

## **MIGHTY WHITE SNEAKERS**

If you follow fashion news, you may know that white sneakers are hot items these days. The Wall Street Journal (June 25-26) profiled the all-white designer sneaker fad that has caught everyone off guard. Steph Curry endorses and wears Under Armour white basketball shoes (Curry Two Lows) despite snarky comments in social media about them looking like “dad shoes” or “nurse shoes.” Tennis legend Stan Smith stands behind his eponymous, iconic Adidas court shoes that probably started the white-shoe craze. Fashion designers Saint Laurent, Gucci, and Tom Ford have entered the fray with high-end (as much as \$2,500), blazing-white kicks. What truly amazes me is that celebrities and fashionistas are agonizing online about how to keep their fancy dress sneakers pure white, advocating the use of everything from baby wipes and Mr. Clean sponges to Tide sticks, OxiClean, dish detergent, Scotchgard, and high-fluoride whitening toothpaste. According to the WSJ article, schoolkids now fight to protect their lily-white sneakers from schoolyard bullies trying to stomp on their feet. What the heck is wrong with kids these days? When I was a kid, as soon as we got new sneakers out of the box, we immediately scuffed and sullied them as badly as we could so that no bully could tease us for having pretty white shoes. My, my, how times have changed!

## **MYSTERY CALLER**

Tribune Police Beat item (June 8): “Respondent keeps receiving phone call requesting her bank information, using profanity, and respondent believes someone is watching her

because when she walks to the phone, the phone stops ringing.”

## **ROADTRIPPERS**

Planning a road trip this summer? After consulting your AAA road maps and browsing Trip Advisor, Yelp, and other social media, I’ve got a quirky new one for you: RoadTrippers.com. It offers highway guides, trip planners, hotel and attraction recommendations, natural wonders, and “weird stuff.” Get the Roadtrippers app for your mobile device. Road trip planner Furkot.com is also worth a look. Remember, half (or more) of the fun of travel is in the planning and anticipation.

## **KUDOS TO THE BOSS**

Bravo to Pacifica Tribune publisher Sherman Frederick for his bold editorial (June 22) condemning the Stanford rape case judge who let the convicted rapist off with a slap on the wrist: six months in jail.

## **COMINGS AND GOINGS**

Kimco’s high rents at its Linda Mar shopping center claim another victim: Payless shoe store. But on the bright side, the former KFC/Boston Bill’s/Prime Dip location on Highway 1 in Rockaway (where the weeds grew as high as the roof) has become a Japanese restaurant with the unpronounceable name Uoyakutei. We wish them luck.

## **WILDERNESS HIKE**

To get more young folks into the wilderness, the Sierra Club offers adults 18-30 years old a full \$300 off a hiking trip

through the John Muir Wilderness in August. If you always wanted to backpack in the Sierra Nevada but couldn't afford to spend a full week doing it, then this could be the trip for you. Info: [sierraclub.org/outings](http://sierraclub.org/outings)

## **SWAMI SEZ**

“Where else but Pacifica can you see a blue whale from a Taco Bell?” (Scott McKellar)

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