

NIMBY VS. PAMBY

Whenever I hear illogical nonsense from those who would build out our beautiful coast, I turn green (not red). Pacifica and the Midcoast have such highly coveted real estate exactly because of their open spaces and lack of density. Adding MORE housing and traffic would kill the golden goose, making this area LESS desirable. Isn't that obvious? So stop already, please, I say to the growth groupies, and go peddle your pro-development propaganda somewhere else. And next time somebody calls me a NIMBY ("not in my backyard"), I have a new acronym for them: PAMBY ("profit always in my backyard"). Here is the critical difference between NIMBYs and PAMBYs: When you see open space, do you imagine it staying green or filled up with beige boxes? Our brains are just wired differently.

FAKE BANK ALERTS

"I received a fake email supposedly from Wells Fargo saying there was suspicious activity on my account (they didn't say which one), that they had suspended my account, and a link to click. It had a bogus feel to it so I logged onto my account and there were no messages. It was obviously not suspended. I called Wells Fargo and they agreed that this was a phishing email to get account information. They had me forward it to the following email address: reportphish@wellsfargo.com. Over the years, I have had several actual fraud notifications from Wells Fargo, and it is usually by phone and they just say contact us, with no links or phone numbers." (posted on NextDoor Midcoast neighborhood forum)

WEAK LA NINA

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has confirmed that "La Niña conditions have arrived and are likely to remain through early 2018." The La Niña had been predicted for months, but not confirmed until last week. This means that there is a 65 to 75 percent chance of weak La Niña conditions continuing through the winter months ahead, based on the latest forecast guidance, NOAA says. This would mark the second consecutive winter with weak La Niña conditions as a potential weather influence. A strong La Niña really can produce drought-like conditions in our region. But weak La Niñas, like the one forecast, don't always do that. In fact, last winter's weak La Niña gave the West one of its wettest winters on record. Will it do the same in the Bay Area this year? If we get "average" rainfall, as is predicted by NOAA for the Bay Area, it will still be far more than during the drought years.

Meanwhile, NOAA is forecasting "near or slightly below average" temperatures for our area.

BAY GUARDIAN BACK ONLINE

"The San Francisco Bay Guardian won't be coming back as a weekly paper — for daily breaking news and independent voices, please visit 48hills.org, the website started in 2013 by Bay Guardian editors Tim Redmond and Marke B. The Bay Guardian will be making political endorsements, publishing political advocacy and opinion, relaunching Best of the Bay and the GOLDIES arts awards, and digitizing 48 years of archives and ephemera." (Source: sfbg.com)

GRAMMAR JAMMER

"Never leave alphabet soup on the stove and then go out. It could spell disaster." (Tatiana Ayazo)

SWAMI SEZ

"Where there's a will, I want to be in it." (Swami Umami)

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