

# Kiosk

Friday, December 6  
Downtown Pacific Grove



### Activities at the Library's temporary home

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Pacific Grove

**Tuesdays at 11 am**  
Preschool Stories

**Thursdays at 11 am**  
Baby Rhyme

**Wednesdays at 3:45 pm**  
Wacky Wednesday

**First Wednesday of the month**  
at 5-6:30 pm  
"Lego" my Library

**Second Wednesday of the month**  
at 12:00 pm  
Music with MaryLee (all ages)

**Saturday, December 14**  
PG Pops Holiday Concert  
2:00 PM • Free/Donation  
Performing Arts Center  
836 Forest Ave. Pacific Grove.

**Saturday December 14**  
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7:30-11:30  
Lovers Point Park  
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**Saturday December 14**  
Winterfest celebrates  
DEMOCRACY and all the  
volunteers it takes to make it work  
5-7pm  
Peace and Justice Center.

**Sunday, December 15**  
Recreation Programs Expo  
2-4:30 PM  
Chautauqua Hall  
Free • 648-3134  
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Expo is free

**Sunday, December 15**  
Tuba Christmas Concert  
1-2 p.m. Doors open at noon.  
Monterey Conference Center,  
Steinbeck Ballroom;  
One Portola Plaza, Monterey  
Free; No tickets required

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## Pacific Grove's



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### Thank you, Perkins Park Volunteers



As many know, Perkins Park is a much beloved historic park located along the beautiful coastline of Pacific Grove and known for its pink carpet which blooms in April and May of each year. Every year for the past few decades, residents have organized annual clean-ups in April to pull weeds, clear paths, and tend to the pink carpet. This last April, volunteers suggested making the Perkins Park clean-ups a monthly event to provide increased maintenance to the park. Working with the City of Pacific Grove Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Colony and Public Works employee, Kent Speed the volunteers assisted with monthly clean-ups that started in May 2019. For the last

seven months volunteers have contributed over 450 hours to the park and have planted over 4,000 new ice plants and pulled approximately 6,000 pounds of weeds! More volunteers are always welcomed and needed. Next Perkins Park clean-ups are scheduled for Dec 21, Jan 11, and Feb 22. All clean-ups are on Saturdays from 9am-noon.

For more information about participating in the Perkins Park Clean-ups please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Colony at [acolony@cityof-pacificgrove.org](mailto:acolony@cityof-pacificgrove.org) or 831-648-3123.

Pictured are just a few of the dedicated and hard-working Perkins Park volunteers. Photo taken at the most recent clean-up on Saturday, Nov 23.

## Cannabis on the Agenda -- Again

By Marge Ann Jameson

We hear, "To reduce illegal sale and use of cannabis and reduce the cost of enforcement, why not legalize it...and tax it?" A discussion of this idea – and others – will be on the City Council agenda on Dec. 18, 2019.

It has been before the council before. Measure 215, the California medical marijuana initiative, passed in 1966. When it did, Pacific Grove voters voted in favor of medical marijuana by more than two to one. "Yes" votes were 5540 while "no" votes were 2347.

In 2016, the City Council debated the issue when a local man, Daniel Manascalco, applied for a license to open a dispensary on Lighthouse Avenue. By the end of the meeting, in a 5-1 de-

cision that hung, in great part, on the oath taken by council members to uphold Federal law, the Pacific Grove city council banned medical marijuana dispensaries within the city limits.

The council voted at that time to extend a 45-day moratorium they had passed on Jan. 20, 2010 to equal a full year (Jan. 9, 2011), in order to give them time to study the pros and cons. They were waiting for the results of Prop. 19. (Proposition 19, also known as the Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis Act of 2010, was on the November 2, 2010 California statewide ballot. (It went down to defeat) The lone dissenting vote in Pacific Grove was by Robert Huitt, the only councilmember from that board still on the Council.

On July 11, 2019, the Economic Development

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## Accident on Sunset Injures Student

A teen female pedestrian was injured when she was struck by a car in Pacific Grove, on Friday morning, November 22, 2019. The pedestrian was hit by a car on Sunset Drive, near 19th Street a few minutes before 8 am.

The Pacific Grove High School student was in the lighted crosswalk crossing Sunset. The lights, which are triggered when someone goes by the bollards located at either end of the crosswalk, were working. While the investigation continues, it appears that there will be no charges brought against the driver according to Cdr. Rory Lakind of PGPD. He does not think at this time that inattentive driving, alcohol, or drugs were factors. The injured student is healing in the hospital.



Staff Photo.



Joan Skillman

*Skillshots*



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**FOUNTAIN AVENUE:**  
206- Hauk Fine Arts

**GRAND AVENUE:**  
217- Grand Chance Boutique

**FOREST AVENUE:**  
171- Tessuti Zoo  
211- Victorious  
307- Bookmark Music

**LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE:**  
545- Wild Fish Restaurant  
568- Pacific Grove Art Center (Gallery Night 7-9pm)  
589- Poppy Hall Restaurant  
608- Variety  
610- Phill's Barber Shop \*Blues Music\*  
612- Artisana Gallery \*Music w/ Joseph Lucido\*  
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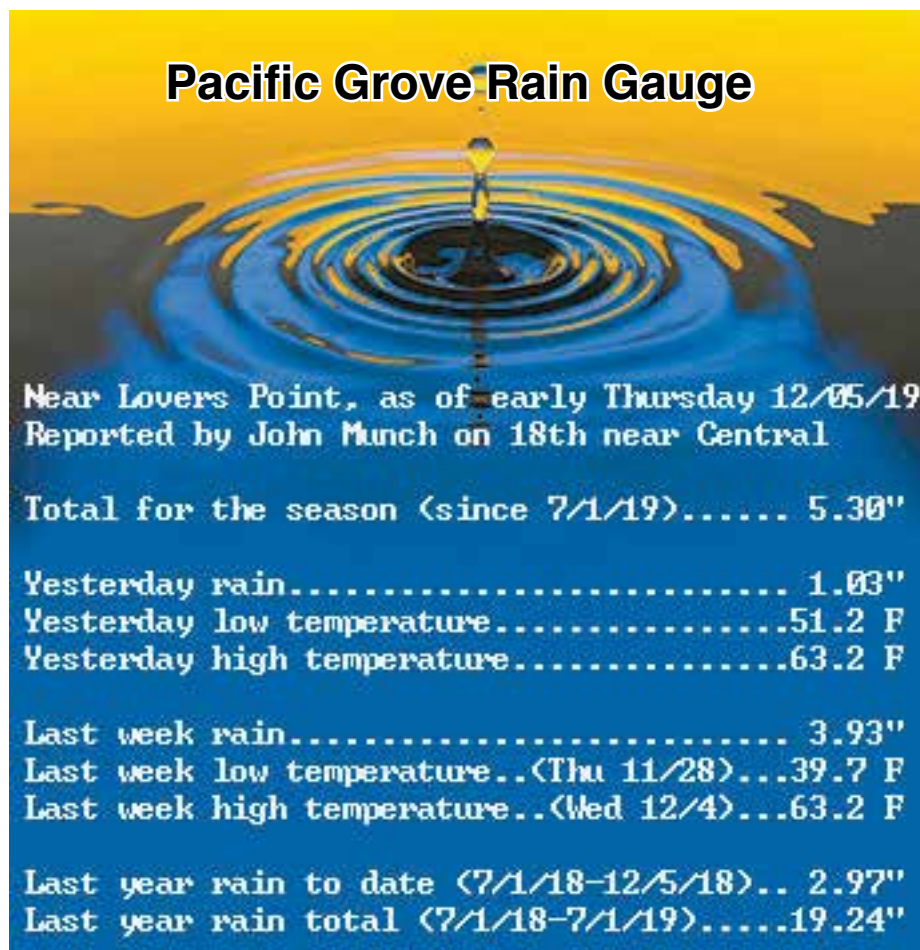
**PACIFIC GROVE'S RAIN GAUGE**

Pacific Grove, beyond FOREST HILL SHOPPING and below Holman Hwy.  
Data reported by Bruce Cowan, resident

Bruce is in the hospital at CHOMP with broken ribs. Judy, his wife, says he's doing fine.

It's too cold and nasty for him to go out there anyway, with 4 inches of snow predicted.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Bruce!



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# Heroic Surf Rescue

Marty Dunn

## *Rovin' in the Grove*



There are daily many reasons to give thanks, but on this just-celebrated Thanksgiving I found a new one. I'd taken a brisk walk down to Lover0s Point and was standing above the beach when I spotted a white plastic bag bobbing in the high-tide surf. A couple visiting from Washington were next to me on the Rec Trail, and we started talking about that bag and the overall issue of plastic pollution in the ocean. All of a sudden, a young woman in a long, flowing green dress descended onto the beach and began wading in the water up to her knees. She had a friend along who was photographing her.

Can you see the 'idea bulb' that popped out of my head just then? That's right! I said to my new best friends from Washington that I was going to go down to the cove and ask the young woman if she'd like to be a hero. She immediately accepted the challenge, but at the water's edge, having lost the advantage of height from the trail, I couldn't pinpoint where she should wade in. Then I heard shouting—it was the Washington couple pointing out where the bag had drifted and—TA DA!—the woman in the wet green dress snagged the culprit. It was one of those woven kind of bags used for sandbags, so nearly indestructible. Cheers all around for getting this offending intruder out of the water!

I never found out the name of the 'green-dress woman' or why she was wading there, but I'm so thankful for her effort! So are the birds that were rock-roosting nearby.

On my way to the stairs off the beach, I noticed a shiny object in a small pile of washed-up kelp: it was a beer can. Close by were two more, same brand, as well as a white PVC joiner and, of course, an ubiquitous plastic water bottle. I scooped them all up and got them to the recycle and trash containers near the top of the stairs. The juxtaposition of the beach waste and the containers designed to hold them was an irony not to be missed.

I will allow that some of this refuse may have been washed down in the storm, but chances are it was littered in the first place and ended up in the gutters.

Further along my walk, the detritus from the storm carpeted the sidewalks and coated the gutters. The bulk of that was Mother Nature's doing, with trees yielding leaves and branches and seed pods that had been hanging around, just waiting for a good storm to dislodge them. The other component, though, was mud. It flowed from unplanted, sloped 'gardens,' across walkways and into the street. Some of the mud was peppered with chips of landscaping bark that was just swept along for the ride.

Public works will be tasked with a lot of the cleanup after this assertive—and most welcome—storm system. I commend them in advance for taking such good care of the town's streets. But I also think it's vital that PG's citizens—and visitors, if you're reading this—always think 'downstream.' Whatever is uphill will eventually work its way down; in our town, that means the Pacific Ocean is the collection point.

Each of us has the power to easily mitigate this situation by simply putting our used materials in the proper places and securing them from runoff. And, as some good-hearted people already do, picking up trash, especially littered plastic, as we walk around our town is another way to be proactive. Worried about sanitation? Keep a pair of gloves handy when you're out and about, or just use your best discrimination and bare-hand the collecting. As my mother the nurse repeatedly reminded her family, "You can always wash your hands."

Dan Bohrman

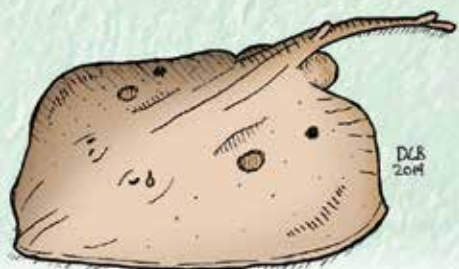
## *Spotlight*

### Wildlife Spotlight

by Dan Bohrman

### California Skate

*Beringraja inornata*



California Skates are mid-sized fish found along the Pacific coast from northern California to Baja California. They grow to about two feet long and are mottled brown in color with a pair of distinct spots on either fin. These "eyespot" make the skate look like a larger fish, dissuading potential predators. California Skates feed on mollusks buried in the sand, crushing through shells with hard, plate-like teeth.



### City of Pacific Grove Annual Notice of Vacancies BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

The City of Pacific Grove is seeking applications for the following Boards, Commissions and Committees for vacancies that currently exist and/or will expire January/February 2020. For a complete description of the purposes and meeting schedule of each of the available Boards, Commissions, and Committees, please visit the City's website at <https://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/about-city/boards-commissions>

- Administrative Enforcement Hearing Officer Panel (4)
- Architectural Review Board (4)
- Beautification and Natural Resources Commission (3)
- Economic Development Commission (3)
- Golf Links Advisory Commission (4)
- Historic Resources Committee (3)
- Library Board (2)
- Museum Board (2)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Recreation Board (1)
- Traffic Safety Commission (4)

Appointees must be registered Pacific Grove residents, with the exception of the Economic Development Commission and Golf Links Advisory Commission.

Applications for these vacancies will be accepted through December 20, 2018. Interested persons may pick up an application at the City Clerk's Office, 300 Forest Avenue or a copy may be downloaded from the City's website at: [https://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/sites/default/files/forms/city-clerk/application-app-boards-commissions-12-14-09\\_0.pdf](https://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/sites/default/files/forms/city-clerk/application-app-boards-commissions-12-14-09_0.pdf)

Further information may also be obtained by contacting the City Clerk at (831) 648-3181 or by emailing [cityclerk@cityofpacificgrove.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofpacificgrove.org)

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# Scott Dick, Monterey County Association of Realtors



## Patrick Ryan

### Local Real Estate Update

#### Seller Fire Insurance

There are many things a seller needs to think/worry once the decision is made to sell a home. Simple things like painting, new carpet, inspections, and taking care of the proper paperwork are a given, thinking about the buyer of said home being able to get fire insurance is not something front of mind, but it should be. Due to the destructive wildfires California has been experiencing over the past few years, getting fire insurance can be a serious problem.

The first thing a seller can do is find out if the home that is going to be sold is in a "high fire" risk area. This can be taken care of by your Realtor during the listing process. Your Realtor will be able to order a report from a title company. I have a regular title officer at Chicago Title that I use and when I take a listing one of the first things I do is order a Natural Hazards Report that will show if the home being listed is in a "high risk" fire area. Due to the forested nature of a lot of the Monterey Peninsula, there are many homes in these high-risk areas.

What we are seeing is that homes located in high risk fire areas are having trouble obtaining fire insurance. If a buyer cannot obtain fire insurance, then they will not be moving forward with the purchase of the home you have for sale. So, let's say that you receive the Natural Hazards Report and the home you are selling is located in a high-risk area for fires, what can one do to make it easier for a buyer to obtain fire insurance?

Take a look at your property and assess it for fire risk. Is there a lot of dry brush close to your home? Are there a lot of tree branches hanging over your home? Do you have a wood shake roof? One of my most recent listings had a wood shake roof and the seller, smartly, agreed to replace the old roof with a brand-new composition roof. Not only did it make the home look better, but it removed an obstacle to a potential buyer being able to obtain fire insurance. The seller also had tree branches that were overhanging the house trimmed and all dead material removed.

If you, as the seller, do everything you can to reduce fire danger and a buyer still has trouble obtaining insurance on the private market, there is a back up plan that is available. It is called the FAIR Plan, Fair Access to Insurance Plan. This plan was created in 1968 by California legislation to provide fire insurance to those denied on the open market. It is an insurance pool where each carrier shares the risk of exposure based on the percentage of property business they write in California. It is administered by the State, but not funded by the State.

For residential properties, what they call Dwelling Properties, there are coverage limits of \$1.5 million at one location. Needless to say, that coverage limit can easily be surpassed with the cost of homes on the Monterey Peninsula. Dwellings are defined as follows: Owner or tenant occupied (1-4 family units), Seasonal owner or tenant, Vacant (1-4 family unit), personal property for renters, and personal property and improvements, alterations, or additions for condominium unit owners.

When deciding to list your home for sale, one of the phone calls to make is to your insurance agent and let him/her know about any fire reduction improvements you have made to the property and see if there would be any problem for a buyer to get fire insurance. Your agent should be able to advise you if it is possible or if there is other work needed. An insurance broker registered with the FAIR plan can make an application for a buyer if he/she is unable to obtain fire insurance on the open market.

This can be a confusing and worrisome topic, but needs to be addressed before a home goes on the market and not wait until a buyer finds out that he or she cannot get fire insurance. If you have an questions regarding this subject feel free to reach out to me. All contacts are kept confidential.

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## Market Matters

### 2018 Migration Trends accelerate as more people look to leave Denver, San Francisco, and Los Angeles

Source: Redfin

As mortgage rates climb, affordability in the most expensive markets has suffered, driving more people to affordable, low-tax inland job centers in states like Florida, Texas and Tennessee. In the third quarter of 2018 people continued to move away from high-cost coastal markets like San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., in increasing numbers.

- More affordable areas like Sacramento, Atlanta and Phoenix continued to draw thousands of potential new residents. Affordability continues to be a driving factor causing people to move away from the coasts.
- Nationally, 25 percent of Redfin.com home searchers looked to move to another metro area in the third quarter, compared to 22 percent during the same period last year.
- "Rising mortgage rates are exacerbating affordability issues that have been driving people out of expensive coastal metros for the past few years," said Redfin chief economist Daryl Fairweather. "With rates no longer near historic lows, buyers are increasingly cost-conscious, seeking more affordable homes in low-tax states in the South and middle of the country."
- San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and Denver posted the highest net outflows in the third quarter. A net outflow means there are more people looking to leave than people looking to move in, while a net inflow means more people are looking to move in than leave.
- A recent New York Times article points out that Denver has suffered from "years of under-building," and quoted Colorado State University economist Phyllis Resnick as saying that the region's affordability imbalance may not correct "just through market forces, unless that's through people moving out."
- Of all San Francisco Bay Area residents using Redfin, 22 percent were searching for homes in another metro, up from 18 percent during the same time period a year earlier. Of New Yorkers, 34 percent looked to leave, about the same as last year. Of Los Angelinos, 16 percent looked to leave, compared to 15 percent last year.
- The metro areas seeing the biggest inflows of new residents are the big cities where home prices are still relatively affordable and job markets are strong. Median prices in the metro areas seeing the largest net inflow average around \$150,000 below prices in the metro areas with the largest net outflow.

**On Dec. 7th and 8th Spirited Women of the World will be showcasing the beautiful work of women artisans from all over Guatemala.**

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## Susan Goldbeck

# Performance Review

## Evita, a little touch of star quality

By Susan Goldbeck

Western Stage's production of "Evita" on its mainstage theater at Hartnell College does not disappoint. It plays through December 7 and is well worth the trip to Salinas. This production, like most of the musical offerings of this excellent company, was outstanding. The play was presented at the large and beautiful Mainstage Theater. Everything was simply first rate.

For starters, the play had the fabulous musical score written by Andrew Lloyd Weber. Unlike many modern musicals, this was no one trick pony. Virtually all the songs in the play were memorable. There is not a bad tune in the show. The fine orchestra did a very good job especially on the Latin numbers.

The stand-out performance as Eva Peron, "Evita" was played by Malinda De Rouen who captured the star quality of Evita Peron herself. She gave a dynamic, sexy performance. She sparkled with every step she took. This began with Evita's life in a lower-class small town to her rise to power as the beautiful wife of Juan Peron, the president of Argentina. De Rouen had powerful voice which captured the ability of Evita to make the limelight hers. She had the star quality she said she would bring to Argentina and she did.

De Rouen's Evita was an ambition-driven woman who knew where she wanted to go. She wanted out of her small town and pronto. She would use her drive and out-front sexuality to her advantage. The use of real photos and film of the real Evita in the background of the stage was very effective and reminded us how remarkable Evita's rise to power was. This play, after all, was based on a true story.

Evita, in later years, wanted to amass to herself as much power as she could. She seemed to just drag her husband along for the ride. She not only had star quality she was a genius at self-promotion. She wore the pants in the Peron family and Evita set her sights high. She was, however, cut down by cancer before achieving her goals. By the time of her death Evita had convinced her people that she was a saint on earth when all the while, unbeknownst to most, she amassing a large fortune for herself and her husband.

Evita was honored as a saint by the throngs of people of Argentina at the time of her untimely death of cancer at the age of 33. Of course Evita's saint-like persona was entirely engineered by her and had little basis in reality. The lyrics of the songs in the production captured much of this irony. Of course the stand-

-out song and the play's anthem "Don't cry for me Argentina," most of us in attendance will be singing for weeks to come. It is so compelling you simply cannot get it out of your head.

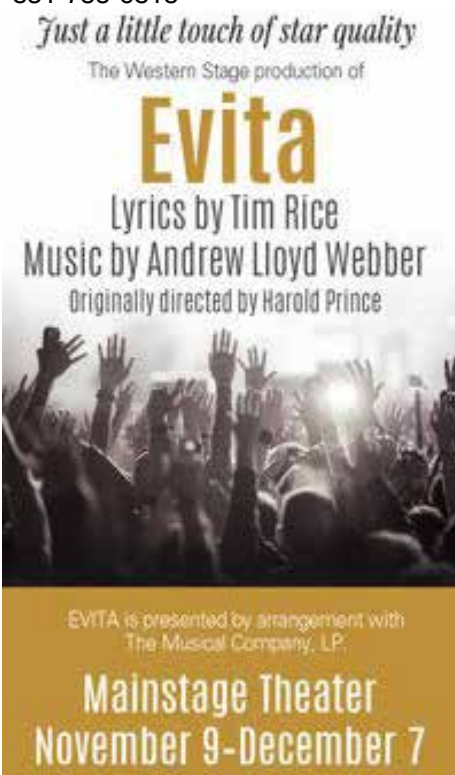
The large cast handled well the mostly ensemble numbers in the play and made you want to get up and cheer, "Power to the people!" and all that! These mostly young people you could tell really enjoyed their role in this fine production. "Buenos Aires" was a number early in the play led by Evita accompanied in both song and dance by the ensemble, did make the audience stand up and cheer. It was an exciting presentation of a great song.

Justin Gaudoin, who played revolutionary Che' Guevara and the play's narrator, had the best male voice in the production. Jeff Hinderscheid also had an excellent voice and gave a compelling performance as the hen-pecked man in waiting, President Juan Peron.

Sarah Horn, in a minor role as the mistress of Juan Peron, who was unceremoniously booted out of bed by Evita, gave a subtle but beautiful performance as the girl left behind, which included a touching performance in her vocal.

I have seen "Evita" many times and I must say this was one of the best versions I have seen. You have one more weekend left. Evita closes December 7. I recommend it highly.

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## Susan Goldbeck

# Performance Review

## Do Catch Superior Donuts at MPC

By Susan Goldbeck

Gotta start out by confessing my bias. I love donuts! My first job was at a donut shop where I ate my share of product and like most of the regulars I enjoyed the camaraderie and even a sense of community that the shop provided.

"Superior Donuts," the most recent offering at Monterey Peninsula College at its Morgan Stock Theater, is all about the mini community that donut shops attract still throughout the country.

Superior Donuts is a small family-owned business which has been around for decades in the community. The play takes place entirely in the dated donut shop. The staging of the shop was extremely well done and looked like a donut shop that had not been updated since the fifties which many of them still do.

The community at Superior Donuts included Russian, Polish as well as black and Hispanic customers. There are old, young rich and poor. Of course there were the stereotypical police-eating-donuts represented too. Like our country as a whole, the regulars at the shop were there not only there for a glazed or a jelly but for a chance to connect with people. Indeed you can see just such a community at many of our local donut shops including our own Red's which is well known throughout the peninsula. Red's in fact provided the donuts for the intermission snacks.

"Superior Donuts" had its little family and like any family had a range of issues. It is a story about aging, friendship, and the tension arising from passing of the torch from the older generation to the young. It is also was about casual racism. This is shown by careless comments made that are racist and hurtful but are made okay by the person who delivers them by simply saying, oh I do not include you in that or words to that effect.

A Polish customer, played by Max Tarasov, who gave an excellent performance, often makes such comments to his friends in the shop. He attempts to make things right with words delivered to all who listen including a black policeman, that of course he did not include "you" in the racial slurs he made. The irony of course is that this immigrant made-good and had the benefits of the American Dream, would make such comments about others who did not. There are two leading characters in the play. Arthur Przybyszewski is a pony-tailed, aging hippie played by Art Hatley, who inherited the shop from his parents. He is the manager and donut maker. Hatley also acts as the play's narrator. He is excellent in his role which demanded both dramatic and comedic skills.

Also in a lead role is Terrell Lyon, who plays an African American college student Franco Wicks who takes a job in the donut shop. Lyons is especially good in the comedic lines he delivers well. He is comfortable on the stage and gives a smooth comedic performance. He often pokes fun at the older generation represented by Arthur Przybyszewski, (Hatley) who finds it tough to change anything about the shop. It is the developing friendship between Przybyszewski and Franco that are at the heart of this play.

Superior Donuts plays through December 8. It is an enjoyable experience I urge you to eat up.



## PG Pops Orchestra's Holiday Concert

The Pacific Grove Pops Orchestra invites the public to a free holiday concert on Saturday, December 14 at 2:00 in the Performing Arts Center at 836 Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove.

Conducted by founder and artistic director Barbara Priest, the December 14 program features diverse works and holiday favorites such as highlights from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, Carmel composer Alan Silvestri's "The Polar Express," "Sleigh Ride," Bizet's "Farandole," Grieg's "Hall of the Mountain King," and a unique arrangement of film music from "Henry V" by two composers—William Walton and Patrick Doyle. Joining the Pops for this performance are international stage actor Michael Bond and vocalist Michael Blackburn, music teacher at Monterey Bay Charter School.

Michael Bond is a graduate of the Goodman Theater School who made his professional debut in Chicago in 1969. He performed for the next 30+ years in theaters across North America, most notably at the Stratford Festival in Canada. He has also appeared on stage, television, and films in Los Angeles. Michael lives with his wife Camille and their cat in Pacific Grove.

Michael Blackburn is an educator and freelance professional musician from the Monterey Peninsula. He teaches elementary and middle school orchestra band and choir classes at Monterey Bay Charter School and general music at Junipero Serra School in Carmel. He has appeared in numerous stage productions around the Monterey Peninsula.

The concert is free, but donations are welcomed by this non-profit organization.

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## Pickle Ball in Pacific Grove: Two realities and maybe some possibilities for cooperation

Reality One: "Wow, this is the most fun I have had in years." I am enjoying playing. I am meeting new folks from the community. I am getting regular exercise that is pleasurable. Our enthusiasm is spreading and there are more and more folks coming out to play. I want to play as much as I can. And, it is not too noisy for me.

Reality Two: "The noise of the balls and paddles and the screaming is irritating and there is no escape. The sound penetrates the walls of my home." It has gotten louder over time.

I have to play loud music or leave home to escape it. The required reasonable peace and quiet does not exist when pickle ball is being played.

Reality One and Reality Two are both true.

One is the reality of the pickle ball player who has come to play and spontaneously utter sounds of excitement and displeasure. The rush of adrenaline is welcome and contagious. Reality Two is the experience of the neighbors whose homes surround the courts. Many are retired or working at home. They are likely not seeking the rush of adrenaline while working or relaxing or gardening at home. However, the sharp and loud sounds of pickle ball play do cause an involuntary adrenaline response in the neighbors that leads to irritation not pleasure. Tennis and the sounds of children playing do not cause the same involuntary irritation.

So far, there is no indication that these two realities can co-exist in the residential neighborhood that surrounds the Morris Dill Tennis Courts. As far as I can tell, the introduction of pickle ball to our neighborhood by city staff involved redefining a paddle as a racquet and moving the game onto the courts. The responsibility of elected officials and staff to maintain reasonable peace and quiet suitable for a residential neighborhood was apparently not a consideration until the neighbors spoke of the impact. Eventually, the City Council ordered a study by an acoustical engineer.

The acoustical engineer's study was done when there were 10-14 players on one court. The report indicated that screening could help noise problems that were discovered to some extent but that it was not likely to eliminate the irritating sound heard by the folks living in Reality Two. The screening has not been done, perhaps wisely as the cost was estimated to be \$20-30,000. The last time I counted there were 32 players rotating the use of two courts. Obviously, the study would have picked up more serious violations with a second court and more players. The Acoustical Engineer did mention more that once that the sound varied based on the paddle and balls that were being used.

The neighbors have noticed the sound variations as well. Some of us did some research to see what we could learn about quieter paddles and balls that were still tournament quality.

We found that studies have been done and that, because of the noise problem in all residential areas, there is financial incentive to make quieter equipment. We provided the Adult School Class with the quietest ball and got two companies to send two samples of their quietest paddles for them to try. There is some indication that the ball is being accepted by both the Adult School and the Monterey Pickle ball Club. More discussion is needed regarding the paddles because, of course, a bigger difference is noticed by the folks in Reality Two than those on the courts in Reality One. We found that other community courts have restricted the kind of equipment that can be used with some significant noise reduction results. In some cases, restricting the equipment to the quietest solved the problem. The transition had some challenges for players, but in the end everyone was satisfied. Some of us think that if everyone is using the quietest equipment, we can reduce the irritable part of the sound enough so that the three days a week, along with controlled access through court scheduling and equipment management will be a livable option, and a contribution to pickle ball fun in our community. An experiment with only allowing the quietest equipment on the courts could likely be done in the \$2500 to \$3000 range.

Unlike the decision to allow pickle ball, maintaining reasonable peace and quiet suitable for a residential neighborhood is not an option for city officials and staff who carry out their policies. Limiting pickle ball on the courts three days a week and the player numbers consistently increasing has not addressed Reality Two, the disruptive experience for neighbors and their pets. Doubtless, if someone had suggested a solution for gas leaf blowers was only to use them three days a week that would not have been perceived as a solution.

I think the best way to get the best outcomes for all of us to work together on addressing the needs of the folks impacted by both realities. Some neighbors have started by introducing quiet equipment as an option along with a cost estimate for an experiment. Because of the structure of the neighborhood, we are not sure that it will solve the reasonable peace and quiet for the three days pickle ball is on the courts, but we can try. The Adult School and the Monterey Pickle ball club and the neighbors can start looking at other options for more days to meet the demand for more play and more players. The high school courts are free almost all weekends of the year and all the days that school is not in session. Many weekdays after 2:45 are available when it is not tennis season. The Spanish Bay Clubs dual use system for the courts works and with a locked storage box at the school would require minimal extra effort for lots of play time. It has the very big advantage of not having residential noise restrictions be a consideration. There would be no need to consider restricting the type of equipment that is used. Residents can actively support expansion there.

Who knows? Perhaps none of the communities from Marina to Carmel will be able to meet the growing demand and maintain their obligations to residential neighborhoods and they will have to get together to create a peninsula wide pickle ball center outside of residential areas.

Fred Jealous

Fan of "Reasonable Peace and Quiet" and Pickle ball

## Crossword Puzzle

Peter Silzer

Solution on page 10

### "Remembering December 7th, 1941"

#### Across

- 1 Until now (2 wds)
- 6 Solemn pledge
- 10 Fill-in worker
- 14 "Beauty and the Beast" heroine
- 15 Earthen pot
- 16 Olive, to Ovid
- 17 \*Part 1 of FDR quote
- 19 \*Part 2 of quote
- 20 Scottish servant
- 21 Cpl. or Sgt.
- 23 Part of MIT
- 25 "Frozen" princess
- 27 Stage whisper
- 28 Traditional Chinese herb
- 30 "Britain's finest"
- 32 A son of Odin
- 33 "You \_\_\_ mouthful!"
- 34 Architect I.M. \_\_\_
- 35 \*US naval base on Oahu
- 41 Provide assistance
- 42 Part of a flight
- 45 Lg. used to interpret many public speeches
- 48 DHL competitor
- 49 Kismet
- 51 Sudden strike
- 53 Not kosher
- 55 "\_\_\_ upon a time"
- 56 \*Part 3 of quote
- 58 \*Part 4 of quote
- 60 Amino or citric
- 61 Senior diplomat
- 65 Zoroastrian scriptures
- 66 Competed
- 67 Zany
- 68 Avant-garde
- 69 "Frozen" princess
- 70 Until now (2 wds)

#### Down

- 1 Govt. loan agency
- 2 U.K. lexicon
- 3 USS Arizona, at one time
- 4 Elevation
- 5 Film spool
- 6 Expressing amazement, in a way
- 7 Alf or ET, e.g.
- 8 Special treatment, for short
- 9 Nuclear fission pioneer Otto
- 10 City relatives
- 11 Evoke
- 12 Musical line
- 13 Golfing legend Arnold
- 18 PC hookup
- 22 Dolt
- 23 Cybernotes
- 24 U.S. flight org.
- 26 Region
- 29 Small battery
- 31 Broadcast
- 34 Advanced degree
- 36 Criticize
- 37 Lean to one side
- 38 Some coll. degrees
- 39 Footstools
- 40 Something to save for (2 wds)
- 43 Ltd., in the USA
- 44 Reuben bread
- 45 On fire
- 46 Like many loaves
- 47 Word with will or wage
- 48 Israeli weapon
- 49 "No problemo" (2 wds)
- 50 Failing grades
- 52 Presidential nickname
- 54 Currant genus
- 57 Cathedral area
- 59 Largest continent
- 62 "Cool" sum
- 63 United
- 64 Most AARP members, abbrev.

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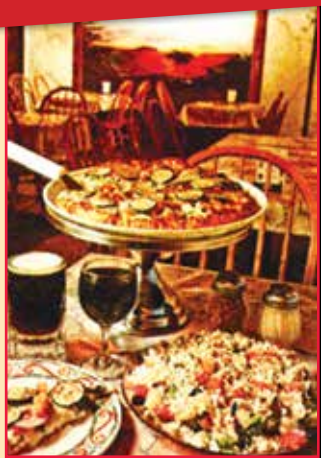
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# What Does God Say about the Unexamined Life and Free Will?

"The unexamined life is not worth living." Attributed to Socrates. Was Socrates correct? *Prov 4:26-27*, "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." Apparently, God thinks we do need to examine our lives, and He wants us to use the free will He gave us to choose good rather than evil. Why? And, what makes a life worth living?

If this life is all there is, we might want to get all we can get out of it. Or, as Henry David Thoreau expressed it, "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear; nor did I wish to practise resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life..." However, if this life is about choosing whether we want to spend eternity with God or live this life only, we might want to do a little pondering. So, what is the purpose of this life?

If our life ends at our first death, what can be gained by examining it? Thoreau believed life is precious, and he did not want to waste any of it on the unnecessary routine actions others would call him to. He was engaged in finding the fulfilling parts and living them to their utmost limits. But, is this the life we were created to live? Only the one who created us could answer this question, *Matt 6:24*, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." What we do every day reveals our master, and we cannot serve God and anyone, or anything, else. God asks us to pick, *Deut 30:19*, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." This choice leads us to either choose the life we are already living or changing our direction to align with the perfect life God saw for us before He even began creating, *2 Cor 5:17*, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." and *Rom 12:2*, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." It appears God's will for our lives leads us to Him and the expected end His has seen for us, *Jer 29:11*, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

Once we accept Jesus as our Savior, we begin to transform into the people He wants to live with for all eternity. We can witness this transformation process by seeing more and more of our lives

Bill Cohen

## Reasoning With God

aligned with the fruit of the Spirit, *Gal 5:22-23*, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Are we becoming more loving, peaceful, and gentle? *Eph 4:32*, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Of course, God knows not only what we do, but our thoughts and intents, *Heb 4:12*, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." and He knows these thoughts lead us to our actions, both good and evil. We cannot pretend and fool God.

Here is how we begin the journey God has laid before us, *Rev 3:20*, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." and *Is 1:18*, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." God is not demanding our obedience; God is calling us to sup on His Word and to reason with Him. He wants us to know that there is a better way to live, and those mistakes we have made can be left in the past, as we seek to become the person He created us capable of becoming. To this end, He has supplied us with the textbook for life, The Bible, *2 Tim 3:16-17*, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

One lesson Jesus teaches us in the Bible is that it is hypocritical to look for the flaws in others, instead of examining our own shortcomings, *Matt 7:3-5*, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." He asks us to allow others to use their free will to examine their own lives, without our constant criticism, without our creating laws that limit their freedom, without judging? If we do not allow others the use of their God-given free will, we become the hypocrites who refuse to examine our own lives, choosing instead to limit the free will of others. It is a choice, and God clearly calls us toward examining our own lives.

*Acts 4:19*, "But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." God tells us that each of us must judge for ourselves, and ultimately, if we are honest, we will learn to judge correctly? *Jn 8:32*, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." He wants us to think for ourselves, He wants us to challenge everything, including what He tells us in the Bible, *1 Thes 5:21*, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." and *Jn 4:1*, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but



try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." God is not worried, He knows we will find the truth, if we are honestly searching for it, *Is 55:8-9*, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Leo Tolstoy leads us to the Bible and God, "You think that your laws correct evil - they only increase it. There is but one way to end evil - by rendering good for evil to all men without distinction." When we are honest about reasoning with the truth, we will always be led back to God! *Rom 12:21*, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." God wants us all to be treated fairly and given every opportunity to choose an eternal future with Him.

Winston Churchill said, "If you have ten thousand regulations you destroy all respect for the law." This is why God only gave us only Ten Commandments.

Horace Greeley tells us of the power within the Bible, "It is impossible to enslave, mentally or socially, a bible-reading people. The principles of the bible are the groundwork of human freedom." *Jn 14:27*, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." God has allowed us to make mistakes along the path to Him and given us an eternally bright future. Nothing on this earth can take that away if we do not choose to give it away. Paul wrote from prison and John from imprisonment on Patmos, and yet,

both found God's peace! They were able to do this because they believed God had planned an eternal life of joy and peace.

Charles R. Swindol, "God gave laws to His people to bless them, not to burden them. Every rule either elevates the quality of human life or restores one's relationship with God after a breach. He makes no extraneous demands and He is never capricious." God did not create extra laws that can be abused.

At the very moment all of our ideas become fixed, one of two things has happened, we have stopped growing, or we have become perfect. Our transformation to perfection will not end with our own efforts, so we need to keep reasoning with the truth, so that we can continue to transform, thus allowing our ideas to continually improve. Being open to discussing and honestly evaluating, different ideas is part of our transformation; and God tells us that the Bible is the best place to test those new ideas before we make our final decision, *Eccl 12:13*, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Our free will is a demonstration of God's love! He will bless those who follow the perfect law of liberty, *Jam 1:25*, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

Dear heavenly Father, teach us to live the freedom you purchased for us on the cross and teach us to be lively stones, *1 Pet 2:5*, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

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## Webster Slate



### Cop Log

#### Strike up the band

Central Ave. – Non injury accident between moving and parked car.

#### Not outstanding anymore

Ocean View Blvd. – A female was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

#### Thief hopes there is 4G in Hell

14th St. – Victim reported that her apple iPad stolen from local church. No suspect information.

#### Digital Dog at large

Marino Pines Rd. – Digital Dog Recovery called to report a vehicle repossession from above location. Owner not aware and dispatch was notified.

#### Couching Tiger

9th St. – A female requested officer assistance to have a house guest be removed from residence.

#### Sorry the PURSE FORCE has the day off

Case unfounded- A subject reported her purse was missing.  
COMMENTARY- Missing is missing. A missing purse is not a police matter. A lost purse is a different matter. Please work on your problem solving skills. What's next? You found the phone didn't you? What's really missing here is common sense.

#### Active investigations continue

Burglary\ Central Ave. – Money was stolen from a business.  
Robbery \ Ocean View Blvd. – There was a report of robbery

#### Thief hopes there is 4G in Hell

14th St. – Victim reported that her apple iPad stolen from local church. No suspect information.

#### Stealing Trump's earning sometimes

Burglary \ Del Monte Blvd. - Tools were stolen from construction site.

#### First this

16th Street\Two bikes were stolen

#### Then these

Found bicycle\ Ocean View Blvd. - Found bicycle.

#### Then this

Pacific Grove Lane. - Unknown suspect(s) took the victim's bicycle.

#### Debtor leaps from 3rd floor hurts knees

Damage to vehicle \ Pine Ave. - A vehicle was damaged by window glass falling from building.

Next season Sean Spicer will be on 'The Voice.' He is a world class singer too!

Pine Ave. - Domestic dispute no arrest.

#### Things that go bump in the night

Balboa Ave. - Alarm activation, area checked okay

Sunset Dr. - Alarm activation, area checked okay.

#### Hey Phone felon, the Police have your number. The duh is silent!

Threaten crime: intimidation: Terror\Lighthouse Ave. - Threats made via text.  
COMMENTARY- So, the inmate convicted of murder turns to his new cell mate and asks: what are you in for? The new guy responds: Texting.

#### Jail time might help subject get in touch with who he really is.

False id to specific \ Ocean View Blvd. – Suspect John Klein-07/08/98. Contacted a subject who provided a false identification. The subject was on probation. The subject had multiple warrants for his arrest. The subject was arrested and booked into Monterey county jail.

#### Probably tried to swallow evidence

Shell Ave. – The suspect was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and attempted destruction of evidence.

#### Present tense bumper

Ocean View Blvd. – Officer was dispatched to a past tense burglary from a vehicle.

#### She should have a license for all the vowels in her name

David Ave. – Ms. Hemo Mamakoula was cited for driving without a license.

#### Surfer last seen swimming like heck towards Santa Cruz

Asilomar Ave. - A surfboard was brought into the station that was found at Asilomar state beach. No owner information is known.

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### New Police Service Technician

We are so pleased to welcome Alexandra Ballash as our new Police Services Technician. Alexandra is a recent graduate of CSUMB and we are so excited to have her on our team. Above: City Manager Ben Harvey swears in Alexandra (left) and the Library's new employee, Marsha Martin (right).



## Poetry in the Grove

### Greetings:

Poetry in the Grove will not meet in December or January (and may not resume in February). Attendance has been very low. Your thoughts and suggestions will be appreciated.

1. Should we start meeting again in February?
2. Would another day of the month or time of day work better?
3. Should we try another format?
4. Should we recruit another facilitator?
5. Other thoughts?

**Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Patrick Flanigan**

## ✓ CANNABIS

### From Page 1

Commission approved delivery of this report and an accompanying draft Agenda Report to the City Council of Pacific Grove.

The summary of the report recommended the Council:

Direct staff to hold community meetings to ascertain current community interests and concerns.

Convene a discussion at City Council to include the following proposals:

Rescind the current moratorium on cannabis businesses in Pacific Grove.

Permit operation of one retail dispensary offering medical and recreational cannabis, and a business offering cannabis home delivery that might be operated separately, in a location that conforms to California State restrictions, a

Permit operation of cannabis research and testing facilities in all commercial districts,

Assess 10% tax on gross receipts of marijuana businesses.

Adopt a resolution to add one ballot initiative to the 2020 election to impose a 10% tax on gross receipts of cannabis businesses.

The primary benefit of permitting operation of cannabis businesses in Pacific Grove is to provide goods and services for residents and visitors alike, according to the report. While there is no current study that quantifies use and unmet demand in Pacific Grove, throughout Monterey County the cannabis industry appears to be growing and there is significant evidence of interest. Specifically: A solid majority of citizens (69.3%) voted for Proposition 64, The Adult Use of Marijuana Act, legalizing recreational cannabis in 2016. (EDC Report of July 11, 2019)

A California city comparable in size to Pacific Grove appears to be on track for about \$180,000 annual revenue from one dispensary based on two quarters of experience.

It has been reported that Del Rey Oaks earned \$600,000 in 2015 when the first medical cannabis dispensary opened. Revenues in 2018 from four operating businesses there were \$643,000 with projections to grow to \$830,000 in 2019.

The City of Seaside has awarded six permits for cannabis businesses (3 medical and 3 recreational dispensaries) with projected revenues of \$425,000 for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 and \$520,000 for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

The City of Salinas has awarded 20 permits for cannabis businesses (4 cultivation, 3 delivery, 5 dispensary, 3 distribution, and 5 manufacturing) according to a February 19, 2019 staff report. Total tax revenues in 2018 from 2 dispensaries and 3 delivery businesses were \$320,630, approximately \$22,200 per delivery business and \$127,000 per dispensary based on a tax rate of 5% of gross sales. That city plans to increase tax rates on retail sales and delivery from 5% to 10% of gross sales in 2020.

Commissioners have also voted to recommend the City Council pass a tax of up to 10 percent on cannabis sales. Other recommendations include allowing a delivery business to open in P.G., as well as permitting firms that do cannabis research. They did not want to see any manufacturing take place. At the very minimum, commissioners said, the city should amend its current ordinance to reflect the fact that state law now allows deliveries from outside areas.

Councilmember McAdams, who serves as the council's Economic Development Commission liaison said of the report, "It's very factual, it's very objective and I think that it deserves discussion." McAdams, Amy Tomlinson and Joe Amelio are three of the seven candidates polled before the November 2018 election who indicated they felt at least a study of the legalization of cannabis businesses was in order.

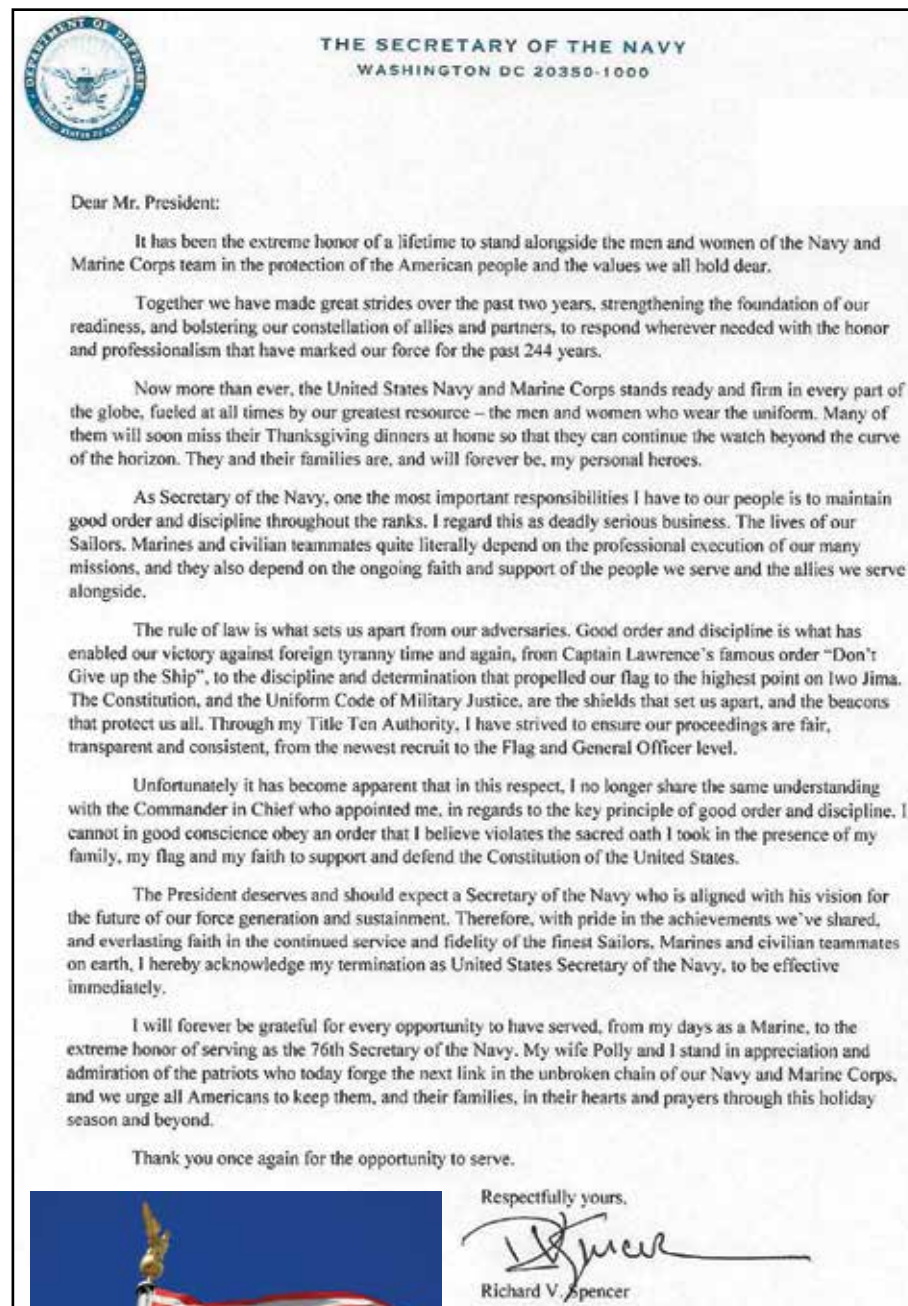


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Dear Mr. President:

It has been the extreme honor of a lifetime to stand alongside the men and women of the Navy and Marine Corps team in the protection of the American people and the values we all hold dear.

Together we have made great strides over the past two years, strengthening the foundation of our readiness, and bolstering our constellation of allies and partners, to respond wherever needed with the honor and professionalism that have marked our force for the past 244 years.

Now more than ever, the United States Navy and Marine Corps stands ready and firm in every part of the globe, fueled at all times by our greatest resource – the men and women who wear the uniform. Many of them will soon miss their Thanksgiving dinners at home so that they can continue the watch beyond the curve of the horizon. They and their families are, and will forever be, my personal heroes.

As Secretary of the Navy, one the most important responsibilities I have to our people is to maintain good order and discipline throughout the ranks. I regard this as deadly serious business. The lives of our Sailors, Marines and civilian teammates quite literally depend on the professional execution of our many missions, and they also depend on the ongoing faith and support of the people we serve and the allies we serve alongside.

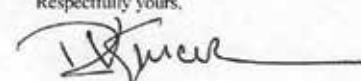
The rule of law is what sets us apart from our adversaries. Good order and discipline is what has enabled our victory against foreign tyranny time and again, from Captain Lawrence's famous order "Don't Give up the Ship", to the discipline and determination that propelled our flag to the highest point on Iwo Jima. The Constitution, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice, are the shields that set us apart, and the beacons that protect us all. Through my Title Ten Authority, I have strived to ensure our proceedings are fair, transparent and consistent, from the newest recruit to the Flag and General Officer level.

Unfortunately it has become apparent that in this respect, I no longer share the same understanding with the Commander in Chief who appointed me, in regards to the key principle of good order and discipline. I cannot in good conscience obey an order that I believe violates the sacred oath I took in the presence of my family, my flag and my faith to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

The President deserves and should expect a Secretary of the Navy who is aligned with his vision for the future of our force generation and sustainment. Therefore, with pride in the achievements we've shared, and everlasting faith in the continued service and fidelity of the finest Sailors, Marines and civilian teammates on earth, I hereby acknowledge my termination as United States Secretary of the Navy, to be effective immediately.

I will forever be grateful for every opportunity to have served, from my days as a Marine, to the extreme honor of serving as the 76th Secretary of the Navy. My wife Polly and I stand in appreciation and admiration of the patriots who today forge the next link in the unbroken chain of our Navy and Marine Corps, and we urge all Americans to keep them, and their families, in their hearts and prayers through this holiday season and beyond.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully yours,  
  
Richard V. Spencer



All roads lead to the sea. – Herman Melville

Recently, I attended the Keynote Address at MIIS / NPS. It was the inaugural.

The then, Secretary of the Navy spoke. The Honorable Richard V. Spencer was honest and candid. He spoke of the perilous state of our national security. The various concerns of weaponized social media, and the weaponized misinformation contained in it; expressed with resolute dire.

This serious man concisely covered more than a few concerns, or realities. Most assuredly the need to be able to change the way Our Navy operates in order to be prepared for the changing threats that loom so large.

Will Congress fund the naval supply chain through this increasing difficult complicated and dangerous time? The Columbia Class Submarine program and the Virginia Class Submarine program are vital. Upgrades are needed.

The concern of naval under-funding is prevalent. To prevail is going to be expensive.

Maybe the Space Force will pitch in, and help with funding.

The echo was that our capable Navy is changing with the times. Learning is at the core. That's right, learning.

Understanding how to preserve the rule of law, then preserving the rule of law in this treacherous modern state of play is, what they do. I for one, felt a sense of comfort and relief listening to Secretary Spencer. As a run of the mill U.S. citizen I experienced a renewed sense of pride in our country, and in our Navy. I actually believed that Secretary Richard Vaughn Spencer was just the right person to lead us through the future. I still do.

Yes, it is really me; Webster Slate: writing this, in my own humble way trying to preserve the rule of law.

When flown upside down, the American flag is a distress signal, recolonized internationally.

I fly it thus. Godspeed Richard Spencer.



## Your Letters

### Opinion

#### Water: Truth or Consequences

*“When injustice becomes law, protest becomes duty.” - Alexander Hamilton*

Editor:

It is time to speak the truth. Eric Tynan’s comments before the California Coastal Commission on Nov 14, 2019 are an example of publicly misrepresenting the truth. The truth is that CalAm alone is responsible for the problems it complains about. As a citizen watching this deception unfold, I feel it is time to separate truth from fiction. David Stoldt has not manipulated or otherwise misrepresented the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) recycled water expansion project report, or “weaponized” it in any way. It is an important potential for water crisis resolution that benefits all communities. To impugn his character is wrong.

Tynan’s argument that opposition to CalAm’s desal equates to espousing a no-growth posture is untrue. “Anti-desal-ers” are for smart growth that includes transportation as part of urban planning. Has anyone seen a plan to expand roads to sustain wanted growth?

CalAm has been striving to destroy Marina’s sole potable water supply source in order to force Marina communities to buy CalAm’s desal water. It has been stealing Marina’s water, an act that will, with seven additional slant wells, devastate the aquifers with seawater intrusion. CalAm disregards state and local laws and the Coastal Act. It has no legally obtainable water rights. It violates the constitutional and human rights of Marina citizens. No wonder there is community outrage over this social, environmental, and economic injustice!

If the Carmel River brought serious water-issue challenges due to over-pumping, then doing the same to the critically over-drafted Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (SVGB) will bring even more harmful ESHA consequences, e.g., aquifer contamination, eroded sand dunes, endangered steelhead trout and Western Snowy Plover. CalAm’s claim that it has taken, and will take, only ocean water is untrue. CalAm’s EIR stated its test slant well is installed in Marina’s freshwater Dune Sand and 180 Foot Aquifers. Rising seawater levels due to climate change will cause beach erosion and burying of well heads.

Vision for the future is imperative to prevent another State Cease and Desist Order for CalAm, which will occur if CalAm is allowed to do to the SVGB what it has done to the Carmel River. The public interest counts, not that of a few parties. Peninsula residents should not be forced to solve and pay for Castroville’s water problems. Marina citizens must not be ruined to enrich CalAm shareholders.

PWM expansion is a real-world reliable, sustainable solution, but CalAm refuses to sign a water purchase agreement. Why? Because its desal will bring an estimated \$120 million in profit at a cost of \$1.2 billion over 30 years. Compare this to the \$190 million cost for PWM expansion, that satisfies water needs, demands, and drought protection for decades, with zero harm to communities.

Per Jim Johnson’s November 24, 2019 Herald article entitled “Probe Related to County Supes”, Supervisors Phillips and Lopez are under investigation. These supervisors, including Supervisor Alejo, voted against Supervisors Parker’s and Adams’s vote denying CalAm’s desal permit, thus favoring CalAm by a 3-2 vote. Shouldn’t these supervisors have recused themselves to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest and unfairness, especially since their constituents will not have to pay for CalAm’s desal facilities?

Let’s take donated money out of boards, commissions, and politics. We cannot afford the adverse consequences of “bought and paid for” politics.

This is our “we the people” democracy moment which, like our Founding Fathers, we are fighting for and having to arduously defend. As Alexander Hamilton observed, “When injustice becomes law, protest becomes duty.”

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll  
Marina

#### Strongly opposed to Cannabis Dispensary in PG

Editor:

I recently had a meeting with the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Schools regarding their concern, and mine, over the December 18 agenda item to consider having a marijuana dispensary come to Pacific Grove. Currently, there are seven dispensaries within 10 miles of Pacific Grove (two about to open), and six within 6.5 miles. Deliveries are easily accessible so there is no need for a dispensary. I am a cancer survivor and medical marijuana is easily accessible to me if I would chose to have it. However, without choice, I lost my sister to drugs and my good friend lost her son to drugs. My friend’s son started on marijuana and escalated to meth. He ended up killing someone and then taking his own life. He was only 19.

In my research, Milinada, the manager of the Crossroads dispensary, indicated that 80% of their sales were recreational, 20% medicinal. Of the 20% of prx’s written, 10% were for youth under 21. It makes you wonder... Paul Wainscoat of Pavel’s Bakery, goes on record to say that he is against it. In terms of revenue the City (by the EDC documents attached) indicate that the potential revenue is estimated to make 170K. Comparatively, I believe the ice plants cost 300K, and our 2019 budget is somewhere between 8-10 million.

The risk/benefit is not even close in my opinion. Superintendent Ralph suggested I contact you. I am hoping, with all my heart, that you can call the attention to this very important topic that most believe “will never happen in Pacific Grove.” I am walking door to door on this one, and I am meeting one on one with every council member that will meet with me. I am worried about our kids, drugged drivers, you name it. Thank you for your time.

Jill Kleiss  
Pacific Grove

## Mariam Esber

### Poetry

#### The Silence

The man stands there,  
in the silence.  
The cold,  
dead silence.  
He begins to weep,  
in the silence,  
as he falls  
to his knees  
in the silence.  
Covered by snow  
in the silence,  
giving in  
to the silence,  
and it meant  
much more  
than he thought.  
Yes! Much more  
than he thought.  
It meant  
much more  
than he thought.  
Freezing  
there in the silence,  
weeping  
there in the silence,  
dying  
there in the silence,  
and it meant  
much more  
than he thought.  
All alone  
in the silence,  
and it meant  
much more  
than he thought.  
There  
in the cold,  
dead silence,  
ending his life  
in the silence,  
covered by snow  
in the silence,  
and it meant  
much more  
than he thought.  
And they say  
that on the quiet nights,  
when the moon is bright

and the mood is grim,  
you can hear that man,  
that old  
and raggedy man,  
softly weeping  
as he falls to his knees  
in the silence,  
slowly freezing  
in his grave of snow.  
He had worshiped  
the silence,  
he gave in  
to the silence,  
he was loved  
by the silence,  
and it meant  
much more  
than he thought.

#### Patience

I learned  
patience  
from the way  
the rain  
taps  
on the windows  
as I wait  
in my abyss  
for illumination.

I have a friend  
in the rain  
it taps  
and reminds me  
that time  
is ticking  
and that  
this darkness  
shall pass.

#### A Broken Excuse

A broken mirror  
A broken reflection  
An excuse  
But  
In truth  
My reflection  
was broken  
Before I broke  
the mirror  
And now  
I’ve broken my excuse.

## Crossword Puzzle

Peter Silzer

### “Remembering December 7th” Solution Puzzle on page 6

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# Sign Up for Jingle Bell Run

11th Annual Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis Dec. 14 at Lovers Point Park

5K Run  
5K Walk  
1K Kids Fun Fit Run

Holiday Costume Contest  
Doggie Costume Contest

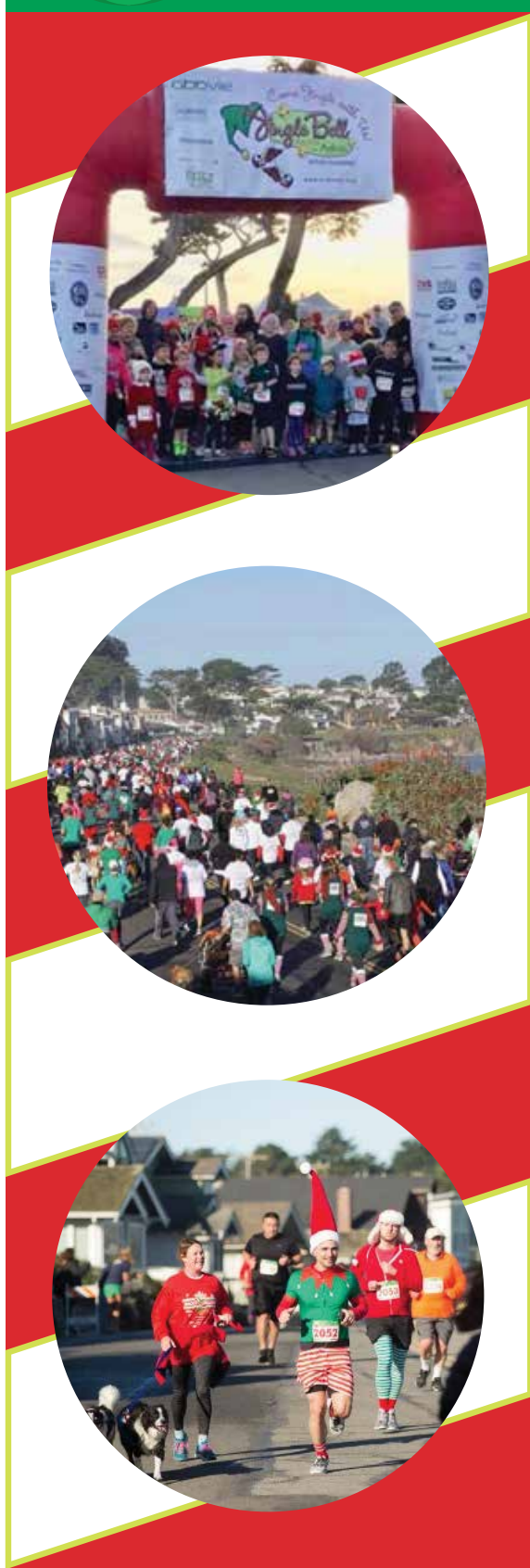
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Become a sponsor  
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Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run



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- ❄️ 5K Run (chip timing optional)
- ❄️ 5K Walk
- ❄️ 1K Kids Fun Elf Run
- 🎅 Holiday Costume Contest
- 🐾 Doggie Costume Contest
- 🎁 Raffles and More!

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## Joy Colangelo

### *From the Trenches*

Tuesday nights Carmel City Council had a grandstander amongst them, which is not unusual. A councilmember was forcing a vote so he could go on record as voting “no,” thus defeating the motion. Again, that’s not too unusual - I’ve been going to City Council meetings for 45 years and Council members will vote “yes” or “no” just to go on record, “speaking for their constituents” but knowing for the good of the city, the motion will pass or fail appropriately. It’s a coward’s approach and a subtle breach of ethics, essentially knowing the right thing to do but wanting to double dip and show a vote on the record to the contrary. Seen it a million times. So what was so different about this night at Carmel Council? The Mayor. Say what you will (and I know you will) about Dave Potter but he took a bold stand in a quiet, collected voice and called out the Councilmember. Twice. Potter charged Jeff Baron with dishonorable conduct toward his colleagues, with grandstanding in order to manipulate the vote or at least the pace of the vote, and for untoward bargaining. These are my words -- see how Potter and mayor pro-tem, Bobby Richards handled it by watching at <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/meetings>

Type in December 3, City Council Meeting. It’s glorious. Well played gentlemen, well played.

So what’s the point and why do we care? Well, it’s what City Councils do - they talk about issues, and worse yet, vote on them, without a real idea of where they have power to make an informed never mind, transparent vote. You can see it with some of Pacific Grove’s Planning Commissioners making every attempt to ignore the mandate coming January 1, 2020 on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). “Well,” one of them said, (never using her microphone cause, what, you just can’t remember the whole point of a public meeting is that the public can hear you and that it is mandated to be televised which requires a microphone), “we will just not do it that way.” She completely missed that there is no wiggle-room, no “police power” within the Commission nor the Council and no “no” vote as a tool here - the power has been taken away from local jurisdictions.

Watch for more issues to be swept out from under Councils like the rugs they stand on. Last year it was homecooking permits (100,000 new permits issued this year) and food carts. Rug tugged and opinions and votes taken away from local jurisdictions. In January 2020 it’s ADU’s; in the last few years, 13 states were told by their Supreme Courts that Short Term Rentals cannot be banned; and tonight at PG Council, they will struggle with being told they cannot ban e-bikes from the pedestrian path. More and more issues wherein Councils made the wrong decisions on housing and transportation will find them standing on the cold hard floor - rugs begone.

Here’s another one in the carpet pile: A unanimous bipartisan vote in the U.S. Senate will force cities to use traffic safety money where pedestrians and cyclists are injured/killed, not where cars collide with each other. Street design will no longer be optional because according to Transportation for America spokesman Steve Davis, “History has shown that “optional” will result in many states failing to take action to save lives.” Twenty-five states have higher fatalities every year rather than fewer. Seattle is the leading city to reduce fatalities and increased walking (from 3 to 12%), advanced cycling trips (rose almost 4%), and had more than 100,000 people use public transit on an average day. Remarkably, many ditched their cars altogether with 81% of eligible citizens having a car, the largest drop among U.S. cities. All other cities increased car use, car ownership, car size AND pedestrian/cyclist fatalities. Bike and pedestrian fatalities are not linked to increased use, they are correlated to one thing: Bigger cars.

The nation’s pedestrian death toll is at the highest level since 1990 with 25 states expected to see higher fatality levels. Ten years ago, 4,109 pedestrians died in the United States. The number has risen every year even though pedestrian counts decreased, and last year, fatalities were up 3.4% to 6,283. Pedestrian fatalities in urban areas are up 69 percent over the last 10 years. Last year, 857 cyclists were killed in traffic crashes, also the highest figure since 1990. All of that is to say that the Federal mandates will take over because cities can’t see the floor for the rug -- roads near development will have speeds of 35 mph or less. Such lower speeds have been shown to dramatically decrease fatalities because people won’t buy smaller cars. They aren’t buying fewer cars, they aren’t decreasing errands by cars, they aren’t decreasing their commute, and vacation by cars is way up. And one more thing - tell me we are close to deserving affordable housing when a majority of people aren’t buying the most affordable car. Mitsubishi Mirage gets 36 miles per gallon city, 43 highway, and 39 combined rating, beating the next-best Chevy Cruze Deisel by two MPG overall AND it’s the cheapest car on the market. How many of you own either of those? What, no one? Might as well be parking the car on the thick, obtuse carpet you stand on - the logic about people deserving government funded affordable housing has no solid foundation if those same people don’t take personal responsibility to buy the most affordable car. And another thing now that I think of it - quit buying carpet.

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coordination  
Increase strength and  
flexibility*

## Jane Roland

### *Random Thoughts*



### Lydia

It was 1972 time for the Symphony Guild’s Spring tea and fashion show. Believe it or not you young folk, we hand addressed and mailed these invitations. Isabelle Brock gathered the group at her house and served us lunch while we penned away. The women were close friends and I was rapidly becoming part of the inner circle (thanks to Sue Dewar who had appointed herself my “sponsor”). One of the people involved was a gal with bright red hair and a delightful sense of humor. We took to one another, but, after that gathering, did not meet again for months.

I was in charge of the Guild’s annual Golden Domino Tournament, an event John had directed since its inception, ten years earlier. Historically there was a party at someone’s home for those players coming from out of town. Sue suggested I call the Crileys and ask if they would be willing to host (guild members provided food and drink). Lydia answered the phone, and without hesitation said they would be delighted to have the party at their wonderful home in Carmel Meadows. The event was flawless, the guests had a great time and all appeared at the Del Monte Lodge (now Lodge at Pebble Beach) early in the morning the properties always provided a fantastic buffet lunch for the 100 plus guests. At the end of the day both John and I were exhausted and had no option but to go home. Suddenly Lydia and Don appeared. “Why don’t you come back to our house for some left over meatloaf.” That was the beginning of a friendship that knew no boundaries. Neither Lydia nor I had a job at the time, so I spent many happy days with her. ... the Crileys had animals, Shamus a Wheaton Terrier, who often fell in the pool and spent much time in car in garage because he was so ebullient. There were also a couple of Siamese. One was Sushi, who drove their “mother” crazy because their dislike of the dog caused them to decorate the house. If we ran out of cigarettes (yes, of course, we smoked) Megan who was in her teens would bike down to what is now the Rancho to pick some up for us. There were many dinners together and nights listening to Garrison Keller and Lake Wobegon,” Welcome to Lake Wobegon, where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average,” on their surround sound stereo. When their son Teddy was tragically killed in Ireland, we received a call at 5:00 in the morning and immediately went down to be with them. We spent that weekend together.

Thanksgiving was almost always at their house and, for a few of us, the day after as well when we polished up the leftovers. My friend was a magnificent cook and loved it. They had a site in Rocky Point shared with other family members. She and I would often spend a couple of days making lamb rolls for the picnic over the weekend.

As time went on our daughter, Jennie, asked Lydia if she would be her God Mother. The one who had originally held the role, totally ignored the child. Lydia was thrilled and Jennie became her fourth offspring. WE spent many holidays together, the Crileys were, truly, part of our family. I went to work as Executive Director of the Lyceum, Lydia as a guide for the state park system, sharing her love of history and the area with visitors. One summer she signed up as a tour guide at San Simeon and lived in Cambria for three months. She was a font of knowledge. Don was one of John’s best friends so it was a happy relationship.

I am limited to about a thousand words, so I cannot give this wonderful person the accolades she deserves. She adored her children, even when things were not so smooth in relationships. Megan married at the Mission Ranch with a wonderful reception at the big house. Donnie and Nancy wed in Larkspur and, of course, we drove up for the ceremony. Ted’s untimely death was a terrible blow, but they recovered. There were trips to The City and drives – just for the sake of driving, perhaps ending in Carmel Valley where Lydia and I were able to indulge our mutual love of fried chicken. We celebrated her birthday, generally at our house on April 15..tax day..

They sold their home in the Meadows and bought a condo in the hills in Carmel. A few years ago, we took a trip together to France and traveled the Rhone. I remember one poignant item. Don had suffered from polio as a youth. In his seventies it returned with a vengeance and he suffered greatly, but never complained and hauled luggage around as if it were a bag of feathers. During that trip we visited some friends who lived in London. A friend had suggested an inexpensive hotel near Paddington. I should have realized that one shouldn’t take advice from a middle aged beatnik, the place was clean but really a dump. The Crileys accepted this with good humor and no complaints that we should have stayed at the Brown. Our London friends arranged for us to see “Mama Mia’ in London ...



Lydia P Criley April 15, 1932 -November 21, 2019

That was one of the last happy times. Shortly after returning, Don succumbed to cancer John was at his side when he left us. And while Lydia bore up, she suffered from multiple physical ailments for several years and, last week I received a call from Megan that our darling friend had left. Jennie, her God Daughter, named one of her girls after her ... It is hard to lose good friends. Even yesterday I thought of something and was going to call Lydia. So, goodbye dear one, I will probably see you soon.

Jane Roland

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Rudy Fischer

## *The Big Picture*

### The Monterey Peninsula and Water – Getting There?



The newly completed Pure Water Monterey water recycling plant.

The Monterey Peninsula needs to reduce the amount of water Cal Am has been taking from both the Carmel River and the Seaside Aquifer illegally. Replacement projects for that water are either on-line or coming along, and we are now finally at the stage where the portfolio of projects may be coming together.

In order to get away from over-reliance on the Carmel River and Seaside Aquifer, it was decided to obtain water from several other sources with a “portfolio” of water projects. This includes Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Ground Water Replenishment, and a desalination plant (and includes some help from Pacific Grove’s own Local Water Project). People have been using water from rivers and aquifers for thousands of years; desal technology has been around for a long time; and setting aside water when rivers are flowing with excess water and storing that water only makes sense.

Using a concept similar to what the Clint Eastwood group’s proposed project had planned to use 30 years ago - the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) started evaluating if an Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project to divert water from the Carmel River during high flows to the Seaside Aquifer for later use would work. The agency first built a “proof of concept” to demonstrate its feasibility, and added wells the following year. Based on the positive results from the demonstration facility, the agency went to work on the full scale project.

Because of year to year variations in the amount of water that can be taken from the river, average yields are projected to be around 1,050 and 1,300 acre feet per year. Since the project came on line in 2008 it has diverted 8,561 acre feet of water to the aquifer; which is almost one year’s worth of water at current use rates.

In October 2015 (when I was the Board Chair), the Board of Directors of Monterey One Water (M1W) approved moving ahead with the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) Project. The Orange County Water District has been producing water using a very similar process since the late 1960’s and, in 2008, expanded their operations to produce 100 million gallons a day (112,000 afy). Because of legal requirements back in the 1960’s and 1970’s they were required to put their water in streams and rivers before it was sent to homes. But water experts and politicians have learned over time that more direct use of recycled potable water is safe, and so the local project will put their water into the Seaside aquifer, where it will travel through the soil for 10-12 months before being taken out.

The PWM plant has been completed. Because of the time we knew it would take to get the processing equipment for the plant, it was purchased years ago – before the plant building was even built – from four different manufacturers. Just as the systems were ready to be started up, it was discovered that the computers controlling them didn’t communicate well. Since the different modules require the use of different pressures, chemicals, and flow rates, they have to work together seamlessly. That is being worked on, but it is taking some time to work out all the kinks in several very complex systems.

To be successful, the project relied on a lot of agencies and organizations to work together. The Marina Coast Water District, the City of Salinas, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority all pledged their support for the project. In addition to building the water recycling plant, M1W worked with the Marina Coast Water District to build the pipeline from Marina to the Seaside aquifer. Access for the injection well site had to be worked out with the city of Seaside. None of these things just happened or were easy. In fact in order to complete the project we had to obtain over 35 different city, county, state, and federal government permits.

The project is designed to produce 3,500 acre feet per year (afy) of purified water which will be injected into the aquifer, where it will replace water taken out of the Seaside Groundwater Basin. This replacement water will allow Cal Am to reduce the water it takes from the river by a similar amount. Cal Am was then able to build a seven mile pipeline to deliver the water from Seaside to their Pacific Grove water treatment and distribution plant. Because of legal requirements, the water district worked with all parties to build the plant, developed the injection wells, and worked out a water purchase agreement where they purchase the water and then resell it to Cal Am.

The overall project also calls for a “drought reserve” of 1,000 acre feet to be injected in the aquifer. That water will then remain there to be drawn out in dry years if needed. In addition, in response to a California Public Utility Commission request, Pure Water Monterey confirmed that it could expand its production by another 2,200 afy (for a total of 5,700 afy), if called on to do so.

Whether the expansion goes forward or not, however, two of the three parts of the water portfolio are basically in place. Right now Pure Water Monterey is conducting operational testing, after which water will be produced and sent to the injection wells.

*Next Week - The Controversy Over Desal*



## Remembering Decembers

**Friday, December 6 at 7:30 pm**

Compass Church, Padre Chapel  
830 Padre Dr., Salinas, CA

**Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 pm**

First Presbyterian Church of Monterey  
501 El Dorado St., Monterey, CA

**Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 pm**

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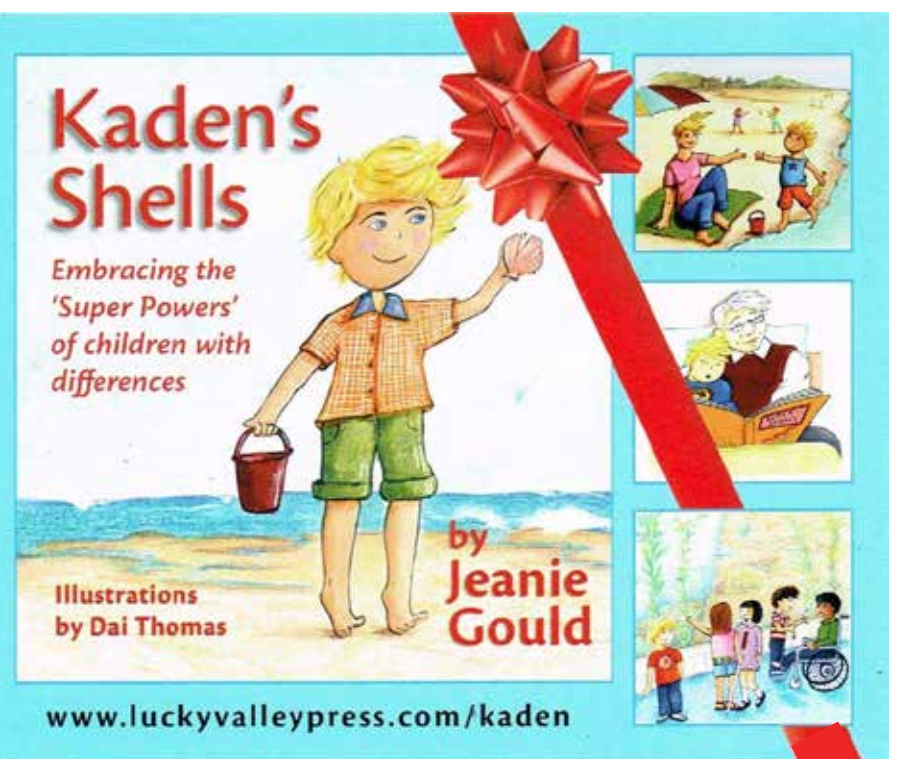
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# Cross Country's Greatest Day

## Pacific Grove Cross Country

*Wayne Guffin*

And there have been a few. November 11, 1971: Richard Barraza, Dave Fitzpatrick, Bob Wise, and Cam Henley finished 1st, 2nd, 4th and 7th to lead the Breakers' defense of their MTAL title, that was a great day. November 18, 1971: the same team won the CCS Region IV championship, that was a great day. November 14, 1974: the Breakers swept the MTAL Championships top to bottom in the most dominating performance in league history, that was a great day. November 21, 1974: P.G. wrested the Region IV title from a very strong defending champion Watsonville, that was a great day. November 20, 1975: the Breakers again won the Region IV crown, posting a team time so fast that it's still 16th on the all-time high school list of the vaunted Crystal Springs course – and that course has seen a lot fast teams - that was a great day. November 17, 1993: Charles Engel finished 2nd and the Breakers won the CCS Division IV title, that was a great day. November 11, 2017: Henry Loh placed 5th, Will Stefanou 7th, and P.G. again won the CCS Division IV crown, that was a great day. But surely, the single greatest day in the history of PGHS Cross Country has to have been the 26th of November 1974. But to back up to the previous spring....

Back in those days, some of us dedicated distance runners would oft times hang out in Mr. Chamberlin's classroom up on D-Wing after school, browsing through back issues of Track & Field News, Runners World, books on training methods by the great coaches Arthur Lydiard and Percy Cerutti, and of course awards catalogues full of trophies, plaques, and medals. We liked our medals – we'd win 'em at meets, pin them on the sleeves of our lettermen's sweaters and go jingle-jangling around campus. It was great. And when Mr. C wasn't conducting office hours, helping his biology students struggle through the long sequence of "if a=b and b=c, therefore a=c" statements that led from "since the litmus paper turned blue" at the top of page one to "therefore plants photosynthesize" at the bottom of many pages later, or presiding over the annual counting of the yeast, or other such Richard H. Chamberlin created rites of passage, we'd talk shop. Discuss training, race strategies, "what-if" the league meet. During one of those bull-sessions Mr. C mentioned that he believed that we had enough talent on our distance squad to win the next CCS cross country championship. He wasn't taken too seriously.

See, back in those days CCS wasn't run in divisions by school size. It was just one race. And in the spring of 1973, of the six runners who were sure to be on the varsity team, three – sophomores Tim Minor and Steve Watkins and junior Jib Bowe – were in their first year of running. Sophomores Steve Rumrill and Pat Saylor were in their second, and junior Philip Adams was in his 3rd year on the teams. While there were three or four of us in the running for the seventh spot, the odds-on favorite was freshman David Armenta. So over half the team had been to CCS only once, and that happened to be the meet in which an incredible Leigh H.S. team had utterly decimated the field, placing five runners in the top 22 and winning with a score of 41 points – 2nd was 123 – while the Breakers' 1st man placed 41st and the team finished 16th with 349 points. It's easy to see why they would have thought "if that's what it takes to win CCS, we don't have that." But young runners often get a second year bounce, that is, all the work they have put in suddenly clicks into place and performance improves dramatically. Mr. Chamberlin, knowing he had a bunch of young, talented athletes who were ready to bounce, theorized just how high they could bounce, plugged those theoretical times into the previous CCS meet results, rescored the meet accordingly and came to the very logical conclusion that a CCS title was possible. That's the way he worked. He didn't belabor the point, but the seed had been planted, and like any good gardener, he continued to feed and water that seed at just the right times.

By the time practice started in September, the "super-six" had developed their own challenging but doable goal: to win six of the seven available all-league medals. They had to concede one to Carmel's Andy Jones. He was a very talented and tough runner. Also a real nice guy – grew up and became a kindergarten teacher of all things. Who'da guessed?

Throughout the season the Breakers systematically swept aside their MTAL opponents. The first to go was Hollister in a perfect 1st through 7th 15-50 sweep. King City was next, 15-49.

The dramatic arc of any good story has to have its moment of crises. For the Breakers that was the Aptos Invitational. With a number of team members sick or injured, we fielded only a six man varsity team, one of whom managed to miss the race and another dropped out after a bad fall. With only four finishers there was no team score. The entire team's performance that day was abysmal, and we slunk home with our embarrassed tails between our legs. To put things back in order Mr. C conducted a workout time-trial to determine the team line-up for the next meet – three reps of the last half of the home course, total time determined the team – and then we went out and beat Gonzales 15-50. Okay, it wasn't much of a crises as dramatic crises go, but it was the best that team could manage.

Our next dual, on Palma's hilly 3-mile course, was where the team's true potential started to shine through. In another 15-49 win, Phil Adams won the varsity race in 15:13 - breaking Andy Jones' week-old course record – with our 7th man only about a minute behind. In the J.V. race, Mike Kenneda and I cruised the last two miles, easing across the finish line together in 16:33. Now, when a small school team's 8th and 9th men can cruise – 85% effort – a hilly 3-mile course in sixteen and a half minutes, you know that good things are happening in that team's upper echelons.

It was about this time that Mr. Chamberlin decided to put his money where his mouth was. During one of those bull sessions he told the team to look through the catalogues and pick out any medal they liked. They did. Picked out a big presentation medal that Mr. C said had been designed potentially for the Olympics. He told them, "you win CCS and I will get each member of that team one of these medals, custom engraved on the back. That's how much I believe you can win this."

Our last dual at Carmel was the only "close" one. Jones finished 1st, we took the next five places and won 20-34. Then it was on to the MTAL Championships at York School.

Jones won the varsity race as expected, followed by Breakers Watkins (10:47), Bowe (10:55), Minor (10:56), Adams (10:58), and Rumrill (10:59), but – horror of horrors – the seventh man to appear on the track with 350 yards to go was Carmel's Jim Giordano, followed 20 or 30 yards later by Saylor. Now, Pat Saylor was a fine distance runner, potentially a great miler, but he insisted on running the 440, and that's what he turned that race in to. He unleashed a withering kick, caught and blew past Giordano ten yards from the finish to grab 7th (11:03), while on the sidelines Mr. Chamberlin

cracked wise about quarter-milers. P.G.'s 7th man, Armenta, was 9th in 11:15, and the league championship was ours, 20-60 over Carmel. In the J.V. race Kenneda and I went 1-2 in what turned out to be the 11th and 15th fastest times of the day. If we'd run up to our full potential we would have had nine runners in the top 12 overall in the league. Maybe top eleven. The Breakers won that title as well, and then Steve Minor and James Bedow led a strong freshman team to victory.

We returned to York's tough, hilly 2-mile course the following week to face off against a very fast, defending champion Watsonville team in the Region IV meet. Jones again finished 1st. Rudy Munoz of Watsonville just outkicked Adams and Watkins for 2nd – all three timed in 10:38. A ways back Minor and Rumrill both improved their times, and Armenta – peaking perfectly – dropped 13 seconds and was 5th man on the day. The Breakers won the closely fought crown, and with it the confidence needed for the CCS meet.

On November 26 the entire team took the bus ride to Coyote Park in south San Jose for the Central Coast Section Championship Meet. The meet program boldly predicted that the next team champion's name would begin with "L" since Leigh, Lincoln, Lynbrook, and James Lick were the four best teams in the section, but noted that dark-horse teams "had been known to

run wild, like Watsonville in 1972, so teams like Region IV champion Pacific Grove... cannot be ruled out."

The gun fired, the Breakers broke out of lucky starting box 13 and sprinted straight to the front – exactly what Mr. Chamberlin said they had to do. When the field came back by the start line area at 0.6 miles, defending champion Mitch Kingery (San Carlos) and Leigh's Ron Fritzke were battling it out for the lead, with Rob Barnett of Hillsdale close behind, and within the next 20 or so runners were seven clad in red and gold ("Yes, YES! YES!"). Then the field disappeared from view until Fritzke came over the last little rise 250 yards from the finish. Spectators along the course were naming names as runners appeared, "there's Barnett, Paulen (Bob Paulen, Camden), and, who's that?" ("Holy %&\$\*, Philip! Go man go!") Adams in 4th, with Munoz and Lick's Joe Salazar right behind. Salazar passed to take 4th by a second while Phil held off Rudy by a stride for 5th, both timed in 14:42. Not far back Watkins came into sight (22nd, 15:08), then Minor (32nd, 15:23), Armenta (41st, 15:26), Bowe (56th, 15:40), Rumrill (71st, 15:49), and finally Saylor (98th, 16:05).

But the team was disappointed, their finish was so spread out that they thought they'd blown it. I told them "Don't be so sure. All the teams were spread out, nobody had a bunch of runners up front. I think you guys might have won it." Finally, after what seemed an eternity while the scores were tallied by hand, the results were announced: in 1st place, Pacific Grove with 124 points, 2nd Leigh, 129, 3rd Lincoln, 151, 4th Lynbrook, 165.

Back on campus we paused long enough for Tim Nixon, using Philip's medal for a model, to chalk a likeness of the CCS emblem on a fence in front of what then was the Senior Lawn, along with "Cross Country CCS Champs, Adams, Watkins...". When we walked into the locker room it became obvious that someone in San Jose had phoned someone in P.G. with the news, because that room was festooned with huge butcher paper banners: "Cross Country CCS Champions," "Congratulations Cross Country."

In previous years the CCS meet had been held on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. In '74, for whatever reason, it was moved up to Tuesday. So the next day, of course, was a school day. And as fate would have it, because the football team was in the playoffs and had a game that weekend, a pep rally had already been scheduled for that day. By the time the cheerleading squad went off-script to call Mr. Chamberlin and the team up, there was not a soul on campus who didn't know what had transpired the previous afternoon. The gymnasium descended into a reverent awed silence as Mr. Chamberlin told this story. The team, not being used to public acclaim, did their best to not be too embarrassed by it all.

Mr. Chamberlin ordered those medals, personally engraved, and hung them around those athletes' necks at the Fall Sports Banquet. But..., with Mr. C there was often a "but." In this case it was "but you have to wear those medals to school the next day." Now, going around campus all day with a big medal hanging from your neck is just asking for ribbing. There was none of that though, because there was too much respect for the magnificent accomplishment represented by those medals.



Left: The scene at the pep rally: (left to right) Steve Rumrill, Phil Adams, Tim Minor, David Armenta, Steve Watkins (holding the permanent trophy), Mr. Chamberlin, Jib Bowe, hidden behind Pat Saylor (holding the perpetual trophy). Note the "cross country" banner on the wall behind them. P.G.'s victory is noted on the top center plaque of the perpetual trophy.

1975 Sea Urchin Yearbook photo  
Below: The permanent trophy today.  
Wayne Guffin photo





## SPCA Seeks Owners of Abandoned Cats and Kittens

On Wednesday, November 27, SPCA Humane Officers received a call about cats and kittens abandoned on a property off Crazy Horse Canyon Road. Eleven adult cats and 7 kittens were taken from the property and are now being lovingly cared for at the SPCA.

The SPCA is seeking your help locating the residents or property owners of 20021 Audrey Lane. Reports are that no one has been seen on the property in a week.

Veterinary exams showed the cats and kittens were thin and some were suffering from upper respiratory infections.

The cats and kittens are now safe at the SPCA, enjoying clean water, fresh food, and warm cozy bedding.

If you have any information, please contact the SPCA at 831-373-2631. All calls are confidential. To donate to help abused and neglected animals, please visit [www.SPCAmc.org](http://www.SPCAmc.org).

Photos of the rescued cats and kittens available here: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jkQtJwON\\_zWbxURHy5C24-\\_kzfS4VfxK?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jkQtJwON_zWbxURHy5C24-_kzfS4VfxK?usp=sharing)

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Cast of "Peter and the Starcatcher"

## Wanda Sue Parrott

### Homeless in Paradise

#### Diary of a Banana Gummer Day 87



Banana Gummer Herself

Laughing or crying were choices Mother said were personal. "If I were to cry, I'd never stop," she said. Consequently, Mother laughed through my childhood and only stopped when Dad's Alzheimer's got so bad she called me to help care for him. She was 78, he was 81 and I was 53. He died two weeks after his 82nd birthday and she lived in deep depression to age 87.

My own sense of humor has helped me survive many of life's shocks, but this one was totally unexpected.

My friend Harold E. Grice—the same friend who loaned me his spare upper plate that was too big for me to use—took this photo on Thanksgiving Eve.

After getting home from the lovely Thanksgiving meal yesterday, I opened my email and saw this one from Harold with the subject line: BOO! Instead of crying or shrieking, I hit the bed, dived under the covers, and stayed there until well past noon today.

I then sneaked another peek and started to laugh. And laugh. And LAUGH.

Tomorrow I'll finish posting the fabulous facelift exercises that were interrupted by my graduation from gummerhood. Tonight?

I'm going back to bed!

## Horse Rescued from Pool on Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving morning, the SPCA for Monterey County received a call about a horse that had fallen into a pool in Gonzales during the night. Lucy, a 29 year old mare, had wandered out of her enclosure while her owners were on vacation and fell through the pool cover into the lap pool in their yard. SPCA Humane Officers and Gonzales Fire responded to the scene to rescue the struggling horse. Temperatures in the area had dipped into the 30's overnight.

The SPCA located the owners who were out of town for the holiday. They authorized the SPCA to do whatever was needed to get the Lucy out and called their vet, Steinbeck Country Equine Clinic, who responded to the scene.

Gonzales Fire drained the pool and with everyone's help, we built a makeshift stairway out of hay, shavings and our trailer ramp. The exhausted horse was able to walk about half way up and with the help of almost everyone on site we were able to get her out the rest of the way.

Lucy was hypothermic and very tired but stood up on her own and the veterinary team transported her back Steinbeck Country Equine Clinic for care.

"We are very appreciative to everyone for their care and attentiveness to Lucy," said the horse's owners. "Especially to the SPCA for responding to help Lucy so quickly and for keeping in constant contact with us. We are deeply thankful to the SPCA and everyone who gave up their Thanksgiving to help Lucy."

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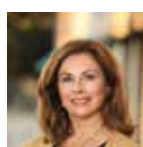
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