



Wandering & Wondering

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NEW RECOLOGY SERVICES Hey, fellow Recology customers, still confused or unclear about what to put where and when? Here is our handy guide to getting rid of all your stuff in the right containers on the right days:

■ **BLUE RECYCLING TOTER** (biweekly): plastic containers #1-7, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, aluminum foil, paper, cardboard (plain and waxed). Everything should be clean and dry. (Recycle clean, dry plastic bags at Safeway, Oceana, and other markets.)

■ **GREEN COMPOSTING TOTER** (weekly): garden greenwaste, ALL food (including tea bags, coffee filters and grounds), milk cartons, soiled paper (dirty/used paper towels, napkins, plates, food wrappers and containers), unpainted and untreated wood.

■ **TRASH CAN** (weekly): bagged kitty litter and pet waste, unrecyclable plastic, broken glass, light bulbs, anything else that can't be reused,

recycled, or composted. New wheeled trash totes coming in July. See the Recology postcard that just came out with instructions.

■ Still have questions? Call Recology of the Coast at 650-355-9000.

SAVE THE REDWOODS California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has released the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a controversial highway-widening project that threatens to degrade the ancient redwood grove at Richardson Grove State Park and could change the rural character of Humboldt County along Highway 101. The Environmental Protection Information Center and the Center for Biological Diversity have vowed an all-out legal challenge of the project, and are seeking to have state and federal legislators pressure Caltrans to rescind the project. Go to biologicaldiversity.org to learn more and take action.

DOG PARK PROPOSAL A door-to-door flyer going around Linda Mar says a proposed dog park behind Sanchez Art Center is a "fair idea but wrong location." The flyer cites risk of bacterial pollution of adjacent San Pedro Creek, noise pollution from sunup to sundown, and smell in an area surrounded by homes. The flyer urges residents to take action against the proposal, available for public review and comment until May 27 at both public libraries (Sharp Park and Sanchez); Planning & Economic Development Department, 1800 Francisco Boulevard (at Santa Maria Street, next door to Parks, Beaches & Recreation, around the corner from City Hall); and online at cityofpacificafire.org (click Departments, then Planning, then Environmental Documents, then Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declarations Pacifica Dog Park at the Pacifica Center for the Arts).

L.A. OR BUST: FLY OR DRIVE? Personally, I prefer trains (amtrak.com via coast or valley), but if I had to choose between flying and driving, I high-five I-5 (please note that, not being one of those Angelenos, I don't say THE I-5, thank you very much). Thus I read with great interest a comparison of both travel modes in AAA's May/June 2010 issue of VIA (viamagazine.com). The auto club printed letters from members about their favorite ways to go south: a business professor calculated the cost of flying (\$154) versus driving (\$251); other readers cited superior airline safety versus inferior airline food

and service; one commenter said, "Perhaps we don't need to go at all"; and my favorite response—only \$54 for the train, with a dining car, nice scenery, and no fighting traffic.

SAMTRANS SUMMER YOUTH PASS SamTrans Summer Youth Pass is now available. The pass gives kids unlimited rides on SamTrans buses from June 1 to August 31. As part of this year's campaign "Just Go," kids will receive a flashlight key ring (quantities limited). At just \$40, the three-month flash pass is only \$4 more than one regular monthly Youth Pass. Order forms, how-to-ride info, and a list of fun destinations are posted at samtrans.com/syp. The program also has a Facebook page (SamTrans Youth), updated regularly with tips on fun places to go on SamTrans. The pass is available to anyone 17 and younger at 70 SamTrans pass sales outlets (samtrans.com/farebuy.html) throughout the county, including all Safeway stores. The passes also can be ordered by mail. For an order form or to find the location of a pass sales outlet, call SamTrans Customer Service at 1-800-660-4287 (TTY 650-508-6448).

INNER EDIROT Peter Loeb is on a roll. First, he notes that the May 22 San Mateo County Times front-page lead headline reads: "Once lagging state, county skirts ahead." Peter says, "I'm bothered by the word 'skirts,' which means to avoid or go around, as in 'skirts the issue.'

They must have meant something like 'scoots.' (Editor's note: another fine example of spell-checkeritis!) But what makes this a classic is the super-head, printed in a sort of yellow-orange color and all caps: ENGLISH-LANGUAGE LEARNERS." Next, Peter says Lee Hildebrand's article on Mose Allison in the May 23 San Francisco Chronicle Datebook (sfgate.com) describes Mose as a "vociferous reader of books." Peter quips, "Does he read them aloud -- and shout? Surely the writer meant 'voracious' but was a victim of spellcheckeritis. And don't call him Shirley."

SITSEER Japanese surf art @ Superfrog Gallery, 1746 Post Street, San Francisco, through June 13: links.sfgate.com/ZJQO

SWAMI SEZ "Bitter, small-minded, and full of hate, and they in no way speak for Arizona." (Phoenix mayor Phil Gordon on lobbyists and legislators who passed Arizona's racist new anti-immigrant law)

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