

Wondering and Wandering

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WILY COYOTES STALK PACIFICA PETS

"Our 17-year-old indoor/outdoor cat Manny didn't come home the other night. My husband went looking for him the following day on the hill behind our house, and he found his collar and a lot of fur. We immediately suspected a coyote or some other wildlife was to blame. My husband set up a webcam the next night and captured footage of a coyote trying to attack a skunk at the water and food dishes (normally left out for the cat--we wanted to see if whatever attacked Manny would come back). The skunk scared the coyote off! I wanted to pass it on that coyotes are now in Park Pacifica on Everglades bordering Grand Teton. In my 40+ years in Pacifica, we have never had this problem, and our indoor/outdoor cats over those 40 years have lived long and happy lives. We're now kicking ourselves for being so naive as to think it couldn't happen here. I hate to think of anyone else's pets meeting their untimely end this way. For our part, I'm going to ask my kids to make and post some warning signs for the neighborhood. Thanks for your help." (name withheld by request)

PET PEEVE 1

Drivers who use the left-turn lane on southbound Highway 1 nearing Linda Mar Boulevard to pass and cut in front of you in the right-turn lane. Do you remember that James Bond car that had popup cutting blades on the side of the tires? I want one of those.

PET PEEVE 2

Drivers who pull out right in front of you from side streets, forcing you to slam on your brakes and spill your groceries, your coffee, your Slurpee, whatever. Do you remember that James Bond car that had a Hellfire missile launcher? I want one of those.

TRAFFIC TRUTHS

Drivers who cut in front of you and weave in and out of lanes create what traffic engineers call "shock waves" that slow everybody down, including the road hogs. Those morons who weave or cut in front of you may gain five seconds now, but they will suffer later on. They will get caught in traffic or get a ticket or get smacked by Big Karma.

HIGHWAY 1 FORUM REPLAY

Google Pacific Coast TV and look for PCT's Internet stream of the June 25 Highway 1 forum.

PACIFICA SOLAR STARS

Pacifica Libraries (Sharp Park, Sanchez), Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School, Sunset Ridge Elementary School, Vallemar Elementary School, Ocean Shore Elementary School, Linda Mar Educational Center, Cabrillo Elementary School, Terra Nova High School, Oceana High School, Good Shepherd Elementary School, Ortega Elementary School, Alma Heights Christian Academy, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Bethany Baptist Church

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SWAMI SEZ

"I didn't make it to the gym again today. That makes five years in a row." (forwarded by Pierre Messerli)

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