

Wandering & Wondering

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SOUTHBOUND

Our mantra is “shop locally,” but occasionally we like to sample coastside delights a bit to the south of Pacifica. So recently we detoured around the tunnel dig via the scenic route (keep your eyes on the road, keep your hands on the wheel!) to breakfast at 3-Zero Cafe, literally inside Half Moon Bay Airport, right off Highway 1. We recommend Pepe’s

Special chorizo scrambled eggs with corn tortillas and brioche French toast, but frankly, everything else on the menu looked pretty damn good, too. Farmers marketeer Erin Tormey raves about 3-Zero’s buckwheat pancakes. Open daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday). Big fun: watching the comings and goings of small planes. Some folks actu-

ally fly in to eat at the cafe. Next, we sought out Erin’s recommendation for good coffee beans: Outland Java Company, 187-A Airport Street (in the rear, past the boats), Princeton Harbor. Official Bean Counter Dan Handler gave us the official tour (take two steps, turn around, you’ve seen it all): a hot-air roaster going full blast; burlap sacks of certified organic, fair-trade, shade-grown, bird-friendly beans from Peru, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, etc.; and a wonderful aroma in the air. Drop by and buy freshly roasted whole beans for only \$7.50 a pound. Call 888-442-5282 or visit OutlandJava.com. (Or you can sample fresh-brewed Outland coffee at Ocean of India

restaurant right here in Pacifica, Highway 1 at Rockaway Beach. Ocean of India also now serves breakfast omelettes.)

INNER EDIROT

Geographically challenged Secretary of Defense Robert Gates says he has mobilized Hawaii’s missile defenses in case North Korea launches a missile attack “to the west.” Ahem. If that were to happen, we think China might be a little more concerned than Hawaii. Meanwhile, perhaps Mr. Gates should take some geography lessons. “Go East, Old Man.”

GET THE LEAD OUT

The City and County of San Francisco is cleaning up the old lead bullets

buried in the ground at its former East Sharp Park Rifle Range in Pacifica. Toxic remediation experts will monitor the cleanup, which is expected to take all summer and cost S.F. just under a million bucks. Bite the bullet, baby!

POO POWER

Here’s an intriguing solution for Pacifica’s beleaguered Sharp Park Golf Course, where the future of red-legged frogs and red-blooded golfers is in doubt: elephant dung. According to Jake Sigg’s wonderful Nature News (email only from jake-sigg@earthlink.net), the current issue of HerpDigest reports the discovery of frogs living in elephant dung. We imagine that

the golf course could buy elephant droppings cheap from some zoo or traveling circus.

SWAMI SEZ

“A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.”

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