



## Wandering & Wondering

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### SEEKS SPINNING WHEEL EXPERT

Some kind Pacifican has donated a spinning wheel to the monthly senior services rummage sale. It could be very old or a more modern reproduction. It appears to be in fine condition and in excellent working order. If you or someone you know understands spinning wheels, please email Alan Wald at alanwald@comcast.net. Alan says, "Let us drop by to learn more about what we have here and what it might be worth for placement at our rummage sale, on Craigslist, or on eBay local."

### GOLFERS GREEN THE GREENS

A dozen volunteers from Sharp Park men's and women's clubs and the San Francisco Public Golf Alliance, led by Sharp Park greens superintendent Wayne Kappelman, spent the morning of February 9 pulling ice plant and replacing it with native plants on the small dune between the 16th green and 17th tee at Sharp Park Golf Course. In January, another volunteer crew, including members of the Pacifica Chamber of Commerce, repaired the seawall fence on the ocean side of the golf course. Also of note, "Golfdom" magazine recently named Kappelman "Golf Businessman of the Year 2012."

### EDGEWOOD PARK BIRD WALKS

This spring you have the unique opportunity to join experts from Sequoia Audubon Society on morning walks through Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve. The walks are offered in partnership with the Friends of Edgewood as part of their Year of Edgewood series of events celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of their organization. The walks pass through woodland, chaparral, and grassland communities. You learn which resident and migrating birds use Edgewood and which native plant communities they depend on.

You may see raptors, sparrows, warblers, bluebirds, and many more. No experience is necessary. The birding experts love to share their knowledge. These walks cover approximately three to four miles of trails and include some uphill/downhill sections. Bring water, a hat, sturdy shoes, and sunscreen. The walks are geared to adults, but capable, attentive children 10 years and older are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Heavy rain cancels. The walks are on April 14 and May 12 starting at 8 a.m. Space is limited and you must register to attend. To register, and for more information, visit Friends of Edgewood online and click the balloons.

### TALL SHIPS RETURN TO SF BAY

Two tall ships plan their annual visit to the Port of Redwood City through March 19, offering public tours, sailing excursions, and educational programs for K-12 students and service groups. The brig Lady Washington and the topsail ketch Hawaiian Chieftain are in the midst of a six-week visit to the San Francisco Bay area as part of their winter and spring tour of California ports. Here is the ships' remaining public schedule: March 13-15, walk-on tours, 4 to 5 p.m., no reservation required but \$3 donation requested; March 16-17, walk-on tours, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., no reservation required but \$3 donation requested; March 16, Battle Sail, 2 to 5 p.m., \$40 to \$60. Walk-on tours are a chance to explore the vessels at the dock and speak with the crews. The Battle Sail is a re-creation of a typical 18th-century-style naval skirmish, close-quarters maneuvers using the same commands and tactics of American Revolutionary War warships. Tickets are \$60 adults, \$50 students/seniors/active military, and \$40 children 12 and under. Purchases of eight or more tickets earn a 15 percent discount on the price per ticket. Info: historical-seaport.org or 800-200-5239. The wooden-hulled Lady Washington was launched in 1989 as part of the Washington State centennial celebration, and in 2007, the state legislature named her Washington's official tall ship. She's appeared in several movies, including the 2003 Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. Hawaiian Chieftain, a steel-hulled interpretation of a typical 19th century coastal trader, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. She accompanies Lady Washington and specializes in educational programs.

### WHERE'S THE BEEF?

Following on the heels of the European horsemeat scandal (including Ikea Swedish meatballs and Taco Bell U.K.), Iceland's chief meat inspector examined samples of that country's popular beef pie. The good news? He found no horsemeat in the beef pie. But the bad news? He determined that the beef pie contained "no mammalian DNA." Veggieburgers, anyone?

### BASEBALL CARDS AND MORE

Sports memorabilia, baseball cards, bobbleheads, and live autograph sessions with SF Giants, 49ers, and other Bay Area professional athletes. Check out Lefty's in Burlingame Plaza, 1859 El Camino Real.

### "SAY IT AIN'T SO, JOE"

A crestfallen young fan supposedly uttered these words to "Shoeless Joe" Jackson as the disgraced baseball player emerged from a courtroom, where he had just confessed to taking bribes from gamblers to throw games, part of the infamous 1919 "Black Sox" scandal that rocked the Chicago White Sox.

### INNER EDIROT

"After breaking her neck and back, doctors weren't sure if she'd walk again." (Photo caption in "Experience Life," March 2013, page 31. Forwarded by Pierre Messerli, who says, "And I thought doctors were healers, not breakers.")

### ONE-TON WONDER

Scott McKellar was SHOCKED to read on the Internet that the average American eats 2,000 pounds of food a year.

### EAGLECREST LIVE CAMS

Nighttime cricket music, daytime bird's-nest action: [ustream.tv/eaglecresthawks](http://ustream.tv/eaglecresthawks)

### SWAMI SEZ

"Life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans." (John Lennon)

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