



Wandering & Wondering

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GOOD KIDS

As a lifetime member of the Nonparents Liberation Front, I nevertheless enjoy the antics of other people's kids, and of course I dole on my own nephews and nieces. It's good to be Uncle John. I get especially jazzed about good kids like the ones at Sun Valley Elementary School in San Rafael, who (according to the June 7 San Francisco Chronicle) challenged Crayola to recycle its used markers. These Marin County kids started collecting their used Crayolas, and when the company dragged its heels, the kids (with help from their adult environmental advisor Land Wilson) collected 90,000 signatures with an online petition sponsored by Change.org. Crayola suddenly took notice and set up a ColorCycle program to convert the waste plastic into clean-burning liquid fuel. Crayola competitor Dixon Ticonderoga also responded to the petition drive and set up its own marker recycling program. Way to go, kids!

HOT YACHT

Remember the luxury yacht that ran aground on Linda Mar Beach in March? The alleged thief is now in court facing multiple charges, and his lawyer says his client is delusional in believing that the boat was his. The lawyer also says he is seeking mental health help for his client. See coverage of this story by Joshua Melvin in today's Tribune. Page 3A.

HEALING AMERICA

Jeffrey Gilliam, a musician based in San Rafael, launched Healing America: A Patriotic DVD Dedicated to Veterans. The idea, if funding is completed through rockethub.com, will come to fruition after Jeffrey's long recovery from mercury toxicity. With a new appreciation for life and the desire to help others, Jeffrey was strongly inspired to create a DVD with patriotic images and songs put to his own arrangement. The whole intention behind it is to help war veterans in their healing process.

PEDRO POINT HEADLANDS WORK PARTY

Join habitat restoration work at Pedro Point Headlands on June 30, July 29, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24, and December 8. Dates are subject to change, so check the website at PedroPointHeadlands.org. Meet at Pedro Point Firehouse at 9:45 a.m. For information, call Lynn Adams at 650-355-1668.

ROCKAWAY RUMBLING

Rockaway Beach's late, lamented Mexican restaurant Playa Del Acapulco may soon morph into a new-style taqueria, according to my business source. Despite earlier rumors about

a well-known barbecue joint or a different taqueria moving into the former Acapulco space, it now appears that a local deli/pizzeria business will open the new Rockaway taqueria, says my source. Projected monthly rent of \$3,300 (2,150 square feet at \$1.95 per square foot) means the new tenant will have to sell "a helluva lot of tacos," my source quips. (Incidentally, the asking price for leasing the old Boston Bill's on Highway 1 is \$5,000 a month. Ouch. That would take a helluva lot of cheesesteaks - or whatever.)

PUERTO 27: MIXED REVIEW

"We went out to Puerto 27 last night for dinner. The food was good. I give it a solid B grade, but I am pickier than most. The menu was disjointed and confusing, along with fairly steep prices, but the food made it worth the \$\$\$\$. It was very loud, but we could all talk without shouting most of the time. The floor is bare concrete with high ceilings, so it is a sound box. Also, there is a large sports bar in the middle high point of the room, making for a lot of the noise. My only real complaint, and it bugged me all night, was how customers were dressed in the dining room. Not that it is a jacket kind of place, but it seemed the dress code for 90 percent of customers, including the women, was a clean t-shirt with dirty jeans and grubby tennis shoes. And I'm talking about all age groups. I felt overdressed in clean khakis and an aloha shirt."
(The Muncher, Pacifica Riptide restaurant reviewer)

IRONY MAN

An ironic twist in the IRS/Tea Party scandal is that a conservative Republican manager in the IRS Cincinnati office was the one who launched the tax audit of the Tea Party. Betcha didn't see that one coming!

DEADLY JUNGLE

"A 69-year-old in great health, Lesli Sachs-Williams died in a fluke accident while traveling with her husband on vacation in Costa Rica. On a walk up some steps, she tripped on a tree root and fell down into a pool of stagnant water. She was released from the hospital, but her condition continued to worsen. It was later revealed that she contracted a bacterial infection in the water. Within a day, she was taken to another hospital and her body was shutting down. Hearing the news, her daughter flew out to Costa Rica to see her mother one last time before she died." (Half Moon Bay Review, June 13)

INNER EDIROT

Spellchecker disaster: Bed Bath & Beyond website headline "Raze the bar for Father's Day"

SWAMI SEZ

"The more I think about it, the more I realize there is nothing more artistic than to love others." (Vincent Van Gogh)

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