



Wandering & Wondering

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BEACH MONKEY CAFÉ OPENS @ ADOBE

A hip, modern coffee bar and restaurant has entered the Pacifica scene, bringing an imaginative menu and fresh, healthy ingredients to town. Beach Monkey Café opened January 31 in the Adobe Plaza Shopping Center on Linda Mar Boulevard at Adobe Drive, offering organically minded, modern California food and fair-trade, organic coffee in a well-designed, casual environment. Chef Michael Pakes lives in Linda Mar with his wife and co-owner Therese Sollars and their two young sons. He recognized a demand for small-batch coffee, quality ingredients, and simple, creatively spiced dishes in an inviting environment. Converging trends quickly moved The Beach Monkey Café from concept to reality. The team has staged a soft opening, beginning with coffee, pastries, bagels, and breakfast sandwiches seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. They launch their lunch and dinner service on February 13 once the coffee business is firmly on track. At that time, they will extend their hours for dinner, opening Thursday through Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. A grand opening celebration is planned for late February. Says Pakes, "People in Pacifica are concerned about their health and dedicated to preserving the environment. They want a place that uses fresh, organic ingredients chiefly sourced from local farmers-at prices they can afford for the whole family." The 28-seat, 700-square-foot Beach Monkey Café offers casual customers hand-crafted, pour-over coffee, espresso drinks, and quick breakfast options in the morning. At lunch or dinner, they can choose from entrees that include "hot brick sandwiches" and baked pasta, dinner salads and homemade soups, appetizers, desserts, and a selection of beer and wine. Their "good-for-your-kids" menu has wholesome, affordable meals that will delight children and adults alike. "We offer coffee that is hand-

made. It's roasted in 25- to 30-pound batches in Port Townsend, Washington, and we make it one cup at a time. With six roasts to choose from, you get coffee on your terms. First thing in the morning or after getting in the water, it's going to make you happy," says Pakes. Menu offerings include, for example, a Cuban pork sandwich, a chicken bahn mi, and creative vegetarian combinations like the Sweeney Ridge, which features roasted portobello mushrooms. Baked pasta options include the Beach Monkey's trademark macaroni and cheese. The beer and wine selection reflects local tastes, with beer on tap and by the bottle. The café offers an intimate dining experience with tables indoors and out, a cozy bar area, and takeout service. It features local photography shot by David Handler and produced by Photoworks in San Francisco. "We wanted to create an authentically local restaurant that we would enjoy when we are on a date, but also a place we could afford to bring our kids when we don't feel like cooking," says co-owner Therese Sollars. "The Beach Monkey offers Pacifica that hard-to-find option. And the food is healthy, not processed. There's a lot of love in this place." (beachmonkeycafe.com)

FUNNY BUSINESS ON YOSEMITE DRIVE

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MARTIN'S BEACH SURFERS PREVAIL

From Surfrider Foundation (surfrider.org): Judge Davis has granted the County of San Mateo District Attorney's motion to dismiss the trespassing charges filed against five surfers accessing Martin's Beach. "The Surfrider Foundation San Mateo Chapter heartily congratulates the Martin's Beach five on their significant legal victory in favor of open beach access that reaches far beyond this specific case to all of California and the nation," says Michael Wallace, with the San Mateo Chapter. "Their determination not to be bullied and or

shaken from their principles that beach access is for all, not just a privileged few, is a tribute to their integrity and character. By personally shouldering the legal burden in court they have quickly cut to the nub of the access issue, which was being stretched on indefinitely by the new owners to the harm of the next generation of beach goers. We applaud them for their tenacity and foresight." Two years ago, apparent Martin's Beach owner and Sun Microsystems founder Vinod Khosla made a decision to close the access road to the popular beach just south of Half Moon Bay. These actions have denied the public their right to access a stretch of coastline that has been open for decades for fishing, surfing, and recreation. The County has reached the conclusion that they will not defend the property owner's allegations that this is a private beach that cannot be accessed from the nearest public road. October 21, 2012, five San Mateo County surfers crossed Mr. Khosla's land to access the public beach. The property manager informed them they were trespassing as Khosla has posted a sign falsely stating that the public beach is closed. The surfers claimed they had a constitutional right to access the beach and continued to the ocean to surf. Upon exiting the water, the surfers were met with a San Mateo County Sheriff deputy who issued citations. The surfers once again stated that they had a right to access a public beach and they had done nothing wrong. The trespassing statute does not prohibit people from engaging in activities, such as accessing a public beach, which are protected by the California Constitution. Article X, section 4 of the California Constitution generally prohibits property owners from depriving the public from access to California beaches. "This marks a major victory for Surfrider Foundation in our mission to secure universal beach and wave access for all people," said Surfrider Foundation's Legal Director Angela Howe. "The County's action to dismiss the case today demonstrates that these brave surfers were acting under their rights as Californians to lawfully access the beach."

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