

CLEAN UP HIGHWAY 1

Highway 1 between Devil's Slide Tunnels and Linda Mar needs some serious weeding and cleanup all along both shoulders, including removal or repair of the crumpled Caltrans construction sign on the downhill side. The entire roadway north of the tunnels is littered with trash, debris, and weeds on both sides. This makes driving that dangerous S curve even more difficult than usual, especially when bicyclists try to ride on the very narrow-to-nonexistent shoulders. The weeds and trash just add to the lack of visibility. It feels like an accident just waiting to happen. I submitted a maintenance request June 29 on the Caltrans District 4 online form. Caltrans replied July 14 that it has scheduled the area for cleanup. Stay tuned.

CAT MAN ON THE AIR

Heard a mellow KCSM jazz deejay talking about leaving his radio on at home so his cat can hear his voice on the air. Then, in his best cool-cat voice, he said, "Hey, buddy, don't worry, I'll be home soon." Nice.

STOCK YOUR SHELTER

If a certain someone gets elected president this November, some people are talking about moving out of the country, while others are stocking up on freeze-dried and dehydrated food from companies like Harmony House (harmonyhousefoods.com).

WHO'S IN THE NEXT LANE?

The Half Moon Bay Review police log for July 5 included multiple reports of impaired driving on Coastside roads, most of them involving DUI (drugs and/or alcohol), reckless drivers, suspended licenses, uninsured motorists, weapons and/or burglary tools in the car, outstanding warrants, etc. Very scary to think about all these knuckleheads out driving among the law-abiding. Thanks to law enforcement for catching as many of the bad guys as they can, but why do so many more manage to drive around endangering life and limb? It's enough to make you wish you drove a James Bond car with those useful gadgets to stop crime in its tracks.

SOUTHERN LIVING

Of all the lifestyle websites out there on the Internet, Southern Living has the best food styling and photography, the kind that makes your mouth water just by looking at the pictures. I just found an odd recipe on the site: white barbecue sauce. It's made with mayonnaise, white vinegar, lemon juice, sugar, salt, and pepper. Hmm, not sure about that one. I'm so used to the red stuff. But this might be worth a shot. (That's why I call this space Wandering and Wondering.)

SITSEER

See live camera action -- bears fishing, ospreys nesting, all kinds of up-close-and-personal wildlife:

<http://explore.org>

THE CAREFUL EATER

Slim and trim President Barack Obama has a regular late-night snack of seven lightly salted almonds: not six, not eight, but exactly seven. (A one-ounce serving is 20-24 almonds.) He also drinks mostly water instead of coffee, tea, or soda. (Nutrition Action newsletter)

SWAMI SEZ

“The City of Pacifica may be broke, but we could bottle and sell fog, our only sustainable natural resource.”
(Scott McKellar)

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