in the rural neighborhoods of Sonora are often hidden and do not have access to a health clinic. The group accompanied the Caborca Rotary club and the local health clinic physicians and nurses on their mission to rural neighborhoods to immunize children and register families with the area clinic. This assistance enables hundreds of children to obtain life-saving immunizations.

Knowing that our efforts give these children a step up in life was something indescribable and very personal. The mothers and fathers we met were grateful and thanked us for caring about the little ones they love.

In the United States, we take for granted that our families have access to basic health care immunization, but in the poverty stricken rural areas of Sonora it is not guaranteed. For example, one family of six lived in a shack with a dirt floor. When we got there, the mother was tending a small outdoor fire cooking beans. She greeted us warmly and invited us into her home where we met her children, all less than five years of age. We described what we were there to do and handed out small trinkets, books, and hygiene supplies. Once the mother felt assured we were there to help, she allowed us to immunize her children.

Polio Poliomyelitis is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable.

Each year more than one million Rotary members donate their time and personal resources to end polio, working side-by-side with health workers to vaccinate children all over the world. Rotary members work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute mass communication tools to reach people in areas isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. Rotary members also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

We look forward to making this an annual trip.

One Family, Three New Businesses in Sonoita

By Valerie Hing

Recent Sonoita resident Shawn Garber and her family will add a few new businesses to the community, starting with a food truck this month. Working with Tom & Melanie Pyle of the Copper Hop Ranch in Elgin, Garber and her mom, Zaida Farnham, plan to reopen the Pyle’s food truck, offering coffee and breakfast burritos in the morning and Puerto Rican cuisine for lunch. The name and location of the truck have not been determined.

Garber’s arrival in Sonoita is only one part of a unique life that has included growing up in New York City with a world education resulting in translation, art and finance degrees. A devastating diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS) set her on a healing process which included hiking the Arizona Trail, spanning 800 miles of Arizona from Utah to Mexico.

“There is not a lot of support dealing with MS and I wanted to empower others,” she said. “I fell in love with this area” at the end of her two-month southbound trek.

Garber’s primary support system on the trail was her husband Bob, who once owned a vineyard in Ohio. Sonoita offered them a place to hike and pursue their dream of opening a wine bar. Since their move here last year, the pair purchased 20 acres for a vineyard named Trouvé and planted grapes on 5 acres. Plans to build a winery are in the works. Trouvé means “found” in French which symbolizes the Garbers’ newly found place to start the second half of their lives.

Farnham, who was born in Puerto Rico and raised in New York City, also started a business called “Zany” making gourmet truffles. She attended culinary school at Stratford University in Virginia and has a degree from the Institute of Culinary Education in New York.

Although she does not have a shop yet, chocolate lovers can order from her by phone and many local wineries are interested in selling truffles in their tasting rooms. Favorites include coconut, tepin pepper, orange, peppermint and salted caramel.

The number for Zany is 917-667-5702 and Trouvé Vineyard is 608-331-8922 or 910-986-0276.
Sonoita Group Developing Standards for Crossroads Area

By Susan Scott

What began as a community protest against the Dollar General Store has evolved into a working group of local Sonoita and Elgin residents that is calling itself the Sonoita Commercial Area Plan (SCAP). The mission of SCAP is to provide a road map for future growth that will blend, complement and balance development with existing structures in the crossroads area.

Even as construction continues on the controversial Dollar General Store at the corner of state routes 82 and 83 in Sonoita, this group has been meeting to develop new building and use guidelines for the Sonoita commercial area. The group, comprised of Susan Scott, Kat Crockett, Jim Johnson, John Kugler, Jerry Bianchi, Sue Archibald and Laura Rinderer, hopes to prevent another such building in the future, and to preserve property values, maintain and enhance the rural environment and scenic corridors, preserve the unique heritage of the Northeast Santa Cruz County area and, lastly, manage growth to avoid haphazard development and sprawl which alters our unique community character.

With the guidance of Jesse Drake, Santa Cruz County Development Director, the group is following a process that involves Arizona state statutes and Santa Cruz County regulations. Included in the process is making an inventory of what already exists and finding commonalities among our buildings. To accomplish this, Jim Johnson has photographed every building within the business zoning on routes 82 and 83, stretching from the L&L Transport office on the far east side of route 82 to High Noon Feed on the south side of 83. The group will be looking at structures, architectural details and construction materials to be included in a draft plan. For example, when describing historical “ranch style,” the group will need to demonstrate by photograph and architectural drawings exactly what is meant by that term so that there is no question for future developers.

The group is in the preliminary stages of developing the draft plan. Once it has been finalized, the group will hold a public open house for everyone in the community to review the plan and provide input. Additionally, Arizona statutes require that all property owners within, and adjacent to, the commercial zoning area be contacted about the proposed plan. After public input, the plan must then be published in the local newspaper. The group will be soliciting support from our local organizations such as the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District, Elgin School, Elgin Club, Rotary Club, the Sonoita-Elgin Chamber of Commerce, etc. Once all that is done, the plan will go to the county for final approval and implementation.

So, if you run into any of the SCAP committee members, please thank them for all their hard work. And please stop by the Mini Mart in Sonoita to pick up your Buy Local bumper sticker to show support for all of our local businesses that do so much for our community.

2017 PRCF Grant Recipients Announced

The Patagonia Regional Community Fund has announced this year’s list of grantees, who will be receiving awards for local projects.

Grantees were the ESC County Community Food Bank, Family Healthcare Amigos, the Patagonia Creative Arts Association, Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center, Senior Citizens of Patagonia, Inc., Patagonia Regional Times, the SCCFRA Foundation Inc., and the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District.

Look for a full description of the grantees’ projects and their impact on our community in the next issue of the PRT.
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Introducing a New Feline in Your House

Experience is the best teacher, it is said, albeit often not a very kind one. For the first time in my life of 60 years with animals, one of mine left home. Bonaparte is an indoor/outdoor cat who has been with me for 11 years, along with two other cats. One died a few years ago and the other moved in to spirit world last year. I miscalculated Bonaparte’s desire for another cat in our lives. It turns out, he likes being the one and only. I learned this the hard way.

I purposely chose a kitten, thinking Bonaparte would raise her to his liking and chose a feisty breed since he could be a little rough with my previous cats. Home I came with a darling little female Siamese kitten, ten weeks of age.

He was not happy about it at all. Most cats I’ve known take awhile to adjust to a new cat in the household, but, in time, they find their comfort zones and either become great pals or at least accept one another at a distance. That did not happen this time and my heartbreak led me to research this dilemma.

I discovered just how territorial domestic felines can be and how much planning and care needs to be taken to ensure that the new family member is indeed accepted.

Here’s what experts advise: Plan ahead to pick up the new cat and bring it home when you know you will have plenty of time to devote to the introduction, possibly a weekend.

When you first bring home a new cat, place it in its own sanctuary room. For a few days, keep the new cat in this room with the door closed, spending time in there with it, of course and with the resident cat on the other side of this door. Allow them to smell each others’ scents for several days. Then begin feeding the two cats a fair distance apart from one another on either side of the closed door. Slowly lessen the space until they are right next to the door at meal times. When they seem comfortable with this arrangement, crack the door ajar just a bit so that neither cat can get through the crack or push the door open.

At this point, get a kitten pen or large dog crate that can be folded down and easily moved from room to room. Keep the new cat locked inside the pen with a covered box where it can hide to feel secure while getting it is used to its new environment and fellow residents.

Here are a couple of tips that can be followed to allow both cats to get used to each other’s scents. Place a blanket in your resident cat’s favorite sleeping spot and one for the new cat to sleep on. Once they have both slept on these blankets, exchange them back and forth. Pet each cat right after one another, grooming them with the same brush.

When it feels right, the door to the kennel can be opened and both cats allowed to be roaming in areas where they can be observed, should their contact with each other not go well. The process can be backed up, or if all goes well, integration is complete.

A little bit of extra effort at the beginning can make the difference between a good or bad relationship in the future.

Fortunately, Bonaparte found a new, loving home with my neighbors, so I get to see him occasionally. Cate Drown is the proprietor of Beyond Reason Ranch, where she provides “specialized care for all beings large or small.” You can contact Cate at frown_cate@hotmail.com.

By Colin Treiber
Like a Girl
By Eden Lattanzio

Yes
why
I
hit like a girl.
I hit back like a girl,
I spit like a girl
Spitfire like ice no longer
I Race like a girl
I Taste like a girl
Cinnamon, spice, and cyanide like a girl
Strut the hallway head held high like a girl
Don't like me don't care like a girl
Respect me like a girl
Another day without rest like a girl
No weak shit like a girl
Protect my girls like a girl
Red pointy heels black eyeliner like a girl.
Like a girl like me.
I am girl, woman of flesh and blood, crooked teeth heavy calves, I am not what you want me to be. I never will.
I am anger I am fury like a girl.
I am grit and blood, spit and mud like a girl.
I am sex like a girl.
Pale skin stretched like a girl.
Or did you forget?
I am girl. Consumer of desert sun and bones, I am unstoppable. Mother like ocean, sisters like earth, we are forces to be reckoned with.
Try me, I dare you. Try to battle earth and ocean. Molten rock bubbles in our skin, lighting storms, tornadoes crashing in our breath, try, just try to battle Mother Nature.
Forest fire like a girl.
Stampede your mind with a look that could kill like a girl.
Hurricane like a girl.
Her earth quakes beneath her heavy steps like a girl.
The girl, like a girl, like a woman, like, my mother. She has taught me that God, is no man.
She is Girl.

What’s Your Current Events I.Q.?

History teacher Kenny Hayes gives a current events test each week to his students. Insert the letter from the list Match the subjects (Numbers 1—12) to the correct phrases (Letters A—K).

To see how well you did, see page 22:

_____1. H.R. McMaster
_____2. NASA
_____3. Libya
_____4. Iraqi Military
_____5. Trump
_____6. Protest Camp
_____7. Brazil
_____8. ICC
_____9. Transgender
_____10. DNC
_____11. Geneva
_____12. Romania

A. Bathroom rule ended in public schools
B. 74 migrant dead bodies washed ashore here.
C. Gang war over drugs causes mass slaughter in prisons here.
D. Lays out tougher approach to illegal immigration
E. UN sponsored peace talks have resumed after 10 months
F. Trump’s new national security adviser
G. Race for the chair has tightened considerably
H. DAPL ordered this to be vacated.
I. Protests over government misconduct has split families.
J. Aims to measure vital snow data from satellites
K. South African court rules withdrawal unconstitutional
L. Consolidating power in southern Mosul
Our five local species live in a wide
range of habitats, from the lowest
valleys into the tallest mountains.
Amongst our lagomorphs are both
rabbits and hares. Rabbits are born
altricial - eyes closed, somewhat na-
ked, and helpless, while hares come
into the world precocial - fully furred,
eyes open and ready to run. In the Sky
Islands, rabbits are represented by
two species - the desert cottontail
and the eastern cottontail. They are re-
late look-alike species that partition
habitat mainly by elevation. As its
name implies, the desert cottontail
mostly inhabits sere, lower plant com-
unities, ranging to about 6,500 feet.
It is supremely adapted to deal with
temperature extremes. Meanwhile,
the eastern cottontail prefers higher,
more lush habitats where cold is the
main thermoregulatory challenge.

Both species, as with all rabbits
and hares, practice coprophagy
wherein they consume their first, gel-
atinous feces to once again digest the
plants that constitute their diet. The
cellulose contained in the strictly her-
virous diet of lagomorphs is notorious-
dy difficult to digest, hence the
need to twice process it. Look for nib-
bling on grasses, forbs, and woody
species. They'll all look as if they've
been snipped cleanly with scissors
unlike deer. Rabbits and hares have a
second set of incisors located directly
behind the main upper pair that aids
in such plant cuttings.

Meanwhile, we also have three
species of hares calling the Sky Islands
home - the black-tailed jackrabbit,
antelope jackrabbit, and white-sided
jackrabbit. All are large species with
characteristically huge ears that serve
the dual purpose of hearing and ther-
moregulation. The prominent veins in
the ears of a jack help to dissipate
excess heat amidst soaring desert and
grassland temperatures.

The long legs of our cottontails
and jackrabbits are renowned for their
utility when these species are in flight.
Cottontails may cover six feet in a fast
bound, while jacks can push 20 feet in
this regard! This ability to effectively
flee would-be predators is a key adap-
tation, as a veritable legion of preda-
tors long to sup upon their flesh.
Hawks, eagles, foxes, coyotes, bob-
cats, cougars, snakes, and Gila mon-
sters are among the tooth and claw
crowd that readily include lago-
morphs in their diet. You may know
when such a fateful meeting occurs,
as a rabbit or hare in the clutches of a
predator emits an unforgettable blood-
curdling cry.

When it comes time for mating,
lagomorphs generally "breed like rab-
bits." The exception to their prolific
reproduction is the white-sided
jackrabbit found in the United States
only in the botheel of New Mexico
and into Mexico. They are a slow-
breeding species that is endangered in
the United States mainly because of
vehicular kills by the Border Patrol.
Threats to this species also include
overgrazing by livestock and destruc-
tion of habitat for agriculture. Only
about 45 individuals remain within
the United States.

Incidentally, "mad as a March
hare" may refer to the quizzical leap-
ing of various lagomorphs over each
other as a prelude to mating!

Vincent Pinto and his wife, Claudia,
run RAVENS-WAY WILD JOURNEYS,
their Nature Adventure & Conserva-
tion organization devoted to pro-
ecting the unique biodiversity of the
Sky Islands region. Visit:
www.ravensnatureschool.org

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ent producer of arts films for TV, as well as a pio-
neer (and largest producer) of cultural documen-
taries for the cinema. Phil has extensive relations-
ships with galleries around the world. Institutions
such as the National Gallery (London), Rijksmuse-
um, Van Gogh Museum, Tate, MoMA, Hermitage,
National Gallery of Art (Washington DC), Royal
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asked, perhaps most frequently, is 'why would I go
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don't live in the country of the exhibition. Secondly,
we offer expert analysis, biography of the artist,
behind-the-scenes, all those hidden nooks and
crannies that you and I can't normally get to...
what I've seen and have been so delighted to rec-
ognize is that there is a different and much strong-
er emotional connection with a cinema screen than
with a television screen. And if you can't get to
stand in front of that particular painting, on your
own, this is the next best thing, I'm absolutely sure
about that."

All showings Saturday, start at 2pm, doors open
at 1p.m. Free admission, refreshments available.

March 18 - Leonardo
April 15 - Vincent van Gogh: A new way of seeing
April 29 - The Impressionists and the man who
made them
May 6th - Girl with a Pearl Earring

We thank Brent and Denise Bowden, and Jim-
my and Marla Green Kuhn for underwriting our
Exhibition on Screen series.
### CALENDAR

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<td>Sun.</td>
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<td><strong>CHOP (Community Homes of Patagonia, Inc.)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Rotary Club</strong></td>
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<td>at Patagonia High School; All others at Kief Joshua Winery, 6 p.m. Info: 520-907-5829</td>
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<td><strong>Overeaters Anonymous</strong></td>
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#### Community Services

**Lunch for Seniors** - Fresh-cooked meals, Mon. thru Fri. at the Patagonia Community Center. Noon—1 p.m.

**Sr. Citizens of Patagonia Van Service** - Medical transportation Mon.—Fri. for seniors & disabled by appointment only. Info: 394-2494

**Patagonia Food Bank** - Community Center; 2nd Wed. of the month, 9-11 a.m.

**Patagonia Methodist Church Thrift Shop** - Fri. 10 a.m.—2 p.m., Sat. 10—12 noon.

**Angel Wings Thrift & Gift Shop** - Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, 12 Los Encinos Rd, Soñoita. Thurs—Sat. 10 a.m. —2 p.m.

**Medicaid Help with Amaury Gama** - 2nd & 4th Mons., 3—5 p.m. at Patagonia Library, 346 Duquesne Ave.

#### Events

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<td><strong>Mar 4-5 - 24th Annual High Desert Gardening &amp; Landscaping Conference</strong></td>
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<td>Sierra Vista. Register at 520-458-8278, ext. 2141.</td>
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<td><strong>Mar 4 - Sonora Rodeo Royalty Contest and Dinner</strong></td>
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<td>5 p.m.</td>
<td>at Sonora Fairgrounds. Tickets available at the door. $15 for adults, $8 for children under 12.</td>
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<td>in the Patagonia Town Council Room. Brought to you by the Consulate General of Mexico and the Tin Shed Theater. Info at 520-394-9369.</td>
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<td><strong>Mar 9 - Patagonia Women’s Club</strong></td>
<td>Mar 9</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
<td>at Candy Hall. Guest Speaker Kate Tirion from Deep Dirt Farm.</td>
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<td><strong>Mar 12 - Musicians On Tour</strong></td>
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**Apr 1 - 39th Annual Blessing of Sonora Vineyards ceremony and festival** - 10-4 p.m. $20.00 admission online, only 250 available, $25 at the door. Lunch may be purchased on-site from The Steak Out for $10/plate.

#### Special Interests

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<td>9:15–10:15</td>
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<td><strong>Drum Circle</strong></td>
<td>Mon., 4—6 p.m.</td>
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<td>at Sonoita Crossroads building courtyard by Chuckwagon Grill, Free. No exp. req’d. Info: 520-490-4991.</td>
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<td><strong>Santa Cruz Singers</strong></td>
<td>Thursdays</td>
<td>5 p.m.</td>
<td>rehearsals Thursdays at 5 p.m. beginning Feb. 16 SCFPA office, 348 Naugle, Patagonia. New members welcome!</td>
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<td><strong>Adult hand-building ceramics classes</strong></td>
<td>Weds. 4—6 p.m.</td>
<td>$65</td>
<td>Info: 520-604-0300.</td>
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<td><strong>Bingo</strong></td>
<td>St. Theresa Parish Hall, Patagonia, 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays at 6 p.m.</td>
<td>Info: 455-5681.</td>
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<td><strong>Crossroads Quilters</strong></td>
<td>Sonoita Fire Dept., 2nd &amp; 4th Mon. at 9 a.m.</td>
<td>Info: 520-732-0453.</td>
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<td><strong>Open Tennis</strong></td>
<td>PUHS, Sat. at 9 a.m., 2502, Sonoita</td>
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<td>1st Mon. Free.</td>
<td>Info: 455-9222.</td>
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<td><strong>Patagonia Youth Group</strong></td>
<td>Patagonia Community Church, Sun.</td>
<td>5:30–7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Info: Pastor Tom Jelinek at 394-2274.</td>
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<td><strong>Community Youth Bible Hang Out</strong></td>
<td>Ages 12-18, Sonoita Bible Church</td>
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<td>Info: April Anderson at 520-508-2502, or Steve Lindsey at 520-559-9155.</td>
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#### Events Quiz

**Answers to Mr. Hayes’ Current Events Quiz**

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**FULL MOON**

**MARCH 12**
CHURCH SERVICES

Patagonia Community United Methodist Church
387 McKeown Ave., Patagonia 394-2274
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
Casa Blanca Chapel of Sonoita
Justice of the Peace Courtroom
2nd & 4th Saturdays: 10 a.m.

Sonoita Hills Community Church
52 Elgin Rd., Sonoita 455-5172
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
222 Third Ave., Patagonia 394-2954
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Sonoita Bible Church
3174 N. Highway 83, Sonoita 455-5779
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church
12 Los Encinos Rd., Sonoita 394-2954
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

Canelo Cowboy Church
Hwy 83, MP 14. Elgin 455-5000
Sunday Services: 8:45a.m. & 11:00a.m.
(except third Sundays)

Harvest Christian Fellowship/
Sonoita Foursquare Church
3107 Highway 83, Sonoita 455-5505
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

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Santa Cruz Humane Society
232 East Patagonia Highway (Rt. 82)
Nogales, AZ 85621 (520) 287-5654
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Regional Visitor Center  
- a Busy Spot

In January, the Regional Visitor Center at the corner of McKeown and Third Ave. was a busy place. Volunteers counted 445 visitors from across the country, as well as Canada, Mexico, Europe, South America and Africa. There were bird hunters, bird watchers, hikers, horseback riders, and explorers looking for minerals and ghost towns. They camped, stayed in local lodging, shopped, ate in restaurants, looked at real estate, tasted wine, and commented often about the friendliness of the town.

If you would be interested in taking a two-hour volunteer shift at the Visitor Center, call Ann Katzenbach at 360-385-9771. It’s a small commitment and you meet lots of interesting people.

Mountain Empire Rotary Club Golf Tournament

The Twelfth Annual Mountain Empire Rotary Club golf tournament will be held at the Kino Springs Golf Course on April 1, 2017. Entrance fee for each golfer is $85. Tee off is at 9 a.m. Contact Fred Sang at fisang@gmail.com or Chuck Carlson at chuckc@gotsky.com for more information.

The Mountain Empire Rotary Club, which has sponsored this event for many years, is looking for sponsors and donated prizes for this event. Proceeds benefit the Rotary scholarship program for local high school students.

Scholarships Available for SCC Graduating HS Seniors

The Elgin Community Club will be awarding the Fern Collie Scholarship to a Patagonia Union High School senior who is going to attend college or junior college. The scholarship is for $1,000 - payable at $500 per semester for one year. This scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and extra-curricular activities, including community service and work history. Please contact high school counselor Rosann Clark to pick up an application. Completed applications must be returned to Ms. Clark no later than April 10th.

The Anne C. Stradling Equine Foundation will offer two scholarships for the 2016 – 2017 school year. The Anne Stradling Scholarships, in the amount of $1,000, payable at $500 per semester are open to students who attend a local public or parochial high school in Santa Cruz County or a high school in neighboring Pima or Cochise County. Homeschooled students are also eligible. Students planning to attend a university, community college, or trade/vocational school may apply.

Volunteer Coordinator for Visitor Center Needed

The Regional Visitor Center at Third and McKeown Ave. is looking for a volunteer coordinator. The center will have its second anniversary this month and the number of visitors to our area keeps growing.

This is a job that only takes a few hours a month. A schedule is in place and the job is straightforward and easy. It’s also helpful for this person to take a two-hour shift during the week to gain first-hand experience with the daily flow. We have a great group of volunteers who really enjoy their interactions with visitors. They are wonderful to work with.

If you would like to help make Patagonia a more well-known tourist destination and contribute significantly to the local economy, please consider this important volunteer job.

Call Ann Katzenbach at 360-385-9771 if you are interested in this job or would like to become a volunteer.
Feliz Día de San Patricio

By Marion Vendituoli

St. Patrick’s Day is a great excuse for everyone to pretend, at least for one day, that they might be Irish, look good in bright green and are able drink to excess without making too big a fool of themselves. But even St. Patrick himself wasn’t Irish, it turns out, and his name wasn’t even Patrick.

His real name was Maewyn Succat, which is nowhere near as catchy as ‘Patrick’ and he was a Scot, not a great distinction, perhaps, to people with no ties to the Emerald Isle, but a big deal to someone whose family name is Sheehan, for instance.

It turns out he only ended up in Ireland because he was kidnapped as a youth and held there for six years before escaping to France, where he took up the priesthood, returning to drive paganism and snakes from the island. He died, legend has it, on March 17 in 460 AD, which became the date set aside for corned beef, cabbage and parades.

St. Patrick’s Day is special in Mexico because it is a time when Mexicans remember the San Patricios, or the Battalion of St. Patrick, a group of Irish soldiers who fought with the Mexicans in the U.S. Mexico war in 1846-8, when the United states invaded Mexico.

Many of these soldiers were deserters from the U.S. Army, drafted as soon as they landed in America from Ireland. They may have joined this fight because of a feeling of unity with the Mexican people because of their shared Catholicism, sympathy for the oppression of the Mexican people, similar to their experiences with the English, or perhaps because of harsh treatment by their former U.S. Army superiors.

The battalion fought in almost every battle of the conflict and refused to surrender. In 1847, fifty members of the battalion were executed by the U.S. army, the largest mass execution in United States history.

The San Patricios are still remembered in Mexico for their bravery and loyalty to their adopted homeland. A plaque in San Angelo, Mexico lists all the names of the Irish soldiers who died, either in battle or by execution in the war, and each year, a ceremony honors the men who fought for their adopted homeland.
Volunteer Drivers Needed

Now that more people have learned about our services, the Senior Citizens of Patagonia transportation program is expanding our reach.

We are seeking additional volunteer drivers for our Dodge Caravan and Ford minibus with wheelchair lift. We service Patagonia, Sonoita, and Elgin, and drive seniors (60+) and the disabled to Sierra Vista, Nogales, and Tucson, and anywhere in between. Rides are offered primarily for medical appointments, but also for airport drop-off and pick-up, shopping trips, and cultural events.

To volunteer, contact Chuck Kelly at 520-604-8087, or charlesraynerkelly@gmail.com, or Heather Dodge at 520-732-0598 hsdodge712@gmail.com. To make appointments for transport, call the Patagonia Senior or Center at 394-2494 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday-Friday.
The threads woven through the fabric of Patagonia’s human tapestry are many and varied, and Zay Hartigan’s thread is one of the most colorful.

If you encounter him face-to-face, you will no doubt be taken by his physical presence and countenance. You will note his long lanky frame clothed in typical western shirt and jeans and topped with a cowboy hat, not unlike countless other cowboys we’ve all seen. And perhaps you’ll note some of the ink he picked up during his self-described days of “wild mayhem” spent making his not-entirely-smooth transition from adolescence to manhood. But surely, above all else, you’ll take note of the boots.

They don’t necessarily define him, but the black boots are a Zay trademark. A holdover from his punk rock days, they stretch from sole to knee and fit tight-laced over tucked-in blue jeans. They set this cowboy apart from the rest of the ranching crowd and serve him well in the work that now defines much of his character. As a provider of contract packing services for building fences and trails in rough back country terrain, Zay finds the boots a convenient place to carry his tools, while they protect him from all manner of evil in the backcountry—from snakes to shin-daggers.

Since arriving some 20 years ago at his current home in the San Rafael Valley, Zay has become the local go-to guy for the Arizona Trail Association, the U.S. Forest Service and ranchers who need his packing services to accomplish work in areas that require access by horseback. It’s demanding work, but Zay loves the challenge and enjoys the solitude and scenic beauty.

How Zay got to this area from his Detroit birthplace is a story nearly as colorful as the man himself. As a kid in the Motor City, Zay had the good fortune to make frequent trips to his grandmother’s nearby farm where he developed a love for the farming lifestyle. But his family moved to Connecticut where Zay became an accomplished skateboarder, attended high school for a while, found it not to his liking, quit school and struck out for sunny California.

On his way to the Golden State he adopted a new name, Zay, which evolved out of a prank on a radio station disc jockey and the fictitious name of Zaheron Mohead, of which he had the good sense to adopt only its first syllable.

Having acquired his new moniker, Zay made haste for California where he spent the next few years living the life of a punk rocker which, in all likelihood, led to his landing a role as an extra in the 1987 horror comedy movie, The Lost Boys. Look for him and his bright red Mohawk hairdo in the opening credits.

Still in his early twenties, Zay said farewell to California and headed for Tucson to stay with an old skateboarding buddy from Connecticut. He found work as a ranch hand at the 6 Bar Ranch in Oracle, then made his way from there to his present San Rafael home, but not before meeting and marrying a young lady in Tucson. Although the marriage ended in divorce, Zay is the proud father of now 13-year-old Claire with whom he spends considerable time riding, camping and generally enjoying the great outdoors.

The hard-working Zay balances his busy schedule with forays into poetry, photography and singing and occasionally pulls duty at the Patagonia Fire Department, as well. Full of talent and dedicated to making the world a better place, Zay also has a heart of gold. Patagonia is much enriched by his presence.

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