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## PENINSULA BRACES FOR EL NIÑO STORMS

### ■ Damage in 1998 was widespread

By KELLY NIX

IF PREDICTIONS from meteorologists and emergency officials are correct, the Monterey Peninsula is probably heading into another winter of power outages, flooding, downed trees and property damage due to El Niño — a warming of water in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Expecting the significant amounts of rain and heavy winds that usually accompany El Niño conditions, Monterey

Peninsula cities and agencies are gearing up for what could be a series of severe winter storms, and they're encouraging residents to do the same.

History shows they're right to be concerned. When El Niño hit in 1997-1998, it caused 17 deaths and more than \$550 million in damage in California, and 35 counties were declared federal disaster areas.

Locally, it washed out 17 Mile Drive at the Carmel Gate, flooded numerous homes, caused landslides in Carmel Valley and Big Sur, and brought down dozens of trees, many of them right onto buildings.

### Cities preparing

Carmel public works director Rob Mullane outlined numerous winter storm preparations the city has completed or is in the midst of doing, including inspecting and maintaining storm drains, fixing "damaged or ineffective" shoreline landscape barriers along the Scenic Road pathway, trimming overgrown vegetation, redistributing sand on its beach, and performing overdue tree maintenance.

"Strong winds in previous El Niño years have caused trees or large branches along Scenic Road to fall," he said. "The city forester has undertaken inspection of shoreline trees, and trimming to reduce the risk of branch and tree failure has been completed."

City crews and contractors are also maintaining the Scenic Road

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During the last major El Niño, many parts of the Monterey Peninsula suffered major damage, including the washout of 17 Mile Drive where it crosses Pescadero Canyon (above) and the loss of a bridge at Soberanes Canyon in Big Sur. Officials are hoping to keep damage to a minimum this time.

## City will make case that propane fires are swell

### ■ Hope to convince coastal commission not to insist on wood fires for Carmel Beach

By MARY SCHLEY

MAYOR JASON Burnett will seek to sell the California Coastal Commission on the idea of propane fires during a Dec. 11 hearing on Carmel's beach-fire program. The com-

mission's staff has recommended the city be required to allow wood fires, but city officials have said they have no intention of doing so.

Last week, Burnett sent a letter to commission chair Steve Kinsey asking him to delay the hearing on beach fires — rather than possibly approving a program the city would refuse to implement — but on Tuesday, public works director Rob Mullane wrote to district director Dan Carl asking that the commission hold a hearing and take testimony, after all, but put off voting to another day.

Instead, Mullane requested commissioners direct their planners to work with city staff and an officer from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District on a plan calling for propane fires — not wood fires — on Carmel Beach.

"The city is looking for confirmation that the commission will support an all-propane alternative for the pilot program before committing substantial city staff time and resources to further discussion with commission staff on an acceptable program," Mullane said in the Dec. 8 letter. "We remain optimistic" the commission will agree that only propane fires should be allowed on the beach, "as such a program would avoid the deleterious impacts resulting from wood-fueled fires on Carmel Beach while both maintaining a low-cost visitor-serving uses and enhancing coastal access and enjoyment of the beach" by people who haven't been able to do so because of the poor air quality created by wood smoke.

The lobbying effort came a week after the council voted at its Dec. 1 meeting for a complete ban on wood fires, citing

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## Talmage announces bid to succeed Burnett

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER THINKING it over for a month, discussing it with friends and community members, and checking in with his East Coast family, city councilman Ken Talmage made official this week the news he will run for mayor.

"You don't get there right away — I got to 80 percent and wasn't sure I wanted to go the rest of the way," he said.

The upside was the possibility of making progress on a number of important city issues — such as developing a reliable water supply, finding a new city administrator, filling job vacancies and continuing to strengthen the city's finances — while the things pulling him in the other direction were the fact he'll be turning 70 next month and has two grandkids he visits six times a year in Boston and elsewhere. He also has a water-purification company to run.

"At my age, with family commitments and business commitments, I wanted to be sure," he said.

And now, with the support of his daughter and grandkids, and the encouragement of residents, community leaders and other elected officials, he is.

"After Mayor Jason Burnett's announcement last month, I've received many emails and calls from community members and elected officials with whom I've served offering their support," he said. "Those names will be made public during the campaign," though he wanted to thank retiring U.S. Rep. Sam Farr, Burnett, several former Carmel mayors, "and almost every supervisor that I've worked with in the tri-county region," for their support.

Talmage pointed to his years in city government — including two-and-a-half years on the planning commission



Ken Talmage

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## French bakery bookkeeper 'usurped' shop, lawsuit says

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNERS of an acclaimed French bakery in The Barnyard are embroiled in a legal row with a former employee, accusing her of "usurping control" of the store, hijacking access to its bank account and embezzling money.

In a lawsuit filed Dec. 2, Lafayette Bakery owners Jean Bernard Vial, Marion Vial, Quentin Vial and Pascal Merle allege that former bookkeeper Hilary Holbrook tried to take over the bakery even though they're its rightful owners.

"She took over the Lafayette bank account, removed plaintiffs' names from the account, blocked their online access to the account and took all available company cash," according to the complaint, filed for the plaintiffs by attorney Douglas Oldfield.

Holbrook got involved in the business in 2013 when she

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## For the love of Lola

**EVEN THOUGH** they don't own her, they have claimed her as their own. Lola is a 2-year-old Eskipoo who belongs to their daughter, a young Ph.D. candidate in clinical psychology. She's a student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and drove five hours to Indiana to collect the puppy.

But after loving Lola for one year, she decided her cramped condominium wasn't big enough for a growing Eskipoo.

Lola is a blend of an American Eskimo dog and a poodle. The breed actually originated in Northern Germany as the German Spitz. But, during World War I, Americans changed its name to American Eskimo, focusing on its dense white coat and resemblance to the Samoyed. In Lola's case, plus poodle.

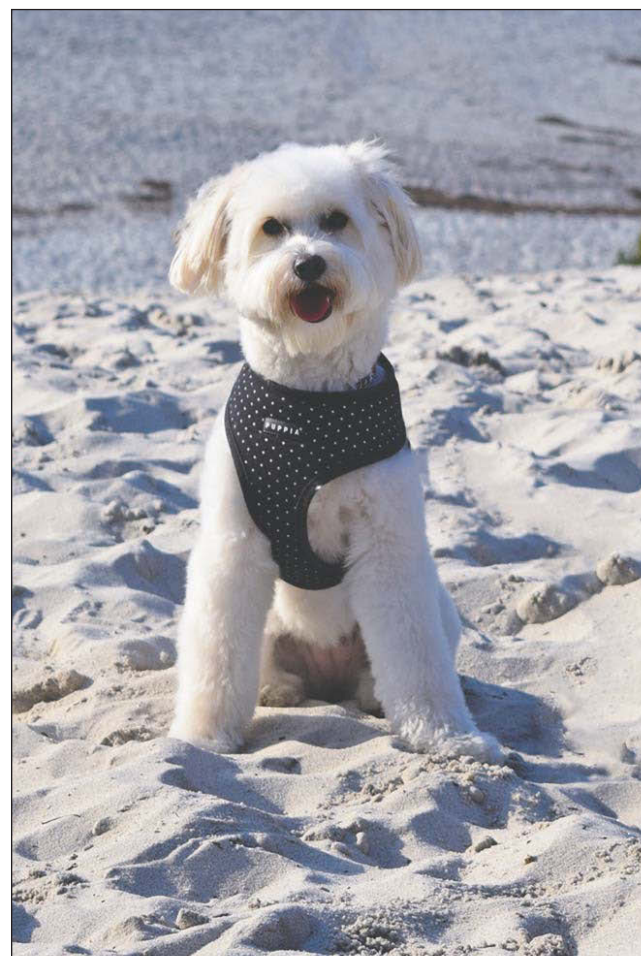
Lola is bright, inquisitive and compassionate. Whether it's her provenance, her puppyhood or the poodle in her, she is also extremely energetic.

Lola's person's parents were living in Southern California but considering a move to Carmel, which, to them, meant they also should consider getting a dog. This is when they agreed to take Lola, and is how Lola came to live here.

"When we looked for our house, we knew it had to work for Lola, too," says her person. "So she went on the house hunt with us. Our plan has been to keep Lola with us until our daughter is in the position to care for her, but we are so in love with Lola, and she is so in love with Carmel, we hope we can keep her."

Naturally, Lola has been heartily welcomed by the local canine-loving community. When she's in town, just about everyone stops to pet her, admire her and ask her name.

"We need to adopt Lola's life philosophy," her person says. "If anyone seems to slight her, she probably thinks, 'They're just having a bad day. Otherwise they would love me'."



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# Dolphin Inn to reopen as Hotel Carmel in April

■ Brophy's will stay but have new owner

By MARY SCHLEY

CLASSIC HOTELS & Resorts — the Arizona-based company that owns and operates La Playa hotel — announced this week that its newest acquisition in town, the Dolphin Inn at San Carlos and Fourth, will undergo a \$2.5 million renovation before reopening on April 2, 2016, as Hotel Carmel. The new name is a nod to a hotel that stood at the corner of Ocean and San Carlos decades ago, according to company CEO Matt Crow.

The original Hotel Carmel was built in 1895, “back in a time when guests arrived by horse and carriage,” and it burned down in July 1931.

The transformation of the former Dolphin Inn, which Classic Hotels & Resorts purchased for \$4.7 million in 2014 after long-time operator Tom Reiser decided not to renew his lease, into Hotel Carmel will include an extensive overhaul of its 27 rooms, as well as a dressing-up of the outdoor spaces and communal areas, according to Crow.

“All of the rooms in the hotel will be completely renovated, including new beds, new furniture, new televisions, fixtures, carpet and paint,” Crow said. “We will also be resurfacing the parking lot in stone pavers to make it feel more like a courtyard.”

Anthony Agriam of Bishop Pass Design in Los Angeles is handling the interior design, which will seek to “marry traditional Carmel-by-the-Sea cottage architecture with rustic-modern décor inspired by the artistic

and organic communities of Big Sur and Carmel,” according to Classic Hotels. Half of the rooms will have fireplaces, and all will have “a contemporary, relaxed design that incorporates a welcoming palette of natural wood, reminiscent of the nearby scenic Pacific coastline.” Photographs of the Big Sur coastline by Matt Swartz of She Hit Pause photography will adorn the walls.

The Dolphin's swimming pool will be filled in to create an intimate courtyard garden with a fire pit and oversized Jacuzzi for hotel guests.

When Hotel Carmel opens next April, Mary Crowe, who is general manager of La Playa Carmel, will also serve as its GM, according to Crow. Reiser's employees from the Dolphin Inn, meanwhile, continue to work for him at his other hotel properties.

Crow also said this week that the operators of Brophy's Tavern, which located in the hotel building, have decided to sell the business to their new landlord, and it will continue to serve as a “sports bar and local watering hole.”

After undergoing an overhaul of its own, Brophy's will have 1,000 vintage beer cans decorating the walls, authentic sporting memorabilia — including two jerseys worn in the 1953 USA vs. Australia rugby exhibition game by Ted Grossman, company president John Grossman's uncle — and “a collection of mounted game horns and taxidermy.”

A refurbished vintage Rock-Ola Bubbler Jukebox will add to the ambiance.

“Carmel has lots of great fine dining restaurants, but does not have enough casual, affordable places,” Crow said. “Our aspiration is for Brophy's to provide great food in a casual environment at affordable prices.”

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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## Don't forget to turn off the coffee!

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.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a report of an unresponsive female on Quail Meadows Drive.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Transient at Lincoln

and Eight was given a trespass warning. Subject understood. He was also provided resource information for Monterey County.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury hit-and-run collision involving a parked vehicle on Eighth Avenue.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female reported her laptop was missing. It is in a leather zippered case.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Assisted a lost driver back to a residence.

**Pacific Grove:** A city employee was driving a work vehicle and sideswiped a parked car while he was attempting to make a right turn on Lighthouse.

**Pacific Grove:** Quarterdeck Way resident reported that she lives with a friend, who she said fell down a few years ago, so she moved into the friend's residence to take care of her, including her financial needs and medical issues. After being absent from the residence on Nov. 21, she learned the friend's nephew had been there talking ill of her and a city council member. She directed the friend to tell a police officer what happened. The friend confirmed what the woman told the officer and stated she asked her nephew to leave. But when she walked her dog that evening, she discovered her friend's nephew had left some food for the friend to eat. She stated she and the friend do not want the nephew to return. She was informed of the restraining order process.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle stolen from Lighthouse Avenue while the owner was working.

**Carmel Valley:** Citizen reported a cell phone stolen from a golf course at Rancho Cañada.

**Pebble Beach:** Ronda Road resident reported that he believes his dog was poisoned.

**Big Sur:** Subject reported that she was lost while hiking a trail in the Big Sur area.

**Carmel area:** Palo Colorado Road resident reported possible unauthorized charges made through her credit card.

**Carmel area:** Report of an at-risk voluntary missing person who was possibly suicidal.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 54-year-old transient was arrested at Rio and Ladera for prowling at a residence on Dolores Street. Taken to county jail.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Investigated an overnight burglary of storage lockers in an underground garage at Monte Verde and Seventh.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic collision on San Antonio Avenue. There was also a verbal altercation after the collision.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Customer at a business on Fifth west of Mission refused to pay his bill until discrepancies with the tab were resolved. Weeks later, the issue was resolved and the bill was paid.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citizen reported that somebody entered his unlocked vehicle parked in an underground parking garage at Mission and Third. Papers and CDs were taken from the glove box; no other items were missing.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject on Santa Rita reported the loss of a gym bag containing miscellaneous clothing. The bag was left on top of the vehicle as the owner drove away.

**Pacific Grove:** Vandalism and human excrement found in the parking structure of a commercial building on Piedmont.

**Pacific Grove:** Female reported her elderly father on Forest Hill was the victim of a phone scam. Possible suspect info.

**Big Sur:** Citizen reported the theft of computer equipment from his friend's vehicle on Highway 1.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury collision involving a vehicle and a parked vehicle on Junipero Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Hit-and-run collision on Eighth Avenue. No suspect info for driver who fled.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle towed from Dolores and Fifth for expired registration.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** During a traffic enforcement stop at Ocean and Lincoln at 2042 hours, the driver, a 51-year-old female from San Jose, was arrested after a series of field sobriety tests. She was transported to Monterey County Jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Female left her purse in a shopping cart at a Country Club Gate store and left the parking lot. She came back to look for it and discovered it was missing. The female later received a phone call that the purse was found. A credit card and cash were missing.

**Pacific Grove:** Citizen answered a Craigslist ad for a vacation rental on David Avenue. Renter contacted the subject via email only and sent a cashier's check to a third party. Renter arrived at the rental and discovered it was a scam.

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# Sewage plant construction noise likely to last just a few more days

By CHRIS COUNTS

IF YOU'RE wondering where the distant sound of hammering in town is coming from, it's all part of a nearly \$14 million renovation of the Carmel Area Wastewater District's sewage treatment plant.

A construction crew is working this week to install the last of 150 piles into the ground at the sewage treatment plant, which is located on the south shore of the Carmel River across from the Mission. The work — part of a larger renovation project — will likely last until sometime next week, reported Barbara Buikema, the general manager of the Carmel Area Wastewater District.

The piles — which are each 75 feet long — will help support new structures at the plant, including an electric transformer building, a digester that removes solids, a control center for the digester and a building for storing disinfectant chemicals.

Buikema said the agency went to considerable effort to warn the public about the noise that would be created by the pile driving work, which was scheduled between Thanksgiving and Christmas so it wouldn't interfere with anybody's holiday celebrations. "We sent out over 500 door hangers, we had a public meeting and we ran ads about it in The Pine Cone."

The agency has also taken steps to minimize the noise, Buikema said.

"We're pre-drilled each hole 20 feet and we're using sound dampening devices," she explained. "Unfortunately we cannot eliminate all the noise."

Buikema apologized to those who are inconvenienced or aggravated by the sound, and she urged them to be patient. "We are keenly aware of the noise, and we're asking the public to bear with us," she explained. "This is far and away the noisiest part of the project," which is expected to last another

two years.

Buikema said modernizing the sewage treatment plant's facilities is not only necessary "because things get old," but the project is also enabling the agency "to take advantage of new technology." The plant's last upgrade was in the 1980s.

"We're seriously committed to upgrading the treatment facility," she said. "It's going to save money, and the new technology is greener. It's a great project for the community."

The work, which started in mid-July, will revamp the plant's electrical system, improve the plant's reliability and efficiency, and help it comply with new rules. The contractor is Anderson Pacific Engineering of Santa Clara.

The plant has been in operation, at least in some form, since 1908 — eight years before Carmel was incorporated. In addition to treating wastewater for Carmel area communities, the plant provides about 1 million gallons of treated water each day to Pebble Beach, which uses it to irrigate its golf courses.

## Santa makes 57th fly-in to C.V.

TRAVELING BY helicopter instead of the customary sleigh and reindeers, Santa and Mrs. Claus make their annual visit to Carmel Valley Village when they land on the old airfield Saturday, Dec. 11, at about 10:30 a.m. For the 57th year in a row, the famous gift-giving couple will lead a parade from the airfield, through the village, to the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center for a holiday party. The community center is located at 25 Ford Road.

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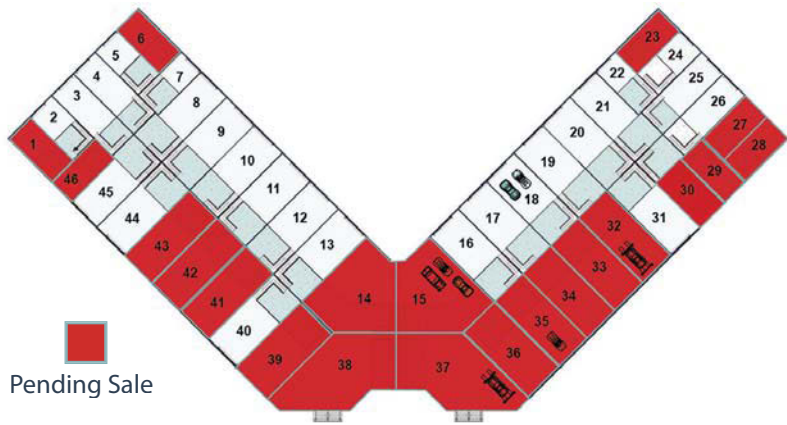
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# Stilwell named CUSD board president

CARMEL UNIFIED School District board member Mark Stilwell, the retired Pebble Beach Co. executive who became a trustee in 2013, was made president of the board of education during a meeting Wednesday. He replaces board member Rita Patel in the top position on the board.

“We rotate, and Rita was the president last year and I was the clerk, so it was my turn to step up and serve as president, and I was happy to do that,” Stilwell said Thursday. “We’ve got a great board, it’s very high functioning, and we all bring individual strengths to the process and we blend very well

together. It’s been very rewarding since I got on the school board.”

Stilwell said his role includes serving as spokesman when the board is asked questions about policy, and he’s grateful to have such active cohorts in fellow board members Patel, John Ellison, Karl Pallastrini — who was elected clerk at the same meeting — and Annette Yee Steck, the longest serving member of the group.

## ROLLOVER CRASH ON HIGHWAY 68



PHOTO/NATE ARMSTRONG

Cal Fire firefighters used the Jaws of Life to free a trapped driver from a black Ford truck after it ran off the road, landed on its side and was crushed against a tree off of Highway 68 near the Morse Gate late Thursday morning. Three engines with paramedics from the Cypress and Pebble Beach stations responded to the scene, where paramedics determined the motorist had sustained minor injuries, according to Cal Fire Battalion Chief Buddy Bloxham. After using the heavy tools to cut apart the truck, they removed the driver, who was sent to CHOMP for treatment. No information on the driver or the cause of the crash was available.

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# Routine traffic stop reveals stolen car full of drugs and IDs

By MARY SCHLEY

THE DRIVER of a gold Honda didn't use her turn signal properly last Wednesday, so cops pulled her over. That ordinary traffic stop led to two arrests, the recovery of a stolen car and stolen license plates, the discovery of illegal drugs, and the resolution of several theft cases throughout the county, according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Paul Tomasi.

Officers Mike Bruno and Greg Johnson were working the afternoon of Dec. 2 when Bruno stopped the car at San Carlos and 10th for the minor violation.

But when he approached the driver, 24-year-old Kayla Miles of Marina, he smelled marijuana, according to Tomasi.

The officers asked Miles — who was driving without a license — another female passenger and 21-year-old Andre Johnson, a transient, to get out of the car so they could search it. They found the pot, as well as pipes used for smoking methamphetamine, and Johnson had meth on him, as well.

"The meth pipes were homemade from baby bottles," Tomasi said.

Police also found several driver's licenses, credit cards, a marriage certificate, birth records and other pieces of mail belonging to five victims of identity theft, he said. The items had been stolen from mailboxes and vehicles in Marina, Sand City, Pacific Grove and parts of Monterey County.

The officers didn't immediately realize the car had been stolen out of Salinas, how-

ever. When Bruno asked the dispatcher to run the license plate number of the car, it came back with no alerts. But, it turned out, those license plates belonged to a different Honda than the one they were attached to — which Bruno discovered when he decided to check the Vehicle Identification Number after seeing Miles had started the Honda with a key altered so it could be used to steal older cars, according to Tomasi.

The suspects had stolen license plates off another Honda in Seaside, and swapped them with the plates from the stolen car.

The owner of that car never even noticed, Tomasi said. "And if he'd been pulled over, his car would have been reported as stolen." (Police contacted him and returned his rightfully owned plates to him.)

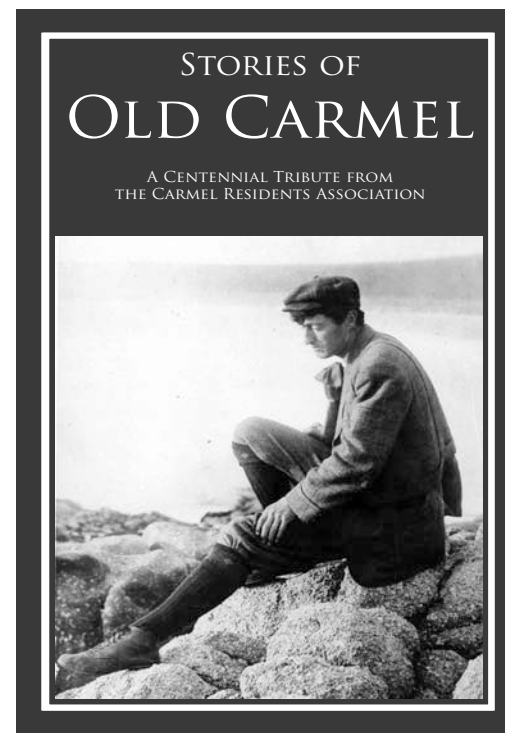
The Carmel officers also got in touch a California Highway Patrol task force specializing in auto theft to take over the investigation of the car theft and notified the U.S. Postal Service about the stolen mail.

They arrested Miles for vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and driving without a license, and Andre Johnson for possession of drug paraphernalia and an outstanding \$15,000 warrant from Kern County for possession of narcotics.

The suspect in the identify-theft cases is already in jail, according to Tomasi, who said the IDs and other stolen items had been taken from that man's house by his girlfriend, Miles, after he called her from jail and asked her to remove the evidence.

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# Fisherman fined \$30K for 'unlawful business practices'

By MARY SCHLEY

THE OWNERS of a local sportfishing company, Gerald and Katrina Wetle, have been fined \$30,000 for failing to comply with state rules for selling freshly caught fish, according to a settlement the couple reached with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

According to deputy district attorney Jim Burlison, the Wetles, based in Salinas, were operating as "fish receivers" — purchasing fish from other fishermen and then reselling it to restaurants — without keeping mandatory records about the fish they sold.

The documents they must file include the species and weight of the fish, the location of the catch, and the type of gear used to land

the fish.

The state uses the data to gauge the health of fisheries up and down the coast, prevent overfishing, and develop strategies for maintaining healthy fish populations, including limiting seasons or restricting where fish can be caught and the means by which they are.

Burlison said the Wetles "cooperated in resolving the case."

In addition to the fine, they also are subject to a court-ordered injunction requiring them to follow all the paperwork rules and other requirements for operating as fish wholesalers in the future.

"If they violate the requirements, the penalties are much more severe than if they didn't have the injunction," Burlison explained.

# P.G. collects big money from short-term vacation rentals

By KELLY NIX

THE CITY of Pacific Grove raked in nearly \$300,000 in taxes from short-term rentals in just four months, according to city finance records.

From July to October, short-term rentals generated \$299,794 in transient occupancy tax, and the total for the current fiscal year could surpass last year's \$707,468 from such rentals, city records show. The city charges a 10 percent transient occupancy tax for short-term vacation rentals, the same amount it charges customers who stay overnight in the city's inns.

"I knew they were taking in lots of money from people like me who rent our homes to vacationers, but even I was stunned by how much," said Pacific Grove resident and vacation rental owner Kirstie Wilde. "And of course, landlords who rent to long-term renters don't pay a penny to the city."

Pacific Grove has seen dramatic increases in short-term rental tax revenue since 2009-2010, when it collected a mere \$56,986. In 2010-2011, vacation tax revenue had increased nearly 320 percent to \$181,955. By 2013-2014, it had climbed to \$453,048.

The proliferation of websites such as airbnb.com and flipkey.com has meant a boon for short-term home renters — and cities such as Pacific Grove.

Wilde, who is a former owner of The Pine Cone, said that based on the amount of taxes

the city has already collected from vacation rentals and average tax increases of such rentals during the past five years, she figures the city will make more than \$1 million by the end of the next fiscal year.

Patricia Maitland, the city's finance director, told The Pine Cone that the projected tax income from short-term residential rentals for the latter part of the fiscal year would be released in February.

At the Dec. 16 Pacific Grove City Council meeting, council members will decide whether to place more regulations on short-term home rentals or ban them altogether.

Opponents of vacation rentals point to noise, parking problems and other issues as the reason the city should disallow such rentals.

Others, like Wilde, contend that allowing homeowners to rent out their houses not only benefits them, but the city as a whole.

"My clients often ask for recommendations, and I send them to my favorite Pacific Grove restaurants," shops, markets, coffee houses and other attractions, she said.

"A few of the people who have complained the loudest about vacation rentals have a home with no mortgage, a nice pension and don't have to work, so they have plenty of time on their hands," Wilde said. "The rest of us are doing our best to make an honest living, provide a needed service, pay our taxes, and not bother anybody."

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# Air Force DC-10 makes emergency landing at Monterey airport

By KELLY NIX

A MASSIVE United States Air Force refueling airplane was forced to make an emergency landing in Monterey Regional Airport Tuesday due to smoke in the cockpit.

Pilots of the KC-10 — which is the Air Force tanker version of the civilian airliner known as the DC-10 — notified air traffic controllers of the emergency about 7:45 p.m., and it landed safely in Monterey about 8:10 p.m.

The plane had Travis Air Force Base markings and had been doing training over Fort Hunter Liggett in southern Monterey County.

"The pilot declared an emergency due to smoke in the cockpit," Monterey Regional Airport marketing and public relations director Jennifer Hickerson told The Pine Cone.

"The aircraft landed safely and was able to taxi to Monterey Jet Center. There were no injuries."

The smoke, Hickerson said, was determined to be caused by the environmental control system, which provides the plane and passengers with its air supply, thermal control and cabin pressure. There were five people onboard the airplane.

"We were told the plane was heading to Travis AFB when the problem was reported," Hickerson explained. Monterey was "the closest airport, so they landed here."

A maintenance crew was expected to fix the airplane, but as of Wednesday afternoon, the crew hadn't arrived in Monterey, Hickerson said.

Introduced in 1981, the KC-10 has numerous tanks to carry as much as 356,000 pounds of fuel.



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When dawn broke over the Monterey Regional Airport Wednesday morning, a huge U.S. Air Force tanker was parked amid the private planes and regional jets. The KC-10 tanker landed at the airport Tuesday evening because of an emergency, but showed no signs of damage.

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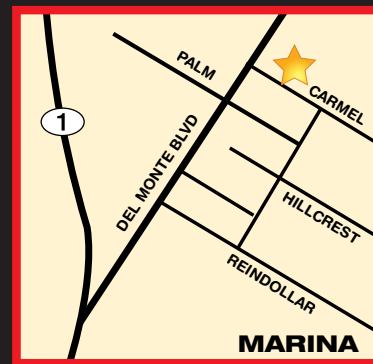


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**DEAR AMY:** It sounds like you have low endurance. Most people associate building up endurance levels with exercise. Though working out is a great way to boost your endurance, it's important to go beyond the workout and incorporate other ways to push yourself. Here are a few ways to keep yourself revved up and your power turned on.

Eat healthy and stay hydrated to keep yourself energized. This will fuel your body, so you're ready for your workout or any other task on hand. Rather than two or three big meals, smaller meals will keep you energized throughout the day. Being hydrated helps your endurance by fighting muscle fatigue, so you won't feel worn out. If you need another boost, drink a cup of coffee, or another caffeinated drink. It enhances the strength of your muscle contractions, which allows you to exert more force over longer periods of time.

Listening to music can increase your endurance levels. It creates a mind-body connection that boosts your performance. Overall, a good night's rest should leave you feeling refreshed and ready for the day. Inadequate sleep can lead to underperforming. Now's the time to make some changes and

work on boosting your endurance. Take these tips and add them into your daily routine at In-Shape: Carmel to start seeing results.

**DEAR IN-SHAPE:** This time of year I always feel sluggish, and I think it's from the large meals I have with my family. Since the season just started, do you have any tips for me to stop falling asleep after holiday meals?

-MIKE, 41, PACIFIC GROVE

**DEAR MIKE:** Turkey does contain tryptophan, a sleep-inducing amino acid, but unless you're eating turkey for every meal you shouldn't blame it for your sluggishness. Holiday feasts are usually full of high-calorie and high-fat dishes that are complex to digest. Your blood flows to your digestive system to help it out, causing the rest of your body's systems to start slowing down. This includes your brain, which may give you a foggy, sleepy, or sluggish feeling.

To avoid sleeping all day, try lightening your carbohydrate intake. Reduce the number of your starch filled side dishes, like mashed potatoes and rolls. If you need a boost after dinner, get active! Go for a walk around the neighborhood, or play a family game of football. After the family goes home, check in to In-Shape: Pacific Grove and keep a balanced workout plan to feel consistently energized and beat the holiday gain!



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# Luxury P.B. golf course lots to be developed in early 2016

By KELLY NIX

CONSTRUCTION OF new luxury homes along the links of the Poppy Hills Golf Course is set to begin in February — about two years after the Pebble Beach Company placed the lots up for sale.

The lots — all of which are one-plus acres in size — are located in a cul-de-sac across the street from the Poppy Hills clubhouse and Porter's in the Forest restaurant. The development is part of what the P.B. Co. calls its "final" buildout plan, which also set aside 635 acres of Monterey pine forest as open space.

Nine of the lots have sold, several more are in escrow and they're all ready to be developed with high-end houses.

"The homes are being designed by talented local architects including Braden Sterling and Conrad Sanchez," Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty Tim Allen told The Pine Cone. "The plans look intriguing with modern designs featuring walls of glass, indoor-outdoor living spaces and green features, offering sublime views, privacy and sun."

Sales of the lots have ranged in price from \$925,000 to \$1,575,000, and the homes to be developed range from 3,000 to 7,000 square feet, Allen said.

"Construction is slated to begin in February on several of the lots," he said, adding that 17 lots remain for sale.

Poppy Hills Golf Course reopened in April after undergoing a major renovation.

The Pebble Beach Company started selling the first of 90 single-family lots in early 2014, the last to be developed in the forest. The lots in Phase 1 and Phase 2 are located on the front and back nine of the Poppy Hills golf course and have views of the fairway and forest.

Buyers of the lots include those from Florida, China, the East Coast, "several local and San Francisco Bay Area luxury developers," and a San Diego couple, Allen said.

All the lots for sale include "ample water for development." Additional home sites at Spyglass Hill Golf Course, the Pebble Beach equestrian center and other areas in Del Monte Forest will be offered for sale in subsequent phases.

# Jingle all the way to help fight arthritis

THE SIXTH annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk will take place at Lovers Point in Pacific Grove Saturday, Dec. 12. The event, which includes a timed 5K and a fun walk, as well as an Elf Run for kids under 12, serves as a fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation, with a goal of raising \$115,000.

Arthritis is the nation's leading cause of disability, according to organizers, and the money raised will help pay for "research, health education and government advocacy to improve the lives of people with arthritis."

Nothing sets the Jingle Bell Run/Walk

apart from similar events held throughout the year more than the tradition of having participants tie jingle bells to their shoelaces and don holiday attire. Adding to the fun and casual atmosphere, strollers and dogs are allowed on the race course, too, and Santa will be there, along with his elves.

The cost to participate is \$40 for adults, \$10 for kids ages 6 to 17, and \$5 for the little ones to do the Elf Run. Registration opens on race day at 7:30 a.m., with the Elf Run starting at 8:30 and the 5K beginning at 9. Register online at [www.jinglebellrun.org](http://www.jinglebellrun.org).

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"The Leon Panetta Lecture Series reaches audiences from throughout the Central Coast and the state," said Panetta Institute CEO Sylvia M. Panetta. "The Panetta Institute is pleased to partner with the City of Carmel and to be able to bring these important discussions to the city."

Carmel Vice Mayor Ken Talmage said the city is pleased that Sunset Center will host "this honored and longstanding lecture series."

The Panettas "are outstanding leaders and contributors to the well-being of the Monterey Bay Region, and Secretary Panetta has played a significant and distinguished role in the public policy of the United States over the past five decades," Talmage said.

Next year's speakers in the series have not been announced.

## Forest Friends offer Centennial Trees

THE FRIENDS of Carmel Forest is organizing a Centennial Trees program to celebrate the city's 100th birthday. Starting on Jan. 1, the program will provide people the chance to commemorate an event or honor a loved one by having a Monterey pine, Monterey cypress or California Coastal Oak professionally planted within the city limits. Each tree will have a historical marker listing a number, year and personal dedication, and the young tree will be monitored for five years. It will also be included on a map of Centennial Trees at [carmelforest.org](http://carmelforest.org).

Donor levels range from \$250 to \$100,000, depending on the benefits and location, according to Friends of Carmel Forest President Maria Sutherland. She said each tree "will represent an emotional investment in Carmel's forest," which has suffered from attrition and decreased maintenance as city

staff has been cut over the years.

The nonprofit is creating the private fund to help replenish and maintain the forest, and Sutherland said all donations "will be held in a socially responsible investment and the proceeds used to restore and maintain the forest."

The first planting will take place on Sunday, Jan. 10, and further plantings will be held on the second Sunday of every month throughout the year. The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea was established on Halloween in 1916.

Friends of Carmel Forest was founded in 1989 to "protect, sustain and enhance Carmel's forest" through educational programs, publications, tree plantings and giveaways, and other efforts. For more information or to support the Friends of Carmel Forest's Centennial Trees program, visit [www.carmelforest.org](http://www.carmelforest.org).

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## Kathryn Whittier Gough

July 28, 1928 – November 26, 2015

Kathryn Whittier Gough, 95 of Pebble Beach, CA died Friday, November 13th. Born in Stillwater, MN and raised in St. Paul and later St. Cloud, MN Kathryn grew up as the middle of four daughters of the prison warden in St. Cloud, MN. Notably, the family lived in the warden's house which was on the prison grounds and was served by prisoners on "good behavior". In one of her memorials she wrote "It was an unusual sort of life...my sisters and I were driven to and from town (by trustee inmates) to school but it was hard to arrange any spontaneous afterschool activities". Kathryn married Dr. Harrison Gough in January of 1943. This notable event occurred in -43 degree, St. Cloud weather and was later the same week followed by +90 degree weather in San Antonio TX, where Harrison was stationed during WWII. She worked as the personal driver for the commanding general on the military base in San Antonio, a bank teller, a nursery school director and an office worker during the war years. Kathryn obtained a Bachelor of Science in Child Welfare and a teaching credential from the University of Minnesota in 1946 and enjoyed membership in Chi Omega Sorority. She taught kindergarten in Minneapolis while her husband completed his Ph.D. After the war, Kathryn and Harrison moved to Berkeley where Harrison was a professor at the University of California from 1950 to 1986. Kathryn's main focus was on their daughter Jane who was born in 1950. Harrison's research took them to Italy twice for sabbaticals, first in Florence from 1958 to 1959, then to Rome from 1965 to 1966. She was busy with university faculty activities, entertaining many interesting people from around the world through her husband's cross-cultural research, and volunteered for many years at the P.E.O. Nearly New Shop in the Bay Area. After Harrison's retirement they built a home in Pebble Beach and traveled often to Europe and the UK. Kathryn has been described as "impeccably turned out" and with a "self-deprecating sense of humor". She is survived by daughter Jane and son-in-law Jeff, grandchildren Brendon and Kevin and granddaughter-in-law Nallyre, and great grandchildren Shirin and Harrison. The family would like to particularly thank Doctor Craig E. Christensen and the great staff of CHOMP, the PEO sisters on the Monterey Peninsula, and the American Cancer Discovery Shop in Pacific Grove, where she loved to serve. Private services have been held.



## CHS Super Bowl raffle Monday

JUST A few days remain in the annual Super Bowl raffle benefiting programs and services at Carmel High School, with the drawing set for Monday, Dec. 14, during a party in the rotunda at Il Fornaio.

"This raffle was started in 2013 by the generous donations of the Alex and Faye Spanos family — who gave Super Bowl Raffle tickets and \$2,000 cash — and all of the other raffle prizes have been donated by our local community," said Patricia Hunt, coordinator of the raffle, which is offering more than \$12,000 in prizes. This year, 18 groups affiliated with the high school — athletic teams, music boosters, Sober Grad organizers, art club, mock trial, Padre Parents Club and others — are selling tickets

to raise money to help defray their costs.

More than \$52,000 worth of tickets have been sold, with a goal of \$75,000 by the time the drawing happens.

While the Grand Prize includes two tickets to the 50th Super Bowl, set for Sunday, Feb. 7, in Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, and \$2,000 cash, other prizes for winning ticket holders are event packages for Pebble Beach Food & Wine, cash prizes, dinners in local restaurants, one-night stays in area resorts, wines, golf, photography, gift certificates, and tickets to other football games.

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## HAROLD R. JORDAN

MARCH 14, 1927 - OCTOBER 5, 2015

After a lengthy illness, on the early morning of October 5, 2015, Harold Roy Jordan, fondly known as Hal or Papa, passed away peacefully in his sleep. Hal was born on

March 14, 1927 in Peoria, Illinois to Harold R. and Dorothy (Wittenburg) Jordan. Hal grew up in Brentwood MO. Hal attended Brentwood High School where he was All-State-Center on their State Championship Basketball Team. Before his senior year ended Hal enlisted in the US Navy and shortly after received orders to Pearl Harbor as a Radar Operator. After WWII ended Hal continued his Navy career to the South Pacific until 1946 when he returned to the states and enrolled at Clemson University on a Basketball Scholarship. He later transferred to Northwestern where he continued his basketball career as well as track. In 1950 Hal transferred to Missouri University in Columbia where he met the love of his life Martha (Wilcoxson), Carrollton, MO. In 2006 Hal Jordan was honored to be included in the first Scholastic Hall of Fame at



Brentwood High School, Brentwood (St. Louis suburb), MO. Hal had a unique opportunity in January through November 1952 being offered a position as Manager with Macdonald Construction Co. on a guided missile project for the Navy San Salvador, Bahamas. Hal and Marty were married in 1952 and in 1956 moved to Berkeley, CA, to Oakland, CA and to Piedmont, CA (1960) where they raised their tribe of Five.

In 1973 Hal and Marty began a life long passion for travel over land and sea. They invested in Time Shares which allowed them to travel extensively. Their favorites: Down the Danube, Down the Rhine, Ireland, France, England, Australia and New Zealand, and blend in the Algarve with Spain etc. Hal was self employed (for 38 years) as a Real Estate Investment Counselor (Jordan Investment Group). Hal was a member of many Fraternal organizations: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Masonic Temple, Scottish Rite Temple and the Shiner Horse Patrol. The Oakland World Trade Club, Sons in Retirement, Pebble Beach, CA. Hal was a member of the Olympic Club, San Francisco and thus became an avid golfer.

He was a constant Marshall for the U.S. Opens at the Olympic Club and the "Crosby" (He especially liked the Clam Bake after the tournament!) and in addition Marshaling at the AT&T clear up until 2010.

Hal is survived by his wife of 64 years, Martha (Wilcoxson), his five children, Harold (Roy II) Jordan, Pebble Beach, CA, Melinda Klescewski (Jackson, CA) Sarah Jordan (Alameda, CA) Kent W. Jordan, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. and Pamela Jordan (Pebble Beach, CA) His grandchildren, Jordan Klescewski, (San Diego, CA), Julia Mckinley (San Leandro, CA), Max Jordan (Mansfield, MA). His brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Gwen Jordan (Dallas, TX) His sister-in-law, Nancy W. Magee Lenexa, KS and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The Jordan Family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. David Straface, to the VNA Visiting Nurses Association, Hospice Association, Veterans Association (John Maddock), Rev. Bill Rolland, Rev. Ken Fiske, Church in the Forest, Pebble Beach, CA.

If you so choose, donations may be sent to: The Alzheimers Association and to The Wounded Warriors.

Celebration of Life Service for Hal Jordan will be January 03, 2016 at 1:30 P.M. Church in the Forest, Pebble Beach, CA.

*Hal's Motto: "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You"*

# Couple shares tips on hiking the Pinnacles, introduces new guide

LOCATED JUST 90 minutes away, Pinnacles National Park features a wealth of hiking opportunities, and a husband-wife duo who wrote a book on the subject, David and Linda Mullally, will present a free talk and slide show Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall.

The couple's book, "Hiking Pinnacles National Park: A Guide to the Park's Greatest Hiking Adventures," came out earlier this year. It will be followed by a pocket-sized book on the same subject, "Best Easy Day Hikes in Pinnacles National Park," which is due out in the spring.

"It's a real privilege to have a national park with unique

geological features and trails for every fitness level in our backyard," Linda Mullally told The Pine Cone.

Besides writing about hiking in the Pinnacles, the couple has written five books about hiking with dogs, which unfortunately aren't allowed in the country's newest national park. Residents of Hacienda Carmel, the two can frequently be found hiking on local trails. Just recently, they added a new member to their hiking team, a 1-year-old husky named Gem.

Presented by the Carmel Public Library Foundation, the event starts at 7 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 624-2811.

## 'Life is a Bumpy Road'

Writer Tony Albano will sign copies of his book, "Life is a Bumpy Road," Sunday, Dec. 13, from 3 to 5 p.m., at Il Fornaio restaurant.

In the book, Albano takes a look back at his childhood in Brooklyn, his days as a hippie musician in New York City, his time as the owner of a deli, his move to California, and his 20-year stint as a waiter at Il Fornaio. Along the way, he loses a leg, meets many interesting people and dogs, and never stops smiling.

Il Fornaio is located in the Pine Inn on Ocean between Lincoln and Monte Verde.



## CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF ELECTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, for the following Officers:

For MAYOR  
(Full term of two years)

For 2 Members of the City Council  
(Full term of four years)

The nomination process for these offices begins on Monday, December 21, 2015 and closes on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the city are not filed by Friday, January 15, 2016, the voters shall have until Wednesday, January 20, 2016 to nominate candidates other than the person(s) who are the incumbents on the 88th day before the election, for that incumbent's elective office. This extension is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by §10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The polls will be opened between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

Ashlee Wright, City Clerk  
Dated: December 9, 2015

Publication date: Dec. 11, 2015 (PC1210)



## CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

### ORDINANCE NO. 007

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.52.385 APPEALS HEARING PROCESS OF CHAPTER 2.52 OF TITLE 2 ENTITLED PERSONNEL SYSTEM OF THE CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MUNICIPAL CODE, INSERTING AN INDEPENDENT HEARING OFFICER INTO THE APPEALS HEARING PROCESS.**

#### Recitals/Findings

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 1987, the City Council adopted an ordinance repealing Chapter 2.52 of Title 2 of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code entitled Personnel System, and adopted a new Chapter 2.52 for Title 2 of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code, entitled Personnel System; and

**WHEREAS**, developments in best personnel practices, case law, and legislation have made parts of the ordinance out of date; and

**WHEREAS**, the directive in section 2.52.385 Appeals Hearing Process has been under discussion during labor negotiations with LIUNA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to amend Municipal Code section 2.52.385 Appeals Hearing Process of Chapter 2.52 of Title 2 entitled Personnel System to insert an independent hearing officer into the appeals hearing process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section One.** Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code Section 2.52.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### 2.52.385 Appeals Hearing Process

The appeal shall be heard by an independent hearing officer - selected from a "strike list" requested by the employee and/or Union and the City from the Public Employee Relations Board. The independent hearing officer will hear all evidence, review all documents and receive oral testimony. The decision of the independent hearing officer shall be advisory to the City Administrator.

**Section 2.** The People of Carmel-by-the-Sea find that all Recitals/Findings are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Section 3. Severability

A. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

B. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable.

**Section 4.** Publication The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in the manner and in the time required by law.

INTRODUCED on the 3rd day of November, 2015 and ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA this 1st day of December, 2015 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Beach, Dallas, Talmage, Theis, Burnett  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST: Ashlee Wright, City Clerk  
APPROVED: Jason Burnett, Mayor  
Dated: Dec. 31, 2015.

Publication date: Dec. 11, 2015 (PC1211)

## Henry Nathaniel Fairbanks III

December 9, 1930 - November 30, 2015

"Those who know, do. Those that understand, teach."

— Aristotle



Henry Nathaniel Fairbanks III, 84, a gifted teacher who touched the lives of countless Robert Louis Stevenson students, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2015 following a lengthy illness. Not only a master teacher, Henry was a lifelong learner, a student of history, computer technologies, opera, painting, and photography.

Henry was born December 9, 1930 in Rochester, New York. His parents were Henry Nathaniel Fairbanks, Jr. of Bangor, Maine and Dorothy Fairbanks Atkinson (nee Berger) of Naugatuck, Connecticut. His passion for history and genealogy sprang from his family's Colonial American roots. On his mother's side, he was descended from Stephen Hopkins, one of the original Mayflower pilgrims and a signatory of the Mayflower compact. On his father's side, he was descended from Jonathan Fairebanke, originally of Yorkshire, England who settled in the

Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1634. Two years later, Jonathan built the Fairbanks House in Dedham, Massachusetts, which still stands today as a National Historic Landmark and the oldest surviving timber-frame house in North America. Henry grew up in Rochester and spent summers at the family compound in Winchester, Connecticut and water-skiing on Highland Lake. Henry credited his love of painting to his childhood visits to his Grandmother Whittemore's house in which hung Whistler's The White Girl, whose gaze mesmerized him as a young boy.

After moving to California, Henry attended Beverly Hills High with the likes of Andre Previn and Richard Chamberlain. After graduating in 1948, he attended Cornell School of Hotel Management and Occidental College where he majored in drama. A fellow theater student, Louise Meckle, remembers Henry as "a wonderful Tartuffe and a perfect blend of hilarity and satire." Following graduation in 1955, Henry worked at Paramount; while hoping to break into the movies, he began working his way up the corporate ladder, starting in the proverbial mail room and advancing to a script reader. The freedom and spontaneity of the theater called Henry back to the stage, where he acted and coached for several years in college and regional repertory theater at Occidental, Stanford, and in San Francisco. Actor Rosemary Luke recalls that Henry was the "best acting coach with whom she has ever worked."

In 1968, Henry arrived in Pebble Beach, and the next year began teaching at Stevenson, initially as a part-time tutor and English teacher. He later transitioned into the math department, teaching everything from fundamental algebra to advanced placement AB and BC calculus. Henry always credited his success as a math teacher to being a poor math student. Having taught himself, he understood the challenges. Former student Neill Norman recalls, "Henry was demanding, and very tough if you weren't focused, but very effective in making abstract concepts concrete. His probability and statistics class was a huge hit with the seniors. He liked to gamble, and used blackjack and craps, which the students loved, to teach basic combinatorics." What former student Pete Yengst remembers fondly about that class was that "If you were even a second late to his class, the probability of getting in the door was zero." Henry was always teaching life skills too. Henry was the faculty resident head in the senior "Ghetto," just off of Douglas Hall and was voted the seniors' favorite teacher several times during his 23-year career. Not only popular with the students, Henry was also a mentor to many of the younger faculty. Colleague Rob Klevan remembers that he "always gave great advice and was always right about matters of discipline."

After his retirement from Stevenson in 1992, Henry traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. He was famous for traveling light, with only the essentials packed into his pockets. When at home, he enjoyed trading stocks, growing roses, counting his pennies, eradicating gophers, refurbishing his Monterey home, which was part of the original David Jack's estate, and cooking. His fried chicken, marinated leg of lamb, blueberry pie, lemon ice cream, Bud Shakes, and Bloody Marys were legendary. His clever doodles, improvisations on the piano, sage advice, and a myriad of hilarious stories and intriguing anecdotes kept his friends enthralled.

Henry is survived by his brother Hiland Fairbanks (Seattle, WA) and half-brothers Jonathan and Samuel (Denver, CO), Haller Fairbanks (Atlanta, GA), a half-sister, Mary Fairbanks McKearney (Denver, CO), and his godson, Dylan Garrison (Denver, CO). He also leaves five nieces and nephews, and a grandniece and nephew. His half-brother, Joe Fairbanks, preceded him in death.

A celebration of Henry's life will be held on Saturday, January 30 at 1:00 pm at Erdman Chapel on the Stevenson campus in Pebble Beach. A reception in Douglas Hall will follow. Henry's family and friends would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Del Monte Assisted Living Facility in Pacific Grove for their attentiveness and compassionate care and to the staff and volunteers of Hospice of the Central Coast for easing Henry's transition. The Paul Mortuary has been entrusted with the cremation arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Central Coast V.N.A. & Hospice ([www.ccvna.com](http://www.ccvna.com)) or to The Henry Fairbanks Scholarship Fund at Stevenson School ([jclark@stevensonschool.org](mailto:jclark@stevensonschool.org)).





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## Sheriff collects teddy bears, firefighters collect toys

By MARY SCHLEY

DECEMBER BRINGS with it lots of opportunities to help those who have less, including toy drives organized by local law enforcement officers and firefighters.

On Dec. 2, Monterey County Sheriff Steve Bernal kicked off his agency's annual Teddy Bear Drive at PetSmart in Sand City. The pet store made the sheriff's office its "community partner" in an effort to support local children's charities, according to Bernal, and customers can purchase holiday versions of a plush puppy named Chance and kitty named Lucky for \$5 apiece, and leave them in the donation bin in the store at 2020 California Ave.

Those stuffed animals — and any other newly purchased plush toys donated at any of the sheriff's stations — are used by the Teddy Bear Program, which was established more than two decades ago, when deputies began carrying the animals to help comfort the children they encountered while responding to calls. Often, kids are present during incidents of domestic violence or other traumatic events, and the teddy bears give them

"something warm and cuddly to hang onto, and thus calm their fears a bit," said coordinator Donna Galletti.

Through the years, the program has expanded to include detectives giving stuffed animals to young victims of sexual and physical abuse, the coroner's division taking them along to help comfort when death notifications involve small children, and bailiffs offering them to kids in adoption court to commemorate their joining a new family.

And, of course, during the holidays, the sheriff's office provides the bears to many social-service organizations and distributes them to children who might not otherwise receive a gift for the holidays.

To donate a new teddy bear or other stuffed animal, drop it off at the PetSmart or at the Coastal Station at 1200 Aguajito Road, Ste. 103, in Monterey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monetary donations, which can be sent to Galletti at the same address (zip code 93940), should be made out to the Sheriff's Advisory Council and have "Teddy Bears" written in the memo

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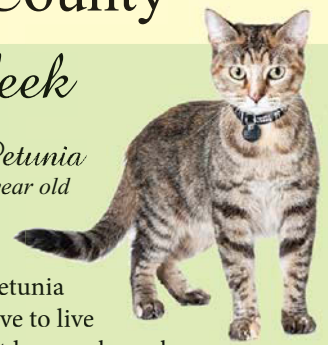
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## Man who feeds homeless finally gets his bus

By ELAINE HESSER

AS YOU may know by now, Al Siekert is a Pacific Grove resident on a mission. Every Saturday night, he cooks up breakfast in the kitchen at Tillie Gort's and every Sunday morning, he warms it up and delivers it to Window on the Bay park in Monterey and serves it to anyone in need, no questions asked.

Siekert's been doing his good deeds using his 1992 Honda Civic, but the number of people he's feeding has grown to over 100, 75 at the beach and 25 additional meals that are picked up there and served at the Salvation Army in Seaside. That increase has made it nearly impossible to transport enough food in his compact car.

Not only that, but Siekert said he's had to turn down offers of clothing and sleeping bags because he had no place to put them. With help from Pacific Grove city councilwoman Casey Lucius, he set up a fundraising site to raise money to purchase a small bus.

The pursuit of the bus turned out to be anything but straightforward, however. By the time he raised the money, the bus he wanted — which was located in Northern California — had been sold. He found another, but it cost about \$1,000 more.

The additional money was raised, and Siekert purchased the bus, which was previously used by an organization in the San Francisco Bay area to transport people with disabilities to medical appointments. It was supposed to be delivered Wednesday, but when the organization brought it out of storage and tried get new registration tags for it, the DMV said the insurance had to be renewed first.

Siekert said that the bus owner got it insured and had "someone standing in line at the DMV" to get the tags, and would have it here by Thursday night. Siekert hopes to have a distinctive graphic — he's not sure what yet — added to the plain blue-and-white bus in the near future.

He said his reception at the beach on Sundays is always welcoming, and he's had no complaints from locals about his outreach. In fact, he said, many people come out and volunteer to help him, make donations and thank him for all he's done. He added that if anyone wants to contribute to the cause, they can call him at (831) 402-0820.

## Keep the Wreath Red

SEASIDE FIRE Department is calling attention to the fire dangers of the holiday season by displaying a large wreath at its station on Broadway that will show how many fires have resulted from holiday decorations gone awry. Every time such a fire occurs, a white bulb will replace a red bulb on the string of lights illuminating the wreath. The Keep the Wreath Red campaign "serves as a visual reminder to all residents of Seaside to take additional safety precautions during the holiday season," according to SFD.

Firefighters offered tips for keeping safe this season, including ensuring smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working, keeping Christmas trees watered so they don't become more flammable and anchored so they don't tip over, ensuring the trees are nowhere near fireplaces or other heat sources, not overloading extension cords, turning off holiday lights when sleeping or away from home, taking care when burning candles, and not leaving children alone with lit candles.



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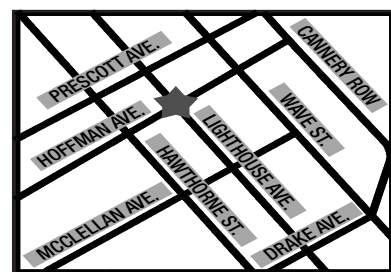
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# TALMAGE

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and nine years on the council, four of which he served as vice mayor under Burnett and former Mayor Sue McCloud — as evidence he has “the background, experience and aptitude” to serve as mayor.

“My record shows me to be a proven, effective participant in the complex and important processes of guiding our village,” he said.

Talmage pointed to several challenges and issues facing the city that he’d like to continue tackling, if voters give him a chance to when they elect their mayor and two council members in April 2016.

Finding a new longtime city administrator is at the top of the list, since former city administrator Doug Schmitz abruptly retired on Halloween, as is finding permanent workers to take over the 25 percent of city jobs that are either vacant or are filled by temps or consultants.

“We must find a reliable, long-term source of water, including the construction, at long last, of a desal plant,” said Talmage, who’s been an alternate on the mayors’ water group

going back to the days of the McCloud administration.

“We need to be actively involved in the ongoing PG&E safety investigation at the CPUC,” he said, following the explosion of a house at Guadalupe and Third in March 2014 that was caused by the gas company’s work on a nearby line.

“And there are policy and financial challenges in many areas,” he said, including ensuring a high level of public safety and emergency services, finding a compromise on beach fires, “maintaining a vibrant community through an active business district, distinguished cultural venues and quality special events,” and bolstering the planning and building department, considering the increased workload there.

Finally, he mentioned “managing the city’s finances in an innovative and conservative manner.”

Talmage said he also wants to build collaboration among residents, community members and organizations, city staff and department heads, board and commission members, and the council and the mayor.

“This is such a talented community, so collaboration is a key issue to me,” he said.

He pledged a more expeditious public process that could encourage more people in the community to get involved in their city government — including ensuring council meetings don’t run for nine hours, with very little city business resolved, as happened in November.

“I simply won’t do it,” he said. “I’ve chaired enough boards and have experience as a board chairman. Meetings are not going to go until 1:30 a.m.”

In sum, Talmage said, “These issues require familiarity with the situation, current strategy, other involved organizations and individuals — and a demonstrated ability to work independently and effectively with all. I believe I have that independence, familiarity and ability.”

So far, Steve Dallas is the only other candidate who said he’s planning to run. The filing period for the election opens Dec. 21.

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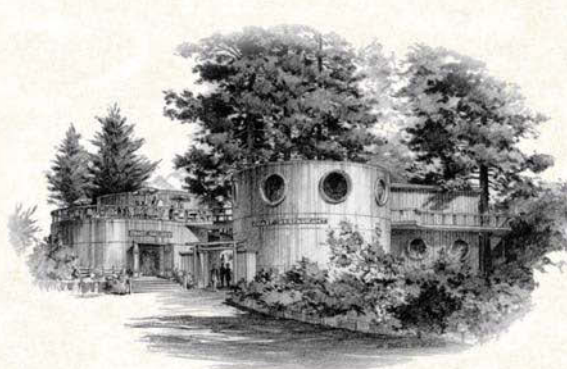
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# BAKERY

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agreed to temporarily hold in trust 66 percent of the Lafayette stock in order to “apply for a loan on behalf of Lafayette,” according to the lawsuit. The arrangement, the suit says, was made because Wells Fargo Bank, the lender, requires the majority stockholders of a business to be United States citizens, which the owners of Lafayette Bakery are not.

Holbrook — who is married to Jean Bernard Vial’s son, Thibault Vial — “verbally agreed with [the Vials] that she would return all stock to them if the loan application was denied or after the loan was paid in full,” according to the complaint, which indicates the Vials held the remaining shares of stock. Jean Bernard Vial founded the bakery with his wife, Isabelle.

However, after Holbrook’s loan application with Wells

Fargo was rejected, she refused to surrender the stock and “usurped control of the corporation and embezzled cash,” according to the lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court.

Furthermore, the Vials and Merle allege that at the end of November, Holbrook “perpetrated a scheme to defraud” them by claiming ownership of the bakery and disavowing theirs.

She also took possession of all of Lafayette Bakery’s books and records and “made unapproved withdrawals and expenditures of company cash to herself,” they say. Oldfield said Holbrook no longer works in the shop, which won a Golden Pine Cone award this year when readers voted it Best Bakery.

“My clients are attempting to get their stock back as well as other assets so they can continue to do what they do best, which is making bread and making pastries,” Oldfield told The Pine Cone.

### Restraining order issued

On Dec. 2, the same day the lawsuit was filed, Monterey

County Superior Court Judge Thomas W. Wills granted a temporary restraining order against Holbrook, barring her from withdrawing money from Lafayette’s account, transferring her stock shares to someone else, representing herself as the owner and coming within 100 feet of the shop.

“Holbrook shall also immediately turn over all cash taken from Lafayette Bakery or its accounts,” according to Wills’ order.

Oldfield said Holbrook this week transferred the bakery’s stock to its owners, and returned the books and records, but had not returned the cash. Lafayette’s owners are back in control of their bank account, he said.

The Pine Cone could not find a phone number for Holbrook and court documents don’t list an attorney for her. A webpage on a startup company site indicates she studied at Western Nevada College and DeVry University and is the “founder” of Lafayette Bakery, Inc.

Wills ordered Holbrook to appear in court Dec. 18 to explain why a more permanent preliminary injunction should not be imposed against her.

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# FIRES

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what it says are dangers to public health from smoke. But during its meeting at the Portola Hotel in Monterey Dec. 11, the commission is set to discuss an earlier iteration of the beach-fire program that called for allowing wood fires in a couple dozen rings.

In his Dec. 4 letter to Kinsey, Burnett explained the council "originally thought" the amounts of particulate matter in the air from beach fires "was low enough that a pilot program allowing 26 rings would be an appropriate step."

But after asking the air pollution control district to install

a monitor near the beach to gauge smoke levels, he said, "to our surprise and dismay," the machine "detected levels of wood smoke pollution that were unsafe for sensitive populations and at concentrations that would trigger an evacuation under EPA's wildfire management guidance for public health officials."

On some evenings, as many as 100 fires would be burning on the beach.

Burnett went on to summarize the council's extensive discussions and public hearings on the subject, including the possibility of allowing a smaller number of fires, but the council "ultimately concluded that any meaningful number of fires would at times constitute an unacceptable health risk for our community."

Instead of wood fires, the council decided only propane

fires should be allowed. The city would provide propane fire rings and the gas for free.

"These communal fire rings would be a central gathering place where neighbors would meet neighbors and locals would meet visitors," he said. "Unlike wood fires, they would be free."

People could also bring their own propane fires to the beach.

In his staff report for the commission, coastal planner Mike Watson said the state agency should require wood fires and prohibit propane fires — a recommendation that confounded Burnett.

"By replacing wood fires with propane fires, Carmel-by-the-Sea's beach fire management plan will enable more people to enjoy beach fires and do so without causing air pollution concerns and creating nuisance conditions for area residents," Burnett said in the letter. "We are prepared to lead the state in this regard and would prefer to do so in partnership with the California Coastal Commission."



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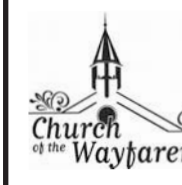
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One (1) vacancy.

Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chamber. The Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees consists of five members. At least three members of the Board shall be residents of the City, and no more than two members shall be residents from the City's adopted Sphere of Influence. All members of the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees shall possess a valid Harrison Memorial Library patron card. Applicants should have an interest in, and knowledge of, library services.

A description of the duties and responsibilities of each Board and Commission is on file in the City Clerk's office, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. City Hall is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

### HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD:

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*Applications will be accepted at City Hall until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2016. Applicants will be interviewed by the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, who will make recommendations to the City Council. Interviews will be held January 19, 20 and 21, 2016. The City Council will make the appointment on Tuesday, February 2, 2015. Term of office will begin Tuesday, February 2, 2015.*

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### Grammy Award-winning choir back at Sunset, Peter Frampton tickets go on sale Friday

FOR THE first time since 2010, the heavenly harmonies of **The Soweto Gospel Choir** will be heard Thursday, Dec. 17, at Sunset Center.

The South African vocal group, which earned Grammys in 2007 and 2008 for Best Traditional World Music Album,

#### On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

performs a rich variety of African gospel, African-American spirituals, reggae and pop. Featuring two dozen singers recruited “from the many churches in and around Soweto,” the choir “is dedicated to sharing the joy of faith through music.”

For this concert, the choir plans to add a few holiday

favorites to the mix.

“They played five years ago, and we’ve been wanting them to come back ever since,” said **Alex Richardson** of Sunset Center. “They really get people out of their seats.”

The audience is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Bank for Monterey County, which will place barrels in the Sunset Center lobby.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Tickets are \$39 to \$59. Call (831) 620-2048.

#### ■ Tubas take center stage

Typically relegated to a supporting role in an orchestra or marching band, the tuba will be showcased Sunday, Dec. 13, when the Monterey Center of Spiritual Living hosts its first Tuba Christmas concert.

One of show’s organizers, **Rebecca Perry**, told The Pine

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### Young artists get wild, Titus gallery turns 5

PROVIDING A marketplace for the next generation of artists, the nonprofit Youth Arts Collective presents its annual Holiday Show Friday, Dec. 11, from 5 to 9 p.m., at its gallery in downtown Monterey. “It’s a wild mix of expression,” co-founder **Marcia Perry** told The Pine Cone.

Employing oils, acrylics, watercolors, pen and ink, charcoal, ceramics, photography and other creative mediums, 60

#### Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

young artists will display their work in the show. They’ll be joined by three alumni of the Youth Arts Collective, painter **Neheen Hauge** and **Cody Moore**, and multi-media artist **Chloe Wilson**. The artists will keep 70 percent of the proceeds, while the nonprofit group will receive the balance.

Perry said the show offers a remarkable glimpse “into the teenage psyche” — and a great opportunity to buy unique holiday gifts.

“For many of these artists, this is the first time they’ve shown their work,” she explained. “I think people will find a lot of things here that delight them.”

The gallery is located at 472 Calle Principal. Call (831) 375-9922 or visit [www.yacstudios.org](http://www.yacstudios.org).

#### ■ Abstract painter throws party

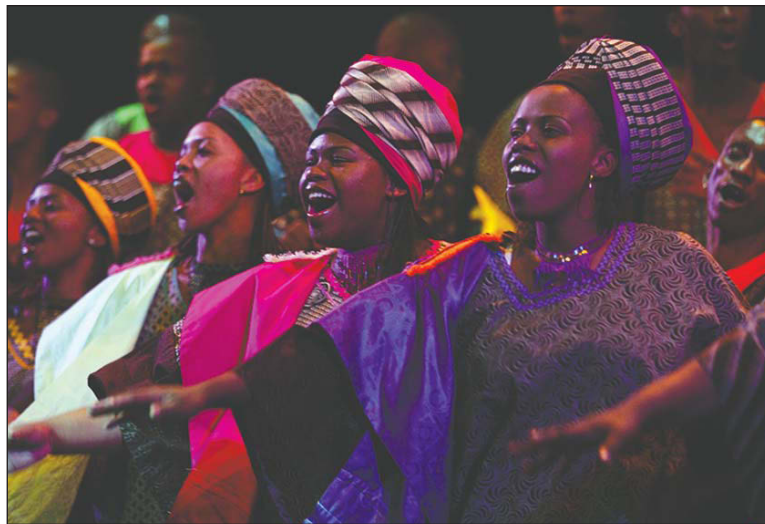
Calling attention to both her work and the many artists she represents, painter **Mary Titus** celebrates the anniversary of her downtown gallery Saturday, Dec. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Just a teenager when she began painting professionally, Titus has gradually moved from being a realist to an abstract

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Tickets go on sale Friday for a show by Peter Frampton (above) at Sunset Center in March. The Soweto Gospel Choir (right) visits the same building Thursday.



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## New life for old space, lots of wine and food, and a little philanthropy

**BEN KHADER** of Yafa and chef Isabelle Vial of Lafayette Bakery are combining forces to create Lafayette French Kitchen in the space that was the longtime home of Em Le's on Dolores Street in Carmel.

The concept took shape soon after the landlady approached Khader with a proposal to take over the spot, which had become somewhat shabby before Em Le's owners decided to close their restaurant several months ago when they failed to agree on the terms of a new lease.

"They were looking for an operator to come in and fix it up," he said. "We are doing full remodel of the entire building — structural, plumbing, sewer. We're going down to the framing, that's how bad it was."

The upside of that, though, is a brand-new, beautiful interior built to Khader's liking. When it reopens (hopefully early next year) the Lafayette French Kitchen will carry many of the baked items that have made the Barnyard bakery so popular, as well as traditional French breakfast and lunch dishes. They'll have cases of sweets and savories, to go, as well as full menus for dining in.

"There are 38 seats inside and eight seats on the outside patio for a full-service, sit-down French breakfast," he said. "It will have great atmosphere and great food."

Work has been under way for several weeks, but Khader said construction has been slow because of the poor condition of the property — which has led to extensive holdups in getting all the appropriate permits and approvals from city hall.

When the remodel work is done, Khader said he'll have a full menu detailing what Vial plans to do in the kitchen, and more details in general to share about the new venture.

### ■ Pig perfect

Cantinetta Luca executive chef Jason Balestrieri will pay his annual homage to the pig Friday, Dec. 11, during La Maialata VIII — a meal not to be missed by anyone fond of pork in all its various forms. Throughout the night, every dish on the menu (and there are many) features a porcine product in one iteration or another, from smoked and cured, to fresh and fried.

The special menu, priced a la carte, contains numerous antipasti, salads and soups, pastas and main courses.



A delicious cocktail and a lovely view: The Hyatt Carmel Highlands introduced a seasonal treat, the German Chocolate Martini.

And for those who want to know the origins of the hogs they'll be eating, Winfield Farm in Buellton is providing the Mangalista pig, while Linda Ferrasci in Carmel Valley has raised the Berkshire pig.

For reservations and details, call (831) 625-6500. Luca is located on Dolores Street between Ocean and Seventh avenues. See [www.cantinettaluca.com](http://www.cantinettaluca.com).

### ■ Truffles & Bubbles

Carmel Valley Ranch executive chef Tim Wood will present a particularly festive feast, Truffles & Bubbles, Saturday, Dec. 12, in the stunning setting of his restaurant at the resort just east of mid-valley on Old Ranch Road.

Wood will be joined by guest chef Carlo Zarri from Cortemilia, Italy, as the two prepare a meal featuring the coveted truffles and hazelnuts of Northern Italy.

For these, there is no better pairing than sparkling wine, so resort sommelier Dave Eriksen asked Domaine Carneros CEO and winemaker Eileen Crane to join the fun — and bring some of her amazing creations with her.

The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. with caviar (of course) and Brut Cuvée, followed by an indulgent evening of tempura king prawn tail and more Brut Cuvée, traditional vegetable soup with truffles and 2013 Pinot Noir, huckleberry-rubbed duck breast with roasted pumpkin and 2013 estate Pinot Noir, risotto and truffle flakes with Brut Rosé, Kobe short ribs with chanterelle mushrooms "and even more black truffles" with 2012 Hyde Vineyard Merlot, and a sweet finish of Tortino Dolce alla Nocciolo with strawberries and whipped cream, served with Taittinger Nocturne.

The dinner costs \$185 per person with wine pairings, or \$150 without wine, plus an 18 percent service charge and tax.

Reservations are required. Call the restaurant at (831) 626-2599

### ■ Value wines

Everyone likes a good deal, especially when it comes to wines that actually taste good, too. Calvin and Michele

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## LETTERS

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country.

I read recently that supervisor Dave Potter declared, "I would like to see a mothballing plan, along with a restoration plan to put the house back together." Yeah, but Dave, it's not your house, and if it's so important, why wait until after she applied for the permit when that house had sat there for years prior?

Now, the property belongs to Mehdi-pour, fair and square, and her story is an amazing example of the American dream. I have never met her, but I learned about her story through The New York Times. Her mother was illiterate. My God, what an accomplishment for all children to aspire to! We talk of encouraging girls to pursue STEM degrees, and complain of the lack of women in technology and in leadership roles, and then we deny the successful ones. She is an example for the next generation to emulate, and should be treated with decency and respect. Upon exiting the womb, we are promptly taught that if you work hard and make sacrifices, you will be allowed to make your dreams come true. Think about how demoralizing this must be to all those dedicated to achieving their dreams: that the moment you achieve it, there's a good chance the system will pull a fast one and tell you that the whole thing was a big joke. And in the end you find out, the joke is on you."

**Theresa Buccola, Pacific Grove**

### Boon for street dealers and gangs

Dear Editor,

The City of Carmel has enacted a law that prevents legitimate medical marijuana patients from either buying or growing inside the city limits. Now, patients can't even grow a plant on their own property for their own legal use. When patients who can legally possess and use medical marijuana are cut off from legal ways to obtain it, they will inevitably end up buying it on the black market.

This is great news for all the people who profit from the illegal drug trade: street dealers, gangs and gun sellers. It means more business for police and prosecutors.

This is bad news for anyone who would want a medical marijuana market that is regulated, controlled and generating tax revenue. It is bad news for consumers who want a product that is free of pesticides and prepared in sanitary conditions. It is bad news for the environment when marijuana is grown in black market gardens that pollute streams and endanger hikers.

**Richard Rosen, Carmel Valley**

### 'Detachment from reality'

Dear Editor,

Marijuana "the wonder drug?" This temporary relief from reality comes at a price and surprisingly the "clean air" proponents are the ones largely pushing for its legalization! Is the filthy smoke from marijuana any less harmful to the heart and lungs and brain as conventional cigarettes? Banning conventional smokers from smoking in buildings, streets and now even towns to evade the supposed risk of second hand smoke and to keep the atmosphere clean, yet, pushing for the open use of marijuana? This detachment from reality occurs simply because of the self-indulgent's "Damn the torpedos, full speed ahead, I wanna get high!" attitude.

**Charles Pifer, MD, Carmel.**

### There goes Ocean View

Dear Editor:

Some years ago I told people that some day the City of Pacific Grove, in order to pay off its debt to CalPERS that they defended and supported, would try to zone all of Ocean View Blvd. as a commercial district. The response was scoffs and out and out denial, with some accusing me of being paranoid. We now find out that enough signatures have been gathered to put a zone change on the next ballot that would start that very process.

The city has promised that this zoning change will only be for the American Tin Cannery site. Until when? This same city promised that no hard liquor would be served at the golf course. That didn't last long.

As to the hope that a luxury hotel will help P.G. out of its multimillion dollar debt, I'm afraid that 20 such hotels would not help. This unadmitted partnership between the city, CalPERS and developers (the later two being the only true beneficiaries) will only undermine the residential character of this city leaving us still with an insurmountable debt and a newly unrecognizable Pacific Grove.

**Renata Yundt-Hulse, Pacific Grove**

### Martha will be missed

Dear Editor,

At the city council's last meeting, the city honored Martha Mosher, and properly so. Martha will be leaving our community soon, to its great loss. Martha moved to Carmel from Portola Valley 35 years ago and lost no time in putting her positive mental attitude (Martha's patented "P.M.A." to those who know her) to work supporting the Monterey History and Art Association (where she resurrected the interior of Casa Serrano), the Harrison Memorial Library (as a long time board trustee and chair) and the Carmel Library Foundation (as an important founder and long time supporter), as well as other organizations. Martha's annual "Born on the Fourth of

July" birthday picnics on Carmel beach expressed her irrepressible spirit, and were well attended and memorable, at which she held court in her beach chair, while hosting her large and wonderful family plus a host of friends.

Martha has been an outstanding example for newer Carmelites to follow: When she arrived, she set about learning the history and traditions of the village, developing a respect for them and, then, ably and sensibly, she served to carry them forward. Carmel will miss you "Auntie Martha."

**Skip Lloyd, Carmel**

## Dance Kids take 'Nutcracker' to next level

WITH A new director and a new look, Dance Kids of Monterey County presents its 22nd annual performance of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, "The Nutcracker," Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-13, at Sunset Center.

Directed for the first time by choreographer Andrea Paris-Gutierrez of Los Angeles Ballet Academy, this year's production features debut performances by guest artists Jeraldine Mendoza and Dylan Gutierrez of the Joffrey Ballet in Chicago. Mendoza will play the Sugar Plum Fairy Saturday and Sunday, while a local ballerina, Alexandra Huffman, will take on that role Friday.

Returning to the ballet are Gary Franco, who will play the lead Arabian male dancer, and Olivia Wagner, who will portray the lead Arabian female dancer. And the cast wouldn't be complete without PacRep Theatre executive director Stephen Moorer, who again will take on the role of Mother Ginger.

The ballet also showcases the talents of more than 100 dancers and gymnasts.

Carol Richmond, who co-founded Dance Kids with her husband, Alan, said she can't wait to see the latest incarnation of "The Nutcracker" come alive on stage. "With the new production, there's naturally a new look," Richmond told The Pine Cone. "We've taken it to the next level. It's exciting.

Showtime for Friday and Saturday performances is 7 p.m., while Sunday's matinee starts at 2 p.m. Friday's show will be preceded by a gala in Sunset Center's lobby at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$32 for general admission, \$30 for seniors, students and active military, and \$26 for children under 12, and \$20 for dance students. Gala tickets are available separately — \$65 for adults and \$35 for children — or with tickets to Friday's performance — \$95 for adults and \$45 for children. Sugar Plum Fairy Party tickets are available are \$95 and include a ticket to Sunday's matinee.

For tickets, go to [www.sunsetcenter.tix.com](http://www.sunsetcenter.tix.com).

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## FOOD & WINE

### FOOD

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Wilkes are hosting a Value Wine Tasting Saturday, Dec. 12, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. to showcase some of the lower-cost gems in their extensive cellar at Fifi's Bistro Café, which also has a retail wine shop. All the wines for this tasting sell for \$25 and under, and the tasting costs \$25 per person (\$10 refunded with purchase).

Bottles selected for the weekend's lineup include domestic, French, Spanish, Italian and Southern Hemisphere wines of all hues and styles, from dry sparkling wines and crisp whites, to full-bodied, complex reds — in short, any wine you might need to bring to a party or offer to a hostess as a gift.

For more information, call (831) 372-5325. The restaurant is located at 1188 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove. [www.fifiscafe.com](http://www.fifiscafe.com)

### Supporting the coffee habit

In order to give a little something back to their regulars, and encourage others to get their coffee early, the owners of the Carmel Coffee House on Ocean Avenue between San Carlos and Dolores streets are offering a spectacular deal: \$1 coffees and \$2 lattes, any size, between 7 and 8 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Downtown's only coffee shop with an onsite roaster, Carmel Coffee House sells its small-batch roasted beans by the pound and half-pound, too, including coffee from the family's 1-acre Kula Estate that sits in the middle of a botanical reserve high in the mountains of Maui. Other offerings include Ocean Avenue — the store's light-roast house blend — espresso, Dark French, Carmel Sunrise (a blend of light and dark roasts) and several single-origin coffees.

Carmel Coffee House is open daily at 7 a.m. For more information, visit [www.carmelcoffee.com](http://www.carmelcoffee.com).

### Food for wine

Carmel Road's offer of free tastings in exchange for donations of nonperishable foods will run for a few more days, until Dec. 20. In exchange for a contribution of canned goods, boxed mixes, rice and grains, pastas, powdered milk and other foods that are in high demand and won't spoil, the new tasting room located on Lincoln Street in the Pine Inn complex will provide free tastes of its premium Chardonnay and a few different Pinots Noir.

The tasting room also carries three small lot Pinots made from its Panorama Vineyard in Arroyo Seco that are available only for purchase there.

Carmel Road, located on Lincoln Street between Ocean and Sixth avenues, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. To learn more, go to [www.carmelroad.com](http://www.carmelroad.com).

### Goings on at McIntyre

McIntyre Vineyards' tasting room in the Crossroads shopping center will present the winery's annual Sip, Savor & Celebrate holiday party Saturday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. "This year, we celebrate our one-year anniversary of business in the Carmel Crossroads, as well as the joy of helping others by hosting a Keep Warm drive," organizers said. "Bring a new warm coat for free admittance, or regular tickets are \$10." The party will include cookies, small bites and new wines.

And every Wednesday at McIntyre sparkles, as the winery's bubbly, L'Homme qui Ris, is served as part of tasting flights all day, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The tasting room's own version of Happy Hour takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 5:30 p.m., when the price of a glass of wine is based on the time of day it's ordered. A glass of Chardonnay ordered at

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3:45 p.m., for instance, is \$3.45. But, to ensure the tasting room doesn't become a drunk-filled bar, customers are limited to two glasses apiece. [www.mcintyrevineyards.com](http://www.mcintyrevineyards.com)

**Holiday cocktails**

Just in time for the season that tends to unlock even the most tightly controlled sweet tooth, Ryan Carter at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands off of Highway 1 south of Carmel has introduced three new seasonal cocktails, all on the indulgent side.

The German Chocolate Martini calls for 2 oz. coconut rum, 1/2 oz. dark Creme de

Cacao, 1/2 oz. Frangelico and a splash of Bailey's Irish Cream, topped with whipped cream and cocoa powder, and served in a glass with a cocoa powder rim.

Snickers Bar Coffee contains 1/2 oz. Bailey's Irish Cream, 1/2 oz. Frangelico, 1/2 oz. Dark Creme de Cacao and coffee, topped with whipped cream and cocoa powder.

Finally, the Key Lime Martini contains 2 oz. Absolut Vanilla Vodka, 3/4 oz. Midori, 3/4 oz. fresh lime juice and a splash of heavy cream, shaken and served in a martini glass with a graham cracker rim.

Mix one up at home or stop by the lounges at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands to partake of one (or a few) while taking in the stellar coastal view. [www.highlandsinn.hyatt.com](http://www.highlandsinn.hyatt.com)

**Parties and tastings at Dawn's Dream**

Dawn's Dream Winery at the northwest corner of San Carlos and Seventh will hold a Holiday Party & Gift Drive Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1 to 5 p.m.

"The holidays are a difficult time for foster children, and one of the most painful issues for them is not being able to acquire gifts to give to their foster parents and family members," explained owner Dawn Galante. "We are delighted to partner with our neighbors, Thinker Toys, the most historical toy store in all of Monterey County, and with the fashionable and fun clothing store, Ms. Fabulous, to provide gifts for children, teens and adults in support of Voices for Children." Voices for Children is also known as CASA, an organization that helps foster kids and others in need of assistance navigate the court system and find support in a variety of forms. The toy store will offer 25 percent off of

any gifts purchased for the cause until Dec. 24, while Ms. Fabulous will give 10 percent off during the same period. Dawn's Dream, meanwhile, will reward those who donate unwrapped gifts and nonperishable foods by giving them \$10 vouchers to use in the tasting room.

"In addition to the festive atmosphere that charitable giving provides, we will be offering live holiday music, delicious light fare and, of course, your favorite wines!" she said.

A few days later, on Thursday, Dec. 17, from 2 to 7 p.m., Dawn's Dream will hold its December Happy Hour, this time in collaboration with Rising International.

"Get all of your holiday shopping done at the Rising International Marketplace, where all of the profits go to women and children in need," Galante said, "all while indulging in fabulous wine and savory small bites." The tasting fee is \$10.

RSVP by phone to (831) 659-2649 or by email to [wine@dawnsdreamwinery.com](mailto:wine@dawnsdreamwinery.com).

**Chamber award winners announced**

RESTAURATEUR CSABA Ajan was awarded the first Lifetime Achievement Award by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night at its annual banquet to recognize local businesses that "excel in quality service and/or products, practice the highest business ethics, foster a beautiful environment and exemplify enlightened customer service and staff relations."

Ajan, the former longtime owner and debonaire host at PortaBella restaurant on Ocean Avenue, was thanked for his long list of achievements in the Carmel business community, starting with his tenure as general manager of Quail Lodge from 1973 to 1996, and his various other business ventures downtown.

His business partner, Tony Salameh, accepted the award on Ajan's behalf.

In other awards, Bruno's Market & Delicatessen, which won the Specialty Food & Wine category last year, was

named Business of the Year. Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley

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Restaurant owner Tony Salameh accepted the Carmel Chamber of Commerce's first Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of his partner, Csaba Ajan. At right is outgoing chamber board president Graeme Robertson



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## ART

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painter.

"I put a little bit of realism in all my paintings," she explained. "I do it for myself so I can make sense of them. I also love to use bright colors and bounce them off each other."

Joining Titus at Saturday's reception will be most of the artists she represents, including painter **Joseph Vella**, sculptors **Audrey Lynne Cook**, **Dey Young**, **John Chappell**, **Jeff Hobgood** and **T. Barny**; mixed media artist **Bill Moden**, and furniture designer **John Arenskov**. "We're going to be doing a lot of fun things, including giving away a painting," Titus added.

The gallery is located on San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 622-9880.

### ■ Printmaking made easy

Illuminating some of the mysteries of making handmade prints, **Jennifer Anderson** presents a free talk Friday, Dec. 11, at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Anderson will talk about the inspiration behind her work, and show how it's done. An exhibit of her prints, titled "Discussions of Her Identity: Reflections on Mothering, Family, and Art," is on display at the art center through Dec. 17.

The talk starts at 1 p.m. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. [www.pgartcenter.org](http://www.pgartcenter.org)

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received an the Award of Excellence in the Accommodations category, while Fourtané Estate Jewelers at Lincoln and Ocean won for Apparel & Jewelry. Winfield Gallery on Dolores Street was selected as the best art gallery, and Sunset Center was chosen as the winner for Cultural Organizations.

The Dining category's top restaurant was Dametra Café, whose owners are also taking over the spaces occupied by PortaBella and Merlot Bistro just a block away, and the winner of Legal & Finance was Wells Fargo Bank.

The Carmel Pine Cone took the Media & Marketing category, and chamber members identified The Carmel Foundation as their favorite nonprofit.

The Dance Center won in Personal Services, and the top award for realty went to Alain Pinel Realtors/Judie Profeta.

The winner in the Retail category was Carmel Plaza, and Services to Residents & Businesses went to Carmel Valley Athletic Club located off of Rancho San Carlos Road.

Finally, Services to Visitors went to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Nielsen Bros. Market won the Specialty Food & Wine category.

The evening also included dinner, with wines from 93923 Wines — which represents the four mouth-of-the-valley tasting rooms: McIntyre, Morgan and Southern Latitudes in the Crossroads shopping center, and Boete in Valley Hills Center. Besides honoring outstanding businesses, the gala serves as a fundraiser for the chamber.

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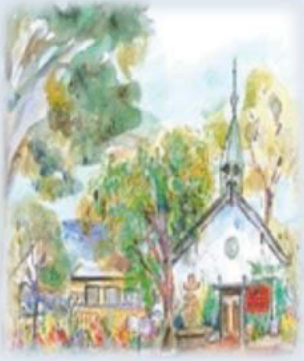
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# MUSIC

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Cone holiday tuba concerts have been steadily gaining in popularity since more than 100 tuba players performed at the Rockefeller Center in 1974.

“It’s like a cult,” Perry explained. “There are people whose goal is to play in as many TubaChristmas concerts as possible.”

Perry said as many as 300 tuba enthusiasts performs at annual events at Disneyland and in Rochester, N.Y. She estimates the Monterey show will draw 15-20 tuba players in its first year, with the participants ranging from middle school students, to octogenarians.

The program includes “Jingle Bells,” “Come All Ye Faithful,” “Silent Night,” and other standards of the season. Monterey Mayor **Clyde Roberson** will serve as guest conductor when the tuba ensemble performs “Carol of the Bells.”

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## ■ Roots rocker returns

Best known for his 1991 hit single, “Wicked Game” — and the many comparisons he drew early in his career to Elvis Presley — singer **Chris Isaak** takes the stage Friday, Dec. 11, at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

With a look and voice that conjured up comparisons to the King of Rock ’n’ Roll, Isaak burst onto the music scene in the late 1980s, serving up a reverb-heavy roots rock sound. Songs like his cover of the Yardbirds’ “Heart Full of Soul” and his original composition, “Blue Hotel,” won him many fans, and his third album, “Heart-Shaped World,” turned him into a star.

When he visits Monterey, Isaak plans to showcase his new album, “First Comes the Night,” which was released in October.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$49 to \$104. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070.

## ■ Frampton comes alive at Sunset

Tickets go on sale Friday at 9:30 a.m. for a March 15 concert at Sunset Center by one of the most famous of all 1970s stadium rockers, singer-songwriter and guitarist **Peter Frampton**.

After enjoying brief success with Humble Pie in the waning days of the Woodstock era, Frampton struck out on his own in 1971, but his solo career sputtered until 1976, when his double live album, “Frampton Comes Alive,” skyrocketed up the charts and became one of the best-selling discs of the era. The record spawned hits like “Show Me the Way,” “Baby, I Love Your Way” and “Do You Feel Like We Do?”

Tickets are \$80 to \$115. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit the box office at Sunset Center.

## ■ Live Music Dec. 11-17

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The Carmel Foundation’s **Diment Hall** — classical guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Friday at 2 p.m.). Eighth and Lincoln.

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**Cooper’s Pub & Restaurant** in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Wesley Woo** (Friday at 8:45 p.m.); and **A Band Of Ninjas** (rock, Saturday at 8:45 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row,



Singer Chris Isaak will showcase a new record when he rocks the Golden State Theatre in Monterey Friday.

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**Hidden Valley Music Seminars** in Carmel Valley — **The Hidden Valley Opera Ensemble** presents “The Gift of the Magi” (Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.). The opera continues through Dec. 20. Carmel Valley and Ford roads, (831) 659-3115.

**Hyatt Carmel Highlands** — singer **Neal Banks** and guitarist **Steve Ezzo** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (pop and jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Tuesday at 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

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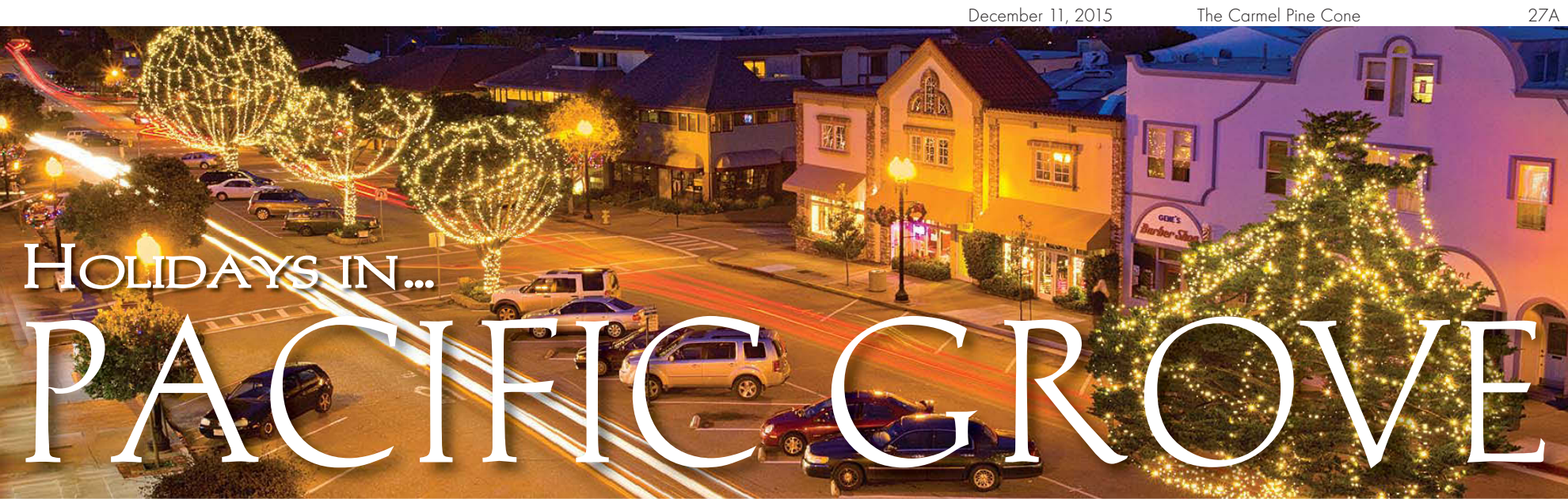
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# Editorial

## The importance of competitive elections

THE NEWS that Ken Talmage is running for mayor shouldn't just be welcomed by his supporters, but by every interested citizen in Carmel. Likewise the realization that we may finally have a competitive race for Congress, with Sam Farr dropping out and two very qualified candidates seeking to replace him. Similarly, the fact that Mary Adams will be challenging Dave Potter for county supervisor can only be seen as good news for the public. One thing that doesn't benefit anybody is when an election becomes more like a coronation.

Unfortunately, that's what we've had far too often in the Monterey Peninsula, with officials running for term after term without any serious competition. We'd be very surprised, to cite one example, if the average voter can name even a single candidate who ran against Farr in the last 20 years. But now we have eminently qualified candidates all over the place, and we're in for some very interesting races.

For Congress, Jimmy Panetta might seem to be shoo-in, with his famous name, his distinguished military service, and his experience as a county prosecutor. But Casey Lucius also has an exemplary record in the U.S. military, as a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School and in local politics, not to mention an impressive resume when it comes to fighting international terrorism. The eventual debates between these two candidates — and we hope there are lots of them — promise to be can't-miss events in local politics the likes of which we have never seen.

Similarly, Potter has indisputably served his constituents well during his 19 years as a county supervisor, but his long record means he also has plenty to answer for, and former United Way CEO Mary Adams, especially if she steers clear of the far-left fringe of Monterey County politics, could be the person to make him do it.

Here in Carmel, no one could doubt Ken Talmage's qualifications to be mayor. On the other hand, his years on the planning commission and city council mean that he's been at least partly responsible not only for city hall's achievements during those years, but also its failures — and there have been plenty of those. So far, city council member Steve Dallas has already shown signs that he'll conduct a very energetic campaign to become mayor, and there are plenty of indications that other candidates will jump into the fray as well. And since some of our biggest controversies — especially beach fires and the water supply — are still far from being resolved, the upcoming municipal elections could bring significant changes not only among the personnel at city hall, but for things that directly and immediately effect everyone's quality of life.

Add to all that the strangely tumultuous national political scene, and what you have coming up in a few weeks is the beginning of a truly fascinating political year. We can't wait.

## BEST of BATES



"Hey! You missed one!"

## Letters to the Editor

everyone, especially those who have yet to experience this beach where the views should be the only thing that takes their breath away. Now is the time to come together to make sure that such a loss is never a part of Carmel's future.

Shirley Moon, Carmel

### Traditions and loss

Dear Editor,

Traditions give emotional connections to our life experiences and are difficult to let go. I can fully understand the loss that the young and the longtime residents feel about possibly no longer having fires on Carmel Beach.

I feel a great sense of loss, as well, but for different reasons. I feel a loss because I can no longer find a patch of clean sand upon which to place a blanket. I feel a loss because I am no longer tempted to take off my shoes to let the sand squish between my toes. I feel a loss because I can no longer just walk along the beach enjoying the view because my eyes are busy scanning the sand for the trash and half-burnt logs I'm compelled to pick up in an effort to save the beach and protect the marine life.

I feel a loss when I see the charcoal graffiti that now adorns the rocks. I feel a loss when I open our bedroom window at night to the crisp fresh air, anticipating falling asleep to the sound of the crashing waves only to discover that smoke from beach fires is invading our home so that the windows must be kept closed — once again.

Yesterday's tradition of building fires on the beach can no longer be defended. The death by fire of our pristine coastal air and this beautiful beach is too great of a loss for

### A 'demoralizing' injustice

Dear Editor

Quite frankly, it breaks my heart every time I read about the never-ending battle over the Mehdipour property in Pebble Beach. When will Sam Reeves, Tony Lombardo and Dave Potter just leave her alone to build a house that she has earned the right to build? It's irrelevant as to how many letters you have following your name. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon or Falling Water this "landmark" structure is not. It is a blight on the landscape and there must be something else afoot within the mind of her neighbor, but if he is the only one who has an answer to that question, why is he allowed to ride roughshod through our legal system and force Mehdipour to pay for it?

Sam Reeves and those on the planning board and board of supervisors who are rabidly defending this apparent celebration of architecture, this ever so precious-Neutra masterpiece that they feel would devastate the grieving world once razed, should be ashamed. And, my goodness, am I to understand that they have the nerve to declare this house historic, five years after she applied for her permit? Have we all gone mad!? It's a betrayal of everything we stand for and everything we teach our children in this

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## And in a snap, 40 years have gone by

VIDEOS OF elaborate marriage proposals requiring months of planning and even rehearsal are everywhere nowadays, but to say that wasn't Fernando Batista's style back in 1973 is an understatement.

He's more of an in-the-moment sort of guy, and that moment came mere hours after meeting Barbara Moon in Monterey. He'd given her sister a ride home from Santa Barbara, where she was a student at the

University of California. Barbara met Fernando at her kitchen table. They hit it off immediately and talked for five straight hours. Fernando even asked her to go out that very evening. Barbara remembered being less than enthusiastic since she'd been out all night the night before, but she agreed. Unbelievably, while they were dancing the night away at a restaurant on Cannery Row, he proposed.

## Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

So she started taking photography classes and never looked back. Fernando, meanwhile, took the long way around to California. He'd come to America from Brazil by way of a sponsor family in Buffalo, N.Y., that knew his aunt. He traveled to Santa Barbara, hoping to attend the prestigious Brooks Institute's school of photography, but he couldn't afford the tuition and was working odd jobs when he met Barbara's sister and made the trip to Monterey on a whim.

The couple worked at various jobs, all the while looking for a way to do photography full time. Their break came when the photographer for a multiple real estate listing service in Carmel decided to move to San Francisco. In those days, said Barbara, the multiple listings were done by taking Polaroids of the properties for sale, gluing them onto pages and mimeographing them for the realtors.

Once that chore was completed, the realtors would ask for 8-by-10s of some of the properties to display in their windows, so Barbara and Fernando would head out, take the photos, develop and print them late into the evening and get them to the realtors the next day.

They soon gained a reputation for good composition — Barbara said they just did common sense things like moving trash cans and water hoses out of the shots — and great lighting. Fernando said that if they drove out to photograph houses and the light wasn't just right on one of them, they'd come by on the return trip and try again.

They went back to school at Monterey Peninsula College to complete their studies as they built their business. To help make ends meet, Barbara made jewelry and sold it at art fairs. They traveled in true hippie fashion in a VW bus.

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"I knew she was a special person and I couldn't let her get away," he said.

Barbara's response wasn't exactly what he'd hoped for. "I said, 'You're drunk, you're crazy, and you're too short.'"

They later decided to move in together, however, and in 1975, they married.

Now the owners of Batista Moon Studio, the two have always shared a passion for photography. In fact, Barbara had worked as a babysitter for the Weston family.

"For an extra 50 cents, they let me clean out the darkroom," she remembered.

Although tests when she was in high school showed she had the aptitude and ability for medical school, her nervous system never got the memo. She passed out at the sight of blood while taking classes at Monterey Peninsula College.



Fernando Batista's first proposal to Barbara came a little too early for her, but she eventually accepted.

PHOTO/CLAUDIA KENYON

## HOLIDAY PARTIES YOU'LL BE VERY GLAD YOU MISSED

IT'S A good time of year to count your blessings. One thing I'm most thankful for is that I no longer have to entertain at big, boozy holiday bashes thrown by clubs, trade associations and professional organizations. For a guy in the humor business, those kinds of parties can be a challenge. Over the years I've appeared at dozens of them, and it seems like something always goes awry.

You might not believe this, but there was a time not so long ago when dirty comedy material was frowned upon in polite company. Comedians of my era were restrained by standards imposed by television. In order to appear on the tube, we could not do risqué or even suggestive jokes, and foul language was unthinkable. Didn't bother me — I never worked "blue" anyway.

I got a booking one time at a Christmas party in Pennsylvania for firefighters and their wives. When I arrived, the burly fire chief who hired me took me aside and demanded to know if my act was dirty. "We had a big problem last year," he said. "The comic we hired used a lot of filthy words. People were upset. So I'm warning you. Any bad language or dirty jokes, I'll shut off your mic and haul you off the stage."

I assured him my material was spotless, but his threat was unnerving anyway.

Fortunately, my show went well enough that three years later they invited me back. Once again the same fire chief took me aside before the show. "You planning on telling dirty jokes?" he inquired.

"Absolutely not," I told him.

"That's a problem," he said. "We don't mind dirty jokes and four-letter words. The more the merrier. We're not a bunch of uptight prudes here." Who knew? I was not about to throw in a string of gratuitous F-bombs at the last minute. So I did my regular routine, which went over so well I never got another booking there again.

Another holiday season I was booked by a plumbers union in San Bernardino. The banquet tables were decorated with the usual Christmas flair. But instead of holiday centerpieces, each table had several bottles of Gin, Scotch, Bourbon and Vodka. Enough fire water to put a Marine battalion under the table.

The partyers grew more raucous by the minute. By the time I was introduced, the 80-

proof centerpieces had been emptied and the crowd was completely snookered.

May you never know the joy of trying to entertain 200 heckling, food-fighting, peevishly pickled plumbers.

Right in the middle of my act, a full-scale brawl broke out. I'm talking upturned tables, broken bottles, flying debris. When a plate sailed over my head like a Frisbee, I took my cue to exit the stage while I was still upright.

When I went to pick up my check, the guy who booked me said, "I'll pay you, but you don't deserve it. You didn't even finish your act!"

But the worst holiday booking I ever had was in Oregon at a joint outside of Eugene.

## Wilde Times

By LARRY WILDE

Every fledgling comedian has to work those kinds of clubs — places you ordinarily wouldn't go near without a vaccination and a quart of Deet.

This dive was the Girlies Galore Club. They catered to a very exclusive clientele — sex-starved lumberjacks. Those guys had been out in the woods so long they had mildewed.

The club had certain restrictions, though. A gentleman was not admitted unless he had bad breath, a beer belly, and at least two hickeys from a 300-pound moose. A lot of guys came directly from work still lugging their chainsaws.

The lineup of entertainment included several exotic female dancers, and me, Mr. Sugar-and-Spice, with not a single off-color joke in my routine. What kind of comedy do you do for a bunch of roaring drunk sex maniacs with chainsaws?

The headliner was Narda and Her Doves. I had worked with Narda in Phoenix City, Ala. As she danced around the stage, trained doves flew out and removed her seven veils one by one, until she was down to her last bird.

My enviable job was to open the show. The lumberjacks made it clear they were there to see the strippers, not some squeaky clean Joe College comic in a suit and tie.

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# WELL

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“We’re approaching 90 percent ocean water, and salinity levels continue to rise. Production and water quality are data are excellent.”

She added the test well is “so far proving feasible from a technical, financial and environmental perspective.”

“The takeaway summary is that the test well is working better than expected,” Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett told The Pine Cone this week.

The company expects the \$10 million test operation to draw at least 95 percent saltwater, which would indicate it’s not taking water from nearby aquifers used by farmers. When the operation had to be shut off in June, it was drawing about 85 percent seawater, but the operation is on track to reach its goal.

Hydrogeologists who studied the dip in groundwater levels determined the phenomenon wasn’t due to the test operation, but other groundwater pumping. The coastal commis-

sion’s amended permit allows pumping to resume with conditions that take into consideration other regional groundwater trends such as agricultural pumping.

Stedman said the company plans to provide the coastal commission with a brief update about the test well — which pumps about 2,000 gallons of seawater per minute — at its meeting in Monterey Friday, Dec 11.

Marina Coast Water District unsuccessfully filed suit to stop the test well, alleging the operation could, among other things, harm dune habitat. The Ag Land Trust filed a similar

suit saying the test well tramples on its water rights and could contaminate agricultural wells with saltwater. That effort was also unsuccessful.

Last week, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority’s governance committee gave the OK for the Boart Longyear Company to construct seven to nine wells for Cal Am’s full-scale, \$320 million desal plant. Construction of each well is estimated to cost \$2.8 million, which Stedman said is “in line with our project budget.”

# LIVES

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“We went through three engines on that thing,” said Barbara.

Their reputation as photographers grew, and the business eventually took off. Their client list has been filled with household names locally — they did the Monterey Jazz Festival’s poster for five years — and nationally, like Rice-A-Roni and Royal Viking Lines.

Two of their favorite projects were working with Ocean Mist Farms and helping to create the Shake family cookbook. They described their eight years with Ocean Mist as being part of a group of “great people, great family and great workers.” Instead of just showing up to do shoots, they were invited to be part of planning them with the marketing team, and enjoyed having the opportunity to give their input.

The Shake family cookbook gave them a chance to really indulge their love of food photography. There are dozens of pictures of dishes and ingredients, and you can see the attention to detail that went into each one, from a simple bowl of clams, to complex plates of pasta.

As Fernando noted, “Commercial photography should have a fine art feel to it.”

As they sat around a table in their cozy cottage near Skyline Forest, they told The Pine Cone that in spite of their many accomplishments, there are still a few things they’d like to do. First, Barbara said, they’d love to go to Alsace, Germany, for the annual asparagus festival in May. Renting a villa in Tuscany and photographing to their heart’s content is high on Fernando’s list, and they said they’d also enjoy chronicling the modern Celtic food of Ireland.

Sounds like a pretty delicious bucket list.

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# TOYS

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field. The funds will be used to purchase new teddy bears and stuffed animals.

Meanwhile, employees of the sheriff’s office are also participating in the Operation Give Back Toy Drive, sponsored by Lowe Packaging Group and Holaday Seed Company, which distributes donated toys to children via The Salvation Army. Operation Give Back runs through Dec. 23, and new, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Coastal Station.

The Crime Prevention Officers Association of Monterey County is holding its 17th annual Toy Drive to help kids throughout the county, and new, unwrapped toys can be delivered to local police stations throughout the Peninsula, including the sheriff’s station, Seaside P.D. at 400 Harcourt Ave., Carmel P.D. at Junipero and Fourth, and Pacific Grove P.D. at 580 Pine Ave.

Finally, the Monterey Fireman’s Association, the Monterey Fire Department’s nonprofit, is also accepting donations of unwrapped new toys for its annual toy drive to assist local families in need.

Donations are being accepted in marked barrels at all five fire stations: 600 Pacific St., 582 Hawthorne St. and 401 Dela Vina St., all in Monterey, the Carmel station on Sixth Avenue between Mission and San Carlos streets, and the P.G. station at 600 Pine Ave.

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## Try these 7 end-of-year tax tips to save money, boost refund

December 2015

It ain’t over til it’s over, and 2015 isn’t over. Taxpayers still have less than a month left to influence their tax future. Many taxpayers can do something to lower their tax liability with these seven end-of-year tax tips.

**#1: To save money, save money**  
One way to save money on taxes is to save money – in tax-advantaged retirement accounts. Saving leads to more saving. Contributions to a 401(k) or IRA are pre-tax or tax-deductible, respectively, which reduces taxable income and potentially the tax bill. Taxpayers can contribute up to \$18,000, or \$24,000 if they are 50 or older, to their 401(k). They can save up to \$5,500, or \$6,500 if 50 or older, in a traditional IRA. Taxpayers who deduct their IRA contributions can designate contributions they make through April 15, 2016, on their 2015 tax returns, giving them a little more time to sock away that money and boost their tax benefit for 2015.

Maxing out a 401(k) and IRA at age 50 could lower taxable income by \$30,500 – or, for a taxpayer with a 25 percent marginal tax rate, provide a tax benefit of more than \$7,625. The IRA deduction is limited for higher-earning taxpayers participating in a 401(k) or other employer plan.

**#2: To save money, give money**  
Another way to save money on taxes is to give money away. If taxpayers give to qualified organizations and itemize their deductions, their charitable contributions could lower their taxable income. Taxpayers need to keep receipts, pictures or other documentation of any noncash donation. A \$1,000 donation for someone in the 25-percent bracket who itemizes deductions can see \$250 in savings.

**#3: To save money, pay bills**  
Paying bills early is another way to save money on taxes. Students and their families who haven’t maxed out the American Opportunity Credit can pay spring tuition before December 31 for an added tax break. Or, people repaying their student loans could make an extra payment to deduct more interest, up to \$2,500, on the 2015 return. Homeowners could pay their December mortgage payment due in early January this year to increase their itemized deduction for mortgage interest paid.

In all these cases, taxpayers should remember that tax planning occurs over a multi-year horizon. Paying an extra amount this year could hurt some taxpayers in 2016.

**#4: To save money, lose money**  
The Dow Jones has decreased since this summer so this could be a good time to help trim that tax bill. Those with a large net capital gain in 2015 could reduce their tax liability by selling stock before December 31 if it would reduce the gain or generate a loss. Taxpayers should look at their whole financial picture with an investment advisor before offsetting their capital gains with losses in this way. They should not make these decisions for tax purposes alone.

**#5: To save money, spend money**  
It’s the triple play of tax savings. Putting money in a Health Savings Account (HSA) during the year saves taxpayers from paying taxes on that amount. Individuals can save \$3,350, families \$6,650 and taxpayers 55 or older can save an additional \$1,000 in their HSA. But, taxpayers can also use this money tax-free on qualified medical expenses. And funds left in the HSA grow tax-free.

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) are also another great savings tool and work similarly to an HSA. But, whatever funds taxpayers don’t spend before the end of the year – or grace period, if their company’s plan provides one – is just money left on the table. They can use this money for unreimbursed medical expenses like eyeglasses, prescription medications, medical equipment or copays.

**#6: To save money, get health insurance**  
Tax penalties for being without health insurance in 2016 will increase for the second year in a row. Taxpayers could have to pay a penalty of \$695 per uncovered adult and \$347 per uncovered child (to a maximum of \$2,085) or 2.5 percent of their household income over their filing threshold, whichever is greater. That means a family of four earning \$60,000 could pay a penalty of more than \$2,000 for 2016. For 2014, their penalty would have been around \$400.

To avoid these penalties in 2016, taxpayers may enroll in a health insurance plan on the marketplace starting November 1. Some taxpayers will also qualify for advance premium tax credits to help them pay their health insurance premiums.

**#7: To save money, pay attention**  
Many popular tax breaks expired at the end of 2014 and have not yet been extended. These include the deduction for state and local general sales tax, tuition and fees deduction, educator’s expense deduction and tax-free qualified charitable distributions from IRAs. It may be the end of the year or early next year before Congress acts on the expired breaks. Taxpayers will need to stay tuned to learn whether they can use these tax breaks for 2015.

There are a lot of ways for taxpayers to save money on their taxes – from saving, giving, losing and spending money to paying bills and getting health insurance. The trick is to save, give, lose and spend money in the right way. Taxpayers can use online tax calculators to estimate their tax refunds and should always talk to a trusted tax professional when in doubt.

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# NINO

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pathway “with a focus on addressing low spots that have poor drainage, as well as damage to bluffs to reduce erosion along the coast,” he said.

On Nov. 17, the city conducted a winter storm exercise to make sure personnel are familiar with their roles and duties during the storm season.

“We simulated a winter storm and worked through specific incidents in preparation for the coming storm season,” Carmel Police Cmdr. Paul Tomasi told The Pine Cone.

The training session also included “testing radios and dispatch capabilities” with the public works department and the city’s Citizen Emergency Response Team, Tomasi said.

The public works department has sandbags available for Carmel residents and businesses.

## Helping those who need it

Mike Niccum, general manager of the Pebble Beach Community Services District, said the government entity keeps a list of names of Del Monte Forest residents who might need assistance during storms due to their age or medical condition.

“If the power is out for a long period of time, it could have an impact on elderly people,” he said. “We have developed a list of residents who might need help. We start with phone calls. If we can’t get through, we try to go out and check on folks, particularly ones we know might have health issues.”

The PBCSD has an El Niño preparation list on its website that includes information about federal disaster assistance and flood insurance, creating an emergency family plan, and preparing a disaster supply kit.

Go to [www.pbcسد.org](http://www.pbcسد.org) or call (831) 373-1274 for more information.

Pacific Grove Public Works superintendent Daniel Gho said city crews have been busy clearing storm drains, sweeping streets, identifying hazardous city-owned trees, procuring sandbags, inspecting and cleaning stormwater outfalls, and other measures.

“It is the city’s responsibility to make sure that our roads, storm-drain system, and curbs and gutters work correctly during large storm events,” according to Gho, “but it is also very important to make sure that individuals properly prepare their properties to be able to withstand strong storms.”

Among the things P.G. and other cities recommend to residents, property managers and business owners is that they check trees for potential hazards, clean gutters and downspouts, check sump pumps, make sure there are ample water and food to last at least one week, and have fresh batteries and flashlights. Having a weather radio handy is also a good idea.

“Public works has procured the necessary items for the production of sand bags,” Gho said. “These items will be made available to the public prior to the next winter storm. We are constantly monitoring the seven- to 10-day forecasts, and when a significant storm is predicted, these items will be moved to the parking lot near city hall behind the fire station.”

## Keeping power on

Prompted, in part, by the widespread power outage on the Peninsula that affected more than 40,000 customers, Monterey assistant city manager Hans Uslar said the city council approved spending \$80,000 for a large mobile generator, and additional funds for a half-dozen other smaller generators for its community centers. The big generator was delivered last week.

“The idea is to have lights on, supply residents with information about an emergency,” and offer residents a chance to charge their smartphones and rechargeable batteries, Uslar told The Pine Cone.

Pacific Gas & Electric spokeswoman Mayra Tostado said the utility is stockpiling its distribution centers with equipment and supplies such as poles, power lines and transform-

ers so crews can respond quickly in the event of an emergency.

“We have the equipment year-round, but right now we have extra supplies, just in case we need them,” she told The Pine Cone.

And the utility has a team of meteorologists who use “power outage storm prediction models” to monitor weather systems, Tostado said.

“We do this every day,” she said. “We know the type of weather system that is going to be hitting our service areas. For El Niño, our meteorologists will track storms so we know which areas will be hit the hardest. That allows PG&E to

strategically place crews in those areas so they can respond quickly and safely.”

PG&E also conducts emergency drills throughout the year with emergency responders, such as the Red Cross, and police and fire agencies, she said.

On Wednesday, the Federal Emergency Management Agency hosted a tabletop exercise in Sacramento to prepare for a “severe El Niño scenario.” Among the agencies that participated were the Department of Transportation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Red Cross, Health and Human Services, Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service.

## ALBERT “TOMMY” TOMBLIN

July 28, 1928 – November 26, 2015

Loving Dad, Husband, Pilot, and Storyteller

**Albert “Tommy” Tomblin of Carmel Meadows passed away on Thanksgiving Day in the early afternoon of November 26, 2015.**

Tommy peacefully passed in the bedroom in their home in Carmel Meadows where he lived with Marilou for forty-one years. Tommy was surrounded by his wife Marilou and his son Glenn and passed peacefully. Tommy was pre-deceased by his former wife, Margaret Higgs Wright.



Tommy was born in Frederick, Oklahoma on July 28, 1928 and moved to Bloomington, Illinois where he received his private pilot’s license while working at the Bloomington Illinois Airport at the age of 16 in 1944. He graduated from Bloomington Illinois High School in June 1947 and worked at the Bloomington Illinois Airport until 1950. Tommy was one of one of the first Aviation Cadets in the Class 50D to graduate from the United States of America Air Force Jet Fighter School on August 4, 1950 as a First Lieutenant, Officer of the United States of America Air Force. Tommy married Margaret Higgs after graduation. The United States of America entered the Korean Conflict on June 25, 1950 and Tommy was deployed as a Jet Fighter Pilot and flew a North American F-86 Sabre, the 1st wing fighter that could break the sound barrier, along with the Lockheed F-80

Star-Fighter that fought the Soviet MiG-15 jets in the Korean Conflict.

Tommy served in the United States of America Air Force until after July 27, 1953 when the United Nations agreed to an armistice and established the new border at the 38th parallel between North and South Korea with a demilitarized zone. After the Korean Conflict Tommy moved his family to Chicago, Illinois where he attended DeVry Technical Institute, now known as DeVry University, in Downers Grove, Illinois a suburb of Chicago, Illinois. He graduated with an associate degree in electronics and moved his family to Oklahoma where he was hired by Admiral Corporation.

In the spring of 1964 Admiral Corporation promoted Tommy to The Director of Service, Western Division which included Hawaii. Tommy moved his family from Midwest City, Oklahoma to Sunnyvale, California. Tommy had visited the Monterey Peninsula in the late 1960’s and fell in love with the area. In 1968 Tommy left Admiral Corporation and ended his first marriage. Tommy moved from Sunnyvale to Carmel in 1971 to start a small repair electronics business. On a rainy day in January 1973 Tommy met Marilou, his second wife, when she brought in her stereo system for repair. They dated for year and a half and Tommy proposed to Marilou who said yes to his proposal. Shortly before they were married Tommy and Marilou purchased an ocean view lot in the Carmel Meadows. They were married August 3, 1974 in Reno, Nevada. Upon returning from their honeymoon they began construction of their home in the Carmel Meadows which was completed in June of 1975. Their home was often the scenes of parties large and small where they enjoyed their view of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, the surrounding hills, the Carmelite Monastery, and the active majestic Pacific Ocean.

Tommy called their home “Wind Chime” because he said a Wind Chime is never “out of tune”. Tommy liked to make people happy with his enthusiastic attitude during his lively conversations and storytelling about almost any subject. Tommy loved telling stories of his youth, flying, and military service.

Tommy was a 35-year member of Beach & Tennis Club of Pebble Beach where Tommy played mixed doubles for many years and supported Marilou when she was on The Club’s women’s tennis team. Tommy enjoyed many trips abroad with Marilou which he kidded her that all of the trips often started or ended in Paris, France. Tommy and Marilou traveled the United States and Canada in their Recreation Vehicle with their second lovely dog a sable and white long haired female Shetland Sheepdog Bonnie Bell and enjoyed the magnificent sites throughout the United States of America and Canada.

Tommy also enjoyed Marilou’s male black toy poodle Sean who upon first meeting Tommy immediately jumped into his arms and they became great pals. Tommy loved his and Marilou’s dogs as well as the other Carmel Meadows neighbors’ dogs including Foxy a Pomeranian. Tommy had a loving way with all dogs and all of the dogs were immediately drawn to Tommy.

Tommy is survived by his loving wife of 41 years Marilou, four sons, two daughters, nine grandsons, eleven granddaughters, three great-grandsons, and two great-granddaughters living in California, London, United Kingdom, and Washington.

Tommy requested that there be no public services and the family honored his request. If you would like to donate a remembrance for Tommy, the family suggests that you give a donation in his name to the SPCA of Monterey County. Tommy was a true lover of all dogs.

The Tomblin family would like to thank the Visiting Nurses Association Hospice Home Health Care and Family inHome Caregiving for their compassionate caregiving for Tommy.

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# WILDE

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It was the first time I got booed before I took the stage. They greeted me with a warm, woodcutters welcome: jeers, catcalls and guys hollering, “Bring on the broads!” That was the high point of the night for me. From then on, it was all downhill.

Later in my career, I made friends with the gut-wrenching experience of having a bad night. It happens. But that Christmas show in Oregon was the first and only time something more impressive than a harmless bit of booing ever drove me off the stage. If the ear-piercing roar of a dozen chainsaws doesn’t get your attention, then you might’ve had way too much eggnog.

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# Holiday GUIDE

## A brief history of Christmas dinner

By ELAINE HESSER

WHEN YOU think of Mundaka and Chef Brandon Miller's food, you probably think of him standing behind his trusty paella cooking rig, or pushing out tapas plates that are as pretty as they are tasty. So if you imagined Christmas with him and his extended family in San Francisco, you'd probably think about beautiful

onion, and black pepper. It's tied with string and poached in broth until it's tender — pretty much all day. Once cooked, it holds its shape and can be sliced into rounds.

The frugal Norwegian cook wastes nothing, and the first course the next day is a broth made from the poaching liquid and served up with fresh noodles. Course number two is the sliced beef roll, served on pieces of special bread made with cardamom and can-

## Books that can take you half a world away, written next door

By ELAINE HESSER

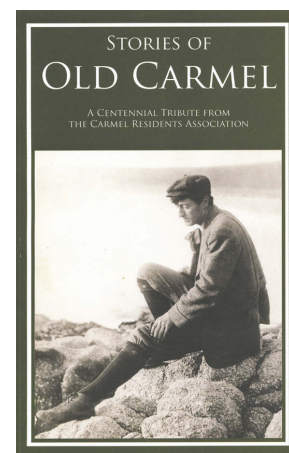
IF YOU want to spend the holidays curled up by the fire and escaping into a good book, there are plenty of local authors who would love to lend a hand. Of course, these books also make great gifts, and River House Books has copies of some of them that have been signed by their authors. The Pine Cone looked back over the past year for recommendations, and threw in a few newcomers for good measure.

In the fiction category, there's lots to choose from in crime and mystery, not to mention a little bit of paranormal activity.

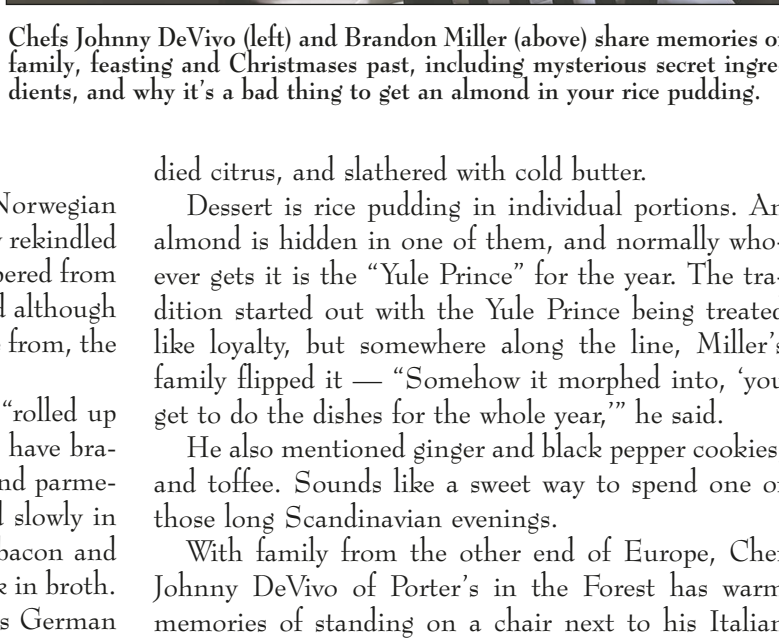
Retired doctor and Carmel Valley resident Dick Wheat's first novel, "Blood Red Vines," tells the story of a Navy doctor who is an Afghan war veteran. He returns to his native California after an especially harrowing last few weeks on active duty, seeking only peace and quiet.

When he befriends a winemaker who owns an unusual piece of property in Carmel Valley, however, he gets anything but rest. This page-turner owes not a little of its authenticity to Wheat's experiences as a former Navy doctor who also has an avid interest in wine.

Another mystery that will keep readers up late is Carmel Valley author L.C. Wright's "Connections: The Devil's Door." This harrowing work chronicles rookie sheriff's deputy Tristan Badger and her relentless pursuit of a sadistic serial killer who's working up to one last, heinous murder. Badger's aided by some interesting paranormal abili-



Chefs Johnny DeVivo (left) and Brandon Miller (above) share memories of family, feasting and Christmases past, including mysterious secret ingredients, and why it's a bad thing to get an almond in your rice pudding.



Mediterranean-style plates.

You'd be wrong. Miller comes from a Norwegian background, and several years ago, his family rekindled the Norwegian Christmas dinner he remembered from his youth. It happens on Christmas Eve, and although there's a groaning board of seafood to choose from, the main event is made with flank steak.

It's a roulade, which is a fancy word for "rolled up food." Many cultures have them — Italians have briciole, which is meat rolled around sausage and parmesan cheese with chopped parsley and cooked slowly in a low oven in tomato sauce. Germans use bacon and onion and insert a dill pickle spear, then cook in broth.

The Norwegian dish is very much like its German cousin. It starts the day before Christmas Eve, when a piece of flank steak is rolled up with a little beef suet,

died citrus, and slathered with cold butter.

Dessert is rice pudding in individual portions. An almond is hidden in one of them, and normally whoever gets it is the "Yule Prince" for the year. The tradition started out with the Yule Prince being treated like loyalty, but somewhere along the line, Miller's family flipped it — "Somehow it morphed into, 'you get to do the dishes for the whole year,'" he said.

He also mentioned ginger and black pepper cookies, and toffee. Sounds like a sweet way to spend one of those long Scandinavian evenings.

With family from the other end of Europe, Chef Johnny DeVivo of Porter's in the Forest has warm memories of standing on a chair next to his Italian

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## Art raffle proves that good things come in small packages

BY LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

ART CAN be an intimidating thing — not only because it's hard to be sure how good something is, or how it might fit on your wall, but because it's very difficult to fathom what a painting or a piece of sculpture might be worth. And, no matter how much you'd like to acquire a piece of art, sometimes it's hard to give yourself permission.

Through Miniatures 2015, the annual fundraiser for the Monterey Museum of Art, a mere \$5 buys you the chance to become an art collector. Seriously. An original fine art painting could be yours. Five dollars. Or 10. Or however many \$5 tickets you purchase to

help secure your own little treasure.

"Some people purchase one ticket in hopes of getting that one painting they want, and some people find three paintings they want and buy three tickets," says the museum's executive director, Charlotte Eyerman. "Others buy tons of tickets to increase the chances on one painting or on several. However people approach it, this exhibit is a way to showcase the tremendous talent in this area, and the wonderful legacy of art."

You're going to want to do more than look at the art. You'll need to spend time with it, study it, become acquainted with every piece that just might become yours. We're talking about 316 original 7-by-9-inch framed paintings, fine enough to be called art, small

enough to fit in a Carmel cottage, affordable enough that you may want to consider two.

The event began this fall, with a much-anticipated call to artists, who responded and were accepted into the exhibit on a first-come, first-selected basis. Whether the artist is an amateur or a professional, a painter or a photographer, if he was among the first 300 or so who applied, he was in.

Each participating artist creates a miniature composition that can stand on its own or tell its own story among a diverse collection of paintings all vying for attention. For some artists, this event is an opportunity to return to a familiar venue; for others, it is the first chance to exhibit in a museum of art. For all involved, it is a gift.

"I actually love doing miniatures," says artist Meg Biddle, cofounder of the Youth Arts Collective in Monterey. "And seeing the hundreds of little gems lining the walls, waiting for a close-up look is very appealing to me. So is seeing all the familiar artists' faces at the closing party."

Carmel artist Robin Winfield, member of the expansive Winfield family of fine artists, has been participating in the miniatures exhibition fundraiser for many years. She considers it one of her favorite exhibits for the depth of diversity of art, and for the opportunity for people to own a spectacular little gem.

"With my own work," she says, "I try to donate something different each time — one year a funny ceramic dog or a hand-built pot; the next, a small photograph/painting or a work of silver repoussé. This year, I have given a small photo/painting done from a favorite street scene in St. Louis."

In tandem with miniatures, the museum also is presenting its second-annual "big ticket" art exhibit and drawing. Based on artwork that received the highest number of raffle tickets last year, 11 artists were selected to donate larger works of art for exhibit and raffle. Each of this year's participating artists, Tracey Adams, Johnny Apodaca, Lucas Blok, Will Bullas, Warren Chang, Miguel Dominguez, Andrea Johnson, Malin Lager, Paul Roehl, Joaquin Turner and Chris Winfield, has contributed a piece valued at \$2,500 or more, and yet a raffle ticket of \$25 just might land you a painting.

"Artists and museums have always had a mutual bond from which both have benefited," says contributing artist Miguel Dominguez. "And the miniatures and big ticket exhibitions provide the artist an opportunity to show their art at a venue seldom available to them, a museum."

Dominguez's contribution, called "The Nursery," is a watercolor painting of sheep and their lambs in a pastoral setting, grazing near a pond. It is the kind of

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Miniature paintings and other art works on display at the Monterey Museum of Art, where each is accompanied by a small box for the deposit of raffle tickets.

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# Minding your manners and avoiding the minefields

By ELAINE HESSER

**Y**OU'VE BARELY finished unwrapping the gifts and the phone rings. It's Aunt Sue, wanting to know if little Clarence likes his brand-new stuffed bear. There's just one problem. "Little" Clarence is 12 and he was hoping for Carmelopoly instead.

Meanwhile, your spouse comes into the room and announces that he forgot to pick up a hostess gift for the Jones' Christmas dinner tonight — and that he hopes Mr. Jones keeps his ludicrous political views to himself for once.

As your blood pressure rises, Christmas becomes

communication should say specifically what you liked about the gift and how you plan to use it. Sending a photo of that pretty Comstock cottage ornament on your tree is a nice touch, for example, and can be done electronically in addition to your written note.

If someone does a big favor for you — like stopping by Bruno's to pick up a few things when you're pressed for time, or dropping your mom off for her doctor's appointment, that can also be an occasion for a note, Glenn added.

What to do if a gift isn't quite what you were expecting — or just flat-out bad? Smile and immediately find something good about it, even if it's just that someone took time from a busy schedule to shop for

something special. That way your thanks can be sincere and authentic.

What you do next depends on your relationship with the other person. If you know them well and you know they'd be offended or hurt if you said anything, put the *objet d'art* or sweater away to trot out when they come by. In the case of a truly awful sweater, Glenn suggested that when you know you're going to see the giver, wear it over a blouse or shirt. After a decent interval announce, "It's hot in here!" and take it off — and hope they didn't read this article.

In any event, the key is to be appreciative. If it's a great gift in the wrong color, for example, it's easy to say something like, "Hey, I was going to buy one of these myself, but in blue to go with my Prius," and then ask if the person minds if you exchange it.

Finally, every year there are plenty of relatives whose feelings are hurt because they sent gifts to the grandkids, nieces and nephews back East, but never received an acknowledgement.

Glenn said that the first rule is to remember the missing "thank you" doesn't mean the kids don't love



Carrie Glenn

Behind the twinkling lights and shiny storefronts, shoppers bustle about to find just the right gifts — but what do you do when the giver's "perfect" gift turns out to be a white elephant?

PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

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less of a holiday and more of a holy-smokes-can-we-just-get-through-this day. But Pacific Grove etiquette expert Carrie Glenn said it doesn't have to be that way.

Glenn's interest in the social graces was piqued when she entered the workforce after years of running her own business. She said she encountered conflict with her co-workers, and wasn't quite sure how to handle it.

She discovered the answer was good manners — not in the sense of "please and thank you," but rather, being truly gracious and considerate with others — what Glenn called the "emotional aspects" of etiquette. "Manners don't change who we are," she said, "they just pull out the best in us."

What does that look like at this time of year, which is so fraught with emotions and potential pitfalls? Everything Glenn suggested boiled down to one thing — putting other people first, or as she put it, "remembering your role."

For example, she said, if you're hosting a gathering, obviously you want to make your guests feel happy and well attended to. Whether they're from your garden club or they're your children and their friends, make the occasion special by treating them like royal guests in your home.

If you're a guest, ask yourself what you can add to the party — an amusing tidbit from the Police and Sheriff's Log, perhaps. Also, no matter how strong your feelings, don't take the bait in a discussion about beach fires and start an argument. Sometimes what you don't do is a contribution, too.

And getting back to that host or hostess gift — Glenn said to bring something, but stick to your budget. An inexpensive bottle of merlot or a small plant is fine.

While hostess gifts don't require thank-you notes, other gifts do. Although technically if you open the gift in front of the giver and thank them on the spot you don't have to send one, Glenn said it's still a kind gesture. She made a compelling case for good old-fashioned cards with stamps, instead of email, pointing out that finding a thoughtful note among the bills and advertisements in the mailbox can be a real treat.

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# The 12 days of Christmas: Exclusive Carmel edition

By ELAINE HESSER

‘AND A partridge in a pear tree.’ Most people probably don’t even hear the words anymore, the song’s been played so often. The only time the lyrics stand out is when someone rearranges what happens on days 9 through 12, swapping out the lords a-leaping with the ladies dancing.

Also, every year there’s someone with a little too much time on his hands who calculates how much it would cost to buy all the gifts. Last year it was \$27,673.21, according to business giant PNC Financial Services. Just in case you were wondering.

What the song really needs is to shed its dated, corporate agrarian, one-size-fits-all approach to Christmas and join the “shop local” movement. What would the partridge in a pear tree be if it were here?

Obviously, it would be a quail in a stately old oak. (We tried cypress. It messed up the rhythm.) On the second day, it would be two seats at Dametra. You know how hard those are to get! Day three? Three French horns. They probably have at least that many lying around Sunset Center somewhere.

Why was it ever “four calling birds,” anyway? Who or what were they calling, and more importantly, what kind of cell plans is a bird able to get? Think of the

data they’d run up with all that tweeting. In the “shop local” version, it would have to be four calling cards, and they’d all be from realtors.

Five golden rings? Au contraire: Five Golden Pine Cones. Bet you didn’t see that coming.

Geese a-laying are pretty noisy, not to mention messy, and that would never fly here. How about six chefs a-cooking instead? Since everyone’s doing farm-to-table, it would be in the right spirit. And maybe they can find a use for all those geese and eggs. Foie gras, anyone?

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# HOLIDAY GUIDE

## MINIATURES

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piece that calls you to sit with it for a while, contemplating, as gentle feelings arise before you even have the words to name them.

Would-be buyers at the miniatures and big ticket exhibitions can purchase as many tickets as they wish and stuff them all into the box below the painting of their passion, or spread their tickets and their options around the room.

Some sleuth out the work by participating artists whose work is highly cov-

eted. Other patrons have studied not only the art, but also the science of succeeding at silent drawings and place their tickets in the lightest and perhaps emptiest boxes, hoping to increase their chances of collecting fine art.

The miniatures and big ticket exhibitions are open to the public, free of charge, throughout the entire month of December, and tickets are available at the museum through the evening of January 15, when the miniatures closing event and big ticket drawing will take place. Winners of miniature paintings will be announced online at montereyart.org on January 22.

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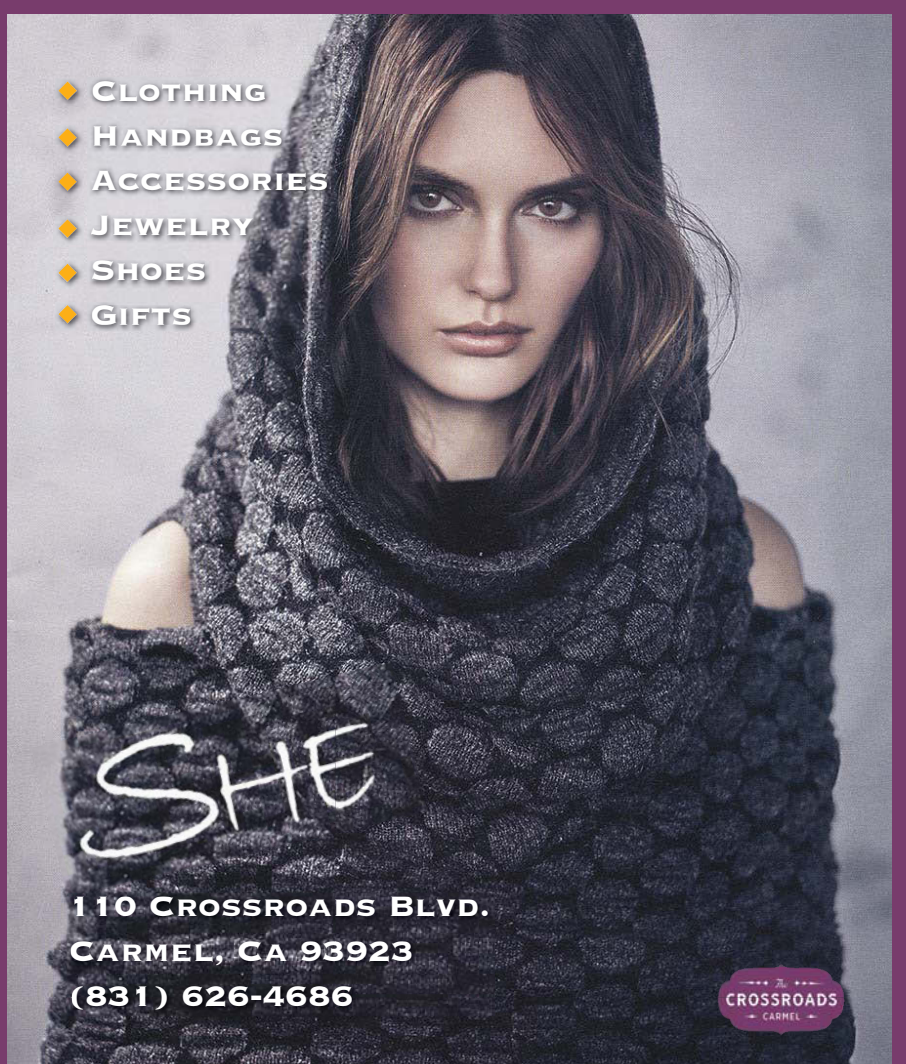


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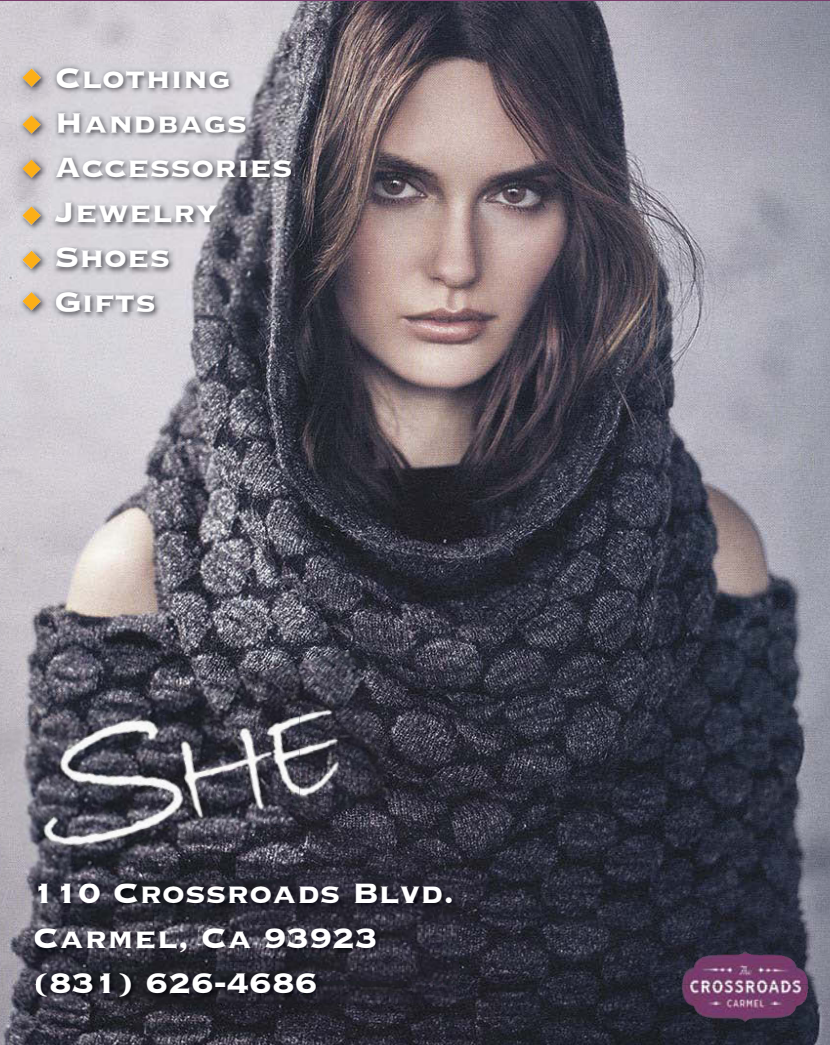


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# BOOKS

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ties and visits from a wise — albeit naked — ghost of an Esselen native.

On the (much) lighter end of the mystery/paranormal genre, Shirley Rousseau Murphy's talking cats continue solving crimes in her fictional town of Molena Point, which is transparently Carmel.

In her 18th installment, "Cat Bearing Gifts," everyone's favorite feline detective, Joe Grey, is joined in solving Molena Point's latest murders by familiar friends Kit and Dulcie, along with Misto, a tom who has dreams and visions of past lives.

Kathryn Gualtieri's latest installment in her series featuring plucky Pine Cone reporter Nora Finnegan, "The Missing Bohemian," is perhaps her best effort

yet. The series bridges fiction and non-fiction by weaving mysteries set in early 20th-century Carmel. Stories develop against the backdrop of Perry Newberry speaking out for the town's trees, and Una Jeffers giving concerts.

In this novel, Finnegan, her new husband, Sheriff Jimmy Connery, and their blended family tackle their unusual living situation as Finnegan continues her full-time job at The Pine Cone. While dealing with speculations of some townspeople about whether it's proper for Finnegan to keep her name and her job, she's secretly recruited by none other than Frank Devendorf to help bust a rum-running operation at the height of Prohibition.

Gualtieri, aside from telling a tight, well-researched story, manages a nuanced exploration of what it meant in those days for a mother to work outside of the home—even in progressive Carmel. The historical notes she provides at the end of each book are always interesting, as are the photos and illustrations.

In the nonfiction category, Diane Simonds, buyer for River House Books, recommended the Carmel Residents Association's recently published, "Stories of Old Carmel," which she described as "quite charming." An older book, "Central California's Living Legacy: The Monterey Pine Forest," by Monterey Pine Forest Watch, remains popular as well.

For anyone interested in water issues, "Passion for Place: Community Carmel Reflections on the Carmel River Watershed," is a coffee table book with a collection of writings and art. Simond rounded out her picks with "The Glistening

Sea," a sweet little collection of poems by Laura Newmark with accompanying illustrations by several other locals.

Biography fans might enjoy one of the many local memoirs by authors who have been featured in The Pine Cone's "Great Lives" column. Pat Du Val's "From Colored Town to Pebble Beach: The story of the Singing Sheriff," is an objective account of achieving the American Dream in spite of brutal racism. Du Val's unflinching portrayal of the prejudice he encountered growing up in the South shows his understanding of the power of a good story, unadorned.

If you like a good rags-to-riches tale, settle in to winemaker Al Scheid's "Breaking Out of Beerport." Although its sheer heft can be intimidating, it's written in short, readable episodes that trace Scheid's path from his childhood in an impoverished coal and steel town in Ohio to earning his MBA at Harvard.

Veterans will appreciate retired Lt. Gen. William Ely's memoir, "The Oldest Living Graduate," the title of which refers to his current status as a West Point alumnus. His account of his military career and his work as a civilian engineer is rounded out by a touching tribute to his late wife and mini-biographies of the rest of his family, including son Dick, founder of Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company.

For a short, yet comprehensive history lesson, Lisa Crawford Watson has compiled a veritable "Who's Who" of Carmel in her new book "Legendary Locals of Carmel-by-the-Sea." Divided into chapters like "The Architects," "The Canine Community" and "The Performers," Watson's book contains brief biographies of everyone from Frank Devendorf and Perry Newberry, to Sue McCloud.

Both River House and The Pilgrim's Way have many other recommendations to share, so you can find exactly the right books for the readers on your list — and a few to tuck in with under your own cozy quilt.



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## H O L I D A Y G U I D E

## MANNERS

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you. They don't know how long you cruised around waiting for a parking spot, or how many shops you hit to find just the right present. Or maybe they've never been taught to acknowledge gifts properly.

Since correcting others' manners is always a no-no, Glenn said to take some initiative. Call the parents and let them know the gift is coming, then ask for a phone call, voice mail or text when it's received, so that you know it's gotten there okay.

If you're lucky, the parents will take the hint and you'll at least get a phone call from Clarence, letting you know how much he loves the stuffed bear and will put it on the shelf right next to his fifth-grade soccer trophy, so he can think of you whenever he sees it.

## DINNER

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grandfather as he cooked. "He was like my best buddy," said DeVivo.

"I made my first marinara when I was 8 or 9," DeVivo remembered. He also recalled a secret ingredient in his grandfather's Bolognese sauce. For a long time he tried to duplicate the rich meat sauce with pork neck, short rib and sausage, but something was always missing. Then it came to him. His grandfather always put a little of whatever he was drinking into the sauce, and when he made the Bolognese, he was evidently drinking Cutty Sark, the only hard liquor he ever consumed.

DeVivo's Christmases as a child in Southern

California were Italian food festivals. Stuffed shells, calamari steaks, shrimp — they all found their way to the family table. "If we had eight people, there were at least 16 dishes," he said. Pizza frita — disks of pizza dough fried in hot oil and served with powdered sugar or savory pizza toppings — was a special yuletide treat.

Although DeVivo's grandfather inspired his love of food, his mother helped him continue with it when the two attended culinary school together to open a restaurant.

"She's phenomenal," he said. And she's passing on the same legacy DeVivo received from his grandfather. "Now she's like that with my daughter," he said.

As you prepare your Christmas feast, whether lavish or humble, we hope you'll be sharing your traditions with treasured friends and family. Who knows? There might be a future executive chef in your kitchen this Christmas!

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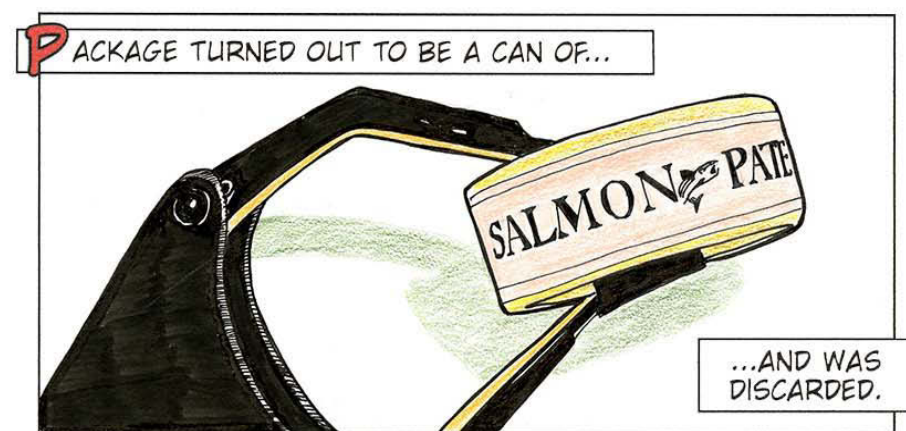
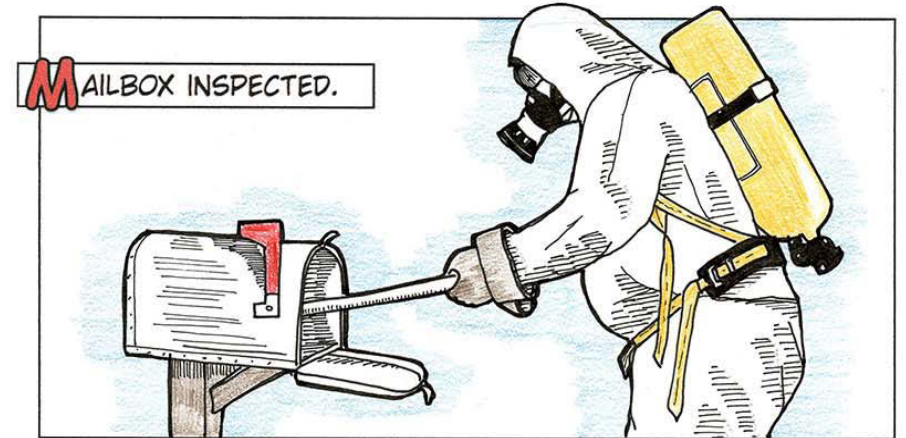
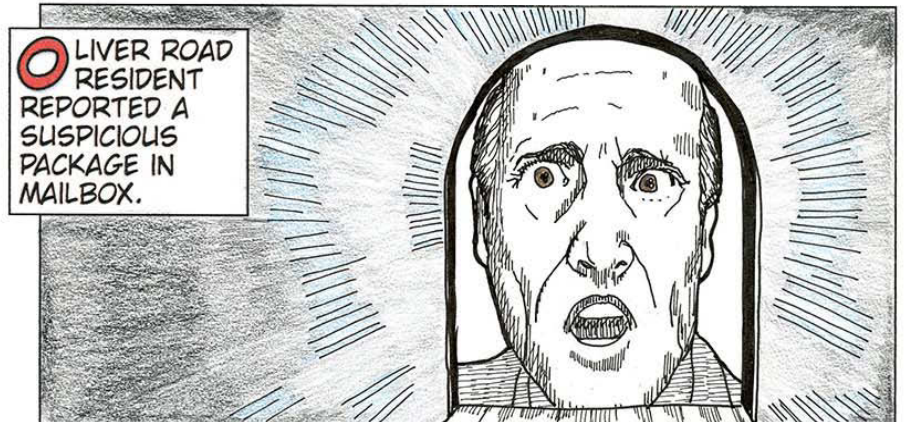
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## "POLICE LOG" CARMEL AREA, MAY 10



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# 12 DAYS

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Normally, The Pine Cone would be in favor of swans a-swimming, but even just seven of them would have a hard go finding a freshwater pond big enough to swim in these days — unless maybe someone wants to volunteer a swimming pool in Carmel Valley.

Seven surfers surfing makes so much more sense, and better yet, it's even more alliterative.

Eight maids a-milking sounds like a form of sexism that also marginalizes the working class. How about eight plain air artists instead?

Also sexist are the nine ladies dancing. We're keeping them, but as nine dancers dancing, and they have to be from Dance Kids.

Ten lords a-leaping are downright un-American. Ten plaintiffs suing, however, is completely American. Eleven bagpipers are 10 too many unless you're having a parade or putting on the annual Scottish games. Let's just stick with that one guy at Spanish Bay.

Eleven doctors golfing still brings a touch of St. Andrew's to the song. However, since it would clearly violate noise ordinances, the 12 drummers drumming are out. Twelve somms a-pouring is much more civilized, don't you think?

So in summary, on day 12, there are now:

- Twelve somms a-pouring
  - Eleven doctors golfing
  - Ten plaintiffs suing
  - Nine dancers dancing
  - Eight plain air artists
  - Seven surfers surfing
  - Six chefs a-cooking
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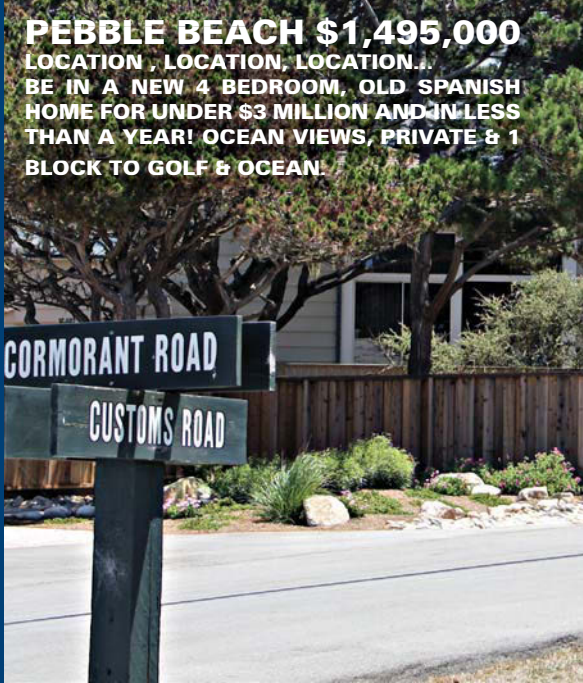
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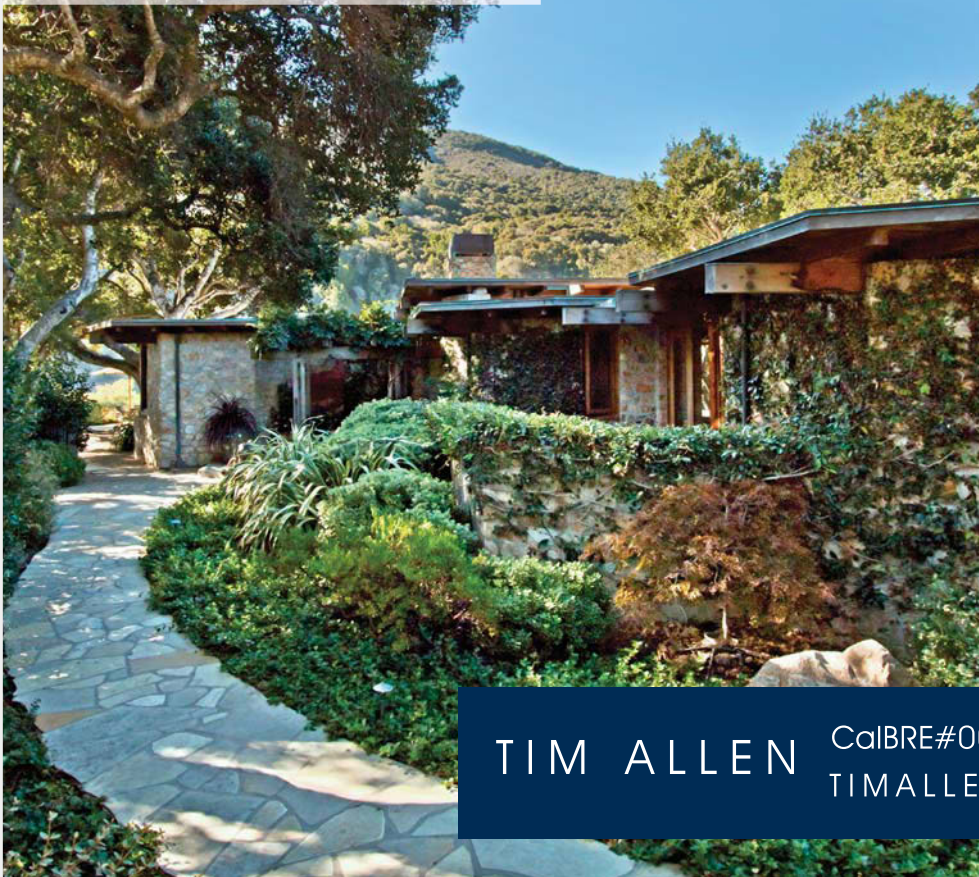
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BY AL SMITH

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This week we'd like to tell you a bit about a current Carmel Legend...the man who writes this page each week. We can do this as he is away on vacation and he can not enforce his anonymity. AL SMITH is a retired advertising executive who fled San Francisco for the comforts of Carmel Point some years back. He now exercises his considerable talents by writing these weekly vignettes about Carmel's character's and events. He got started in his studies of Carmel when he accepted our challenge ten years ago or so to write a "Real Estate Guide to Carmel" for our clients. (Stop by and pick one up!) Al enjoys Carmel, we enjoy his writings, we hope you do too! We know people are reading this column as one of our local friends stopped us on the sidewalk to tell us she enjoyed our ads and congratulated us on ... "compounding more mis-information about Carmel" ... than any other source in town! Pretty high praise, we thought!

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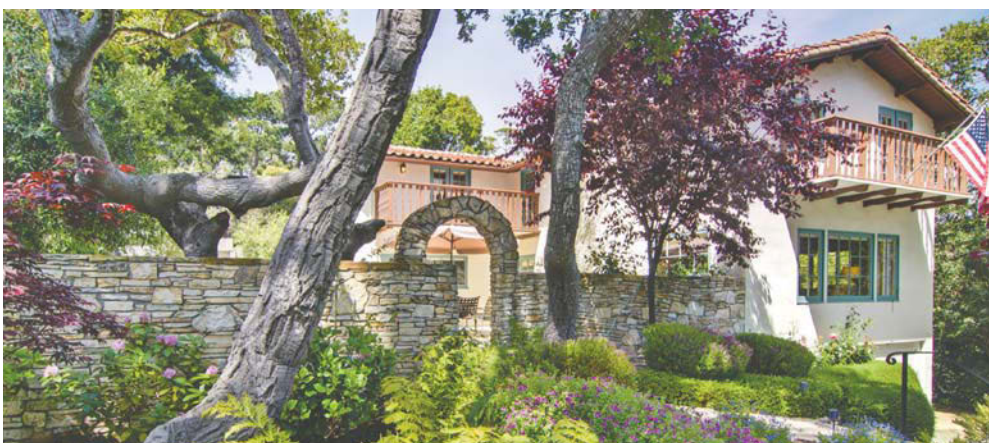
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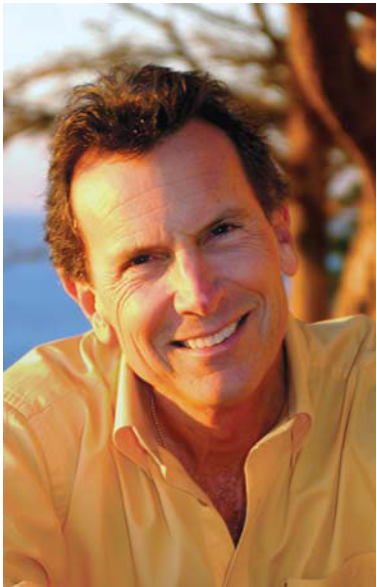
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# POLICE LOG

From page 4A

**Pacific Grove:** Officers dispatched after reports of a transient male yelling at pedestrians as they walked by on Ocean View. Upon contact, the male was found to be sleeping in the entry to the vacant restaurant. Subject was told he was not allowed to be on the property, because the owner has a standing no-trespassing order. The subject was given a no-trespassing admonishment and allowed to leave the scene.

## THANKSGIVING

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** The 27-year-old male driver of a vehicle was cited and released at Sixth and Junipero for driving with a suspended license.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person reported leaving a sweater and a wallet at an establishment on Mission north of Eighth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Venezuela driver's license left at a business at Dolores and Fifth.

**Pacific Grove:** Craigslist scam regarding a residence on 18th

Street.  
**Pacific Grove:** Reserve and patrol officers assisted in the distribution of meals to community members for Thanksgiving. Information only.

**Carmel Valley:** Theft of \$800 cash from a wallet left in a shopping cart at the Mid-Valley Center.

**Carmel area:** Victim reported theft from his car on Morse Drive.

**Carmel area:** A burglary was committed at Carmel High School.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Security guard at the Mission reported that someone attempted to trespass onto Mission grounds at 0101 hours.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A report of a neighbor dispute involving a vehicle blocking a shared driveway on Forest south of Seventh. Both parties were contacted, and the vehicle was found to belong to the son of the homeowner, who was in town for the holiday. The vehicle was moved.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male found a check wrapped in rental-agreement paperwork at Perry Newberry and Fourth while on his

walk this morning.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Check found at Scenic and Ocean View was given to an officer. A call to the writer of the check was made; message left. Owner called and will have someone pick it up.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Dispute over consigned merchandise at a gallery on Sixth Avenue. Artist wanted to pick up his artwork from the business, but the owner filed for bankruptcy and refused to release it. Artist is listed as creditor No. 70. Artist advised he would need to petition the court to get his merchandise released from the bankruptcy.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Passport found at Scenic and Eighth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A vehicle was towed for blocking a driveway at Mission and Eighth.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft of lottery tickets from a business on Lighthouse Avenue. Lottery officials were notified and will be investigating.

**Pacific Grove:** Resident on Forest Avenue reported that his checking account had been fraudulently accessed.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched to Ninth Street

See SHERIFF page 8RE




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# THE MANY VIRTUES OF SMALL TOWNS — ESPECIALLY THIS ONE

*“A small town is a place where there’s no place to go where you shouldn’t.” — Burt Bacharach*

I’VE LIVED in some big cities and some pretty small towns. I lived in Buffalo, N.Y., when it was the 15th largest city in the country. I lived in Detroit when it was the 4th or 5th largest city. And I’ve lived in the sprawl and haze of L.A.

My preference is for small towns, simply because life is simpler, and because kind hearts and gentle people outnumber all those type-A city slickers.

One town I lived in was so small the multiplex theater had one screen, two television sets and an Etch-A-Sketch. Another was so small I thought its name was “Resume Speed.”

Novi, Mich., was one of the small towns. It is so named because it was the sixth stop on the train line between Detroit and Lansing: Number Six = No. VI = Novi.

And then there’s Northville, Mich., which had a restaurant called the Hole in the Wall, because when some construction people knocked down a wall in a building, they discovered a hidden room. Someone turned the whole thing into a restaurant.

The main street in Hartland, on the other hand, had a bank, the Florence B. Dearing Museum, a music hall and the “rip-off.” The rip-off is what we called the small grocery store that charged about 50 percent more for convenience items such as milk and bread, since the nearest supermarket was 10 miles away. The museum was no bigger than a one-room schoolhouse. The collection included things like electrified oil lamps, a World War II service flag, spinning wheels, a one-treadle sewing machine, and a sergeant. Not a John Singer Sargent painting, but a dummy of a World War I soldier in a sergeant’s uniform.

When I traveled to Indiana, I sometimes visited towns so small the Saturday night domino game was the highlight of the week. You never heard such clacking as when those tiles were moved at lightning speed. A client of mine, an orthodontist in Mishawaka, was responsible for plowing a section

of State Route 933 in winter. I want to say the road was crooked when he started and he straightened it out, but who would believe me?

Which brings me to Carmel. It’s a small place, but very unlike any other small place I’ve been in. Its population is about 3,900, which balloons to more than 6,000 when there’s a city council meeting about beach fires. Yet, the number of

## Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

restaurants (too many to count), galleries (more than 80), jewelry stores (about 30) and chi-chi shops make it very different from Northville. There’s no Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant on Ocean Avenue. Some may argue that there are plenty of “rip-offs,” but that’s probably because they had to fork over for a winter jacket while visiting in June.

Any small town can have good restaurants and nice stores. I don’t think there are many, though, that have trees growing in the middle of the sidewalk, or where you need a flashlight when leaving a theater at night because there are no streetlights. There aren’t many small towns that have more than 40 courtyards, lanes and alleyways. Visit any of them and walk smack into serendipity. And where else do residents give directions to their homes that sound like latitude and longitude readings?

More than a dozen coffee shops provide the prime ingredient that stirs people awake in these parts. It’s the coffee talk, the rich-flavored breath of dark-roasted dialogues as Carmelites ease into their work masks, or game faces, or just sit and chat about the importance of doing nothing. Finally, it all comes down to the people. There are friendly and interesting people living all over this great country. Yet, this tiny village has captured far more than its fair share.

Many of us know the storied history of the interesting and artistic people who dominated the town soon after it was created. Many similar types are here today — with different names, perhaps, but with a genealogy that is one degree removed from the founders. I envy the people who grew up here and remember what the corner of Seventh and San Carlos looked like 40 years ago, or how many ice cream parlors there were, or when there was a movie theater where Carmel Plaza is now.

It is my good fortune to meet with some of those folks for coffee talk once a week. The group includes poets, cartoonists, filmmakers, photographers and authors whose combined age is greater than the national debt. A couple of them were in grade school together 70 years ago. The stories they tell, the memories they have, and the friendships they’ve made identify them as the remarkable people who make Carmel very different from Hartland, Novi and Northville.

I’ve lived in Buffalo, Detroit and L.A., the trifecta of least desirable places to live. So I deserve to be here. I really do.

*Jerry Gervase can be contacted at jerry@gerrygervase.com.*

## SHERIFF

From page 6RE

regarding an ongoing family dispute involving two subjects. One subject told the officer that the other has been attempting to instigate a fight. The subject does not want any fighting within the family and requested documentation of the ongoing problems. The subject was advised to call law enforcement if needed.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a report of heavy smoke coming from a residence on Pine Avenue. Officer assisted evacuating an elderly female while fire department ventilated and checked the rest of the home. Smoke was due to a melting coffee pot.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was working as the school resource officer at a high school football game and was approached by an administrator. The administrator said there were several students who were seen by an adult at the baseball field possibly smoking. Two were detained; others ran. Both were turned over to their parents.

**Carmel area:** An elderly male was found deceased in his home on Rio Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Panetta Road resident reported stolen mail.

**Carmel Valley:** Male reported his brother on Southbank Road made statements of suicide by prescription drug overdose. The subject was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vandalism of city property reported at Camino del Monte and Serra.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Driver’s license found at San Carlos and Fifth. An attempt to reach the owner by phone was unsuccessful. Property letter mailed.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person turned over a credit card to a local business on San Carlos south of Fifth. Owner was called, and a message was left with a relation who will pass message to him to come and pick it up.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Officer responded to a report of a dog found and contained by a resident on Forest south of Ocean.

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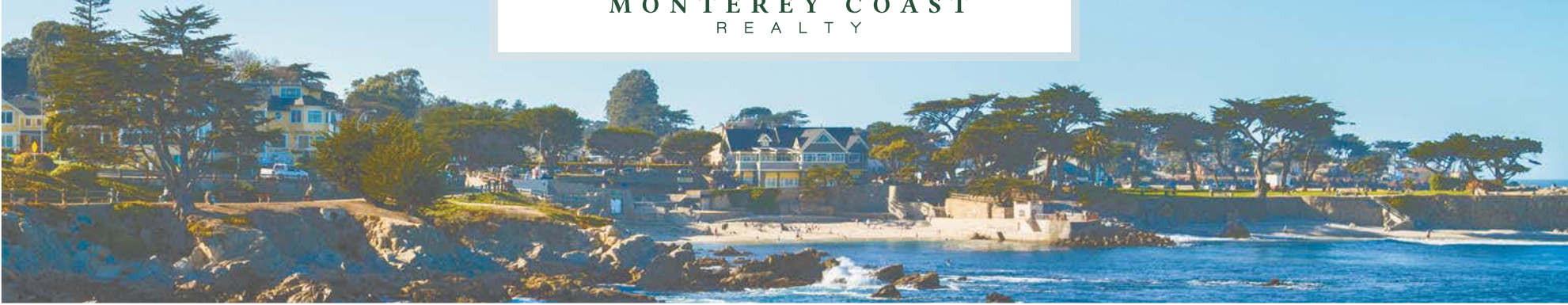
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**LOG**

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Owner was found and notified via ID on the dog's collar. The dog was returned to the owner at the finder's residence. The dog owner was visiting from out of town, and a warning was given.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a non-injury accident on Junipero.

**Pacific Grove:** Citizen on Hillcrest reported that a residence and two vehicles were egged overnight.

**Pacific Grove:** Police officers assisted the fire department, U.S. Coast Guard and state parks lifeguards with a water rescue on Ocean View.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a peace disturbance on 18th Street. Contacted about 12 people who informed the officer that it was a rental property. Due to a language barrier, the officer was unable to obtain further information.

**Carmel area:** Female was concerned that her ex-boyfriend was at her residence on Walker Avenue without permission. No restraining orders were on file. The subject was not at the residence when deputies arrived. The incident was documented.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female was arrested at San Carlos and Seventh at 0049 hours for public intoxication but was later released from custody and transported to the hospital because of her dangerous level of intoxication.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A cell phone was found on the beach and brought to the station for safekeeping. The owner was located, and arrangements were made to have the phone shipped to its rightful owner.

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861 Seapalm Pacific Grove  
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1059 Laurel Lane Pebble Beach  
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**\$2,250,000 3bd 3ba** **Sa Su 1-3**  
1033 Broncho Road Pebble Beach  
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**\$3,499,000 4bd 4ba** **Sa 1-3 Su 12:30-3:30**  
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**\$4,795,000 4bd 3.5ba** **Sa 11-4 Su 1:30-3:30**  
958 Coral Drive Pebble Beach  
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**\$5,895,000 7bd 5+ba** **Su 1-4**  
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## SPRECKELS

**\$665,000 4bd 3ba** **Sa 11-2**  
82 Nacional Avenue Spreckels  
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# CALLS

From page 11RE

**Pacific Grove:** Subject was arrested after being reported as battering a family member on Forest Hill. He was transported to PGPD and released on a cite to appear when sober.

**Pacific Grove:** Operator of parked in one of the Ocean View Boulevard turnouts at 0024 hours, during the restricted timeframe. The driver of the car was found to be driving under a suspended license. Citation issued.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle stolen from a store's parking lot on Lighthouse Avenue sometime during this morning or afternoon. Key may be with the vehicle. No suspect info.

**Pacific Grove:** A male came to the PGPD to turn in ammunition for destruction.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a domestic disturbance on Shafter. Unable to determine aggressor. Parties separated. Case to be forwarded to DA.

**Big Sur:** A subject was reported missing.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unattended wallet was located by a janitor on Mission Street at 0519 hours. Wallet was turned over to CPD for safekeeping pending return to owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Documented an

unwanted customer at a local business at San Carlos and Sixth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unauthorized person was found by staff in a hotel room at Ocean and Monte Verde. It was unknown how he gained entry, and it was believed he used the hotel room shower. Person fled and was not located nor identified. Business did not desire prosecution.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Power tool found in roadway at Junipero and Third and brought it to the police station for safekeeping pending owner notification. Property entered in the automated property system.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Responded with fire to a power pole on fire on Ridgewood. PG&E responded and turned off the power to extinguish the fire.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject reported loss of a wallet while in the commercial district.

**Pacific Grove:** Distracted driver hit a parked vehicle on Miles. Major damage to at-fault party's vehicle. Vehicle towed from the scene.

**Carmel area:** Referral from Child Protective Services on Hatton Road involving a 19-year-old male and a 15-year-old female.

**Carmel area:** A Whitman Circle resident reported buying a car on the Internet, and it did not arrive. It was determined the transaction was fraudulent.

**Pebble Beach:** Colton Road resident stated his wife had left the country several weeks ago, and he had not heard from her.

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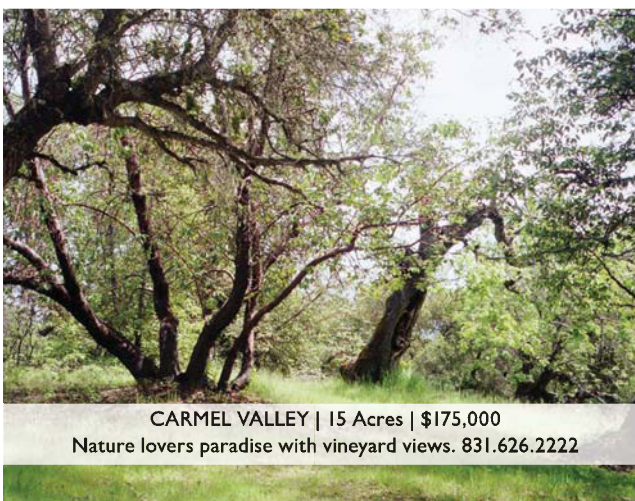
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