

Wandering & Wondering

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ROAD WARRIORS

The Rickson family (right) cleaned up Fassler Avenue earlier this summer, removing three bags of litter, one bag of recyclables, and lots of car parts and Styrofoam, but only two Jack Daniel's bottles. At past cleanups they have collected as many as a dozen empty JD bottles. The Ricksons have adopted Fassler and cleaned it for Earth Day in April, Coastal Cleanup Day in September, and just about every other month for more than three years. Before that, they cleaned Palmetto Avenue from Walgreens to IBL School. Nancy Rickson also inspired Cabrillo School families to adopt streets around the school and clean them for Earth Day.

SAVE KCSM-TV

The College of San Mateo reportedly plans to sell its KCSM-TV station to make ends meet. Community groups and individuals who rely on KCSM for its educational content are organizing a support group to save the station. Stay tuned for details on how you can help.

BOSTON BILL IN HIGH GEAR

Boston Bill's Cheesesteak and Chowder House now aims to open in mid-September at the

old KFC store in Rockaway.

A bright new sign has gone up in front, giving Highway 1 commuters something new to look at. Stay tuned for details. Owner William McGowan says, "We have finally shifted into high gear."

WORLD WIDE WEIRD

Last week I told you that the 405-year-old Icelandic clam Ming is the oldest living thing on earth. Hold the presses! I heard from my pal Jeff "El Jefe" Bagshaw about the giant coast redwood tree on Skyline Boulevard (right) that is almost 2,000 years old. And then there is Methuselah, the nearly 5,000-year-old bristlecone pine in the White Mountains of Inyo County, California. My apologies to all the really old trees out there. And never again will I trust what I read on a Snapple bottle cap.

NATURE BOY

Paul Donahue took these pictures (right) of seagulls at Linda Mar. Paul says, "After a hiatus of several months, these resting adult Heermann's Gulls recently returned to Pacifica State Beach at Linda Mar from their nesting islands in the Gulf of California. Like many midsummer gulls, they look a

little ratty and need to molt." See these and other Pacifica fauna and flora in full color on my Pacifica Riptide blog.

THIS COLUMN ONLINE

Now you can access my archived Pacifica Tribune columns on my Pacifica Riptide blog (pacificariptide.com). I will post a PDF of each column after it appears here in the newspaper. You also can find my past columns at pacificatribune.com. My columns published before July 13, 2011 are available at wanderingandwondering.com

SWAMI SEZ

"24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not." (H. L. Mencken)

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Now there is an updated version of the essential classic: "The Copy Editor's Handbook, Third Edition" by Amy Einsohn (order from Florey's Book Co. on Palmetto)

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- Tips for living "The Green Life": sierraclub.org
- Surfboard revolution: Google "Dumpster Diver"
- California's forgotten landscapes: a-state-of-change.com

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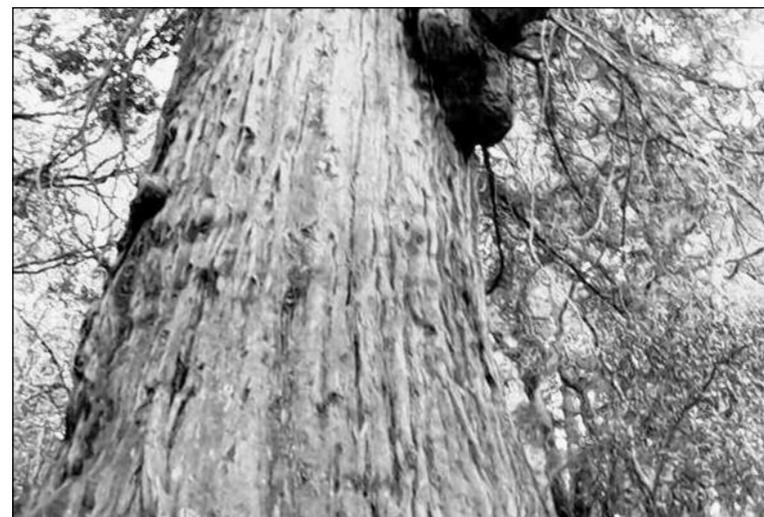


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