

Wandering & Wondering



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WOMEN IN BLACK

“Come stand with us on Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at the southwest corner of West Manor Drive and Palmetto Avenue in Pacifica. We share a common vision of a world without war, violence, aggression, oppression, or injustice. We choose to bear witness in silence. We bring awareness to and express our grief about war, rape as a tool of war, ethnic cleansing, violence, and human rights abuses wherever they occur in the world. Women in Black, an international peace network, began in Israel in 1988, when Israeli and Palestinian women first stood together for peace and the end of violence. Then Italian women, moved by this effort, mobilized in Italy. Yugoslav women were next to take the step. Then women in many countries began to stand together. In Pacifica, we began in March 2003 on the Saturday after the Iraq War began. We welcome those who share our

perspective to stand in silence with us. For local information, please email Susan Miller at millersusan50@comcast.net.”



SITSEER

- San Jose Sharks video campaign: bobkilburg.com
- Gheeva Chung’s new culinary arts center, Pedro Point Creative: ppcreative.com

PET FOOD RECALL

American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (aspc.org) advises pet owners to stop using certain dog and cat foods manufactured by Mars Petcare US, which has voluntarily issued a nationwide recall because of potential contamination with Salmonella serotype Schwarzengrund. This voluntary recall affects several brands of dry pet food in the United States, including Pedigree, Special Kitty, Paws & Claws, Natural Dog Food, Red Flannel, Country Acres, Buju & Ziggy, Member’s Mark, Natural Cat Food, Retriever, Bruiser, Doggy Bag, PMI Nutrition, and Pet Pride. The recall may affect several brands widely distributed at pet specialty

stores, supermarkets, mass retailers, and other retail and wholesale outlets. In an emergency, pet owners may call ASPCA’s Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435.

BARACK O’BAMA

The song/parody “There’s No One as Irish as Barack O’Bama” is by the Corrigan Brothers, known as Hardy Drew and the Nancy Boys. You can reach this Irish band at the_corrigans@eircom.net or visit hardydrew.com.

The band from Limerick, Ireland has appeared on MSNBC’s *Hardball* with Chris Matthews, in *Newsweek* magazine, and in the *Los Angeles Times* and *Washington Post*.

CORRECTION

Last week I told you about Bill Collins trying to help make Pacifica a greener, more environmentally sound community. Due to a production error, his email address was cut off. Here is his address again, followed by Bill’s call to action: 94116bc@gmail.com. “Our City Council is considering a ban on polystyrene containers still used in some restaurants, and other good things may follow, including a bag deposit to reduce demand for paper and plastic bags, and a ban on gas-powered leaf-blowers. Maybe you have some ideas to share. Let’s work together.”

PLANT POSTERS

California Native Plant Society deadline for submitting abstracts to present a poster at its January 2009 Plant Conservation Conference is October 15. See cnps.org. Also: cash prize for Best Student Poster.

TYPO VIGILANTES

Irony of ironies: The power of the pen could land them in the pen.

Typo vigilantes have been busted for editing national park signs, and they could be banned from all national parks for this grave offense. (cnn.com)

NATURE’S CHILD

California Biodiversity Council presents “Children in Nature” October 8-9 in Oakland on the theme “Nature Deficit Disorder.” Today, children are much less connected to the natural world than at any other time in history. Yet this is the generation we will look to as our future stewards. They are not fueled as we were by visceral memories of the sheer joy and discovery of climbing trees, exploring trails and building dams in a stream. Growing evidence proves that the simple act of unstructured play in nature results in healthier and happier children. (Biodiversity.ca.gov)

GREEN SCHOOLYARD

The Growing Greener School Grounds Conference is October 10-11. San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance hosts this workshop-style event that brings together approximately 250 teachers and community members from all over the San Francisco Bay Area to learn about creating, using, and sustaining ecological schoolyards. The conference gives participants the opportunity to learn ecology-related curricula, construction, and gardening techniques while simultaneously improving the grounds of schools hosting the workshops. Keynote address by Richard Louv, author of “*Last Child in the Woods*.” (Rachel Pringle at rachel@sfgreenschools.org or 415-355-6979 extension 3224)



PLANETWALKER

John Francis, Ph.D., is known the world over as the Planetwalker. In 1971, he witnessed an oil spill in San Francisco Bay. The effects of the spill compelled him to stop using motorized vehicles. Several months later, he took a vow of silence. His non-motorized lifestyle lasted 22 years, and his silence 17. During that time Dr. Francis walked across the United States, earning a B.A., an M.S. and a Ph.D. He later sailed and walked through the Caribbean and then walked the length of South America. During this time he was appointed United Nations Environment Goodwill Ambassador and recently was a speaker at the prestigious 2008 TED conference in Monterey. He is the author of “*Planetwalker: 17 Years of Silence. 22 Years of Walking*.”

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