



Wandering & Wondering

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LAWNMOWER MAN

In response to my item about Pacifica needing to improve its image, Jeff Bagshaw asks all Pacificans to spruce up their front yards to make a better impression on tourists and other visitors from out of town. I agree. Jeff and I both appreciate the funky, casual Pacifica look, but we are down on tall weeds, rusty old appliances, and junker cars cluttering many front yards. If it's a case of a senior citizen or disabled person, Jeff says he will gladly mow their lawn for free. Now that's what I call rolling up your sleeves and doing something for the community. Email me if you want to take Jeff up on his kind offer.

NAME THAT TUNE

Answering Scott McKellar's call for nominations, Jeff B. (see above) submits his all-time favorites tunes: "Season of the Witch" on the Super Sessions album (1968) with Al Kooper, Mike Bloomfield, and Steve Stills, with the Memphis Horns as backup. "Norwegian Wood" by The Beatles. "Moonlight Mile" by The Rolling Stones. Any more nominations?

QFM ROCKS PACIFICA

Here's a good place to plug our friend Mike Herbert of QFM Radio 89.3, a local rock-and-roll station that plays lots of oldies and classics, from a transmitter high atop Montara Mountain. Good strong signal all over Pacifica, but just like me, it fades to black once you go over the hill.

WHAT IF

What if they instituted drug testing for baseball writers?

FRIENDS OF EDGEWOOD

Throughout 2013, the Friends of Edgewood celebrate their 20th anniversary and that of the designation of Edgewood County Park as a Natural Preserve. The Friends group was founded by many of the individuals in the Save Edgewood Park Coalition who struggled in the early 1990s to protect Edgewood. In 1993, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted to preserve the park from development in perpetuity. Edgewood Park is known throughout the Bay Area for its spectacular springtime wildflower displays. The Friends of Edgewood volunteer more than 4,000 hours annually to offer docent-led wildflower walks, host visitors in the new Bill and Jean Lane Education Center, and support the California Native Plant Society in weeding and habitat restoration efforts at Edgewood. To celebrate this milestone, the Friends and San Mateo County Parks present 2013: Year of Edgewood. Special guided nighttime walks, guided access to sensitive areas normally off-limits, and walks led by distinguished naturalists, scientists, and professional photographers highlight these events. This access has never been possible in the past, but is offered now through partnership with San Mateo County Parks. All events are free, but donations are suggested and greatly appreciated. Because space is very limited, visitors must register in advance. To register or to get more information, please visit friendsofedgewood.org.

LOCK YOUR CAR—ALWAYS

An unlocked vehicle is an open invitation to a thief, even if you are parked at home. Auto burglars typically steal items of value from the center console, glove compartment, and anything on and under the seats, such as purses, wallets, cash, GPS units, cell phones, tablets, laptops, and various electronic devices. Thieves like to

move quickly and focus on items in plain view inside the vehicle. Keep items out of view, secured inside your locked vehicle trunk, or inside your home. (from a county sheriff's alert, in response to several recent car burglaries in Half Moon Bay)

JOURNALISM MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

What a cruel twist of fate that three former business rivals should wind up in the same company and the same building together. The San Francisco Newspaper Company now owns the S.F. Examiner, the S.F. Bay Guardian, and the S.F. Weekly. Just imagine those painful pauses and surreal moments at the water cooler, break room, elevator, and parking lot. Awkward!

TACO TOWN

Pacifica has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to taquerias. I can think of seven, but let me know if I missed any here: The Green Enchilada, La Mordida, Guerrero's, El Toro Loco, El Grano de Oro, La Playa, El Gran Amigo. Sorry, Taco Bell, love the location, but the food – not so much. And if you are feeling adventurous, head on down 280 and 92 to El Sinaloense in San Mateo (Palm Street behind the Safeway on El Camino Real). The owner Mario warmly welcomes regulars and visitors, offering a menu of tasty Sinaloa specialties. This friendly, colorful neighborhood place is decorated with photos and paintings of life back in the Old Country.

SWAMI SEZ

"If you cannot concentrate when you pray, search for melodies and choose a tune you like. Your heart will then feel what you say, for it is the song that makes your heart respond." (Sefer Chasidim)

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