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### Storm floods Mission, topples tree on campers

#### ■ Redwood falls on cabin

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO GUESTS at a private campground along the Big Sur River narrowly escaped death late Tuesday night when a redwood tree came crashing down on the cabin they were renting.

"The tree snapped at its base and crushed part of the cabin," explained Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade Chief Martha Karstens, who estimated the tree was about 4 feet in diameter. The night was rainy and windy as one of a series of Pacific

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PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

After a significant weekend rainfall, the Carmel River broke through to the sea Monday, monitored by a county worker and countless seagulls. See page 9A.

#### ■ Basilica reopens for carols

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A DELUGE and a clogged storm drain caused the Carmel Mission Basilica and adjacent rooms to fill with several inches of water Sunday night, but firefighters wielding squeegees worked fast and furious, allowing a Christmas concert to go off as planned — even if a little damply and a little late.

The floor of the Mission is barely elevated above the front courtyard, and when an outside drain became backed up with debris, "probably 4 to 6 inches of water went through the

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### State steps up collection of long-ignored tax

#### ■ Businesses told they have to start filing annual 'use tax' returns

By KELLY NIX

MILLIONS OF Californians this holiday season shopped at Amazon.com, eBay and countless other online out-of-state retailers to avoid paying sales tax. They also bought things in New York, Europe or Hawaii while they were on vacation.

But hardly any of them did what they were legally required to do next: Pay sales tax to California for the value of the goods brought into the state.

For 75 years, California has had a law requiring consumers pay a "use tax," equivalent to the in-state sales tax, on goods purchased out of state. Today, a Carmel resident who purchases a tax-free, \$1,000 necklace or camera online owes \$82.50 to the state as soon as the purchase is delivered. The

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### SON IS GIFT AT POLICE CHIEF'S RETIREMENT

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WITH HIS son, Matt, serving in Afghanistan, the last thing retired Carmel Police Chief George Rawson expected to see at his retirement party was Matt serving him a piece of cake.

But Rawson's wife, Laurie, helped arrange for their son to have leave from the Air Force at Christmas, and he flew home to be the surprise guest at his dad's party at the Carmel Mission Inn Dec. 19.

At the podium at the beginning of the celebration, Carmel Police Cpl. Steve Rana explained to all the guests that Rawson's love of desserts necessitated he have a sweet snack to tide him over until dinnertime.

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PHOTO/PETE POITRAS

At his retirement party Sunday, police chief George Rawson is served cake by a surprise guest, his son, Matt, straight from Afghanistan.

### Thieves find Peninsula residents are easy prey

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CRIMINALS, OFTEN drug addicts seeking anything they can sell to get their next fix, are finding easy pickings in Carmel, Pacific Grove and other areas of the Peninsula, where people leave valuables lying about and sometimes neglect to lock their doors.

"They are taking everything: GPS's, iPods, anything that has any kind of value," said Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. John Nyunt, whose department is investigating more than a dozen car burglaries and thefts that occurred during the past two weeks.

"We are mainly seeing residential burglaries to second homes," said Carmel P.D. detective Rachelle Lightfoot, who is trying to solve numerous break-ins of homes, businesses and cars perpetrated since August.

"Please urge everyone to keep their belongings in a safe

place and be aware of who is coming into their neighborhood," she said. "If they hear suspicious noises, please call us, and we will investigate."

In Carmel, burglars hit a half dozen cars between Dec. 11 and Dec. 20, according to Lightfoot, and several more vehicles just outside the city limits were broken into late last week — the same timeframe during which numerous cars were burglarized in Pacific Grove.

All of the Carmel cars were locked, Lightfoot said, but they contained valuables like cameras, wallets, bags and gift cards. She recovered evidence in some of those cases.

In the dozen residential burglaries that have occurred since August, Lightfoot said many of the homes are left vacant for much of the year, and the burglars forced their way

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### Commission: Tiffany blue not such a bad thing

By MARY BROWNFIELD

GUIDELINES FOR businesses in Carmel call for using neutral, subdued tones, rather than bright colors. But since a special shade of teal practically says, "Tiffany," the jewelry store at Mission and Ocean in Carmel Plaza can use its signature color in awnings over its windows, the city's planning commission decided Dec. 8.

Commissioners also approved two new wall signs to replace the sign hanging above the door. Although the signs are steel, and design guidelines generally favor wood and other natural materials, associate planner Marc Wiener said the new signs would match the stainless steel security doors and windows on the corner building, and commissioners agreed.

However, Wiener advised the commission to require the business to select a color other than Tiffany & Co.'s signa-

#### But artificial grass gets four thumbs down. See page 23A

ture teal for its nine awnings, because the design standards for Carmel Plaza call for colors that are "muted and blend in with their natural surroundings," and the city's guidelines recommend avoiding bright and primary colors.

"The proposed aqua-teal color does not appear muted and has a 'bright' appearance that will stand out on this storefront," he said in his report for the commission.

Representing Tiffany & Co., architect Brian Congleton asked the commission to OK the awnings and their color.

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# Best of Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

**BAILEY LIEBERMAN**, 4, is a fetching blend of border collie and black Lab. Bailey lives in Monterey near Skyline Forest with her Mom Carol, Dad Marc and sister, Blue, an, 11-year-old blue tick hound.

Bailey was purchased from a street vendor in Eugene, Ore., by big brother Josh, who was attending the University of Oregon at the time. Before Josh left for Adelaide, Australia, to study the business end of the wine industry at the state university, he handed Bailey over to Mom and Dad. They have so completely fallen in love with her they plan on never giving her back.

When we interviewed Bailey at Carmel Beach on Wednesday morning, Mom Carol chimed in to recount tales of Bailey's intelligence and loving nature. Bailey has a large vocabulary and always picks up on any planned destination outside the house by the clothing Mom and Dad choose before going out. If they take too long getting ready, Bailey gets "a fussy look on here face" that clearly says, "Get a move on" – but only



in the politest manner possible. Bailey's favorite place to sleep is on a chaise longue

in Mom and Dad's room. In the morning, she bounds from the chaise to the bed to bestow morning kisses, then sails through the air again to regain her spot. Blue sleeps in her bed in the bedroom closet on her back with legs in the air. Mom fears Blue's scent has permeated her wardrobe because other dogs she meets on an outing always greet her with enthusiasm.

Dad takes Bailey running with him at Fort Ord but keeps her on a leash so she doesn't attempt to herd the sheep that are grazing so temptingly there.

Bailey enjoys eating carrots, celery and lettuce with salad dressing on it, and all toys. The toys, chewed into total submission, are deposited in the back garden by tidy Bailey, who has no further use for them.

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# No trial yet for man accused of running over principal's son

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE PACIFIC Grove resident accused of driving drunk and running over a teenage boy who was camping out under the stars with a friend on a Corral de Tierra property last May has yet to appear in court to face the charges. After several delays as prosecutors and defense attorneys conducted their investigations, a preliminary hearing in the case of Timothy Petrick should finally be held on Jan. 13, 2011, according to Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Meredith

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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Pedestrian, passenger arrested for being drunk

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department, the Carmel Fire Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of an unwanted guest at an inn on San Antonio Avenue. The subject was contacted and warned. The subject complied to leave. No further action.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen reported being harassed by a person against whom he has a restraining order in place.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Walk-in medical at CFD for a male complaining of parasites. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to the Crossroads for a female who stumbled. Patient complained of right wrist pain and numbness. Transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to a Guadalupe Street residence for a male who was unconscious and unresponsive. Patient transported Code 3 to CHOMP.

**Pebble Beach:** A 14-year-old female was sexually battered by a 16-year-old male while in a car on 17 Mile Drive.

**Carmel area:** Suspects entered victim's house on Carmel Knolls Drive and took some items. Work crew showed up to work and found a sliding door open. Home is under major construction. The house had been ransacked. A flat-screen TV was missing. No sign of forced entry.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a peace disturbance — family members arguing. Parties counseled.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Elderly female reported that her elderly husband was suffering from a medical emergency and he was somehow locked in the bathroom. Emergency units responded and assisted the elderly subject out and into ambulance. Subject was then transported to a local hospital.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Camino Real resident reported the possible theft or loss of his vehicle's rear license plate sometime between three weeks ago and now. Vehicle owner requested report for replacement plates at DMV.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Passenger of a vehicle on Dolores Street cited for possession of marijuana.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Driver stopped on Camino del Monte for a mechanical CVC violation and found to have a suspended

license. She was cited and released, and her vehicle impounded for 30 days.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Employee of a salon on San Carlos Street reported a disgruntled customer who returned to the store to complain about a haircut and demanded a refund. When the employee advised only the owner could allow the refund, the customer starting filming the employee. The customer then left after yelling at the employee. The employee then called the police. The owner of the spa requested that the disgruntled customer not return. The customer was advised.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject reported the loss of jewelry while patronizing a restaurant on Sixth Avenue in the commercial district.

**Pacific Grove:** A 39-year-old suspect and a 25-year-old suspect were found in a Bayview home that was condemned/deemed uninhabitable after being told they would be trespassing if they returned and occupied it. They were arrested and released.

**Pacific Grove:** Person reported an incident regarding a male adult looking at seductive photos on his laptop at the library. No suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Victim on Lighthouse Avenue reported two women in their 50s, wearing black hair-salon, wraparound smocks, came into her store and took property without paying. A witness observed the women fleeing in a northbound direction. No other information was available.

**Carmel area:** A women living with her elderly parents in Carmel received an unsolicited letter from an inmate in prison. The prison was contacted, and it was learned that it is not against their rules for inmates to send out unsolicited letters in an attempt to locate a pen pal.

**Pebble Beach:** Someone damaged a \$5,000 bay window by shooting at it from the roadway with a BB gun.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched on a report of a pit bull chasing deer. During the search, the officer was flagged down by a man who stated he saw a brown pit with a sweater chasing deer in the area. A dog matching the description was located in the back of a black pickup truck. Contacted the owner, who stated she was getting ready to take her dog for a walk when the dog saw a deer and bolted from her grasp. She did try to call the dog, but it was intent on chasing the deer. Advised her of the municipal code, and she said she would be more careful in the future.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a barking dog on Laurel. Arrived to find a brindle boxer in the front yard that would bark at anyone who passed the area. Note left for the owner, who called later. He stated that the dog has been barking more and more, and everyone who passes is a challenge for the dog to scare them off. As they pass, the dog thinks he has won and continues to bark more aggressively. Officer went over ways that he could keep his dog from being challenged at the fence, as well as resolve the barking.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a suspicious male loitering along the wood line near by the bathrooms near a preschool on 17 Mile Drive. The male stares at the young children but does not approach them or expose himself sexually. An area check yielded no possible suspect matching the description. Close patrol will be provided in the area during the times the male has been spotted.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic collision on public property on Dolores Street. Property damage only.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost cell phone found on Scenic Road and returned to the owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person reported a dog-vs.-dog fight that occurred at the beach. She stated her dog bit another dog, but the owner of the dog did not want prosecution. She wanted this incident documented. She requested no further action.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person reported that the son of an elderly female was making suicidal threats and had called CHOMP for assistance. He was contacted and agreed to go to CHOMP for mental evaluation after stating he wanted to end his life.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A traffic stop was conducted on Ocean

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# Talk radio host sued for alleged fraud, Ponzi scheme

## Barbra Alexander defends herself against lawsuits

By KELLY NIX

THE FORMER host of a nationally syndicated radio program who faces federal charges of misappropriating funds in an alleged investment scam defended herself this week against lawsuits filed by two investors — including a Carmel woman — who claim they were bilked out of more than a million dollars.

In the most recent lawsuit, filed Dec. 15, Randy Schuyler claims that Barbra Alexander — the host of radio show “MoneyDots” and former president of APS Funding — and her three former business partners stole \$750,000 he gave them to invest.

Schuyler’s suit, which claims fraud and breach of fiduciary duty, additionally alleges Alexander, of Monterey, and partners Beth Piña of Fairfield, Idaho; Michael E. Swanson of Seaside and David Shriner used his money for their own personal gain.

Though she hadn’t been served with Schuyler’s lawsuit, Alexander said in an interview with The Pine Cone this week that “filing [the lawsuit] and actually proving it are two different things.”

Schuyler’s suit follows a lawsuit filed in 2009 by Helga Pate of Carmel, who alleges she invested a half-million dollars in Alexander’s investment company.

“This is essentially a fraud case,” according to Pate’s lawsuit, filed in May 2009. “Barbra Alexander and her codefendants took in excess of \$500,000 of plaintiff’s money without any intent of repaying it.”

Without commenting specifically about either lawsuit, Alexander — who said she hasn’t been involved with APS Funding since March — further defended herself.

“There is more to it than meets the eye,”

she said. She also stated “nobody has proved yet that we have done anything wrong.”

Alexander said she is no longer host of “MoneyDots.”

Alexander is also being sued by her former attorney, Hugo Gerstl of Monterey, for failure to pay him \$42,000 in fees and interest. Gerstl had worked for Alexander in the Pate lawsuit.

However, Alexander said Gerstl — whom she said had also been representing her former business partners in the case — erred by sending all the legal bills to her.

“I have asked him to break it out,” she told The Pine Cone, “but he hasn’t done it. I can’t afford to pay for the legal fees of the other defendants as well.”

Schuyler’s attorney, John Coniglio, declined to discuss details of the case but said he is “proceeding through the litigation process.”

### Federal charges

Prior to Schuyler’s lawsuit, Alexander, Piña and Swanson were already in trouble with the feds for alleged fraud.

In October, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged the trio with misappropriating \$2.5 million of about \$7 million they raised through the sale of interests in two real estate investment funds.

Instead, according to the SEC, the trio “stole investor money to pay themselves \$1.2 million and finance “MoneyDots” and other unrelated businesses unbeknownst to investors. Alexander even used \$200,000 of investor funds to remodel her kitchen.”

Alexander, Piña and Swanson raised the money from nearly 50 investors for two investment funds managed by APS Funding. They claimed the funds would make short-term secured loans to homeowners and yield 12 percent annual returns to investors, according to the SEC’s complaint filed in federal district court in San Jose.

In his lawsuit, Schuyler alleges he invest-

ed about \$753,000 but never saw a return on his investment.

“Plaintiff ... believes that this was all part of a premeditated, intentional scheme to defraud investors,” according to Schuyler’s lawsuit.

The SEC further alleges that Alexander, Piña and Swanson furthered their scheme by sending monthly account statements to

investors reflecting fictitious profits and, “in classic Ponzi scheme fashion,” paying out purported returns that actually came from new investors.

According to the “MoneyDots” website — which aired on 34 stations — Alexander’s show covered a range of topics including, “how to hide your money around the globe,” and “how to fight the IRS.”

## Yard fires OK in Carmel Valley

THE CARMEL Valley Fire District announced that, thanks to the start of rainy season, backyard burns are permitted now through April 30, 2011.

Anyone wanting to let yard waste go up in smoke needs to acquire a free permit from the department and receive authorization the day of the fire.

On the day a permit holder actually wants to set a match to his yard debris, he must contact the fire department, which will notify him whether that day has been declared a

“permissive burn day” by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District.

C.V. Fire officials will grant authorization to the first 20 permit holders who register their burns by calling the mid-valley station. No backyard fires are allowed on Sundays.

Permits are free and can be obtained by visiting the station at 8455 Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to register a burn, call (831) 624-5907. [www.carmelvalleyfire.com](http://www.carmelvalleyfire.com)



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# P.G. brokers charged with fraudulent mortgage practices

By KELLY NIX

TWO PACIFIC Grove sisters faced civil prosecution this week by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office for alleged fraudulent mortgage loan practices.

Susana Silva and Deanna Gobert, who own Estates on the Bay, misled the public and clients about Silva's real estate license status by failing to disclose that the state revoked her broker's license six years ago because she falsified loan documents, according to the DA's office.

"Rather than comply with the revocation order," according to deputy district attorney John Hubanks, "Silva and Gobert continued to broker real estate loans and falsify loan applications."

"Based on what I read and what I know, we are pretty confident the case has no merit," said the sisters' Monterey attorney Bill Daniels. "We are going to defend these young women and will take it to trial if necessary."

The district attorney's office said it began investigating the pair in 2009 after it received complaints of loan fraud and illegal advertising.

Before she lost her real estate license in 2004, Silva had been the broker for Estates on the Bay, on 14th Street in Pacific Grove. After her license was revoked, Gobert took over the company.

"Although Gobert advised the Department of Real Estate that her sister had resigned her corporate position and

sold her shares in their company," according to Hubanks, "the complaint alleges that Gobert not only permitted Silva to continue brokering loans, but their company continued to engage in the same illegal business practices."

Daniels refuted the claims. "I don't think there is any violation," he said. "And it is our belief that some of the significant violations are false."

According to Estates on the Bay's website, "the real estate slowdown has made even the Monterey Peninsula a buyer's market. We cannot think of anything more rewarding than helping someone find their dream home."

The civil complaint seeks permanent injunctive relief directing Silva and Gobert to comply with the law and consumer restitution, including compensating clients who were charged commissions from fraudulent real estate loans or loans performed by Silva.

Daniels said his clients were in contact with the DA's office for six months before Hubanks issued a press release about the case. "What puzzles and disappoints me is rather than respond to my letter, [Hubanks] went to you guys, the press."

The sisters also face civil penalties of as much as \$2,500 per day for alleged illegal business practices.

Anybody with information about Silva, Gobert, Estates on the Bay or its employees is asked to contact the district attorney's consumer protection unit at (831) 647-7705.

# Speeding stop yields bags of pot

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A TRAFFIC stop on a driver going 40 mph in a 25 mph zone on Ocean Avenue at 11 p.m. Dec. 9 yielded what Carmel Police Sgt. Paul Tomasi called "the most marijuana I've ever seen come out of a car."

After seeing 23-year-old Phillip Rohlik speeding eastbound on Ocean Avenue in his gray Mercedes, the officer pulled him over near Highway 1 and noted "a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car," Tomasi said. Due to that and the fact Rohlik is on five years' probation for a past conviction for being under the influence of a controlled substance, he had to let police search his car.

"Inside the trunk, they found a backpack filled with a ton of marijuana," Tomasi said. A total of 358 grams — more than three-fourths of a pound — was packed in a cou-

ple of gallon-size ziplocks and glass jars.

Officers also reportedly found \$529 in cash on him and a "Rambo knife" concealed between the driver's seat and the center console, which constitutes a felony.

After arresting Rohlik, police went to the Oak Place house where he lives with his parents and awakened them in order to conduct their search. By then, it was 2:30 a.m., according to Tomasi, and in the garage, they found two more glass jars containing a total of 240 grams of marijuana, bringing the grand total to more than 21 ounces.

Tomasi said Rohlik possesses a card allowing him to use pot for medicinal purposes, but the amount he had far exceeded the limit of 8 ounces, which also requires a letter from a doctor. "The guy claimed he transports the marijuana to dispensaries throughout the area," he said.

# BURGLARIES

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in in most cases.

"The main things taken are electronics, flat screens, laptops and Blu Rays, and jewelry," she said. "Other expensive stuff is left."

They are also targeting businesses. On Dec. 15, someone stole the cash register from a restaurant on Lincoln Street after a door was left unlocked, and during the night of Dec. 18 or early morning Dec. 19, a thief took the 55-pound bronze bust of sculptor Richard MacDonald that had been left outside Dawson Cole Fine Art at Lincoln and Sixth — the same gallery that had another valuable sculpture stolen in October. The bust was valued at close to \$16,000, according to Lightfoot.

"Officers did a business check around 2 a.m. and noticed it was missing," she said. A gallery employee also reported the theft to police later that morning.

Almost a dozen victims reported thefts and burglaries to P.G. police between Dec. 14 and 20, with the bulk of them — nine — occurring the night of Dec. 15 or the morning of Dec. 16. Eight of those vehicles were unlocked, according to police, and the ninth had its convertible cover cut.

In addition, thieves stole computers, a phone system and keys from the Anton Inn on Dec. 3, someone took a television from a rental property on Dec. 18, and a suspect tried to break into a Lighthouse Avenue business Dec. 19 or 20 but failed to get through the window or the back door.

Nyunt said parolees, drug addicts and

gang members are hitting his city and other Peninsula locations, because they know the prey is easy.

"Hey, everybody knows to come to Carmel and P.G., because people don't lock things up," he said. "A lot of times, what they do is come to visit the oceanfront and so forth, but also they come to do nefarious things."

On Dec. 12, police chased down and arrested 31-year-old Seaside resident Francois Williams after he ditched his car in the area of Asilomar and Arena during a traffic stop, according to P.G. Cmdr. John Miller. They discovered he was a parolee and arrested him for DUI, an outstanding warrant for violation of parole, possession of black tar heroin and resisting arrest. Officers also arrested his 40-year-old female passenger, Shauna Wimp of Marina, for being drunk in public.

An increased gang presence in P.G., although still minor, may be due to greater pressure on gang members in Salinas. "It's like squeezing the balloon," Nyunt said. "They're squeezing them in Salinas, so they have to go somewhere."

And criminals' drug addictions drive them to steal, too.

"People lose that whole moral compass," he said. "They feel good, and they'll do anything to get that fix."

They'll steal anything, as long as they can get their next score."

Nyunt urged people to take all valuables out of their cars, lock their doors, use alarms and alert police to any problems or suspicious circumstances.

"We only can do so much," Nyunt said. "And we rely on our citizens to care for their property."



Francois Williams

# County registrar dinged for DUI

MONTEREY COUNTY Registrar of Voters Linda Tulett, 43, was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, after a Pacific Grove police officer pulled her over on David Avenue for speeding, according to PGPD Cmdr. John Nyunt.

"She showed objective symptoms of intoxication and was right at the [DUI] limit," he said.

Tulett, who lives on Funston Avenue in P.G., was taken to the police station and held there until sober. She was released just after 4 a.m. with a citation to appear in court on the charge.

## Enforcers out in force

A recent series of serious injury and fatal

accidents involving drunken drivers has shocked the community, and Tulett's arrest serves as a reminder that police are out in force patrolling the streets for DUIs during the holidays.

In a ramped-up effort that began last Friday and runs through the New Year's weekend, every available officer is on the road hunting for drunken and drugged drivers throughout the county. Last year's Avoid the 18 campaign brought in 117 DUI suspects, and one person died in a crash that involved alcohol.

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# New laws: License plates, video cameras and moving billboards

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AS DRIVERS celebrate the New Year, they are also required to find out about the latest laws their state legislators and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger put on the books during the past 12 months, many of which take effect Jan. 1, 2011. To give people a fighting chance at knowing the rules so they can avoid being stopped and ticketed for violating them, the CHP highlighted several of the new laws "designed to make California roadways safer for travelers, regardless of their mode of transportation," according to CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow.

■ Would-be motorcycle riders under the age of 21 must complete a safety course administered by the CHP before they can be licensed.

■ License plates must be "mounted parallel to the ground so the characters are upright and display from left to right."

■ The yellow "clean air access" stickers, issued to the owners of hybrid vehicles so they can drive in carpool lanes, were supposed to expire Jan. 1 but received a six-month extension, while the white clean-air stickers, for "super low-emission vehicles" will be valid until Jan. 1, 2015.

■ Apparently a lot of people are installing video cameras inside vehicles to keep an eye on drivers' performance,

because the law now permits them to be mounted on the inside of the windshield ("in a 7-inch square in the lower corner of a vehicle windshield on the passenger side, or a 5-inch square in the lower corner of the vehicle windshield on the driver's side, outside of an airbag deployment zone, or in a 5-inch square in the center uppermost portion of the interior of the windshield"). But video-equipped vehicles that record sound must also contain visible notices advising occupants they might be recorded.

■ Law enforcement officers will have their own version of the Amber Alert, which heretofore has alerted the public about missing children via highway billboards and the emer-

gency broadcast system. A Blue Alert will be issued if a suspect at large has killed, seriously injured or assaulted a police officer. "It's important to catch a cop-killer immediately," said State Sen. George Runner of Antelope Valley, who authored the new law, as well as the 2003 Amber Alert statute.

■ Cities and counties will now have the authority to regulate mobile billboards — defined by a new state law as "advertising displays that are attached to wheeled, mobile, non-motorized vehicles that carry, pull or transport a sign or billboard and is for the primary purpose of advertising." They can also be towed if left in an unauthorized area.

## Quail Motorcycle tickets on sale

MOTORCYCLE FANS and others who appreciate beautiful machines can purchase discounted tickets to the third annual Quail Motorcycle Gathering set for Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley, as long as they place their orders by Dec. 31. Held for the past two years during Mother's Day weekend, the event was shifted to a week later to better accommodate aficionados and their families.

The 2011 show's theme will be 100 Years of the Isle of Man TT Races, with rare, classic and unusual motorcycles on exhibit. The Isle of Man TT is one of the most famous road races in the world, having tested racers' skills for more than a century on a harrowing 37.75-mile course that has claimed hundreds of lives and showcased the incredible talents and courage of many riders.

Also new at the Quail Motorcycle Gathering this year, concours-style judging will determine which entries best represent their classes.

Bonhams & Butterfields will auction interesting bikes and memorabilia. Manufacturers, dealerships and other vendors will set up shop around the show field, and the culinary team at Quail will prepare an all-American barbecue lunch. In addition, two motorcycle rallies — one for vintage (pre-1974) motorcycles, the other for modern bikes — on Friday, May 13, will include a scenic ride, lunch, laps around the world-famous Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and an invitation to exhibit on the field. For more information visit [www.quailodgeevents.com](http://www.quailodgeevents.com) or call (877) 734-4628.



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# Girls' hoopsters take home top prize at Lady Cougar Classic in Felton

By CHRIS COUNTS

EASILY ROUTING its three opponents, the Carmel High School girls' basketball team took first place in last weekend's Lady Cougar Classic at San Lorenzo Valley High School in Felton.

The Padres whipped Sobrato High of Morgan Hill 70-47 in Friday's opening round. "We had outstanding performances all around," coach Jim Nakamura offered.

Jule Muegge — who took home the tournament's Most Valuable Player Award — dominated Sobrato High. She poured in 26 points, grabbed eight rebounds, dished off five assists and grabbed eight steals — while sitting out much of the second and fourth quarters. Her play was complemented by Kaylee Vandenberg, who grabbed 10 boards, and Sarah Anderson, who knocked down five of nine three-point attempts.

The Padres overcame a slow start before cruising to a 66-50 victory against Watsonville High in Saturday's semi-final game. Muegge again led the way, scoring 21 points.

She also got to the free throw line at will, making good on eight of 11 shots from the charity stripe. Anderson, meanwhile, excelled at both ends of the court, swiping

the ball four times and adding five assists.

In Sunday's final, Carmel High jumped out to a 18-6 lead and never looked back. Muegge again tallied 21 points, while Anderson tossed in another 10. Muegge and Anderson were named to the all-tournament team.

After losing two of their first three contests, the Padres (5-2) have won four straight. Next up for Carmel High are Burlingame High (Dec. 28) and Strathmore High (Dec. 30).

## Wrestlers look sharp in Berkeley

At the Berkeley Duals last Saturday, Richie Rodrigues capped off a perfect 5-0 day by pinning his last opponent in just 11 seconds, a tournament best. Also excelling were Kevin Jasper, Jack Carmineta, Josh Querfurth and Conner Moneyhamm — each recorded four wins at the day-long tournament. "The team looks sharp, our technique looks good and the boys are wrestling tough," said Russell Shugars, the Padres' wrestling coach.

Next week, Carmel High travels to Reno, Nev. for the Sierra Nevada Classic.

# 103-year-old may be victim of elder financial abuse

## Attorney investigates possible impropriety

By KELLY NIX

AN INVESTIGATION is under way into possible financial abuse of a 103-year-old Pacific Grove woman who made news in 2005, when she was removed from her rundown oceanfront home amid allegations a relative stole a mint in precious coins from her estate.

Not long after Lillian King was found to be living in squalid conditions in her multi-million Sunset Drive house five years ago, police investigated the theft of scores of valuable gold and silver coins from her \$6.5 million estate. King's grand niece later admitted taking some of them.

Since then, King has led a more stable life. She receives 24-hour care at another Pacific Grove home, and longtime friend Nader Agha is conservator of her estate.

But according to documents filed in Monterey County Superior Court in October by Carmel attorney Al Nicora — who was appointed by a judge in 2006 to be King's guardian ad litem — King may have been the victim of financial abuse again.

"As this court is aware," Nicora wrote in a court document, "I am undertaking an investigation concerning certain allegations of financial impropriety which have arisen in this case."

Nicora, who declined to discuss details of the case, did not disclose possible suspects but wrote that his investigation is near completion and that he would file his report "in camera" — privately with the judge — which prohibits the public from reviewing it.

Making the allegations public, he said, "may compromise the proposed civil litigation and may have a negative impact on the ongoing criminal investigation."

It's unclear how long the investigation has been under way, although Nicora indicated in March that he had information that "Mrs. King's legal rights have been compromised."

In 2009, a Monterey private investigator, Karen Villars, hired by Agha, told The Pine Cone she had new information — including a suspect in the case — that could lead to the recovery of some of King's coins. Villars said she would forward the results of her investigation to police.

Based on Villars' information, Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. John Nyunt said detectives looked into possible impropriety, though it's not known if Nicora's investigation is related to the PGPD inquiry. But police didn't find much, Nyunt said.

"It's more of a civil issue than anything ... concerning people who were in charge of the trust," he explained. "The district attorney's office looked at it and said there's nothing criminal here."

Monterey County chief assistant district attorney Terry Spitz confirmed the DA's office looked into the case but didn't find enough evidence to charge anybody.

Court records indicate King's immediate family as a niece and a nephew. In July 2007, her nephew resigned as the conservator of her estate and Agha — who owns the Holman Building in Pacific Grove — was appointed the estate's general conservator.

In 2005, after police found King was living in terrible conditions at her oceanfront home, the building was condemned and she was placed into the care of the county's adult protective services. She eventually moved into the other P.G. house.

It costs King about \$200,000 per year for 24-hour home care, and she pays tens of thousands of dollars per year in legal fees.

More than \$2 million in coins were stolen from King. Her grand niece, Cynthia Hurley — who lived on King's P.G. property at the time — pleaded no contest to taking some of them. Hurley served some time in jail and was released.

About \$500,000 in precious coins were also stolen from a storage unit in Monterey. An attorney working for King filed suit against the storage company, which settled the case out of court this year.

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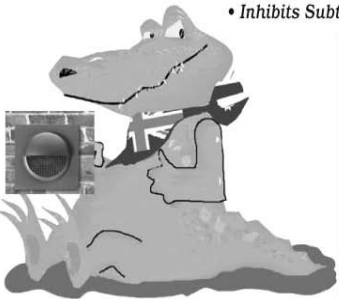
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# New sandbar plan generates little opposition, shows early promise

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHEN THE Carmel River Lagoon began rising during last weekend's storms, it only took Monterey County Public Works a few minutes to start the river flowing to the sea, thanks to a new strategy that didn't leave most of the work until the last minute.

County workers used bulldozers Monday to help remove a "plug" from a channel in the sandbar that separates Carmel River Lagoon from the ocean. The channel, which was carved out four weeks ago by public works, is typically cut in December or January to relieve pressure from the lagoon, which swells with water during and after winter rains.

In previous years, the annual "breaching" of the sandbar has generated much controversy as environmentalists and residents have argued over the best strategy for managing the water level in the lagoon.

Environmental activists have urged the county to cut the channel in a northwesterly direction so that young steelhead are not swept out into Carmel Bay before they are

mature enough to survive.

Nearby residents, though, have encouraged the county agency to cut the channel in a southwesterly direction, because they're worried the channel will shift dangerously close to the sandy bluffs that support Scenic Road — which it did in 2005.

This year, though, despite the fact that no permits exist for the work, there has been remarkably little contention. After consulting for the past year with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Carmel River Steelhead Association, public works did much of the construction of the channel nearly a month ago, cutting a 500-foot long, 20-foot wide path in a direction slightly north of west.

Once the initial effort was complete, all that separated the lagoon and the ocean was a 9-foot-high sand barrier — also known as a "plug" — that could easily be removed.

According to public works director Yazden Emrani, the strategy attempts "to maintain the contour and shape of the channel," thereby decreasing the possibility it might push dangerously to the north.

The incident occurred at Riverside Campground and Cabins, which is located on Highway 1 about 24 miles south of Carmel. The man and woman — whose names were not released — were taken by ambulance to Community Hospital.

### Lots of rain, little damage

Aside from the redwood falling on the cabin — and a few brief road closures and power outages — Big Sur residents came out of last week's storm in pretty good shape.

"It was amazing," reported Kate Novoa, who lives high atop a ridge on Big Sur's south coast. "The storm hardly did anything. We really dodged it."

Novoa, who keeps the world informed about many Big Sur topics through her blog (bigsurkate.wordpress.com), recorded about nine inches of rain over the past week. She said another resident nearby recorded about 11 inches.

To prepare for winter storms, Monterey County Public Works began construction last month on a channel in the Carmel River Lagoon sandbar.



PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

After laying out a path and carving a channel, public works waited until the lagoon hit its flood stage of 9.5 feet above mean sea level, which it did Monday. In response, a notch was cut in the middle of the plug, which provided nature with all the encouragement it needed.

Water from the lagoon soon pushed through the sand barrier and connected the lagoon to the sea.

Bulldozers, meanwhile, will periodically be used to push sand north toward the channel to maintain its slight northwesterly direction, Emrani explained.

Emrani is encouraged by what's been seen so far. "It's looking good," he said before adding, "Knock on wood."

While the work by the county agency has attracted little attention from environmental activists or residents, the local seagull population seemed quite fascinated by the project. Countless numbers of the birds descended upon the area Monday, and hundreds of them lined up along the channel's sandy bluffs. According to a county employee who was surveying the scene, "I've never seen this many seagulls here before."

## CABIN

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storms moved onshore.

Six Big Sur volunteer firefighters and one sheriff's deputy responded to the campground at about 12:45 a.m. Dec. 22 to rescue the couple from the wreckage. "They weren't really trapped — they just needed a little assistance getting out," Karstens said.

While the man appeared to suffer only minor injuries, Karstens said the woman may have broken her pelvis. She was placed on a backboard as a precaution.

Karstens — who said the couple was playing Scrabble when the tree fell down — suggested the people were very fortunate to survive the accident.

"It was their lucky day," she added. "If the tree had fallen two feet in either direction, they might not be alive."

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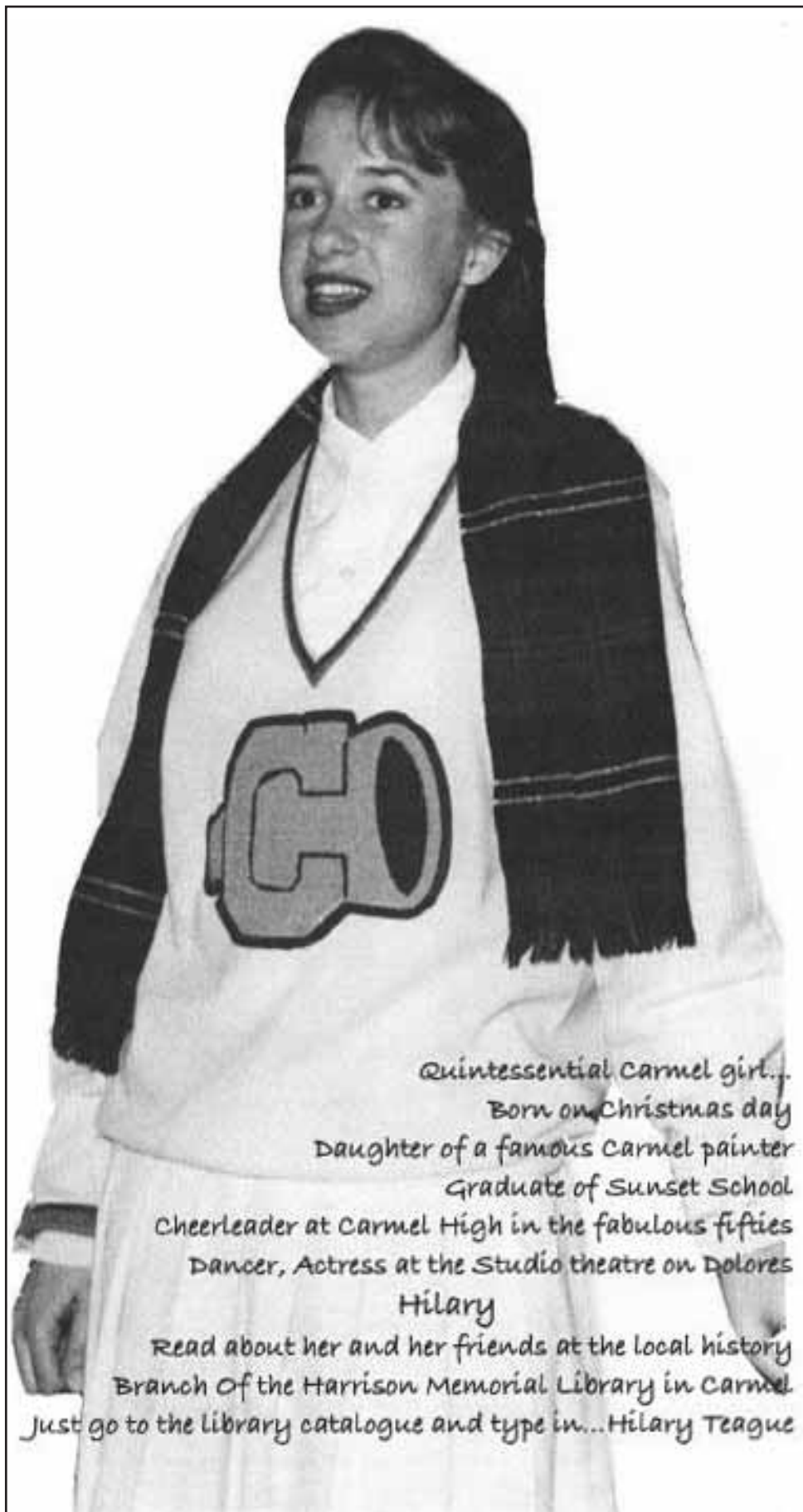


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# Pet-friendly inn stages calming concert for dogs

By CHRIS COUNTS

HUMANS have long used music to help them relax, so it should come as no surprise that dogs are getting in on the action — particularly in canine-friendly Carmel.

To help raise awareness for Doris Day's latest pet project, classical pianist Lisa Spector will perform a free concert at the Cypress Inn Sunday, Dec. 26.

The Cypress Inn, which is co-owned by Day, is famous for its welcoming attitude toward dogs.

A graduate of the prestigious Julliard School, Spector will play classical music specifically designed to relax dogs.

"Seven years ago, I was raising puppies to be guide dogs," Spector explained. "I had a very rambunctious puppy, and I was looking for ways to keep him calm. I realized that certain kinds of music worked."

Later, Spector met sound researcher and music producer Joshua Leeds, and the two began a collaborative project to create a series of musical CDs for dogs. Under the banner of their business — "Through A Dog's Ear" — the duo has recorded and produced five CDs.

According to Spector, dogs find it difficult to relax for many of the same reasons as humans. "For the most part, dogs need to adapt to our world, which overloads our senses," she said.

But unlike people, a dog can't distinguish between a safeguard — like a group of children playing — and a potentially unsafe sound — like a gunshot. Confused, dogs begin to bark.

"They can't associate what a sound means," Spector observed.

Spector's recordings — which are influenced by classical music but are slower and more simplified — capture a dog's attention in such a benevolent way that the dog physically relaxes.

"The music slows down a dog's heart rate," Spector said. "It calms the nervous system, and it gives them an escape from sensory overload."

After donating several of her CDs to a dog shelter, Spector received the ultimate testimonial. Typically nervous and agitated, the dogs in the pound became remarkably calm. As a result, people who visit the shelter stay longer, and more dogs are getting adopted.

"People actually complained, because the dogs were sleeping too much," she laughed.

Sunday's event — which will likely be attended by many local dogs stressed out by the holidays — should present a good test for Spector's dog-calming abilities. Spector, though, brushed off any worry that the dogs will be unruly.

"I've performed for dogs many times, and it's always worked," she added.

The event will also showcase Day's latest philanthropic venture, The Duffy-Day Life Saving Program. A collaboration between the Doris Day Animal Foundation and the SPCA for Monterey County, the program seeks to reduce pet euthanasia by raising money to rehabilitate animals with injuries or behavioral shortcomings. "Many dogs that were once euthanized can now be treated," added Nicole Massey-Pratt, a spokeswoman for the inn.



# Merchants celebrate holiday season with strong sales

By CHRIS COUNTS

BUSINESSES AROUND the country are reporting strong holiday sales, and stores in Carmel-by-the-Sea are no exception, according to interviews with local merchants.

Heather Howe, who manages the New Masters Gallery, was enthusiastic about the business downtown Carmel has attracted this holiday season.

"Things are way up," Howe explained. "Last year at this time, we were in dire straights. Now we're on an amazing roll. I can't tell you how much better we feel right now."

"I'm always trying to take the pulse [of the local economy], and my general feeling is that people are doing better than they were last season," said Monta Potter, the CEO of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce. "In general, things are up a tick."

After talking with The Pine Cone Wednesday, Potter sent out an email to chamber board members asking them if business this holiday season is better than it was last year. The results of the survey were very encouraging.

"I got really positive feedback," Potter reported. "A couple of realtors said business

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PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

Even a bronze sculpture of Ben Franklin seems pleased with the bustling holiday business reported by New Masters Gallery, above, and other Carmel merchants.



## Happy Holidays from the Hollisters!

It's the third holiday season for Ted and Georgia Hollister at **Forest Hill Manor** and they're celebrating it with a new resident Cairn Terrier, Veronica. This has been an eventful year. After they lost their pet friend Derek, they decided that another Cairn would be the best way to welcome the holidays and Veronica became an instant favorite. She's now very much a part of the Forest Hill Manor family of friends.

Ted says, "We could not have asked for more. This year, we've grown accustomed to having great entertainment, dining equal to any restaurant in the area, and, we have the freedom to spend time doing what we like best, volunteering, playing golf and visiting with friends."

What a way to enjoy life! And now that the health center is Medicare certified, their health needs in the future are assured too. As the Hollisters say, "You'll relieve your kids of the responsibility to make major decisions. You're in charge." That kind of peace-of-mind is one of the best Christmas presents you can give.

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### From jazz and hip-hop to juggling and twirling, 'Mixed Nutz' dazzles

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE TIMELESS story of the Nutcracker enters the 21st century when Tandy Beal presents, "Mixed Nutz," her unconventional version of the popular holiday ballet, Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Sunset Center.

"I've seen dozens of 'Nutcrackers,' so I'm a little bit jaded," said Peter Lesnik, who is stepping down from his position as executive director at the end of the year. "This one is nothing but fun and joy. There's jazz, there's hip-hop, there's jumping, there's hopping, there's juggling and there's twirling — yet it's the story of the 'Nutcracker.'"

Lesnik insisted on bringing the production to Carmel — even though it was recently staged in Santa Cruz.

"I leaped at the chance to bring it here," he added. "I really love this show. It's like a big fruitcake. It's got everything in it you really like."

More than 30 dancers and circus performers will take the stage while Tchaikovsky's music is sung a capella by a vocal ensemble featuring members of Bobby McFerrin's acclaimed Voicestra.

A dancer, teacher and choreographer,

Beal and her company have been presenting wildly inventive dance productions since 1971. She served as artistic director for the Pickle Family Circus and wrote, directed and choreographed "Viva!" for the Moscow Circus, which ran for two years in Japan.

Also, Beal once wrote an opera for McFerrin, choreographed 65 life-sized puppets for Frank Zappa and worked on Tim Burton's "Nightmare Before Christmas."

The performance starts at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$39 to \$58. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

For tickets or more information, call (831) 620-2048 or visit [www.sunsetcenter.org](http://www.sunsetcenter.org).

#### 'It's a good thing'

Lesnik, who took over as executive director of Sunset Center in 2008, announced his resignation Dec. 8. He'll stay on in the role until the first of the year. In January, Lesnik will begin a new position with the performing arts center as an advisor on programming. "It's a good thing," said Lesnik of the change.

According to Lesnik, Sunset Center is

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### Big Sur pianist brings together jazz and Christmas at the Cypress Inn

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONCE UPON a time — when jazz was the most popular music in America — a new Christmas song was as hip as anything on the radio.

Big Sur jazz pianist Dick Whittington will recreate the golden era of Holiday music when he performs Saturday, Dec. 25, at the Cypress Inn.

"When I was a kid, pop and jazz were blended into one," recalled Whittington, who grew up in the early 1950s. "At the time, the biggest selling record of all time was 'White Christmas' by Bing Crosby and Irving Berlin."

For Whittington and other jazz players, a great Christmas song offers countless creative possibilities.

"Jazz musicians like to take a standard and rearrange it and reharmonize it," explained Whittington, a longtime resident of Big Sur's Partington Ridge. "One of the most beautiful versions of 'White Christmas' is an instrumental by Charlie Parker. John Coltrane's 'My Favorite Thing' is also a Christmas song."

In addition to Crosby, Parker and Coltrane, jazz greats such as Ella Fitzgerald, Louie Armstrong, Bill Evans, Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, Count Basie, Dinah Washington, Oscar Peterson created memorable Christmas music. Contemporary jazz artists like Diana Krall and Chris Botti have continued the tradition.

When he performs at the Cypress Inn, Whittington will be accompanied by bassist Dan Robbins of Santa Cruz.

"Dan is a really great bass player," he

said. "He was in the Monterey County All-Star Band when he was in high school, and he's played with everyone who's come through here over the last 10 years."

Together, Whittington and Robbins play some of the best-loved Christmas music of the 1930s, the 1940s and the 1950s. Included in their repertoire will be favorites like "Sleigh Ride," "Winter Wonderland," "Mistletoe and Holly," "I'll be Home for Christmas," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and, of course, "White Christmas."

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Tamas Marius performs every Sunday at Plaza Linda restaurant in Carmel Valley.



Tandy Beal's eclectic version of "the Nutcracker," which showcases the talents of more than 30 dancers and circus performers, features jazz, hip-hop and a cappella music. Sunset Center will host the show Tuesday.

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## FOOD &amp; WINE

# Quail's holiday kitchen, the hunt for hams and NYE options

By MARY BROWNFIELD

QUAIL LODGE may have fallen on hard times, and its continued suffering in a poor economy may have led to the recent firing of four more managers, but chef Julio Ramirez is still very much part of the scene, according to resort general manager Sarah Cruse.

"Julio joined us a consultant chef, which became full time due to the workload," she said. "He is now going to ease into his consultant role for 2011, working two days a week and also all events as required, so he will continue to be very visible."

Under his guidance, Edgar's restaurant is offering special Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve menus. On Friday, Dec. 24, from 4 to 9 p.m., the kitchen will be turning out Morro Bay chilled oysters and baked green lip mussels, fire-roasted chestnut soup with crème fraîche and white truffle oil, grilled persimmon salad, filet mignon, maple-glazed Sonoma duck confit, ginger caramel Bûche de Noël and Dublin Christmas Pudding, among other dishes.

A week later on New Year's Eve, dinner will be offered from 5 to 9 p.m., with Bellwether Farms ricotta gnocchi, California Osetra caviar, salsify veloute, Bartlett pear Waldorf salad, New York Steak Tuscany, wild mushroom lasagna, cracked dungeness crab, Bananas Foster brulée, Chocolate Romance for Two and other dishes.

Everything on the menu is priced individually. For more information or reservations for dinner at Edgar's at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley, call (831) 620-8866 or visit [www.quailodge.com/dining.cfm](http://www.quailodge.com/dining.cfm).

## ■ Need turkeys, stat

The free 25th Annual Community Christmas Dinner at the Monterey Fairgrounds still needs donations of hams, turkeys and cash, according to organizer Rich Hughett.

A complete holiday feast will be served in the Monterey Room at the fairgrounds from noon until 3 p.m., but supplies are needed to help meet demand, and volunteers are in need, too.

Anyone who would like to help should call (831) 649-3124, while those with donations to make should call Hughett at (831) 757-5709.

The free event will include music, a visit from Santa and other fun.

## ■ PBF&W for you

Coastal Luxury Management, the group that organizes the Pebble Beach Food & Wine held at Pebble Beach resorts the weekend after Easter each year, is reminding foodies and their friends that tickets to the April 28 to May 1, 2011, event would make mighty fine Christmas gifts. And since they can be ordered online, buying on Christmas Eve is not too late.

The four-day culinary extravaganza will feature 70 chefs and 250 wineries from around the world exhibiting their talents during wine seminars, cooking demonstrations, grand tastings, lunches, dinners and parties.

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## More hope for procrastinators

Happy Girl Kitchen Co., home of canning mavens and every wonderful preserved thing under the sun, is open until 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The brainchild of Todd and Jordan Champagne that opened in Pacific Grove this fall specializes in pickles of every sort, a wide range of jellies and jams — including spicy apricot, strawberry lavender and quince — the Spanish-style quince paste called membrillo, gourmet ketchup and sauces, all organic.

It also carries specialty items, mostly locally sourced, made by other individuals and companies, like Tor's Honey from Jacks Peak, hand-harvested Big Sur sea salt, Blue Bottle coffee and dried heirloom beans.

The atmosphere is fun, the gift wrapping is gorgeous, and the store cafe might be able to sate you with a simple snack.

Happy Girl also offers classes in food preservation and sells gift certificates. Upcoming classes feature winter citrus fruits on Jan. 8 and 9, cheese and kefir yogurt on Jan.

29 and pickles on Jan. 30.

Speaking of pickles, the kitchen will host a New Year's Eve pickling extravaganza, "Pickle your resolutions!" Guests will be invited to create the pickle jar of their dreams, and Happy Girl staff will provide the ingredients and know how. Held from 6 to 9 p.m., the event will culminate with a celebration of the clock's striking midnight in New York City.

Happy Girl is located at 173 Central Ave. in Pacific Grove. For more information, call (831) 373-GIRL (4475) or visit [www.happygirlkitchen.com](http://www.happygirlkitchen.com).

## Big Sur F&W gives back

Receipts from this year's Big Sur Food & Wine in November netted \$16,500 for local charities, event president Toby Rowland-Jones said this week. The Big Sur Health Center, Henry Miller Library and the Big Sur Education Council each received \$5,000, while the festival's culinary education fund took in \$1,500.

"I am incredibly happy," he said. "Two years into this, and

we've created almost \$40,000 of funding."

Rowland-Jones also announced the date of the 2011 Chanterelle Festival will be March 5, and he'll be organizing the one-day affair on his own.

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## ■ Celebrate the New Year with beer

The Big Sur River Inn's New Year's Eve will feature bubbles of a different kind: beer. The restaurant will offer a five-course dinner paired with handcrafted suds selected and presented by Chris Nelson and his wife, Merideth Canham-Nelson, of thebeergeek.com.

The Nelsons will talk about the artisan beers they have found during their adventures that complement great food, and they have been working with chef Rene Gonzales to create the celebratory evening's menu, which will include BBQ shrimp on pineapple, spicy apricot wings, bacon-wrapped scallops and filet of beef.

Lodging deals and shuttle packages from Carmel are available. Call (831) 667-2700 for more information or reservations.

## ■ Ventana gets nod

Condé Nast's list of the world's best everything ranks Ventana Inn & Spa, also in Big Sur, among the Top 500 Hotels in the World, as detailed in Travel + Leisure magazine. Readers gave the resort the highest rankings for its prime location 1,200 feet above the Pacific Ocean on Highway 1, as well as high marks for rooms, service, food and design.

Incidentally, Carmel also scored well in

the publisher's recent readers poll, coming in eighth in the United States' Top 10 Cities. San Francisco took top honors, followed by Charleston, Santa Fe, Chicago, New York City, Honolulu, Savannah, Carmel, Seattle and Boston. For more information about Ventana, call (800) 628-6500 or visit [www.ventanainn.com](http://www.ventanainn.com).

## ■ A Tuscan New Year

TusCA Ristorante in the Hyatt Regency Monterey is hosting a New Year's Eve celebration with guitar great Calvin Keys, Nat Johnson on bass, David Morwood on drums and special guests.

Prosciutto salad, lobster bisque, roasted day boat scallop, braised veal shank and black truffle risotto will be among the extensive menu offerings.

The price is \$68 per person, plus tax and gratuity, and reservations can be made by calling (831) 657-6675. The restaurant is located in the hotel at 1 Old Golf Course Road in Monterey.

## ■ Parties at Portola

Jacks Restaurant in the Portola Hotel & Spa at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey is hosting a four-course prix fixe Christmas Eve dinner, starting with butternut squash bisque, followed by a salad course, entrée options of petit filet mignon and thyme-and-honey-grilled quail, and tiramisu mousse and sourdough bread pudding with Jack Daniels caramel sauce. The dinner will

cost \$60 per person and will be served from 5 to 10 p.m.

On Christmas Day, Jacks will offer a buffet from noon to 8 p.m. that includes a salad bar, carving stations and a dessert bar, at a cost of \$34.95 for adults, \$28.95 for seniors, \$16.95 for children 6 to 12 years old, and free for kids 5 and under. Santa will make an appearance between 3 and 4 p.m., and then a three-course prix fixe dinner will be served from 5 to 10 p.m., for \$55 per person.

On New Year's Eve, a four-course prix fixe from 5 to 10 p.m. is set to include dishes like lobster bisque, petit filet mignon, fennel and pepper-encrusted ahi and crème brûlée. The \$75-per-person price includes bubbly or sparkling cider. Finally, a New Year's Day brunch buffet served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be \$45 for adults, \$29.95 for seniors, \$16.95 for children 6 to 12, and free for kids 5 and under.

For reservations, call (831) 649-2698 or visit [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com) for dining reservations.

## ■ OITF in 2011

Outstanding in the Field — the Santa Cruz-based group that travels the country in a bus to stage mostly outdoor farm dinners featuring local chefs and purveyors — wrapped up its 2010 season and is busy planning next year's adventures. Founder Jim Denevan pronounced this year OITF's most successful so far, with almost 9,000 guests eating at its signature long table in nearly 40 states and two Canadian provinces.

Next year's lineup, set to be announced in early March, will include new venues, as well as return trips to favorite sites. The OITF team hopes to make its dinners a year-round occurrence and is seeking advice and suggestions from chefs, farmers and guests.

In addition, the group is offering gift certificates for next year's events. The dinners are pricey, in the \$200-per-person range, but a ticket would make a great gift for anyone interested in good wine and food, and knowledge of where, when, how and by whom it was grown, raised, cooked and made.

To learn more, check out [outstandinginthefield.com](http://outstandinginthefield.com).

## ■ 'The Traveling Soup Pot'

Carmel resident Mary Chamberlin, a professional chef and culinary educator who is also the key force behind local chapters of the American Institute of Wine & Food and Les Dames d'Escoffier, has published a cookbook, "The Traveling Soup Pot — A Savory Journey Through Many Lands." The tome contains more than 100 recipes that Chamberlin gathered from cafés, bistros, three-star restaurants and home kitchens of renowned chefs during her travels throughout the world with her husband, Roy Chamberlin, a retired airline pilot.

The book may be purchased directly from the author, at Borders in Sand City or online at [www.MaryChamberlinCookBooks.com](http://www.MaryChamberlinCookBooks.com).

## ■ A no-lose coin toss

Knuckles Sports Bar, also in the Hyatt Regency Monterey, is offering Toss It Up Tuesdays, when guests are invited to toss a

coin for their food. A winning toss means free dinner, but even a losing toss isn't bad, netting the participant a \$5 gift certificate to use during another visit.

Knuckles Sports Bar is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. (kitchen open until 11 p.m.), and opens at 11 a.m. on weekends. (831) 647-2039

## ■ Recipe for your stocking

All in the holiday spirit of sharing, Rio Grill chef Cy Yontz decided to release his recipe for Christmas Tamales:

35 corn husks  
1 1/2 C. golden raisins  
4 1/2 C. masa harina  
2 t. kosher salt  
1 3/4 t. baking powder  
1 1/2 t. anise seeds  
1 1/2 t. ground cinnamon  
3 3/4 C. water  
3 sticks unsalted butter at room temperature

1 1/2 C. packed light brown sugar  
1 C. toasted pine nuts

Place corn husks in a large bowl or baking dish, cover completely with hot water, and weigh down with a plate or bowl to fully submerge until husks are very pliable, at least two hours at room temperature or overnight in the refrigerator. Drain, squeeze out excess water, and wipe dry.

Place raisins in a small bowl, cover with hot water, and soak until plumped, at least 15 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Place masa harina, salt, baking powder, anise seeds and cinnamon in a large bowl and whisk to combine. Pour in water and mix until the dough is wet throughout.

Place butter and brown sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle and beat on medium high until light in color and fluffy, three to four minutes. While running, add dough in handfuls, letting it blend before adding more, until all the dough has been added, about two minutes. Continue beating until ingredients are well combined and a smooth, soft dough has formed, about one minute more. Stir in reserved raisins and nuts, then cover and refrigerate for at least one hour or up to 24 hours.

Bring a pot of water with a steamer basket to a simmer over low heat.

Lay a corn husk on a clean work surface with the wide edge toward you. Measure 1/3 C. dough and shape into a cylinder about 3 inches long and 1 inch in diameter. Lay dough lengthwise in the center of the husk, leaving about a 1/2-inch border at the bottom.

Tightly close the left side of the husk over the filling and roll to the right. Fold the top of the husk (the empty, tapered edge) back over the filled husk to close, and tie with butcher's twine, if needed. Repeat to roll 35 tamales.

Arrange tamales upright in the steamer with the open ends facing up. If your steamer is too big to hold all of the tamales snugly together, place a small heatproof bowl upside down in the center to stabilize them. Cover and steam until the dough is set, no longer raw-tasting, and pulls away easily from the husks when unwrapped, about 90 minutes to two hours. Let rest for 15 minutes before serving.

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# MUSIC

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Whittington and his wife, by the way, were co-founders of the Maybeck Recital Hall, which they established in 1987 in their Berkeley home. There, over the next decade, they recorded and produced over 500 jazz and classical concerts.

The performance starts at 7 p.m. There's no cover. The Cypress Inn is located on the northeast corner of Lincoln and Seventh. For more information, call (831) 624-3871.

## Blues in the village

A member of the popular local band, Blues at Eleven, horn player Tamas Marius performs every Sunday at Plaza



PHOTO/DICK WHITTINGTON

Jazz pianist Dick Whittington performs holiday favorites Saturday at the Cypress Inn.

Linda restaurant in Carmel Valley Village.

Skilled on saxophone, trumpet and flute, Marius is a graduate of the Berklee School of Music. In addition to his work with Blues at Eleven, he's shared local stages Red Beans and Rice, the Next Blues Band and many others.

"He's extraordinary," local music promoter Kiki Wow said. "He plays for three hours every Sunday at Plaza Linda,

and he always manages to bring in a crowd. He plays everything from classical, to jazz, to blues, and he takes a lot of requests. It's wonderful dining music."

The music starts at 4:30 p.m., and there's no cover. Plaza Linda is located at 9 Del Fino Place. For more information, call (831) 659-4229 or visit [www.plazalinda.com](http://www.plazalinda.com).

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# Fifty years after 'the day the music died,' tribute show keeps the beat alive

By CHRIS COUNTS

**MORE THAN** a half-century after the passing of Buddy Holly, the music he played is still going strong, and a show built around his innovative rock 'n' roll has become one of the most popular parts of Pacific Repertory Theater's repertoire.

The latest version of the group's Buddy Holly tribute show opens Dec. 29 at the Golden Bough Theater and showcases the

enduring spirit of the popular music of the late 1950s.

When Holly died in a 1959 plane crash — which also killed Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper — the tragedy was memorialized as “the day the music died.”

Thankfully, though, Holly's music is, still alive and doing quite well, and “The Buddy Holly Show” celebrates the energy, the vitality and the innocence of early rock 'n' roll.

“It's always such a rockin' good time,”

said Stephen Moorer, PacRep's executive director. “It's such feel-good music. It makes you want to get up and dance.”

Travis Poelle, who starred in PacRep's original production of “The Buddy Holly Story,” returns as Buddy Holly. Rounding out the cast is Davitt Felder, David Schulz, Scott Free, Lydia Lyons, Daniel Simpson and Don Dally, who plays lead guitar.

In addition to Buddy Holly, the cast will recreate performers by Valens, the Big

Bopper, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, James Brown and Sam Cooke. New this year will be cameos by Connie Francis and Peggy Lee. Also, the Monotones (“Book of Love”) and the Penguins (“Earth Angel”) join the lineup.

“The Buddy Holly Show” will be staged Dec. 29 and 30 and Jan. 1 at 7:30 p.m., with a final performance Sunday starting at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 to \$35.

See **THEATER** page 22A

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on Nov. 24, 2010. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2010, Jan 7, 14, 2011. (PC1223)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20102612. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **OHANA COMPANY**, 715 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Monterey County. CHARLES THOMAS HIGUERA, 1316 Buena Vista, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. KATHLEEN JUNE HIGUERA MATUZ, 715 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. GEORGE WITOLD MATUZ, 715 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Dec. 1, 2010. (s) Kate Matuz. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 17, 2010. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2010, Jan 7, 14, 2011. (PC1224)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20102615. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **1. POSITIVE HERITAGE 2. POSITIVELY PERSIAN** 4380 Peninsula Point Dr., Seaside, CA 93955. Monterey County. SONJA HOMA, 4380 Peninsula Point Dr., Seaside, CA 93955. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Sonja Homa. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 17, 2010. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2010, Jan 7, 14, 2011. (PC1225)

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Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/or The timeframe for giving Notice of Sale specified in subdivision (s) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been provided or the loan is exempt from the requirements. Date: 12/21/10, First American Title Insurance Company First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Authorized Agent, Chet Sconyers -- FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916) 939-0772. First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. NPP0171813

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### Architectural Services

**LEGAL NOTICE:** The Regional Desalination Project, a partnership between California American Water, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and Marina Coast Water District, will accept sealed STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS for the services of an architectural firm to provide architectural planning and preliminary design services for the Regional Desalination Project. Interested facilitators should submit their Statements of Qualifications no later than 4:00 PM (PST), Friday, January 14, 2011 c/o Joe Green-Heffern, Project Controls Manager, RMC Water and Environment, 2290 North First Street, Suite 212, San Jose, CA 95131 using the format described in the Request for Qualifications. A Request for Qualification Package for the Architectural consultant is available on the Marina Coast Water District website at [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org). For any questions contact 408-240-8160. The Project Partners reserve the right to amend the RFQ, to waive irregularities and informalities, and to accept or reject any and all SOQ's without limit or reservation. Firms and individuals are advised that they will not be compensated for preparation of Statements of Qualifications or for other pre-contractual expenses.

Publication date: Dec. 24, 2010 (PC1228)

### Electrical, Instrumentation and Control Engineering Services

**LEGAL NOTICE:** The Regional Desalination Project, a partnership between California American Water, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and Marina Coast Water District, will accept sealed STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS for the services of an engineering consulting firm to provide electrical, instrumentation and control engineering services for the Regional Desalination Project. Interested facilitators should submit their Statements of Qualifications no later than 4:00 PM (PST), Friday, January 14, 2011 c/o Joe Green-Heffern, Project Controls Manager, RMC Water and Environment, 2290 North First Street, Suite 212, San Jose, CA 95131 using the format described in the Request for Qualifications. A Request for Qualification Package for the Electrical, Instrumentation and Control consultant is available on the Marina Coast Water District website at [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org). For any questions contact 408-240-8160. The Project Partners reserve the right to amend the RFQ, to waive irregularities and informalities, and to accept or reject any and all SOQ's without limit or reservation. Firms and individuals are advised that they will not be compensated for preparation of Statements of Qualifications or for other pre-contractual expenses.

Publication date: Dec. 24, 2010 (PC1227)

### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

California American Water is seeking a statement of qualifications (SOQ) from engineering consulting firms to obtain professional engineering services related to the design of California American Water “Only” Conveyance Facilities (Conveyance Facilities) for the Regional Desalination Project (RDP).

A complete copy of the Request for Statements of Qualifications may be obtained from:

John Kilpatrick, P.E., Engineering Manager – Project Delivery  
California American Water  
511 Forrest Lodge Rd, Suite 100,  
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(831) 646-3280 office, (email) [john.kilpatrick@amwater.com](mailto:john.kilpatrick@amwater.com)

Based on review of the SOQ's received, the most qualified firm or firms may be invited for an oral interview and to submit proposals. Invitation for proposals and oral interviews will be based on the quality of the statement of qualifications along with the assessment of the firm's technical ability, the firm's ability for timely delivery of the project, and recommendations from current or past clients.

A pre-submittal meeting is scheduled at 2 p.m. on January 4, 2011 at the above address. Attendance for this meeting is not mandatory but highly encouraged.

Interested firms will submit five (5) bound copies and one (1) electronic copy of the Statement of Qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m., January 18, 2011** to the above address.

Publication date: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2010, Jan. 7, 2011 (PC1218)

### Community Involvement Forum Facilitator

**LEGAL NOTICE:** The Regional Desalination Project, a partnership between California American Water, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and Marina Coast Water District, will accept sealed STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS for the services of a trained facilitator to conduct meetings of the Community Involvement Forum. The Community Involvement Forum will provide a public forum for the discussion of regional water issues related to the design and construction of the Regional Desalination Project. Interested facilitators should submit their Statements of Qualifications no later than 4:00 PM (PST), Monday, January 10, 2011 c/o Joe Green-Heffern, Project Controls Manager, RMC Water and Environment, 2290 North First Street, Suite 212, San Jose, CA 95131 using the format described in the Request for Qualifications. A Request for Qualification Package for the Community Involvement Forum Facilitator is available on the Marina Coast Water District website at [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org). For any questions contact 408-240-8160. The Project Partners reserve the right to amend the RFQ, to waive irregularities and informalities, and to accept or reject any and all SOQ's without limit or reservation. Firms and individuals are advised that they will not be compensated for preparation of Statements of Qualifications or for other pre-contractual expenses.

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# After-Christmas shopping offers plenty of great deals

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

**T**HOUGH CHRISTMAS has just about come and gone, there is plenty of shopping to be had right after Christmas and during the first part of the new year, and Pacific Grove offers an eclectic group of shops on and off of Lighthouse Avenue, its main street.

For example, Tessuti Zoo, a visually stunning store at 171 Forest Ave., features "wild and whimsical" gifts, clothing, jewelry, dolls, toys, books and other items.

Other stores that offer a good selection of fun, quirky and affordable gifts are The Quill at 217 Grand Ave.; Sand Pebbles at 608 Lighthouse Ave.; The Tides at 665 Lighthouse and Alpha Stationers at 221 Forest Ave.; which offers wonderful sets of boxed cards. For your women's clothing needs, try The Clothing Store at 510 Lighthouse, No. 4.

If you happen to develop an appetite while lugging around those shopping bags, consider taking a lunch or dinner break at one of Pacific Grove's restaurants such as Holly's Lighthouse Cafe, Pacific Thai, Peppers Mexicali Cafe, Max's Grill or Fandango.

Here are a few other stores worth exploring:

## ■ Pacific Grove Hardware

Buying gifts for dad can be a challenge. There are only so many gaudy floral print ties, slippers and plastic back scratchers he can handle.

So why not pop on down to Pacific Grove Hardware at 229 Forest Ave. and buy something useful for your favorite dad, such as bright LED flashlight or a power or hand tool?

The 3,600-square-foot store has a decent selection of hardware supplies for home fix-it projects.

"We are probably more of a basic needs hardware store," said Bill Derowski, who owns the shop with his wife, Suzy. "We carry the things you would go to find for basic household repairs."

Pacific Grove Hardware doesn't try to compete with the big-box hardware stores. Where P.G. Hardware has carved a niche for itself, however, is in the service to its clientele.

"Our good customer service makes us different from other hardware stores," which has translated into customer loyalty, Derowski said.

According to one customer who wrote an online review on Yelp, Pacific Grove Hardware is the well stocked, has a great selection and a good layout.

In "over 10 years of living here, I can say everyone is always so nice here and willing to help," she wrote in April of this year, "either with locating something or sharing tips, even without asking. I vote this the friendliest business in P.G., hands down."

"I would say most of our customers are repeat customers," Derowski said. "We are a community hardware store."

The store's six full-time employees are regularly briefed on new items, Derowski said.

"We do training so they have the tools to know what they are selling," he explained.

Pacific Grove Hardware is independently owned but carries ACE Hardware branded tools and other products. The store also carries larger items such as toilets, fixtures, water heaters and hot water dispensers.

"We try to listen to the customer, and that's how we stock the store," he said.

The Derowskis, who have owned the store since the mid 1990s, are appreciative of their customers.

"It's nice to be part of the community and we feel like we are servicing the community," he said.

Pacific Grove Hardware is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (831) 646-9144.

## ■ Miss Trawick's Garden Shop

When you walk into the courtyard of Miss Trawick's Garden Shop — nestled next to Red House Cafe at 664 Lighthouse Ave. — you'll find plenty of things for the garden, including pots, statues and fountains.

But around the corner inside Miss Trawick's awaits an assortment of other seasonal and birthday gift ideas one might not expect to see in a garden shop.

"We are so much more than a garden store," said Bill Valuch, who owns the store with his wife, Rosemary. "We have lamps, clocks, soap and lotions ... the list goes on. We have a lot in this little space."

Visitors to the store will find scarves, jewelry, handbags, books, holiday decorations, greeting and specialty cards, children's items and lots of other items.

Miss Trawick's sells cabinets and shelves to store or display collectibles for the home or office, and even has monarch butterfly items.

Though Miss Trawick's is on Lighthouse Avenue, which probably gets more shopping tourist foot traffic than any other area in the city, the store also has many loyal local customers.

"We have a great regular customer clientele base," Valuch said. "We get a lot of recommendations from a lot of people."

Besides exceptional customer service, the store offers an inventory that remains fresh.

The Valuches, who have owned the store since 1996, recently expanded by opening Carried Away at 612 Lighthouse, which sells purses, handbags, wallets and accessories.

When visiting Miss Trawick's, don't be surprised to be greeted by the store's mascot, Maggie, an adorable and friendly black schnauzer.

Miss Trawick's is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call the store at (831) 375-4605 or visit the store's website at [www.misstrawicks.com](http://www.misstrawicks.com) or its Facebook page.

## ■ Artisana Gallery

The 3-year-old Artisana Gallery at 309-A Forest Ave. is owned by Adrienne Jonson, an artist herself.

"The main focus of our store is really to represent local artisans," Jonson explained to The Pine Cone.

There are about 35 artists featured in the store. The idea was to give artists "a local showcase where they wouldn't necessarily have one," she said.

Jonson, originally from San Diego, lived in the Sierra foothills, where she ran a similar store. But the attraction to the ocean was strong, and Jonson eventually moved to Pacific Grove and opened Artisana, which is essentially an artist bazaar. "I knew there was no store in Pacific Grove like I had in the mountains," explained Jonson. "We are unique."

A customer wrote a review of Artisana for Yelp praising the helpful staff and even the shop's wonderful aroma.

"If you haven't stopped into this shop yet, then you are

truly missing out on a great place to regain your center while shopping for cards, unique jewelry, art, cards, jade, wood carved pieces, scarves and so much more," the reviewer wrote.

Most of the artists who have items for sale in the store are from the Monterey Peninsula, area although there are a few from the San Francisco Bay Area.

And Artisana offers gifts in all price ranges. "Seriously, with all honesty, you can come in with 10 cents and find something to purchase," Jonson said. "Or you can in with \$15,000 and we can accommodate you on that scale."

For instance, the store offers hand made ornaments — made in California, not China — for a mere \$4. "Our prices are incredibly reasonable for what we offer," she said.

Artisana Gallery is open Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (831) 655-9775 or visit the store's Facebook page.



Miss Trawick's Garden Shop at 664 Lighthouse Avenue is one of many Pacific Grove stores that offer wonderful post-holiday shopping.

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# Editorial

## Hooray for fewer lawsuits

IF AN ordinary citizen stood on a street corner holding a sign that said, “The high school principal is a child molester,” or “The pharmacist is a heroin pusher,” and those statements weren’t true, the citizen would surely — and probably successfully — be sued for defamation.

Likewise, if a reporter heard the statements and put them in a newspaper or broadcast them on TV, the reporter and his bosses could be sued.

But if a police officer made identical statements in the course of doing his job, he could not be sued — even if he knew the statements were lies and purposely made them to damage the reputations of the principal and the pharmacist.

That was the fascinating lesson about the intersection of libel, free speech and crime fighting that came out of the quick dismissal two weeks ago of a defamation suit brought against the county sheriff by Angelo Amadio and Ralph Kennaugh, who reported the theft of a multimillion-dollar art collection from their Pebble Beach home in 2009.

Soon after they made their report, a deputy sheriff told the media he believed the alleged theft was a “scam” — something Amadio and Kennaugh vehemently denied. The deputy’s statement severely damaged their reputations and made it difficult for them to do business, they said. And since they also claimed that the deputy sheriff’s statement was false, Amadio and Kennaugh sued him, the sheriff’s office and the County of Monterey in superior court, demanding compensation for the damage they claimed they suffered from having a deputy sheriff tell the whole world they were scam artists.

Normally, a suit like this would follow a long path through the legal system, including months of discovery and depositions, and probably wouldn’t come to trial for years.

But Monterey County and the sheriff’s office had an ace up their sleeves: They hired attorney Neil Shapiro, who’s become the local expert in fighting Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation, or SLAPPs, which California’s anti-SLAPP law treats as nuisance suits intended to stifle the target’s free speech rights and provides for quick dismissal.

Shapiro asked a judge to throw out Amadio and Kennaugh’s defamation suit as a SLAPP because the deputy sheriff who called them scam artists was just exercising his right to speak his mind on a topic of public interest, and because state law provides immunity for police officers and sheriff’s deputies from being sued for anything they say while they’re investigating crimes.

Amadio and Kennaugh’s attorney argued the sheriff’s deputy who called his clients scam artists and the government agencies he worked for weren’t entitled to that immunity because his statements were, in his view, egregiously untrue.

But the judge sided with the sheriff and the county, noting that immunity from defamation suits extends to law enforcement officials, even for statements which are “malicious and without probable cause.”

In other words, a police officer can say anything he wants while on the job — even things that would quickly cause a private citizen who made such statements to owe his victim a lot of money.

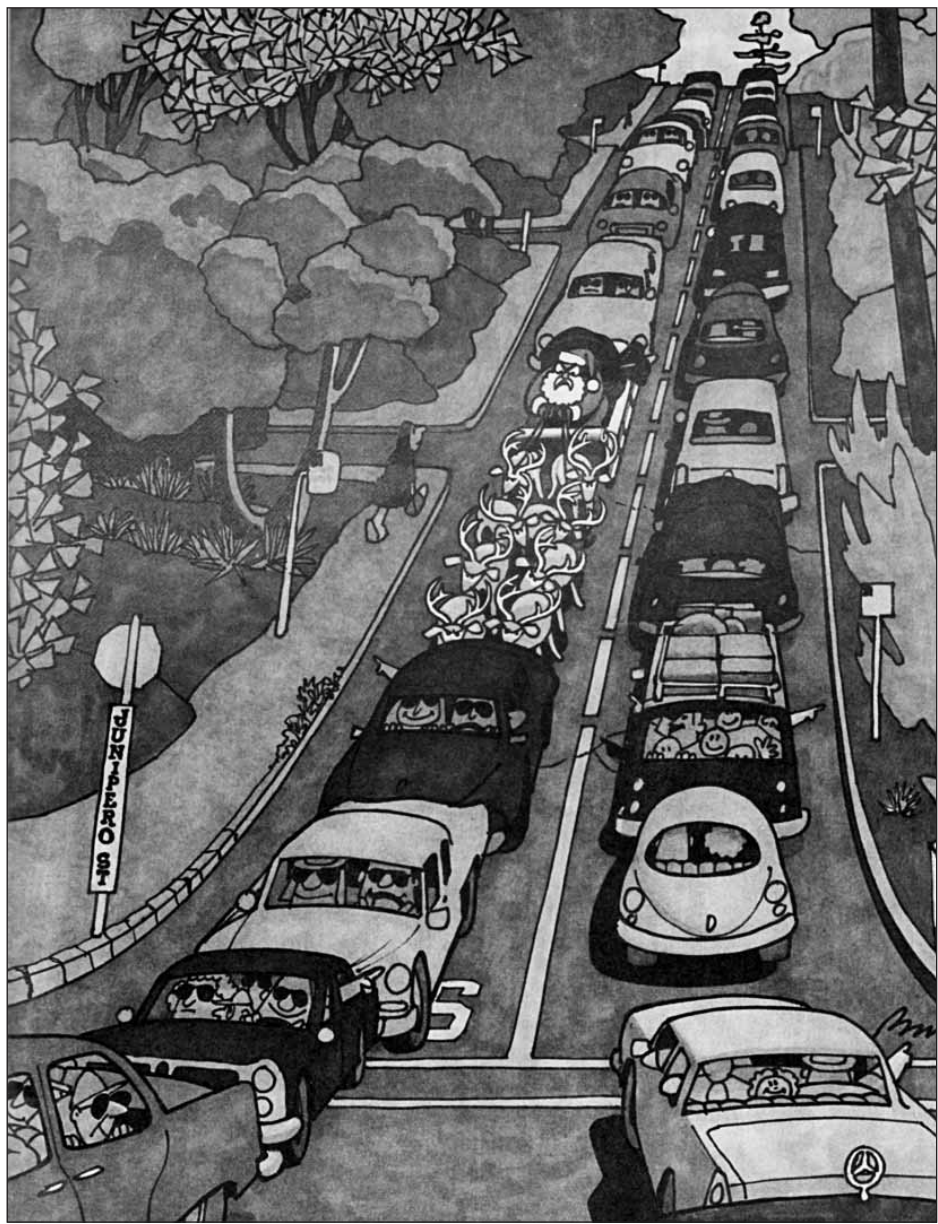
And why do police officers deserve such power? Because the Legislature has long recognized that if they had to watch what they say while trying to solve crimes, their effectiveness would be greatly reduced. In fact, some courts have held that they probably wouldn’t be able to function at all.

In other words, society values crime fighting more than the ability of private citizens to sue police officers for the bad things they might say — even untrue things.

When you think about it, it’s amazing that this protection for police officers exists. The state Legislature and Congress usually seem hell-bent on passing laws that will create more lawsuits, not forestall them.

Three cheers for the anti-SLAPP law. We need more laws just like it.

## BEST of BATES



## Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author’s name, telephone number and street address. Please do not send us letters which have been submitted to other newspapers. We reserve the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication and to edit for length and clarity.

The Pine Cone only accepts letters to the editor by email. Please submit your letters to mail@carmelpinecone.com

### Big changes needed

Dear Editor,

Your reporter did a great job of informing the public of the outrageous salary, pension and benefits of the retired park district general manager, Joe Donofrio.

Unfortunately, most of us don’t have the time to follow the actions (especially salary decisions) of all of the agencies, districts, boards, etc. let alone the city, county and other governing bodies. Our entire public employee system that has allowed inflated salaries before retirement and the resultant generous pensions and free medical benefits must be changed.

Back to the park district: The board should be trying find the new manager at the lowest salary, a significantly lower pension benefit, and make sure all employees pay a portion of their health insurance costs.

Please continue to keep us informed, maybe if enough of us get upset with these

exorbitant pensions and health benefits we can exact some changes.

Jack Angel, Monterey

### ‘No rational basis’

Dear Editor,

Your Dec. 17 article regarding a proposal to stop all new water hook-ups on the Monterey Peninsula got me to thinking.

During the drought of the 1970s, I lived in San Francisco. The city’s department of water stated that each home was limited to an average of X gallons per person per day. If a home exceeded that limit, it was assessed a large fine. This made sense. It directly limited the amount of water consumed, was applied equally to each resident, and there was a consequence for non-compliance.

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District’s current method of water usage regulation does not directly limit the amount of water consumed. Instead, it restricts the number of water hook-ups (or credits) a property has. A five-bedroom home might have 10 hook-ups but only two residents. A two-bedroom home might have five hook-ups but six residents. The smaller home would have half as many hook-ups as the larger home but would likely have three times the water usage. Clearly, the connection to water usage is with the number of residents and not the number of hook-ups.

In legal parlance, it would seem that the district’s current method of water usage regulation has no “rational basis.” Anyone adversely affected by it might reasonably challenge the validity of this regulation. I would recommend that you contact your attorney and discuss the matter.

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# Lions pretty-up house for Mission Fields nonagenarians

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE CARMEL Mission Lions, a service club that includes interim Carmel Police Chief Mike Calhoun, fixed up an Oliver Road home for an elderly couple the group "adopted."



"The Mission Trail Lions decided to adopt a family and see what we could do, so it was my job as project manager to see who we could find that would be eligible — someone in need," he said.

Through The Carmel Foundation, Calhoun found Sam and Silvana Harris, both in their 90s.

"There was vegetation in the backyard that was overgrown and growing into the roof, there was an electrical hazard from exposed wires, and the exterior was in dire need of painting," he said of their home in the Mission Fields neighborhood.

Calhoun said he and Anne Albano, director of support services for the foundation, had to work a little bit to convince the Harrises the offer of help was legitimate and wouldn't cost them anything. (As a police officer, Calhoun said he was proud of them for their skepticism, considering how many scams target older people.)

Kidwell Paint, owned by Gordon Martine, gave the Lions about \$775 worth of paint, and Kelly-Moore donated more than \$100 worth of brushes, rollers, tape and other necessities.

"Between the two, we were very privileged to say that they came through, so it didn't cost us anything other than labor," he said.

Mission Trail Lions club members spent two full weekends removing the shrubbery, making repairs and painting the house. To replace the ivy that Silvana Harris had grown accustomed to looking at through her window every day, they installed a trellis with new plants.

"The family is very appreciative," he said. "It was neat and very rewarding for us, and the neighbors were so surprised. Here's a neighborhood that had a house sitting in it that was old and dilapidated, and now it looks a little fresher."

Calhoun said the Mission Trail Lions plan to undertake a similar project next year.



PHOTOS/LIONS/KELLY NIX

The Harrises' house (left) needed a little help, so the Carmel Mission Lions helped spruce it up (above).

## MISSION

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Basilica all the way to the altar," said Carmel Fire engineer August Beacham. "We got most of it out. They were starting a concert at 7 p.m., so we had to work quickly."

Using a sump pump and squeegees, firefighters managed to remove most of the water from the historic rooms, though the stone floors were still wet and a few puddles remained by the time guests entered for the evening Christmas prayers and carols Dec. 19. Beacham said the process took about an hour and 15 minutes.

Attendees had to use an alternate entrance, since the flooded drain was located just to the left of the large front doors they usually enter, according to parish secretary Liz Pana.

"They were still there trying to finish up before we started," she said of the firefighters. As a result, the prayer service and concert "probably started a little late."

Because it's such a busy time of the year for the Mission, which was founded in 1771 and is one of the most important among the 21 constructed along the California Coast, cleanup efforts have had to accommodate multiple concerts, services and Masses, according to Pana.

"We've got the dehumidifiers in there running right now, just to take care of the moisture," she said Wednesday. "As far as we can tell so far, there's no damage."

## DRIVER

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Sillman.

"We're hoping to go with that date in January," she said this week.

Petrick, who was 25 at the time of the accident, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol for felony DUI and taken to Monterey County Jail after allegedly driving over Carmel High School student Ryan Marden — son of Carmel River School principal Jay Marden — with his 2007 Toyota Tundra pickup truck while trying to get up a hill.

Marden and a friend had been in sleeping bags on the ground when the accident occurred shortly after 2:30 a.m. May 2, CHP public information officer Bob Lehman reported at the time, and Petrick was reportedly unaware what he had done until passengers in his truck yelled.

A rescue helicopter took Marden to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, where he was treated for a broken collar bone and pain to his neck and shoulder. The friend sleeping next to him was unharmed.

The accident prevented Marden from finishing the season with his championship-contending CHS swimming team.

## MERCHANTS

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is up, and some retailers said they're doing well. I was pleasantly surprised."

John Lloyd, general manager of the Pine Inn, agreed that the business climate has improved.

"Over the last few months, sales have increased over the same period last year," Lloyd confirmed. "I think people are starting to spend some of their discretionary dollars again. We have a lot of repeat customers, and we're seeing them return."

### Rave reviews

The city itself isn't looking too bad, either. The Chamber has been getting rave reviews about the town's recent holiday makeover.

"Carmel looks spectacular right now," Potter added. "I've received tons of comments from locals and visitors."

## SURPRISE

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"I reached down into the podium, to grab his attention, and Matt reached around him and gave him his dessert," Rana recounted.

Perhaps distracted by the cake, Rawson said a polite, "Thanks," without taking a good look at his waiter, so Rana suggested he do so.

"He was stunned," when he realized his server was the son he expected was still overseas in the Middle East and wouldn't be home for Christmas, Rana said.

So began an evening that had a lot of the county's top brass singing Rawson's praises. His longtime friend Louis Fetherolf, the chief of police in Salinas, even played guitar for him, and Monterey Fire Chief Andrew Miller bestowed upon Rawson a custom-designed helmet in honor of his work with the fire department during his tenure in Carmel.

In addition to the surprise visit from Matt, Rawson received a guitar, Rana said, "so he could learn how to play guitar in his retirement."

Not that he will have much free time, considering he's already working as head of security for Northridge Mall in Salinas.

## NUTZ

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planning to place a greater emphasis on attracting conferences, conventions and meetings, so it's likely whoever replaces Lesnik will have expertise in booking events that fall outside the realm of arts and entertainment.

"I think it's smart to look at ways of optimizing revenue for Sunset Center," Lesnik suggested. "When you operate a facility in the name of the city, you have to be very conscious of serving the whole menu of needs that the city has. It's a tough balancing act."

In his revamped role, Lesnik said he's looking forward to being part of the organization's future, and he called its arts and entertainment programming, "the soul of the city."

In a statement released Dec. 8, Sunset Center's board of directors announced that while [the theater] "continues to be a sustainable operation in its own right, additional opportunities exist to develop the usage and revenues of the facility beyond the performances, and pursuing these newer ventures is a priority."

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# Volunteers sought for AT&T Pro-Am

By MARY BROWNFIELD

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Since Bing Crosby brought his clambake to the Monterey Peninsula in 1947, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation — which runs the tournament — has made more than \$85 million in charitable donations. Many workers return year after year just for the joy of taking part in the tournament played on the Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill and the Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Shore Course, but that doesn't mean all the jobs for the Feb. 7-13, 2011, event are filled.

According to spokeswoman Cathy Scherzer, committees in charge of marshals, transportation and other key jobs are still searching for willing and capable volunteers to cover shifts during the tournament, when PGA Tour pros will compete for a record \$6.3 million purse. She encouraged anyone who is interested to apply online at [www.attpbgolf.com](http://www.attpbgolf.com) or call (831) 649-1533.

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# Noon Year's Eve

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Parents and their young ones are invited to stop in to make silly hats and noisemakers,

create calendars and even meet the Noon Year's Eve Fairy, according to executive director Lauren Cohen, as well as have their faces painted, munch on treats and cheer the lowering of the MY Museum Noon Year's Eve ball.

The event is free to MYM members and \$10 per person for nonmembers. The address is 425 Washington St. in Monterey. To reserve a spot, call (831) 649-6444 or email [lauren@mymuseum.org](mailto:lauren@mymuseum.org).

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# Commission puts kibosh on synthetic turf

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A FAKE lawn didn't pass muster with the Carmel Planning Commission, which voted 4-1 Dec. 8 to deny a permit for the small patch of artificial turf Edna Young wanted to install in the front yard of her home on the southeast corner of San Carlos and 10th.

Young sought to replace a 12-by-24-foot patch of real, gopher-hole-ridden grass with a lawn manufactured by Heavenly Greens in a yard surrounded by a 6-foot-high fence and numerous trees. She said the synthetic turf would solve her rodent problem, cut down on maintenance and reduce water use.

"I have had a serious problem with gophers for several years, and it has come to the point where it is seriously affecting the quality of my life and the aesthetic look of my property," she wrote to the commission. "My front yard has become an unsightly hazard."

She worried the gopher holes would be dangerous and create liability, and she said repeated efforts to get rid of them have failed. A fake lawn, meanwhile, would look and feel like natural grass and eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides, water, mowers and weed-eaters, she said.

"With our changing environment, we need to find other options for lawn maintenance emissions, polluted runoff, durability and aesthetic appeal in our yard while considering the overall benefit to our lives by continuing to safeguard limited natural resources so that we sustain and protect for the next generation," she argued in her letter.

City guidelines on landscaping don't specifically address fake turf, but they discourage lawns and encourage native plants

and trees.

"Under most circumstances, staff would only support the use of synthetic grass for small areas in a rear or interior side yard," planning and building services manager Sean Conroy said in his report for the commission. "However, in this case, the proposed product will be replacing an existing grass lawn, and due to the fencing, will not be visible from the street." Therefore, approval would not negatively affect Carmel's "forest character."

But most of the commissioners disagreed. "They felt basically it was inconsistent with the natural character that we're trying to encourage," Conroy said after the meeting. "Part of the argument was if somebody new came and purchased the house and tore down the fence, it would be visible."

The commission voted 4-1, with Keith Paterson dissenting, to deny Young's application for artificial turf in her yard.

The issue has arisen a few times before and is bound to resurface. The since-disbanded design review board denied one request for a fake lawn, and the planning commission was poised to do the same to an application that ended up being continued and was then never resubmitted, Conroy recalled.

But with increasing restrictions on water use, ever-rising water bills and improving technology in fake turf, the issue is not dead, and Conroy said a couple of the commissioners expressed interest in addressing the topic at a future meeting. "I think there are some commissioners who might like to see it in some limited settings," he said.

The possibility of replacing Devendorf Park's expansive lawn with synthetic turf has even been raised by the mayor.

## Christmas seagull rescue planned

MEMBERS of WildRescue in Moss Landing will take their wildlife ambulance from Monterey to San Francisco Christmas Day to find a gull whose legs are bound by fishing line, according to Rebecca Dmytryk, cofounder of WildRescue. The distressed gull was last seen at the same spot near San Francisco State University where the non-

profit found and caught the second of two seagulls that had a beer can wrapped around its neck. If the gull with the fishing line around its legs isn't rescued, "eventually its feet will fall off from the line cutting into its skin and cause infection," Dmytryk said.

Go to [www.wildrescue.org](http://www.wildrescue.org) for more information.

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### Poetry comes alive

Next up for PacRep Theater is "Words On Stage: Voices from Great Literature," which its School for Dramatic Arts will present Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 10-11, 2011 at the Indoor Forest Theater. Local actors will read works by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver. For more information on PacRep Theater events, visit [www.pacrep.org](http://www.pacrep.org).

## THEATER

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In addition, there will be a New Year's Eve show begins at 8:30 p.m. and includes desserts, wine, party favors and a Champagne toast at midnight. Tickets are \$75.

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same thing is true of anything brought home from overseas (after subtracting an \$800 exemption).

Though the law has been ignored for decades, the revenue-hungry state Board of Equalization is now telling California businesses they have to start paying up. Last week, it mailed notices to thousands of business owners telling them to pay their use tax — and to begin filing annual returns to prove their compliance.

“We’ve sent out about 500,000 letters, including about 350,000 in the last six months, informing people of their obligation,” said Anita Gore, a spokesman for the Franchise Tax Board. “The reaction has been mixed.”

The state — facing a roughly \$20 billion budget deficit — also sent out a press release reminding individuals of the use tax law.

“The dollars lost to California in unpaid use tax significantly impact the state’s publicly funded programs and affect all Californians,” according to BOE Chairwoman Betty T. Yee.

According to the BOE, the state loses more than \$1 billion in unpaid sales and use tax associated with electronic commerce and mail-order sales every year.

Online or catalog retailers are not required to collect tax unless they have a physical business presence in California. Consumers are required to pay use tax — ranging from 8.25 percent to 10.75 percent — when the out-of-state retailer does not collect it.

Monterey CPA Eugene Ganeles told The Pine Cone he recently mailed his individual and business clients notices about use tax, enclosing the appropriate BOE form to report it, which like income tax, must be paid by April 15.

“The state of California is getting aggressive about collecting all the taxes the law allows, no matter how small,” Ganeles wrote to individual clients.

Assemblyman Bill Monning told The Pine Cone the \$1.1 billion the state estimates it loses every year in unpaid use tax is revenue that could benefit the financially ailing state.

“You could apply [lost tax revenue] to support public education or health care or whatever we are falling short of,” Monning said. “When the state is in such dire straits ... to be losing that much revenue from a required tax represents a huge amount.”

Monning, who said he and his wife Dana report use tax on their tax forms every year, reminded his constituents of their own responsibility.

“People should pay this tax,” he said. “It’s self-enforcing, and it requires people to keep track of those transactions. My wife and I have been doing this for years, partly because of my position. I want to be compliant with the law.”

However, Monning said he would support legislation that requires businesses such as Amazon.com to include use tax in their prices.

“The best way to protect our mom and pop businesses is to assess that sales tax at the point of sale,” he said.

Several states have sought Amazon.com to pay sales tax, but the company has resisted their efforts.

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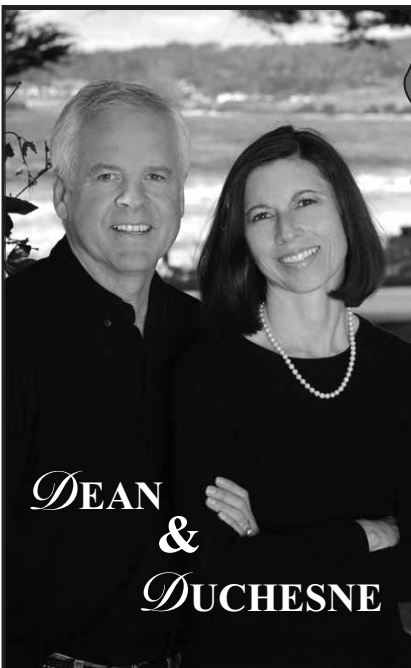
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**277 Del Mesa Carmel — \$576,000**  
Deutsche Bank to Ronald and Sue Ann Leinweber  
APN: 015-518-010

**25750 Rio Vista Drive — \$622,000**  
Bank of America to Richard Sargin  
APN: 015-052-016

**8240 Camino el Estrada — \$700,000**  
Robert and Helena Greenwood to Kenneth Wilson and Angela Spieles  
APN: 169-051-012

**Village Drive — \$725,000**  
The San Juan Company to Charles Higuera and George and Kathleen Matuz  
APN: 189-221-031

**43 East Garzas Road — \$740,000**  
Homesales Inc. to Steve and Lisa Biakanja  
APN: 189-131-009

**Gonzales**

**39 Gonzales River Road — \$1,300,000**  
Jesse Aragon and Edward and Evelina Silva to 3 Star Lettuce LLC  
APN: 020-021-036

**Greenfield**

**42470 15th Street — \$1,232,000**  
Matthew Outland to Ida Sutton  
APN: 109-421-002

**Highway 68**

**9841 Blue Larkspur Lane — \$450,000**  
Deutsche Bank to Mark Gilbert  
APN: 173-071-040

**75 Corral de Tierra — \$700,000**  
Mesirow Financial, John Williams, Matt Lettween, Robert Agnoletti, Scott Mathisen and Howard Sutkin to William Gnann  
APN: 161-151-062

**22583 Veronica Drive — \$755,000**  
Gary and Janet Simmons to Laurence and Claire McKibben  
APN: 161-322-026

**Monterey**

**Jefferson Street — \$460,000**  
Casa de Calle Principal to Brooke and Barbara Gabrielson  
APN: 001-535-003/004

**442 Larkin Street — \$549,000**  
Giuseppe and Grazia Pennisi to Samuel Buttrey and Marie Hardy  
APN: 001-393-007

**935 Mesa Road — \$965,000**  
Johnson Family Trust to Robert McCormick  
APN: 001-742-018

**Pacific Grove**

**38 Glen Lake Drive — \$430,000**  
US Bank to Arkady Godin and Ludmila Kobrina  
APN: 007-612-050

**638 Eardley Avenue — \$460,000**  
Mark Ruth to Nancy Thomas  
APN: 006-522-007

**78 Country Club Gate — \$530,000**  
Patsy Thorne Trust to Carol Cutone  
APN: 007-673-017

**1202 Otter Way — \$650,000**  
Robert and Maryann McCormick to George Rugg and Pamela Novi  
APN: 007-593-022

**487 Ocean View Blvd. — \$1,270,000**  
Patricia Rivoir to Shui and Tina Fong  
APN: 006-183-002

**Pebble Beach**

**1565 Riata Road — \$4,575,000**  
John Van Valkenburgh to Paul and Marianne Hoffman  
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**Salinas**

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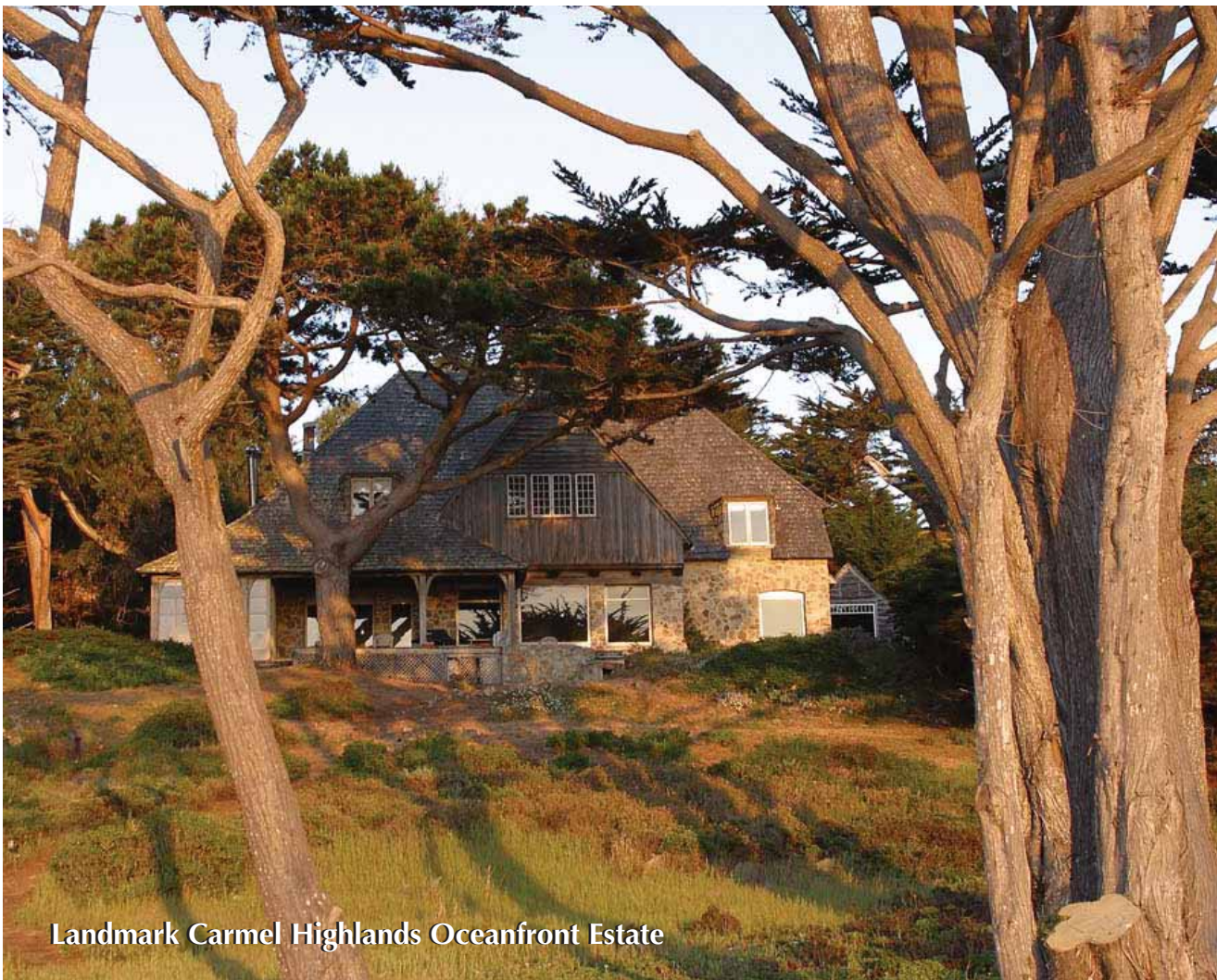
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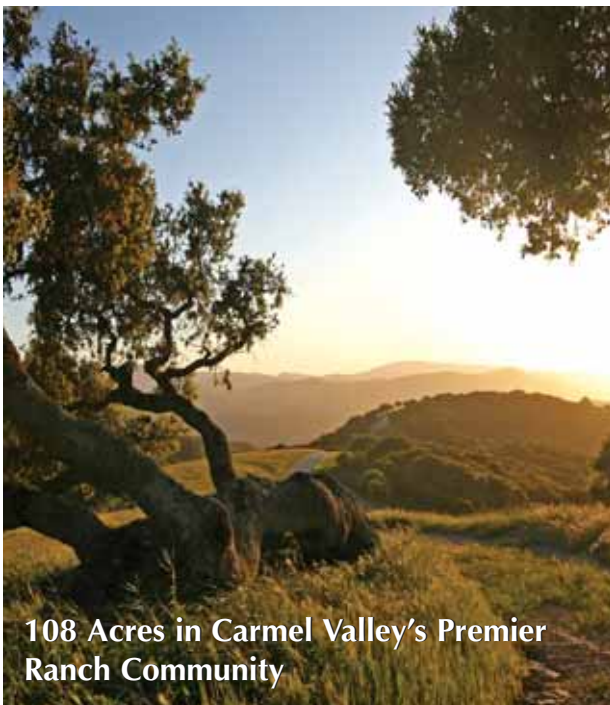
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Janet Kretzmeier to Lakeshore Farms 2 LLC  
APN: 229-011-023/024/025/026

**Highway 1 — \$1,926,500**  
Jefferson and Sons LLC to Lakeshore Farms 2 LLC  
APN: 229-011-029/030/031

## Sand City

**442 Shasta Avenue — \$602,500**  
Brian and Carol LeNeve to Taormina Family Capital Fund  
APN: 011-238-017

## Seaside

**18321 Luxton Street — \$132,000**  
Martial Molinari to Robert and Mary Luster and Mohammad Rezai  
APN: 012-831-011

**1876 Baker Street — \$182,000**  
Federal National Mortgage Association to Adrian Aiken  
APN: 012-823-002

**1732 Luzern Street — \$235,000**  
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Steven Prasad and Ranjara Ram  
APN: 012-773-005

**705 Palm Avenue — \$295,000**  
Antonio Corres to Manuel and Roselyn Real  
APN: 011-292-016

**1436 Lowell Street — \$360,000**  
Vucina Construction to Santina Tarantino  
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**tion pursuant to civil code section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded, the time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in civil code section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to civil code sections 2923.52. DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CAL. CIV. CODE 2923.54 I, Lisa L. Allinson, Vice President of BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP ("Lender/Servicer") declare on behalf of Lender/Servicer under penalty of perjury, and under the laws of the State of California, that Lender/Servicer's business records maintained in the ordinary course of business reflect the following is true and correct: BAG Home Loans Servicing, LP has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporations a final order of exemption pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the accompanying Notice of Sale is filed. AND The timeframe for giving Notice of Sale specified in subdivision (a) of Cal. Civ. Code Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52(b)** For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: December 09, 2010. (R-359551 12/17/10, 12/24/10, 12/31/10) Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2010. (PC1215)

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** Trustee Sale No. 10101786 Loan No. 0031381759 Title Order No. 573070 APN 006016010000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 21, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 6, 2011, at 10:00 AM, In front of the main entrance to the Monterey County Administration building located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, Power Default Services, Inc., as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on September 29, 2006, as Instrument No. 2006085824 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, CA, executed by: JOHN A CARMINATI AND STEFANIE S CARMINATI, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHTS TO SURVIVORSHIP, as Trustor, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF

TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1222 DEL MONTE BLVD, PACIFIC GROVE, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$873,981.34 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. DATE: 12/9/2010 POWER DEFAULT SERVICES, INC., Trustee By: Fidelity National Title Company, its agent 17592 E. 17th Street, Suite 300, Tustin, CA 92780, 7145085100 By: Lisa Rohrbacker, Authorized Signature The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.52(c) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has obtained an exemption from the state regulator that is current and valid and the additional 90 day period does not apply. This loan servicer has implemented a comprehensive loan modification program that meets the requirements of civil code section California Civil Code 2923.53. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in Civil Code 2923.53(k)(3) declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Civil Code section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in Civil Code Section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to Civil Code Sections

2923.52 or 2923.55. Fidelity National Title Company, as Agent for the mortgage loan servicer as defined under California Civil Code section 2923.53 (k)(3) By: Lisa Rohrbacker, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.fidelityasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-259-7850 ASAP# 3846182 12/17/2010, 12/24/2010, 12/31/2010 Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2010. (PC1216)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20102507  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**California EquineIR, 102 Yankee Point Dr., Carmel, CA 93923;** County of Monterey  
Retro Green Inc., 102 Yankee Point Dr., Carmel, CA 93923  
This business is conducted by a corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/09/2010  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
Retro Green Inc.  
S/ By Nora Seaborn, President  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on December 1, 2010  
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Original Filing 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7/11  
**CNS-2005235#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2010, Jan. 7, 2011. (PC1217)

TRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 168 W. ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901, 240 CHURCH STREET, in the City of SALINAS, County of MONTEREY, State of CALIFORNIA, ASSET FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by LILLIAN M. EVANS, TRUSTEE OR SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, OF THE LILLIAN M EVANS LIVING TRUST U/D/T DATED NOVEMBER 22, 1996, as Trustors, recorded on 2/19/2004, as Instrument No. 2004014918, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Property is being sold "as is - where is!". TAX PARCEL NO. 007-463-015-000 From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 3089 HERMITAGE ROAD, PEBBLE BEACH, CA 93953. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$979,340.94.

WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SALE INFORMATION LINE: 714-730-2727 or www.fidelityasap.com Dated: 12/14/2010 ASSET FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., AS TRUSTEE By Georgina Rodriguez, Trustee Sale Officer ASAP# FNMA3851849 12/24/2010, 12/31/2010, 01/07/2011 Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2010, and Jan. 7, 2011. (PC1219)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20102566  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Delta Rubber Co., 1090 Harkins Rd., Salinas, CA 93901-4405;** County of Monterey  
GHX Industrial, LLC, 3440 South Sam Houston Pkwy, East, Ste. 300, Houston, TX 77047  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ Daniel Maddox, CFO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on December 9, 2010  
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Original Filing 12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14/11  
**CNS-2008371#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2010, and Jan. 7, 14, 2011. (PC1220)

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**Monday, Jan. 3, 2011**



487 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove – \$1,270,000

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Foreclosure sales (con't)

Quality Loan Service Corporation to Aurora Loan Services  
APN: 010-142-004

Monterey

461 Dela Vina — \$207,336 (debt \$427,503)  
California Reconveyance Co. to Bank of America  
APN: 013-122-001

77 Via Buena Vista — \$378,000 (debt \$559,884)  
DSL Service Co. to US Bank  
APN: 001-652-012

740 Devisadero Street — \$534,212 (debt \$603,360)  
NDEx West to Wells Fargo Bank  
APN: 001-214-013

Pacific Grove

648 Sunset Drive — \$510,360 (debt \$731,364)  
California Reconveyance Co. to Chase Bank  
APN: 006-662-031

Pebble Beach

1218 Portola Road — \$2,552,586 (debt \$4,506,940)  
California Reconveyance Co. to Sierra Asset Servicing LLC  
APN: 008-293-002

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Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222
- \$935,000 3bd 2ba** Su 11-1  
3351 Camino Del Monte (R/C) Carmel  
Intero Real Estate 809-4029
- \$995,000 3bd 2ba** Su 1-3  
24640 Lower TI Carmel  
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- \$1,150,000 2bd 2ba** Su 2-4  
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- \$1,399,000 3bd 2ba** Su 1-3  
San Carlos 2 SW of 13th Carmel  
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- \$1,800,000 3bd 2.5ba** Su 11-1  
24702 Upper Trail (R/C) Carmel  
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- \$2,285,000 5bd 4ba** Su 12-3  
25690 Hatton Road Carmel  
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- \$2,490,000 3bd 3.5ba** Su 2-4  
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- \$2,700,000 4bd 3.5ba** Su 1-4  
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- \$2,975,000 4bd 3.5ba** Su 1-3  
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151 Highland Drive Carmel Highlands  
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243 Hacienda Carmel Carmel Valley  
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5459 Quail Meadows Drive Carmel Valley  
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- \$4,385,000 4bd 4ba** Su 11:30-2:30  
331 El Caminito Road Carmel Valley  
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1221 Bristol Lane Pebble Beach  
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- \$2,450,000 8bd 7ba** Su 11-1  
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- \$2,750,000 4bd 4.5ba** Su 1-3  
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# POLICE LOG

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Avenue for a moving violation, and the 23-year-old male driver was found to be in possession of marijuana and a deadly weapon. He was found to be on probation and had search and seizure terms. His residence was also searched, and more marijuana was located. He was booked and transported to county jail. Vehicle towed.

**Pacific Grove:** Benito Avenue resident reported a box was delivered at his doorstep. It was taken by an unknown subject.

**Pacific Grove:** Victim reported to his father via text message that the suspect, his stepfather, punched him in the chest, causing him to have difficulty breathing and the need to go to the hospital. Suspect and victim contacted. Victim and suspect both stated the punch was due to their "messing around."

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a physical domestic on Lighthouse Avenue. Upon arrival, it was determined that a 35-year-old female was the primary aggressor in the fight with the victim. She was transported to PGPD jail, booked and later taken to MCI.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of three people fighting/yelling on Sinex. Officers contacted an 18-year-old male who was being detained by a victim of vehicle theft. The victim stated that he had chased the suspect after observing him in his vehicle. The suspect also displayed objective signs of intoxication and was unable to care for himself. He was arrested.

**Pacific Grove:** A 51-year-old male Pine Avenue resident was arrested on a felony warrant for making terrorist threats and possessing a stun gun. He was booked into Monterey County Jail after being unable to post the \$85,000 bail.

**Big Sur:** Subject threatened to commit suicide by jumping off of Bixby Bridge. He was contacted at the bridge and transported to CHOMP on a 5150 W&I hold.

**Carmel Valley:** Quail Ridge Lane resident stated that late in the evening he heard noise. He went out to check the car and noticed the valet key had been removed from the vehicle. Other items in the car were disturbed, but nothing else had been stolen except for the key.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found kid's ring on Lincoln Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a past-tense theft on Lincoln Street. No suspect information.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A vehicle was stopped on Holman Highway for a traffic violation. The driver, a 26-year-old male, was found to be DUI, driving with suspended license and on probation. He was arrested and later booked into county jail.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance dispatched to a hotel on Camino Real. Arrived on scene to find a 71-year-old male who had experienced a complete airway obstruction. According to bystanders, he had fallen and struck his head and face while struggling with the obstruction. A police officer administered the Heimlich Maneuver on the patient and relieved the obstruction. Upon arrival of fire and ambulance personnel, the patient refused all treatment and transport. He agreed to basic examination from fire and ambulance personnel and signed an AMA. The risks of not seeking further medical attention were explained to the patient, but he still refused further treatment and transport.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance and fire engine dispatched for a female with a possible stroke on Ridgewood. Patient transported Code 3 to CHOMP.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to a restaurant in the Crossroads for a male who had fallen and suffered facial abrasions. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to the Crossroads for a male complaining of bilateral leg weakness and numbness. Patient transported Code 3 to CHOMP.

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**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

File No. 20100456  
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Highlands Inn, a Hyatt Hotel, 120 HIGHLANDS DRIVE, CARMEL, CA 93923**. Monterey County. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County Clerk's office on February 25, 2010 under Current File No. 20100456 in Monterey County.  
REGISTRED OWNER(S):  
HYATT CORPORATION, 71 S. Wacker Drive, 14th Floor, Legal Dept., Chicago, IL 60606.  
State of Incorporation Organization: Delaware  
This business was conducted by Hyatt Corporation.  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ Heidi M. Belz, Assistant Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on October 20, 2010.  
11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/10  
**CNS-1980775#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Nov. 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, 2010. (PC1101)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20102226

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Hyatt Carmel Highlands, 120 Highlands Drive, Carmel, Ca 93923**. Monterey County.  
Registrant(s) name and address:  
**Hyatt Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, 71 S. Wacker Drive, 14th Flr., Legal Dept., Chicago, IL 60606**  
This business is conducted by a corporation  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ Hyatt Corporation, By: Heidi M. Belz, Assistant Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on October 20, 2010  
NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/10  
**CNS-1980781#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Nov. 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, 2010. (PC1102)

T.S. No. <See Exhibit 'A'> Loan No. <See Exhibit 'A'> APN: <See Exhibit 'A'> BATCH- HVC 18 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED <See Exhibit 'A'>. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.**  
A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: <See Exhibit 'A'> Duly Appointed Trustee: First American Title Insurance Company Recorded <See Exhibit 'A'> as Instrument No. <See Exhibit 'A'> in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California Date of Sale: 01/03/11 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Main Entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: <See Exhibit 'A'> Street Address or other common designation of real property: Timeshare located at: 120 Highlands Drive, Suite A Carmel, CA 93923 Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Exhibit 'A' LOAN NO. TS # TRUSTORS APN D/T DATED D/T REC INST # UNPAID BALANCE 3159 10-9429-HVC18 Robert George Sime Shirley Barbosa-Sime 703-027-011-000 1/28/2007 6/29/2007 2007051647 \$16,815.87 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: 11/12/2010 First American Title Insurance Company Vacation Ownership Division 1160 N. Town Center Dr., Suite 190 Las Vegas, NV 89144 (702) 304-7514 Debora Lee, Trustee Sale Officer P771500, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/2010 Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 2010. (PC1205)

T.S. No. 2010322 LOAN NO.: 1387837/LAMVIK **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED June 23, 2005 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** Notice is hereby given that UNIONBANCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ROBERT D. LAMVIK AND SUSAN S. LAMVIK, HUSBAND AND WIFE Recorded 6/10/2005 in Book N/A Page N/A Inst. # 2005058399, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey county, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell there under recorded 5/28/2010 in Book N/A Page N/A Inst. # 2010-029983 of said Officials Records, will SELL on 1/3/2011 at 10:00 AM: At the Main Entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (NOTE: CASHIER'S CHECK(S) MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO UNIONBANCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10082 OAK BRANCH CIRCLE CARMEL, CALIFORNIA 93923 APN# 416-542-030-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$1,400,789.86. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal of the note secured by said deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The mortgage loan servicer, beneficiary, or authorized agent has not obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 has been met. UNIONBANCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION UnionBanCal Mortgage 8248 Mercury Court, M-520, PO BOX 85416 San Diego, California 92186-5416 858-496-5484 By: JULIE D. RANDALL, VICE PRESIDENT P777144, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/2010 Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 2010. (PC1206)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20102421

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
1. PriceMyPlans.com, 2. BidMyHome.com, 220 Country Club Gate Center, Suite 34, Pacific Grove, CA 93950; County of Monterey Avalon Investment Group LLC, CA., 220 Country Club Gate Center Suite 34, Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ Rick Allen Huse, President  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on November 18, 2010  
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Original Filing  
CNS-2000897#  
Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2010. (PC1207)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20102480

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Maxum Petroleum, 19501 S. Santa Fe Ave., Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221**; County of Los Angeles. General Petroleum Corporation, (a CA Corporation), 19501 S. Santa Fe Ave., Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221. This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/26/10.  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ Belinda Foxworth, Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey on November 29, 2010.  
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
CNS-1996499#  
Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2010. (PC1208)

**SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW**  
CASE NUMBER: DR 42583

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: JOSEFINA E. OLVERA**  
**You are being sued.**  
**PETITIONER'S NAME IS: JUAN O. MORENO**  
You have **30 CALENDAR DAYS** after this *Summons and Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.  
If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.  
If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), or by contacting your local county bar association.  
**NOTICE:** The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.  
**NOTE:** If a judgment or support order is entered, the court may order you to pay all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for yourself or for the other party. If this happens, the party ordered to pay fees shall be given notice and an opportunity to request a hearing to set aside the order to pay waived court fees.  
The name and address of the court is:  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY**  
**1200 Aguajito Road**  
**Monterey, CA 93940**  
The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:  
**JUAN O. MORENO**  
**P.O. Box 108**  
**King City, CA 93932**  
**386-9749**  
**RONALD D. LANCE**  
**11 W. Laurel Dr., Suite #255**  
**Salinas, CA 93906**  
**(831) 443-6509**  
**Reg: #LDA5**  
**County: Monterey**  
**NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:** You are served as an individual.  
Date filed: Aug. 18, 2010  
(s) Connie Mazzei, Clerk  
by Melissa M. Escoto, Deputy  
Publication Dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2010. (PC 1209)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20102466. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ROBERT M. TASNÉR & ASSOCIATES**, 9662 Willow Court, Carmel, CA 93923. Monterey County. ROBERT M. TASNÉR, 9662 Willow Court, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1992. (s) ROBERT M. TASNÉR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 24, 2010. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2010. (PC1210)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20102512. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **OBI ONE**, 12 Paso Cresta, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. Monterey County. SARA ROWE, 12 Paso Cresta, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. JODY ALLISON KUENY, 12 Paso Cresta, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a joint venture. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Sara Rowe, Jody Kueny. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 2, 2010. Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2010, Jan 7, 2011. (PC1211)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20102556. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:  
**1. TOTALITY BOOKS**  
**2. GERSON MEDIA**

**3. GERSON HEALTH MEDIA**  
25680 Tierra Grande Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. Monterey County. TOTALITY BOOKS, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 25680 Tierra Grande Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1999. (s) Howard David Straus, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 8, 2010. Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2010, Jan. 7, 2011. (PC1212)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20102454. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MONTEREY BAY NEUROFEEDBACK CENTER**, Sunset Terrace, 2nd floor, N/W Corner 8th & Mission, Carmel, CA 93921. Monterey County. RICHARD C. VIEILLE, JR., 24751 Dolores Street, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) RICHARD C. VIEILLE, Jr. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 23, 2010. Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2010, Jan. 7, 2011. (PC1213)

Trustee Sale No. 444863CA Loan No. 3017077110 Title Order No. 576325 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03-23-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 01-07-2011 at 10:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 03-30-2007, Book , Page , Instrument 2007025824, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California, executed by: VICTORIA FORZANI-BOLES, AND THOMAS MICHAEL BOLES WIFE AND HUSBAND, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.  
Place of Sale: AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 168 W. ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$6,641,310.44 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 27 PASO CRESTA CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924 APN Number: 189-231-003-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-14-2010 SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT Exhibit DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Name: Ann Thorn Title: First Vice President CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelitysap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com Deborah Brignac CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N110612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 P778334 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/2010 Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2010. (PC1214)

*The Pine Cone office will be CLOSED*  
**Fridays, Dec. 24 & 31, 2010**  
**Monday, Jan. 3, 2011**

# SHERIFF

From page 11RE

information. The person stated the "agent" called her in regards to her neighbors and asked personal questions about them, including how many kids they have, how many cars they drive, how many people live in the house, if they have a cleaning lady, do they have water-service delivery, where else they stay and how the neighbors know when the residents are not staying in the residence, which is a vacation home. The person was suspicious and divulged little information. The officer obtained the "agent's" contact information and left a message inquiring about his purpose and the validity of his claim to be with the IRS.

**Pacific Grove:** Contacted a 17-year-old juvenile for being out of school during school hours. Juvenile caused the officers to fear for their safety by repeatedly reaching inside a large jacket after being ordered not to. Juvenile arrested for obstructing/delaying officers. Booked and released to parent.

**Carmel Valley:** Suicidal subject contacted and transported to CHOMP by Carmel Valley Fire and Ambulance for evaluation.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A person walked into CPD to report unwanted telephone calls and text messages from a subject. She

stated she did not want to file a report but just wanted police to call the subject and advise him to stop calling. The subject was contacted and counseled. The subject stated he would not call anymore and that she is just as much to blame. Both parties were advised of civil actions to take to prevent this from occurring in the future

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Past-tense theft from a vehicle on San Antonio. No suspect information.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to Palo Colorado for a male who was dizzy with emesis. Patient transported Code 3 to CHOMP.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance and fire engine dispatched to Lincoln and Fifth for a female with a moderate nosebleed. Patient transported precautionary Code 3 due to blood loss to CHOMP.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine dispatched to Lincoln and Fifth for a service call. Arrived on scene. Purpose of this response was to clean coagulated blood which was in the bathroom sink, the kitchen sink and on the bathroom floor. Foundation maintenance was notified and P.D. responded a unit to supervise the cleanup at the fire department's request.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to Serra for a female feeling ill. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

**Pacific Grove:** A 48-year-old female was involved in a collision on Central Avenue and found to be DUI. She was arrested.

**Pacific Grove:** Person had been residing at a residence on Central Avenue for approximately one year. He had not been paying rent or utility bills. The owner locked him out of the residence, but he did not want to prosecute the owner.

**Carmel Valley:** Burglary to a park shed at Garland Park in Carmel Valley.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject, a 34-year-old male, was contacted walking in the roadway on Lincoln Street. Determined to

See POLICE page 14RE

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## POLICE

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be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. Arrested and transported to Monterey jail.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Mission Street resident reported a past-tense break in into her garage and a stolen checkbook from her vehicle.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Items were stolen from the victim's unlocked vehicle on San Carlos Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Victim called the police department to report losing her camera while visiting the beach. A brief description of the camera was provided. She was advised to contact police if she found the camera. Nothing further.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to Rio Road at Bank of America for a male with chest pain. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to Valley Place for a female with hard palate mouth pain. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

**Pacific Grove:** A 31-year-old Seaside male was contacted during a traffic stop on Asilomar Boulevard and was found to be intoxicated. Driver gave a false name, and

heroin was found in the vehicle. He also had a no-bail parole hold and was transported to Monterey County Jail. His 40-year-old female passenger was too intoxicated to care for herself and was also arrested.

**Pacific Grove:** Victim was arguing with the suspect on 14th Street. Suspect hit victim and fled the scene. There is a criminal protective order for the victim. Juvenile victim was present during the incident.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to a Forest Avenue residence for a possible suicide attempt by overdose on pills. Subject contacted and sent by ambulance on a 72-hour hold to CHOMP.

**Pacific Grove:** A 31-year-old male suspect was observed on Asilomar Boulevard driving erratically due to impairment from alcohol. Suspect fled from the vehicle. Suspect was found and arrested.

**Pacific Grove:** Victim reported being battered at a party on Forest Avenue by an intoxicated subject. Case continues.

**Pacific Grove:** Victim on Bayview was in an argument with the suspect. The suspect spit in her face.

**Pacific Grove:** Benito Avenue resident reported her husband pushed her after a verbal dispute. Husband later contacted and advised he was the victim of the pushing. Neither party

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# CALLS

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wished to pursue the matter.

**Pacific Grove:** Person reported an elderly male driver hit a stop sign at Country Club Gate and knocked it over. The driver was later located, and a DMV evaluation was filed.

**Pacific Grove:** Woman reported she is going through an ugly divorce and that on Thursday, she was involved in a vehicle-vs.-pole collision near Monterey Beach due to brake failure. There was minimal damage and she did not make a report. A mechanic in Seaside told her that it looked like her brake lines had been loosened. She said she noticed the brakes seemed mushy for the past week or so. She was advised to file a report with MPD and that PGPD would document the suspicious circumstances, since it was unknown if and where the brakes were actually tampered with.

**Carmel Valley:** Female called from Carmel Valley Road and Del Fino to report that she was being followed by unknown male.

**Carmel area:** An unknown suspect entered a residence on Valley View and attempted to steal some jewelry. No suspect information. Case suspended.

**Carmel Valley:** Resident wanted to report an argument between him and an old friend.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** The 36-year-old male driver of a vehicle was arrested for DUI after he was observed driving the wrong way on Highway 1 and the driver failed a series of field sobriety tests.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Hotel staff requested welfare check on an occupant after concerns she may be ill and refusing help. Units made contact with the occupant, who advised she was OK. At the time, the occupant did not meet the criteria for a medical hold. Contact was made with family friend who agreed to stay with the occupant and help her find alternate living arrangements.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Responded to a report of a bat inside a residence on San Carlos Street. The bat was captured and released outside.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance was dispatched to Ocean and Santa Rita for a fall victim. Patient was found conscious, breathing and sitting upright in a chair. He stated he was walk-

ing with his caretaker when he tripped on his own feet, causing him to fall onto the Christmas tree. No LOC [loss of consciousness]. Patient had no complaints and was refusing care. Patient was informed of medical release form and signed. Patient remained on scene with caretaker.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched for a female who had fallen and was suffering left hip pain. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched to a dog bite that occurred on Ridge Road. Victim stated that as he was riding his bike down the street, a dog ran out of its yard and bit him on the left side. The bite ripped through his sweatshirt and punctured his skin, causing bleeding and swelling. Contacted the dog owner, who said he was washing his dog and had the leash around his hand and under his foot when the dog pulled away and bit the victim. The dog is current on his vaccinations and will be quarantined for 10 days. The owner was cited for a dog at large.

**Pacific Grove:** En elderly citizen on Morse Drive was contacted by PGPD on more than one occasion for traffic collisions. The citizen and his dependent were in need of additional daily assistance. Reports forwarded to APS.

**Pacific Grove:** Person on Pine Avenue reported another male shoved him during an Al-Anon meeting. Documentation was only requested, with no enforcement action.

**Pacific Grove:** Person came to the station to turn in an air

## TIFFANY

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"That color is iconic; that is their trademark color, so my guess would be they will want that color, or they may not want the awnings," he said. "Yes, the Plaza and the city both look for muted colors to avoid a garish presentation, but these awnings are so small as to be just an accent."

Plaza operations manager Jim Griffith said his company was OK with the departure from the center's design rules.

"We support the color, even though it's a bit of an exception," he said. "It is their marquis color, so it's hard to consider any other options."

But Carmel planning and building services manager Sean Conroy sided with Wiener, reminding commissioners that the town often contends with businesses that have signature looks they want to include on their storefronts.

"The city has tried to avoid these kinds of notice-attracting features," he said.

Commissioner Steve Hillyard agreed the teal would be too eye-catching, and commissioner Steve Dallas, who said he

pistol for destruction.

**Pacific Grove:** Jewell Avenue resident reported his wife received a phone call from a subject claiming to be their grandson. Subject told her he was in trouble in Las Vegas. Resident waited for approximately 45 minutes before calling his grandson, who advised he was OK and made no calls to his home, nor was he in Las Vegas.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of suspicious males going door to door. Conducted an area search and contacted two adults who admitted attempting to sell cleaning products. During the contact, a white van drove up, and another subject was contacted. The men were found to be without a local permit for sales. They were warned.

**Carmel Valley:** East Carmel Valley Road resident called to report that someone attempted to open her front door and side window.

**Carmel area:** San Marcos Road resident reported a burglary to his neighbor's house.

**Pebble Beach:** Two juveniles had their bikes stolen during Thanksgiving break.

**Pebble Beach:** Father reported that someone sent his son a threatening email.

**Carmel area:** Person requested a deputy standby while she checked the Carmel Highlands residence of a friend who was out of town. It was thought that the vehicle belonging to the friend was taken, but it was found parked in the driveway.

appreciated the store's presence in town, suggested OKing just a couple of the awnings.

Chair Janet Reimers liked the color.

"I think the color is fine," she said. "I like looking at it, especially on little boxes. I don't see them very often."

Reimers noted the teal would clash with the cobalt awnings on the second floor and suggested the teal could perhaps be used as an accent color on the Tiffany awnings.

"There are a number of colorful awnings throughout Carmel," she added. "Whether they had approval, or not, I don't know."

"It's not Burger King. Not to insult Burger King, but I think it's very good for the city for people to see we have a Tiffany's as they come into Carmel," commented commissioner Victoria Beach. "I feel it's a very reputable company. They're not advertising with their sign, they're advertising with their color. Even if you don't think the color is subtle, it's a subtle way of getting their message across."

Beach made a motion to OK the new signs, lighting for the signs and the awnings, as long as the cobalt awnings upstairs are replaced with a color matching the wall. The commission voted 4-1 in favor, with Hillyard dissenting.

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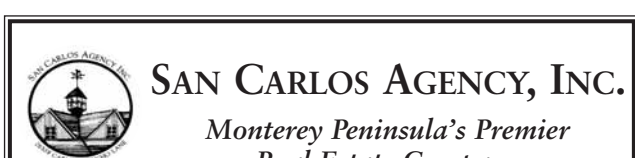
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