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**2011
Year
in
Review**

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Demolition inside the Old Bath House complete



*Working name:
The Lovers Point
Beach House*

The City advises that the demolition phase of work at the Old Bath House is complete, which means construction of the improvements will begin soon.

During this phase, the removal of hazardous materials was completed, which is the only portion of the project for which the City is financially responsible.

“Based on an original survey of the building; experts had identified asbestos in the ceiling and several other locations that would

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Golf Links Mitigated Negative Declaration gone to County

The city of Pacific Grove delivered to Monterey County, on Fri., Dec. 23 the new Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration for the amended use permit and architectural review of the Golf Links.

This marks the start of the 20-day public review and comment period.

A copy of the ISMND is available on the City’s website.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to consider the amended use permit, the Architectural Review Board is scheduled to consider the parking lot lights, and the Council is scheduled to consider the new signage for both the Grill and the Golf Links, which were previously checked off by the Golf Links Advisory Committee, all at their first meetings in February.

“The data collection during the 120-day test period is going well,” said City Manager Tom Frutchet. “The data collection will be completed, and the summarized data compiled, in order to help inform the Planning Commission in its review of the amended use permit application.”

Mayor Garcia’s kickoff



At her campaign kickoff for her campaign for Assembly held last week at the Visitors’ Center, Michael Bekker from American Tin Cannery and Fairway Center chatted with campaign manager Teri Short.

Monarch depredation is normal for conditions



A docent shows a dead Monarch with a missing abdomen

Concerns have been raised about dead Monarchs in the Sanctuary, some with their abdomens missing. More than 300 have been observed recently.

“This is consistent with wasp predation, but it is difficult to determine if wasps are solely responsible.” asserted Francis Villablanca, Ph.D., the science advisor for Cal Poly State University’s Monarch Alert Program. “This predation on the monarchs should not be too alarming.”

Experts are studying the phenomenon and many agree that yellow jackets are likely the culprit. None are particularly alarmed. Monte Sanford, Ph.D., an Environmental Science Advisor observed, “There is nothing unusual about the predation by wasps at the sanctuary, but the City should continue to monitor the situation.”

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The Palma family, former owners of Wharfside Restaurant for 20 years, are the new owners of PG Liquors. They are in the process of remodeling the liquor store to include a Mediterranean market and deli. The estimated completion date is early spring.



Oh, treat yourself!

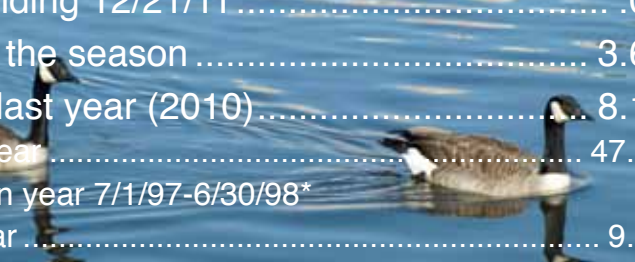
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Pacific Grove's Rain Gauge

Data reported by Guy Chaney

Week ending 12/21/1100
Total for the season	3.64
To date last year (2010)	8.13
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	57°
Low this past week	37°

*Data from <http://www.weather.nps.navy.mil/renard.wx/>
Photo by Cameron Douglas



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require extensive work to remove," said an official. "As the work progressed however, much more asbestos and lead-based paint were found in concealed spaces of the flooring on both the first and second floors." They added that the process for removing the original ceiling, which was also concealed, required special treatment and handling before it could be removed from the premises. "As a result, the abatement portion of demolition work cost almost \$12,000 more than the \$42,000 originally estimated for a total due the contractor of \$54,000. City costs for independent testing and monitoring cost an additional \$13,000," the official added.

Budget implications of this change will be presented to the City Council at its meeting

Free MST bus service to First Night Button holders will ride free to and from the event

Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) will offer a free ride to anyone wearing a First Night Monterey New Year's Eve celebration button starting at 2:00 PM December 31, 2011.

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

On New Year's Eve, MST bus lines will operate a Sunday schedule. After normal operating times have expired at approximately 7:00 PM, MST will provide additional service as follows:

To First Night Monterey:

Line 1 Monterey: Service from Pacific Grove will be provided hourly from 7:36 PM to 12:36 AM.
Line 4 Monterey: Service from Carmel Rancho will be provided hourly from 7:40 PM to 11:40 PM continuing via Line 5 Monterey from Carmel between 7:50 PM and 11:50 PM.
Line 9 Monterey: Service from Sand City and Seaside will be provided hourly from 7:50 PM to 12:50 AM.

Line 20 Monterey: Service from Salinas, Marina and Sand City will be provided hourly from 7:15 PM to 12:15 AM.

From First Night Monterey (board at Monterey Transit Plaza):

Line 1 Asilomar: Service will be provided hourly from 7:15 PM to 12:15 AM.
Line 2 Pacific Grove: Service will be provided hourly from 10:45 PM to 12:45 AM.
Line 5 Carmel: Service will be provided hourly from 7:15 PM to 12:15 AM with one trip at 12:45 AM continuing via Line 4 to Carmel Rancho. Upon request, the 12:15 AM and 12:45 AM Line 5 trips departing Monterey Transit Plaza will continue on to Carmel Valley Village, making all Line 24 stops along the route past Carmel Rancho.

Line 10 Sand City via Ord Grove: Service will be provided hourly from 7:15 PM to 12:15 AM.
Line 20 Salinas: Service will be provided hourly from 7:15 PM to 12:15 AM with one trip at 12:45 AM. Upon request, the 12:15 AM and 12:45 AM Line 20 trips departing Monterey Transit Plaza will provide service to the CSUMB Quad, Preston Park, Schoonover Park, and Northridge Mall.

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

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

Meet George Bernard Shaw at The Works

Howard Burnham, whose characterizations have delighted hundreds over this season, presents his latest on Jan. 8 at the Works.

In "Pshaw!!! - George Bernard Shaw at 90", Burnham impersonates GBS on the occasion of his 90th birthday, in 1946, as he films an address to 'the youth of the world' and looks back on his long life as critic, socialist, vegetarian, playwright and indefatigable gadfly.

I hope that some of you may be able to meet this quirky and colorful character, who was a sometime a guest of William Randolph Hearst at Hearst Castle just down the road.

Pshaw!! George Bernard Shaw at 90
The Works • Sunday, January 8, at 5:30 • \$10 cover

Zito's paintings on view at Griffin Center

Local prize-winning artist Terrence Zito will hold an exhibition of his oil and watercolor paintings at Sally Griffin Center, 700 Jewell Ave. near Lovers Point. He wants to make his original art available to local collectors at affordable prices, so he is offering his colorful oil and watercolor paintings of local scenes for \$25-\$99 while on display.

There will be a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Center 5-7:00 p.m., Fri., Jan. 13.

Mr. Zito's paintings are on display 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday at the Sally Griffin Center now and through March 2, 2012. The exhibit is sponsored by the Central Coast Art Association.



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Chase leads to DUI for bank VP

Kevin Scott Stapleton, 52, of Pebble Beach was arrested on Dec. 23 in the evening. Monterey County Sheriff's Officer Joseph Crivello said Stapleton was stopped for a vehicle code violation and questioned, when the officer noticed a strong odor of alcohol. Stapleton then decided to speed away to escape officers, reaching speeds in excess of 85 Miles per hour on Carmel Valley Road. Officer Crivello said Stapleton was observed passing vehicles on the right shoulder of the roadway as he approached a busy intersection. He failed to stop at a solid red light and nearly collided with several passenger vehicles as he drove through the intersection.



Kevin Scott Stapleton

After a short pursuit, the suspect stopped his vehicle. When sheriff's deputies tried to remove him from the vehicle, Stapleton was uncooperative. He pulled away from their grasp and was eventually wrestled to the ground and handcuffed.

The California Highway Patrol evaluated him for Driving under the Influence. He was transported to the county jail for booking and lodging.

He is a vice president at Wells Fargo Bank in Carmel Valley.

Holiday hours for City departments

City Hall will be closed for the Holidays between Dec 23 2011 and Jan. 2 2012, and Public Works will be operating with minimal staffing. All other departments, including the library, golf course, Fire Department and Police Department operating under normal hours. Staff will be available by appointment only.

Finance Dept. Appointment Only. (831) 648-3100
 Planning Dept. Appointment Only. (831) 648-3190
 City Manager/City Clerk. Appointment Only. (831) 648-3106
 Human Resources. Appointment Only. (831) 648-3171
 Housing Division. Appointment Only. (831) 648-3199
 Building Dept. Closed. (831) 648-3191 or
 City of Monterey (831) 648-3891
 Recreation Office. Closed. Appointment Only.
 (831) 648-3130
 Police Dept. Open. (831) 648-3134 (Front Desk)
 Fire Dept. Open. (831) 646-3900. (City of Monterey-Administration)
 Public Works Dept. Open. (831) 648-5722 (Minimal Staffing)
 Library. Open. (831) 648-5760 (Closed Sunday, Monday)
 Museum. Open. (831)-648-5716. (Closed Monday)
 Golf (Pro Shop). Open. (831) 648-5775
 Golf (Maintenance Yard). Open. (831) 648-5781
 City Attorney. Open. (831) 646-1502

MPRWF Pres. Nan Lesnick to speak

The Luncheon Meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Republican Women Federated club will be held on Thursday, January 12th, 2012, at Rancho Canada Golf Club, 4860 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel Valley. This month's speaker is our own President Nan Lesnick. She will be presenting her vision/goals for our club for the year 2012.

Social time starts at 11:30am, and luncheon starts at noon. \$22 per member and their guests, \$25 for non-members. RSVP by Mon. Jan 9 with Ellen at 333-1581 or email Diane at dllicare@sbcglobal.net

Inside York: Admissions event Jan. 8

York School will host its annual "Inside York" admissions event on Sun., Jan. 8, 2012 from 1-3 p.m., starting with a group information session in the Bishop Library on the York campus.

Prospective students will socialize with current York students over refreshments while parents can ask questions and learn about York from teachers, veteran parents, and York student ambassadors. Both groups will learn about curriculum as well as the opportunities for music, theatre, athletics, student government, clubs, community service, and art.

Students, younger siblings, and parents are welcome to attend. No RSVP is required for this free event. For more information about Inside York, contact Catha Smith, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, York School, at 831.372.7338 x 115 or csmith@york.org.

Document Review Services

The Marina Coast Water District is accepting proposals from individuals or firms to coordinate agreements and contracts and to assist in responding to Public Records Requests. Interested parties should submit their Proposals no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, January 9, 2012 to Director of Administrative Services, Marina Coast Water District, 11 Reservation Road, Marina, CA 93933. A Request for Proposal Package for Document Review Services is available on the Marina Coast Water District website at www.mcwd.org. For questions contact 831 384-6131. Firms and individuals are advised that they will not be compensated for preparation of Proposals.

Marge Ann Jameson

Cop log

Bark, bark, bark

A person called about a barking dog. The officer could hear the dog barking in the background and told the reporting party about the procedure for barking dogs. The officer contacted the owners and discussed the problem. Owners said they had a, anti-bark collar and an anti-bark device and would use it in the future.

Loose Dogs

Found without a bloodhound

The owner of a loose dog ran from police but was found hiding behind a rock near Berwick Park. He'd been captured previously for a loose dog in the area and on the Rec Trail. Between the officer and the Animal Control Officer they admonished him and cited him for a dog at large and unlicensed dog. Court date in February.

Maybe it was the uniform

A dog walker reported that a loose pit bull type dog attacked her on Cedar Street. She knew where it lived and said it often rushes the fence when she and her dog walk by. The officer responded to the address, to find the dog secured behind the fence wagging its tail and with its tongue hanging out. The officer referred the matter to the Animal Control Officer.

Needs lessons on how to distinguish squirrels from other dogs

Reporting party said she was walking her dog at Forest near David when a loose pit bull mix rushed up and chomped her dog. The owner was running behind it trying to catch it. The owner of the loose dog said the dog pulled off its leash to chase a squirrel and was distracted by the other dog. The dog owner was given referrals to dog trainers, and the dog owner said they were going to training already.

Wet, reckless

Blake Thompson was arrested after officer observed reckless driving and found him to be drunk. He was judged at County jail.

Amber Parker was arrested for DUI and other charges after she was treated for a bloody nose.

Ryan Tyler White was found passed out at the wheel of his car, which had extensive damage, at a stop sign on Cedar Street. Arrested for DUI, vehicle towed as undriveable.

Unwelcome message

A threatening voice mail was left on an answering machine.

Not so friendly FB posting

A woman reported that her sister, who lives in Mexico, threatened her on Facebook.

False alarm

An alarm went off at a home on Asilomar Blvd., but was found to be unfounded.

Lost and lost

A woman reported losing a black pouch with a clear side in the 300 block of Forest Ave. on Dec. 18.

A wallet was lost near the Fed Ex store on Lighthouse. Info shared with Monterey PD.

Shoplifting

A bottle of wine was stolen on Lighthouse Ave.

Because it was locked. . .

Someone broke the window of a parked car on Maple Street. The report doesn't say if anything was stolen, but why else would someone break in? Hide your stuff from view. Take your valuables out of your car.

A vehicle on Arkwright Ct. was vandalized and the stereo stolen while parked in the carport.

Rental scam

A scam on Craigslist about a residential rental was reported.

Domestic violence

There were a few extra reports of domestic violence reported this Holiday season, one involving a loaded firearm in the car. We don't normally report on them due to laws about disclosing the name of the victims.

Attempted kidnapping, attempted luring

There were two incidents of attempts to lure teenaged girls into cars -- one involving a grey Cayenne, reported to Mo Co. Sheriffs at Congress and Morse, and one involving a man in a red, single cab medium sized truck on Lighthouse Avenue. Neither was successful.

City of Pacific Grove Community budget update

Public meetings are set so the community can learn about about the City's budget and financial forecast. Bring your questions, ideas for service priorities, and capital project needs.

- Monday, 1/9 at 6:00 p.m. – Monterey Bay Charter School (Forest & David)
- Tuesday, 1/10 at 6:00 p.m. – St. Angela's Church (9th and Lighthouse)
- Thursday, 1/12 at 6:00 p.m. – Pacific Grove Adult School (1025 Lighthouse, near Monarch Sanctuary)
- Saturday, 1/14 at 11:00 a.m. – Community Center (515 Junipero)

Jon Guthrie

High Hats & Parasols

Dear Readers: Please bear in mind that historical articles such as "High Hats & Parasols" present our history — good and bad — in the language and terminology used at the time. The writings contained in "High Hats" are not our words. They are quoted from Pacific Grove/Monterey publications from 100 years in the past. Our journalistic predecessors held to the highest possible standards for their day, as do we at Cedar Street Times. Please also note that any items listed for sale in "High Hats" are "done deals," and while we would all love to see those prices again, people also worked for a dollar a day back then. Thanks for your understanding.

The News ... from 1911.

Saturday is Grove day at Apple Fair

Saturday is Pacific Grove day at Watsonville's Annual Apple Fair. Every Grovian who can should make it a point to join the crowd and enjoy the apple exhibit together with attendant attractions.

Mrs. N. B. Burlingame and Mrs. L. H. Peterson were busy all week long selling tickets for the excursion trip to the fair. They met with excellent success and have sold enough tickets already to make sure that the tour train will run. Pacific Gove Day should be a big hit at the Apple annual. Mr. Peterson, chairman of the excursion committee, has informed this newspaper that there will probably be at least two hundred persons boarding the excursion train. Excursion tickets may be used for return passage at any time, any train, over the weekend. Participants are advised not to worry about the railroad cars that jumped the track at Monterey. Emergency rails are being laid around the accident site and these will be ready well before excursion day.

All those who take pride in living in the Grove should purchase tickets for self and family. Stand by your hometown whenever you can, and no mistake will be made.

Colored minister to speak

The Reverend T. Jones, an African minister, will arrive here in a day or so. Jones intends to rest and prepare for his Sunday sermon. His topic is "how best the colored people of this area can help accomplish God's work." All people of color are welcome.¹

Resolution 1667

Be advised that the board of trustees of Pacific Grove, acting in the public Interest, have decided on the following: That the grade of the southerly curb of Light House avenue at the easterly curb of Fountain avenue is changed from 101 feet above the city datum to 99.5 feet above the city datum. Other changes are as indicated.²

All of the work herein proposed shall be done in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California entitled: "An act of the legislature to provide for changing or modifying the grade of public streets, lands, alleys, or other places within municipalities." This act was approved April 21, 1909.

The Pacific Grove resolution was adopted on the 4th day of October, 1911, by Trustees E. C. Smith, J. P. Pryor, Mr. Robert Martin, and Mr. W. A. Oyer. Trustee Edward Berwick was opposed. One abstention. Attesting that the seal of the City of Pacific Grove has been stamped on the document is Mayor E. C. Smith.

Death of J. R. Thompson

Mr. J. R. Thompson died at his home at 166 Carmel avenue this afternoon about three o'clock. Thompson had been ill for some time with cancer. He was a native of Philadelphia and was aged 62 years. He had been connected with the San Francisco fire department for about twenty years, but retired two years ago. A year later, Thompson moved to and lived full-time in the Grove.

All who knew the deceased held Thompson in high esteem. He was a devoted husband and father. Besides his widow (a resident of the Grove), he leaves one daughter, Mrs. P. H. Graff of San Francisco, and two sons, Jeff (of San Francisco) and William (of Pacific Grove).

The body, after preparation, will be honored with a memorial service here in Pacific Grove. Then it is to be shipped by train to San Francisco. Interment will take place there.

Grove to play Gilroy

Word has been received from the Gilroy High School that their team will roll into the Grove this Saturday to play our boys in the final (extra) football game of the season. The Coast Counties Athletic League's imaginary second-place championship is at stake. Our home team lost only one game, as did Gilroy, but with the quality of their opposition, mighty Salinas, who were the champions, this was not at all surprising. Undiscouraged by that loss, the Grovians have been working hard to improve their weak spots. Remarkable progress has been made.

One and all should plan to turn out and support our valiant lads.³

Snippets from around the area...

- V N. Larkin, of the renowned pioneer family, now residing in Sacramento, has signed in as a guest at the Pacific Grove hotel.
- Mrs. J. R. Thompson wishes to thank all the friends and relatives who have attended her during her time of bereavement.
- The Post Office is holding mail for Grace Crawford, Elsie Miller, Ruth Sherman, Howard Smyth, and R. Ewamura. Please pick up. This ten-day notice is provided by James Harper, Postmaster.
- Choice Meats will deliver daily to your front door in Pacific Grove. Use the phone to have our driver bring your order of choice cuts. Ask for Earl at Main 571.
- Remember Child's groceries. We are the new store with the lowest prices and highest quality.

And your bill amounts to ...

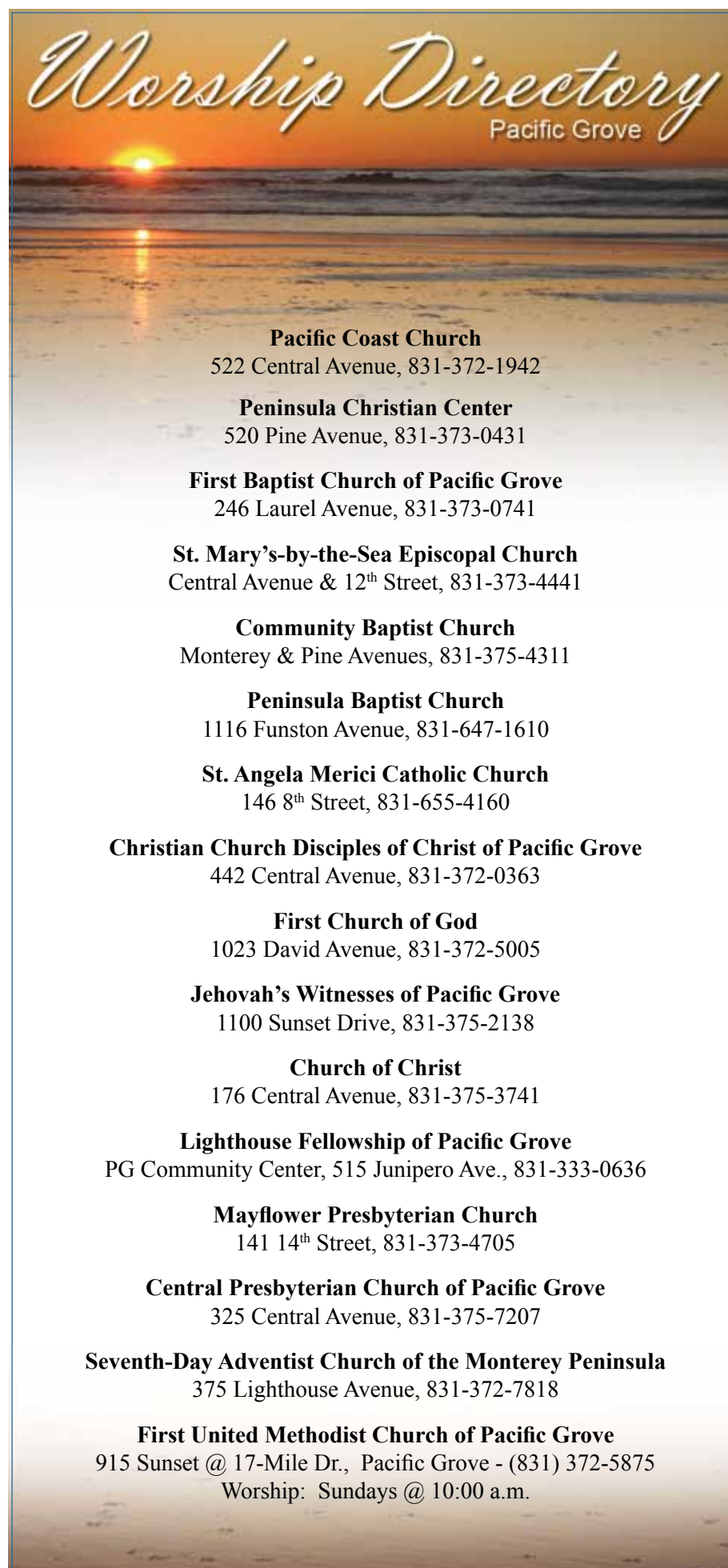
- Get ready for more cold weather. Ladies' white Merino wool wrappers. On sale for \$4.20. E. J. Moyes on Forest avenue.
- Ladies man-tailored suits. Why should men have all the luck in dress? Buy yourself a man-tailored suit. All wool. \$9.25.⁴
- Real estate loans at 4%. Strong and Camp. We are Agents for Pacific Grove and are located at 568 Lighthouse avenue.
- Get reading books for school projects here. Lord Byron is on sale for 45¢ at

Culp Bros.⁵

Author's Notes

- ¹ If the audience was limited to "people of color", few probably attended as the population of colored people living here was then sparse. Also, the term "colored" was the preferred at the time.
- ² The "datum" is the amount or quantity from which measurements are made.
- ³ Games were not as rigidly scheduled then as they are today. A "challenge" could result in competition.
- ⁴ A century ago, "Marino" referred to a sheep raised in Spain. Today, Australia and New Zealand also produce the "Marino" sheep.
- ⁵ By the early 1900s, the very handsome Lord Bryon (née George Gordon Noel, 6th Baron Byron) (1788 - 1824) had become a wildly popular author-poet. Byron was also noted for his extreme excesses including wanton indebtedness and numerous love affairs, including on-going sexual trysts with his own half-sister.

References: Pacific Grove Review, Monterey Daily Cypress, Del Monte Weekly, Salinas Index, Monterey County Post, Bullions' Grammar (1890).



Worship Directory
Pacific Grove

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lighthouse Fellowship of Pacific Grove
PG Community Center, 515 Junipero Ave., 831-333-0636

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

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

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

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

Your Achievements

Peeps

Community Human Services names new Development Director

Robert Rapp to Assume Duties

Robert Rapp recently assumed the role of Development Director at Community Human Services, a Monterey County-based non-profit serving the mental health, substance abuse and homeless needs of low-income individuals and families. In this role, Rapp will be responsible for raising funds to support the work of this long standing organization. He will also produce marketing and public relations materials and maintain the agency's website.

Robert Rapp is familiar to many in Pacific Grove through his volunteer activities for the Heritage Society.

Rapp assumes his new role during an exciting time at Community Human Services. The agency is in the midst of completing the goals in its newly developed strategic plan and is shifting its organizational structure to more effectively achieve those goals. Raising funds for capital improvements to its Genesis House, Safe Place and Family Service Center facilities located in Salinas, Seaside and Monterey head this list.

"We are very pleased that Mr. Rapp has accepted the Development Director position and believe he will strengthen Community Human Services' fundraising capacity by motivating our volunteers and finding new sources of support we have yet to tap," said Robin McCrae, CEO. "With Rapp's expertise in grant writing and experience effectively motivating volunteers, the agency moves many steps closer to achieving our goals," added McCrae.

Since 1969, Community Human Services has provided professional, affordable mental health and substance abuse counseling and recovery services to the residents of Monterey County. These services focus on the entire family and include programs for people of all ages.

Anyone wishing to support Community Human Services' work to provide mental health, substance abuse, and homeless services to Monterey County residents should visit www.chservices.org.



Robert Rapp

Former Poet-In-Residence to receive 'Luminary' award from Arts Council

On Sat., Jan. 21, 2012, the Arts Council for Monterey County will present their Champions of the Arts Awards in a gala affair at the Portola Hotel. Among the exemplary individuals and organizations honored, they will present Garland Thompson -- a recent Poet-in-Residence for Pacific Grove -- with the special award Champion of the Arts / Luminary.

"With this category, we honor someone who is a real beacon in our community -- both successful in their own career and inspiring to others," notes Champions of the Arts Gala Chair Lynn Diebold. "Garland is amazing. He has a long list of credits and triumphs as a poet, actor and playwright. He has had great achievements on stages on the West Coast, East Coast and beyond. He is also a talented filmmaker. He has produced long-running poetry slam competitions here and in other areas of the country."

"We are thrilled to honor him as Luminary this year both for developing his own career and for taking such an active and passionate role as the facilitator of the dreams and aspirations of our youth," explains executive director Paulette Lynch. Garland's many success stories in Monterey County include coaching two Pacific Grove High School students to state championships -- Morgan Brown in 2010 and Robert Marchand in 2011 -- won the California title to the National Poetry Out Loud Competition. Both made it to Nationals. Garland also serves as a consultant to the Salinas Public Library Digital Media Lab, a teaching artist with the Arts Council Professional Artist in the Schools Program and the weekly host of a poetry slam in Monterey.

"With every endeavor, Garland shows us all the power of committing ourselves 100 percent. He is a true Luminary, a true Champion and we are very lucky he chooses to live in Monterey County," concludes board president Richard Anderson.

For Champions of the Arts Gala tickets and more details on the Champions and arts council programs, visit www.artsformontereycounty.org.




Garland Thompson

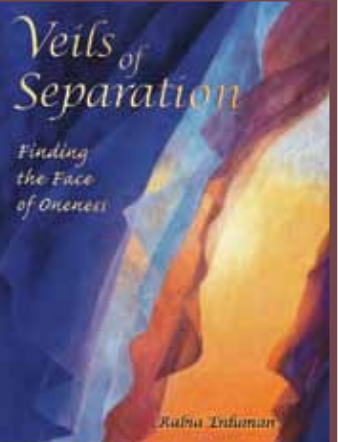
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Amy Herbalist



Amy's New Year message and the story of her personal transformation are on our website at <http://www.cedarstreettimes.com/2011/12/28/message-for-the-new-year-2012-from-amy-coale-solis/>

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The Press Box

It isn't even the new year yet, much less spring, but between the gorgeous weather and the crack of the bat, it sure would be hard to convince me otherwise. I had just finished taking pictures of the basketball coaches and players for this week's issue when I heard the crack of a bat, unmistakable to a former baseball player who has spent many an afternoon listening to that glorious sound.

At the Pacific Grove High School baseball field, coaches and players were running drills and swingin' the stick as if it were mid-season.

Varsity head coach Gil Ruiz and Cory Rodriguez, head of West Coast scouting for the Milwaukee Brewers, were conducting a clinic specifically geared for catchers. It brought together quite a few players from the surrounding areas and they worked hard for the greater part of a perfectly set day for baseball. Most of the drills were focused on proper footwork, pop-ups, receiving, blocking of the plate and more.

Two of coach Ruiz' sons were there as well; Gabe, who is currently an assistant coach at Sonoma State University and former stand-out at PGHS as well as Hartnell College; and Abe, who was honing in on his own skills during his winter break from Arizona State University's baseball program. Coach Ruiz also has two other sons who attend Cal Lutheran University and Trinity College, both located in Southern California.

PGHS baseball obviously does not rest during the off season, and its players, coaches and alumni all have pushed toward creating a strong program that has developed some great student athletes through the years. The continued effort to create a tool to allow these young men to attend college and realize the importance of getting a college education is Coach Ruiz's top priority.

Catch this!

Right: Cory Rodriguez, West Coast scout for the Milwaukee Brewers hits fungo to players attending the catchers clinic at Pacific Grove High School Coach Gil Ruiz looks on.

Below: Catchers watch as Rodriguez shoes them how it's done.

Photos by Joel Bowman



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It's the holiday season and the end of another great year for golf so I had a thought that might help you get through another golf season. First of all, check your grips on your clubs. Probably they need changing. Second, change your spikes on your golf shoes because they wear out fairly quickly. I change grips at least once a year and I change my spikes in my golf shoes three or four times a year and both of these will be of very little cost to you and bring you a lot of benefits in taking care of your equipment. Happy holidays!



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Sports

Boys' Basketball

Breakers bring first win home

On December 27, the Pacific Grove High School boys basketball team made a 3 hour roadtrip to Woodland High near Davis, California. The Breakers emerged with a hard fought victory, 47-41, their first of the season.

The game was scoreless for the first three minutes before Pacific Grove opened up, leading the close game. Woodland did have a 31-27 lead in the third quarter after trailing for most of the game but it wasn't enough to overcome balls that just didn't bounce their way.

The Breakers were led by 6'6 post Khalid Ismail who had 16 points. Luke Lowell chipped in 8 points, including two three-pointers. Miles Cutchin had 7 points and 4 assists.

The Breakers now have a preseason record of 1-6 and play at Monterey on December 29 and at Harbor on December 30. MTAL League play begins next week with the Breakers visiting King City on January 4, and hosting Carmel on January 6. Please come out and check out this young but improving team, also check out our website at breakerbasketball.org.

- Dan Powers

Dan Powers: PGHS Grad comes home to coach

Coach Dan Powers was born and raised in Pacific Grove and graduated in 1996 from Pacific Grove High School. Coach Powers was the starting point guard on Todd Buller's first MTAL championship team in 1995 as they compiled a 24-3 record.

After high school, Coach Powers attended Cal Poly for a year before transferring back to MPC to play basketball for the highly respected coach, Bob Burlison. At MPC, Coach Powers was the starting point guard on a team that registered 20 wins and was one of highest scoring teams in the state. From MPC, Coach Powers transferred to Claremont Mckenna College in Los Angeles. At Claremont, he majored in history and played on the basketball team for three years.

Also at Claremont, he met his future wife, Aubrey, who was standout player on the women's team.

After graduating with a degree in history, Coach Powers got his Masters Degree and teaching credential from UC Santa Cruz and student taught at Harbor High. In 2002-2003, he started his teaching and coaching career at Pacific Grove High. During his first three years, he assisted Todd Buller as the Breakers won 3 straight



Coach Dan Powers

MTAL Championships and made an appearance in the CCS Finals in 2004-2005. In 2005-2006, Coach Powers took over for his mentor Todd Buller and became the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

From 2005-2011, the Breakers have won 4 MTAL Championships and had a 43-game winning streak in league.

Coach Powers lives in Pacific Grove with his wife Aubrey and daughter Aidan.

Girls' Basketball

Injuries, absences plague team

We ended the preseason with a game against Salinas Tuesday night. Suiing up only 6 players, due to injuries, illness, and out-of-town travel, the Breaker girls set out to prove a point. Tenacious defense and aggressive offense dominated the first half of the game. Holding the Cowboys to 23 points at halftime, PG came out flat in the second half. Without a bench to provide relief, the Breaker girls slowly ran out of steam. Salinas went on a 14-2 run in the 3rd quarter and unfortunately, the Breakers could not recover. Lilli Consiglio led the team with 8 points, while Sabrina Riffle and Vanessa Villareal chipped in 6 apiece. We are back in action next Wednesday night to begin league play against King City in the Breaker Gym.

-Marta Dalhamer

Marta Salas Dalhamer: She's played basketball all her life

Marta Dalhamer started playing basketball in sixth grade and hasn't stopped since. Attending Pacific Grove High School in the early 90's, Dalhamer played 4 years of Varsity basketball under Head Coach John Hiserman and Assistant Nate Piotrkowski. Finishing a undefeated league season her senior year, Marta went on to play at Hartnell College for Coach Wendy Bates, who is now the current coach at MPC. A basketball scholarship sent her to Chico State where she enjoyed playing Div II hoops under Coach Mary Ann Lazzarini.

The positive impacts from all of Dalhamer's coaches inspired her to coach upon graduation. Starting out at the Pacific Grove Middle School, she moved up to Freshman then JV, and finally Varsity girls in 2005. Marta's goal is to strengthen women in sports and encourage a love and passion for basketball. Several of her past players have come back to help coach in the Breaker system over the years which affirm their devotion to the game and program. She strives to create a fun and competitive atmosphere that will provide happy memories and practical life skills



Coach Marta Salas Dalhamer

that the girls will take with them after high school.

Marta married Pacific Grove graduate and accomplished athlete, Matt Dalhamer in 2008. Matt played hoops at MPC and Cal State Monterey Bay before also coaching as an Assistant to Dan Powers at PG high for 5 years. They both hope to share their enthusiasm for basketball with their first child due in April...appropriately planned in the off-season!

BREAKER OF THE WEEK MILES CUTCHIN



Sport: Basketball

Grade: Junior

Miles also swims and plays basketball. He has been Athlete of the Week for his contributions to swimming as well.



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BREAKER OF THE WEEK SABRINA RIFFLE



Sport: Basketball

Grade: Senior

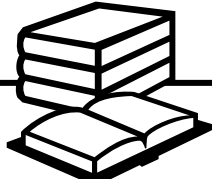
Sabrina is a standout on the Basketball team.



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Linnet Harlan

Shelf Life



What's Your Favorite Book?

What's your favorite book? You know—the book you re-read once a year and always find something new in it. The romance in which “nothing much happens” but you continue to read it anyway (roughly the way Somerset Maugham described *Pride and Prejudice*). Did you have a favorite book in childhood? The Pooh books are the favorites of many readers in this category as are *The Little House* books, *Freddy the Pig*, *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle*, and *Thomas the Tank Engine*. Maybe, as a young adult, you remember reading *Judy Blume* or *Catcher in the Rye* or *Speak* and thinking no one understood you as well as the author of your favorite book.

Maybe you prefer non-fiction books. Have you cooked your way through *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*? Do you travel to Italy with *Frances Mayes* or *M. F. K. Fischer*? Have you ever built a whirly-gig using instructions you found in a book? Maybe once you read a book, perhaps fiction, perhaps non-fiction, and learned how to become a better person. Maybe books have opened your eyes to great art or your heart to great poetry.

Even books like *Huckleberry Finn*, which you probably read the first time because someone made you, can seem to be purely entertainment, but become, in the reading, so much more. Remember reading about Huck thinking to himself, “All right, then, I'll GO to hell,” and getting goosebumps that a young, uneducated boy could come to a more compassionate conclusion than, for all their church-going, the *Widder Douglass* and *Miss Watson*.

Thomas Jefferson proclaimed, “I cannot live without books.” You may or may not fully embrace Jefferson's position, but you'd surely agree the world not be what it is without books.

Why are books so important to us? The reasons are probably as individual as the readers. A few reasons are: they take us out of ourselves; they allow us to communicate through time and space with minds that amuse and educate us; they entertain us; and they introduce us to immortal friends, *Miss Elizabeth Bennett*, *Holden Caulfield*, *Miss Anne Elliott*, *Laura Ingalls*, *Heidi*, *Pollyanna*, etc. etc. who are not perfect (and we like them all the more for their imperfections) but who are always there for us.

New media have come into broad use and provide the ability to communicate in ways people didn't even consider half a century ago. But we know about the *Peloponnesian Wars*, ancient Greece, the travels of *Marco Polo*, and London in the days of the *Plague* due to books.

Technology Tuesdays

Okay, you know books are important, but you received a *Kindle* or a *Nook* or other electronic reading device as a holiday gift. You aren't particularly tech savvy, and you don't want to spend a fortune buying books. The Library is here to help you with, beginning in January, *Technology Tuesdays*. On Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m., you can bring your electronic reading device to the Library and receive a free tutorial on how to download books, music, etc. on it. Take advantage of this service to make your reader as useful to you as possible.

Neither Rain, Nor Snow, Nor Lack of Internet Service

On Tuesday, December 27, 2011, the library server went down along with many other computers throughout PG and the peninsula. This outage meant the librarians couldn't access the catalog or the computers or even check out books electronically. But the Library continued to provide service, with librarians checking out books by writing down library card numbers and book numbers, a laborious process. The resourceful librarians were even able to continue to help patrons who were searching for specific books, though the process wasn't as speedy as usual. Thanks, librarians, for continuing to support your appreciative patrons.

Access Databases from Home

While books are one of the first things people think of when they think about libraries, the PG Library has much more. For example, did you know the Library has databases you can access from home? The thousands (tens of thousands? Millions?) of pages you can access through your home computer make even our Library's excellent collection of books pale in comparison. All you need are a computer with internet access and a *Pacific Grove Public Library* card. If you don't have a library card, you can apply for one during the Library's open hours, Tuesday through Thursdays 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday Noon-5 p.m.

Accessing the databases from your home computer is easy. Go to the library web page at www.pacificgrove.lib.ca.us

Click on Databases

Click on the underlined name of the database you want to search

Enter your library card number and PIN. Next, click Log in. (If you don't have a PIN, follow the instructions provided.)

Begin your search.

The databases offer something for almost everyone who can type on a keyboard. There are databases for jobs, business, general reference, health, auto repair, books and literature, history and science. There is a database, *Informe*, which includes magazines articles in Spanish. There is a database, *Student Resources in Context*, which is specifically designed to assist middle school and high school students with research papers. *Kids InfoBits* is a database designed for elementary school readers. *U.S. History in Context* covers events, individuals, themes and periods in U.S. history from pre-Colonial to the present, including over 4,000 historical documents! And, for those of you who still love books, *Books and Authors* database lists thousands of “read alike,” award winners and “*Librarians' Favorites*” lists.

All of you don't have computers, so these databases can also be accessed via the library computers when the library is open (and the computers are working). If you have a computer but don't have internet access at home, remember the Library offers free internet access 24/7 on the Library's front loggia.

Library Closed

For the New Year's holiday, the Library will be closed Saturday, December 31 and will re-open Tuesday, January 3.

Legal Notices

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20112529

The following person is doing business as **CARTDARTS**, 2005 5th Avenue at San Carlos St., Suite 130, Carmel, Monterey County, CA 93940; **FLIPSIDE DESIGN, LLC** (California), 406 6th St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This statement was filed with the Clerk of Monterey County on December 13, 2011. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name(s) listed above on October 10, 2008. Signed: *Loralee Lyman*, CEO and President. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Publication dates: 12/16/11, 12/23/11, 12/30/11, 01/06/12

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File No. 20112403

The following person is doing business as **ALLIANCE REAL ESTATE SERVICES**, 850 Martin St., Monterey, Monterey County, CA 93940; *Grace Garcia*, 850 Martin St., Monterey, CA 93940. This statement was filed with the Clerk of Monterey County on November 18, 2011. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name(s) listed above on 11/1/11. Signed: *Grace Garcia*. This business is conducted by an individual. Publication dates: 12/09/11, 12/16/11, 12/23/11, 12/30/11

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File No. 20112356

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DIANE E. CAPPELLUTI
Case No. MP20521

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **DIANE E. CAPPELLUTI** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **LISA M. CAPPELLUTI** and **KURT W. CAPPELLUTI** in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **LISA M. CAPPELLUTI** and **KURT W. CAPPELLUTI** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codocils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and codocils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 3, 2012 at 10:00 AM in Dept. No. 16 located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME:
Petition of **NHAN D LUONG** Case No. M114986

Filed Nov. 18, 2011. To all interested persons: Petitioner *Nhan Duy Luong* filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: present name **DUY NGUYEN** to proposed name **NATHAN DUY LUONG**. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of hearing date: January 13, 2012 Time: 9:00 a.m., Dept. 15. The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Rd., Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: **CEDAR STREET TIMES**. DATE: November 18, 2011

Judge of the Superior Court: *Kay Kingsley*. Publication dates: 12/9/11, 12/16/11, 12/23/11, 12/30/11

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Arts and Events

Up & Coming

Bob Sadler's 45-year photography retrospective opens at The Works in PG

The Works Gallery and Bookstore will host a photography exhibit from Jan. 3 through Feb. 29. Bob Sadler, a Pacific Grove photographer, will show a 45-year retrospective of his photographic journey. The public is invited to a reception with the photographer on Sat., Jan. 14 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

The exhibit, called "Light Moments", begins with a color image of a young Vietnamese woman taken with his first role of film in 1966 and finishes with an almost abstract black and white image of foliage taken this year.

"As I walk through the 14 images in this retrospective, I can see my own development as a photographer from building the craft to evolving the craft to producing a vision," Sadler explained.

"The turning point from craft to art came on a cold, foggy morning



"Landing" by Bob Sadler

along the bank of the Connecticut River in Middletown, Connecticut in 1980. I set up my camera to try for a picture of the Wesleyan University crew shells gliding by in fog shrouds.

After an hour of waiting, the shells never came close enough to shoot. Another sound...a 'squeak'...'squeak'...'squeak'...caught my attention as it grew increasing loud from my left. As the sound got closer, a shopping cart pushed by homeless man emerged out of the fog.

He was recently awake, dirty, and dressed in layers of tattered cloths. I was an unusual sight on his morning routine. My camera and tripod blocked his well-worn cart path. He stopped to talk. I was not happy to have my concentration and solitude interrupted. He began a monologue anyway about how he was also an artist...a writer really.

He had spent his whole life trying to write a novel. He was a failure. He said he spent every day at the Library in town attempting to write. Recently, he said he had a revelation. He was not, after all, an artist. An artist, he said, is "open to the world and spontaneously sees and connects the unrevealed... and the apparently unrelated".

I still wasn't paying much attention (although today, more than 20 years later, I remember every word). His revelation, he said, was that he was not, after all, the artist he wanted to be. He had to settle for being 'an observer with a pen'. Silence. I was now irritated.

As he moved past me, to my right, and gained momentum disappearing into the fog, he said, "I suppose the question for you is ...are you an artist, or are you an observer with a camera". In my solitude again, I felt ashamed of my pursuit of the foggy river crew shell.

I moved away from the camera. I took a deep breath. I began to let the images find me at their own pace. The riverbank unfolded and revealed itself. After an hour, the unconnected came together. A dock and its poles, which had been in front of me for two hours unnoticed, was reflected in the still water to form a perfect "10". The design was elegant, the color monochromatic. It's still one of my favorite images."

Sadler is the CEO of Sadler Consulting and his work has taken him around the United States, Asia, and Europe. "I love immersing myself in different cultures and working to solve difficult issues" Sadler added.

Houston-Jones coming to The Works



Dirty Linen says, "A group of road-tested musicians came together in their middle years, found a collective songwriting muse, and forged a unique and energetic chemistry." If you're into Americana (bluegrass-gospel-folk-bluesjazz-rock) music, and even if you're not, you need to hear this band. Tight, seasoned, musicians behind the incomparable tenor of Travis Jones will have you on your feet. Saturday, Jan. 7 at The Works, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15 cover.

January/ February 2012

Adult Art Classes and Workshops at Pacific Grove Art Center

One-day intensive – Portraits in Pastels

Jan 21 10am - 3:30pm "Pastel Portraits," One-day Intensive with Mac McWilliams. This course will share techniques in how to achieve realistic and dynamic portraits in pastel. Concentrating on realistic modeling of forms, warm and cool colors, layering techniques and proportion studies. To register contact: mac@macbooks.com or 831-901-5238.

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Drawing, Painting, Color and Design

Tuesdays 6:30- 8:45 pm. This class combines basic drawing techniques and painting in watercolor, acrylic, or oils. Students will bring their own preferred materials. Individual expression will be encouraged, while fine tuning media application and visual art skills. Beginning, intermediate, or advanced levels welcome. 125.00 for 8 weeks enrollment. To register contact: Dante Rondo 626-4259 for more details www.danterondo.com

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Wednesdays 1 -3 pm. Paint, chat, support, enjoy the mystery of watercolor or acrylic \$60 per 6-week session. To register contact: Julie Heilman at 831-917-0009.

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Arts and Events

Up & Coming

Upcoming Exhibits at Pacific Grove Art Center

Jan 6 - Feb 16, 2012

Opening Reception, 568 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove • Friday, Jan 6, 7- 9 p.m.

Looking Back • Paintings by the late Richard Greenberg
 Creative Contrasts • Ceramic explorations of Lyle and Rome Brumfield
 The Face of Islam, Photographs from Africa and Asia • by Jean Brenner
 Walking in Beauty • The mixed media art of Kenneth T. White II

Face to Face
 Paintings by PGAC Studio Artist Julie Terflinger • And the PGAC After School Youth Program

Creative Contrasts Lyle & Rome Brumfield

“When we moved to the Monterey Peninsula, we began our exploration in ceramic creation together at Carmel’s Sunset Center. From the very first moment of touching clay, our diverse personalities led us down totally different avenues, avenues uniquely intersecting in the same medium. My work, thrown on the potter’s wheel, is studied, sturdy and driven by function; Rome’s hand-built work is spontaneous, precarious, and totally non-functional. Where she explores alternative firings precisely for their unexpected discoveries, I prefer to use gas-fired kilns because of their relative predictability. With a meaningful nod to Rome’s creative spontaneity, however, I turn to glazes that are bold and vibrant in their contrasts. Two different personalities. Two totally different approaches. Two constants – the love of clay and of each other.”

The Face of Islam Jean Brenner

I had just emerged from the dark alleys that make up the Grand Bazaar in Damascus when I looked up and saw a beautiful young girl standing in the golden glow of the late afternoon sun. I smiled at her, and then her brother saw my camera and asked me to take their picture. I took a photo of both of them and then the girl alone. When I showed them the pictures, they were so pleased that the girl asked me to join them for a meal with their family. Making this kind of connection is what makes travel so meaningful to me.

“In the past five years I have traveled extensively in Muslim countries, including eight in the Middle East, four in Central Asia and China, and four in Africa. As a woman, I have been able to get photographs of women that often a man cannot. Before asking permission to take a picture, I always try to establish contact with a smile, a few words and some personal interaction. It never ceases to amaze me how women from diverse cultures can connect by sharing experiences of home and family. This is especially true in Muslim countries where family is so important. I also try to respect the religious and cultural values of Islamic countries by dressing modestly, which sometimes means wearing a head scarf and knee length coat (Iran) or a long black cloak (Saudi Arabia). By showing respect for their beliefs, I have been able to connect with these good people and show the face of Islam.

“From the coasts of Africa, through Central Asia to the Far East, I have found many different manifestations of Islam. It is my hope that these photographs will show the range and diversity of these proud people.”

Jean Brenner will give a lecture on the “back story” of each of her photographs on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Art Center. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Walking in Beauty Kenneth T. White II

Kenneth T. White II was raised in New Mexico, the 7th of 12 siblings born into a traditional Dine’H (Navajo) family. Artistic talent came naturally to Kenneth. His father was a well-known silversmith, his mother talented with knitting, crocheting and traditional Dine’H crafts, other relations were rug weavers. In high school he was picked by Oreland C. Joe, world renowned artist, to be a part of the Eagles in Flight Art Association designed to take young, talented, aspiring artist and direct, teach, and encourage them to move forward with their art. As a result of the Eagles in Flight Art Association, Kenneth attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM. He has sold art to collectors all over the world through the Palace of Governors Program in Santa Fe, NM and art shows around the country.

Over the years Kenneth has worked in many different mediums such as watercolor, oil and stone. He has created his own unique art form with original mat art. His mat art includes traditional images of Navajo stories and spirituality. Kenneth’s art touches the heart and soul. He has set himself apart as a very talented and versatile artist infusing Traditional and Contemporary images, ideas, and techniques.

Looking Back • Paintings by the late Richard Greenberg Written by Inge Heidrick

Richard Greenberg was never known to formally state his purpose or motivation for his work. His approach seemed to be of one of pure intuition. Richard was highly compelled and driven by a sheer love of painting. He was fascinated with the process of creating uninhibited imagery on canvas.

Richard’s work spanned four decades. Beginning in the late 60’s his work was greatly inspired by the psychedelic counter culture movement. His colorful imagery consisted of unknown mysterious people as well as popular icons and rock idols. These intriguing figures were interlaced within Richard’s swirling, filigree atmospheres. Richard’s final works were paintings that looked at people from all walks of life. These paintings also featured historical references, famous figures from the art world, and culminated in his final series of portraits of Native American peoples.

All of Richard’s paintings give insight into his fascination with portraiture. It is a continuous thread that runs throughout his entire career. Richard had a passion for depicting people in all facets of life, from the introspective to the extraordinary; he gives us his imaginative interpretation of people in both real and fantastical states of being.

FACE TO FACE Julie Terflinger

I make faces. Not in front of the mirror but with paint, chalk, ink, and watercolor. People fascinate me, and influence the parade of real and imaginary faces that come to life in my studio.



Creative Contrasts
 Ceramics by
 Lyle and Rome Brumfield



“Girl in Green” Harar, Ethiopia (left) and “Old Uighur Man,” China (above) from The Face of Islam, Photographs from Africa and Asia by Jean Brenner



(untitled)
 From Walking in Beauty The mixed media art of Kenneth T. White II

Richard Greenberg
 Below, left: “Reclining Woman” Acrylic
 Below, right: “Keith” Oil



Year in Review

2011

We're proud to present the second half of our Year in Review for 2011. Thank you for the phone calls and emails encouraging us to do it. These stories and pictures are only highlights, of course. They may not be the most earth-shattering thing we reported on that week, but they show Life in Pacific Grove. There was lots more inside each issue. Our weekly newspaper has grown to twice the size it was when we started out in 2008 and we continue to flirt with increasing our pages as ad revenue warrants.

You may read the stories in full and see the pictures full size by going to our website at www.cedarstreettimes.com and looking for the archives. Every issue we've done since the website was born is there.

In addition, there are stories that never make it into the print version because of their timeliness. You'll find them right on the home page.

"Like" us on Facebook and/or follow us on Twitter and you'll get updates and reminders on a daily basis.

7/1/11-7/7/11

We put on our front page a story about the Feast of Lanterns endeavoring to renew the Feast of Salads, which had been abandoned due to poor participation by restaurants. With better times, it was hope that once again it would prove profitable -- and it did.



Also on the front page was a story about the arrest of the son of Monterey County Sheriff Scott Miller for possession of methamphetamine for sale, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and narcotics paraphernalia including pipes, syringes, packaging and digital scales. The sheriff's department made the arrest and though Sheriff Miller said he was "staying completely away from this," a fracas over the methods used later ensued.

The Little Store in Del Monte Park was sold and the Daniels family bid goodbye to Pacific Grove. And Pacific Grove bid goodbye to an era. The little commercial enclave in the middle of the neighborhood had been grandfathered in since the early 1950s. It is now a private residence.

Volunteers prepared for the annual Fourth of July hometown celebration sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Pacific Grove, Grove Market, Earthbound Farms, PG Florist, Asilomar and SaveMart. It included a barbecue lunch and a reading of the Declaration of Independence presented by the Pacific Grove Rotary Club and read by professional actors.



The MST tourist trolley began running June 30 and would run until Labor Day, offering free rides to the public every 45 minutes in a loop that included Cannery Row, Asilomar Conference Center and other popular sites. There was a recorded narration on board describing the view.

07/08/11-07/14/11

The 54th Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show and sale went on at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Sheriff Miller called for a Department of Justice investigation into the allegations of a suit brought by officers in the narcotics unit, following the arrest of Miller's son in a narcotics investigation.

The City and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula partnered to provide defibrillators, plus training in their use, for various buildings in the city -- City Hall, the police department, the fire department, the golf links and the recreation department. Six staffers were trained in its use.

Tap Bananas celebrated 20 years of entertaining the public with dance.

Melanie Rogers had a birthday party and rented an entire B&B so she could entertain her whole family -- and their bicycles.

The Ragamuffin Musical Theatre Company presented *Mulan, Jr.* on stage at the Pacific Grove Middle School Performing Arts Center.

07/15/11-07/21/11

Tom Pollacci pleaded no contest at the start of his second rape trial on July 11. He thereby avoided a long sentence, but will serve at least 85 percent of the 8 years for the first conviction and 6 for the second. At that time, the state will conduct an evaluation to see if he qualifies as a sexually violent predator. The liquor store owned by his family, where at least two of



We profiled the Sons of the American Revolution local chapter which had recently received an award for increased membership.

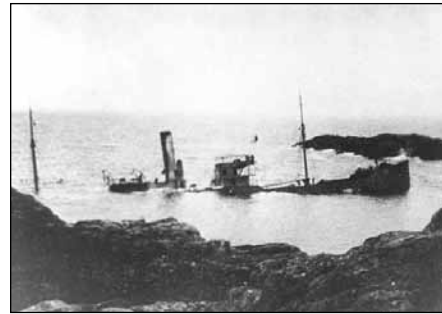
the crimes occurred, has since been sold.

Extraneous claims were dismissed in the Police Officers' Association suit against the City over the legality of Measure R, the retirement benefit limitation measure passed by voters as an initiative. Now the parties are down to brass tacks.

Monterey-Salinas Transit gained approval from the Board of Supervisors for a new facility on the former Ft. Ord. Later in the year, environmental groups gained enough signatures to set the approval aside and put the matter to the voters by ballot.

We opined about the mess at the sheriff's department, asking for one thing why they didn't let PGPD in on the bust and for another, who invited the press -- they were there, with cameras, waiting for the narcotics squad. Messy.

07/22/11-07/28/11



Jon Guthrie did a story on a ship that went down off Pacific Grove, the *Star of the West*, which might have had treasure aboard. The site is part of the Sanctuary and divers had to get special dispensation to even search for it, let alone explore it if they found it.

Mayor Carmelita Garcia gave her State of the City address, at the beginning of the fiscal year. She lauded volunteer efforts in the city, including everything from cataloging pot holes to rehabilitating the Little House at Jewell Park and the Pt. Pinos Lighthouse. The issue of excessive building and planning department fees was settled for the Grand Jury, the city had banned, marijuana dispensaries, and rightened smoking regulations during the previous fiscal year.

A law which would have increased fines and cost recovery for social hosting violations was sent back to staff because it was felt by city council members to be too broad and would encompass any number of misdemeanors as well. The proposal was to raise the fine to \$25,000 from the then-current \$1,000.

Race fans were encouraged to take the bus -- free for ticket holders -- to go to the Moto GP race at Laguna Seca.



Susan Morrow came aboard as the new City Clerk. She had previously been City Clerk in Simi Valley and Aliso Viejo.

Screening for invasive mussels was in effect for boaters on inland lakes and reservoirs.

KRML radio, featured in the Clint Eastwood movie *Play Misty For Me*, was sold to Scot McKay, a local man who says he will keep it going.

07/29/11-08/04/11

Our front page photo was of the Royal

Court of the Feast of Lanterns, taken by Barney Morgan who would later play the Mandarin in the pageant on the pier. Holding origami cranes, they posed in the garden at Canterbury Woods: Courtney Lyon, Katy Osiek, Allison Naylor and Lindsey Morgan, Queen Topaz.

Former Mayor Jeanne Byrne announced her candidacy for Water Board, saying that "We need leadership, not further studies and lack of action."



Fire ravaged an historical house at 305 Cypress. It had been listed for sale at \$519,000. The fire apparently started in the basement of an apartment.

The City purchased an electric "mule" vehicle for the use of the Public Works Department. It has a pickup-type bed and the top speed is 25 mph.

We wrote an editorial stating our belief that excessive fines for social hosting violations were not going to be a deterrent to underage drinking, because no one thinks they're going to get caught.

Our Green Page was written by Bruce Cowan, and concerned the never-ending tree question in Pacific Grove.

08/05/11-08/11/11

On our front page, and in a gallery inside, were photos of the Feast of Lanterns. The celebration not only returned to the Lovers Point pier and beach, but fireworks were sent off to thrill the spectators. The Feast of Lanterns Pageant had been moved to an indoor venue and admission charged in the previous year because donations were down and there was not enough to both fund scholarships and the crowd-pleasing fireworks.



Speaking of pets, we did an article about Kali the Wonder Dog, who found a gas leak in her owners' home and led them to it before a tragedy could happen.

Year in Review

2011

The City Council extended an agreement with the City of Carmel to share the services of a motorcycle officer.

A Request for Proposals was issued for an outside consultant to examine the operation of the municipal Golf Links, including the restaurant, parking, maintenance, pro shop, etc.

Michael Polkabra did a story on lead abatement in homes for our Green Page.

08/12/11-08/18/11



Peter Munteer photographed the "Lanterns of Peace" ceremony held by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to commemorate the bombing of the Japanese cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki which brought World War II to an end

City staff, builders, vendors and volunteers celebrated a "Summer of Progress" at Lovers Point Park, where the pool was retrofitted to new safety standards and a patio was constructed, along with many other improvements. A lunch of hot dogs, popcorn and soft drinks was offered by vendors at the grill.

As the pool was due to close, an annual event took place: opening it up to dogs, who were allowed to swim and chase balls and generally have a great time in the water.

Parking downtown had been on the agenda at the City Council meeting, where some people actually complained about the fact that their tires were being marked in unusual spots so that they missed the mark and wound up with a ticket. "Pacific Grove Police officers are here to make sure the rules are enforced, not to show you how to not to get caught," said Police Chief Darius Engles. He added that "the Constitution does not guarantee you a parking space."



We wrote about memories of the fog horn on a point down by the ocean which was slated for destruction, having outlived its usefulness. It all came down to a jar of beach glass.

08/19/11-08/26/11

Responding to a neighbor complaint, Mayor Garcia expressed "grave disappointment" over the Coastal Commission's decision to allow NOAA to put 20-foot light standards in their parking lot.



On our Green Page, there was an essay by Gail Griffin about a pair of Black Oyster Catchers which nested on the rocky shore and attempted to raise chicks there.

Vacancies on the Pacific Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees were filled without the necessity of an election. New on board will be Debbie Crandell, while incumbents Tony Sollecito and Mike Niccum will return.

Four teachers were profiled on our Peeps page.



Cameron Douglas also did a photo essay on the second annual "The Little Car Show," dedicated to smurf-sized vehicles.

Cameron Douglas did a photo essay on the interior of the city-owned Old Bath House, still set up for dinner as it was on the night it closed in 2005. Work will finally begin on the retrofitting for ADA compliance and a vendor has been signed for the lease on the restaurant portion.

08/27/11-09/01/11



We ran a four-page photo essay on the 17th Annual Concours Auto Rally. We figured people must be interested in it, there are so many car shows in

A driver, Flavio Aguiar, went berserk in the parking lot at the Wells Fargo Bank on Forest Hill and smashed into three other vehicles. One person was sent to the hospital. Aguiar was arrested for driving under the influence.

The "Welcome" sign that stood at Highway 68 near Syida was stolen. The 4x6-foot redwood sign said, "Welcome to Pacific Grove/Butterfly Town USA." Valued at \$3,500, the City -- and the citizens -- want it back.

New reporter/photojournalist Peter Munteer got, as one of his early assignments, interviews with four new teachers at the Middle School and High School.

09/02/11-09/08/11

Jason Wright, already out on bail

after a May 12 arrest for similar charges, was arrested as was his wife, Ramoueng Kaorawang, a Thai national, on suspicion of manufacturing child pornography. He had originally been arrested at his place of work, but a continuing investigation led to a search of his grandmother's home and the subsequent arrest.



The Pacific Grove Unified School District brought in a new money man -- Rick Miller replaced the retiring Robin Blakley.

The embattled desalination plant called the Regional Water Project was further clouded by the revelation of a secret nondisclosure agreement signed by six Peninsula mayors, including Pacific Grove Mayor Carmelita Garcia; Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud; Sand City Mayor David Pendergrass; Seaside Mayor Felix Bachofner; Del Rey Oaks Mayor Jerry Edelen; and Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Sala. The same six mayors signed a letter to Monterey County Board of Supervisors chair Jane Parker urging "rapid resolution" of the potential conflict of interest issues involved Steve Collins. It only got worse as criminal charges were filed against Collins later in the fall.

The Retired Firehouse Cook ran a recipe for just one cookie.

A reading of "Fortune's Way", featuring Teresa Del Piero as Effie Fortune, was scheduled for Sept. 8. The play was written by Steve Hauk. Effie Fortune was a local fine artist who turned to liturgical art. St. Angela's in Pacific Grove was her first project.

09/09/11-09/16/11

The school board was re-examining its policy on grade requirements for extra-curricular activities, including sports. The current policy is more stringent than the California Interscholastic Federation.

The Monterey Bay Poetry Consortium announced an evening of Poetry and Original Music with Bill Minor, Maggie Paul and Heath Proskin.



Moonalice, the original rock band that is a throwback to days of the Grateful Dead and others, was set to play in the Bank of America parking lot during Cherry's Jubilee car show. We love them especially because they print beautiful posters that are original to

09/16/11-09/22/11

Most Pacific Grove students heading

for college chose Monterey Peninsula College as their first destination, and cost was likely the reason. Cameron Douglas did a story about it for our front page.

We had a great picture of the Pacific Grove Triathlon on our front page and more pictures inside. The annual event is getting more popular every year. We also profiled a local triathlete, Dr. Les Waddel, who has invented a shoe that helped him finish third in his division.

Santa Cruz County Supervisors unanimously banned single-use plastic bags from retailers and food vendors. There will be a 10-cent fee on paper bags. Pacific Grove will consider a similar ordinance soon.

Scores for the STAR tests were released, showing an increase in the numbers of students taking the test and testing proficient in high-level math and science. EAP, the option at the end of the STAR test, didn't show as lofty results, however, but officials say they're working on it.



Canterbury Woods celebrated its annual Jazz in the Woods event, drawing some 300 guests from outside and 130 from Canterbury Woods.

Three people were arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, negligent discharge of a firearm, and possession of paraphernalia. Sean Lessen-Dees, Ian Peel and Jeffery Rutt were arrested after making false 9-1-1 calls alleging they were being robbed and chased.

09/09/11-09/15/11

The remains of a Pacific Grove woman missing since 1983 were discovered in a wooded area near Del Monte Shopping Center in Monterey. A land surveyor working there found the bones of Jennifer Lynn Morris near where her car was found 28 years ago.

Ocean Guardians at Pacific Grove Middle School posed with a banner they'd won, having been honored by Congressman Sam Farr and NOAA for their efforts on behalf of the environment.

We did a synopsis of two measures which were to appear on the November ballot -- Measures V (which passed) and U (which didn't).



Mozzo Kush entertained triathletes and spectators alike at the Triathlon.

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2011

The school district reiterated current academic requirements for extra-curricular activities, including sports. They were to be examined in the future, but were currently more stringent than California Interscholastic Federation requirements.

MPC was presenting "Beowulf" at the Storybook Theatre, and a new show was scheduled at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Two potatoes were found on the sidewalk at the corner of Forest and Laurel.

9/23/11-9/29/11



We shone the spotlight on a class of math students who were learning by making quilts – which they then donated. The story has been picked up by the local daily, and even by the

The Finance Dept. announced that the Pacific Grove Golf Links had lost \$413,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. That put the reserve for the golf course enterprise fund down to \$143,658, dangerously close to having to dip into the General Fund.

Downtown businesses and Forest Hill commercial businesses were examining changes in commercial zoning, including alcohol service regulations, franchises and more in an effort to attract businesses to long-vacant properties and improve the overall look and atmosphere of the two business districts.



Déjà vu all over again – a neighbor spotted Jeffery Rutt, 19, climbing through the window into an apartment where he and two others had been arrested a week earlier on drug and gun charges. A police standoff ensued which culminated in Rutt's arrest.

Pacific Grove Police Chief Darius Engles said there was a decrease in Part I crimes (the most violent). He attributed the drop to the number of arrests. But "our challenge has been property crimes," he said.

Artisana Gallery was set to celebrate Dia De Los Muertes with an exhibit of related art and images.

On Sept. 24 the second Blessing of the Monarch Sanctuary was celebrated with a blessing by Louise Ramirez, head of the Ohlone-Castanoan-Esselen Nation of the Central Coast.

The Rocky Onos Relay Team was profiled. They finished second in their division at the Triathlon race the week previous, and were set to do another raise – a fund-raising one – to benefit Dorothy's Place.

A new exhibit, featuring the "fin

art" of Ray Troll, opened at the Museum. Troll is the mural artist who decorated the NOAA building down by the ocean.

9/30/11-10/6/11

The Pacific Grove Unified School District was working with the City of Pacific Grove to solve pedestrian safety issues around the Middle School on Forest Avenue. The district used Measure D funds to examine options, and came up with a concept involving two cul-de-sacs that meet at a permanent pedestrian path across Fountain Avenue, blocking the road to through traffic and providing a safe place for parents to drop off their children.

The City passed an ordinance requiring registration and fees for burglar alarms at residences. Cost recovery has become an issue with rising numbers of false and mistaken alarms.

Carmel took steps to come closer to a full contract for fire service with the City of Monterey, like Pacific Grove has. Chief Andrew Miller, himself from Pacific Grove, was looking forward to sealing the agreement.

A home on Ocean View Blvd. was listed for sale for some \$16 million, a record.

Chautauqua Days was set to kick off with three days of showcase events, including the Historic Home Tour, Heritage Birdhouses, music, puppets, art at Artists in Chautauqua, exhibit opening at the Museum and more.

The Big Sur Half Marathon announced they'd be replacing the Run Forrest Run 5K with a new family-friendly 5K race called the Lighthouse 5K. It will showcase Pacific Grove.

10/7/11-10/13/11

It was time for the Monarchs butterflies to return, and the sure sign was the 72nd annual Butterfly Parade. Hundreds of school children were dressed in costumes -- the youngest being butterflies -- and paraded down Pine Avenue. Afterward, the Butterfly Bazaar was held. Could the butterflies be far behind?

The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards offered a free analysis of the options for increased sharing of services between Pacific Grove Police Department and the City of Carmel. The City Council gave its go-ahead.

Cal-Am did a study of water supply options just in case the Regional Water Project, now under fire from all directions, fails to get off the ground. Steve Collins and chief Curtis Weeks of the Monterey County Water Resource Agency recently came under fire for possible ethics violations and conflict of interest. Collins resigned from the board in April and Weeks's position there ended Oct. 7.



Blakely Bowley was named Employee of the Quarter for the City of Pacific Grove.

There was a ribbon cutting for the Sensory Garden at the Blind and Visually Impaired Center. We later did a photographic tour.

Twenty York students were named National Merit Scholars. Ray Troll's "fin

art" was celebrated at an opening at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. His tongue-in-cheek (and often pun-in-cheek) works are known world wide.

Included in our paper was the fall edition of the Knockout, the student newspaper from Pacific Grove High School. Produced entirely by the students, we offer them space inside our paper at cost so they won't have to pay all the extraneous costs that go along with production of a newspaper.

Due to popular demand, the model of the Chinese Fishing Village that used to stand about where Hopkins Marine Lab is now was held over at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

Save Our Shores reported that 4,543 pounds of trash were removed from Monterey County waterways during the Coastal Cleanup volunteer litter pick-up campaign.

10/14/11-10/20/11

Consultants hired by California American Water made their report, stating that the Regional Water Project, the desalination plant in Marina, was still the most cost-effective. . . at some \$404,000,000.



A rare Olive Ridley sea turtle was beached near Hopkins Marine Lab. The turtle was taken by a veterinarian to be cared for and eventually freed. Though sea turtles do come ashore, this particular type prefers warmer waters than those found on the California coast.

Monterey was set to discuss a plastic bag ban on Oct. 17.

Carmel was holding community meetings to discuss water options.

Pacific Grove High School celebrated Homecoming by trouncing Gonzales 45-11.

We did a full page spread on the Heritage Homes for the Birds, the annual auction of unique birdhouses made by local citizens and artists. The record price this year was \$350.

We also celebrated the Blessing of the Animals at Canterbury Woods

Artists in Chautauqua and the bird house event were part of Chautauqua Days.

10/21/11-10/27/11

No one came to occupy Lighthouse Avenue, but they were marching by the hundreds in Monterey and Salinas and Cameron Douglas wrote about being in the middle of it.

We profiled Persis Anne Tomingas, Pacific Grove Community High School graduate of 2009, who is in Japan fulfilling her dream of learning the language and producing music.

"Benghazi Rising" was one of the films shown at the annual United Nations International Film Festival. The film is about the revolution in Libya.

10/28/11-11/3/11

Happy Halloween! We had photos of some decorated houses, and a couple of creepy stories from the Young Writers Club.

The center line on Forest Avenue between Sinex and Hillcrest -- in front of the Middle School -- was moved over a skotch

to allow more room for passenger drop-off.

We got a tour of the recycling center at Waste Management in Castroville and learned that yes, Virginia, they do sort all that stuff by hand. Very interesting tour and not at all stinky.



The new class of students at the Citizens Academy of the Pacific Grove Police Department got a taste of police work and learned that the average career for an

Cal-Am Water's general manager was shipped out. Craig Anthony was terminated as of Dec. 30. No announcement has been forthcoming as to a replacement, or the reason for Anthony's termination. The company is, of course, experiencing serious problems due to the state cease-and-desist order to stop pumping water from the Carmel River to meet domestic demand.

The exiled leader of China's 20 million Uyghurs, that nation's oppressed Muslim minority, set 10 conditions for any future husband she might consider. One of those conditions was that he serve prison time for his beliefs. Rebiyah Kadeer's story was told in a film by Jeff Daniels called "10 Conditions of Love." It was screened at the United Nations film festival and Peter Munteer got the phone interview with Daniels.

11/4/11-11/10/11

Naysayers bellow constantly about the shared service agreement with Monterey Fire, sometimes to the embarrassing point of badgering the Chief at City Council meetings. But response times are better, there's 100 percent coverage . . . and now the City received a refund of \$14,146 for fiscal year 2010-11. We put the story in a little box on our front page, hoping they'll notice it, but we're not really counting on it.

Candy Cane Lane is all dressed up for Christmas as we write our year in review, and it was all dressed up for Halloween (we heard estimates of 1000 children trick-or-treating there). The City can't figure out, however, how to pay for new street lights there and residents are left in the dark with antiquated street lamps. Public Works is searching for grants. We suggested Homeland Security. It's a thought.



Students at Stevenson School's Carmel campus raised more than \$900 for breast cancer screening for low-income women. They posed in their "Carmel Campus Thinks Pink" T-shirts, forming the familiar pink ribbon.

Year in Review

2011

After having been directed to monitor lawsuits brought against jurisdictions which banned plastic bags, City staff was happy to report positive outcomes of those lawsuits, including a California Supreme Court ruling for the City of Manhattan Beach. A ban on non-biodegradable plastic bags at retail establishments, and possibly a fee on paper bags, is another step closer to reality.

A group of friends got together and solicited donations for The Hope Center instead of trick or treating. They collected 358 non-perishable food items, toiletries and pet food out of 200 homes solicited.

We got on our high horse about the people who ruined a free recycling bin for everyone else by tossing TVs and mattresses in it. Sick of paying for the bill and cleaning up the mess, Pebble Beach Company took it out.

Monarch Alert announced that they have begun counting Monarch butterflies, as they do each winter when the migrating insects arrive on the Central Coast for their winter vacation.



The intrepid Lola, a small dog owned by Nancy Shammas, spent two weeks in the wilderness on her own. She was finally lured back and is home and safe in Pacific Grove, sporting a mysterious scar and not telling anyone where she had been.

11/11/11-11/17/11

Jeanne Byrne took the lead early and stayed there, unseating incumbent Regina Doyle for a seat on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board for District 4. Open to all ideas for water sources, Byrne ran on a platform of "do something!"

Measure U, which eased many of the restrictions placed on hospitalities by Measure C some 25 years ago, received 71.97 percent of the vote. Now all we need is water.

Measure V, the parcel tax measure aimed at educational programs for Pacific Grove schools, did not pass. It gained an impressive majority of 61.44 percent but it needed 66.66 percent to pass.



Kevin Zamzow-Pollock was among the graduates of the CERT training held with the fire department.

There was an armed robbery Nov. 9 at the Chase Bank at Country Club Gate Center. Wearing rubber masks of prior presidents, the robbers ordered customers to get on the floor and took an undisclosed amount of cash. Police have no leads.

York School took title to 101 acres of marine chaparral adjacent to the school to be used for an environmental laboratory as well as some athletic fields.

Taylor Jones wrote an engaging review of a performance by Something Cool Trio, which took place at the Alternative Cafe.

We got huffy on the opinion page about the low turnout for the election, pointing out that people in the Middle East are dying for the right to do what we treat so offhandedly.

11/18/11-11/24/11

Breakers varsity team lost the Shoe Game to Carmel, but JV whupped 'em in the Sock Game.

To quote our editorial that week: "OK, it seemed like a pretty flimsy way to go about it, but we were convinced it was legal and so were five of the seven members of the Pacific Grove City Council who passed an emergency ordinance to allow the dining purveyor at the Pt. Pinos Grill to remain open after 'nautical twilight.'" The grand experiment goes on Thursday through Sunday evenings through February, despite a lawsuit and a lot of hollering at the microphones in City Council chambers.

Stephen Phillip Collins, former director on the Board of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, was formally charged with two felony counts of conflict of interest and 31 felony counts of grand theft and six misdemeanor counts.

Another E-waste recycling day was held at the high school grounds as a benefit for Hope Services



An exhibit entitled "I Read The News Today, Oh Boy!" went up at the Pacific Grove Library, and an opening reception was held. The exhibit, under the auspices of our Poet-In-Residence, Dr. Barbara Mossberg, paired visual artists with poets to respond to items from the news.

Girl Scout Troop 2033 paid a visit to Canterbury Woods to learn about Girl Scouting of the past. The younger girls have been scouting together since first grade. They are now in the fifth grade.

Peter Mounter got a comprehensive tour of the wastewater recycling plant in Marina and did a two-page story on it. They recycle the water year round, but it is only used by agriculture in the summer. The rest is pumped into the ocean. What if they gave it one more round of processing then sent it to recharge the aquifer?

(the page numbers were wrong – not the first time we've forgotten to change the date)

Because a reader had requested it, we also did a story on light pollution. Her concerns had to do with lights left on outside at night, primarily at properties where no one was in residence.



Last year when we went to the Wild Game Feed, we won a tour of the salmon nursery run by Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. This year, after the annual Wild Game Feed, we finally published our story – along with a salsa recipe – on the Green Page.

11/25/11-12/1/11

Dr. Barbara Mossberg, our poet-in-residence, visited the Occupy Washington DC encampment and gave out Ansel Adams' images and words to the tent library poetry/arts section.

The Teen Center is now open at the Pacific Grove Library, funded by grants and donations, the center is run by a Teen Board and includes best-sellers, homework help, DVDs and visiting lecturers and workshops.

Three Stevenson students – Chris Jaeger, Skyler Finnell and Nick Halamandaris – all signed letters of intent for



A mystery was solved as the sign from the old Dream Theater was unloaded from a truck to go into a display at the Museum of Monterey. Purchased by a Pacific Grove man when the theater was torn down in about 1982, it had been in his back yard. Many over the years had wondered, in blogs and forums, about what happened to it.

athletic scholarships.

12/2/11-12/8/11

Jim Keegan of Golf Convergence, a consultant from Colorado, delivered his report on the Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Links, causing a bit of a stir when he talked about a "culture of entitlement like no other place" he'd ever seen. He made suggestions including update of the customer data base for marketing purposes, lengthening the course to attract bigger tournaments, and getting rid of freebies and annual cards.

The Pacific Grove High School Junior Varsity football team took honors in the Mission Trail Athletic League by finishing 7-0 in league play and 8-2 overall. They beat Carmel in the "Sock Game" but varsity did not fare nearly as well.

The controversial – to some – "experiment" to allow evening dining at the Pt. Pinos Grill at the Golf Links passed its first hurdle when a judge denied the petitioner's request for a temporary restraining order in a suit filed to stop the experiment.

Mayor Carmelita Garcia announced formally that she is running for the California Assembly seat soon to be vacated by Bill Monning. Monning is running for State Senate. Garcia's opponent is Mark Stone of Santa Cruz County, also a Democrat, so it appears that the two will

face each other not only in the primary in June but in November as well, due to the new "top two" primary rules in California.

We profiled Larry Zeller, a Pacific Grove specialist in hair loss, owner of Boomerang Hair Studio.

Second graders from Robert Down elementary school delivered 10 quilts they had helped make to Community Hospital to comfort infants in the nursery.

12/9/11-12/15/11

Christmas is coming! The Parade of Lights was held downtown and about 2000 people came out to see the floats and bands and dance troupes.

Debbie Crandell was sworn in as the newest member of the School Board, as other trustees played musical chairs:

Jim Becklenberg, the popular Deputy City Manager who steered the City through some hard financial times and set it on the road to stability, announced his departure. In January, 2012, he will take a post in Colorado, where his wife has family.

The Library continued its Food For Fines program, where non-perishable food can be donated in place of fines for late library books.

The police department joined the annual drive for new toys for needy children by placing bins in the lobby of the police department.

Also for the holidays, CHOMP announced their annual Holiday Blood Drive.

The National Moden Railroad Association set up their annual model railroad display at the American Tin Cannery. The free show has become a favorite holiday event.

The Little House at Jewell Park was finally opened after months of volunteer efforts to rehabilitate it. The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District contributed \$40,000 for the project, and new regional manager Jim Sultenich, who lives in Pacific Grove, was on hand to cut the ribbon.

12/16/11-12/12/11

New school board officers were elected -- John Thubeau as President, and Tony Sollecito as vice president.

Our front page photo was the start of the Jingle Bell Run for the arthritis foundation.

Varsity wrestlers went to a tournament in Half Moon Bay and came home with three wrestlers placing.

After our forum on the state of journalism today, we ran a lengthy piece by Robert Lewis on his view. We also ran some outstanding photos by Chip Scheuer on the clearing of Occupy Santa Cruz by police.

The Knockout appeared again as well. Go, Breakers!

12/23/11-12/29/11

We featured a "Balloon Menorah" on our front page.

The judge in a suit brought by Ag Land against the Regional Water Project ordered a new EIR. Back to the drawing board.

We profiled an Eagle Scout candidate who got his friends to help rehab the field at Arnett Park. Breakers soccer team has a 6-1-1 preseason record. They return the first week in January.

Daniel Giovinazzo was named as one of two of Congressman Sam Farr's choices for the US Naval Academy.

Danielle Powers of York School, signed a letter of intent for a swim scholarship at Fresno State.

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The Peace Corps ends its 50th anniversary year in 2011. The Peace Corps was officially established in 1961 by the U.S. Government as a volunteer agency with three goals in mind: promoting a better understanding of Americans on the part of countries served, promoting a better understanding of other peoples on the part of American volunteers, and helping the people of interested countries meet their need for trained men and women. We at Cedar Street Times have learned that there are many former Peace Corps volunteers living right here in Pacific Grove. Today we exemplify them and their efforts by sharing a piece written by a current volunteer, Tala Loubieh, whose campaign for better sanitation for her chosen village in Tanzania was profiled last week.

We honor Tala and all Peace Corps volunteers, past and present, for their efforts in behalf of the United States of America, their country of service, and all humankind.



A typical day in the life of a Peace Corps volunteer

I wake up and start the “jiko” stove, using charcoal so I can warm my bath water and warm up some chai. Breakfast for me is usually oatmeal. Sometimes if I know I am going to have a very busy day I cook all my food in the morning so when I have a break I can go home, eat quickly and move on since cooking takes soooo long here. I also make sure I get all my water from the well in my buckets for the next few days so I don’t have to worry about that either.

I then go around to peoples’ houses and talk with them, then go to the clinic see if they need help with anything. If not, I go to the school talk with the teachers until lunch, helping them with anything they may need like grading papers, English corrections and sitting in on classes at either the secondary school or the primary school.

I then either eat at one of my friends houses or start the charcoal again and cook myself lunch. Lunch is usually rice and vegetables or ugali -- a staple food here. It’s made by boiling water and adding corn flour and is eaten with vegetables.

Every day is different. Sometimes I have meetings with villagers or village officials to talk about my projects and news about the village, other days I have an AIDS group meeting (I have two AIDS groups in my village that I work with and teach, and each group meets twice a month) and three times a week I teach evening English classes to adults. Most of the time I am preparing lesson plans for them, flash cards etc. I have six students. It is so nice having a small class that I can go in depth with.

I usually return home, or to someone else’s home, by dark and if I am eating dinner at someone’s house I stay and help cook, tell stories, have lots of cultural exchange and then leave to go home. If I am at home cooking by myself I usually play the radio and prepare my dinner on the charcoal stove and then go to bed.

I have no electricity or running water so no matter what my day usually ends at 8:00 or 8:30. I then lie in my bed reading a book under candlelight until I fall asleep.

I am a Health volunteer here. In Tanzania there are three types of volunteers: health, environment and education. The education volunteers come by themselves and are in a different training class. Environment and health arrive together. I guess you can say we are more “lost” than the education volunteers because they are teachers with a schedule they are assigned to teach something, depending on their background, and they teach five days a week. We, on the other hand are more free and work on projects and some, like me, teach English in their spare time.

I guess one of the projects of which I’m most proud would have to be teaching English (which is ironic because it doesn’t have much of anything to do about health) because of the students. They are all older males excepting one woman and they are so dedicated and motivated to learn English. If one misses class it’s like the end of the world for them; they feel like they have disappointed the class and me and themselves. For the most part they all always show up which is a reeeally rare thing in Africa, to come on time, not African time (which is a few hours late). The cultural exchange is amazing; most of the time when class is done they stay and ask a million questions about America and my life and why am I not married with five kids yet!?

So it’s always a blast its fun for me and them. I look forward to it very much. They always try so hard to speak English whenever they can and speak to other villagers in English, greeting them and such. Everyone in the community always laughs and tells me how they are learning so quickly and they need to come to my classes (which they never do). English is the second language here and once someone enters secondary school almost everything is taught in English (mostly by teachers who don’t know English themselves!) but for the most part many want to learn English because they believe it will help them get ahead or be able to go and visit different countries (especially America).

Projects I have done in short:

- Built three wells supplying the primary school, secondary school, and local clinic with water.
- Weigh babies at the clinic twice a month
- Started (have yet to finish but its getting there) a world map mural at the primary school.
- Had a very big informational World Aids Day event in which hundreds of community members came and got educated



Tala Loubieh, center, with some of the residents of Mtambula village in Tanzania, where she serves as a Peace Corps. volunteer. Tala’s mother, Aida Cook, lives in Carmel.

- With other neighboring Peace Corps volunteers held a Girls Conference in which we taught life goals, confidence, and sex ed, including HIV/AIDS education
- Held a separate boys conference with neighboring PCV’s and taught the same ideas we did at the girls conference.
- Have two running HIV/AIDS groups, we think up income generating projects and I teach them how to still live a healthy life as well.
- My Adult English class

Future plans for Mtambula village

I wrote a grant its online now at www.peaccorps.gov where people can donate money to my toilet project.

I want to build all new toilets at the primary school and secondary school. They are just awful so I am hoping before I leave to build new boys and girls drop choo toilets, complete with a hand washing station at both schools. I am also hoping to help my AIDS group get involved with starting a tree nursery but it is the rainy season and we would need to start when the rainy season is over. Lastly, I have been trying to write every solar company stationed here in Tanzania to see if I can get solar donated to the local clinic. Sometimes patients come to the clinic at night and need stitching or some procedure, even women who are ready to give birth come and, if it’s night time, all these procedures are done with a couple of kerosene lamps. I really hope one of the solar companies here can help, but I have had no luck.

Future plans for me and Peace Corps.

I have been accepted into Columbia University’s school of social work masters program so I will be going there when I am done with my service in Tanzania (around July 2012). As much as I want to extend here because I absolutely and fully am in love with this country, I decided that I need to finish school first in order to get an international degree and come back and get a job here.

As for me and Peace Corps I am sad, surprised, and scared my time working with them is almost up, but I know I can always return to Peace Corps and they will welcome me with open arms. It is a great organization and it allows us Americans who volunteer to help people living in these countries that need help directly and in the most intimate and rewarding way. It can be truthfully said that if you donate to a Peace Corps volunteer that money, every last penny, will go straight to a village in need, and that’s saying a lot.

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Marine Life Studies to facilitate Ocean Debris Awareness Program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County

“Pollution Solutions” program offers videos, hands-on curriculum

Jenna Contuchio and Peggy Stap of Marine Life Studies will be facilitating a marine debris awareness program for Club Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County. The 60 minute program focuses on causes of marine debris and its effects on local marine life in the Monterey Bay. Club Members will also learn how they can make a difference in limiting their own waste and how to assist in cleaning up debris around the Bay.

The Salinas Club will host the program on Tuesday, 1/3 at 1:00 p.m. for all ages. For more information, contact Michelle Slade at 831-394-5171 msslade@bgcmc.org. About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County (BGCMC) has played an integral role in the community for over 43 years. With Clubhouses in Seaside and Salinas, BGCMC provides youth between the ages of 6-18 an afterschool safe haven where they are mentored to achieve academic success, acquire healthy lifestyles, and develop good character and citizenship. More than 95 percent of the total budget comes from generous individuals, corporations and foundations. The Clubs are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. during summer and school breaks, and from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. when school is in session. Additional information is available at <http://www.bgcmc.org> or via phone at 831-394-5171.

About Marine Life Studies

Marine Life Studies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching and inspiring the public to protect the oceans and marine life. Through our educational programs, children learn about the oceans and marine life, and the importance of protecting the environment entrusted to us all. Additional information is available at the website www.marinelifestudies.org or via phone at 831-901-3833.

Save Our Shores seeks Sanctuary Stewards

For the benefit of the marine environment, Save Our Shores (SOS), ocean awareness advocates on the Central Coast, are looking for the next class of local leaders to join the 2012 Sanctuary Steward Program. Sanctuary Stewards are the core volunteer force of Save Our Shores, each one of them instrumental in advancing ocean conservation work in the communities surrounding Monterey Bay.

The Sanctuary Steward training course begins in Santa Cruz on February 21, and continues on Tuesday evening through April 10. The course includes presentations from local experts on the ecology of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, sustainable fisheries, plastic pollution, clean boating, ocean policy and advocacy. Stewards also receive hands-on training in classroom and outdoor event leadership with the staff of Save Our Shores. An alternate training based in Monterey will be held in April and May.

Following the training, Stewards will take the lead on Save Our Shores’ beach and river cleanups, as well as have numerous opportunities to educate, advocate, and share their skills. Those looking for opportunities to make a difference in ocean conservation are encouraged to apply to the 2012 Sanctuary Steward Program.

“The Sanctuary Stewards Program is your chance to make a difference for the ocean and your community. Get educated, get trained, and get busy as a volunteer leader for the environment with Save Our Shores in 2012,” says Andrew Hoeksema, coordinator of volunteer programs at Save Our Shores.

“I had three goals for the summer of 2011: do something that would benefit my local community, be outdoors as much as possible, and hopefully learn something in the process. The Save Our Shores Sanctuary Steward program allowed me to achieve all three,” said Curtis Luckado, 2011 Sanctuary Steward.

For more information contact Andrew Hoeksema, Coordinator of Volunteer Programs at SOS at 831.462.5660 ext. 3 or volunteer@saveourshores.org. Information and applications can be found online at: <http://saveourshores.org/volunteer/sanctuary-stewards.php>.

Monarch Alert update for Dec. 21 and 22 count

Erica Krygsman (Monarch Alert Field Coordinator for Monterey County) and volunteer Tama Olver conducted this week’s Monterey County monarch counts on December 21 and 22.

The average number of monarchs counted at the Pacific Grove Sanctuary was 8,571, a slight decrease from last week’s count.

The number of monarchs counted at Andrew Molera State Park also declined slightly to 3,497 and at the private property site in Big Sur the number decreased to 7,160. There were three other sites with clusters this week: Plaskett Creek Campground, Point Lobos Reserve, and George Washington Park.

Temperatures were cool with clear skies both days, and there were moderate winds on Thursday the 22nd. Next counts are scheduled for December 28 and 29.

COUNTS - MONTEREY COUNTY

Pacific Grove Sanctuary 8571

George Washington Park 57

Point Lobos Reserve 852

Andrew Molera State Park 3497

Private Property, Big Sur 7160

Plaskett Creek 952

Draft Urban Forest Management Plan posted for public review

The Draft Urban Forest Management Plan is now available for public review. It has been posted and is available to download on the City’s website at:

<http://ci.pg.ca.us/pubworks/forestry.htm>

Hard copies are provided to the City Council, NRC, and UFAC. Hard copies are also available for viewing at City Hall in the Community Development Department or at the Pacific Grove Library.

The Urban Forest Advisory Committee will continue its review of the Urban Forestry Standards (Draft UFMP Chapter 5) and the Ordinance on January 10 and January 17 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. Agendas will be available and posted prior to the meetings.

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