



Wandering & Wondering

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JOHNNY WALKER

That's me, doing the daily walk up and down my one-block-long street, using my handy-dandy four-wheel walker, rehabbing my bum knee and looking forward to getting this leg cast off January 5 and joining the water aerobics class at the pool. It couldn't come too soon.

KEEPER: THANKSGIVING EDITORIAL

"And here on the coast we give thanks for the raw, unadulterated beauty of the place. If you have the opportunity, we hope you will work off Thursday's turkey with a walk along the bluff tops. Feel the cool breeze as the air blows over the sea and kisses the coast. Watch the seabirds float above waves where whales dip and dive in an underwater world that most of us can only imagine. While you are out there, appreciate the forethought of your forebears, who refused to allow developers to spoil it all. Up and down the California coast, there have been countless battles over access to this land. Committed Californians have endured hours of land-use meetings so that you can take this holiday walk. You won't have it to yourself. You're likely to be distracted by rowdy tourists or the occasional unleashed dog. But this land is yours nonetheless, because it is all of ours." (Clay Lambert, Half Moon Bay Review, November 26)

POISON ON THE PLATTER

In his documentary "Poison on the Platter," Indian filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt examines from a unique non-Western perspective how multinational corporations and government regulators have conspired to spread genetically engineered (GE) foods across India. The film provides an insightful perspective about the world impact of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), as discussed by scientists on the other side of the globe. If you don't believe contamination of our food supply by GMOs holds the potential for planetary disaster, you might change your mind after seeing this film. GE proponents claim that GE foods are the solution to world hunger, increased crop yield and variety, lowered input costs, and reduced environmental impact. They also claim that foods derived from GMOs are "substantially equivalent" to foods cre-

ated by conventional growing methods. The problem is that none of those claims are supported by science. (Michelle Coxon forwarded this mercola.com news item)

EL NINO BOUNCE

Given up for dead only two weeks ago, El Nino has rebounded to a 70 percent confidence level, meaning that meteorologists now give this coming winter's storms a better-than-even chance of producing bonus rainfall from a warming trend in the Pacific Ocean. (Source: Australia's Bureau of Meteorology, reported on Earth-week.com)

COASTSIDE SHUTTLES

Ask the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (mtc.ca.gov), Commute.org, [SamTrans \(samtrans.com\)](http://SamTrans.com), and your elected representatives (city and county) to include our Coastside communities in all future transportation planning. Several existing SamTrans bus lines now connect the Coastside to BART at Colma and Daly City (including limited express service, but mostly slow milk runs). Coastside commuters need fast, direct shuttle buses to Oyster Point, Caltrain, and BART transit hubs, especially Millbrae.

INNER EDITOR

For your reading pleasure this holiday season: Robert Hartwell Fiske's "The Dictionary of Disagreeable English: A Curmudgeon's Compendium of Excruciatingly Correct Grammar"

SITSEER

Bookworm computer games: PopCap.com

SWAMI SEZ

"Happiness equals reality minus expectations." (Tom Magliozzi)

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