

Kiosk

Friday, October 29

6-9 PM
Art Opening
PG Art Center
and Art Walk Finale
Downtown Pacific Grove
No Fee

**Friday, October 29
& Saturday, October 30**

Fall Dance Concert
MPC Main Stage Theatre
General \$10
Students/Seniors \$7
Information: 831-646-4220

Sun., Oct. 31

11 am - 3 pm
Museum of Natural History
Halloween Science Sunday:
Bats and Spiders!
FREE!

Sunday, October 31

3:00 PM
A DRAMATIC LECTURE
Things that go Snap and Slurp
in the Night
Special guest: Laura Akard
Chautauqua Hall
Adults \$10 / Students 12-18 \$2
Under 12 years Free

Wed., Nov. 3

4:00 PM
Touring Folk Guitarist
Christopher Dean
Returns to Canterbury Woods
651 Sinex Ave.
Free Celtic Music program
RSVP 657-4193

Thurs., Nov. 4

10:00 AM
Medicare Update 2011
Presented by Bob Petty
from the Alliance on Aging
Canterbury Woods
651 Sinex Ave.
Free & Open to the Public
Call 373-3111 for info.

Nov. 4 - 21, 2010
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HOLLOW

MPC Storybook Theater
Call for times
Info: (831) 646-4213

Fri., Nov. 5

Until 8 PM
FIRST FRIDAY
Pacific Grove Merchants
Brown Bag Promotion
Free & Open to the Public

Sat. Nov. 6

9 AM - 3 PM
Winter Craft Fair
PG Middle School Gym
Benefits Robert H Down
School PTA

Sat. Nov. 6

2:00 PM
Pacific Grove Feast of Lanterns
Annual General Meeting
Chautauqua Hall,
Central and 17th

Tuesday, November 9

6:30 PM
Velvet Coat; the Ragged Luck of
Robert Louis Stevenson
Monterey Public Library
625 Pacific Street, Monterey
831-646-3949
•www.monterey.org/library
RSVP • Free

Wed., Nov. 10

2pm - 7pm
2010 Monterey Bay Green
Building Expo
831.633.WISE
or www.buildingwise.net

Sat., Nov. 13

5:30 pm-8:30 pm
10th Annual Fashion Show Party
at the Inn at Spanish Bay
Info: (831) 373-3304
\$30 per person

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Regional Water Project: Ruling is in

Two state officials have issued proposed decisions, viewed as very important steps on the road to completion of the Regional Water Project. The decision could modify the proposed Settlement Agreement among the parties and hopefully result in approval of the Regional Water Project. Both officials recommend approval of the desalination project agreement as the most feasible way to provide water for customers of California American Water, the utility most of the Monterey Peninsula; but there are some differences in how they suggest that project

go forward.

After a series of public meetings and input by Cal Am, Marina Coast Water District and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency -- the three "partners" to the project -- PUC Commissioner John Bohn and Administrative Law Judge Angela Minkin issued the rulings last week. Judge Minkin is the presiding officer in the proceeding while Bohn is a commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission.

Lowering cost caps and limiting cost recovery from customers in the event of cost

overruns are two of the proposed changes. In fact, Minkin suggests that Cal Am be prohibited from charging customers for cost overruns for the Cal Am-only facilities. She suggests a capital cost cap of \$95 million (which was the most probably estimated cost of construction) with an absolute cost cap of \$106.875 million. Costs over that absolute cost cap could not be charged back to ratepayers according to Minkin's proposal.

Bohn leaves that door open a bit by

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Perfect Cross Country weather

These few days of "weather for locals" are perfect for PGHS' Cross Country team -- not too hot, not too wet. Addison Miller, passing the second mile, races alongside Highway 68 during a recent cross country meet.

Photo by Skyler Lewis

Chief Mazza retiring: Is Miller next up?

Monterey Fire Chief San Mazza, who became Pacific Grove's fire chief when the two departments began a shared services agreement a little more than a year ago, has announced his retirement effective December 17, 2010.

Mazza, 59, has more than 32 years of fire service experience including service with the California Department of Forestry.

He has no concrete plans for his retirement, though he says he plans to stay in the area. He lives in Salinas with his wife and middle school-aged daughter. "I want to be helpful somewhere," he said. "I'm open to anything."

Mazza said he hopes to see a decision, even an interim one, on the JPA for fire



Chief Sam Mazza



Asst. Chief Andrew Miller

services for the Monterey Peninsula before he retires. He's willing to stay on as a consultant

to help it happen.

Suggested as a successor is former Pacific Grove Fire Department Chief Andrew Miller, now Assistant Chief of Monterey Fire Department.

Miller is 51. He has more than 30 years in the fire service, 25 with Pacific Grove and nearly two with Monterey, and brief stints with Cal Fire and Tri County Fire.

"Nothing has been decided," said Miller, who indicated he would like to take the position.

He lives in Pacific Grove with his wife and four children; Maryn, John, Eric and Zack.

"It's Fred's [Meurer] choice," said Mazza.

Meurer says he will make a public announcement soon.

Sandy Hamm

Cop log

“Special Coyote Report” From the PG Dog Gone Dogs

Keep a close eye (leash) on your furry companions

We have had a rash of reports and sightings of coyotes in and around the Grove in the last couple of weeks.

10/18/2010 In the area of Arena Ave. Public Works contacted the PGPD about a coyote sighting. When the officer arrived the Public Works folks were standing by for contact. The coyote was finally located in front of a home on Sunset Ave. The coyote is very mangy, missing hair and has crust around its ears and eyes. Please be advised that this animal and possibly more could have mange.

10/19/2010 an officer was in route to work and noticed a coyote in the roadway at Pine and Fountain. As the officer approached the animal he could see that it was crouched down gnawing at something on the road. As his headlights illuminated it the coyote looked up, but did not move. It continued to chew at whatever was embedded in the road. It knelt there for approximately two to three minutes. The animal was in extremely poor condition, very thin and malnourished with some sort of obvious skin disease. The coyote was disinclined to move out of the way until another vehicle drove up alongside the officer.

Only then did it trot down Fountain Ave. toward Laurel.

10/21/2010 A report came in of a coyote on Lighthouse Ave. near town. When officers arrived the reporting person stated that people were getting out of their cars trying to catch the coyote (OK folks, this is a wild animal not a puppy, just saying.) BTW no one caught it. That same day another coyote was spotted on Sunset Dr. near the Country Club Gate entrance at Pebble Beach.

10/23/2010 Coyote was spotted again this time going into Pebble Beach near the Congress Gate area.

OK, now as far as the rest of the canine family is concerned. . .

A man reported in the Hillcrest Ave. area that his neighbor threatened his dog. The neighbor stated that “Your dog wakes me up every morning, I want to kill your dog” (OMG, really dude?) The reporting man stated that he didn’t think his neighbor would really hurt his dog but he wanted to report it just in case.

Below: Two shots recently taken by PGPD of the coyote seen in Pacific Grove



Sandy Hamm

Cop log (But wait! there’s more!)

Rings Wallets and Things

Two cell phones lost, a digital camera lost, a wheel chair found (that’s unusual) , a watch (Rolex) lost, a hand bag lost, a wallet (Guys every week we get lost wallet reports. Maybe for some of you it’s time for a “Man Bag,” like we said before)

Another shout out to watch out for Craigslist Scams

A woman reported that an unknown person attempted to fraud her via Craigslist with a counterfeit check.

Legally stoned in PG

A report came in that the odor of marijuana was coming from a neighbors apt. Officer made contact with the resident of the suspected apartment and discovered that they were in possession of medical marijuana for an elder and suspect had recently smoked marijuana.

***Special Report From the Cop Log**

Just try and get away PGPD Getting the Job Done

As we all know lately here in the Grove there have been an unusually amount of car break-ins and a lot of personal items stolen as a result. Well, on Sunday October 24th at approximately 3:50 am a Pacific Grove Police Officer noticed a White Chevy Blazer moving erratically while traveling east bound on Lighthouse Ave. in the downtown area. The officer attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle and at first the vehicle did not yield to the officer’s red lights and siren. After several blocks the vehicle the vehicle abruptly stopped and three male occupants exited the vehicle and ran from the police (Yes, I said ran, can you believe it?) leaving the vehicle in the middle of the roadway. Now unoccupied it began to roll down the street heading for a steep embankment and nearby parked cars. In that moment the officer pulled the police car in front of the Blazer and blocked the vehicle, preventing damage to

other parked vehicles or traveling motorist near by.(Reflexes like lighting our Pagrovia officers have, indeed.) Upon inspection of the suspect’s vehicle police found a variety of personal property items typically taken in thefts from vehicle or vehicle burglaries. Folks, if you have been a victim of car burglaries you might want to read on. There were approximately 12 electronic map devices (i.e. “Tom Tom” “Garmin” and “Magellan”) and approximately 12 vehicle cell phone charging cords, several cameras, several cell phones and numerous miscellaneous items. One of the items appeared to be that of a earlier theft reported to police in the Grove. PGPD put out a description of the three suspects and began an area search with the help of the Monterey PD.

At approximately 4: 47 a.m. our PGPD found one of the suspects hiding between two parked cars (smart...) near the interception of Laurel and 1st Street. The suspect was identified as 18 year old Manuel Rodriquez-Hernandez of Seaside. He had been a passenger in the vehicle.

At approximately 6:27 a.m. Monterey PD detained a person who matched the suspect’s description. He was found walking on the Rec Trail near the 200 block of Hannon St.

PG Police arrived and confirmed it was the driver of the suspect vehicle who fled from the earlier vehicle stop in PG .That person was taken into custody and identified as 18 year old Francis Ruiz-Perez of Seaside.

As PG residents awoke on Sunday morning, many in the western part of PG (near the Methodist Church on Sunset, in the area of Washington Park, and the area around Municipal Ball Park at Pico and Seventeen Mile Dr.) found that items had been removed from their vehicles.

Many of the items found in the suspect vehicle belonged to those victims.

During the course of the day, the third suspect was identified as 19 year old Julio Cesar Rodriguez of Seaside. He was taken into custody at approximately 5:15pm in the

900 block of Hilby in Seaside. All suspects were booked into the Monterey County Jail on felony charges of possession of stolen property. The driver had an additional charge of flight from a peace officer with disregard for safety of person or property due to the reckless abandonment of the suspects’ vehicle.



Julio Cesar Rodriguez



Francis Ruiz-Perez



Manuel Rodriguez-Hernandez



It’s an honor to serve the citizens of Pacific Grove. I appreciate your support, and I’ll do my best to represent you well and be responsive to your concerns. Please visit my website:

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suggesting the company be allowed to charge customers for cost overruns if "exceptional circumstances" can be proven in a "rigorous reasonableness review."

Minkin proposed a \$275.5 million cost cap and Bohn proposed \$272.5 million. The current proposed cost is \$297.5 million. A cap could, historically, have a negative effect on financing. Marina Coast and MCWRA are considering Private Activity Bonds through the California Pollution Finance authority to find the construct debt, the interest accrued on the debt through the construction period, and the reserve funds that would be needed in order to sell the bonds. The Public agencies, too, are considering bonds as well as the potential use of grant funding.

Judge Minkin's proposed decision suggests that any fees charged by Marina Coast Water for new connections on the former Ft. Ord be used to reduce the debt of the Regional Water Project and thus reduce costs to Cal Am ratepayers. She "removed the idea" of a fees limit, while Bohn looks to set Marina Coast's contribution at \$25 million—\$22 million in new connection fees plus \$3 million for "intangible benefits" the utility would

What is the "Settlement Agreement?"
 The Settlement Agreement proposes a public-private partnership. Under the Agreement reached by the Settling Parties, Monterey County Water Resources Agency would "own, construct, operate and maintain the source water wells and raw water conveyance facilities to the desalination plant." The desalination plant would be owned, constructed, operated and maintained by Marina Coast Water which would also own water conveyance facilities to a delivery point, That delivery point becomes California American Water's intake point. Cal Am would then "own, construct, operate and maintain the pipeline, conveyance and pumping facilities necessary to deliver the water to its customers." That would include the transfer pipeline, the Seaside pipeline, the Monterey pipeline, the Valley Greens pump station, the Terminal Reservoirs and the Aquifer Storage and Recovery facilities. The Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Authority would "own, operate and maintain the outfall" for the returning waste brine to the ocean.

receive from participating. Minkin stated that, even with capital cost caps in place, the project will be costly for ratepayers. She said, "...we cannot agree that the proposed cost-per-acre-foot of \$2,200 is a viable amount that will allow this project to go forward. We are faced with a difficult choice, but we are persuaded that even the revenue requirement implied by the worst case scenario is likely preferable to the severe water rationing and restrictions that would be imposed by the Cease and Desist

Order." She said she could not ignore the duty to balance the need for additional water and the fiscal impact on ratepayers. She thus requires Cal Am to file and serve a financing plan for intensive review. "The approach we adopt today should balance the needs of the Settling Parties to have certainty with regard to cost recovery, allow the Settling Parties some flexibility in obtaining financing, and still protect Cal-Am's ratepayers," she said, adding that shareholders' needs must also be considered.

Along with the Settling Parties, which include Cal Am, Marina Coast Water District, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Monterey Water Regional Pollution Control Agency, Surfrider Foundation, the Public Trust Alliance and Citizens for Public Water, Minkin wants to see a "Municipal Advisor" added to the Advisory Committee. The Water Purchase Agreement defines the Municipal Advisor as "two representatives appointed from time to time by the Cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City and Seaside." Such a position would likely be held by Peninsula mayors.

"The mayors collectively took the stand that they would accept non-voting category on the Advisory Committee," said Pacific Grove Mayor Carmelita Garcia. "We agreed that we would not do anything that would delay the process," she added, saying that giving the Municipal Advisor full voting status it could jeopardize financing by allowing the Municipal Advisor to call for arbitration under section 6.6 of the Water Purchase Agreement.

Bohn does not feel full voting status is warranted for the "Municipal Advisor, even though Minkin said that having full Party status under the Water Purchase Agreement would guarantee that differing areas of technical and managerial expertise would give varying political perspectives.

The proposed decisions are not set in stone as yet. Only when the Public Utilities Commission acts will those decisions become binding; the PUC may choose to accept, amend, modify or even set the decisions aside and prepare its own. The Public Utilities Commission may act as soon as 30 days from the mailing date of the proposed decision, or it may elect to postpone action until later.

But time is of the essence in this issue: Settling Parties intend to analyze the final financing package at the end of 2010, and there's the Cease and Desist Order hanging over everyone's head as well, not to mention construction time.

Order WR 95-10
 In 1995, the State Water Resources Control Board issued Order WR 95-10 requiring Cal-Am to cease diverting "water to which it has no legal rights" from the Carmel River and to undertake additional Measures to reduce its allowed diversions. By December 31, 2016 Cal Am must terminate all such diversions.




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For A Community That Works Together

Cedar Street Times was established September 1, 2008 and was adjudicated a legal newspaper for Pacific Grove, Monterey County, California on July 16, 2010, and is published weekly at 311A Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Press deadline is Wednesday, noon. The paper is distributed on Friday and is available at various locations throughout the city as well as by e-mail subscription.

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Fri., Nov. 12 & Sat., Nov. 13
 9am-6pm
 Big Sur Marathon Health & Fitness EXPO
 FREE to the public.
 info@bsim.org
 or 831-625-6226

Sat., Nov. 13
 9am-3pm
 St. Mary's Episcopal Church
 Annual Holiday Bazaar Admission is FREE
 For more info call 373-4441

Sat., Nov. 13 deadline
 Operation Yellow Ribbon (Monterey) on Nov. 17th.
 Donations needed for Troops overseas!
 All donations are tax deductible.
 Info:831-625-5128

Sun., Nov. 14
 2:00pm
 Mayflower Presbyterian Church
 celebrating 100 years
 Free organ concert
 Info:831-373-4705

Sun., Nov. 14
 7am-11am
 Big Sur 1/2 Marathon
 along Monterey Bay
 Monterey and Pacific Grove
 info@bsim.org
 or 831-625-6226

Now - November 30
 "Dabbling"
 Quilts by Barbara Hamilton
 Back Porch Fabrics
 831-375-4453

Ongoing Mondays
 Farmer's Market
 4 - 7 PM
 Central & Grand, Pacific Grove
 Info: 831-384-6961

Ongoing Wednesdays
 Chautauqua Hall
 Samba to live drums 7 - 8 PM

Fridays
 Dance Jam
 Central & 16th Avenue Info:
 freeflowfun@hotmail.com
 \$10 Adults • \$5 Kids

Sat., Nov. 13
 5:30 - 8:30 PM
 PG Chamber Annual
 Holiday Fashion Show
 The Inn at Spanish Bay
 831 • 373-3304
 Tickets \$30 per person

Fri., Nov. 19
 7:30 p.m.
 Tempest and Black Irish Band
 At Performing Arts Center (Middle School auditorium)
 \$20 general, \$10 students
 Info: 831.241.2771

Now - Jan. 2, 2011
 10 AM - 5 PM • Tues-Sun
 Glow: Living Lights
 PG Museum of Natural History
 831•648-58

We are pleased to help non-profits and community groups publicize upcoming events. Space is limited and first-come, first-served, so please try to get the word to us a week before our press dates, which are Thursdays.

email us at
 editor@cedarstreettimes.com
 Fax us at
 831-324-4745

Please follow our Kiosk format and phone us if you have questions. Thanks!

Macrophotography, bird research classes at Monterey Regional Park District

A class in macrophotography at Palo Corona Regional Park and a research program in bird migration at Andrew Molera State Park and among the upcoming offerings of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (mprpd.org).

Details on these programs are below.

See the Let's Go Outdoors! fall/winter guide or go to mprpd.org for information about all The Park District's programs into early April.

Macrophotography at the Old Barn

The historic Palo Corona barn is the perfect "studio" environment to work with both natural and flash lighting. This workshop concentrates on utilizing various camera settings and apertures to alter the depth of field. Discover different types of lighting, from flash to reflectors to capture intimate and compelling images.

Ages 18 and up, Saturday, Oct. 30, 8 AM- 5 PM, Palo Corona Regional Park, entrance is on east side of Highway 1, approximately 200 yards south of Carmel River Bridge, which is just south of Rio Road, \$145 (district resident), \$160 (non-district resident). Plus \$10 instructional handout fee. Instructor: Doug Steakley.

Autumn Migration in Big Sur

Coastal California is renowned for its birding "hot spots" where southbound migrant songbirds stop to rest, drawn to biologically rich topography and vegetation. Join a research session at the Ventana Wildlife Society's Big Sur Ornithology Lab; learn how the "bird banders" ID, classify and release birds captured in "mist nets."

Ages: 13 and up, Saturday, Oct. 30, 9AM-2 PM, Big Sur Ornithology Lab, at Andrew Molera State Park, which is on west side of Highway 1, 20.8 miles south of Rio Road, \$20 (district resident), \$22 (non-district resident). Instructor: Bruce Elliott.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested for all classes and programs offered by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD). Register online at www.mprpd.org or in-person between 11 a.m. - 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. Contact is Joseph Narvaez, at 372-3196, ext. 3.

Feast of Lanterns sets annual general meeting and board elections

New board members sought

Pacific Grove Feast of Lanterns will hold the annual General Meeting on Nov. 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Chautauqua Hall, Central and 17th in Pacific Grove. Any member of the public who contributed to the Feast of Lanterns in the past fiscal year is considered to be a member and can vote for and/or become board members (but not for officers). If one volunteered for any event or activity of the Feast of Lanterns one is considered to be a member as well, and can vote for and/or become Board members. Board members must also be residents of or work or own businesses in Pacific Grove.

At the general membership meeting, individuals who seek a seat on the board may prepare a short statement of what they can contribute to the board and nominate themselves. The general membership will then vote on selections for the board. Board members will then vote for officers.

Board terms of office are for a maximum of three years. At present, there are five seats available for three-year terms and four seats open for unfulfilled seats for two-year terms and two available for one-year terms.

Talent is particularly sought in the areas of fund-raising, event planning, stage management, parliamentarianism and financials.

The Feast of Lanterns is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The Board meets monthly year round and participates in events year round, both as fund-raising events and ambassador events, as well as meeting more frequently in the months of June and July for the Feast of Lanterns, which takes place in July. The dates for the next Feast of Lanterns will be the week ending July 30, 2011.

For more information, call President Sue Renz at 831-649-8737.

Worship Directory Pacific Grove

Pacific Coast Church

522 Central Avenue, 831-372-1942

Peninsula Christian Center

520 Pine Avenue, 831-373-0431

First Baptist Church of Pacific Grove

246 Laurel Avenue, 831-373-0741

St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Central Avenue & 12th Street, 831-373-4441

Community Baptist Church

Monterey & Pine Avenues, 831-375-4311

Peninsula Baptist Church

1116 Funston Avenue, 831-647-1610

St. Angela Merici Catholic Church

146 8th Street, 831-655-4160

Christian Church Disciples of Christ of Pacific Grove

442 Central Avenue, 831-372-0363

First Church of God

1023 David Avenue, 831-372-5005

Jehovah's Witnesses of Pacific Grove

1100 Sunset Drive, 831-375-2138

Church of Christ

176 Central Avenue, 831-375-3741

Lighthouse Fellowship of Pacific Grove

804 Redwood Lane, 831-333-0636

Mayflower Presbyterian Church

141 14th Street, 831-373-4705

Central Presbyterian Church of Pacific Grove

325 Central Avenue, 831-375-7207

Seventh-Day Adventist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

375 Lighthouse Avenue, 831-372-7818

First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove

915 Sunset @ 17-Mile Dr., Pacific Grove - (831) 372-5875

Worship: Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.

Halloween Science Sunday:

BATS AND SPIDERS

DATE October 31, 2010

TIME 11 am - 3 pm

WHERE Pacific Grove Museum
of Natural History,
165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove

**Come to the Museum on Halloween for fun
with spiders and bats!**

**Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm
to hold a live tarantula, build a bat house,
view spiders under microscopes,
make bat and spider masks,
trick or treat for bat candy
and more.**

**See live bats from 12- 2pm
with Monique Smith from
the California Bat Conservation Fund**

Free.

Sweet Sixteen and not to be missed

Bookmark: A music haven looks forward

By Cameron Douglas

"I am a sheet music store," states Bookmark owner Marcia Stearns. Some might say that Bookmark is the sheet music store. This Pacific Grove establishment has garnered awards from the Alfred Music Publishing Company and the Retail Print Music Dealers Association, with accolades from other organizations. They are regular suppliers to area schools, and have gained a worldwide clientele.

Opening on October 1, 1994 Bookmark quickly established itself as the place to go for sheet music on the Monterey Peninsula. The 1,200 square-foot store is carefully organized by style, artist and genre. "If you play a musical instrument and want sheet music, this is the place," says Stearns. While her focus is on the music itself, there is also a selection of harmonicas, recorders and tin whistles — all with their own music books. Accessories include piano bench covers and piano lamps. Other items include colorful scarves, neckties, guitar strings, capos, coffee cups, knick-knacks and kids' instruction books.

In fact, an entire section is dedicated to supplying schools with materials for the music classroom. A Stevenson School teacher calls on the phone to request a rare piece of music for the Honor Orchestra audition. Stearns pulls it off the shelf.

So what's next? Stearns sums it up with one word: "Digital." The Internet and various online services have opened



up a new world for musicians and singers looking for music: especially music in different keys, that make popular songs

easier to sing within an individual's vocal range.

Amid the proliferation of online

music services, the Bookmark store has maintained its status as a world leader in its field, servicing clients in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Scotland and the UK. Besides taking orders over her website ("Our database changes, so it's still best to call"), Stearns has expanded her service into streamlined online searches for music. This way, a student looking for that certain piece of recital music can contact the helpful people at Bookmark, who will go directly to the appropriate sources, saving hours of search time. The Bookmark store offers its connections and expertise for this purpose. They can look for songs, verify its availability in print and download directly through publishers or importers. "We've had this service for years," says Stearns. The fee for this service is quite reasonable.

While on this topic, Stearns points out the shortfalls of online sheet music service as it is presented to general consumers. "It's impersonal. You can click on a box — but what if the box isn't there? Many vendors will take a whole category down if even only one item is out of stock."

"We're trying to maintain your right to good service," says Stearns. "Our agenda is to make sure customers get what they need."

The Bookmark sheet music store is located at 307 Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove. Open from 11-5 Mon-Sat., and 11-7 on Wednesdays. Call (831) 648-0508. www.bookmarkmusic.com

Pedestrian safety: MST offers free strobe lights while supplies last

The sun will set an hour earlier Sunday, November 7, when Daylight Savings Time ends. Sunset will occur at approximately 5 pm during peak traffic time. As darkness makes it more difficult for drivers to spot pedestrians, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) is encouraging both drivers and pedestrians to extra cautious this season.

On average in the U.S., a pedestrian is killed in a traffic crash every 120 minutes and injured in a traffic crash every eight minutes. Seventy percent of those fatalities happen at night. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) Wearing bright or reflective clothing is recommended when traveling during dark hours of the day.

Beginning Wednesday, October 27, MST will be giving away reflective strobe lights to aid pedestrians in being seen in the dark. The public is encouraged to visit an MST customer service location (listed below) to obtain a strobe light, limit one per customer, while supplies last.

MST Bus Stop Shop
150 Del Monte Avenue, Monterey
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:45 p.m.

Salinas Transit Center

110 Salinas Street, Salinas
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:45 p.m.

Marina Transit Exchange
280 Reservation Road, Marina

Monday-Friday
8-11:30 a.m. & 12:30-4:45 p.m.

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

8th Annual Spooktakular Halloween Dance Jam

Join us for the 8th annual SPOOKTAKULAR Halloween Dance Jam. Dress ghoulish, dress goofy and be prepared to boogie to Theo's tunes!

Costume Contest: take a stroll down the cat walk and have an opportunity to win best costume. The winner will receive a gift certificate for 5 free dance jams.

Bring a picture to honor the beloved deceased on the Day of the Dead altar and be sure to stay for the annual group photo!

Friday October 29

Chautauqua Hall, 16th and Central
8pm - 10pm followed by closing circle
Special Event :\$10 adults / \$5 youth / small kids free with adult



City of Pacific Grove
300 Forest Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES 2010 Annual Notice of Vacancies

The City of Pacific Grove is seeking applications for the following Boards, Commissions and Committees for vacancies that currently exist and/or terms that expire January 31, 2011. For a complete description of the purposes of each of the available Boards, Commissions, and Committees, please contact Lawrence Bangert, City Clerk, at 831-648-3181/3106, or visit the City's website at www.ci.pg.ca.us/boards:

Administrative Enforcement Hearing Officer Panel - (2 vacancies: all-citizens at large)
Architectural Review Board - (3 vacancies: 1-citizens at large, 1-design professional & 1-construction professional)
Golf Links Advisory Commission - (1 vacancy: non-golfer)
Historic Resources Committee - (3 vacancies: 2-design professionals & 1-construction professional)

Natural Resources Commission - (6 vacancies: all-citizens at large)
Planning Commission - (1 vacancy: citizen at large)
Recreation Board - (2 vacancies; all-citizens at large)
Traffic Safety Commission - (3 vacancies: all-citizens at large)

In addition: There are two vacancies on the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Advisory Committee, which will be appointed by the Mayor.

Applications for these vacancies will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 2010. Interested persons may pick up an application at the front desk in City Hall, 300 Forest Avenue or a copy may be downloaded from the City's website at: <http://www.ci.pg.ca.us/boards>. Further information may also be obtained by contacting Lawrence Bangert, City Clerk at (831) 648-3181/3106 or via email at lbangert@ci.pg.ca.us.

/s/Lawrence L. Bangert, City Clerk

Jon Guthrie

High Hats & Parasols

The News ... from 1910.

T. A. Work team runs away

The Work Company can now offer run-away deliveries to its customers. That's because the firm's four-in-hand team—used to deliver hay, wood, building supplies, etc.—ran away Saturday evening shortly before six o'clock.

The four horses bolted from the property of the E. B. Gross Transfer Company, where they had been left standing for a moment by Work employee E. B. Walker. The animals then slowed and trotted toward their own barn, which was but a short distance from the Gross Transfer barn, but spooked and began rushing down 16th Street past the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hearst, where the wagon destroyed a hitching post. Another hitching post was broken father down 16th Street in front of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Filcher.

When the horses reached the smooth, cement sidewalk in front of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Prussia's residence, one of the animals fell and was dragged along for several feet. That horse was injured by the long wrench-pin which passes through the tongue of the wagon to hold the whiffletrees in place. Three stitches were required to sew up the animal's injury. The horse is expected to recover fully. The wagon was not damaged. *

Tognazzini sued by partner

The Grovian partners, R. Tognazzini and C. W. Ferriui, are at odds.

Ferriui alleges that he and Tognazzini struck up a partnership intending to enter the beer-brewing and saloon business. The partners planned to open a brewery in Salinas and assorted, area saloons.

Ferriui now complains that he entered into the arrangement a year ago at a meeting held in the dining room of the Pacific Grove Hotel. Ferriui states that he gave Tognazzini a considerable sum of money to open the brewery and to establish saloons in every railroad town of the Salinas Valley. Tognazzini, however, according to Ferriui, used \$500 of that money for his own personal purposes. Ferriui also alleges that no progress had been made on either the brewery or the saloons.

Tognazzini then filed suit in superior court asking that the partnership be dissolved, the \$500 returned to the company account, and that all remaining funds then be divided equally. *

Freeholders squabble over school matters

The Board of Freeholders, who are now framing a charter, had a stormy session

last meeting as there was a great difference of opinion regarding control of schools.

A number of members desire that the control of the schools not be changed, which would mean leaving it in city hands. Another faction, however, is bent upon throwing the schools into the hands of trustees. These members issued assurance that members of this school board would be subject to recall for control purposes.

No action was taken, but the matter is to be again brought up at the next meeting. *

Dogs cause woman to break leg

Miss Josie Bardwell met with a peculiar accident near her home on the corner of 7th and Laurel Friday.

Two dogs, either playing or fighting, ran against Miss Bardwell and knocked the young woman to the ground. Upon attempting to rise, Bardwell found that she could not. She cried out for help.

Miss Bardwell's plea was heard by several women in the neighborhood, but Miss Bardwell refused to accept aid from the females, saying that the women would not be strong enough to lift her. Instead, Bardwell lay on the sidewalk for another 30 minutes before men came around willing to place her on a stretcher and carry her home. *

Summoned to tend Miss Bardwell, Dr. H. N. Yates found that her leg was broken just below the knee. He dressed her injuries and she is getting along as well as could be expected. Bardwell stated that she had previously had trouble with the limb, and it was not in perfect physical condition.

Freshmen welcomed

The juniors and seniors of Pacific Grove High School feted incoming freshman with a reception held at the T. A. Work auditorium Friday evening. The young people enjoyed a jolly good time throughout the evening. A very entertaining program was followed by an address presented by Prof. J. A. Meitz. Refreshments were served afterward in the banquet room.

Notes from around the area...

- It has been decided that all Pacific Grove's Sunday afternoon concerts should be held in the park across from the Museum of Natural History rather than at Lovers Point.
- From now on, the office of the Phillips Optical Company in the Robson block will be open for business every day except Sunday from 9 until 10 AM.
- The Pavilion Link is providing a temporary space for the meeting of the El Bethel Mission. The "Preaching and Praise" service is planned for Sunday afternoon at 3.
- The Boy Scouts of Pacific Grove took a hike of several miles along the Seventeen Mile Drive this weekend. The boys ended activities with a Frankfort roast in a shaded area near the reservation. *

The cost of living...

- The total indebtedness of the City of Pacific Grove now amounts to the sum of \$18,500.
- Kinser & Company are offering *Old Tyme Comfort* shoes. Try a pair and ease your aching feet. \$2.60.
- Creamy butter, none better, churned by F. J. Wyeth, the grocer. 22¢ a quart.
- Tennis rackets are waiting for you at the Fair in Pacific Grove. White ash frame. Gut string. \$2.70.

Notes

- 1 The term "four-in-hand" indicates that four horses can be controlled with one hand. A whiffletree is the pivoted swinging bar to which the traces of a harness are fastened and by which a vehicle or implement is drawn.
- 2 The partnership seemed arranged on the basis of a verbal agreement. Nothing written was presented to the court.
- 3 The "freeholders" were citizens who held property outright and had the right to lease, rent, or sell as the owner pleased.
- 4 During the era of "house calls" being carried home was preferred by most to being delivered to a hospital.
- 4 "Frankfort" was probably a typographical error. The editor probably meant "Frankfurt," a kind of sausage. "Frankfort" is the capital of Kentucky.



**ALAN
COHEN**
PG City Council

The residents of Pacific Grove are a caring and giving community. I believe we are all willing to participate in city activities in order to further improve our quality of life and environment.

Alan Cohen

I support:

- Restoring the Monarch Sanctuary
- A tree management program
- Bringing our youth center to full service
- Police Resource Officer back in our schools
- A funded Pacific Grove Library
- Pacific Grove's traditional events
- Encouragement and attraction of businesses to our community
- Revitalization of our commercial districts

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at Robert Down School
after Butterfly Bazaar

on October 2

Go to Pacific Grove Police Department
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Peeps

Citizens Academy graduates 2010



22 people who live or work in Pacific Grove graduated from the Pacific Grove Citizens' Police Academy on Oct. 21. (Back row, standing L-R) Levent Sener, Hsueh-Ying Wang, Allison Bauer, Mike Milliorn, Moe Ammar, Ed Lake, David Terry, George Shayne, Ken Cuneo. (Middle row, L-R) Ray Coopersmith, Michelle Neisess, Melanie Rogers, Janet Crowley, Robert Frost, Daniel Gould, Donna Gould, Alice Englander, Bill Englander, Jennifer Campbell. (Front row, L-R) Chief Darius Engles, Commander John Nyunt, Cameron Douglas, Mayor Carmelita Garcia, Officer Angelo Di-marco. Not pictured: Alan Cohen, Vickie Zufelt.

Individual, high-resolution photos are available for all Academy graduates.

Stevenson seniors honored by National Merit Scholarship Corp.

Eighteen talented seniors from the Stevenson School class of 2011 have been honored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their outstanding academic achievement as National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Scholars.

High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year. Of these, approximately 1 percent or 16,000 students nationwide are selected as semifinalists in the program, and about 2 percent or 34,000 students are identified as Commended Students recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Four Stevenson students were selected as National Merit Semifinalists including Matthew Bruckmann, Edward Lu, Claire Margolis, and Isaac Qiao.

Fourteen Stevenson students were named National Commended Scholars including William Aime, Madeleine Bairey, Andrew Clark, Cole Clark, Patrick Cudahy, Yicun Du, Jeffrey Goodman, Byron Greene, David Jaye, Uriel Kim, Ivy Parry, Janisha Patel, Tobin Paxton, and Cheng Yu Tung.

Michele Grogan, Head of the Pebble Beach Campus at Stevenson School, said, "This national recognition is well-deserved, and we congratulate these talented and hard-working students on their outstanding achievement. These honors recognize these students' dedication to setting high academic standards for themselves and their willingness to invest the personal effort it takes to achieve their goals."

Stevenson School is a PreK-12, independent, co-educational, college preparatory, day and boarding school. The school, founded in 1952, is located on two campuses in Pebble Beach and Carmel, California.

— Warren Anderson

Winter Craft Fair!

Saturday
November 6th 2010

9am - 3pm

Pacific Grove Middle School Gym
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Elementary School PTA



Safe Halloween treat bags to be given away free at PGPD

Pacific Grove Police Officers' Association and the Pacific Grove Police Management Association will distribute free reflective trick-or-treat bags to the first 500 children who come to the police station at 580 Pine Avenue through Halloween, Sun., Oct. 31. The bags are decorated with Halloween safety tips and are made of a reflective material for additional safety.

Chief Darius Engles said he is hoping the person who annually anonymously donates glow sticks will do so again this year as well.

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The New Mando's Restauarant (aka Zocalo Version 2.0)

Change for the sake of change isn't always the best idea when it comes to restaurants. In treacherous economic times it may be wise to stick with the tried and true. The proprietors of the newly opened Mando's Restaurant located at 162 Fountain Ave. right next door to all of the cute little adoptable kitties and bunnies at Posh Pets are obviously of this mind-set. If imitation is truly the sincerest form of flattery, then the previous tenants at Zocalo should be very, very flattered.

The buzz around the foodie-types indicated to me that the fellow that did all the cooking at Zocalo had stepped up to the ownership plate and renamed the joint for himself. O.K., that sounded hopeful to me. I always liked the food at Zocalo but had numerous issues with the overall way the place was run, the lack of upkeep and cleanliness and some other nit-picky things that I'll explain later if you are still reading this by that time.

About the Ambiance

Every town needs to have a semi-funky Mexican place to adore and call their own. Mando's is now ours and gosh darn it, you gotta like its sense of funkiness. Not much has changed since Zocalo went South (wink, wink) so to speak. It still wears the same orange-y desert sunset colored walls and yes, what would we do without those tan linoleum squares that are definitely throwbacks from all of our elementary school floors to add to the funkified look?

The previously mustachioed, scowling Frida Khalo self portrait has been traded in for a bunch of non-descript, paintings that absolutely nothing to do with Mexico or its food. Odd, but at least she (Frida) can take a well deserved break from that scowl. Didn't her mother tell her face would stick like that? Mine would've!

Also missing in action is any sort of music, which may be a good thing or a bad thing depending on your taste. Previously a well-worn boom box was balanced precariously in a corner, singing whatever the local Latin station wanted us to hear. Banda music can wear on this gringass nerves after about the first two songs, but

I. Ada Lott

Eating Out in PG

complete silence is a little too golden in a restaurant. On my three visits to Mando's the only sounds were those of the patrons licking their fingers and munching on chips. Maybe a little bit of music would be a nice addition?

The good news here is that funky no longer implies unsanitary. I had big issues with the lack of attention to keeping the place clean before. Armando and his band of merry men and women have obviously given the whole place a big, long overdue bath. The tables, chairs and walls which were a more than a bit grungy look far more appealing now that they've been shown some love.

What's Good to Eat?

Almost everything. I say almost because the one thing I attempted to order on all three visits wasn't available....three times? C'mon guys, chorizo isn't that hard

to get in these parts of Cal-i-for-ni-A. My longing for a crock of that bubbly-hot queso fundido with hunks of glistening, fatty chorizo swimming around, waiting for my chip to dip into it, will have to be quelled until some chorizo can be found.

Other than the MIA Chorizo the rest of the menu is a complete replication of Zocalo's, which leads me to believe that the backbone of Zocalo was indeed, as I had suspected all along...Armando. The moist, flavorful hunks of Carnitas are still available for wrapping in those warm, soft tortillas. The Totopo chips are all there waiting to be gobbled up with their cool, avocady (that's not a word?) sauce. All of the tacos, burritos and quesadillas are ready, willing and able to be eaten. You get my point...if you liked Zocalo, just close your eyes and pretend Frida and her unwaxed 'stache are staring at you and its like they never closed....except for one,



not-so-small thing....

Donde Esta Servicio Por Favor ?

Yikes! Armando, you may be The Man, in the kitchen but you've gotta get some decent service working for you out in the dining room. I know this is all new for you guys, but people who are out for their lunch hour, really only have about 45 mins. including travel time. On two occasions I watched people twitch and turn in their seats waiting to order, waiting for chips 'n salsa, waiting for beverages to arrive and waiting for their bills at the end of their meals.

Food arrived promptly from the kitchen once the orders got there, but it was a matter of not having enough hands and legs running around the room during peak lunch hour times that were to blame. The second set of arms and legs didn't make an appearance on the dining room floor until about 12:30pm which was precisely the time that the one and only server, up til then had gone deep into the weeds and was playing a desperate game of catch-up.

Overall I'd Say...

Bully for you Armando! Congrats on sticking your own name on the joint. Rock on, live the American dream and please buy some extra Chorizo for me brother. It's nice to have you back with or without Frida.

Marathon announces grant awards

The Big Sur International Marathon has awarded \$184,000 in grant funds from its 2010 marathon events. Recipients include 78 charity groups and organizations from throughout Monterey County, most of which provide vital volunteer services to the race organization. Groups awarded ranged from scout troops to high school athletic teams to health and human service organizations, local volunteer fire brigades, senior groups and many more. Half of the funds assist non-profit groups in the Big Sur area.

Since its inception in 1986 the marathon organization has contributed nearly \$3 million locally, including grant funds from the newer Big Sur Half Marathon on Monterey Bay and Big Sur Mud Run. The race events also serve as a vehicle for dozens of other national and regional charities to raise millions of dollars in contributions.

The Big Sur International Marathon will celebrate its 26th Presentation on May 1, 2011.

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A BUNCH OF REASONS WHY WE LOVE THE (PUBLIC) LIBRARY

Facing the library's bright windows,
I obey impulse and step inside.
My first steps into the tranquil room
make my heart beat faster and faster.
To be here, where it smells like roses, is to wonder.

Did you know, you can pick any book you want?
The soft pages fill me with with secrets.
Whispers running through my head.

When I read books,
I am producer, director, actor.
Reading is like push-ups for your mind
and, if it's a splendid book,
I crawl inside the story.

I can have the twelve children I forgot to have.
Books about the New York Italians
of my childhood smell of garlic.

Babies nestled in their mothers' arms,
suckling, snoozing, listening
as Lisa holds their big brothers
and sisters entranced with the turning of a page.
The library helps kids read.

Knowledge is stored inside the books.
I need the library for reports.
When I get a book on-hold, it's always on time!

I love how a librarian can say, "How about this one?"
And you can take it and weave a magic carpet.
Swiftly, page by page, I hold wonder in my hands.
I'm in a room full of butterflies holding books
over my head in a magic kingdom.

Books with trees stand tall and proud.
I can smell the piney woods.
A waterfall of ink washes over me, a river of knowledge.

If you don't know what day it is,
the librarian will tell you.
If you go often enough,
the librarians will know you,
and if they're not too busy, they'll chat.

The library loves me.
If it were gone
my love for books might disappear.

How thankful we should be,
for thoughtful Carnegie.

Here everything is possible!
All this for free.

Community Poem by Patrice Vecchione

A new twist on an old craft from Monterey Peninsula Quilt Guild

The Monterey Peninsula Quilt Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 8 at the Pacific Grove Community Center. There will be a social hour at 6:30 followed by the business meeting and speaker at 7:00. The Community Center is located at 515 Junipero Street, Pacific Grove.

The featured speaker is Pam Rocco of Santa Cruz, who has been quilting for 40 years, ever since she taught herself how to quilt. While in Appalachia with Teacher Corps in 1969, Pam met women who REALLY knew how to quilt, and learned much more about quilting. Pam started making britches quilts (quilts made out of old clothes). Pam's specialty is loud and peculiar fabrics, which somehow look good together. Nancy Crow and African-American quilters influence her work. Pam has written articles for Quilters Newsletter and, in her other professional life; she's a bilingual speech pathologist and works with children in two languages.

PGHS Young Writers' Club

Young Writers' Corner

Excerpt from Newbraper96
Ryan Walker

Hi my name's Rayn Blueberry. Kinda dumb I know, but my mom and dad love it. I guess they thought I needed some sort of exotic name, since my hometown of North Park, Colorado is far from exotic. As if culturally diverse names are even appreciated here. Our town is mostly composed of your snow park shredding, buck-toothed bros, and then people like me. You know, those who enjoy the great indoors. I mean, who could dislike the warm glow of a flameless gas fire and a steady supply of hotpockets? Anyway, for the past 3 years I've had the perfect routine. 7:55am - wake up for school. 8:15am to 3:00pm - go to school. 3:05pm to 3:17pm - play Wii Fit to burn those extra calories. And finally, from 3:20pm to 10:35pm - immerse myself in the World of Warcraft. Over the past few years my Warlock has developed into a "Level 55 dark mage" able to conjure over thirty-three different black magic abominations. And until recently I was happy as a clam to "pawn newbs" during my spare time, which I may add is fairly abundant. But one day I realized something that made me look a bit more introspectively into my life. I had no friends, no job, and no other accomplishments other than my stupid overpowered Warlock. I had, for the most part, spent a preponderance of my time sitting on the same worn-out chair, looking at the same computer, which emitted the same uselessly bellicose images from the same spot on the same dusty desk for three years! Plus, as a result of my worthless efforts, my fingers have gotten really tired from pressing Control-W (to cast my demon spawn) and then there's always my mom's nagging.....



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Opinion

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Marge Ann Jameson

Editorial

I've been heartened by the number of people who stop me on the street to tell me they appreciate the effort I make to present information to Pacific Grove citizens in a clear, unbiased manner. I've also been criticised not only for my stand on certain issues, but for taking a stand at all.

I make every effort to keep opinions out of news stories. If one of Cedar Street's columnists takes a stand -- and many of them have done so at some point -- I label it as an opinion, unless it's so blatant I feel I don't have to shout the word out. I stand by my columnists, all of whom are mature individuals whose opinions I trust.

Opinions are fair game on the opinion page, however, and that's what I try to give you. Though there are those who believe I weight the letters from the public that I print, the truth is that I print virtually every letter I receive, regardless of which side it takes. Often that's how I find out about issues important to my readers.

During this recent campaign season, I refused to print only one letter because, while well-written, it was so full of untruths that I couldn't countenance printing it.

Did you see a lot of letters from proponents of Measure Q? Funny thing, because that's exactly what I received. I didn't receive very many against the measure, and I did print all but that one mentioned above. To be fair, I even invited a local journalist/writer to write op-ed pieces. I didn't have to do that. I'm paying the printing bill, remember.

So here we are a few days before the election. I have one last chance to persuade undecided voters to my point of view.

What can I say that has not been written by someone else, especially on my own pages? Here's one: If Salinas could do it, how could Pacific Grove not do it? Faced with the closure of their libraries, the citizens of Salinas voted to tax themselves. How could Pacific Grove do less?

We have before us as near perfect a proposal as there could be. It's a fair amount. There are safeguards against misappropriation. It has a sunset clause. There is a provision for citizen oversight. There is provision for those unable to come up with \$90 per year as property owners. All the things that were wrong with Measure J in the last election have been fixed.

I was in on the ground floor when the search for an alternative began, and I strongly believe that Measure Q is the best course for Pacific Grove.

There is no alternative on the ballot. There is no better alternative for keeping the library open and even improving it.

Don't do it for the children. Do it for yourselves.

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. At present we have not set 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 so your email address and/or telephone number must be included as well as your name and city of residence.

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Retired librarian says parcel tax works

Editor:

With Measure Q, the very important library parcel tax question soon to be decided, I thought voters would like to know that a similar measure has worked very well. I am a retired librarian who worked for the Santa Clara County Library System which serves seven cities and the unincorporated areas of the county. Facing severe funding problems in 1994, the library system placed a parcel tax measure on the ballot that had a 10-year life much like Measure Q. It passed with 71 percent of the vote. The results were so successful that in 2005, 72 percent of the public voted to continue the parcel tax for another 10 years!

I worked at the Milpitas Public Library and, as a result of the guaranteed funding, we were able to continue operating as a high quality library and added new materials and services that became available with technological advancements. I retired in 2000 and that year we checked out 1 million items. In 2009 the circulation was 2 million! The Parcel tax works!

The passage of Measure Q will ensure that the Pacific Grove Library will continue to be a very successful library that provides outstanding service to all of its patrons.

Ed Cavallini
Monterey

Don't forget children in library equation

Editor:

Enough, I'm tired of reading "a better way to go" is to provide County Library services to Pacific Grove, or let's wait to increase library hours from its current 24 hours/week. Anything, but pay \$90 per year.

The "better way to go" completely forgets our children. The County System has 17 libraries with ONE children's Librarian. The County Library serves 90,000 children with 28 percent borrowers, whereas Pacific Grove has 2200 children with 2800 borrowers. Our children's circulation is 32.3 books/child versus the County's 2.9/ child (a factor of ELEVEN times).

Why the incredible differential? We have an EXCELLENT Children's Program and collection of Children's material. Despite only 24 hours/week, we have FIVE times the children's programs of the average County Library and more than Carmel and Monterey combined. Further, our Library would provide an enormous resource to our high school students if the hours weren't so limited. The Library needs to be open in the evening NOW, not when these children are adults raising their own families. It is no wonder the PGUSD School Board voted unanimously to Support Measure Q. The expanded Library would be an important asset to the children.

Hank Heilbron

Small miracles and truth in a library

Editor:

"It was my mother who taught me how to wander through the racks of the Belvedere-Tiburon library, and wander through a book, letting it take me where it would. She and my father took me to the library every week when I was little. One of her best friends was the librarian. They both taught me that if you insist on having a destination when you come into a library, you're short-changing yourself. They read to live, the way they also went to the beach, or ate delicious food. Reading was like breathing fresh ocean air, or eating tomatoes from old man Grbae's garden. My parents and librarians along with way taught me about the space between words; about margins, where so many juicy moments of life and spirit and friendship could be found. In a library you can find small miracles and truth, and you might find something that will make you laugh so hard you may get shushed, in the friendliest way. I have found sanctuary in libraries my whole life, and there is sanctuary there now, from the war, from the storms of our families and our own minds. Libraries are like mountains or meadow or creeks: sacred space. So this afternoon, I'll walk to the library."

Quotation from "Plan B - Further Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott, 2005

Anti-Q flyer shows desperation level

Editor:

In most contests, you can often judge an opponent's true state of mind by their level of desperation. By this yardstick, the opponents of Measure Q seem to be in their final throes. Fanatically true to form, and not content to go gentle into that good night, they've recently distributed a flyer to local renters (myself included) impressive only for the level of inaccuracies, obfuscations, and fear-mongering it contains -- arguments truly held together with holes.

"The sky is falling!" it seems to trumpet, "It might cost renters \$45 dollars a year!" Given this style of debate, with its constant stream of petty and inane distractions, I'm reminded of the phrase "chronically adolescent" (with apologies to actual adolescents).

Have we truly come to this? Lift yourself up out of the gutter. Perhaps then we might come together and debate Measure Q like adults.

Michael Reynolds
Pacific Grove

Your letters *Opinion*

Don't penalize the library for the City's past fiscal decisions

Editor:

Some things are worth paying for. Without them our lives would be diminished. Certainly the PG Library is one of these.

Three years ago the City and the Council decided to halve the Library budget. This decision did not recognize the value that PG residents put on their Library. A library visited by 500 people per day. A library that 65.9 percent of voters were willing to tax themselves to keep open, in last year's election.

Three years have gone by. There is a new City manager and a new Council. All recognize the problems impacting the City's financial health and are willing to work toward a solution. All recognize the importance of the Library. Shouldn't we give these new City leaders a chance to demonstrate that they can work through the City's financial difficulties?

As citizens we will need to be vigilant as the City and Council tackle City problems. While Measure Q ensures some City annual funding for the Library it also provides for strict limits on the use of money raised and for a citizens oversight committee.

Don't penalize the Library for past fiscal decisions by the City. Give the Library and the City a chance.

Vote "YES" on Measure Q to secure the future of the PG Library.

Tom Archibald
Pacific Grove

No guarantee we'll always have library

Editor:

A recent letter in the Herald by an opponent of Measure Q concludes, "... Pacific Grove will always have a public library."

I wish I were so certain.

Libraries do close down. Do you remember what happened in Salinas a few years ago?

After several years during which Salinas library hours were reduced and reduced, from a three-branch total of 171 hours per week to just 33, that entire three-branch system was totally shut down briefly in 2005. When it reopened, one branch was open only 13 hours per week and the other two just 10 hours per week. It took several years for hours to be restored, and that happened only after Salinas voters increased the city sales tax, with a portion going to the library.

The letter writer says he's part of the "anti-tax crowd." Well, nobody likes taxes. But sometimes they're necessary for the greater good of a community and its residents. That is clearly the case with the Pacific Grove Public Library.

That is why I am voting Yes on Measure Q.

Michael Bond
Pacific Grove

An opportunity in Measure Q

Editor:

We're poised on the brink of an opportunity: to ensure our library's survival for a decade. It's an opportunity to come together as a community and provide a solution for one of our city's pressing challenges. To provide stable library funding while the city, county, and state put their shaky finances in order.

I've seen the severe decline of library services thanks to PG's financial troubles. I've fought against that decline, by raising \$33,000 with the help of PG's kids and many generous donors, to replace lost funding for children's books and programs.

I've participated in forums and committees searching for solutions, and have done the homework to know that if the city could afford the County option, they could—and would—adequately fund the library we've got.

Measure Q's passage puts the library's near-term fate in our own hands. But by demonstrating our community's commitment, we can also jumpstart a library foundation for long-term library support, to supplement city funding when the parcel tax ends.

We have a one-time chance, with Measure Q, to provide Pacific Grove with a thriving, vibrant library for the next decade and beyond. Don't let it slip by.

Every vote counts. Please vote Yes on Q.

Linda Bailey
Pacific Grove

Farr joins Measure Q supporters

The Yes on PG Library Committee has announced that Congressman Sam Farr has endorsed Measure Q, which would ensure the future of the Pacific Grove Public Library for the next 10 years.

"I am pleased to add my name to the long list of those who are supporting this key measure in Pacific Grove," Farr said. "Adequate funding for the historic Pacific Grove Public Library would be guaranteed by voter approval of Measure Q. I strongly hope that this much-needed measure will get the necessary two-thirds vote that it needs to be passed."

Farr joins a long list of those who have endorsed Measure Q. It was placed on the ballot by all seven members of the Pacific Grove City Council and has also been endorsed by all five members of the Pacific Grove Unified School District Board, five of the six living former mayors of Pacific Grove, and all City Council candidates, including both challengers.

Election Day is Nov. 2.

26 percent of county voters have already voted by mail

The Monterey County Elections Department advises that to date, there are 160,215 qualified registered voters. "This number now surpasses the final registration number for the 2008 Presidential Election which was 158,391. With over 106,000 ballots issued, just more than 66 percent of Monterey County's registered voters have already received an official ballot, said Linda Tullett,

The Department reports that nearly 27,500 ballots, or just over 26 percent, have already been voted and returned.

Though the deadline for mailing applications for absentee ballots is past, voters may go to the Monterey County Elections Department to obtain a ballot in person Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and up to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2.

To find out about voting by mail, if the Department has received your voted ballot, to find your polling place, or find out when Election Results will be released to the public, visit www.MontereyCountyElections.us or call the Elections Department at (831) 796-1499.



Seen at the Oct. 5 Measure Q debate on the refreshment table

RUDY FISCHER for Pacific Grove City Council!



*Good for business,
good for the environment,
good for our neighborhoods
- good for Pacific Grove.*

Goals:

- Demand fiscal responsibility and balanced budgets.
- Enhance community vitality and support city special events.
- Protect and improve our city assets and natural beauty.

Civic Experience:

- Member of the Pacific Grove Golf Links Advisory Commission.
- Volunteer with Good Old Days Festival, Summer Fest, and working on the "Little House" in Jewell Park.
- Puts his own money into local causes and has made donations to the Monarch Habitat Trees Fund for the Sanctuary, the Pacific Grove Library, Point Pinos Lighthouse Maintenance and Restoration fund, and the Monterey SPCA.

Endorsed by:

- The Monterey County Herald
- Monterey County Hospitality Association
- Monterey County Association of Realtors
- Monterey County Weekly
- Cedar Street Times
- Lisa Bennett, and hundreds of Pacific Grove homeowners.

Vote Rudy Fischer for Pacific Grove City Council!

Rudy Fischer for Pacific Grove City Council, 1120 Forest Avenue #153, Pacific Grove, CA 93950; rudyfischer@earthlink.net (831) 236-3431

Halloween carolers at Canterbury: Why not?



Halloween Carolers from Mrs. Yant and Mrs. Detomaso's Forest Grove 1st & 3rd grade buddy-classes came to treat Canterbury Woods residents for the upcoming holiday.

Special Halloween lyrics sung to a variety of familiar Christmasy tunes, had the residents singing along on the Fa-La-La-La-La parts.

The children enjoyed some treats and a nice chance to visit. The residents enjoyed hugs from the kids and hearing about their Halloween costume plans along with the very creative songs.

Photos by Marley Knoles



First rain gauge of the season

In future, we will likely put the rain gauge on page two. Our rain guy, Guy, is also the rain guy for KSBW and we're so grateful that he sends us the figures each week, along with the season totals and last year's totals for comparison.



Monarchs love Echimium



Echimium candicans (Pride of Madera) is not a native plant, but native Monarchs sure like it. While no part of the plant is edible for humans, the poisonous butterflies seem to thrive on the last blooms of the year. Photo by bob Pacelli.