

Wandering & Wondering



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MISTER LEE'S CLOSING

According to our source, Mister Lee's escrow has already closed on the south end of the Pedro Point Shopping Center and he has more or less negotiated a deal to be out by March 31. Start planning now for the big farewell party! Stay tuned for more details on that party, and meanwhile please go eat at Mister Lee's Chinese Food to show your love and give him a great send-off. Mister Lee plans to do more photography when he retires.

WRITE FOR CHANGE

Louise Dunlap, author of "Undoing the Silence: Six Tools for Social Change Writing," will talk about the craft of writing powerfully in the service of social change. San Bruno Mountain Watch, 44 Visitacion Avenue, Suite 206, Brisbane, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, February 7. The evening will focus on building greater comfort and confidence in

the writing process, a more powerful "voice," and reaching out to specific audiences. Bring a pen or laptop and try your hand at changing hearts and minds. As one reviewer put it: "If fish had hands, Louise Dunlap could teach them to write! After attending her workshops and classes, hundreds of labor and community activists have used Dunlap's tested techniques to write clearly and passionately for social and economic justice." (Susan Moir, Director, Labor Resource Center, University of Massachusetts, Boston) Suggested donation: \$10. Call 415-467-6631 or e-mail sanbruno@mountainwatch.org to reserve a spot in class. For more information, please visit Louise Dunlap's web site at undoingsilence.org.

CORRECTION

Re: last week's nightmare scenario, thanks to several sharp-eyed readers for pointing out that Condi Rice is number 4 in succession to replace the president, not number 3, and furthermore, that my item should have said that the president nominates a successor to the vice president (e.g., Nixon appointed Ford to replace Agnew) and both houses of Congress must confirm the nomination. So if our nightmare were to come true, and Cheney were out of the picture, Bush conceivably could nominate Rice to fill the post. Be careful what you wish for.

BEACH PARTY

Pacifica Beach Coalition (PBC) hosts a cleanup at Sharp Park Beach, Saturday, February 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. Ingrid B. Lacey and Ocean Shore schools have adopted this beach and will show up in force for this cleanup, but your help is always needed to remove litter that washes in from the ocean daily. Recent rain that cleaned our streets unfortunately washed all the cigarette butts, bottle tops, oil and car pollution, and debris down the storm drains directly into the ocean. Much of this debris washes onto the beaches. When not collected, it can travel back out to sea and end up in the "garbage patch" out in the middle of the Pacifica Ocean. Plastic litter does not biodegrade but instead photodegrades into smaller and smaller particle size. In many places, plastic particles outnumber zooplankton in the water and become part of the food chain, which causes blockages, toxic poisoning, starvation, and death to many birds and marine life. Bags and gloves will be provided. Please wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for sun or cold. Meet us at the south end of Beach Blvd. at the start of the levee by the picnic tables. If you bring your own reusable gloves, we can reduce the amount of "plastic" (latex) gloves we put into the environment. PBC also hosts a cleanup at Linda Mar State Beach the third Saturday of every month, with the next cleanup scheduled for

February 16. If your school, group, or family would like to adopt a beach, please call 355-1668 to register. It involves cleaning the beach three times a year. Supplies, guidance, and support will be provided. PBC also needs help with its Web site, media relations, and planning special events. Please email lynn4promos@aol.com or visit pefplus.org.

PACIFICA PEACE

Pacifica Peace People (PPP) needs your help to continue working on its anti-war agenda. As long as the Iraq occupation continues, U.S. forces and Iraqi civilians remain at risk. PPP vigils and meetings require only time and energy, but its other activities, such as public events and counter-recruitment in local high schools, need funding. To contribute, go to pacificapeacepeople.net and use the PayPal account right on the Web site. Or write a check to Pacifica Peace People and mail it to Leslie Davidson, 1302 Rosita Road, Pacifica, CA 94044. Any amount will be appreciated. Donations are not tax-deductible, but PPP promises that 100 percent of your donation will go to its anti-war efforts.

SAVE COUNTY PARKS

San Mateo County Parks (including our own San Pedro Valley Park in Linda Mar) desperately need funding. They are a repository of biological diversity and scenic

grandeur, and provide much-needed recreational opportunities. Measure A narrowly missed the 60 percent needed for passage last election. Now San Mateo County Parks for the Future plans a campaign kickoff celebration, January 31 from 4-6 p.m., Borel Estate Building, Ream Room, First Floor, 1700 El Camino Real, San Mateo. Info: supportparks.org

PACIFICA POOH-POOHS PLASTIC

Now that San Francisco and Oakland have implemented their bans on plastic bags and styrofoam containers, it is time for Pacifica to get in on the act. Paris, London, and the entire nations of China, Ireland and South Africa have enacted similar bans as the world wakes up to the damage that millions of these non-biodegradable containers can do. San Francisco expects to save \$8 million annually in clean up and other costs by eliminating the pesky little items. California wastes 3 billion barrels of oil making the billions of bags it consumes each year. Anyone interested in working on this issue can email Ian Butler at ianbutler@netzero.net.

SITeseer

- How biodiesel fuel is made: biodieselcommunity.org/howitsmade/
- Homeless vets demand Bill O'Reilly apology: foxattacks.com/vets

- Sixties nostalgia and tunes: objflicks.com/TakeMeBackToTheSixties.htm
- Food for thought: slashfood.com
- Wind power for our windy city: windside.com
- Free online documentaries: bodocus.com
- Leisure-time activity: ferryhalim.com/orisinal/g2/applegame.htm
- Magic trick: quizyourprofile.com/guessyournumber.swf
- Adopt a car dealer: coopamerica.org
- Making your own biofuel: journeytoforever.org/biodiesel_make.html
- Hiring part-time environmental educators: savesfbay.org
- S.F. Bay Flyway Festival, February 1-3: sfbayflywayfestival.com

SWAMI SEZ

"Blind faith is the crutch of fools." (Detective Frank Pembleton, Homicide: Life on the Streets)

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