

Wandering & Wondering

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SHARP PARK SHOWDOWN

April 30 is the big Sharp Park Golf Course showdown at San Francisco City Hall, as the Board of Supervisors hears golfers, conservationists, and mixed-use advocates battle over the fate of the 18 greens. Feelings run high on all sides. At issue is preservation of one of nicest, most affordable golf courses on the northern Peninsula versus preservation of endangered species and their natural habitat in the wetlands on the golf course. Mixed use would allow golfers, hikers, red-legged frogs, and San Francisco garter snakes to coexist peacefully in

the same place and share the bounties of nature. We kind of like that idea.

TESCO TEASE

British supermarket giant Tesco has announced it is putting on hold its planned Northern California openings of Fresh & Easy grocery stores, including the remodeled space at Pedro Point shopping center. So if and when you see that construction project move forward to a grand opening, then you will know the economy has recovered. Or that Tesco is bonkers.

MORI MONEY

National parks are getting \$97 million in Obama-

conomic stimulus funds, and some of that money is coming to Pacifica in the form of trail and habitat restoration for GGNRA Mori Point. Yes we can!

SCARY SCAM

A potential burglar might be casing the homes of Pacifica residents while posing as an employee of the North Coast County Water District, according to a warning issued by the water district. A man has been visiting homes in Pacifica's Vallemar neighborhood under the guise of performing a water audit or another form of maintenance and leaving without handing out a business card, said Janice Zavala-Clark, a management analyst with the North Coast County Water District who made the connection between two related incidents that came to her attention in mid-March. She warned residents not to be taken in by anyone wearing an

official-looking uniform or driving a pickup truck. All NCCWD employees carry a photo ID and have a district logo on their vehicles. "The water district urges residents to call the police if they see something similar." (Julia Scott, San Mateo County Times, 650-348-4340, julia.scott@bayareanews-group.com)

SWINE FLU ALERT

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has outlined the rigorous and thorough response under way in California, in coordination with federal and international health experts, as a result of confirmed cases of swine flu. Over the past several days, California has taken several steps in response to swine flu detections, including: Coordinated investigation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local health officials in Imperial and San Diego counties.

Ordered increased surveillance statewide for patients with flu-like illness. Requested and received additional deployment of CDC influenza experts to Southern California counties, as well as state public health staff, to assist local health departments. Expanded public health laboratory testing of potential flu specimens. Enhanced veterinary activities, planning for various levels of animal disease surveillance and outreach. Activated the Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) of the Department of Public Health, in coordination with the California Emergency Management Agency. Continued communication with appropriate public health professionals in Mexico.

PREVENT SWINE FLU

Common-sense steps everyone can take right now: Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or

sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If you get sick with flu, it is recommended that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

SWAMI SEZ

"Only a few ocean-view homes remain." (Connemara O'Brien)

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