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Soberanes Fire area will be closed for a year

■ No camping or hiking in vast area until the end of 2017

By MARY SCHLEY

THE U.S. Forest Service last week reduced the area that's off-limits as a result of the Soberanes Fire, which was started by an illegal campfire on July 22 and finally contained in October after burning more than 132,000 acres, destroying 57 homes, killing one firefighter and injuring several others. But the large chunk of land burned in the blaze will remain closed for another year, according to spokesman Andrew Madsen.

Much of Los Padres National Forest remains closed to the public, in order to protect hikers, campers and other visitors from dangerous conditions resulting from the blaze, and to allow the land to recover. But the boundaries have been

reduced to the area that burned in the fire, effectively reopening the southern portion of the Monterey Ranger District to the public, according to Madsen.

The new Soberanes Fire Closure Area stretches from the upper portion of Palo Colorado Road south along Highway 1 and North Coast Ridge Road, east along the North Coast and Lost Valley trails to the Escondido Campground, northeast along the Arroyo Seco-Indians Road to the Arroyo Seco recreation area, to Carmel Valley Road, and then northwest again not far from Carmel Valley Road, ending to the southwest of the Cachagua Grade, near Black Rock Ridge.

"Closure of the fire area aims to help ensure that members of the public are not injured within the fire perimeter, and allows for the scorched landscape to begin the rehabilitation process," Madsen said.

Law enforcement officers working for the forest service

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Tomasi to become city's police chief

■ Replacing Calhoun at end of year

By MARY SCHLEY

"I OFFERED Cmdr. Tomasi the chief-of-police position this morning, and he accepted," city administrator Chip Rerig told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "He's very enthusiastic, and I'm very enthusiastic."

Tomasi, who came to work for Carmel as a sergeant in May 2008 and was promoted to the rank of commander in January 2013, was the heir apparent to the chief position in the wake of Mike Calhoun's retirement at the end of this year. Prior to coming to Carmel, Tomasi worked for police departments at Cal State University Monterey Bay and in Citrus Heights. He entered full-time police work "late," at the age of 28, having served in the infantry at Fort Ord from 1986 to 1989, and attended college at MPC, Sacramento State University and CSUMB. He later obtained his master's in public safety administration from Alliant University in 2014.

After Calhoun announced a few months ago that he would be leaving after 32 years on the force, Rerig said the city would conduct an internal recruitment, rather than hire a



Paul Tomasi

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POTTER SERVES FINAL WEEK AS MoCo SUPERVISOR

By KELLY NIX

BEFORE HANGING up his hat this week after serving an impressive five terms as Fifth District Monterey County Supervisor, Dave Potter reflected on what he'll miss, what he

Ely calls for help to honor his dad's 105th

By MARY SCHLEY

FORMER CITY councilman Dick Ely is taking a novel approach to celebrating his dad's birthday on Dec. 29.

"I don't know about you, but I have never known, met or even seen a 105-year-old person," Ely said in an email to friends asking them to send a card or call his father, who lives in Florida, to help celebrate his momentous birthday.

Most people have also probably never known a man who has shot a golf score under his age 2,005 times — including a tournament-winning 73 when he was 90 — who has nine holes-in-one, and who is the oldest living graduate of West Point. But William Ely, a retired highly decorated three-star lieutenant general in the Army, has, because he is that person.

"He's really an amazing guy," his son said, exhibiting the difficulty of finding the right words to describe someone who is, really, beyond amazing.

"He attributes his longevity to luck, as much as anything

won't and shared what he believes are among the challenges his successor will face.

First elected in 1996, Potter's last meeting as supervisor representing the Monterey Peninsula was Thursday. At an earlier meeting Tuesday, though, Potter, 67, was honored by his colleagues and the county with a resolution commending his work.

"Dave Potter gained a reputation as a consensus builder among boards and constituents, was an expert in the process and art of local governance, and built a district office team who shared his passion and dedication for public service — rolling up their sleeves to do the hard work necessary to serve the constituents of the Fifth District," according to a resolution honoring him.

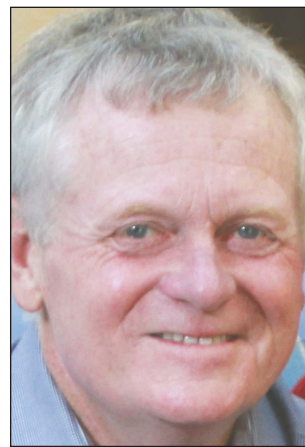
"It's not my style to talk about myself, so it was very, very nice and I appreciate it," Potter told The Pine Cone of the accolades. "I'm kind of shy that way, about people being effusive about how good I am or about what a good job I've done."

In his bid for a sixth term, Potter was defeated Nov. 8 by former United Way CEO Mary Adams, who will take office in January.

Potter said he'll miss his small but effective staff, which he said "excelled in public service," a level of which he believed would be absent from the Fifth District "for quite awhile."

"I'll miss the team," he said. "I'll miss Kathleen, Bryan and Jane. We've had some emotional goings away. It's been tearful and a little sad."

Besides clearing out his Monterey office, his immediate post-supervisor plans include traveling to Boston to visit



Dave Potter

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Plan to sell 130 lots at Rancho Cañada gets OK — but not without fight

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER A lively debate marked by accusations from both sides and the unexpected handing of the gavel to outgoing supervisor Dave Potter, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors this week unanimously approved a plan to sell 130 unbuilt lots — including 25 reserved for affordable housing — on land in Carmel Valley where Rancho Cañada's West Course was once located.

In his last act as a county supervisor before he is replaced by Mary Adams, Potter made the motion to approve the housing project, which passed by a 4 to 0 vote. Supervisor Jane Parker left the meeting before the vote.

Besides endorsing it, the supervisors agreed to reduce to 20 percent a requirement that 50 percent of the lots be affordable.

"I never thought we would see a project like this that uses less water, has compact development, has access to a park system and creates open space," Dave told his colleagues before the vote was taken. "I think we did a thorough examination on this one — it's been around for a long time."

A new project?

Precisely how long the plan has been around was one of the topics debated at the hearing. Builder Alan Williams has long considered it to be a scaled-back version of a subdivision proposed by the late Nick Lombardo in 2004 to build 280 homes. But his chief opponent, the Carmel Valley Association, contends it is an entirely different project — and as a result, Williams should be required to start the permit process from scratch.

"We at the CVA see a flawed process that has characterized this project from the get-go," said Pris Walton, the pres-

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Becoming Beau's best friend

WHEN HER daughter was volunteering at the Salinas Animal Shelter, she'd walk up and down the aisle of "jail row" and visit the inmates. Sometimes she greeted the animals, giving a moment of attention to each one. Other times, she just felt sad.

Her mom often said, if she ever saw a puppy that seemed suited for their family, to let her know. Her daughter always said the same thing, "Mom, you don't need another dog."

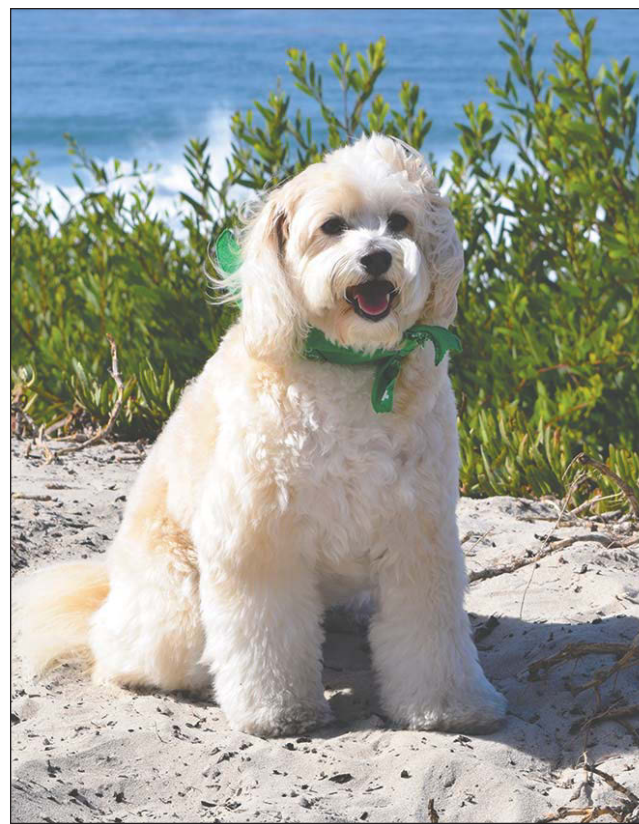
But then one day, as Mom cruised the aisle, she saw a disheveled little guy, maybe 2 years old, with light brown eyes. She was smitten. And so, it seemed, was he.

"I looked into his eyes and saw past the scruffiness of this little thing that had been abandoned," his person said. "He's pretty long-haired and had all these knots in his fur, and we had to wait two weeks after his neutering to groom him. After that, he looked great."

Beautiful enough to be named Beau.

Beau's family was told he was a poodle mix, but a breeder and his groomer took a look and said, "You've got yourself a TT." His person had no idea what that was, until they explained that Beau is a Tibetan terrier.

Dating back thousands of years, the Tibetan terrier, bred by monks, was called the "Holy Dog of Tibet." Originally they were not sold but given as gifts by the monks, to offer companionship and promote good fortune.



"How lucky am I," said Beau's person.

It took Beau some time to get used to his new home and to feel comfortable with his person's husband. But, with patience and persistence, he won him over and became Beau's best friend.

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Commission grapples with new policies on permits for events

By MARY SCHLEY

THE COMMUNITY activities and cultural commission had its first experience implementing the lengthy and sometimes confusing special events policy adopted by the city council in June, ultimately voting on Tuesday to recommend the council give “grants” to offset some city fees for two of the three events that applied for the financial help. Commissioners asked the third to come back next month with a more complete budget.

The first round of applications had to be submitted between Sept. 29 and Nov. 7, and three groups stepped up: the Big Sur International Marathon, hosting the Run in the Name of Love in June; the Carmel Art Festival in May; and the Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association, hosting the Winemakers Celebration in May.

In order to be eligible, the event must:

- take place in the city during the current fiscal year which began July 1;
- not be financially dependent on receiving city support;
- directly or indirectly benefit the Carmel community by supporting its schools or nonprofit organizations; and
- be accessible to the public and open to all — but not necessarily free.

Furthermore, the applicant must not owe the city any money, and residents must be served by the benefiting organization, which has to be a nonprofit.

Applications must include a detailed budget listing all expenses and revenues, a proposed marketing and PR plan that acknowledges the city’s support, and “performance measures for evaluating the event’s marketing and economic impact on the City of Carmel.” An event’s sponsor also has to show “anticipated direct or indirect” charitable contributions to the community.

The cultural commission has to evaluate “community and charitable events” based on their direct and indirect benefits to the community and a specific local nonprofit, and the extent to which they serve and call attention to the city, its residents, nonprofits, schools and organizations. Proposed “small and large-scale events” are scrutinized for their ability to “enhance the quality of life within the city with cultural, social, recreational or educational activities of interest to the community,” their support of a local nonprofit, their ability to attract visitors, the extent to which they promote the city “as a highly desirable place to live, visit, work, play and do business,” and how it benefits or promotes local businesses.

The city’s grants can’t exceed a quarter of the event’s overall budget.

Run for Love

Community events staff members reviewed the three applications and made recommendations to the commission, which is advisory to the city council.

Started by Susan Love in honor of her late son, the Run in the Name of Love is set for June 18, 2017, and benefit the organization’s Just Run program for kids. According to Love’s budget, next year’s 5K and 2K races will bring in an estimated \$41,000 in revenues, while expenses total \$27,269, with the balance going to Just Run. She put her total city and parking fees at \$5,464.

“You did a beautiful package, you met all the guidelines, you filled it out beautifully,” said commissioner Judy Refuerzo. “I think you did a tremendous job of meeting all the requirements.”

Community activities director Janet Bombard recommended forgiving up to \$4,000 in fees, excluding the refundable

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Casanova coyote sighted, not cited

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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Transponder and sticker lost in San Francisco. The person lives in Carmel and requested a courtesy report. He reported selling his vehicle and did not realize he needed to remove and turn in his existing transponder that was on his windshield.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male came into the lobby to report losing his backpack near Katy's Place on Mission Street yesterday. A brief description of the backpack was provided.

Pacific Grove: Officer notified of possible child neglect from the parent at Arkwright Court. CPS notified.

Pacific Grove: Person on Monarch Lane reported the theft of a California Driver's License and debit card. No suspect information.

Pebble Beach: Deputies inspected a condemned dwelling on Signal Hill Road, finding a person was living within, in violation of county code. Arrested was a 44-year-old female.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD responded to a

residence on Junipero north of Eighth regarding a subject who was refusing to leave. Upon arrival, CPD assisted the subject out of the residence. The 45-year-old male was found to be acting disorderly/drunken in public and in violation of his probation. Subject was arrested, transported and housed at county jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of suspicious circumstances on Sixth west of Mission, where patio furniture was knocked over. No items were missing, and no property was damaged.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported the loss of a wallet.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Luggage was left at a hotel at Dolores and Eighth on Nov. 18. Phone number of owner was called, and a message was left.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported losing a purse in the downtown area today.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person received a call stating that his watch was given to the caller by mistake, and the caller realized it belonged to him. He agreed to give it back by dropping the watch at the police department. The watch has not been turned in yet.

Carmel area: A former employee is suspected of embezzling a large amount of money from a business on Oliver Road.

Carmel Valley: CPS referral on Calle de la Ventana.

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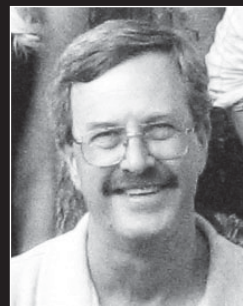


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Parents complain after teacher helps coach daughter's team

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove teacher disciplined by the school district for allegedly acting inappropriately with students will no longer be able to help coach his daughter's middle school basketball team after some parents complained about his involvement, according to the assistant superintendent for Pacific Grove Unified School District.

In May, the district accused former P.G. High teacher and high school basketball coach Ken Ottmar of violating district rules by making sexually suggestive comments to students, allowing kids to drink alcohol at his house and having inappropriate physical contact with teen girls.

In the last couple of weeks, though, when parents found out Ottmar was helping basketball coach Richard Llantero coach

Ottmar's daughter's team at Pacific Grove Middle School, "a few parents" made their concerns known to principal Sean Roach. That led the district to put an end to Ottmar's coaching role.

"The district informed coach Llantero to not allow Ken Ottmar to perform any coaching duties," PGUSD assistant superintendent Rick Miller told The Pine Cone.

Miller also released a statement on behalf of the district.

"Mr. Ottmar is not participating as a volunteer nor is a paid coach for the Pacific Grove Middle School girls' basketball team," he said. "The team has a head coach, Richard Llantero, and two other volunteer coaches, which is sufficient for the school team. Mr. Ottmar is welcome to attend games

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EVENTS

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deposit and the fees charged for police overtime and other city workers, and commissioners unanimously agreed.

They also decided to help the Winemakers Celebration, which requested \$10,000, though the estimated fees are only around \$3,000, according to the budget provided by MCVGA executive director Kim Stemler.

One of the city's requirements for eligibility is that the event make enough money to benefit a local nonprofit or school, and Refuezo noted that this year's Winemakers Celebration did not have any profits. Stemler responded that she had to pay people to work after a group of 60 volunteers dropped out at the last minute.

"The purpose of the event is not to make money, it's to celebrate the culture of food and wine in this wonderful community," she added, but she also acknowledged the city's requirement, and commissioner Donna Jett suggested next year's event raise money for Sober Grad night.

Commissioners decided to recommend the council approve an offset of up to \$3,000 in fees for the celebration.

But they asked Hella Rothwell of the Carmel Art Festival to return with a more detailed and complete budget, after which

they would make a recommendation on how large a "grant" to offset the fees should be.

At the meeting, Rothwell repeatedly said her group couldn't afford the \$10,000 cost of using Devendorf Park during the plein air festival, and that she hoped the city would offer it for free.

"That's really what we're asking for, because it diminished the festival so much" to not include the park last year, she said.

But commissioners noted that the park costs were not included in the budget — and were therefore not eligible for the grant — and that Rothwell, in fact, had left the "requested grant amount" on the application blank.

"We want to help you," Refuezo said. "This is a great event for a good cause."

Commissioners requested Rothwell return with a complete budget and application in January, which would have the council voting on a recommended grant amount in February.

If the council approves the discounts, the applicants will be required to sign an agreement giving the city the right to audit their financials. They will also be required to commit to a "mutually agreed-upon marketing plan," and "measurable objectives and performance measures for evaluating the event's marketing and economic impact." Organizers must also demonstrate how their event met or failed to meet the objectives and measures in an after-action report.

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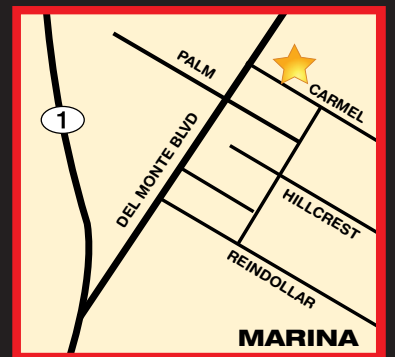
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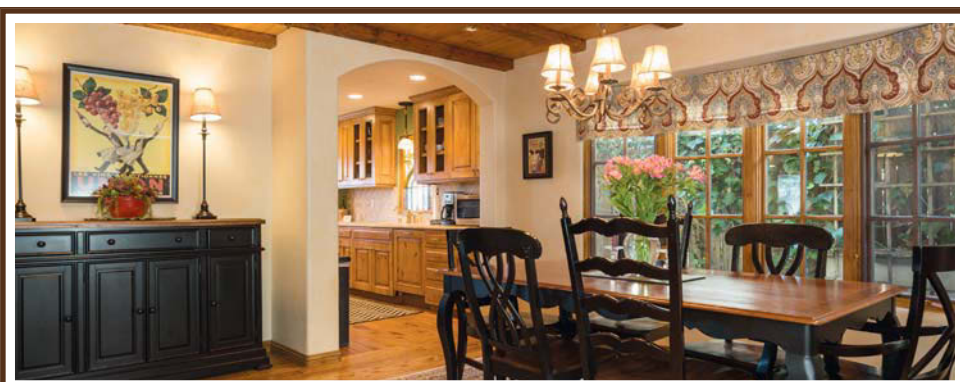
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Pacific Grove starts work on water recycling project

■ **Joining P.B. using reclaimed water on golf course, parks**

By KELLY NIX

CREWS HAVE broken ground on the long-awaited project that will allow Pacific Grove's golf course and cemetery greens to be irrigated with recycled water instead of drinking water.

Pacific Grove's Local Water Project will divert a portion of the city's wastewater to the old Point Pinos treatment plant west of Asilomar Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard. The new supply of recycled water will free up the same amount of potable H2O for other uses in the city.

"This has been a long time coming," city manager Ben Harvey said of the water project. "We are all very excited."

On Dec. 9, construction crews began refurbishing the existing holding tanks at the old sewage treatment plant at Point Pinos "to transform them into a water recycling faci-

ty," Harvey said.

The Pacific Grove project will help Cal Am meet its obligations until the utility secures a replacement water supply to offset its unlawful diversions of water from the Carmel River, and will reduce pumping from the Seaside Groundwater Basin.

The city was approved for a low-interest, state-revolving loan for the project and it has garnered all of its regulatory permits except for those that can only be issued until after the project has been completed, Harvey said.

"There were a lot of people who were very publicly saying 'I don't think you will break ground and stick to the schedule' and on and on," Harvey said of the project's naysayers.

The project also received some criticism for its price tag, which was originally said to be around \$4 million when it was proposed in 2012, but was expected to end up costing around \$8 million.

Mayor Bill Kampe has attributed the rising cost of the project on the upswing in the

economy. Contractors, he said, are charging more because of the demand for work.

The Pacific Grove project follows one by the Pebble Beach Company and Carmel Area Wastewater District that allows treated wastewater to be used to irrigate Pebble

Beach golf courses and athletic fields.

That Pebble Beach project includes the 114-million gallon Forest Lake Reservoir, which is filled with recycled water during winter months when there is excess production at the treatment plant.

The stored water is used during the summer when irrigation demands exceed production.

A worker on Thursday power washed this large tank, which is part of Pacific Grove's old sewer plant that will be used for a new water recycling project.



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Foundation offers \$10K in fellowships

APPLICATIONS ARE being accepted for gifts of up to \$10,000 for "deserving graduate students born, raised and/or living in Monterey County, and who intend to be of service and provide leadership to the coastal communities of the Monterey Peninsula." Offered by the nonprofit Willis W. and Ethel M. Clark Foundation in Pebble Beach, the award "can be used to cover the ordinary costs of graduate school including tuition, books, room, and board," and applications are due by the end of next month.

Selection criteria for worthy recipients include enrollment in an advanced program of study, the "potential to make a significant contribution to society in general and, in particular, the coastal communities of the Monterey Peninsula," a current or potential

leadership role in the community, a proven commitment to volunteerism and public service, a "demonstrated passion for community betterment" and a documented "continuing philosophy toward community service," responsible career goals, and above average academic achievement.

The foundation was established more than 60 years ago by pioneers in educational testing and research who in 1926 started the California Test Bureau. The Clarks moved the company's headquarters from Los Angeles to Monterey in 1958, and eight years later, they sold it to McGraw-Hill.

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With much of Big Sur closed, Molera and Garland could get busy

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST AS they do each year during the holiday season, visitors will pour into town over the next couple weeks, and many of them will be bringing their hiking shoes. But with much of the Big Sur backcountry closed due to damage from the Soberanes Fire, where can people who visit the Monterey Peninsula go nearby for a day hike?

If you're looking for a strenuous adventure along the coast, Andrew Molera State Park is your best bet. Located about 20 miles south of Carmel, the 4,700-acre park is a virtual wonderland for outdoor activities like hiking, biking and surfing. From sandy beaches and redwood forests, to dense groves of oaks and spectacular vistas, there are few parks anywhere that offer so many visual charms.

For a good workout and some breathtaking scenery, try a loop that ties together the park's Bluff, Panorama and Ridge trails. The 8.8-mile walk can be done in a day, leads to a secluded beach and gains a little over 1,000 feet of elevation.

John DeLuca, the superintendent of state parks in Big Sur, told The Pine Cone that only trails on the west side of Highway 1 at Molera are currently open. But he said the park's East Molera Trail, which offers a heart-pounding, knee-knocking ascent to meadows with sweeping views, will likely soon be open. The route is known locally as the Golden Staircase — a reference to the color the grass turns each year as the weather warms up.

Waterfalls, terrain and a nice view

For an alternative to Molera, DeLuca suggested hiking up the Buzzard's Roost Trail, which is located about 26 miles south of Carmel. It starts on the west side of Highway 1, not far from the entrance to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. The 2.5-mile loop winds its way past redwoods, oaks and bays before offering impressive views of Big Sur Valley. Parking is available along the west side of the scenic route.

Thirty-six miles south of Carmel, Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park's Ewoldsen Trail is open, DeLuca said. The 5-mile loop passes several small waterfalls, traverses a variety of terrain and leads to a nice outlook.

The superintendent said there's been quite a bit of activity on state park trails in Big Sur, which comes as no surprise considering most the nearby federal lands are off-limits to hikers because of the fire.

"We've been busy," he observed. "I was hiking up Buzzard's Roost recently, and I saw quite a few people coming up the trail. Our parking lots are filling up on weekends."

Even closer to the Monterey Peninsula is the crown jewel of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, Garland Ranch Regional Park. Located on Carmel Valley Road about 10 miles east of Carmel, the 3,600-acre park features 52

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will strictly enforce the closure order, and a violation can cost a person \$5,000 in fines and/or six months in jail. The closure order expires Dec. 4, 2017.

Camp Pico Blanco

Included in the area is the Pico Blanco Boy Scout Camp, which is used throughout the year for local scouting programs. According to Michael Wilson, director of camp services for the Boy Scouts, repair of the fire damage is under way at the camp. The fire destroyed one restroom building and caused a lot of surface damage, but the heart of the camp was saved, thanks to the hard work of a hot shot crew that protected it during the fire, and five years of scouts working to clear brush and other fuels around the 625-acre camp.

"We just appreciate the firefighters for all their help," he said. "We feel blessed to have come out of it so well. We were surrounded by fire on all sides." On the fire maps that were issued daily during the fire, he noted, the camp was "a dot of green in a sea of red."

Pico Blanco was evacuated at the time of the fire, and the kids were moved to other camps. Many of the season's summer and fall programs were also canceled.

Now, he said, work crews and scouts are hoping to have everything fixed by the spring. "We're making sure the camp is safe for kids to occupy, and that we can have a safe environment," Wilson said.

Insurance is covering some of what he said will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the organization is also seeking grants and donations, which can be made at <http://svmbc.org>.

The Tassajara Zen Center is also located in the burn zone, though the retreat itself suffered no damage. A spokesman reached Monday confirmed its three-month monastery program is continuing, and the center also hopes to open in April 2017 for its regular guest season, which runs through September.



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Even after recent rains, wildfire lingers in smoldering redwood

By CHRIS COUNTS

USING HIS camera to document the emerging recovery of Big Sur's landscape in the aftermath of the Soberanes Fire, Michael Troutman came across one of Mother's Nature's unexpected surprises last week at 1,057-acre Mitteldorf Preserve in Carmel Valley — a smoldering redwood tree.

Clearly, recent rains weren't enough to douse the burning embers deep inside every redwood.

"There was blue smoke coming out of it," said Troutman, who received permission, and an escort, to visit the property, which is owned by the Big Sur Land Trust. "It was really fascinating — I saw flames in the same tree in September."

Like countless other trees, the redwood had been scorched by the fire, which burned more than 130,000 acres and destroyed 57 homes before it was "officially" put out in mid-October. But has the fire really been extinguished?

In July 2013, a giant sequoia was found

burning inside Sequoia National Park, more than a year after a controlled burn was completed to thin out brush and small trees. The fire had managed to survive both rain and snow during the winter.

Two years later, fire officials reported seeing smoke rising from trees in Siskiyou County — 10 months after a wildfire that threatened the town of Happy Camp was put out.

A smoldering tree like the redwood Troutman photographed certainly has the potential to start another fire, but Jeff Powers, the Big Sur Land Trust's director of land stewardship, said he isn't worried about that happening at the preserve this winter because so much of the undergrowth has been burned off. "One of safest places you can be in right now in terms of wildfire is Mitteldorf," he said.

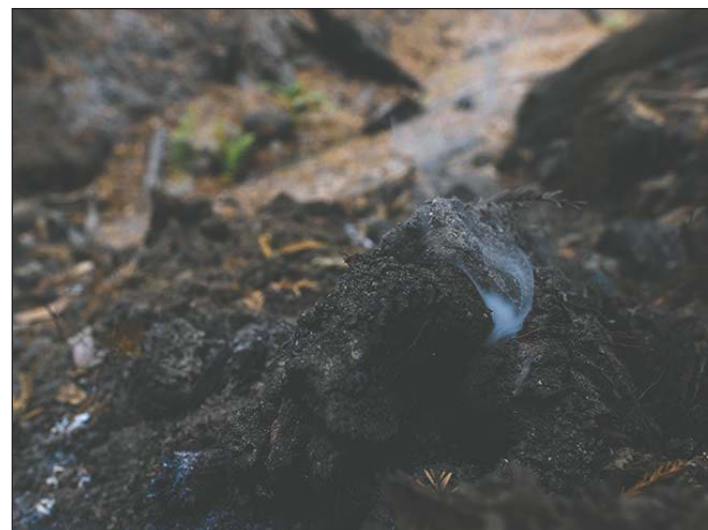
The charred landscape is also showing signs of recovery.

"There's a lot of green," Powers reported.

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A charred redwood at Mitteldorf Preserve was still smoking in early December, nearly two months after the Soberanes Fire was put out — and despite recent rains.

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BAKERY REOPENS AFTER SEWER FIX

By KELLY NIX

THE CITIZENS of Pacific Grove can now breathe a little easier. Pavel's Backerei is back open for business.

The bakery at 219 Forest Ave. had to be shut down last week for several days because of a sewer problem, leaving bread and pastry junkies without their daily fixes of par excellence cookies, cinnamon rolls and fresh baguettes, among many other things.

But the closure was also a big headache and financial blow to Pavel's owner Paul Wainscoat during the bakery's busiest time of year. Though the baker tried to convince the city that the work could wait until after Christmas, officials cited health and safety issues. The work was finished in three days.

The bakery reopened Dec. 9 but sales were down 50 percent, Wainscoat said. Sales

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These hungry patrons line up to order pastries from Pavel's Backerei Thursday. The bakery reopened after repairs to the sewer line last week.

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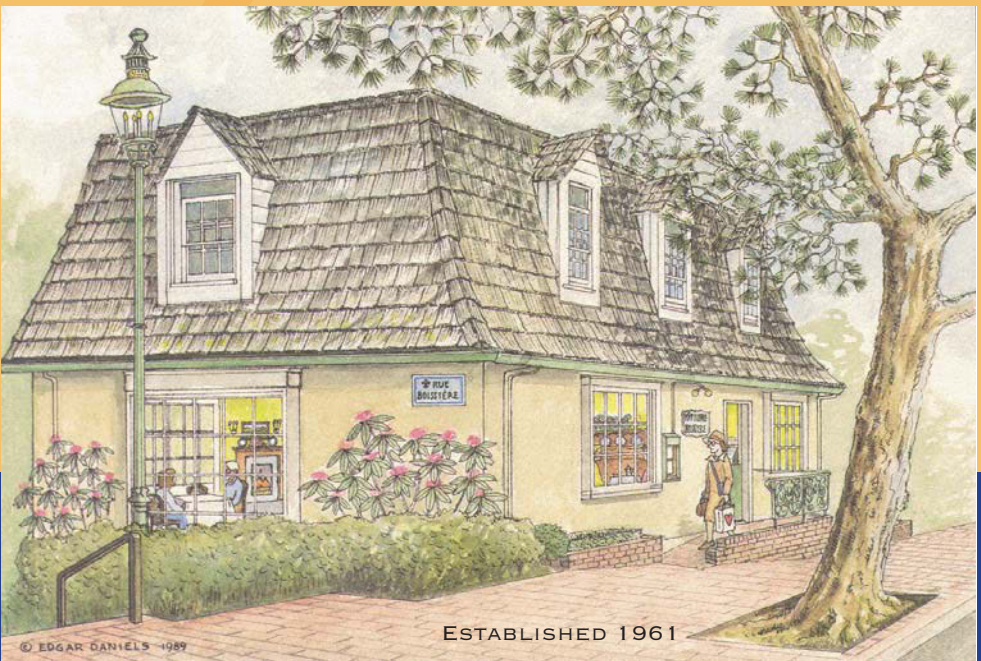
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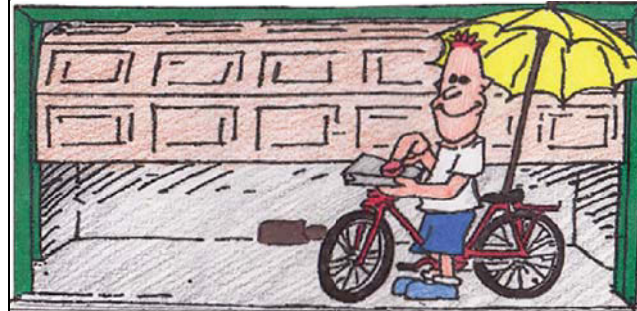
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MAKING THE MERRIMENT SAFE FOR THE FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY MEMBERS

By ELAINE HESSER

EVERY WINTER, emergency veterinary practices see spikes in animal injuries and illnesses that are almost completely preventable. To keep your best friends safe, here are a few tips from Karl and Lori Anderson, the veterinarian and vet tech at the Animal Hospital at Mid Valley.

First, try to restrain yourself when it comes to sharing the people's feast with the dog or cat. Of course someone's going to slip them a little turkey, but it's a good idea to take the skin off.

That warning is for your good as well as the animals' — besides all the problems with cholesterol, hypertension and putting on weight, excessive fat can cause diarrhea or vomiting, and nobody wants to clean that up. In some cases, too much fat can cause pancreatitis, so scraping a plate with buttered mashed taters, gravy and a gnawed turkey wing right into your pet's bowl is a

recipe for trouble. Also, poultry bones splinter and can wreak all kinds of havoc with digestive organs.

Karl and Lori mentioned that onions and garlic and their many relatives, which often are found in foods like stuffing or green bean casseroles, are also toxic to dogs and cats.

And chocolate? Just say no. It can cause stomach upset, seizures or even kill both dogs and kitties.

Some families have that one guy — and

it's usually a guy — who thinks it's funny to slip the family pet some beer or wine. Not only are grapes and raisins poisonous to dogs and sometimes to cats, but neither pet's system is adapted to process alcohol.

Pets are literally lightweights when com-

pared to humans. And the prohibition includes a slice of grandma's rum cake or port wine cheese, as well as mouthwash and medications made with alcohol. At a mini-

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— being in the right place at the right time, being lucky with genes and good health,” Ely said. “But mostly, as he looks back at the friends and people he has known, it’s unbelievable he’s avoided all the accidents and illnesses and bad luck people have had.”



In 1966, at a mere 55 years old, William Ely received the Distinguished Service Medal.

When William Ely was born in rural Pennsylvania, Ronald Reagan and Ginger Rogers were only a few months old, President Taft had just dedicated the New York Public Library, and the Indianapolis 500 had been run for the first time that May.

More than a century later, he’s not only traveled the world and spent more than three decades in the military — earning a Legion of Honor with an oak leaf cluster, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star — he’s written an autobiography called, “The Oldest Living Graduate.”

He finally stopped playing golf at the age of 100 but still beats opponents at duplicate bridge, and his longevity was nearly mirrored by his late wife, Helen, who died in 2014 at the age of 100. They were married for 74 years and had three sons.

He has also racked up all kinds of honors in Florida, and Ely expects President Barack Obama and President-elect Donald Trump will acknowledge his father at some point.

In the meantime, Ely is working to get those with slightly lower rankings on board for a mass recognition of his dad’s 105th birthday. In his emails to them, Ely noted, “He continues to do a lot of exercises, read a book a week and the newspaper every day, and watch a lot of sports and ‘Jeopardy’ on the TV. The recent presidential campaign had his heart beating irregularly and his mind racing.

“I want to do everything that I can to make this Christmas and his birthday as special as possible. We are asking friends and family to let him know that they realize that he has

reached another milestone age and to congratulate him on that achievement,” he continued. “We will have an appropriate cake, music, balloons, a party and lots of well-wishers to help him celebrate. And we are hoping to inundate him with lots of cards, emails, telephone calls, videos and other surprises.”

“I’m trying to get the word out to a number of people in as many ways as I can,” Ely told The Pine Cone Tuesday. “I would say that, to this day, there are hundreds of people on this Peninsula who know him, having heard about him or having played golf with him.”

Within 24 hours of hitting “send,” Ely had already heard from 70 people, many of whom told him they were forwarding the information on to other individuals and organizations, including top Army brass, and even some of the players on Saturday’s winning Army football team, which beat Navy for the first time in 14 years.

Ely also said he wants to go to Florida for the occasion, but that his father is resisting the visit. That debate has yet to be resolved.

Anyone who wants to send the centenarian a birthday card can write to LTG William Ely at Room No. 37, 1725 Homewood Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33445, or email him at helenbillely@icloud.com.

“We hope that you can send him a card with a brief note, an email or even give him a call on his birthday,” Ely said. “If the card arrives early, he always waits until his birthday to open it.”

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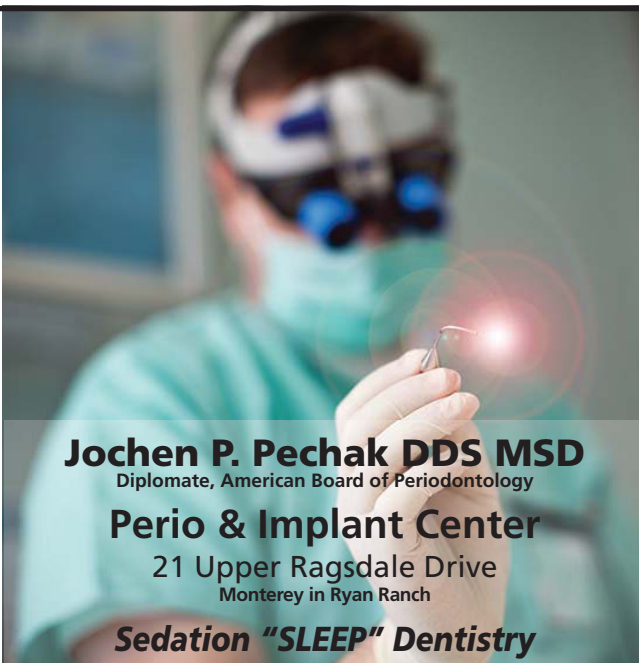


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MOTORIST DIES IN BIG SUR CRASH

A MAN who was driving a 2016 Nissan Altima died Dec. 13 when he crashed his car just north of the Granite Canyon Bridge in Big Sur, the California Highway Patrol reported. The site of the accident is located about 7 miles south of Carmel.

According to police, the vehicle drifted off the pavement at about 4 p.m. and struck a dirt embankment. The motorist was pronounced dead at the scene. It is unknown if alcohol or drugs were a factor in the crash.

While the victim's name wasn't released, the CHP said he was 54 years old and lived in Newcastle, Washington.

Kids go nose-to-nose with critters at the SPCA

THE SPCA for Monterey County announced that its annual one-day Animal Camps will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 21 and 22, and Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, at their facilities on Highway 68, across from Laguna Seca.

The camps give kids ages 6 to 12 the opportunity to interact with animals, play games and learn about how the SPCA helps pets and wildlife. Themes include dogs, cats, wildlife and small animals, as well as the ever-popular "Home for the Howlidays," which teaches kids why this season can be a little challenging for pets and their people.

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LEON M. GRANDCOLAS

August 19, 1923 ♦ December 7, 2016

Leon M. Grandcolas, 93, of Carmel, California, passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at The Cottages of Carmel.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am, Tuesday, December 20 at Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel, California, 93923. Burial will follow at 3:00 pm at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord.

Leon was born August 19, 1923 in Belleville, Illinois to Lee and Ella (Firsch) Grandcolas. He graduated from Belleville Cathedral High School in 1941 followed by enlistment in the US Marine Corps where he served from 1943 to 1945. His assignments included a tour in the Pacific. Leon graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Louis University in 1948.

In 1950, Leon married the former Rita Grosspich in Belleville, Illinois. He was employed as an auditor with Price Waterhouse in St. Louis from 1948 to 1967 and as Treasurer and Vice President in Charge of Finance for Ball Corporation in Muncie, Indiana from 1967 to 1988. He and Rita retired to Carmel, California in 1989 where he enjoyed golf at the Quail Lodge and Monterey Peninsula Country Clubs. He was a parishioner at the Carmel Mission Basilica where he also served on their finance committee.

Leon is survived by his wife and six children: Richard (Laura) Grandcolas of Santa Barbara, CA, James Grandcolas of Foster City, CA, Susan (Bill) Bauer of Medford, OR, Mark Grandcolas of San Mateo, CA, Nancy (Alan) Meyer of Cedar Bluffs, NE, Jack Grandcolas of San Rafael, CA and nine grandchildren: Gabriel, Lucas, Bradley, Grant, Emily, Molly, Katherine, Kelsey and Rachael. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

The family requests that memorial gifts be sent to a local animal shelter or designated to Dementia Research at Mayo Clinic, Dept. of Development, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN, 55905

A workout that's not too much of a stretch — even for cancer survivors

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ONCOLOGISTS, SURGEONS, chemotherapists and radiologists saved their lives. The Peninsula Pilates Project enabled them to start living again.

Three local cancer survivors say the strengthening and stretching aspects of the exercise regimen known as Pilates have had rejuvenating effects on their bodies, minds and spirits, restoring flexibility, reducing or removing pain, and providing them with a support group they lacked previously.

The exercise program, developed in the 1960s by Joseph Pilates, emphasizes small, controlled movements that aim to strengthen muscles and improve balance, among other things.

Formerly inconceivable

Debra Rubin, 60, of Carmel Valley, performed a headstand recently in a yoga class — inconceivable before Pilates strengthened the muscles in her upper body and torso after undergoing a lumpectomy and radiation treatments for breast cancer.

Susan Haigh-Bishop, 70, who lives in Mission Fields, said pain from scoliosis that has affected much of her adult life has been significantly reduced since she began doing Pilates to recover from breast cancer surgery that removed her lymph nodes.

And 75-year-old Alyce di Palma, a professional flamenco dancer from the Monterey Peninsula says radiation treatments literally bent one of her ribs, bringing pain to the simple act of breathing. Since dis-

covering Pilates, she is dancing again.

The Peninsula Pilates Project, now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was founded by Andrea Borgman-Quist, owner of Pilates Monterey at 533 Hartnell Street. She has customized the program to restore mobility and relieve pain, and has treated more than 150 clients since 2013.

The majority of her clients are recovering from breast cancer treatments, but Borgman-Quist also has worked with people afflicted with colon cancer, Parkinson's disease, spina bifida, and, most recently, traumatic brain injury.

The best part: She teaches those classes personally, tuition-free for the first month, then offers graduates a 50 percent discount on normal studio rates for the following two months if they choose to continue.

"It's beautifully gratifying to work with these people, and listen to their stories," she said. "They've all become like family to me, and to each other, and it's the best feeling in the world. The work I get paid for at the studio pales in comparison to the work I do here out of love."

Can't get enough

The rub is that she can only accommodate six clients at a time until more funding becomes available, either via grants or individual donations which may be made directly through the website at www.pilatesmonterey.com.

Rubin, Haigh-Bishop, and di Palma are among those who can't get enough. They continue to show up twice a week, for an

hour each time, to continue their rehabilitation and maintain their bodies.

Rubin, a retired counselor and tax preparer, was diagnosed in December 2015 with intraductal breast cancer, and had a lumpectomy and radiation treatments.

Physical and spiritual

"I was trying anything, at that point, because I'd had the rug pulled out from under me, and my oncologist said, 'Try this ... it's been really helpful.'" Rubin recalled. "It's been helpful not only in the physical sense, but it also becomes emotional and spiritual, because you get your life back."

Di Palma said medical professionals at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula all but insisted that she try Peninsula Pilates Project to regain the mobility she had lost through the trauma of 25 radiation treatments for non-Hodgkin lymphoma on her chest wall, plus lingering problems with rheumatoid arthritis. The emotional impact of rehabilitating, she said, can be as problematic as the physical aspects.

"When you're in that dressing room, preparing for radiation, everybody's compar-

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Pilates instructor Trudy McCrone assists Susan Haigh-Bishop during an exercise session. McCrone's been teaching classes designed to help people like Haigh-Bishop, a breast cancer survivor, get back into shape.

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TOMASI

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headhunter to find a new chief. Carmel's codes give him the authority to make that decision.

Tomasi, 48, was the sole applicant and was assessed by two police chiefs — Dave Hober of Monterey, and Amy Christey of Pacific Grove — and Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer. The panel asked him a series of questions about the city, the department and his leadership traits, and he gave a 10-minute presentation on a well known management study and how he would apply its lessons to leading Carmel P.D.

"They are people I work closely with and I respect," Tomasi said of the chiefs. "They asked a lot of good questions about leadership and challenges."

They interviewed Tomasi about how he would measure his success as a leader, and how he would respect the traditions that have helped the department succeed, while still moving forward with his goals for improving it, according to Rerig.

"He's very humble; he's team oriented and interested in finding solutions," Rerig

said, adding that the other chiefs "thought my instincts with Paul were exactly on the mark and that he would be a great addition to my command staff."

"He has such poise and presence, and such a friendly demeanor," he said. "He's perfect for the team and perfect for the village. He's a good human being."

Tomasi said he has benefited from taking on consistently more responsibility over the past few years, including his nine months as interim public works director before Rob Mullane took over on a permanent basis in August 2015. He benefited from the experience of leading a department on his own, including managing employees and developing the budget, and having the "opportunity to connect with the public in a way outside of police work."

"I developed some great relationships in the community," he said.

And when Calhoun became interim city administrator after Doug Schmitz retired in October 2015, Tomasi took on more responsibilities at CPD, as well. "So really, for the last two years, I've had a lot bigger role in the police department, as far as personnel issues and budgeting," he said. "It was that added responsibility and challenge that made me feel I could do this and was ready."

Tomasi also said he was well mentored by

former Chief George Rawson and Calhoun, and that residents and business people encouraged him to seek the top job after they learned of Calhoun's impending retirement.

"I had so many people in the community come up to me and say, 'We want you to be our next chief — we have a good relationship,' and that tells me a lot," he said, adding that he appreciates Carmel's "really well educated, well informed community."

'City manager's right arm'

Rerig said he had an immediately positive impression of Tomasi when they first met at a conference about homelessness and hunger at Monterey Peninsula College a year-and-a-half ago. Rerig became city administrator here in March.

"The police chief is basically the city manager's right arm, and when you're dealing with folks who have the power that police officers do, the relationship has to be extremely strong," he said. "We work really well together, and have a mutual respect and honesty."

Tomasi gave a presentation to the city's department directors Tuesday morning and said he emphasized the importance of service.

"We are like a business, and what we sell is service," he said. "We can't sell anything else, but we have an opportunity to provide the best service we can, and that's how we're judged."

While the department does an excellent job, he noted, there are always aspects that

can be improved.

"What I want to do is learn, listen, meet with all the staff, and make sure they're fully on board and doing what they want to do," he said. "And then I plan on looking at all of our systems and seeing if we can improve upon what we're already doing."

Tomasi said Calhoun has done an excellent job building up the department and preparing it for the transition.

"The reason I'm not nervous is because we have such a great group of people," Tomasi said.

He's already pondering what lies ahead for Carmel P.D., and for law enforcement on a broader level, including the recently approved state ballot initiatives that are changing jail terms and allowing for recreational marijuana use.

"I will be working with the other Peninsula agencies to address that as best we can, and on community involvement, building trust and relationships," he said.

While Tomasi will take the helm before Calhoun retires, so the departing chief can hand off the title to him, he'll probably be formally sworn in during a ceremony in January that will include his parents, who live in Michigan and have yet to attend one of his swearing-in or promotion ceremonies. "I told them this is probably the last one, so they might want to make it out," he said.

The details of Tomasi's contract, including his pay and benefits, have yet to be worked out, according to Rerig. The salary range for chief in Carmel is \$154,000 to \$181,000.



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TEACHER

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and participate in the same team events, which are open to all others parents.”

Ottmar’s attorney Joe Cisneros said Wednesday that there is nothing prohibiting his client from helping the basketball team.

“I will point out that Mr. Ottmar has every right to assist his daughter’s team,” Cisneros told The Pine Cone. “In that vein, he has assisted with a couple of practices.”

Cisneros this week called the district’s allegations, which it spelled out graphically in a May disciplinary notice against Ottmar, “completely false and defamatory.” He called Ottmar “an educated professional” and an “outstanding teacher,” who has “tremendous support in the community.”

However, in Ottmar’s official response to PGUSD in May obtained by The Pine Cone through a Public Records Act request, he conceded that a few of the things the district alleged had happened or may have happened.

For example, Ottmar said he “may have told his class that he had been to strip clubs in Las Vegas before becoming a teacher.”

“Mr Ottmar concedes that such a subject matter does not advance any student’s academic understanding. Thus, he accepts responsibility for this specific allegation,” according to Ottmar’s response, signed by Cisneros.

Ottmar also said that he allowed a student who had a driver’s license to use his vehicle to pick up his children from their school. The teen driver had been hired by the Ottmars on “numerous occasions to babysit their children,” he maintained.

Ottmar said the district’s accusation that he shared some sexual fantasies with students was “taken out of context” and he provided an explanation.

“While discussing homosexuality as it relates to J.D. Salinger’s *The Catcher in the Rye* or Hosseini’s *The Kite Runner*, it is often important for high school students to recognize their own feelings about the issue,” Ottmar said.

“This can prove difficult in a class setting, but Mr. Ottmar believes that being open and honest about subject matter is now acceptable compared to what was accepted in the past,” his response went on to say.

Ottmar is no longer teaching kids but is still a district employee. After the allegations surfaced, PGUSD had him reassigned to the Pacific Grove Adult School.

While the Pacific Grove Police Department investigated Ottmar and recommended he be charged with an undisclosed crime, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office in February declined to file charges, saying there was insufficient evidence to pursue a case against him and get a conviction.

Ottmar, a former Monterey County Herald sports reporter, is teaching a writing workshop, college preparation class, a “career exploration” course and other subjects at the adult school, according to the fall 2016 course catalog.

VER JEAN ELIZABETH HARK CHAFFIN

4/6/1931 – 11/14/16

Ver Jean passed away from cancer the evening of November 14 as her husband Truman held her hand. She was born April 6, 1931 in Dysart, Iowa to Harry and Alta Hark. VJ – as Truman named her – attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Cornell is where when met Truman Chaffin of Milford, Iowa. They began dating their sophomore year. After 2 ½ years at Cornell, VJ transferred to the University of Iowa to major in Speech Pathology. She graduated in 1953 and began working at a speech clinic in St. Louis while Truman was in military training at Ft. Leonard Wood.

VJ and Truman were married on March 20, 1954 at King Chapel on the Cornell campus. While Truman completed his two year military obligation in Virginia, VJ worked in a private speech clinic in Newport News, VA. The couple then moved to Los Angeles where Truman attended graduate school in public administration at USC. VJ began a 35 year program teaching speech and hearing to need students at the Inglewood School District. They had a house built for them in the Hollywood Hills.

In 1993 the couple sold their home and moved to the Monterey Peninsula. For years they had traveled to Carmel four or five times annually because they could keep their beloved long haired Dachshund (Laffite) in their room at the dog friendly Vagabond House. Laffite died in 1989 at age 19. Truman and VJ retained her ashes.

The couple purchased a lot in the Carmel Highlands in 1979. In 1995 they moved into the house that had been designed for them. They sold that house in 2000 and purchased a house in Pebble Beach.

VJ loved to cook and was a super chef. She had over 350 cookbooks and subscribed to several cooking magazines. Their diet consisted mainly of fresh fish, a lot of vegetables and fresh fruit. That healthy diet is probably responsible for their long life. They also regularly worked out at the Carmel Orthopedic and Sports Therapy Center.

VJ loved flowers and had many different species planted at her homes. She also had 30 large pots of



various colors of orchids.

VJ and Truman enjoyed traveling in Europe. They drove all over Europe – purchased a car on one trip – and particularly loved Paris, London and Venice.

VJ had a beautiful smile – and was a lot of fun to be with, and will be deeply missed by Truman and many friends.

Special thanks to Dr. Paul Tocchet who lovingly cared for VJ for over 20 years and to Dr. Nancy Rubin and Dr. John Hausdorff for VJ’s excellent care. Also, special thanks to the staff at Westland House where VJ received excellent care for 30 days after she broke her right hip. When she returned home from Westland House, Choice Home Health Care provided 24 hour care. The Hospice of the Central Coast also provided staffing to help manage VJ’s extreme pain. Both organizations provided wonderful service.

A remembrance luncheon will be scheduled in January at Vito’s Italian Restaurant, 1180 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove where VJ and Truman dined every Saturday night for 24 years.

Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com for condolences and guest book.



Jane Ellen Parker d’Avenas

July 10, 1925 to December 5, 2016

Jane Ellen d’Avenas was the proud daughter of James and Happy Parker, and granddaughter of William D. Boyce (founder of the Boy Scouts of America) and Mary Jane Boyce, and never forgot her family roots in Ottawa, Illinois. She was, however, a true Carmel native. She loved her family, friends, bridge, tennis, cooking, entertaining and being entertained (not necessarily in that order). With her marriage to Comte Bertrand d’Avenas, her world and admirers grew. Ultimately her hosts of adoring family and friends extended from Carmel to Illinois to Boston to France. She overcame her fear of flying to ensure she never missed a party in any of those locations. She was known by many names: Jane Ellen, Yellen, Jellen, Mommy, Granny, JE, Jane, Comtesse, RSG, Ummer, Janie, and Tante Jane Ellen. She will be missed by many, especially by her children: Michel d’Avenas (Forbes Keaton), Pierre d’Avenas, Anne d’Avenas (Jerry Brody), Camille d’Avenas (Bill Smith), and grandchildren Leah and David Weintraub.

After a brief illness, she died peacefully in the Carmel house where she was raised and in which she spent the last 40 years making a wonderful home for her family. A celebration of her life will be held in the spring.

Memorial contributions can be made to Harlem Academy, New York, where her granddaughter, Leah, is the Middle School Director: www.harlemacademy.org



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SMOLDER

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“The manzanita, the madrones and the young redwoods that burned are all sprouting.”

Despite the encouraging signs, however, it’s not really a safe place. “Trees are still falling, and there’s the possibility of debris flows,” Powers explained.

While some trees died, many survived, including a 150-foot-tall redwood with a 60-foot circumference that is Monterey County’s widest. “It came through the fire wonderfully,” Powers said.

Big Sur Land Trust president Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis said the trees in the preserve fared well during the fire because of good management practices that included removal of dead and dying oaks stricken by Sudden Oak Death.

After the fire was started by an illegal campfire June 22, it didn’t have to travel far to reach the preserve, which is located just a few miles to the east.

For firefighters battling the blaze, a road through the preserve provided critical access for heavy equipment. When the road was constructed many decades ago, old railroad cars were used to make bridges over Williams Creek. While wooden bridges located throughout the Big Sur backcountry were destroyed by the fire, those at Mitteldorf not only survived, but were able to handle the weight of bulldozers driving across them. “The firefighters know we have stout bridges that can carry heavy payloads,” said Jeff Powers, the Big Sur Land Trust’s director of land stewardship.

Now that the preserve is on the mend — and new vegetation proliferates, Troutman is determined to capture the landscape’s transformation with his camera.

“Michael has close ties to Big Sur, and it’s wonderful to be able to work with somebody who is so passionate about a project,” Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis added.

With the help of local residents Arthur and Harriet Mitteldorf, who contributed \$1.3 million, the Big Sur Land Trust acquired the land that makes up the preserve in 1990. While it’s off-limits to the public, Tuitele-Lewis said the non-profit land conservation group does offer some limited access to donors.



RICHARD ALLISON RITTMASER

Richard Allison Rittmaster passed away peacefully on December 9, 2016 in Monterey, California surrounded by family. He was born in Bonne Terre, Missouri to Louella and Maurice Rittmaster on September 24, 1928. He attended Southwest High School and Washington University. He served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954 as flight camera repairman stationed in England. After his discharge he held a variety of sales positions, including several years with the Prince Gardner Leather Goods Company. In 1956 Richard married Gloria Larson in Denver, Colorado. Richard, Gloria and Gloria’s children, Bernalei and Gregory lived in Denver until 1960 when the family moved to San Mateo, California. Daughter, Jennifer was born in 1961. In 1970 Richard and Gloria moved to Carmel, California and began their long and successful retail clothing career. They owned and operated Rittmaster Ltd. at several locations on Ocean Avenue until 2012.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Joan Wunderlich, and son, Gregory Rittmaster. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gloria, daughters Bernalei Peterson (Kenneth) of Phoenix, Arizona, Jennifer Prager (Steven) of Salinas, grandson, Ethan Geiger (father Philip Geiger), and step-grand daughters Jackie and Tori Prager.

Richard will be remembered for his big smile, his ability to make friends wherever he went, his love of fine automobiles, and his style and fashion-sense. He always had something to chat about and loved to talk about his rewarding time in the Air Force and sports. He was an avid and lifelong St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan and was a regular contributor to the team’s online fan forum.

His family will remember and admire his deep faith and spirituality as well as his loving and caring nature. He will be missed by many.

At Richard’s request, there will be no services. The family suggests remembrances be made to the donor’s favorite charity or to the Christian Science Mother Church in Boston, MA. Online condolences may be left at www.bermudezfamilyfunerals.com

TIMOTHY PATRICK MARTIN

February 5, 1944 – December 1, 2016

Timothy Patrick Martin passed away peacefully at home in Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA on December 1, 2016 after a long illness.

Tim was a loving and devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, always putting others before himself.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Lois, his beloved daughter Katherine, and sons Tim (Kristen), Rob (Gina), and Dave (Robin) and grandchildren Cain, Jack, Serena, Tommy, Peter, Nicholas and Timmy. He is also survived by his sisters Judy (Joe) Fischer, Kathy (John) Gausepohl, brothers Jim and Patrick, and many nieces and nephews.

Tim was born on February 5, 1944 in Santa Barbara, CA to the late Dr. Walter P. Martin and Katherine Runions Martin. He grew up in Long Beach, CA.

He earned his undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Arizona in 1966.

After 3 years in public accounting, Tim joined Boise Cascade Corporation and, at age 28, became the company’s youngest Divisional Financial Manager. Tim spent 15 years with the company in senior financial leadership roles in the Corrugated Container & Office Products Divisions and then served as Boise’s CIO. While working for Boise, he earned an Executive MBA from Harvard Business School in 1979. In 1984, at the age of 40, he was recruited to Lucky Stores to serve as SVP of Finance and Administration for the company’s Northern California Division. He was always proud of contributing to improving the company’s operational and financial performance and of hiring and developing a strong team. Following American Stores’ acquisition of Lucky in 1988, Lois and Tim founded The Martin Group, an executive search and business consulting firm. Lois continues to run The Martin Group’s executive search business.



Tim loved working, boating, BBQing, traveling the world with Lois, playing Frisbee at the beach with Aussy (his beloved Pomeranian) and spending time (especially eating Dim Sum or sharing a scotch) with former colleagues. Delighting children (and adults) with outdoor Christmas light displays gave him great pleasure, as did beautiful landscaping featuring roses and fountains.

Tim will always be remembered for his warmth and generosity and for the profoundly positive impact he had on many people with whom he interacted over the years.

The family wishes to give special thanks to John Bernard (JB) Ascura (son #4), Dr. Laura Banks and Dr. Richard Kamrath.

A private funeral Mass was held at The Carmel Mission. Memorial donations in Tim’s honor may be made to The Carmel Mission or to a charity of your choice. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com for condolences and guest book.

HITOSHI KONO

APRIL 20, 1930 ♦ OCTOBER 22, 2016

Hitoshi Kono, lifetime resident of the Monterey Peninsula, passed at age 86 years old at his home in Pacific Grove, California.

Born in nearby Salinas to Ginroku and Shinayo Ouye Kono, both immigrants from Japan, Hitoshi spent part of his childhood working on the family farm. However, upon the outbreak of World War II in 1941, father Ginroku was arrested by the FBI and sent to jail in New Mexico for two years. The rest of the Kono Family—Shinayo, older brother George and younger sister Sumi—were later sent to the internment camp in Poston, Arizona in 1942. One of Hitoshi’s memories of camp life was of his job raising chickens. After the war ended in 1945, the family settled in Monterey to rebuild their lives.

Hitoshi attended Monterey High School and graduated in 1948. He then attended Monterey Peninsula Junior College, followed by enrollment at San Jose State, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting. Hitoshi worked many jobs in his youth and during his college years to make ends meet. One fateful job was his time working at Bay Gas Station in Monterey, with owner Kei Nakamura, which led to an introduction to Carl Daniels and Jay House, owners of Daniels and House Construction Company. This connection turned into Hitoshi’s life-long career in the construction industry. Many buildings in the Monterey Peninsula, such as CHOMP and the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, remain as tangible reminders of the company’s and Hitoshi’s excellent work.

As a young man, Hitoshi became acquainted with Jean Owashi, his future wife, who was a friend of sister Sumi. Hitoshi and Jean flew on a small plane to Las Vegas in 1959 to get married with best man, Kei Nakamura, and maid of honor, Sumi Nakamura, at their side. In his words, Hitoshi was fortunate to have won Jean’s heart among other suitors!

Hitoshi and Jean enjoyed art, travel, annual Kono Family reunions in Lake Tahoe, and time spent with their children and grandchildren. Hitoshi was always the organizer; he loved to plan family vacations year-round, take on home improvement projects, work in his garden, fly to Las Vegas, watch sporting events, and spend time with his Monterey poker buddies.

Although independent and strong willed, Hitoshi was unique and memorable in both his personal and professional lives. Somewhat bossy, quick with advice, and a “take it or leave it attitude,” he was also very creative and generous of heart, with a great sense of humor.

Hitoshi was preceded in death by wife, Jean, and his brother, George. He is survived by sister, Sumi Yakura (Jimmy) from Westminster, California; sister-in-law Emi Kono from Gardena, California; children, Mark Kono (Lien Lam) from Torrance, California and Kim Kono (Randy Choy) from Portland, Oregon; grandchildren Justin Kono Kwong, Audrey Kono, and Zoe Kono; and many nieces and nephews.

A public Service and Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2:00 p.m., at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, 1155 Noche Buena St., in Seaside. Business casual or casual attire is acceptable. Arrangements with Bermudez Family Cremations and Funerals. Suggested contributions can be made to Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple (where Hitoshi was a lifetime member and past board member), Community Hospital Foundation of the Monterey Peninsula (where Jean spent her nursing career), or to one’s favorite charity.



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PAVEL'S

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have steadily increased as Pavel's regulars realize the bakery's doors are open again.

"Yesterday it was about 85 percent" of typical sales for this time of year, Wainscoat told The Pine Cone Thursday. "So we're getting there."

He figures that next week's sales will be as steady as they were before the closure.

"Next week we should be there, with Christmas and everything," he said.

He said customer response to the bakery's reopening has been excellent, though many of them have asked why it was closed in the first place.

"I point to [last week's] Pine Cone article" to explain it, he said.

The space Pavel's occupies has long had sewer issues, and Wainscoat has had an ongoing dispute with the landlord and property manager over the work. Since being reopened, though, the previously broken employee toilet is now working.

Wainscoat said he sent a note to Pacific Grove city manager Ben Harvey thanking him for his support. Harvey is a regular customer of the bakery, which is close to city hall.

"Ben Harvey has been a huge advocate for us," he said. "He did all he could to help us."

Wainscoat thanked the Monterey County Health Department and also sent a conciliatory note to city building official John Kuehl, whom he sparred with last week over the shutdown. "Maybe he was caught in the middle and maybe we were both guilty of not communicating," Wainscoat said.

Wainscoat said he's requested from the landlord a detailed list of the work the plumbers did at the business.

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If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the planning commission on or the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Proposed Action: Consideration of an Ordinance (First Reading) amending Municipal Code sections 17.14 and 17.68 to: 1) Require a conditional use permit for certain land uses, 2) Add new land use definitions, 3) Add use permit voting requirements, and 4) Add an allowance for authorization of temporary uses on private property.

Parcel Description: City-Wide, Commercial Zoning Districts (CC, SC, RC)

Planning Case No.: N/A

Environmental Status: Exempt - Section 15305 (Class 5 – Minor Change to Land Use) of the State CEQA Guidelines

Coastal Permit Status: Requires Certification by Coastal Commission

Staff: Marc Wiener, Community Planning and Building Director

Dated: 12/14/2016
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Proposed Action: Consideration of an Ordinance (Second Reading) amending Title 8 and Title 15 of the Carmel Municipal Code and adopting the 2016 California Building, Residential, Energy, Fire, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, and California Green Codes with Amendments.

Parcel Description: City-Wide

Planning Case No.: N/A

Environmental Status: Exempt - Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines

Coastal Permit Status: Not Required

Is this Project appealable to the Coastal Commission? Yes No

Staff: Corrie Kates, Building Official

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‘Under the Influence’ benefit highlights local talent, aids nonprofit to help wayward youth

CALLING ATTENTION to some of Monterey County’s most promising singer-songwriters — and benefiting a good cause — Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley will be the site of the Under the Influence Holiday Concert Wednesday, Dec. 21.

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The lineup includes **Lillie Lemon, Vincent Randazzo, Dane Edmundson, Linda Arceo** (with guitarist **Mike Lent**), **John Sherry, Mark Governor, Stevie Rae Stevens** and others. The musicians will play their own material, as well as covers of holiday songs by John Lennon, the Kinks, Joni Mitchell, the Pretenders, Sufjan Stevens and the Pogues.

The event was put together by Governor, who recently moved to Carmel and worked in Los Angeles as a music and film producer. In L.A., he put together a music series which paired up-and-coming singer-songwriters with cover songs

by established artists — hence the name, Under the Influence. The concerts offered the young musicians a chance to sing their own songs as well.

“I really wanted to do a holiday concert, and I pitched the format to Folktale Winery,” Governor told The Pine Cone.

Instead of having the artists sing traditional holiday classics like “White Christmas” or “Deck the Halls,” Governor wanted to showcase more contemporary songs like Mitchell’s “River” and the Pretenders “2,000 Miles.” “These are songs you hear on the radio all the time, but almost never hear them covered,” he explained.

Governor decided he wanted to make the event a fundraiser, so he asked **John Fitzgerald** of Folktale to recommend a

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Lillie Lemon (below left) is one of seven singer-songwriters who will take the stage Dec. 21 at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley. Stevie Rae Stevens (bottom left) performs at the same event. The Rayburn Brothers (below) play Dec. 17 in Monterey.

Blink and you’ll miss Cherry pop-up show

A FUNDRAISING pop-up exhibit of paintings, photography and ceramic sculpture by supporters of the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts will open Friday, December 16 — but don’t show up fashionably late. That’s because the show will only be on display for two hours from 5 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit includes art by **Dixie Dixon, Jan Wagstaff, Robin Winfield, Richard Warren, Richard Cannon, Mary Liz Houseman** and many others.

“All work will be for sale with proceeds benefiting the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts,” executive director Robert Reese said. “The exhibit offers a wide range of artistic styles, imagery and influences, including a variety of mediums ranging from traditional paintings and drawings to pieces created with elements of photography, collage and sculpture.”

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Besides the art display, a silent auction will raise money for the Cherry Center’s many exhibits and programs.

If you are unable to attend Friday’s event, you can view the auction items and place bids at: <http://biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=9483>

The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Call (831) 624-7491.

Arts Alive display to fill Carmel Square

Art and music will come together Friday, Dec. 16, when Carmel Square presents another pop-up show, Carmel Arts Alive.

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worthy nonprofit to receive the event's proceeds. "He suggested we reach out to Rancho Cielo, and he had the great idea of getting their culinary students involved in the event."

Located on a 100-acre site near Salinas, Rancho Cielo provides educational opportunities and vocational training for at-risk youth.

Showtime is 7 p.m. Folktale Winery is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road. Tickets are \$25. Call (831) 293-7500.

■ 'Winter Solstice' show sold out, but don't fret

While a concert at Sunset Center Saturday, Dec. 17, celebrating the 30th anniversary of Windham Hill Records' "Winter Solstice" album is sold out, tickets are still available for a pair of holiday-themed concerts that shine a spotlight on local performers.

Singer **Shannon Warty**, harpist **Ami Krupski** and storyteller **Taelen Thomas** will present their annual Celtic Christmas Concert Dec. 17, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula. "Celebrate the holidays with this rousing and spirited performance of songs, music, poetry and tales of the season," reads an invitation to the concert.

Warty and Krupski will play Celtic music and holiday favorites, while Thomas will read from Dylan Thomas's "A Child's Christmas in Wales."

The concert starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, and \$15 for students and seniors. The church is located at 490 Aguajito Road.

The following afternoon — Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. — **The Hartnell Community Choir** will present its annual Winter Concert at the Church of the Wayfarer.

Led by conductor **Robin McKee Williams**, the choir will sing "Requiem" by Mark Hayes, "Mid-Winter Songs" by Morten Lauridsen, "Winter" by Jennifer Tibbits and other music of the holiday season. **The Monterey String Quartet** will accompany the choir. Tickets are \$20. The church is located at Lincoln and Seventh. Call (831) 649-0992.

■ Live Music Dec. 16-22

Barmel — **Sky Country**, **Radio Lara**, and singers-songwriters **Kenny Chung** and **Yvan Vucina** (Friday from 4 to 9 p.m.); **Cloudship** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer-song-



Singer-songwriters Kenny Chung (left) and Erisy Watt (right) perform this week. A native of Pacific Grove, Chung will play Dec. 21 at a fundraiser in Carmel Valley benefiting Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit that provides educational opportunities and vocational training for youth who've run afoul of the law. Watts, who lives in Santa Barbara, will take the stage Dec. 17 at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.



writer **Colby Lee Houston** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Lillie Lemon** will present a Very Victorian Holiday Party, and Victorian costumes are encouraged (Friday at 7 p.m.); **The Rayburn Brothers** (Americana, Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriters **Boscoe's Brood** and **Kristen Gradwohl** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 150 Del Monte Ave., (831) 920-3560.

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — **The Kimball Hooker Band** (r&b, Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.); singer **Dizzy Burnett** (jazz and swing, Sunday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Bistro Beaujolais — singer **Susan Farrens**, harmonica player **Paul Owen** and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** ("jazz, classics, funk, country and pop," Friday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Plaza, (831) 624-5600.

Cooper's Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist **Joseph Lucido** (smooth jazz, Friday at 9 p.m.); and singer **Troy O'Shann** and guitarist **Alan Reed** (blues and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.).

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Fred McCarty** (classic rock and country, Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); and **The Pfeffers** (pop and rock, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — singer-songwriter **Erisy Watt** and **Huddy Bali** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa — clarinetist **Nik Bortolussi** with **The David Morwood Jazz Band** ("from Benny Goodman to Django and everything in between," Friday at 7 p.m.); and guitarist **Jesse Elias**, bassist **Peter Lips** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Jazz Trio** featuring pianists **Bob Phillips** or **Bill Spencer** (jazz, in the lobby, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); and **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831)

647-7500.

Julia's restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Tiffany Decker** (Monday at 6 p.m.); singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.); mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Buddy Comfort** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

Lucia Restaurant + Bar at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley — pianist **Martin Headman** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.). 415 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

Mission Ranch — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 7

p.m.); pianist **David Kempton** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sunday at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Pierce Ranch Vineyards Tasting Room in Monterey — **El Duo** ("lo-fi Afro-beat jazz," Thursday at 8 p.m.). 499 Wave Street, (831) 372-8900.

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

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (pop and jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Rose Merrill** (Friday at 6 p.m.); and **Out of the Blue** ("soul-rock," Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Wills Fargo restaurant in Carmel Valley — **The Pfeffers** (pop and rock, Saturday at noon). 16 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 659-2774.

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"Breakfast with Santa" served 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at Carmel Youth Center, Fourth and Torres, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Santa hosts a meal of pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverages. Carmel Police Department will offer free "Operation Kid ID." Breakfast proceeds benefit Mission Trail Lions of Carmel. Advance tickets: call Jean & Bud Westcott at (831) 624-5783 or Pam & Clyde Klau-mann at (831) 624-8759. Adults: \$7; children 12 and under \$4. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Dec. 17 — Customer Appreciation Day at Baum & Blume! 10% discount in the Boutique! Artisanal gifts, hats, scarves, jewelry, holiday dé-

cor & tabletop. After shopping, enjoy your FREE walk-around lunch, FREE gift wrapping, & FREE gift! Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. Open 11:30 am to 7 pm Mon-Sat. (831) 659-0400.

Dec. 18 — A Magical Christmas Concert, 7 pm, at Church of the Oaks, 841 Rosita Road, Del Rey Oaks. Featured artists Kenny Stahl, Flute; Tammi Brown, Vocalist; Renata Bratt, Cello; Peter Mellinger, Violin; Irene Jossan, Piano. Concert is free. For more information: (831) 394-8000. www.churchoftheoaks.com

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Restaurants in hotels almost always serve dinner on Christmas Eve and Christmas night, and several local options exist. Downtown, the upscale Aubergine at the hotel L'Auberge Carmel on Monte Verde will offer innovative and elegant dinners both nights, from 5 to 9 p.m., for \$175 per person (plus \$110 for wine pairings). Reservations can be made by calling (831) 624-8578. It

Fornaio restaurant in the Pine Inn at Monte Verde and Ocean will also be serving traditional Italian fare on Christmas, from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and reservations are available at (831) 622-5100.

In town, Andre's Bouchée on Mission Street will be turning out its lovely French food in an elegant, warm setting on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Visit <http://www.andres-bouchee.com> to reserve.

Grasing's, located at Mission and Sixth, will serve a Christmas prix fixe from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m., and is also selling complete turkey and prime-rib dinners to go, for pick-up or delivery. For details, contact Grasing's at (831) 624-6562 or go to <http://www.gras->

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ings.com.
Flaherty's, a seafood restaurant and oyster bar on Sixth between Dolores and San Carlos, will be open on Christmas Eve and Christmas from noon to "after 9 p.m.," and Anton & Michel, on Mission just north of Seventh, will serve its regular menu on the eve, from 5 to 10 p.m., and offer a special menu — including an opportunity to have a

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

classic dinner for two prepared tableside — from 3 to 9 p.m. on Christmas.

The website for Flaherty's is <http://www.flahertysseafood.com/home>, and for Anton & Michel, it's <http://www.antonandmichel.com>.

Christopher's on Lincoln south of Fifth will be open both nights from 5 to 10 p.m. Chef/owner Christopher Caul said each night will include the "regular menu, with lots of specials," including prime rib and whole roasted pork rack. Call (831) 626-8000 or visit <http://christophersrestaurantcarmel.com>.

For a scenic spot not too far from town, head to Pacific's Edge at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands, which will offer a four-course prix fixe from 3 to 8 p.m. for \$95 per person, plus tax and tip. Call (831) 622-5445 for details. Also scenic and located a short distance from Carmel in the other direction is the Stillwater Bar & Grill in the Lodge at Pebble Beach, where diners will be served from noon to 6 p.m. for \$116 per adult, plus tax and tip. Kids 5 to 12 are \$54, plus tax and tip. For reservations, call (831) 625-8524.

A Spanish twist on the holiday feast can be had at Estéban Restaurant in the Casa Munras hotel in Monterey, where a four-course, family-style dinner will be served for \$40 per person, plus tax and tip, from 3 to 8 p.m. Phone (831) 324-6773 to reserve.

In Pacific Grove, the ever-festive Fandango Restaurant on 17th Street will have traditional holiday menus on Christmas Eve

and Christmas, too. Lunch on Dec. 24 will be \$17.95 for a turkey dinner, while dinner that night and the following night will run \$32.75. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 24, and 3 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 25. See <http://fandango-restaurant.com> for more information.

Dinner for the community

For a Christmas dinner experience of a different sort, consider attending or supporting the 31st Annual Free Christmas Dinner at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. From noon to 2 p.m., the Monterey Room will be transformed into a glittering setting with musical entertainment, toys for the kids, free clothes, and a guest

appearance by Santa Claus — not to mention the complete turkey and ham dinner.

"This special annual dinner is hosted by the Community Holiday Dinner Committee," organizer Rich Hughett said. "This annual dinner is free, and everyone is invited to share the spirit of the holidays!"

The committee is also looking for volunteers to help serve it, and anyone who's interested in lending a hand should call (831) 915-7173 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. To donate a ham, turkey, toys or a cash, call (831) 757-5709.

Finally, the Marina Police Department is coordinating the delivery of Christmas meals to those who can't get to the fairgrounds, and can be reached at (831) 884-1266.

Golden Bear and Burst + Bloom

Katie Blandin Shea of Bar Cart Cocktail Co., who produces Golden Bear Bitters, will be sharing tips for making fantastic drinks and showcasing her latest creations, all made from local foraged and harvested ingredients, at Burst + Bloom florist in the Crossroads shopping center Saturday, Dec. 17, from noon to 6 p.m.

Shea will be there to offer tastes of her new flavors of bitters, shrubs and tonics to

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Food drive at Rosine's

Rosine's — the Alvarado Street restaurant known throughout the Monterey Peninsula for its ultra-decadent desserts — is offering free sweets to anyone who brings in at least three unexpired nonperishable items for the Salvation Army Holiday Food Drive. Show up with a contribution and then sit down to lunch or dinner at the restaurant, and dessert

will be on the house.

For more information, visit <http://www.rosinesmonterey.com>. Rosine's is located at 434 Alvarado St. in Monterey.

Taste Christmas cheer

Trio Carmel on Dolores Street south of Ocean Avenue will offer complimentary tastes of locally made chocolate mousse along with the store's popular blood orange-infused olive oil and sea salt all weekend, Dec. 17-18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The decadent concoction can also be paired with Mesa del Sol's 2011 late harvest Zinfandel, for an extra special experience.

Trio features olive oils and vinegars, as

well as wines from Mesa del Sol, Pelerin and I. Brand & Family, and contemporary artwork. To learn more, visit <https://www.trio-carmel.com>.

Madeleine's ninth chapter

Damien Georis' Madeleine wines are lovingly produced and reasonably priced, and last week, he announced the release of "the 9th Chapter of the Madeleine story," a 2014 Cabernet Franc called, "Le Vigneron Poete."

"This new chapter is named after the most charismatic wine grower and winemaker from the Loire Valley, France," he explained. Charly Foucault, co-owner of the renowned Clos Rougeard in Saumur, died in December 2015 "after decades making the best Cabernet Franc in the country."

"Highly learned, he enjoyed long nights in the cellar around numerous bottles of wine and philosophical conversations," Georis continued. "He is one of the very reasons behind my passion for that region and its signature grape, Cabernet Franc. I will

always be grateful for his generosity and his wise words."

The grapes for Le Vigneron Poete were grown in Paicines, one of Georis' favorite areas in the county for Cabernet Franc, and for the first time in nine years, they were harvested in September, which is quite early. He fermented and macerated them for three weeks "in the most traditional and natural way," before the wine was aged in oak barrels for 18 months.

"Now is the time to see the result of this collaborative effort between Mother Nature, the great terroir of Paicines, the varietal, and the hands of the man," he said. Georis described his newest wine as being "full bodied and very elegant, with a silky texture," and medium tannins.

The wine is selling for \$28 per bottle directly from Georis, who produced 275 cases. Email him at igetmywine@madeleinewine.com or visit www.madeleinewine.com to order some.

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Twisted Roots enters cider game

Twisted Roots winery, which has a tasting room in Carmel Valley Village and produces several different wines, ventured beyond grapes to craft a new hard cider from apples.

Popular in Europe — especially in England and the Basque region along the border between France and Spain — hard ciders have increased in popularity stateside over the past decade. Like wine and beer, their styles vary.

Joining Chesebro, which released a small amount of elegant, dry, Basque-style, bottle-conditioned cider this year, and Ratel, which produces a dry cider that also uses hops, Twisted Roots has created its cider from five varieties of apples.

According to Twisted Roots, Golden Russets “enhance the bouquet and aromatics, and contribute complexity and fruit flavor,” Granny Smiths “add tannic structure and tartness,” Galas “help deliver a clean, refreshing finish,” Fujis “lend just the right amount of sweetness,” and Red Delicious “bring rich mouthfeel and a distinctly apple aromatic quality.”

The inaugural Twisted Roots cider can be sampled at the tasting room at 12 Del Fino Place. To learn more, visit <http://www.twistedrootshardcider.com> or call (831) 594-8282.

Special booze gifts

The Surf N Sand wine and liquor store behind Bruno’s at Junipero and Sixth, has plans for making an already great gift even better. On Friday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 7 p.m., customers who purchase a bottle of Jim Beam or another Beam Suntory product will have the opportunity to get it engraved for free. The company that owns Jim Beam’s extensive line of whiskies also has many other popular brands of Scotch and Japanese whiskies, Bourbons, cognacs, vodkas and tequilas in its portfolio.

Patrons will also be invited to enjoy tasty treats while they shop for spirits. For more information, visit www.surfnandsandliquors.com or call (831) 624-1805.

Happy Hours

Several months ago, the Carmel Coffee House on Ocean Avenue between San Carlos and Dolores introduced Early Morning Happy Hour, when a cup of coffee of any size can be had for \$1, and a latte can be purchased for \$2. The magic hour was from 7 to 8 a.m., but last week, caffeine addicts and early risers gained an extra hour to get to the coffee shop in time to grab such a good deal. Happy Hour at the city’s only onsite coffee roaster now runs from 7 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Carmel Coffee House makes its organic roasts in-house, including the rare Kula Estate, which features beans grown in the owners’ high-elevation, 1-acre plantation within a botanical reserve on the island of Maui.

With the exception of a few holidays, the coffee house is

open from 7 a.m. daily. Visit <http://carmelcoffee.com> to learn more.

I’ll Brie Home for Christmas

Hyatt Regency Monterey sous chef Matt Brady likes to get creative with his burgers, and this month’s special is no exception.

The “I’ll Brie Home for Christmas” Burger features Strauss grass-fed beef, Brie cheese, balsamic onion jam, and crispy bacon, and goes well with any number of the beers offered on draft at the Knuckles Sports Bar.

It’s located in the hotel at 1 Old Golf Course Road in Monterey, and is open Monday through Friday at 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. For more information, call (831) 372-1234.

Turkey Trot raises \$3,505

The Turkey Trot at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on Thanksgiving Day raised more than \$3,500 in cash and bags full of nonperishable items for the Food Bank for Monterey County, organizers announced.

More than 300 people spent part of their holiday morning running and walking around the 2.238-mile circuit, getting a head start before their indulgent holiday meals and doing a lot of good for those who don’t have much. Participants donated \$10 each to the food bank in order to take as many (or as few) laps as they wanted on foot.

Another fundraising effort, the Shake family’s annual turkey drive, generated \$36,725 in donations to purchase 1,843 turkeys and hams for the local Salvation Army corps to distribute to Monterey Peninsula families in need. The turkeys were distributed at the Sabu Shake Good Samaritan Center in Sand City on Thanksgiving and are also being divvied out through Christmas.

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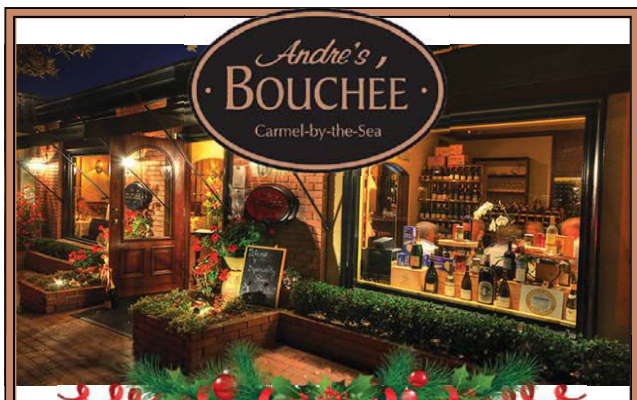
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RANCHO

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ident of nonprofit land use watchdog group. “We expect a clean and democratic process. There’s something rotten in Denmark. It’s not clear why there’s such a rush.”

But Williams insisted there has been no rush at all. “It’s pretty hard to rush something when it’s taken 10 years,” countered the builder, whose partner is Clint Eastwood. “That’s four presidential elections.”

Walton was one of about 30 speakers who shared their comments on the development. While the majority endorsed it, about a dozen people were critical of it. The supporters were mostly residents who live in the neighborhood and like the plan because it offers flood protection.

“Our neighborhoods are susceptible to flooding,” resident Larry Levine testified. “The county has not budgeted the work. Our efforts can only succeed with partnerships

like this.”

Another resident, Dick Stott, suggested the site at Rancho Cañada is ideal for such a subdivision because it’s close to schools and shopping, and won’t be visible from Carmel Valley Road. “It is vastly superior [to other] projects that would likely occur,” he said.

But several opponents took aim at the traffic the subdivision would create. “Traffic will come to a standstill with any more development,” warned Eric Sand, the vice president of the CVA.

Another resident said there’s no more room for any homes in the rural area.

“Not everyone can live here,” he said. “Carmel Valley is full.”

Resident Audrey Morris said she’s worried the housing will be rented to short-term visitors through internet sites like AirBnB.

“It would be a wonderful thing if it could be a park,” she said of the site.

Opponents also insisted that Williams be held to a 50 percent affordable housing requirement. Paola Berthoin said the devel-

opment “makes Swiss cheese” out of the requirement. But contractor Mike Hale urged supervisors to OK the plan — in part because he wants to live there. “Having the opportunity to obtain a home in a place where I call home is why I’m standing here,” Hale said.

Not enough time?

Hearings on four topics were scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m., but the meeting didn’t get going until after 2 p.m., and the public comment period unexpectedly took an hour after more than a dozen anti-fracking activists showed up to talk about Measure Z. Chair Jane Parker noted that there likely wouldn’t be enough time available for all four hearings, and she suggested the Rancho Cañada hearing — which was scheduled last — might have to wait until another day. Her comments were met with groans from a large segment of the audience that had traveled from Carmel Valley to Salinas for the hearing.

It was nearly 5:30 p.m. by the time the hearing started, and Parker suggested allowing Holm and Williams to make presentations before continuing the item the next day — because she had to leave by 6 p.m. But

Potter said he was willing run the meeting, to which she responded, “I don’t think it’s fair that I won’t have any input.” But Parker accepted the arrangement, and soon departed.

After public comments, Williams told supervisors that more than 400 residents who live nearby signed a petition endorsing the plan. “I’m as proud of this [the petition] as I am of my project,” he said.

Williams also took a parting shot the CVA, calling their opposition “disingenuous.” “They don’t want a solution — they want nothing,” he added.

The remaining four supervisors all expressed their support for the subdivision. Supervisor John Phillips called it “a well designed project,” and suggested opponents were being insincere about their focus on the affordable housing requirement.

“I’m not sure if they would support it if it was 100 percent inclusionary,” he said.

Potter, meanwhile, said there’s one part of being a county supervisor that he won’t miss.

“I read the environmental impact report, and God bless, it’s the last one I’ll ever read,” he added.

ART

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embody the spirit of the original beatniks & Bohemians of Carmel-by-the-Sea while we expose the mavericks, muses and mysterious creators alike,” reads an invitation to the gathering. “Drink the wine, taste the food, let the music make you move and allow your eyes to fall in love with the soul creations that will consume the walls of Barmel, Mundaka, Mundaka Cafe and Exposed along with installations and live art to fill the outside area.”

Participating artists include **Chelsea Belle Davey, Forrest Eggleston, Nicole Magnolia, Mel Barrett, Viktor Klinger** and others. **Sky Country, Radio Lara,** and singer-songwriters **Kenny Chung** and **Yvan Vucina** will play music at Barmel from 4 to 9 p.m.

Carmel Square is located at San Carlos

and Seventh.

■ There’s hope on the horizon

In April, executive director **Teresa Brown** told The Pine Cone that the Pacific Grove Art Center was facing “a major money problem” — in part because its rent had recently jumped 45 percent. But things are looking up now for the P.G. nonprofit.

Backing up her prognosis with numbers, Brown said the art center now has 350 members, up from 200 earlier this year. She reported that the nonprofit has been awarded more grants from foundations than ever before, and the amount of publicity the art center is receiving has also increased.

“Your continued support is the highest compliment you can give us,” Brown said. “We continue to face a critical year of financial challenges, but we are much stronger than we were a year ago and we plan to continue to grow and expand our programs.”

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Editorial

More for less

PEOPLE COMPLAIN about local water prices almost as much as they complain about the weather. And, just like with the weather, nobody seems to be able to do anything about them.

The complaints get especially loud when the community learns, as it did last week, that prices for water are going up again for the counterintuitive reason that everybody's been using less.

You all remember the drought, don't you? And the statewide "emergency" that had the governor calling for massive statewide reductions in consumption? It turns out we responded so well that now we have to be punished. Or so it seems to most people, who just can't get their heads around the idea of paying more to use less — ever for an essential commodity like water.

The problem is that water is one of those things that costs much more to deliver than they do to produce. Whether it's from your local water company, or a government agency, or a well in your backyard, the water that flows from the taps in your kitchen starts out as rain that falls from the sky — which means it starts out being free.

But once it falls, it has to be collected behind a dam or in an underground aquifer, and then treated and pumped into an extensive network of pipes to reach your house. So while getting water is as simple as waiting for it to rain, storing water and delivering it can be very expensive — and we're talking about expenses that don't go down much just because the storage and delivery networks happen to be handling less. It's a principle that applies to almost anything that costs more to deliver than it does to produce.

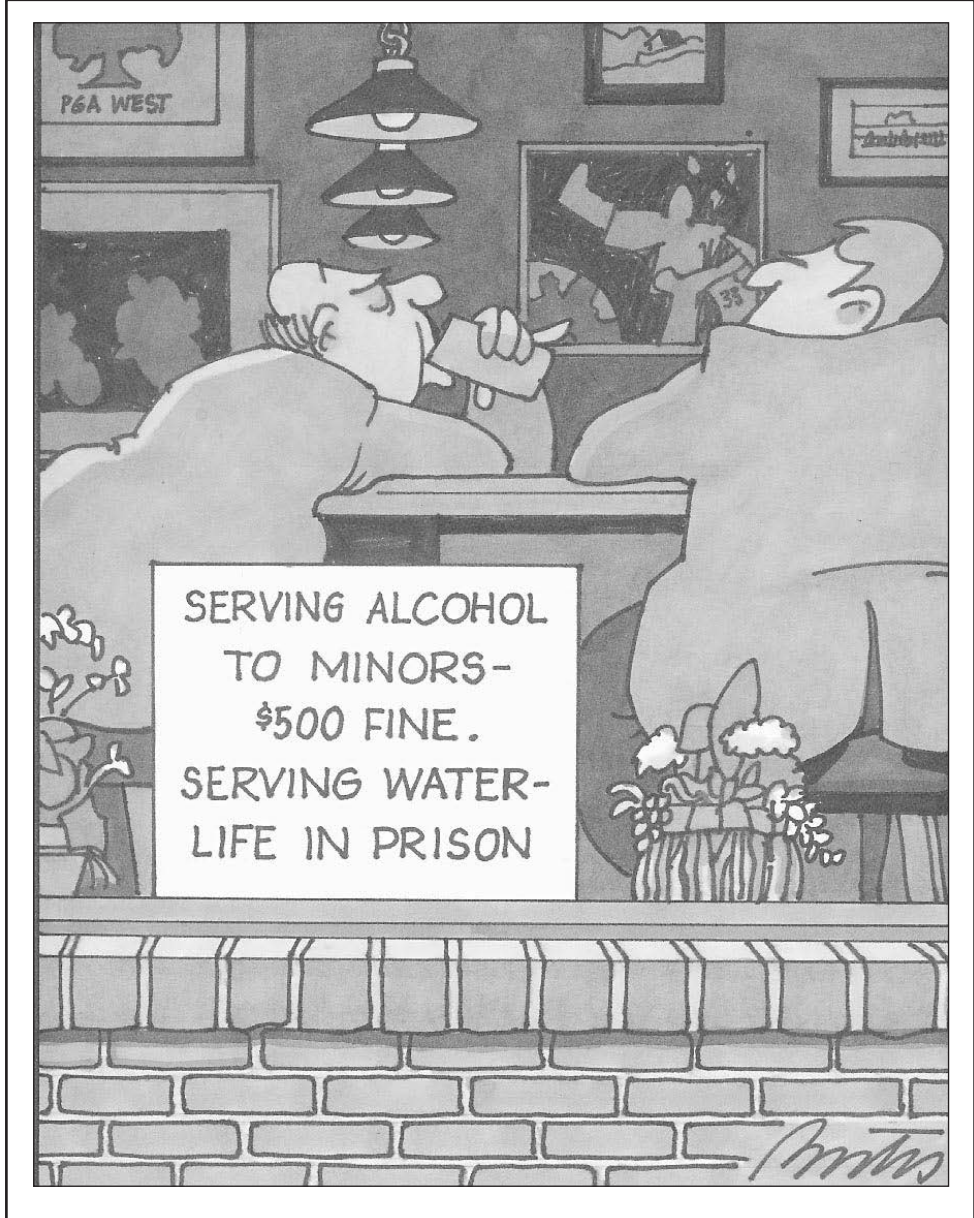
Think about ambulance service. To keep a highly specialized vehicle stuffed with the latest emergency medical gear and staffed by a crew of experienced emergency responders standing by on the outskirts of your neighborhood costs plenty — and those costs aren't going down much just because you never have a heart attack.

Ambulance service may cost \$5 million a year to provide, but that works out to only \$1,000 per ride in a neighborhood where there are 100 calls a week. In a neighborhood where everybody watches what they eat, goes to the gym regularly, and always looks both ways, however, the price per ride will be much higher. Does that mean all those people are being punished for being healthy? Hardly. It also doesn't mean that just because they haven't needed an ambulance lately doesn't mean they won't need an ambulance eventually.

Same thing with water, which you still need to be 100 percent available, even if you and all your neighbors have figured out a way to need it less often.

Paying more for using less is frustrating. But the grownups understand that there just isn't any alternative.

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'Opportunistic attack'

Dear Editor,

Regarding your editorial about the fire deaths in Oakland ("First Things First," December 9): It was a stretch to suggest that architectural and landscaping standards are somehow responsible. Investigators will probably find that blame rests with lax code enforcement and illegal habitation, not Oakland's preservation efforts, as suggested by your editorial.

California environmental regulations have historical preservation roots that long preceded the 1986 closure of this structure and are very separate from regulations focused on health and safety. Using this fire to launch an opportunistic and broad brush attack on fair minded historic and aesthetic regulations only shows contempt for land use regulations and does not come close to making the case they are connected to this tragedy.

Charles Lerable, Monterey

'A complete non sequitur'

Dear Editor,

There are many potential villains in the story about the Ghost Ship fire, but your attempted connection of the efforts of historic preservationists with this disaster is a complete non sequitur. All you are doing is using this tragedy as an excuse to push your favorite agenda, which is to decry government regulation.

The problem in Oakland, however, was the complete lack of enforcement of government regulation, and had those regulations been enforced, this tragedy would have been avoided. Historic preservation had nothing whatsoever to do with this, is not to blame for it, and the fight over demolition of a building 20 years ago isn't relevant to the issue of enforcement of basic fire safety regulations.

Paul Jacobs, Pacific Grove

And the dog was saved

Dear Editor,

On December 4, my dog Nellie, a Welsh Corgi, and I were on the escalator at Macy's when she caught her toenail in the folding stairs. Of course, she cried loudly. One young girl was so very concerned and had such empathy for Nellie and asked to help. I wanted to get Nellie to the vet, but I couldn't carry her to my car. The sweet young girl carried Nellie to my car and said she wanted to be a vet. An excellent vet she will be, so watch out Monterey Peninsula, in about 13 years you will have a wonderful new Vet in town. Thank you for your help with Nellie.

Diane Wilcox, Carmel

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His medium breaks under pressure, but he doesn't

STAINED GLASS artist Alan Masaoka stood among the remains of his family's ancestral castle on the island of Shikoku in Japan last summer, taking in the beauty and the ruin of the site. He thought about his great-great-grandfather, the samurai warrior who rode his horse across the landscape some 300 years before.

As was custom, the samurai fought for his honor and, when he was defeated by one of his foes, he took his life and his wife's, on that very site, before they could be captured and disgraced — or worse.

As he stood on the site that long-ago tragedy, Masaoka felt shivers run through him with his own sense of honor and pride, understanding that the stories he had heard his whole life were real and true.

As he shared the incredibly intimate moment with his longtime partner, artist Ellen Henrici, he realized that the time and place had come to do something profoundly honorable himself, and propose. So he did.

She said yes.

"When I was at the very site of my heritage, I realized that my great-great-grandfather lives in my subconscious, and informs me and is part of who I am," he said. "My name, 'Masaoka,' means 'the mountain where the moon goes down.' This was the name given to him when he became a samurai."

After their deeply inspiring trip to Japan, the newly betrothed couple returned to Carmel Valley, where she's a painter and printmaker, and he creates stained glass for windows, lighting, art and architecture.

The Peninsula and the world

Renowned for his artistry, Masaoka has been working with glass for more than 40

years. His work is installed across the Monterey Peninsula and around the world, including his recent commission of two 25-foot by 8-foot windows, called "River of Time," at San Francisco General Hospital.

The work, which features an abstraction of budding tree branches above a calm riverbed, was inspired by Masaoka's walks along the Carmel River and effectively ushers the outdoors in, inviting reflection and meditation. He also created a third, 8-foot by 8-foot curved window for the hospital.

"Walking along the river and across the

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

landscape near my home is very healing for me," said Masaoka. "I felt it would offer the same to the patients on the seventh floor of the hospital."

Masaoka's sensitivity to others' well being was evident long before he got into glass.

Born in 1948 to parents who had lost everything while living in internment camps, he grew up in the housing projects of San Francisco at a time and place when the Japanese were not welcomed. When he was 6 or 7, his family moved to Menlo Park.

"I realized the people there saw me as a minority and not to be trusted. Most kids were not allowed to play with me. Besides, I was dyslexic, which no one understood back then. It was not easy growing up."

After two years at the College of San Mateo, Masaoka avoided being drafted by moving to West Virginia to do social work with kids in the "hills and hollers" of the Appalachian Mountains.

In 1968, Masaoka became part of VISTA — Volunteers in Service to America — where he was assigned to work with kids caught up in the culture of drugs and alcohol.

After his stint with VISTA, Masaoka moved to Seattle.

"Seattle was becoming the glass capital of the country, and I liked the culture of it," Masaoka recalled. "The studio glass movement was just beginning, and I got absorbed into it — stained glass, fused glass, blown glass — all of it. I studied at Pilchuck Glass School, founded by Dale Chihuly, among the best glass designers in the world."

By 1975, he had opened his own glass studio. Right away, he received both public and private commissions, quickly establishing his name and following in the art glass community.

But within five years, the competition had become fierce, and suddenly there were more glass studios in Seattle than there were in Venice. "So I moved to Carmel Valley," Masaoka said. "I had extended family there,



PHOTO/COURTESY ALAN MASAOKA

Alan Masaoka and Ellen Henrici in Shikoku, Japan, just after he proposed marriage. Her answer is obvious.

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POTTER

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with his 100-year-old mother. There are no plans, contrary to rumors, that he's leaving the Peninsula.

"I'm not going anywhere," he said. "We are staying put, we love it here," said Potter, who lives in Carmel with wife, Janine Chicourrat. "We are not going back east, contrary to some of the rumors."

He said the highlights of his time in office include the approval of the Highway 1 climbing lane, the financial turnaround of Natividad Medical Center — which had a \$34 million deficit before he the other supervisors helped turn it around to a \$72 million

HIKES

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miles of trails, several of which lead to world-class vistas and perfect picnic spots.

The park has experienced a surge in visitation, but supervising ranger Kane Camarillo said he isn't sure how much of it is related to the closure of nearby federal lands.

"We saw an uptick of visitors even before the fire," Camarillo reported. "We've seen our numbers go way up over the past five years."

Also open to hikers is Point Lobos State Reserve, although parking is very limited, and it gets quite crowded. You'll likely end up parking along Highway 1 and walking in. But if you don't mind the drive, hikes are plentiful along Big Sur's South Coast (two trailheads at Salmon Creek are a great place to start), although you'll face a lengthy drive in busy holiday traffic, so bring your patience along with your hiking shoes.

balance in cash reserves — and the reuse of Fort Ord, despite recent snags, including the collapse of proposed horse park Monterey Downs.

He also pointed to the millions of dollars the supervisors secured for safety improvement projects in the county, including road construction and renovation projects in Big Sur, Prunedale and the Red Barn interchange in Aromas. "We did a lot with limited resources," he said.

In pursuing a water supply project for the Monterey Peninsula, Potter — who was on the California Coastal Commission for a dozen years — served not only on the board of supervisors but as a director with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

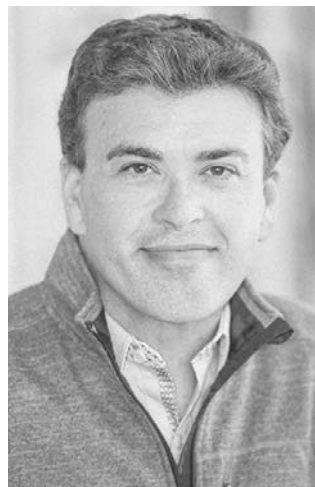
"I'm really proud of the way the water district is situated now versus the way it used to be, when the enemy was the county and the cities," he said. "We are now collaborating."

Potter will continue to operate his company, Potter Construction, which he started in 1974.

As for the challenges Adams faces as the Fifth District supervisor, Potter said, "I think it's realizing the complexities of the issues and recognizing this is a very demanding job with a demanding constituency. You have to hit the ground running because this community expects first-class service."

CORRECTION

Domaine Hospitality Partners, LLC, does not owe \$90,000 to Pacific Grove for work on the city's Local Coastal Program. A story last week was incorrect. Domaine has fulfilled its financial obligations to the city, according to city manager Ben Harvey.



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PILATES

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ing their burns and helping each other through that part of it," she said. "But there's not much about the future: Where do I go from here? I think people need to know there's a tomorrow."

Haigh-Bishop was diagnosed with breast cancer 10 years ago, and endured a lumpectomy, six months of chemotherapy, and sixth months of radiation treatments before she went into remission. She still has annual mammograms a decade later.

She said, "Pilates is very good at helping you be, as we like to say, equal on both sides. It enables you to feel more structurally sound because you're taking care of the area that has been damaged by the radiation and surgery, as well as the scar tissue."

A woman who had had breast surgery typically has extremely limited mobility in her shoulders afterwards, Borgman-Quist explained. If she's also had reconstructive

surgery, she's likely to be fitted with a chest expander in her rib cage, as well as saline balloons while she's healing.

The presence of those foreign objects can make deep breathing next to impossible, a problem her Pilates workout also is designed to diminish or eliminate, said Borgman-Quist. Pilates is designed to build flexibility, muscle strength and endurance in the legs, abdomen, arms, hips and back. The workouts emphasize spinal and pelvic alignment, breathing, developing a strong core and improving coordination and balance.

'Suddenly, I could move again'

Linda Temple came to Pilates Monterey after undergoing major surgery to remove a large, malignant tumor from one of her breasts, reconstructive surgery on both breasts, and 5½ months of intense chemotherapy (during which she lost her hair, including eyelashes and eyebrows). She was midway through a seven-week stint of radiation treatments when she discovered Borgman-Quist's program.

"During the last four weeks of my radiation treatments I was also taking two Pilates sessions each week," Temple said. "When I first walked in, I couldn't raise my arms over my head. Then, one day, during one of my sessions, I felt something pop and suddenly I could move again."

Rubin had a similarly exciting moment during a recent class.

"The instructor was helping me do a backbend — all the way down, back up, and all the way down again," she said. "I couldn't believe I was able to do that at my age. It was like I was suddenly 12 years old again."

Di Palma says she's found her time at the studio to be "useful on all levels: physical, psychological, sociological, emotional, and spiritual."

"You almost feel like you're re-programming parts of your body and mind that have gone to sleep," she said. "Pilates classes are the very first thing I put on my calendar every month."

More information about the Peninsula Pilates Project may be obtained by visiting the website or calling (831) 521-4288.

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LIVES

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and it seemed like an ideal place to do glass, in the clear light and surrounded by such an evocative setting."

He established Masaoka Glass Design on Center Street in Carmel Valley Village. Once again, he quickly received public and private glass commissions from San Francisco, San Jose and the Monterey Peninsula, among them a dramatic circular stained-glass window for the Monterey Conference Center.

"When I do commissions for homes," he said, "I feel like my creations are extensions of the owner and the way they want their homes to reflect art. I speak with my clients in their own settings, and we collaborate on a design, a kind of Asian aesthetic that works for them."

Valley resident Lois Mayol hadn't thought about having a stained-glass window in the master bathroom she was remodeling in her home near Quail Lodge. But then she found a "wonderful twig" after the first big storm of the season and brought it to Masaoka, saying, "Here, do with it what you will."

"We live with a lot of Asian sensibility in our landscaping and the interior design and art collecting we've done," said Mayol. "Alan's aesthetic appeals to me. I don't know if it has to do with his Japanese heritage or not. I'm not a stained-glass person in the traditional sense, but this came to me when I was working with another artist in his studio, and I thought, 'what a wonderful solution, rather than putting a film across the windows.'"

By melting lead into the glass, Masaoka created the suggestion of a branch without leaves, running across three panels of glass. "It is a very subtle, sensual piece," he said.

Masaoka also does free-standing sculptural pieces, which are displayed in the gallery at his studio, which represents more than a dozen other local artists.

"Glass really is such a sensual experience, the way it is formed, how it flows when it's hot and freezes when it cools down. It is both fragile and strong. When I cut glass," he said, "it tells me how much pressure it can take before it gives in and breaks."

Masaoka sees his whole life as a creative experience. As an artist, he says, your life is about giving, to your medium, your community, yourself. As much as you give, you get back.

"I feel really lucky, after 40 years, to be living in a perfect place, doing perfect art, and especially being engaged to a person who's so perfect to continue sharing my life," Masaoka said. "Just like glass, every part of my life loves me, and I love it back."

Somewhere, one hopes that the ghost of his samurai ancestor is smiling his approval.



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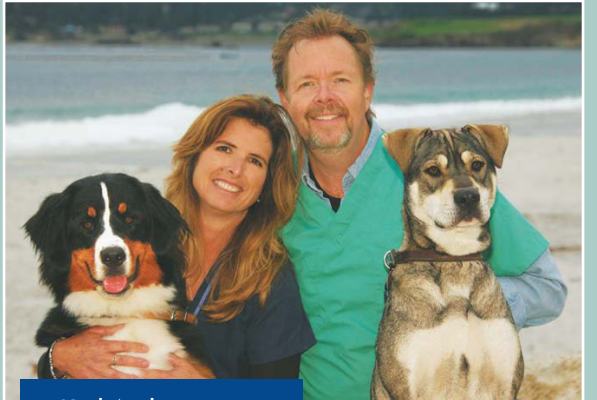
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PETS

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mum, you're potentially looking at a bad frat party outcome — vomiting and diarrhea — and at worst, alcohol poisoning.

On the other hand, the fiber and nutrients in cooked natural pumpkin are good for Felix and Rowlf, so it's not only safe, but healthy, to give them a spoonful out the can.

But in general, Karl and Lori agreed that the safest bet was just to keep people food for people.

Food isn't the only holiday danger to pets. According to Karl, "Assume that you need to childproof your home for your pets — a Christmas house is a different house," meaning that the decorations and higher traffic cause hazards that aren't there the rest of the year.

Every cat owner has at least one tree destruction story, and plants like mistletoe, holly and poinsettia can all cause problems from irritation to death if ingested. Keep glass ornaments where they can't be shattered. If your pets are prone to chewing on wires, find a way to keep them out of reach — they can cause painful mouth burns.

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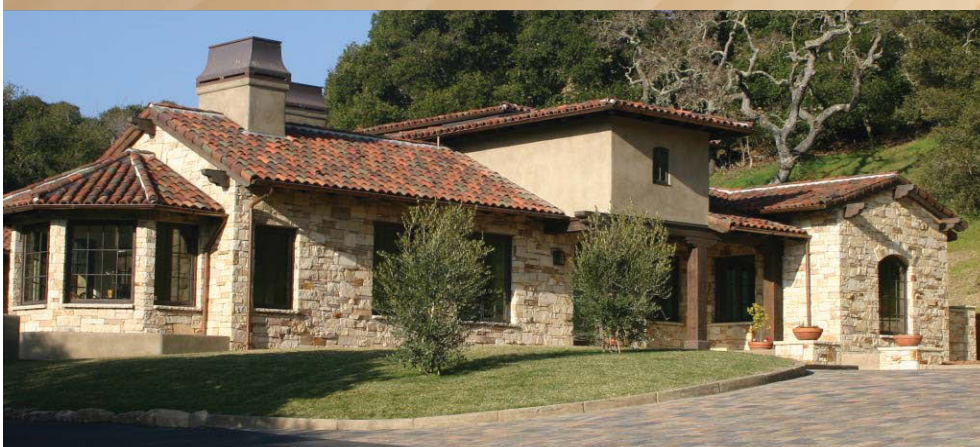
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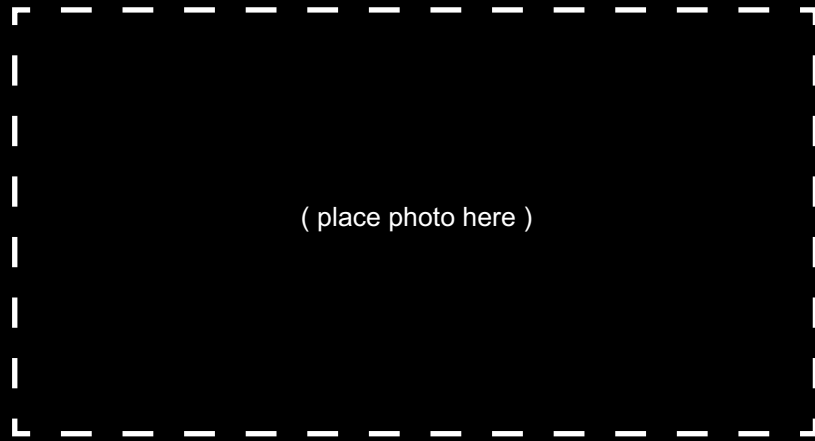
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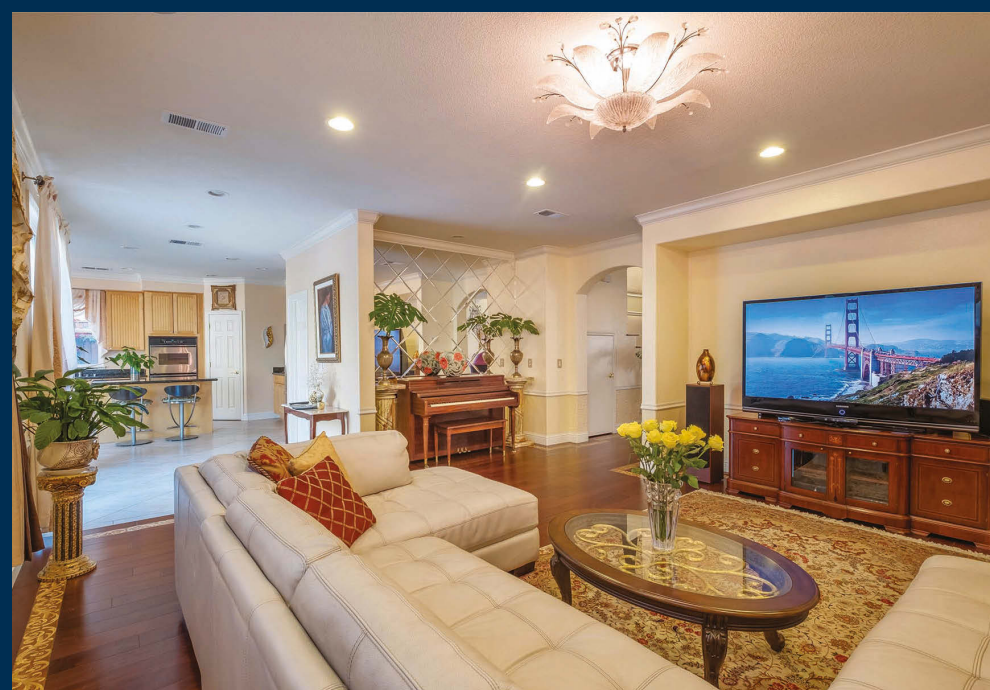

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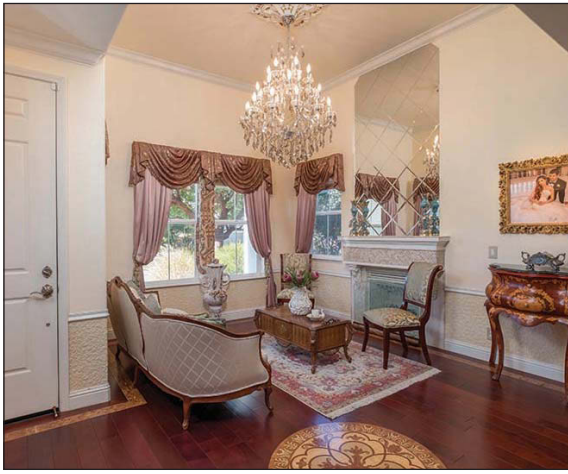
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POLICE LOG

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel Valley: A 51-year-old male Cachagua Road resident reported a violation of a restraining order by a 53-year-old female. Complaint to follow.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported there was a coyote running on the street along Casanova. No aggressive behavior seen by the man and his wife.

Pacific Grove: Male was contacted while the officer was conducting checks of turnouts on Ocean View Boulevard at 0021 hours. Consent search yielded illegal narcotics. The 51-year-old male suspect was arrested, booked, cited and released from PGPD.

Pacific Grove: Report of the past-tense

theft of property on Lighthouse Avenue. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Dog feces placed on the person's vehicle while it was parked on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Passerby saw a small area of handwritten vandalism at a church preschool on Eighth Street. No suspect info.

Pacific Grove: Officer observed a near collision on Central Avenue and did a traffic stop on the vehicle at fault. Driver, a 50-year-old male, was on probation, was driving on a suspended license, and was in possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Driver arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

Carmel Valley: Report of lost property on Valley Greens Drive.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD and CFA

responded to the report of a subject on Torres south of Mountain View who was unresponsive and not breathing. Upon arrival, the subject did not have a pulse. The subject had a DNR on file.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD responded to a past-tense peace disturbance that occurred at a business on Ocean east of Lincoln. A subject was acting strangely and threw a cup of coffee at an employee, and left the business. The victim did not want to press charges for the battery, but did not want the subject to return to the business. CPD located the subject and advised the subject not to return to the business or be subject to arrest for trespassing.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A bicycle was located in the back of a pickup at Fourth and Mission that was reported stolen several months ago out of Monterey.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Local hotel employee found a wallet on the street in the area of Dolores and Fourth. The owner is from the UK.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Backpack was found under a bench at Devendorf Park during the tree lighting. Brought to the station for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet lost two days ago.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City employee brought a coin purse found at Monte Verde and Ocean to the police department for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City employee turned a found camera lens hood in to the police department for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a DUI accident that initiated within city limits on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An adult male, age 34, was arrested for driving under the influence of multiple prescription medications. Male was contacted following a report of a hit-and-run on Serra Avenue which subsequently caused the suspect's vehicle to catch fire in the area of Upper Trail. The male was cited and released from the CPD station.

Pacific Grove: Male on Forest Avenue reported his vehicle was vandalized. Suspect information provided — ongoing investigation.

Pebble Beach: Deputies conducted a welfare check on Chaparral Road after receiving information that a man may be suicidal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male on Lincoln north of Eighth reported a past-tense vandalism to his residence. There was no suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a loose dog in the area of Scenic and 13th, and attempted to notify the dog owner via the ID on the collar. At first, no contact was made, and the Carmel Police Department was notified. Before the officer's arrival, the owner contacted the person, and the dog was returned. Later, the officer contacted the dog owner via telephone, and information was obtained. A warning was given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle was towed from Carmel Rancho Boulevard, and the driver, a 50-year-old male, was cited for having expired registration and driving without a license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A resident called in to report that a courier dropped a parcel at Junipero and Eighth. Attempts were made to contact the courier and were met with negative results. The package was taken to the police station for safekeeping pending notification from the courier and/or the shipper.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found a pair of binoculars in the residential area of Lincoln and

Third, and brought them to the PD for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver, a 36-year-old female, was cited at Carpenter and First for driving on a suspended license. Vehicle was released to the registered owner.

Pacific Grove: While performing muni code enforcement along Ocean View Boulevard at the Acropolis turnout at 0009 hours, a vehicle was spotted with three individuals aboard. Officer activated the emergency lights and contacted the passengers in the vehicle. Two were juveniles, and one was an adult. A strong scent of marijuana was coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle did not reveal any marijuana. The adult admitted to having smoked the marijuana. One juvenile was released to her sister, with the mother's consent. The adult and the other juvenile were released to a grandmother. Both juveniles were released with a warning citation for curfew violation.

Pacific Grove: Person reported vandalism to a vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed by California Towing for expired registration as of May 2016, suspended as of Nov. 9, 2015, with no plates, and the interior worn and torn and full of garbage. Steering column was damaged dents and scratches on all sides.

Carmel area: Deputies responded for a disturbance call on Guadalupe Street.

Carmel Valley: The windows of a vehicle that was parked at a local church on Carmel Valley Road were smashed in. No other crime was discovered.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to two loose dogs in the intersection of Camino del Monte and Junipero. The officer contained one of the dogs, and the other stayed nearby. Officer contacted the dog owner via the ID on the collar. The dogs were placed in the secured area of the owners' yard, due to the response time. Later, the dog owner contacted the officer for follow-up. An area of the wire fence was found to be unsecure. A warning was given. One prior violation with one of the dogs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 29-year-old female was arrested on Dolores Street at 1501 hours for public intoxication. She was released to AMR due to her level of intoxication.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female on Mission north of Fourth believed she was being followed by a silver SUV because of her knowledge of "trade secrets." There was no factual evidence to support these accusations at this time, and she did not pose a danger to herself or others. An area check was conducted for the vehicle and any related subjects, but was met with negative results. This report is for informational purposes. A close patrol of the female's residence was also conducted.

Pacific Grove: Driver of a vehicle fell asleep on Sunset Drive at 0100 hours and struck a portion of a telephone pole. No injuries; vehicle towed from the scene.

Pacific Grove: Driver, a 19-year-old female, was stopped on Lighthouse Avenue for a traffic violation and was found to be unlicensed. The driver was cited and released on scene.

Carmel area: Male reported that a female was refusing to leave the property on Mesa Place.

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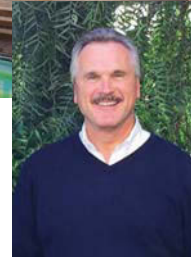
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Ever wondered what a \$6,497 pair of hand-made alligator boots looks like? Erin Allen of Burns Cowboy Shop is here to show you.

IT'S PRETTY easy to buy Christmas presents for most people on your gift list, be they naughty or nice. But it's more difficult to pick something for the person who has everything, or the one who says there's nothing he really wants. Yet, even the most been-there-done-that type would probably be disappointed if there was nothing for them under the tree, so I've done some snooping around downtown, and even on the internet, and come up with a list of special finds that will help you put a checkmark next to the trickiest name on your list.

For starters, if you're buying for a man who likes wristwatches and happens to be a big-time Formula 1 racing fan, Fourtane on Ocean Avenue has just the thing: a beautiful Paul Newman Daytona Rolex 6241, priced at \$175,000. Model 6241s are more rare than other vintage Paul Newman Rolex Daytona watches, and are highly favored among collectors.

Of course, a problem with owning a \$175,000 watch is where to put it at night. You can't just toss it in a dresser drawer with

collar stays and loose change. So he'll need a David Linley watch cabinet (www.davidlinley.com) for only \$24,000. This handsome cabinet is handcrafted in marble Macassar ebony and walnut, and features eight watch-winders for keeping automatic watches ticking.

If the man you're buying for is glued to the TV set for Saturday College Football, Sunday Afternoon Football, Sunday Night Football, Monday Night Football, Thursday Night Football, and the 31,289 Bowl Games ahead of us, look no farther than www.neimanmarcus.com for a private one-day football camp for four people with former San Francisco 49er quarterback Joe Montana that kicks off for \$65,000.

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When I told a lady friend about this gift she said: "I wonder how much time is spent in

the huddle?" I changed the subject before she could ask about penalties such as illegal use of hands. She's on my naughty list.

Got a bronco-busting beau on your list?

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

You can do no better than hitch your Palomino outside of Burns Cowboy Shop on Ocean between Lincoln and Dolores — a shop that boasts six generations of ownership by one family. Erin Allen, sales team leader, showed me a pair of hand-made alligator boots manufactured by Lucchese for \$6,497 — but you get two for that price (a left and a right). And whether you are into Western wear or not, it is impossible not to be mesmerized by beautiful array of buckles, belts, and other clothing in the shop's warm com-

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GERVASE

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fortable setting.

Erin showed me a Burns-designed, custom-fitted, hand-fabricated saddle of leather and sterling silver (\$12,000) that had me ready to find the nearest horse trader. Or perhaps you have a friend who'd like a hat just like the one Mr. Eastwood wore in the Centennial Parade. You can get one at Burns. A half beaver, half northern-European-hare hat is yours for \$450. When I tried it on I hoped I would look like Clint. Wrong! I still looked like Smiley Burnett.

Keeping the chill away

It can get cool in Carmel, especially by the sea, so your special lady might very much like a body-slimming raccoon jacket from Parisian furrier Yves Salomon (\$2,760), available at www.farfetch.com.

I prefer the elegant cashmere and silk coat by Brunello Cucinelli (\$4,745) I saw at Madrigal on Mission shown to me by Carter Magdayao. He also persuaded me to check out a men's suede jacket with an embossed herringbone pattern.

The jacket immediately spoke to me. It said, "You can't afford the \$3,695 price." I tried arguing with it, but I lost.

Perhaps you have someone on your shopping list who seeks a place of peace and serenity. A place where one can go deep enough inside oneself to hear the silence and listen to the spaces between us. At Conway of Asia on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh, George Mederos showed me a very serenely seated Mandalay Buddha. The solid lacquered teakwood statue from the 19th century is approximately 44 inches by 56 inches.

Conway is another unique Carmel shop where one can lose track of time by browsing the thousands of works of art and relics from the crossroads of civilization. I just know Conway's is where Jon Hall and Maria Montez shopped for flying carpets.

I am a certifiable pen freak, so shopping for something exquisite means stopping at Bittner on Ocean between San Carlos and

Mission. The shop is celebrating its 25th anniversary. There, I saw a pen that was perfect for the one extra special person in my life, me. It is the Montblanc 18-karat solid gold Greta Garbo 100-year anniversary edition pen, adorned with 1.6 carat of diamond and mother of pearl. The pen is dazzling. It is mysteriously cool, just like Garbo. I know with that pen in my hand I could write a sequel to "Anna Karenina" that would make Tolstoy proud. Detlef Bittner said he would gift-wrap it for me for a cup of coffee ... and \$28,500. I'll probably have to have a Papermate Christmas instead.

OK. Let's get serious. You need a present for someone special. Money is no object. You must visit Dawson Cole, the Richard MacDonald Gallery at the corner of Lincoln and Sixth.

Just after crossing the threshold you are greeted by Rain, Macdonald's statue of a mime. Art consultant Cyd Gloer tells me that the red patina sculpture is leaning forward to catch raindrops in its cupped palm. It is a simple gesture of welcome to anyone entering the gallery.

Ms. Gloer cannot discuss cost, but told me you could purchase artworks priced from \$900 into the millions of dollars at the gallery. Rain falls somewhere between those figures.

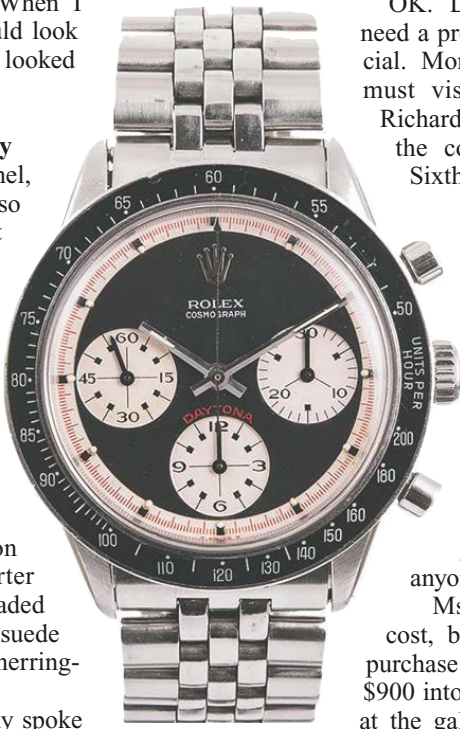
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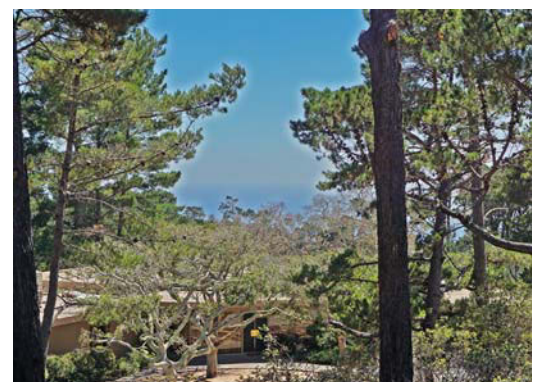
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Columnist Elaine Hesser invites you to submit story ideas directly to her by email: elaine@carmelpinecone.com. Include hi-res headshot photos of newsmakers.

CALLS

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A search of a vehicle at Ocean and Randall revealed a purse that is suspected to be lost or stolen. The owner of the purse was unable to be located.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for blocking a driveway on San Carlos north of Sixth.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle was observed driving on a golf course on Asilomar Boulevard, causing damage.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle stolen sometime during the night from a designated parking spot on Grove Acre. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on 19th was vandalized. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Past-tense theft of personal belongings from inside an unlocked vehicle on Chestnut Street. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Family's vacation home on Del Monte Boulevard was burglarized. No forced entry was used. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Theft reported on Rosemont.

Carmel Valley: Unknown suspect(s) took items from a vehicle on Rancho San Carlos Road.

Carmel Valley: Victim on Pradera sent money to unknown persons. She was told she had won the lottery

Carmel area: Via Crotalo resident reported hearing banging sounds coming from the exte-

rior of the home. The resident also discovered a light Christmas ornament in the bushes to the right of the front door.

Carmel area: Male on Stewart Place reported his 16-year-old son as a run away.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop was conducted at Ocean and Junipero at 0003 hours for a CVC violation, and the driver was found to have a \$5,000 traffic warrant. The driver was cited out in the field.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported that after working in the area of San Carlos and Seventh, some work paintbrushes were left behind. The caller requested a report in the event the items were turned in.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found identification in Mission Trail Park was turned over to a parking officer pending owner notification.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A cell phone was lost in the business district, in the area of Ocean and Lincoln, and the person requested a report. Call received from the owner. The phone has been located and was back in the owner's possession.

Pacific Grove: Burglary to a parked storage trailer on Monarch Lane. No property was reported missing. No suspect information.

Carmel area: APS referral on Dougherty Place.

Carmel Valley: Victims on Colt Lane stated unknown suspect(s) obtained money from their broker without their knowledge.

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APN: 001-067-001

645 Pine Street — \$767,000

Donna Ventura to Isaac and Linda Ross
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Pacific Grove

414 Gibson Avenue — \$226,000

Sally Alexander to Brook and Tara Francisco
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986 Benito Court — \$575,000

Corsaut Trust to Monterey Bay Property Solutions LLC
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16 Glen Lake Drive — \$651,500

Scott and Laura Rugar to John and Barbara Wesley
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420 Cypress Avenue — \$783,000

Xiang Li and Yan Yang to April Whitehead
APN: 006-462-009

211 Locust Street — \$825,000

Roger and Marelene Sorenson to James and Linda McClain
APN: 006-311-004

880 19th Street — \$842,273

Joseph Plescia to John and Isabelle Przypek
APN: 006-653-008

862 Marino Pines Road — \$945,000

Mickeal and Jennifer Henderson to
Timothy David and Katie and Nicholas Strong
APN: 006-634-035

419 Asilomar Blvd. — \$1,350,000

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Pebble Beach

4033 Los Altos Drive — \$587,000

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APN: 008-112-035

3044 Cormorant Road — \$3,379,500

Zachary Kauffmann to MC3 LLC
APN: 007-303-010

3410 17 Mile Drive — \$18,500,000

Robert and Anne Torray to Cats Cape LLC
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Seaside

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Andria Cambridge and Michael Ortiz to Kimberly Clerico
APN: 012-109-028

1128 Cielito Court — \$525,000

David Miller to Stephen and Francesca Cardinalli
APN: 012-395-020

5115 Peninsula Point Court — \$900,000

Daniel Rowland and Janneke Wolken to
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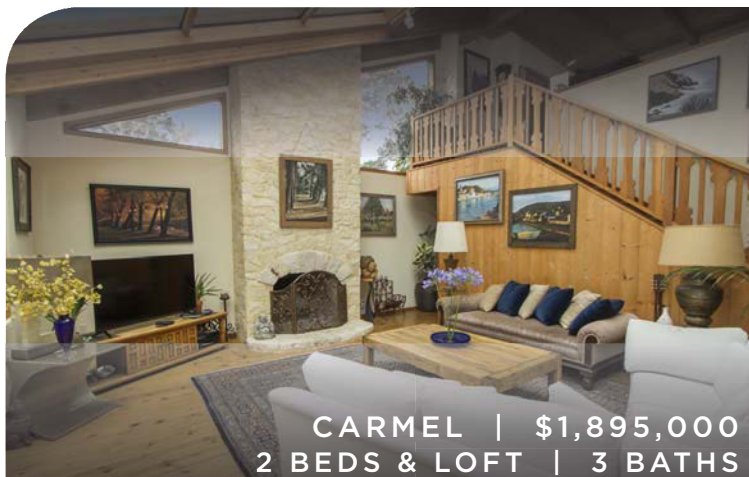


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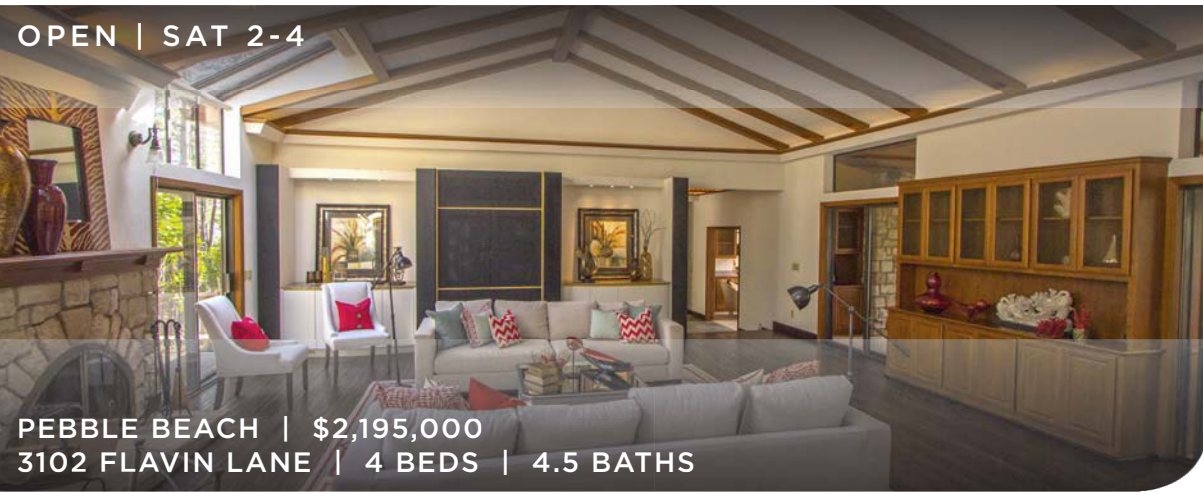


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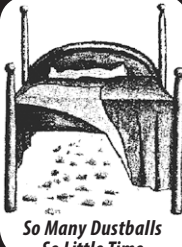
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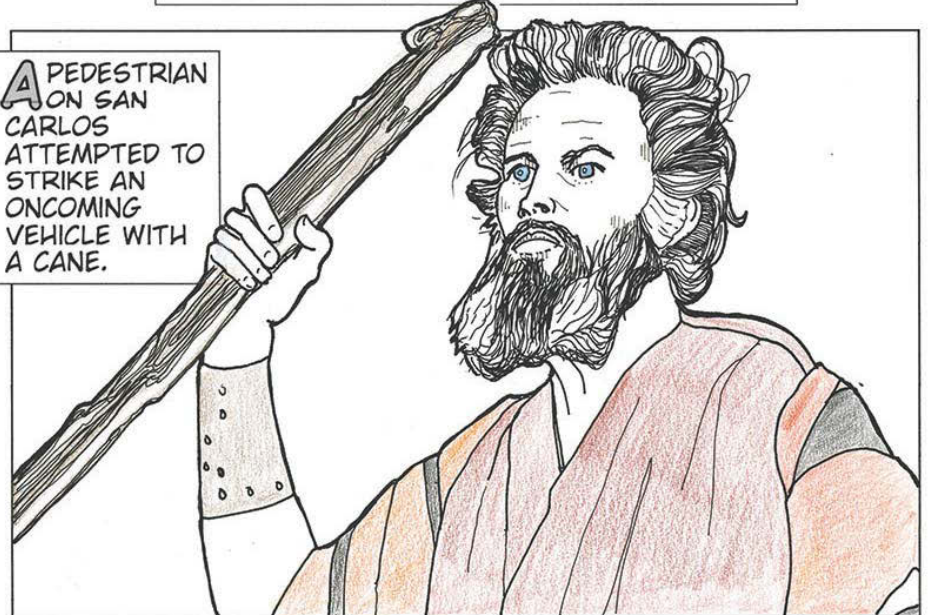
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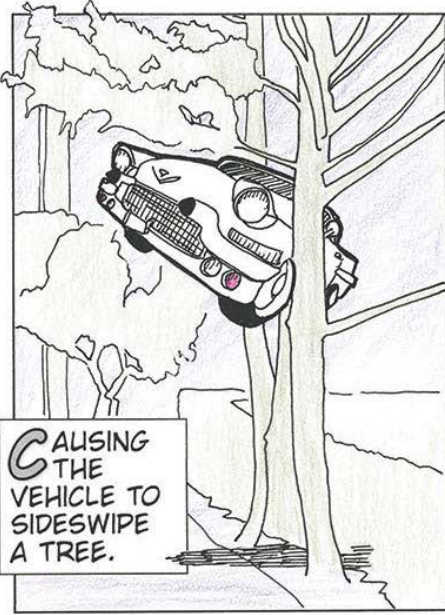
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