

# Wandering & Wondering

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## MISSING SIGN

Kudos to Jean Lannen for reporting the newly missing Highway 1/Linda Mar traffic sign to Chronicle Watch. Jean also originally had told Chronicle Watch that the intersection of Highway 1 and Linda Mar needed such a sign, and one was installed shortly thereafter, high atop the busy intersection. But recently the sign has gone missing. Good follow-up work, Jean. Let's hope your latest report to the Chronicle will lead to the whereabouts of the missing sign and/or its replacement at this heavily trafficked junction. Meanwhile, if somebody knows whose bedroom wall is decorated with this big green sign, I am sure Caltrans and the police would like to have that information. Whoever made off with it has to be the son of Spiderman.

## EL NINO RETURNS?

Climate experts predict a return of El Nino later this year, meaning wetter weather and wilder storms. Be careful what you wish for. We need the rain, but we may get big trouble along with it.

## VOLCANIC SUNSETS

The Russian volcano that erupted directly beneath the International Space Station on June 12 is now causing beautiful lavender sunsets across parts of the northern United States and Europe. A plume of ash and sulfur dioxide from the Sarychev Peak eruption is circulating through the stratosphere, and when parts of the plume pass over an area at sunset, the sky fills with delicate white ripples, sometimes-colorful streamers, and a telltale hue of purple. Check SpaceWeather.com for observing tips and a photo gallery.

## BREAD AND ROSES

Bread and Roses needs a few good volunteer show hosts, especially in San Francisco and on the Peninsula! Can you please share this with anyone you know who might be interested? If you love music and you want to help your neighbors most in need, this is the perfect volunteer job for you.

Bread & Roses presents 40 to 50 shows each month in facilities around the Bay Area where people really need the hope, healing, and joy of live music. A staff member or volunteer host attends every show to introduce the performer and provide "backstage support." As a host, you will:

- Receive training in how to be an emcee and use a small sound system.
- Choose shows you can host: morning, afternoon, and evening shows every day.
- Help set the stage for human kindness at facilities where people are isolated from society.
- Enjoy quality, live entertainment by doing 1-3 shows a month, depending on your schedule.
- Attend an annual host dinner, Bread & Roses volunteer appreciation party,

and other fun events. For more information, contact Lisa Starbird at 415-945-7127 ext. 104 or email [Lstarbird@breadandroses.org](mailto:Lstarbird@breadandroses.org)

## INNER EDIROT

Women's wear store i-elle on College Avenue in Berkeley has large signs in the window saying: "CLOTHES OUT SALE." G-Man wonders if they are punsters or just really bad spellers.

## LUIGI HELPS VETS

Luigi's Italian Restaurant was mobbed (OHHHHH!) July 2, giving full credit for all orders picked up, delivered, or for dining in. This fundraiser was to help PacificaMilitaryMoms.com support the wounded veterans at Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital by way of entertainment (gift cards for movie theaters that their caretakers or visiting family members can bring them to), summertime BBQs, and food brought in from local restaurants. The moms group has been receiving "thank you" notes from the troops serving overseas, acknowledging the 121 care packages that the group sent out June 14. Debbie Smyser says the group

will meet with Pacifica firefighters soon to finalize plans to gather donations and send care packages to the troops once a month (on a weeknight). This includes collection sites at all Pacifica firehouses, four Daly City firehouses, and one in Brisbane! Stay tuned to the Pacifica Tribune and Pacifica Riptide for announcements about where and when to drop off donations for the care packages.

## CLEANUP GRANTS

The State Water Resources Control Board has announced the availability of Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF) grants, up to \$1.5 million per project for cleanup of brown-field sites contaminated by Petroleum Underground Storage Tanks. For information, contact Judy Reid, Associate Government Program Analyst, Orphan Site Cleanup Fund, 1001 I Street, 17th Floor, Sacramento, CA 94244, phone 916.341.5760, email [jreid@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jreid@waterboards.ca.gov)

## SAVE SEA OTTERS

Call your friendly local Congressional representative Jackie Speier and ask her to vote yes on HR

556 to save the endangered sea otter, one of our favorite California coastal critters. Jackie's San Mateo and Washington phone numbers are in the phone book, the library, the Tribune, and online, so let your fingers do the walking.

## WOBBLY WALLABIES

Kangaroos' cousins, the wallabies, have invaded Australian opium poppy fields and created a real problem for the government, which grows half of the world's supply of legally grown opium used for making morphine and other painkillers. The little marsupials have gotten so wasted on opium that they have even made crop circles in the poppy fields. (EarthWeek.com)

## SWAMI SEZ

"The word bipartisan usually means some larger-than-usual deception is being carried out." (George Carlin)

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