

## White House party turned into somber affair



Mayor Jason Burnett and his wife, Mel, pose before one of many

## Pedestrian killed on P.G.'s Pine Avenue

A 70-YEAR-OLD Seaside resident died after a driver ran into her as she crossed Pine Avenue mid-block Tuesday around 6 p.m., and police are not identifying the driver, a 55-year-old woman from Pacific Grove, citing the pending investigation. Kathy Dearing, whose name was released by Pacific Grove P.D. Thursday, was struck while walking across the four-lane road between 18th and 19th streets.

Don Murphy said the tragic crash happened in front of his home. He didn't hear the collision but said he saw the aftermath when he opened his door to determine why emergency

By MARY SCHLEY
IT MAY be difficult to envision a more lavish and festive setting than a cocktail party in the White House at Christmastime, but considering the timing of the celebration - the night of the tragic shootings at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn. - the evening took on a somber tone that particularly struck home for Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett, who is practically famous for doting upon and talking about his 1-year-old son, Sebastian.
Burnett, who was invited by the White House to attend the party with his wife, Mel, became tearful as he recalled President Barack Obama's words to guests that night.
"It was probably the worst day in the president's time, given the tragedy in Connecticut, but he did say that this reminds him of the fragility of human life and appreciating what we have," Burnett told The Pine Cone Thursday. "And the holidays are the time to recognize the importance of family. This is a further reminder of the importance of hugging

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House is so moldy, it may be torn down

By MARY SCHLEY

IT LOOKS nice from the outside, but the spacious, twostory house on the large corner lot at Ocean and Carmelo is so contaminated with mold that its owners have no other option than to tear it down, according to their contractor, David Stocker. Last week, Bill and Adrianna Hayward asked the planning commission to approve their plans to demolish the house and replace it with a 3,419-square-foot residence, but commissioners sent them back to the drawing board with orders to develop a design that doesn't interfere so much with the rear neighbor's ocean view.

## Who's that

 new guy with the desal plant?Jaws dropped at the Pacific Grove City Council meeting this week when a man introduced himself and said he was taking over Nader Agha's "People's Desal" project.
At Wednesday night's meeting, Donald Lew, managing partner for the Concord-based JDL Development private equity firm, made the surprising announcement Agha is no longer involved in the desal project, and that the project has been renamed
The news an unknown businessman on the Peninsula is now steering Agha's plan stunned the P.G. City Council - which this
 year voted to explore becom-

Donald Lew ing the public partner for the desalination plant. It's also led to uncertainty about the city's future involvement with the project.
"I was surprised by his revelations," councilman Dan Miller told The Pine Cone Thursday morning, "and as a council, think we need to look into him and see how much of it is real."

Councilman Robert Huitt, who voted against being involved in Agha's water project, said the news that he's no longer in charge is, to say the least, puzzling.

I've always been opposed to our involvement in this project as a partner," Huitt said, "and now, it's not even clear

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Man flees Fourtané with $\$ 20 \mathrm{~K}$ watch after struggle


Police are searching for this man, who ran out of
downtown jewelry store Saturday with a $\$ 20 \mathrm{~K}$ Rolex around his wris.

By MARY SCHLEY
A man struggled with an employee at Fourtané estate jeweler Saturday afternoon, fled with a $\$ 20,000$ Rolex around his wrist, and escaped with his accomplice despite being followed by a witness all the way to Salinas, according to police. The robbery occurred shortly after 4 p.m. Dec. 15, when two men wearing dark beanie caps and jackets walked into the upscale shop at Lincoln and Fourth in downtown Carmel.
"They were browsing the various watches," reported Carmel Police Sgt. Mel Mukai, and one of the men, described by Carmel P.D. detective Rachelle Lightfoot as a white male with blue eyes, 23 to 26 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighing 140 to 150 pounds, asked to try on a pricey Rolex. The two-tone gold and steel watch has diamonds embedded in the face in place of num bers, as well as in the bezel. It's priced at $\$ 19,700$
"The staff felt the two were up to no good and remained vigilant while the two were inside," Lightfoot said.

The other suspect, whom Lightfoot said is taller and more stocky, is thought to be 28 to 30 years old, 5 foot 10 and 170 to 180 pounds. He has a black tattoo of a 4 -to-5-inch-tall star on the eft side of his neck, and Lightfoot said she's researching its significance.

## Sad holiday for

## Carmel's biggest family



The Beardsley family only had 18 children when they visited Disneyland in the mid-1960s, but later added two more - a record-breaking family that brought hordes of curiosity seekers to the street in front of their home near the Carmel Mission. Dad Frank Beardsley (far left) died last week at 97. See page 14A

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## The Family shepherd

From the time, as a child, she saw her first dog in a pet store window and bought it with her own quarter, until three years ago, when she and her husband brought home Molly, between them they have raised 30 dogs.

Molly, their fifth German shepherd, came home three days after Tiffany died, because they couldn't imagine family life without a furry friend. The couple, who raised six children among all those pets, now enjoys 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and all of them have grown up with dogs.
"When we had our kids at home," says the couple, "we always had dogs, sometimes more than one. It didn't seem like family if you didn't have a dog. And German shepherds are so smart, so devoted. They catch on quickly to what's going on and fit easily into a family."
Molly, reportedly the most popular dog name this year, was brought in from Germany on a 747, where she learned to cuddle up in her crate until it was time to come out. Thus, unlike previous pups, who whined their way down the road, Molly travels well. Once she gets in the car, she just settles down and enjoys the ride.
"Molly is quite bonded and obedient," says her person. "She goes out a lot with us, but when we tell her she's going to stay home and guard the place, she climbs onto her cushions, puts her head on her paws, and gives us the saddest face. But she always stays."

Molly's reward is a romp on the beach, which she loves more than almost anything. And she gets to go every day.

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## Crackdown on short-term rentals prompts drive to eliminate law

A HOMEOWNER who was warned about renting her Carpenter Street house a week at a time - city law prohibits rentals shorter than 30 days - is calling for a change in the rules, claiming the town loses money and visitors by cracking down on such rentals.

But Mayor Jason Burnett said allowing short-term rentals could hurt the city's hotels and erode the town's residential character. No changes to the city's ban on short-term rentals is being contemplated, he said.

Studio City resident Amy Ward said she's been renting out her small home for the past two-and-a-half years and said she is among some 150 property owners within the city limits who have been doing so, without any apparent ill effects. Ward said she was
unaware of the ban when she began renting to visitors for short stays, having learned of it only when the city's new code enforcement officer, Al Fasulo, found her house on the Vacation Rentals By Owner website and sent her a notice.
Ward rents her 900 -square-foot home to couples for $\$ 1,850$ per week to $\$ 2,100$ per week, depending on the time of year, and said she would willingly pay the city's 10 percent transient occupancy tax if the city allowed short-term rentals.
"There is so much business to be had," she wrote in a letter to the city council this week, adding that when she began renting out her house, about 32 other properties were listed on vrbo.com. "Now there are over 150, and I am still as solidly booked as ever."

But if the city doesn't "change this antiquated law and bring the code into the 21st

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century" she wrote, they will all be forced to sell their houses, because they won't be able to afford to keep them. Further, the resulting housing glut could depress property prices overall. Ward said she has already listed her house for sale but hopes the council will see fit to change the ban before any deal is sealed.

On the face of this, you can see that we are the perfect solution for everyone in the city of Carmel-by-the-Sea, merchants and residents alike," she wrote to the council.

## Crackdown a city goal

In November, Fasulo began contacting people he suspected of illegally renting out their properties as part of the council's stated goal to boost code enforcement overall, Burnett said.

In this case, we need to make sure we're enforcing the rules on the books," he told The Pine Cone. "It can be a corrosive thing in society and the community for some people to play by one set of rules and another set to play by another set of rules.'
While the council has the authority to change the law, Burnett said it is not a high priority.

He also pointed out illegal short-term rentals hurt people who own homes and could rent them out but don't, since it's against the rules, and it's unfair to the legal hotel business.
"The short-term rentals that are happening, they're not paying tax, so they're at a competitive advantage in a major industry in town," he said.

TOT accounts for a large share of the
ity's annual budget.
Legalizing short-term rentals could also undermine the city's character, according to Burnett.
"I do think we need to be cautious about making changes, because this is one of the ordinances that does speak to the fact we are a residential community, and we don't want to become a community of a whole bunch of homes that are rented out," he said. "That would be my concern - whether modifying ordinance would undermine that."

But Ward believes the short-term rentals are good for the city and said she hopes the council will see things her way.
"We homeowners who offer vacation rentals for one week or longer are the best thing going for Carmel," she wrote, because they help people stay in town who can't or don't want to use hotels.

She estimated about 29,000 visitors per year rent homes in town for short stays, and claimed the city doesn't have enough accommodation for everyone who wants to visit, although the occupancy rate, at an annual average between 58 percent and 65 percent for the past five years, suggests otherwise.

Carmel Chamber of Commerce CEO Monta Potter said her group's economic advisory committee has been discussing the short-term-rental ban, but the chamber doesn't have an official position on whether it should be changed.
"The problem is these people need to rent their homes, and they're not paying TOT, because they're doing it under the radar,"

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## Police, Fire \& Sheriff's Log

## Drop the bow and arrow and put your hands up

Here's a look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's $\log$ was compiled by Mary Schley.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen on Fifth Avenue reported a civil issue with a former spouse over child custody issues.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Junipero for having registration expired more than six months.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos Street for blocking a driveway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen from out of the state contacted the police department requesting assistance on Dolores Street in a civil issue with a local business. Prior to contacting the business, the citizen re-contacted CPD to advise the situation had been resolved.

Pacific Grove: Power tools stolen from property. No suspect info.

Pacific Grove: Report of a transient sleeping at the museum. Contacted subject and admonished him of trespass warning.

Subject found to be on probation with S\&S terms. A search of his belongings revealed a small amount of marijuana, which was confiscated. Subject was advised to contact probation officer re: police contact and marijuana confiscation. Marijuana was booked into evidence for destruction. No further information.

Pacific Grove: School official on Sunset Drive reported two students ingested a controlled substance while in class. One suspect identified as a 17 -year-old juvenile.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Granite OD'd on prescription pills. Transported to CHOMP via ambulance for 72 -hour evaluation.

Pacific Grove: Subjects involved in road rage incident on Forest Avenue. No further action.

Pacific Grove: Anonymous report of a subject passed out on a bus stop bench on David Avenue. Subject was contacted and admitted that due to intoxication, he fell and hit his head. Subject was not certain of the exact location of where he fell. Subject had a small laceration above his left eye. Subject complained of neck pain. Fire and ambu

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## $\$ 1.2$ million lawsuit tossed, judge says resort not at fault for wet wedding

## By CHRIS COUNTS

Two Years after an unseasonal storm put a damper on an outside wedding in Carmel Valley, a court decision absolved Stonepine Estates from being responsible for turning a "dream wedding" into a "complete disaster."

The plaintiff, Ladan Lynn Nazarian of Burlingame - and the mother of the bride, Davina Nazarian - had sought more than $\$ 1.2$ million in damages.

She blamed Stonepine for ruining her daughter's wedding, in large part because she claims the resort didn't plan for rain.

In response, attorney Michael Masuda insisted Stonepine's staff made every effort to accommodate the wedding party, but he said Nazarian refused to consider paying for a large tent until it was too late to set one up. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Tom Wills agreed and found no merit in Nazarian's case.

The wedding took place at Stonepine Oct. 17, 2010. According to court documents, Nazarian paid about $\$ 78,000$ for it. She said she was "promised" a "lavish and special event."

But Nazarian claimed her daughter never received the dream wedding she expected. The plaintiff's complaints included "poor preparation for inclement weather," a shortage of staff, a shortage of "food and liquor," and "subpar" food.

The "defendants knew or should have known that this situation for a wedding was totally unacceptable, and such a presentation would surely cause plaintiff to suffer anxiety, nervousness and emotional, as well as physical, injuries, which is what happened," the court papers said.

## Foundation honored by council

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT
THE MAYOR and city council this month honored The Carmel Foundation for its contributions to the quality of life of older Monterey Peninsula residents. Mayor Jason Burnett presented foundation CEO Jill Sheffield with the Community Recognition Award and praised the nonprofit, which serves members age 55 and older, for its low-income housing and other efforts.

On behalf of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, I wish to acknowledge The Carmel Foundation for its more than six decades of valuable service to the community. The foundation certainly lives up to its mission to help older adults maintain their independence through offering a variety of programs and activities," reads the Certificate of Appreciation signed by the mayor.

Of particular note is the beautiful, safe and frequently praised housing provided to low-income seniors at Haseltine Court, Trevvett Court and Norton Court," it continues.
"We are most grateful for the many ways the Carmel Foundation enriches and brightens the lives of our older adults and encourages them to remain active and involved in our community," the council said.

According to Nazarian, on the day of the wedding, "the guests were unexpectedly shuttled to a makeshift wedding site near the stables." Masuda said rain forced staff to move the event to a glass pavilion near its equestrian center.
As a result of the use of the new site, Nazarian claimed she became "physically sick," and suffered "severe emotional distress" that required medical care.

## Not enough time for tenting

Nazarian argued that the site was "inadequate to hold the wedding" and "many of the wedding guests left without being served food and beverages." She also claimed Stonepine wouldn't allow her to bring in a tent. But Masuda countered that a tent as large as the one the wedding party needed would take 8 to 10 hours to set up - and there wasn't enough time to do it on the day of the wedding. "We're talking about a tent with floors, chandeliers and dinner tables," he said.

The lawsuit charges that Stonepine was "so ill-prepared"
to host the wedding that one of its employees asked the plaintiff to delay the wedding for a day. This apparently "was not an option" because "guests were coming in from all over the world." Masuda noted that the weather the following day "was just fine."

As a result of trying to deal with a "terrible situation," Nazarian claimed she was only able to pose for "one photograph with her daughter" during the wedding and reception.

The emotional distress Nazarian suffered led to a "complete breakdown" after the wedding. She "became physically ill" and an "emotional wreck," leading to "on-going psychiatric care," court papers read.

Judge Wills' decision vindicated Stonepine and its staff, who Masuda said made the best of a difficult situation.
"It's like no good deed goes unpunished," he added. "They bent over backwards trying to accommodate her. If you look at pictures from the event, everybody's having a great time. And the staff at Stonepine was proud they pulled this thing off."


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## Recount of P.G. school bond ballot measure doesn't change results

By KELLY NIX

Elections officials last week found only one erroneous vote of the 28 needed to reverse the results of a failed Nov. 6 ballot measure that sought to raise nearly $\$ 500,000$ for Pacific Grove school programs.

Measure A needed two-thirds, or 66.67 percent, of the votes to pass, but obtained only 66.37 percent. Of the 9,195 votes cast, the Pacific Grove Unified School District needed only 28 more Yes votes to swing the measure in its favor

The district requested the recount and paid $\$ 3,600$ for the unsuccessful effort.

The measure would have generated $\$ 490,000$ per year for P.G. for math, science, music, art and other programs by levying a
$\$ 65$ parcel tax for four years.
"Only one vote was found erroneous, and it was in our favor," PGUSD assistant superintendent Rick Miller told The Pine Cone. The person "voted No, crossed it out and then voted Yes."

The elections office's automated tabulation system saw the vote as an "overvoted" ballot and did not count it, according to elections officials.

There were no other variances found during the recount of the six of eight P.G. precincts that were counted.
"It was close enough that the board wanted to go for a recount," Miller said.

Measure A sought to replace and extend Measure X, a $\$ 35$ parcel tax residents approved in 2008. In November 2011, voters rejected Measure V, which asked for a $\$ 60$ -
per-year parcel ame programs Miller told The Pine Cone that if additional funding isn't obtained within two years, the district will have to make about $\$ 267,000$ in cuts.
"We will have the money this year and next year," Miller said. "Next year is the last of the five years" provided under Measure X.
Miller cited proposed legislation from the new Democratic Party supermajority in the state Legislature that would reduce the required 66.67 percent needed for a ballot measure to 55 percent.
"That would help us immensely if we went out" and introduced another ballot measure, Miller said.

The tax funds would have protected programs in danger of being reduced or elimi-
nated.
It would also maintain the smallest possible class sizes and preserve adult school programs and increase student access to technology and computers in the classroom, according to district officals.

## Correction

In the Nov. 23 article, "Feds Spend Big \$\$\$ on Jazz Buses, Shelters," Monterey-Salinas Transit's cost per passenger mile was reportedly incorrectly. The reported figure, $\$ 6.90$, is MST's cost per passenger, not per passenger mile.


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## PARK DISTRICT GM RESIGNS, PLANS TO HEAD SOUTH FOR FAMILY, NEW JOB

By CHRIS COUNTS
After serving as general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District for just under two years, Jim

Sulentich announced this week he is leaving to take a job in Orange County, Sulentich started working for the park district in February 2011, when he took over for embattled general manager Joe Donofrio,
whose salary and perks were valued at $\$ 350,000$ a year when he retired.

After taking over as the park district's new general manager, Sulentich cut costs by initatiating a reduced pension plan for new employees, worked to strengthen its environmental education program, helped to improve park facilities, and assisted in creating a strategic plan for its future, a park district board member said.
"The park district, its partners and its residents are not just losing an employee, but a friend," said Kathleen Lee, the park district board's incoming president and an aide to 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter. "Our district is stronger, and our


Jim Sulentich
strategic vision is clear, thanks to the tireless work and dedication Jim has provided. This is a great loss for the park district, and the board deeply appreciates his efforts over the past two years. He will be missed."
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## Thanks to mystery doctor, crash victim is on the slow road to recovery

By CHRIS COUNTS

More THAN three months after suffering a horrific head-on collision along Highway 1 in Big Sur, Karin Cumming is struggling to regain her health.

And yet she considers herself lucky to be alive - in part because of the actions of a total stranger whom she may never meet or even know his name.

Cumming, who lives just a short walk from Pfeiffer Beach in Big Sur, told The Pine Cone this week what she remembers about an accident that left her with a collapsed lung, a broken back, a shattered foot and an assortment of other injuries.

It was shortly after sunset Sept. 2 when Cumming was traveling southbound along the scenic highway in her 2003 Toyota Tacoma. As was so often the case, she passed Soberanes Point and looked south toward a long line of cars approaching from the opposite direction in the northbound lane. The actions of one driver, though, caught her eye and quickened her pulse.

## The scream

Harshad Mohammed of San Jose was driving a rented 2012 Mercedes GL450 when he decided to pass at least several of the cars Cumming was looking at. And when he moved into the southbound lane to make what appeared to be a very dangerous pass, Cumming quickly realized a crash was not only likely, but she would be dead in an instant. "Please God, don't let me feel it," she recalled saying before she blacked out.

The first thing Cumming recalled after the crash was that she couldn't breathe. She was also struck by the image of the horrified face in the Edvard Munch painting, "The Scream," and imagined that her face - in that precise moment resembled it.

For what seemed like an eternity, she gasped for air. Then someone opened the door to her truck and said, "I'm a doctor and I'm here to help. I've got to do something and you have to trust me."
"He put my right arm behind my back and his front arm under my sternum," Cumming explained. "Then, holding me like a baby, he slowly brought my arm up. I felt a little pressure, and then I could breathe again.'

Cumming credits the doctor with saving her life. "What a piece of luck, and what a fine human being," she said.

Paramedics soon arrived, and Cumming was placed into an ambulance. She never saw or heard from the doctor again, but she soon had an unexpected encounter with the man who
moments before had crashed his car into her truck. Evidently suffering from at least minor injuries, Mohammed was placed by paramedics into the same ambulance. At some point on the ride to the hospital, he made contact with Cumming.
"He was sitting behind me," Cumming remembered. "He put his right hand on my left shoulder and looked me in the eyes with such compassion. He said, 'Karin, I am so sorry.'"

## Anybody have an old beater?

After being confined in a bed for a month, Cumming is slowly rebuilding her life. In addition to facing significant physical challenges, she's racked up more than $\$ 100,000$ in medical expenses and has been unable to work.

She's able to drive now, but because she was carrying only liability insurance at the time of the accident, she can't get reimbursed for the loss of her truck until the case is settled.

And because she lives in a remote place, she needs a vehicle to reach medical appointments.

So she's asking her friends and neighbors to help her get some wheels.
"If anybody has an old car I can use, I'd be very grateful," Cumming said.

Cumming, who has lived in Big Sur for nearly 30 years, once owned Polaris Gallery, which was located first at Post Ranch Inn, and later in The Barnyard shopping center.

Mohammed was found at fault for the accident but won't pay a fine because his pass was technically legal - and there were no drugs or alcohol involved in the accident. "It was an unsafe pass," explained Robert Lehman, a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol. Lehman said Mohammed's driving record - and likely an increase in the cost of his automobile insurance - will reflect the seriousness of the incident.

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## With rain expected, county public works on standby at lagoon

By CHRIS COUNTS
With more rain projected for this weekend - and the threat of flooding always just a storm away - the Monterey County Public Works staff will be busy monitoring the water level in the Carmel River Lagoon.

On Thursday, the river was flowing out to sea at the south end of the lagoon's sandbar. On the north side of the lagoon, the water is about 20 -feet away from the state beach parking lot, which has been undermined several times in recent years. The state beach restrooms, which have also been plagued by rising water, are buffered by a wall of sand and appear quite safe at the moment.

Carl Holm, deputy director for the

Monterey County Resources Agency, said public works will be ready to bring its bulldozers on the beach if needed. But they will have to wait until the water in the lagoon reaches a flood stage before declaring an emergency and starting work. "It's a delicate balance," said Holm, who is required to weigh the concerns of local homeowners and steelhead advocates, who worry too much intervention will harm the fish population in the lagoon.

Ideally, the channel at the south end of the sandbar stays open and drains the rising water in the lagoon without the help of bulldozers. "We're trying to avoid the use of mechanical action on the sandbar as much as possible," Holm explained.

Officials are also wary of the river drifting too far to the north, where in previous years it has damaged the parking lot, the restrooms, and the sandy bluffs that support Scenic Road. "We don't want the river to breach to the north because it's too hard to control if there's a heavy flow in the river," Holm added.


## Shepherd with terrible injuries gets new home

A miniature Australian Shepherd that was found in a Stockton shelter with life-threatening injuries before being rescued by a local animal group has been given the perfect Christmas present - a new life with a Carmel family.
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Sharon was a proud graduate of Villa Duchesne in St. Louis Missouri. She returned to Dallas, where she taught at Christ the King. She soon met and married John K.
Hudson raising a family of 5. After John's passing, she later Hudson raising a family of 5. After John's passing, she later
married family friend, Robin Acton, and spent much of her married family friend, Robin Acton, and spen
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legacy of generosity, kindness, patriotism, and love. legacy of generosity, kindness, patriotism, and love.
Her late husbands, John Kaemmerlen Hudson, and Robin Len Acton precede her in death. Survivors include sons, Scott Hudson and his wife Kathy, John K. Hudson Jr. $\&$ fiance' Shelley, daughters Mrs. Sheri Guthrie and husband Keith, Mrs. Carol Bielamowicz and husband Mark, Mrs. Christy Thomas and husband Mike, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild all of the Dallas area, and Sister Sue Parnell of Arkansas, Brother Frank McGehee and Best dog ever" Stitch

18, the couple was still grieving when their daughter, Carlie, a vet assistant at Pet Specialists of Monterey - the clinic that helped treat the dog - told them about the shepherd, then named Herbie.
Herbie had been rescued by a volunteer with Animal Friends Rescue Project who didn't realize the dog had horrible wounds under his fur that had been neglected. Veterinarians found the injuries during a routine exam.

Though it was first thought Herbie might not live another day because of the wounds, he healed and now has a brand new life.

While Carlie was treating Herbie, she fell in love with the dog's gentle spirit and she thought he might be an ideal dog for her parents, according to Kelly Lehrian, executive director of AFRP.

The Merritts fostered Herbie while he was recovering, but soon realized he would be the perfect permanent addition to their family. The only hitch after adopting the dog was his name, which they changed to Jax.
"We're not sure who is luckier, him or us," Michael Merritt said. "We are so thankful to have Jax in our lives."

Jax now accompanies the Merritts each day to their flower shop, The Twigery on Seventh Avenue. They also take daily walks to Carmel Beach.
When the AFRP volunteer rescued the dog, she didn't know he was injured. Vets found a 7 -inch by 4 -inch lesion on the back of his neck that had been neglected so long that the skin had died. They trimmed away the skin, which left a huge gaping wound.
The miniature shepherd also had a 3 -inch by 2 -inch lesion and another by his right ear that were both treated by doctors. Jax has largely recovered. Lehrian said the scars on the dog are still visible on his neck and shoulders, but that his coat will eventually cover up the marks.


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effect in advance of the meeting. The majority of voters in a November 2009 election also said they want the house sold, but two lawsuits have thwarted the city's efforts to offload the building.

Thursday, associate planner Marc Wiener said another meeting would give commissioners more time to scrutinize the EIR and determine whether selling the mansion would be consistent with city law.

He also said attorney Jon Giffen would attend, after Reimers asked if the city attorney would be present, and former Carmel principal planner Brian Roseth, who has been contracted to shepherd the Flanders project, will be available via conference call. "I want to thank everyone for their ability to attend this meeting on short notice," Wiener said in his email to commissioners, adding that he would probably release the meeting agenda and staff report Dec. 21. "This should give the commission a little more time to review the information and EIR as well."

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## HARDWARE\&HOME



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## Frank Beardsley, 97, patriarch of Carmel's biggest family

By PAUL MIILER

Nowadays, you could get into a pretty interesting discussion trying to name the most famous people who live in the Monterey Peninsula. Clint Eastwood would be on top, of course, but who'd come next? It could be another actor (Doris Day, Joan Fontaine and Betty White come immediately to mind), but Leon Panetta would also have to be up there. So would Nobel-prize-winning economist Bill Sharpe, NFL greats John Madden and Herman Edwards, World Series hero Reggie Jackson, golfer Johnny Miller, Oscarwinning composer Alan Silvestri, musician Al Jardine, computer pioneers Finis Conner and Scott McNealy, and businessmen Charles Schwab and Frank Quattrone.

But in the 1960s, one of the most famous Carmel residents was an unpretentious man who worked in the personnel office at the Naval Postgraduate School. Frank Beardsley lived on Rio Road near the Mission, and he was famous because he had 20 children.

Beardsley died Dec. 11 in Santa Rosa at the age of 97. In 1961, Beardsley was recently widowed with 10 children when he proposed marriage to Helen North, who had and Henry Fonda. told the New York Times. families. But the children, remarkably, favored it. The marriage, at the Carmel Mission on Sept. 9, 1961, captured the nation's imagination, but overcoming the odds against its success was only possible because of what Helen called her and Frank's "staggering capacity for love."

See BEARDSLEY page 14RE
eight. They also had two children together, and their story became a bestselling book, "Who Gets the Drumstick?" and a hit movie, "Yours, Mine and Ours," starring Lucille Ball

Beardsley's wife died in 2000. Together, they have "about 60 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren," their oldest son, Michael,

Their decision to marry not long after they met came against the advice of their friends, and the opposition of some members of their
power," he said. "It will sit lightly on the land."

Stocker acknowledged the new residence would block some of the views from the neighbor to the east but said that's difficult to avoid on an 80 -foot-wide lot. He also said he would work with the neighbors to alleviate any privacy concerns they might have.

But the eastern neighbors said it would destroy their ocean views, deprive them of sunset vistas and reduce their property value.
"This is why we bought this house, why we spent so much money when we remodeled it," they said. "We really were conscious of the neighbors on each side of us, and of their views."

Commissioners were sensitive to their objections and suggested the Haywards rework their design.
"Locate buildings so they will not substantially block the views enjoyed by others," vice chair Michael LePage said, quoting the city's design guidelines. "This substantially blocks their view. This application needs to be redesigned totally."

Commissioner Steve Dallas said he'd like to see the home on a single level.
"I would really encourage that, if that's possible," he said, and the commission unanimously voted to request Stocker redraw the home.
"I think it's a great-looking design in terms of how you approached the architecture and so forth," LePage said. "It just needs to be re-massed."

## MOLDY

From page 1A
Associate planner Marc Wiener said the new house would be larger than most in town because it will be located on a double lot, and the owners get a little bonus floor area for agreeing to merge the two parcels.

Sided with wood and stone veneer, the home would have three floors, though the basement level would be below ground, defining it as a two-story house. The plans also include a 240 -square-foot garage, a 385 -square-foot second-story deck and a 350 -square-foot rooftop deck

Stocker, of Stocker \& Allaire general contractors, told the planning commission Dec. 12 that the Haywards - who have five children and own the local lumber company - had purchased the home with every intention of living there and expanding it to accommodate their large family. But after the first rain, they discovered it was badly contaminated with mold. They hired an expert from Colorado to examine the building and learned the only solution was to demolish it and build a new one, he said.
"It was quite distressing," Stocker told the commission.

So the Haywards set out to determine how they could build a new "net zero energy house" in a way that would sit well on the property, which is elevated above the street.
"This building will use very, very little

## Fire the school board

## Dear Editor,

If Tiburcio Vasquez is the best the Alisal Union School District trustees could come up with for the name of their new school, maybe a new board of trustees would be in order. Fire all current trustees and start over. Pathetic.

Kevin Kreyenhagen, Carmel Valley

## Yellow journalism?

## Dear Editor,

The Oxford American Dictionary defines "newspaper" as "a printed publication, usually issued daily or weekly, containing news reports, advertisements, articles on various subjects, etc." "Report" is defined as "to give an account of (something seen or done or studied), to tell as news; report progress, to state what has been done so far." The definition of "news" is "information about recent events."

If you have been following the fabrications recently in The Monterey County Herald, you have to wonder, "What is occurring?" A Nov. 20 article on a planned Marina Coast Water Distirct Special Meeting stated that I called for the special meeting. This is not true. I did not. It was the Herald writer Virginia Hennessey's opinion. She went on to say "Other board members reasoned that it was merely procedural approval that let the environmental review move forward, an opinion supported by assurances by Monterey Downs developer Beth Palmer." What was said at the meeting which would support someone to come to that conclusion? Or is Virginia Hennessey not reporting what occurred but what her mind perceived occurred?

Hennessey reported after the Nov. 13 meeting, which she attended from the beginning that, "Sue Hawthorne objected after the meeting that public speaking had been cut off when board member Nishi asked ...." This is absolutely false. Hawthorne spoke under public comments and I asked my question after public comments were closed There was no one cut off unless there was excessive talking past the time limit imposed by all governmental bodies.

Why are these false statements being reported? What are the reasons for reporters to report false statements? Is there a responsibility to ensure what someone says is a fact and what is not?

The reporter at the Nov. 20 meeting, Phillip Molnar, wrote a factual account and report. Molnar reported that President Dan Burns called for the special meeting. After the executive assistant notified me that the meeting was called, I requested the reconsideration of four items. I hope Molnar continues to do the job he has done for the residents who read The Herald because he reports, not fabricates, what is expected of him.

Otherwise, what is occurring is is Yellow Journalism. You cannot now reliably read The Herald for unbiased information and then make your own decisions. Someone else decides what is best for you. The residents are lucky that this does not occur in Carmel with the Pine Cone. I hope this trend does not continue and The Herald goes back to the way Col. Robert Allen Griffin did it in the good old days.

Royal Calkins was sent the above guest commentary on Dec. 1. He called me two days later stating that his employee was quoted wrong in it. I told him the recordings of the meeting confirmed what I had written. He did not believe me and I took him and his publisher, Gary Omernick, a copy of the audio recordings of the Nov. 20 meeting.

The results: Two additional attacks against the Marina Coast Water District by the editorial staff on Dec. 4 and 6.

Kenneth K. Nishi, Marina

## 'If everyone gave \$5...

## Dear Editor

Thank you for your first-page article regarding Herbie, the Australian Shepherd whose medical treatment needed to be paid for through donations through Animal Friends Rescue Project.

I met Herbie through my friend Andre Kelly, who was selflessly transporting dogs with AFRP, from Portland, on her way to Salinas.

Andrea showed me Herbie and the stench of rotten flesh from his crate made me wonder how humans could be so inhumane especially at this time of year.
My pathetic offering through AFRP.com was $\$ 50$.

As our friend with WikiPedia says, "If everyone gave $\$ 5$, we wouldn't need to do this anymore."

Douglas Logan-Kuhs, Napa

## Thanks for

## 'Carmel-by-the-Glass

## Dear Editor,

The Carmel Mission Foundation is the organization raising funds to restore and preserve the Carmel Mission and, as president of the foundation, I would like to thank Rich Pépe for organizing the first Carmel-by-theGlass. Our foundation was privileged to be the designated non-profit to benefit from this event.

I would also like to thank the City of Carmel for allowing the event to be held in Devendorf Park, as it was a wonderful venue. Personally, I hope we will see more events like this that not only benefit various nonprofit organizations, but local merchants as well.

I would especially like to thank those merchants and volunteers who gave of their time and services to make this a well organized and memorable evening. It was because of all of their efforts, along with the several hundred attendees, that donations were generated to help us restore the historic Carmel Mission.

Vic Grabrian, Carmel

## Great new event

## Dear Editor,

I would like to applaud Richard Pepe and all who contributed to putting on the awesome event on Dec. 13 at Devendorf Park. The whole thing was classy and well done. It's nice to see Carmel break away from the longstanding policy of "all about the neighbors."

Cal Bordonaro, Monterey

## Correction

IN LAST week's Pine Cone article about the estate of Rod and Anne Mills of Carmel Valley, we reported Don Gruber is to recieve $\$ 28,333.33$. Actually, he is to receive $\$ 2,833.33$. We regret the error.

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This home at Carmelo and Ocean is slated for demolition, since it's full of mold, but the planning commission has to OK its replacement, first.


## WATCH <br> From page 1A

The duo asked the employee to show them a second watch, but he declined, and the men suddenly bolted for the door, where Lightfoot said an employee tried to block them, but "they ran over her."
"One of the employees attempted to grab him and restrain him, but during the process, the suspect broke free," Mukai reported. "Nobody was hurt."

A flurry of phone calls followed, with jewelry store staff and others alerting police.

Among them was a woman who saw the men run out of the store and get into a silver Nissan with paper plates. She dialed 911 from her cell phone to report what she had seen and that she was following the car carrying the suspects, but police didn't get to her in time, and she lost the men in the area
of Blanco Road in Salinas.
"There was a motorist who was following them" Mukai said. "This particular woman lost sight of the vehicle at Blanco Road.'

Mukai said the woman didn't receive immediate help from police because her call went to the county's dispatch center in Salinas, not to Carmel P.D., and it took awhile for the dispatcher to understand which crime she was reporting and what suspects she was following.
"There was some confusion about the information," Mukai said.

Carmel police officers, meanwhile, were responding to the other calls and reports of the Fourtané robbery.
"We received multiple calls, so the guys were following up on the different leads associated with this," he explained.

While Lightfoot is still working to identify the suspects, Mukai said there are no leads in the case.

## Girls b-ball team prepares for Sweet $16^{\prime}$

WITH AMBER Clark's 14 points, the Carmel High School girls basketball defeated Aptos High on the road Dec. 19, 39-34.

The win improves the Padres' overall mark to 3-1.

Also starring for Carmel High were Josie Odello and Madelynn Whittaker, who added eight points each. Odello stretched the Aptos High defense by sink a pair of 3-point shots. Four days earlier, the Padres traveled north to San Lorenzo High, where they cruised to a 52-31 win.

Again, Clark led the way for Carmel High, scoring 10 points, grabbing six boards, recording three steals and blocking two shots. Holly Whittaker added 10 points.

Next up for the Padres is the 14th annual Monterey Bay Sweet 16 Tournament, a fourday event that kicks off Saturday, Dec. 26, at Alvarez High School in Salinas. Hosted by Seaside High School for the past 13 years, the "Sweet 16 " is considered one of the premier holiday high school basketball tournaments in California


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## DESAL

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where the project is headed or who's in charge."

Adding even more confusion was a press release Agha issued Thursday. Agha called Lew a senior managing director of the project, which he said has been renamed the "Regional Desalinization Project at Moss Landing Commercial Park."

Agha said Lew is "joining the Moss Landing Commercial Park" to "manage the development" of the project, which was formerly called the People's Moss Landing Water Desal Project.
But Lew's characterization of his role in the water proposal differs from Agha's.
"Lew said Nader is out of the picture," Monterey Peninsula Water Management District general manager Dave Stoldt. "And Lew said he has acquired the loan [for Agha's Moss Landing real estate], which in effect means he has the property."

When asked by The Pine Cone if Lew had purchased the 200-acre former brick plant adjacent to Highway 1 in Moss Landing, Agha's partner George Schroeder told The Pine Cone, "At this point it's not true."
"We are in negotiations with him to jointly operate the Moss Landing property," Schroeder said. "And when we conclude, Lew will be in charge."

Agha's news release also said Lew is "looking forward to working with the City of Pacific Grove as the potential public agency."

However, Mayor Bill Kampe said that wouldn't be possible based on what Lew told the council Wednesday.
"Don Lew is looking to hire someone on his own to do the environmental impact
report, which could not be the case if the city is going to be their partner," Kampe said, "because we would have to be the one to select and hire the environmental consultant."

Also bewildering is Lew's apparent announcement that he's forged a deal with private water company California American Water.

According to Stoldt, Lew, told him he'd entered into a water purchase agreement with Cal Am, something the water company's spokeswoman said hasn't happened.
"We met with Mr. Lew and he apprised us of his plans," Catherine Bowie told The Pine Cone, "but we have made no agreements with him or the entity he represents."

Agha said Lew is an engineer who formerly worked for Bechtel Power Corp., a large construction and engineering firm that has its headquarters in San Francisco.

According to JDL's website, the familyowned private equity firm has a "focus on private equity investments in innovative companies with disruptive technologies within the health care, natural and renewable resources and green technology markets."

Lew didn't return a phone message left by The Pine Cone.

A consultant for the Monterey Peninsula Water Authority, a group composed of the six Peninsula mayors to find the most feasible water project for the Peninsula, found in November that Agha's desal proposal couldn't be up and running until the third quarter of 2019. The consultant also found Cal Am's proposed water project would cost more but could be operating by the fourth quarter of 2017.

While Agha has long maintained his facility would be the least expensive to build at $\$ 129$ million, the consultant said the project would likely cost in the area of $\$ 190$ million.


## Hilary Teague Kitch

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## Former P.G. mayor hired by Agha and the group backing his desal project

The former mayor of Pacific Grove who wanted the city to back a desalination plant in Moss Landing proposed by developer Nader Agha is now Agha's personal assistant and the executive director of the group that has been his water project's primary backer.

At a meeting in San Francisco last week, former P.G. mayor Carmelita Garcia was introduced as the new executive director of WaterPlus, an activist group that has pushed hard for Agha's project over two other proposals, including a desal plant by California American Water.

The announcement was made by WaterPlus president Ron Weitzman at a California Public Utilities Commission hearing regarding Cal Am's proposed desal plant in North Marina. Garcia didn't speak publicly at the hearing.

Garcia's other new title is Agha's personal assistant, a job she took not long after losing her mayor seat to Bill Kampe. Garcia received 30.12 percent of the vote to Kampe's 69.88 percent.

Garcia, who answered the phone Wednesday at Agha's antique shop on Alvarado Street in Monterey, said she would
call back a Pine Cone reporter about her new job titles but did not.
Garcia and Agha have had close ties, which led Agha and his company in March to give $\$ 5,100$ in campaign contributions to Garcia for her unsuccessful bid against longtime 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter - Agha's nemesis - who beat Marc Del Piero for the seat by about 3,900 votes. Weitzman also donated to her supervisor campaign with a $\$ 1,000$ contribution.

However, Garcia's relationship with Agha also led to questions. In August, Garcia was one of five Pacific Grove City Council members voted to continue to pursue the possibility of being the public agency to spearhead Agha's proposed water project.

But some wondered about Garcia's backing of Agha's project in light of the thousands of dollars he gave her.

And while the Fair Political Practices Commission said Garcia did not have an illegal conflict of interest in taking Agha's campaign contributions, the money led her to recuse herself from at least one meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Water Authority, which comprises the mayors of the six Peninsula cities.

Late last year, after Garcia announced she

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was running for a state assembly, Agha's company loaned her $\$ 40,000$ for the effort. But a month later, Garcia dropped the assem-
bly bid. Garcia said she never used Agha's funds and paid back the money.

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## KILLED <br> From page 1A

lights were flashing outside.
"The victim, a woman, was lying motionless, face down, in the street," he recounted. "The driver of the car - an SUV? - that hit her was quite upset while being interviewed by police."

Murphy said he watched firefighters tend to the injured woman, whom he did not see move or respond, and after about 10 or 15 minutes, they placed her on a gurney and loaded her into the ambulance.
"After several minutes, the ambulance left with flashing lights but did not use a siren," he said, adding that because he stepped back into his home several times during the and paramedics took Dearing to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, but she was later transported to the trauma center at San Jose Regional Medical Center, where she died the following day, according to PGPD Cmdr. John Miller.

Considering the woman had been conscious, and even talking, after the collision, Miller said, police and emergency responders were surprised to learn she had died. And because the accident scene was not considered that of a fatality when police initially responded, they are having to backtrack to conduct a more extensive investigation. Miller said the California Highway Patrol is an undue detrimental effect on the investiga-
tion. He would not discuss any of the details of the collision, either, but said the driver is cooperating with authorities and is not in custody.

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Sixth graders raise \$5,700 for Nepal girls


A WOMAN'S tale of her trip to Nepal inspired Carmel Middle School sixth graders so much that they decided to raise money for a nonprofit that provides scholarships to needy girls there. Two weeks after they launched their campaign, they counted their coins, dollars and checks to discover they had collected $\$ 5,700$ for the cause enough to send 57 Nepalese girls to school for a year - according to Barbara Sayad, the woman who told the class about her journey. "Several weeks ago, I was invited to share my trip to Nepal with the sixth graders at Carmel Middle School," she explained. "The rally was held to help bring life to a book, 'The Homeless Bird," which had been assigned to the students as part of their global language arts curriculum.
"Photos, music, faces of children and stories, along with lots of questions and answers seemed to capture the children's hearts such that with the support of their language arts teacher, Shelly Glennon, the children ventured into the community to raise funds for Empower Nepali Girls," Sayad reported.
This month, a CSU Fullerton professor will take the funds they raised to Nepal, along with "a backpack full of pen-pal letters to the rural Himalayan villages," according to Sayad.

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## SOMBER

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the people that you love. Let them know that they matter."
While he resisted engaging in too much networking at the party, which was mostly attended by VIPs from Southern California, he took the opportunity to encourage Michelle Obama to visit Carmel and the Peninsula with her husband for their anniversary next year.
"I had a chance to talk a bit that evening with the first lady, and I joked with her that I recognized how she spent their anniversary this year was maybe not ideal, at a presidential debate, but fortunately next year, they won't be spending their anniversary that way," Burnett said.

Two decades ago, the First Couple honeymooned on the Central Coast and in Big Sur, according to Burnett. "They commented recently that they want to retrace their steps they took on their honeymoon," he said. "And we told her how much we'd be honored if they had the chance to do that."

Burnett said he also talked with Mrs. Obama about childhood obesity - another issue close to his heart, as Sebastian's generation will be the first in recorded history with a shorter life expectancy than the previous generation - and the role California produce growers have in enabling
"Most of the emphasis has been on encouraging exercise, but diet is a huge part of that," he said. "We on the Central Coast produce much of the food that diet is composed of - it's exactly what can be part of a solution toward addressing this obesity epidemic."

## The party part

Burnett said he didn't know why he had received the invitation, "although I could speculate - and I'm sure it didn't hurt that we hosted the vice president earlier this year."
The celebration took up the first floor of the White House, and guests, who underwent background checks in advance and security screenings at the door, were invited to wander and explore the first and second floors at their leisure.
"There was a library, and I pulled a book off the shelf and leafed through it, and that was completely fine," he recalled. "We were encouraged to explore and enjoy ourselves."

Being at the White House at Christmastime was especially special for the Burnetts, since they met and married in D.C. Burnett donned a black suit, while his wife wore "a really cute Kate Spade dress." Sebastian, meanwhile, was left in the care of a friend.
"It was a treat on a professional level as well as on a personal level for Mel and me, and hopefully it will contribute to the president and the first lady coming visit the Central Coast at some point," he said.

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## RENTALS <br> From page 4A

Potter said. "One of the goals of the committee is to look at the issue."

She said residents worry allowing shortterm rentals would lead to "unruly college kids next door.'

Ward countered that position. "Carmel does not attract young, rowdy people, as there's nothing here for them," she observed. their share of the hotel tax. "And it worked out pretty well, so it definitely needs to be looked at," she said.
Monterey County also allows short-term rentals in Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley
Ward said she hopes the dialog is fruitful, and she had no choice but to raise the issue.
"If you don't get out there and say what you think and take action, then you can't complain later," she said.

## SULENTICH <br> From page 8A

Crystal Cove State Park - which is famous for its historic beach cottages - and Limestone Canyon Wilderness Park, which has been called "The Grand Canyon of Orange County,"

While he welcomes the move to Orange County, Sulentich said he'll miss Monterey County.
"Our district is one of the most beautiful places in the world, and I am extremely
proud of the accomplishments our board of directors and staff have achieved over the past couple years," Sulentich said. "The decision to leave the park district was not an easy one, but after discussing it with my family, returning to Orange County is going to be the best option for everyone."

Lee said the park district will launch its search for a new general manager shortly after the holidays.
"The board of directors will discuss a transition plan at our January regular meeting and will immediately begin a comprehensive search to fill the vacancy," she said.


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## The end of majority rule

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But the question is one that must be asked, because once again we confront the sorry fact that various forces are making it impossible for the people of Carmel to have the future they want for their own town.

This time we're not talking about the tyranny of the coastal commission, which for 30 -plus years has stuck its nose in Carmel's business whenever it had a whim to. Fix the rest of the state first, why don't you?

We're also not talking about the Regional Water Quality Control Board, which has an order outstanding that Carmelites not let any of their stormwater run into the ocean. What is supposed to be done with it, pray tell?

Nor are we talking about the Sierra Club, the Carmel River Steelhead Trout Association, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Public Utilities Commission and all the other culprits behind our water shortage, which makes it impossible for businesses to expand, homeowners to add bathrooms, owners of vacant lots to build, and the people's elected representatives at Carmel City Hall to do any meaningful planning. That mess seems likely to never be solved.

If you're a fan of government of the people, by the people and for the people, the thing that has you banging your head against the wall this week has to be the planning commission's decision last week that Flanders Mansion should be leased, not sold.
For 10 years at least, the people of Carmel have practically shouted from the rooftops that they have no use for the thing, and that they would like to sell it to the highest bidder and use the money for some other public purpose. In 2009, they even voted by a large majority to sell it. In other elections, the "save Flanders Mansion" candidates for city council have regularly been defeated. The people elected to that body have therefore decided numerous times to sell it.

Unfortunately, a tiny group of activists, as readers of this newspaper know full well, have thwarted the people and their representatives by dragging them to court over and over again. Thanks to our idiot Legislature, and the hopeless judges who enforce the dumb laws it passes, the tiny group of activists has repeatedly gotten its way. Exhaustion has set in. And so has a kind of grim acceptance that, no matter how sensible an idea it is to sell Flanders Mansion, and no matter how overwhelmingly the people of Carmel want to do so, state law simply makes it impossible.

So we don't blame the planning commission for its decision. It was a betrayal of the public will, but an understandable one.
Maybe instead of the Mayans destroying the whole world, they could just have a meteor strike Flanders Mansion?

## BEST of BATES


"You can always tell when he's been to Carmel."

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## SVUA gave good treatment Dear Editor,

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Bill Ramsey,
Salinas

## Vasquez was a criminal

## Dear Editor,

The historical evidence does not support Alisal school district superintendent John Ramirez's contention that Tiburcio Vasquez was a social revolutionary (Pine Cone, Dec. 14). Following his capture in 1874 , he boasted to the Los Angeles Herald's editor: "With arms and provisions I could have purchased with $\$ 50,000$ or $\$ 60,000$ to raise a force under which I could revolutionize California." This was the only time he mentioned revolution in his entire outlaw career. A year later, facing the death penalty, he prayed for parents that their children not follow the rough path he had taken. He asked pardon for each and every person he had harmed in any way. His family was embarrassed by his reckless life. He was not a Robin Hood taking from the rich to give to the poor. Throughout his banditry he sought gain; he liked to dress the "fancy" gentleman when his illicit sources would allow him. Although his outlaw bands were mainly Californios and Mexicans, he did not hesitate to include Anglos. He sought protection from families he knew, both Californio and Anglo. He was not a Robin Hood. Yes, he paid for his meals and shelter. Yet he would rob anyone - not just the wealthy or Anglos. From poor itinerant tradesmen to fellow Californios, he stole horses, goods, and luxury items. He did not seek to change the violent times in which he was born nor did he attempt to lead any organization for change.

Dennis Copeland,
Carmel
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More than enough blame to go around - and some of it's even in the right place

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I blame it on gay marriage.
I blame it on the trade unions, not to mention the welfare state, the nanny state and the Fourth Estate.

A very bad thing happened last week. It was another sign of the apocalypse, and not the pagan Mayan apocalypse the liberal media are pushing. The libtards want to use this occasion to take away your guns and to pick your pocket so they can pay for more "mental health care."

But I know better, because I'm an inveterate consumer of the common sense ideas voiced by preachers and pundits with big brains that think deep thoughts.

They blame it on the public school system.

They blame it on victims who aren't willing to gang rush the maniac who is carrying an assault rifle.

They blame it on school administrators, theater ticket-takers and shopping-center clerks who don't arm themselves when they
come to work.
If we didn't have a Muslim president, bad things wouldn't happen.
What can we expect from a society that tolerates radical teachers, drive-through abortions, illegal immigrants, fluoridation, low-hanging jeans, atheists, taxes, Gangnam Style, affirmative action, ABBA's 1976 Arrival album, Lutherans, molly-coddled criminals, government regulation, soft porn, gun control, civil rights, tattoo parlors on Main Street and people who don't pay attention to common sense?

I blame it on the Reformation, Vatican II, guitars in the sanctuary and humanists.

I blame it on violent video games, violent television shows and violent song lyrics.

I blame it on communism and socialism and pluralism.

I blame it on diversity, perversity and the universities.

You people who want to regulate guns think you have all the answers, but you don't. People die in hydraulic-lift accidents all the

By JOE LIVERNOIS
time, so do you want to ban all trash compactors?

If that maniac didn't have access to an assault rifle, he could have easily used a knife, like that maniac in China. I don't hear you calling for a knife ban. That proves I'm right.

Ronald Reagan said that "we must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker." He also said that "it is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions." And if an indi-
vidual wishes to use an assault rifle to mow down an entire classroom or a crowded theater, that's his business, not society's.

I blame it on progressives who regress and oppress with success.

I blame it on Title IX, feminism and Planned Parenthood.
I blame it on entitlements, enlightenment and compromise.
I blame it on parents who don't home school, teachers who don't lead prayers in class and pastors who tolerate dancing in the gymnasium.

Atheists, Darwinists, hedonists, leftists, homosexualists - they're all part of the problem. So are Keynesians, academicians and Episcopalians.
Of course I don't blame it on guns or weapons manufacturers or the NRA. The government can take my semi-automatic assault weapon capable of firing 800 rounds a minute capable of penetrating steel plates when they pry it out of my cold dead hands. It's only common sense.

## UBIQUITOUS BANKER IS THE REAL DEAL

Charles Chrietzberg is something of a fixture in our community. No doubt many people know him from his accent. He's from Mineola, Texas. Way back when, he joined the National Guard to avoid

## Great Lives

By TONY SETON
being drafted. But when the Berlin Crisis caused the guard to be activated, he found himself doing almost as long a tour of duty as if he'd been drafted.

For Charles, it had a benefit, as well.
"I was stationed at Ft. Ord in 1959. I'd never been anywhere out of Texas before," he said. He loved it here.

After the military, he had a choice of working his way up the corporate ladder of Safeway or getting into finance - for a lot smaller starting salary - in the exciting, exploding city of Houston. He took the road less traveled, which turned out to be the right road for him.
It wasn't until the early 1970s that Charles came out here again with his wife. Sandra wanted to see this place that he had been talking about so often. They flew to L.A. and drove up the coast, overnighted in Santa Barbara and then continued, having no idea how far it was to Carmel. When they finally got here, they stayed at the Lobos Lodge. "We were just going to stay one night, but she liked it so much, we stayed two weeks longer."

Then they returned every six months on vacation. In 1982, they bought the house they are still living in on Carmel Point. Prices were great, because interest rates were so high, but he had the cash because he'd just sold his mortgage company in Houston.

He had planned to retire, but he needed more to do. Charles' first foray into the Monterey business world was to become a vintner. He bought La Reina Winery. Three years later, he got back into banking by raising money for the Monterey County Bank. He was quite successful. He was named chairman of the board in 1986, and CEO the following year.

Charles had had many years of banking experience in Texas, and when he was considering getting back in it here, he told a friend, "They didn't have any oil field loans, no oil pipe loans. That's what really caused a lot of problems in Texas. It's almost perfect out there. Everybody's got a lot of money. There's no problem." He chuckled. "It lasted quite a few years, but the
last five or six years have been really tough for banking. We're just now beginning to come out of the real estate collapse, so I probably worked harder these last five years than I did any time in my life."

The big difference between working at a local bank and being part of a national mega-bank is that you know your customers on a first-name basis. "You get to know the customers and the people, and you become

Charles is optimistic about the economy. "It's not going to be a real sharp spike up. It's not going to go up as fast as it went down, but we've hit bottom and things are starting up." Things are much better than they were when the oil crunch hit Houston in the early 1970s. He recalls that there were 50 houses on his street, and at one point, 47 of them were for sale.

The world has changed since he got into banking. He notes that there used to be a real stigma attached to bankruptcy and foreclosure. Now, many people view them as strategic steps. Many people have simply walked away from houses that were too far under water to be rescued, and it's viewed as a smart move.

For bankers, life has become tougher, with new government regulations. They used to have one person handling compliance in his bank. Now they have more people deal-
 being a number, which is how the large banks have to operate."
It's a challenge, of course. Small businesses start with a $50-50$ chance of succeeding and something like 75 percent of restaurants fail in their first three years. Still, his bank has made more restaurant loans than all of the other banks in the area combined. "I've made loans to some people who 20 years ago were a busboy and now they own their own restaurant. We've taken a few hits, but overall, it's been a profitable business, because we know the people. traveled road.

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 than making loans. All the rules have driven smaller banks to think about merging. The thinking is that a bank needs to have a $\$ 1$ billion in assets to make a profit. Monterey County has a quarter of that and so is looking at raising capital to acquire another bank their size or smaller, Chrietzberg says, "and then try to go up the fish chain, so to speak, before we get gobbled up."Charles' son, Clark, and daughter, Stephanie, both work at the bank, reducing his workload, but Charles still loves what he does. His work is also his hobby. And yet he sees the sea change in banking, where young people use ATM machines and do much of their banking online. "Every day's a challenge. I never know what I'm going to be faced with next." But he never regrets having taken the less

## Christmas \& New Year's Deadlines

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## Move over Sunset Center, Bruno's is town's latest music venue

JUST SIX years ago, Carmel lifted its ban on live music where alcohol is sold. Today, you can hear live music at many locations in town, including even the corner market

Bruno's Market transforms into a music venue Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Dec. 22-24, when the pianist Michael Martinez performs there.
"I'm going to be playing inside the market," Martinez told The Pine Cone. "My cousin, Fermin Sanchez, owns the market. I'm bringing a small keyboard.'

A 2008 graduate of Pacific Grove High School, Martinez will play a mix of holiday favorites ("Carol of the Bells," "What Child is This?" and "some jazzy Christmas music from Vince Gauraldi"), popular contemporary music (Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," the theme from the movie, "Out of Africa," and "The Feather" from the film, "Forrest Gump"), and several original songs.

Martinez is particularly looking forward to playing some of his favorite holiday music.
"It's really fun hearing piano renditions of popular Christmas music," the 22 -year-old Pacific Grove resident added. "I like to put my own twist on them and share that with other people."

When he was just 14, Martinez was asked by the late pianist, Jonathon Lee, to take his place playing alongside landmark Bixby Bridge during the annual Big Sur

## New book offers many views of Carmel River

A LocAL painerer who editicd and pubbished a multi-faceted book about the Carmel River, "Passion for Place," will talk about it Saturday, Dec. 22, at Pilgrims's Way bookstore.

Paola Berthoin will on hand from 1 to 3 p.m. to answer questions about the book, which offers a variety of perspectives on the river and the life it supports. Thirty-seven writers contributed to the project, which took three years to complete. Contributors include former Monterey County supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, local steelhead expert Frank Emerson and Tom "Little Bear" Nason, a decedent of the Esselen tribe of Monterey County, and many others.

In addition to words, the book includes paintings and photography by Berthoin, and illustrations by Berthoin, Anne Greene and Pamela Takigawa.

Preceding the event, writer Cheryl Thiele will sign copies of her book, "The Sacred Journey: Daily Journal for Your Soul," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pilgrim's Way is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-4955 or visit www.pilgrimsway.com.


International Marathon. Lee, who was Martinez's musical mentor, died later that year.
Last year, Martinez released his debut recording, "Big Sur Reminiscence."

Martinez plays Saturday and Sunday from noon to 2 p.m., and Monday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Bruno's is located at Sixth and Junipero. Call (831) 624-3821.

Homecoming in the valley
Just as she did last year, singer-songwriter Belinda Underwood is returning home for the holidays. She performs Saturday, Dec. 22, at Plaza Linda restaurant in Carmel Valley Village.

A one-time member of the Monterey Jazz Festival Honor Band who grew up in the valley, Underwood creates an original sound by playing a baritone ukelele with her fingers and keyboard bass pedals with her feet. Now a resident of Portland, Oregon, she also plays the standup bass, the banjo, the violin and the Arabic oud.
"I've seen Belinda play the bass, and I was blown away," local music promoter Kiki Wow said. "She's a very talented multi-instrumentalist. As a singer-songwriter, her music is offbeat and quirky, yet sophisticated at the same time.'

And maybe if the audience is lucky, she'll offer a belly dance. "She came to Plaza Linda last New Year's Eve and did a belly dancing number that made everybody's eyes' pop," Wow recalled.

The previous evening - Friday, Dec. 21 -seven-string guitarist Bob Burnett and vocalist Sasha Landry play smooth jazz at Plaza Linda.
"Bob does a lot of bass work on his guitar, so it sounds like there's more people performing than there really is," Wow explained. "Sasha is

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Pianist Michael Martinez (top) performs at Brunos Market Saturday, Sunday and
Monday. Singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Belinda Underwood (above) plays a homecoming concert Saturday at Plaza Linda restaurant.

## Sculptor rubs elbows with royals, aids ballet students

LaSt month, sculptor Richard MacDonald attended a dinner at Buckingham Palace. Accompanied by his wife, Julia Cominos, he sat at dinner across from actress Natalie Portman and later chatted with Prince Charles.

The sculptor's appearance at the lavish event is linked to an ambitious monument he is creating for England's Royal Ballet, one of Price Charles' favorite charities. Paying tribute to the Royal Ballet's late founder, Ninette de Valois, the monument is scheduled to be unveiled this coming summer.

The memorial will feature 17 figures, each depicting a dancer as she progresses from a young student to an accomplished ballerina. The monument, which McDonald is working on in his Monterey and London studios, will be installed on the grounds of the Royal Ballet School at White Lodge in London's Richmond Park.

According to his daughter, Michelle, MacDonald is helping to pay the expenses of two underprivileged ballet students so they can attend the school for a year.

Famous for capturing the beauty, strength and fluid movement of dancers in motion, he has made a career of studying the human form in motion.

MacDonald's work is on display in Carmel's Dawson Cole Fine Art gallery, which is located at Lincoln and Sixth.

■ Holiday party in P.G.
Artisana Gallery and Bookmark Music in Pacific Grove team up for a holiday celebration Saturday, Dec. 22. The event starts at 11 a.m., and The Terry Shehorn Duo plays classic rock from 1 to 4 p.m.

The two downtown businesses are located on the 300 block of Forest Avenue across the street from the Pacific Grove City Hall. Call (831) 655-9775 or visit www.artisana-


Accompanied by his wife, Julia Cominos, sculptor Richard MacDonald (above) chats with Prince Charles of England. The couple attended a lavish dinner (below) last month at Buckingham alace in London.


## P.B. couple buys Rocky Point Restaurant, seeks return to 'glory days’

By CHRIS COUNTS

Rocky point Restaurant, a landmark along the scenic drive between Carmel and Big Sur, sold Dec. 17 for $\$ 4,750,000$.

Built in the late 1940s and famous for its view south along the Big Sur coast, the Rocky Point Restaurant was purchased by Pete and Grace Wang of Pebble Beach from its previous owners, the Bruce Jones estate and Don and Joan Miller

The listing agent, Bradley Towle of Sotheby's International Realty, told the Pine Cone that the new owners are committed to
reviving the restaurant
"I was afraid someone might turn it into a private residence," Towle explained. "But they're going to give it a facelift, bring in a chef, give it a new menu and return it to its glory days."
The 6,200 -square-foot restaurant along with a 340 -square-foot cottage and two 887 -square-foot apartments - is situated on 25 acres, much of which has is protected by a conservation easement. The property, which had been listed for $\$ 5.9$ million, is located about 10 miles south of Carmel. The restaurant, which serves breakfast,
lunch and dinner, offers striking views of Rocky Creek Bridge, Division Knoll, Hurricane Point and Point Sur to the south. Also included in the view is Notley's Landing, a six-acre parcel of open space that was once a hub of commerce.

In the 1890 's, a ship landing was built just south of where Rocky Point restaurant now stands so boats could carry away redwood that was harvested in nearby Palo Colorado Canyon.

At night, powerful floodlights illuminate the sight of waves crashing against rocks just steps away from the restaurant.


The restaurant has a fabulous setting on the Big Sur coast (above) and tremendous views enjoyed by customers, and now Rocky Point Restaurant has new owners who say they plan to return it to its "glory days.


According to a colorful local legend that's included in the late Donald T. Clark's book, "Monterey County Place Names," the point was not named for its distinctive rocks. Instead, a 19th century pirate, Le Roc Corsaire, named it after himself. But Clark himself doubted the story, calling it "malarky."

According to Pacific Lutheran University's website, the Wangs" enjoyed careers in teaching and research," had "success in real estate and management," and are active volunteers engaged in a variety of charitable projects
A Chinese immigrant, Peter Wang graduated from Pacific Lutheran - which is located in Tacoma, Wash. - in 1960.

Grateful for the education and financial support he received from the school, he and his wife donated $\$ 4$ million to the university in 2002 to start the Wang Center for Global Education.
"They gave me hope," he said when the gift was announced.

The Wang Center's mission is to promote world peace and "educational and cultural exchange among students from all over the world."
Two years later, the couple established the Wang Foundation to help combat global poverty. "Built on the premise that a more just and peace-filled world is attainable through college students engaging cross cul urally in service learning projects, the Wang Foundation helps students become more effective global citizens," reads its mission statement.

Peter Wang also has Ph.D. in probablity theory from Wayne State University in Michigan. His wife graduated from the same university with a Ph.D. in chemistry.

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such a good singer, and I love the selection of songs that they play. They're very easy on the ears."
Both concerts start at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and there's a $\$ 10$ cover. The restaurant is located at 9 Del Fino Place. For more information, call (831) 659-4229 or visit www.plazalinda.com.

## ■ Rock and soul, unplugged

An acoustic version of The Dani Paige Band - featuring Paige on vocals and Jesse DeCarlo on guitar - celebrates the Winter Solstice Friday at the Big Sur Taphouse.

Paige is soulful singer whose voice has
inspired comparisons with Joss Stone. Together, she and DeCarlo serve up a mix of classic rock and vintage soul.

The next night, Dec. 22, Salinas-based singer-songwriter Ben Rosett returns to the Taphouse. A recording engineer by day, Rosett uses loop pedals and other gadgetry to create a one-man wall of sound.

Both shows start at 8 p.m. and there's no cover. The Tap House is located on Highway 127 miles south of Carmel. (831) 667-2225 or visit www.bigsurtaphouse.com.

Also performing down the coast, The Temple Tigers return Saturday to Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

Featuring Jaqui Hope on vocals, Dave Barth on guitar, Dave Holodiloff on drums and Preston Sult on bass, the quartet plays a mix of classic and modern rock covers.

The music begins at 9 p.m. and there's no cover. Fernwood is located on Highway 1 about 25 miles south of Carmel. Call (831) 667-2422 or visit www.fernwoodbigsur.com.
$\square$ More live music around town

The Wharf Rats play classic rock Dec. 21 at Carmel Mission Inn's Fuse Lounge (3665 Rio Road). The following evening Dino Vera sings jazz, soul and pop at the same venue. Both shows start at 9 p.m. and there's no cover.

Vocalist Debbie Davis and pianist Gennady Loktionov play jazz Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Cypress Inn (Lincoln and Seventh). The music starts at 7 p.m. Guitarist Richard Devinck plays classical music at Cypress Inn Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. There's no cover.
Pianist Madeline Edstrom leads a sing-a-long of jazz and pop tunes Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21-23, at Mission Ranch (26270 Dolores St.). Also playing piano, Loktionov leads a sing-along Monday through Thursday, Dec. 24-27, at the same venue. The music begins at 8 p.m. and there's no cover.

Accompanied by guitarist Jesse DeCarlo, singer Dani Paige performs Friday at the Big Sur Taphouse.

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## Jewelery store finally gets permission to replace awning

## by Mary Schiey

After being denied by the planning commission, and then sent back to the commission by the city council, the owners of a Dolores Street jewelry store finally obtained permission last week to place an awning over the bay window of their shop. Alex and Ohannes Agacanyan argued the awning over a bay window in their stone-fronted store would protect customers and their jewelry from the sun's heat and rays, as well as from the raindrops that could obscure the glass and prevent people from seeing their wares.

The Agacanyans bought the jewelry store a couple of years ago to add to their group of businesses in town and thought it would be simple to replace the tattered awning that had hung over the window for decades under the previous ownership. That awning was approved in 1983.
"The previous owner didn't have the money to replace the awning, and we wanted to bring it back the way it was," Ohannes Agacanyan said. "My mistake was I wanted to do a bright yellow, like Cartier. Now I just want to bring it back to its own original style."

He told the commission it's important to shield the expensive jewelry in his shop window from the sun. When customers ask to try on a piece and it's hot, he said, "that affects the sale."
"Not that I sell hot merchandise!" he added.

After the planning commission denied his original request in September, and the city council subsequently denied his appeal and urged him to apply again to the planning commission with his modified plan for a lower-profile awning in a burgundy color, he made his entreaty to the commission last

The bay window of $B \& G$ Jewelers on B\&G ewelers on Dolores Street will
soon be adorned with soon be adorned with
a burgundy awning, now that the owners have jumped through all the hoops to get the covering approved.

week. The historic resources board also reviewed the proposal and found no fault with it.

Commissioner Don Goodhue complimented the Agacanyans for heeding the city's advice.
"We're always looking for balance of individuality and consistency, and I think that does this well," he said. "I think they should be commended for doing what was

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## Auction house says man bid on $\$ 4$ million jar but didn't pay for it

WHEN AN anonymous caller from Asia won a 4.1 million rare Korean porcelain jar after several minutes of frenzied bidding at an antiquities auction in San Francisco four years ago, it made news for the jar's record-breaking sale price.

What didn't make headlines, however, is that buyer Yoon-Soo Chun refused to pay for the item in the weeks and months following the auction, according to a lawsuit filed against him last week by auction house Bonhams \& Butterfields.

In the claim filed Dec. 7 in Monterey County Superior Court by Carmel attorney Gerard Rose, the auctioneers contend Chun placed the bid for the 15 -inch-tall jar knowing he was "incapable" of paying for the Joseon Dynasty-era jar.

Chun and his Seoul-based company, Chinese Art Research \& Consulting, also listed as a defendant in the suit, "failed and refused to pay the amount then owed for their purchase pursuant to the conditions of sale," according to Bonhams.

Even after Chun sent the auction company a "written promise" in March 2009 to make payments toward the 200-year-old jar which sold for $\$ 4,184,000$, the money never came, Bonhams said

As a result, Bonhams \& Butterfields said it was forced to sel the jar at another auction one year later "at a substantial loss," though the lawsuit doesn't specify how much. Rose said Bonhams doesn't comment on pending litigation.
The cream-colored "thickly-potted" blue and white jar, as described by the auctioneers, features a spotted tiger with a bearded man believed to be a mountain spirit pulling the tail of the large cat beneath a pine tree.

Though tigers and other animals such as deer and magpies appear on jars similar to the one Chun bid on, the "appearance of human figures upon these large storage jars is very rarely seen," Bonhams said on its website.

According to a Dec. 10, 2008, news story in the San Francisco Chronicle, the auction began with 12 potential bidders, and the bidding began at $\$ 100,000$. After the jar reached $\$ 1$ million, half the bidders bowed out. When the jar reached the $\$ 2$ million mark, only two bidders remained. Chun placed his bids via telephone. The auction lasted about five minutes.

The sale price for the jar, which was expected to reach around
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If you promise to pay $\$ 4$ million for a two-century-old Korean vase such as this one, you'd better be able to complete the deal, an auction house's lawsuit says.



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## Christmas in the Forest

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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Christmas Day Service - 9:30 am
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## AWNING

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suggested.'
Vice chair Michael LePage observed the awning didn't appear to "create any problems with the architecture," and he appreciated the Agacanyans' willingness to work with the planning commission and propose a better alternative.

Commissioner Keith Paterson agreed, making a motion to approve the awning, which will be lettered with the store's name to replace the hanging sign, but commissioner Steve Dallas objected.

Despite the historic resources board's finding that the awning would not affect the historical significance of the building, he said, "If we put something on there, we're still changing the history of it."

He also wanted a condition that the bay window be removed the next time the business sells, but Le Page said he didn't believe that was an appropriate demand, and associ-
ate planner Marc Wiener warned such a requirement would be beyond the commission's purview. The commission approved the new awning for $B \& G 3-1$.

## JAR

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$\$ 300,000$, set a world record for Korean blue and white porcelain jars, according to Bonhams.

The auction house alleges Chun, who couldn't be reached for comment, engaged in fraud and breach of contract. The auction company's lawsuit claims he bid on the jar on behalf of a "would-be purchaser" and concealed that from the auction house.

The company is seeking an unspecified amount for the jar and punitive damages, which may be awarded in cases of "malice, oppression or fraud."

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## Christmas feasting and New Year's Eve fantasizing, wine down, and a popup

## By MARY SCHLEY

CHRISTMAS OFTEN means gathering in the kitchen to cook an elaborate dinner or contributing to a potluck, but for those whod rather venture out than stay in, restaurants around the Monterey Peninsula are ready to host you.
Pacific's Edge restaurant in the Hyatt Carmel Highlands offers a four-course Christmas dinner with an incomparable view from 3 to 8 p.m., when executive chef Matt Bolton shows off his signature California Coastal cuisine and pastry chef Gina Scalla wows with her fabulous desserts.
Menu highlights include dungeness crab with fuyu persimmon, yuzu-ginger emulsion and Szechuan pepper tuile; Maine lobster with snow peas, black trumpet, parsnip puree and truffle emulsion; 16 -ounce bone-in rib chop with fingerling potato gratin and red wine jus; and bittersweet chocolate Marquise with toasted meringue, hazelnut praline and citrus. The price is $\$ 110$ per person, plus tax and 18 percent tip. Children ages 5 to 12 are $\$ 55$, and children under 5 dine free. For reservations, call (831) 622-5445 or visit www.pacificsedge.com.

In Carmel, diners can take the elegant, sophisticated route on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, when Aubergine restaurant in the hotel at Monte Verde and Seventh presents a fourcourse prix fixe from 5 to 9 p.m. for $\$ 89$ person, plus tax and service. Wine pairings are an additional $\$ 75$ per person.

Exhibiting executive chef Justin Cogley's typical creativity and palette of unusual ingredients, the menu includes firstcourse choices of sunchoke, sake, sea urchin and vanilla; Oysters Rockefeller with sea lettuce, brioche and spinach; or Russian sturgeon with apple, rice cracker and crème fraiche (for an extra \$79). The second course offers diver scallop with tangelo, cauliflower and tat soi; potato, truffle, parsley and P'tit Basque, followed by entrée choices of ribeye, fermented plum and kohlrabi; Maine lobster, yellow curry, apple and lime pickle; or Dover sole, Champagne and black trumpets (\$32 extra). Cheeses from Aubergine's new cave are an additional $\$ 20$ per person, and desserts prepared by executive pastry chef Ron Mendoza include milk chocolate and egg nog "buche" or peppermint cream, white chocolate and
raspberry.
Reservations are recommended. Call (831) 624-8578.
For good, casual feasting in the company of friends and strangers on Christmas Eve, consider the 12-ounce rib-eye steak (\$19.95), the Irish Stew with beef marinated in Guinness (\$10.95) or the shepherd's pie of ground beef cooked in a special sauce topped with mashed potatoes (\$11.95) at Flanagan's Irish-American Pub in the Barnyard Shopping Village. Owner Joe Opitz said the pub, which also has a pool table, darts, a dog-friendly patio and a fire pit, will be open regular hours Christmas and New Year's eves, serving the full regular menu until 11 p.m. Visit www.flanaganscarmel.com to learn more.

And if what you crave more than anything on Christmas Eve isn't a goose or a spiral-cut ham, but a big, juicy burger, visit The Britannia Arms pub on Alvarado Street in Monterey. Serving food until 10 p.m., The Brit will also be

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open regular hours Christmas and New Year's eves. Dec. 24 means all-you-can-eat fish and chips, but the half-pound burger is pretty hard to beat. Made to order for $\$ 7.95$, the burger can be garnished with cheese, mushrooms, bacon and guacamole for a bit more, and comes with fries or salad. www.britanniaarmsofmonterey.com

In Pacific Grove, the tried-and-true European cuisine of Fandango Restaurant provides delicious comfort Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as owners Pierre and Marietta Bain have been doing for a quarter century.

Their special holiday dinner includes traditional roasted Tom turkey, mashed potatoes, chestnut stuffing, cranberry sauce and giblet gravy for $\$ 28.75$; duckling a l'orange with bittersweet orange sauce for $\$ 31.75$; and Tournedos Henry IV, filet of beef, artichoke bottom, sauce Bearnaise $\$ 44.75$. And, for a special and especially delicious dessert, the Soufflé au Grand Marnier. Fandango, located at 223 17th St., is open on Christmas Eve from 5 to 8 p.m. (as well as for lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.), and on Christmas between 3 and 8 p.m. To make reservations, call (831) 372-3456 or see www.fandangorestaurant.com

And on the
last night of 2012
New Year's Eve celebrations aren't difficult to come by, either. Fandango, for instance, will have the Tournedos special again that night, as well as broiled Australian cold-water lobster tail for $\$ 105$. The restaurant is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m, and for dinner from 5 to 10 p.m. Aubergine will also have two special menus available: a four-course option for those seated between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. for $\$ 105$ (\$95 more for wine pairings) and a six-course option with wine pairings for $\$ 290$ per person for people with reservations between

8:30 and 9:30. Pacific's Edge will present a four-course menu during a first seating from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for $\$ 145$ per person ( $\$ 70$ for guests age 5 to 12), and a five-course menu during a second seating from 8 to $9: 30$ p.m. for $\$ 195$ per person (also $\$ 70$ for kids). Prices do not include tax and tip, and younger children eat free.

Andre's Bouchée on Mission between Ocean and Seventh in Carmel will provide a special New Year's Eve menu at two seatings for $\$ 75$ and $\$ 85$. After a dainty amuse bouche to awaken the palate will come a Trio de Tartare of salmon cannelloni, ahi tuna tartare, avocado puree and dungeness crab with mango; or Assiette à la Truffe with Perigord black truffle in puff pastry and local wild mushroom soup with truffles. The third course will be Lotte au Homard et Caviar monkfish stuffed with lobster and Osestra caviar sauce - and for the fourth course, venison with huckleberry sauce or herbcrusted rack of lamb au jus with local porcini and chanterelles. Dessert will feature a trio of delicate macaroons with blackberry sorbet. For reservations, call (831) 626-7880. www.andresbouchee.com

At Carmel Valley Ranch, The Lodge Restaurant will host its New Year's Eve Dinner \& Dance Celebration, with dinner from 6 to 11 p.m., and dancing from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Executive chef Tim Wood will create a prix fixe showcasing his penchant for farm-to-table cuisine that's beautiful and tasty. The $\$ 145$-per-person menu will include an amuse bouche of Osetra caviar, followed by warm lobster salad on frisée and a poached egg with pancetta shallot vinaigrette. The second course of winter black truffle risotto will include Big Sur chanterelles, and options for the third course will be Sonoma duck breast with honeybraised red cabbage and winter black truffle gnocchi; filet of beef with celery root purée, shaved winter truffle, buttered parsnips and oxtail jus; or herb-roasted Alaskan halibut with braised winter greens and Champagne caviar sauce. The final course will be a duo of honey sea salt pot de crème and Santa

Cruz apple crisp with lavender ice cream Attendees will take home a chef's goodie bag of salt house candies, lavender bath salts and a jar of C.V. Ranch honey.
The resort will also host a more family friendly NYE "brunch" buffet in the

Redwood Room from 6 to 9:30 p.m., "so family and friends can enjoy an earlier dinner before the dancing begins" at 10 in the Oak Room. The cost to attend is $\$ 75$ for

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Revelers test their luck during a New Year's Eve celebration at the Inn at Spanish Bay labove). Black cod marinated in prosecco and served over a sunchoke purée (right) sunchoke purée lright was one of the star
dishes prepared by dishes prepared by chet Brad Briske in 9 popup dinner at $L$ a Balena.



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Pebble Beach will celebrate "Once Upon a Time: New Year's Eve 2012" at The Inn at Spanish Bay, starting at 8 p.m. "You don't need to arrive in a glass carriage or kiss a frog at midnight to join the fun," according to organizers. "Just bring your imagination and good cheer as Pebble Beach Resorts welcomes guests to ring in 2013 in fairytale style."

Live music and a lavish buffet will complement the extravagantly decorated venue featuring The Emerald City Casino, Mad Hatter's Tea and Dessert Party, and a castle complete with a drawbridge and smoking dragon. Tickets are $\$ 395$ per person, and one- and two-night packages start at \$950. Call (800) 654-9300 for reservations.

Monterey's iconic Sardine Factory will offer a four-course dinner, midnight balloon drop, party favors and live entertainment. The prix fixe will star Castroville artichoke bisque,

Tuscan artisan lettuce salad, and a choice of Greater Omaha filet mignon and grilled wild Pacific prawns, broiled Maine lobster tail or veal chop Perigourdine. Raspberry Bavarian Cake will be served for dessert. The Sardine Factory is located at 701 Wave St. in Monterey. The cost is $\$ 75$ per person, not including tip or drinks, and reservations are required by calling (831) 373-3775.

## In other news.

Anna and Emanuele Bartolini hosted a popup dinner in their new La Balena restaurant on Junipero Street Sunday night organized by Colleen Logan and featuring the fresh fish of Local Catch, the produce of Mariquita Farm and Country Flat Farm, the wine of Cima Collina and the floral arrangements of Burst and Bloom. Chef Brad Briske (most recently at Casanova Restaurant) demonstrated his talent for quick planning - he didn't even know what fish he'd be cooking until that morning - in a beautiful dinner that included sea bass sausage with persimmon mostardo; a "decomposed soup" with dungeness crab, salted cod purée, radishes, mizuno greens and puréed chiles; butterfish (a.k.a. black cod or sablefish) marinated in prosecco and served with sunchoke purée, chanterelles and crispy potatoes; and ice cream with warm biscotti. A trio of three house-made citrus sorbets served as a palate cleanser midway.
"Part of the fun of cooking is improvising and working with what you've got," Briske said of his creating on the fly.
Usually featuring Tuscan fare, the menu at La Balena changes frequently, depending on what ingredients are available, and Emanuele Bartolini, who has worked at the fourstar Del Posto in New York City, Cantinetta Luca and other notable venues, heavily emphasizes supporting small, local businesses, farmers and other purveyors. His wine list contains about 60 labels, mostly Italian nicely interspersed with Monterey County wines, ranging in price from just over $\$ 20$ to just below $\$ 70$. Opened just a couple of weeks ago, La Balena has already amassed a following of regulars.

As for Logan and her business, Savor the Local - which helps connect farmers with chefs - keep an eye out for more popup dinners in the future.

Three courses for $\$ 25$
Monterey Cookhouse is providing a $\$ 25$-per-person threecourse menu Sunday through Thursday nights from 4:30 p.m. onward. First-course options are crostini with tomato
ruschetta, house salad, half a Caesar or a cup of soup. For the second course, customers have a choice of half a rack of smoked baby back ribs, a wood-smoked half chicken, grilled salmon or New York steak. They finish with dessert of rice pudding, chocolate chip bread pudding or seasonal sorbet.

Monterey Cookhouse is located at 2149 Fremont St.

## $\square$ Wine Down lineup

Tarpy's Roadhouse on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey announced its upcoming special guests for Wine Down Wednesdays, when a featured vintner showcases the wines, which are offered at a discount, and a special three-course menu is available, too. Guests are able to enter a monthly drawing for a dinner for two and a basket of wine.

Upcoming guests include Domaine Chandon Dec. 26, Morgan Jan. 2, Paraiso Jan. 9, Bernardus Jan. 16, Kim Crawford Jan. 23 and Pessagno Jan. 30.

Call (831) 647-1444 or visit www.tarpys.com to learn more.

- Wine walk a success

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce pronounced its Wine Walk by-the-Sea program, in which people purchase a passport allowing them to sample wines at seven tasting rooms in town, a success in its first year, with more than 1,700 of the passes sold.

Available at the visitor's center, the passports sell for $\$ 50$ apiece and allow stops at Caraccioli Cellars, Figge Cellars, Galante Vineyards, Manzoni Cellars, Scheid Vineyards, Wrath Wines and Vino Napoli. They are designed to encourage people to walk among the various venues at their own pace, and they do not expire, so even out-of-towners can use and enjoy them as they please. And this month, the group is offering a 10 percent discount on pre-wrapped passports, an ideal and lightweight Christmas gift.

Also part of the program, 13 restaurants waive corkage fees for wines bought at the participating tasting rooms, including Allegro Gourmet Pizzeria, Basil, Big Sur Lodge, Big Sur River Inn, Bistro Beaujolais, Bistro Giovanni, Cantinetta Luca, Carmel Belle, Da Giovanni, Le St. Tropez, Little Napoli, Vesuvio and Village Corner.

For more information about the Wine Walk passports, visit www.carmelcalifornia.org or call the chamber at (831) 624-2522. The visitor center is located on the west side of San Carlos Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

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## Carmel

Casanova, SE corner of Fourth - \$250,000 Bruce and Karen Feuchter to Lani O'Day
APN: 010-214-028
Guadalupe Street, 3 SW of Fourth - \$850,000 Shirley Crist to Larry and Janice Stoney APN: 010-036-003

25127 Hatton Road - \$1,729,000 John and Lisa Craft to David Fried and Wendy File APN: 009-152-010

5 La Pradera - \$1,750,000
Charles Page to John Harwell and Mary Bading
APN: 103-151-012


25127 Hatton Road, Carmel - \$1,729,000

3407 Fourth Avenue - \$1,810,000 Thomas and Carol Raney to Scott and Melissa Jackson APN: 009-153-005

Guadalupe, NE corner of Mountain View \$1,850,000
Alain and Sylvia Couder to Michael and Elizabeth Maurutto APN: 010-042-009

2784 Pradera Road - \$2,200,000
Robert and Teresa Halleck to Alain and Sylvia Couder APN: 243-034-008

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## HOME SALES

From page 2RE

## Highway 68

40751 Elm Avenue - \$450,000 Pablo and Patricia Romero to Luciano Vargas APN: 109-212-005

77 Paseo Hermoso - \$789,000 Edward and Eloise Ryder to Candace and Hazel Popper APN: 161-101-006

41407 Pine Avenue - \$1,100,000 Aldo and Gianna Pura Trust to
William Massa and Marc and Tara Pura APN: 109-051-002

## Monterey

451 Dela Vina no. 407 - \$168,000 Richard and Linda Julian to Robert Johnston APN: 013-331-041

199 La Rancheria - \$2,800,000 Mark and Roberta Meryash to Randall and Linda Charles APN: 187-181-019

## Carmel Valley

26115 Zdan Road - \$90,500 Deutsche Bank to Mark and Denise Stevens APN: 416-071-008

23 De los Helechos - \$345,000 Scott Hodges to Laurence and Melissa Walker APN: 189-311-007

8630 River Meadows Road - \$2,500,000 Paul and Wendy File to Larry and Tracy Odle APN: 416-028-018


8630 River Meadows Road, Carmel Valley - \$2,500,000

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Monterey [con't.]
3303 Golden Oaks Lane - \$285,000 Patricia Workman to Deyang Wu APN: 001-944-026/04

12 Chatswood Place - \$400,000 Paul Brubaker to Gordon and Kristen Wynn APN: 014-131-035

1128 Sixth Street - \$409,000 Orazio Cutino to Donald and Karen Sauer APN: 001-845-003

11 Pinehill Way - \$485,000 John and Carrie Thomas to Christopher and Salvatore Tringali APN: 014-091-011

440 Pine Street - \$530,000
Mardones Family Trust to James Uchida APN: 001-113-022

## 4 Blacktail Lane - \$660,000

Chad and Rebecca Cassady to
Andrew and Rita del Pozzo
APN: 101-301-011
1501 Skyline Drive - \$5,038,000 Crosswinds Trust to 1501 Skyline Drive LLC APN: 014-051-015

## Pacific Grove

410 Cedar Street - \$526,000 Noel Walling to Henry Chow and Kanako Nakazono APN: 006-451-006

## Pebble Beach

4088 Pine Meadows Way - \$746,000 Stephen and Mary Ross to Kent Bransford APN: 008-592-018

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## SALES

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## Pebble Beach [con't.]

1155 Arrowhead Road - \$750,000 Robert and Phyllis Sokol to Jeffrey and Maria Peakes APN: 007-541-017

17 Mile Drive, corner of Spyglass Hill Road \$3,150,000
Frank and Jane Sanders Trust to Kerry Straine and Olivia McLeod APN: 008-012-005

Riata Road, corner of Palmero Way - \$3,165,000 NWBR to Eastern Development Corp
APN: 008-341-019

## Seaside

1844 Laguna Street - \$215,000
Joseph Capuccio to Sal and Maria Lucido APN: 012-822-017

1812 Mendocino Street - \$240,000 Citibank to GSAA Home Equity Trust APN: 012-852-007

1289 Darwin Street - \$250,000 Robert and Lillian Roybal to Jason and Tracy Gordo
APN: 012-291-010
1801 Luzern Street - \$309,000
Roman and Claire Kristl to
Arthur Simons and Elaine Lalancette APN: 012-781-004

12 Shawnee Court - \$342,500
North Point Investments Fund to Michael and Mayra Yorgensen APN: 012-109-026

1800 Mendocino Street - \$359,000 Journeys Investment to John Curl and Christine Thompson APN: 012-852-006


2784 Pradera Road, Carmel - \$2,400,000

2040 Mariposa Street - \$440,000 Son Star Enterprises to James Russell APN: 011-055-019

## ■ Foreclosure sales

Monterey
807 Johnson Street - \$686,249
(unpaid debt \$1,266,720)
Reconstruct Co. to Bank of America
APN: 001-402-015

## Seaside

595 Sonoma Avenue - \$405,031 (debt \$495,031) Quality Loan Service Corp. to Chase Bank APN: 011-314-010

1291 Waring Street $-\$ 511,123$ (debt $\$ 637,858$ ) Cal-Western Reconveyance to Nationstar Mortgage APN: 012-285-013

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## POLICE LOG

From page 4A
lance responded to the scene to assess the subject. The subject requested to be transported to CHOMP. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse Avenue reported fraudulent use of credit card. No suspect info.

Big Sur: Victim reported the theft of a chain saw from his property. Theft occurred between May and October. Total loss \$1,200.

Big Sur: Woman reported her vehicle was burglarized via window smash on Oct. 29. Purse and carry-on were stolen. Total loss estimated at $\$ 1,515$.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a citizen report of a dog loose in the roadway area on Mission Street. On arrival, the dog was lying in a driveway. The dog would not allow the officer to handle it; however, the officer was able to secure it on a leash. Officer checked the residence nearby and located the dog owner. The dog escaped through an opening in the fence. The dog was returned to the owner with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle owner
reported vandalism to his vehicle while it was parked on Fifth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a vehicle on Monterey Avenue. No suspect information. Pacific Grove: Man reported possible sexual activity occurring in a room belonging to a 13-year-old girl on Laurel Avenue, but does not know who the parties involved are. Resident recorded the sound, which he believes to be a bed frame hitting the wall during sexual intercourse. Resident was told to contact police the next time he felt suspicious activity or annoying noise is occurring in the home. Information only. The audio was provided. Similar to a previous report.

Pacific Grove: Fountain Avenue resident reported someone entered her apartment without her permission and took some personal property. There was no sign of forced entry or evidence left behind. She thinks it was possibly her landlord or his family. She was unable to provide a full name or contact information for the landlord so his side of story could be obtained. Unfounded

Carmel Valley: Hacienda Carmel resident reported her personal information was used to open a fraudulent instant credit account at Best Buy in San Francisco on Nov. 27. A total of $\$ 3,300$ in charges were made. No suspect information.

Carmel Valley: Person requested a wel-
fare check on a Valley Greens Circle resident. Deputies contacted the resident and found the person to be depressed but not suicidal.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Monte Verde Street resident reported suspicious circumstances involving her personal information. After not receiving credit card statements, she inquired with bank and found unknown person(s) had attained her information and called and changed her billing address. Resident related the credit company is aware of the issue, and no further investigation is required.

Pacific Grove: Report of dog bite on Pine Avenue which led to a 415 [verbal peace disturbance] between parties involved.

Pacific Grove: Officers dispatched to four juveniles on Caledonia with a bow and arrow in the park. Caller was concerned they had shot the arrow at an animal. Officers confiscated the handmade makeshift wooden bow and arrow. The items were held for safekeeping. Children were released with questions and verbal warning. The 12 -year-old boy's mother
said she will pick the bow and arrow up the following morning.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to a hit-and-run on Fountain Avenue with moderate damage to the vehicle. All times, speeds and measurements taken for the accident were approximate.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found in the commercial district on Mission Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Mission Street per section 22651(1) CVC (vehicle parked in temporary no-parking zone).

Pacific Grove: Offensive message via Facebook. No desire for prosecution

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a gas station on Forest Avenue for report of suspicious device inside pumps. No camera footage available.

Pacific Grove: Bicycle theft from Sixth Street with no suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Sunset Drive resident reported her adult nephew, who had been admonished for trespassing by police in the


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| \$2,295,000 5bd 5.5ba 100 VIA MILPITAS <br> Coldwell Banker Del Monte | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa 1-4 } \\ \text { Carmel Valley } \\ 521-5401 \end{array}$ |


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| \$525,000 3bd 2ba <br> 843 Portola Drive <br> The Jacobs Team | Sa 2-4 <br> MONTEREY |


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| \$430,000 2bd 1ba 1246 Prescott Avenue The Jones Group |  |
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| \$485,000 2bd 2.5ba 703 REDWOOD LANE <br> Coldwell Banker Del Monte | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Su 12-2 } \\ \text { Pacific Grove } \\ 601-3230 \end{array}$ |
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| \$549,000 2bd 2ba 35 Ocean Pines Lane Keller Williams Realty | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Su 1-4 } \\ \text { Pebble Beach } \\ 277-2617 \end{array}$ |
| \$749,000 3bd 2ba 1064 Indian Village Road Keller Williams Realty | Sa 10-2 Su 1-4 Pebble Beach $402-9451$ |
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| \$895,000 3bd 3ba 49 Shepherds Knoll Alain Pinel Realtors | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa 1-3 } \\ \text { Pebble Beach } \\ 622-1040 \end{array}$ |
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| \$1,250,000 4bd 2ba 3052 Valdez Rd Sotheby's Int'l RE | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Su 12-2 } \\ \text { Pebble Beach } \\ 241-8208 \end{array}$ |
| \$4,195,000 3bd 3ba 3032 Cormorant Road Alain Pinel Realtors | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Su 1-4 } \\ \text { Pebble Beach } \\ 622-1040 \end{array}$ |
| SALINAS |  |
| $\mathbf{\$ 2 9 9}$,900 3bd 2ba 211 San Miguel Ave. Sotheby's Intil RE | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa 10-1 1:30 } \\ \text { Salinas } \\ 402-1982 \end{array}$ |

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## BEARDSLEY <br> From page 14A

It's also an impressive story of logistics and household management.
A daughter, Susie Pope of Napa, who describes herself as "9th from the top and 10th from the bottom" told the Santa Rosa Press Democrat that her father bought shoes in bulk when they went on sale at the Navy commissary.

The shoes came in three types, Oxfords for school, patent-leather dress-ups for church at the Carmel Mission, and tennis shoes for play.
"It didn't matter which size" her dad bought, she recalled. "Someone would grow into them eventually."

The family income was good, but they were far from wealthy. Frank's salary was $\$ 894$ a month, while Helen got $\$ 534$ in Social Security survivor's benefits, for a total of $\$ 1,428$ a month (equivalent to $\$ 10,500$ today). Their food budget was 66 cents a day per person ( $\$ 5$ today).

A picnic lunch meant "forty sandwiches, thirty bananas, two dozen apples, twenty dill
pickles and three gallons of root beer," Helen Beardsley wrote. At an ordinary breakfast the children would consume "nearly forty pieces of toast, a gallon of fruit juice, a gallon of milk, six quarts of hot cereal and three dozen eggs."

Wash day meant matching up 73 pairs of socks, "with 26 mateless socks left over," they told the Saturday Evening Post.
"My two older brothers and I had to handle a lot of the chores, and we did things in teams, but there were ten of us before Frank and Helen got married, so having twice as many wasn't a big deal," Greg Beardsley recalled. "Everyone did everything to help out - I didn't feel persecuted, I just felt like part of the family."

## A big house, but not a mansion

The Beardsley story is also one of clever use of real estate, with Frank and Helen meticulously planning how to turn the ordinary tract house he and his first wife built at 3305 Rio Road into a home for more than 20.
"A great deal of thought had to be put in on the redesigning of the house in order to remove as many inconveniences to big-family living as possible," Helen wrote.

Frank was a meticulous organizer, and he came up with the plan that expanded the house to three levels.

There were a total of eight bedrooms and five bathrooms, with the children assigned in groups. There was a large playroom, plus an activity room for the older children that included a library-style table, comfortable chairs and bookcases. And the kitchen had a large refrigerator, a six-burner stove with two ovens, and a semi-circular table big enough for nearly two-dozen chairs.

Upstairs, a master bedroom had its own bath and walk-in closet, and a large window overlooking the Mission.
"We weren't allowed in there unless we were invited," Pope recalled.

The family had a no-pet rule, which was amended slightly when a neighbor's cocker spaniel decided it wanted to live with the Beardsleys. At one point, there was somebody in every grade at the Mission School from first through eighth. Colds were something to be dreaded, since they quickly became an epidemic. And the huge adoption ceremony, which made all the children legal brothers and sisters, was scheduled for a weekend when the courtroom would otherwise be empty.

It was a ceremony that almost didn’t hap pen, Frank and Helen feared. In those days, someone from the county social services department scrutinized any family that was adopting a child to make sure it was suitable On the day he visited, the household plumbing backed up, and the whole downstairs was flooded.

Nevertheless, the adoption was OK'd and life turned to something that resembled normalcy.

In 1964, "after the birth of our second child (the family's 20th), I noticed that people finally seemed to have accepted the ideas of the Beardsleys," Helen wrote.

They didn't understand their national celebrity, but it no longer bothered them, she said. They barely took note of the tour buses that stopped every day across the street, accepting them as a "charming public eccentricity."

And with the children growing up quickly, the household of 22 lasted a few, short golden years," she said.
Frank and Helen are both gone now. But with such a large family to carry on, their heartfelt wish that their "true love story" would "never have an ending" has surely come true.


To accommodate their huge family, Frank and Helen Beardsley made a large addition to their home on Rio Road (right), including a brick fireplace with room for 22 Christmas stockings llower right). Some of their friends thought they were crazy to try to raise so many children, and their 1961 wedding at the Carmel Mission (leff) made them instant celebrities. Their story became a bestselling book and two Hollywood movies filled with comical mishaps. But to them, Helen mishaps. But to them, Helen
Beardsley wrote, it was really about their family's "staggering capacity for love." Frank Beardsley died last week at 97




## Wishing You Joy \& Peace this Holiday Season!

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## CALLS

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past, was knocking on her door demanding entry. She did not allow him in and called police. Subject had left the area prior to police arrival. She wanted to press charges for trespass. Will be forwarded to Monterey County District Attorney's Office.
Pacific Grove: Lincoln Avenue resident reported her adult son had come home, appeared disoriented and had injuries. Police and medical personnel responded. The male's blood sugar was very low, and he made statements he might hurt someone. Man agreed to be transported to the hospital for medical treatment and mental health evaluation.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to a call of suspicious circumstances on David Avenue. Resident was home alone and heard someone bang on her front door of her apartment. She recently has had problems with several individuals and believed they had pounded on the door. An area check was conducted and there was nothing found. She was advised to call back if it happened again.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on Scenic Road on public property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ongoing dispute between two parties regarding custody and care of an elderly female. On this date, no violation of court order occurred, but both parties were involved in a verbal argument. Current custody dispute is ongoing and both parties were advised to record all interactions with one another. Obtained a copy of the courtordered conservatorship of the elderly female for future reference.
Pacific Grove: Domestic between boyfriend/girlfriend on Lighthouse Avenue. No injuries reported.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to assist Monterey County Probation. While doing an in-home check and search of male subject who was serving time on in-home detention on Lincoln Avenue, probation officers discovered marijuana and methamphetamine. Probation officers requested PGPD collect and store evidence. Subject returned to jail for violating release terms.

Pacific Grove: Items belonging to a subject who is in custody at county jail were stolen from a storage locker on Arkwright Court. No suspects.

Big Sur: A victim was shoved by her husband of 10 years during an argument in Palo Colorado. The altercation occurred in front of their 6 -year daughter. The suspect resisted arrest and violated his probation.

Pebble Beach: A Pebble Beach Security officer found a black bag containing numerous keys along Sunset Drive in

Pebble Beach. Deputies were able to return the bag to the rightful owner.

Pebble Beach: Deputies discovered an elderly woman living on Macomber had been convinced under false pretenses to send cash to an individual in Burbank.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A welfare check was conducted on Torres Street for an elderly female that was reportedly in a volatile situation with her significant other. The female wished to leave the residence and was scared that her partner would not let her leave. Police stood by while the female collected her belongings and left the residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A homeowner on Junipero Street in Carmel hired a laborer to construct a sidewalk in front of her home. The location of the sidewalk happened to be located on a city easement, and a permit was not obtained. Additionally, the laborer did not have a license to work in Carmel and was working on a Sunday. Laborer was cited and released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a cell phone and brought it to the police station for safekeeping. Owner was located, and arrangements were made to pick up the phone.
Pacific Grove: Man reported his mother deceased during the night prior. Coroner contacted and released scene on Congress Avenue and the deceased to the family.
Pacific Grove: Report of a subject trespassing on Sunset Drive. UTL [unable to locate].

Pacific Grove: Grand Avenue resident reported ongoing problems with a neighbor. He is concerned the neighbor is going to paint his house a terrible robin egg blue color and there may be collateral damage to the resident's house and/or vehicle from paint splatter. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Anonymous person reported seeing four juveniles damaging a tree branch on Caledonia. Juveniles were contacted. Juveniles admitted to breaking the tree branch. Juveniles did not intend to break the tree branch. The juveniles were attempting to lower the tree branch so that one of the juveniles could retrieve a broken piece of branch stuck in the tree in order to carve it into a toy. For info only. End of report.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An employee of a business on Ocean Avenue reported suspicious behavior by two subjects while walking in and out of a local business.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject came in to report a civil
repossession processed on this date. The vehicle was entered into the stolen vehicle system as a repossession.

Pacific Grove: Laurel Avenue resident reported her son refused to go to school and was yelling and screaming at her and his brother. The son did not want to go to school because he was not feeling good and was having a bad day. Ultimately, the son agreed to be taken to school by his moth-

Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run collision occurred in an offstreet parking facility on Lighthouse. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 0930 hours, officer was contacted about a resident feeding loaves of bread to the birds in the area. Resident asked that the officer contact the resident and inform her of the municipal code violation. At 1230 hours, contacted the bird feeder and explained the municipal code; she stated she would not feed the birds anymore. Information only at this time. On Dec. 11, bird feeder called to let the officer know that someone had placed a tray of bread on the top of her car

Pacific Grove: Manager of a retail store on Forest Avenue wanted a female subject removed from the store and admonished for trespassing. She was contacted seated in the pharmacy area of the store. At first, she was resistant to leaving the store, but then left the store after being warned about the California Penal Code section for trespassing. Subject was abrasive and cussed at officers and demanded an ambulance to take her to a hospital. She walked across the street and laid down on the sidewalk. Ambulance responded and transported subject to a local hospital. For info only.

Pacific Grove: Funston Avenue resident reported the following phone scam: Male caller claims the person won a 2012 Lexus, $\$ 2.5$ million, and one year's free insurance through Geico. Requests the person go to Walmart and send a moneygram of $\$ 500$ to an address in Jamaica, and that someone will be at her house in 45 minutes to give her the reward. The resident is not a victim of fraud and knows the caller is a scam. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Suspect found in possession of a small amount of marijuana on Ocean View Boulevard

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a report of theft from a store in the Country Club Gate center. Arrested four subjects positively ID'd by witness, booked and transported to Monterey County Jail. Suspects are four females, ages 23, 24 and 26.

Pacific Grove: Neighbors involved in a verbal dispute on Ransford. Nothing further.

Pacific Grove: A DVD was stolen from the victim's mailbox on Syida while it was waiting to be picked up. No sus pects.

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