

## Kiosk

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7-9 pm  
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**Friday, January 7, 2011**

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**Sat., Jan. 8**

2:00 pm  
Lecture

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Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History  
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**Jan. 10-11, 2011**

7:30 PM  
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**Wed. Jan. 12**

Storytime for children

PG Library

11:15 AM

MARY LEE

3:45 PM

Arctic Animals: 3:45

FREE

For more information, call Lisa Maddalena at 648-5760  
Pacific Grove Public Library  
550 Central Ave., Pacific Grove

**Thurs. Jan. 13**

4:00 PM

Ogden Nash in Words and Music  
By Bill Minor and Taelen Thomas  
The Park Lane  
Senior Living Community  
200 Glenwood Circle, Monterey

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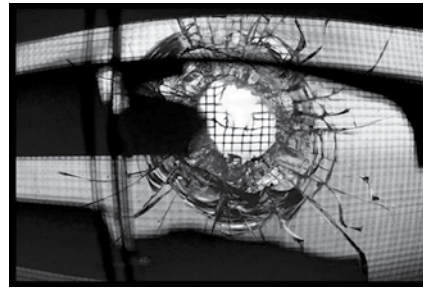


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# Times

Jan. 7-13, 2011

Pacific Grove Community News

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## China Garden out of Central location

*Process of changes continues*

By Cameron Douglas

After 27 years, the China Garden Restaurant has ended their occupancy at 100 Central Avenue and is in the process of moving to the American Tin Cannery. Meanwhile, the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce held a "ground-breaking" ceremony on Thursday for their new Visitor Center at the site vacated by the restaurant.

The property has been owned since at least 1970 by the family of T.A. Work; a prominent Monterey Peninsula businessman who dealt in large parcels of real estate in the early 1900's. Cedar Street Times contacted a family member who currently has the property in her name, and she declined to explain why China Garden's lease was not renewed. The restaurant owner, Katy Wang, has stated she has never been late on rent.

Moving a restaurant is a huge undertaking. A key part of a process like this is water use. Under District rules, a water permit is required for any change of use, and is usually part of a "Tenant Improvement" application, said Gabriella Ayala, who is a Conservation Representative at the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. The applicant submits the initial application with the most immediate jurisdiction, either the city or county. That jurisdiction reviews the water permit application and sends it on to the MPWMD.

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## Reprise: New plan for traffic on Lighthouse, Foam in Monterey

In July, Cedar Street Times reported on plans the City of Monterey has made to alter traffic flow on Lighthouse Avenue up to the border of Pacific Grove. Public meetings continue, but Monterey planners report little input from Pacific Grove residents or businesses. We have chosen to reprise the article we wrote and give a few updates to better inform our readers.

As reported July 30, 2010 by Cameron Douglas

*Coming changes in traffic flow through neighboring New Monterey, although perhaps four years away, will somewhat alter the way cars come to Pacific Grove from the Lighthouse tunnel. The proposed plan would change the Lighthouse Avenue corridor from David Avenue to the tunnel from its current, 2-lanes-each-way configuration into an eastbound, 3-lane, one-way thoroughfare.*

*All westbound traffic from the tunnel will travel towards PG on Foam Street, which is currently two lanes going one-way. It will*

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*Windfall, but not the good kind*



Marge Ann Jameson

A pine tree came down in the windy weather on Sun., Jan. 4, temporarily backing up traffic on Highway 68. No one was injured.

## Tempest in a teapot

*Ratepayer Advocates files for rehearing on Settlement Agreement for Regional Water Project*

By Marge Ann Jameson

Alleging that the decision of the Public Utilities Commission which approved the Regional Water Project and adopted the Settlement Agreement among Marina Coast Water District, Monterey County Water Resources Agency and California-American Water was flawed in a number of areas, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates has filed an Application for Rehearing of the decision.

The Application alleges that Marina Coast Water District and Monterey County Water Resources Agency should not be given authority to assure that California-American Water Company's rates are just and reasonable.

It further alleges that the burden of monitoring the Regional Water Project activities is placed on Cal Am and Cal Am's ratepayers.

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be converted to three lanes, all westbound, with one of the lanes designated for transit (buses) and parking on one side of the street.

Where Foam reaches David Avenue, little will change. The far right lane will be dedicated to right turns towards the Aquarium. The other two lanes will turn left, with one dedicated to straight-through traffic and the other going right onto Central Avenue. Another potential bottleneck could occur at this intersection.

Eastbound Central Avenue traffic emerging from Pacific Grove will run smoothly onto a one-way Lighthouse Avenue with three lanes, again one lane for transit, and parking on both sides of Lighthouse. A return loop near the Coast Guard station will allow cars to turn back west onto Foam before reaching the tunnel.

Recently, the City of Monterey reported that it has received two grants that will "almost fully fund" Monterey's proposed \$285,000 Citywide Transportation and Parking study.

Caltrans awarded a \$152,000 grant and Monterey Unified Air Pollution Control District awarded \$100,000.

It is the Caltrans grant that will help planning efforts resume on the Lighthouse Avenue corridor. It requires that the parking and transportation study be used for planning efforts that will "improve mobility, integrate land use, housing and transportation to achieve a prosperous economy, improve the quality of the environment, and provide equity for all people."

Monterey officials hope to create a "liveable community" and revitalize destination points on Lighthouse Avenue for residents and visitors alike. They are looking for transit-oriented, mixed-use development. The goal is for attractive pedestrian, bicycle and transit access; to reduce automobile trips; and to create walkable neighborhoods.

Community meetings have begun in Monterey, the first having been held in October. At that meeting, public comments focused on the problems of traffic on Lighthouse: It is not supportive of a business environment, with no left turns allowed, high speeds, and congestion. The blocking of through traffic at the Presidio (since 9-11) was mentioned often as well.

At the second meeting, held Nov. 17, similar concerns were presented but there were no comments about proposed improvements to the Foam/David/Lighthouse intersection at the Pacific Grove border.

Meeting #3, held on Nov. 30, focused on buildings more than traffic. However, there were some suggestions to widen Holman Highway (68) and to open a gate from DLI to 68, which would alleviate some traffic on Lighthouse in Monterey, perhaps by encouraging drivers to use Highway 1 instead.

A fourth meeting is scheduled for January 20 and in fact will be made up of two separate meetings. At this meeting, the subjects to be discussed include an architectural preferences survey, and update on the Monterey transportation and parking study, and discussion of the MST Bus Rapid Transit Shelter Design.

One meeting will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Scholze Park Center, 280 Dickman Ave. The other meeting will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Park Center, 871 Jessie Street, both in Monterey.

Business owners, property owners and commuters who use the Lighthouse Corridor should make an effort to attend the meetings, or at least to read about updates.

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Water credits can be transferred from one parcel to another, but it is a long, complex process. Ayala states that her office has not processed such a request since 2004. In most cases, water credits stay at the location. However, the situation at 100/120 Central is different because they are adjoining structures on the same parcel and Ayala says that makes it easier for water permits to be moved.

Obviously, the Visitors' Center does not need water credits the way a restaurant would.

Last July, the MPWMD granted Water Permit number 30647 to change the use at 100 Central from restaurant (Group 3) to office (Group One). Group One is the lightest use of water; Group 3 is the highest use. Meanwhile, the Group 3 permit has been moved next door to 120 Central under Water Permit number 30646. 120 Central is empty and has sat vacant for at least three years. It is not known what — if any — plans are in store for 120 Central. As long as the building stands and is useable, the water permit has no time limit.

As of this writing, it is not clear where China Garden stands in regard to water use. Cedar Street Times did not find any record at the PG City Planning Department or the MPWMD for any new water use permit pending for any space at 125 Ocean View Avenue (location of the American Tin Cannery).

Katy Wang and Yu An, her daughter, the owners of China Garden, had also signed a lease at 600 Munras in Monterey on a turnkey business. They opened it in November and a drive-by indicates that they are doing solid business. But they could not be reached for comment on the question of water credits or the progress at the American Tin Cannery.

### Celebration of Life for Jessie Frost Bray

A Celebration of Jessie's Life will take place at the Pacific Grove Middle School Auditorium on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 noon. A reception will immediately follow across the street at Canterbury Woods' John Tennant Memorial Auditorium. The public is welcome. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Pacific Grove Teachers Association Scholarship Fund for prospective teachers, 555 Sinex Ave., (pgusd.org); the Pacific Grove Public Library, Fund our Library Campaign, 550 Central Ave., (pacificgrove.lib.ca.us); or the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Ave., (pgmuseum.org/donate), all in Pacific Grove, CA, 93950. Please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com) to sign Jessie's guest book and leave messages for her family.

## ✓ REHEARING From Page 1

But does this rehearing necessarily mean that Ratepayer Advocates wants changes in the Settlement Agreement for the Regional Water Project? Or is it about tightening up any perceived loop holes?

"It's only about tightening up loopholes," said Monica McCrary, the attorney for the Division of Ratepayer Advocates. "It doesn't stop anything."

The parties can reply within 15 days. After that, Ratepayer Advocates has 60 days to press for the rehearing, and the parties filing could take it to court, she says. But no one ever has.

Under the agreement (and for the next 34 years with six automatic 10-year renewals, for a total of 94 years), Monterey County Water Resources agency will own, construct, operate and maintain the source water wells and raw water conveyance to the desalination plant. Marina Coast will own, construct, operate and maintain the desalination plant and the water conveyance to the delivery point. Cal Am will own, construct, operate and maintain the pipeline, conveyance and pumping facilities to deliver clean, potable water to its customers.

Cal Am ratepayers will pay debt service costs, operation and maintenance costs, and reserve fund costs. The project was capped at \$297 million in the PUC's decision which considered the capital costs to be reasonable, even though there will be no prudency review and debt service costs are as yet unknown. "Although the financing plan for the project has not yet been determined and thus the debt service costs are unknown, these debt service costs are also deemed reasonable and prudent by Commission adoption of the Settlement," according to the Rehearing application.

But the rehearing application alleges that the Public Utilities Commission's duty to assure just and reasonable rates has been given up by deeming that all costs are prudent and reasonable whether imprudently incurred or not. It accepts that all costs associated with the financing of the project are reasonable, even though there's a possibility that financing terms could result in a doubling of the per-acre cost of water. And that, says the Application, is conditioned on Marina Coast's and MCWRA's full compliance with the terms and conditions of the Settlement and Water Purchase Agreement and with the current laws and practices." and, asks the Application for Rehearing, "What relief is available if these agencies do not follow the laws?"

The Application further says that the PUC must do more than just deem that water at projected costs is reasonable — it must also provide evidence that it is reasonable.

And even though the Brown Act, which mandates an open and transparent decision-making process, comes into play here, the Application says that Marina Coast has no obligation to pay attention to Cal Am's ratepayers because they are outside its jurisdiction.

The filing for a rehearing seems to be no more than a tempest in a teapot. Regardless, the project will likely go forward, structured pretty much as it currently is.

### Another door prize



Officer Steve Rana takes statements at the scene of another Forest Avenue door-bender.



Here's what a Jeep door does to a Yukon.

Skinny, crowded Forest Avenue hosted another traffic mishap on January 4. A southbound GMC Yukon struck the open driver's door of a Jeep Grand Cherokee in the 200 block of Forest. Motorcycle Officer Steve Rana responded and took statements. No citations were issued at the scene, and no one was hurt. "We get a lot of these on this block," Rana said. The officer will review statements and damage to determine who, if anyone, might be at fault.

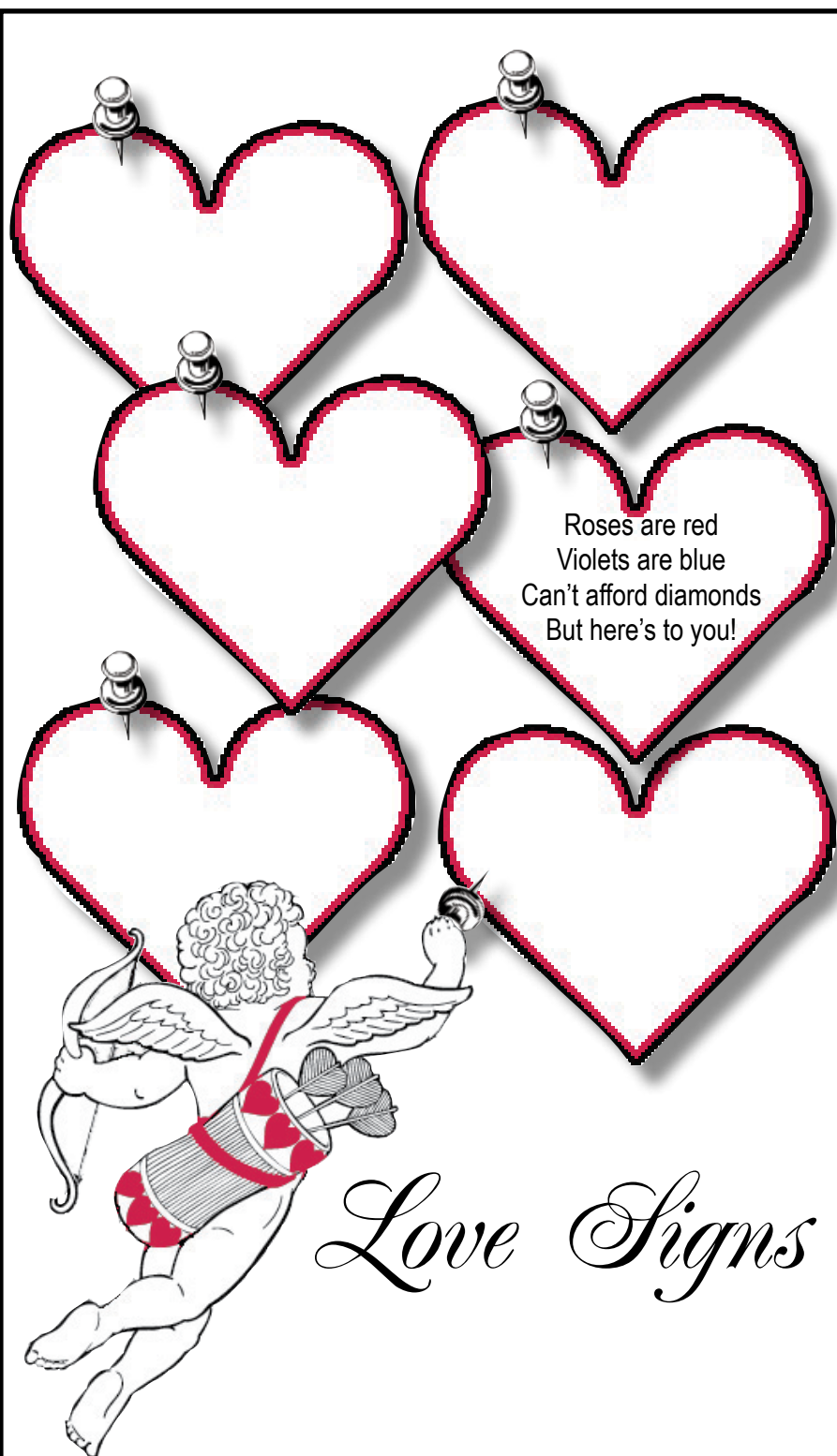
### Correction

Last week in our retrospective we captioned a photo as "Lawrence Mosher." He is in fact Lance Mosher. We apologize for the error,

PGHS Young Writers' Club

*Young Writers' Corner*

**Will return after finals and holidays!**



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Sandy Hamm

*Cop log*

**PG Dog Gone Dog Report**

**A case of going down the River "De-Nile"**

In the Carmel Ave area officers were dispatched to take a report of a dog bite. The female victim was walking down the alley when she encountered two small dogs (off-leash). One dog bit her on her left outer knee, leaving a purple colored bruise approximately 1/2' x 1/2'. The victim's skin was not broken, and she declined medical care. Pictures of the injury were taken. The victim did not know the dog owner who was actually on the scene and acknowledged her dogs were off-leash but did not admit to one of her dogs bit the victim (Well if it wasn't your dog then whose dog was it, being as how there were no other dogs off-leash in the area? HELLO.) The victim did not want to press charges but she did ask the officer to educate the woman about leash laws.

**I just wanted to play outside**

A 15 year-old was babysitting her four year-old little sister when the child came up missing. After the older sister searched the home, she called her mother at work. The mother called dispatch and left work immediately and headed home. The child was located outside playing in the yard just prior to police arrival.

**She Said She Said**

A woman reported that the owner of the residence next door was on her property bothering her over a civil dispute. "She said" that the other party was renting out the residence when it was in foreclosure and believes this is wrong; she mentioned it to the previous tenant. The property owner is upset with the reporting party because she blames her for causing the tenant to move out. The officer contacted the owner of the neighboring property and "she said" she did not directly accuse her of causing the previous tenant to move. (Really ladies, isn't there something else you might do with your time?)

**PG DUI's**

We had a few DUI's this week but thank goodness no one was hurt by this carelessness and stupidity.

**There apparently seems to be a mix up between a parking garage  
and the beautiful streets here in the Grove**

On Sunset Dr., Lighthouse Ave. and 3<sup>rd</sup> St., cars were marked by law enforcement officials as abandoned on our streets. All vehicles were then towed.

**Mail theft**

A woman in the area of Miles Ave. reported that her mail order prescription medication was stolen from her mailbox on 12/24/2010. There are no suspects at this time.

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**Pacific Grove's Rain Gauge**

Data reported by Guy Chaney

Week ending 01/06/11 .....	1.73
Total for the season .....	9.90
To date last year (2009).....	4.96
Wettest year .....	47.15
during rain year 7/1/97-6/30/98*	
Driest year .....	9.87
during rain year 7/1/75-6/30/76*	
High this past week .....	59°
Low this past week .....	39°

\*Data from <http://www.weather.nps.navy.mil/renard.wx/>

## Public invited to sailing demonstrations

Monterey Bay Sailing Club will continue its monthly "Demo Weekend" Sat., Jan. 29 and Sun., Jan. 30, 2011. The weekend offers Central Coast residents the opportunity to "test the waters" of boat ownership through a reduced \$25 one-hour cruise with a licensed captain on any of Monterey Bay Sailing Club's four sailing vessels. Friends and family are welcome to accompany aspiring club members (fractional boat owners). Demo Weekend happens the fourth weekend of every month from our location on the finger pier of Fisherman's Wharf.

Monterey Bay Sailing Club (MBS Club), in operation since 2001, will offer \$25 one hour demo sails to aspiring club members (fractional boat owners) the fourth weekend of every month in 2011. MBS Club offers basic cruises, dinner cruises, American Sailing Association lessons and certifications, memorial services, corporate team-building activities, a variety of club memberships and wedding ceremonies.

Central Coast residents can sail on any of MBS Club's boats include a Catalina 22', Yamaha 25', Celestial 32', and the Wyliecat 30'. Demo sails will be offered at a reduced price, \$25 (normally \$39), and offer residents the opportunity learn more about monthly membership offerings. Prior sailing experience is not required for demo sails.

Saturday, January 29th and Sunday, January 30th 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Monterey Bay Sailing  
78 Old Fisherman's Wharf  
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(Blue building on the finger pier of Old Fisherman's Wharf)

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## Saved by the light

In a close call at around 11:30 p.m. on the sixteenth of December, local artist Scott Jacobs, featured in the past on our pages, was almost caught in line of fire of a (unrelated to him) drive-by shooting. Scott was at an undisclosed location in Monterey County finishing his recent painting "Lime light," also known as "That's a Bad chick," when the light in the room became too soft for him to see. He moved his easel about six inches closer to a nearby lamp to better paint, and soon after a bullet came through the window, the adjacent kitchen wall, and finally stopped in the back bedroom. "It was about six inches from where I was working," says Scott "If I hadn't have moved, the bullet would have hit me." Drywall from the bullet penetration point dusted both Scott and his painting. The painting itself now sports a varying texture because of the drywall contacting the wet paint.

When the police arrived, Scott continued to paint, despite his near brush with death. This event becomes even stranger, because only a few days before the shooting, the overhead lights in Scott's workspace had gone out, and he was forced to periodically move closer to the only light in the room, which allowed him to see his paintings. This small variance in light luckily took him out of the line of fire. The original painting, as well as many others can be seen at [www.facebook.com/scottsgallery](http://www.facebook.com/scottsgallery).



Above: Scott Jacobs with "That's a Bad Chick," the painting on which he was working when the bullet came flying by. Below: the bullet hole. Photos by Jenny Fitch [www.jennyfitchphotography.blogspot.com](http://www.jennyfitchphotography.blogspot.com)



JENNYFITCHPHOTOGRAPHY

## Pacific Grove Public Library CHILDREN' PROGRAMS

*January-February 2011*

### PRE-SCHOOL

**STORYTIME:** Stories and Rhymes for ages 2-5.

Wednesdays at 11:15

### AFTER-SCHOOL

**STORYTIME:** Stories and Games for ages 4-8.

Wednesdays at 3:45

### STORYTIME THEMES

#### January

January 5: **KINDERJAM** with Miss El, 11:15

**Stuffed Animal storytime:** 3:45

January 12: **MARY LEE** at 11:15

**Arctic Animals:** 3:45

January 19: **Whales**

January 26 **Blankets and Quilts** at 11:15

**LEGO SHOW-AND-TELL** at 3:45

#### February

February 2: Let's celebrate **Chinese New Year!**

February 9: **MARY LEE** at 11:15

**Valentine's Day party** at 3:45

February 16: **Cars and Trucks**

February 23: **Monkeys**

#### Special Programs

**Bring your best LEGO creation to our LEGO SHOW-AND-TELL on Wednesday, January 26, at 3:45 p.m. Prizes and treats for everyone who brings their project! Special Door Prize!**

For more information, call Lisa Maddalena at 648-5760

Pacific Grove Public Library

550 Central Ave., Pacific Grove



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## Events and more

# Up and Coming

## Volunteer recognition: Nominations sought

Does your organization have a special volunteer who deserves wider recognition? Nominate your Outstanding Volunteer today for a Community Service Award. Hosted by the Volunteer Center of United Way Monterey County, the CSA is a community celebration of volunteers. Go to [www.unitedwaymcca.org/volunteer](http://www.unitedwaymcca.org/volunteer) and click on "CSA Nominations".

Nominations are due by January 12, 2011.

Categories are:

Youth (age 20 or younger)

Adult

Senior (age 60 or older)

Partner Volunteers (any two people who volunteer as a team)

Literacy Tutor

Unsung Hero(ine) (a paid employee of a nonprofit other than ED)

Agency Star (organization or volunteer group)

Corporate Star (for-profit business or employee that supports volunteerism)

The CSA event is free to attend. There is a nominal fee to submit a nomination and you may nominate as many volunteers as you'd like. Please call Gilda or Mayra at 757-3206 with any questions. [www.unitedwaymcca.org/volunteer](http://www.unitedwaymcca.org/volunteer).

## Snow Plover experts to meet at PG Museum of Natural History

The Museum and the Monterey Audubon Society will host the Annual Snowy Plover Range-wide meeting at the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum Jan. 18 from 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.), Jan. 19 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Jan. 20 from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

This meeting is for snowy plover biologists, researchers and resource managers from Washington State, Oregon, California, and Baja California. They will discuss current topics and efforts to protect snowy plovers. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will lead the meeting that is annually attended by some 100 experts from several organizations including State and

Federal agencies and organizations like the Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

The snowy plover nests on sandy beaches and is listed as a Threatened Species under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

There is limited space for the general public to attend this free event. The general public will be seated on a first-come-first serve basis.

## "Up the Down Staircase" coming to Santa Catalina

The adaptation of Bel Kaufman's book, *Up the Down Staircase*, is coming to Santa Catalina January 14-22.

The comedy follows the experiences of first year English teacher, Sylvia Barrett, as she joins the faculty in a fictional, overcrowded, and under-staffed New York City high school in the 1960s. The production is a hilarious and heartbreaking look at how a teacher's life can sometimes go up the down staircase.

Santa Catalina School Theatre Arts

"Up the Down Staircase"

Fri., Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 21 at 12:15 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Santa Catalina School Performing Arts Center  
1500 Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey.

For tickets, call the box office at 831.655.9341 or reserve tickets online at [www.santa-catalina.org](http://www.santa-catalina.org). Advanced reservations recommended.

General admission - \$12.00

Senior, student, military - \$8.00

Children (12 and under) - \$4.00

Call for group rates.

For more information please contact Roger Thompson at 831.655.9341.

### About Santa Catalina School

*Santa Catalina School is dedicated to the education of young people between the ages of 4-18, giving careful consideration to the individual abilities and potential of each child. The school's mission is to balance intellectual growth with spiritual awareness, creativity with order, and individuality with compassion. Santa Catalina School is enriched by the diversity of socioeconomic, religious, geographic, and cultural backgrounds represented by students and faculty. The Upper School includes boarding students from 14 states and 9 countries. Local students come from not only the Central Coast, but also from cities as far away as Gilroy, King City, Santa Cruz, San Jose and Santa Clara. For more information visit [www.santacatalina.org](http://www.santacatalina.org) or call 831.655.9300.*

## What is the Library that 61.69 percent of Pacific Grove voters want?

**Yes on PG Library.**

When Measure Q did not pass people wondered how they could continue to support the Pacific Grove Library.

**The Friends of the PG Library invites you to help shape the future of the Library during a public forum on Jan. 15 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the PG Museum of Natural History.**

The meeting will open with a brief presentation by the Mayor discussing the Council's vision for the Library. The Library staff will then share their ideas on new and updated programs for the Library. Most of the time will be spent in active discussion, facilitated by Elin Kelsey, aimed at eliciting a list of programs and services most desired by the residents.

Do you want more technology to be used? Do you think an expanded young adult section would provide another place for teens to go? Do you think the Library facility could use some refurbishing? Let the City, Council, Library staff and Friends of PG Library know how the Library can serve you. Tell us what you think the Library's priorities should be.

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## Events and more

# Up and Coming

## Cancer Journey series opens at Community Hospital

A cancer diagnosis is life-changing. To help people navigate, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula offers a free eight-week series called Cancer Journey.

Each weekly session covers a different topic and provides simple, practical tools to use during diagnosis, treatment, and recovery. Subjects include cancer basics; quality of life decisions; herbs and supplements; and spirituality. The sessions are led by experts including doctors, therapists and a holistic pharmacist consultant.

The series is from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 12-March 2 in the Cancer Center classroom at Community Hospital, 23625 Holman Highway, Monterey. Participants may attend all sessions or join at any time. A complete schedule is available at [www.chomp.org](http://www.chomp.org). To register or for more information, please call the Comprehensive Cancer Center at 625-4753.

## Astronomy, Watercolors, Geocaching and Art in the Parks

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District ([mprpd.org](http://mprpd.org)) has scheduled numerous classes and programs for the remainder of the winter including several in January. Among them are the opportunity to view celestial objects with the help of an expert from the Monterey Institute of Research in Astronomy, the chance of do watercolor painting as a family, going on a treasure hunt with GPS units and participating in a three-part program on drawing and painting in parks.

For more information about these four programs, see below. Full details on all remaining winter activities offered by The Park District are available in the fall/winter Let's Go Outdoors! guide or may be viewed on-line at [mprpd.org](http://mprpd.org).

### Astronomical Adventures

Jump on board this virtual space trip! Enjoy a delightful, informative evening presentation as you observe the spectacular night sky. Celestial objects are revealed and explained using the unaided eye, binoculars and telescopes. Peer through the powerful scopes to discover the young crescent moon, Jupiter, the Andromeda Galaxy, the Pleiades star cluster, winter constellations and more.

All ages, Friday, Jan. 7, 5:30 PM-7:30 p.m., Garland Ranch Regional Park Visitor Center, 700 W. Carmel Valley Road, \$10 (district resident), \$11 (non-district resident), or, \$30/\$33 for group of four. Children 6 and younger are free. Instructor: **Dr. Jim Eagle, Docent, Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA).**

### Boundless Watercolor Painting for Families

Free your "color sense," and spend time with your family while you learn basic watercolor techniques, color blending and brush strokes. Share in your interest and encourage the development of an artistic eye composing sketches of plants, landscapes and nature. Together, your creativity and imagination are limitless.

Ages 10 and up, Saturday, Jan. 8, 9 AM-11 AM, 10th Street Ceramics (1271 10th St.), Monterey, \$15 (district resident), \$17 (non-district resident), plus \$2 materials fee. Instructor: **Mariko Lofink.**

### Treasure Hunt 101

Experience the outdoors like never before with Geocaching, an exhilarating thrill-of-the-hunt adventure. Using GPS, be the FTF (First to Find) hidden containers called "Geocaches," and then swap treasures and SWAG (Stuff We All Get) with cachers who have visited the site previously. It's fun for the whole family.

Ages 8 to adult, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1 PM-4 PM, Garland Ranch Regional Park Museum, 700 W. Carmel Valley Road, \$10 (district resident), \$11 (non-district resident), or, \$30/\$33 for group of four. GPS units provided for use free. Instructor: **Ann Quattlebaum.**

### Drawing and Painting in the Parks

Discover our parks anew! Find a limitless source of inspiration while exploring practical ways to approach drawing, sketching and painting on location in the outdoors. Topics ranging from materials and preparation to compositional studies and color exercises are covered. Learn to present and critique work in a supportive setting. All levels of experience welcome.

Ages 12 and up, Sundays, Jan. 9, Jan. 16 and Jan. 23, 11 AM-2 PM each day, first program at Garland Ranch Regional Park Museum (700 W. Carmel Valley Road), second at Garland Visitor Center (700 W. Carmel Valley Road), third along Monterey Bay Coastal Trail (see [mprpd.org](http://mprpd.org) for details), \$25 (district resident), \$28 (non-district resident) for each program, or, \$60/\$66 for series. Instructor: **Jonathan Wolf.**

*Pre-registration is strongly suggested for all classes and programs offered by The Park District. Register online at [www.mprpd.org](http://www.mprpd.org) or in-person between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Tuesday-Friday at the MPRPD office, 60 Garden Court, Suite 325, Monterey (check, money order, Visa or MasterCard accepted). If space is available, there is an additional charge of \$5 to register the day of the class. On-site registration begins 20 minutes prior to the start of the class. All check-in and registration closes 5 minutes before the class begins. For more information, please contact Joseph Narvaez, at 372-3196, ext. 3.*

## Republican Women to hear Rape Crisis Center speaker

The Luncheon Meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Republican Women's Federated club will be held on Thurs., Jan. 13, 2011, at Rancho Canada Golf Club, 4860 Carmel Valley Rd. The speaker will be Clare Monteer, Executive Director of Monterey Rape Crisis Center, who will speak about the startling statistics of sex crimes and how all of us are affected by them.

Social time is at 11:30, and luncheon starts at noon. \$20 per member and their guests, \$25 for non-members.

RSVP before Mon. Jan. 10: 375-3573 or [info@mbrwf.org](mailto:info@mbrwf.org). Visit [www.mbrwf.org](http://www.mbrwf.org) for more information.

## Art chosen for Second Annual Water Awareness Day

*Water conservation event educates community:*

*Participants sought*

The Water Awareness Committee of Monterey County, Inc. (WAC) and Del Monte Shopping Center announced that the work of Monterey artist Marcia Perry will be featured during the 2nd Annual Water Awareness Day Celebration set for Sat., May 14, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Perry's original work, "Awakening Totem," was selected during an "artist call-out" this past November, when local artists were asked to submit their creations for inclusion in the celebration's poster and other marketing and outreach materials.

"As soon as we saw Marcia's submission, we knew it was just perfect for our event," commented Karen Harris of the WAC. "Awakening Totem truly symbolizes that water is life and a precious resource to us all."

Creative spirit Marcia Perry began her art career in 1973 by perfecting the technique of airbrushing, utilized in her design of clothing, murals, illustrations and paintings. "Awakening Totem" is the first in a series of totems created by Perry, which combine nature and symbolism. "Awakening Totem depicts the chakra energy system in the form of flowers and colors," Perry says. "The figure rising from the water symbolizes the humanity's connection to nature and vice versa."

Perry's passion for water conservation, environmental stewardship and sustainability has been the inspiration for many of her pieces throughout her career. "It is my pleasure to lend this image to Water Awareness Day Celebration, as without water none of us would be here," said Perry. In addition to being a professional artist, Perry and her partner, artist Meg Biddle, co-founded the Youth Arts Collective (YAC), a lively non-profit after-school art studio for 14 to 22 year-old aspiring artists throughout Monterey County.

The mission of the Water Awareness Day Celebration is to develop inspired water stewards and teach conservation and innovative water-wise practices. Through hands-on activities, demonstrations and live entertainment, guests will have the opportunity to learn about drought-tolerant landscaping, water conservation techniques and more, during this FREE, family-friendly event. Participants will be able to save a drop while they shop, as they stroll through Del Monte Shopping Center visiting exhibits from local, water-conscious businesses and organizations.

To reserve a booth or become a sponsor of the Water Awareness Day Celebration, please contact Steve Thomas of Thomas Brand Consulting at 831-920-1693 or visit [www.waterawareness.org](http://www.waterawareness.org). To learn more about the Water Awareness Committee of Monterey County, Inc., contact Karen Harris at 831-645-4604 or at [karenh@mrwpca.com](mailto:karenh@mrwpca.com).

The Water Awareness Day Celebration was created by the WAC in support of California's Water Awareness month and has quickly become a favorite event among locals, drawing hundreds of businesses and community members throughout the region.



Awareness Totem by Marcia Perry

**Send your event information to [kioskcedarstreettimes@gmail.com](mailto:kioskcedarstreettimes@gmail.com)**

- Lisa Thomas

## Your letters

*Opinion*

Marge Ann Jameson

*Editorial*

Over recent weeks, as I re-read each and every word of Cedar Street Times for 2010 to create the retrospectives that ran in our past two issues, I was taken by a couple of things. We're not going to talk about the typos and misspellings and the "Please see page X" that went nowhere. We're striving to correct that and bring you an ever-more-perfect paper, because we know that hundreds of Pacific Grove's students, from kindergarten up, hold Cedar Street Times as a model. It's vs. its. Try to, not try and. Under way is two words unless you're ship. There's no such word as towards. Effect vs. affect.

And now that CSUMB, the Monterey and Seaside libraries have requested we distribute there as well, we confirm how important it is to make a good presentation.

No, I want to talk about how proud I am of this little newspaper as we begin 2011. I started with a web version, and soon realized that without a print version I would be unable to drive people to the web version in the first place. So I began a print version. I started with eight pages, and now we're flirting with 20 pages.

I set out to be the community newspaper for Pacific Grove, and only Pacific Grove. There is so much going on here, so many interesting people, so many issues to be examined that I still feel it is more than enough to cater to Pacific Grove and leave the other communities to other papers. Do one thing, and do it well, I told myself. Cub Scouts and Kiwanis. City Hall and the school board. And I think we've done a darned good job, if I do say so myself.

Our virtual version is an archive and a bulletin board: We encourage you to check there for updates and news releases that happen mid-week. But, as the San Francisco Chronicle has learned and daily touts, there is a strong need for "print only" stories, features and photos.

Poking through used books last month (a bad habit of mine) I ran across this tidbit in a book called *The Press* by A.J. Liebling. Inside the front cover, I read:

"Every American newspaper claims to be fully informed, absolutely impartial, and 100 percent accurate. In this . . . book, A. J. Liebling cites stories and names papers to show how far such claims are from the truth.

". . . Liebling has watched papers come and go. He reports that now that they are mostly either going or gone. What it means to live in a one-paper town, the effects of the growing concentration of power in the hands of a few reactionary publishers, the future of newspapers themselves in an age ever more addicted to television – these are some of the subjects Liebling discusses . . ."

The copyright date? 1946.

We are struggling with competition from the Internet and social media. But while we try to keep our virtual version up-to-date, and to send out messages on the Internet daily, we have found that 15 percent of Pacific Grove either doesn't own a computer or doesn't use it for anything more than e-mailing jokes around. Our readers prefer a paper version. They want to be able to hold it in their hands, turn the pages, cut out the pictures and articles that interest them, paste them in their scrapbooks and then recycle the rest. They come by the office and grab additional copies to send to Grandma and Uncle Joe and Susie away at college. They comment on the beautiful color they can see on their computer screen, but they also like the color they get in the print version.

I was also amazed, even though I was there, to see the breadth and depth of stories we covered in 2011. We work hard to get those stories – attending meetings, answering phoned-in tips, digging deeper when we receive a press release. Now, we can't be everything to everyone, but we can be the source for real news in Pacific Grove.

We can't do it without you, though, our readers and our advertisers and those who come by with stories they'd like us to follow. Our columnists report on how often they are recognized and approached on the street.

As we plan our calendar for the next year, we've included you in our plans. We hope you will include us. Cedar Street Times is always striving to be the community newspaper that Pacific Grove deserves. Go ahead and subscribe by sending an email to [subscribe@cedarstreettimes.com](mailto:subscribe@cedarstreettimes.com), but continue to look for us in the racks. And keep calling us if the racks get empty. And if you see some news.

— Marge Ann Jameson

**Pacific Grove is under predator attack**

Editor:

The residents of Pacific Grove need to wake up and realize that we are being invaded by predators.

When your unlocked cars are being pillaged at night, it means tactical criminals are circulating through the neighborhood trying many car doors. When the shed on Lighthouse Avenue behind the Inn is burglarized, it's likely that thieves are casing out and looking for unlocked garages, open gates, unlocked windows, bikes, tools, etc.

Thieves will pick the quietest, easiest target. But as you become more secure they will also become more "clever" and aggressive. I've seen it firsthand.

Before I moved to Pacific Grove, young gang kids were constantly vandalizing our cars. No one deterred them and finally they cut the glass window of our apartment and stole the contents. The police call it "the broken window" theory: smaller "test" crimes, like graffiti and vandalism, if not controlled, tend to escalate to more serious crime. I have had two different cars "keyed" on Fountain Avenue in a two-year span. I no longer would park a nice car on Pacific Grove streets.

Pacific Grove tends to be a sleepy, high-vacancy, trusting town with many retirees. Vicious people from outside will target us. Stay vigilant.

Clint Walker  
Pacific Grove**MPWMD just wants to save their skin**

Editor:

Why was the MPWMD having a "Special Meeting" on Dec. 29th?

Convening at 5:00 p.m. and taking comment from the sole member of the public, the board entered into what has become their special brand of transparent government, "Closed Session." It lasted about an hour and a half with Counsel Laredo announcing, "no action was taken by the board."

But the board did decide something. They authorized a full page ad to be printed in the Herald on Jan. 2nd. Why? To save their financially crumbling agency.

What prompted the board to meet? PUC Administrative Law Judge Bushey's decision of Dec. 21, 2010 regarding Cal Am's Application 10-01-012 to the PUC. This application was submitted to meet the conditions of the Settlement Agreement, brokered by the DRA between MPWMD and Cal Am, which was prompted by PUC Decision 09-07-021. The judge's decision states, "the settlement agreement is not reasonable..., consistent with the law, or in the public interest." The judge denied the request to charge a "user fee" of 8.325 percent to customers, for river mitigation by MPWMD (Note: This amounts to as much as an 88 percent increase over the 4 years analyzed). This fee has not been on your bill since Jan. 2010. Without the "user fee" pink slips will start flying at MPWMD.

Don't buy into the "Save the River" ad; it's all about "Save Them." Read the decision, write the PUC, and urge them to concur with the judge.

Let's move forward and build the Regional Water Project. Let's work with the Marina Coast Water District which has shown, by Standard & Poor's recent credit upgrading, they can handle their finances.

Ron Chesshire  
Monterey**Clarification on farmed salmon story**

Editor (Cameron):

You did a great article in the Cedar Street Times. Well researched. The only change I would have made would be to stress that the parasites that breed in the crowded net pens infest the young smolts of wild salmon passing through on their way to the ocean where they spend two or three years before returning to spawn in the river of their origin.

That is just one more thing humans have done to decimate the former runs of millions of wild salmon.

Although mentioning the excess food and waste polluting the ocean floor is certainly correct the increase in algae does not really add significantly to CO2 on the planet when compared to huge amount from automobiles and trucks. Algae actually releases oxygen during daylight.

Dave Powell

**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.

**We will not publish unsigned letters or letters which defame or slander or libel.**

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Jon Guthrie

# High Hats & Parasols

The News ... from 1911.

## Re-opening of the Pacific Grove Hotel

The Pacific Grove Hotel was re-opened to the public on Wednesday after having been closed for a considerable while for repairs and upgrades. There is great rejoicing among PaGroviens now that this popular hostelry is again catering to the traveling public. The closing of this hostelry's doors provided a severe blow to the Grove, one that has been keenly felt by all classes.

The hotel has been thoroughly renovated and upgraded. For instance, electric lighting has been installed to replace the former gas lighting. New paints and stains appear everywhere. Rich carpets have been thrown down.

The scene at the opening ceremony was one of great brilliance. The kitchen produced a tempting menu, which was enjoyed by residents of Monterey and Pacific Grove without cost to diners. The meal and service was all that the most exacting epicurean could desire. The waitresses and staff were alert to see that nothing was lacking.

And not only was the palate considered, but the eye and the ear feasted as well, for choice musical selections were rendered by the hotel orchestra during the evening and beautiful bouquets and verdant ferns and potted plants adorned every available space in all rooms.

Aside from the regular guests of the hotel, the following PaGroviens signed in to enjoy the dinner, music, and tours: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pryor, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bullene, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Farve, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Clark, Dr and Mrs. A. M. Ritchie, Mrs. H. N. Yates, Dr. L. B. Braham, Mr. Edward Gilman, Miss Mary Gilman, Miss Florence Gilman, Miss Gladys Cahoon, Mrs. Charlotte Deming, Mrs. L. P. Hobart, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Long, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown, and others.

## The Monterey County school census

County School Superintendent Duncan Stirling has compiled the following report of the school census for Monterey County from the returns of the several census marshals.

Number of families now requiring school services, 3,426. Number of children between the ages of 5 and 7 years, 1,932. Of all other school ages, white boys, 2,456. White girls, 2,383. Negro boys, 15. Negro girls, 7. Asiatic boys, 52. Asiatic girls, 26. Indian boys, 21. Indian girls, 13. Number of children who have attended (or are attending) private schools, 418. There are in the county 4,322 children who have not been vaccinated. 136 children are gainfully employed. The number of teachers currently working in the county is 127. <sup>1</sup>

The superintendent said that the schools in the county were never in a more flourishing condition.

## Thomas Hardy celebrates 70 years, wear only 2 waistcoats

In London, Thomas Hardy, the celebrated novelist had a quiet celebration of his seventieth birthday at his quaint home near Dorchester. As he ages, Hardy lives in the heart of the country which he made familiar to readers the world over. Much has been said and written about Mr. Hardy's work, but very little is known generally about the man himself. He is said to be a most difficult person to approach, but such may not truly be the case.

For his birthday, Hardy received a visit from a PaGroviens, Sylvester Peebles, who is a pertinacious autograph seeker. Peebles reports that he was almost overwhelmed with shock when Hardy greeted him warmly and eventually presented him with several autographed copies of Hardy's best-known works. Peeble's said that one of the most remarkable features of the famous novelist is that he wears as many as four waistcoats, even on the hottest day. But on his birthday, Hardy wore only two. <sup>11</sup>

## Notes from around the area...

- Miss Annie Smith, proprietress, announces room and board at the Centralia. Ask your operator to connect you with Red 293 for details.
- The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company promises to place you squarely at the center of the world. We install telephones.
- T. A. Work is bringing in quality wood for your stove and fire. Sawed to 14 inch lengths. Place your order now. Cheap!
- Buckingham & Hecht guaranteed shoes are manufactured in San Francisco. During the rainy months, everyone wants a pair of shoes that will hold together even though the shoes are soaked through and through. B&H's reputation is impeccable. That is the reason for our customers having such confidence in the product.
- Mrs. Velma Harris has been chosen as the new President of the Mayflower Women of the Congregational church. The action was taken at a Wednesday meeting.

## The cost of living...

- Excellent hay can be yours through Secon's Supply at \$13 per ton, delivered. Your animals will appreciate your trouble.
- The Pacific Grove Hotel plans on reopening soon, said the assistant manager. When it does, the same popular rates will apply although the hotel is newly renovated. That is \$2.50 or \$3.00 per day. A cottage costs \$12 or \$14 per week. Stay in the main hotel and the rate is \$14 to \$17 per week. All conveniences and commodities are included. See article in this issue.
- The new Del Monte Laundry promises to keep you tidy. Cleaning of men's three-piece suits is now on sale for 65¢. Absolutely no kerosene used. <sup>111</sup>
- Get your broilers, fryers, and hens from W. B. Fitcher at 412 Sixteenth for as little as 12¢ a pound.

## Author's Notes

- I Vaccination was viewed by many with grave suspicion. "Vaccination" and "inoculation" generally have the same meaning. In common usage, either is used to refer to an "immunization." The word "vaccination" was originally used to

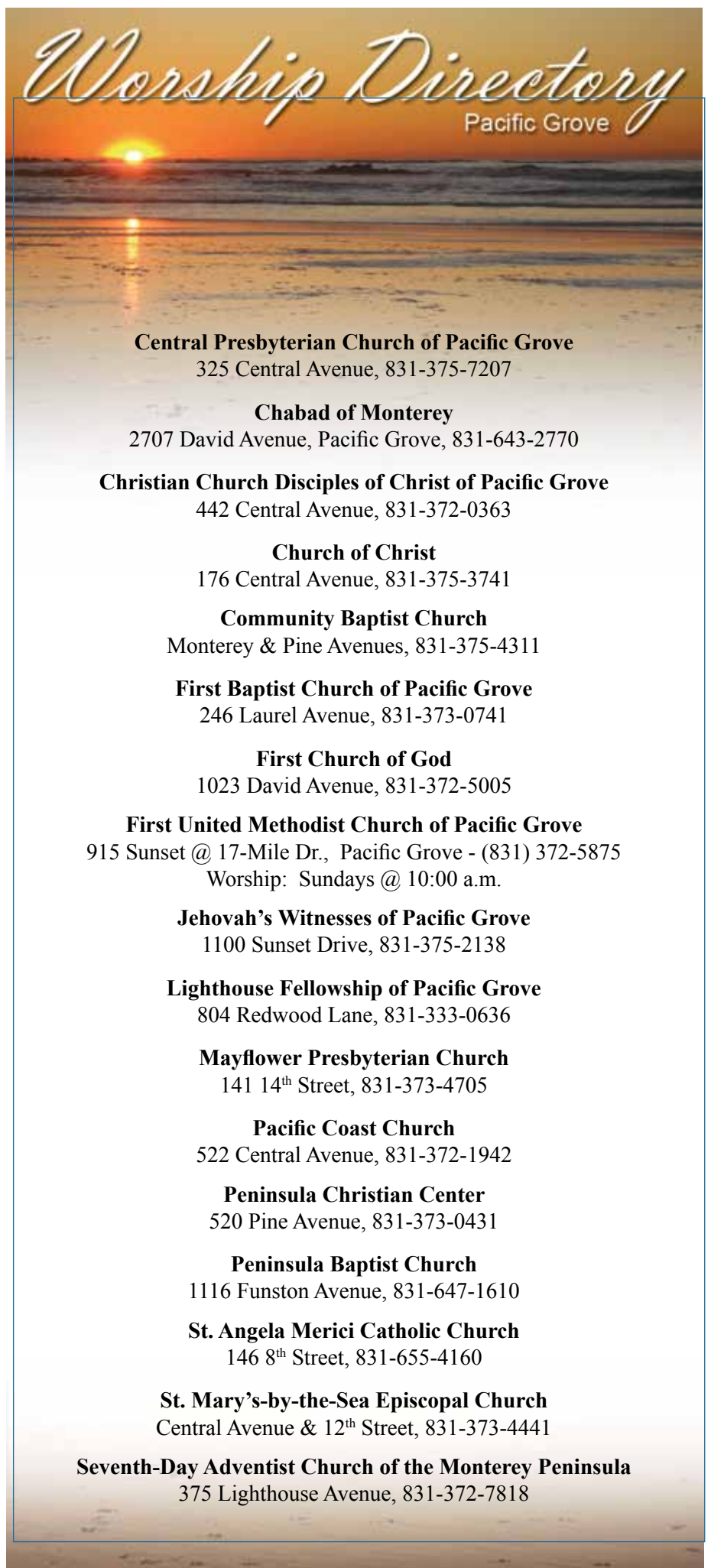
describe the injection of smallpox vaccine.

- II Thomas Hardy, the English poet-novelist who wore a mustache carefully waxed and twirled into points, is perhaps most famous for his books *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and *Far From the Madding Crowd*. Hardy is given credit for creating the literary device called the "cliffhanger".

- III Dry cleaning methodology originally called for the use of kerosene, which left wearers of dry cleaned clothing with a faint and objectionable odor. Modern dry cleaners often use tetrachloroethylene.

*Please note! Readers are advised that the 1911 prices quoted herein are no longer valid, nor are these items / properties available from the mentioned seller. The Cedar Street Times appreciates the callers who have attempted to advantage themselves of these 1911 listings, but can be of no help.*

*Know some news or trivia from 1911? Contact the author Jon Guthrie: profguthrie@gmail.com.*



*Worship Directory*  
Pacific Grove

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Mayflower Presbyterian Church**  
141 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 831-373-4705

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

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

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

**St. Angela Merici Catholic Church**  
146 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 831-655-4160

**St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church**  
Central Avenue & 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 831-373-4441

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