



# Wandering & Wondering

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## CALIFORNIA GARDENS

California Gardens: Beauty & Sustainability With Native Plants. A one-day symposium on native plant gardening and design on Saturday, February 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Foothill College Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Talks by California's leading horticulturists and designers: Bart O'Brien, Bernard Trainor, Dr. Glenn Keator, Judith Lowry, Nevin Smith, Paul Kephart, and more. Plus: Plant Sale, Book Sale, and more. Organized by the California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter). Hosted by Foothill College Environmental Horticulture Department. Sponsored by Santa Clara Valley Water District and Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency. Registration is now open. Space limited: register now to reserve your space. For more information and registration, call 650-260-3450 or visit [symposium.cnps-scv.org](http://symposium.cnps-scv.org).

## WE'RE ALREADY FRESH & EASY

Thanks to Piers Lahey for mentioning my favorite grocery store in Pacifica: Oceana Market in Eureka Square, Sharp Park. Steve, Martha, and the rest of the crew there are the friendliest grocers in town. The butcher has free-range, organic meat and fish, the deli makes creative salads and hot dishes (e.g., eggplant parmesan, kahlua pork with cabbage, shepherd's pie, house-made guacamole), and there is even a health food aisle. On a smaller scale, but also offering an amazing variety of specialty foods and regular groceries in an amazingly small space, is another favorite: Sun Valley Market in Park Mall, Linda

Mar. And, of course, on the north end of town, Joe Murillo continues to sell some of the finest produce and meat in town at his Farmers Market in Manor Shopping Center. So let's support our locally owned supermarkets even after Fresh & Easy opens here March 9.

## SPOOKY SPOKEO

"Spokeo.com is a violation of privacy that needs to be stopped. Besides that, when I looked myself up, there were factual errors, so opting out is essential. A site claiming to know your net worth, your income, the value of your home, your marital status, etc., is bad enough, but getting it wrong on major issues could have effects that are really hard to predict. Go to the Photo Album on ANTI-SPOKEO <<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Anti-Spokeo.com/156594964389806>> to receive a picture-by-picture walkthrough of how to remove your information from this harmful website. Do so at least once a year to make sure they do not repost you. Recommend to all your friends." (Dan Underhill)  
(Note: I know several people who have removed themselves from Spokeo, but you should be aware that even after opting out of Spokeo, much of your personal information is still easily attainable on the Internet for free or a small fee.)

## GARAGE ART

"Most of these snakes are from driftwood I find on our Pacifica beaches, usually after a big storm (see photo). I use both airbrush and paintbrush; some have as many as 15 coats of enamel to get the desired effect. The wood will tell me what kind of snake it will be. I have

more than 60 of these," says Gino Gonzales aka Gino the bartender at Sharp Park Restaurant. Want to show off your garage art? Email your .jpg photo (with caption) to [mayburrito@goofbuster.com](mailto:mayburrito@goofbuster.com). All are welcome to share their garage art: mechanics, carpenters, painters, artists, welders, whoever and whatever.

## INNER EDIROT

Two of the worst headlines I have ever seen in one edition of a major metropolitan daily appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on January 26 ("Suspect slain by police after wild car chase was man, 19" and "Thieves who looted poor's cash sought"). Besides being in passive voice, both headlines are so poorly written that you can't tell what they are trying to say. The sad thing is that newspaper

copyeditors supposedly are the ones writing the headlines. Worse yet, the headline on big ads inside BART trains for the Babson College MBA program misspell San Francisco. Unforgivable!

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