



the reactor

by Paul Azevedo

David Wallachinsky had a lot of fun, and success, with his "Book of Lists," and the reason is not hard to find. The reason is people like me, who can't put that kind of book down.

Pacifica's Book of Lists would probably be too ambitious an undertaking. As for writing even a column of lists out of my own head alone, I haven't the nerve. How about a bit of help. Send in your nominees to "Reactor," Box 1188, Pacifica, 94044.

Who would you add to:
Pacifica's most famous singers.
I'll start it off with Dale Emde and Mary Ann Hay.

Pacifica's best known relative of a TV star.

That would be Lorraine Coen, who is probably better known in Sharp Park than her young relative, Suzanne Somers, though Lorraine has not been on as many magazine covers.

Pacifica's best-known politicians

Who would you add to Jean Fassler and Nick Gust?

Pacifica's best known restaurant operators.

That would be Nick Gust and—uh—Nick Gust, and—Nick Gust? After all, he does operate three restaurants.

Pacifica's greatest sports figure.

I nominate Willie Goggin. Willie was the golf pro at Sharp Park golf course 45 years ago. He came within a whisker of winning the most important golf tournament of his time.

Pacifica's best recreational facilities developed and paid for by the city.

That qualification excludes Sharp Park golf course and archery range, both paid for by the city of San Francisco, the beaches, a gift of God, and the fishing pier, paid for mostly with federal money. That leaves Frontierland Park and a few playing fields, plus a few neighborhood places for kids.

Pacifica's Friendliest Street.

My fellow staff member, Bob Verdeckberg, would probably nominate Spruce Court. You may think it's your street, and if you do, that says a lot of nice things about both you and your neighbors.

Pacifica's northernmost street.

Eastridge Circle, in Fairmont. Our southernmost street, Springwood court, is six airline miles south of Eastridge. Springwood nestles under Montara mountain, Eastridge nestles under the freeway, and each has residents who think that's great.

Pacifica's most famous Agricultural product.

Before there was a Pacifica it was artichokes. Today it's probably heather.

Our most important product?

Probably the kids who graduate each year from Terra Nova and Oceana.

Pacifica's largest employer.

The school districts are the largest employers in town, but the largest employer of Pacificans is the San Francisco Airport, in every category from mechanic to stewardess.

What are your nominees in the following categories

Pacifica's happiest persons.

Pacifica's five best teachers.

Pacifica's five most public-spirited teen-agers.

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