



Wandering & Wondering

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First Flush

At the Secret Waterfall, volunteers with the Pacifica Beach Coalition picked up 243 pounds of trash (mostly plastic bags) after last week's first big rain. Styrofoam pieces were too numerous and too small to collect. Ian Butler called an alert, and the Pacifica Public Works Department within an hour had six men at the waterfall picking up debris. Ian says, "This is a tiny fraction of what was washed out to sea." Public Works is investigating sources of the Styrofoam litter that flushes out at the waterfall several times a year after heavy rain. Public Works is seeking funding to put in a storm drain catchment device by Fairmont Park, and recently installed such devices at seven storm drains that flow to the waterfall.

Esplanade Beach Cleanups

Esplanade Beach cleanups are on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. Email Lynn Adams for info and sign-ups: lynn4promos@aol.com

Blast Victims' Families Target PG&E, CPUC

San Bruno residents, including Susan Bullis, who lost three family members in the fatal Pacific Gas & Electric

Co. pipeline explosion, held a news conference Oct. 22 near ground zero to announce they have collected more than 200 signatures in a petition drive calling for the ouster of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) President Michael Peevey. The residents and their supporters want Gov. Jerry Brown to replace Peevey because of the CPUC's decision to suspend public hearings, which were to determine how much PG&E will be fined for the 2010 blast. Eight people were killed and more than 50 injured in the pipeline explosion. In addition, 38 homes were destroyed and 17 damaged in the blast and fire that followed. San Bruno Mayor Jim Ruane and Assemblyman Jerry Hill, who represents San Bruno, support the petition drive. (Info: Kimberly Archie, spokeswoman for San Bruno residents, 310-498-5985; Aurelio Rojas, communications director for Assemblyman Hill, 916-747-3199)

Get the Facts Before You Vote

See all City Council candidate forums on PCT Channel 26 on demand from the TV station website (pct26.com), if you have Windows Media Player.

Pirate Law #45

Pirate gunners on board pirate vessels must never wear hearing protection of any sort.

Block That Cliche

"Paint the town red." Apparently, this expression comes from the quaint cowboy custom of busting out of the red-light district (brothels and saloons) to whoop and holler all over town. (Gregg Levoy)

Swami Sez

"Corporation (noun): an ingenious device for obtaining individual profit without individual responsibility." (Ambrose Bierce)

The Highwayman

Most vehicles on Highway 1 have only one occupant — the driver. Widening the highway just encourages more solo drivers. What a waste! Instead, why not encourage ridesharing, carpools, public transit, bicycles, Segways, walking, and telecommuting?

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