Proposed Water Bond Act of 2014
Hearings set on multi-billion-dollar bond act

The Central Coast is not the only area facing a water crisis. The entire state of California faces drought and the effects of climate change on access to clean, affordable, reliable drinking water.

California voters have not passed a water bond since 2006. While the Legislature has been working on one since 2009, it has been postponed twice due to concerns that it is a flawed proposal. Another proposal has been put forth, and on Tuesday, Dec. 17 a hearing has been set which will focus on the looming water crisis and what the proposed water bond could do about it.
Besides the legislators scheduled to give opening remarks, including Assemblymember Mark Stone who represents our area, there will be testimony from: John Ricker, Director, Santa Cruz County Water Resources Division; Dave Stoldt, General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District; and Richard LeWarne, Assistant Director, Environmental Health Bureau, Monterey Department of Health.

There are two proposals, one in the Assembly and one in the State Senate. Assembly measure AB 1331 (Ren done) proposes $6.5 billion for the water bond.

Language names every single watershed in the state, including the Central Coast Watershed. And the California Conservation Corps “shall be used whenever feasible.”

There is an allocation in the proposal of $1 billion for hydrological regions identified in the California Water Plan including $58 million for the Central Coast.

The sister measure, Senate measure SB 42 (Wolk) proposes $6.475 billion for the water bond, with $1.5 billion to the Department of Water Resources for regional water management plans including $85 million for the Central Coast.

The hearing set for Dec. 17 will begin at noon and is scheduled to finish at 3:00 p.m. with time for public comment.
The first refugees to be repatriated were young people who had been born in refugee camps and had never seen South Africa. Photo is a still from footage shot by Bob Pacelli on behalf of the UN.

approved, and another year (1994) before elections were held.

And what to do with these refugees? Pacelli was handed a UN passport and a manifest, and was flown to Tanzania with his huge and heavy Beta camera and related equipment. He was shuffled to a rickety 707 and he started filming. The plane quickly filled with refugees and their meager belongings, and they were airborne for the four-hour flight to Johannesburg.

Pacelli worked his way forward to the cockpit and was unsettled to see wires hanging from the controls. He asked the pilot if he had ever made the flight before and if he was confident they’d make it. The pilot answered that he’d made the flight but had been refused landing. But this time he had a plan. They only had enough fuel to make it to Johannesburg and could not be turned away.

Winnie Mandela was the darling of the anti-apartheid movement. Brave and outspoken, the wife of jailed ANC president Nelson Mandela found herself in a leadership position during her husband’s incarceration. She had been jailed for the cause herself, and later would serve in various positions in the transition government and the post-apartheid government. She was more of a firebrand than was Nelson, and traveled with bodyguards. This was a time before serious, criminal accusations overtook her, too.

- was sent off the plane first and was handed the paperwork for the passengers. He found himself the sole representative of the UN and tasked with getting them through customs. He rolled the film.

And what to do with these refugees?

After a few battles with airport authorities, he handed in his paperwork and, continuing to film, found himself walking backward and filming, the iconic action of many news camerapersons. He kicked open a door behind him, backed through it, and tumbled over none other than Winnie Mandela, who caught him in her arms. Everyone apologized and dusted themselves off and Pacelli continued his assignment, none the worse for wear.

Later, he said, he had to “file” the film in two versions – one with the natural sound track and one with his voiceover, explaining the action in the film. And it was his and Clemencia’s wedding anniversary, Dec. 12. The phone calls to Geneva and to Pacific Grove – was sent off the plane first and was handed the paperwork for the passengers. He found himself the sole representative of the UN and tasked with getting them through customs. He rolled the film.

A few years later, he said, he had to “file” the film in two versions – one with the natural sound track and one with his voiceover, explaining the action in the film. And it was his and Clemencia’s wedding anniversary, Dec. 12. The phone calls to Geneva and to Pacific Grove had to be routed through Kenya because of the boycott.

Fast forward to October, 1999. Pacelli has worked for the UNHRIC on projects in Eritrea, Somalia and Sarajevo. He has filmed Southeast Asian refugees and boat people. He’s back on American soil.

Mrs. Mandela has been divorced from Nelson Mandela. She was a member of the South African Parliament and was President of the African National Congress Women’s League. Inspired by an Internet project which would pair Richmond, California children with their South African counterparts, she came to San Francisco to meet with then-mayor Willie Brown and religious leaders including Louis Farrakhan. Pacelli was assigned by a Bay Area TV station to film the event. Camera people and reporters jostled for position, each trying to get close to her. As the cadre of cameramen crowded around her, Pacelli lowered his camera and asked, “Do you remember me?”

She looked at him blankly, he said, and asked in her gentle South African accent, “No, should I?” He reminded her that he’d tripped over her in the airport in Johannesburg in 1989. Recognition came over her face and she “planted a huge smacker on me.” said Pacelli. “From then on I was the king of the newspeople.” At least for the day.

Next week: Pacelli films Nelson Mandela, visiting Geneva immediately after his release from prison, discussing the refugees with Mrs. Ogata of the UNHRIC.

The first refugees to be repatriated were young people who had been born in refugee camps and had never seen South Africa. Photo is a still from footage shot by Bob Pacelli on behalf of the UN.

approved, and another year (1994) before elections were held.

And what to do with these refugees? Pacelli was handed a UN passport and a manifest, and was flown to Tanzania with his huge and heavy Beta camera and related equipment. He was shuffled to a rickety 707 and he started filming. The plane quickly filled with refugees and their meager belongings, and they were airborne for the four-hour flight to Johannesburg.

Pacelli worked his way forward to the cockpit and was unsettled to see wires hanging from the controls. He asked the pilot if he had ever made the flight before and if he was confident they’d make it. The pilot answered that he’d made the flight but had been refused landing. But this time he had a plan. They only had enough fuel to make it to Johannesburg and could not be turned away.

Winnie Mandela was the darling of the anti-apartheid movement. Brave and outspoken, the wife of jailed ANC president Nelson Mandela found herself in a leadership position during her husband’s incarceration. She had been jailed for the cause herself, and later would serve in various positions in the transition government and the post-apartheid government. She was more of a firebrand than was Nelson, and traveled with bodyguards. This was a time before serious, criminal accusations overtook her, too.

- was sent off the plane first and was handed the paperwork for the passengers. He found himself the sole representative of the UN and tasked with getting them through customs. He rolled the film.

And what to do with these refugees?

After a few battles with airport authorities, he handed in his paperwork and, continuing to film, found himself walking backward and filming, the iconic action of many news camerapersons. He kicked open a door behind him, backed through it, and tumbled over none other than Winnie Mandela, who caught him in her arms. Everyone apologized and dusted themselves off and Pacelli continued his assignment, none the worse for wear.

Later, he said, he had to “file” the film in two versions – one with the natural sound track and one with his voiceover, explaining the action in the film. And it was his and Clemencia’s wedding anniversary, Dec. 12. The phone calls to Geneva and to Pacific Grove had to be routed through Kenya because of the boycott.

Fast forward to October, 1999. Pacelli has worked for the UNHRIC on projects in Eritrea, Somalia and Sarajevo. He has filmed Southeast Asian refugees and boat people. He’s back on American soil.

Mrs. Mandela has been divorced from Nelson Mandela. She was a member of the South African Parliament and was President of the African National Congress Women’s League. Inspired by an Internet project which would pair Richmond, California children with their South African counterparts, she came to San Francisco to meet with then-mayor Willie Brown and religious leaders including Louis Farrakhan. Pacelli was assigned by a Bay Area TV station to film the event. Camera people and reporters jostled for position, each trying to get close to her. As the cadre of cameramen crowded around her, Pacelli lowered his camera and asked, “Do you remember me?”

She looked at him blankly, he said, and asked in her gentle South African accent, “No, should I?” He reminded her that he’d tripped over her in the airport in Johannesburg in 1989. Recognition came over her face and she “planted a huge smacker on me.” said Pacelli. “From then on I was the king of the newspeople.” At least for the day.

Next week: Pacelli films Nelson Mandela, visiting Geneva immediately after his release from prison, discussing the refugees with Mrs. Ogata of the UNHRIC.

The first refugees to be repatriated were young people who had been born in refugee camps and had never seen South Africa. Photo is a still from footage shot by Bob Pacelli on behalf of the UN.

approved, and another year (1994) before elections were held.

And what to do with these refugees? Pacelli was handed a UN passport and a manifest, and was flown to Tanzania with his huge and heavy Beta camera and related equipment. He was shuffled to a rickety 707 and he started filming. The plane quickly filled with refugees and their meager belongings, and they were airborne for the four-hour flight to Johannesburg.

Pacelli worked his way forward to the cockpit and was unsettled to see wires hanging from the controls. He asked the pilot if he had ever made the flight before and if he was confident they’d make it. The pilot answered that he’d made the flight but had been refused landing. But this time he had a plan. They only had enough fuel to make it to Johannesburg and could not be turned away.

Winnie Mandela was the darling of the anti-apartheid movement. Brave and outspoken, the wife of jailed ANC president Nelson Mandela found herself in a leadership position during her husband’s incarceration. She had been jailed for the cause herself, and later would serve in various positions in the transition government and the post-apartheid government. She was more of a firebrand than was Nelson, and traveled with bodyguards. This was a time before serious, criminal accusations overtook her, too.

- was sent off the plane first and was handed the paperwork for the passengers. He found himself the sole representative of the UN and tasked with getting them through customs. He rolled the film.

And what to do with these refugees?

After a few battles with airport authorities, he handed in his paperwork and, continuing to film, found himself walking backward and filming, the iconic action of many news camerapersons. He kicked open a door behind him, backed through it, and tumbled over none other than Winnie Mandela, who caught him in her arms. Everyone apologized and dusted themselves off and Pacelli continued his assignment, none the worse for wear.

Later, he said, he had to “file” the film in two versions – one with the natural sound track and one with his voiceover, explaining the action in the film. And it was his and Clemencia’s wedding anniversary, Dec. 12. The phone calls to Geneva and to Pacific Grove had to be routed through Kenya because of the boycott.

Fast forward to October, 1999. Pacelli has worked for the UNHRIC on projects in Eritrea, Somalia and Sarajevo. He has filmed Southeast Asian refugees and boat people. He’s back on American soil.

Mrs. Mandela has been divorced from Nelson Mandela. She was a member of the South African Parliament and was President of the African National Congress Women’s League. Inspired by an Internet project which would pair Richmond, California children with their South African counterparts, she came to San Francisco to meet with then-mayor Willie Brown and religious leaders including Louis Farrakhan. Pacelli was assigned by a Bay Area TV station to film the event. Camera people and reporters jostled for position, each trying to get close to her. As the cadre of cameramen crowded around her, Pacelli lowered his camera and asked, “Do you remember me?”

She looked at him blankly, he said, and asked in her gentle South African accent, “No, should I?” He reminded her that he’d tripped over her in the airport in Johannesburg in 1989. Recognition came over her face and she “planted a huge smacker on me.” said Pacelli. “From then on I was the king of the newspeople.” At least for the day.

Next week: Pacelli films Nelson Mandela, visiting Geneva immediately after his release from prison, discussing the refugees with Mrs. Ogata of the UNHRIC.
CPOAMC Annual Toy Drive Announces Drop-Off Sites

The annual Crime Prevention Officers' Association of Monterey County Toy Drive commenced on Tues., Nov. 12 and will run last until Dec. 23. Last year, the Toy Drive provided over 1,600 toys to children in need. Churches and community service agencies throughout Monterey County have identified the needed children and they will help Santa by wrapping all the new toys.

Walgreens Pharmacy at Monterey, Marina, Salinas at N. Sanborn, Seaside CVS Pharmacy at Monterey at Fremont St. and Lighthouse Ave., Marina, Carmel, Prunedale at San Miguel Canyon Rd. and Vierra Canyon Rd.

Toy Drive 2013 Drop off sites:
- CHIP office, 960 E. Blanco, Salinas
- CSUMB PD office - 100 Campus Center, Seaside
- Sheriff’s Office, 1414 Natividad Rd., Salinas
- Sheriff’s Office, 10680 Merrit St., Castroville
- Seaside PD, 400 Harcourt Ave., Seaside
- Pacific Grove PD, 580 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove
- Presidio of Monterey PD, 4468 Gigling Rd.
- Sand City PD, 1 Sylvan Park, Sand City
- Carmel PD, Junipero and Fourth, Carmel
- Sheriff’s Office, 1200 Aguajito Rd., Monterey
- Monterey PD, 351 Madison St., Monterey
- Del Rey Oaks PD, 650 Canyon Del Rey, Del Rey Oaks

Kiwanis, Firefighters Hold Annual Toy Drive

Pacific Grove Kiwanis and Monterey Firefighters Association are holding their annual Toy Drive for needy local children.

Toy barrels are posted at:
- Robert Down School on Pine Street
- Forest Grove on Congress Ave.
- PG Middle School on Forest Ave.
- PG High School on Sunset Ave.
- PG Adult School on Lighthouse
- PG Tourist and Info Center on Central Ave.
- Grand Ave Flooring on Grand Ave.
- PG Travel on Lighthouse Ave.
- Grand Avenue Deli on Grand Ave. at Laurel
- Paul’s Drapery on 18th St.
- Pebble Beach Community Service District Office on Lopez in Pebble Beach.

Please bring new unwrapped toys to one of these locations by Dec. 20. The firefighters will be making deliveries on the fire engine to local needy families and children on Dec. 21 and 22 with Santa personally greeting our local community. This is the 9th annual toy drive in Pacific Grove and there will be a wrapping party at the Monterey High School cafeteria on Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m. for anyone wanting to help out.

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating, please call Sherry at 831-372-4421.

Our community thanks go to Battalion Chief Felix Colello and Sherry Sands of the Kiwanis for their chairing this outreach for the community of Pacific Grove.

Toy Drive and Complimentary Gift Wrap in Carmel

Convictions of the Heart Foundation, Carmel/ Monterey Fire Fighters, and the Salvation Army brings you our second Annual Santa's Workshop in Carmel by the Sea, Thursdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m. through December 22. Extra hours are offered the Monday and Tuesday before Christmas, Dec 23 and 24 from 11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Location: 1st Murphy House (Lincoln NW corner of 6th Ave) in Carmel by the Sea.

Proceeds and toys will benefit the Salvation Army and the Carmel Firefighters Toy Drive.

Toy Drive will wrap over 1,000 toys for needy local children. Bring your child or pet to visit Santa, who will be on hand every Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon till 3 p.m. Photos are $15 and additional children for $10 each.

Train Times:
Saturday Dec 14th, 2013 - 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday Dec 15th, 2013 - 10 am to 4 pm

Holiday Open House at Pacific Grove’s Peace of Mind Dog Rescue

Peace of Mind Dog Rescue will hold a holiday open house on Sun., Dec. 15 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The public is invited to stop by the Patricia J. Bauer Center located at 613 Forest Avenue for holiday refreshments and good cheer. Well-behaved dogs are welcome to attend. During the open house POMDR will be collecting holiday gifts to donate to dogs in need. Items on the wish list include: beds, medium and large harnesses, collars, toys, high quality food and treats, donations toward medical care or gift certificates to pet supply stores.

For more information about the event please call 718-9122.

Toy Drive 2013 Drop off sites:
- ChIP office, 960 E. Blanco, Salinas
- CSUMB PD office - 100 Campus Center, Seaside
- Sheriff’s Office, 1414 Natividad Rd., Salinas
- Sheriff’s Office, 10680 Merrit St., Castroville
- Seaside PD, 400 Harcourt Ave., Seaside
- Pacific Grove PD, 580 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove
- Presidio of Monterey PD, 4468 Gigling Rd.
- Sand City PD, 1 Sylvan Park, Sand City
- Carmel PD, Junipero and Fourth, Carmel
- Sheriff’s Office, 1200 Aguajito Rd., Monterey
- Monterey PD, 351 Madison St., Monterey
- Del Rey Oaks PD, 650 Canyon Del Rey, Del Rey Oaks

Peace of Mind Dog Rescue includes Gift Drive for Dogs in Need

Peace of Mind Dog Rescue will hold a holiday open house on Sun., Dec. 15 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The public is invited to stop by the Patricia J. Bauer Center located at 613 Forest Avenue for holiday refreshments and good cheer. Well-behaved dogs are welcome to attend. During the open house POMDR will be collecting holiday gifts to donate to dogs in need. Items on the wish list include: beds, medium and large harnesses, collars, toys, high quality food and treats, donations toward medical care or gift certificates to pet supply stores.

For more information about the event please call 718-9122.

Peace of Mind Dog Rescue is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Christmas Elves' Toy Drive

The annual Christmas Elves' Toy Drive commenced on Tues., Nov. 12 and will run last until Dec. 23. Last year, the Toy Drive provided over 1,600 toys to children in need. Churches and community service agencies throughout Monterey County have identified the needed children and they will help Santa by wrapping all the new toys.

Walgreens Pharmacy at Monterey, Marina, Salinas at N. Sanborn, Seaside CVS Pharmacy at Monterey at Fremont St. and Lighthouse Ave., Marina, Carmel, Prunedale at San Miguel Canyon Rd. and Vierra Canyon Rd.

Toy Drive 2013 Drop off sites:
- CHIP office, 960 E. Blanco, Salinas
- CSUMB PD office - 100 Campus Center, Seaside
- Sheriff’s Office, 1414 Natividad Rd., Salinas
- Sheriff’s Office, 10680 Merrit St., Castroville
- Seaside PD, 400 Harcourt Ave., Seaside
- Pacific Grove PD, 580 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove
- Presidio of Monterey PD, 4468 Gigling Rd.
- Sand City PD, 1 Sylvan Park, Sand City
- Carmel PD, Junipero and Fourth, Carmel
- Sheriff’s Office, 1200 Aguajito Rd., Monterey
- Monterey PD, 351 Madison St., Monterey
- Del Rey Oaks PD, 650 Canyon Del Rey, Del Rey Oaks

Kiwanis, Firefighters Hold Annual Toy Drive

Pacific Grove Kiwanis and Monterey Firefighters Association are holding their annual Toy Drive for needy local children.

Toy barrels are posted at:
- Robert Down School on Pine Street
- Forest Grove on Congress Ave.
- PG Middle School on Forest Ave.
- PG High School on Sunset Ave.
- PG Adult School on Lighthouse
- PG Tourist and Info Center on Central Ave.
- Grand Ave Flooring on Grand Ave.
- PG Travel on Lighthouse Ave.
- Grand Avenue Deli on Grand Ave. at Laurel
- Paul’s Drapery on 18th St.
- Pebble Beach Community Service District Office on Lopez in Pebble Beach.

Please bring new unwrapped toys to one of these locations by Dec. 20. The firefighters will be making deliveries on the fire engine to local needy families and children on Dec. 21 and 22 with Santa personally greeting our local community. This is the 9th annual toy drive in Pacific Grove and there will be a wrapping party at the Monterey High School cafeteria on Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m. for anyone wanting to help out.

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating, please call Sherry at 831-372-4421.

Our community thanks go to Battalion Chief Felix Colello and Sherry Sands of the Kiwanis for their chairing this outreach for the community of Pacific Grove.
A Christmas-Filled Saturday

Children and Christmas were everywhere on Caledonia Ave. on Sat., Dec. 7. At Caledonia Park, there was the 20th Annual Stillwell’s Fun in the Park with rides, bounce houses, a petting zoo and entertainment — including the Snowman and Snow Queen and of course Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

Walking just a short distance to the other end of Caledonia Ave., families enjoyed indoor fun at the Pacific Grove Adult School’s Co-Op Preschool 33rd Annual Winterfest. The Children’s Store and General Store offered affordable presents that were gift-wrapped for free. There was plenty of delicious food at the Snow Café and the Bake Sale offered a variety of festive desserts. Prizes were won at the Ice Fishing game and children stood in line to have their faces painted. Many generous Pacific Grove businesses contributed prizes to the raffle.

Volunteers seemed to be having as much fun as those attending. Many parent volunteers were Co-Op graduates themselves as were many of the Middle School students who assisted young shoppers in the Children’s Store.

Photo and story by Laura Emerson

Blessings Welcomes A New Mermaid with a Holiday Open House

On December 15 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Blessings Boutique will celebrate their fourth year of presenting artisan arts, antiques, wearable art, and a cooperative gallery of more than 17 artists at this Pacific Grove location at 620 Lighthouse Avenue. There will be festive treats and lots of merriment to unveil their newest mermaid, Juliana, while their original mermaid, Shelly of Atlantis, will be auctioned off to benefit the Peace of Mind elderly dog rescue on Forest Avenue. Be sure to come by and enjoy the party and meet the newly hatched baby doves and their rescue parents, Grace and Angel, who are the mascots of the house.

ACS Discovery Shop to hold half-off sale

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop is presenting its semi-annual 50 percent off store-wide fundraising event on Friday and Saturday, December 13-14 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Discovery Shop is at 198 Country Club Gate. Call 372-0866 for more information.

Crèche Display at Methodist Church

Come and join us Saturday, December 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. or Sunday, December 22, 12:00-2:00 p.m., to admire a collection of more than 40 crèches and Nativity sets from around the world and from homes just around the corner. Enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary which will be filled with the music of Christmas by organist Linda Reinertsen.

All are welcome. Spend a few minutes being inspired at First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove; 915 Sunset Dr. (At the corner of 17 Mile Drive.) Celebrate the Crèche with us!

One of more than 40 Nativity sets which will be on display on the next two Sundays at the First United Methodist Church. Photo courtesy Lindsay and Patricia Munoz.

$10 OFF SENIOR DISCOUNT

Don’t let your sewer be the talk of your holidays!

Sewer Jetting is four times better than snaking!

Includes: Sewer Jetting Service
Foam Treatment
Camera Line
1 Year Warranty

Don’t let your sewer be the talk of your holidays!
MURDER OF TWO CARMEL VALLEY GIRLS SENTENCED TO DEATH

El Dorado County District Attorney Vern Pierson has announced that the jury in the penalty phase trial of convicted serial murderer Joseph Michael Nissenshon has concluded. After deliberating for approximately 90 minutes, the jury returned with a verdict in favor of the death penalty.

On October 31, 2013, Joseph Nissenshon was convicted in a South Lake Tahoe courtroom for the 1981 Monterey County murder of 13-year-old Tammy Jarschke, 14-year-old Tanya Jones, and for the 1989 South Lake Tahoe murder of 15-year-old Kalieh Reeves. The jury found Defendant Nissenshon guilty of three first degree murders and found the special circumstances allegations to be true, including the prior 1989 Washington murder of Sally Jo Tugger.

On November 12, 2013, the jury heard the penalty phase of the trial started in a South Lake Tahoe courtroom. Defendant Nissenshon was previously convicted of the Washington murder in 1991 and was scheduled to be released at the end of his sentence in 2009. At the time, in agreement with the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office, the El Dorado County District Attorney’s Office consolidated all three murders to be tried at the same time. Cold case homicide investigators from both counties began the tedious task compiling all of the necessary evidence, documents, and witnesses for trial.

District Attorney Vern Pierson commented, “Complex cases such as this require a team effort. Thousands of hours were dedicated to making sure Mr. Nissenshon was held accountable for his actions and without a doubt our community is a safer place without him in it”.

THE NIGERIAN SCAMMERS ARE AT IT AGAIN

Just when you thought all the princes and unfortunate widows from Nigeria had gone away, and all the Irish Sweepstakes and inheritances were claimed, a new scam arrived in our email today. Please don’t fall for it!

“Your Pacel [sic] Has Been Seized

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
Indianapolis International Airport
6801 Pierson Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46241
Port Director: Brooke Jansen
Phone: 509-214-2221

Attention: Consignee:

We are the representative of the Director of General Services of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. We just intercepted/confiscated one (1) briefcase at the Indianapolis International Airport.

We are on the verge of moving this briefcase to the U.S. Customs headquarters. However, we scanned the said box and found out that it contained a total of USD$3.3M. Investigation carried out on the Diplomat who accompanied this briefcase into the United States, revealed that he was to make the delivery of the fund to your residence, as these funds are entitled to you, being Contract/Inheritance over due payments. The funds were from the office of the CBN Governor Mallam Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Furthermore, after cross checking all the information we found in the briefcase indicating you are truly the beneficiary of the funds, it became known to us that one of the documents is missing. This document is very important and until we get the document, the briefcase will be temporarily confiscated pending when you will provide it.

The much needed document is the Diplomatic Immunity Seal of Delivery Certificate (DISDC). This document will protect you from going against the US Patriot Act Section 313a and Section 314b. This delivery will be tagged A Diplomatic Transit Payment (D.TP) once you get the document.

You are therefore required to get back to this office within 72 hours to enable us guide you on how to get the needed document. Failure to comply with these directives may lead to permanent confiscation of the funds and possible arrest for money laundering. We may also get the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF) involved if you do not comply with our instructions. You are also advised not to get in contact with any Bank in Africa, Europe or any other institution, as your funds are here now in the United States of America.

Sincerely Yours,
Mr. Brooke Jansen
Port Director

Confidentiality Notice: This communication and its attachments may contain non-public, confidential or legally privileged information. The unlawful interception, use or disclosure of such information is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, or have received this communication in error, please notify the sender immediately by replying email and deleting all copies of this communication and attachments without reading or saving them.”

PACIFIC GROVE POLICE REMIND YOU TO ‘TLC’

As the shopping season gets into full swing, the members of the Pacific Grove Police department continue to remind the public to “take a little TLC.”

Three simple steps can make the difference between enjoying a happy Christmas season or ending up with a victim of theft.

• Take your valuables with you. Remove valuables from your vehicle and secure packages being left at your home. A “signature proof of delivery” option will help.

• Lock your vehicle doors and your home, even if it’s a short errand. Thieves go through neighbors’ mailboxes for unsecured packages.

• Close vehicle and home windows. It only takes a few seconds. But it only takes a few seconds for a thief to reach into an open window and snatch something.

The police department works diligently with the community to reduce residential and auto burglaries and thefts from unlocked vehicles through preventative patrolling, enforcement and community cooperation.

DA SETTLES UNLAWFUL BUSINESS PRACTICE CASE AGAINST PROPANE SUPPLIERS

Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Filippo announced that on Dec. 2 his office, along with the district attorneys of Alameda, Fresno, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and Ventura counties, has settled an unlawful business practices case against five companies that market and sell “Blue Rhino” and “AmeriGas” the two largest brands of propane cylinder exchange in the United States. Blue Rhino and Amerigas sell pre-filled propane tanks to retailers, who in turn sell them to consumers for use with barbecues and camping equipment.

In 2008, facing rising fuel cost, the companies reduced the volume of propane in their tanks from 17 pounds down to 15 pounds but did not reduce the price per tank. Although the correct weight was displayed on the tanks’ label, the tanks were locked in metal “cages” before purchase, so consumers did not see the labels, could not handle the tanks, and assumed they were filled to their safe capacity. In addition, signs referred to the reduced-content tank as “full” which was misleading. The reduction of gas in the tanks shortened use time by between 1 and 1.5 hours.

The settlement resolves the prosecutors’ civil complaint filed in Alameda County Superior Court alleging the companies violated California consumer protection and false advertising laws. Under the terms of the judgment the Blue Rhino companies will pay a total of $1 million in civil penalties and costs, and the AmeriGas companies will pay a total of $800,000.00 in civil penalties and costs. In addition, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, the companies will be bound by an injunction requiring them post notices on their enclosures explaining to consumers the actual quantity of propane in the tank. The companies cooperated with officials in the investigation.
Jon Guthrie's High Hats & Parasols

100 Years Ago in Pacific Grove

Please bear in mind that historical articles such as "High Hats & Parasols" present our history—good and bad—in the language and terminology used at the time. The writings contained in are quoted from Pacific Grove/Monterey publications from 100 years in the past. Please also note that any items listed for sale in "High Hats" are "done deals," and while we would love to see those prices again, many people also worked for a dollar a day back then. Thanks for your understanding.

Main line Patents

This is the age of new invention. Just imagine: auto mobiles, aero planes, electric lamps, paper breathes, indoor toilets, and more! You should know all about patents, trademarks, designs, copyrights, and how to market your own unique ideas! Read the Scientific American, a handsomely illustrated weekly, published by Munns & Co, main office 191 Broadway, New York, New York, and sub-offices in Washington, D. C. Yours for $4.50 per subscription year. Contact Munns’s today and request your subscription, delivered to your door!

Rink to open

The trustees for the Pacific Grove Grammar School have voted to make the school's pavilion temporarily available for use as an ice skating rink. The rink will be available for afternoon and evening skating six days a week. The seventh day will be dedicated to advanced, performance skating. School students who are exercising will move their activities to the old gymnasium building on 17th. All students, high school and elementary, will use the old building during the interim.

Christmas reprise

The Christmas season has caused a postponement to the trial of two men accused of burglarizing the home of W. L. Newlove of Pacific Grove. The set-up began when one man walked up to the door and asked for a drink of water. They were later arrested playing pool in Monterey. The men were in possession of several items from the home whose location is unknown. The hearing was set for Thursday, last, but Justice of the Peace Wallace will use the old building during the interim.

Mingled waters swim, anyone?

The waters of the Atlantic ocean and the Pacific ocean are about to mingle at the Isthmus. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of the American people, the Panama Canal is very nearly finished!

Train off track

Passenger Car number two, in charge of Conductor Robert Miller of Pacific Grove, left the track after leaving Monterey station but before reaching the Grove. The car's momentum rolled it onto and along Lighthouse avenue where it stopped and sat for an hour. The car's lights were "electric lighted" thanks to the "direct current" work of T. Edison and his supporting company, General Electric.

Coming again

It is beginning to look like the recent protests demanding an end to the Chautauqua are fading into the woodwork. 5 Tickets for the next season are selling so rapidly that it looks almost certain that next summer's program will be inaugurated. Among the late ticket purchasers are Charles Barker, Rose Huffman (coming for the summer from Santa Clara), Mrs. Mary Lewis, R. L. MacArthur and family, and A. J. Hansen and wife. Also Mrs. F. Holloman of Salinas who has let out the Socbie flat for several weeks. The vogue of the southbound train is significant.

Here and there…

- Pre-printed “For Sale” signs are available from the Review office. Calling cards can be made up and printed.
- The Review is pleased to note that Seaman Tom McCauley, son of Mrs. Mary Weaver McCauley, of this city, is visiting friends and family here while on leave. Tom is accompanied by his shipmate, Wymer Smith. Both are stationed at the United States Naval Training Station at Yerba Buena. Their furlough totals 10 days.
- Mr. N. C. Judson checked in at the Pacific Grove hotel yesterday from Austin, Texas. Mr. Judson is considering moving his family to the Grove.
- A high school dance planned for this Saturday evening at the Civic Club Hall.
- The Colonial theater will present several swampy reels of moving pictures this week.

And the cost is…

- Abalone fritters make a delicious, home-cooked meal! Pick your abalones and free recipe up at the Abalone Wagon in the Grove. Our abalone are absolutely fresh! $2 per pound.
- The Monterey County Real Estate Exchange, located in Monterey and Pacific Grove, has available for 1913.
- Kellogg’s Ant Paste makes ants disappear. Insist on the top that ratles! Kellogg’s is offering a special price now! Try a can for just 25¢.

Author’s notes…

1  Magazine subscriptions of every ilk stood out as hot items during the pre-television and radio era of 1913. Some were delivered by mail. Many were railroaded into town and delivered by young men pulling small wagons, walking or riding bicycles.

2  Really! No sabotage? Proponents of the narrow-gauge, street railroad often struck out against the Southern Pacific.

3  The cars were “electric lighted” thanks to the “direct current” work of T. Edison and his supporting company, General Electric.

4  J. Q. probably stood for “John Quincy” a popular figure in 1913.

5  The anti-Chautauqua group were asking to let the Chautauqua die out rather than suffer a violent death, which required too much work. This group was against almost everything, just as in the “anti” group today, 100 years later.

6  Your author has his start in newspapering delivering folded papers from the basket of a bicycle.

7  For a rather staid and proper community, dances seemed a regular and popular social event, but whoa, let’s look again. There was always a chaperone to make certain couples maintained a proper and respectful distance while “pair” dancing.

PG Community Center, 515 Junipero Ave., 831-333-0636

Central Presbyterian Church of Pacific Grove
551 Gibson Ave., Services 9 AM Sundays
Rev. Richard Bowman, 831-372-7956

Pacific Coast Church
522 Central Avenue, 831-372-1942

Peninsula Christian Center
520 Pine Avenue, 831-373-0431

First Baptist Church of Pacific Grove
246 Laurel Avenue, 831-373-0741

St. Mary’s-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
Central Avenue and 12th Street, 831-373-4441

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

Peninsula Baptist Church
1116 Funston Avenue, 831-394-5712

St. Angela Merci Catholic Church
146 8th Street, 831-655-4160

Christian Church Disciples of Christ of Pacific Grove
442 Central Avenue, 831-372-0363

First Church of God
1023 David Avenue, 831-372-5005

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

Church of Christ
176 Central Avenue, 831-375-3741

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

Mayflower Presbyterian Church
141 14th Street, 831-373-4705

Central Presbyterian Church of Pacific Grove
325 Central Avenue, 831-375-7207

Seventh-Day Adventist Church of the Monterey Peninsula
375 Lighthouse Avenue, 831-372-7818

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

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

Chabad of Monterey
2707 David Avenue, Pacific Grove (831) 643-2770
An Exciting Game on a Cold Night But Breakers See Bowl Hopes Dashed

The CCS Div. IV Championship game between the Pacific Grove Breakers and the Sacred Heart Prep Gators was an exciting one. The Dec. 7 game, played under the lights at Independence High School in San Jose, saw a number of fans make the trek to support the team, and even more watching a live stream on the Internet and following our play-by-play on Facebook and Twitter. It was a good one, but the Breakers went down to a powerhouse Sacred Heart team 56-21. Their ground-pounding style of play was more than our high-flying style could conquer.

Photos by Peter Nichols
Monterey Bay Aquarium Annual Community Free Admission

Let the Monterey Bay Aquarium treat you this holiday season. Monterey County residents receive free aquarium admission between Sat., Dec. 7 and Sun., Dec. 15 during its annual community open house.

Free admission for Monterey County residents is an annual thank you to the community for its support of the non-profit aquarium. It’s a great time of year to experience the wonders of the aquarium. Admission is good for all aquarium exhibits and programs, including the far-out world of the Jellies Experience.

During Community Day on Sun., Dec. 15, there will be special activities such as feeding show in Spanish and English, a family craft room and special musical performances by YOSAL (Youth Orchestra Salinas).

To receive free admission, Monterey County residents must present photo ID and proof of residence at the main entrance. Current student identification from California State University Monterey Bay, Hartnell College, Monterey Peninsula College, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, utility bills or Monterey-Salinas Transit monthly bus pass are also valid proof of residence. Free admission is good only during regular aquarium hours, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Guests from outside Monterey County – including relatives or friends of local residents – can accompany local residents but will be charged regular admission fees.

Community Open House and Community Day are made possible, in part, by the support of Aquarium business partners.

For general aquarium information including daily program schedules, visit www.montereybayaquarium.org or call (831) 648-4800. The Monterey Bay Aquarium is located at 886 Cannery Row in Monterey. Its mission is to inspire conservation of the oceans.

Shaylee is a 3-year-old, 10-pound spayed female Spaniel mix who loves playing with other dogs; she is happy, sweet and well mannered.

Willa is a 3-year-old, 11-pound spayed female Chihuahua/terrier mix looking for a safe and loving home - she is nearly blind.

Sofie is a 10-month-old, 70-pound pit bull boxer mix with a friendly, active personality; she loves playing with other dogs!

Zippy is a 2-year-old, 10-pound neutered male Chihuahua mix with a sweet and shy personality; he is good with other dogs and cats.

Main Adoption Center
560 Lighthouse Ave.
Pacific Grove
Hours: Every day from 12:00 – 5:00 pm

AFRP Treasure Shop
160 Fountain Ave.
Pacific Grove
Hours: Monday 10:00 – 6:00 pm
Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 – 4:30 pm
Sunday 1:00 – 4:30 pm
(831)-333-0491

P.O. Box 51083
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
Phone: (831) 333-0722
Fax: (831) 333-1956
info@animalfriendsrescue.org

AFRP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corp.
TAX ID NO. 77-0491141

St. Anselm’s Anglican Church

Christmas Services
Christmas Eve Service 5:00 PM
Carols with Holy Communion at 5:30 PM
Christmas Day
Holy Communion at 10:00 AM

All are welcome!
Contact Fr. J. Michael Bowhay • 831-920-1620
www.StAnselmsAnglican.org

Sundays 9:30 AM Holy Communion with Music
375 Lighthouse Ave., corner of Monterey Ave. in Pacific Grove
at the Seventh Day Adventist Church

Discover Pacific Grove... Keep it. Read it. Use it.
or visit DiscoverPacificGrove.com

Montrose Harbor Project
3933 Kingston

Home For The Holidays!
Bring home some love for the holidays...and for ever!
Adopt a friend from AFRP

Simple GIFTS
Holiday Music That Will Warm Your heart
And Bring Joy To Your Life

Sat/December 14 • 8pm
Pacific Grove
Performing Arts Center
835 Forest Ave
Pacific Grove

Sun/December 15 • 2 pm
All Saints’ Episcopal Church
Dolores and 9th Aves
Carmel-by-the-Sea

Tickets Available at www.TheMPCS.org
or Call: 888.520.1870
John Koza: Conducting Camerata

By Marge Ann Jameson

“The Camerata Singers are people with wide open hearts, who want to make the best experience they can for the listeners,” says John Koza, conductor of the Camerata Singers since 1999. And he’s doing what he loves to do. He has four part-time jobs which together make his career. All of them involve music -- teaching at Hartnell College, music director for the First Presbyterian Church of Monterey, conducting the Carmel Bach Festival Youth Chorus, and, of course, the Camerata Singers of Monterey.

This is his 14th Christmas with the Camerata singers. He earned his bachelor’s degree in vocal performance and his master’s degree in choral conducting at San Jose State University, and sang with the Camerata Singers before being chosen to replace founder Vahé Aslamian as conductor in 1999.

Koza’s position requires him to not only conduct the choir, but also to audition the singers and eventually the music they will perform. “We are a family,” he points out. First in importance is who they are. Secondly comes making music, the nucleus of the group has been together for “a long, long time” he says, and they gain and lose one or two singers per year. At present, a varied group including doctors, lawyers, teachers retired people, an arborist, a man in the pest control business and others comprise the 41 singers. “The group is currently the smallest it has been in my 14 years,” he said. “But it’s also the best it has been.”

Choosing the music to be performed is very nearly a career in itself. Koza may hear a recording and hunt down the piece, or he may be handed a score. He’s accomplished at auditioning, where an individual can read a piece of music and “hear” how it’s meant to be performed. He attends conferences where music is auditioned for attendees, who go to concerts all day long for three days. They “sight read” music there and make choices. Koza also subscribes to Spotify, the online music website, in order to find new music. “I just keep discovering new things,” says the conductor. “And I’m amazed at how things keep finding me!”

He then will do what is called a score study with the pieces selected. He anticipates his singers’ questions and needs around the piece (such as, “Where do we breathe?”) and marks up the music before rehearsals even begin.

When he organizes a program, there is a theme. This year he is bringing back two pieces that the group has performed before “Because they dovetailed perfectly” into the program, he said. The Camerata Singers have been rehearsing this year’s Christmas program since September. Often the performances are a capella, but this year the John Rutter “Gloria,” the centerpiece of the program, calls for brass, pipe organ, and percussion. “We’ve hired the best available,” he said. The accompanists have been rehearsing separately, and will have two rehearsals with the singers. One of the pieces is the hardest piece he has ever attempted, says Koza, because of changes in meter.

“When Christmas is over, I can relax,” he says. But not for long. In January, the Camerata Futures program begins a nine-week rehearsal program. High school-aged singers rehearse weekly including a full day rehearsal in February concluding with a performance with the larger group in March. There will also be a fund-raising performance in May.

Camerata Singers will perform their current program three times this weekend: Fri., Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salinas; Sat., Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carmel Mission in Carmel; and Sun., Dec. 15 at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Pacific Grove. Tickets are available at Bookmark in Pacific Grove, Pilgrims Way in Carmel, Wild Bird Haven in Del Monte Center in Monterey, and Zeph’s 1-Stop in Main Street in Salinas.

For more information or to order tickets online, see www.camerata-singers.org.
Best of the Holiday Season

1. Favaloro’s Night Bistro • Oyster Bar • Seafood
   545 Lighthouse Ave.
   831-373-8523
   www.favalorosbignightbistro.com
   Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from The Favaloro Family

2. habitat
   169a Fountain Ave.
   831.647.1100
   facebook.com/habitatpacificgrove
   10% all sales proceeds between 12/14 and 12/21 will benefit Monterey Food Bank

3. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!

4. Mum’s Place
   246 Forest Ave.
   Pacific Grove
   831-372-6250

5. Grove Market
   570 Lighthouse Ave.
   Pacific Grove
   831-383-5033
   Organic & Farm Fresh Produce
   Local Bakery Breads & Pastries
   Live Butchers • Prepared Deli Meats • Deli Salads
   Voted Best Neighborhood Market
   Open Daily • 831-375-9581
   242 Forest Avenue
   We Deliver!
   375-9581

6. Nancy’s Attic
   566 Lighthouse Ave.
   Pacific Grove
   831.648.1420
   www.NancysAtticPacificGrove.com
   something old...something new
   Fandango’s has a full bar for your holiday entertaining

7. Spirals Jewelry: Treasures and gems for every holiday look!
   566 Lighthouse Ave.
   Pacific Grove
   831.648.1420
   Spirals jewelry: Treasures and gems for every holiday look!

8. Pacific Grove Travel
   593 Lighthouse Ave
   831-373-0631

9. Bicycles
   318 Grand Ave.
   831-375-4322
   Bicycles • Components • Service • Gifts for the Rider in your life
   10% all sales proceeds between 12/14 and 12/21 will benefit Monterey Food Bank
   Thank you!

10. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from The Favaloro Family

11. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!

12. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!

13. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!

14. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!

15. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!

16. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!

17. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!

18. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!

19. Artisana Gallery
   612 Lighthouse Ave.
   (831) 655-9775
   11:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Children’s section with Folkloric animal puppets and beautiful children’s books...at Bookworks of course!
Special deals on cruises and trips to anywhere. Alaska and Tahiti are featured right now at Pacific Grove Travel.

Tessuti Zoo has Christmas for big kids and little ones too fun things for the whole family.

Habitat has treasures from the past and repurposed beauties for your home.

Fresh fruits and vegetables. Special orders and delivery available from Grove Market.

At Tides, one-of-a-kind Santas and Christmas decor.

Felted Christmas decorations, gifts and ornaments from around the world at Artisana Gallery.
What do we expect of Christmas, and why?

Dirrick Williams
Principle Living

Some people are upset because of the commercialization of the holiday, some only know it to be that way. Eschatologically speaking, some say we are off the mark, when it comes to the “real” reason for celebrating this holiday; some say we are right where we’re supposed to be. This is the Christmas time of the year, and I have tried hard — very hard — not to write about Christmas or anything related to it (I have good reasons which I will not go into). The last thing I wanted to do was write my version (or any version) about what Christmas is or is supposed to be. But as you would guess, the harder I tried not to write about Christmas the less effective my efforts in doing so.

I was listening to the radio the other day and I heard the DJ say how sad it was that some kids won’t have Christmas this year; every kid should have a Christmas, he said with great conviction. I heard that and my mind raced to thinking, well, if you told them about Christ they would have a Christ-mas! I thought how sad it is that the parents of these children live with the socially induced stress brought on by marketers and manufacturers, and that this DJ’s statement, while said with good intention only serves the problem – not a solution. I thought how ugly it is that these children, and many other children will experience shame and sadness through the guise of comparison, and that self-esteem, worth, and confidence will be diminished, and in some cases destroyed in them because “I don’t look like, smell like, or talk like the boob-tube or radio image.”

Then there was this. Christmas to a homeless, or residentially challenged individual may mean the difference between life and death, and I heard it said; “It’s Christmas and they don’t give a damn!” When I heard this I felt the pain and anguish in his statement, then I thought what’s the difference? Why would a person in this position feel any different about Christmas than any other day of the year, what is he (or she) expecting, and why?

What is it about Christmas that makes us react the way we do, what is that we expect from this holiday, and why? Have we invented black Friday and cyber Monday because “tis the season…” the season of giving, then what is every other day, the time of taking? Why would those in need “expect” to receive more, while others are experiencing trauma over not receiving? Why is there so much guilt and shame associated with “peace on earth, good will towards man?” In light of this I think this is a good question to ask and an even better question to answer is: What do we expect of Christmas, and why?

Using a bar chart to measure expectation each day over the period of one year, on a scale of one to ten, on what days would your chart spike and why? Personally, I do not celebrate Christmas. As clergy I am thankful and honor this day and season, and I do so based on my figurative and literal belief of Christ. As a believer, and please excuse the cliché, I see every day as Christmas. So I would say my chart would have very little spike around Christmas, but on Veterans Day I shoot of the chart! How about you, what would your chart look like if you could measure your levels of expectation?

Here is another question good to ask and better to answer. What do you feel others are expecting at this time of year and what are your responsibilities to those expectations, and why? Children expect what of parents during this season, and why, and please do not think Barbie and bicycles, I am asking you to go a bit deeper than that. As adults or parents expect what from us — why? Husbands and wives, employees, and many other children will experience trauma over not receiving? Why is it the time for giving? Why is this a time of peace and joy, and what does this mean to you? To me, this is where the rubber meets the road. Outside of media blitze, traditions, and dogma, let each of us examine our expectations and ask the question, why do I want this to mean what it means – to me? For having done so we may not only discover unrealized feelings and motivations, but new pathways to more meaningful acts of expression and celebration. Why do I do this to mean what it means to me a good question to ask of one’s self, because ultimately Christmas is not so much a time of giving as it is a time of meaning. Not only what this day means, but what each day means, and more importantly what your meaning is to each day that you live. Christmas becomes not what you expect, but what is your meaning, and here is a hint to what may be the answer, all things happen in relationship. Priceless and affordable the greatest gift you can ever give is you. What is the meaning of your life in the lives of others? If only we would discover and celebrate that, if we did, a hug, a smile, thank you, can I help you, do you have enough, and gestures like these may be the only gifts you will have to give for the rest of your life. Merry Christ-mas.

It has been nearly three years since I submitted my first article to Cedar Street Times, and since that time I have been blessed from having done so. I have enjoyed every moment of being part of this publication, however, for the time being this will be my last submission. I would like to say thank you for reading Principle Living. It has been an honor, my pleasure, and a wonderful learning experience. I will be forever grateful to each of you for allowing me into areas of life that for many are sensitive and sacred. Thank you to the editor and owner Marge Jameson, and many thanks to her team of dedicated professionals for allowing me this opportunity.

The mantra of Principle living are:
1) All things are spiritual before they are physical.
2) All things happen in relationship, and why
3) Pray and meditate daily… it makes a difference.

God bless you. Thank you. Peace be with you always.

Dirrick Williams

What are you up to?
Have your peeps email our peeps!
editor@cedarstreettimes.com
Photos welcome

What are you up to?
Have your peeps email our peeps!
editor@cedarstreettimes.com
Photos welcome
The Pacific Grove Women's Golf Club is seeking members to join their club. The club plays every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Pacific Grove Golf Links. The purpose of the club is to provide competitive golf and to foster observance of the rules and etiquette of the game. Prospective members must have an established handicap of 40 or lower. Membership fee is $66. Each week a different golf game is played and winners earn credit at the Pacific Grove Pro Shop. For more information contact Pat Gotch at patriciagotch@gmail.com.

Ben Alexander PGA
PGA Teaching Professional,
Pacific Grove Golf Links,
Bayonet Golf Course
PGA Teacher Of The Year,
No Cal PGA
831-277-9001
www.benalexandergolf.com

I will be going to the PGA show in Orlando FL this January and I'm sure there will be a lot of new clubs, new clothes, carts and training aids for us to look at and maybe have in our golf shops for 2014. As far as the training aids, I use a selected few when I teach you golf lessons but here is the tip: Don’t rely on a training aid all of the time. Make sure you stay with the fundamentals with a good grip, stance and posture, good ball position. Everyone I teach to a person says to me at the start of the lesson, “I want more consistency not less.” So stay with the fundamentals. Go see your PGA professional for advice on how to play golf better, not the advice from the buddies who are not trained in teaching.

Nicholas Coppola (age 14) from Pacific Grove competed in the San Francisco Forty-Niner Team Championships of the N.F.L. Punt, Pass & Kick football skills competition on Sun., Dec. 8. He won the 14-15 age division, representing Northern California, Nevada and Utah. Once all 32 National Football League Teams have completed their Team Championships, the top four finishers nationwide will advance to the National contest, to be held during the A.F.C. Play-off game in January 2014.
Older Driver Safety Awareness Week
Dec. 2-6, 2013

Refreshing Driving Skills: CHP Offers Course for Seniors

For some, the ability to drive is a true sign of independence. Driving plays an important role in maintaining an active, fulfilling lifestyle. As part of the California Highway Patrol’s (CHP) mission of providing the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security to people throughout the state, the CHP remains steadfast in maintaining and improving traffic safety and mobility for California’s older drivers.

The CHP joins with the American Occupation Therapy Association (AOTA) in recognizing December 2-6, 2013, as Older Driver Safety Awareness Week. The older driver traffic safety campaign is held by AOTA each year in December because this is the time of year when families get together for the holidays. This provides an opportunity for families to have conversations, including discussing the driving skills of an older family member.

“This is often a difficult discussion to have with a person because many older drivers consider driving a form of independence,” said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. “However, it is important to plan ahead and take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of your loved ones on the road and those around them.”

According to the CHP’s Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS), in 2011 there were more than 23,000 drivers over 65 years of age involved in a collision. Among those senior drivers involved in a collision, nearly 400 were killed and more than 22,000 suffered injuries. Further analysis of the SWITRS data indicates more than 50 percent of those senior drivers were found to be at fault in the collision.

To help California’s seniors maintain their driving independence for as long as they can safely drive, the CHP offers the two-hour, “Age Well, Drive Smart,” course. The program is supported by the Keeping Everyone Safe grant (SWITRS), in 2011 there were more than 23,000 drivers over 65 years of age involved in a collision. Among those senior drivers involved in a collision, nearly 400 were killed and more than 22,000 suffered injuries. Further analysis of the SWITRS data indicates more than 50 percent of those senior drivers were found to be at fault in the collision.

To help California’s seniors maintain their driving independence for as long as they can safely drive, the CHP offers the two-hour, “Age Well, Drive Smart,” course. The program is supported by the Keeping Everyone Safe grant (SWITRS), in 2011 there were more than 23,000 drivers over 65 years of age involved in a collision. Among those senior drivers involved in a collision, nearly 400 were killed and more than 22,000 suffered injuries. Further analysis of the SWITRS data indicates more than 50 percent of those senior drivers were found to be at fault in the collision.

To help California’s seniors maintain their driving independence for as long as they can safely drive, the CHP offers the two-hour, “Age Well, Drive Smart,” course. The program is supported by the Keeping Everyone Safe grant (SWITRS), in 2011 there were more than 23,000 drivers over 65 years of age involved in a collision. Among those senior drivers involved in a collision, nearly 400 were killed and more than 22,000 suffered injuries. Further analysis of the SWITRS data indicates more than 50 percent of those senior drivers were found to be at fault in the collision.

To help California’s seniors maintain their driving independence for as long as they can safely drive, the CHP offers the two-hour, “Age Well, Drive Smart,” course. The program is supported by the Keeping Everyone Safe grant (SWITRS), in 2011 there were more than 23,000 drivers over 65 years of age involved in a collision. Among those senior drivers involved in a collision, nearly 400 were killed and more than 22,000 suffered injuries. Further analysis of the SWITRS data indicates more than 50 percent of those senior drivers were found to be at fault in the collision.
Calculating Your Survivorship Options

Kyle A. Krasa, Esq.

Planning for Each Generation

In my last article, entitled “What’s Your Contingency Plan?”, I mentioned the fact that many people do not give much thought to how they would like their estates to be distributed in the event that their beneficiaries pre-decease them. Until they really start to unpack their estate planning options, it’s rare for most people to think about the possibility that their expectations of how things will play out might be thwarted by ephemeral nature of the world. As I often say, people do not always die “in the right order.” As difficult as it is to contemplate the possibility, it is important to have a thoughtful contingency plan in the event of such circumstances.

Although the contingency plan options for people planning their estates are only limited by their imaginations, there exists a trio of common “survivorship” options in the event of a pre-deceased beneficiary.

(1) Per Stirpes
Assume that Gwen has three children, Larry, Curly, and Moe. Upon her death, if all of them survived her, under a “per stirpes” model, they would each receive an equal 1/3 share of her estate.

If Larry pre-deceased Gwen, the estate would be divided equally between his three kids so they would each receive 1/9. Curly’s 1/3 would go entirely to his only child and thus he would receive 1/3. If Moe had two children, his 1/3 would go equally to his two children and thus each of them would receive 1/6.

(2) By Representation
Under a “by representation” model, the division would be the same as “per stirpes” above unless all three of Gwen’s children were pre-deceased. In that case, the “by representation” model dictates that all of the grandchildren receive an equal share of Gwen’s estate, regardless of how many siblings they had. Thus instead of Larry’s three children receiving 1/9 each, Curly’s only child receiving 1/3, and Moe’s two children receiving 1/6, all six grandchildren would receive an equal 1/6 share.

(3) Per Capita at Each Generation
A “per capita at each generation” model takes the logic of the “by representation” model even further. If all three of Gwen’s children survive her, the result is the same as it is for both “per stirpes” and “by representation” above. However, if Gwen had one pre-deceased child, the results are again the same as both “per stirpes” and “by representation” above. Moreover, if Gwen had two pre-deceased children and one surviving child, the results are different.

Assume that both Larry and Curly pre-deceased Gwen but Moe survived her. How would Larry’s 1/3 of the estate and Curly’s 1/3 be divided equally? Since Larry had three children, his 1/3 would be divided equally between his three kids so they would each receive 1/9. Curly’s 1/3 would go entirely to his only child and thus he would receive 1/3. If Moe had two children, his 1/3 would go equally to his two children and thus each of them would receive 1/6.

See KRASA page 18

Estate Planning
Living Trusts & Wills
Elder Law Care
Trust Administration
Medi-Cal Planning
Asset Protection

KRASA LAW
PLANNING FOR EACH GENERATION

Kyle A. Krasa, Esq. is Certified as an Estate, Planning, Trust and Probate Specialist by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

December 13, 2013 • CEDAR STREET TIMES • Page 15

Health Insurance

You have probably heard that there is a possible tax credit for the new health insurance requirement that takes effect January 1, 2014. If you have health insurance available through your employer that does not exceed 9.5 percent of your household income for your single coverage (or for your family if you have certain government plans like Medicare or Medicaid, you are not eligible for the credit. For others that can go through Covered California, our state health insurance exchange, your income will determine your eligibility. It is important to know the income thresholds for your family size because the properly designed structure of the credit could mean the complete loss of the credit if you are even $1 over the threshold.

For instance, a family of four which includes a mother and father age 45 and two children in high school with total household income of $84,999 (using 2013 figures) in Pacific Grove, California, would qualify for a $629 month tax credit, or $7,548 for the year. If they made $1 more of income, $94,200, they would receive absolutely nothing. Being in the case, they would be better off taking an extra three or four weeks of unpaid time off from work, just to be able to qualify for $7,548 credit.

The credit is available to households making as much as 400 percent of the federal poverty line. If you make the poverty line you are not eligible for the credit, but eligible for Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) instead. If you make between 100 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty line, the credit is determined on a nice sliding scale based on your income, age, zip code, and family size. The problem is that there is a cliff once you get over 400 percent of the federal poverty line which makes you completely ineligible for the credit. The 2014 poverty line figures are not yet released, but can be found at http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/figures-fed.asp when available.

Using 2013 information, the critical thresholds at 400 percent are as follows based on the size of your family: one family member - $45,960, two family members - $62,040, three family members - $78,120, four family members - $94,200, five family members - $110,280, and adding $16,080 for each additional family member. California residents can visit https://www.cov ered.ca.gov/shopandcompare and enter in their family size, age of adults, zip code, and expected household income to determine the tax credit and premium options for the state healthcare exchange very easily.

The family size includes you, your spouse, and your dependents (whether or not actually related). Household income includes the income for you and your spouse (if married, you must file a joint return to get the credit), as well as any income of dependents IF those dependents had a filing requirement (56,200 of earned income or $1,000 of unearned income in 2014). Although there is not a lot of clear guidance on this point, it appears if they are under the filing requirement, none of their income is counted. In other words, this means you would need to make sure your dependents do not make over these amounts. More specifically the income included for you and your dependents is your adjusted gross income modified to include any tax-exempt income, non-taxed Social Security benefits, and any foreign earned income excluded. Based on your 2012 income, you may be eligible to receive advance pay ment of your tax credit. However, this will be reconciled on your 2014 tax return.
Scene 16: Harry Comes Up with an Idea for New Year’s Eve

Bernard Furman

Marriage Can Be Funny

The Wilsons are seated in the living room of their Pacific Grove home.

Alice: We didn’t get very far when we discussed some time ago the various possibilities for celebrating New Year’s Eve, so I guess by default we’ll be going to the club’s party again.

Harry: Absolutely not! I told you I wouldn’t spend another interminable evening there, and I meant it.

A: So what else do you suggest we do? Sit home and twiddle our thumbs?

H: As it happens, I’ve come up with an idea for the evening that I meant to discuss with you—a brilliant one, if I do say so myself, with a really novel twist.

A: That’s sounds good, Harry. Tell me more.

H: As it happens, I’ve come up with an idea for the evening that I meant to discuss with you—a brilliant one, if I do say so myself, with a really novel twist.

A: Enough already! Tell me your idea before I die of old age!

H: I’ll go to a party store and buy funny hats, noisemakers and party favors.

A: Whereas at the club, they’re still dragging themselves around the dance floor, or are asleep in their chairs, waiting for the stroke of midnight which seems as if it will never arrive.

A: I agree, but am still waiting to hear something novel.

A: We’re getting there.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: Petition of BARRABIA JANE FUSEK Case No. M120283 Filed December 13, 2013. To all interested persons: Petitioner BARRABIA JANE FUSEK filed a petition with this court for a change of name as follows: present name BARRABIA JANE FUSEK to proposed name JANE FUSEK. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of hearing date: JANUARY 24, 2014 Time: 9:00 a.m., Dept. 15. The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: CEDAR STREET TIMES. DATE: December 13, 2013 Judge of the Superior Court: Thomas W. Willis. Publication dates: 12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3/14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: Petition of ALEX MORLEY Case No. M212491 Filed August 27, 2013. To all interested persons: Petitioner ALEX MORLEY filed a petition with this court for a change of name as follows: present name ALEX MORLEY to proposed name ALEX RAY BREADLIE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of hearing date: November 22, 2013 Time: 9:00 a.m., Dept. 15. The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: CEDAR STREET TIMES. DATE: November 27, 2013 Judge of the Superior Court: T. K. Agleczy. Publication dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: Petition of MARILYN MARQUEZ Case No. M212798 Filed NOVEMBER 27, 2013. To all interested persons: Petitioner MARILYN MARQUEZ filed a petition with this court for a change of name as follows: present name MARILYN MARQUEZ to proposed name MARILYN BISMAR. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of hearing date: January 24, 2014 Time: 9:00 a.m., Dept. 15. The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: CEDAR STREET TIMES. DATE: November 27, 2013 Judge of the Superior Court: Thomas W. Willis. Publication dates: 11/22, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27.
Godiva Chocolatier testing the 2013 season's candy with the newest flavors. It's not too late to order your custom seasonal chocolate gifts. Christmas in December.

Jane Roland

Animal Tales and Other Random Thoughts

Last week I wrote about the Kingston Trio, then and now. Today I will make an effort to describe Christmas as it was in my life. I will try to recall the drive over the bridge to the old fortress at Governor’s Island to see Santa Claus who handed out a gift to each eagerurchin. We had a huge tree in our house on the seawall and all the animals gathered around it. We had a number of dogs and cats, often ducks, turtles and fish received presents to commemorate the season.

When we relocated to Ft. Huachuca in the mountains of Southern Arizona, Santa somehow managed to find us; although, I must confess that I was most concerned. It was not a particularly happy time; my mother had debilitating arthritis which involved a great deal of bed rest. Her favorite pet, Percy the African Grey, would sit beside her on his perch. If she was able to go downstairs it was generally for a drink and dinner with my father.

I spent an hour with them prior to my supper with the servants and then was whisked upstairs to bed. I remember walking to school backwards during a blazing snowstorm and snow ball fights. Bisbee was the closest town.

My father gave my younger sister, Belle, some money for me to purchase a gift for Mother. Dora was unsophisticated and, when I chose a bejeweled spider at the five and dime, she thought it most appropriate. I was very excited, wrapped the present carefully and awaited my parent’s joyful reaction. None came, Mother pulled back the papers, took one look and shuddered, throwing the item on the table. That is all I recall about that holiday. Mother was a good woman who didn’t care about children. Her daughter must certainly have good taste; after all she was a Morose, to the manor born. I learned a valuable lesson. No matter what the gift I received from my young I cherished it and still have some. I knew they put their hearts in the choice.

Once at a rummage sale, Rosemary Provost, chairman of the jewelry department, “gave” me my four-year-old daughter Jennie the ugliest pin one has ever seen; she said it was to be a present for her mother (who unfortunately I was great friends; she got a kick out of it, as I did. I dutifully wore the piece.)

After my father’s death when we relocated to Tucson, holidays were more predictable. Every year we would gather at a friend’s for caroling around the piano. We spent Christmas with friends or hosted dinners.

After my father’s death when we relocated to Tucson, holidays were more predictable. Every year we would gather at a friend’s for caroling around the piano. We spent Christmas with friends or hosted dinners.

I spent an hour with them prior to my supper with the servants and then was whisked upstairs to bed. I remember walking to school backwards during a blazing snowstorm and snow ball fights. Bisbee was the closest town.

My father gave my younger sister, Belle, some money for me to purchase a gift for Mother. Dora was unsophisticated and, when I chose a bejeweled spider at the five and dime, she thought it most appropriate. I was very excited, wrapped the present carefully and awaited my parent’s joyful reaction. None came, Mother pulled back the papers, took one look and shuddered, throwing the item on the table. That is all I recall about that holiday. Mother was a good woman who didn’t care about children. Her daughter must certainly have good taste; after all she was a Morose, to the manor born. I learned a valuable lesson. No matter what the gift I received from my young I cherished it and still have some. I knew they put their hearts in the choice.

I was impressed, but I think I could still beat them to Asilomar. Another chilly evening took me to a PG Catholic church, which treated members to an elaborate holiday dinner and cabaret-style music revue in the PG Holiday Parade of Lights, which drew hundreds of bundled celebrants to Lighthouse Avenue. This year’s top selling curbside novelties were puling, multi-hued sorged sword.

Stillwell’s Fun in the Park made up in merriment, jumping castles and free car-nival rides what it lacked in snow. Across town, the Monterey Aquarium welcomed thousands for its free local admissions days. The psychedelic jellyfish exhibit with organ music by Booker T was very jiggly, but the see-through crashing wave tunnel got my vote.

Another chilly evening took me to PG Catholic church, which treated members and their guests to an elaborate holiday dinner and cabaret-style music revue in the parish hall. I missed the dinner, but the show set homes rings in the lavishly decorated hall, which even featured an ersatz skating rink. These reminiscences occupied me until I reached a bench overlooking Spanish Bay. Scanning the horizon slowly and methodically, I finally spotted a single whale spyhopping for the south. The “yes, he’s off Carey Point” parade was the PG Lover’s Point, a mother humpback and her calf swam serenely by as the sunset turned the sea a shimmering, incandescent pink. As if energized by the twilight, the calf put on a show of its own, leaping, spinning and breaching repeatedly.

Tom Stevens

Racing the Whale

Once the wind died, Monday proved bonny for walking and cetacean-spotting along the Lover’s Point-Asilomar coastline. Far out at sea, rolling dark backs and dorsal fins glistened in the winter sun. Thin white blows hung on a horizon so sharp that bygone mariners would have feared sailing over its edge.

Close to shore, long vees of pelicans glided past, as easily spaced as holiday bulbs on a string. Their flat trajectory matched the horizon until some sentinel rock or breaking wave created an updraft. Then each flight line would veer off as suddenly and sinuously as ice skaters playing “crack the whip.”

After rounding Point Pinos, I turned to count one of those long pelican strings. That’s when I spotted a whale far behind me, way out past the two-mile buoy. Its blows indicated it was heading languidly southward. If I maintained a steady pace, I was sure I could reach Asilomar before it did. I crunched off determinedly along the path.

But racing a whale is harder than it sounds. For one thing, my whale kept disap- pearing. I’ve lost sight of race rivals before, but never for an hour at a time. In canoe padding, channel winds might hide the other boats, but they eventually surf back into view. And even way behind in a footrace, I could still see the distant ant-columns of faster runners up ahead.

But after the Point Pinos sighting, my whale utterly vanished. As I rounded each point and outcrop along the coast, I’d stop and scan the sea behind me to no avail. I figured I must have so far outpaced the whale that its spouts were no longer even vis- ible. Out of consideration for my overmatched rival, I slackened my speed. This left me lots of time for contemplation. Reflection. Luckily, the current holiday season has provided much to reflect upon. My first thought was for the 20 intrepid crews who had left Monterey Harbor the previous night to stage California’s only open-water holiday boat parade. With complex arrays of colored lights dancing and twinkling in an inky sky, the fleet processed grandly up the coast past Cannery Row, looped back to the harbor entrance, then repeated the circuit.

A headline in Monday’s Herald decried the seagoing pageant “informal,” but it certainly looked formal to shivering spectators ashore. Counting the ghostly, glitter- ing outlines of the boats was akin to counting pelicans in flight, but there were 18 vessels at least. I’d say the crews displayed high-level formality in getting the boats safely in and out of the harbor and keeping them in line amid bumping winds and seas. The Spanish Armada should have been so formal.

My favorite entry was the fish, with the Christmas tree a close second. I was pleased to learn later that each boat won a prize, even if only for “blueist” or “most attenuated” lighting design. Judging by how cold the icy wind felt in various viewing nooks along Cannery Row, the salt-whipped crews offshore definitely earned their blueeness trophies.

As I waited for my whale to catch up, my mind roved over other recent holi-day season events. Of course, there was much to laud. The annual whaling festival was the PG Holiday Parade of Lights, which drew hundreds of bundled celebrants to Lighthouse Avenue. This year’s top selling curbside novelties were pulsing, multi-hued sorged sword.

Stillwell’s Fun in the Park made up in merriment, jumping castles and free car-nival rides what it lacked in snow. Across town, the Monterey Aquarium welcomed thousands for its free local admissions days. The psychedelic jellyfish exhibit with organ music by Booker T was very jiggly, but the see-through crashing wave tunnel got my vote.

Another chilly evening took me to PG Catholic church, which treated members and their guests to an elaborate holiday dinner and cabaret-style music revue in the parish hall. I missed the dinner, but the show set homes rings in the lavishly decorated hall, which even featured an ersatz skating rink. These reminiscences occupied me until I reached a bench overlooking Spanish Bay. Scanning the horizon slowly and methodically, I finally spotted a single whale spyhopping for the south. The “yes, he’s off Carey Point” parade was the PG Lover’s Point, a mother humpback and her calf swam serenely by as the sunset turned the sea a shimmering, incandescent pink. As if energized by the twilight, the calf put on a show of its own, leaping, spinning and breaching repeatedly.

I was impressed, but I think I could still beat them to Asilomar.

Jane Roland manages the AFRP Treasure Shop at 160 Fountain in Pacific Grove. She is a member of PG Rotary and lives in Monterey with husband, John and four rescue animals. gcr770@aol.com

December 13, 2013 • CEDAR STREET TIMES • Page 17
KRASA From Page 15

1/3 of the estate will be combined and will be divided equally among their four total children (three children of Larry and one child of Carly) and each of those children of a pre-deceased child will receive 1/6 of the entire estate. “Per capita at each generation” treats all children of pre-deceased beneficiaries the same.

Conclusion

If you find this confusing, consider the fact that I went to law school so I wouldn’t have to do math! Regardless of your proficiency at determining fractions of fractions, understanding the basic concept behind these different survisorship options can help you determine how you would like your estate divided in the event of pre-deceased beneficiaries. Although when planning your estate you would like your estate divided in the event of pre-deceased beneficiaries. Although when planning your estate you are free to choose any of the three options above or any other option you develop through the power of your imagination, the default option under California law is “by representation.”

KRASA LAW is located at 704-D Forest Avenue, PG, and Kyle may be reached at 831-920-0205. This article is for general information only. Reading this article does not create an attorney/client relationship. You should consult a qualified attorney licensed to practice law in your community before acting on any of the information presented in this article.

Furthermore, although calculating fractions of fractions makes Mr. Krasa feel like maybe he wasn’t so bad at math after all, he realizes this is as sophisticated as he gets when it comes to numbers and even then it is a stretch. Mr. Krasa therefore makes no warranty whatsoever about the accuracy of the “math lesson” presented in this article and advises that you consult a qualified mathematician licensed to practice math in your community before relying upon the accuracy of any of the calculations presented in this article.

LONG From Page 15

and you will either have additional funds paid to you, or worse, have to pay back (subject to a cap) some or even all of the credit if it turns out you were ineligible based on your actual income in 2014.

Prior articles are republished on my website at www.tlongcpa.com/blog.

IRS Circular 230 Notice: To the extent this article concerns tax matters, it is not intended to be used and cannot be used by a taxpayer for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed by law.

Travis H. Long, CPA is located at 706-B Forest Avenue, PG, 93950 and focuses on trust, estate, individual, and business taxation. He can be reached at 831-333-1041.

F.Y.I.

Furthermore, although calculating fractions of fractions makes Mr. Krasa feel like maybe he wasn’t so bad at math when it comes to numbers and even then it is a stretch. Mr. Krasa therefore makes no warranty whatsoever about the accuracy of the “math lesson” presented in this article and advises that you consult a qualified mathematician licensed to practice math in your community before relying upon the accuracy of any of the calculations presented in this article.

You should consult a qualified attorney licensed to practice law in your community before acting on any of the information presented in this article.

Prior articles are republished on my website at www.tlongcpa.com/blog.

IRS Circular 230 Notice: To the extent this article concerns tax matters, it is not intended to be used and cannot be used by a taxpayer for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed by law.

Travis H. Long, CPA is located at 706-B Forest Avenue, PG, 93950 and focuses on trust, estate, individual, and business taxation. He can be reached at 831-333-1041.

F.Y.I.
Another Elephant Seal Lands on Hopkins Beach

By Thom Akeman

A large elephant seal climbed onto a Pacific Grove beach during the weekend and joined the hundreds of smaller harbor seals that frequent the place. The visiting elephant seal is an adult male, believed to be about 5 years old and weighing an estimated 1,600 pounds or more.

He came in about 10 a.m. Saturday while Kim Worrell, a docent with the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary’s Bay Net program, was standing alongside The Coastal Trail at Hopkins Marine Station photographing the variety of wildlife visible from there. The big guy shimmed to the top of the beach and slept there peacefully for the next few days.

This is believed to be the 6th bull elephant seal that has appeared on Hopkins beach since February 2010, when the first one in known history showed up. Smaller ones have been appearing sporadically since December 2004, usually in winter and spring months, possibly because the population has been growing. They are presumably visitors from the nearest large colonies – approximately 100 miles south at Piedras Blancas near San Simeon, where as many as 16,000 elephant seals gather in December and January, or 60 miles north at Ano Nuevo State Park above Santa Cruz, where about 5,000 gather.

The large bulls are aggressive and can be mean towards the harbor seals that normally use the Hopkins beach, docile animals that may weigh 200-250 pounds. The first bull here in 2010 killed at least one harbor seal in a move to assert masculinity.

Earlier this year – in January – there were two bulls on the beach at the same time. They sometimes sparred when not on opposite sides of beach and kept many of the resident harbor seals away and scattered elsewhere. One of the elephant seals - a 6-year-old, 2,000-pound bull that came in last December - ended up staying at Hopkins for 10 weeks with occasional absences of a few hours to a few days.

The one that arrived last weekend will stay as long as he wants, of course, and will create whatever mischief he likes while here. Seeing him is probably worth a day or two. The Coastal Trail at Hopkins is a great place to watch wildlife and the visit will add to the variety of wildlife visible from there.

The Coastal Trail at Hopkins Marine Station is open to the public every day. For those who want to see the elephant seals or other wildlife there peacefully for the next few days.

The one that arrived last weekend will stay as long as he wants, of course, and will create whatever mischief he likes while here. Seeing him is probably worth a day or two. The Coastal Trail at Hopkins is a great place to watch wildlife and the visit will add to the variety of wildlife visible from there.

The Coastal Trail at Hopkins Marine Station is open to the public every day. For those who want to see the elephant seals or other wildlife there peacefully for the next few days.

Copyright: Kim M Worrell, 2013

Do you hear the theme from ‘Jaws’?

Copyright: Kim M Worrell, 2013

Imagine the sound of his snoring...

Copyright: Kim M Worrell, 2013

Look out, all you wimpy little harbor seals!
10 ROOM INN

Open Sat, 1-3 & Mon, 2-4

PACIFIC GROVE | 1095 Lighthouse Avenue

Ten furnished luxury rooms with radiant heat, skylights and fireplaces ready for new management. Lobby with kitchen and patio for morning coffee, afternoon tea or wine tasting. Walk to downtown, golf links or the Pacific Ocean.

$1,650,000

Bill Bluhm 831.277.2872

PACIFIC GROVE | 304 Locust Street

Contemporary 3BR/2.5 + bonus room remodel. Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, and double pane windows. $925,000

Marilyn Vassallo  831.372.8634

CA RM E L | 81 Del Mesa

Top floor 1BR/1BA unit with 2 large decks with canyon views, floor to ceiling brick fireplace. $379,900

Arleen Hardenstein 831.915.8989

SEASIDE | 1275 Hilby Avenue

Well-maintained light & airy upper Seaside 3BR/2BA home features ocean views, gas log fireplace & bamboo floors. $415,000

Joe Smith 831.238.1984

PEBBLE BEACH | 2893 17 Mile Drive

California ranch-style home. Frontline, ocean view 3BR/3BA is perfect for indoor/outdoor living. $1,200,000

Helen Bluhm 831.277.2783

MARINA

Cozy 3BR/2BA, 1,337 sq.ft. home on a cul-de-sac near Locke Paddon Park. Fireplace in living room, large patio area and fenced yard. Two-car garage. Call for more details.

Al Borges  831.236.4935

PACIFIC GROVE | 242 Lobos Avenue

Charming, historic home features two 1BR/1BA, one 2BR/1BA and a 2BR/1.5BA. Two-car garage. $725,000

Shawn Quinn 831.236.4318

MONTEREY | Beautiful 2BR/1BA condo that features wood and tile flooring, granite counters with stainless steel appliances and fireplace in living room. Private deck with tree top views. $349,500

T.J. Bristol 831.521.3131

_ Open Saturday 1-4 _

SOLD

MONTEREY PENINSULA BROKERAGE

PACIFIC GROVE 831.372.7700 | CARME L-BY-T HE-SEA 831.624.9700
CARME L-RANCHO 831.624.9700 | CARME L-VALLEY 831.659.2267

Operated by Sotheby’s International Realty Inc., sothebyshomes.com/monterey

Sotheby’s

INTERNATIONAL REALTY

SOLD

PENDING

PENDING

SOLD