



# Wandering & Wondering

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## HELP NEPAL QUAKE VICTIMS

“Over the past decade we have been supporting non-profit organization SEEDS, where every dollar goes toward helping with education, health, or environmental issues in villages in Nepal. If you really want to help the people of Nepal, one of the best ways would be to donate to SEEDS. For more information about this fabulous organization of volunteers, please check out the [seednepal.org](http://seednepal.org) website.” (Pacifians Jerry Barrish and Nancy Russell)

## LOCAL HERO

Pacifian Susan Pemberton of the California Academy of Science scraped the motorcycle gang graffiti off the sperm whale carcass on a Pacifica beach, reports Leah Garchik (S.F. Chronicle, April 28).

## GLOVE AFFAIR

Wandering and wondering Scott McKellar of Linda Mar Heights comes up with this doozie: “Why do we still call them glove compartments? How many Pacifians still keep gloves in their glove compartments?” Then with tongue in cheek, Scott asks, “Also on the topic of gloves, if one size fits all, why are we sometimes asked to handle something with kid gloves? How can we squeeze our adult-size fingers into kid gloves?” That Scott, he’s a real kiddier.

## POLICE BEAT: NUDE CAR WASH

Sometimes, reading the Pacifica police log results in sore ribs from laughing so hard. Case in point: Dispatch recently received a call about a naked man washing his car in the driveway – reportedly the engine had been running for seven hours.

## \$10 MILLION TYPO

“A typo amounted to a \$10 million mistake in northern New Jersey. Bergen County freeholders approved a \$115 million bond issue in 2012 to pay for

a justice center in Hackensack and an \$18 million public works facility in Paramus. The Record newspaper ([northjersey.com](http://northjersey.com)) in Woodland Park reports that when officials revised the bond paperwork, they mistakenly dropped the first digit of the Paramus project’s cost. That brought its recorded price tag to \$8 million. Officials say they will either have to revise the bond ordinance or find ways to carve money from the rest of the project. They’re working to find out how the mistake happened.” (Dear Officials, I have some free advice for you: Next time, hire a copy editor for 50 bucks an hour, saving you \$10 million and much embarrassment.)

## STARBUCKS & TRAFFIC COLLIDE

Starbucks is moving into the former Straw Hat pizza parlor at Oceana & Manor. How much worse can traffic get at that already insane intersection? How many more Starbucks does Pacifica need? Why not support locally owned & operated coffeehouses instead?

## SAN MATEO BRIDGE CLOSURES

The San Mateo Bridge closes May 22-25 from 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday. During the closure, Caltrans construction crews resurface and treat the deck, which recorded more than 17 million vehicle crossings during the 2014 fiscal year. Crews also perform routine maintenance on the bridge. Use the Dumbarton Bridge, the Bay Bridge, or Highway 237 in the South Bay as alternatives during the shutdown. Updates are posted at [511.org](http://511.org) (source: SMCTA).

## SWAMI SEZ

“Melancholy is the pleasure of being sad.” (Victor Hugo)

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