



The Bowfin Inquirer

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2024 Block Party Planning

We are looking forward to hosting the annual pizza and potluck lunch party in our backyard. While we are certain that we want to hold the event on a weekend at noontime in the month of August or September, we haven't picked a date yet. To help with that, we'd very much like to learn what your preferences and/or limitations are, prior to our announcing the date in the July issue. If you have an interest in attending but have preferences regarding the date, please share them with us via email, phone, or dropping by! Thanks!

Feathered Fotographs

*Taken at Shoreline Park, Mountain View.
by FC Neighbor, Bobbi Goodman*



Top: Forster's tern

Bottom: An egret flies into the black necked stilt area where a stilt appeared to be sitting on a nest

Aaron's Answers Column



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES



HUMANE SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL

Two of the Humane Society's logos, for different areas (the USA, the world)

Question: We recently had a distressed cat appear in a neighbor's yard. They took the poor thing to the Humane Society to get medical attention. Can you tell us anything about how and why the Humane Society was formed and how it accomplishes its goals?

-Jerry

Aaron's Answer (A'sA): The Humane Society is a great organization and does have quite an interesting history. In 1954, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) was founded, after its first members came together and deliberated over the need to address animal abuses and crises around the USA. Initially they primarily focused on laboratory and farm animals, but later on moved to protect wildlife. Throughout the 1960s, when HSUS focused its efforts on getting legislation passed to protect wildlife, they played a key role in helping pass the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 and multiple other bills such as the Humane Slaughter Act in 1958, which sought to decrease the suffering of farm animals during their slaughter, or "harvest". Throughout the

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Solution to Last Month's Quiz

Foods for Thought

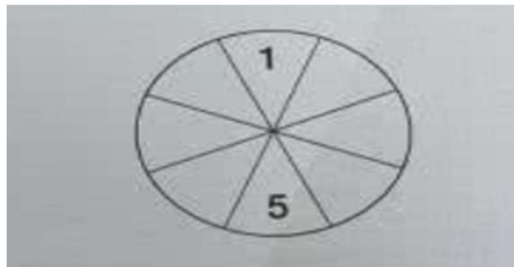
- 1 Affogato – b. Espresso Coffee
- 2 Chicken Satay – g. Peanut Sauce
- 3 Gingerbread Cookies – f. Molasses
- 4 Greek Lasagna – c. Feta Cheese
- 5 Guacamole – a. Avocados
- 6 Gyros – i. Pita Bread
- 7 Halvah – j. Sesame Seeds
- 8 S'mores – e. Marshmallows
- 9 Stuffed Portobellos – d. Ground Lamb
- 10 Upside Down Cake – h. Pineapple

This Month's Quiz

Getting Around

Eight knights --- numbered 1 through 8 --- are seated facing the Round Table in such a way that any two knights sitting next to each other have numbers that are at least three apart. Additionally, knight 3 is directly opposite the knight who sits to the right of knight 4. With knights 1 and 5 seated as shown, seat the rest of the knights.

(Editor's note: This puzzle came from "The Mensa Puzzle Calendar," June 21st, 2024)



Bowfin Inquirer Science Fair Update

by Jerry Lerman (344).

As of this date, we've received TWO excellent entries for the four cash prizes of \$50, \$25, \$15, and \$10. A big thank you to our Bowfin kids for participating in this event. We'll perform the judging following the June 30th deadline (**there's still time to enter!**), and we'll announce the prize winners in the July issue, which will come out mid-month.

Aaron's Answers continued

1970s, the HSUS continued to advocate for animal rights and gained popularity rapidly, passing key legislation for animals. In 1979, in an effort to further combat animal cruelty and suffering, the HSUS founders created the Humane Society International organization, a version of the HSUS present in many different countries. Now that they were international, the HSUS members combatted wildlife destruction, international hunting (like seals) and deforestation. In the 1990s, the HSUS and HSI renewed their focus on corporations and governments instead of individuals, thinking they could effect more change for the better. In 2004, the HSUS merged with the Fund for Animals, increasing their strength greatly.

In 2005 came the HSUS' biggest project yet: Hurricane Katrina. Thousands of animals were in trouble, and the HSUS stepped in to spur people to action, and many animals were saved from the disaster. Throughout the 2010s HSUS continued to be at the forefront of animal welfare advocacy, achieving significant victories like the passage of the federal Animal Crush Video Prohibition Act and the California ban on battery cages for egg-laying hens. *continued on page 3*

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) achieves its goals through legislation, education, and direct animal care. They advocate for laws that protect animals and raise public awareness with campaigns and educational programs. HSUS also conducts rescue missions, provides veterinary care, and runs spay/neuter programs for feral cats. They operate sanctuaries and rehab centers to ensure rescued animals receive long-term care and a better life. They use programs like TNR (trap, neuter, return) and animal catching directly (like you described) to take care of and limit animal populations with as little suffering as possible. Truly, the Humane Society holds to its name with its actions.

See the website:

<https://www.fcsummerdays.com>

August 16-18, 2024 – Leo Ryan Park

About Foster City Summer Days

The City of Foster City is excited to host the community event, Summer Days, for the 3rd time this August. It made its original debut in 2019.

Summer Days will be another opportunity for families, neighbors, and friends to connect and to celebrate the City's birthday. We will be partnering up once again with local Foster City businesses and organizations to host a jam packed weekend full of fun activities for folks of all ages. Admission to the event is free. Tickets are required for the carnival rides.

For general questions, email recreation@fostercity.org.

Target Date for Next Month's Contributions:

July 15, 2024

Please reach us with your articles, news, photos, CHILDREN'S ARTWORK or ideas at

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Advance tickets for the carnival rides will be available online beginning June 2024