

# Wandering & Wondering



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## STAY FROSTY

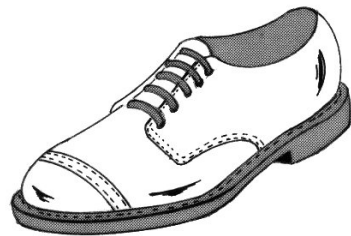
**The heat of excitement about Barack H. Obama's landslide election victory and upcoming inauguration in Washington has merged into the holidays, the housewarming celebrations, the nasty cold virus that's going around, and the economic shivers we are all feeling to create a heady mix of uppers and downers. Frankly, we feel numb from all the changes and shocks to the system. And then there's the bone-chilling cold of the past few days. So, everybody, please stay warm but (as the grunts say in "Generation Kill") stay frosty.**



## DEERSLAYER

Bravo to Ron Wilson of Omni Insurance for writing a heartfelt

letter to the editor (December 17) about the thoughtless driver who hit a deer on Linda Mar Boulevard eastbound December 5 around 8 p.m. Wilson stopped and tried to help the crippled deer, but screaming in pain and fear, the deer dragged itself off the road. Wilson and another motorist tried to reach animal control for help but couldn't get through—the number was busy. Wilson said Pacifica police arrived on the scene (we have confirmed that police did notify SPCA, but they have no further information on the outcome, either the animal's condition or the identity of the @#%&\*+^ who hit the deer and did not stop to help). Wilson closed his letter by condemning the hit-and-run driver for lack of "moral character." We could not agree more. Here's a lump of coal to the pathetic excuse for a human being who hit this deer and couldn't stop to help. May ALL the beautiful deer that co-exist peacefully with us in Linda Mar Valley eat ALL the shrubs around your house, Mr. or Ms. Thoughtless, and leave the resulting waste products ALL over your front porch. We can think of no more fitting way for these creatures to express their rage and grief. And when you try to sleep at night, may you lie awake hearing the gut-wrenching screams of the innocent deer you hit.



## SHIP SHOES TO W

Great idea. Spread the word through your various networks. Tell people to ship their old worn-out shoes that can't be fixed or donated, by the cheapest parcel post rate available, to President George W. Bush, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500.

## POTPOURRI PROBLEM

Especially during the busy holidays, perhaps with a houseful of guests and party animals and visiting relatives, we like to spice up the inside air with bowls or baskets of nice-smelling potpourri, much of which is made overseas. The problem is that many of these fragrant mixtures contain toxic chemicals such as lead and strychnine. And your pets and infants might not know this when they swallow potpourri. So keep your potpourri in a secure place.



## ANOTHER PET HAZARD

Severe injury can occur to a dog from a Four Paws, Inc., pimple ball toy with bell (Item #20227-001, UPC Code #0 4566320227 9). When a dog chews on the pimple ball, a vacuum is created that sucks the dog's tongue into the hole in the ball because there is no second hole in the ball to prevent the vacuum effect. The toy may be recalled.

## THE SURF SPOT

Rumors are swirling around town that chef Derek Burns (formerly of 231 Ellsworth in San Mateo) plans to open a surf-and-turf restaurant called The Surf Spot in the old garden center in front of Sea Bowl. About time! Other than Nick's and Tam's, where in this seaside town can you get decent seafood?

## CORRECTION

Former Pacifican Niki Wise (now of Eugene, Oregon) still reads Wandering and Wondering. She sends these corrections to my Coco Loco item of December 17: Theobroma cacao is the scientific name for chocolate. Theobroma is Greek for "food of the gods." Coffee originated in Ethiopia, not Central America. Bottoms up, Niki.

## KUDOS TO COMCAST

"Good morning, Mr. Maybury: I got your information from one of my co-workers who read your December 10th, 2008 article in the Pacifica Tribune. Let me start by apologizing for the inconvenience in getting the current channel lineup. I don't know if you already went to the Pacifica Customer Service Center, but if you still need a channel lineup, I can mail you one. Please let me know the address you want this to be mailed to, and I will make sure you get it. If you need help with anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, Carmen E. Hasbún, Executive Customer Relations, Comcast Cable, 415-715-0529."

## PACIFICA'S ANSEL ADAMS

Discounts for early-bird class sign-ups. Also, great deals on 2009 scenic calendars and note cards. Stephen Johnson Photography, 1220-C Linda Mar Blvd., Sanchez Art Center, Creekside Suites 5-7, Pacifica, phone 650-355-7507, email info@sjphoto.com, Web site sjphoto.com

## SITSEER

•71 ways to give without opening your wallet: thegiftlist.org  
•Throw a shoe at You-Know-Who: sockandawe.com

## SWAMI SEZ

"He has the attention span of a lightning bolt." (Robert Redford)

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