

# Kiosk



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**Sunday, Dec. 27**  
2-3 p.m.

Kaffe Fassett  
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157 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove  
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Monarch Knitting & Quilts  
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+  
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Lecture  
and Slideshow  
7 p.m.  
Pacific Grove Middle School  
\$15  
at Back Porch Fabrics or  
Monarch Knitting & Quilts

**Ongoing Mondays**

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4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
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Free, For Info: 831-384-6961

**Ongoing Tues. & Thurs.**

Salsa Dancing  
7 p.m.  
Chautauqua Hall  
Central & 16<sup>th</sup> Avenues  
Free

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.  
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*He knows if you've been bad or good. . .*



Our photographer found himself in Santa's knowing gaze at the Holiday Lights Parade earlier this month. Honest, Santa, he's one of the good guys and he deserves that new lens he asked for! Photo by Nate Philips.

## City leaders train for emergency response

*By Cameron Douglas*

More than 20 Pacific Grove city officials and community leaders met on Dec. 17 for a modified emergency training exercise as part of the city's Emergency Operations Center program. Among those present were Darius Engles and John Nyunt, PGPD; Dave Brown, Monterey Fire Department; Tom Frutche, PG city manager; Dave Laredo and Heidi Quinn, city attorneys; Don Mothershead, Rec Dept.; Jim Becklenberg, Finance & Administration; Julie Uretsky, Housing; Lisa Maddalena, Library; Lynn Burgess, Planning Dept.; Celia Perez-Martinez, Public Works.

The training simulated the first 75 minutes of a severe, but well-forecasted storm. In that situation, all participating parties can be in place, ready to act. Four main sections, each with their own chiefs, comprise the Pacific Grove Emergency Operations Center: Finance, Legal, Logistics and Operations.

Emergency Operations commence when the city manager declares a Stage One (lowest level) emergency. The police chief decides initial actions. The city attorney notifies pertinent agencies,

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## CPUC certifies EIR for water project

*By Marge Ann Jameson*

Another hurdle in the process of establishing a Regional Water Project has been overcome. The Environmental Impact Report, a process begun in 2004, was certified by the California Public Utilities Commission Thursday, Dec. 17. Among the three alternatives under consideration by Peninsula water purveyors, the CPUC has expressed support for the Regional Water Project over other alternatives. It is also the favored one among the agencies involved — the Marina Coast Water District, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency — along with California American Water, which provides water service to Pacific Grove. The Regional Water Project, a publicly-owned option, would spread the cost of implementation over more customers and would make the "project and rates lower when water is delivered to Central Coast customers," said Jim

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Heitzman, general manager of the Marina Coast Water District, in a press release. Marina Coast Water District would build the desalination plant component of the project. As proposed by Cal Am, the water project would produce desalinated water in Marina, convey it by pipeline to the Seaside Groundwater Basin, and from there it would be distributed to Cal Am's customers.

There are several distinct components of the project, which includes a seawater intake system, the desalination plant, a brine discharge system, pipelines and storage facilities, and an aquifer storage and recovery system.

"The Regional Desalination Plant location meets Coastal Commission restrictions on open ocean intake and treats a combination of ocean and brackish groundwater," Heitzman said. "Potential use of nearby Monterey Regional Waste Management District methane gases to generate power contributes to reduction of greenhouse gases and supplies a sustainable energy source."

Two alternative projects are the Moss Landing Project and the North Marina Project. The main differences between the Moss Landing Project and the North Marina Project are that the desalination facility under the North Marina Project would be constructed in North Marina and would be slightly greater than that of the Moss landing facility. Any would satisfy the requirement imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board on Cal Am to reduce pumping from the Carmel River aquifer.

Though Cal Am is temporarily under a stay, the stay is to be reconsidered Jan. 8, 2010 at which time it could be lifted. Cal Am at that time will likely ask once again for a moratorium on hookups, a step which was previously denied based on the fact that the stay existed. The Final Environmental Impact Report will be considered as one of the components for adoption of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) using the Final EIR as a basis of deliberations. Such an evaluation, said officials, opens up doors for federal grants and low-cost state loans to reduce final design and construction costs. Cal Am's customers include, besides Pacific Grove, five other incorporated cities, the Monterey Airport District, Carmel Highlands, Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach as well as other unincorporated areas of Monterey County.

The CPUC will likely rule on its preferred alternative in May, 2010. Sources say that desalinated water could come online as early as 2012.

## Emergency Operations Center training

### Disaster preparedness list for your household

Will you be prepared? You might have to wait until conditions improve in order to get outside help (plan on being self-sufficient for at least three days). Aside from the usual flashlight, radio and batteries, plan on including the following in your disaster kit:

- First aid kit.
- Disinfectant/bleach.
- Fire extinguisher
- Toilet paper/personal hygiene items.
- Over-the-counter and prescription medications.
- Pet food.
- Signal flare.
- Pocket knife.
- Tent or other means of protection from the elements.
- Sleeping bags or heavy blankets
- 3 days' worth of non-perishable food and drinking water for each occupant of your household.

Information courtesy of Dave Brown and the Monterey Fire Department website: [www.monterey.org/fire](http://www.monterey.org/fire)



Top photo, L-R: Recreation Department head Don Mothershead, City Manager Tom Frutchey and Police Chief Darius Engles take notes on the EOC presentation. Bottom photo: Harry Robins, of the Robins Emergency Management Group facilitated the training. Photos by Cameron Douglas.

### Early deadlines

Our Jan. 1, 2010 issue will be distributed on Dec. 31, 2009. It will be printed on Wednesday, Dec. 30. Our advertising deadline is therefore Monday, Dec. 28 as is the deadline for copy and press releases. We will return to our regular schedule after the Jan. 1, 2010 issue.

## THE CONSONANT COWBOY

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## Pacific Grove Community Center Preschool

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- Session: January 2010 - May 2010
- Fees: \$120/month resident;  
\$135/month non-resident
- Location: Community Center  
515 Junipero Avenue
- Instructors: Cathy Roche-Tyndall, Director  
Josie Cameron, Teacher

Register:

City Hall, 300 Forest Avenue  
831-648-3100



## Pacific Grove's Rain Gauge

Data reported by Guy Chaney

Week ending 12/16/09.....	86
Total for the season .....	4.38
To date last year (2008).....	2.01
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*	

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

Photo courtesy of [www.pacificgrove.com](http://www.pacificgrove.com)

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including the county and, with the presence of Hopkins Marine Lab, Stanford University would also be notified that Pacific Grove had declared an emergency. Public Works goes into action closing off danger areas. In the actual EOC room, situations are posted on the wall and are numbered as to when they came in so they can be tracked.

Harry Robins of the Robins Emergency Management Group facilitated the real-time training held at the Pacific Grove Police Department training room. "Expect the unexpected," said Robins. He briskly handed out incoming reports to the appropriate section chiefs. Each section chief is expected to know exactly what to do with no hesitation. The reports grew more drastic as the hypothetical storm intensified. At the end of the session, with described winds gusting from 50-70 mph, rain coming down in sheets, trees falling, streets flooded and a building on fire from fallen power lines, the team was challenged to prioritize their responses and maximize efficiency even as more reports kept coming in.

In the midst of all this, the Planning Department is charged with assembling all the scattered incidents and responses into a coherent "big picture," anticipating the upcoming demands on resources. This vital information assists the EOC director in making critical decisions. Finance staff tracks estimated costs of damage and response. The state requires this information when a request is made to declare a disaster area. The sooner that determination can be made the sooner aid can arrive.

Communication in and out of the EOC is of vital importance. Robins placed a lot of emphasis on public relations, and Chief Engles agreed: "We have to work with the press to get information out to the public. But if that information is inaccurate or premature, the results can be disastrous. Emergency services and the press have to cooperate with each other." A pressroom would be set up somewhere outside the EOC, "at arm's length," according to Engles, so that information can be relayed to the public as soon as possible. PGPD already has a full roster of all area media contacts, ensuring they all get current information at the same time. The public information officer sends information to the media in an emergency. Assistant City Attorney Heidi Quinn is the designated public information officer for Pacific Grove.

Observing these public servants being called to an extreme situation gives one pause and is remindful of how much these people do — and are prepared to do — for the public good. And any one of them may be called upon to do more than their share in an emergency.

Robins closed the training with a sobering thought: "If you know a bad storm is coming, you can get everyone in place ahead of time. Everyone can be here; ready to do their job, like we were today. But if it's an earthquake at two in the morning, and you're the only one here waiting for the others to arrive, well, that's a different story."

**Citizen dos and don'ts in an emergency**

- DO** remain calm.
- DO** be prepared to cope with loss of electricity, water and other services for anywhere from one to 72 hours.
- DO** stay aware of your surroundings and keep all your senses keen. Watch the street, trees and power lines. Smell for gas leaks.
- DO** call in when something needs attention. Make note of the time when things occur. Whether you call the police non-emergency number (831-648-3143) or 911 depends on the situation and the degree of danger. Give clear, accurate information. Speak in short sentences, starting with your name and where you are calling from.
- DO** give the EOC a reasonable length of time to respond, especially if your situation is not life-threatening.
- DON'T** get upset if you are asked to hang up and call 911. 911 Dispatch plays a key role and can send other agencies to help you, depending on the situation.
- DON'T** come to the police station unless you are instructed to do so, or unless phone service is gone.
- DON'T** go in the ocean during a storm. Stay out of closed areas. Coast Guard and other rescue services will be operating at maximum capacity. People who foolishly place themselves in harm's way at such a time make a tough situation tougher.

**PG man booked for assault, burglary, attempted sexual assault, other crimes**

A Pacific Grove man is under arrest for attempted sexual assault, burglary, assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest after he allegedly assaulted the occupants of a home on 17th Street.

Gregory Telles, age 20, was booked and lodged in the Monterey County Jail.

The victims told officers the suspect had assaulted the female victim and battered the male victim with a knife. The male victim sustained a minor wound to his head and was treated for the injury. The victims and the suspect apparently are acquainted.

On the prior evening, Dec. 20, the same suspect allegedly sexually assaulted a victim in Monterey and Monterey Police were looking for him as well. There are similarities between the two assaults, according to Cdr. Nyunt of Pacific Grove Police Department.

At about 3:00 a.m., officers located the subject on Wood Street and chased him toward Jewell where he was subdued and arrested.



Suspect Gregory Telles

**John Herbert Hauswirth**

*Obituary*

**John Herbert Hauswirth**

-December 18, 2009-



PACIFIC GROVE- John "Jack" Herbert Hauswirth was born in Butte, Montana in 1926. He was the first son of Herbert and Madlyn Hauswirth. With his two brothers and two sisters, the family moved to Pacific Grove in 1941. Jack attended Pacific Grove High School, then joined the Navy.

When he returned from the war, he fell in love and married Micheline Firpo in 1948.

With two young daughters in tow, Jack and Micheline headed to the Pacific Northwest, settling in Seattle, Washington. After raising his family, Jack realized two of his dreams; owning his own carpentry business, and sailing the San Juan Islands.

Returning to his Pacific Grove family in 1980, Jack came back full circle.

Father, Brother, Grandpa and Uncle, you lived your life with great energy and passion, that is your legacy to us. We miss you.

On behalf of his daughters, Lyn and Michele, we would like to convey our heartfelt gratitude for the monumental efforts of the community to find our dad.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate his life in March 2010; one year from the date of his disappearance. The specific date will be announced in February.

Donations in his name can be sent to Project Lifesaver, in care of Deputy Frank Duenas with the Monterey County Sheriffs Office, phone 831-647-7702.



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Jon Guthrie

## High Hats & Parasols Pacific Grove news from 1909

### About the Chautauqua

Another Chautauqua Institute is planned for the summer of 1910 and several industrious individuals are working hard getting ready for that amazing collection of events.

The Pacific Grove Chautauqua is the first offspring of that great parent institution which in New York State has made the name Chautauqua a household word throughout the United States. The Pacific Grove branch was inaugurated in 1879, and will hold its thirty-first session July 8 to 24, 1910, inclusive. The closing event will be the annual Feast of Lanterns, one of the most unique and picturesque features of the Pacific Grove Chautauqua.

Two outstanding programs already have been confirmed for presentation at this summer's Chautauqua Institute, promising to make that affair among the best ever.

The first presentation comprises an anti-cigarette program. Persons in attendance will be asked: "What is a cigarette?" The speaker, Dr. D. I. Lewis, will answer that a cigarette is first a little tobacco wrapped in a small piece of paper ... looking harmless, but containing injury, disease, disgrace, and failure of heart to the habitual user. Many of our best medical authorities and expert chemists agree that it is not from the paper wrapper, but from the nicotine of the tobacco (which also produces other injurious gases) that harm accrues. The speaker will also discuss the physical and mental powers requisite to quitting.

The second confirmed program focuses on exploration. A representative of Roald Amundsum, the famed Norwegian explorer, will be on hand to speak about preparations for Amundsum's coming venture into the Antarctica. Amundsum plans for his expedition to depart Norway on June 10, 1910, and arrive at the South Pole by December 10, 1910. Amundsum plans to be the first person ever to make this trip. His representative will discuss the details of planning and discuss what is intended to be accomplished.

### Library reports funds

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the City of Pacific Grove, Greetings. I present to you the report on the receipts of the Pacific Grove Public Library for the year ending June 30, 1909, as follows: Balance, July 1, 1908, \$2,215. Receipts from taxes, \$4,147.87. Donations: Mrs. Alexander, \$100. Mrs. Pell, \$10. Mr. Thomas, 50¢. Mr. Hazeline, \$1. Mrs. Uphart, \$4.50. Mr. & Mrs. Bennett, \$3. Receipts from fines totaled \$105. Total amount accounted, \$5,584.50. Submitted by W. T. Jamison.

### Refuses to hook up

The town marshal, E. B. Rice, reports that a proper hook-up to the new sewer line has been refused by a resident of Fourteenth Street. A woman, who lives alone, said that she does not care to pay the hook-up fee. The marshal indicated that he would submit the matter to the police committee, which has the power to take action.

### Street Improvement resolution adopted

The town council has adopted a resolution ordering work to be accomplished on Ocean View Avenue, from New Monterey to the old lighthouse. The street is first to be graded, and then surfaced. Next, cement curbs and gutters are to be installed. Electric lines are also to be put in. The sum of \$2,284,122 has been set aside for this work. All contractors desiring to place bids with the council must provide evidence of being properly licensed and of holding the appropriate bonds. State, county, and local laws are to be complied with in every respect.

### Artist making sketches

Ira Pennington, a local artist who has earned for himself considerable fame, is now at work on a contracted project. Pennington is busily making coastal sketches of scenes from here to Big Sur. The best of these sketches will be turned into art for display and eventual sale. Mr. Pennington has indicated that he will return to his home in about a month's time.

### Sailing residents in trouble

Frank Murasky, who resides in the Grove, enticed three individuals to go for a sail with him this past weekend. Murasky had it in mind to solicit new members for the Peninsula Sailing Club. Those watching from the shore said that Murasky's boat, with sails under full loft, made its way toward the horizon, and then disappeared from view by the naked eye. Field glasses revealed that Murasky's boat was in trouble, had capsized, and that four young men were in the water clinging to the boat's gunwale's. Several boats boldly put under way to attempt a rescue. The tug *Pete* was the first to arrive, and the three members of its crew managed to pull aboard those in trouble. One of those rescued said: "We had given up all hope of getting help, and were delighted to see assistance coming to us." Whether interest in the Peninsula Sailing Club waned failed to be mentioned.

### Around town...

- Our library spent \$30.40 last year for the purchase of fuel wood. Are you the owner of an old tree ready to be toppled? Donate the wood to the library.
- The school board is seeking a location for building a new high school. Ideas are eagerly solicited and considered.
- The El Bethel Mission will conduct a Bible study Thursday. The subject will be "Throne Saints".
- Forty-seven new members were issued library cards during last month's drive.
- An art exhibit on loan will be featured at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

### For sale or rent...

- O. R. Shepps, Grocer, has received a new supply of green and ripe olives. 75¢ a can.
- Have a broken window pane? Same can be repaired by Wright's Hardware. Yes, Wright's will make estimate, free.
- Fresh bread is now baked and ready for sale at the Pacific Grove Bakery. 15¢ a loaf, \$1 for a dozen loaves.

Cedrick Hunter

## Snipped from the station log

As of, Dec 24, 09

### Found: Digital Camcorder

A Good Samaritan turned in a camcorder to PGPD. The unit was found at Pacific Grove High School. PGPD will hold the camcorder for safekeeping for 90 days.

### Intoxicated Man Arrested

An officer on patrol noticed a man acting in an erratic manner on Timber Trail. After checking matters out, the officer determined that the man was intoxicated. He was placed under arrest.

### Man missing

A resident contacted PGPD to advise the department about a missing man. The party is considered to be at-risk. PGPD distributed a TRAK flyer and entered the missing man's information into the CLET's computer program.

### Had previous DUI

An informant notified PGPD of an individual believed to have been drinking while driving. The informant had observed the subject purchase something at a liquor store, then drink while in his car, keeping the purchase enclosed in a brown paper bag. An officer arrived. The subject admitted to having booze inside his car and asked if he "could just pour it (the contents) out." The officer refused, thinking that the bag's contents, a beer, might be held in evidence. The subject's alcohol level measured .008. A check of the records revealed a DUI citation, 9 years prior, which the subject admitted. The subject was cited for having an open container in a vehicle.

### Found Phone

A week ago, members of a youth church group found a phone at a location on David Avenue. The group's leader took the phone to the church to see if someone would claim it. No one did. The leader could not recall which youngster had found the phone, but he turned the device in to PGPD. The phone will be held 90 days for safekeeping.

### Entry method unknown

A complainant advised PGPD that he had parked (and locked) his car on David Avenue. Upon his return, he found that someone had been inside the car and had stolen property, which included a GPS and stereo. The officer saw that the car was still locked. Method of entry could not be determined.

### Found: Xbox

A Good Samaritan turned in an Xbox video game to PGPD. The game had been found on Spruce Avenue. PGPD will hold the game for safekeeping for 90 days.

### Three-car crash

PGPD received a report that there had been a collision at David and Seaview avenues involving three vehicles. The dispatched officer found that that was the case, and the roadway was blocked. After taking appropriate reports, one car was towed away. The other two cars were removed by having their owners drive them away.

### Dropped daughter off, but late

A mom contacted PGPD to report that her ex, who had the couple's daughter, had failed to drop the child off as required. An officer was later contacted. Dad indicated that he had dropped the girl off at her daycare. Mom then called the daycare and learned that such had been the case ... although dad was late in so doing.

### School loses, regains hoops

Robert Down school reported that two of its basketball hoops were missing. One however had been returned. While the officer was taking the report, someone brought in the other hoop.

### Lost her wallet

A woman came to Pacific Grove to do some shopping. While she was in town, she misplaced her wallet.

### GPS grabbed

A visitor staying at the Gosby House reported a bit of bad luck. While his vehicle was parked, someone ransacked the car and purloined his GPS.

### Suspicious circumstances

A customer was filling his gas tank at a service station when another man approached him. The subject told the first man that he was under suspicion of wrong-doing, and was being watched. The subject identified himself as "navy special ops" personnel. After the customer advised the subject that he had telephoned police and asked for an officer to help sort things out, the subject hopped in a vehicle and departed. The subject wore a baseball cap and flight jacket. He was driving a two-toned, extended-cab pickup.

### Mom in action

A mother brought her juvenile son to PGPD. The two of them delivered several pieces of merchandise that mom said her son had stolen from automobiles. An officer from PGPD is investigating.

### Rock thrown

Neighbors reported hearing a loud crash. They later reported that a window had been broken. A rock was located on the floor inside the apartment. No information was available on a suspect.

### Car rifled

A resident who parks his car on Stuart Avenue contacted PGPD. Sometime during the night, an unknown suspect entered the locked vehicle and stole several items. No clues are available.

Your achievements

*People*



Members of The Bridge Ministry were honored for their volunteer service to the City of Pacific Grove at the recent City Council Meeting.

Engagement

*People*

**Marquart-Nakamoto**



Carol Marquart of Pacific Grove and Joseph Pomar of Oakland are proud to announce the December 5 engagement of their daughter, Rose Marie Marquart to Cory Nakamoto. son of Carol and Taro Nakamoto of Los Altos, California. Rosie Marquart is a graduate of Pacific Grove High School and the University of California, Santa Cruz. Cory is a graduate of Los Altos High School and of California State College at Chico. Rose and Cory met in the Master's Program while earning degrees in Educational Counseling at California State University at San Jose. Both earned Master's Degrees in School Counseling Program at California State University at San Jose. Rose is now employed at California State University as a Career Counselor and Cory is a School Counselor at Mills High School in Millbrae. The date of the wedding date has yet to be determined.

*Worship Directory*  
Pacific Grove

**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 & 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Dr. Lockwood has been a member of the local community for over 13 years. His work is conducted in-office on an appointment basis and sessions are one and one half hours in length.

# PGHS Soccer Practice Nov., 2009



The PGHS soccer team is eagerly preparing to be one of the best in the league this year.

**Above:** PGHS soccer players don colored jerseys for a practice scrimmage.

**Right:** Stephen Rock and Fred Chung fight for the ball.

**Below:** Stephen Rock hunts down a ball during practice.



Remaining games in the regular season:

01/06/10	Stevenson	5:30PM
01/14/10	@ Anzar	3:30PM
01/20/10	@ Calvary Christian	3:30PM
01/22/10	Marina High School	5:00PM
01/26/10	@ Pacific Collegiate School	3:30PM
01/28/10	York School	5:00PM
02/03/10	Anzar	5:00PM
02/05/10	Calvary Christian	5:00PM
02/09/10	@ Marina High School	3:30PM
02/11/10	Pacific Collegiate School	5:00PM
02/16/10	@ York School	3:30PM
02/19/10	@ Carmel High School	TBA



Photos by Nate Philips

### Thank you to all my customers!

I have been very blessed to have all of you enter my life. God has blessed me abundantly. I want to take this time to thank those who have helped me through the Christmas season and year round. Without all of you I wouldn't be where I am today – after 7 years. Thank you and God bless you always.

My dear, sweet, loving sister who comes from Mississippi every Christmas season for three weeks to help me in the shop.

My children and their spouses for their support and their understanding.

My Guardian angel **Gail Gallagher** for your help during the holidays and for your way of calming me during stressful moments.

God – without Him I am nothing

**Chad** – my wonderful, loving and very supportive husband of 40 years. You are my Knight in Shining Armor.

MY DEAR FRIEND **STEPHANIE LEOPOLD** FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE WHEN I NEED HER. I LOVE YOU.

My good friend **Vince Tuminello** who was my “go fer” during the Christmas rush. . .and also a good friend.

My after-school and weekend helper, **Tyler Napolitano**.

Thank you **Gina Matteson** for all your hard work in the shop. Gina made all the beautiful gift bows and tags and so much more.

*Thank you Sean O'Callaghan Oldies 63 radio*

To my friends **Leslie, Mark and Gang** at Monterey Packaging.

Thank you **Georgie Keen** for all your help over the past 6 weeks. May our friendship grow.

To my dear friend and spiritual mentor **Cherish Pruett** who continues to keep me spiritually focused.

ESPECIALLY A HUGE THANKS TO **KEVIN AT THE MONTEREY COPY CENTER** FOR DOING SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB OF PUMPING OUT THE PRINTS FOR MY CUSTOM PUZZLES – YOU'RE A SWEETHEART. YOU TOO, **STEVEN**.

And finally, a gigantic THANK YOU to the people of Pacific Grove for shopping locally so we can all keep our wonderful town thriving and growing. You are all wonderful.

A big thanks to all my “little friends” who came to see me and bring me pictures they've drawn for me and big hugs which I love.

To **John** at UPS and **Richard** at FedEx for all their hard work and their cheerfulness when I needed it.

To all my dear friends – I just can't list all of you but you know who you are; those who drop in to check on me and visit a few minutes. I love you all and cherish our friendship.

*Please, during this busy holiday season, remember the true meaning of Christmas –do at least one kind deed a day. You'll feel so good and you'll be a better person for it.*

*I love you all.  
Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.*

# I'm Puzzled



*Santa's helpers*



We spotted Santa in broad daylight on the streets of Pacific Grove last Saturday. He and a dozen helpers were distributing gifts door-to-door as part of a joint effort between the Pacific Grove Fire Department and PG Kiwanis. Local families and private resources also contribute. Santa's sleigh was in for repairs, so he and his friends used other vehicles

to accomplish their mission. Besides what Engine 6474 could carry, there were two other vehicles full of gifts.

"We collect toys at the fire station," said Division Chief Felix Colello. "We had a 'wrap party' to wrap the gifts. Today we're delivering to about 200 kids in PG, Monterey and Sand City." The program is in its fifteenth year.

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History presents

**Coexisting with Coyotes**

Lecture and Film

**Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 at 2 pm**

A presentation by Camilla Fox, Founding Director of Project Coyote

Lecture:

**Coyotes in Our Midst**

**Learning to Live with America's Wild "Song Dog"**



This presentation covers coyote ecology and biology in urban and rural ecosystems, human-coyote coexistence strategies, coyote conflict management and the value of community-based conservation approaches to living with coyotes and other urban wildlife.

Film:

**American Coyote Still Wild at Heart**

This 30-minute film reveals the fascinating and complex world of *Canis latrans*: their keen intelligence, amazing resourcefulness, and importance as keystone carnivores in many ecosystems. While the film unfolds with the return of coyotes to the San Francisco Bay Area, it pursues the coyote's story across the North American landscape.

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**Upcoming Exhibits**

**January 8-February 18, 2010**

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"Celebrate Color," Oil Paintings by Claire C. Oppenhuizen  
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**Ongoing**

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**Le Beau Soleil Gallery Holiday Exhibit**

**"Small Wonders: Little Paintings by Local Artists"**

**210 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove**

Le Beau Soleil Gallery's "Small Wonders" exhibit last year was very popular and is being brought back this year with new paintings by the Gallery's 9 artists. All of the paintings in this show are 8"x10" or smaller. You are invited to celebrate art and the season Friday evening, December 4th, from 5 to 8pm for the artists' reception.

Enjoy a beautiful collection of smaller, original oil paintings and photos by artists Carole Bestor, Jacque Colbert, June Levin, Skyler Lewis, Elizabeth Meyer, Barbara Norton, Kathy Sharpe, Sally Giddings Smith, and Murray Wagnon starting Friday December 4th and running until January 31.

**MG By the Sea Gallery**

MG Gallery specializes in cartoon heroes, science fiction, horror and nostalgia art from around the globe. Michael Goodell recently opened at 170A Grand Avenue.

**The Works**

**"Double Vision"**

**Solo exhibit by Maria Poroy**

**667 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove**

Opens November 30 and runs through January 11, 2010

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## H1N1 update

Since the first cases of H1N1 (swine flu) were confirmed last April, local, state, federal and world organizations have tracked the disease. At last report, the Monterey County Health Department has documented 113 diagnosed cases of H1N1 in Monterey County hospitals so far this season. There have been 14 "ICU or fatal." The MCHD did not elaborate on those figures.

"We are in heightened surveillance," said Dr. Lisa Hernandez, Deputy Health Officer for the MCHD. "So far, H1N1 is the only strain of flu we're seeing." She reports that, so far this season, flu-related visits to the doctor and to the emergency room are higher than last year.

The World Health Organization states that approximately 150 million doses of H1N1 vaccine have been distributed world-wide. WHO is still gathering reports on how many doses have actually been administered. As of Dec. 6, WHO reports more than 208 countries, overseas territories or communities have reported laboratory confirmed cases of swine flu, including 9,596 deaths. In comparison, seasonal flu claims anywhere from 250,000-500,000 lives each year.

"We want to remind people to take care," said Dr. Hernandez. "If you develop a fever of 100 degrees or higher with a sore throat and cough, stay home. Rest, cover your mouth to cough or sneeze, and wash your hands frequently. Call your doctor if you are at high risk or don't feel better after 3-4 days. Call your doctor if your symptoms worsen. It is better to call in than to go in."

## Short term rentals a step closer

With a few changes suggested by City Council members, the draft ordinance establishing a license process for short-term rentals of residential property was unanimously adopted at the Dec. 16 meeting of the Pacific Grove City Council. Public comment is over on Dec. 28.

Changes may include definitions of separate properties, such as duplexes and triplexes at the same address. Other refinements requested by councilmembers include the issuance of an interim health and safety affidavit instead of an inspection; definition of the limits on violations; and requirements for display of the license so as to be aesthetically pleasing.

City Council has been looking at the revenue potential as well as possible criteria for licensing residential properties for periods of time under 30 days, the current limit set by the Municipal code.

Research shows that there are many properties in violation of the prohibition.

Staff estimates that if 100 properties rented for 10 weeks per year at \$1,800 per week, Transient Occupancy Tax revenue to the City could generate \$180,000. An annual licensing fee of \$200 on each such property would help cover the costs of enforcing such an ordinance.

Mitigation measures which address potentially significant environmental effects on aesthetics, noise, transportation and traffic have been developed.

There would be significant penalties for failure to register and for violation of the mitigation measures.

If the program were implemented in January, 2010, the new program could generate as much as \$100,000 in the current (09/10) fiscal year.

## Resource Center opens in Pacific Grove Their motto: "Just Ask Us!"

The Pacific Grove Resource Center has opened at 667 Lighthouse Avenue, in the Gazebo across from the Pacific Grove Post Office. The resource center offers a number of services to businesses, residents, and visitors.

Managed by Riddell & Riddell Advertising, the Resource Center also serves as a satellite office for Discover Publications and Print Plus Printing Brokers. The center's services include:

**Business Services**—Full color printing, marketing, graphic design, web design and advertising opportunities

**Residents' Services**—Recommendations for local services, shopping, and dining, upcoming City business dates and topics, and a "This Week in PG" calendar of events prominently displayed in the window.

**Visitors' Services**—Recommendations and reservation service for local accommodations, dining, shopping, events, entertainment, and services.

The Center features a bulletin board showcasing Pacific Grove's upcoming events, promotions, and discounts at local businesses.

Locals and visitors are encouraged to browse local restaurant menus and real estate. The Resource Center also keeps the upcoming City committee meeting agendas on file for quick reference.

"We're hoping to be an all-inclusive, one-stop resource center for businesses, residents, and visitors; a place you can come for information about anything in Pacific Grove or Monterey County. If we don't have the answer, we'll try to find it for you. With opening this direct line of communication between businesses, residents, and visitors we hope to encourage residents to shop locally and visitors to discover our unique businesses and attractions." states owner, Craig Riddell. "My wife, Rebecca, is a PG native and I've spent the better part of my life here. We know a great deal about the area and its goings-on. Our hope is that this unique blend of resources will help businesses, residents and visitors connect in a meaningful manner and spur on our area's economic recovery."

Rebecca Riddell adds, "But, we'll need everyone to help. Please send us information to share. Tell us about your upcoming sale, charity event, concert, or food drive. We will help get the word out."

The Pacific Grove Resource Center is open Tuesday—Saturday from 10am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm, and other hours as possible through the help of volunteers.

For further information about the Pacific Grove Resource Center call 831-643-9900. To provide information about your upcoming event, promotion, activity, or meeting, email the Resource E-Mail Hotline: [info@pgrsourcecenter.com](mailto:info@pgrsourcecenter.com).

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## Winter Haiga

*taking a breather  
solitaire played out  
a cold hand*

photograph by Elaine Whitman

haiku by Neal Whitman

## Former PG Breaker goes to state championship

By Stacy Loving and Rich Hurley

Rich Amader, now living in Rocklin, experienced what some coaches only dream about. The 1987 Pacific Grove High School grad, part of the Rocklin High School Coaching staff since 2003, had an unstoppable season and took their undefeated team, the Rocklin Thunder, to the CIF Division II title Championship Game, garnering Rocklin an invitation to the CIF State Football Championship Bowl Game representing Northern California in their division. It was held at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California on Dec. 19.

After Rich graduated from PGHS, he enlisted in the Navy, serving his country for two and a half years. Returning to the peninsula, he began his coaching career at Pacific Grove High School coaching from 1992-2002. Coaching has always come naturally to Rich. Rocklin has treated him well during his tenure there, allowing him to serve at various levels of their Football program. He is now a Varsity Assistant Defensive Line Coach.

Rocklin was 4 -6 last year, but rebounded this season, going 14-0 and winning their first-ever CIF Sac-Joaquin Section title, at UC Davis, against Del Oro. The State Bowl Games consist of 10 teams normally dominated by private schools; only three public schools were invited to participate in this year's games. Rocklin was one of those three public schools, and it meant they would be coming in as the underdog.

Servite Catholic, the Southern California representative and Rocklin's opponent, was ranked number one in the state at season's end having played the toughest schedule in the State. It meant Rocklin had their work cut out for them. After jumping on Rocklin early; Servite Catholic was given a run for their money when Rocklin scored three fourth-quarter touchdowns to tie the game, only to lose on a last-second 42-yard field goal with a final of 33-30.

No Monterey Peninsula team has ever been invited to the CIF State Football Championship Bowl Game, which is in its fourth year of existence. Both Carmel and Seaside applied and were considered after their CCS Championship season, but unfortunately were not invited. But least one of our former BREAKERS was there to enjoy a great experience!



### Rich Amader, left and his son, Jared

Amader, a PGHS grad, coached at his alma mater until 2002 but is now a coach for Rocklin and took his team to a championship this season.

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# The Green Page



## Water summit planned

*Ad hoc committee turns extensive report over to council*

By Cameron Douglas

“Green” has different meanings these days. It can refer to money, the environment or the color of new-mown grass. When it comes to the availability of water in Pacific Grove, “green” carries all three meanings.

In the interest of keeping PG as green as possible, Pacific Grove city council member Deborah Lindsay, Bob Davis, former mayor Dan Cort, Richard Stillwell, Annette Chaplain, Regina Doyle, Michael Bekker and Alan Tegtmeier spent the better part of a year working as an alternative water subcommittee to determine how to capture water resources that have not been fully utilized, and to store water for irrigation.

The committee presented its report to city council on Dec. 16 with a request to be allowed to continue until February 2010, at which time a water summit will be held. The report includes a Water Resources Program with facts and figures detailing where existing wells are located, how much water is being used, the net amounts of water that can be harvested from rooftops, where existing springs are running, potential reservoir capacity, types of in-ground pipes that may be used, and a good look at how catchments and reclamation systems would work in Pacific Grove.

### At home

The committee’s report focuses on outdoor irrigation needs, starting with private properties. The first recommendation is to upgrade current Pacific Grove code restrictions that limit private property use of grey water, rain harvesting and storm water retention. This would involve a letter to the Monterey County Environmental Health Department to uphold state grey water recommendations and not require additional County permitting and expenses.

The second recommendation for private property is a zoning modification to exempt cisterns and water capture facilities for outdoor irrigation water sources.

Third, to require private property developments to include plans for water conservation measures at the permit stage. Lindsay says the committee hopes “to really support private homeowners to make the best decisions for their irrigation needs, so their water bills can stay lower and their gardens can stay green.”



Above: Stormwater runoff is an issue in Pacific Grove, not only as it pertains to keeping the Monterey Bay sanctuary clean, but for its potential as a harvestable source of water for the community.

At right, a beautiful garden on Pacific Avenue. Greywater and stormwater catchment could help retain such scenes for future generations.

### On the street

Then there are the public projects: David Avenue Reservoir, the Forest Lake Reservoir and on-site collection throughout the town.

Project 1, the David Avenue reservoir, if built, would be a large, central reservoir, primarily for storm runoff. This stored water would irrigate the front and back nines of the Del Monte golf course; Washington Park, including the ball fields; and the adult school, including the city ball field.

Project 2 would be to connect with the Forest Lake Reservoir and use reclaimed water, which would also water the golf course.

Project 3 is on-site collection. Throughout the city, smaller collection and storage systems would harvest storm, spring, rooftop and well water at the following places:

- Caledonia Park and Lover’s Point.
- Museum, Library and Jewell Park.
- Greenwood and Berwick parks.
- Pratt and Arnett parks.
- Middle School, Robert Down and the Community Center.
- PG High.
- David Avenue School.



Above: site of the former David Avenue reservoir

### More to be done

The committee’s work gives ample input to City Manager Tom Frutche’s meetings with other city managers, as they sit down together to plan how Peninsula cities will cope with increased water demands and the state’s cease-and-desist order to lessen pumping from the Carmel River.

Lindsay states that all members of city council are fully united in their efforts to make Pacific Grove “water-independent.” On such a critical issue, public awareness and participation are vital. “There definitely needs to be more public outreach, but we’re not really at that place yet,” Lindsay says. “There’s still so much that needs to be discovered. Cost analysis needs to be done, both short-term and long-term. All this is going to the water summit that council will have in February.”

While Lindsay hopes that representatives of Cal-Am Water will participate in the February water summit, that agency is also busy working on a possible seawater desalination plant. Whether or not that plant goes into effective operation, Lindsay says, “it’s always ecologically intelligent to have a back-up plan.”

