



## Wandering & Wondering

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### **PAY PARKING AT THE BEACH**

After years of giving it away for free, the City of Pacifica begins paid parking enforcement Friday, July 12 at Linda Mar Beach and Community Center parking lots. I support the concept as a way for this cash-strapped city to generate much-needed revenue, but I wonder how effective or fair the program will be. Mainly, I worry about the impact on nearby neighborhoods, the two adjacent shopping centers, and the park-and-ride lot. What are your thoughts?

### **CALIFORNIA NATURAL HISTORY**

Sign up quick for the new Natural History (Bio 111) course coming this fall. Seats are still available! Fall 2013 Field Course, 4.0 units, Biology 111, Natural History of California, Skyline College, email anttilasuarez@smccd.edu

### **FLICK NATION TO WEB TALK RADIO**

Award-winning Bay Area film critic Dennis Willis takes his show to a bigger stage. His weekly Flick Nation Radio program (flicknation.net) joins Matrix Media's Web Talk Radio on July 8. "We've been searching high and low for the right media partner and have been impressed at how Web Talk Radio has been able to bridge the gap between traditional broadcast radio and internet radio," says Willis, a member of the San Francisco Film Critics Circle and the Broadcast Film Critics Association. He says he has never understood why sports and politics were deemed worthy of 24-hour analysis, but the entertainment industry had been relegated to fluff and fashion coverage. "Every single day, decisions are made that affect not only what we watch, but how we watch it. This is the most exciting time in the history of the medium, and it's time to change the conversation," he says.

### **NUISANCE NEIGHBOR**

If your neighbors don't maintain their property, you don't have to suffer blight in silence. The City of Pacifica has a well-developed code that prohibits property owners from creating public nuisances such as graffiti, storing junk or garbage cans in the front yard, loud noises (including barking dogs), allowing home exteriors to degrade excessively, storing inoperative vehicles outside, stacking combustibles, uncontrolled weeds, and illegal deposits into creeks. If you want to report a problem or check on a prohibited activity, see Pacifica Municipal Code under "City Government" on the city website: [CityOfPacifica.org](http://CityOfPacifica.org). The website also contains

a link under Planning Department Code Enforcement (or call 650-738-7341) for the short form to report problems. The form requires you to identify yourself, but the city will not disclose your reporting. Offending neighbors will get a letter directing them to correct the prohibited activity. Nobody may know who helped clean up blight on your street, but your property values and those of your neighbors will improve due to your action.

### **STAR WARS**

News flash from the People's Think Tank: "Now that the Obama Pentagon has revealed that the entire world is a battlefield, liberals in the Democratic Party can breathe a sigh of relief that Mitt Romney failed in his attempt to take over the executive branch of the United States and expand the so-called war on terror into the farthest reaches of space. Republican insiders recently revealed that if Romney had been elected, not only would he have sent an archeological expedition to Missouri to locate the Garden of Eden, he also would have had the Pentagon declare the entire world a battlefield, plus the Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars. Thanks to the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF), the president as commander-in-chief can now target anyone anywhere in the world for "elimination with extreme prejudice." This, of course has led to mildly annoying incidents of blowback (see 9/11). But if Romney's rumored plan to extend the battlefield into outer space had come to pass, it is believed that extra-terrestrials such as Venusians and Martians (close relatives of the mighty Klingons of Kronos) would have been tempted to actually destroy Earth in retaliation. But waiting in the wings are plans formulated by Tea Party members to declare the entire solar system a battlefield. This would reignite the dispute as to whether Pluto is a planet, making it eligible for a U.S. Embassy and associated C.I.A. and military installations. This is in addition to the recent revelation that within the Tea Party an even more conservative subset, the Cocktail Party, is demanding that the entire galaxy be a battlefield. The more temperate members of that group insist that the Pentagon first take control of the solar system and then go star system by star system until the galaxy is finally rid of all terrorist organizations and their supporters once and for all."

### **SWAMI SEZ**

"It only tastes illegal." (San Francisco Giants closer Sergio Romo launches his new Mexican Chocolate flavor from Three Twins Ice Cream.)

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