



# Wandering & Wondering

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## LAUNDRY TO LANDSCAPE

Laundry to Landscape greywater recycling program is Saturday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m. in San Francisco (see urbanfarmerstore.com for location). This class sponsored by the SF Public Utilities Commission (sfwater.org) trains people to install their own greywater systems that use laundry and some other household wastewater to irrigate yards and gardens. The program pays

\$95 for material expenses, and the training itself is free. To volunteer, contact Jeff Parker (jeffp@urbanfarmerstore.com). Info: greywateralliance.org or greywateraction.org. (forwarded by Robert and Christine Boles, Beausoleil Architects)

## AUTHORS & EDITORS

Self-publishing authors are invited to the Bay Area Editors' Forum (BAEF), Monday, April 18,

from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Mechanics' Institute, 57 Post Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, just steps from Montgomery BART station. What could be more mutually beneficial than bringing together like-minded professionals who could learn to rely on one another? Editors can help new authors develop successful publications, navigating the business side of self-publishing. The forum covers services that editors offer, the different types and levels of editing, what editing services cost, and working with self-publishing services like Lulu, Blurb, Lightning Source, and Amazon CreateSpace.

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cards. (2) Annually change your passwords and create separate passwords for banking and shopping. (3) Get credit monitoring of all three credit bureaus 24/7 in real time, not just quarterly, and pay no more than about \$10-\$12 a month for this service.

## BASEBALL FRANCAIS

"I am watching a doubleheader between Pessac (a Bordeaux area team) and Montpellier. Both are in the Elite 8, the French equivalent of the Major League Baseball. Most of the players are young—around 20—and a handful are foreigners, including a couple with U.S. origins. The rules are the same, but the crowd is decidedly smaller than in the U.S. In fact, only about 20 of us are braving the 50-degree weather here in Pessac. Best of all, there is no admission. And the snack food looks like it's going to be

slices of ham, Emmental cheese, and lettuce on a baguette." (Joel Maybury, U.S. Consul, Bordeaux, France)

## HAIKU TO YOU

The dogs sit and yawn,  
The aquarium gurgles,  
The human is home.  
(BJ Nathanson)

## SWAMI SEZ

"It's gotta be weird stuffing money into a stripper's bikini when every bill has a photo of your grandmother printed on it." (guest at Prince William's bachelor party)

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