Dad Flew 8000 Miles to see New Year Baby Arrive at CHOMP

Natallia and Francois cherish baby Julia so much that he flew 8,000 miles to be there when she was born on New Year’s Day, 2018.

She was due on Jan. 9, 2018 so her dad, U.S. Army combat engineer Francois Clerfe, took advantage of a special policy in his battalion that allowed him to return home for the birth of Julia Clerfe, his firstborn.

It was a good thing he left Iraq when he did, as Julia decided to make her appearance on Jan. 1, 2018, becoming the first baby born in the new year at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

It took seven planes, 10 connections, two days, and more than 1,000 miles of flying time. He traveled 8,000 miles and arrived in time to see his wife, Natallia Svisunova, deliver the 7 pound, 2 ounce baby girl.

“I’m glad that Julia waited for me,” he told a reporter.

For weeks, a small group of observers gathered at Pt. Pinos in the cold hours around dawn. They trained their binoculars and scopes out to sea. One of the group was in charge of recording the data electronically as well as on a white board.

More than 200 species — an extraordinary number — and thousands of birds were recorded. Data is being collated and will be released soon.

The first nationwide Christmas Bird Count was held in 1900 during the early years of the National Audubon Society. Frank M. Parkinson was the driving force behind the first count.

For the Christmas Bird Count, birdwatchers around the world count birds in their area from an airplane on Dec. 23, 2017, and submit their data to scientists for analysis.

Birds of all shapes and sizes were counted, from blue jays and cardinals to hawks and owls. Scientists then use the data to track bird populations and learn more about their behaviors.

This osprey was photographed by friend of the paper Blake Matheson and posted on New Year’s Eve.
Grant will assist Pacific Grove Art Center

A grant of $100,000 has been made to Pacific Grove Art Center by the DeWitt Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County. The donor decided to make the grant “after reading the news articles in three area newspapers,” said Brian Thayer, Senior Philanthropic Services Officer at Community Foundation. He said that, other than their Fund name, the donors wish to remain anonymous. The gift will provide $25,000 each December, for four years.

“This is a huge miracle for us,” said Adrienne Jonson, PGAC Board chair. The Board will now meet to decide how best to utilize the gift.

Financial concerns, after a 45 percent rent hike, caused the Pacific Grove Art Center Board of Directors to dissolve the position of Executive Director of the Art Center effective Dec. 8. They announced that art exhibits, workshops and classes would continue as scheduled during 2018. Tax-deductible gifts may be made at any time on the PGAC website: www.pgartcenter.org or generalinfo@pgac@gmail.com. Tax-deductible gifts also can be made through MontereyGives at: https://staging.montereygives.com/pgac/nonprofit/pg-art-center/ and, if made before Dec. 31, a percentage of the gift will be matched.

Mighty Times: The Children’s March Documentary Screening, Discussion

Date: Saturday, January 13, 2018
Time: 3:00 pm—5:00 pm
Location: Monterey Peace and Justice Center
Cost: Suggested donation $5. No one turned away.
Sponsors: Monterey Peace and Justice Center and Whites for Racial Equity
Facilitators: The discussion will be facilitated by Fred Jealous (Whites for Racial Equity) and local activist, Steven Goings.

About the documentary:

Mighty Times: The Children’s March tells the story of how the young people of Birmingham, Alabama, bravely arrested, fire hoses and police dogs in 1963 in the battle to end segregation. This 2004 Academy Award winning documentary is a reminder of the power of young people to be catalysts for positive social change. Directed by Robert Houston, “The Children’s March” won an Academy Award in 2004 for Documentary Short Subject. The film was co-produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center and HBO. Runtime: 42 minutes. About MPJC: The Monterey Peace and Justice Center’s mission is to inspire and mobilize the people of Monterey County to cultivate peace, social justice, nonviolence, democracy, and environmental sustainability in our community and the world through education and advocacy.

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Pacific Grove’s Rain Gauge

Data reported at Canterbury Woods
Period between Thurs., Dec. 7 and
Week ending 12/14/17 at 8:15 AM ....... .41”
Total for the season.................................. 1.70”
The historic average to this date is ........N/A”
Wettest year.............................................. 47.15”
During rain year 07-01 through 06-30-98
Driest year .................................................. 15.54”
During rain year 07-01-12 through 06-30-13

Near Lovers Point

Week ending morning 1/3/18 ............ .03”
Total for the season (since 7/1/17) ...... 1.58”
Last week low temperature ............. 42.2° F
Last week high temperature .......... 70.5° F
Last year rain to date (07/01/16-28/12/16) .. 7.11”
Estate Sale will Benefit Pac Rep

Estate Sale Extravaganza - Act II will be held at the Pebble Beach home of Rod Dewar on January 12, 13, and 14, and Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Elegant furniture & antiques, clothing and gorgeous silver collectibles, plus collectibles from around the world, and many items not available in the sale held in November. There’s something for everyone at remarkable prices, including a certified grandfather clock from Pennsylvania, designer furniture by renowned artist Sergio Rodrigues, art work, kitchenware, books, and more. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Pacific Repertory Theatre. Cash and checks only, no credit or debit cards. For more information please call Jane Roland at 649-0657.

World Affairs Council of Monterey Bay: Worlds Imploded: Politics and Security in the Gulf and the Middle East

Today’s Middle East is embroiled in several civil wars that have destroyed the fabric of four regional states – with the wreckage littering the landscape like shattered glass.

The region remains in the grips of dangerous interstate rivalries, manifesting themselves in the proxy wars that show no sign of ending. In the Gulf, Saudi Arabia and Iran continue their war of words and some suggest that war between these regional heavyweights is a possibility.

Professor Joseph Nye, Associate Professor of National Security at the Naval Postgraduate School’s (NPS) Department of National Security, will share his perspectives on the region’s implosion and the challenges this creates for U.S. strategy and foreign policy. The views presented at our luncheon are his own.

Thursday, January 25, 2018; 11:30 AM
Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road
Auditors (lecture only) free at 12:50 p.m.
Luncheon $25 Members and $35 Non-members
Check: Vegetarian meal optional.
RSVP (831) 643-1855 or wacmb@redhill.com or Fax (831) 643-1846, at least five days prior. WWW.WACMB.ORG

12th Night Concert set for Jan. 6

Madregalia announces our upcoming concert, Twelfth Night: Renaissance Music for Christmas, on Saturday, January 6 (Twelfth Night!), at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 800 Cass Street in Monterey.

This choral concert will feature Gabrieli’s magnificent “O magnum mysterium,” Mouton’s lovely motet “Queramus cum pastoribus” and the “Magnificat Quinti Toni” by Hieronymus Praetorius, complete with interpolations of Joseph Lieber and In dulci jubilo. Madregalia is a local chorus and consort formed in 2003 as a forum for singing the music of the 16th century. Vice President Al Gore continues his tireless work in pushing climate change as the most pressing issue of our time. The concert will feature pieces by Hieronymus Praetorius, complete with interpolations of Joseph Lieber and In dulci jubilo. Madregalia is a local chorus and consort formed in 2003 as a forum for singing the music of the 16th century. Vice President Al Gore continues his tireless work in pushing climate change as the most pressing issue of our time. The concert will feature pieces by Hieronymus Praetorius, complete with interpolations of Joseph Lieber and In dulci jubilo.

January is Fine Free Month at Monterey County Free Libraries

January is Fine Free Month at Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL). Start off the New Year right by bringing back those overdue books and DVDs sitting on your shelves and share them with other library users. Return your library materials during the month of January and MCFL will waive the overdue fines attached to those items.

Some exceptions apply. Please contact your local branch to find out the details about the program.

Get started on your 2018 reading list and also return those items so they are back on the shelves for someone else to borrow. Monterey County Free Libraries are located in Aromas, Big Sur, Las Palmas, Carmel Valley, Castroville, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Marina, Pajaro, Prunedale, San Ardo, San Lucas, Seaside, and Soledad. You can also monitor your account online, check for overdue fines, renew items, and look for and place holds for items, all from the comfort of your own home or favorite coffee shop by going to www.eMCFL.org and clicking on the “Check Your Account” link.
A Stake in the Heart

With the rise of corporatism and outsized corporate salaries, some felt the need to separate themselves in gated communities where they could most readily indulge their desire to display conspicuous wealth. These became known as "gated communities" or disparagingly as "wealth ghettos." Our area contributions include the Forbes magazine from its designation for all, Tehama (with approvals only through interna
tional star power) and, of course, Pebble Beach.

Over time the gates of Pebble Beach could no longer contain the culture of conspicuous excess as it
drifting south to permeate Carmel. Carmel, with 4000 sq. ft. lots designed only for tasteful, quaint cottages,
and homes that serve to accentuate and augment one's seemingly insatiable desire for more trophy homes.
Carmel, perhaps wanting to show proof it had really reached the vaulted echelon, worked to replace nearly
all resident usable and locally owned stores with high end art galleries, jewelry stores, high end women's
shopping stores, and ideally corporate stores that also had a Beverly Hills address.

Realtors marketed and sold homes as commodities leaving Carmel with a dwindling resident popula
tion and for those that remain, few neighbors. Many homes are well cared for, but unused, like a 1929
Concours d'Elegance classic car garaged awaiting an increase in value before sale. For even greater interest
and acceptance by the bored and restless economic elite, Carmel initiated all manner of events worthy of
the "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." Even the Carmel Mission began a blessing of the cars, complete
with a shot of (unfortified) wine, all for free.

A few in Pacific Grove seemed envious and endeavored to draw the vapors of the conspicuous excess
cloud northward, but how to do it? A town with a long history of moderation (no alcohol sale allowed until
1969), a content and caring family community languishing in its last Lighthouse hometown is the last
place the restless conspicuous wealth crowd would alight. But, there was a strong Silicon Valley connect-
ion, Silicon Valley, the perfect valley to draw from, filled with wealth and excess, just a short distance
away (as the private jet flies).

An ingenious plan seemed hatched. Develop a $600/night hotel, turn the stodgy (code for iconic/his-
torical) Holman Building into a San Francisco priced condo project, and the coup de gras — the rest of them look like a new hot spot (after all they wouldn't stay in
too many of our motels, hotels, and B&B's and have to mingle with the usual clientele). But most ingenuous,
and perhaps most sustainable, was the rise of the shared buy for local folks (rarely unfettered with upset prices greater than homes in PG). The hope seemed to be by covering the 180 degree of the PG golf course with a huge tent and providing copious liquid refreshment, no one would notice they were not on a $550/round (plus caddy tip and $12 banana) golf course, but one a fraction of the cost and worse yet, with a quaint pedestrian name — Pacific Grove Golf Links.

And they came, they saw, they were welcomed by the necessary few, and they conquered. Soon visually tranquil neighborhoods were disrupted (a favorite SV word) by homes of great size,
daring design and lots cleared of all living vegetation—most unsuitable indeed. These appeared like start-up
following parades of Teslas entering PG for months and very happy Realtors in their finest showing two
minutes away. There is little to this - just each other to their clients and a race to gather up with upset prices greater than homes in PG. The hope seemed to be by covering the 180 degree of the PG golf course with a huge tent and providing copious liquid refreshment, no one would notice they were not on a $550/round (plus caddy tip and $12 banana) golf course, but one a fraction of the cost and worse yet, with a quaint pedestrian name — Pacific Grove Golf Links.

But a dark cloud suddenly was gathering. Some, too many for the few, Pagrovians were clinging to
the stodgy values of family, friends, neighbors, love for the environment, monarchical (that is, respect for
other), and love of the Last hometown character as it had been before the CE virus (conspicuous excess virus) Then, it happened...and it was really bad.

A quietly concluded sale of a seminal, unique, sacred artifact of the First Pagrovians, the Ohlone (or Costanoan Esselen Nation (O.C.E.N), at 1355 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove became public knowledge. A 7,000 year old treasure was a formidable obstacle to the up selling of Pacific Grove. Carmel didn't have such an obstacle, nor Pebble Beach. Maybe a few houses move now and then to have the O.C.E.N. take away, but historic structures are 700 year old, no haul away, and no telling if it’s for the hot money crowd. Worse yet, a potential symbol uniting Pacific Grove's first people, the O.C.E.N., and Pacific Grove's history back to antiquity with those who love Pacific Grove.

The O.C.E.N. treasure was a European solution—hit back and run. If you visit the O.C.E.N. site at 1355
Lighthouse Ave., look at the apartment building-sized netting to the left of the sacred artifact and the clear-

A Concerned Citizen

Planned demolition of historical building raises additional questions for neighbor
Editor,

Thank you for bringing to the public's attention the proposed demolition of the building located on Laurel between Painton Road and Granada Road.

As many of you know, this historical building has been in disrepair for many years. It is my understanding the building was a showcase of local and regional craftsmanship and history. At the time the owner was given a deadline to bring the building back to a habitable standard. I am in doubt as to whether that work was ever completed. A few years later the building was sold. Plans were submitted for its renovation as a mixed use property and approved by the City. The work never commenced and the building was recently sold again. During this same period two (nearby) historical properties were lovingly restored by PG owners and were awarded the 2016 bronze Annual Heritage Award in the Commercial category (it is now a doctor's office).

Your article of December states that Mark Bro
deer, City Director of Community and Economic Develop-
ment for PG, has indicated: - all permits will be fast tracked
- he expects plans to be submitted for a new mixed use 4000 sq ft (2 story) building on this site
- all permits will be fast tracked

The building has been in a state of disrepair for many years. If the new owner, Manal Mansour, did his due diligence prior to purchasing the building, he should be aware of the structural issues, its historical status and restrictions imposed by PG on historical buildings. It is my understanding that the structural report sent to the city was prepared by an engineer hired by the new owner. Prior to demolishing an historical building, should the city also request a report from an independent engineer? The new owner should seek input from the Historical Resources Committee, ARB or Heritage Society.

If the building is to be demolished the permits should not be fast tracked. Careful consideration must be given to the likelihood that the building contains asbestos, lead paint, mold or other hazardous materials. Precautions must be taken to ensure that the air quality for nearby homes and businesses during the demolition process is safe.

PG is definitely in need of additional housing. However, puting up a 3-story 40' building on this site is unacceptable. The current historical building is 1 and 2 stories high as are all structures (commercial and resi-
dential) in the surrounding area. The site is a transition between commercial and residential neighborhoods. A 3 story structure would change the overall character of the existing residential/commercial neighborhoods. Site plans should include an independent structural analysis to assure the immediate surroundings. Ideally, the new structure would retain some of the character of the original histor-
ical building, provide adequate off-street parking, and be sustainable (solar panels for electricity and hot water, water harvesting and reuse for landscape).

Sincerely,
Carolyn, Pacific Grove

Letters to the Editor

Cedar Street Times welcomes your letters on subjects of interest to the citizens of Pacific Grove as well as our readers elsewhere. We prefer that letters be on local topics. We reserve the right to edit letters for space limits on length though we do reserve the right to edit letters for space constraints, so please be concise. We will contact you to verify authenticity if you would like to know if your letter will be published. We will not publish unsigned letters or which defame, slander or libel.

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Monterey & Pine Avenues  •  831-375-4311
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Law Enforcement Reminder:

DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze

Fatal collisions caused by drivers who are impaired by substances other than alcohol are an increasing problem in California. Alcohol-impaired driving is still the most serious problem on our roadways. However, data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows that, since 2006, the percentage of drivers in fatal collisions who have other impairing substances in their system has risen 38.7 percent. Faced with more instances of DUI – Driving Under the Influence of Drugs – state and local officials are reiterating the messages that “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze” and that if motorists drive high they can get a DUI. The messages are increasingly important with the state set to begin licensing commercial nonmedical cannabis sales on January 1, 2018, under provisions of Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

New Year’s Mep results

During the New Year’s Maximum Enforcement Period, the Monterey Area, California Highway Patrol arrested 10 impaired drivers and investigated 16 traffic collisions, two of which were DUI related. Thank you all for the MEP and Cannabis coverage, all DUI’s were alcohol related and we had a slight decrease in DUIs and collisions from the Christmas MEP.

2016 New Year’s Maximum Enforcement Period

7 DUIs
12 Collisions, 4 of which were DUI related.

Now that cannabis is legal...sort of

December 31, 2017 at 7:00am · Pacific Grove, CA, United States

On January 1, 2018 recreational cannabis is legal in California for people 21-years or older. But there are some things you need to know. The sign below depicts three activities, smoke, peace and love. You may practice two of three in public, you may not smoke cannabis in public places. Also, please note that graffiti is illegal and unfortunately this picture is from our recreational trail and is considered vandalism.

Consider cannabis the way you consider alcohol, you must be 21 or older to purchase, use and transport. You must have the container sealed if you are transporting in your vehicle. You may not smoke or drink in a vehicle, and you may not do either in public places. You must never drive intoxicated.

PGMC 11.100 purpose is to prohibit commercial cannabis activities within the City of Pacific Grove. However, if you are 21 or older you may possess, process, transport cannabis (recommend reading the code in its entirety). You may cultivate no more than six living cannabis plants inside a private residence, regardless of how many people reside at the residence, or inside a fully enclosed and secure accessory structure to a private residence located upon the grounds of that private residence (here again we recommend reading the code in its entirety).

We hope this was helpful and we welcome questions at the Police Department at (831) 648-3143.

CHP notes new laws addressing highway safety issues

New laws approved by the Legislature in 2017 address many aspects of highway safety, including cannabis consumption, seat belts on buses, and other issues. To support its mission of providing the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is highlighting several of these new laws.

Alcohol and marijuana in vehicles (SB 65, Hill): Smoking or ingesting cannabis while driving or riding in a vehicle is prohibited. This is consistent with current law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Administration of cannabis laws in California (SB 94, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review): This bill establishes a single system of administration for cannabis laws in California. Among its many provisions is an appropriation of $3 million for the CHP to train state and local law enforcement officers in drug recognition and impairment. SB 94 also prohibits the possession of an open container of cannabis or cannabis paraphernalia while driving or riding in a vehicle is prohibited. This is consistent with current law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Distribution of personal information related to juveniles, victims of domestic violence and/or victims of sexual assault is unlawful. If such information is included in this report do not disclose or publish. Return this report to the records section of the agency listed above.
Long-gone P.G. Restaurants Live on in Memories

Guest Columnist: Alice Englebard

There’s an intimate connection between traveling and food memories. We were traveling to see the world, but we also learned about a wide variety of foods.

So it’s no surprise that thinking about our history in Pacific Grove includes food memories. When we had a vacation cottage here, we rarely cooked at home, preferring to explore local restaurants. Every morning we would take a walk long and stop for breakfast at a local café. Most evenings we would be strolling into town to dine at a favorite restaurant or try a new one.

Bill has an incredible memory for things like this, so when I mentioned that maybe a story about “restaurants past” would be fun, he immediately came up with a long list of places that we used to visit, most of which are now gone. Before we head down memory lane, it’s only fair to point out that there are some restaurants that are still open, like Toasties, Fandango, The Grill at Lover’s Point, Fifi’s Bistro Café, Goodies Deli and First Watch (now renamed First Awakening). Kudos to them!

Here’s a list of restaurants we remember fondly, in no particular order. Others come to mind that we didn’t try or didn’t go back to. Isn’t it amazing that such a little town could have so many wonderful eateries?

Anyone Up for Wild Boar? Old Europe — A European experience in downtown Pacific Grove. Wonderful deep fried mushroom appetizer and a great implementation of proofed white bread. We took a lot of guests to this restaurant. They had a wild boar stew on the menu, which seemed very exotic to us back then. One of our guests ordered it and I was almost horrified, hoping she knew what she was ordering. It turned out to be delicious!

The Monarch Café — Just down “the row” (Ricketts Row) from our cottage, this was THE place for eggs benedict. We still remember the hollandaise and continue to compare all versions to the one they made here.

Taste Café (original ownership) — We often had lunch here. Paulo & Silva were the owners/chefs and Laura (Silvia’s sister) and Chris were servers and overall helpers. It was a family run, friendly place with fantastic food. When we first moved here full-time we took the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s volunteer training program, which met Tuesday evenings for about two months. We had dinner after each class at Taste and started feeling like it was home.

Edelweiss — Another place with European flair, upstairs in the building on Light House Avenue where State Farm is now.

Life in Pacific Grove, Part II, is Coming!

Alice’s memories of P.G. restaurants from long ago is one of hundreds of stories in Life in Pacific Grove, the book of P.G. stories released by Park Place Publications this past October. A second volume is in the works! So, here’s another chance for you to have your story included. For details, go to lifeinpacificgrove.com and click “2nd Edition” for story ideas and instructions on how to submit.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:
Pic 1 – For decades, the Scotch Bakery was a fixture on Lighthouse Avenue, and even was mentioned in John Steinbeck’s Cannery Row. “Mrs. Trolol came out of the Scotch bakery with a bag of sweet buns.”
Pic 2 – Today’s generation will have fond memories of the White Hart as an elegant tea room, but long-time residents were nostalgic for the 1970s, when it housed Maison Bergeurac.

Asilomar Conference Grounds is a hidden gem in Pacific Grove. But even more hidden is Phoebe’s Café in the Phoebe A. Hearst Social Hall, the gorgeous building that serves as the hotel lobby and a big fireplace that always has a fire burning. It also houses the gift shop filled with locally inspired treasures, a grand piano, board games, and two pool tables for public use.

I love walking to Asilomar in the morning on a crisp day and enjoying a coffee from Phoebe’s in front of the fireplace. Or reading a book in one of the big Shaker chairs and watching people play games or assemble puzzles.

The other night the sky was all sorts of colors, speckled and sprayed with clouds, so lovely that I diversioned my commute home to Asilomar. I phoned an adventure buddy who grabbed us on the way from Monterey to Asilomar and we took advantage of our local hidden gem.

The fire was crackling in the fireplace inside but dark begged attention. We ordered gin and tonics at Phoebe’s, Cubana panini, and Italian sausage tortellini then sat outside facing West and watched the sky change from blue to gray to pink and enjoyed our treats. The panini was perfectly toasted and the mustard and pickle combination were a great match with the pork and melted cheese. The tortellini was recommended by the barista/bartender/cook who said it was his favorite and did not disappoint! Large chunks of sausage, tomato, and goat cheese well blended with a delicious sauce that makes the mouth sing! As the typical peninsula chill set in, we moved inside to that inviting fireplace, it feels like you’re sitting in a huge living room. Whether you’re looking for a sunset wine and snack or a warm cup of something watching the fireplace, Asilomar promises to provide not only good food, but an inviting ambiance.

Asilomar was originally a YWCA Leadership Camp built in 1913 and is a presently a state park sitting on 107 acres of state beach and conference grounds. The buildings themselves were designed by Julia Morgan between 1913 and 1928; Morgan is the architect best known for her work on Hearst Castle just down the coast. Asilomar provides a local respite from the stress of the workday and/or family, although you may find yourself rubbing shoulders with people attending a specialty conference but that shouldn’t deter you. Go visit and enjoy!! Happy New Year!!

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DICK CRISO
“SHIMMERING SEA”

Opening Reception Saturday, Jan. 20
4PM - 7PM

Wildlife Spotlight
By Don Bohman

Chrysaora fuscescens

The Pacific Sea Nettle is an abundant “true jelly” found in waters around Monterey. Its mouth-arms and tentacles usually grow up to 15 feet, while its bell can grow up to 18 inches in diameter. A Sea Nettle propels itself by compressing its bell to force out a small jet of water, though it usually just drifts with the current, catching small crustaceans and fish in its tentacles.
Legal Clarity
Kyle A. Krasa, Esq.
Planning for Each Generation

Legal terms can be confusing. Often, terms can sound similar to a non-attorney but have very different meanings. Below are some of the most common legal terms related to Estate Planning that sound similar but have important distinctions.

Will v. Trust
Both a Will and a Trust are documents that are used to direct the disposition of your assets upon your death.

With a Will, you leave your assets titled to your name while you are living. Your Will nominates an Executor who will have the responsibility for distributing your assets in accordance with the terms of your Will upon your death. However, once you pass away, your Executor will generally have no power over your assets until your Will is submitted to Probate and the Court formally appoints the person you nominated as Executor of your Will. Once the Court issues “Letters” to your Executor, your Executor will have the authority to settle and distribute your estate, but always under the supervision of the Court which generally causes delays and expenses that can often be avoided by using a Trust. Furthermore, your Will only handles death and does not deal with your incapacity.

With a Trust, you generally re-title your assets to the Trustee of your Trust. You typically will serve as the initial Trustee, thereby maintaining complete control over your assets. However, your Trust will also name a Successor Trustee who will have the immediate authority to manage your assets in the event of either your incapacity or your death. Because your assets are already titled to your Trust, there is no need for any Court involvement in order to give your Successor Trustee authority over your estate in the event of either incapacity or death. As a result, the administration and settlement of your estate is much faster and much less expensive through a Trust than through a Will.

In addition to addressing issues of incapacity, there are other functions that a Trust can perform that are not possible with a Will. A Trust can provide for the management of an inheritance for young or irresponsible beneficiaries, can protect a beneficiary’s eligibility for certain public benefits like SSI or Medi-Cal, can address certain tax planning, and can even provide a degree of divorce protection and asset protection for beneficiaries.

Codicil v. Amendment
Estate Planning is rarely set in stone until you die. A Codicil is a subsequent modification to your Will after it was originally created whereas an Amendment is a subsequent modification to your Trust after it was originally created.

Testamentary Trust v. Living Trust
Because a Trust can perform many more functions than a Will, sometimes a Will-based Estate Plan will create a Trust upon the death of the Will-Maker. A Trust that is created by a Will is known as a Testamentary Trust. Unfortunately, the Testamentary Trust will not be established until after the Executor goes through the expense and delay of Probate.

To avoid Probate, Living Trusts became popular. The basic concept of a Living Trust is to create the Trust now, while you are living, first for your own benefit and then upon your death for the benefit of your chosen beneficiaries. In this manner, your family is able to avoid the expense and delay of Probate as well as plan for incapacity in an efficient and comprehensive manner.

Living Trust v. Living Will
As discussed above, a Living Trust is a Trust that you create while you are living as a better and more efficient alternative to a Will.

A Living Will is a separate, unrelated document. A Living Will provides instructions on how decisions should be made regarding your care during your incapacity. With a Living Will, you are able to express your preferences with regard to life support, the treatment and management of pain, certain health care options such as surgeries, medication, and other treatments, and whether and to what extent you prefer to stay in your home rather than be admitted to a care facility.

A Living Will is often part of your Advance Health Care Directive.

Health Care Power of Attorney v. General Durable Power of Attorney
A Health Care Power of Attorney appoints a Health Care Agent who will have the authority to make health care decisions for you in the event of your incapacity. A Health Care Power of Attorney is often part of an Advance Health Care Directive. The other part of our Advance Health Care Directive – your Living Will – provides instructions to your Health Care Agent about how to make medical decisions on your behalf.

A General Durable Power of Attorney is a document that appoints a person who will have the authority to manage your financial decisions in the event of your incapacity. Financial decisions include the management of assets as well as the ability to sign your personal tax return, get your mail, and deal with agencies such as Medi-Cal and Social Security.

Pour-Over Will
With an Estate Plan based on a Living Trust, your Trust replaces your Will for any assets that are titled to your Trust. However, if you forget to transfer assets into your Trust while you are living, a Pour-Over Will names your Living Trust as its beneficiary.

Ethical Will
An Ethical Will attempts to convey your “life story” to the next generation. Often Estate Planning focuses on material assets. However, the greatest asset you can leave your loved ones is your legacy. An Ethical Will is a document that explains who you are, what your values are, and what you’d like the next generation to learn from you.

To protect patients, visitors, and staff, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula is implementing new restrictions on visitors during the flu season.

Beginning Jan. 3, 2018, all visitors to Community Hospital must be 16 years of age or older. Previously, there was no age limit. In addition, people with cold or flu symptoms will not be allowed to visit. This restriction is placed on occasion when public health conditions warrant extra precautions for our patients.

“We know that visits from loved ones are an important part of the healing process,” says Steven Packer, MD, president and chief executive officer. “But due to the severity of this flu season, we believe these precautions are in the best interest of our patients, staff, volunteers, and visitors to our inpatient facilities. We hope the community understands and helps us achieve this extra level of safety.”

The age restriction is being put in place because the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that younger people are less likely to follow respiratory hygiene practices such as covering a cough, cleaning hands frequently, and wearing masks appropriately. People can be infectious even before symptoms appear, so Community Hospital is taking this extra precaution to protect patients, visitors, and staff.

“Hospitals around the country are implementing similar restrictions as we all work to control the spread of flu,” Packer says. “Like other hospitals, Community Hospital is experiencing an increase in patients with the flu or flu-like symptoms, so we feel it is important to take these steps.”

The visitor limitations will be evaluated throughout the flu season and eliminated when they are no longer considered necessary. Exceptions will be made in special circumstances, such as when a visit is deemed critical because of the patient’s condition. Families who anticipate such a situation are asked to call the hospital and speak with the administrative supervisor or the Infection Prevention office before visiting.

In general, Community Hospital asks that people who are ill do not visit patients and offers these guidelines to stay well or get well during the flu season:

**Prevention: Your key to staying healthy**
- Get vaccinated with both types of flu shots (pandemic and seasonal flu).
- Keep your hands clean and wash with hand sanitizer or soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs can spread this way.
- Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with people who have flu-like illness.

**The symptoms of seasonal flu and include the following:**
- Fever (temperature of 100 degrees F. or above)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Headache
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea may also occur

**If you are ill:**
- Stay home, drink plenty of liquids, and rest.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Cough into your elbow rather than covering your mouth with your hands or use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Clean your hands.
- Keep away from others as much as possible.
A drive, spin or walk past the broad white curve of Asilomar State Beach has been a near-daily custom, New Year’s Days included. Ideally, I like to welcome each January First in the waves as well, but the flu forestalled that this time.

Although beached, I was happy to see a dozen wave riders enjoying the small but shapely surf the Pacific Fed-Exed in Monday. Light winds and a gentle swell put this January 1st near the tranquil axis of the Asilomar surf continuum, so it was a good day for long boards, boogies and beginners.

Asilomar has started other years with thundering “steamer lane” combers, quarter mile-wide closeouts and no one sane in the water. That’s the continuum’s more elemental axis. The surf’s relentless, deafening roar mutes the wind, and the bay yellows with frothy, dirt-stained mattresses of foam.

In winter, Asilomar’s mood varies wildly from week to week, or even hour to hour. One morning might find toddlers and sheepdogs chasing sandpipers through limpid, ankle-deep shallows. The next morning, raging walls of whitewater surge ashore, threatening to drag the unwary to Davey Jones’ Locker. Asilomar keeps us all guessing.

Watching from my truck on Monday, I remembered first seeing the beach 33 years ago. I had moved to “the Mainland” from Maui, bought a VW camper, and was prospecting for a place to live. Having given Marin and Sonoma counties a look-see, I drove southward one spring to check out the Central Coast.

At some point the trek took me along Cannery Row, then in the middling stages of its renaissance. Chugging along the shore road, I noticed a surf shop in what would later become the row’s t-shirt and salt water taffy district. “There must be surf somewhere,” I thought, and kept driving.

At length the road made a sweeping curve and revealed a long white sand crescent backed by sloping dunes. Parking the van on the roadside, I watched surfers taking off on clean, shoulder-high waves. The sun was warm, the wind light, and the water a shimmering, almost iridescent turquoise. Dazzled, I changed into my long-dormant swim trunks, found my old green Churchill fins, and ran down the beach anticipating an hour or two of ecstasy.

I lasted about 15 minutes, just long enough to reach the takeoff zone and churn back in. Staggering ashore, I realized my skin was red, my hands were numb, and my head felt like a driven railway spike. Clearly, something about this experience was eluding me.

Pulling the van back onto the road, I cranked the heater up to thermonuclear and U-turned back toward Cannery Row. Happily, the surf shop I had registered earlier was still open, so I went in and bought my first wetsuit. I wish now I had taken a photo of that place.

A few minutes later, smelling powerfully of new black neoprene and rubber, I tried Asilomar again. Amazed to discover that the suit actually did what was promised, I floundered around in the break for an hour and even managed to body surf a few waves. The resident board crew seemed amused but not overly territorial; a good omen.

As it happened, my trajectory took me south as far as San Luis Obispo, then back up the coast to Santa Cruz, where I decided to find long-term parking and, eventually, gainful employment. I lived there until 1987, and that Cannery Row wetsuit warmed me through many immersions. Struggling into it was like tugging the casing onto a sausage, but each time I donned the suit, I felt more Californian.

Returning to Maui, I spent the next three years wetsuit-free but kept the old suit in my closet. When I moved back to California in 1990 to help my brother build a house in Mill Valley, the wetsuit came with me. In its buoyant neoprene embrace, I could brave the icy gray waters of Stinson and Muir beaches and ride the long cold combers off San Francisco’s Ocean Beach. I didn’t get back out to Asilomar until January of 2011. By then a second Santa Cruz residency and another on Maui had come and gone, and so had the Cannery Row wetsuit. Its exterior cracked and peeling, its “ever-seal” seam tape unspooling like Christmas ribbon, it flopped off at last toward the secret elephant graveyard of wetsuits. It had made me a part-time Californian for 20 years, so I was sad to see it go.

Luckily, the wetsuit industry had upped its game by the time I returned to this, more frigid, Pacific shore. My “new” wetsuit has now seen me through seven years of Asilomar surf in all weathers and seasons. And bless them, the PG locals are still amused and not overly territorial.

If you're interested in the wetsuit required here, you may visit our website for more details or call us at 831-625-8309.
Chapman, an officer at Audubon, proposed holding an annual “bird census” for the purpose of tracking the changes in population size and distribution of American birds. Chapman’s proposition was a conservationist’s answer of the traditional “side hunts” competitions held by hunters of the time in which they sought to shoot as many birds as possible.

In the early 1900s there were a number of species threatened with extinction due to over-hunting. Only 27 people participated in the first bird count that covered 25 locations between Toronto, Canada, and Pacific Grove. Today, there are thousands of participants in just about every area of North America.

Data has been useful
The data collected nationwide during the Christmas bird count is organized by the National Audubon Society and made available to conservation biologists, researchers, and wildlife organizations. Used in conjunction with data from other surveys done during other seasons, researchers are able to follow the changes in the size and range of the bird populations across the continent.

Audubon’s 2014 Climate Change Report, which studied the ways that climate change could affect the populations of 588 species of birds in North America, is one example of the ways in which data from these bird counts are used. The report predicts that more than half the species studied will be threatened, with 314 species facing at least a 50 percent reduction in the size of their range. A review of data in the 2007 Audubon’s Common Birds in Decline Report has already shown that the populations of many of the commonly recognized species have been significantly reduced over the last four decades.

https://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L374642?yr=all&m=&rank=mrec

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On Saturday, December 23, we drove my trusty 16-year-old Cadillac (named Ruby by Virginia Stone in 2004), to Southern California, to spend Christ- mas with Ellen and her wonderful family in Van Nuys. Last year we were pretty much alone. While we enjoy each other, it is great being with family. John had some concern about the traffic but except for the dreaded Grape Vine we cruised through a few drops of rain. We stopped for lunch at a very nice café outside of Paso Robles, Margie’s Dinner, also one in San Luis Obispo. If you happen to be down that way and want a lot of food I highly recommend it. John said it was the largest cheeseburger he’s ever had, and the mounds of onion rings others ordered, and John’s fries would have satisfied any hungry male. My eggs and French toast were pretty good also. We connected to Hwy. 46 and then to Hwy 5. Oh, the memories that rushed in.

For many years I took a bus arranged by Shirley Jones and traveled to Los Ange- les. We visited museums and other exhibits, once the Van Gogh. Most of us opted to revisit the Greene and Greene Gamble House and Norton Simon. Often a stop at one or the other Getty Museum. My partner was generally Virginia Stone or Ann Simpson. Lydia Clokey and Esther Goodhue were part of the group. There was a stop on the way down at the Huntington Museum and library, and, in the spring we marveled at the blankets of wild flowers covering the land. Those were wonderful days. Shirley took us on many other junkets and I am so happy that I was able to participate. Once we went to Fresno to see the Victoria and Albert exhibit ... the only showing in California. Time went on, Shirley could no longer lead us and after a final series of lunches at her home in Pebble Beach we all parted. I recall a story about the Gamble House, apparently at one point it was for sale, in fact near the closing stage, when the purchasers walked around and discussed the changes they would make, such as painting the gorgeous wood white. The deal ended immediately. Anyone familiar with the remarkable work of Charles and Henry Greene would understand that desecra- tion of their work would be unforgivable. I happen to prefer their achievements to those of Frank Lloyd Wright. Our Friends, Betty and Did Greene lived in a G&G house which still stands on Lincoln in Carmel and there is one behind us on Ave Maria, here in Monterey.

To continue the saga of our “vacation.” When we drove by Buttonwillow Management Stop it evoked very sad thoughts. John’s best friend, Jack Bussing, and his wife were driving to Palm Desert and stopped. Jack was rearranging a box in the trunk of the car, he tripped over a concrete marker, fell, punctured his spleen and died. We have not stopped there since that occurred.

Along the route there is little to see, a lone oil well, sticking up from the ground like a robot style bird, at certain corners, miles apart there are fast food restaurants and James Dean greets us at Blackwell’s Corner. Across the road is Jack Ranch Café. Then it is many miles of nothing and not good radio reception. However, I popped in a CD of Abba, as we had seen “Mamma Mia” at PRT and were hooked again. We arrived in Van Nuys in the middle of the afternoon. There was a most enthusi- astic greeting from Mac the dog (brother to our darling Lilah who left us two and a half years ago), who let us know that he was happy to see us. It couldn’t have been a nicer visit. We really did little. Our hosts made sure we were happy and comfort able and our activities spent time playing backgammon, on a board Ellen had purchased when she came up to help with the Estate Sale at the Dewar house. We had Christmas Eve dinner with Cassandra and Danny Campbell who live down the street from the Patricks. Both Cass and Danny are acclaimed readers for audio books, have received many accolades and awards, Danny also directs, and they gave us several books of their as Christmas gifts. Cassandra had come with Ellen and helped with the Estate Sale, both girls were good customers.) Their son, Malcom, Will’s best friend, is 14 and an aspiring actor, Olivia is at Berkeley and a beautiful girl. What a treat it was to spend time with such wonderful people and teen agers who were happy to be with us. In fact, our boys turned down some invitations to stay at home. Will is 14, is into climbing, running, acting, music and is a clothes horse. Joe is 17, an intern for a councilman in Los Angeles and is looking forward to college, both are outstanding students and great fun to be around. Our final evening was spent at a funky little sports bar restaurant, next door to Annie and Toby. Our friend (Annie’s devoted admirer, Michael Kirch stayed with them). Now we are home ... it will be a quiet week- end. Tonight we will probably watch foot- ball and again tomorrow ... Gone are the days when we were at Don and Lydia Cre- ley’s determined to make it until midnight. Our next Estate Sale (to benefit Pacific Repertory Theatre) Act two at Dew- ar’s house in Pebble Beach, 4038 Mora Lane, will be January 13, 14 and 15. Mark your calendars, we have many new and exciting items. Also, we are still looking for a store. If anyone knows of a place for a shop that will be most elegant, please let us know ... we can be on the outskirts of PG (down town is maxed out when it comes to Benefit Shops): New Monterey or Monterey down town. We are all raring to go, all the volunteers you loved are waiting to see you, and Frank will do the windows.

In the mean time Have a great New Year and I hope your year ahead will be wonderful Jane Roland - 649-065 get770@jool.com

Right: Mac, Will, Joe
Below: Joe, dressed for work. He is 6’5”
Below right: James Dean cutout

Poetry In The Grove
Reads and discusses the poetry of
Dylan Thomas
January 6, 2018, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
At the Little house in Jewel Park,
578 Central Ave, Pacific Grove

“So many people react physically to the magic of poetry, to the moments, that is, of authentic revelation, of the communication, the sharing, at its highest level...a good poem is a contribution to reality. The world is never the same once a good poem has been added to it.” Dylan Thomas

Poetry In The Grove meets on the first Saturday of each month to read favorite poets and poems and discover new ones. Everyone is invited to read and discuss the featured poet in this informal discussion circle.

Sponsored by the Pacific Grove Poetry Collective and the Pacific Grove Public Library. This event is offered at no cost, donations for the PG Public Library gratefully accepted. www.facebook.com/PacificGrovePoetryCollective

BIRD COUNT

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Nana again...

Jane Roland

Animal Tales
Other Random Thoughts
As you know, Congress recently passed and the President signed into law, a tax reform bill that considerably changed the tax structure of the United States and I would be remiss if I did not address it in my humble column. As a disclaimer, I am not an accountant, nor have I portrayed one on TV, so please ask your accountant any detailed questions.

The corporate tax rate went from 35% to 21%. There are still seven rates for individuals, but they have changed from 10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, and 39.6%, to 10%, 12%, 22%, 24%, 32%, 35% and 37% starting in 2018. Your individual tax rate is determined by how you file your taxes and your income. The standard deduction for individuals rises from $6,350 to $12,000 and for married couples it raises from $12,700 to $24,000. The effect of the tax reform law on State and Local Income Taxes (SALT) and the mortgage interest and home equity debt reduction is of importance to the real estate market.

The tax reform law just signed limits SALT to $10,000 and this includes state and local property taxes as well as state and local income taxes. This provision of the law obviously has the greatest affect on high income tax states, such as California, and areas where home prices are high, such as certain areas of California. The mortgage interest and home equity debt deduction reduces the amount of debt that qualifies to $750,000 when it was previously $1 million. Mortgage debt incurred before December 15, 2017 is not affected by this change and it does appear that this portion of the law is scheduled to sunset in 2025 when the $1 million limit will be reinstated. This applies to a primary residence and/or a second "vacation" home.

I have fielded many questions from family, friends, and clients regarding how the changes will affect the local real estate market. Trying to come up with an absolute answer right now is very difficult because it will take some time to see the effect of this law on the economy as-a-whole, and on our own local market. On one hand the law may slow the local real estate market due to the changes to the SALT and mortgage interest deductions. However, other changes, especially the corporate rate reduction and the pass-through business deduction may put more money in the pockets of those looking to buy over here on our beautiful peninsula.

If the tax reform of 2017 really does boost the economy and we see growth at 6% then there will be plenty of money out there that will be invested in real estate. Remember that no matter what the tax laws do, it will still be 108 degrees in the Central Valley in the summer and the traffic will still be horrible in the Bay Area. It will remain beautiful here with great weather and a limited supply of homes.
What does God say about His plan for us?

Bill Cohen

Reasoning With God

A New year, a new plan, a new beginning, or is it? Are we supposed to change our plan every year? Or, does God already have a plan for each of us? Would it be better to find out what God’s plan is for us and work each year on the process of transforming our lives in accordance with God’s plan?

Jer 1:5, “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”

Sounds like God created a plan for our lives, before He even created us! We will only choose to follow Him if we hear His voice calling us, Is 10:27, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” And, we will not hear His voice if we do not believe He exists, Heb 11:6, “But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” It begins with our belief.

He has planned something good for us, Jer 29:11, “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” He gives us His grace and calls us to help Him complete His plan, 2 Tim 1:9, “Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before time.”

This plan of God is written in the Bible and the Bible is God’s word, Ps 37:5, “Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”

When we commit to following His Plan, He guides us to its completion, Prov 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

He will always lead us to the best path, Is 48:17, “Thus saith the Lord thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go.”

He will direct us to the light, Ps 82:12, “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: that he followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” He has been telling us this for thousands of years, Ps 119:108, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” When we learn to listen to His still small voice, He guides our way, Is 30:21, “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

Prov 14:12, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” When we think our way is better than God’s plan for our lives we go astray, as all of us have at some point in our lives, Is 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Many of us have separated ourselves from God, His plan for us, and the sacrifice He made for us. But, God calls us to seek Him and His righteousness, Matt 6:33, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

He knows we will be transformed when we put Him first, this is the very essence of love, Rom 12:2, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” We have a choice, we could be reconciled to this world, or God. 2 Cor 5:20, “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.”

Prov 4:10, “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good seed is the manifold grace of God.” Each of us has been given a gift we are to use to help complete God’s plan, when we wait on the Lord’s timing and keep His way, we will see the good ending He has planned for us, Ps 37:34, “Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.”

Phil 4:7, “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” God’s peace is our reward for choosing to follow God’s plan for our lives.

Comments, opposing opinions and suggestions for future topics are all welcome at bill@reasoningwithgod.com.

Class required by State of California

Offered free in Moss Landing to boaters

On Saturday, January 29, 8:30 to 12:30 at the Elkhorn Yacht Club, Hwy. 1, Moss Landing the u.s. sail and power squadron of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer the class for the boating card which will be required next year by boaters aged 20 and younger. Next year, 2019, 25 yrs. and under will be required to have the card and in 2020, 30 yrs. and younger will be required to have it.

This class offers a free textbook and free starter class with a ship's captain and professional boating instructors conducting the free class. Self-study at your own speed, with free complete curriculum, or with self-study at your own speed, with self study at your own speed.

The class is offered at the Elkhorn Yacht Club, last building on the left travelling just beyond the smoke stacks. Refreshments offered free as well.

Questions? Call Capt. Wayne Kelly 831-724-3857 or email: waynekkelly@alad- dins.com.

PGPD POA Sponsors New Years Breakfast for the Homeless and Hungry with Al Seikert

Pacific Grove Police POA once again sponsored the New Year's morning breakfast that Al & Friends put on at Windows by the Bay. Al Seikert thanks you, officers, and dozens of homeless and hungry thank you, too.

Pacific Grove Police Detective Ami Lonsinger and her family even helped serve the breakfast. Below are pictured Al, Sgt. Jeff Peterson, and Det. Lonsinger at the time the POA made a donation to the Christmas Shoe Tree project.

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Mayflower Church: Originally built in 1911

Gary Baley

Sanctuary of the Soul

History: Mayflower Congregational Church was organized on November 29, 1891 with a membership of 40. In 1893 its first building was constructed. In 1909, the church obtained the first pipe organ on the Monterey Peninsula—a donation from Andrew Carnegie. Just a few months later, a fire destroyed the building and the new organ. The present structure was built in 1911 with a brick exterior from a Seaside brickworks. A few years later a new pipe organ was installed.

From the ‘40s through the ‘60s church membership held at about 350. The church withdrew from the Organization of Congregational Churches in 1953 and became a self-supporting, self-governing, non-denominational church, known as Mayflower Church of Pacific Grove. A separate Sunday school building was constructed in 1970. In 1989, the church body voted to become a part of the Presbyterian Church USA, and entered into the process of redevelopment assuming its present name. In 2015 the Church became affiliated with the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians or ECO, a more conservative Presbyterian movement. The church building is massive with three levels: basement, main floor, and upstairs, plus an auxiliary building for the kids program. Over 20 multipurpose rooms and a library are available for meetings, or meditation, each room bathed in a soft, warm luminescence from stainedglass windows.

Pastor: Tony Traback is a young, thin, outgoing dynamo of a man with a plan – replant Mayflower. Short black curly hair and beard to match, dressed in distressed jeans and a plaid shirt, he could be mistaken for a construction worker—a carpenter perhaps—not that he would object to that simulacrum. Married with two kids 6 and 4, he of a man with a plan—replant Mayflower. Short black curly hair and beard to match, dressed in distressed jeans and a plaid shirt, he could be mistaken for a construction worker—a carpenter perhaps—not that he would object to that simulacrum. Married with two kids 6 and 4, he moved his family here from Washington State just four months ago where he was pastor of a non-denominational church. Earlier, he ministered at The River Church in San Jose, and before that he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya. He attended Fuller Seminary to attain his doctorate. Two other church families from Washington and Nevada relocated to the Monterey Peninsula following Andrew Carnegie. Just a few months later, a fire destroyed the building and the new organ. The present structure was built in 1911 with a brick exterior from a Seaside brickworks. A few years later a new pipe organ was installed.

In the December 15 issue, CST erroneously reported that the original Mayflower church building was a Carnegie building, but Carnegie had only donated the church’s (and the Monterey Peninsula’s) first pipe organ. All the photos were mistakenly rendered in black and white. We feel that this historic church deserves better and are re-running their story.
To pee or not to pee? That is the question!

Wanda Sue Parrott

Homeless in Paradise

Continuing this column in 2018 raised questions: “If I decide to extend coverage of homelessness, should I change anything?”

Conscience cried, “Re-examine your covert action.”

“What covert action?”

“Masquerading as Peeper Parrott.”

“She’s social justice’s private eye.”

“Not just a nosy snoop?”

“I huffed, “A private eye goes undercover.”

“What?”

“2017 was depressing. I hope to help raise humanity back to...”

“To what?”

“As a start, understanding how multiples from south of the border survive adaptation to a strange new place where they’re not always welcome, the culture is foreign, and they don’t know the language...”

“Is foreign, and they don’t know the language...”

“Is exhausted.”

“Conducted last week and our case manager said, “Several interviews were conducted last week and our case manager...”

“Many applicants for Tia and...”

“Not just a nosy snoop?”

“They hold four or five people, or apartments that are even smaller.”

“Where as many as 25 people are reputed to live in a house?”

“Have you witnessed 25 people to...”

“Masquerading as Peeper Parrott.”

“Without the esoteric, the Great Spiritual Unknown, 2018 might be even worse than 2017 and I am not sure I—or others—could survive it.”

“Then, I realized I can’t quit. “Peeper Parrott is who I AM!”

“The quality of peeping now becomes the issue, for as the Unknown Philosopher said: “Small minds make small talk.”

“May we all do better than that. Happy New Year.”

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Poetry in the Grove to read Dylan Thomas Jan. 6

We will start the new year reading Dylan Thomas, the Welsh poet, whose powerful verse is relevant well past his 39 year life. His best loved poem, “Do Not Go Gentle into that Good Night” is included here.

Bring Dylan Thomas poetry to share and join the discussion circle, or just come to listen to poetry by the fireplace in the little house at Jewell Park on a winter afternoon.

We meet from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. on the first Saturday of each month to read and discuss poets familiar and new to us. There is no charge for this event.

The Overt Operations

Meanwhile, on New Year’s Day, Sunny Fawcett, homeless advocate, saw me at a movie and divviled news of an elderly homeless woman’s death in her wheelchair near Del Monte Center. I am investigating. Overly.

Only my family and close friends knew of my identity as Peeper Parrott until my argument with Conscience appeared here.

“How about just keeping up your overt operations and let go the covert side of life?”

“Covert ops are where the heart—the soul—is. The covert oases are where love keeps hope alive. The covert—the occult wellsprings of tears—is where life itself springs forth again and again and shares the pain of hurting humanity.”

“So?”

“Without the esoteric, the Great Spiritual Unknown, 2018 might be even worse than 2017 and I am not sure I—or others—could survive it.”

“The quality of peeping now becomes the issue, for as the Unknown Philosopher said: “Small minds make small talk.”

“May we all do better than that. Happy New Year.”

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Sandy celebrates 35 years

By Elaine Azevedo

Have you been out spotting gray whales (Eschrichtius robustus) as they head north? You don’t have to step far from the Museum to see our celebrity gray whale, affectionately known as Sandy. At January’s Science Saturday, migration is the theme, and true to tradition, Sandy will be honored as adoring fans climb on her and everyone sings “Happy 35th,” but what is the story behind her arrival in Pacific Grove? This seems like a good time to share a little history of Sandy before she arrived at our local natural history museum. First, I gathered some information. Then I contacted the artist Larry Foster and enjoyed informative and entertaining conversations with him and his wife, Mary, who are now retired in Fort Bragg.

James Mead, Curator of Marine Mammals at the Smithsonian Institution noted, “Larry Foster has turned whale illustration into a science. The depictions that he has done are the most anatomically accurate I have ever seen.”

Larry Foster was born in Sacramento, California, in 1934. He saw his first whale when he was in kindergarten and it left an impression. He set out on a voyage to research and show the world what a “real” whale looked like. Foster’s original art has been exhibited in museums, universities and natural history centers throughout the country. His work has appeared in National Geographic, Smithsonian, International Wildlife, Sierra Club Handbook and many other magazines and books.

During his career, Foster worked in a variety of media. His first whale was a stained-glass piece that still shines in an Oakland boutique. He was also a professor at California State University East Bay in Hayward. Pursuing his passion for whales, Larry spent years collecting photographs and making his own drawings from resources in university libraries and museum basements. He built relationships with scientists, who admired his observational and artistic skills, as well as his perseverence to ‘get it right’. He became friends with cetacean experts such as Ted Walker of Scripps and museum curators such as our museum’s Director Emeritus Vern Yadon. The artist-scientist collaboration was a pivotal point and thus, the non-profit “General Whale” was born.

After designing a whale’s tale sculpture, Larry began to think about a new, larger project. “Maybe I can do it bigger, even bigger — a whole whale!” In 1971, with no contract and no commissioned request, he went to work creating a life-size ferro cement, female gray whale sculpture — a 6,000-pound project fabricated in his spare time, all while he continued producing art and exhibiting at shows. Obviously, a 40-foot sculpture needed big space. A warehouse in East Oakland was rented as a studio and a team was assembled.

They were pleased with final result, especially since the “General Whale” leader had never seen ferro cement techniques applied. He just read about it in a book. It had been used for a boat, so why not a whale, he thought. Three years after conception Sandy was completed.

Look for Part II in Sandy’s story soon.
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