

Letters

Beach Cleaners Need Recognition

Editor:

Although I live far from Pacifica, I was once a resident, and still receive the Tribune here in Scottsdale, AZ. I am thrilled to read about the beach cleanup at Linda Mar and am looking forward to taking my children there this summer. The six years we lived in Pacifica we always went south to Half Moon Bay for days at the beach.

I am disappointed that not all credit was given to clean-up crews. The alternative class at Cabrillo School has had a "Beach Patrol" committee every year where moms take the kids weekly to the Linda Mar beach to clean up trash.

This year Susan Verissimo was the committee and she worked hard with the children to clean up as much as they could without the support of the city. She asked and later begged for more garbage cans to no avail. The city finally found funds and crews cleaned where moms and children were unable to.

Everyone is thrilled, I'm sure, to see the beach is clean. I am disappointed that credit was not given in the June 18th issue of the Tribune, in the long article about the clean beach, to those who have worked steadily through the years to keep it somewhat maintained.

I would like to see the Tribune recognize the Alternative Class and Susan Verissimo for all the years of work on the beach and Susan's work this year. Every little bit helps and should be appreciated.

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Fest Another 'Commercial Circus'

Editor:

The Reactor

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Using Historic Buildings To Fill Modern Needs

San Francisco is full of historical parking lots. I mean places that used to be historic, until someone tore them down to make way for asphalt and concrete, and with a little luck, a plaque to tell what isn't around anymore.

With all that, San Francisco has enough history it can afford a few parking spots, though I hope no one decides they need a parking lot in place of Mission Dolores.

Along the coastside there aren't all that many historical sites. There are some associated with the Ocean Shore Railroad, there's the Adobe, and there are a few other homes and ranch buildings. That's why it's so important to save what there is, keep it in good condition and able to evoke the older eras in which it was built. The Boydston's home in Sharp park, the Cross home, Sam Mazza's Castle and a few other buildings are being treated with the respect the properties deserve. We can all be grateful when a property owner like Joan Levin preserves and respects the historical property she owns. In her case it is the Dollaradio station building which is the physical reminder that what is now Pacifica was a pioneer in wireless communication.

Space for Grace

Grace McCarthy

Some Post Office History

Unless a property owner has unlimited funds, however, he or she may have to compromise his true desires. History can be a luxury some families can't afford. Most older homes of any sort have problems that may range from electrical wiring to termites, or just plain age.

There is a way around this dilemma in some situations. Colleen Scott owns the 1915 vintage Montara Grammar School, a delightful piece of architecture a few blocks east of the highway between Sixth and Seventh streets. Mrs. Scott raised her seven kids there, she tells me, but she has not lived there for quite a few years. What do you do with a delightful old school? Mrs. Scott realized that she had a community asset, a centrally located (for Montara) building with a small auditorium, a stage, some kitchen facilities, meeting rooms, and a good sized yard and parking area, not to mention a great view. I became aware of just what is going on at the old school when I went to a wedding reception there last week. The day started out a bit overcast, but the guests and the sun arrived about the same time. The new Gazebo is surrounded by a new fence and patio. The large room that was formerly her boys' bedroom worked out very well for the caterer to set up the food and the champagne. The auditorium was just right for the guests to mingle, talk about the wedding and do all the things wedding guests do. The old school must have a lot of memories for people who were young fifty or sixty years ago, and now it has a layer of memories for a number of wedding guests who will remember that the old school added to a memorable occasion they enjoyed.

Not all old buildings are historic, and not all historic buildings can be made to serve our modern needs. Isn't it great that some can and some really do, when the owners use imagination and are willing to put in the effort and the investment that is required.

Colma Station Post Office. It was discontinued in 1901; then residents had to go to Colma for mail.

Six and one-half years later the Salada Beach Post Office opened Oct. 7, 1907, on Paloma Avenue near Anderson's Store. This served a community of 200 and received mail from San Francisco via the Ocean Shore Railroad. A year later there were three post offices: Tobin, Rockaway and Salada Beach, all receiving mail by rail, which had to be picked up at the post offices.

What with politics in appointments, site relocations, and changes to names the attention is somewhat meager.