WANTED: CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

The San Mateo County Health Department needs volunteers to help test the water from our beaches, creeks, and lagoons. Email environmental health specialist Kate Elgin at kelgin@smcgov.org or phone 650-399-6919.

OSCAR BAGS

Top nominees for the Academy Awards last week got swag bags worth thousands of dollars: first-class, all-expenses-paid trips; luxury-car rentals; high-end plastic surgery; vaping devices; sex toys; and chef-catered meals. This year’s freebies are worth $232,000, up from $168,000 last year. (News source: Leslie P. Norton, Barron’s business magazine, February 29)

GRAND MOTHER

A 65-year-old albatross known as Wisdom has just produced her 30th chick; she was tagged in 1956 and monitored since then in the wild. Over her lifetime, the wide-ranging seabird with the incredible wingspan has flown more than 3 million miles. (News source: Steve Newman’s Earthweek – Diary of a Changing World, featured every Sunday in the San Francisco Chronicle print edition)

FUTURE HEAT

If we don’t start reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the world will see more and more extreme heat waves,
according to climate change research reported by Earthweek.com. The global warming trend means that heat waves will last longer and be hotter (at least 5 degrees more).

**SITESEER**

I just ordered a bag of seed bombs (visualingo.com), the ultimate in lazy-man gardening. Now all I need is more rain – a March Miracle to blast away the high pressure and let those El Nino storms come in. February was disastrously dry, so we need storms in March to beat the drought.

**BALLPARK BURGER BUSTERS**

“The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers may be a minor league baseball team, but their stadium eats are in the major leagues. This season, the team is embracing the appeal of the over-the-top stunt foods and will give fans the option to pound pizza-wrapped burgers during the game, according to Fox11online.com (check out the video if you really want to get hungry or grossed out, depending on your taste in food). Who needs popcorn and hot dogs when you can just eat a heart attack? While the item is called the Meatlovers Pizza Burger, the name wholly undersells it. The burger features not one, but four beef patties that are wrapped in a pepperoni, bacon, and sausage DiGiorno pizza. One burger will cost you $22 and likely 5 years of your life; although, it might be worth it considering it gives you the chance to feast on two of greatest junk foods in one sitting. The stadium
has a history of offering over-the-top burgers and is bringing back its Big Mother Funnel Burger, which features funnel cakes for buns.” (Online news source: FirstWeFeast.com)

**JOIN THE HUMAN RACE**

If you are sitting there twiddling your thumbs but you want to get more involved in this community, look for contact information throughout this newspaper to volunteer for city commissions and committees, nonprofit groups, charities, service organizations, etc. Remember, Pacifica runs on volunteer energy and money.

**SWAMI SEZ**
"Beer makes you feel the way you ought to feel without beer.” (Henry Lawson)

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