



# Wandering & Wondering

John Maybury

## GOOD SAMARITAN

Inside Linda Mar Safeway recently, Scott McKellar absentmindedly pocketed his bank card and walked away from the Wells Fargo ATM without picking up the cash he had just withdrawn from the machine. "I heard a voice behind me say, 'Excuse me, sir, you forgot your money.' A man walked up and handed me my hundred dollars. What a town!" says Scott, who was so flustered by his good fortune that he forgot to get the Good Samaritan's name. So here for the record, in case that honest gentleman is reading this or if you know who he is, a big holiday hug from Scott and an "attaboy" from me.

## STAY STRONG

My silent partner on my Pacifica Riptide blog is very upset that not more people come out to City Council and Planning Commission meetings to keep the politicians in line. But some of us don't like going to meetings. We prefer to be activists by writing blog posts and letters to the editor of the Tribune. Hey, whatever it takes. I salute all of you who take the trouble to comment online, or write letters to the newspaper, or attend city meetings. We need all of you in the mix. Every public act matters. You are doing something about your community, not just sitting back and stewing in apathy. Stay involved, stay committed, stay active.

## BUY NOTHING

Aaron Zorndorf says on Riptide: "I just created this local nonprofit, Buy Nothing Group, for Pacificans only. Check it out on Facebook. It's a way to help each of our community members and to eliminate waste. Especially during this season of mass consumption, consider joining and continue gifting all year. There is no obligation. Buy Nothing: Give freely. Share creatively. Post anything

you'd like to give away, lend, or share among neighbors. Ask for anything you'd like to receive for free or borrow. Keep it legal. Keep it civil. No buying or selling, no trades or bartering, no soliciting for cash. We're an adult-only, hyper-local gift economy."

## REDWOODS WIN

"After years of opposition, Caltrans has rescinded its approvals for a controversial highway-widening project that would endanger ancient redwood trees in Richardson Grove State Park, along Highway 101 in Humboldt County. Conservation groups and local residents last week dismissed a lawsuit they filed in federal court in July in exchange for Caltrans abandoning the project approvals and agreeing to restart the environmental review if the agency pursues the project. Caltrans has been prohibited from any project construction activities by both a 2012 federal court injunction and a recent state court order. Conservation groups and local residents have now won three consecutive lawsuits challenging the 'Richardson Grove Operational Improvement Project,' a proposal that would cut into and pave over the roots of many of Richardson Grove's ancient redwoods, including some that are 2,000 years old, are 18 feet in diameter, and reach heights of 300 feet. Caltrans has pursued this project solely to benefit passage for oversized commercial trucks." (Environmental Protection Information Center - EPIC)

## SWAMI SEZ

"You can't have everything. Where would you put it?"

## MAYBURRITOVILLE

Blog PacificaRiptide.com

Email Mayburrito@Goofbuster.com