

## **Brews & Views**

Half Moon Bay Brewing Company announces the return of Brews & Views, the Coastside brewery's popular speakers series on American politics and social issues. The winter 2016 lineup includes distinguished guests Carla Marinucci, award-winning reporter for Politico and former senior political reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, on January 21; Rob Joyce, director of special projects, Full Circle Fund, on February 4; award-winning screenwriter, playwright, and novelist Erik Tarloff on February 18; technical innovator and best-selling author Jerry Kaplan to discuss his latest novel "Humans Need Not Apply: A Guide to Wealth and Work in the Age of Artificial Intelligence" on March 3; and Eliza Pesult, CEO of Global Glimpse, and an advocate for international education, community action and youth development, on March 17. Brews & Views was created in 2009 by the brewery co-owner Lenny Mendonca, who grew up listening to Commonwealth Club forums on NPR. The Chronicle recently nominated him for the prestigious Visionary of the Year award. The free, public events are formatted like townhall meetings, with a conversation between the guest speaker and moderator, then a Q&A session with the public.

## **Sandwich Story**

Slices of meat and cheese piled on a crusty roll (sourdough, Dutch crunch, sweet Italian, etc.) plus various dressings and condiments (mustard, mayonnaise, pickles, relish, tomatoes, onions) are generally called submarine sandwiches (subs) in most parts of the United States. But you also can find regional variations of the sub in both the types of bread, fillings, and names (hero, wedge, grinder, bomber, Cuban, Italian). In New Orleans, the po' boy (poor boy) features fried oysters; the muffuletta spreads olive salad on cold cuts (mortadella, salami) and cheese (provolone, mozzarella). Philadelphia is famous for its cheesesteaks, topped with either Cheez Whiz or provolone. In Iowa they eat loose-meat sandwiches (lampooned on a recent episode of *The Good Wife*): seasoned, unformed ground beef on a bun. If these few examples make you hungry for a good sandwich, you might enjoy the PBS documentary *Sandwiches That You Will Like*. The film goes all around the country visiting unique sandwich shops, everything from Maine lobster rolls to San Jose's banh mi Vietnamese sandwiches.

## **Siteseer**

The website at [11foot8.com](http://11foot8.com) shows hilarious videos of trucks trying to squeeze under a particularly low railroad bridge. Despite signs warning of 11'8" clearance, truckers continue to drive straight ahead and either get stuck under the trestle or lose the roofs of their trailers and any equipment on top. Every one of them should be nominated for a Darwin Award.

## **Swami Sez**

"Air fares are now assigned by a machine called the Random Air Fare Generator, which is programmed to ensure that on any given flight (1) no two people will pay the same fare, and (2) everybody will pay less than you. People are flying across the country for less than what you paid for your six-week-old corn muffin at the airport snack bar." (Dave Barry)

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