

# Wandering & Wondering



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## Sniffer

On my annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Ride around the flatlands of Linda Mar, I smelled outstanding roast aromas at houses on Anza, Flores, Marvilla, and Rio Vista, to which I hereby award a four “Noses” rating, on a scale of one to four. Good cookin’, folks, and keep up the good work. Catch you next year. And by the way, I do accept bribes, so next time you see me riding my bike and sniffing the air, run out and give me a sample.

## JFK

Thanks to Realtor Andy Breslin for running a display ad in the Nov. 23 Tribune marking the 42nd anniversary of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy’s assassination in Dallas, Texas.

## Trivial Pursuits

A new U.S./U.K. joint study on memory says that trivia buffs tend to be more creative than ordinary folks. This is good news for gamers as we head into board game and family reunion season.

## Trust the land

Pacifica Land Trust works to pro-

tect our beaches and hillsides. Find out how they help keep Pacifica green and beautiful, and how you can help them stay in business: pacificalandtrust.org, 650-438-0894

## Keep off the grass

Please keep your kids and dogs out of San Pedro Creek in the newly planted area. Give the trees and grasses a chance to take hold, and especially don’t disturb the ducks that are beginning to make a new home there. Would you like it if they walked around your home with wet, muddy feet?

## Bushish

Ian Butler and Ian Jensen, aka The Ians, have recorded the song “George Bush Sings Monster Hash,” which imagines a day when Republicans and Democrats find common ground in a THC-induced stupor. Download the song at ianbutlermusic.com, or from Dr. Demento at krellan.com/demento, or call 562-ODD-TUNE (562-633-8863).

## The champ

Clark Myron Natwick, son of Clark Natwick of Pacifica, won five national championships for cyclocross bicycle racing in the 1980s, culminating in a national championship raced right here in Pacifica along Roberts

Road and the hills behind Cabrillo School. He raced in Europe, Central America, Taiwan, Japan, Canada, and all over the United States. Now at 47 he is a bicycle racing coach. Nov. 20 was the final race in a series of cyclocross races that took place all over the U.S. and that were named for Natwick fils as a tribute to his lifetime commitment to the sport. He was inducted into the Pacifica Sports Hall of



Athletes cross the finish line in the Clark Natwick Cyclocross.



Clark Natwick with his son, also Clark Natwick, and family.

Fame a few years ago. Cyclocross info: ncna.org.

## Siteseer

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jobs, classes: mediabistro.com. Find out what makes atheists tick: sfatheists.com

## Subject matter

Judith Tugendreich’s spam filter recently caught three Shakespeareansounding subject lines in a row: “In hear be bristly pomegranate/Dollie Ybarra buttermilk/But type so odyssey.” Oh yeah, we know how ya feel!

## Make a difference

Eileen Manning-Villar and her friend Jennifer Mitchell got fed up with Christmas commercials and commercialism last year and decided to start a Coastside Alternative Gift Fair, (as reported in last week’s Tribune), where they encourage folks to donate to charities instead of buying a lot of useless stuff. To liven things up there will be a bellydancer, a juggler, entertainers, and kids’ activities, plus free admission. Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ocean Shore School, 411 Oceana Blvd. Representatives of various charities and relief groups will be present to answer questions. The fair is modeled after a very successful one in Takoma Park, Md. Info: newdream.org, 359-9361

## Yuk

Jones Soda Company of Seattle has flavors in turkey and gravy, green-bean casserole, smoked salmon, corn on the cob, Brussels sprouts, pecan pie, and new this fall, smoked salmon. Jones CEO Peter van Stolk admitted that he can’t finish drinking a bottle of the new salmon soda. Smart man. (Lennart Lundgren read it on Reuters.)

## Local railroad history

A working model of the Ocean

Shore Railroad in Pacifica, formerly displayed at the Best Western Lighthouse Hotel in Rockaway, now resides at Kathleen Manning’s Prints Old and Rare, 580 Crespi Drive, Spaces L and M, on public view Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Manning, co-president of the Pacifica Historical Society, says the group hopes to house the model in the old Ocean Shore railroad car once it has been restored. Also, Bob Pickerrell has six small murals of the Ocean Shore Railroad stations hanging in the hallway across from the Chamber of Commerce office in Rockaway.

## Haiku Doggy

I lie belly up  
In the sunshine, happier  
Than you’ll ever be.

## Haiku Nerdy

Three things are certain:  
Death, taxes, and lost data.  
Guess which has occurred.

## Swami Sez

“See, in my line of work you got to keep repeating things over and over and over again for the truth to sink in, to kind of catapult the propaganda.” (President George W. Bush on washingtonpost.com as quoted in the Oklahoma Observer, Oct. 10, 2005)

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