Playing a Heisig: Secrets of the horns

By Christelle Harris

"Big sound!" Kurt tells over the loud trumpet of one of his students. "Try to put a hole through that wall over there. This precipitate is impressive, especially considering that it is only his second lesson, ever.

For six months now a quiet man named Kurt Heisig has had a small music studio on Grand Avenue here in Pacific Grove. He teaches all wind instruments and brasses, and makes and sells mouthpieces and instruments. Unbeknownst to some of his students, he has been repairing instruments for 49 years, teaching for 47 and has run stores in Saratoga and Santa Cruz, has taught the Hastings-Heisig Band, has taught a small music studio on Grand Avenue here in Pacific Grove. He teaches all wind instruments and brasses, and makes and sells mouthpieces and instruments. Unbeknownst to some of his students, he has been repairing instruments for 49 years, teaching for 47 and has run stores in Saratoga and Santa Cruz, has taught the Hastings-Heisig Band, has run stores in Saratoga and Santa Cruz, has taught at numerous universities including UC Santa Cruz, and has played as a soloist in many bands in concerts as well as on television just to name a few accomplishments.

Kurt’s father played a tenor banjo, and confessed to him that he would rather lose his home then see his son go without music lessons. This is where he learned his undying appreciation for music, musicians and instrument builders.

There are three main elements to Heisig’s teaching: the instrument, the mouth piece and his teaching style. He says that it is
Car as pedestrian?

Skinny, blind-spotted Forest Avenue saw damage done to three more vehicles on Dec. 16, when a small pickup truck suddenly pulled out from a side street. The truck hit a southbound Honda Accord belonging to Renita Seibel, which went out of control and wound up on the sidewalk after hitting a third vehicle parked at the curb.

Seibel remarked, “The other day I was heading over [Highway] 17, dreading that, and here this happens in sleepy Pacific Grove!” No one was cited in the accident, but the truck driver was found to be at fault.

Top: Here’s how a Honda Accord looks with the front fender removed. Bottom: At first glance, it looks like Parking Enforcement Officer Tony Marino (left) is pondering what to do about a car parked on the sidewalk of Forest Avenue. Photos by Cameron Douglas.

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Credit rating upgrade increases ‘bondability’

Marina Coast Water District, on tap to build the desalination plant for the Regional Water Project, has had its credit rating improved from “A+” to “AA-” by Standard & Poor’s (S&P) rating service.

“The higher rating gives MCWD the ability to borrow more money through bonds at lower interest rates to pay for system upgrades and expansion to meet its service-area water supply needs,” said MCWD Board President Bill Lee.

MCWD is a partner with the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) and Cal Am Water in the Regional Water Project. The desalination plant is expected to produce 10 million gallons of water per day. The Regional Water Project, which needs further permitting from state regulators, including the Coastal Commission, expects to issue bonds to finance the $297 million in costs.

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There should be a law against stupidity

To the boy who recklessly rode his skateboard down the middle of Forest Avenue last Monday afternoon:

I looked up and saw you riding right down the center line of the 400 block of Forest, in between moving cars. I’m the man who honked at you as you crossed Pine Avenue and rolled past the police station, swerving back and forth across the street.

“You can get arrested for that,” I yelled. (OK, not arrested; but probably cited as a pedestrian in the roadway.)

“Arrested for what,” you shot back. “Skateboarding?”

No skateboard is not a crime. Nor is defying the laws of common sense, though it should be. Let me spell it out for you. Rolling down that stretch of Forest is different from, say, the 300 block of Gibson. Lower Forest is narrow, busy and dangerous. Ask Joe Woods, the man who strung and killed there in 2008 as he tried to get into his parked car.

I suppose you’re only a danger to yourself, although a motorist who suddenly turns left, not expecting a pedestrian to come darting down the street at 20 mph and knocks your broken carcase into the pavement, is going to have a real bad day too.

Here’s what I would arrest you for if I had the power to do so: I would arrest you for being stupid. I would arrest you for parading your stupidity in front of any impressionable younger kids who need to see good role models, not crazy fools like yourself. I would arrest you for not even having enough character to admit you were busted. And I would put you in the squad car, take you to the station and have Mommy and Daddy come get you.

Even though you look to be about 17, notice that I addressed you as “boy” instead of “young man.” You have not yet earned that status. I hope one day you will.

Cameron Douglas

Cedar Street Times

Emergency plan needed

A member of the public, who declined her name, called to suggest that Trader Joe’s — and all retail establishments — have a plan in place for the event of a customer falling on their premises. The question is, has yours? It seems that, when it was upset when the employee told her there was no procedure for taking care of the injured man.

Adopt a Furry Friend in the New Year for $20.11

Animal Friends Rescue Project is offering a very special adoption fee of $20.11 to help you start the New Year with a new companion. Local shelters are severely overcrowded this holiday season, and each dog or cat adopted from AFPR opens a space for another at-risk shelter animal to get a second chance. This special adoption fee applies to all Chihuahuas and Chihuahua Mixes through February 12, and to cats over the age of eight months through January 31. Stop by the AFPR Adoption Center at 560 Lighthouse Ave in Pacific Grove, visit our website at www.animalfriendsrescue.org or call 831-333-0722 for more information.

Lecture on aging at PG Museum

“Suicide Gene: Why nature has arranged for us to die, and what we can do about it”

The topic: We think we know what fitness is: It’s all about survival and fertility. Aging seems to be the opposite of fitness. So scientists have assumed that aging couldn’t possibly be a product of natural selection. Aging must occur despite of evolution. The genes that make us get old and die are the same genes that control aging in lab animals like worms and fruitflies. It seems that nature has carefully crafted aging, controlling the timing of death as if it were an essential biological function.

But what purpose can aging serve, that nature should consider it so important? The answer will lead us to change the way we think about how evolution works.

There’s a message in this story for personal care, as well: “Natural” diets are not likely to prolong our lives, but there may be some un-natural things we can do that contribute to a longer, healthier life.

Josh Mitteldorf conducts studies of evolution, using computer simulation to investigate the way interactions between individuals and groups of individuals can affect the behaviors that are selected: Under what circumstances can group cooperation outweigh individual fitness?

Originally an astrophysicist, Josh moved to evolutionary biology as a primary field in 1996. He has taught at Harvard, Berkeley, Bryn Mawr, LaSalle, and Temple University. His present research is under the auspices of the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Dept of the University of Arizona.

Josh is the son of Harriet Mitteldorf, local environmentalist and long-time friend of the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

WHEN: Saturday, January 8th at 2:00 pm
WHERE: Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History 165 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove
COST: $5 for general public; free for Museum members and students

Sandy Hamm

Cop log

PG Dog Gone Dog Report

Cranky neighbor or misbehaved dog? You decide.

A woman reported a dog at large. When officers arrived the woman stated that neighbors’ dogs ran out of the house and barked at her as she was standing in the street. That dog did not appear to be a nuisance in the neighborhood. The officer asked the woman if it had happened in the past and she stated that it had happened in May as well. The officer informed her that he would contact the neighbors and inform them of her complaint. She stated that she knew her neighbors were elderly and in poor health but felt that this was no excuse. The officer called the house and spoke with the live in-nurse. It was stated that she was transferring a patient from the car to the house and was distracted. The dog ran out the front. Note here that the dog did not run after the reporting woman, it just ran out the front door and barked from its own yard. The officer advised the nurse on ways to keep the dog from escaping in the future.

I wonder what would happen if I left Christmas presents in my unlocked car overnight?

On Mermaid Ave. an unlocked vehicle was burglarized. The reporting person stated that he left presents in the car overnight for a trip in the morning and lo and behold, when he woke up someone had stolen the presents, some camera equipment, wine and clothing. There are no suspects at this time.

Plumbing problems

An employee of an inn on Lighthouse Ave. reported that sometime over the weekend someone broke into the storage shed on the grounds and stole two toilets, an electric jackhammer, a sander, plumbing tools and supplies. No suspects at this time.

Flat Tire

On Willow St. a man reported that his vehicle’s right front tire was flat due to a puncture in the side. The man believed that the puncture was caused by a knife stab by an unidentified subject.

Glad there weren’t Christmas presents in it

A man came in to report that a tree fell on his car while it was parked at the apartment complex where he lives. The report was taken for insurance purposes and the man was advised to also report it to his apartment management.

No one was hurt.

OK, this is just gross

A stop sign on Laurel Ave. was removed from the dirt and left on the side of the road. Vomit was found next to the stop sign. No suspect leads.

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Lawrence “Stoney” Bangert joined staff as City Clerk, replacing Sheila Randazzo who had held the post temporarily since Ann O’Rourke moved on.

Kaye Coleman reached the halfway point in her effort to hike the Appalachian Trail.

Ken Hinshaw was looking for someone to take over his volunteer efforts for the Library, selling books at the Farmer’s Market. The one-year mark approached and his garage now has more than 150 boxes of books in it.

July 16-22, 2010

Nominations opened for six of the seven seats on the city council, including that of mayor. The only seat not up for grabs was Bill Kampe’s. Other positions, including that of mayor, were held by appointees or had terms expiring. Cedar Street Times offered to hold debates for the candidates and for the ballot measure on the library. Later, a debate with city council hopefuls hosted by the Hometown Bulletin was poorly attended so Cedar Street decided only to hold the Library debate.

The Farmers’ Market debuted at its new location at Central and Grand.

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Groundbreaking ceremonies were the thing as ceremonies were held all over the city, including at Gateway Center where a remodel will help the facility meet state requirements. Skyler Lewis made it all look like art in a photo essay of construction projects.

The Traffic Safety Commission listed top projects for bicycle safety that included a bike path on Pine Avenue; stripping, signs and bike racks for proposed routes; and maintenance on the Rec Trail.

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The Cityesian’s Remedy held a tour of the Salinas Valley State Prison. No blue jeans allowed.

The Pacific Grove Police Department was to offer free trick-or-treat bags.

October 30-November 4, 2010

Proposed decisions were issued by PUC Commissioner John Bohn and Administrative Law Judge Angela Minkin concerning the Regional Water Project. Changes were suggested in the agreement, but in the end the PUC OK’d the project without major alterations.

Monterey Fire Chief Sam Mazza, who became Pacific Grove’s chief when the two departments reached a shared services agreement, announced he would retire in December, 2010. Speculation was that Pacific Grove’s former chief, Andrew Miller, who became assistant chief of Monterey Fire Department, would replace Mazza. It did in fact turn out that way.

Our restaurant reviewer looked for — perhaps found — Elliot Booker’s Halloween pumpkin.

Pacific Grove painter Jerry Boyajan collaborated with Arthur Simons and Mari Gilmore on a life-sized mural commemorating the Chinese Fishing Village and painted it on a wall at MacAbee Beach on Cannery Row.

November 5-11, 2010

A measure that made some fixes to the city’s initiative to limit the city’s contribution to its employees’ retirement accounts also passed. The city council had earlier in the year passed the citizen’s initiative itself rather than submit it to the voters.

Rudy Fischer was elected to the city council, coming in ahead of Richard Ahart. Also elected were Ken Cuneo, Robert Huitt, Dan Miller and Alan Cohen. Mayor Carmelita Garcia ran unopposed. Scott Miller, former police chief and city council member, won the election for Monterey County Sheriff.

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Funeral services were held for former fire chief Don Gasperski, including engines from other jurisdictions.

The Pacific Grove Police Officers Association and the Pacific Grove Police Officers Management Association filed suit against the city, the city council and the city manager stemming from the citizens’ initiative passed August 18.

Red House Cafe, the popular restaurant downtown, launched a line of cookies available online or at the restaurant itself. The annual Shoe Dance for adult fans of Pacific Grove High School football was held at Chautauqua Hall. PG got walloped by Carmel, however.

Pacific Grove approved changes to the “no smoking” ordinance which extended the prohibition to all parks, recreation areas, playgrounds and the Farmers’ Market. Public areas on the golf course are also included but not the course itself.

Ten ladies recreated a photo taken in the 1930’s as a celebration of the Mayflower’s 100th birthday. Three Pacific Grove girls placed in the Punt, Pass & Kick contest at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

Marcia Stearns of Bookmark Music was among Distinguished Honorees for Philanthropy Day 2010. She was honored for her work with the Camerata Singers.

The Big Sur Half Marathon surged in its efforts to help Vietnam animal cruelty.

Visitors for the Salvation Army, were passed out cards at the Museum of Natural History. Hundreds came to celebrate and dance at the Park.

Home economists at Pacific Grove Middle School hosted a community menorah lighting for Chanukah.

The third annual Friday Night Lights celebration was held downtown and it took place at the same time as First Friday. Despite the bone-biting cold, downtown was filled with carolers, dancers, and shoppers who braved the cold to take advantage of open shops and to visit Santa Claus.

Skyler Lewis’ photo essay on Snow in the Park may be the last with snow, but we’ve heard that before. Costs, says the Chamber of Commerce, have risen beyond what they can handle and the company that produces the snow no longer will do it.

With bail set at $1 million, murder suspect Sunny Nguyen’s case was continued until Dec. 7.

Former Mayor Dan Cort held a book signing for his new book, Downtown Turnaround. Funds awarded in 2008 became available for work on Phase 3 of the city’s storm drainage upgrades. It will enable the system to handle another one million gallons annually, with dry weather diversions, a new sewer pump station and urban runoff lift station.

Mary Albert reviewed “It’s a Wonderful Lie” as part of the classic movie series. Lighthouse Cinema recently announced that they will start another series in January instead of waiting until next fall.

We ran photos of the Christmas tree lighting and the Children’s Winterfest at Chautauqua Hall.

Not only did we review Dan Cort’s Downtown Turnaround, but we also reviewed The Death and Life of the Monterey Bay by Steve Palumbi and Carolina Sotka. It is an exciting history of the Monterey Bay’s revival after near death from pollution.

The Regional Water Project, which had received Pacific Grove’s thumbs-up months ago, received an OK from the Public Utilities Commission after public hearings. The desalination plant faces one more large hurdle – the Coastal Commission – before they can break ground. A progress report on the restoration project at Pt. Pinos Lighthouse was given to Cameron Douglas. The lighthouse, built in 1855, is now the beneficiary of a public/private foundation which seeks to make repairs and further restore the lighthouse, the oldest continuously-operating one on the West Coast. The lighthouse was dubbed to the city by the Coast Guard in need of repair.

Home economics students at Pacific Grove Middle School got some Tai Chi lessons from “Ms. Lydia.”

Pacific Grove Pony League opened registration for the Spring 2011 season.

PG Pony League was founded in 1974 to raise $10,000 to help the city with field improvements.

Rabbi and Mrs. David Holtzberg of Chabad Monterey in Pacific Grove hosted a community menorah lighting for Chanukah.

The new kitchen at Robert Down, which had occupied the same spot for 25 years on the school board, died peacefully in Pacific Grove Schools and served for 13 years as a director of Public Works.

The plans of the Chamber of Commerce to supplant a Chinese restaurant and to create a park on Lighthouse Avenue for 27 years, were exposed. The Chamber wants the site for a visitor center. We will be following this story as it develops.
The News … from 1910.

Death of Daniel Cox

One of the true pioneers of Pacific Grove has died. Daniel Cox, 80 years old, passed away while being tended in the home of his nephew, Charles Hill, who resides on Abrego street. The celebrated Mr. Cox had been ailing for several weeks and his death was not unexpected.

Born in Manea, Cambridgeshire, England, on November 3, 1832, Cox moved to the United States in 1856. Cox joined the Ninth Wisconsin Battery of the Light Artillery at the start of the Civil War. He received an honorable discharge at the close of hostilities, and then married. With his bride, Cox wandered across the nation and eventually wound up in Pacific Grove where he often worked for the Southern Pacific. He was a lifelong Methodist, having joined the Wesleyan Methodist-Presbyterian church in England before coming to America. His wife preceded him in death by two years. She is buried in the Grove and Cox will be laid to rest beside her.

Funeral services will be held at the undertaking parlor of J. K. Paul on Wednesday morning next at ten o’clock. Rev. Dr. J. N. Williams will be the officiating clergyman.

Money needed

The community of Pacific Grove needs more money to continue the activities of its Feast of Lanterns. Are you a good hand at soliciting? Give the Feast of Lanterns a call at Red 125. You will be paid a handsome commission.

Chapman promises “clean” shows

F. J. Chapman has been named manager of Work’s living pictures offerings. Concerned that some flickers have been considered a bit “spicy”, Chapman promises billings that are good, clean shows, high class in every manner. All pictures will be first run. Chapman adds that vaudeville offerings also will be exceptionally polite.

General Jeremiah Simpson to speak

The Pacific Grove and Monterey units of the Daughters of the Confederacy have announced a very special assembly. On hand, as speaker, will be General Jeremiah Simpson who served nobly during the Civil War. Brent was a young man of seventeen when hostilities broke out. He formed a band of roving guerrillas who ravaged northern communities in border states. Admission donations from non-members are 50¢ and sojourning members, who are made welcome, are 25¢. Members of the Grove and Monterey units attend free.

Drink habit cured in three days!

You don’t believe it. Of course not. We did not expect you to. That is why the Neal Institute of San Francisco offers a legal contract, agreeing to a three-day cure to the entire satisfaction of the patient, his friends, his relatives, and his family physician. This attention by Pastor M. Flavin of the St. Ambros church of Des Moines, Iowa, ought to be adequate confirmation of all such claims.

“After representatives of the Neal Institute investigated me and my problem thoroughly, they accepted me into their program for treatment. I was cared for perfectly and can now say with great forcefulness that I no longer have the least inclination to drink. All desire, craving, and appetite for John Barleycorn has been taken away. The Neal Institute does good work and is a grand benefit to humanity.”

PaGrovians inclined to imbibe are encouraged to ask an operator to connect them with Franklin 1098. The Institute is located at 1400 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Free literature will be promptly provided.

Stay in touch!

A PaGrovian grandmother may not be as sly as she used to be, but she is closer in touch with her world for all that. The telephone enables her to make as many calls as she pleases, and in all sorts of weather. Formal gatherings have their place, but it is the many little intimate visits over the telephone that keeps people young and interested. Grandmother’s telephone visits are not to stop with her own “+++”. The long distance service of the Bell Telephone takes her to other towns and allows relatives and friends to chat with her although hundreds of miles away. To hear what you need to hear, contact the center of the system: American bell Telephone.

Notes from around the area…

The Pacific Grove Review, with its new AmanaStar press, is offering job printing at very reasonable rates. The brightness of your new year is guaranteed by having a savings account. At the Commercial and Savings Bank of Pacific Grove, just such an account can be opened upon deposit of a mere $1.

Wright’s Hardware has added ball bearing movements to the offerings of its hardware department.

The Pacific Grove Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters, No. 9014, will meet this week on Friday rather than Thursday. Announced by E. A. Olsen, sec.

Be a lady! Join the Women’s Temperance Union! We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the ladies parlor of the Methodist-Episcopal church beginning at 2:30.

The Monterey County Gas and Electric Company does not sell just gas-electric energy and appliances, MCG&E sells SERVICE!

The cost of living…

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• Mr. C. R. Estabrook, Southern Pacific agent, announces a special tour rate to Denver. A $60 round trip provides comfortable transportation with multiple stop-overs.

• Two showings of flickers and vaudeville nightly at the Work theater. 15¢ per seat.

• C. S. Harris will lend you money to pay your taxes at 4%.

• The use of the parlor at J. A. Ptell funeral home is free when Ptell tends your dead.

• Seventh-Day Adventist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

375 Lighthouse Avenue, 831-372-7818

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

Chabad of Monterey
2707 David Avenue, Pacific Grove, 831-643-2770

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

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

Community Baptist Church
Monterey & Pine Avenues, 831-375-4131

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

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

First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove
915 Sunset @ 17-Mile Dr., Pacific Grove - (831) 372-5875

Worship: Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Lighthouse Fellowship of Pacific Grove
804 Redwood Lane, 831-333-0636

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

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

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

Peninsula Baptist Church
1116 Funston Avenue, 831-647-1610

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

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

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

“I’m author’s notes

I Cox probably learned railroading while a young man living in Manea, Cambridgeshire (a shire is like a county). Manea is a railroad town famous for the Manea railway station. The village is also well known for a brass band, the Manea Silver Band, which practices in the Manea Methodist Chapel. Mr. Cox’s musical capabilities were not mentioned in news stories about his death.

II The funding drive evidently succeeded as the Feast of Lanterns is still very much a going concern. Perhaps funding drives and the payment of commissions should be considered for such entities as the public library.

III Details of this three-day “cure” were not revealed. If so successful as promised, there should be much need of the program even 100 years later.

IV In 1910, American Bell Telephone was a subsidiary of Bell Telephone. The company was attempting to congeal independent telephone cliques into a single, nationwide unit.

V Newspapers of the era collectively gathered information about such assemblies under the generic heading “secret organizations.”
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The Work of Studio Artist Sheila Delinont and Assistant Preparator Kait Kent

“En Dehors du Temps (Outside of Time),” Photographs by Meredith Mullins

Meredith Mullins was a long-time resident of Pacific Grove before moving to Paris for an “extended visit.” She was an instructor of photography at Monterey Peninsula College and Hartnell College, an Advisory Board member for the Center for Photographic Art in Carmel, and a member of the Pacific Grove Arts Commission. She received the Pacific Grove Visual Artist of the Year award in 2001.

-Meredith Mullins

“Different Directions,” Photographs by Virginia Scott, gail nichols, Susan Lysik and Susan Hillyard

Music, landscape, nature, exotic places and our own backyards -- these themes are all addressed in Different Directions, a selection of photographs by Virginia Scott, gail nichols, Susan Lysik and Susan Hillyard. The Different Directions collective is an opportune alliance of four Santa Cruz women who share a passion for photography. From street to studio, film to digital, color to black and white, the women, who have been exhibiting together for three years, do indeed move in different directions, while encouraging and inspiring each other to maintain high standards of quality and elegance as they grow in their craft.

“Meanwhile... And Likewise...,” Mixed Media by Robert Armstrong

Monterey resident Robert Armstrong has exhibited widely in the San Francisco Bay area. He works in a wide variety of media, including paint, kelp, cloth, ceramics, metal, dried fruit, cord, and wood.

-Robert Armstrong

Drawings by Peter Plamondon

Peter Plamondon’s pen and ink drawings were completed as he traveled and lived in various places on the East and West Coast. All of the drawings were completed on site, without the use of preliminary studies or photography. He was first introduced to the drawings of Matisse and Picasso, and the etchings of Giorgio Morandi while studying at the San Francisco Art Institute in the mid-1960s. Two of his teachers in particular, Richard Diebenkorn and James Weeks, were most influential in stressing the simplicity of contour and pure line drawing.
Cleansing and detoxification are not a new fad; they have been used traditionally by many cultures dated way back. Cleansing is a great way to free your body from pollutants and toxins that accumulate over our life. By giving your body a little attention there can be many benefits. When you give your body the proper nutrients, fibers, and detoxification tool it needs, it naturally begins to release the environmental and emotional pollutants it has been storing. Energy levels, better health, libido and hormonal balance are all known to improve when the body, especially the liver and kidneys, are less burdened. These are a few of the benefits that I have noticed after doing a cleanse: increased energy, positive attitude, weight balance, and better memory.

Once the holidays have passed and after we have all dabbled and indulged in the holiday goodies, here comes a new year. After eating what tasted so great, did it leave you tired, bloated, lacking energy or unmotivated? In a time when you would like guidance while cleansing or would like any information about the Seven Day Smoothie Cleanse please give me a call and I will be happy to support you in health and cleansing. Whatever shape or mood the holidays have left you, the New Year is a great time to begin a cleanse. I encourage you to consider eliminating toxins in your life. I can’t wait to hear how moving out old pollutants helped you create more blessings, energy, success, happiness, and health in the Happy New Year!

If you have a question or would like to schedule a consultation, contact: Amy Herbalist (831) 262-6522 amy@amyherbalist.com

Amy Herbalist is a local Master Herbalist, Certified Health Specialist. Amy also is a Baker, Homesteader/Homemaker, and Organic Home Gardener. She writes for the Cedar Street Times as well as her personal Amy Herbalist Newsletter.

“My passions are gardening and growing my own food, learning about herbs and studying their healing properties, sharing with others the wonderful benefits I have found, to help people reach optimum health through nutrition, and to educate them about the healing properties of food and herbs. My goals are to continue studying, practicing and sharing the benefits of herbs, nutrition, and a sustainable lifestyle.”

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Booksigning: Daring to Trust

Noted author and teacher David Richo will return to the Monterey Peninsula for two events related to his new book, Daring to Trust.

On Fri., Jan. 21, Richo will give a brief talk about the book -- which helps readers open themselves to real love and intimacy -- followed by a book signing.

On Sat., Jan. 22, Richo will lead a day-long workshop for men and women that is based on concepts from the book. The workshop will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church -- 490 Aguajito Rd, Carmel.

Tickets are available through Breakthrough by calling their office at (831) 375-5441.

Our capacity for trust developed during childhood, so we had no control over its installation. As adults, we may sometimes find it difficult to trust others -- or even ourselves. The workshop focuses not only on trust and trustworthiness in relationships, but also in ourselves and in the givens of life, what happens beyond our control, a power greater than ours.

Free bus rides New Years Eve

In the interest of public safety, MST will Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) will offer a free ride to anyone wearing a First Night Monterey New Year’s Eve celebration button starting at 2:00 PM December 31, 2010. All riders will ride free after midnight.

MST Line 5 will provide free supplemental service to all passengers between Del Monte Center and the Monterey Transit Plaza in downtown Monterey approximately every ten minutes from 2:00 PM to 1:00 AM.

On New Year’s Eve, MST bus lines will operate a Sunday schedule. After normal operating times have expired at approximately 7:00 PM, MST will provide additional service as follows: Line 2 Pacific Grove: Service will be provided hourly from 10:45 PM to 12:45 AM.

For the safety and convenience of our passengers, all MST buses will be free to everyone after midnight. All regularly scheduled and supplemental service is intended for use by First Night Monterey attendees as well as the general public.

For more information, visit www.mst.org or call Monterey-Salinas Transit toll free at 1-888-MST-BUS1.
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Classes at PG Art Center

Watercolor Class with Jane Flury 6-9p.m. Tuesdays at the Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave..Pacific Grove. This is an overview class using the limited palette method and includes the basics to experimental. Class works from still life on toward a model. Beginners welcome. Six week session $90. Next session starts Jan. 11. For more information call 402-5367 or e-mail: artnants@aol.com.

Beginning Watercolor Class with Jane Flury 9a.m.-12p.m. Thursdays at Vista Lobos, Carmel. This is an overview class using the limited palette method and will cover the basics of watercolor. Class will work from still life. Beginners welcome. 10 week session $50. Next session starts Jan.6, 2011. Pre-register through Carmel Adult School 624-1714

Outdoor Painting with Jane Flury- ongoing, 10a.m.-1p.m. Saturdays. Class meets at various locations around the Monterey Peninsula. All media and skill levels welcome. Lots of instruction available. $20 drop-in fee. For more information or location schedule call 402-5367 or e-mail: artnants@aol.com.

Drawing Class with Jane Flury 6-8p.m. Thursdays at the Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Class will learn the basics of perspective, shadow and line. Beginners welcome. Four week session $75. Next session starts Jan. 13. Information call 402-5367 or e-mail:artnants@aol.com.

Bluegrass, Celtic at The Works

When: Friday, January 7th, 7:30 pm
Where: The Works, 667 Lighthouse Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
Tickets: $12 at the door only

On the Web: theworkspg.com and littleblacktrain.com

The Works presents bluegrass-roots trio Little Black Train with special guests Reel Deal on Friday, January 7 at 7:30 pm. This rare combination of traditional bluegrass and Celtic music promises to deliver an intimate evening of acoustic tunes and songs from two homegrown Central Coast groups. Admission is $12 at the door.

Fresh from the studio in Santa Cruz, where they just finished recording their tenth record with Celtic folk group Molly’s Revenge, fiddler John Weed and guitarist Stuart Mason will appear with sizzling mandolinist Kenny Blackwell. Their trio Little Black Train will perform a fun, refreshing fusion of vintage fiddle tunes, bluegrass mandolin, and songs of old-time Americana.

While The Little Black Train mash-up features a virtuosic bluegrass mandolinist, a traditional Irish fiddler, and an old-timey songster, this is not your standard bluegrass band. Their music is old as the hills. From Depression-era gospel and blues to Appalachian and Celtic dance tunes, they dig up the roots of bluegrass that traveled to America from Ireland and Scotland in the 19th century. They combine new words and melodies with traditional sources such as the Carter Family, Doc Boggs, and Charlie Poole. On the instrumental side, they mine fiddle tunes from archival sources in West Virginia, Ireland, and Scotland.

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Exotic Soup for National Soup Month

Betsy Slinkard Alexander

Not Your Grandmother’s Recipes

Sake, Japan’s famous rice wine, pairs beautifully in this recipe with mélange of peppercorns.

The pairing of peppercorn mélange (black, green and pink peppercorns) and sake (a Japanese rice wine) and snow peas to this Japanese-inspired one-dish udon noodle bowl with grilled chicken, shiitake mushrooms and vegetables. You don’t have to buy three different types of peppercorns. They come pre-mixed (mélange is French for mixture).

Enjoy a glass of sake with the soup. A short primer on sake follows the recipe.

Peppercorn Mélange Chicken & Udon Noodles in Lemongrass-Sake Broth

Ingredients:
• 2 teaspoons peppercorn mélange, divided
• ½ teaspoon sea salt
• 1-1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts
• 2 teaspoons peppercorn mélange, divided
• 4 heads baby bok choy, cut in half lengthwise
• 1 tablespoon sesame oil
• 1-1/4 cups each red and yellow bell pepper
• 2 slices of each red and yellow bell pepper strips
• 2 packages (about 7 ounces each) pre-cooked/instant udon noodles, divided
• 3 packages (about 15 ounces each) udon noodles
• 1 tablespoon sake (Yes, it has two syllables -- sah-keh) is about as old as any food we can date. It is also characterized as a wine because of its higher alcohol content. Sake is available wherever fine wines are sold. It is also characterized as a wine because of its higher alcohol content.

Directions:
1. In a large resealable plastic bag, mix the mélange with sea salt. Press season mixture onto both sides of chicken breast halves.
2. Grill chicken breasts over medium-high heat 6 to 8 minutes per side or until chicken is cooked through, turning frequently. Keep warm.
3. Place remaining 1 teaspoon peppercorn mélange in a large saucenpan over medium heat. Add chicken breast halves; stir to coat. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes longer or until tender-crisp.
4. Remove spice bundle. Add snow peas and bell peppers; simmer 5 minutes longer or until tender-crisp.
5. Slice chicken diagonally into thin slices. Divide noodles, broth mixture and chicken evenly among soup bowls.

Sprinkle with green onions, if desired.

Yield: 6 servings

Notes:
Udon noodles are Japanese noodles made from wheat (some are wheat-rye blends). They can be found in the Asian aisle of some supermarkets and in Asian groceries. They are available in the pre-cooked/instant form in aseptic packages or in dried form.

To use dried udon noodles, cook the noodles in a large pot of boiling water 8 to 10 minutes or until tender. Rinse under cold water; drain well. Prepare as directed, adding drained noodles with the snow peas and red peppers.

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Sake 101

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Most are in Japan but almost every part of the world has a sakeery. There are four in Central and Northern California: Ozeki in Hollister, Takara in Berkeley, Hakusun in Napa and Gekkeikan in Folsom.

Sake can be drunk like wine with meals, with Asian cuisines, seafood and vegetable dishes. It can also be used in cooking like wine.


Good news for movie lovers -- the Lighthouse Cinema’s Classic Film Series is back with a terrific lineup. A different big hit from the past will play every week through April, on Thursdays and Fridays, 7 p.m.

The series begins with Hitchcock’s stunner, The Birds, the only reprise from last year’s season. If you missed it last year, this is your chance. To read my review of the April 23-30 issue, go to www.cedarstreettimes.com.

Fils are currently scheduled to show Thursdays and Fridays, at noon and 7 p.m. Check with the theater www.srentertainmentgrp.com/lighthouse.asp or at 643-1333 to confirm show times.

January 6-7 - The Birds 1963 directed by Alfred Hitchcock, with Tippi Hedren and Rod Taylor
January 13-14 - The Italian Job 1969 directed by Peter Collinson, with Michael Caine
January 27-28 – The Odd Couple 1968 directed by Gene Saks, with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau
February 3-4 – Cool Hand Luke 1967 directed by Stuart Rosenberg, with Paul Newman
February 10-11 – Sabrina 1954 directed by Billy Wilder, with Humphrey Bogart and Audrey Hepburn. Valentine’s Day Special!
February 17-18 – To Kill a Mockingbird 1963 directed by Robert Mulligan, with Gregory Peck
February 24-25 - Viva Las Vegas 1964 directed by George Sidney, with Elvis Presley
March 3-4 - Strangers on a Train 1951 directed by Hitchcock, with Farley Granger
March 10-11 – Shane 1953 directed by George Stevens, with Alan Ladd
March 17-18 – The Quiet Man 1952 directed by John Ford, with John Wayne and Maureen O’Hara (St. Patrick’s Day Special)
March 24-25 - The Philadelphia Story 1940 directed by George Cukor, with Cary Grant, James Stewart, with James Stewart
March 31- April 1 - East of Eden 1955 directed by Elia Kazan. With James Dean
April 7-8 – An American in Paris 1951 directed by Vincente Minelli, with Gene Kelly
April 14-15 - Father of the Bride (1950) directed by Vincente Minelli, with Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor
April 21-22 - The African Queen 1951 directed by John Huston. With Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn
April 28-29 – The Thin Man 1934 directed by William Powell and Myrna Loy

If you live in a big city like New York or London or Paris, you can still find small, independent cinemas who take the time and make the effort to nurture a love of movies by showing the titles that make up the canon of classic films. But small towns rarely have independent cinemas who take the time and make the effort to nurture a love of movies. The only place on the peninsula to see classic movies on the big screen is right here in Pacific Grove. And so, thanks to all of you who came out to see the Marx Brothers or James Dean or It’s a Wonderful Life in 2010, there will be a season of films in 2011.

The series is coming to the Lighthouse Cinema

A Happy New Year’s season of classic films coming to the Lighthouse Cinema

Mary Albert

Going to the Movies

...and ubiquitous. Get out and bump into your friends and neighbors down at your local cinema. Put your phone in your pocket and look up. Catch a great old movie on the big screen, where it belongs.
For the family affordable price of a button, you can spend the day -- and evening -- in a family atmosphere and see more than 75 wonderful performers, a great little parade, and participate in art events. It’s First Night Monterey 2011, the best place to be on New Year’s Eve. The button is, in addition to being a work of art, your ticket to a day of entertainment, featuring the best in music, dance, theatre, visual arts, and more. More than 100 performances, exhibitions and workshops are featured at more than 30 venues. Proceeds from button sales support all of the events you will see today, plus First Night’s mission to use the arts year-round to build community and celebrate diversity.

Adult buttons: $20, or $25 day of event.
Youth buttons: $12, or $15 day of event.

- Visit www.firstnightmonterey.org for special family packs and online purchase. Online buttons are a “Will Call” item and picked up at the FNM kiosk at Portola Plaza.
- December 31st, buttons will be at information kiosks on Alvarado, Portola Plaza and in afternoon at Colton Lawn. Check the list of performers: You can get a program at the event for exact times and locations.

**Performing Artists**

DA=Dance; CH=Children’s; CL=Classical; BL=Blues; FK=Folk; JZ=Jazz; RK=Rock; RR=Latin; WM=World Music

Abdoulaye Diallo & Tam Tam Sacre’e (WM, CH)
Afro Caribbean Dance with DiFranco (WM/DA/CH)
Along Carne Betty with special guest Julie Capilli (JZ)
Alta California Dance Company (DA, FK)
Bay Belles Women’s Barbershop Chorus with guests The Cannery Rogues (FK)
Black Irish Band (FK, WM)
Blues at Eleven (BL)
Carmel Academy of Performing Arts - Team CAPA (DA)
Carmel Strings (CL)
Dani Paige & Jesse DeCarlo (DA)
Danjuma & Onola (WM/RR)
Define (RR/Greek Village Dancers of the Monterey Peninsula (DA)
Grumbling Ginger (FK/RR)
Jim Greiner’s Hands-On! Drumming (CH, WM)
Heather Waters (FK)
I Cantori di Carmel (CL, JZ, FK)
Iyeoka Okoawo
Kenneth Chung (FK)
Madu Classical Indian (DA)
Mambo Tropical (JZ, LT, RR, WM)
MC Lars (SW, RR)
Michael Brautovich (JZ)
Monterey Peninsula College String Ensemble (CL)
MPC Theatre Arts Club (SW)
Mobile Recording Studio Truck
Monterey Bay Lion Dance Team (DA)
Monterey Peninsula College String Ensemble (CL)
Monterey Sports Center
Park Avenue Studio of Bellydance (DA)
Salinas 411 - Art Activity
Sambahemians (WM)
Shinsho Mugen Daiko (Taiko Drummers) (WM)
Singing Wood Marimba (WM)
Society for Creative Anachronism
The Wharf Rats (RK/BL)
Yaocuahutli Danza Cultural (DA)
Life on Candy Cane Lane: Who’s our mystery ‘Dad?’

By Katie Shain

After having acquired a Ph.D in Music at Indiana State University, ‘the dad’ met the ‘mom,’ Carol.

Receiving an appointment to a junior college in Monterey must have been a challenging adventure, so in 1981 the young lad and his new bride settled in Pacific Grove.

Fast-forwarding to 2010, we find this ambitious husband, father, professor, director, composer, community leader and his wife with family, career, and more to come.

On any given day, he appears at nine o’clock in the morning to teach fundamental music theory to countless students. He prepares and delivers lectures, tests and scores students, answers questions and telephone messages, all the being a husband and a dad. Then it’s time for Choir I, II, and III four days a week, Voice Fundamentals twice a week, the Chamber Singers and the Jazz Ensemble three times a week. May as well start a Community Choir at least one night a week, and a men’s quartet with a name like the ‘Ref- freshmen.’ Do you know who he is yet? Each of these activities naturally requires music selection, scheduling and acquiring orchestral players to accompany the music and voices, then regular rehearsals and season-end concerts.

Original scores may also call to be written.

At venues from the Golden State Theatre to the Carmel Mission Basilica and many others near and far, the MPC Choir, I Cantori di Carmel, jazz and Chamber Singers along with The Refreshmen have been offering historical sounds of quality. All the while Carol (remember Carol?), has had to make sure that there is still time for their growing family.

Though degrees have been provided for a solid guess as to who this ‘dad’ may be? No? Well, the family continues to grow on Candy Cane Lane.

See for yourself: from Roger Rabbit to Wall-E, they each made their mark on Candy Cane Lane. Original credit for the cartoon characters that grace the lawn goes to their three children who chose and drew them, gave them to Dad to cut out with a jigsaw and then presented them to Mom for painting “most” of the final details.

Even though the kids have all graduated and gone out to build their own lives, they continue to have more ideas for Dad to build (in his spare time), and for Mom to paint, the most recent being characters from ‘Up’ to which Carol adds fresh helium balloons for thousands of seasonal passersby to enjoy.

But wait! You knew there would be more. He led his Cantori di Carmel Choral to concerts all over Europe and Russia, the most recent excursions to sing at the Vatican followed by a tour of Ireland.

Did we mention the free jokes and his regular Friday afternoon volunteer entertainment for the residents at Park Lane? He’s the guy who remains, well after the concerts are over and the guests, the choir and the players have all gone on to the party at his home that Carol hosts, loading music stands and sometimes his singers.

Have you guessed? This icon of Candy Cane Lane, which just celebrated the big “5-0” is none other than Dr. Salvatore Ferrantelli.

If you missed out on getting a seat this year for the I Cantori di Carmel Concert presentation or at the annual community Messiah Sing-A-Long at the Carmel Mission Basilica, or if you missed out on the splendid Christmas Concert they provided at Canterbury Woods, there will be one last chance at First Night.

So the next time you are cruising Candy Cane Lane, you’ll know just a tiny bit of insider information about what a fabulously generous and gifted family we have in the Ferrantellis.

And we dare you to guess how many pieces of candy they hand out every Halloween Eve!
Algal blooms harm wildlife -- and pets

By Pacific Grove Middle School Ocean Guardians

One of the serious problems endangering wildlife in Monterey Bay is that of algal blooms. An algal bloom occurs when too many phosphates or nitrates flow into a body of water. According to Jackson Klamfied, a PGMS sixth grader, “The phosphates or nitrates fertilize the algae and make a lot of it grow. Then when the algae dies, the decomposers suck up all the oxygen in the water.”

Nick Coppola adds, “When the algae grows, it produces a thick layer on the water that prevents the sun’s rays from getting through so the plants on the bottom die off.”

“When there’s less oxygen in the water, the water supports less life,” concludes Luke Hiserman.

“The other type of algal bloom is the kind that gives off poison and kills everything in the water. For example, in Watsonville, there’s a big algal bloom in Pinto Lake,” explains Kyle Groben.

“The toxin is flowing into the Monterey Bay and killing otters,” says Christina Hashimoto.

This summer, researchers from UC Santa Cruz found that several otters in the Monterey Bay died from poisoning as a result of the type of algae found in Pinto Lake when they conducted necropsies on dead animals. “Twenty one otters were found dead by algae-related poisoning in our area,” says Chana Kim.

“Not only can algal blooms harm wildlife, but they can harm pets as well,” says Cameron Reeves. “Several dogs died or got sick as a result of the algae in Pinto Lake.”

Pollution in lakes and streams also prevents people from being able to play in the water. Kayla Fife suggests the following ways ordinary people can reduce the amount of phosphates in the environment:

- Don’t overfertilize your lawn or garden
- Buy detergent and soap that are labeled “Low phosphate.”
- Pick up dog poop instead of just leaving it!
- Phosphate pollution in a real problem. If too many fish die, fishing industries could start closing down.
- Phosphates and algal blooms can effect the whole food chain,” says Shannon Sands.

“The Green Page

This week’s Monarch Alert

To report tagged monarchs: 877-897-7740
http://monarchalert.calpoly.edu/

Bad weather affects Monarch populations

Monarch numbers in Monterey County decreased at some overwintering sites and increased at others, perhaps in response to inclement weather.

Please check out the Monarch Alert website for the latest graph, which will be up soon:

Erica Krygsman (Monarch Alert field coordinator for Monterey County) reports that the average number of monarchs counted at the Pacific Grove Monarch Sanctuary declined last week to 3,442. However, monarch numbers at the private property site in Big Sur rose back to more than 1,000 after last week’s decrease. Erica conducted the Monarch Alert counts for Monterey County overwintering sites on Tuesday December 21 and Wednesday December 22. Counts were conducted during cool to moderate temperatures with overcast skies, with periodic light rain on Wednesday. All sites were counted with the assistance of Wesley Sims, and Pacific Grove was also counted with the assistance of Tama Olver. The next counts are scheduled to occur between Monday-Thursday, 27-30 December.

Thank you to our volunteers, and happy holidays to everyone!

New Year’s hike and more offered by Regional Park District

The opportunity to begin the New Year with a steep hike to Snively’s Ridge and back at Garland Ranch Regional Park is among the programs and classes offered by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District during the first week of 2011.

Details are below. Information on all MRPDP classes and programs is available at mprd.org or in the Let’s Go Outdoors! Adventure Guide.

Snively’s Ridge Resolution Hike

Start the year off right with a can-do attitude! Get your heart pumping on this steep 3- to 4-hour hike to Snively’s Ridge and back. Reward your resolve at the top, where panoramic views of the ocean and Carmel Valley make it all worthwhile. Elevation gain: approximately 1,600 feet. Distance: approximately 4.5 miles.

Ages 18 and up. Saturday, Jan. 1, 9 AM, Garland Ranch Regional Park, 700 W. Carmel Valley Road. Free. Space limited. For required pre-registration and more information, please call 659-6065.

Big Sur Revealed

Travel the spectacular Big Sur coast during this intriguing time of year. Learn the secrets of location and equipment selection from a renowned local photographer. This class focuses on landscape techniques and requires some hiking. Practice the Rule of Thirds and leading lines; discover how various lighting situations affect the image.

Ages 18 and up. Sunday, Jan. 2, 12 noon-sunset, Big Sur coast (see mprd.org for details), $150 (district resident), $165 (non-district resident). Instructor: Doug Steakley.

Three-Season Tuesday Tot Walk

Span the seasons wandering with wonderment at the Santa Lucia Preserve. Allow your child to set the pace as experienced educators encourage each of you to observe seasonal transformations using all your senses. Designed with both the child and adult in mind, no two outings are the same.

Ages 3-5, adult accompaniment required. Tuesdays, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, and March 29, 12:30 PM-2:30 PM each time, Santa Lucia Conservancy Visitor Center, 26700 Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel Valley, $15 (district resident), $17 (non-district resident), adult free. Instructors: Max Luce and company.

Rock Climbing: Learn the Ropes

The perfect introduction to rock climbing. This special 2-hour introductory indoor program will teach you the skills you need to get started climbing. Learn important safety tips, techniques, footwork and training. Practice the moves to get you outdoors. Equipment rental and full gym day-use included.

Ages 12-adult. Wednesdays, Jan. 5, Jan. 19, Feb. 2, Feb. 16, 6 PM-8 PM, Pantry Rock Gym, 1855 East Avenue, Sand City, $45 per class (district resident), $50 per class (non-district resident). Cost, if combined with outdoor climb class, “Harness Your Skills,” offered Sunday, March 6, and Sunday, March 13 (9 AM-6 PM at Pinnacles National Monument West), is total of $175 for a district resident and $193 for a non-district resident for both an inside and outdoor class. Instructor: Sanctuary Rock Gym. Pre-registration is strongly suggested for all classes and programs offered by The Park District. Register online at mprd.org or in-person between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Tuesday-Friday at the MPRPD office, 60 Garden Court, Suite 325, Monterey (check, money order, Visa or MasterCard accepted). If space is available, there is an additional charge of $5 to register the day of the class. On-site registration begins 20 minutes prior to the start of the class. All check-in and registration closes 5 minutes before the class begins. For more information, please contact Joseph Narvaez, at 372-3196, ext. 3.