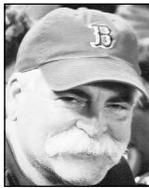


Wandering & Wondering

John Maybury



HIGHWAY-WIDENING FORUM

All Pacificans who care about the future of this small, peaceful beach burg should attend the free community forum on Caltrans' proposed widening of Highway 1 through the heart of town. The forum is Wednesday, October 9 from 7 to 9 p.m., Vallemar School, 377 Reina Del Mar, Multipurpose Room. Topics include: the footprint of the planned project, why two local citizen lawsuits are challenging the project, what you can do about it, and alternative ways to reduce traffic without widening the highway. Speakers include Hal Bohner, Pete Shoemaker, former Pacifica mayor Peter Loeb, and former Pacifica planning commissioner William "Leo" Leon. Snacks are provided and the event is free and open to the public. Sponsors are Pacificans for Highway 1 Alternatives (PHIA) and Pacificans for a Scenic Coast (PSC, a project of Pacifica's Environmental Family). For more information, contact Cynthia Kaufman at kaufman.cynthia13@gmail.com or 650-557-9797. For background on this controversial project, visit my Pacifica Riptide blog and follow the comment threads on the right sidebar. All posted articles about the highway widening are archived in the Transportation category, also accessible from the right sidebar.

RECOLOGY: NO RATE INCREASE

Recology General Manager Chris Porter dropped me a line recently with this good news for Pacifica ratepayers: "I am very happy to report that due to much belt-tightening by our company, and recycling by our residential and business customers, Recology of the Coast has presented a balanced budget for 2014 to the City of Pacifica. This means no rate increase in 2014. Thank you, customers, for reading your brochures carefully and recycling all allowed materials in your blue carts and composting organic waste in your green carts." Chris says that Pacificans continue to save money by increasing their recycling and composting, which reduces the size and cost of their garbage pickup service. (I personally ordered -- and Recology delivered for free -- a 64-gallon blue recycling cart, and I fill it up every two weeks with clean recyclables: all kinds of paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum and tin cans. In my

green composting cart, I put all food waste, cardboard takeout boxes, and garden clippings. I use the smallest, cheapest gray garbage cart just for the nasty stuff that cannot be recycled or composted.) For advice on how to lower your bill while saving the earth, call Recology at 355-9000.

HEARTS OF THE DULCIMER

On October 27 from 4 to 5:30 p.m., don't miss the screening of the feature documentary "Hearts of the Dulcimer" at the Old Pedro Point Firehouse. This screening is a fundraiser for the firehouse. Pacifica filmmakers Patricia Delich and Wayne Jiang present this first public screening of their film in California. For more information about the filmmakers and the making of their film, visit dulcimuse.com.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE MIDDLE-AGED WHEN...

1. You don't understand what young peasants are talking about.
 2. You struggle to read Chaucer in weak candlelight.
 3. You hate rowdy taverns.
 4. You constantly worry that you might have the Black Death.
 5. You don't know or care who Blondel is sleeping with.
 6. You tell your wife that Crusaders seem to look younger every year.
 7. You struggle with new technology such as the heavy plough and the longbow.
 8. You find Gothic architecture too modern.
 9. You keep forgetting who the king is.
 10. You dream of buying a second hovel in France.
- (from Private Eye magazine, U.K.)

SWAMI SEZ

"The word 'awesome' is so overused in modern speech. I believe the word 'mondo' should be used instead, just to shake things up." (Scotty Kindelfire)

SITeseER

Check out Tom Tato Plant on Google and YouTube. It's a new hybrid vegetable vine that grows tomatoes above ground and potatoes below ground. I hear that it's for real, not a joke, but I advise, as always, caveat emptor.

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