

## **A CURE FOR BAD BEHAVIOR**

Wall Street Journal drama critic Terry Teachout wrote a scathing column February 25 titled "How to Stop Theater's Cellphone Scourge." Teachout described a road-show performance in Kansas City of the Broadway musical *Wicked*: "The 4,500-seat theater was full of inconsiderate audience members who were using cellphones and noisily opening and eating wrapped food during the performance. In addition, 'a flood of people' showed up late for both acts. Discourteous behavior by thoughtless theatergoers is a nationwide epidemic that shows no signs of slackening...midshow chitchat, open-mouthed coughing and inappropriate laughter are now commonplace on Broadway and throughout America. The worst sin, though is the cellphone scourge...cellphone abuse has reached pestilential proportions." Teachout says that people just ignore cellphone-silence requests from the stage because such messages are too weak, passive, and polite. He recommends a strongly worded, loud public address announcement such as the one issued by profane playwright David Mamet before the performance of his "American Buffalo": "TURN OFF YOUR F----- PHONES!!!"

## **SHAVE AND A HAIRCUT**

Our friend John's barbershop is open while construction goes on. The new building owner is completely remodeling the outside of the building with new stucco and paint. John's is between Farmers Insurance and the

Clocktower Building at 450 Old County Road, Rockaway Beach district, Pacifica.

### **BECOME A LEAK DETECTIVE**

Each year, more than a trillion gallons of water are wasted by easy-to-fix household leaks, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program. That's why EPA encourages consumers to be leak detectives by finding and fixing leaks around the home. "Leaks don't just rob your home of precious water, they could be adding 10 percent to your utility bill," says Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "By taking just 10 minutes to detect leaks at home, the average family could save more than 10,000 gallons of water per year." Becoming a leak detective can be accomplished in three simple steps: check, twist, and replace:

- Check for silent toilet leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the toilet tank; wait 10 minutes before flushing, and if the color appears in the bowl, it's a leak.
- Twist faucet, shower, and pipe connections tightly to prevent leaks, or install a WaterSense faucet aerator to save water and energy.
- Replace broken or leaky fixtures with WaterSense models, independently certified to use at least 20

percent less water and perform as well as, or better than, standard models.

### **MOVE THE LIBRARY**

Dan Stegink of Pacifica.city has come up with a novel idea for locating the proposed new library in the city-owned lot on Francisco between Pacifica Thai and the new Pacifica Coastside Museum (formerly the Little Brown Church). Dan has been polling local realtors, environmentalists, and others about this change of venue: As of March 15, according to Dan's poll posted on his site, 26 of 28 respondents liked the suggested new location.

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