

Wandering & Wondering



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RIPTIDE ROLLS

We are trying out a news partnership in Pacifica that may be unique in community journalism. When I helped start PacificaRiptide.com online a year ago, I asked my editor at the Tribune, Elaine Larsen, how we could work together to share resources in a way that would help her newspaper and our new community Web site. During the past year, Elaine and I have exchanged news and editorial content (both text and photos). We also have shared research resources and consulted with each other on coverage issues. Riptide covers breaking news and drives readers to the Tribune for story details and background. Likewise, the Tribune sends readers to Riptide to view photo albums, Internet links, and other items that work best electronically. As Riptide moves into its second year of operation, I

hope you will come visit us online AND continue to read the Tribune.

PATCHWORK NATION

Patchwork Nation is a new electoral/political map created by The Christian Science Monitor with dynamic categories such as Boom Towns, Evangelical Epicenters, Minority Central, and Monied 'Burbs. The Monitor as identified 11 such communities overall. Also check out the timeline showing what kinds of community groups the presidential candidates have been visiting. (csmonitor.com/patchworknation/)

STEPH'S GARDEN

Stephanie's Garden honors the memory of Stephanie Echeverri, who died in a senseless crash that also took the life of her boyfriend Jonny Bier. Contributions made in Stephanie's name are used to fund a Safe Rides program for teens in Pacifica (stephsgarden.com/safe_rides.html). Please mail donations to The Stephanie Fund, PO Box 1035, Pacifica, CA 94037.

T PARTY

T Party, Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m., is a fun, social gathering that includes a brief update on the campaign to protect the Tuolumne River (affectionately known as "The T") followed by a short brainstorm-

ing session. It is also a time to connect with old friends and make new ones. This T Party will include a potluck dinner, so please bring food or drink to share (if you can bring a plate, cup, and utensils, too, that would be great). Plenty of tea brewed with pure Tuolumne River water. Tuolumne River slideshow screened at 7 p.m. Community Room, Stanford West Apartments, 700 Clark Way, just off Sand Hill Road. Clark Way is a loop that intersects with Sand Hill in two places. The Community Room is on the section of Clark Way closest to El Camino Real. (Tuolumne.org, Tuolumne River Trust, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, 415-292-3531)

BLINDED BY SCIENCE

What makes stars twinkle? How did life evolve? What do snakes feel like? And how can we protect this planet we call home? These are just a few of the questions you can answer, every day, at the California Academy of Sciences. And with a bold new Academy to explore—from a "green" living roof to a real rainforest to an astronomer's view of the Universe—there's never been a better time to become an Academy member. Info: calacademy.org/join or call 800-794-7576 or email membership@calacademy.org.

EARTH: THE SEQUEL

"Earth: The Sequel—The Race to Reinvent Energy and Stop Global Warming," by Fred Krupp and Miriam Horn. "Industrialization has put Earth, at the brink of climate calamity, say Krupp and Horn. Here, they describe a possible remedy, what they call 'a new industrial revolution' that promises to 'secure the world against the dangers of global warming.' But the key players of this revolution may not succeed without immediate changes. Technologies using alternative energy haven't been more successful, they say, because there's no cost attached to greenhouse gases and pollution emitted by power plants, factories, and cars; and no benefit that flows to those who reduce pollution. Krupp and Horn describe inventors and investors with the courage and creativity to drive change. But first, they say, for innovators to have a shot at competing fairly in the global free market, the U.S. Congress must set 'a legal and steadily declining limit on global warming pollution' to enable new solutions to launch into the mainstream." (Science News)

GARLIC BOOST

To get the most nutritional benefit from garlic, you must crush it to release the right stuff, then cook it

lightly, but not in the microwave. (Agricultural Research, March 2008)

LAST SUPPER

"March 25 was the last night for nonpareil Chinese food enjoyed by a packed house at Mister Lee's Chinese Food. The southern end of the Pedro Point Shopping Center has been sold and Mister Lee is retiring after presenting wonderful cuisine for the past two decades. Mister Lee's neighbor, Pacifica Athletic Club (PAC), also is leaving Pedro Point, moving into the Log Shop's old space on Crespi, while the Log Shop moves next door into the old Dollar Store space. We shall always remember Mister Lee's Prawns Hong Kong, Asparagus with Beef, Crab Foo Yung, Chow Fun, and Tempura Fish. The man's repertoire seemed endless. Bless him, there is no replacing him." (Lionel Emde posted this item on PacificaRiptide.com.)

RAGTIME ROCKS

Pacific Coast Ragtime Orchestra performs ragtime-era music for listening and dancing at Casa de Flores, 737 Walnut Street, San Carlos, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 6. \$10 suggested donation at door includes light refreshments. PCRO is a nonprofit. Children under age 18 admitted free with paying adult. Info: call Hal Krueger

at 650-591-2798, email halkrueger@yahoo.com, visit westcoastragtime.com

LAST ROUNDUP

The lavish Corral lunch buffet is over. Fans are in mourning. But the Corral remains open with the regular lunch menu on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and for dinner every night at 5 except Monday, when the restaurant is closed. (Todd Bray posted this news on PacificaRiptide.com.)

SITeseer

- Pet lovers: zootoo.com
- Track movements of great white sharks: topp.org
- Beautiful, functional, sustainable clothing: nau.com
- Beat global warming: wecansolveit.org
- California Native Grasslands conference, May 1-3: cnga.org

SWAMI SEZ

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." (Groucho Marx)

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