



Wandering & Wondering

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PG&E Gouges Its Customers

Assemblyman Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo) and Mark Toney, executive director of The Utility Reform Network (TURN), want the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to reject PG&E's ratepayer-gouging proposal. CPUC must decide how much ratepayers will be billed to fix PG&E's neglected gas transmission system. If the commission grants PG&E's request to saddle ratepayers with 95 percent of the \$5 billion the first phase of project is expected to cost, the utility stands to make a \$1.5 billion profit from the deadly 2010 San Bruno gas explosion, thanks to a commission policy that grants the utility a generous return on its capital investment. Meanwhile, PG&E and other utilities are using their clout in Sacramento to try to kill legislation (AB 861) by Assemblyman Hill that would prohibit ratepayer money from being used to pay for executive incentives based on corporate earnings or share price. "As a publicly regulated company, the only way PG&E can increase its earnings is by cutting its operations and maintenance costs, which undermines safety," Hill says, noting that in the years leading up to the San Bruno explosion, PG&E executives were granted

bonuses for cutting costs. "Ratepayers shouldn't have to pay PG&E higher utility bills for a level of service they should have been receiving all along," Hill says. (contact Hill's staff members Aurelio Rojas and Nate Solov, 916-319-2019 or online at asm.ca.gov/hill)

Pacificans for Peace

In honor of International Peace Day (September 21), Pacifica Peace People (PPP) will once again run a full-page ad in the Pacifica Tribune in support of peace and candidates who are "committed to peace and a course of action that ends current wars and occupations, and prevents future wars." To download a copy of the ad, visit pacificapeacepeople.net. To sign the ad, email info@pacificapeacepeople.net and include your name exactly as you would like to be listed. You may also include the names of family members who would like to show their support, no matter what their ages. And if you know other Pacificans who may want to be included, feel free to let them know how they can join. PPP also could use your help paying for the ad, so if you can, please pledge \$5 (or more) by using the PayPal link on PPP's home page, or sending a check, payable to Pacifica Peace People (not tax deductible), to Leslie Davidson, 1302 Rosita Road, Pacifica, CA 94044. You are not required to send money to have your name included in the ad.

Right Parenting

Here is some sage advice from Madeline Levine, psychologist, consultant, educator, and co-founder of

Challenge Success at the Stanford University School of Education. She is also the author of "Teach Your Children Well: Parenting for Authentic Success."

- "Don't overemphasize academic success. Balance emphasis on academic success with interest in other areas of your child's development."
- "Don't overbook them. Allow plenty of time for unstructured play."
- "Learn to tolerate, even encourage, your kid's failures. We're not talking safety here, but the kinds of everyday failures that are inevitable and instructive."
- "Let your kids try lots of different activities instead of becoming specialists."
- "As much as you can, collaborate with your child's teacher to provide the learning environment that's right for your child."

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Beautiful Pacifica videos:
the [MaxineElizabeth1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMaxineElizabeth1) channel on YouTube.com

Swami Sez

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other." (Oscar Ameringer)

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