



## Wandering & Wondering

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### WE ARE THE 99 PERCENT

“Most people can only dream of Wall Street’s shrinking paychecks. Median household income in 2010 was \$49,445, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, lower than the previous year and less than 1 percent of Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein’s \$7 million restricted-stock bonus for 2011. The percentage of Americans living in poverty climbed to 15.1 percent, the highest in almost two decades.” (Max Abelson, Bloomberg Business News, bloomberg.net, March 1)

### HOIST ON HIS OWN PETARD

For 40 years, it has been illegal to hunt mountain lions in California, so you’d think the Golden State’s own Fish and Game Commissioner Dan Richards might respect the law, at least publicly. But not Dan. He not only traveled to Idaho to kill a mountain lion, he responded to the controversy over the photo he made public, saying it’s “none of your business.” Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and at least 40 state lawmakers have called for Richards’ resignation. If he doesn’t resign, he can and should be voted out by a simple majority in the Legislature. For more information and to sign the petition, go online to [credoaction.com](http://credoaction.com).

### ROCK OF AGES

Pacifica’s premier preteen rockers, Haunted by Heroes, open for Y&T at the Fillmore on March 24. They are Brandon Lurie, Geddy Franco, Charley Rutledge, Nick Rigling, and Chris Rigling. The band got a big front-page splash in the February 29 San Francisco Chronicle ([sfgate.com](http://sfgate.com)). Way to go, guys, rock on!

### SERRA BOWL BLUES

Serra Bowl in Daly City is closing its lanes in April. What could this mean for Pacifica’s own beloved Sea Bowl, as well as Classic Bowl on King Drive and Brentwood Bowl on El Camino Real across from See’s Candy in South San Francisco? Watch for more news on this big bowling story in Horace Hinshaw’s sports column here in the Pacifica Tribune.

### PG&E GAS LEAKS

“Thousands of gas meters and underground gas lines are leaking across the state of California, and the utility that owns the lines is aware, but not telling homeowners. An investigation conducted by KCRA 3 found that Pacific Gas & Electric has gone so far as to document the leaky gas lines across California with yellow zip ties as part of its PG&E Leak Survey. Ken Meyers is one of 150 people who works in that leak survey department. He has surveyed neighborhoods throughout the Sacramento, San Joaquin County and Redding areas. Meyers said everywhere he has been in the past two years, he’s found leaking gas. Leaking from the pipes leading up to the meter outside of houses and on both sides of the meter itself -- one side paid for by PG&E, the other paid gas paid by the homeowner. “They feel they’re safe,” says Meyers, referring to PG&E. “We’ve come to find out they’re supposed to come out and fix them, and they don’t do it. We just put zip ties on them and they just ... leak.” According to Meyers, crews either spray the meter with soapy water from a spray bottle or monitor if bubbles start to form. Other times, they use specialized equipment to detect if there is gas in the air.” (KCRA Channel 3, Sacramento, [kcra.com](http://kcra.com))

### FRIENDS OF EDGEWOOD

The Friends of Edgewood offer free, docent-led wild-flower walks at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve every Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. from mid-March to early June. For more complete information, wild-flower photographs, map, and this year’s schedule, go online to [friendsofedgewood.org](http://friendsofedgewood.org) or email Kathy Korbholz at [PublicityCoordinator@friendsofedgewood.org](mailto:PublicityCoordinator@friendsofedgewood.org).

### NIGHT LIGHT SHOW

The brightest planets in the night sky, Jupiter and Venus, are aligning for a must-see show every evening until mid-March. See more at [science.nasa.gov](http://science.nasa.gov) and [spaceweather.com](http://spaceweather.com).

### HOME REMEDY

Daily gargling with plain tap water can help cut the number of colds and respiratory infections you get, and relieve symptoms if you are already sick. Studies support gargling, whether with warm tap water or saltwater or water with lemon and honey, as a safe, effective way to soothe and cleanse a sore throat. (AARP Bulletin)

### SWAMI SEZ

“I refuse to believe that corporations are people until Texas executes one.” (The Swami from Miami)

### SITSEER

- Swami Sez segue: Jeffrey Clements’ new book “Corporations Are Not People”
- South City hot rods, vintage cars: [roddersjournal.com](http://roddersjournal.com)

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