



# Wandering & Wondering

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## DEPT. OF REDUNDANCY DEPT.

San Francisco Chronicle weather report provider wunderground.com forecast "breezy winds" on May 7. As opposed to windy breezes?

## SHARP PARK PEACE

Butch Larroche posted on Pacifica Riptide: "So far 'all's quiet on the western front,' as they say. Have you seen the new fence on the levee? It will help keep dogs off the course and away from the frog and snake habitats. Also, signage has been installed around Laguna Salada deeming it a sensitive area and asking golfers to keep out. We also will re-mark the course with several new environmental areas. These will be considered hazard areas and golfers are not to enter under threat of being asked to leave. Several golf courses in the Bay Area have these areas on their courses and mostly the golfers respect these areas. With these changes, I'm sure that we will have a solution that all can live with." (Mayburritogram: They say good fences make good neighbors.)

## PERFECTA

How about pitcher Dallas "Get Off My Mound" Braden's perfect game May 9 for the Oakland A's versus the Tampa Bay Rays! According to a chart in the May 10 San Francisco Chronicle, perfect games have occurred every few years since 1956, but none at all between 1922 and 1956. How could that be? Was the hitting

that much better, or the pitching that much worse, during those 32 years? Beisbol idiot savant Juan Mayburrito would like to hear your theories.

## BLACK FRIDAY

May 14, 2010 was the 50th anniversary of Black Friday, a day that lives in infamy in Bay Area history, when police turned fire hoses on students peacefully demonstrating against the House Un-American Activities Committee meeting inside S.F. City Hall. When I saw the film of this event as a junior high school student, I was outraged by scenes of police dragging clean-cut college kids out of City Hall and downstairs, the demonstrators' heads and limbs thumping on the hard marble steps. It was a seminal moment for me and many other young people in this country, who were galvanized by this brutality into joining the growing nationwide unrest and the movements for civil rights, non-violence, peace, environmentalism, and feminism.

## THOUGHTFUL DONATIONS

Pacifica Resource Center (PRC) accepts donations of travel-size soaps, shampoos, and other toiletries. Those who are homeless in our "bedroom community" particularly appreciate these items. (The closest shower facilities are at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Vouchers for those showers are available from the St. Vincent de Paul shop on Grand Avenue in South

San Francisco. Pacificans who use these services rely on the PRC pantry for their hygiene items, including toothbrushes, soap, and socks.) PRC also is beginning to formally integrate the pantry into City of Pacifica disaster preparedness planning by maintaining an inventory of critical supplies, including bottled water. PRC is open weekdays at Palmetto and Santa Maria in Sharp Park.

## ART IS ALIVE

Marv Morganti says that renowned artist Susan Rios has painted Hanni's Fine Gifts in Rockaway with "vibrant colors depicting the view from the front of the store...another aspect of 'Art Is Alive' in our hometown."

## JOLLY GREEN JOB

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District seeks a Resource Specialist I to work with Cindy Roessler in the Operations Department. Info: openspace.org

## ALL AGES WELCOME

Artists ages 3 to 120 are eligible to enter the Earth Day Art Contest. Deadline to submit entries is May 24 at 6 p.m. Email info@smdailyjournal.com or mail to 800 South Claremont Street #210, San Mateo, CA 94402.

## SORRY WE ASKED

"I find it a lousy idea. You don't get smarter, you don't get wiser, you don't get more mellow, you don't get more kindly. Nothing really happens. Your back hurts more, you get more indigestion, your eyesight isn't as good, you need a hearing aid. It's a bad business getting older, and I would advise you not to do it." (Woody Allen, speaking about aging, to reporters at the Cannes Film Festival, May 15)

## PACIFICANS CARE

Pacificans Care is now up and running at Pacificans-Care.org with a downloadable Host Information Guide, incentives,

deadlines, free application, etc. for Summer Sweep City Wide Garage Sale on August 7. Info: Bill Michaelis at 650-359-0836 or Kathy Gustavson at skgust@aol.com

## SAVE THE WHALES

Join Hands Along the Coast Rally to Save the Whales, Sunday, May 23 at 10 a.m. on Sharp Park Pier, Pacifica. Info: wanconservancy.org

## GHOST TRAIN

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) has unanimously agreed to purchase the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from the current owner, Union Pacific Railroad, for a negotiated price of \$14.2 million for the 32-mile line, with a commitment to invest \$5 million to make improvements to the line. Commissioners expressed optimism about the future potential of the 130-year-old transportation corridor that for many years has been restricted for use exclusively by freight rail service. The corridor spans many of the area's top attractions -- including parks, community centers, schools, beaches and villages -- and is within a mile of almost half of the county's residential population. Info: scrtc.org or 831-460-3200.

## SITeseer

- Model railroads for backyard and garden: diamondcar.net
- Search Pacifica arrest records: localcrimenews.com
- Grow a vertical rain forest in your living room: plantsonwalls.com
- Old-time radio shows: archive.org
- Neighborhood watch signs and tips: nnwi.org

## RUMMAGE HELP

Pacifica Historical Society desperately needs volunteers with or without trucks to set up and run its annual rummage sale in Linda Mar shopping center: today through Friday, May 21 at noon, set up the sales room; Fri-

day, May 21 through Saturday, May 29 from noon to 6, work the sale (some sit-down jobs available). Pick your times. PHS needs a lot of help. Call Shirlee at 650-355-6625 or Kathleen at 650-359-5462. They also need your donated items to sell at the rummage sale. Bring them to the storefront in Linda Mar shopping center, today through Friday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (plus Wednesday, May 19 till 8 p.m.). It's time to clean out your closets and garages. PHS needs your donations of books, CDs, DVDs, toys, games, kitchenware, holiday decorations, clothing, furniture, etc. If you have larger items to donate and cannot deliver them, call Shirlee at 650-355-6625 to arrange pickup.

## DOORKNOCKER

"April Vargas, candidate for San Mateo County Supervisor, knocked on my door today and said she was out introducing herself. We started talking about the City of Pacifica and she knew exactly what my concerns were going to be. We chatted for about 15 minutes and she took notes on my comments. First time someone running for office came out here with the door-knocking approach. We both agreed that this is the best way to get the public to know a candidate." (Jim Alex post on Pacifica Riptide)

## SWAMI SEZ

"Corporation (noun): An ingenious device for securing individual profit without individual responsibility." (Ambrose Bierce, "The Devil's Dictionary")

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