



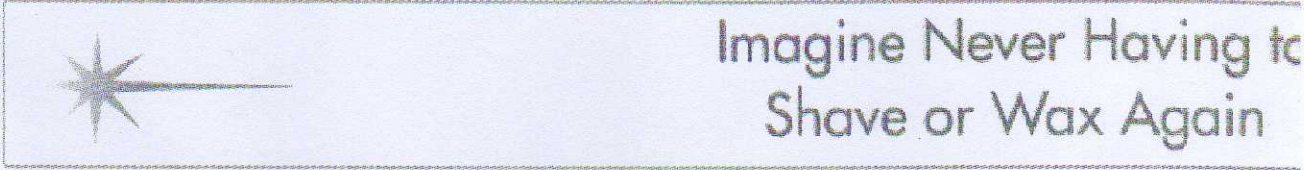
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## What's New: The mother of all holidays

*Treat her right and maybe she'll skip the '20 hours of labor' story for once...*

by Pat Fusco

**MOM'S THE WORD** Still looking for the right Mother's Day gift? Books are easy to find, a snap to wrap and always appreciated. If your mom is fond of wine, the fourth edition of **The California Directory of Fine Wineries** (Wine House Press, \$19.95) will give her an intimate look at nearby sources. Sonoma—and *Pacific Sun*—writer Marty Olmstead and travel photographer Robert Holmes of Mill Valley make this a pleasurable guide to sites in Sonoma, Napa and Mendocino, authoritative information accompanied by evocative color shots. Another book of local interest: **Cindy Pawlcyn's Appetizers** (10 Speed Press, \$15.95), a selection of popular starters from her Northern California restaurants. Its easel construction allows for easy use while preparing dishes such as roasted artichokes with tarragon/basil dressing or her famous onion rings with house-made dressing. Literary cooks will devour **Eat, Memory: Great Writers at the Table** (Norton, \$24.95), 26 personal stories (most with recipes) from contributors to the *New York Times Magazine*, edited by Amanda Hesser—writers as diverse as Pico Iyer, Yiyun Li and newsman Tucker Carlson.

**DINING DEALS** Two dining spots in Tiburon are paying attention to the economy by offering less expensive choices: **The Caprice**, an upscale landmark, has a three-course dinner Tuesday through Friday for \$35 per person, and over on Ark Row, **Cottage Eatery** celebrates burgers on Wednesday night—\$15 for adults, \$8 for children. In Tiburon, **Guaymas** (with its drop-dead view of the bay) has happy hour specials Monday through Friday (4:30-6:30pm) where bar food includes treats like taquitos, tamalitos and chicken sandwiches, with specialty drinks at \$5 each...Parents can get a deal at several venues these days. All branches of **Pasta Pomodoro** have free meals from the kids' menu on Tuesday evening with the purchase of adult entrees. At **Easy Street Café** in San Anselmo's Red Hill Shopping Center—with its built-in play area for children—Monday is the night for free meals for kids when adults order dinner...That takes care of the kids, now how about the teachers? If they dine at **Yankee Pier** in Larkspur any time during the month of May, they will receive \$10 off the cost of food and non-alcoholic drinks on each bill. All they have to do is show professional I.D. The **Lark Creek Restaurant Group** is celebrating Teacher Appreciation Month; the discount applies to all teachers in any group of diners.

**SUSTAINABLE AND TASTY, TOO** Attractions like national parks are not known for their cuisine; in fact, the lack of appealing food is usually the only disappointing part of a visit to a beautiful place. Muir Woods National Monument is an exception. Beginning in June, visitors will be able to enjoy healthful food from sustainable sources at **Muir Woods Trading Co.**, a 1,260-square-foot building housing a café and gift shop. More than half the food will be from Marin County, almost all of it from within 60 miles of the site. Operating the concession is **Cloudless Skies**, a division of Ortega Enterprises of Santa Fe.

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