

Wandering and Wondering

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BAN THE BOMB

In keeping with our general theme of peace and quiet for Pacifica, I want to share with you my friend Tom Edminster's pleas to City Council and local police to do something about recent loud explosions rocking Linda Mar late at night. I second Tom's emotion on this highly emotional issue. I have been editorializing for years against these illegal blasts in our otherwise tranquil seaside community. I hope our council and police can find a solution soon. Everyone suffers, especially children, seniors, and pets. Captain Joe Spanheimer of the Pacifica Police investigative services division contacted me and shared what his department is doing to find the mad bombers and put a stop to their nocturnal disturbances. Police investigators are tracking the incidents and zeroing in on certain neighborhoods while trying to anticipate when such incidents are likely to occur. Police have actually leafleted areas where they suspect the bad guys live, asking neighbors to report their suspicions or actual knowledge to the nonemergency number 650-738-7314, the anonymous tip line 650-359-4444, or the city website online form. The police also are reaching out to the community through social media such as the Next Door networks and Pacifica blogs (Riptide, Index, Patch, Fix). The problem is that police have to see someone light an explosive to make an arrest, and most of these fireworks go off in backyards hidden from the street. Meanwhile, the city is considering a social-host ordinance for fireworks enforcement, similar to the law that holds party hosts responsible and liable for any damages caused by drunken partygoers.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Bob Kilburg writes: "I'm proud to be one of the founding board members on the Cañada College Athletic Hall of Fame. We need sponsors, donors, and providers of live-auction items. Cañada (canadacollege.edu) is a wonderful community college in Redwood City, with a rich athletic tradition. Last year, Harold Reynolds of MLB Network headed a superb and deserving cast of inductees. This year, former Giant and Major League All-Star Moises Alou heads up the class of 2014. I'd certainly love for you to attend, and please contact me with any questions about sponsorship or live-auction donations." (Bob Kilburg, President and Creative Director, bobkilburg.com, 650-766-1084)

EDGEWOOD PARK IN BLOOM

Throughout the Bay Area, Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve, near 280 and Edgewood Road in Redwood City, is famous for its spectacular spring wildflower displays. Friends of Edgewood docents offer free wildflower walks every Saturday and Sunday, March 15 through June 8, starting at 10 a.m. Every year is different at Edgewood. The weather favors some plants one year and a different set is abundant the next. Join us to discover what this year's crazy weather reveals. The approximately three-hour walks through grasslands, chaparral, coastal scrub, and foothill woodlands offer a surprising amount of biodiversity. You are likely to see 50-100 plants in flower on the moderately paced, three-mile journey. Edgewood supports more than 500 distinct plant species, four of which are federally listed as endangered or threatened. In addition, the fragile Bay checkerspot butterfly, one of the threatened species, has made its home in the unique habitat afforded by the serpentine grasslands. The various plant communities also provide habitat for frogs, lizards, foxes, coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, deer, and more than 70 resident and

migratory birds. Visitors can complement their docent-led walk by visiting the Education Center near the main entrance and featuring interactive exhibits that explain Edgewood's connection to the surrounding landscape and its history. Go to friendsofedgewood.org or call 1-866-GO-EDGEWOOD (1-866-463-3439) for more information.

FROM MY MAILBOX

My anonymous correspondent with all the good ideas writes: "The water levels in San Pedro Valley Park are the best news heard recently. Talk about an oasis. Reading about the new Whole Beast sustainable restaurant once again brings up tourism and Pacifica's image. This new restaurant underscores that Pacifica is an authentic community, whether we go back to the 1950s at Kenny's or the new world at Whole Beast. How about a name for a food festival ("Dining About Town") that shares our image with tourists and gives us a position apart from Half Moon Bay or Princeton? Also, Rockaway is our tourist area, so wouldn't a Highway 1 sound wall seriously violate our existing look as a small beach town? Finally, if the Whole Beast will look like the inside of a farmhouse, shouldn't it have some trees outside to lend a country touch? Lovey's could use some landscaping, too."

SWAMI SEZ

"Borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back."

(Steven Wright)

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