



MARIN

Our new favorite trail

One of the latest links in the Bay Area Ridge Trail has coastal views for the record books. Marin's **Dias Ridge Trail**, a multiuse path (hiking, biking, and horseback riding all okay), connects State 1 to Panoramic Highway, 3.1 miles up the hill. The new stretch S-curves through rock gardens to a gently sloping ridge. Hikers can make longish loops by adding on the Miwok or Coastal Trails, but it's fun just to climb to sweeping vistas of Mt. Tamalpais, then head back down to Muir Beach's secluded crescent—ending with a frothy victory ale at the Pelican Inn. *Trailhead on State 1, across from the Pelican Inn; parksconservancy.org or 415/561-3000. —HARRIOT MANLEY*



POINT RICHMOND

The return of the superpool

In the '20s and '30s, huge indoor natatoriums à la the Sutor Baths dotted the Bay Area. **The Richmond Plunge** was one of them but, like the others, fell into disrepair and was shuttered. Unlike the others, it's back. Set to reopen August 14, it's been stripped down, shined up, and restored to its prewar glory. It's also gone eco: saline (instead of chlorine) treats water warmed by solar power to a toasty 83°. *E. Richmond Ave. at Dornan Dr.; 510/235-6157. —LISA TROTTIER*

PACIFICA

A friendly pour

 Pacifica has welcomed its first wine bar, a quick turn of the steering wheel off State 1 and a couple of blocks from Rockaway Beach. And can we just say—finally! True to its name, **A Grape in the Fog** has a list that spotlights Pinot Noir, the “foggy grape.” Pair a glass or a flight with a cheese or charcuterie plate. \$; 400 *Old County Rd.; agrapeinthefog.com or 650/735-5854. —GARY SINGH*

Don't miss... a whole day of free performances Sep 26 on UC Berkeley's campus. **Cal Performances** is filling 4 stages with 45-minute stints by some of its regular stars, like Kronos Quartet and Mark Morris Dance Group. Did we mention it's free? calperformances.org



POINT ARENA

HOME ON THE RANGE

The two new guest cottages at the **B Bryan Preserve** are hewn from history: the stairs were once church pews, the windows are Frank Lloyd Wright, even the toilets—pulled from a mansion—have provenance. The cottages also

allow you to get up close and personal with the herds of endangered African hoof stock—zebras and sable, kudu, and roan antelope (and, next year, giraffes too)—that roam the preserve. Visit the chicken coop and organic garden for meal fixings, and take the afternoon feeding tour with owners Frank and Judy Mello, who know each animal by name. \$210; 2-night minimum; tour \$20 for nonguests; bbryanpreserve.com or 707/882-2297. —SAMANTHA SCHOECH