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Jan. 29

“Share the Love,” silent art auction
Opening Reception
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Carmel

Sun. Jan. 29

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Break in the Sea Wall

By Marge Ann Jameson

On January 21 at 3:51 p.m. there was a social media “BULLETIN FROM PGPD: Part of the sea wall has broken off on the walk path. The area is taped off and we ask everyone to stay off the path in the 700 blk of Ocean View.”

Later on Saturday, in the middle of all the storm-wrought havoc around the Peninsula, City CDC director Mark Brodeur went to see how bad the damage was and found a man, Ryon Lane, operating a high-end drone. He asked Lane to film the damage from the ocean side, and here are two of the stills he obtained.

Six to 10 feet of the wall, which was meant to keep the trail from slumping away, has collapsed. The top picture shows the broken portion from further out to sea, and the white froth of the waves, which reached a record of 34 feet in some areas, according to authorities.

“You can see the hole created in the wall quite clearly and also see that the wall seems to be sitting on top of granite said Brodeur.

“We need to get our seawall consultant, Howard Kusinich, out there to assess the damage now that the waves have subsided for now. We don’t want to lose more wall if possible, right?” he added.

Brodeur advises he will apply for an emergency permit from the Coastal Commission to commence repairs as soon as possible.

In the meantime, the public is requested to avoid the area and to encourage others (tourists) to stay clear. Two tourists were swept out to sea near Pebble Beach and their bodies have not been found.

Biography of Ryon Lane is on page 2.



Above: Ryon Lane’s drone captured a photo of the broken sea wall on OceanView, clearly depicting the froth of the 20 to 30-foot waves pounding the shore. Below, the drone came in closer as the waves drew back and the damage can be seen.



Science Saturday will celebrate Sandy’s birthday
And we’ll learn about Migrations



Saturday, January 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History all are invited to see what it’s like to travel hundreds, or even thousands, of miles, as you learn what migration is like for different animals. Discover the incredible migratory journeys of whales, birds and salmon (and even humans!) during Science Saturday: Migrations.

In honor of Sandy the Whale’s birthday, we’ll dive into gray whale migration and serve birthday cake at 1 p.m. Cake will be served on a first come, first serve basis – children served first.

Admission to the Museum during Science Saturday is free to everyone.

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2017/1/28/science-saturday-migrations>

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Firefighter of the Year 2016



Monterey Fire Engineer Raul Pantoja was selected by the Monterey County Fire Chiefs Association as the Career Firefighter of the Year for 2016. He was honored at a luncheon on January 19, 2017, along with recipients of the Support Person of the Year and Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. Raul has been instrumental in instituting new community outreach and public education programs in the Monterey Fire Department over the last several years. Some of the programs include Movies-in-the-Park and the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast. Raul is pictured with his wife Colleen.

Drone operator helps the city by filming storm damage

Ryon Lane is a producer with WHITE RABBIT. He was watching the storm pound the shore near Lovers Point on Saturday, Jan21. He's an FFA licensed drone pilot and Mark Brodeur of the City Planning Department asked him if he could fly the drone in from the ocean and shoot a few pictures for the City. "He happily agreed and the results are nothing short of perfect," said Brodeur.

Here's his biography: Ryon Lane is an entrepreneur who is returning to film-making after a minor detour of 7 years. He is the co-founder of Origin Story and founder of YOGO, and spends much of his time as a consultant on issues related to startups and filmmakers. He's a licensed attorney and also a graduate of Seth Godin's Inaugural #altMBA class.

The Monterey County Chapter of the ACLU of Northern California presents

The Constitution Under Siege: Civil Liberties and the Policy Proposals of President-Elect Trump

Sunday, January 29, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Community Room
Marina Public Library
190 Seaside Avenue, Marina

The event is free and open to the public. Social with refreshments at 1:30 p.m.
Featured speaker: Alan L. Schlosser, Senior Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period.

Pacific Grove's Rain Gauge

Data reported at Canterbury Woods

Week ending 01-26-17- at 9:00 AM..... 2.47"

Total for the season..... 14.26"

The historic average to this date isN/A"

Wettest year..... 47.15"

During rain year 07-01-97 through 06-30-98

Driest year 6.36"

During rain year 07-01-12 through 06-30-13

RAINFALL SEASON BEGINS JULY 1 EACH YEAR

Near Lovers Point

Data reported by John Munch at 18th St.

Week ending morning 1/25/16 2.08"

Total for the season (since 7/1/16)..... 13.35"

Last week low temperature40.0 F

Last week high temperature59.4 F

Last year rain to date (7/1/15-12/15/15) 10.28"

Women’s March in Washington D.C. This is what democracy looks like

By Jacquie Atchison

Last week I traveled to our nation’s capital to witness and participate in the largest march in US History. Not only did millions of Americans protest throughout our country, they protested on every continent in the world, from a few women in Nova Scotia to thousands in Paris.

The organizers of the D.C. March only expected a few hundred thousand people to attend, yet estimates are still flowing in from half a million to 1.2 million. When our bus load of 27 women arrived at 3rd and E St, we only had to walk a few blocks before we joined hundreds of thousands of Americans -men, women, children, black, white, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, lesbian, gay, straight – all representing and marching for Americans who are concerned about losing our very basic rights which our forefathers/mothers worked so hard to win for us ... freedom of religion, affordable and accessible healthcare, equal pay for equal work, reproductive freedom, and the right to love and marry who we want, regardless of gender. I’ve read the social media posts of many people who do not understand the purpose of the protest, wondering what rights we are losing, and I recall one sign that explained it well – “PRIVILEGE is when YOU think something is not a PROBLEM because it is not a problem to you PERSONALLY!”

There was no violence at any of these worldwide marches. People were kind, thoughtful, encouraging and supportive. And the signs were hilarious! I would estimate 30 to 40 percent of the attendees were males, who agree that women’s rights are human rights. And I was happy to see that our US Congressman Jimmy Panetta was in attendance along with California’s US Senator Kamala Harris.

Why did I march? One of the speakers said, “I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.” I marched because I can no longer be silent and complacent, and hope others will do the right thing to maintain these rights – I must stand up and fight for these rights for my daughter and future generations.

The First Amendment of the US Constitution guarantees us “free exercise of religion,” “freedom of speech,” and “the right to peaceably assemble.” This March was a strong example of all these rights, as we walked before the White House, chanting “Tell me what democracy looks like! THIS is what democracy looks like!”

Jacquie Atchison, right, is the chair of Pacific Grove’s Economic Development Commission. She traveled to Washington, D.C. to take part in the Women’s March, held on Saturday, Jan. 21.



[We know or are aware of friends and relatives who marched in many cities across the United States -- and the world -- including retired Pacific Grove librarian Elisa Maddalena who went to Southern California to march with her daughter, Molly; Laura Peet (MIS M.A., her husband, Corey, and their two sons marched in Victoria, B.C. Cheryl Kampe in San Jose. More in New York, St. Paul, MN; plus Madison, WI; Paris, San Francisco, Oakland.

Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History is forming a permanent collection of the signs carried in the Santa Cruz March and urges donations.

- Ed.]

SoulCollage® workshop Jan. 29

What beneficial energies will you explore in 2017? Join Lisa Handley, local artist and SoulCollage® facilitator, as she guides you through the intuitive, insightful process of SoulCollage® in an afternoon of creativity and camaraderie. In this 3-hour workshop, you’ll gather and assemble compelling images into collaged cards representing universal/personal energies you wish to explore in the new year ahead - balance, courage, gratitude, peace, transformation as examples. You’ll also enjoy contemplative exercises with your new cards. Both new and experienced SoulCollagers are welcomed. All materials provided.

The “New Year, New Explorations” workshop takes place Sunday, January 29 at the Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, from 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$40 for PGAC members, \$45 for non-members. To register, call Lisa at 831-512-9063 or plumeriapapercraft@gmail.com.

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Art exhibition sends local love to Syrian children

Increasingly over the past half decade, reports out of Syria have been filled with overwhelming despair at the mounting refugee crisis. It may seem far away, but many in Monterey County would like to know what we can do to help. This Valentine’s season, there is one local non-profit organization that is partnering with local and international artists to give locals an opportunity to help support the education of Syrian refugee children in Lebanon.

“Share the Love,” a silent art auction event hosted by Let’s Make a Book will kick off with an opening reception on January 29. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided by Demetra Cafe, and art is being donated by a number of local artists including Simon Bull, Tom Davies, Delia Bradford and Johnny Apodaca, with a special feature by Swedish photographer Ulf Björe. In addition to collectors pieces by Carl Bowman (1909-1998) and Morio Matsui.

Let’s Make a Book has been working in Monterey County since 2012 to promote creative education through various workshops, including comic book writing and

stop motion film making. Director John Ehab and his wife Noelle both worked in Beirut where they have contacts with people and organizations that are involved with the growing refugee community. As an organization, Let’s Make a Book felt they had a moral obligation to make the most of these personal connections by helping to alleviate some of the impact this crisis has caused, particularly on the children who have had to flee their homes. In early 2016, Ehab took a trip to Lebanon to train Syrian and Lebanese teachers to bring some creativity workshops to Syrian Refugee camps. He plans to return this spring to solidify a long-term relationship between Let’s Make a Book and one particular school serving refugee students.

The art exhibition opens on January 29 from 4-6 p.m. at the All Saint’s Episcopal Church’s main hall on the corner of 9th and Lincoln Street in Carmel, with the silent auction ending Feb 5 at 2 p.m. Early bidding on two of the paintings will begin at Saturday night’s Art Walk in Carmel at Gallery Apodaca and Delia.

Open Studio/Artist Reception with Charlsie Kelly on First Night

For the past nine years, artist Charlsie Kelley has lived in Costa Rica. She has travelled extensively, painting murals and teaching art in numerous countries including Ireland, Italy, and Africa. Her whimsical watercolor work often reflects her experiences during her travels.

Charlsie has recently returned to Pacific Grove and is now part of the Pacific Grove Art Center’s stable of resident

artists. She is teaching two sessions of watercolor instruction at the center and has several private students where she gives emphasis to drawing.

Charlsie is part of the First Friday Art Walk event in Pacific Grove. On Friday, February 3, she will open her studio for the first time featuring new and ongoing work. Located in studio 15 at the Pacific Grove Art Center, Charlsie’s studio will be open from 7 – 9 p.m. or by appointment.



Mosaic Fish, Mosaic by Charlsie Kelly. 2017

Rabbie Burns will be dramatized to the tune of a fiddle

Poetical showman Taelen Thomas will dramatize the wild and passionate life of the great Scottish bard, Robert Burns, in commemoration of Burns’s 258th birthday. This lively show will present the stories behind such classics as “Auld Lang Syne,” “Tam O’Shanter,” and “To a Louse.”

The show features the favorite fiddle music of Robert Burns, performed by accomplished violinist Laura Burian, of “Heartstrings” of Monterey.

In addition to writing his own often thrilling, funny, heartbreaking and revolutionary poetry and songs, Burns collected and preserved more than 200 traditional Scottish songs, many of which found their way to America, especially to Appalachia, where Laura learned to play them on the fiddle, Burns’s own instrument of choice.

This performance, presented by Pilgrim’s Way Community Bookstore and Secret Garden, will take place on Saturday, January 28 at 6:30 pm, at the Carmel Art Association, located on Dolores between 5th and 6th Avenues.

Tickets can be purchased at Pilgrim’s Way or online at pilgrimsway.com for \$10 (until 5 pm day of event)/ \$15 at the door.

For additional information, please contact Cynthia Fernandes at (831)624-4955.

Genealogy Society to meet Feb.2

The Monterey County Genealogy Society, Inc. (MoCoGenSo) will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, February 2 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Family History Center, located at the LDS Church, 1024 Noche Buena, Seaside.

This month’s meeting will be “Searching ForYour Roots at the Monterey Public Library” presented by Kathy Nielsen. She will share tips on how to access resources in public libraries and archives throughout the United States.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. with doors open at 6:15 p.m. The Library will be open until 9 p.m. for research after the meeting. All meetings are free and open to the public: everyone is welcome. For further information, call 375-2340, or visit the website at www.mocogenso.org.

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Carousel Candies on Old Fisherman's Wharf to hold a special "Love is in the Air Valentine's Celebration" to benefit Community Partnership for Youth

Get ready for the upcoming Valentine's Day season with Carousel Candies, the passion pink destination on Old Fisherman's Wharf, and their upcoming sweet promotion, "Love is in the Air Valentine's Celebration" during the month of February. Also, on Saturday, February 11 from noon to 4:00 p.m., the community is invited to do a "meet and greet" and photo op with a couple of "Cute Cupids" from Community Partnership for Youth who will be handing out free delicious foil-wrapped hearts and special homemade Valentine's Salt Water Taffy at Carousel Candies.

Whether it is a thoughtful tasty treat for your sweetheart, a family member, a client, colleague or friend, Carousel Candies will offer 20 percent off of all purchases to locals who pay by cash, just with the mention of the "Love is in the Air" Celebration during the month of February. In addition, a percentage of the proceeds of sales in February will be donated to Community Partnership for Youth.

According to Carousel Candies

co-owner, Rick Elves, "February's Valentine's Day is always one of our favorite holidays throughout the year where we often see loving couples, parents, children and everyone else coming out to enjoy a special treat. Elizabeth Elves adds, "We remember how giving a heart-shaped box of chocolates was often the symbol of courting one's true love. At Carousel Candies, we know that St. Valentine himself would be impressed with the love we pour into all of our candy creations."

Carousel Candies is also pleased to unveil two new exclusive sweet and savory Carousel Candies treats: Dark Chocolate Covered Bacon and Caramel Bacon Apples created by co-owner Rick Elves who has more than 55 years as a trained and highly respected confectioner. Over the years, Rick has created many of Carousel Candies' most popular one-of-a-kind special homemade confections for generations of fans around the world. Carousel Candies is very proud to have been ranked "One of the Top 30 Candy Stores in America" by Relish Magazine.

Carousel Candies will be making a donation to the Community Partnership for Youth in early March, 2017 at the conclusion of the "Love is in the Air" Celebration.

Serving up a wide array of delicious special Valentine's Day artisan homemade candy fantasies for more than 50 years is Carousel Candies on Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.

The old-fashioned pink candy-colored historic shop with the mesmerizing taffy puller machine in its front window was featured on a Modern Marvels segment of the A & E History Channel that re-airs frequently.

Choose from their very special handmade colorful seasonal Valentine's Salt Water Taffy (available only in February) made from a secret family recipe and beautifully wrapped for the holiday. Team it with any of the other world-renowned tasty 45 Salt Water Taffy flavors.

Founded in 1960, Carousel Candies (www.carouselcandies.com), is located

at 31 Old Fisherman's Wharf (next to Old Fisherman's Grotto) in Monterey (831-646-9801). Carousel Candies is open 7 days a week from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Community Partnership for Youth

Community Partnership for Youth (CPY) was created in 1991 to offer alternatives to drugs, gangs and violence. The prevention program builds resiliency, and works with the "whole" child, their families, schools and community agencies. CPY is "building a community one child at a time" through implementing a set of Standards based on integrity and respect that helps develop values and builds character. Middle school leadership/life skills, high school leadership/life skills/job preparation, after school tutorial/enrichment, a Visual and Performing Art Academy and summer all day sessions, are core programs that provide a supportive, structured, creative environment for each person to be successful. For more information, go to www.cpy.org or call (831) 394-4279.

Rotary will hear exchange student

The Pacific Grove Rotary Club which meets at noon on Tuesdays at The Inn Spanish Bay, 2700 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach, will have as speaker January 31, Eduarda Perdon, Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Carmel. Lunch is \$25.00, reservations may be made through Jane Roland-649-0657

Citizenship Celebration for 75 Young People

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) San Jose Field Office will visit the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose on Jan. 30. There, children ages 14 and older and a few adults - 75 people in all - will take the oath of allegiance and will receive citizenship certificates. All received their citizenship through their parents, either because the parents naturalized or because the children were adopted by U.S. citizens.

Two sixth-graders who took part in the American Immigration Lawyers Association's (AILA) annual essay contest, Hannah Chang and Noah Hale, will speak. Both won honors in that contest from the Santa Clara chapter of AILA.

For more information about USCIS and its programs, please visit www.uscis.gov or follow us on Facebook (/USCIS), Twitter (@uscis), YouTube (/uscis) and Instagram (@USCIS).

Jan. 30, 10 a.m.
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Marge Ann Jameson

Cop Log

The old rental property scam
Grove Acre Ave.: Victim sent money to unknown person in exchange for access to rental property in another city. Money was sent via wire transfer and victim realized it was a scam.

Lurker
Reporting party on Sloat Ave. said approximately two days ago she saw a white male with a pink shirt was in her back patio. R/P said she did not report it to the police because she was getting ready to go on vacation. R/P said the male subject left without taking anything.

Was it someone’s toupée?
A man and woman turned in property that had been found on the sidewalk in front of Phill’s Barber Shop.

Woman arrested for battery
Officer was dispatched to domestic dispute at hotel on Ocean View Blvd. Adult female arrested for domestic battery.

Stuff stolen from various vehicles
On Lincoln Ave. two unlocked vehicles had property stolen from inside them. No suspect information.
At Country Club Gate, a window was smashed on vehicle sometime over the weekend. No suspect info.
On 2nd St., past tense theft of property from a bed of a truck. No suspect information.

Not all news is altered fact
R/P reported reading about subject who was convicted of financial elder abuse. R/P said she recognized the name and wanted to report the same about the subject taking \$500 from her a few years ago. R/P would look for a copy of the check made out to the suspect in an attempt to provide evidence of the theft.

Found doggie eventually went home
At the above date and time dispatch received a call that the R/P had found a dog on SeaviewAve. Parking enforcement went and picked up the dog and took it to the city yard where it was being housed in doggie jail. The dog is believed to be an older miniature schnauzer, black and white in color. Dog was not wearing a collar and was not chipped. No owner information at this time. On 1/18/17 dog was returned to owner with a warning for at large. Nothing further.

You know, the garbage company will get you another can if you have too much stuff for your own
R/P came into the lobby of the police department regarding suspicious circumstances. The R/P showed officer a video of an unknown male placing a package into the neighbors recycling can and then leaving the area in his vehicle. The waste management truck came by and emptied the can about 10 mins. Later, officer was able to obtain a license plate from the video footage. The r/p said he has seen the same male in the neighborhood previously performing similar activity but driving a different vehicle. Info only at this time.

Parking meter victim of hit and run
Ocean View Blvd. on 1/11/17 at 15:59 a person noticed parking meter #4 on the ground and reported it. Meter had been struck and was no longer operable. Unknown suspect information, nothing further.

Rev. Wendy Howe will speak at Double Nickels Feb. 8

The Rev. Wendy Howe will discuss her recently published memoir, "Like Rain in a Dry Place," a story of adoption and reunification, Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Double Nickels lunch at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 301 Corral de Tierra Road, Salinas. A catered lunch will be served at noon in the parish hall, followed by the program at 12:15 p.m. Double Nickels Plus is a regularly scheduled activity for those age 55 and older. Suggested donation is \$5, but not required. For information call 484-2153 or visit goodshepherdcorral.org.

Dennis the Menace Playground Closed for Upgrades Jan. 23-March 18

Dennis the Menace Playground at the Lake El Estero Park Complex in Monterey closed for sidewalk upgrades beginning Monday, January 23. The playground is planned to re-open by the beginning of spring break, Saturday, March 18, although weather impacts may affect the re-opening date. “Winter is the best season to get this done,” said Lori Lynn Williamson, Construction Project Manager. “Our most popular playground will be even better when the work is completed.” This Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP) is a continuation of two previous projects to upgrade the pathways and bring them into ADA compliance. Local contractor Granite Construction will perform the work. Most other facilities in the El Estero Complex will remain open with normal business hours. The El Estero Snack Bar will stay open weekdays with reduced hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The parking lot will remain open with reduced spaces available. For more information about Dennis the Menace Park and the El Estero Park Complex please visit monterey.org/parks. Specific information about the NIP projects can be found at <http://gisags8.ci.monterey.ca.us/pub/cip/32N1421.pdf> and <http://gisags8.ci.monterey.ca.us/pub/cip/32N1339.pdf>

Panetta Appointed to Natural Resources Subcommittees

Congressman Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.) announced he has been selected to serve on the House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. “I am honored to be appointed to the House Committee on Natural Resources’ Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee as well as the Federal Lands Subcommittee,” said Congressman Panetta. “The Central Coast’s unspoiled coastline and waters, including the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, California Coastal National Monument, and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, are critical for our public health, environment, recreation, tourism, university science programs, marine-research institutions, and our \$2.1 billion ocean-related economy. Our district is home to irreplaceable, pristine public lands including Pinnacles National Park, Los Padres National Forest, Fort Ord National Monument, and Clear Creek Management Area. Our region is a national example of what can happen when we protect our oceans and public spaces. As my subcommittees get to work, I’ll continue to advocate for policies and programs that best preserve these spaces for our children, Central Coast families, and future generations.” The Subcommittee on Federal Lands is responsible for all matters related to the National Park System, U.S. Forests, public lands, and national monuments. The Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans is responsible for matters concerning America’s water resources, federal irrigation projects, generation of electric power from federal water projects, interstate water issues, and fisheries management. Previously, Congressman Panetta announced his appointment to the House Natural Resources Committee.

PGPD to purchase a new patrol car

Pacific Grove Police Department had put into the City budget a request for a new patrol car, as one of the current Ford Crown Victorias has seen better days. Cdr. Rory Lakind advises that the department has chosen a 2017 Dodge Charger 4-door, to be purchased from McPeak Dodge in Anaheim, for \$52,000 with a contingency of up to \$60,000. The vehicle must be painted, marked, and outfitted with special police equipment. It will likely begin service in four to six months. The soon-to-be-retired patrol car with likely go to auction. “They [patrol cars] see a lot of hard miles, what with stopping and starting,” said

Poetry in the Grove will celebrate the word play of Ellen Bass

Poetry in the Grove invites interested people to meet at the little House at Jewell Park on Saturday, February 4, from 3:00 to 5:00 to be immersed in the delicious word play of local Santa Cruz poet, Ellen Bass. Of poetry, Ellen says, “Poetry is the most intimate of all writing. I want to speak from me to myself and then from me to you.” Her numerous prizes and awards include a Pushcart Prize, a Pablo Neruda Prize, a Larry Levis Reading Prize, and a New Letters Literary Prize. She currently teaches in the MFA program at Pacific University.

Relax by Ellen Bass

Bad things are going to happen.
Your tomatoes will grow a fungus
and your cat will get run over.
Someone will leave the bag with the ice cream
melting in the car and throw
your blue cashmere sweater in the dryer.
Your husband will sleep
with a girl your daughter’s age, her breasts spilling
out of her blouse. Or your wife
will remember she’s a lesbian
and leave you for the woman next door. The other cat—
the one you never really liked—will contract a disease
that requires you to pry open its feverish mouth
every four hours. Your parents will die.
No matter how many vitamins you take,
how much Pilates, you’ll lose your keys,
your hair and your memory. If your daughter
doesn’t plug her heart
into every live socket she passes,
you’ll come home to find your son has emptied
the refrigerator, dragged it to the curb,
and called the used appliance store for a pick up—drug money.
There’s a Buddhist story of a woman chased by a tiger.
When she comes to a cliff, she sees a sturdy vine
and climbs half way down. But there’s also a tiger below.
And two mice—one white, one black—scurry out
and begin to gnaw at the vine. At this point
she notices a wild strawberry growing from a crevice.
She looks up, down, at the mice.
Then she eats the strawberry.
So here’s the view, the breeze, the pulse
in your throat. Your wallet will be stolen, you’ll get fat,
slip on the bathroom tiles of a foreign hotel
and crack your hip. You’ll be lonely.
Oh taste how sweet and tart
the red juice is, how the tiny seeds
crunch between your teeth.

Whalefest Plans a Whale of an Event

7th Annual Whalefest Monterey to be held on January 28 & 29, 2017 at Old Fisherman’s Wharf, Monterey, California including an outstanding 2-day Symposium
The Whale Watching Capital of the World™

Don’t miss this free fun and educational, interactive family event for all ages that celebrates the migration of the gray whales and much more. The event also benefits many local and national marine organizations that educate, inspire, and empower the public to protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The Monterey Old Fisherman’s Wharf Association will sponsor and hold the 7th Annual Whalefest Monterey™ at and around Old Fisherman’s Wharf, Monterey, The Whale Watching Capital of the World™ on Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

The event celebrates the migration of the gray whales, and benefits the many local and national marine organizations that build awareness about the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary which educate, inspire, and empower the public to protect it.

Among the highlights will be a symposium with lectures and documentaries related to ocean and marine life conservation presented at the Dali17/Museum of Monterey at the Stanton Center Auditorium, musical performances, and many educational displays by participating organizations. Thousands of attendees are expected again this year that range from local families and school children who want to learn more about our maritime environment to visitors from near and far who want to explore the annual whale migration.

Whale watchers come from around the world to view hundreds of whales, orcas, dolphins and pelicans who continue to feast on a “krill and anchovy buffet” in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Throughout the year, this Whale Watching Capital of the World offers sightings of 15 species of whales, 10 species of dolphins, 2 species of porpoise, 6 species of pinnipeds and 1 species of Fissiped (sea otter).

Weather permitting, whale watching tours, fishing, sailing and glass bottom boats will be operating from the Wharf (for a fee), and Wharf restaurants will be serving lunch and dinner. Wharf shops will also be featuring marine-themed merchandise.

The two-day event will feature a wide array of fun and informative activities including:

- A 60-foot model whale – Humphrey the Humpback Whale (attendees can climb inside) provided by MAOS, will be on site in front of the Custom House both days to honor the migration of his friends, the gray whales.
- There will be squid dissection by scientists from the Hopkins Marine station and interactive displays from the Pacific Shark Research Center.
- Learn more about the Whale Entanglement Team (WET) Marine Life Studies who help rescue the increasing number of entangled whales.
- Gyutaku, the Japanese art of stenciling fish, will be a fun activity for kids from noon to 4:00 pm both days in front of Abalonetti Bar & Grill as well as scrimshaw-making with soap.
- MY Museum will bring Wheelie Mobilee with lots of interactive activities for kids (Saturday only) sponsored by First 5 Monterey County.
- There will also be the very popular Abalone Races with abalone donated by the Monterey Abalone Company. The Abalone Races will be held 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. near the Big Fish Grill.
- On the California Dock, the Shoreline Operations Fire Boat and U. S. Coast Guard 47’ Surf Boat will be on hand.
- The 29’ Response Boat from the The U.S. Coast Guard Station Monterey will be on display on the Causeway next to the Custom House Plaza. Their popular animatronic Coastie the Safety Boat™, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 64 Monterey, will roam and talk with attendees.
- Seafloor Science ROV Day Camp will have underwater robotic kits to build and drive, Boe Bots to program, plus other ocean tech equipment to tinker with.
- Marine Life Studies Take it to the Streets™ is partnering with Save Our Shores and Surfrider for the Whalefest Community Cleanup (beach and streets). Meet 11:00 am on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Marine Life Studies Booth.

Plus many other interactive displays and activities on both days!

The event will feature an array of great live music including the Monterey High School Jazz Band, Kuumbwa High School Honor Jazz Band, Nick Fetti’s & His “Orca”stra, Bill Minor & Richard Rosen, Richard Carr, Michael Brautovich, Mark Richardson with “Mountain Dulcimer of an Eclectic Kind” and Jonah and the Whale Watchers

There will be Whalefest Monterey commemorative t-shirts and with a \$15 donation to MAOS, attendees will receive a t-shirt. Special Whalefest Monterey aprons will also be available for sale.

There will also be many colorful photo ops with costumed animals roaming the Wharf area including a whale, leatherback turtle, mola-mola, shark and the Bag Monster.

The SS-ROV (Seafloor Science Remotely Operated Vehicle) Camp delivers a week-long STEM summer day camp. Camps are offered for two age groups: children ages 8-10 (entering grades 3-5) and ages 11-14 (entering grades 6-9). STEM activities focus on ocean exploration and the science, technology, and operations that enable it. Hands-on STEM activities focus on the scientific method and ocean technologies in a real-world framework of discovery. Activities incorporate electronics, rovers, designing, building and driving underwater ROVs, sensors, seafloor geology, and biology. The 6-9th grade camp, one of the two age appropriate camps, includes programming rovers.

The event’s sponsors include Marine Life Studies, MAOS, Monterey History and Art Association, Dali17, Monterey Signs, Fashion Streaks, Pepsi, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Catalina Photography and the Wecker Group. Media sponsors include

KRML Radio, KSBW TV, Central Coast ABC, Estrella TV, Santa Cruz Waves and the Monterey Herald.

The array of participating non-profit organizations can be seen here: <https://goo.gl/WSIFMt> (subject to change).

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Whalefest Symposium Program Synopses: <https://goo.gl/BXp1V4>

Whalefest Symposium Speaker Biographies: <https://goo.gl/SQGUqb>

For more information and updates, continue to check the website: www.montereywharf.com or call 831-238-0777.

Coast Guard plans info booth

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 06-04, of Monterey will have an informational display at the 2017 WhaleFest at Old Fisherman’s in Monterey on January 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. To 5 pm. Information on boating and water safety will be provided for all. Coast Guard Station Monterey will have the 29-foot rescue boat on display for boarding. Coastie Robotic Tugboat will be entertaining all visitors.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the uniformed civilian, volunteer Component of Team Coast Guard assists the active duty Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found on the nation’s waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and re-designated the Auxiliary in 1941. Its over 28,000 members contribute millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions.

For more information contact mwgold@sbcglobal.net.



Hear the Tale of the Whale Entanglement Team

AtWhalefest

January 28, 2017 - January 29, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Marine Live Activities include:

Try your hand at being a whale researcher, identifying individual whales and dolphins

Touch baleen from a blue whale, see a vertebra of a fin whale, hold the bone from a gray whale, and stare at the big eyes of tiny krill

Mock whale disentanglement demonstration

Robot demonstration by Operation T.A.C. (Technology and Character) on Saturday, January 28th

Whale Entanglement Team (WET)® Presentation: “Rescuing Whales - One at a Time” by Peggy Stap at the Dali17/Museum of Monterey on Saturday, January 28 @ 2:30 p.m.

Take it to the Streets™ Community Cleanup on Sunday, January 29 @ 11a.m. Please meet up at the Marine Life Studies booth. We will provide all clean up gear.

“Dee: The Beautiful Inflatable Humpback Whale”

The mission of Save The Whales is to educate children and adults about marine mammals, their environment, and their preservation. Since 1977 Save The Whales has been involved in a variety of programs to help protect marine mammals. These programs include, among many others: working with Mexican and U.S. environmental groups to protect the fragile San Ignacio Lagoon in Baja California, the last undeveloped gray whale birthing lagoon in the world; supporting a rescue boat operation off of southern California to save whales, dolphins, seals, and birds from fishing nets; and working with government agencies to educate the public about reducing urban runoff.

Save The Whales’ primary focus at present is on hands-on, interactive, educational programs in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. Since 1996, Save The Whales has been committed to bringing quality programs to culturally diverse and underrepresented youth and reached over 306,000 students. Many of the children we teach have never visited the coast, even though they may live just 20 or 30 miles away. Our programs teach these children about their physical connection with the ocean and why it is so important to protect ocean resources.

Dee The Beautiful Whale

Whalefest organizers are especially excited about this new program. With the help of an extraordinary young woman by the name of Dee McMillan, a 43-foot inflatable humpback whale was purchased to use as part of the educational outreach programs. Dee is a teenager in Texas who became a victim of cyberbullying when someone made a fake Twitter profile with the username fatwhaledee. She was devastated when she found out, but courageously turned the situation around by creating a t-shirt with the logo, “Dee the Fat Whale Saves The Whales” and launching a GoFundMe campaign to help protect endangered whales. Dee raised over \$8,500, which she donated to Save The Whales. With those funds we have purchased a life-size inflatable humpback whale, which children will actually be able to go inside of and see the ribs, heart, lungs, baleen, stomach and esophagus. We plan to use Dee The Beautiful Whale not only to teach children about the similarities we share as mammals, but also the harm we inflict when litter and marine debris enter the ocean, which can harm and even kill whales. In addition, the whale will be used as a platform for discussing bullying at school. Humpback whales are the only whale species known to defend not only their own but other species – such as seals, sea lions, and porpoises – from killer whale bullying. Dee The Beautiful Whale will encourage discussion about how to protect whales and their ocean home and provide an experience that children will not forget.

(Adults under 6’ tall can tour Dee as well.)

Maris Sidenstecker
Program Director/Co-Founder
Save The Whales
www.savethewhales.org
P: 831-899-9957

Special Whalefest discount room rates are available at some local Monterey Hotels, including the Portola Inn and Spa, and the Comfort Inn on both North Fremont and on Munras. Call the hotel directly to arrange the discounted rate.

The array of participating non-profit organizations can be seen here: <http://www.montereywharf.com/assets/files/>

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7th Annual Whalefest Monterey Symposium Schedule

Saturday, January 28, 2017
10:30 Introduction, Steve Ellzey, M.C.
10:35 - 11:15 Paul Michel, Superintendent of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, will provide an update on the latest developments concerning the Sanctuary
11:30 - 12:15 Mark McLaughlin, President of the Artichoke Research Association and of Kleen Globe Inc. Castroville, California, will share his insights into the current relationship between agriculture and the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary.
12:15 - 1:30 BREAK
1:30 - 2:15 Jeremy Goldbogen from Stanford University’s Hopkins Marine Lab will share some new exciting results from their latest round of camera tags attached to a number of species.
2:30 - 3:15 Peggy Stap, Founding Director of the Whale Entanglement Team (WET)® and Marine Life Studies, “Rescuing Whales – One at a Time”
3:30 - 4:10 Bill Gilly, Stanford University Hopkins Marine Lab, Squid Research “Ask the Marine Science Researcher”.
4:15 - 5:00 Lisa Emanuelson, Volunteer Monitoring Coordinator, will talk about “Getting Your Feet Wet in Your Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary”

Sunday, January 29
10:30 Introduction, Steve Ellzey, M.C.
10:30 - 11:15 Tim Thomas History of Japanese Abalone Fishing in Monterey
11:30 - 12:30 Art Seavey of the Monterey Abalone Company and Michael Graham of Monterey Bay Seaweeds will talk about sustainability, shellfish and seaweed aquaculture in California.
12:30 - 2:00 BREAK
2:00 - 2:45 Dan Costa, Elephant Seals
3:00 - 3:45 Dave Jessup, State of California wildlife veterinarian, will present the latest findings on the ever changing picture of sea otter health and biology.
4:00 - 4:45 Ted Cheeseman, Founder, Happywhale, will discuss ways to identify whales you may spot on your whale watching trips

Live Music Schedule

Saturday, January 28
Kuumbwa Honor Jazz Band
12:15-1:30 and 2:30-3:30
Wharf Entrance
10:00-11:00 Nick Fettis and His “Orca”-stra
11:00- 12:00 Mark Richardson and his “Mountain Dulcimer of an Eclectic Kind”
12:00-1:00 Richard Carr, Creator/performer of piano/keyboard soundtracks for the soul, mind & body 1:00- 2:00 Bill Minor on keyboards and Richard Rosen on Harmonica
2:00-3:00 John Tallon and the Ragtime Stompers
3:00-5:00 Jonah and the Whale Watcher

Sunday, January 29
10:00-11:30 Nick Fettis and His “Orca”-stra
11:30-1:00 Michael Brautovich and His Saxophone
1:00-1:45 Monterey High School Jazz Band
1:45-3:00 Bill Minor on keyboards and Richard Rosen on Harmonica
3:00-4:00 Mark Richardson and his “Mountain Dulcimer of an Eclectic Kind”
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The Monterey Museum of Art Hosts Dear Liar by The Listening Place Readers Theater

The Monterey Museum of Art hosts The Listening Place Readers Theater as they present, “Dear Liar” February 26 and March 5 at 1:30 pm at the Monterey Museum of Art–Pacific Street, located at 559 Pacific Street in Monterey.

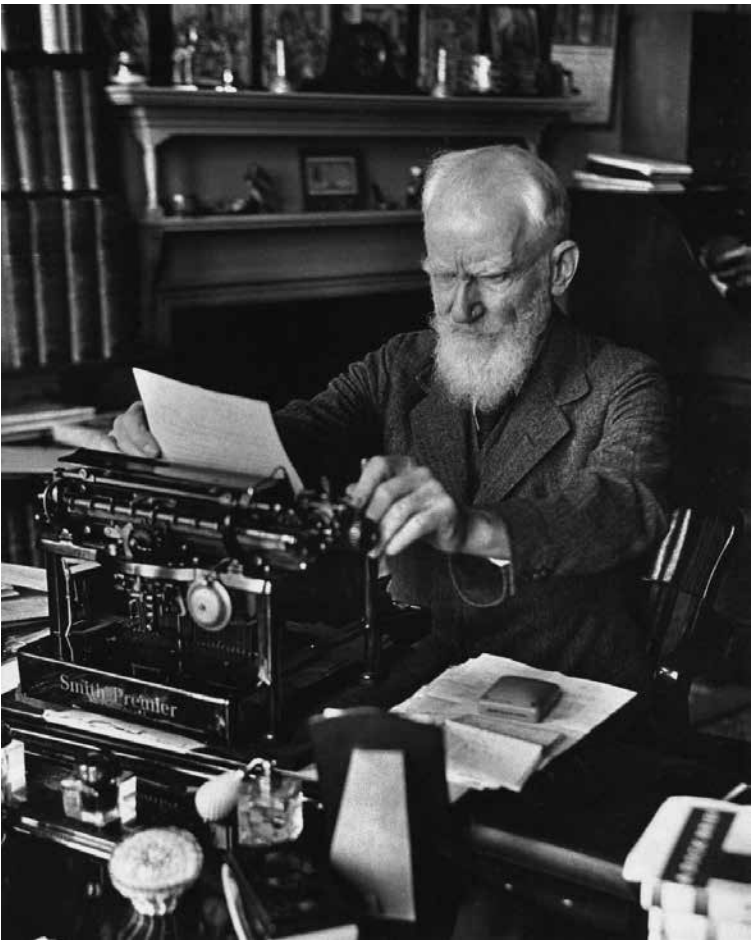
“Dear Liar” is a bewitching repartée between two great wits based on the correspondence between George Bernard Shaw and Mrs. Patrick Campbell, written by Jerome Kilty. Here is Shaw in all his contradictions; he adores the actress Mrs. Patrick Campbell (born Beatrice Stella Tanner) most ascetically, and persuades her to play in his “Pygmalion.”

He frets when she leaves for America, and yet he refuses permission to publish their letters which would save her from bankruptcy. Mrs. Campbell is his match; she publishes the letters anyway. Here is a strange and intriguing theatrical romance fought around the world.

Featured performers are Robert Colter and Suzanne Sturn. “Dear Liar” is directed by Suzanne Sturn and produced by Linda Hancock.

Admission is free for Museum Members and \$10 for non-members, which includes admission to the Museum. Donations are welcome for The Listening Place Readers Theater.

Visit montereyart.org for additional information on the Museum’s exhibitions, programming and events.



World Affairs Council upcoming discussions

World Affairs Council will discuss " Turkey on the Brink: Assessing the Uncertainties of the Erdogan Era" at their Friday, February 17, 2017, 11:30 a.m , meeting, held at Rancho Canada Golf Club, Carmel Valley Road.

After years as a thriving democracy, Turkey was considered a hopeful bridge between East and West. More recently, the government of President Recep Tayip Erdogan has taken an increasingly autocratic turn. NPS Assoc. Prof. Ryan Gingeras will discuss the dramatic post-coup developments in Turkey, whether the government can sustain its democratic culture, and how Mr. Erdogan’s new policies are affecting Turkish foreign relations, including security cooperation with Russia.

Auditors (lecture only) free at 12:50 PM. Luncheon \$25 Members and \$35 Non-members.

MC/VISA (\$2 extra) or Check; Vegetarian meal optional. RSVP (831) 643-1855 by February 13.
WWW.WACMB.ORG

World Affairs Council MPC Discussion Group will hear about “Great Decisions: Trade and Politics”.

“Great Decisions” is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs.This is the second of eight discussions, covering the most critical global issues facing the world today. Order briefing books on the Book Store Tab at www.greatdecisions.org or call 1-800-477-5836.

Free to the public, the meeting is set for Monday, February 6, at 4 p.m, MPC Room 101, Social Science Building, 980 Fremont Street, Monterey.

Parking \$2 in Lot D, permits for attendees. www.wacmb.org

The World Affairs Council OLLI Discussion Group on the same topic, “Great Decisions: Trade and Politics,” will be held Monday February 27, 4 to 5:30 p.m., at 8 upper Ragsdale Drive, Ryan Ranch, 2nd floor. Free parking. OLLI Office: (831) 582-5500.

Briefing books are part of the OLLI class fee.
Register at OLLI.csumb.edu, maximum 20 students.

Sports

Luke Hiserman

Breaker Basketball

The Pacific Grove Boys Basketball team (12-3, 5-0) played host to the Soledad Aztecs (5-10, 2-3) on Friday night with the Breakers earning a convincing 65-36 victory. It looked like the Breakers would blow the game open in the first quarter when they surged to a 12-2 lead, but the Aztecs went on a 7-2 run to close the gap to 14-9 at the end of the quarter. The Aztecs managed to keep the game close by trading baskets with the Breakers in the second quarter. PG took a 26-20 lead into the locker room at halftime. However, Pacific Grove blew the game open in the third quarter with an 18-2 run and outscored the Aztecs 24-7 for the quarter giving them a comfortable 50-27 lead.

The Breakers had a strong defensive game, as their man defense held the Aztecs to 16 points in the second half. The Breakers dominated on the defensive glass limiting Soledad to one shot on most possessions. In addition, Pacific Grove's eight steals assisted their offense throughout the game. The leading scorers for Pacific Grove were Brad Sendell (15), Jalen Kilian (12), Zack Miller (9), and Emmett Small (9).

The junior varsity was also successful in their game against Soledad, as they won 48-22. Missing three starters, the Breakers displayed a strong performance. Ian Asher received his first start of the season and had a strong performance posting 7 points. Their leading scorers were Josh Cryns (16) and John Saunders (14).



Junior Varsity, Freshmen, Girls defeat Stevenson But Varsity comes up short

By Luke Hiserman

Pacific Grove (12-4, 5-1) lost to Stevenson on Tuesday night 59-43 (11-5, 5-1), ending their undefeated run in league. The Breakers struggled all night with outside shots, hitting only two with their first one coming at the 3:20 mark of the third quarter. The Pirate's press flustered Pacific Grove's offense, causing them to turn the ball over and hurry shots. Stevenson had a strong game, scoring nine three point baskets, in addition to dominating the boards on both ends of the court, which limited the Breakers' second chance shots. After being held to 14 points in the first half, the Breakers attempted to rally in the second half scoring 29 points. However, missed free throws kept them out of reach of a comeback. The Breakers were 18 of 32 at the free throw line, while the Pirates were 10 of 15. The leading scorers were Brad Sendell (21), Zack Miller (10), and Ian Fox (6).

The junior varsity team had a successful night with a 36-25 victory over Stevenson. The Breakers held the Pirates to less than ten points a quarter, accomplishing one of their defensive goals for the evening. Stevenson was held to 6 points in the first quarter, 4 in the second, 8 in the third, and 7 in the fourth quarter. The other defensive goal was to limit Stevenson to thirty points. The leading scorers for the Breakers were Ben Olsen and Josh Cryns with 10 points each. The Freshmen team also came up with a win against Stevenson, defeating them 45-35.

Girls varsity final was Pacific Grove 51 - Stevenson 42. Vada Courtney had 11 points, Kulaea Tulua had 8 points and 4 rebounds. Allie Patton brought in 24 points, 5 assists, 19 rebounds and 15 steals. Stevenson's high scorer was Ambreece Gaskins with 17.

Bob Silverman

San Francisco Giants Updates



Barry Bonds receives 238 votes for Baseball Hall of Fame

The Giants' Barry Bonds received 238 votes in favor of entering Baseball's Hall of Fame. The total possible votes of the Baseball Writers Association Of America is 442. 332 votes are needed to be elected to the Hall Of Fame. This year's induction to the Hall takes place in New York from July 28 through 31. Bonds received 44.3 percent of the vote in 2016 and 58 percent of the vote in January 2017. The first group to be inducted was in 1936 .



Barry Bonds at bat for the Giants. ((c2017 S.F. Giants)

Giants' closer Santiago Casilla played his last game as a Giant in post season

The Oakland A's announced on Jan. 20, 2017 that they signed Casilla to a two year contract. Casilla started with the A's before his years as a Giant from 2010 through 2016. Casilla earned three World Series' Rings with the Giants (2010, 2012, and 2014).

The Giants traded pitcher Chris Heston to Seattle and Gregor Blanco became a free agent and signed with Arizona for 2017.

The Sacramento River Cats held a Job Fair on Jan 21. Some 400 part-time and seasonal jobs were available. The San Jose Giants named Nestor Rojas as team Manager for 2017. The San Jose Giants announced that Rojas was a catcher in the Giants' "minor league system from 2004 to 2010". Rojas is 33 years old and 2017 will be his fifth season as a manager in the Giants' Minor League system.

Bob Silverman

The San Francisco Giants announced that this years FANFEST at AT&T Park will take place on Feb. 11 from 10:00 am through 2 p.m.. Fans will have an excellent opportunity to meet many of their favorite players, managers and coaches. If there is a change in the weather it is advisable to check with the Giants to see if there has been any change in the date or time of the event.



Santiago Casilla in his last game as a Giant on October 8, 2016. (2017 S.F. Giants)

Looking Back on 2016

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We are not alone

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea began work October 3 on an approximately six-week project that will include repaving, road repairs and drainage improvement to several road segments, necessitating some detours and temporary road closures.

The work, under a contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering, is expected to conclude by November 18.

Middle Schooler Goes to National Bat Event

In November, 2015 we were introduced to Team Chiropterra, an after-school club meeting at Pacific Grove Middle School, comprising students who study bats. Oscar Scholin was part of the team when they made a presentation at a bat symposium held at the North American Bat Research Symposium in Monterey October, 2015. They were the only youth presenters among a large field of adults.

In 2016 Oscar Scholin celebrated Bat Week, Oct 24-31, by reaching schools across North America with his bat conservation message.

Eight students from across America proved that you don't need to be an adult to help our bats. These kids are members of the "Bat Squad!," a group of young people who were introduced to schools across the USA and Canada in a four-part live webcast series launched online at BatWeek.org during the third annual Bat Week, held from October 24-31.

Members for Boards and Commissions were Sought

The City of Pacific Grove sought applications for some Boards, Commissions and Committees for vacancies that existed and/or terms that expire January/February 2017. At that time, 22 volunteers were sought for a broad spectrum of boards and commissions and committees. The call has gone out again, in 2017 but there are fewer vacancies now, numbering 11 as of the week ending Jan. 20, 2017.

Folklore Dancing Spotlighted

At the Portuguese F.D.E.S. hall grounds, a folklore dance event was held that took Judy Avila back for a voyage in time. Eleven Portuguese Folklore Festival Groups expected around 350 people to attend.

Reviving an old art: Cotillions

Back in the day, cotillions trained children in the art of communication and courtesies in the context of ballroom dance, table manners, and formal etiquette. With the growing informality of society, these skills are fading, much to the chagrin of employers.

Demonstrating respect is the foundation of the curriculum at Carmel Cotillions, LLC. "We teach students to use a respect filter, so that they ask themselves if their behavior demonstrates respect and courtesy for the other person," says Mrs. Mayer, Chair of the cotillions.

Harvest for Hope Brunch

A brunch to benefit One Starfish was held Sunday, October 23 at the Elks Lodge. There was also a silent auction and entertainment.

It was a benefit to provide funds for One Starfish, the safe parking and support services program for homeless women on the Monterey Peninsula.

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Funding deemed secure for water project

The City of Pacific Grove has been working with the State Water Resource Control Board for more than two years to fund the Pacific Grove Local Water Project.

The City received funding from the State to construct the project. The Local Water Project will cost \$7.7 million to construct. The City has received a \$2.5 million grant from the state and will finance the remaining \$5.2 million with a 30-year, 1 percent loan from the state.

The sale of the recycled water to the golf course and cemetery will repay the loan.

Dali's Party to end all Parties

While living and working in Monterey in 1941, Salvador Dali hosted an epic fundraiser gala he named "A Surrealistic Night in an Enchanted Forest." The extravagant costume party was held in the old Del Monte Hotel ballroom with famous guests Bob Hope and Gloria Vanderbilt in attendance alongside animals from the Fleishhacker San Francisco Zoo.

Dali 17 announced a celebration in honor of the 75th anniversary of the legendary event. The evening of Friday, October 28 was the date chosen for the event to realize Dali's vision once again.

What Would Steinbeck (and Ricketts) say About Climate Change

A challenging talk by Dr. Steve Webster, who helped to found the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and worked there as Senior Marine Biologist until his retirement in 2004.

He is now active with the Citizens Climate Lobby, a group that lobbies for fee-and-dividend on fossil fuels.

So what would Steinbeck (and Ricketts) say about climate change?

You can find out on Sunday, October 23, between 3-4:30 p.m. at The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.



Look Familiar?

A tree at the community center went down on the playground side of the building but damage had been cleaned up by the time a scheduled public forum took place. Roger Vandeventer got this picture.

Monterey Library Hosts Bruce Ariss Exhibit

On exhibit at the Monterey Public Library now until November 30, is "Bruce Ariss Was Here," a display about the iconic artist, writer, editor, muralist, movie set designer, cartoonist and fascinating free-spirit who arrived on the Monterey Peninsula in 1935 and remained until his death in 1994 at age 83. The exhibit includes text describing Ariss' rich and colorful life, his multi-faceted creative endeavors, his friendship with Ed Ricketts and John Steinbeck, as well as copies of his paintings, drawings and sketches.

Why do the Butterflies come back to Pacific Grove?

Dennis Taylor profiled Stephanie Turcotte Edenholm, an educator and a writer and author of "The Perfect Place," a lighthearted children's book that tells the story of Mozzie, one of thousands of Western monarch butterflies that migrate each year to a special place on the California coast to spend the winter.

Any guesses where that place might be?

Gateway Center Celebrated Renovations

Gateway Center of Monterey County, Inc., celebrated its recent facelift and newly renovated and upgraded residential facility.

A private, non-profit community based organization, Gateway provides a range of services, including residential care, developmental training, and activity programs for adults with intellectual disabilities.

Recapturing memories

Otter (Tom Stevens) wrote about a trip northward in an attempt to recapture part of his past. We took it as an opportunity to print this picture of a mom otter and her pup for no other reason than that it was cute.



The Rat Race around Laguna Seca Raceway

Following a closed-session meeting when the three top bidders submitted further proposals, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors directed staff to begin exclusive negotiations with Friends of Laguna Seca regarding the concession which includes the iconic race track as well as the surrounding property, a Monterey County park.

Friends is one of the three entities vying for the concession, and the only non-profit of the group. [We profiled Friends in our July 15, 2016 issue (page 7).] They are also the only one asked to enter into negotiations at this point.

WWII Bombardier Goes Off Into the Wild Blue Yonder

Dennis Taylor profiled Fran Cartier, Canterbury Woods resident, who was headed for Washington, DC on an honor flight.

Advocating for an Older Adult

John O'Brien of Central Coast Seniors wrote that the most common advocate for an older adult is a member of their family.

"When we are unable to speak for ourselves, a family advocate may speak on our behalf. Unfortunately, it isn't unusual for family advocates to be unaware of the older adult's wishes, choices, options or parameters of care that they are expected to know."

49er Update

As the seasons change, so do the sports. Bob Silverman went from writing about the San Francisco giants to giving updates on the San Francisco 49ers.

"The San Francisco 49ers lost by a score of 45 to 16 on October 16 in regular season play against the Bills. The 49ers have lost all of their regular season games so far this year. Kaepernick was the starting QB on October 16 for the first time this year during regular season play. The high point of the game came on a Kaepernick pass to WR Torrey Smith who caught the pass and took it in for the touchdown."

Breakers Beat King City



Photo by Peter Munteer

"Ansel Adams: A Son's Perspective"

This Land is Our Land, a three-month celebration of John Muir and the centennial of the National Parks Service continued with two special talks, in addition to the "This Land is Our Land" art exhibition showing in the Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery.

Michael Adams shared his experiences growing up with his father, Ansel Adams; America's most famous photographer, and environmentalist. Ansel Adams lived on the Monterey Peninsula from 1962 to 1984.

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Breakin at Hopkins Marine

Pacific Grove Police Department is asking for the public's assistance with an overnight break-in at the Hopkins Marine research facility. An unknown suspect(s) broke into the building sometime in the night of 10/24-10/25 and ransacked the facility, causing extensive damage. It is unknown if anything more than a few personal items was stolen. Officers were dispatched at 6:30 a.m.

The department continues to investigate the crime. If you have any information, please contact the department immediately at 831-648-3143.

Receive Text Message Alerts For the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout Project

– Text 68roundabout to 888777 –

A text message alert service for the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout Project has been created. The text alert system will allow people to receive traffic alerts and updates directly on their cell phone or electronic device.

You can also stay informed with weekly project updates throughout construction by signing up for Highway 68 Roundabout email notification: www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/highway-projects/highway-68-roundabout/

Chalk Art for Día de los Muertos

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a public holiday in Mexico. Celebrants build temporary altars,

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called ofrendas, to their departed loved ones and visit them, leaving gifts of food, flowers, and perhaps possessions of the deceased as gifts to smooth the spiritual path of the dead.

The celebration evolved from an early summer occasion to become associated with Halloween and All Souls' Day. So is it correct, or even proper, to wish someone "Feliz Día de los Muertos?" We'll have to ask students at Pacific Grove High School who have been studying Hispanic culture for the few weeks leading up to Halloween, culminating in a colorful display of Día de los Muertos art on the sidewalk on campus.



Zoning Code Change on Lot Coverage to Reflect 'Historic Feel' of Downtown

On October 27, the Planning Commission considered a proposed modification to the Zoning Ordinance for the downtown. The recommended modification would apply only to the downtown zoning 2 district. Mark Brodeur, Community & Economic Development Director, has stated that he believes the community likes the way Pacific Grove's downtown has a "historic feel," with buildings constructed right up to the back of the sidewalk, and side-by-side.

He points out, however, that "as currently drafted, our Zoning Code regulation does not accurately reflect the urban layout of our historic downtown. Our code requires each parcel to provide 25 percent of the total lot to be landscaped." He added, "That is not part of our downtown's DNA – that's a suburban standard. A simple review of almost every existing building site in the downtown shows that 100 percent of the lot is covered with building, or in some cases, paving," he explained.

"That means that every existing building and parking lot in the downtown is currently a legal non-conforming parcel," he concluded. If the Planning Commission endorses the proposed modification, new buildings in downtown would better reflect the existing pattern of development in the downtown. The change would alter the allowable site coverage from 75 percent to 100 percent.

The Economic Development Commission considered the change at their October 13 meeting.

Two Benefit Events Took Place at Lovers Point

JDRF One Walk™ took place at Lovers Point Park in Pacific Grove on October 30.

1,000 JDRF supporters were expected to participate. The goal of the event is to raise more than \$236,000 for critically needed type 1 diabetes research.

A.I.M. for Mental Health WALK was held Sunday, October 23. Area residents gathered in support of Mental Health Awareness. There were education booths, showcasing local Mental Health Services available to children and teens in our area.

Going All Out for Halloween Decorations

A homeowner on Buena Vista always goes all out.



They Did the Dash, They Did the Monster Dash

Kids and adults ran the track at Pacific Grove High School in a benefit for local schools' PTAs. It was the second annual event. Contestants dressed in costume for the event.



Olivia Cain Earns Girl Scouting Gold Award

A Girl Scout for 12 years, senior Olivia Cain wanted to earn the highest award in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award, equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Award. Her project focused on the choir at Pacific Grove High School. Her goal was to push the school district to make her high school choir club into a full-fledged class with funding.

Cain first approached the school board in the spring to talk about the need to transform the club, which meets on Saturdays, into a class.

She made a full presentation in September and the school board agreed and made choir a class.

What Do You Do When You Don't Like Any Choice?

Alec Murdock, writing on our editorial pages in his new "Outside the Box" Column, posed this question and then answered it.

"We all know the choice for President is historically poor. Unqualified man-child vs. corruption personified in a slugfest. Both representing exactly the kind of wealth we want to disempower.

"Voices all around yell "VOTE" — from the annoying (also wealthy) spokesman who's scooped up all available commercial TV time to scold us relentlessly, to media polls suggesting our neighbors will vote in record numbers, to our own fond memories of teachers reminding us to exercise our civic duty.

"I may be a lone voice out there, but I just want to make some small points:

"1. Usually people vote for a choice that makes them gag only to protect against an even worse choice. However, in this case, I think we all know how it will turn out. Trump will lose.

"2. The reality is that not voting for a candidate is voting — they will count the absence of votes as if it's another candidate. You'll be making your voice heard if you don't vote for either candidate.

"3. Ask yourself which approach you can live with in the morning — "vote your conscience" or "vote for the lesser of two evils."

"This year, truly voting your conscience means not voting for either one."

Opinion: Pacific Grove needs more arborists and inspectors

Chungwei Shen wrote in a letter to the editor: "Because there are some problems with trees, I suggest that the city council should hire more tree inspectors to examine trees on a regular basis. In addition, we also need more arborists to take care of trees and make sure that they are healthy. Once arborists find trees are not healthy, they should take measures to treat and preserve them. Otherwise they should ask the tree service to trim or cut down that tree immediately to prevent potential damage. Only by improving the care of trees, can we make Pacific Grove great again."

The 'Egregious Mistake' in chasing vets to repay their signup bonuses

Casey Lucius, then a candidate for Congress, wrote: "The Pentagon is reeling under public and Congressional outrage over news reports that nearly 10,000 veterans who served in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts between 2006 and 2010 are being pursued to repay the reenlistment bonuses that were paid to them. I expect that immediate

legislative action will be taken to correct this egregious mistake in which book-keeping is taking priority over common sense. If the matter is not resolved by the time the new Congress is in place in January 2017, I will introduce legislation to require the Defense Department to keep its word to the veterans who reenlisted, and make sure they will not be asked to pay back their bonuses."

She went on to say, "The better way to address the problem is to increase recruitment, training and upward mobility of service members into the specialties that will be in demand."

Crossword Puzzle: "Holiday Noises"

Upi had to complete the crossword puzzle by Peter Silzer to determine what he meant by that title.

Elkhorn Slough is a Sentinel Watching Climate Change

"As I am a former competition diver and long-time sailor, seven-mile wide Elkhorn Slough has always been on my personal map of intriguing places to explore," wrote Neil Jameson.

"I've gone kayaking there as many do today. It is fed only by sea water — there's no river or stream emptying into the ocean there, so the slough, teeming, as they say, with wildlife and human activity, it is a barometer of the health of the Monterey Bay and the effects of what we have come to call 'climate change.'"

"I jumped at the chance to hear a lecture by members of the Santa Cruz Citizens' Climate Lobby aboard a boat provided by the Elkhorn Slough Safari."



Sea lions on watch in Elkhorn Slough

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Volunteers sought to evaluate Great Tide Pool trails

Review of Great Tide Pool Site trail system

The City has begun a very important project that will connect the Great Tide Pool Site trail system to the trail system just west of Esplanade Park. This project will require many conceptual design and alternatives to get the trail system to meander through the turnouts and along the coast safely for our pedestrians but also to ensure that ample parking remains.

The City is seeking applications for interested persons to form a subcommittee to evaluate these conceptual designs and alternatives prior to presentation to the Coastal Commission.

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From the Cop Log

Tree root 1, Bicyclist 0

Bicyclist hit a tree root and fell off the bicycle. Transported to CHOMP. The bicyclist, not the tree.

Chose the wrong broker

Officer responded to the station to speak with a citizen regarding the selling of her wedding rings. She said after her divorce was final, she gave her wedding rings to a friend to sell for her. She believes he sold the rings for more money than he was telling her. She requested the incident be documented for informational purposes.

John Proud was a Witness to History at Bikini Atoll

In 1946, a year after World War II ended, Yeoman Third Class John Proud, who had enlisted in the U.S. Navy at 17, was asked to re-enlist, but not in the active Navy.

"When I was ready to get out of the Navy, people told me that, because of my age, I could be drafted," said the fit 89-year-old. "They told me I should sign up with the 'Deep Six,' a service that consists of six years in the Naval Reserve. I told them that sounds good to me."

John Raspanti interviewed Proud, who witnessed nuclear bomb tests on Naval vessels.

Had a ball with the butterflies

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History held the annual Butterfly Ball, a fund-raiser and one of the few chances Pacific Grove denizens have to dress to the nines for a local function. There was a buffet dinner, wine,

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cocktails, live and silent auctions, music and dancing -- all in support of the Museum's operations.

Climbing "Hillary's Step"

Otter reprised the daring climb of Junko Tabei, a Japanese Mountaineer, who died recently at 77. She was the first woman to summit Asia's Mount Everest and the loftiest peaks on every other continent. In her long career, she climbed the highest mountains of more than 70 nations. He compared her feat to Hillary Clinton's own climb.

Restaurant Pros Coach Students

FIT program helps students jumpstart careers to become chefs, and restaurant managers in the all-important hospitality industry in Monterey County.

Bill Bender, California Restaurant Association Foundation board member, along with Tony Tollner, Downtown Dining Group (which includes Tarpy's, Montrio Bistro and Rio Grill) and Laura Mahoney, a Pacific Grove High School alumna, from Cannery Row Co. which includes the Sardine Factory, were well-received by the students, who sat attentively during the three-hour presentation.

Restaurant pros showed the high school students a path into their all-important first job during FIT Day, an event that brings the industry's leaders together with the next generation of chefs, managers, executives and restaurant owners.

New exhibit, Patron's show open at Pacific Grove Art Center

The Pacific Art Gallery's Gala opening reception of a new exhibit opened on Nov. 4 featuring a variety, from the "Atmospheric Light" of Bonnie Sailer's landscapes to the "Mordant Forms" of Rachell Hester's dinosaur bones. Open to the public, guests will be able to tour the art, nosh and sip, and rumba with the Jazz Cats. The reception is free, but donations to the nonprofit, community Art Center are welcome.

The Gala reception also heralded the opening of the newly revamped Patrons' Show, where every ticket holder is a winner -- and the opening of a new gallery, "Art Within Reach," featuring affordable art that can be



purchased and taken home on the spot.
"Pines Bathed in Fog -- Big Sur" Bonnie Sailer

Monterey Peninsula Water Efficiency Standards Outlined for Potential Buyers

Patrick Ryan, writing his real estate column, outlined efficiency standards -- and there are many -- for potential buyers who are new to the Monterey Peninsula.

He wrote about toilet standards and showerheads and rain sensor sprinkler systems.

"The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has been, in my experience, easy to work with and they will help walk you through the process. They will come out to do an inspection and will let you know what, if anything needs to be done to meet the standards... Updates can and do happen. They can be contacted at 831-658-5601 with any questions. You can also visit their website at www.mpwmd.net."

Annual Craft Sale has a History

"A gaggle of neighbors in 'America's Last Hometown' have spent each autumn for the past eight years reviving the lost art of ... well, being neighborly."

The Neighborhood Arts Fair is the annual production of a group of artistic friends who live in close proximity to Jerry and Helen Beach, who host the event in their front yard at 1150 Pico Ave."



Thus begins Dennis Taylor's review of the annual benefit event, which Cedar Street Times has touted over the years.

Drama About Holocaust Debuts

The award-winning play, "Terezin: Children of the Holocaust," had its West Coast debut on November 13 at 3:30 pm at the Carmel High Performing Arts Center located at 3600 Ocean Avenue, Carmel. The performance was sponsored by Carmel Unified School District, the Catholic Diocese of Monterey, Congregation Beth Israel, Harmony at Home and the National Coalition Building Institute.

In addition to the November 13 public performance in Carmel, The public is invited to join the Nov. 14 performance at Pacific Grove Middle School Performing Arts Center.

Performed by a cast of talented youth, the production is appropriate for ages 12 years and above, including adults. The play integrates topics such as bullying, hatred, intolerance, indifference and anti-Semitism. At the conclusion of the play, the cast answered questions from the audience.

Taking a walk on PG's Wild Side

The authors of "Keepers of our Culture" opined that there's no better way to get to know Pacific Grove than to observe its wildlife, both animal and human.

"In this pair of charming vignettes, guest columnist Blanca McNatt Schield introduces us to PG's natural wonders and to the human cavalcade.

"On Ocean View Boulevard two life-sized breaching whales have been beautifully carved from old tree stumps and painted black and white."

Big Day at the Library



The library bustled with activity on October 29 with the Read-A-Thon for Kids presented by the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library. More than 80 eager readers, 130 generous sponsors, a sizzling performance of "Room on the Broom" by teachers at Robert Down School, 5 guest readers, 2 scary storytellers, 2 tables stacked with food, 25 volunteers, and 9 hours of fun = \$10,000.00 raised to renovate the children's room!

Event organizers used about a third of a page in Cedar Street Times to thank Pacific Grove. We offered a photo essay of the event, with photos by Wei Chang and Karen Levy.

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Election Results Told

While not all the ballots had been counted by press time on Nov. 10, enough have been turned in to Monterey County Elections that probable winners can be called for Pacific Grove City Council, Mayor, and the one Pacific Grove-only measure, Measure P. Ballots counted first are the vote-by-mail, absentee, and provisional ballots. Polling place voters are all in but not necessarily counted.

Seven of seven precincts were reported. Monterey County elections advises that they would have another update on Wed., Nov. 16 and another on Fri., Nov. 18 and that will -- hopefully -- be the end of counting locally.

Results:

Mayor of Pacific Grove

Bill Kampe 3,272 at 69.51%

Dan Miller 1,435 at 30.49%

City Council: Top three

Andrew Kubica 1,557 at 13.94%

Nick Smith 2,122 at 19.00 %

Robert Huitt 2,401 at 21.50%

Alan Cohen 1,235 at 11.06%

Cynthia Garfield 2,504 at 22.42%

Jenny McAdams 1,348 at 12.07%

Total votes 11,167 at 100%

Measure P (Admissions Tax)

Yes 1,193 at 23.68%

No 3,844 at 76.32%

We did not report on national elections, deciding that they had been covered ad nauseam in other media

Though they are county-wide issues, Measure E (County Parks Tax) and Measure X, the TAMC tax for road improvement are very important for Pacific Grove, especially in light of the apparent failure of Measure P.

Measure X was ahead, needing two-thirds or 66 percent to pass.

Measure E - County Parks Tax

Yes 23,430 at 71.33%

No 9,428 at 28.67%

Measure X -- TAMC tax for road improvements

Yes 48,010 at 67.36%

No 23,267 at 32.64%

Vote-by-Mail Ballots

Voting by mail has increased significantly in recent years and while most vote-by-mail ballots arrive on or before Election Day, many arrive after. State law as of 2014 requires that vote-by-mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by county elections officials no later than 3 days after Election Day must be processed. The third day after the November, 2016 election was Friday November 11--which is Veterans Day, a federal holiday. Therefore, the deadline for counties to receive VBM ballots, which were postmarked on or before Election Day, was Monday, November 14.

Linda Pagnella Retired from the Library



Her last day at the library is November 30 and there was a hoopla for her on Tuesday, November 15 in the library. Refreshments were served; drinks, cake, veggies, fruit, cookies, etc...EVERYONE was invited! City staff, the public, everyone who has known Linda over the years as the heart of the library.

Highway 68 off ramp closed over Veterans Day holiday weekend

Construction on the Holman Highway off ramp required complete closure of the southbound Highway 1 off-ramp over the Veterans Day holiday weekend, Thursday through Tuesday.

Cheering on the Breakers Headed for Shoe Game in Carmel

Neil McLaren submitted a photo depicting a display to cheer our football team as they headed out to Carmel for the annual Shoe Game.

"It has been a tradition for many years now that every two years when we play the Shoe Game out of town in Carmel a group of volunteers hang a helmet for each player on Highway 68 heading out of town for the players to see from their buses en route to Carmel for the big game.

The individuals involved in making this happen for the kids donate their time with the hope that it will give our kids a sense of community support and encouragement before they take the field.



Chautauqua Hall Dance Club held a special dance for military

There are more than 20,000 military veterans living in

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the Monterey County. If you add the number of active duty military at Naval Postgraduate School and Defense Language Institute, you see a healthy population of military men and women in our county. Chautauqua Hall Dance Club wanted to thank our military family by inviting them to a Veterans Day Dance, Saturday, November 12.

There was a dance lesson (Foxtrot) at 6, followed by live music provided by the Thom Cuneo Jazz Band from 7-10 p.m. The band specializes in music for all dance styles from the 1940s to the present. Refreshments were served all night, but no alcohol is permitted in the hall. Dress is business casual or party attire.

Admission was free to anyone with a military ID, American Legion/VFW membership card or NPS/DLI student ID. For everyone else the admission was \$10.

Chautauqua Hall Dance Club, a non-profit founded in 1926, is dedicated to making dance accessible to everyone, offering dance classes in more than 20 kinds of ballroom, nightclub and specialty dances so that everyone can share in the joy in partnered social dance.

Ansel Adams assistant warmly met at Friends of the Library Event

Internationally recognized author Mary Street Alinder was the featured speaker in the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library Meet the Author Series on November 17 and was warmly greeted by a large turnout. The

Ms. Alinder was an assistant for many years to Ansel Adams, including working with him on his autobiography which became a New York Times best seller.

Friends of the Ft. Ord Warhouse group hold Veterans Day event

Friends of the Ft. Ord Warhouse held its seventh annual Veterans Day Celebration at historic Marina Equestrian Center Park on old Fort Ord Nov. 12.

As partners in the national 50th anniversary commemoration of the Vietnam War, Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse recognized Vietnam-era veterans in a ceremony that included a performance by the Defense Language Institute Choir, the DLI interservice color guard, brief reflections and a presentation of Department of Defense commemorative pins to veterans by Col. Lawrence Brown of the Presidio of Monterey.

Shoe Game 2016: Junior Varsity PG 36, Carmel 44 Varsity Pacific Grove 37, Carmel 48



Big Sur Half Marathon draws crowds to Pacific Grove

Nearly 200 local residents were among the 8,000 registered participants competing in Sunday's 13.1 mile race, or Saturday's shorter distance fun runs. Runners from 48 states and 23 countries took part in the weekend events.

This was the 14th edition of the Half Marathon on Monterey Bay, presented annually by the Big Sur Marathon, a non-profit organization. The race began in 2003 with just 3,000 competitors and has steadily grown to become one of the premier half marathons in the Western U.S.

Thirty-five 'elite' runners competed for \$32,000 in cash awards and bonuses.

City sponsors Veterans Day commemoration

A comfortable crowd turned out to take part in the annual Veterans Day Event, held at the Point Pinos Lighthouse on Nov. 11. There were short speeches and music by the Pacific Grove Middle School Choir as members from Naval Postgraduate School, Defense Language Institute, city officials and the Coast Guard all took part.

Keepers of our Culture think about vehicles we've owned

Keith Larson joined the efforts of Patricia Hamilton and Keith Larson to encourage Pacific Grove people to write their memoirs by writing about his motorcycles.

"I signed my friends' high school yearbooks, 'Motorcycles forever.' My buddy Jim, who attended Pacific

Grove High in the same graduating class, reminds me of this every so often when he wants to chide me for no longer owning a motorcycle. But it was true: motorcycles were a big focus for me in the 1970s.

"I noticed recently that my two-year-old grandson always seems to have a little car in his hand and sometimes both hands. There's something about wheels that gets into our blood.

"The late Pete Dracos sold me my first motorcycle, a 1967 Yamaha 100 twin. At that time in the '70s there were not many of us who rode our motorcycles to school."



Keith Larson found a BSA Lightning at the motorcycle museum on Forest

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Whale sculptures cause controversy

According to two people who ranted at the City Council meeting about the whale sculptures, people didn't like them and they urged their removal.

The sculpture was made from two dead cypress trees that had been cut down to only snags. City council approved the concept for the breaching whales sculpture and it was financed with a gift from the Rotary Club. The artists turned the dead wood into a pair of whales, and added fins. But as they carved into the wood, it was discovered that there was serious rot and they determined that painting was needed to preserve it. The rest, so to speak, is art history.

Pacific Grove once had a Cultural Arts Commission, responsible for such issues, such as murals, and which oversaw the rehabilitation of the Poet's Perch and the establishment and maintenance of the Poet in Residence. The commission was abolished under the administration of then-mayor Carmelita Garcia and City Manager Tom Frutchet as a cost-saving measure, even though it was the only commission which actually brought income to the city in the form of rental of the Poet's Perch.

Practice Makes Perfect

Monterey Fire held a couple of training drills at the Holman Building, brushing up on high rise procedures such as pumping water up a stand pipe to upper floors using the fire engine

Darren Jones was one of a dozen crew members on hand for the training.



Prehistory of the Monterey Peninsula

Dr. Gary Breschini with Trudy Haversat spoke about the archaeology and prehistory of Monterey County as part of the Heritage Society series.

It is now known that the Peninsula was occupied at least 9,500 years ago—and perhaps as long as 15,000 years ago.

They will also illustrate their findings with pictures of Indian rock paintings, or pictographs. The mountainous interior of the county has a number of important rock art sites, including one of the finest in California.

The talk took place on November 20.

Protego Totalum!*

It's an area protection spell learned at Hogwarts' School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. They came from all over Pacific Grove to find the Youth Center transformed into Hogwarts' and by off-duty officers of Pacific Grove Police Department.

Sorted into "houses," they played games and competed for points, dodged dementors and generally had a ball.

PGPD officers who put on the party included the night shift's Sgt. Orlando Perez, Cpl. Eva Rasul, plus Cdr. Rory Lakind, Chief Amy Christey, Jan and Melanie Kunoa.



Elk's Hoop Shoot Youth Basketball Free-Throw Contest

Held on Saturday, Nov 12 at Pacific Grove High School. These winners would compete in the Peninsula Finals on Dec. 3 in Seaside. This is the first step of the National Competition sponsored by the Elks Lodge. The Pacific Grove Girls Basketball Team proved invaluable assisting the recreation dept. in overseeing the event.

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Golf Links Lease Amended in Relation to Water Usage Cost

The lease between the City and CourseCo for the Golf Links has been amended in consideration of the Local Water Project.

The original lease, agreed upon in September, 2014, provides that CourseCo will pay up to \$443,333 per year for water for the golf course, up to 27.2 million gallons per year with an allowance to increase by 2 percent each year. The minimum water charge agreed upon is \$221,666 for water used once the Local Water Project comes online. Additionally, CourseCo is responsible to pay the cost of all water in excess of 27.2 million gallons, regardless of the actual cost per gallon.

The agreement has now been amended to state that if CourseCo should pay less than \$375,000 per water year for water usage, they would pay the City a "Minimum Annual Water Charge" of \$375,000 less the actual water charge paid by CourseCo.

The amendment also calls for CourseCo to pay the actual cost billed by Cal Am (California American Water) for potable water at the golf course property.

Economic Advisory Report Received

A survey conducted at the request of the Economic Development Commission and City staff took place in August, 2016 and the report was recently completed.

The report offers suggestions for improving sales tax revenue and transient occupancy tax while pointing out that taxes on residential property alone is not enough to maintain a reasonable city budget, given Pacific Grove's stable but aging, affluent population.

The report recommended, among other items:

- Improved and increased tourism
- Easing of restrictive business policies, including the ban on fast food, the ban on drive-through, bans on bars and nightclubs, the controversy over outdoor seating, the cap on motel rooms, and inadequate Wi-Fi.
- Improvement of city policies to better attract investment, which would induce businesses and property owners to keep downtown properties up to date.

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- Establishment of a staff position to assist the Director in implementing the programs.
- The city is underserved for variety stores, electronics, appliances, apparel, sporting goods, books and music among others
- Continued and strong cooperation with the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and other entities.

Kiwanis Christmas Toy Drive is Under Way

During the months of November and December, the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club worked with the local fire departments to provide toys to boys and girls.

The donated toys were to be delivered to children by the Monterey/Pacific Grove/Carmel Fire Department.

Holiday Giving 2016 Kicks Off to Benefit Local Food Banks

The state's economy may be doing well, but the prosperity hasn't touched everyone.

According to the California Association of Food Banks, an average of one in eight residents still doesn't know where his or her next meal will come from. Out of those 5.4 million experiencing food insecurity in our state, nearly half are children.

To help boost donations to local food banks during the holiday season, Lucky Supermarkets held the annual Holiday Give. Share. CARE! Drive, making it easier for shoppers to donate.

VTC needs food for the holidays

The Veterans Transition Center asked for turkeys, hams, sweet potatoes, desserts and soft drinks for the 200+ veterans, many of them homeless, who VTC will feed on Thanksgiving and again at Christmas at the Marina American Legion.

VTC also invited homeless students from three local colleges to join in the meals.

Girl Scouts Coat Drive got Under Way

The Girl Scouts of California Central Coast collected clean, gently used coats and jackets as part of the One Warm Coat community service project. One Warm Coat is dedicated to distributing reusable coats, free of charge, directly to local children and adults.

Black Friday Sales, Small Business Saturday Celebrated

Along with many other businesses, and in conjunction with efforts by the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement district and Economic Development Commission to drive shoppers downtown, the AFRP Treasure Shop, at 160 Fountain Ave, celebrated Black Friday and Small Business Saturday with a half price sale on holiday items, toys and dolls and many other items. Shoppers there were urged to support the animals at the adoption center while stocking up on beautiful gifts and decorations.

Annie is a shop volunteer and AFRP rescue pup, pictured with Lydia whose job is to love the animals.



Girls explore STEAM careers at Lyceum

"Expanding Your Horizons: A Conference and Career Fair for Young Women" was born six years ago at the Naval Postgraduate School, and for the past four years has been sponsored by The Lyceum of Monterey County, a nonprofit organization that offers education programs for local school kids.

The idea is to get girls interested on careers in science, technology, math and art.

Flavors of Pacific Grove Rocks Asilomar

A few hundred celebrants arrived with their dancing shoes on to enjoy small plates prepared by dozens of Pacific Grove's best chefs. Coupled with both a live and a silent auction, a great time was had by all as Asilomar rolled up the rug for dancing.



Duane Silveria, Rodrigo, Patrick and Francis,

Jean Anton's Postcard from Nepal

On November 1, a group of 19 Pacific Grove locals and friends traveled to Nepal. The trip was organized by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce together with the Pacific Grove Travel Agency.

Jean Anton was along on the trip and gave us a good profile of what she experienced in Nepal.

Blind & visually Impaired Held Craft Fair

The Blind & Visually Impaired Center held its 41st annual fundraising event on December 3. The event was free and will be a day of fun, food, entertainment and community outreach.

The event featured homemade items for sale, a silent auction, 50-50 raffle and the Lions Clubs A.J. Robinson Mobile Screening Unit.

The health fair offered screening for vision, diabetes, hearing, blood pressure and body mass index.

Holiday Tree Lighting



The City of Pacific Grove welcomed the holiday season with an old-fashioned hometown tradition. The Pacific Grove Annual Holiday Tree Lighting happened on Nov. 28. The program began with music and dance performances by local youth along the steps of the P.G. Museum, followed by the Tree Lighting at Jewell Park (located at Forest & Central Avenues), and concluding with a visit from Santa.

Musical and dance presentations by students of the Dance Center began and were followed by dancers of the DiFranco Dance Project and followed by our Elementary School Choir performing. The Mayor and City Council turned on the lights of the City's official Holiday Tree, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus (with the help of the Monterey Fire Department).

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Harbor Seals Numbers Drop Due to Warmer Waters, Less Food

About a third of the harbor seals that live along our shoreline have perished in the past two years as warmer water reduced their food supply. Volunteer docents conducted a census last week and saw again what they found in a summer census – the overall population of local harbor seals has slipped from an estimated 700 in 2014 to fewer than 500 as of December, 2016.

The ocean's high waves of the past few weeks have

bunched them up on their favorite beach at Hopkins Marine Station, alongside Pacific Grove's popular recreation trail. They are protected there from high waves by the large rocky outcropping of China Point, and from the people on the recreation trail by the chain link fence around the Stanford University property.

Docents found 80 percent of the harbor seals in the latest survey bunched onto that beach, where they tend to gather through winter months and into the spring pupping season. Most of the rest of the colony seen that day were on the bigger rocks along Pebble Beach.



Send us your selfies

Mary Flaig, a member of the BNRRC, has been capturing peoples' reactions to the whale sculptures at Berwick Park. Families, couples, and singles take photos with the whales as a backdrop. By the dozens, they pose in front of the whales.

"I love the way people mimic the whales," she said.

We were embarrassed by a couple of people who denigrated the artist's work and said disparaging things about it.

When Mary showed her photos to Jean Anton, Jean had a bright idea: Why not ask the newspaper to run a section (or two or three) of the photos people take at the whale sculpture?

Send your photos to editor@cedarstreettimes.com.

Celtic Christmas concert held

The public was invited to celebrate the holidays with a rousing and spirited performance of songs, music, poetry, and tales of the season, featuring:

Maestra Amelia Krupski, virtuoso Celtic harpist;

Shannon Wardo, redheaded, Irish-blooded, natural-born Celtic songbird;

and Taelen Thomas, renowned bard and storyteller of Carmel Bay.

Taelen performed selections from Dylan Thomas's masterpiece, "A Child's Christmas in Wales," along with stirring tellings of the stories.

School District tries transition program

A program of the Pacific Grove Unified School district offers young adult students who are challenged in various ways the opportunity, as volunteers, to gain work experience in the wider world. Students aged 18-22, including five from Carmel Unified School District, are invited to volunteer in various positions which give them work experience — and more.

The public was invited to learn from a Buddhist teaching at Manjushri Dharma Center

In Buddhist teachings, the root of everything is the mind: all happiness and all suffering arise from the mind. No amount of massaging our external circumstances will lead to lasting happiness, and no amount of avoiding unpleasant situations will shield us from suffering. Happiness and suffering are states of mind, therefore their causes are found within the mind.

Santa heard about a thousand wishes at the Pacific Grove Tree Lighting event.



From the Cop Log Lights on when nobody's home?

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R/P reported that they just returned home and found that someone had unscrewed their outdoor lights. A subject from a vacation rental next door walked over and admitted to unscrewing the bulbs. Someone came by a second time, rang the doorbell and left a note requesting the lights to be turned off. The R/P wants to leave the lights on due to suspicious activity in the area. The R/P tried to call the property manager, but there was no answer. Officer suggested to the R/P that they install motion detector lights so that their lights are not on constantly.

Kondos painting gifted to PG Library
One of the world’s most prominent California landscape artists, Gregory Kondos, at the age of 93 journeyed to Pacific Grove from his home in Sacramento to honor his friend Nancy Burtch Hauk. Kondos presented his painting of John Steinbeck’s Pacific Grove cottage to the Library. It is to become part of the permanent art collection attached to the Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery. Kondos said he created the painting “in memory of Nancy Hauk,” a friend and former student. She died in July of this year.

New at the Police Department
In the last six weeks, the Pacific Grove Police Department has hired seven staff members to join the team. At the end of October, Officers Eva Rasul and Dan Deis became new Corporals. And the Pacific Grove Police Department hired Police Recruits Kyle Baum and Cynthia Thomas. The week before last, Shayla Hoffman was hired and Margie Cohen was promoted to the position of Police Services Technician. Last week, the department hired Police Officer Andrew Butler and Robert Down School Crossing Guard Brigitte Jones. This week, Police Officer Kristopher Moore and Police Recruit Luke Siebach came on board.

Wanda Parrott gave incoming mayors a little lesson on barbecue
What’s the sizzle a mayor must sell? The sizzle is the most for the least. The biggest bang for your buck. The best bargain. Translated into local lingo, it’s the Matching Funds Challenge that helps provide services to the houseless here at home. If you were already mayor, or councilmember- elect come January, you’d soon be invited to join the Matching Funds Challenge coalition of 2017. Sizzle is empowerment a mayor, city council, planning commission and city staff are privileged to provide for the welfare of their community.

Monarch Film Festival Returned
Starting on December 8 and for three nights, the Monarch Film Festival featured 10 original works by local filmmakers, as well as 24 films from around the world at Lighthouse Cinemas. This year, the festival showcased the 2016 Capstones from CSUMB Film Students. **TubaChristmas invaded Monterey**
Tuba players from around the region and across the nation converged on Monterey on December 11 for the



second annual TubaChristmas Monterey, a free public holiday concert at the historic Golden State Theatre. Some 50-60 tubas and euphoniums filled the theater with joyous music of the season, with the audience adding their voices to the songs of good cheer.

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Council seated
Two new council members were sworn in at the Dec. 7 City Council meeting, along with one returning councilmember (Robert Huitt) and the mayor, Bill Kampe, who won re-election. After some cookies, shuffling of seats and placement of paper name plates, the newly-seated council got down to business. Selection of the mayor protempore was the next item of business, with council members nominating their choices and then voting. Robert Huitt, the current mayor protempore, will continue in that office.



23rd Annual Stillwell’s Fun in the Park
A free day of fun for kids -- and their parents -- held at Caledonia Oark



Pacific Grove’s Annual Tree Lighting
With Entertainment by Pacific Grove Middle School Choir and Difranco Dancers, plus a Visit from Santa and a Chance to Tell Him Your Wishes



Barbara Mossberg, Poet in Residence Emerita, returns for This Land is Our Land
On December 16: “John Muir’s Purple Prose Plan to Save the World” Dr. Mossberg offered a talk at Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. John Muir’s purple prose gushing like his beloved Yosemite Falls in spring floods U-turned America’s mind about the wilderness. From its dictionary definition as wasteland—trash!—and dispiriting desolation, to the idea of its value only as cut down, blown up, dammed, razed, grazed, and fenced, what made the geobotanist and ecologist’s writing so uniquely powerful? We “drill down” and “get to the roots of” his ecstatic vision to the Bible, Homer, Shakespeare, Milton, Bobby Burns, Emerson,

Thoreau, and Romantic poets. On December 17 we were offered a talk, “John Muir Among the Animals,” with Lee Stetson at the Fire Pit at Asilomar Conference Grounds. **Chautauqua Hall Dance Club Taught Tango**
On Dec. 10, 2016, the Chautauqua Hall Dance Club offered a dance lesson by Sandy Gardiner: Argentine Tango. The club dances weekly.

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New School Board Officers Seated
John Pfaff was elected by the Pacific Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees to be the Board President for the upcoming year, while Brian Swanson was made vice-chair

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Local Water Project
A happy group of supporters met to see the official groundbreaking of the Local Water Project on Dec. 9. Members of the City Council, along with City Manager Ben Harvey, picked up “gold” shovels and dug in. Also on hand were Public Works director Dan Gho and project consultant Jim Brezack as well as a representative from CalAm. Missing was former City Manager Tom Frutchey, now City Manager of Paso Robles, who had been a driving force behind getting the project off the ground. Perc Water has begun construction on rehabilitation of the old sewer treatment plant off Ocean View Blvd. at Pt. Pinos. Eventually, the project will reroute Pacific Grove sewer water through thousands of linear feet of pipe to the reconstructed sewage treatment plant and deliver it for non-potable water uses such as watering the Pacific Grove Golf Links and El Carmelo Cemetery. The Golf Links and the cemetery currently use potable water. Using non-potable water will “free up” an estimated 125 acre-feet per year of potable water. It is hoped the project will help convince the State Water Resources Control Board to extend the deadline on the cease-and-desist order under which the city’s water purveyor, California American Water, is laboring. It is expected the Local Water Project will be fully operational by early spring, 2017.

Coffee With a Cop
Join Pacific Grove Police for a cup of coffee and some conversation. Everyone is welcome! Pacific Grove Police Department will host Coffee with a Cop monthly, at different locations, times, and days so we can have the opportunity to connect with all our community members, regardless of their schedule.

Heroin, stolen property retrieved in traffic bust on Congress
On Dec. 14, an officer with the Pacific Grove Police Department conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of Congress in Pacific Grove. The officer discovered the driver, Antonio Rappa, is on parole. The officer then conducted a search of the driver and his vehicle and found 25.2 grams of heroin, as well as stolen property including a laptop, checks, and personal documents. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the Monterey County Jail for processing. Mr. Rappa, a 26-year-old Monterey resident, was charge with Possession of Controlled Substance for Sale (11351 H&S) and Possession of a Controlled Substance (11350 H&S).



Blessing of the Waters
On the Winter Solstice Khenpo Karten Rinpoche, resident monk and teacher at the Manjushri Dharma Center in Pacific Grove, offered a Water Blessing Ceremony on the occasion of the Winter Solstice, December 21 at Lovers Point beach in Pacific Grove. Participants were invited to offer a group prayer with candles as a welcoming back of the light. Prayer copies and candles will be provided. The event was free to all. Participants were encouraged to bring flower petals to contribute to this beautiful and moving ceremony.

Honestly, we thought we would be all done with the Year in Review for you with this week’s issue. But it was not to be. We still have two and a half weeks in December to go, plus the Parade of Lights pictures. Hold on.

STEAM NIGHT

Science. Technology. Engineering. Arts. Mathematics.

The tools today's youth are learning to use to succeed in the world



Catapults: Which goes farther when loaded on a catapult made from film containers and popsicle sticks, a puffball or a marshmallow?



ROV, an underwater remote-controlled robot. The school has five ROVs. They designed and constructed them to compete in M.A.T.E.'s regional competition. Last year, they earned 8th place out of 68 teams. They will compete again with students from Pacific Grove Middle School, on May 13. They will have less competition, and expect to finish well.



Frictionless disk races



Ozbots (Coding) showed how colors drawn on the track gave instruction to the little round robots.



Sublimation: Dry ice was added to water and the resulting "steam" was captured in a bubble created by soapy water, demonstrating what happens when a solid becomes a gas.



Dads and older brothers particularly liked the Hotwheels track, learning how slopes helped the speed of the cars.



Drones (above) and robots (below)



Playing with polymers What happens when it gets kneaded with thermochromatic powder?

By Marge Ann Jameson

STEAM Night, a family science night, took place at Robert Down School this past week.

Students set up stations in the cafeteria, in the hallways, and in a classroom and invited fellow students, parents, and the public to see their demonstrations of science projects which demonstrate their lessons in the following:

- Coding (Ozbots, Mouse Maze, Obstacle Course)
- Hotwheels track design
- ROV team
- Robotics maze
- Frictionless disks
- Polymers
- 3D printing
- Catapults
- Virtual Reality
- Dry Ice (teaching sublimation)
- RC controlled drone

50 students are in the program, which meets twice each week under the direction of Stephanie Pechan, a 5th grade teacher at the school. She personally coaches the ROV (underwater robot) team which will compete soon in a regional event.

Students hold an event similar to the STEAM Night at lunchtime. There is a focus on students teaching students, which is why, when demonstrating his "Frictionless Disk Race," the student showed this reporter how the balloon is attached to a neck made from a dish soap container and attached to a CD and begins to float around when the air is let loose from the balloon...then asked me, "Do you know why this happens?"

Photos by Stephanie Pechan and Marge Ann Jameson

Home Inspections



Patrick Ryan

Local Real Estate Update

Whether you are buying or selling a home, one thing you will need to make a decision on is a home inspection. This decision is an important one and should always be made by the buyer or the seller. Different markets have different attitudes regarding inspections. When I lived in Fresno, they were not usually done. That could be due to so many new homes being built, but my wife and I bought a home built in the 1930s and we did not get a home inspection. Here on the Monterey Peninsula they are ubiquitous.

Truly the decision is up to the client, the person buying or selling the home. The most common inspections on the peninsula are the basic home inspection and a pest inspection. As we have noted before, most of the buyers over here are from the Bay Area and the Central Valley and they may not be used to these inspections. In fact, many times they are in a slight state of shock when the pest inspection comes back with evidence of termites. It is fairly rare to find termites in the Central Valley, so when a buyer from there paying our prices finds out their “dream home” has termites it is a learning experience.

I remember the first home we bought, in the late 1990s, was in Santa Cruz and it had termites which caused some serious consternation on our part. The inspector told us, with a smile, that he thought that they built the homes over here with termites in the wood. We quickly realized we were not in Kansas anymore and just got the home treated. Unfortunately, the

“electric charge” treatment did not really work and it would have been better to tent the home.

There is a debate amongst agents about whether the seller of a home should get a home and pest inspection before putting the home on the market and my opinion is that the seller should do this. If you don’t find out what is wrong the buyer will and it is better for the seller to discover any problems. This allows the seller to make the decision on whether to fix the problems or leave it to the buyer. However, as a seller, you have now identified any problems and have disclosed such to any potential buyers. This shows honesty and due diligence by the seller and builds confidence in the buyer. The buyer may still get their own inspections if they want, but you as the seller have been upfront in the process.

If you are going to sell your home, get a home and pest inspection. If you are a buyer make sure there is a home and pest inspection done before buying. You can rely on the seller’s inspection or get your own. The inspectors here on the peninsula are reputable and trustworthy. We are a small community and shoddy work will lead to no business. If you have any questions about the details of inspections please feel free to give me a call or shoot me an email. Cheers

Patrick Ryan Sotheby’s International Realty, 831.238.8116, patrick.ryan@sothebyshomes.com

California Home Price Ends Year on High Note

Scott Dick
Monterey County Assoc. of Realtors

Market Matters

Source: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (C.A.R.)

Despite strong headwinds of tight housing supplies and an affordability squeeze throughout much of 2016, California’s housing market ended the year on a positive note, posting a moderate sales pace and home price increases in December, the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (C.A.R.) said. Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 411,230 units in December, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 local REALTOR® associations and MLSs statewide. The statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2016 if sales maintained the December pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The December figure was down 7 percent from the 442,320 level in November, and down 0.6 percent compared with home sales in December 2015 of a revised 413,700. Despite the declines, December’s sales were on par with the two-year average sales pace of 412,000 maintained since 2015. Home sales remained above the 400,000 pace for the ninth straight month.

For 2016 as a whole, a preliminary 416,250 single-family homes closed escrow in California, up 1.7 percent from 2015’s revised pace of 409,410.

“December’s sales decrease was expected, and was primarily due to unseasonably strong sales last month and December 2015, when new mortgage rules delayed sales that would have closed in November 2015 and pushed closings into December 2015,” said C.A.R. President Geoff McIntosh. “Despite a decline in sales in December, the strong performance in the last quarter of 2016 helped push annual sales above 2015’s pace. The last quarter of 2016, in fact, was the best quarter we’ve had since the fourth quarter of 2012.”

The statewide median price increased for the first time since August and remained above the \$500,000 mark for the ninth consecutive month.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached California home rose 1.5 percent from a revised \$501,710 in November to reach \$509,060 in December.

December’s median price increased 3.9 percent from the revised \$489,770 recorded in December 2015.

California’s housing market experienced sold price growth throughout 2016, with the median price increasing 5.4 percent for the year as a whole to reach \$502,250.

Alumni Association Installs Officers, sets up Senior Support Fund

At its January 12 meeting, the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association installed its 2017 officers. They include Beth Penney, class of 1973, president; Edie Adams McDonald, class of 1956, vice president; Patty Fifer Keiffer, class of 1960, recording secretary; Donna Murphy, class of 1979, corresponding secretary; and Erin Langton Field, class of 1971, treasurer.

The board also voted to establish the Senior Support Fund, a fund that will assist students who cannot afford incidental expenses related to graduation. PGHSAA has in the past paid for yearbooks for students who could not afford them; the Senior Support Fund will extend this assistance to other senior year costs, such as participation in the Senior Breakfast and the Senior Banquet. Recipients of the fund’s support will be determined by PGHSAA’s liaison to the high school, in consultation with high school staff.

The PGHSAA board meets seven

times each year to manage the Association’s business, consider requests from the high school for funding, award scholarships to graduating Pacific Grove High School students, and plan activities. Money for funding and scholarships comes from donations made to the Association, a 501(c)(3) corporation, which was originally formed in 1889 and reactivated in 1962.

Graduates and attendees of Pacific Grove High School, as well as those who attended any of the district’s public schools, are welcome to join the Association; membership forms are available on the web site. Dues are \$20 per year. Donations to the Senior Support Fund and to the Association in general are welcome from members and non-members alike.

For more information about the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association and its programs, visit the PGHSAA web site at www.pgusd.org/alumni. PGHSAA also has a Facebook page.

Lecture: California Modern Architecture

The Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists Presents: The Roots of California Modern: Early Frank Lloyd Wright, Dutch Modernists, and Richard Neutra’s California Modern

An illustrated talk by Dr. Raymond Richard Neutra, the youngest son of distinguished Austrian-American architect Richard Neutra

Friday, February 3, 2017 at 7 pm
Canterbury Woods Auditorium

651 Sinex Avenue near Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California

FREE for current AMAP members and residents of Canterbury Woods. All others, \$15 at the door; includes a 2017 AMAP membership.

For further information, please contact Nancy Runyon, Tel. 831.649.8132 or E-mail nancy@nancyrunyon.com <<mailto:nancy@nancyrunyon.com>>.

Calligraphy Guild will hear Pacific Grove artist

Sea Scribes Monterey Bay Calligraphy Guild's upcoming monthly program is on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at The Park Lane, 200 Glenwood Circle, Monterey in the Lower level A, Art Room. The program starts at 7 p.m. and is over at approximately 8:30p.m.

Sea Scribes Program will feature Germain from Imagine Art Supply Store in Pacific Grove. She will be sharing with us some of her personal painting techniques that we can apply to our own creative process. A brief description of what she will be doing for her demo is as follows:

“I work in multiple levels with each piece. There is a build up of textures that happens before a painting starts. Primarily, I pull medium through a stencil. The stencils are usually handmade and anywhere from 3 to 7 layers thick,” she says. “After applying the stencils, a layer of Clear Tar Gel from Golden Paints is added. Once all of the layers are dry gesso is painted over the entire thing. When the gesso dries I lay guide lines for my painting. Painting begins...”

Refreshments will be available, as well.

The program is free for all to attend and open to the public. Come join us and be inspired!

Robots and Labor: Hear about it at League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Monterey County (LWVMC) cordially invites you to attend our next Lunch & Learn.

The General Member Meeting will hear "Does the Rise of Robots Mean the End of Labor?" presented by guest speaker Dr. Rodrigo Nieto-Gomez from the Naval Postgraduate School on Wednesday, 8 February 2017

Lunch begins at noon (\$17/person; provided by Café Athena) and the presentation will be from 12:30 p.m -1:30 p.m and is free and open to the public)

The event will take pace at theUnitarian Universalist Church, 490 Aguajito Roa, Carmel.

Please RSVP if you're attending the luncheon portion by Saturday, 4 February 2017. RSVPs must be sent to Lorita Fisher who can be reached via email (GLFisher@redshift.com) or phone (831-375-8301). Payment for lunch can be made in cash or check and is payable upon arrival.

NOTE: Given the weather last weekend, we don’t have any new whale pictures to show you. But rest assured that there were tourists in town and that they probably wished they could get out of the car and pose in front of the whale sculptures!

The 12-Year-Old

Alec Murdock

Outside the Box



The events of the week since Donald Trump became President remind me of something that happened last year right here in PG, at my home.

A girl came to our door. She was maybe 12 years old with an innocent-looking face and confident demeanor. She made a pitch for money for a school project, and I thought about how effective children can be as sales people. Normally it's pretty easy for me to say no to front door soliciting, but now I found myself worrying about pushing her over the brink toward a dispirited, cynical future in which she'd drop out of school and become a bank robber. It required a deep breath and fortitude for me to say, "Thank you, but my wife and I already have our donations planned out."

Her face contorted. She looked aghast and said, "Oh wow, you're... you're... a Republican!"

This young person had searched for the nastiest epithet she could think of. My first impulse was to laugh, but I couldn't. It was too jarring to see the innocence and confidence replaced in a flash by venom. In her world, it all made sense — not getting her way... Republican... enemy... attack. All I could think about was who raised her, passing along such scorn and prejudice to a 12-year-old.

As horrifying as the new President's personal behavior has been, I'm even more dismayed by the conduct of large swaths of his opposition. Mark Twain once said, "We all do no end of feeling, and we mistake it for thinking. And out of it we get an aggregation which we consider a boon. Its name is public opinion." In the case

of Trump's election, there's a palpable, visceral hysteria in the people around us. The feeling is mostly fear, isn't it? And anger over the loss of the election. And truth be told, some degree of hatred for the other half of America.

And we're boxed in by that, aren't we? When we reduce the other half to labels, we take away their ability to be more than that. They can't have a good idea. They deserve our contempt and nothing more. They are not us.

During the week, young people have destroyed property and injured people. It's like the 12-year-old's little tantrum — I didn't get my way, so I'll hurt you until you give me what I want. They think their actions are justified by their anger at America, and yet the very reason their actions are unjustifiable is that we live in America. As a nation, we know that when we attack fellow citizens we sink to unacceptable levels. I think a clue to the agitators' rationale was written on one of their signs held proudly above the crowd on Inauguration Day. It read, "America has never been great."

Is that why they feel they can abandon society's standards? I hope parents will steer their children toward practicing rational discourse and tolerance — two principles of conduct held dear in our imperfect land since at least 1636, principles that indeed helped make America great.

You may email comments about this column to AlecOTB@arrowkite.com

Despite the weather...

Editor:

All of us who receive your paper via online appreciate extensively the time and effort that is put into it!

**Thank you,
Susie Littlefield Haines**

Stuttering Foundation offers assistance

Editor:

For many people, ringing in the New Year brings hope and joyful anticipation. But for those who struggle with stuttering, the old fears of speaking and being teased remain the same—year after year. Many of your readers don't know that help for stuttering is available from so many places. Trusted information on stuttering is available at your local public library. Public schools have speech counselors, and children are entitled to free evaluation and help by law. Seek out a Speech-Language Pathologists in your area trained in helping those who stutter. Universities often offer speech clinics. Finally, the internet can be wonderful resource on stuttering—with free books, videos, and reference materials. Visit our website as a starting point: www.StutteringHelp.org. Make 2017 the year you find the help you and your family need.

**Jane Fraser, President
The Stuttering Foundation**

Carmel-by-the-sea to cap centennial observances, display time capsule at city hall on Friday, Jan. 27

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea -- incorporated in 1916 - will hold a ceremony in City Hall Council Chambers at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2017, to cap its centennial celebrations year.

The event will begin with a short ceremony that will center on the Centennial time capsule that will be buried in Devendorf Park in the near future. The Centennial Parade DVD will be shown.

Over the past year the City's 2016 Centennial Committee has collected items for inclusion in the time capsule that will provide future citizens with a historical perspective on life in Carmel-by-the-Sea in 2016. The empty time capsule will be on display. The list of the more than 100 items to be placed in it will be on hand, but the contents themselves will not be there.

Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The City Hall Council Chambers are located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th avenues



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
EL CARMELO CEMETERY

NOTICE REQUEST FOR BIDS – CEMETERY GROUNDS MARKER TRIMMING SERVICES FOR THE EL CARMELO CEMETERY

The full scope of work under this notice requesting bids can be found on the City of Pacific Grove website at www.cityofpacificgrove.org or can be obtained upon request. Bids must be received at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, no later than 3:00 pm PST on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Contact: Catherine Krysyna, Assistant Finance Manager via e-mail at ckrysyna@cityofpacificgrove.org

Notice submitted January 27, 2017

/s/ C. Krysyna

Catherine Krysyna
Assistant Finance Manager



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE FINANCE
DEPARTMENT

NOTICE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE MUNICIPAL GOLF LINKS FOOD & BEVERAGE CONCESSION SERVICES

The full scope of work under this notice requesting proposals can be found on the City of Pacific Grove website at www.cityofpacificgrove.org or can be obtained upon request. Proposals must be received at the Finance Department at City Hall, 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove CA. 93950 no later than 3:00 p.m. Tuesday February 28, 2017.

Contact Lori Frati, Finance Management Analyst via e-mail at lfrati@cityofpacificgrove.org

Notice submitted January 27, 2017

L. Frati
Management Analyst

Rosen Method: Accessing the Unconscious through Touch and Moving with Ease

*presented by Jane Malek, Center Director
and Melina Wates, Certified Practitioner*

In this time of high stress and fast paced living, it is more important than ever to take the time to slow down and listen to your body to prevent dis-ease. Experience for yourself what it means to be conscious in your body. Unique to Rosen Method is the quality of touch and unhurried movements. By relaxing chronic muscle tension, the breath becomes free to move and expand, allowing ease. Jane and Melina will share in a presentation and demonstration to introduce you to this transformative method of bodywork and movement. Both aspects compliment each other and emerge from the same theory.

The quality of touch is the most important tenet of Rosen Method Bodywork. The touching is with a soft, receptive hand, allowing the breath to come in, and acknowledging the body.

Jane Malek began training with Marion Rosen in 1980, and she is a master teacher of Rosen Method Bodywork and Movement. Jane established the Monterey Bay Rosen Method Training Center for certification. She teaches in Monterey, at Esalen, and internationally. She enjoyed a close relationship with the founder, Marion Rosen, who was an international leader and innovator in the field of body-oriented therapies. During her long career as a physical therapist and health educator, Marion developed a unique approach for self-transformation that has reached countless lives. Her roots are in Germany where she learned breathwork as Elsa Gindler's student. She worked for many years as a physical therapist, and developed Rosen Method Bodywork & Movement as a way to prevent physical difficulties before they arise, help her clients feel better, and age more gracefully. She died on January, 2012 at 97 years of age. She was a true testimonial to her work.

Melina Wates studied with Marion and Jane and is a local certified practitioner, enthusiastic to share how it has changed her life.

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Questions and Socializing Afterward

This Is My Town and This Is Who I Am

Who says you're not a writer? Fifteen people attended the free writing workshop sponsored by "Keepers of Our Culture" last week and discovered how easy it actually is. Though several starting out claiming that they "weren't writers," at the end of two hours of gentle coaching, all had created delightful stories based on their everyday lives in Pacific Grove today. This series of classes is designed to assist you in telling your story for "Life in Pacific Grove," a book showcasing true-life tales by and for residents and visitors to our town, with proceeds to benefit the Pacific Grove Public Library.

In the two samples that follow, artist Barry Marshall describes a friendship forged around living as close P.G. neighbors, while Robert Gumerlock pays tribute to two Pagrovians who helped save a favorite spot for viewing sunsets.

Love and Pavel's Peasant Bread
Fog was setting in as I approached the small cabin in Pacific Grove, my first rental after moving here. My future landlady, Eloise, then in her eighties, interviewed me, her blue eyes flashing. She apparently found me suitable as a tenant for what



Pacific Grove artist Keith Larson captures a typical P.G. cabin in the pines—could that be Eloise tending to her flowers?

Keepers of our Culture

Barry Marshall
Robert Gumstock

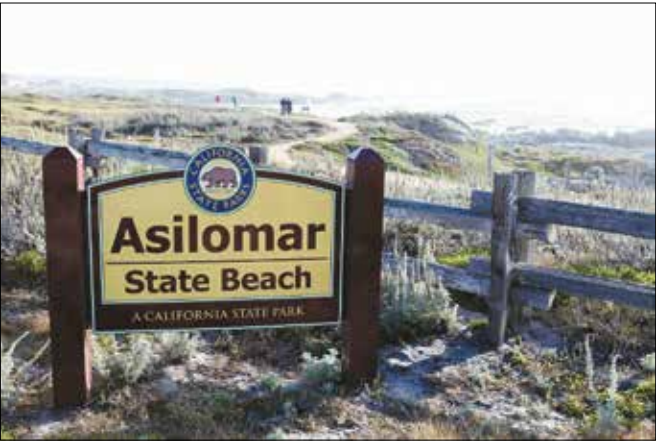


she described as her "chicken coop out back" and I took the place. This started a friendship that still lasts today, an adopted family, friends for life.

One time, I presented her with a loaf of peasant bread from Pavel's Bakerei, and she loved it so much I decided to make it a tradition. Making my weekly delivery of Pavel's peasant bread to Eloise is something I look forward to. She opens the door, blue eyes blazing, all of 5'3", 92 years of sparkle. She is family to me, a substitute mom for the one that I lost when she was 60. Eloise is still spry as ever and a friend to the end.

Private Citizens Save Sunsets
Each of us probably has a favorite vantage point from which to watch the spectacular P.G. sunsets. Mine is the coast-side gazebo just below the junction where Jewell Avenue joins Sunset Avenue. At first encounter, the structure and the land it sits on appears to be part of Asilomar State Park, a continuation of the beachfront strand heading north from Asilomar Beach.

For everyone who has ever enjoyed a walk on the path that runs along Sunset Avenue near Asilomar State Beach, now you know who is responsible for saving the unobstructed view.



But adjacent to the gazebo is a Craftsman-style house and street-side stand two stone gateway pillars, mute sentinels to a grand estate that once dominated this landscape.

I would know nothing of the lineage of this parcel of land were it not for my original neighbors in Pacific Grove, Russell and Ellen Coile. Their names, together with those of other citizens and organizations, can be found carved into the railroad ties leading to the gazebo. Perhaps you have traversed this boardwalk and noticed these names, more weathered with each passing year. Ellen told me the story just as a second home was being constructed next to the Craftsman—a multi-million dollar fortress that looks as if it had been intended for Pebble Beach but lost its way and decided to settle down alongside its much more demure neighbor.

Sometime in the late 1980s the entire estate came up for sale, consisting of the Craftsman home and five other subdivided lots, one to the north of the existing house, and four to the south. Concerned

residents urged the P.G. City Council to bid on the entire property, which would have prevented/eliminated all development on the riparian side of Oceanview/Sunset, from Lovers Point to Asilomar. Pleading penury, the City Council declined to act. Undeterred, private citizens formed a consortium and began to solicit donations.

At the time the parcels were sold, the consortium had collected sufficient funds to purchase the four southern lots. The northern lot was acquired by a developer and the Craftsman home ended up being purchased by a local citizen. The fortress to the north recently sold for eight million dollars.

The next time you visit the gazebo to watch the waves, the otters, or the sunset, take a moment to reflect on the fact that, but for the efforts of these intrepid citizens, there would most likely be four more stone fortresses dominating this skyline. I thank Ellen and Russell every time I visit.

Who Are You and What Is Your Story?

Inquiring minds (and neighbors) want to know! We want to include your story in "Life in Pacific Grove." Won't you contribute a few words to this worthwhile community project? And if you don't think you're a writer, you'll be pleasantly surprised at how easy it is by attending the next free writing class, Thursday, February 16, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Little House in Jewell Park. We promise you will leave the session with a story in your hands! To make it easier for everyone to participate, we're setting up a website to collect stories online, going live on February 3. Watch this column for details.

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:
Patricia Hamilton is available to give a presentation about contributing to "Life in Pacific Grove" to your group, book club, service organization, friends and family, and also to lead a writing session to gather stories. Contact her at lifeinpacificgrove@gmail.com to set up a date and time.

Affordable Care Act and Seniors: Just the Facts, Please

The repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) aka Obamacare has been the topic of conversation for many including seniors who worry about the impact on Medicare. Media outlets have been saturated with coverage of its repeal as social media has burned up the internet with "news items" "fake news" and recently "alternative facts."

It seems most policy makers agree that any repeal of ACA and subsequent impact on Medicare will NOT go into effect in 2017 or even 2018. In fact, enrollment for the ACA is available through January 31, 2017. But given what has happened so far no one really knows for sure.

Benefits of the Affordable Care Act for seniors with Medicare include: Early-detection cancer screenings, such as mammograms and colonoscopies, are covered under Medicare Part B. If your doctor accepts assignment there are no out-of-pocket charges. There is also an Annual Wellness Visit with your physician's office that is free for Medicare beneficiaries, thanks to the ACA.

The ACA also closes the prescription drug coverage gap for Part D (the famous "donut hole"). Over the past several years, out-of-pocket costs for drugs have dropped and the coverage gap is scheduled to close in 2020.

In addition, the ACA requires

John O'Brien

Aging in the Grove



improved coordination between doctors, hospitals, and insurance companies to ensure that patient information is shared more efficiently to improve care and minimize errors.

A change separate from the ACA that had full bipartisan support was MACRA which is designed to link Medicare payments for physicians to several measures including Quality. MACRA is expected to remain in place.

Medicare Part C, which allows for the formation of Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, continues to also enjoy strong bipartisan support. MA plans typically "bundle" hospital, physician and prescription benefits into one plan eliminating the need for supplemental insurance and can include additional benefits such as care coordination, transportation, routine dental and vision.

Medicare Advantage plans now enroll one in three Medicare beneficiaries and are expected to continue to grow (nationally 17.6 million as of 2016).

Fortunately, we have a MA plan that is locally owned called Aspire Health Plan. To learn more call them at (831) 375-1462 or on the web at aspirehealthplan.org

Are Medicare benefits at risk with the new Administration and Congress? That is a question that keeps many policy makers, insurers, providers and senior services advocates up at night and is yet to be seen.

But for now, you can have your voice heard by contacting newly elected 20th District Congressman Jimmy Panetta (<https://panetta.house.gov>, 831-424-2229) and voice any concerns you might have about the potential impact repealing the Affordable Care Act will have on you and other Monterey County constituents.

If you have any questions about your current Medicare supplement or other issues with Medicare, please call the HICAP program at the Alliance on Aging at (831) 655-4245.

Coffee With A Cop



Join Pacific Grove Police on Thursday, February 2 from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee and some conversation right here in front of the Pacific Grove Police Department at 580 Pine Ave. We will host Moto Espresso Coffee, operated by local resident Roger Vandeventer. Everyone is welcome!

Pacific Grove Police Department hosts Coffee with a Cop monthly, at different locations, times, and days to have the opportunity to connect with all our community members, regardless of their schedule.

Starting with the Hawthorne Police Department in 2011, Coffee with a Cop is now a national event with over 2,000 law enforcement agencies participating. Recognized by the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Coffee with a Cop is an important way to build valuable relationships between officers and the communities they serve.

For more information on the Coffee with a Cop campaign, visit: <http://coffee-withacop.com/>

Winter Light; Inconvenient Bones

Tom Stevens
Otter Views



A good two hours had gone by since rain last pattered on the skylight, so it seemed safe to walk to Monday’s farmer’s market. The afternoon turned out to be better than safe. It was heavenly.

Like major quarrels, big storms often resolve the next day. Thunderheads still billow up on the horizon, but they’re not dark and menacing any more. Backlit by deep blue sky, they look like fairy tale castles or galleons under sail. They’ve spent their wind and rain, and now trail only vagrant rainbows.

A week of dark, stormy weather can trick the eye. We forget how the angled blade of winter sunlight pares every surface clean. Lines and angles sharpen. Shadows deepen. Colors brighten. Sun-bathed walls look so warm you want to lean against them and close your eyes.

The PG library’s beige west wall had that look for a while Monday afternoon. When the sun hit it from a certain direction, I was reminded of a pink seaside wall at the Dream Inn in Santa Cruz. Because that wall caught the longest light on any winter day, it was a Mecca for the sunbathers who gathered at its base.



As surfers in wetsuits plied the icy waves offshore, an elderly coterie of bronzed loungers adjusted their Speedos, applied lotions and oils, and positioned their beach chairs for optimal radiation. Then, sunglasses lowered and crossword puzzles in hand, they would resume the serious work of lifelong tanning.

The winter sun baked that wall all day long. Its bounce-off lit the beach like a bridal photographer’s reflector, but only in the narrow wedge where the sunbathers reclined. Those who set up first got the hottest sand. Latecomers had to settle for the penumbra. It was a little like the sea lion hierarchy at Monterey’s Coast Guard breakwall.

The “tanning lifers” were easy to spot. They wore the skimpiest suits, often bright white for contrast, and were as deeply tanned as wallets. Some wore plastic eye cups so they could face directly into the sun without being blinded. They looked as crisp as bacon and as happy as basking crocodiles.

When I’d come shivering in from surfing at Cowell’s, they’d still be there at dusk, folding their towels while savoring the last radiant heat off that pink wall. “How can they waste their days doing that?” I wondered. They probably wondered the same about us.

Sunbathers might have lain out somewhere on the Peninsula Monday, but I didn’t see any on my walk. There were surfers at Lover’s Point, though, riding the storm’s fading west swell. The muddy ocean had clarified overnight to a lustrous jade green. Low sun flared through the crests, turning the breaking waves translucent.

Farther offshore, the storm’s last swells still corrugated the horizon, but the ocean had turned windless and silky. As the sun descended, the deep water turned an electric blue shot with ripples of silver. Huge white cumulus clouds towered over the horizon.

Walking back uphill through the cemetery, I thought about bones. The ones I passed lay beneath headstones and markers. Engraved lettering commemorated “Cherished Mothers” and “Loving Fathers,” and many soldiers fallen in foreign wars. These bones have family names and histories, and their owners are remembered.

But at a West Berkeley site, nameless Native Americans lie buried in what Tom Lochner of the Bay Area News Group terms “a vast shellmound” landmarked by the city. Monday’s Herald carried Lochner’s report that developers want to build near the shellmound retail shops, restaurants, a six-story parking garage and 155 residential apartments.

The original shellmound, or the part above ground, is gone, Lochner reports, adding that contractors dug it up in the 1950s for paving. Curio hunters later dug for beads, shell ornaments, arrowheads, spear points, charm stones and bones. But many more sets of bones may lie beneath the site, a decided inconvenience for developers.

In Hawaii, human skeletal bones are called “‘iwi” (ee-vee) and are not to be disturbed. Like other Native Americans, pre-contact Hawaiians did not mark their interments with sepulchers or headstones. Bodies were buried anonymously. Where great battles were fought, centuries of sand blanketed the fallen.

Modern developers have desecrated countless burials, but occasionally the bones win. After iwi were disinterred there, a Ritz Carlton hotel planned for a Maui beach had to move inland.

The year I turned eight, the family spent a week on Kauai. Hiking in the jungle with some island kids, I found a human skull emerging from the forest floor. The skull was intact, but unknown decades of rain had tinged it green. I bore it proudly off to show my folks.

“Bad luck!! Take that back where you found it, right now!” my stepmother demanded. “And say a prayer!”

The Trouble with a Kitten

Jane Roland

*Animal Tales and Other
Random Thoughts*



Ogden Nash said “the trouble with a kitten is that it eventually becomes a cat.” I gather Ogden did not adore mature felines. I love kittens – who doesn’t – but I find them infinitely more entertaining when they are older.

There have been only a few years in my life when I was without a kitty. When I lived in Carmel in the ‘50s and worked at PG Jr. High (now the high school), I had Frosty and Sunny. They were given to me as babies by a friend who thought I needed the companions. When I pulled up to the fence in front on my cottage, they would come racing across the yard to greet me. At night they curled on my shoulders as I read. When I returned to San Francisco, Sunny went to live with my mother, and Frosty with the caretaker at the River Ranch.

When John and I married we had a dog, then two, then cats. The first was Fred, dumped in a box at Monte Vista School, then Tilly. I have written over the years about many cats. Missy, Mike, Molly, Joe. Jennie and I have a children’s book, “Tuesdays with Gene” which is narrated by our dog Beau’s best friend, Reggie.

Reggie was Jay’s cat and was named by him. Jay insisted that he have a cat since most of the others had been named by others in the family. We went somewhere and found a box of kittens being adopted out. Jay chose a feisty black ball of fire and named him Reggie Jackson. Reggie was a baseball player for whom Jay had great admiration. Before you politically correct folk get exercised I suspect the cat would have been named Reggie Jackson if it was marmalade. After all we called our next black cat “Joe Montana.”

Reggie came into the house and made every effort to take over with great measure of success, but his favorite of the family was Beau. When John took the dogs out for a walk, Reggie went along; when Beau escaped from the house, Reggie was usually missing as well.

He was a curious cat and would sit for hours staring at the fish tank or turtle when we had a successional of those reptiles. He would occasionally dip his foot into the water with little success. His main accomplishment was to terrify the hamster, Mandy. The cage was in a bookcase in Jennie’s room; he would climb up knock the cage off and the poor little rodent was found, more than once, hiding behind the shelves. There was finally one time too many and we gave Mandy to a family where it would not be subjected to constant torture.

One night I was sitting in the family room on the sofa. Jennie, a toddler, had her head in my lap. Above us was the window which was operated by a crank. When it was open the cats often used it as their door. That evening, it was chilly, so the window was closed. Reggie jumped up from outside and demanded entry. I reached behind me and when I thought he was in, cranked shut the window. Whoops, his tail was not in. There was screaming and howling, the baby awakened, and jumped up. Claws dug into my head, I tried to get him off and he bit my arm. The window was eventually opened, the snarling animal jumped to the ground and sulked away. I blotted the blood. The wound in my arm festered and when there were red marks going up my arm I went to the hospital for a tetanus shot.

Reggie recovered and seemed not the worse for wear, as did I. Life went on. One day I got in my car and started the engine. There was a scream and out from under the car came Reggie who had been napping in the engine well. I went to work. John took the cat to see Dr. Hollister. Amazingly there were bruises but no broken bones. Ted was astounded that he had survived with no real injuries other than to his pride.

His eye started to swell. It got worse and worse and he could not open it. I called the vet. I wrapped Reggie in a towel, as I was worried about the fangs and claws, and hauled him to the car. As I held him, I looked closer and saw a little piece of what appeared to be grass sticking out from under the cat’s eyelid. I took my life in my hands and gave it tug. Out came a big fox tail and the eye popped open. Trip to the doctor avoided. (I am sure they were happy as well; he was not their best patient.)

Reggie lived on for many years, in fact outlived many of our animals. His personality didn’t improve, but he was ours and we loved him. He never wandered unless he was out with Beau. He chased birds, squirrels and visiting cats, but always in his yard. One day he disappeared. We looked all over the neighborhood and had almost given up when a neighbor boy came over and told us he had seen our cat in a culvert on Monterey Circle. John found him and brought him home. He was very sick. It was early evening. We made an appointment for the morning and went to bed, with Reggie on a blanket beside us. Early in the morning, I heard a sound. I picked him up and held him in my arms while he took his last breath, more peaceful and contented than he had ever been. Now he and Beau are roaming the streets of heaven. Gcr770@aol.com



Pissing off Grandma

Pink Pussyhat Project parades promote planetwide pulchritude

Wanda Sue Parrott

Homeless in Paradise

Amazing! If you missed last Friday’s transfer of power in Washington, D.C., this unbiased minicap summarizes the first non-violent worldwide protest of the 21st century.

The premiere Social Media Presidential Spectacular featured a supporting cast of millions—mostly women of the worldwide Pussyhat sisterhood.

Things started at high noon on the Capitol steps in a cold-but-gentle rain on Jan. 20, 2017.

After Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas administered the Oath of Office to incoming President Donald J. Trump, who swore to defend the Constitution of the United States, the nation’s 45th President delivered a gentrified sermonette à la his childhood mentor Norman Vincent Peale’s “The Power of Positive Thinking.”

In the spirit of an old-fashioned tent revival pitched to poncho-covered people in the National Mall, Trump’s speech preached “America First!” Spellbound, audiences listened in hopes of promises that jobs, health care and housing will come true.

But something backfired. Instead of coming across as a savior, Tom Brokaw and other news analysts reported Trump as an insult to his living presidential predecessors, to politicians in both parties, to the press, and especially to women.

Gentle, angry people singing for their lives

While expensively begowned and black-tied political One-Percenters enjoyed Trump’s inaugural-ball music in DC, 200 local Ninety-Nine-Percenters in jeans, sweatshirts and tees congregated at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula late Friday afternoon.

The “People’s Rally for Unity & Equality” was kicked off by group singing.

The singalong featured “We are an angry, gentle people, and we are singing, singing for our lives” and ended with “America the Beautiful.”

This photo by Robert W. Coble shows (L to R) attorney Phil Crawford, Karen Araujo and author Gary Karnes (of Pacific Grove), local activists who helped organize the rally. Full details can be found at [ThePeoplesRallyatgroups.Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/ThePeoplesRallyatgroups).

A memorable moment came when constitutional law professor and ACLU activist Mickey Welsh, whose office is in



Pacific Grove, invited participants to raise their right hands and swear to defend the Constitution.

Similar rallies were held all across America, most highly publicized being the Pink Pussyhat Revolution on Saturday, Jan. 21 in Washington, D.C.

The Pussyhat Project created a sea of pink!

The Pussyhat Project was launched Thanksgiving weekend in response to lewd remarks made by Donald Trump about women’s genitalia.

The news went viral: a Women’s March on Washington, D.C. would be held the day after the inauguration, with the goal of creating a sea of pink hats representing the marchers and those who made the hats.

Knitting instructions and patterns were available online and soon, pink yarn sold out across the country. The hats each featured a pair of pointy pussycat ears.

An estimated 250,000 women were expected to fill the National Mall; instead, more than 1 million turned out, with 600 sister solidarity marches taking place across America and around the world, including a march at CSUMB and a rainy rally at Windows by the Bay.

A knitted hat with pointed ears wasn’t mandatory for participation.

Poet Cynthia Beach Guthrie of Pebble Beach said in a Guest Commentary in the Jan. 7 edition of the Monterey Herald entitled “If not for you, President-elect Trump:

“I will march as an Army daughter, Army wife, Army mother, as a 76-year-old grandmother of girls, and as a woman and a citizen.”

Cynthia, her daughter and grand-

daughter marched together in Washington, D.C. She wore a black gaucho hat and Old Glory scarf.

Cynthia’s sign made national news when an NPR reporter quoted it as being his favorite of the day: “Now you’ve pissed off Grandma!”

Another cited sign said: “If I were a uterus, would I be regulated?”

The event marked the start of a movement in which ten points will be followed



to unite women and keep the revolution going toward fair treatment for straight, transgender and gay women, both housed and houseless.

See details at [Women’s March on Washington D.C.](https://www.womensmarch.org) and <https://www.pussyhatproject.com>.

So, what can we do locally to further grassroots governance regardless of how Trump fares in Washington politics?

Ideas needed for emergency shelter issue in Monterey

The Fund for Homeless women is calling for supporters to attend the Monterey City Council meeting, Council Chambers, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, 7 p.m., to support its 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money for homeless services.

Monterey City Hall is located at 580 Pacific St., Monterey. Ideas will be received until and during the meeting. The CDBG specifically requests an action plan as to how the city will be “Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.”

If you can’t attend in person, share your ideas by contacting: Mayor Clyde Roberson, roberson@monterey.org; Dan Albert, albert@monterey.org; Timothy Barrett, barrett@monterey.org; Alan Haffa, haffa@monterey.org; Ed Smith, smith@monterey.org.

Contact Wanda Sue Parrott at amy-kitchenerfdn@hotmail.com or call The Yodel Poet at 831-899-5887.

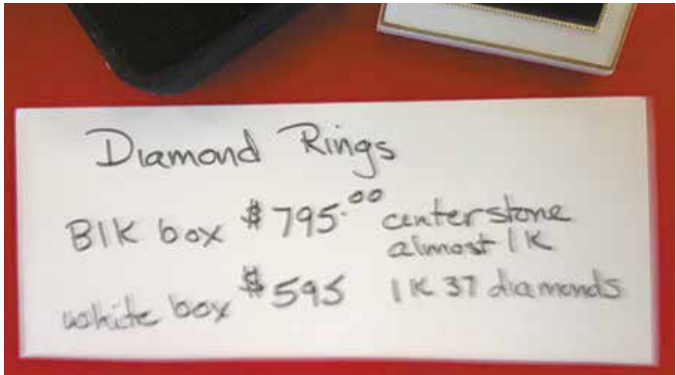


Above and below (2) at CSUMB March. Photos by Dana Goforth



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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to Section 1988 of the California Civil Code the property listed below believed to be abandoned by Rose Marie Coleman dba Chelew & Campbell Real Estate whose last address was 1155 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 will be sold at public auction at 1155 Forest Avenue Pacific Grove, CA 93950 on Saturday February 11, 2017 (10AM).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY;

Desks, Chairs, Pictures, File Cabinets, Plants, Floral Arrangements, Clocks, Small Appliances, Tables, Bookcases, Decorator Items, Misc Signs, Cleaning Supplies, Etc.

CONDITIONS OF SALE;

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