

## Wandering & Wondering



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### Honor them

Pacifica Peace People gathered June 15 to honor the memory of American troops and innocent Iraqi civilians killed in the U.S. occupation of Iraq. The rally took place in front of Denny's, Highway 1 at Linda Mar Blvd. Response from passing motorists was mostly positive, with waves, smiles, peace signs, thumbs up, and honks. The next PPP peace vigil is July 20 at 6 p.m., same location. Info: [www.pacificapeacepeople.net](http://www.pacificapeacepeople.net).

### Attitude adjustment

A president lying about an extramarital affair is an impeachable offense. A president lying about going to war is solid defense policy. Got that straight?

### Citgo follow-up

Recently I reported that Venezuelan oil company Citgo ([www.citgo.com](http://www.citgo.com)), with a service station at Geneva and Bayshore and other Bay Area locations, was an alternative to Middle East-sourced gas. But I learned that Amnesty International has cited the Venezuelan government for human rights violations. And my independent-oilman contact tells me that Citgo is just another big oil company that screws consumers, small retailers, and jobbers. "They don't care where their crude comes from," he says. "They may have operations in Venezuela but will buy from anyone when they need to. All gas is refined locally by Tosco, Valero, Chevron, or local refiners, and delivered by fuel terminals in Brisbane and San Jose. Citgo does not have a local refinery. Supply and demand

rules. If you want to hurt George Bush, encourage people to stop buying large SUVs, and slow down when they drive." My guy says to patronize locally owned gas stations, one small way to provide jobs and tax revenue for Pacifica. He also urges the city to switch to biodiesel and renegotiate its fuel contract more frequently, instead of staying with the same source year after year. Why? "People in the fuel business tend to charge loyal customers more than customers they have to bid. This way they can profit more," says my Deep Throat. "Little things like that could cause a town to close a fire station or two. Oh—we've done that already."

### Pack rats

Do you save everything? Does the person who shares your space want to throw it all away? Collector, take heart! An Englishman who defied his neat-freak wife and saved old magazines, even cast-offs from the public library, is now \$10,000 richer because one of his "keepers" was a mint-condition 1965 Electronics magazine, which Intel had offered a reward for because it contained Intel founder Gordon Moore's article spelling out his famous Moore's Law, its first mention in print. (Moore's Law predicted rapid increases in technological complexity, leading to smaller and faster electronic devices.)

### Parenting for a Peaceful World

Robin Grille, a psychotherapist based in Sydney, Australia, has written "Parenting for a Peaceful World" (order from [www.our-emotional-health.com](http://www.our-emotional-health.com) or [www.naturalchild.com](http://www.naturalchild.com)). My friend Mitchell Hall, dean of the School of Humanities at New College in San Francisco, wrote the foreword and says the book is "amazing, important, and well researched."

### Laugh Locally

Ian Butler's comedy show on PCT cable channel 26, Saturday nights at 10, is a kick in the head. I caught the premiere with funnyman Howard Stone and funnywoman Reannie

Roads. Ian closed the show singing the Pacifica fog anthem and, as the credits rolled, I saw "no interns were harmed in the making of this show."

### Mockery

Edgemar resident Lionel Emde enjoys a mockingbird that has taken up singing in the neighborhood: "In listening to the rapid-fire sequence of calls, I could hear hawks, jays, gulls, and various songbirds. But there was a peculiar, circular sort of sound in his/her repertoire, which is very unbirdlike. After listening for a while, it struck me that it was the sound of a car alarm!"

### Presidio Pasados

Commemorate California's past with music, dance, and folklore on Friday, June 24. Free programs at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave. at Arguello Blvd., San Francisco. Afternoon fun for kids, 1-4 p.m. Fandango songs and dances of early California, 7-9 p.m. White Star Café open 5:30-8:30 p.m. Info: [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov) or 415-561-5500.

### Beach Huggers

Beach restoration: Sunday, June 26, 10 a.m., meet in Community Center parking lot.

### Due Diligence

1. Jeri Flinn saw that funny sign about coffee grounds at Starbucks in Fairmont, not Linda Mar. 2. I regret to inform you that beloved stamp collector Rolf Hermansen has died, so please contact Norwegian charity [www.tubfrim.no](http://www.tubfrim.no) about where to send your canceled stamps and phone cards.

### Swami Sez

The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.

### Mayburritoville

Yo, Caltrans, love your swell modular offices in the Linda Mar park-n-ride lot, but what's with the air conditioners? This is Fogzilla Country! Visit: [www.WanderingAndWondering.com](http://www.WanderingAndWondering.com)