

Wandering & Wondering



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HAIL TO THE CHIEF

Congratulations to Barack H. Obama, inaugurated as president of the United States on January 20. President Obama's speeches have been favorably compared to those of the great Roman orator Cicero.

CITY FOR PEACE

Pacifica Peace People (PPP) has been gathering signatures on a petition to encourage the City Council to pass an official resolution declaring Pacifica a City for Peace. PPP has more than 1,000 signatures so far but has

been unable to find a council member to sponsor the resolution, so it has decided to make the declaration itself. PPP will run a full-page ad in next week's *Pacifica Tribune*. If you would like to help make Pacifica a City for Peace, email:

leslie@pacificapeacepeople.net with your full name as you would like it to appear in the ad. In addition, if you can help pay for the ad with a donation of \$5 or more, PPP would very much appreciate it. (Your name will appear in the ad even if you can't donate.) To donate, use the PayPal link on PacificaPeacePeople.net. Or email leslie@pacificapeacepeople.net and ask for an address where you can mail your check. Please make checks payable to Pacifica Peace People.

INNER EDIROT

Bay Area News Group (BANG) newspapers carried a story January 8 about avalanches, mudslides, and road closures in Washington state, but the headline read "Widespread

flooding strikes in Midwest." Some poor copy editor needs a geography lesson!

FRIENDS OF FARMERS MARKET

"Sponsorships are considered an advertising expense for businesses. If you have a small business that would care to offer a deeper level of support for our farmers markets, I welcome hearing from you. And thanks to the select and chosen few who suggested this fine idea and invested early." (Erin Tormey, Founder, Coastside Farmers Markets, 650-726-4895, farmersmarket@coastside.net)

ROAD HOGS

"Beware the fast-food/testosterone traffic zone around Linda Mar McDonald's. My two most recent encounters with certifiable turkeys in that area involve beefy boys driving big macho machines. The one on January 16 was a real doozy: a Honda Ridgeline with a local PCFCA bumper sticker and a very confusing set of rear-window

decals—Yankees and Red Sox. How does this guy sleep at night? Anyway, with his meaty left arm jiggling on the windowsill and clutching a McDonald's drink, which he kept sucking on, this bozo came bouncing out of the drive-up window lane and drove up Linda Mar Boulevard alongside me. At the Adobe lane merge, he gunned it and cut me off without signaling, then stuck his fat finger out the window and flipped me off. Have a nice short life, douche bag! The other incident occurred December 19 at the same spot. A big dude driving a large white pickup truck and trailer zoomed out of the shopping center parking lot across both lanes of Linda Mar Boulevard, right in front of me. I slammed on my brakes and gave him a defensive, warning toot on the horn. He flipped me off and then gunned his engine and lurched forward as if to hit my car with his truck. I just stared at him in disbelief, which I know you are not supposed to do. The cops say not to gesture or even have eye contact with bad guys. I guess that is seen as an aggressive

act. Well, excuse me all to hell. Anyway, I had to restart my car, which had stalled when I slammed on the brakes to avoid colliding with this jerk, and I proceeded on, while he whipped around behind me and got in the left-turn lane. I saw Dolan Concrete Pumping on the side of his truck, but I couldn't get a license number. It is a local business at 520 San Pedro Avenue, according to an Internet search, but when I tried the phone number, it didn't work." (Dolores De Cabeza, PacificaRiptide.com)

NEW EATS

Pacifica is lucky to have a new organic taqueria (Joe Murillo's Green Enchilada), a new sushi place in the former Raymond's, a new Pakistani/Indian buffet (Ocean of India), and a rumored new surf-and-turf spot (chef Derek Burns) in the old garden center in front of Sea Bowl.

SITeseer

•The National Guard belongs at home: Bringtheguardhome.org

- Consumer Federation of California: consumercal.org
- Social lending: lendingclub.com
- Don't get bogged down again: getafghanistanright.com
- Demand justice in post-Katrina shootings: colorofchange.org
- Help for families of autistic children: autismpartnership.org
- Make oral history come alive: storycorps.net

SWAMI SEZ

"A husband is someone who, after taking out the trash, gives the impression that he has just cleaned the whole house." (Anonymous)

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