

POLICE BEAT HIGHLIGHTS

In case you missed these two funny items in our Pacifica Tribune Police Beat column: “skateboarder skating down Sharp Park Road, weaving in and out of traffic” (May 19); “towed a vehicle yesterday and there was some sleeping inside” (May 17).

ANSEL ADAMS EXHIBIT

Cavallo Point Lodge, an upscale, environmentally sustainable resort at Fort Baker (GGNRA) in Sausalito, announces a new exhibition from legendary photographer Ansel Adams. The special curated show features two of Adams’ seven limited-edition portfolios (II & IV). Portfolio II “The National Parks & Monuments” is on display for the general public through the fall. Free admission.

PIECE OF CAKE

If cake is in fact the world’s most popular food (not pizza?!), then I have a tasty new book for you: “Cake – A Slice of History” by Alysa Levene. Alysa reveals that birthday cake originated in Germany in the Middle Ages as part of “kinderfest” (think Oktoberfest for kids): The birthday candles were lit to scare off the evil spirits. And another “German” connection: German chocolate cake is not from Germany; it was created by a British chocolatier named Sam German. Finally, pound cake is so named because its original recipe called for a pound each of flour, butter, sugar, and eggs.

HISTORY’S BIGGEST FEUDS

“The Atlantic” magazine (June 2016) asked its readers to name “history’s most influential feud,” and the editors came up with this list of famous feuds and rivalries: Neanderthals & Homo sapiens, Hatfields & McCoys, Montagues & Capulets, fashion designers Coco Chanel & Christian Dior, English artists Turner & Constable, Israel & Palestine, English king Henry VIII & French king Francis I, Alexander Hamilton & Thomas Jefferson, Galileo & the Roman Catholic Church, Christianity & Islam.

WHOOOPS!

“Don’t Miss the Newest Venture by the Editor’s of TIME” (headline on a full-page ad in the Wall Street Journal for TIME’s new Motto website for millennial women). Makes me think that the proofreader for Motto was blotto!

GUACAMOLE SECRET

If you keep a half-inch of water on top of your guacamole (don’t forget to pour off the water before you dip), it will stay fresh in the fridge and not turn black.

RENATURE

I recently opened a mail-order package and found my items nestled in a box full of what I thought were Styrofoam “peanuts,” those nasty little puffballs that litter the landscape. But an insert from the company explained that these were actually Renature biodegradable, loose-fill pellets made from renewable resources, and that they can be reused, recycled, composted, or disposed of. They smell faintly like popcorn. They can be dissolved in water and poured out in the garden,

yard, sink, or toilet. They can be composted to help aerate the compost. They can be buried in soil, where they are eaten by insects or dissolved by soil moisture. Ask your shipper to stop using plastic “peanuts” and start using environmentally friendly Renature “peanuts.”

SWAMI SEZ

“Competition brings out the best in products and the worst in people.” (David Sarnoff)

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