

Peter De Armond's one-sided bio: "History will be kind to me, for I intend to write it."

I will try to fit 70 years on one page in less than 600 words, and I can do this in full honesty if I leave out the part about interviewing Bigfoot. My father named me Pierre after his best friend, Pierre Grimaud, but mother put Peter on my birth certificate. Dad always called me Pierre and friends always called me Pete. But I can also respond to "hey you," "you're crazy," and "wanna live to see tomorrow?"



My personality type is an odd combination of adventuresome and analytical. I like meeting people and learning about new places, but I also relish my alone time to read and analyze everything. This combination of social affinity and analysis has made me a natural facilitator, something I still do today, and also may explain my strange career path and diverse avocations.

Right after high school I flew from Bakersfield to Bavaria, bumming around central Europe alone, surviving awkward social encounters by speaking B-plus German.

After that I was the editor of my community college newspaper, back in the days when newspapers were printed and read. Since then I've happily jumped between several different fun pursuits, depending on what was interesting, challenging or available at the time. I have been a computer guru, daily newspaper reporter, editor, multimedia developer, DJ, business consultant, ballet dancer, cowboy, science historian, adjunct professor, facilitator and... Next, maybe I'll try out as a rodeo clown.

My first career passion was in print journalism, where I spent 20 years as a writer, editor, graphic designer and tech guy. Then I worked for the government and lived to tell about it, as a consultant for California's Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, followed by six years producing interactive media, videos and websites for a county office of education. Next, eight years directing the workplace training and business development programs at the Weill Institute of Bakersfield College. After that I tried to retire but failed miserably.

During my alleged retirement I started a business doing organizational consulting and training in developing effective communication skills — in other words, just the opposite of what you hear on any TV news program. I'm a certified facilitator through the National Curriculum and Training Institute in Real Colors and in Cognitive Behavior Change. I've also taught leadership courses at Fresno Pacific University and, I am proud to say, for five years I did training and trouble shooting for Apple Inc.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Behavior and Master of Science degree in Education. I'm currently working on another Master's degree in the Philosophy and History of Science at the University of Bristol in England. This will help me finish a documentary I've been writing on the historical foundations of quantum mechanics.

My daughter, Suze, is a high school math teacher and a dance instructor in Bakersfield, and my son, Michael, is a network technology consultant in Indiana. Ever since my wife died seven years ago, I've stayed active with exercise and with my filming hobby. I have been using the same cinematic digital film camera for my science project to capture the local wildlife, especially the elk. I've been producing short videos to help educate our community about admiring them from a safe distance. You can see some of my work at elkmovies.com

And finally, that top line about history has quote marks because it was written by Winston Churchill, who knew Bigfoot personally and helped him immigrate to California. Yours somewhat truly,

LeFou Pierre