



Wandering & Wondering

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PAY PARKING AT LINDA MAR BEACH

•And now the news: Annual parking passes (stickers) for \$50 go on sale July 22 with a button or link on the city website (in several places). Passes also go on sale July 22 at Parks, Beaches & Recreation (PB&R) on Francisco Boulevard in Sharp Park, around the corner from City Hall. Passes are issued for ONE vehicle and are not transferable to any other person or vehicle. Daily passes also will be sold in the parking lots.

•PB&R Director Mike Perez says, "The parking program has been discussed and announced at several City Council meetings this year. Signs were placed in the lots announcing the parking program and passes. We have put information in both the Tribune (several times) and Patch, as well as on our Facebook page and website."

•A citizen's suggestion for PB&R: "The California State Parks Poppy Pass is \$195, good in a great many places in the state. It is a hanging tag that can be displayed on whatever vehicle we want. And the San Mateo County Parks pass, same thing, it's moveable. Why shouldn't the Pacifica beach pass be moveable? Folks have multiple vehicles; we entertain out-of-town guests with rental cars. Make it moveable! And will there be bicycle racks there? Please also take into account that a large part of the population here does not read the Pacifica Tribune or Pacifica Patch. Perhaps it is time for the city to invest in a mailer or go door to door or get out onto the streets and talk to folks directly, inviting them to share info with the neighbors. You can get citizens to do some of the heavy lifting in disseminating information, but it has to begin in the Parks/Rec office. Communication and getting folks on board is key to a successful introduction of this new program."

•My suggestion for PB&R: Try including the three locally owned blogs in your media releases (Pacifica Riptide, Fix Pacifica, Pacifica Index). Also, inform county, state, and nonprofit agencies that reach surfers, beachgoers, fishers, dogwalkers.

MIXED METAPHOR MESS

Peter Loeb notes the mixed metaphors and cliches in this July 11 Daily Journal story: "Ben Fuller, president of the Greater East San Carlos group, said as soon as councilmembers pull the trigger on the project he will pull the trigger on his plan to place a referendum on the ballot overturning the approval. Fuller is proposing the plan as an individual resident, not as a board representative, he said. 'This way we can hit the ground running by having all of our ducks in a row,' Fuller said."

INNER EDIROT

The writer of this sentence was a real space case: "Once up on a time, there was a popular search engine called Alta Vista." (San Francisco Chronicle business section, Bay Area Roundup, July 12)

TYPEWRITERS ARE BACK

Get out your dried-up bottle of Wite-Out correction fluid and brush the cobwebs off your trusty old typewriter. It might be time to go back to old technology. Due to security concerns with Internet communications, the Russian Federal Guard Service (FSO), equivalent to the U.S. Secret Service, is reverting to using paper and typewriters for internal memos, according to a story in the July 11 Guardian. What a hoot! What's next, white boots and hip huggers?

SWAMI SEZ

"Traveling through Thailand, coconut water is traditionally served at numerous roadside stands by smiling vendors." (Swami found this on the label of a bottle of Real Coconut Water. Swami thinks that the copywriter is grammatically challenged.)

SHARP PARKER DEFENSE

Linda Corwin writes: "I have several things I would like to say in answer to the description of Sharp Park given [in your column last week] by 'The Rat.' Most of my thoughts are too evil to put in writing, so here are some of my milder thoughts:

- I have lived in Sharp Park for about 35 years and have never had a problem getting to know my neighbors.
- Anytime one of us is in need, we have no problem asking any of our neighbors for help.
- Sharp Parkers are some of Pacifica's most active citizens in civic affairs, volunteering, and mentoring.
- I will dare to say that Sharp Parkers are fiercely independent, and cherish the freedom to put whatever 'crap' we want to in our yards, drive the wrong way, or stop our car in the middle of the street to talk to a neighbor.
- I'm sorry 'The Rat' didn't take the time to look at the neighborhood before he moved in, but we would not be sorry to see him move right back to where he came from. (We might even help him pack!)
- Others have tried to change Pacifica into a storybook place, where all the houses look alike and all the people think alike, but none have succeeded.
- And what is that comment about Mexican food? Pacificans enjoy a great variety of ethnic foods and are accepting of anyone -- as long as they don't try to change us."

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