



Wandering & Wondering

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GOODBYE TO PEANUTS

Cedric Collett writes: "I went to the UPS Store in Rockaway and was told that they no longer accept Styrofoam 'peanuts' for reuse. But they said that Vacu-Tech at 580 Crespi, Unit D, in Linda Mar does accept the foam pellets. I called to confirm (650-738-9500) and was told that they do accept 'peanuts,' Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bravo to Cedric for tracking down this valuable information. Let's keep all Styrofoam out of the environment. Take your "peanuts" to Vacu-Tech and your Styrofoam blocks to the Palmetto recycling yard.

20-YEAR ITCH

When I moved to Pacifica some 20 years ago, I began writing feature stories for the Tribune, focusing on the lifestyles of the not-so-rich and not-so-famous, just regu-

lar folks going about their business, living more or less happily in this overlooked and underrated beach town that hardly anyone in the Bay Area knows about unless they surf or like good crab sandwiches or need a safe place to blow up their fireworks on the Fourth of July. Eventually, my casual pieces morphed into this "Wandering & Wondering" column you hold in your hands. In this space every week, I try to feed you a steady diet of interesting tidbits: gossip, rumor, facts, opinions, theories, trends, all the juicy stuff you expect to read in a community newspaper. My aim is always to inform, entertain, and raise hell. If my wandering and wondering about Pacifica do not make you wander and wonder about this amazing little town, then I am not doing my job. And if you have a story to share with our readers, email me at the address in MAYBURRITO MEDIA at the end of this column. As this new year 2013 begins, I want to ask you to think about some things, and then get involved in writing letters to the editor, volunteering for a local charity or city committee, joining a group that works to improve the community and environment, taking a class or learning something new, helping our city leaders figure out how to make Pacifica a winner. Here are some of the things I want us all to think about and do something about this year: promoting tourism,

protecting our beautiful open spaces and natural resources, getting our city government and local economy back on a sound footing, strengthening our police and fire departments, driving less and exercising more, shopping locally whenever possible. We have a new City Council. We are about to have twin tunnels connecting us to the midcoast south of Devil's Slide. We have rain in the rain gauge and lots of water in the creeks. We have a tea shop and a wine bar, lots of good pizzerias and taquerias, delis and bakeries, various Asian cuisines, plus beaches and trails to work it all off. So let's get moving, Pacifica. Don't just stand there. Do something creative, do something productive, do something for yourself, do something for someone else, do something for the community. Let's take inspiration from the World Champion Giants and show that Pacifica is a winner.

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"If you always tell the truth, you never have to remember anything." (Mark Twain)

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