



## Wandering & Wondering

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### SCHLOCK ON THE ROCK

Here comes Miami Beach all over again, folks. Technology executive Guru Thalapeneni (look him up; almost 3,000 Google entries) wants to build a nine-story monstrosity on top of The Rock at Fassler and Highway 1. Pacifica Planning Commission held a Study Session about this proposal on October 21. To see architectural renderings of the proposed high-rise and Todd Bray's three-story alternative, plus background on the proposal and reader reactions to it, visit my Pacifica Riptide blog.

### WILD RIDE

SamTrans' number 14 bus circles Linda Mar and Park Pacifica several times a day, straining to climb uphill and rumbling downhill in low gear. Most passengers are school kids, but a few adult shoppers take the 14 bus to get to Park Mall and Linda Mar Shopping Center. Using my Clipper Card, I ran an errand recently on SamTrans, and was amazed when a couple boarded my bus carrying a surfboard and a huge inflatable swim toy. The bus driver waited patiently till the beachgoers were safely seated with their gear, then off we went.

### LADY WASHINGTON AT PRINCETON HARBOR

Tall ship "Lady Washington," which has starred in motion pictures and television programs, arrives at Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay about October 24. The 112-foot replica of an 18th-century sailing ship offers K-12 educational programs, public sailing programs, and walk-on tours. The ship is on its annual winter tour of California ports. "Lady Washington" has a limited number of slots available for one-hour and three-hour educational programs for K-12 students. For program reservations, contact Roxie Underwood, education programs manager, at 800-200-5239. Walk-on tours are self-guided opportunities to learn more about "Lady Washington" and her travels. Crews are available to speak with visitors and explain her mission. A \$3 donation per person is appreciated. No reservations are required. An Adventure Sail features an on-the-ocean sailing experience aboard an authentic tall ship, with opportunities to help the crew raise a sail, learn a sea shanty, or steer the vessel, conditions permitting. Tickets are \$39 for all ages. Buy tickets at [historicalseaport.org](http://historicalseaport.org) or call 800-200-5239. Launched in 1989, "Lady Washington" is a wooden-hulled replica of one of the first U.S.-flagged ships to explore the West Coast of North America. The vessel has appeared in TV programs, including recent episodes of the ABC-TV series "Once Upon a Time." The ship appeared as "HMS Interceptor" in the 2003 Disney movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl." She also appeared in the music video for hip-hop artist Macklemore's "Can't Hold Us," viewed more than 133 million times.

### INNER EDIROT

"The scope of work for the grant consists of: development of a comprehensive community outreach component to increase support for future confluence projects(s), update the existing Travel Demand Model to estimate the traffic patterns in light

of other potential future improvements in the corridor, and updating the micro simulation model to document the congestion relief of future proposed improvements." (Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority press release)

### DIRTY MONEY, DIRTY POLITICS

Special Bay Guardian investigative report ("Friends in the Shadows," October 8) on how money and influence corrupt San Francisco City Hall: [sfbg.com/2014/10/08/friends-shadows](http://sfbg.com/2014/10/08/friends-shadows)

### UNAUTHORIZED ROLLING STONES SEEK NEW "KEITH"

Rudy Colombini writes: We recently lost our friend and band-mate Ken, who was our spectacular "Keith" in The Unauthorized Rolling Stones. He would have agreed that the show must go on. If you know of a professional, responsible, rocking guitarist in the Bay Area, we are accepting auditions. Requirements: Must live within an approximately 60-mile radius of San Francisco. Must be a strong guitarist and showman with a strong blues background and love for Stones music. Must be responsible, and pass background check and credit check. A "Keith" look-alike is a plus, but we are first searching for a standout guitarist and performer who can seamlessly blend in with the personalities of our band. We "do the Stones" but also play original material. The right person would take precedence over any look, race, or ethnicity. For instance, we would consider an African American blues player with the right qualifications. Initial auditions are by video only. Email video auditions to [doug@musiccitysf.org](mailto:doug@musiccitysf.org)

### SWAMI SEZ

"The ancient Greeks had a word for it – pleonexia -- which means an overreaching desire for more than one's share." (Joseph Stiglitz)

### QUIZ FOR SMART PEOPLE

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
  2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
  3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
  4. Which fruit has its seeds on the outside?
  5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
  6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them.
  7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
  8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
  9. Name six or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S."
- (Answers in next week's column)

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