



Wandering & Wondering

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SELLING OUT NOT A SOLUTION

"I'm ready to hear about what other industry, apart from tourism, you think Pacifica might promote. I'm ready to include that industry in what I encourage the citizenry and the council to push. Yes, we lack funding. We have always lacked funding. The carpetbaggers have always cited this as the reason we need to sell out to the highest bidder. The dreamers who stuck with their principles have got us tunnels instead of a super freeway bypass, and an art center and concert hall instead of an abandoned school, and a regularly scheduled outdoor farmer's market, and a spectacular park where a dangerous stretch of highway once was, and a dog park, and a community garden, and a community theater, and libraries, and a whole alternative school (for those who remember back that far) instead of just one alternative class. All of these contribute both directly and indirectly to the collective wealth of our community in ways which selling out simply could not. Our community needs real economic solutions to real economic problems, and selling out simply lacks the long-term legitimacy required to keep us afloat." (Dan Underhill's post on Pacifica Riptide)

WEATHERMAN HEDGES HIS BETS

"Models continue to disagree on the extent of rain for the middle of next week. ... Due to some less than stellar model performance this winter from all of the global models in the Day 7 to 10 time frame ... best course of action seems to be conservative ... will feel better once it gets within 5 days." (National Weather Service)

WHO WANTS TO LIVE IN PACIFICA?

Fifteen-year Pacifican Mike Moffitt wrote a piece for the San Francisco Chronicle (find it at sfgate.com, March 2) about why he lives in Pacifica, citing the usual good reasons (cool weather, fog, wind, natural scenery, small-town vibe) and a few bad ones (traffic, poor public transit, poor walkability and the need to own a car, cool weather, fog, wind).

FROZEN

As the so-called Ridiculously Resilient Ridge pushes most of our winter storms to the north and east, Easterners grumble about all the snow and ice they are getting. Photos of slushy waves of ice at Nantucket Beach, Massachusetts, have gone viral on the Internet. All we have to show for it is one bright, sunny day after another. Ugh. I guess the best we can hope for is lots of fog come spring and summer. Scientists finally tell us they have proof that climate change causes all this weird weather: New England snowed in again, while California faces severe drought. I keep telling my friends and family back East to shovel the damn snow into refrigerated train cars and ship it out West. Please.

PI IN THE SKY

Irrepressible Pacifica palindromist Alan Wald telegraphs: Woo-hoo! Trying to decide how you're going to celebrate Pacifica Pi Day (3.14) this year? Be sure to avoid the congested SFO airport and typical math holiday madness caused by too many smarties in the Bay Area. For starters, Pacifica palindrome lovers suggest we check in with Pacifica's fast new zoo director, who announced at her first staff meeting exactly one year ago that she had taken charge of the operation and immediately had ordered an increase in the number of hippos from seven to roughly 22: "I'm atop Op. -- Pi hippopotami!" And who could forget the palindrome-loving chef on Pacifica PCT Channel 26, who explained as he prepared an exotic chowder (or distinctive surf-and-turf) recipe to celebrate Pi Day: "I pot cod, nag and octo-pi!" Perhaps the best news of all, Pi Day this year is two digits longer: 3.1415.

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