



# Wandering & Wondering

## John Maybury

### PACIFICA WILDLIFE

Western gulls (see photo) stand by a patch of birdfoot trefoil at Rockaway Headlands in Pacifica. Photographer Paul Donahue says that one bird has a leg tucked up into its belly feathers “just to rest one leg at a time. It’s pretty common with birds. People also do it if they’re standing for a long time, shifting their weight from one leg to the other. We just don’t bother to pull the resting leg up to our stomachs.”

### JEFF BAGS A WAVE

Photographers Galen and Barbara Rowell came to the Cousteau resort in Savu Savu, Fiji, to do a photo spread for the resort, where Pacifican Jeff Bagshaw was working as a temporary chef in 1996. Cyclone Gavin roared in and “trapped” the Rowells at the resort for two weeks. Galen Rowell photographed Jeff surfing off the pier in winds gusting at 60 miles per hour after the storm had passed but churned up the normally crystal-clear water and obscured the nearby volcanic peak. (Photos courtesy of

the Rowells’ Mountain Light Gallery [mountainlight.com] in Bishop, California)

### CLOTHING DONATION SCAM

Donating used clothing is a great idea, but beware of those free-standing boxes you see all over town. Some of them may be part of a nationwide scam by profiteers posing as charities but making money off your donations. When in doubt, donate at legitimate collection centers like Salvation Army, Goodwill, and local rummage sales, community benefits, fundraisers, garage sales, etc.



PHOTO OF WESTERN GULLS BY PAUL DONAHUE

Thanks to Jim Wagner for the alert: [clothingbincult.com](http://clothingbincult.com).

### BOOK OF THE WEEK

“The Filter Bubble”  
by Eli Pariser

### SWAMI SEZ

“I am often asked if universities stifle writers. My view is that they don’t stifle enough of them.”  
(Flannery O’Connor)

### SITeseer

- Extreme chefs: [epicmealtime.com](http://epicmealtime.com)
- Coastal walk from Santa Cruz to Monterey: [slowadventure.us](http://slowadventure.us)

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