December 23 - January 2
Pacific Grove City Hall Closed
Reopening Jan. 3, 2017

Dec. 31, 2016
New Year’s Eve Dance
BFM-Midnight
Chautauqua Hall, 16th St. at Central Ave Pacific Grove
Cost: $10 for non-members, $5 for members.

Dec. 31, 2016
Howard Burnham reads
Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”
6:30 PM
$10 Adv/$15 door
Carmel Art Assoc.
Dolores between 5th & 6th Carmel

PGHS Senior
Delivers Message of Disarmament to UN Conference in Japan

Eric Cuellar received a rare opportunity recently: A trip to Japan, with airfare, hotel, and meals paid by the Japanese government, plus the chance to interact with other students from many countries, as well as foreign dignitaries in a United Nations conference focused on discussing ways to achieve a nuclear-weapons-free world. But he earned it.

The Pacific Grove High School senior was offered the chance after writing an essay and submitting it to organizers at Middlebury Institute. He was chosen, along with only two others nationwide, to attend the conference in Nagasaki, Japan, one of the two cities where nuclear bombs were dropped in 1945.

With him as chaperone was his English teacher, Mrs. Karinne Gordon.

“To the Japanese people, nuclear weapons represent an evil that must never be unleashed upon the world again under any circumstances, and the Youth Communicators dedicate themselves to communicating the message of hope for a world free of nuclear weapons. This is the first year students outside of Japan have been invited to help deliver that message, so it truly was a unique honor for Eric to be included among the accepted applicants,” she said.

“I am so incredibly proud of how professionally Eric presented himself. He even read part of the statement the Youth Communicators...
On December 23 @ 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM The Christmas classic will be performed by Howard Burnham in the manner of Dickens’ 1867 tour of the USA.

Charles Dickens visited America twice, in 1842 and 1867. By an oversight, he failed to come to California on either occasion, but this will be rectified at the Carmel Arts Association on Friday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m.

British born actor, Howard Burnham, now of Pacific Grove, will perform his popular characterization of Charles Dickens giving a dramatic ‘reading’ of his most beloved Christmas book. For the past decade, Burnham has been the featured “Mr. Dickens” at the Myrtle Beach Dickens Christmas Festival. He has given this acclaimed show in England and across the nation to standing ovations. He creates a “cast” of 40 characters from the curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge to winsome little Tiny Tim to give a heart-warming, life-affirming and humorous interpretation of the beloved Christmas story.

Tickets: $10 in advance (up until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the performance) $15 at the door.

Carmel Arts Association is located at Dolores between 5th & 6th in Carmel.
City Offices Will Be Closed for Christmas Break

The City of Pacific Grove has announced that city offices and non-safety services will be closed from December 23 through January 2, and will reopen with regular hours on January 3, 2017.

Monterey County Announces Winter Recess Schedule for County Offices

Many Monterey County government offices will be closed or have limited hours of operation during a Winter Recess scheduled from December 27 - 30. This recess is in addition to already designated holidays of December 26 (Christmas) and January 2nd (New Year’s).

The recess will not close any critical or public safety “24/7” operations. A schedule for all county offices during this period time is available on the county website www.co.monterey.ca.us.

Santa (and Sparky) Came Early

Santa enlisted the help of Sparky the Fire Dog (and some Monterey Fire personnel with their engine) to distribute toys that were donated at various firehouses throughout the Peninsula. They delivered in Seaside on Saturday and in Pacific Grove on Sunday, Dec. 18. For the past 20 years, Santa has learned up with Monterey firefighters to deliver toys to local families in need. “Thanks to community support, our toy drive collected over 1,000 gifts this year,” said Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer. “We couldn’t have done it without the generosity of the volunteers and community.”

Toys were collected in marked barrels at all five fire station locations. Nearly 100 volunteers wrapped the gifts at Monterey High School on December 16. With lights flashing, fire engines delivered the gifts to local family doorsteps. Spearheading the delivery program was Division Chief Felix Colello, who has worked for the Monterey Fire Department for over 40 years.

“Kids come to the door with smiles on their faces, and parents with tears of joy in their eyes,” said Colello. “This is one of many rewarding programs that the Monterey Firefighters Association puts on.”

Over 200 children from 78 local families received gifts from this year’s toy drive. Watch a video from the toy delivery at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrqXRH-FABloc. For more information about Monterey firefighter community programs and events, visit www.facebook.com/3707communityevents/.

City of Pacific Grove Annual Notice of Vacancies

The City of Pacific Grove is seeking applications for the following Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- Administrative Enforcement Hearing Officer Panel (4)
- Architectural Review Board (4)
- Beautification and Natural Resources Committee (4)
- Economic Development Commission - Downtown (1); General Business Owners (1); Citizens at large (4)
- Golf Links Advisory Commission – At Large (2) Hospitality (1)
- Historic Resources Committee (2)
- Library Board (3)
- Planning Commission (3)
- Recreation Board (1)
- Traffic Safety Commission (2)
- Appointment spots sue for each Board, Commission, and Committee. Please visit the City’s website at http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/boards/

Appointees must be registered Pacific Grove voters, except for the Economic Development Commission.

Applications for these vacancies will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Interested persons may pick up an application at the City Clerk’s Office, 300 Forest Avenue or a copy may be downloaded from the City’s website at http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/boards/applications/app-boards-commissions-12-14-09_0.pdf.

Cannery Row Antique Mal

Cannery Row Antique Mal

A once-a-year holiday blow-out sale . . . give something vintage this year.

December 17 – January 1

20-50% off

Enjoy hot spiced cider & cookies while browsing through two floors of antique jewelry, fine porcelain, heirloom silver, toys, nautical, ephemera, vintage holiday ornaments and whimsy.

471 Wave St. Monterey

Open daily 10am | 831.655.0264
Paul Tomasi Named Director of Public Safety, Police Chief for City of Carmel-By-The-Sea

Carmel Police Department Commander Paul Tomasi, a member of the department since May 2008 and a veteran of 21 years in law enforcement, has been named the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea by City Administrator Chip Rerg. Tomasi will replace Mike Calhoun, who currently holds both positions and is retiring at the end of the month after 32 years with the Carmel Police Department. Tomasi will assume his new duties on January 1.

Rerg, in announcing the selection of Tomasi, said, “Paul has the demeanor, the experience, the approachability and certainly the skill set to serve our unique community. He will be a healthy addition to the team that I am building.”

Tomasi, 48, called it “an honor for me to continue with this department in the capacity of Public Safety Director.”

Since being hired as a police sergeant in Carmel in 2008, Tomasi has worked to find ways to better connect with the community. In 2009, he initiated a Juvenile Diversion Program, which aims at educating first-time juvenile offenders rather than subjecting them to the court process. Tomasi began a similar program while working in the Citrus Heights Police Department, near Sacramento, then as a juvenile detective.

With the help of local volunteers he created a program here where youths who commit low-level misdemeanor violations can do community service, attend educational classes and in return get their charges dismissed. “This program continued the tradition of community service in our organization and helped create strong relationships in our community,” Tomasi said of Carmel.

“In January 2013, Tomasi was promoted to the position of commander for the Carmel Police Department, where he has overseen both the Operations and Administration functions for the department.

Both Tomasi and Rerg said that the main functions of the police chief are to keep the community safe and to protect its residents, visitors, businesses and employees.

Tomasi added that being the chief is also “about maintaining relationships and building trust with the community. It is important the community trusts the police and is comfortable asking for our assistance. Policing and the community is a partnership, something that is essential to keeping the community safe.”

“Paul understands community policing and he is also a very compassionate human being,” Rerg said. “He’s worked in several communities and he’s found his niche here. He thrives best in our unique, high-touch community where traditional enforcement policing is as important as the support in which we police and protect the community. I have developed a strong interpersonal connection with Paul and feel he will serve our community for many years to come.”

Outgoing department head Calhoun expressed strong support for his replacement. “I’m honored to have had the opportunity to work alongside and mentor Commander Paul Tomasi during his tenure with the Carmel Police Department,” Calhoun said. “There’s nothing greater than knowing your successor has earned the respect of the community, City staff, the Police Department and the City Council. Hiring from within is a compliment to our organization and we are all very proud of him. This is a great leadership opportunity for Paul and I wish him and the Police Department the very best in his new role.”

Within the city’s hierarchy the Police Chief manages the department and the Director of Public Safety has oversight over police, fire, ambulance service and the Emergency Operations Center.

Tomasi is a native of Marquette, MI, and was one of nine children. He joined the U.S. Army in 1986, serving for three years in the Infantry, and he did his basic training at Fort Benning, GA. He was later stationed at Fort Ord and fell in love with the Monterey Peninsula. He has spent nearly 30 years living and working on the Peninsula.

In 2008, while working as a police detective in Citrus Heights, Tomasi applied for and was hired as a sergeant for the Carmel Police Department. “It was an opportunity to return to the Peninsula and work for a community I get to know over the years and wanted to be a part of,” he said.

Tomasi earned as Associate of Arts degree at Monterey Peninsula College in 1992, a Bachelor of Arts degree with an emphasis in teaching at CSUMB in 1997, and a Master’s in business administration in Public Safety from Alliant University in 2014.

Before joining the Carmel Police Department, he was a community service officer and then a patrol officer at CSUMB, initially working part-time while attending school, and later a patrol officer and a detective in Citrus Heights.

“My overriding philosophy has been customer service,” Tomasi said. “I was ingrained in me as a child by watching my parents interact in the family business and something I have been further mentored in throughout my law enforcement career.”

While working part time as a Community Service officer at the CSUMB Police Department he was asked to consider being a police officer. Tomasi originally intended to become a teacher, but changed his direction when given the opportunity to work as a police officer.

“I was fortunate enough to have been given that opportunity at CSUMB,” he said. “I always had the philosophy to try and do something positive each day to balance out the negative things police officers have to do. Through this philosophy I constantly look for new ways to work with the community to build strong relationships. And this is something I look forward to continuing as the chief.”

Tomasi and his wife, Amy, have been married since 1999 and have three sons.

Annual Delivery of Toys collected from the 18th annual Toy Drive by law enforcement entities

The toys were delivered via patrol vehicle convoy to the Kris Kringle Christmas Tree Lot on Rio Road in Carmel.

The toys donated will be distributed to needy children throughout Monterey County. Churches and Service Agencies have identified the children and will help Santa by wrapping all the new toys they select.

Representatives from the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, Carmel Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Pacific Grove Police, Sand City Police Seaside Police Department, CSUMB & Presidio of Monterey participated.

Agencies that will distribute the toys include Boys and Girls Club of Monterey, Natividad Hospital, Monterey County Behavioral Health, Monterey County Probation Department (Child Advocates), and churches such as Our Lady of Refuge.

All are grateful to the donors for the annual drive.

Paul Tomasi will be Carmel’s top cop effective Jan. 1, 2017.
Haley Ross Named to Dean’s List at Biola University
Haley Ross was named to Biola University’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for Fall 2016. Haley Ross, from Carmel, was one of 1,575 students who were named to the Dean’s List. Biola students are placed on the Dean’s List to honor those with a grade point average of 3.60 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credit units and whose cumulative grade point average is at least a 3.20.

“Inclusion on the Biola Dean’s List is an indication that this student is performing exceptionally well in a rigorous academic program,” said Patricia Pike, Vice Provost for undergraduate education. “Our Dean’s List students are bright, motivated, engaged, competent, and personable. They are already demonstrating the characteristics of success that result from applied intelligence and that will support future endeavors in society, community, career, and family life.”

Biola University is a leading Christ-centered university in Southern California that offers a premier, nationally ranked education and has been named one of the nation’s “up and coming” universities by U.S. News & World Report four times in the past five years. Founded in 1908, Biola is committed to the mission of biblically centered education, scholarship and service – equipping men and women in mind and character to impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ. With more than 6,300 students at its Los Angeles-area campus and around the world, the university offers more than 150 academic programs through its schools, ranging from the B.A. to the Ph.D.

For more information, visit www.biola.edu.

Emilia Siletto of Carmel Valley Admitted to Cornell College
One of the select “Colleges That Change Lives,” Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, has been awarded a distinctive One Course At A Time curricula. The One Course schedule provides students the chance to dive into their studies, focus more intensively on the disciplines of their choice, and learn authentically with the unique freedom to shed the confines of the traditional classroom to study off-campus, pursue research, or accept an internship – all without missing out on other classes.

Cornell is nationally recognized for its value, including by Kiplinger’s, which included Cornell on its list of the 100 best values in private colleges for 2016, and the Fiske Guide to Colleges, which named Cornell College one of the 24 “Best Buys” among private colleges. Ninety-three percent of Cornell graduates earn their degrees in four years.

In 2013 Cornell was named one of the 25 colleges with the best professors by the Center for College Affordability and Productivity.

For more information, visit www.cornellcollege.edu.

Gratitude for the Season
Patrick Ryan

The holiday season is a time of year that means different things to different people. We all have our own way of celebrating, reacting, and absorbing the next two weeks. For some it is a very religious time of year, for others it is a time of family and friends, some just love to shop, and for others it can be a time of sad reflection when going through tough times. For some of it can be a time of being sad around the holidays and feeling more and more. We all experience it in a different and very personal way. For me this time of year has come to mean one word and that word is grati- tude. I have experienced both the joys of the season and have also experienced the sadness one can feel when you are not feeling the joy that surrounds you are feeling. At the age of 50, I have come to realize the importance that gratitude plays in my life. It is a learned trait and one that needs to be worked on daily for it to have its desired effect.

I have experienced the sadness where all is great and it is truly a joyous time filled with friends and family and everything just seems perfect. I have also experienced those sad times where I have felt a sense of loss, of sadness, and of being detached from the joy around you. It is ironic that when one is in that sad zone, it seems to deepen when those around you are joyful. Miserly truly does love company.

It wasn’t until I learned to practice gratitude that I came to appreciate the fact that all does not have to be perfect in order to experience peace and joy. It was those times of sadness, those valleys of lows and feelings of loss that have allowed me to truly understand that all does not have to be perfect in order to personally experience peace and joy. It was only in the last few years, when my family and I went through a major life change, that I was able to understand what gratitude is and the effect it can have on one’s life. And that has made all the difference in my ability to enjoy the moment, perfect or not.

So here is wishing all of you a sea- son of gratitude. If you have not found it in your life yet, don’t give up. Start small and just pick any moment of your day and give thanks for that moment. That is all you have to do to practice gratitude. You will be amazed at how it changes your life for the better and the more you do it the easier it will become to understand and how to react when it really makes sense. You will then wonder why you didn’t start sooner. So have a great holiday season and here is to a great New Year…

Susan E. Chapman Named Monterey County Public Defender
The Monterey County Board of Supervisors announces the selection of Susan E. Chapman as Monterey County Public Defender.

Ms. Chapman is an attorney specializing in criminal defense with an office in Salinas. Since June 1997 Ms. Chapman has been serving as Monterey County’s Alternate Defender and supervising this office and staff which represents clients in criminal cases where the Public Defender’s Office has a conflict of interest or is unable to accept representation. Chapman was selected for the position after an extensive recruitment and will begin her duties December 24, 2016. Her starting salary will be $203,476.

Mr. Chapman is a graduate of the University of Iowa (1975) and Monterey College of Law (1986). She was admitted to the Bar in 1986 and opened her private law practice that same year.

Chapman has extensive trial experience in complex and high profile local cases, such as People v. Carrillo, People v. Dr. Mangar and People v. Hernandez. Chapman also began working with the Alternate Defender’s Office in 2003 before becoming the Interim Chief Alternate Defender this year.

Chapman will supervise an office of approximately 47 attorneys, investigators and support staff. The Public Defender provides legal representation to indigent adults and juveniles charged with crimes and violations of law in Monterey County. It also provides representation for mental health clients whose liberty may be restricted due to mental disease or defect in civil court. This office is an important component of the county’s criminal justice partners departments.

Blair Miller Achieves Fall 2016 Dean's List at Belmont University
Blair Miller, a Carmel native, qualified for the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 30 percent of Belmont's 7,700 students qualified for the Fall 2016 Dean's List. Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "This achievement for the fall semester indicates that these students have a high priority on their work at Belmont and have invested time and energy in their studies. It is our strong belief that consistent application in this manner will reap great benefits, which will equip them for a lifetime of learning and growing."

Emily Phillips of Pacific Grove Achieves Winter 2016 Graduates at UA
Emily Phillips of Pacific Grove was among some 2,270 students at University of Alabama who were awarded degrees during winter commencement Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016. Phillips received a bachel- or's degree. With this graduating class, UA will have awarded more than 257,000 degrees since its founding in 1831 as the state’s first public university.

The University of Alabama, the state’s oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier under-graduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus envi- ronment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

Buyer Beware: Celebrity Ties to Real Estate Could Be Make-Believe
Scott Dick
Monterey County Assoc. of Realtors

As if home buyers didn’t have enough factors to weigh when purchasing a home, buyers in La La Land also face weighing the pros, cons and truthfulness of celebrity ties to a property. In Los Angeles, a property’s connection to the rich and famous can add prestige – and a price premium. But a celebrity-connected property can also risk value if the legend doesn’t hold up or if buyers think attaching a celebrity’s name to their home is tacky or exploitative – or both. Often, homes linked to a famous attraction – like a bowling alley or horse stables can complicate sales, and the homes can be more difficult to show due to privacy concerns. Note the language sellers use when linking famous people to property. For example, sellers might build “in the style of” an architect or the architect himself. Find the proof by asking for the prop- erty’s original plans and other documents to verify lore.

If the seller can’t provide substantive documentation, hire a building inspector who can sort through records to determine a home’s pedigree and background.

Asking questions, especially what the premium is on a home with Hollywood connections. What would a similar home, without the name-dropping, sell for?


**Worship Directory**

**Pacific Grove**

Center for Spiritual Awakening  
522 Central Ave.  •  831-372-1942

Central Presbyterian Church of Pacific Grove  
325 Central Ave.  •  831-375-7207

Chabad of Monterey  
620 Lighthouse Ave., Entrance on 18th  •  831-643-2770

Christian Church Disciples of Christ of Pacific Grove  
442 Central Ave.  •  831-372-0363

Church of Christ  
176 Central Ave.  •  831-375-3741

Community Baptist Church  
Monterey & Pine Avenues  •  831-375-4311

First Baptist Church of Pacific Grove  
246 Laurel Ave.  •  831-373-0741

First Church of God  
1023 David Ave.  •  831-372-5005

First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove  
Worship: Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
915 Sunset @ 17-Mile Dr.  •  831-372-5875

Forest Hill United Methodist Church  
Services 9 a.m. Sundays  
551 Gibson Ave.  •  831-372-7956

Jehovah’s Witnesses of Pacific Grove  
1100 Sunset Drive  •  831-375-2138

Lighthouse Fellowship of Pacific Grove  
PG Community Center, 515 Junipero Ave.  •  831-333-0636

Manjushri Dharma Center  
724 Forest Ave.  •  831-917-3969
www.khenpokarten.org  •  carmelkhenpo@gmail.com

Mayflower Presbyterian Church  
141 14th St.  •  831-373-4705

Peninsula Baptist Church  
1116 Funston Ave.  •  831-394-5772

Peninsula Christian Center  
520 Pine Ave.  •  831-373-0431

St. Angela Merici Catholic Church  
146 8th St.  •  831-655-4160

St. Anselm's Anglican Church  
375 Lighthouse Ave.  •  831-920-1620  
Fr. Michael Bowhay

St. Mary’s-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church  
Central Avenue & 12th St.  •  831-373-4441

Seventh-Day Adventist Church of the Monterey Peninsula  
375 Lighthouse Ave.  •  831-372-5818

Shoreline Community Church  
Sunday Service 10 a.m.  
Robert Down Elementary, 485 Pine Ave.  •  831-655-0100
www.shorelinechurch.org

OUTSIDE PACIFIC GROVE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
800 Cass St., Monterey  •  831-373-1523  
Pastor Bart Rall

Congregation Beth Israel  
5716 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel  •  831-624-2015

Monterey Center for Spiritual Living  
Sunday Service 10:30 am  
400 West Franklin St., Monterey  •  831-372-7326
www.montereycyc.org

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**Chautauqua Hall Dance Club**

**January**

Note: all fees will go up by $5 in the New Year (starting Jan 1): annual membership will be $15, with members paying $10 for admission thereafter. All drop-ins will be $15. Fee includes 55 min. dance lesson, DJ’d music for 3 hours and buffet of healthful snacks.

**Sat., Dec. 31, 2016, NY’s Eve., 8PM-12 midnight**

Dance lesson by Rosa Jong: Cumbia at 6PM  
Chautauqua Hall, 16th St. at Central Ave Pacific Grove  
$15 for non-members, $5 for members. Annual membership fee is $10.  
Contact: Sera Hiratsuna, 831-362-2653
For more information, go to: pgdance.org/index.html or Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/PGDANCE/

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**Gentrain Society Lectures**

The Gentrain Society of Monterey Peninsula College is sponsoring these free public lectures in January, 2017. For lengthier descriptions and illustrations for these talks please see the Gentrain website.

**Wednesday, January 4, 2017**

Gentrain Society Lecture: Sea Otters in Elkhorn Slough  
Monterey Peninsula College Lecture Forum 103  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
Free; MPC Parking $2.00
Information: www.gentrain.org  •  info@gentrain.org; 372-0895
Two citizen scientists, Ron Eby and Robert Scoles, will describe their decade of experiences studying the southern sea otters in Elkhorn Slough, where they observed behaviors that ran contrary to their earlier training through the NOAA TeamOcean kayak program and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Eby and Scoles noted that otter behaviors in this estuarine environment differed from coastal behaviors, and in collaboration with other scientists they have co-authored several papers.

**Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

Gentrain Society Lecture: Shallow Pools & Deep Oceans  
Monterey Peninsula College Lecture Forum 103  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
Free; MPC Parking $2.00
Information: www.gentrain.org  •  info@gentrain.org; 372-0895
Gamble Madsen, MPC Art History instructor, will offer an international survey of artistic interpretations of “The Phenomenon of Water.” The lecture will consider water-themed art created in Western and Eastern contexts, including depictions of Christian miracles, Chinese landscapes, nautical imagery by Joseph Turner, and contemporary projects. This talk is in association with MPC’s cross-disciplinary exchange project with faculty from a Northern Iceland secondary school.

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**Watch for**

**Cedar Street Times**

**year in review 2016**

**Beginning Next Week!**
That is disturbing
On Caledonia St., subjects were reported to have been causing a disturbance. Upon contact, it was determined three juveniles had been consuming alcohol inside the vehicle.

Ocean View Blvd.: Towed vehicles, Special Event
There was a special event for which signs were posted for no parking. Vehicle was seen parked between the signs and was towed for blocking the race path. A second vehicle was to be towed for blocking the race path and had expired registration. The vehicle was towed for the expired registration, 22651(o)(1)(a) cvc.

The ol’ two-wine lunch: Fall on public property, 17th St.
Report of a fall on public property. Subject was contacted and advised she fell while walking in the parking lot. She admitted to having consumed two glasses of wine with lunch. Her injuries and the area in which she fell were photographed for documentation. She was subsequently transported to CHOMP for treatment of her injuries.

Lighthouse Ave suspect Ellis, Alan 03/24/65
Dispatched to male causing disturbance in business. He was found walking in middle of street yelling. He was arrested for public intoxication and admonished about future trespassing at business then transported to jail.

Sunset Dr.
Subject was contacted during traffic stop and found to be in possession of another person’s credit card. Unable to contact the owner at the time of the stop. Card held in safe keeping pending contact with the owner.

Not funny in current climate
On the above date and time, a male subject walked into the above business and pretended to “shoo” customers with his fingers. Store owner requested that police trespass admonish the male subject from the business. Officers made contact and trespass-admonished the male subject. Officers informed the male subject he was not allowed back in the business for a year. Male subject said he understood.

Report of possible inappropriate touching at a daycare
Under investigation. No further information available to the public at this time.

Lost & Found
At the above date and time a wallet found on Congress Ave. was turned into PGPD. On Ocean View Blvd. wallet containing a drivers license and other miscellaneous cards was turned into the Pacific Grove Police department. Wallet and miscellaneous cards were kept for safekeeping. An earring was turned into the police department. R/P came into the lobby to report they lost their cell phone on 12/12/16.
The Story of Sandy - Christmas 2016

Jane Roland

Animal Tales and Other Random Thoughts

I find it hard to believe that it is time for the annual Christmas column “The Story of Sandy”. Were time to fly any faster it will be Christmas 2017 tomorrow. My oft-quoted Maggie Smith observation “the trouble with getting old is that breakfast comes every half hour” is so true. We put away our decorations and five minutes later are taking them out again. This past year has been eventful. Ellen, Shaw and the boys came for the week before New Year’s last year, and Jennie and the girls last summer, wonderful visits with both. We saw a monthly movie and were involved in Rotary projects. I loved my monthly book club and weekly bridge games, but we have lost friends and members and such activities may be winding down. I still work four days a week, my volunteers are dear friends and I look forward to every day. Little dog Annie is a charm. She also goes to work when John volunteers and everyone loves her.

Toby, the remaining cat (my Sammy did not come home), spends his evening on John’s lap. Out life is quiet. I deeply miss my old friends, those who have left us. I am so happy for the memories and wish you all a warm wonderful holiday. Live each day as if it were the last and if you can’t dance on John’s lap. Out life is quiet. I deeply miss my old friends, those who have left us.

Mary is my first cousin on my mother’s side; we are the last of the second generation of the George W. Morse’s of Boston. There is a genetic love of animals in our background. Mary epitomizes those who go to any end to help or save a creature in need. Yet, there is no fanfare, she is modest, beautiful, kind, diligent, humorous, and (would you believe it) shy. She said that, “after I lost Sally, my standard poodle, and Ruggles a fine fellow of indiscernible ancestry, I felt very alone.” She went to the SPA and found a dog with a cute face “a ragged long-haired animal with a beautiful fluffy tale”. She greeted me with undiluted joy, wiggling from nose to tail tip, saying, “Take me please”. The rest is history. He was with her through difficult and happy times, was 16 or 17, deaf but enjoyed his walks and playing with his toys, until he went to play with the former Shaw menagerie in the Pastures of Heaven.

When I returned to the Monterey Peninsula Mary decided that she would like to start an Auxiliary for the SPA. With a few other women we met regularly, asked Sean Flavin to lead us and commenced an operation that brought a considerable amount of money to the organization. For those who think that our endeavors were those of pampered society women, think again. Many of us were certainly not affluent; those who didn’t think about it. We had two parties a year, one in the summer one in the winter, we cooked all of the food and, initially did the clean-up, including dishes and floor washing. As the popularity increased we saved a little of our income to pay for kitchen people but still did all of the cooking. Mary was the driving force and later, when we published a cookbook, she and Joyce Nicholas were the workhorses, testing every recipe, finding publishers, artists and marketing. The stock room was in Mary’s garage. She handled all of the bookkeeping and, when necessary, shipping. Ultimately the Auxiliary ended, as did most hands-on groups. When they existed it was the oddest days of funding.

Mary has housed animals of all kinds, many times thanks to her children. There have been reptiles, birds, rodents, chickens, horses, and, of course cats and dogs. I remember many, many back to the days when my mother lived at the River Ranch in the fifties and the Osborne and Morse families moved out for the summer. There were creatures all over the place, joining the fourlegged permanent residents. When Will, Mary’s husband, was living, there were great characters, even a cat (not Mary’s favorite species). There were Fuzz and Sally, standard poodles; Sharky, who always carried a ball in his mouth, left in Mary’s care by Polly, Mozart, a fabulous yellow lab; Ruggles, another SPA special and several others. There are animals of yesterday and today who would not have survived had it not been for this good woman, who I am proud to claim as my closest relative. Sandy left us a few years ago, but we know he is flying with the angels, looking down and wishing all a blessed Christmas.

I hope all are looking forward to a peaceful and blessed Christmas. A reminder: Think of the animals in your holiday donations. Animal Friends Rescue Project operates on a shoe string, out of a store front; animals are fostered by those devoted to the need of those unable to care for themselves. Dogs such as Sandy and the animals in our home were all rescued criter. Donations will enable organizations to save more and care for them. If you bring or send a donation, mention the shop or this column, just so it is known that our networking pays off for the critters.

Visit the website or on Face book https://www.animalfriendsrescue.org.

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Podmo’s Big Adventure

A Christmas Fable

Tom Stevens

Otter Views

Once upon a time, in a galaxy far, far away, lived Podmo the Small. He was the youngest in a fishing family who dwelled on an ocean planet dotted with islands and circled by five suns.

Like his parents and siblings, Podmo was round and furry. He had bright golden eyes, a stub tail, a warm nose and a lively sense of humor. With their stout limbs and webbed swimming paws, their people looked like large, seagooing teddy bears. All except Podmo, who looked like a small, seagooing teddy bear.

Before The Invasion, when such things still mattered, Podmo’s parents worried about his small size. Even at the age of six moons, he stood no taller than a jellyfish jar.

“I’m afraid our little cub will never gain full stature,” said Big Daddymo to Lady Mymo, Podmo’s mother. “He’ll be too small to take his place at the nets.”

“It’s so sad,” she agreed, wringing her paws.

Podmo’s siblings and friends were aware of the situation, too, but they never teased him about it. Instead, they put Podmo in charge of the small fish in the catch, and he did his job proudly.

Podmo was herding minnows in the family holding pond the morning the Invasion came. The first sign was the darkening of the sky, a profound shock on a planet whose five suns provided continuous overlapping daylight. Because Podmo’s people had never seen other worlds, they did not suspect there might be other beings on them; beings with no sense of humor at all.

The Voracians

When the massed Voracian star fleet darkened their world, Podmo’s people felt four ice their hearts. True, it was customary when greeting travelers among their own kind, they stood in family groups, lifted the paws skyward, and sang their ancestral songs of welcome.

“This will be easier than I thought,” the Voracian admiral hissed to his offi-

cers, his yellow tongue flicking like a whip. “Gum them!” With that, a blizzard of whirring, humming nets descended on Podmo’s people, ensnaring them swiftly and completely.

All except Podmo, that is, who was small enough to slip the net and hide in a jellyfish jar. He watched in horror as the reptilian invaders enslaved his people and set them to work mining ocean salt to feed the Voracian Empire.

Podmo’s world was a rich find, but the Voracians soon lustered for more conquests. They readied a drone probe to explore another blue and green planet rumored to lie third from the sun in a remote galaxy known to them as The Salty Way.

Word of the plan reached Big Daddymo in his cell. “You must get aboard that probe and go for help,” he told Podmo, who had been smuggled into the slave barracks in a swordfish pie. “You are the smallest one, but our biggest hope.”

“Be brave and smart, my cub,” Lady Mymo whispered from the next cell. “Take this pendant and wear it for me.” She pressed into his paw her only treasure, a small black pearl on a thin chain of gold.

At length the probe ship stood ready on its firing pad, but before the gaunties rolled away, slave laborers had hidden little Podmo in the barrel of blue ink that fed the probe’s salinity printers. He wore goggles and breathed through a snorkel.

Traveling at the speed of light squared, the probe rocket soon streaked beyond the five suns. Popping open the ink barrel, Podmo took off his goggles and paddled unsteadily to the camera viewpoint. There he saw his reflection. “I am blue now,” he thought sadly.

But dismay at his new color vanished as he beheld the heavens beyond. Pressing his nose to the viewport, he gazed in rapture at the black velvet jewel box of space. Stars flashed blue, yellow, white, green, and red. Spiral galaxies shimmered and pulsed with nets of silken light. Crab nebulae thrashed with distant, furry majesty.

Finally the probe’s engines fell silent, and Podmo found himself orbiting a blue and green planet that circled a single yellow sun. Also orbiting the planet was a single moon, as gray and barren as its larger companion was colorful and cloud-moist.

At a signal from the Voracian admiral half a universe away, the probe’s surveillance camera whirred to life...
PODMO’S BIG ADVENTURE

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following readout in Voracian: “Oxy-
gen, negative. Water, negative. Edible
sodium, negative. Contact planet of no
apparent value. Recommend terminate
probe.”

“The Light!” cursed the admiral,
gnashing his fangs. “That planet’s not
worth its salt!” He then stabbed the red
“Detonate” key on his console, his fiery
leavened slightly by the pleasure of
blowing something up.

The command zipped through space
at the speed of light cubed, but it was
molasses compared to the bright, winged
being who now appeared before Podmo
in the probe’s cabin. He had never seen a
being so lovely, or one his own size.

“At this very special night.

“I can’t go with you,” he said,
dabbing sudden hot tears. “I’m a swim-
mer, not a flyer. And I can’t breathe out
there.”

“Why can’t you?” she asked.

“Just believe, and it will be so.”

Then, as if responding to a silent
order, the Admiral found himself
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angels ambushed the earthward hand-in-hand
whispers behind them that looked up like
a magnesium flare as the probe ship
donated. The intense, fiery light would
hang in that part of the heavens for days.

In the desert darkness far below,
three wise but travel-weary kings looked
up as a new star lit the Levantine winter
sky. “There it is, as foretold,” said Balth-
azar. “Let us follow its beacon.”

And in fields where shepherds lay
with their flocks, in towns where beaten
people ached for peace; where orphaned
children ached for love; an angel rushed
there. “You’re an angel,” he said.

“You, I am,” she smiled. “Hold on!”

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The Most Important Gift

Kyle A. Krasa, Esq.
Planning for Each Generation

At its core, estate planning is not something that you necessarily do for yourself. Instead, estate planning is something that you do for the people you love. Often the primary motivating factor for clients to engage in their estate planning is the unpleasant experience of administering a decedent’s estate that was not addressed properly. In addition to having to grieve your loss, a poorly executed estate plan – or no estate plan at all – can leave your loved ones mired in years of unnecessary confusion, delay, expense, and frustration. Conversely, a comprehensive, up-to-date, and detailed estate plan will serve as one of the best gifts you can make to those you care about.

Recently, the loss of a dear family friend motivated me to focus upon my own family’s estate planning. Below are the steps that I took.

1. Review and Update
As an estate planning attorney, of course I drafted my own estate plan as well as updated my father’s estate plan. But it had been several years since I had reviewed any of the documents. While there were elements of both estate plans that I had in mind to change, I kept putting off addressing those issues. As clients constantly relay to me, my good intentions were overshadowed by family, work, and social obligations. Motivated by not embodying the old expression of the “shoemaker’s kids not having any shoes,” I finally buckled down and cleared a weekend where I finally took charge to update my family’s estate planning.

If you are not an estate planning attorney, you should make an appointment with your attorney to review your existing estate planning documents. Ask your attorney to explain your plan and to give you an overview the practical steps that your fiduciaries will have to take. If you then request a meeting with your attorney and your children so that everybody has an understanding of how the plan will function when needed.

Keep in mind that certain assets such as retirement plans, life insurance, and certain types of annuities will not be titled to your trust while you are living but should have up-to-date beneficiary designations. Contact each financial institution to make sure that your assets are either titled to your trust or, if appropriate, have the correct beneficiary designations.

2. Record-Keeping
If having an up-to-date plan is the first step, the second step is making sure that your loved ones can find your plan and have all the information they need to carry out that plan with ease.

After updating my estate planning and my father’s estate planning, I made sure to keep copies in accessible places. First, I created folders on my computer that featured full versions of all documents. I also created documents that provide an overview of the assets and how they were titled. With regard to non-trust assets such as retirement plans, life insurance, and annuities, I kept a separate folder of the confirmed beneficiary designations. I made a list of professional advisors such as my CPA, my financial planner, and my insurance agents. I also provided a detailed list featuring important elements of how I run my business with certain instructions. I executed a document allowing a “practice administrator” to help run my law firm in the event of my disability or death.

I realized that while I know (for the most part) what various keys at home and at the office are for, it might not be so obvious for loved ones. After all, many keys look alike and some are in fact duplicates. I developed a system where I coordinated keys with specific keyrings and provided instructions to easily identify each key.

I put copies of these important documents on duplicate flash drives, leaving one flash drive with the binder, giving one to each of my successor trustees, and keeping one in my safe deposit box.  

3. Calendar Regular Updates
It took me several hours to update my estate planning and to create records of important information. If I wait too long before reviewing it, it will quickly become obsolete. I made an early New Year’s resolution to review and update my estate planning information every Christmas break and to give my successor trustees copies of the updated information each year. While my son might be excited about what Santa will bring him each year, the most important gift I can make to my family is the peace of mind knowing that a detailed plan is in place in the event of an unexpected incapacity or death.

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BSIM Announces Contributions to Non-Profits

Organization Distributes Nearly $1 Million in 2016

The nonprofit Big Sur Marathon organization raised and distributed nearly $1 million in 2016 to a variety of local organizations and national charities, the highest amount ever.

These funds included $325,000 distributed directly to more than 100 local groups affiliated with the race events, to more than $400,000 raised by participants in support of 16 national charities, to dollars collected for California State Parks and the JUST RUN youth fitness program, to the organization’s $125,000 cash donation to the fire-fighting efforts in Monterey County this summer. A collective total of $987,213 was provided to nonprofit organizations, agencies, and schools.

“This is a significant amount for an organization of our size,” noted race director Doug Thurstun. “Our direct contributions to the local community are more than 15 percent of our annual budget. The success and popularity of our events allows us to support so many worthy agencies in our area.”

Built into the mission of the Big Sur Marathon organization is a commitment to “giving back” to the local community. A robust grant program is in place for the organization’s two major races—the Big Sur International Marathon in April and the Half Marathon on Monterey Bay in November. In addition, the organization made contributions of $27,494 to various local causes and schools. In August, the

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Let Go, Laugh and Live Out Loud!

Improv classes help you unwind, feel free and do weird things publicly. Most of those weird things are still legal! Imagine a New Years Eve Party without alcohol or co-workers. All the fun without the regret and drama.

• Wednesday: Drop-In Class from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., $10. Beginners welcome. Bring a friend.

• Advanced Class from 7:35 – 9 p.m., $15. Beginners sacrificed at the altar.

Classes take place at New Beginnings Health Care (The best Chiropractic Office in town, if I say so myself) 205 Monteeco Avenue, Monterey

See you there!

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David Lyng Real Estate Welcomes Debby Beck

David Lyng Real Estate is pleased to announce that Debby Beck has joined them as their new Monterey County Division Manager. Debby is a widely respected, top producing realtor, and community leader. Born and raised in Monterey County, Debby and her family live in Pebble Beach and Pacific Grove. She has been a board member of Shelter Outreach and is very involved in the Pacific Grove community. Debby is currently serving on the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury. Debby brings a true passion to the profession. She has an honest, straightforward style and is known for her knowledge, preparation, diligence, and astute negotiation ability on behalf of her clients. These attributes have kept her among the top producing agents and have gained her a devoted clientele. Debby sets the standard for outstanding real estate service.

"Providing guidance, advice, and leadership, to both peers and clients, as well as having a reputation for integrity, loyalty, and honesty is what attracted us to Debby," says David Lyng, company president. Debby was attracted to David Lyng Real Estate because it is a local, family-owned and operated business that has had tremendous success in the Monterey Bay Area. Founded in 1980 by David and Sally Lyng, the company has grown to nine offices, seven of which are in Santa Cruz County and two of which are located in Carmel, with a total of 230 agents. While David Lyng Real Estate is a local brand, it has strong national and international exposure and reach through its affiliations with Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate, the #1 portal worldwide for luxury properties and buyers, and as an Elite Company with the DuPont Registry.

"Our company has attracted a high percentage of the area’s top producers. Our agents and our clients like that we are locally-owned and operated. We are a big part of the communities we serve. With Debby as our new manager come new opportunities to expand," says David. David Lyng Real Estate will be opening its 10th office in Pacific Grove at 211 Grand Avenue. Debby and the David Lyng team look forward to their future growth in Monterey. They believe in being an integral part of the community and look forward to further expanding their service to their agents and clients with these exciting changes in 2017 and beyond.

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Cub Scout Pack 125’s Annual Service Projects in 2016

Cub Scout Pack 125 is part of the Santa Lucia District in the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay council. It currently has 42 scouts in 1st through 5th grade. Pack 125 is chartered by St. Mary’s-By-The-Sea Episcopal Church and supported by the Robert Down Elementary school in Pacific Grove, CA. It is led by 10 volunteer registered adult leaders.

In March/April 2017, Pack 125 will celebrate its 50th anniversary. For over 20 years, Pack 125 has conducted five community service projects each year. In 2016 Pack 125 reported 226 hours community service.

The projects are:

- Presenting a Christmas caroling program at the medical wing of Canterbury Woods in Pacific Grove
- Collecting canned food for St. Mary’s-By-The-Sea’s food pantry for the local needy
- Participating in the California Coastal Cleanup at Asilomar State Beach
- Conducting the opening flag ceremony for Pacific Grove’s Feast of Lanterns community event
- Cleaning up the beach and park areas at Lovers Point Park in Pacific Grove after the Feast of Lanterns event

Pack 125 also marches in Pacific Grove’s Good Old Days parade to promote scouting.

Lance Wright is the current Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 125 and can be contacted at (cell) 831-238-4680 or (home) 831-666-5468.

Right: Marching in the Good Old Days parade.
Far right: Conducting the opening flag ceremony at the Feast of Lanterns pageant.

Eric Cuellar
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(a program sponsored by the government of Japan) delivered to the UN conference,” Gordon added. “I could not be prouder of him and of our community of Pacific Grove to support such a positive endeavor.”

Youth Communicators like Eric met preparatory to the conference via e-mail and Google Drive to establish a proposal about what they think a potential nuclear non-proliferation treaty would look like.

“The Japanese people are optimistic of a total ban [of nuclear weapons] but they realize it’s going to take time,” said Eric. He also said that he fielded many questions about the recent election results and what it could mean for nuclear weapons.

There were a number of highly-ranked dignitaries at the conference, and Eric was thrilled to be able to talk with many of them. The parliamentary vice minister of foreign affairs of Japan was one, along with an ambassador from the United States and one from Israel. There were many college professors in attendance as well. He met Ambassador Saryba from Kazakhstan and the Japanese ambassador, and was able to talk with them in an open Q&A.

He was also able to speak with some hibakusha – survivors of either of the atomic explosions at Hiroshima or Nagasaki in 1945, an experience he found very moving.

On the plane home, he was invited to continue the conversation with James M. Acton, the co-director of the nuclear Policy Program with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

A burden to take the message back home was placed on the American students.

“Textbooks do a poor job of relaying to American students the impact of the dropping of the bombs,” said Eric.

“We need to get across how important it is to ratify the CTBT.” (The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, a multilateral treaty that bans all nuclear explosions, for both civilian and military purposes, in all environments.)

“It’s also important to secure fissile material at hospitals and so on,” he added. The American students have partnered with a school in Nagasaki to gather signatures calling for the ratification of CTBT.

It was a life-changing experience for Eric, which he says he will not be able to do again. At school, he is a member of the robotics team and as a CAD designer, he designs and 3-D prints the parts. He also participates in aquaponics at school, and notes that the school just got $14,000 funding for the culinary classes.

Eric thinks of himself as a mechanic engineer and that’s what he’ll be aiming for in college. He has made applications, but has not yet decided where he’ll go.

Another of his interests is fog catchers, an apparatus involving a mesh screen which captures atmospheric moisture and turns it into potable water.

He is learning about cyber security with the CyberPatriots through Monterey Peninsula College and the U.S. Air Force. CyberPatriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program.

Clearly, Eric Cuellar is a young man to watch.

More information about the UN Conference can be found at http://unrcpd.org/

Event/26th-united-nations-conference-on-disarmament-issues/
A Winter Day's History Hike

Through the 'most historical spot in California'

By Tom Stevens

Just uphill from Monterey's Coast Guard station and within earshot of passing traffic sits a modest wood frame museum. The building is an early stop on Tim Thomas's walking tour of a 26-acre park he calls "the most historical spot in California."

sailed to Hawaii, recruited a hundred natives as warriors, and returned to the West Coast commanding two ships and several canons. He planned to "sack and burn" coastal cities, starting with Monterey.

After exchanging threats and cannon balls with the Spanish garrison at the Presidio, Thomas says, Bouchard's forces launched a surprise attack by climbing the back side of the hill from what is now Cannery Row.

"A hundred naked Hawaiians came charging down the hill," Thomas grins, "but when they reached Monterey, it was deserted. The Spanish had withdrawn to Salinas. There wasn't much left to sack, and the adobe wouldn't burn. So after six days, Bouchard sailed off to attack Santa Barbara and San Diego. He didn't do any better there, but he's a national hero in Argentina."

By this point in the tour, we're high enough up the hill to picture pirate ships departing and to imagine a similar winter day two centuries earlier. That was December 16, 1602, when three vessels commanded by the Basque fortune hunter Sebastian Vizcaino dropped anchor in the bay he would name for his sponsor, Spain's Count of Monterey.

The following day, Thomas continues, the expedition set forth to sack Monterey. Throwing up their camp on this hillside because springs popped up here, the Spanish flag was duly planted and the land claimed for the king.

"The Spanish camped up on this hillside because springs popped up here," Thomas relates. "But it was so cold their water bottles froze. The bay's Rumsien natives visited Vizcaino's camp daily with red abalone harvested by the men and reed baskets woven by the women.

"The Rumsien were the first divers to go into that bay," Thomas grins. "Sack and burn" coastal cities, starting with Monterey.

Before Vizcaino, he adds, the Rumsien people had lived for 10,000 years around Monterey Bay, a site so abundant in elk, bear, deer, water fowl and marine life that its natives likely experienced "no time of hunger." Vizcaino's visit, he says, might be the source of a Rumsien folk tale about a whale that swallowed a brown man in Santa Barbara and later disgorges a white man in Monterey.

Other visitors left other tales. George Vancouver picked up cattle in Monterey as gifts for Hawaii's King Kamehameha. Father Junipero Serra and Gaspar de Portola showed up in 1770 and celebrated mass beneath the same "ancient oak."

In 1836, Thomas relates, the Presidio figured in a quirky "rebellion" where a single man put to flight Monterey's then-governor. The American commodore John Drake Stuit one-upped that during the Mexican-American war in 1846 by sailing into the bay with a 250-man force. Without firing a shot. Stuit declared Monterey and claimed for the U.S. enough Mexican territory to form California and six other states.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Christmas Trees
Collected curbside by local haulers or you can drop off for free at the MRWMD through January 1st.

Polystyrene Foam
Drop off polystyrene foam, ("Styrofoam") packaging inserts and clean containers at MRWMD recycling drop-off through January 1st. GreenWaste Recovery also accepts in curbside recycling cart. (Must be contained in a clear bag.)

Beverage Containers
Drop off aluminum CRV bottles and cans at MRWMD's Buy Back Center, located behind the last chance mercantile. Recycle non-CRV containers at our recycling drop-off.

Electronics
MRWMD accepts your used or broken holiday lights and electronics (televisions, computer, microwaves, etc.) free behind the last chance mercantile.

Household Batteries
Recycle curb side with waste management and GreenWaste Recovery when placed in clear bags and placed on top of recycling cart (see websites for details). Also accepted at MRWMD's household hazardous waste collection facility.

Gifts & Decorations
Donate those white elephant gifts and holiday decorations to the last chance mercantile. We accept your "still usable" clothing, furniture, household items and sporting goods all year long.

Used Cooking Oil
Drop off up to 15 gallons at MRWMD's household hazardous waste collection facility. When used oil recovery kit from GreenWaste recovery and recycle curbside.

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The Ghost of Christmas Cookies Past

Keepers of our Culture

Patricia Hamilton and Joyce Krieg

Joyce’s somewhat strange yet festive attempt at decorating sugar cookies.

In this week’s “Keepers of Our Culture,” Joyce Krieg uses food as a theme for accessing memories of the holiday season, past and present.

All About the Cookies

In our house, it was all about the cookies. Looking back, it seems like my mother started the shopping and baking process weeks before Christmas, but I’m sure my child’s mind stretched the time out in agonizing slow motion, just as time seems to fly by now. Mom made these treats only at Christmas, which made them all the more special.

First came the dense, calorie-laden gooey chocolate chip cookies, butter-scotch chips, coconut, chopped walnuts and crushed Graham crackers, bound together with the contents of a can of condensed milk. Toffee Squares consisted of a brown sugar crust topped with melted chocolate and chopped nuts. Snowballs came from the pages of my mother’s 1956 Betty Crocker cookbook, which arrived at our house after Mom collected enough box-tops from Betty’s cake mixes and other products. The cookbook actually calls these mounds of powdered sugar and butter Russian Tea Cakes, but in our house, they were always Snowballs. Most special of all were the sugar cookies, rolled and cut out in shapes of Christmas trees, Santas, reindeer, snowmen, angels, stars, and holly, all painstakingly decorated using colored frosting and toothpicks. Some years, Mom would add other delights to her repertoire—the experiments with bourbon balls were especially memorable—but these “core four” were a constant part of every holiday season.

A Non-Political Progressive Party

As to Christmas dinner, my memories focus on the event, not to the food itself. For most of my tween and teen years, my family and our relatives living in and around San Jose had a tradition that we called a progressive party. Having nothing to do with politics, this is a dinner party that travels from one house to the next. The progressive Christmas dinner served three important functions: it spread out the fun and feasting for hours, it allowed us to admire each others’ Christmas trees and decorations, and it ensured that no one housewife was stuck with all the cooking. Thus we might have apprentices at Marc’s home in Santa Clara, soup and/or salad at Uncle Carl and Aunt Gurtha’s in Campbell, and the main course with Uncle Robbie and Aunt Jane back in Santa Clara. Dessert was always at our place, the San Jose party house, because we boasted an old-timy piano player piano with dozens of rolls with the lyrics printed on the side, an antique version of a karaoke machine. Christmas night would end with us consoling gorging on cookies and the grown-ups gathered around the piano for a sing-along, cigarettes and hi-ball glasses clutched in their hands.

All of the older generations of my family are gone now, and it’s fallen to me to carry out the family traditions, such as they are. As a life-long “singleton,” Christmas dinner has run the gamut of a full-course home-cooked meal with my brother and his family, to going out for Chinese with a friend. But every December finds me cracking open my mother’s old Betty Crocker cookbook and pouring over her well-thumbed recipe cards, measuring and mixing, chopping and mixing, creating those Seven Layers, Toffee Squares and Snowballs. But when it comes to those sugar cookies … well, I fess up. I just don’t have my mother’s patience for doing all that decorating with the colored frosting and toothpicks. Yet, I still make them, but in recent years, I’ve used just the star cutter and a mixture of powdered sugar, water and food coloring to paint them. These artistic attempts run the gamut from random doodles to popular text shorthand, reflecting a sense of humor that can be kindly described as quirky.

So excuse me, but I just heard the timer go off and I’ve got more cookies to pull out of the oven!

Share Your Story in Our Book!

Have similar holiday memories? Share your stories in “Life in Pacific Grove,” a 444 page book filled with stories by and for PG residents and visitors, to be published in Fall of 2017. All proceeds will benefit the Pacific Grove Public Library.

To help you get started on writing your stories for “Life in the Grove,” make plans to attend the next FREE writing class January 19 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Little House in Jewell Park. Patricia Hamilton is available to give a presentation to your group, book club, service organization, friends and family, and lead a writing session to gather stories, beginning January 15, 2017. Contact her at keepersofourculture@gmail.com to set up a date and time.

Celebrating with the Whales at Berwick Park

Janice Dyer

I used one of the Whales for my Christmas Card, attached. Photo on Dec. 8 by my friend Tammy Davies. I used a little Photoshop to copy and paste the Santa hat on to the whale. The whale was not touched or harmed in any manner during the shoot.

Kevin Clement

Send Us Your Selfies with the Whales!

We love pictures of locals and tourists with our newest attraction, the whale sculptures in Berwick Park. You may email them to editor@cedarstreettimes.com or mail them to 306 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove 93950

“DO NOT CLIMB!”

Jean McNeil

Just wanted to thank you for taking a positive approach to the whales in Berwick Park!

We live up the street and know the artist and although there were several missteps along the way despite the best of intentions of all involved, at the end of the day, it is art and we’ll, let’s enjoy it!

Thanks for focusing on the positives. :-)

Janice Dyer

What a beautiful sight to behold at 11 a.m.,” she said in a letter. “And then to enjoy clam chowder at a local fish shop.”

Dan McNeil is a Colorado artist, and blacksmith, who creates sculptures of all kinds in wrought iron.

Jean said, “Here’s my photo. I love having the ocean behind me, as I sit on the sign saying ‘DO NOT CLIMB!’”
Message from the President of Middlebury Institute: Aiding Our Undocumented Students

Dear Members of the Middlebury Community,

I write today to underscore Middlebury’s support for all undocumented students, to state what our principles are as an institution in this area, and to announce two new steps we are taking to demonstrate this commitment.

In recent weeks, our community has repeatedly shown its solidarity with, and support for, students and other individuals who are concerned that their ability to live and study in this country is in jeopardy. Undocumented students (including DACA students), American-born and international students, are already facing tighter restrictions for individuals entering or returning to the United States from certain parts of the world. There is a potential for deportations of some undocumented residents and the introduction of tighter restrictions for individuals entering or returning to the United States from certain parts of the world. The world would have the potential to disrupt families and economic structures. Such changes could complicate the lives of students who belong to our student community.

Middlebury is and will remain unwaveringly committed to providing educational opportunities to students regardless of nationality, place of birth, immigration status, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or economic status. We will also support the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which allows undocumented immigrants already in the country to remain here, provided they meet certain requirements.

As you may know, starting next year Middlebury will continue to actively support and invest in our students in order to continue our work. We have made a commitment to meet full demonstrated financial need. In taking this step, we are reaffirming our commitment to Middlebury students and their families.

Middlebury is also a safe space for all students. We are a community of inclusion, diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education. To that end, I have joined with other presidents to support students who belong to our student community.

Please join us in supporting our students and ensuring that they have a future here at Middlebury. Together, I believe we can achieve meaningful progress toward making our campus a safer and more welcoming place for all students.

Laurie Patton
President
The Carmel Foundation hosts
Philanthropic Foodies:
An event to be savored, benefiting services for our community

Executive Chef Boris Ilubaa of La Playa Carmel and The Carmel Foundation present “Philanthropic Foodies,” an exquisite gourmet dinner paired with fine wines to benefit services for seniors in our community. This event will feature a champagne reception followed by a decadent plated dinner paired with fine wines from local vintners at La Playa Carmel. The event will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Menu
Lobster Bisque en Croute
Blaise Estate 2015 Pinot Gris
Warm Roasted Wild Mushroom Salad
Hotel Breck Sherry Vinaigrette
DiOrio Cellars 2012 Pinot Noir
Roasted Center Scotch Beef Filet
Faro * Barley * Root Vegetables Mélange
Scheid Vineyards 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon
Chocolate Pot de Crème
Ginger Tuille

Dinner is $120 per person and seating is limited! Reserve your seating by January 6th with Ladies or $122@702.820.8702 or www.carmelfoundation.org.

About The Carmel Foundation
The Carmel Foundation is an organization that serves members 55 and better in the Monterey County area and beyond. The Foundation is located in Carmel on the southeast Corner of 8th and Lincoln. The Carmel Foundation gives se- niors an opportunity to live productive, enriching lives by offering a luncheon program, homebound meal delivery, free medical equipment loans, in-home services and respite grants, free lending library, Saturday movie, Technology Center, low-income housing, and more than 50 classes and activities each week. For more information, contact Kimberly Willison, Director of Development at kwilison@carmelfoundation.org, www.carmelfoundation.org or 831.620.8701.

36th Annual Ancestor Roundup
Genealogy Seminar
A full day of family history classes
January 21, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Family History Center & Classrooms, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1042 Noche Buena at Phumus, Seaside

Since 1981, Monterey Peninsula family historians have been fortunate to have a major annual genealogy seminar right in our backyard. On Saturday, January 21, 2017, the 36th Annual Ancestor Roundup Genealogy Seminar presents a full day of classes for family researchers — 14 instructors will teach over 30 classes, from Absolute Beginning Genealogy, DNA Research and Courthouse Records to German, Scottish and Irish Research.

The keynote speaker, genealogist Robert Givens, has been researching, teaching and writing about family history for more than 40 years. He is the author of four genealogy books, and his specialty is Pennsylva- nia and New England research. For his Keynote presenta- tion at 8:30 a.m., Givens will explain the Research Wiki, a powerful online research for genealogists.

Commodore Sloat Chapter DAR member Shelley McFadden will teach a special workshop for three class periods, “Finding Your Revolutionary War Ancestors,” to help prospective new members to the DAR with their research.

Cost for the day-long genealogy conference is $30 (for the seminar, lunch and printed syllabus) with $30 (for the seminar, lunch and an E-Syllabus (PDF). Sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution, the event is $25 per person. For further information, call 375-2340, or visit the website at www.mocogenso.org.

Lyceum Announces Winter and Spring Enrichment Classes
Th e Lyceum’s upcoming 2017 enrichment programs are posted at www.lyceum. org, and registration is open. There are a number of new programs, along with many favorites. Find a link on the website to classes listed below to learn more about an individual program, or go directly to the Enrichment Class page on the website to see everything.

Complete List of Winter & Spring Classes

The Heart of Collage Art
Saturday, January 28th, 2017; For ages 8 - 11. 10:00am - noon; Fee: $30
BE MINE: Couples Intro to Salsa
Saturday, February 11th, 2017; For ages 15 - adult.  1:00 - 2:30pm; Fee: $25 per couple
FAMILY DANCE: Intro to Salsa
Saturday, February 12th, 2017; For ages 8 - adult.  1:00 - 2:30pm; Fee: $25 per couple
Drawing and Painting Marine Life
Two Sundays, Feb 12th & 19th, 2017; For ages 12 - adult 1:00-4:00pm; Fee: $60
Fun Learning Mandarin Chinese
Ten Fridays, beginning February 17th, 2017; For ages 6 - 12.
4:00 - 6:00pm; Fee: $250 ($320 for returning students) Includes textbook and materials.
Make Your Own Herbarium
Two Saturdays, Feb 18th & 25th, 2017; Ages 12 - adult 1:00-3:30pm; Fee: $80
Drawing and Painting Birds
Saturday, March 11th, 2017; For ages 8 - 12.  3:00-5:00pm; Fee: $75 (includes materials)
Pen and Ink with Watercolor
Two Saturdays, March 18th & 25th, 2017; For ages 12 - adult 1:00pm - 3:30pm; Fee: $80
Cosmic Puzzles II
Six Wednesdays, Mar 29th - May 3rd, 2017; For ages 11 - 14 3:30 - 5:30pm; Fee: $140
Batkil Workshop
Saturday, April 1st, 2017; For ages 12 - adult 10:30am - 3:30pm; Fee: $75 (includes materials)
Painting Rainbows
Saturday, April 15th, 2017; For ages 8 - 12 3:00-5:00pm; Fee: $35
Drawing and Painting the Seascape
Two Saturdays, Apr 22nd & 29th, 2017; For ages 10 - adult 10:00am - Noon; Fee: $70 (includes materials)
Fairyland at the Lyceum
Two Saturdays, May 6th & 13th, 2017; For grades: K - 3rd 10:00 - 11:30am; Fee: $60
Flower Power
Saturday, May 6th; For ages 8 - 14 3:00 - 5:00pm; Fee: $35

Move Into Mindfulness to Heal Ourselves and Our World

Wave Street Studios will host a 3-hour workshop on Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Move Into Mindfulness to Heal Ourselves and Our World.

Workshop participants will learn to:
• Move and breathe fluidly again with less pain and improved balance
• Bring energy and relaxation into daily life
• Soothe and balance the mind and body
• Develop personal power
• Instinctively stimulate lasting health and harmony
• Establish the mind set to achieve lasting change

Infinite Body System
Once a stressed-out, dissatisfied fury, a diagnosis of cancer was Stepha- nie’s wake-up call. She embarked on a journey of self-discovery to holistically heal from cancer and a laundry list of nagging physical problems and emotional- anlymphatic trouble. Today she is a vibrant, happy, inspirational force. Recognizing how critical the Infinite Body System was to her recovery, she completed the 18-month intensive training to teach Infinite Body Joyful Joints™ and now offers classes, and private health mentoring, including distance learning, through her business, Move Into Mindfulness.

Genesology Society Holds Monthly Meeting
The Monterey County Genealogy Society, Inc. (MoCoGenSo) will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, January 5 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Family History Center, located at the LDS Church, 1042 Noche Buena, Seaside.

This month’s meeting will include a Family History Center Open House Celebration and “How to Find our American Civil War Ancestor” by Shelley McFadden. 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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Centered around the Vanderhof family, *You Can't Take It With You* invites you into their madcap and eccentric home and lives. Led by Grandpa Martin, each family member marches to the beat of their own drum, pursuing hobbies such as snake collecting, making fireworks (in the basement!), writing plays that never get published, and ballet lessons. The only normal character is young Alice, a Wall Street secretary, whose fiancé is the son of her boss and the epitome of success and normalcy. But when Tony, her fiancé, and his parents come for dinner—on the wrong night—things don't go exactly as planned. You don’t want to miss this zany comedy that teaches us to live life to the fullest by doing what makes you happy!

"You Can’t Take It With You"  
Santa Catalina School Performing Arts Center  
1500 Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey  
Fri. Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sat., Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.  
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Fri., Jan. 20 at 12:45 p.m.  
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Senior, student, military – $10.00  
Children (12 and under) – $8.00  
Call for group rates.  
For more information please contact the Box Office at (831) 655-9340.
LocalAuthors Can Be Ordered Online

New books by three Central California authors - Donald Craighead, Tony Al- bano and Pat DuVal - can now be ordered online on Digi-Talk Media’s Story-e-books sales site out of Dallas, in addition to being sold in various Monterey, Carmel, Salinas, Big Sur and Pacific Grove shops and at the Am- azon. Great holiday gifts at just $15 per book. The newly-named authors are: Donald Craighead is known as a Carmel landscape artist – but wait until you read his new fantasy fiction, “The Enchanted Emerald.” It’s a romping tale about good and evil, and the powerful role of two magic stones – an emerald for good, a ruby for evil. But the world’s technology has disappeared, and magicians are now in charge. The book is listed as a young adult fantasy... but adults will love it, too. There are far better friends and... LocalAuthors Can Be Ordered Online

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Giants to set up at S F Airport

Bob Silverman

San Francisco Giants Updates

Giants’ Sign Mark Melancon As New Closer (c2016 S.F. Giants)

The San Francisco Giants announced that they will be forming a partnership “to create the San Francisco Giants Clubhouse in terminal 3” at the San Francisco International Airport. This will be the first time that the Giants created “a restaurant experience outside the park” as announced by Giants’ CEO Larry Baer. The new feature at the airport will have a wrap-around showcase of sports entertainment that will be open before the end of 2017.

The Giants have made some major changes as they prepare for the 2017 Spring Training and regular season. The Giants signed RHP-Closer Mark Melancon to a four-year contract as announced by Larry Baer at a recent press conference with General Manager Bobby Evans and Manager Bruce Bochy present. Melancon is 31 years old and pitcher for the Pirates and Atlanta in 2016 with a 2016 1.64 ERA. The new closer is a three time ALL STAR that had 47 saves last season. Melancon has played in a total of 444 games over nine years.

Giants’ pitcher Chris Heston has been traded to Atlanta after being with the Giants Organization for eight years. The Giants signed former All Star Phil Nevin as their new third base coach and former River Cats’ manager Joe Alguacil as the new first base coach.

The Giants hosted their 16th Annual Children’s Party for Homeless Families at AT&T PARK on Dec. 13. Pre Spring Training News should be available soon. The Giants Roster now stands at 39 with the trading of Heston.
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