



The Bowfin Inquirer



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Science Contest Winners!

Five of our Bowfin St. children submitted four science projects, competing for \$100 in prize money. A panel of three impartial judges – neighbors G.C. and W.I. and your editor -- evaluated them and have determined that the prizes be distributed accordingly:

1st prize - \$50 -- **Sahil**
for his project entitled "How Does Your Personality Affect Your Memory?"

2nd prize - \$25 – **Leo and Collette**
for their joint study entitled "Antsperiment"

3rd prize - \$15 – **Meera**
for her video experiment showing how a lit candle will be extinguished if deprived of oxygen

4th prize - \$10 – **Ronav**
for his video demonstration of how a hidden color drawing on a sheet of paper will have its colors exposed when submerged in water.

Snippets from each project can be found on page 4.

We thank these bright children and their families ... and our judges ... for making this 2nd BI Science Fair a success!



Aaron's Answers Column



(Top) The flag of the European Union, representing unity (Bottom) The core nations of the European Union

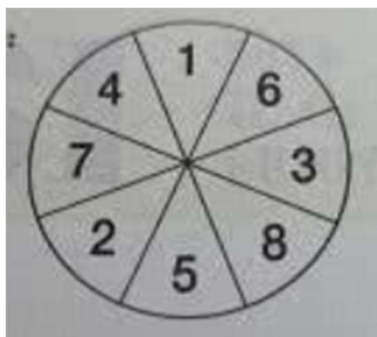
Questions: What is the European Union and how did it come to exist? What does the organization state as its objectives, and how well has it been accomplishing them?
-Jerry

Aaron's Answer (A'sA): The European Union is a political and economic union of European nations designed to foster peace and prosperity in Europe. Essentially created in the post-WWII world, in a time when Europe was devastated after war, the nations of Europe bound themselves together in an attempt to prevent further
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Solution to Last Month's Quiz

Getting Around

Here's how the eight knights were seated around the table:



This Month's Quiz

Join the Party

Each of the individuals listed has been a Presidential nominee of a U.S. political party. Can you match them to their correct parties? The year(s) of their candidacies are provided in the Party column, in hopes they may be helpful.

CANDIDATES	PARTIES
1 T. Coleman Andrews	A American Independent (1976)
2 Roger W. Babson	B Free Soil (1848)
3 Ed Clark	C Green (2020)
4 Eugene V Debs	D Libertarian (1980)
5 Howie Hawkins	E Prohibition (1940)
6 Lester Maddox	F Reform (1992-1996)
7 Ross Perot	G Socialist (1928-1948)
8 Norman Thomas	H Socialist(1900-1920)
9 Martin Van Buren	I States' Rights (1956)
10 Daniel Webster	J Whig (1836, 1852)

Bowfin Block Party 2024

Some neighbors did reach us with their constraints/preferences. Thank you!

Save the date!

Saturday, September 7th
Noon until 2 PM.

More information will be posted on the website and in the August issue! *Please RSVP to editor@bowfininquirer.com*

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This is clearly not the 'prettiest' post I've ever created for the website. When I created it, the pages displayed windows of the text. However, after publishing it, instead of that content, it shows the 'ugly' **html** you see below. Each **DOWNLOAD** button, when you push it, will display a full year's issues as a nice looking PDF.

Learn some of the 'history' of our block by trying it out on the website. You might even enjoy several of the punny 'BO' cartoons! Let us know your thoughts. (We'll be making additional archival entries in future months.)

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Aaron's Answers continued

conflicts. Throughout the years before the European Union, most European nations were increasingly feeling unity as Europeans, making precursors to the EU. After the war, multiple new organizations were made such as NATO and the UN. In 1951, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Germany and Italy created the European Coal and Steel Community, made to regulate industrial trade. This organization grew while new ones emerged. In 1957, the Treaty of Rome created the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, greatly integrating Europe's economies together. The European Union was officially formed in 1993 with the signing of the Maastricht Treaty; however, the sentiments had existed for many years prior.

The EU is designed to benefit all of its member nations through a variety of methods and fields. It is meant to foster peaceful conflict resolutions, spread technology, integrate economies, increase trade, encourage economic growth, and promote fundamental human rights in Europe. While the EU has not directly made giant moves towards those goals, the ideals it was founded upon have only been strengthened by its existence and Europe has strived to achieve those goals, succeeding in many aspects. However, as an economic union some nations feel like they are being inhibited by the EU, as they are made to help "weaker" nations. The United Kingdom, a former member of the EU, left the European Union in a move known as Brexit, because they felt like their economy was suffering to help nations that were lower in economic power relative to them. Such sentiments are present in other nations; however, currently they are not strong enough to cause more secessions. In total, the EU has majorly contributed to

the current status of Europe as one of the most powerful and peaceful regions to date.

FOSTER CITY SUMMER DAYS

See the website:

<https://www.fcsummerdays.com>

August 16-18, 2024 – Leo Ryan Park

Advance tickets for the carnival rides are available online

Also, please save the date for the Foster City Ceramics Studio sale. The sale is held in conjunction with Foster City Summer Days, a community event.

When: Saturday and Sunday August 17 - 18 (Sat 11am - 6pm; Sun 11am - 5pm)

Where: Courtyard of the William E. Walker Recreation Center, 650 Shell Blvd. Foster City

Target Date for Next Month's Contributions:

August 13, 2024

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

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Rainbow Over Foster City

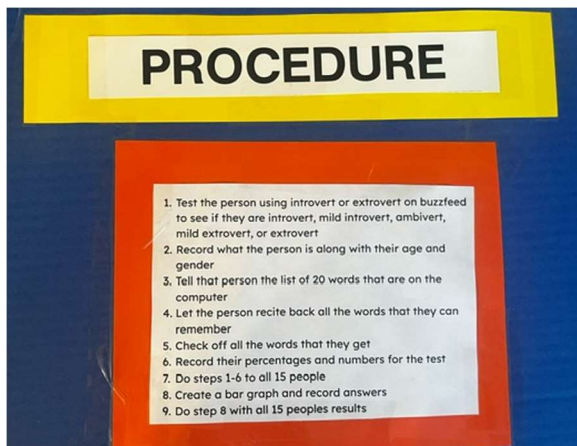
Photography by neighbor

Gaurav Keswani



BOWFIN SCIENCE FAIR SNIPPETS

A page from Sahil's project



A page from Leo and Colette's project

Hypothesis

Leo:

I think that the ants would pile their dead on the trix the most because when we put it down, the ants swarmed around it. Some even went on it!

Coco:

I think that the ants will pile their dead bodies on both the trix cereal and the sunbutter because both sunbutter and trix cereal have Oleic Acid. Sunflower oil has oleic acid in it, sunbutter has sunflower oil in it. But since it's so windy here I think that the dead ants will blow away, and we won't see the dead ants.

Meera's video project:

Candle before and after covering with jar



Ronav's video project:

Drawing before and after dipping in water

