



The Bowfin Inquirer

Since 1993



April 2025

SPRING THINGS A Contest for our School- Aged Children

As of April 25th, we have yet to receive any entries from the children on Bowfin Street.

We will extend the deadline for entries to May 15th and will announce the prize winners in the May 2025 issue.

We hope several of the children will enter and enjoy exercising their creativity to vie for the \$100 in prizes.

1st place: \$50 2nd place \$30 3rd place \$20

You can find all contest details in the April 2025 issue, either in hardcopy or on our website bowfininquirer.com

SF Giants: Looking Good

Eve and I purchased a “flexible” membership for the 2025 season, ending our practice since 2010 of having a reserved pair of seats in the View Reserved area for all 81 home games.

Not getting any younger, and disappointed in how badly the 2022-2024 Giants had looked, we thought we would save money, use our time more judiciously, and still get in our “fix” for baseball with this new type of plan. Flex plans allowed us to set aside a fixed amount – and then purchase tickets, at a considerable discount (30% sometimes), anywhere in the ballpark. We’ve purchased tickets to about a dozen games, so far, and have a wee bit more available for further game selection.

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Aaron’s Question Column



New Mexico's Very Large Array hunts for signs of alien life across the cosmos (Image credit: NRAO/AUI/NSF)

Questions: What can you tell me about the SETI - Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence - organization? Who formed it - and is it having successes or promising leads? -- Jerry

Aaron’s Answer (A’sA): The SETI Institute (short for the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence Institute) has been quietly leading one of science’s most profound quests since its founding in 1984. Established by a group of scientists including astronomer Jill Tarter, the institute is dedicated to exploring the origins of life and the possibility of intelligent civilizations beyond Earth. Based in Mountain View, California, SETI uses a variety of tools, chief among them being the Allen Telescope Array, a network of radio dishes in northern California used to scan the cosmos for signals that could indicate intelligent life. Although no confirmed extraterrestrial signals have been detected so far, the work of SETI has been far from useless. The institute has driven innovations in data analysis, contributed to the broader field of astronomy, and helped shift the search for

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Solution to Last Month's Quiz

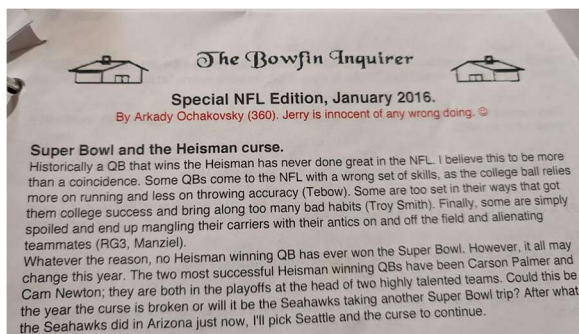
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1. BOUNDARIES
2. EASTBOUND
3. ASTEROID
4. UNRATED
5. TOURED
6. INERT
7. EURO
8. SOD

SPRING BEAUTIES

Guest Editor for June Issue?

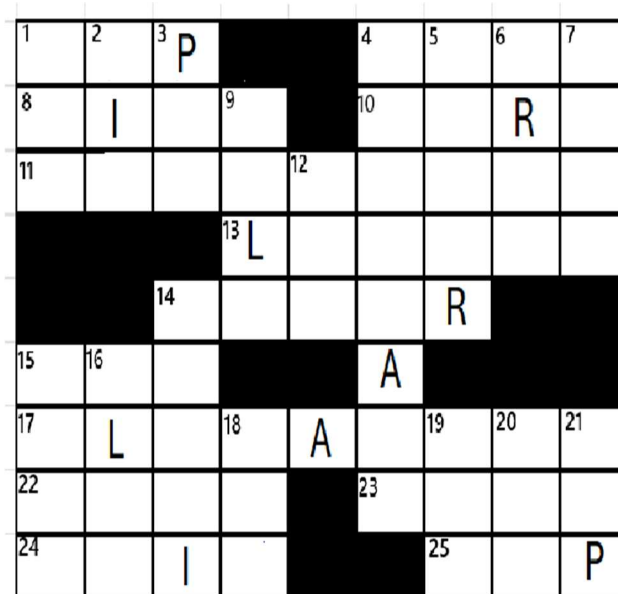
Because of our planned trip to the British Isles over several weeks of June, it might be necessary that we break our streak of over 31 years of publishing an issue every month. The one instance in the past where we pre-announced that we'd be unable to publish (we were on a trip to Australia and NZ), our neighbors, the Ochakovskys, stepped in – much to our delight – and took it upon themselves to publish an issue (January, 2016).



If you'd like to undertake a fun family project, creating the June issue of the Bowfin Inquirer, please let us know at editor@bowfininquirer.com and we'll help you to get started.

This Month's Quiz

A CROSSWORD FOR APRIL



Across

1. Something worn at graduation
4. Something worn at graduation
8. Employ
10. Entice
11. Muslim political-religious units (alt. sp.)
13. Giving off light
14. Moving about
15. Hero
17. Act of mollifying
22. Stranger (Scots)
23. Lower-class Anglo-Saxon laborer
24. Typical April forecast
25. Thick mass of hair

Down

1. Revolutionary Guevara
2. Intent
3. In advance (prefix)
4. Freeze
5. Being away from a center
6. Small singing bird
7. Home for 6-Down
9. Long, snakelike fish
12. Groove
14. Calculating devices
15. Incite
16. Arm bone
18. Against
19. Belief
20. Lennon's spouse
21. Genus of catmint

(Note: 21 down is a weird, shortened form of a 6 letter word that is accepted as "good" in the Collins Scrabble Dictionary. I've never seen it used in any New York Times crosswords, however.)

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alien life from the fringes of science into mainstream research. In recent years, the discovery of thousands of exoplanets, some of them potentially habitable, has reinvigorated interest and funding. SETI researchers are also exploring new avenues, such as looking for brief laser pulses or signs of alien technology, known as technosignatures.

SETI's search is an arduous and patient one, built on the understanding that if intelligent life exists elsewhere, it may not be easy to detect. The universe is unimaginably vast, and we've only just begun to scratch the surface. As Jill Tarter famously said, "We know how to look. We're just starting to know where". While there are no guarantees, SETI's work continues to expand the boundaries of science, and remind us that some of the most important discoveries begin with simple questions, such as: are we alone?

Target Date for Next Month's Contributions and Contest Deadline: May 15, 2025

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

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SF Giants – continued from page 1

Not only is this new arrangement "sitting" well with us, but the Giants organization has found the spark that has been missing in recent years: the team has been WINNING, is competitive with its division rivals, and has been extremely entertaining, often winning come-from-behind games.

It's going to be a long season, of course, but we hope we'll continue to see great baseball being played by our Posey-rejuvenated home team!

PJCC Third Annual Spring Celebration

Honoring 21 Years in Foster City

Donor Appreciation Event

Sunday, May 18

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Poolside at the PJCC

An Evening of Community and Connection

Food Stations | Blackjack Tables | DJ & Dancing | Silent Auction & Raffle | Fund-a-Need – Y.E.S. Fund

Our Spring Celebration is open to all current donors who have given \$180 or more since July 1, 2024. We welcome Preschool, Beged Kefet, Treehouse, and Camp Keff families who have donated \$100 or more.

Writing Fragments Home

Now playing at the Hillbarn thru May 4

Eve and I ushered at the opening night of this new play by Jeffrey Lo. It was its world premiere – quite possibly the first we'd ever attended. While brand new shows certainly are not guaranteed to impress their audiences, this show definitely did! The waves of laughter began rolling with the first scene – and continued throughout, along with plenty of poignance. We think it may become quite a hit in future years. *The photo below is taken from a scene shortly into the play, where you might rightly wonder why the two actors are raising their hands. Come to the show to learn the surprising answer!*



Writing Fragments Home

Jay (Jomar Tagatac*), Actress (Brigitte Losey) and Actor (Jamiel St. Rose) in the World Premiere by Jeffrey Lo "Writing Fragments Home" at Hillbarn Theatre, on stage April 17th to May 4th, 2025.

*Appear courtesy of Actors' Equity Association. Photo Credit: Mark Kitaoka