



# Wandering & Wondering

## John Maybury

### LOVE ME, I'M A LIBERAL

I don't mind being called a liberal. I identify with the great American liberal, President Thomas Jefferson. You should read up on him. Incidentally, Tribune letter writers who say they don't read my column should be aware that I have implanted microchips in my masthead (hint: the big B on my Boston Red Sox cap) to track readers' eye movements across my deathless prose. So you cheaters who sneak peeks at Wandering and Wondering are busted! I know who you are.

### PEACE DAY

On September 21, in honor of International Peace Day, Pacifica Peace People (PPP) runs a full-page ad in the Pacifica Tribune to support peace and urge our representatives to focus our resources at home rather than on wars abroad. To see and sign the ad, email Leslie Davidson at [leslie@pacificapeacepeople.net](mailto:leslie@pacificapeacepeople.net) for instructions. PPP could use help paying for the ad, so please pledge \$5 (or more) at the PayPal link on the PPP home page, or mail a check, payable to Pacifica Peace People (not tax deductible), in care of Leslie Davidson, 1302 Rosita Road, Pacifica, CA 94044. You are not required to send money to have your name on the ad.

### HIGHWAY 1 WIDENING

Public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA) for State Route 1/Calera Parkway Widening Project in Pacifica is now open. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce congestion on the segment

of State Route 1 that extends approximately 2,300 feet north of Reina Del Mar Avenue to approximately 1,500 feet south of Fassler and Rockaway Beach avenues. All documents for the project can be reviewed on the TA website at [www.smcta.com](http://www.smcta.com). The documents also are available at Sanchez Library, Sharp Park Library, Pacifica City Hall, Pacifica Community Center, and other locations. Caltrans, which is responsible for any changes to state highways, will hold a public meeting for people to review the environmental analysis and provide comments on Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Pacifica Community Center, 540 Crespi Drive at Highway 1. Verbal or written comments on the Draft EIR/EA can be submitted at the public meeting or anytime during the review period, which ends October 7, 2011 at 5 p.m. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is lead agency on the proposed project. San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) and the City of Pacifica are co-sponsors. Submit comments by U.S. mail, fax, or email to: Yolanda Rivas, Branch Chief, Division of Environmental Planning & Engineering, California Department of Transportation District 4, Attn: Thomas Rosevear, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94623, Fax: 510-286-5600, Email: [thomas\\_rosevear@dot.ca.gov](mailto:thomas_rosevear@dot.ca.gov)

### FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS

Paul Donahue spends hours on Pacifica's rocky coastline watching shorebirds (right): Wandering Tattlers, Black Turnstones, Surfbirds, Black Oystercatchers. "All of these birds spend their lives foraging

close to the breaking waves, where the foraging is most productive," Paul says. See more of Paul's pictures in his Pacifica Shorebirds photo album on the lower-right sidebar of my Pacifica Riptide blog.

### TO PACIFICA POT

Pacifica palindromist Alan Wald caught Avril Hughes' letter to the editor in the Pacifica Tribune (August 24) about a medical marijuana dispensary in Pacifica. Alan says, "I heard the operator will be appealing the cease-and-desist order from the police, and hopes to be up and running again in a few weeks. I look forward to posting the first palindromic signage that points the way TO PACIFICA POT."

### BAG IT

"Bag It" has been garnering awards at film festivals across the nation. What started as a documentary about plastic bags evolved into a wholesale investigation into plastics and their effect on our waterways, oceans, and even our bodies. If you missed the recent screening at Owen Hall or the PCT broadcast, look for the film on Netflix or elsewhere online. See the preview at [bagitmovie.com/trailer](http://bagitmovie.com/trailer). And take action at [environmentcalifornia.org](http://environmentcalifornia.org) to protest the plastic industry's outrageous attempt to insert propaganda into California schoolbooks. Susanne Rust of California Watch wrote a good op-ed about this in the August 19 San Francisco Chronicle. (Thanks to Ian Butler and Lynn Adams for this information.)

### LEARN FRENCH & SPANISH

Jefferson Union High School District, Adult Community Education, offers French and Spanish language classes at Terra Nova High School, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., September 14 through December 7, French in Room 315, Spanish in Room 309. Come to class to register or call JUHSD Adult Education at 650-550-7871 or visit JUHSD Adult Education's website under Community Edu-

cation. Cost: \$60 per semester (12 classes). Email instructors for info: [moniquedubief@earthlink.net](mailto:moniquedubief@earthlink.net) (French), [spanishwithchristine@gmail.com](mailto:spanishwithchristine@gmail.com) (Spanish)

### BOOK OF THE WEEK

"Eats Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation" by Lynne Truss (order from Florey's Book Co. on Palmetto)

### SITeseer

- Read Warren Buffett's column "Stop Coddling the Super-Rich": [nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com) (August 14)
- Tech with a twist: [gajitz.com](http://gajitz.com)
- Design ideas daily: [dornob.com](http://dornob.com)

### SWAMI SEZ

"Going to the woods is going home." (John Muir)

### MAYBURRITOVILLE

- "Wandering and Wondering" columns: [PacificaRiptide.com](http://PacificaRiptide.com), [WanderingAndWondering.com](http://WanderingAndWondering.com) (archive), [PacificaTribune.com](http://PacificaTribune.com)
- "Meandering" columns: [LomaPrieta.SierraClub.org](http://LomaPrieta.SierraClub.org) (newsletter)
- Freelance copyeditor: [Goofbuster.com](http://Goofbuster.com)
- Blogs: [PacificaRiptide.com](http://PacificaRiptide.com), [PacificaRiptide.com/inner\\_editor](http://PacificaRiptide.com/inner_editor)
- "Your Inner Editor" classes: email [mayburrito@goofbuster.com](mailto:mayburrito@goofbuster.com)



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Black Oystercatcher