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INTRUDER WALKS INTO P.G. SCHOOLS

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove Unified School District this week announced it's making major changes to security — including permanently locking the doors to the middle school during school hours — after a man with an extensive criminal history was arrested for repeatedly trespassing at two schools.

According to PGUSD officials and Pacific Grove Police, Riley Fitzgerald

Elvin, 28, of Pacific Grove, wandered around inside the middle school on Nov. 14 while students were there, and went to the high school two times that same day. He returned to the high school a third time Tuesday morning while kids were in class.

"Riley Elvin was arrested yesterday by school resource officer Andrea Hill after she was notified by PGUSD staff that this individual had returned to one of their campuses," P.G. Police Cmdr. Brian Anderson told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

Elvin — who was captured on surveillance video inside P.G. Middle last week — has been arrested numerous times, including for robbery, battery and drug crimes.

He was taken into custody Tuesday after entering the high school, which is not fenced, at about 10:40 a.m. and going to the library and asking for information about "obtaining a student ID." School officials, including principal Lito Garcia, escorted him off campus.

Within minutes

After Elvin left the high school and started walking toward P.G. Middle, administrators called police, who arrived within minutes and arrested him.

According to Monterey County Jail records, Elvin was booked on a misdemeanor charge of entering school grounds without registering with school officials, a felony charge of threatening public employees or school officials, and a second felony charge of making criminal threats. It's not clear who was threatened or what was said.

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Police and P.G. school officials say this man entered the high school three times and the middle school once while class was in session.

City may use Coastal Act to fight mandates

■ Says ADUs should count against building limit

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE STATE laws compel local governments to approve granny units without public hearings or environmental review as long as they meet some basic requirements, planning commissioners learned last week they might be able to fight those mandates using the Coastal Act. Unlike most cities in the state, 1-square-mile Carmel is entirely within the zone where the California Coastal Commission is king.

Planning director Brandon Swanson and planner Evan Kort introduced a draft ordinance regulating accessory dwelling units at a workshop Nov. 15.

"Some of the new concepts and regulations we're talking about in the new ADU ordinance rely heavily, and we feel correctly, on the fact we are subject to the Coastal Act," Swanson said. The city incorporated many state coastal-protection policies in 2004 when it adopted a Local Coastal Program.

No free square footage

According to the California Department of Housing and Community Development's ADU handbook, the 15 state laws passed in the past six years protecting granny units "do not necessarily alter or lessen the effect of application

of Coastal Act resource protection policies," Kort explained.

With the power of the Coastal Act on their side, Kort and Swanson crafted an ordinance that would, most notably, count the square footage of an accessory dwelling unit against the city's 1,800-square-foot maximum above-ground floor area on a standard lot — though the 91 ADUs approved so far have been exempt from that limit.

"The concern is the current practice, where you could have an 1,800-square-foot house plus 800 to 1,500 square feet of ADU

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PHOTOS/(TOP) KERRY BELSER, (ABOVE) MARY SCHLEY

A proposed ordinance would regulate ADUs like the one on Guadalupe (top) that some residents felt was too large and out of character, and another tucked behind a larger home on Third.

Seven years after fire, hiking trail gets a major fix

By CHRIS COUNTS

DAMAGED BY a major wildfire and the storms that followed, a critical section of Big Sur's most popular hiking route, the Pine Ridge Trail, has been repaired, the Ventana Wilderness Alliance announced this week.

As a result, a reroute of the trail that required hikers to cross the Big Sur River without a bridge — which is a potentially deadly venture when the river is flowing — can now be abandoned.

The trail project was a collaboration between the Ventana Wilderness Alliance, the United States Forest Service

and American Conservation Experience, which provided a paid crew of workers to complement VWA volunteers.

According to VWA executive director Mike Chamberlain, the 2016 Soberanes Fire and the mudslides that followed caused "great damage" along the Pine Ridge Trail.

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'Forever chemicals' found in Peninsula water

By KELLY NIX

THE DRINKING water system that serves about 92,000 people on the Monterey Peninsula contains seven distinct synthetic chemical contaminants that the Environmental Protection Agency says may be harmful to humans. While there is currently no limit on them in drinking water, the most concentrated pollutant exceeds proposed EPA standards by nearly 200 percent.

Commonly used

The Environmental Protection Agency released data earlier this month for 3,200 water systems in the United States. Of those, 854, including the Peninsula system operated by California American Water, contained at least one compound above the EPA's reporting levels.

The chemicals, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, have been used by a broad range

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Comstock cottage owners lose battle over tiny garage

By MARY SCHLEY

A COUPLE that owns a historic Comstock cottage gave up most of the alterations they sought to make the home more livable after the historic resources board in September voted to only allow a few of them, but they asked the board Monday to reconsider its decision to reduce the size of a detached garage from 250 square feet to 200 square feet. Rather than give them what they want, the board voted 3-2 to approve a 235-square-foot garage, instead.

Breck and Carole Lutz bought the 95-year-old house — which was expanded in 1940, 1958 and 1967 — in late 2020 for \$1,875,000. The 1,249-square-foot home and a 39-square-foot shed, which will be demolished, sit on the 4,000-square-foot lot. The additions to the home and a 250-square-foot garage would bring the total floor area

'We've got to redesign again ... over 15 feet?'

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Volunteers from the Ventana Wilderness Alliance patch up a section of the Pine Ridge Trail that collapsed after the 2016 Soberanes Fire.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Charming Chihuahua

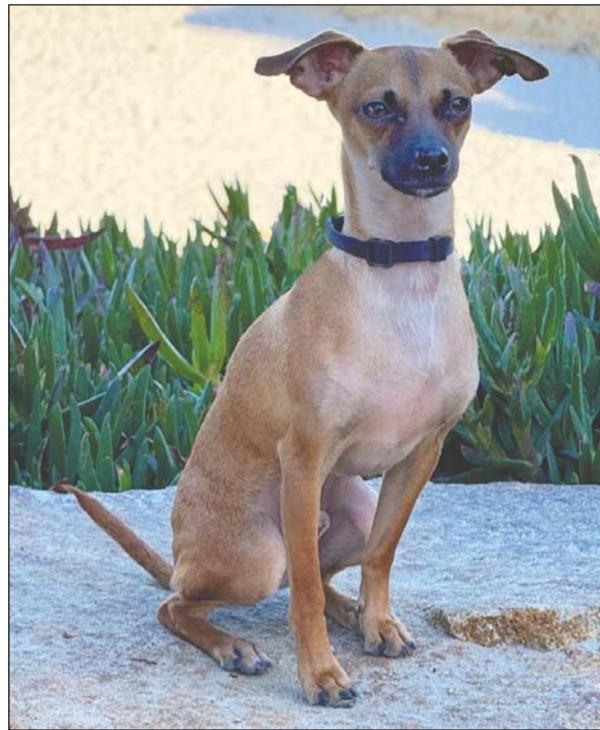
There he was, at the end of a long line of jumping, barking and spinning hopefuls. But the year-old pup in the last enclosure at the SPCA just stood behind the glass, wagging his tail, smiling in that wily Chihuahua way, as if to say, "Hello, my person. I've been waiting for you."

The jumping began after his door was opened, and his person claimed him.

Days before, while his people debated whether they should adopt him, another family had slipped in on a Saturday and picked the pup for their little boy. By Monday, the Chihuahua had been returned. This time, his forever folks didn't dawdle.

His people named him "Taco" after the 1997 Taco Bell commercial in which the star, a female Chihuahua named "Gidget," became a cult hero. Taco looks a lot like her, they said, with the same sassy swagger as the little actress.

"We've had puppies before, so we expected his exuberant energy," his person said. "But Taco's also a



smart, friendly, fun little dog. He's very outgoing and loves other dogs, as well as people."

When he sees a new person, Taco wags his tail, lifts up onto his hind legs, and paws the air in hopes of engaging them.

Taco, who lives at the north end of town, has been to Carmel Beach — once. Excited to greet other dogs, he scampered across the sand but then skidded to a stop when the surf rushed upon the shore. He wouldn't go near it.

"Taco does like to play fetch," his person said, "just not at the beach. His favorite toy is a squeaky little plush taco he loves to chase. When I throw it for him, he never tires of running after it and retrieving it."

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Caltrans asks supes to OK new Big Sur bridge railings

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER THE Monterey County Planning Commission twice turned down a plan by Caltrans to replace the “crumbling” railings on Garrapata Bridge in Big Sur because the new ones won’t look enough like the old ones, the state’s road agency is appealing the decision to the county board of supervisors. The hearing is set for Dec. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Caltrans has suggested that the new railings, which would be somewhat thicker with smaller portals between the posts, are necessary for the safety of motorists. The agency contends its staff “has spent years” trying to design new railings that meet

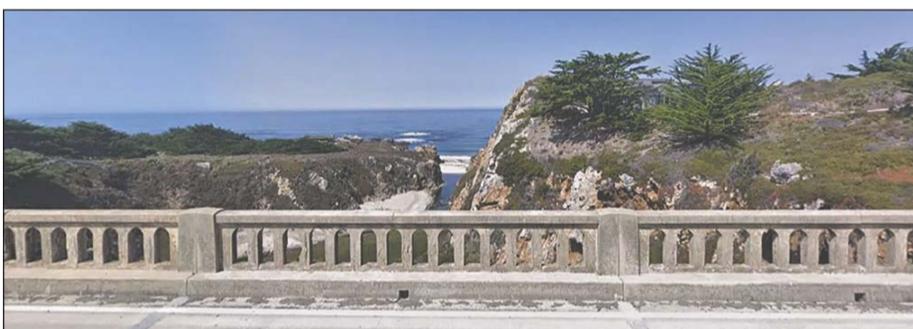
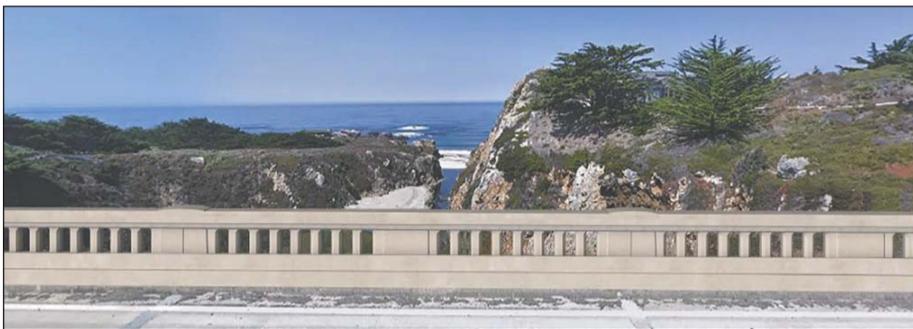
current safety standards while also accommodating concerns regarding aesthetics, public views and historical integrity.

“There’s no option for repairing these railings in their current state,” Mitch Dallas of Caltrans told the planning commission in March. “The railings must meet modern safety standards — repair is not an option. This is all about safety and liability.”

Dallas said the railings need to be thicker due the increased horsepower of modern vehicles.

Caltrans said it studied lowering the speed limit at the site from 55 mph to 45 mph, but later determined the idea “could

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Renderings show what proposed railings would look like on Garrapata Bridge in Big Sur (top), and what the railings are like now (above). The county planning commission rejected the new design because it supposedly detracts from the view, but Caltrans says the improvements are needed for safety.



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Police & Sheriff's Log

'Intruder' left house in disarray

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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD units were dispatched to an adult female guest refusing to check out of her hotel room in the area of Dolores and Seventh at 1317 hours. Officers and hotel staff knocked on the door several times, but the occupant kept yelling, "NO!" The occupant then physically pushed back on the door as officers and hotel staff attempted to enter her room. Once inside the room, officers found the room covered with feces and empty alcohol bottles. The occupant then exposed her chest area and started yelling incoherent obscenities while shaking her chest. The occupant was covered up, removed from the property with all her belongings and warned about trespassing at the property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer dispatched to a telephone detail regarding a report of a theft from a pen store on Ocean at San Carlos. The store owner reported a \$400 pen stolen from him by a longtime customer.

The customer denied the theft and stated he had been charged for it. CPD determined the "theft" to be a business transaction with an unpaid invoice. No crime.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Grove Acre was placed on involuntary mental health hold and taken to the hospital for treatment.

Carmel Valley: Subject wanted to document an incident regarding damaged trees on a joint easement on West Garzas Road.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle stopped at Ocean and Mission for vehicle code violations. Information only and subjects field identified with photos.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Black wallet/card holder found on Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bicycle vs. vehicle accident on San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found necklace at Dolores and Seventh. Finder would like to claim.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition surrendered for destruction.

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The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni

Oct. 2 — The California Board of Parole Hearings granted youthful offender and elder parole to Jose Francisco Velasquez, who was 24 at the time of the commission of a 1966 murder spree and now is 81 years old. In December 1966, Velasquez was sentenced to seven years to life for the murders, which reflected the sentencing scheme in effect at the time. Velasquez was the ringleader of the group of men who committed these murders.

During a horrific crime spree in 1966, Velasquez and his crime partners — Luis Francisco Pacheco, Jose Luis Galvan, Frank Urrea Gonzales and Juan Vasquez Garcia — brutally murdered four victims.

On July 29, 1966, Velasquez and codefendants Gonzales and Garcia robbed Eduardo Dominguez, fatally stabbed him, and left his body in a ditch near King City. Dominguez was an acquaintance of the defendants, had been drinking at the Resbalon Bar in King City and asked the defendants for a ride home. The defendants agreed. Gonzales drove and fluttered the gas pedal, pretending to have run out of gasoline. Garcia and Dominguez then argued.

A struggle took place and Dominguez was stabbed and dragged from the car. Domin-

guez was clubbed and stabbed multiple times and robbed of his shoes, wallet, and \$90 cash. Velasquez and Garcia kept \$40 each, and Gonzales received \$10. The defendants later beat non-participating companion Galvan for not participating in the offense.

On Aug. 7, 1966, two weeks later, Velasquez and his crime partners murdered John Doe. Doe had been drinking at the Top Hat Bar in King City, had gotten drunk, and had asked patrons, including the defendants, for a ride home. Velasquez knew Doe, as they were from the same hometown. The defendants agreed to drive the victim home, but Velasquez wanted money from Doe. Doe argued he'd already bought the men rounds of drinks. The defendants put him in their car and left with Pacheco driving.

However, Pacheco got pulled over and cited for driving without a license, and then Gonzales took over the wheel. The vehicle stopped, Velasquez opened the car door and grabbed Doe by the head and told Garcia, "go ahead," whereupon Garcia shot Doe in the head. Doe's body was dragged across the road into a ditch by Velasquez, Galvan and

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CPD aids in arrest of federal fugitive

By MARY SCHLEY

OFFICERS HELPED the U.S. Marshals Service track down and arrest a wanted man from Hawaii who was working at a business on Mission Street without the owners knowing he was a fugitive, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Michael Bruno.



William Dixon

The morning of Nov. 6, U.S. Marshals notified Carmel P.D. that an employee of a downtown company was wanted for allegedly sexually assaulting a child, Bruno said. "At about 9:30 a.m., the U.S. Marshals arrived in Carmel and requested our assistance locating William Dixon, a 41-year-old male from Maui."

Dixon had been spotted in the Court of the Fountains by an undercover U.S. Marshal, who then asked CPD to assist a uniformed federal officer with taking the man into custody. Bruno did not know how the

feds knew where Dixon was working. "He didn't resist or fight and claimed that he was unaware that he was wanted," he continued. "The agents subsequently transported him to Monterey County Jail, where he was booked for being a fugitive from justice, and now the court process will take its course and then they'll extradite him back to Hawaii to face charges."

Dixon's employers told police they weren't aware he was wanted. "Both of them were very forthcoming and cooperative, and were shocked that a person with a warrant worked for them," he said. "He had fled Hawaii in August and was living in Marina. I don't know what his connection to the Peninsula is."

Bruno said Dixon's bail was set at \$150,000, which he found low for a fugitive. "Federal warrants are usually more expensive," he said.

Dixon was still in Monterey County Jail early this week but has since been released.

SUSPECT IN HOMICIDES TURNS SELF IN

By KELLY NIX

A 47-YEAR-OLD Watsonville man sought by police for shooting four people at a Pajaro bar Wednesday morning, killing two of them, turned himself in that night, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

At about 1:07 a.m. on Nov. 21, sheriff's deputies, Watsonville Police and California Highway Patrol officers responded to a call of a shooting at El Torero Bar at 540 Salinas Road. When officers arrived, they found a man dead from a gunshot wound

and three women who had also been shot. The women were rushed to Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, where one of them died.

At about 5:30 p.m., the sheriff's office reported identifying Sergio Carranza Ramos as the suspect in the slayings. About four hours later, that he was in custody.

"Wednesday evening Ramos turned himself in at the Watsonville Police Department and he is in custody for two counts of PC 187 — Homicide," the sheriff's office

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SCHOOL BOARD TO DISCUSS SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Unified School District announced Thursday that the board of education will hold a special meeting in the district conference room at 11 a.m. Nov. 28 to figure out how best to solicit public input on the hiring of the next superintendent — a job that has been rife with controversy and costs in recent years.

Since longtime superintendent Marvin Biasotti retired in 2015, the district has had high turnover in the top job. His replacement, Scott Laurence, left after just a year — six months of it on medical leave — and was paid \$100,000 in the settlement that ended his employment.

He was followed by acting superintendent Karen Hendricks, who applied for the permanent post but was beaten out for it when Barb Dill-Varga was hired in 2017. In May 2020, however, the board abruptly forced Dill-Varga out without offering any public explanation but agreed to continue paying her \$270,000 annual salary through May 2021.

Dill-Varga was replaced by Trisha Dellis, who had the difficult task of navigating the district amid the Covid shutdowns and distance learning and then announced in January 2021 that she would retire when her contract expired the following June.

Dellis was replaced by Ted Knight, who had been working in Colorado and was selected following a nationwide search. Earlier this year, the school board paid him \$770,000 to resign and subsequently installed Sharon Ofek as interim superintendent.

At the meeting, board members will discuss creating “a plan for soliciting stakeholder participation regarding desired qualities and characteristics in the selection of a superintendent,” according to the agenda. Valerie Pitts from Hazard Young Attea Associates, the search firm used by the district, will be there to “discuss possible options, methods and timing for obtaining community input.”

The meeting will take place in the large conference room at the Carmel Unified School District offices at 4380 Carmel Valley Road next to the middle school.

Despite camera delay, some are still active

By MARY SCHLEY

NARY A word has been said at a public meeting about the Flock cameras installed downtown and on residential streets since the city council halted the rollout of the license-plate-reading system in July, but those that were already installed and operational are continuing to collect data and images, according to Police Chief Jeff Watkins.

“Some of them are active and hooked up and working, but some of them we’re still waiting on locations to be installed, because there’s an ad hoc committee with the council,” he explained.

Approved by the city council in April, the new cameras capture images of passing cars and their license plates. The wireless cameras are powered by the sun, and their technology automatically reads the plates to capture numbers, issuing states, dates, times, locations, and vehicle details such as types and colors. The system alerts police within seconds when it identifies a stolen or wanted vehicle by automatically running the numbers through crime databases. The two-year agreement calls for year-one startup costs of \$77,900, and \$69,000 in the second year, for 24 new camera setups and a half-dozen overlays for the now-outdated cameras installed at major ingress and

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CRA award winners to be announced at '80s-inspired gala

By MARY SCHLEY

AT-LARGE voting is over, and now it’s up to the members of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce to decide which businesses are this year’s best. The winners in 18 categories, as well as the overall Business of the Year, will be announced during the chamber’s annual Awards of Excellence gala at Quail Lodge Dec. 6.

“Thank you to all who voted,” officials said when they announced the top nominees in each category. “A record number of ballots were cast this year.”

Contenders for the awards this year are:

- Accommodations — Small: Pine Inn, Tickle Pink Inn, Tradewinds
- Accommodations — Large: Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley Ranch, Cypress Inn
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- Food/Market/Specialty — Small: Baja Cantina, Bruno’s Market & Deli, Nielsen Bros. Market
- Food/Market/Specialty — Large: Grasing’s, La Bicycleette, Tarp’s
- Health & Wellness: Big Sur Canna+Botanicals, Carmel Valley Athletic Club, The Spa at Pebble Beach
- Financial/Legal: Rudisill Accountancy, Synergy One Lending (Team Hawk), Wells Fargo Bank
- Music/Performance: Carmel Bach Festival, Monterey Symphony, Pacific Repertory Theatre
- Nonprofits: Big Sur Land Trust, Carmel Public Library Foundation, Max’s Helping Paws
- Professional Services — Small: Carmel Magazine, KAZU National Public Radio, UPS Store Carmel
- Professional Services — Large: El Estero Car Wash, Montage Health, Monterey County Weekly
- Real Estate/Property Management — Small: Judie Profeta/Carmel Realty Co., San Carlos Agency, Tim Allen Properties, Young Seon Myong/David Lyng
- Real Estate/Property Management — Large: David Lyng Real Estate, Santa Lucia Preserve, Sotheby’s International Realty
- Retail — Small: Ami Carmel, Carmel Drug Store, Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop
- Retail — Large: The Barnyard Shopping Village, The Crossroads Carmel, Doud Arcade & Craft Studios
- Tourism — Small: Adventures By the Sea, Carmel Walks, Monterey Bay Whale Watch
- Tourism — Large: Carmel Mission Basilica, Sanctuary Vacation Rentals, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

The chamber board will also pick the Business of the Year from last year’s category winners: Alvarado Street Brewery, Anton & Michel, Carmel Art Association, Carmel Plaza, Carmel Realty, Hayashi Wayland/CLA, Hofsa House, La Playa Carmel, Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey Regional Airport, Refuge, Sunset Cultural Center, Team Beesley/KW Coastal Estates, The Carmel Foundation, The Carmel Pine Cone, The Cheese Shop and Thinker Toys.

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TRAIL

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Along one stretch of the path near popular Barlow Flat Camp — which is about 7 miles east of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park — the trail washed out, “leaving a gaping hole 10-feet deep at the top of a sloping hillside which ended in a hundred-foot drop to the river below.”

To get around the hole, the trail was rerouted through Barlow Flat Camp and required hikers to cross the river twice, which volunteer Betsy McGowan called “a pain in the summer and really dangerous in the winter.”

Members of the VWA trail crew suggested building a rock wall to support the damaged section of trail, but a consultant the forest service hired, Dolly Chapman, instead pitched the idea of a “crib wall” made of fallen redwoods and rocks. “Chapman estimated that a rock wall would require 300 rocks put together by skilled stonemasons,” the VWA reported.

VWA members called Chapman a “master” and “legend” who has long advised the forest service on difficult trail repairs.



PHOTO/VENTANA WILDERNESS ALLIANCE

Volunteers used rope and PVC pipe to create handles so they could carry logs to the work site of a trail repair project in Big Sur.

Before work could get underway, VWA volunteers assembled and prepared the logs.

“VWA trail crew volunteers identified already fallen redwood trees that measured 10 to 12 inches in diameter,” Chamberlain explained. Our volunteers sawed the trees into 5-to-7-foot sections — using manual cross-cut saws — and moved them to a staging area at Barlow Flat Camp.”

Also, volunteers trimmed brush along 3 miles of the trail leading to Barlow Flat so horses and mules could be used to bring in food, tools and gear.

The bulk of the work happened in the first week of November. To carry the heavy logs a quarter-mile up a moderate grade to the construction site, volunteers used rope and PVC pipe to make handles.

The repairs cost about \$22,000. Aaron Jackson of Aaron Wines in Paso Robles donated \$18,000, which paid for the American Conservation Experience trail crew. A forest service grant paid for Chapman’s consulting fee and travel.

Reaching the finish line

Chamberlain said he’s thrilled to see the project reach the finish line. He said the reroute will not only allow hikers to sidestep a difficult section of trail, but it also benefits rainbow trout habitat along the river, which will no longer be used for trail crossings.

“It’s a win for hikers, a win for the river, and we couldn’t be more proud of the results from what was truly a herculean effort by VWA volunteers and staff in partnership with the USFS, ACE and many others,” he added.

“It’s a great example of how a committed group of people can work collaboratively to solve problems.”



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Outdoor winetasting gets some traction

By MARY SCHLEY

MAYOR DAVE Potter and councilman Jeff Baron held their first ad hoc committee meeting on outdoor winetasting last week, gathering a small group around a large table in council chambers to chat about the feasibility of changing city laws to allow tasting rooms to serve customers outdoors. Only eight types of businesses — including restaurants, nurseries, Christmas tree lots, bank ATMs and street vendors — can operate outside the confines of their storefronts and office spaces, planning director Brandon Swanson explained at the Nov. 14 session.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, tasting rooms only operated indoors, but in spring 2020, the rules were relaxed so they, along with restaurants and even bars, could serve customers outside. As the risks subsided, the council did away with outdoor dining parklets on public property.

After the state of emergency was formally lifted by the state and local governments in spring 2023, the council decided restaurants and tasting rooms could continue serving outdoors, as long as they did so on private property, through the end of this year.

Experiment

Restaurants were told to get the proper permits for their al fresco seating, which Toro restaurant on Dolores Street has done, while wineries were advised they'd have to move inside. At the behest of several winery owners, however, the council formed the ad hoc committee to explore the idea of outdoor tasting further.

"I think there's some concern in the village with winetasting becoming wine drinking," city administrator Chip Rerig commented at the start of the meeting, adding that the topic has been raised repeatedly as the popularity of wine tasting has increased.

Baron said he's open to the idea of

experimenting with outdoor tasting but doesn't want to make a permanent change yet. That would require several hearings, along with amending the municipal code and general plan.

"I think of this as sort of an experiment — something we'll do for a year or a little bit longer and then get together and discuss what worked and what didn't work," he said.

Two winery owners, Jeffrey Blair and Jack Galante, attended the informal session, as did Chris Donatiello, representing Chalone, which recently opened a tasting room in town. A couple of visitors who frequent tasting rooms, Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association executive director Kim Stemler, and former planning commissioner Ian Martin took part, as well.

Kids allowed

Blair pointed out that people can drink as much as they want at restaurants without ordering food and suggested that problems with alcohol abuse occur there and at bars, not at tasting rooms. He said standards should be established for outdoor tasting and that the rules should be enforced.

Galante, who opened the first tasting room in town in 2004 — 11 years before the planning commission adopted its winetasting policy — noted that tasting rooms allow children, another element that distinguishes them from bars. "It's a learning experience," he said. "It's not a drinking establishment — we are under completely different laws."

Galante also said the average tasting runs around an hour and totals about a glass of wine, and that in 20 years, he's never had a complaint about someone being overserved.

Stemler described tasting as a "cultural experience," and several people noted that customers also shop and dine in town,

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Initiative would limit CEQA suits

By MARY SCHLEY

STATE LEGISLATION already exempts some housing developments and other “community-benefit” projects from the California Environmental Quality Act, but a proposed ballot measure would prevent private individuals and groups from filing CEQA-based lawsuits challenging new housing. It would also cap the fees associated with home building, all with the idea of promoting “affordable home-ownership” in a state where strict environmental laws have been a major contributor to the housing shortage decreed by Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state legislature.

Proposed by Stephen Hilton, who represents a group called Golden Together, the measure would allow only district attorneys and the California Attorney General’s Office to sue builders based on alleged violations of environmental law. Hilton was senior policy and strategy advisor to former UK prime minister David Cameron and is a former host of “The Next Revolution” on Fox News. He founded Crowd-pac, the political crowdfunding platform, in 2014, and has been a teacher, lecturer and visiting scholar at Stanford University and other institutions. Hilton is also a published author and former restaurateur.

Identities hidden

“Over the decades, thousands of CEQA lawsuits have been filed, including by groups that aren’t even required to disclose their real identity, even if they are

economic competitors. The majority of these lawsuits seek to delay or derail the construction of new homes, and the infrastructure and public services like parks and schools that existing and new residents need, even though new homes and infrastructure cannot be built unless they comply with every single stringent environmental law and regulation,” he wrote in a filing with the AG’s office in support of his proposed California Homeownership Affordability Act.

“Even courts have begun to recognize that while CEQA was ‘originally intended to protect the environment,’ it has been ‘manipulated to be a formidable tool of obstruction, particularly against projects that will increase housing,’” Hilton said.

Cut fees

Further encouraging housing, the legislation would limit the fees local and state agencies charge homebuilders, though the caps would not apply to “regulatory costs authorized by statute, school district fees, bond repayments, or costs of providing utility service and roadway access to new homes.”

“California agencies have also imposed unprecedented levels of fees and other regulatory compliance costs on new housing: California housing fees are also nearly three times the national average,” Hilton wrote. “New homes and apartments can be charged hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees, on top of the cost of land, labor and building materials. These fees and regulatory costs can make housing unaffordable to middle-income families, even without CEQA lawsuits.”

To get his initiative on the ballot, Hilton must collect signatures of 546,651 registered voters by May 13, 2024.



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BRIDGE

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not be justified” because 85 percent of drivers are already traveling at speeds above 55 mph.

Restore vs. replace

But a handful of residents are speaking out against the design of the new railings, including Marcus Foster of the group Big Sur Wild.

“There’s just no history of these bridge railings failing and people driving through them,” he reported. “There’s not been one instance. Two years ago, someone crashed into the railings at the Little Sur River, and the railings did their job, and the driver wasn’t injured.”

Foster suggested it’s possible to fix the existing railings. “There are ways to restore the railings instead of

replacing them,” he insisted. Another member of Keep Big Sur Wild, Christina McGinnis suggested that “what happens at Garrapata will set a precedent for the other historic bridges that they are considering replacing,” and she, too, wants to see the railings restored and not replaced.

Resident Magnus Toren told The Pine Cone the original bridge railings are part of the history of an iconic highway, and they deserve preservation. He noted that the Big Sur Land Use Plan fiercely protects the viewshed. “The critical viewshed absolutely includes the cultural heritage of the highway,” Toren said.

The planning commission, at hearings in February and March, turned down proposals by Caltrans to replace the railings

The railings were installed on Garrapata Bridge in 1931. Eventually, Caltrans wants to replace railings on six other historic Big Sur bridges, including the landmark Bixby Bridge.

Auction benefits Carmel Foundation

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Foundation, a nonprofit serving members aged 55 and older, will hold an online auction Dec. 1-3 with dozens of items from restaurants, golf courses, wineries and other supporters. The foundation provides the bulk of low-cost housing for seniors in the city, along with low-cost meals, loans of medical equipment, classes, social gatherings and other activities. The organization, which has been operating for more than 70 years, also recently purchased the former Red Cross chapter house at Dolores and Eighth.

“We have a variety of gift certificates from Peninsula restaurants, Carmel group dining experiences for up to 10 guests, and a \$500 gift certificate from Chez Noir — not only do they have a star, but apparently a heart, too,” said spokesperson Gilda Soule, adding that the foundation’s staff, board and members appreciate the generosity of local restaurateurs and retailers.

The Joy of Giving auction opens at 9 a.m. Friday and closes at 9 p.m. Sunday, offering plenty of opportunity for people to browse, bid and win at carmeljoy.ggo.bid, where the full list can be found. Soule said featured items include paella for 10 and a wine dinner for 10 at La Playa hotel, dinner for six with wine pairings at Grasing’s, brunch for four at Mission Ranch, and dinners for 10 with wine pairing at Porta Bella, Catch and Dametra. Gift certificates were donated by Stationary, Carmel Belle and the Village Corner, too.

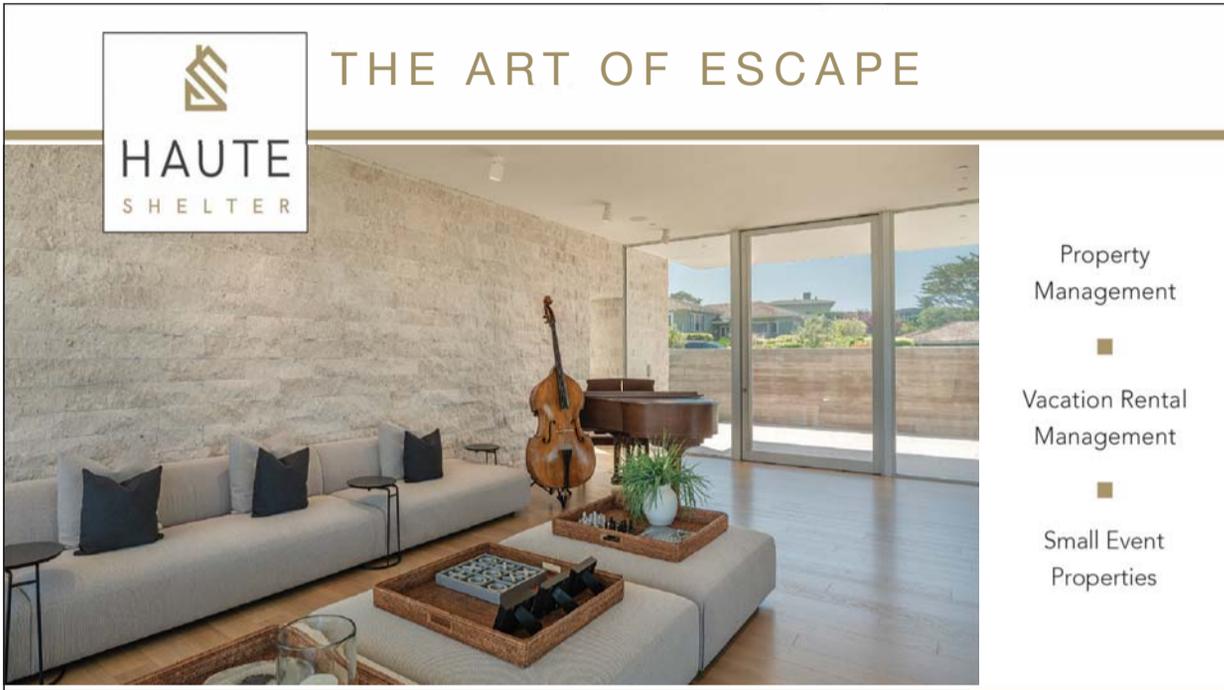
Many options

Other Monterey Peninsula dining experiences up for auction include La Mia Cucina, Roy’s at Spanish Bay, Nepenthe, Kona, Rosine’s, Old Fisherman’s Grotto and the Sardine Factory.

Items are also being donated by Silvestri and Boete, along with a bottle of Silver Oak, and tasting at the Glunz Family Winery in Paso Robles. The Carmel Foundation Board of Directors selected 13 special bottles to offer as a collection, too, according to Soule.

Among the experiences and excursions are golf for four at the Tehama Golf Club with a magnum of 2010 Outlaw Cowboy cabernet sauvignon, a private lunch with former U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, tickets to the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, a candy-apple-red electric scooter, and lodging at various Monterey Peninsula hotels.

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INTRUDER

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Elvin's arrest follows three unsettling incidents last week in which police say he visited P.G. High twice and the middle school on the same day.

On Nov. 14, at 10:24 a.m., officials first reported that two "disheveled-looking adult men" were spotted leaving P.G. High's open campus. About 20 minutes later, at 10:47 a.m., one of those men with a black backpack — later determined to be Elvin — walked inside P.G. Middle and went upstairs before he was confronted by a school employee.

"The individual stated he was there to talk to a counselor about a student," PGUSD said in an email to parents Monday morning. "When informed the middle school did not have a student by the name he provided, the man

began to leave passively, and was accompanied by assistant principal Jason Tovani."

Because Elvin was "cordial" and left both campuses last week on his own accord, the district determined there was "no threat" to students and staff.

Police confirmed Monday that neither school or district officials contacted 911 or police when the Nov. 14 events were unfolding.

But hours later, at 2:42 p.m., Elvin was spotted back on the P.G. High campus. It was then that the district said it contacted the school resource officer and initiated its "secure campus" protocol, which requires all exterior classroom and office doors to be locked.

Hill and school staff members searched for Elvin, who left without incident and without being contacted, according to the district.

While school district officials informed parents Nov. 14 that a man was "on campus" at P.G. Middle, they did not mention that he made his way inside the school to the

second floor before being stopped. The omission left some parents feeling like the district had not been fully transparent. Parents were also confused why the district characterized the incidents as "zero threat."

'No crime'

While an image of Elvin taken from surveillance video inside P.G. Middle was circulating among parents before his arrest Tuesday, the district did not release any other information about the second man seen at the high school the morning of Nov. 14, and it's unknown who that person is.

Anderson said that Hill was teaching a class at Forest Grove when the men were seen at P.G. High. Asked if PGUSD officials called either 911 or the police about any of the incidents on Nov. 14, Anderson said "PGPD was not called when the incident occurred."

Anderson said that PGPD later determined that "no crime was committed, nor were any children contacted by the person in question." However, assistant superintendent Josh Jorn said if someone comes onto a school campus while class is in session and has no legitimate reason to be there, "it's considered trespassing."

Jorn also said Wednesday morning that he did call Hill after last week's incidents, but did so several hours after they'd occurred.

At the Nov. 16 PGUSD school board meeting — before the district revealed details about the incidents last week — Forest Grove teacher and parent Kari Serpa called the events two days before a "huge wakeup call."

"It seems like we dodged a bullet, or many of them, and I hope we learn from this before it's too late," Serpa told board members.

The school district said the events prompted several questions, including what could be done to ensure the safety of students and staff at P.G. High, which is vulnerable to trespassers, and what could be used to "mitigate" foot traffic through PGUSD campuses.

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SAFETY

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One change the district announced Monday is it will be locking P.G. Middle's main door, which will be outfitted with electric hardware and a camera linked to the main office, the school district said. That could be completed as early as next week.

"People who show up for a meeting will ring the buzzer, be seen on the camera, and then be buzzed in by staff," Jorn told The Pine Cone Monday.

Other doors at the middle school that have been unlocked during school hours could be locked from now on, he said.

The district will also review safety protocols for shelter-in-place and secure-campus modes, and review measures for securing campuses in the event of a districtwide incident.

"For example, if law enforcement's directive is to shelter in place at one

specific campus," Jorn said, the district may implement secure-campus protocol at all schools.

Safety report released

The district also told parents and employees that other school security recommendations will be outlined in a report released in January by consultant M.C. Kimball and Associates.

"As part of the district's long-term plan to develop safer and healthier school environments, the recommendation was for PGUSD to have a district-wide site safety and security threat vulnerability risk assessment completed in 2023," Jorn explained.

The assessment, which will be done in three phases, will include staff concerns regarding safety, an active shooter readiness and response assessment, a crime prevention analysis and numerous other components.

"All three phases will include an executive summary and recommended action plans for each school site," Jorn said.

Book drive for elementary students

LOCAL AUTHOR Kirsten Tarman wants to get books into young readers' hands — not just her own dog-centric "Ollie and Lucille's Adventure in Carmel-by-the-Sea" — but all sorts of kids' books.

"I once read that when a child receives a new book from a stranger, it can have a profound effect on their self-esteem and relationship to reading long term, more so than a toy," she said. To that end, she "adopted" La Gloria Elementary School in Gonzales and is seeking books suitable for kids ages 5 through 8.

The books will go to students from low-income families, most of whom are from farmworkers' families. Many of

the children, who were already reading below grade level, experienced academic setbacks when schools closed during the pandemic.

Tarman said she was hoping to collect 900 books — one for each student. "If readers prefer to make a financial donation, I will purchase the books from the participating shops in Carmel," she added.

You can drop off new, unwrapped books for the drive in town at Pilgrims Way and Thinker Toys, or at The Home Shop in the Crossroads shopping center through Dec. 13. Teachers at La Gloria will wrap the books and hand them out to students on Dec. 14.

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COTTAGE

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to 1,700 square feet — 100 square feet below the maximum allowed for the site.

After living in it for a couple of years to learn what was needed to make the home more comfortable, they hired architects Thomas Hood and Brian Congleton to design an addition that would comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties while addressing some of the issues, including a 30-square-foot kitchen and lack of space to accommodate their adult daughters and other family members.

The pink house on Santa Fe near Sixth is part of the city's Comstock Hill Historic District. Many of the homes have the builder's signature traits of irregular floor plans, steeply pitched gable roofs, textured

rustic stucco walls and Carmel stone chimneys, among other elements.

At the September hearing, the historic board decided the Lutzes could not shift some of the cottage's windows and doors by a few feet to make the interior more useful, but they could add 76 square feet to the kitchen, expand a bedroom by 124 square feet, and build a 10-by-20-foot garage.

Hired the best

At the Nov. 20 hearing, Breck Lutz pleaded with the board to honor his wishes and recounted his roller-coaster experience of querying the city regarding altering historic resources and subsequently taking the plunge to buy the house.

"It feels to us like we're playing in a football game where we know all the rules, but every time we're about to score a touchdown, the endzone and the goal posts keep getting pushed farther back," he said.

When the Lutzes were considering purchasing the old house, they knew it wasn't livable for them but asked architect Adam Jeselnick to sketch some possible improvements they could take to the city for feedback, he recounted.

"It was very helpful. We were told we could not change the appearance from the street but that the other improvements were generally acceptable," he said, and based on that feedback, they closed escrow.

The couple then undertook a considerable amount of research and contacted other Comstock cottage owners to come up with the architectural design team of Hood, a former member of the historic resources board, and Congleton, who has worked on numerous historic projects.

"We hired the best, not one, but a two-member architectural team that we felt had the best credentials," Lutz said. Congleton had worked for their neighbors up the street who own Hansel and Gretel, for instance, and they felt the duo "would only design something that would quickly roll through HRB approval."

But they were wrong. At the September meeting, the historic board voted not to allow the Lutzes to move some windows and doors that aren't on a street frontage but are part of the original cottage, forcing them to redesign. The city's historian, Meg Clovis, objected to the other design elements but had found the garage would conform with the federal standards

for preserving historic houses, the Lutzes noted, but the city ordered the garage reduced to 200 square feet.

While the Lutzes agreed to the smaller garage at the time, on reflection, they decided the extra 50 square feet were critical, especially since they drive a larger SUV and are giving up storage space in the house.

"The only thing impacted by the larger garage is the view from the north side, which is an addition to the original house," Lutz said. "So, I'm pretty dumbfounded."

If forced to build a 200-square-foot garage, he said, they'll end up parking their SUV on the street and using the whole thing for storage, defeating the purpose of off-street parking.

"I'm hoping you will make all of our Thanksgivings happier and reconsider our garage," he said.

Encourage, not police

Congleton and Hood argued on their clients' behalf, as well. Congleton told the board the original goal of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards was to encourage historic preservation, not to police the people who own and live in old buildings.

"After all, these are people's homes," he said. "Before the Lutzes bought their home, if the city wanted to make that home a museum, they could have bought it. They

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GARAGE

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could have made it a museum. But they didn't.

Congleton suggested the city focus on encouraging the owners of historic homes, rather than antagonizing them.

"I have to ask, as an architect who has worked very hard to be faithful to this property, what is the right answer here?" he said.

Kathryn Gualtieri, a former HRB member who recently moved back to town, said she hadn't intended to comment but wanted to urge the board to OK the larger garage.

But board members were less flexible. Architect Erik Dyar acknowledged a 10-foot-wide, 20-foot-deep garage is fairly small — essentially the size of a Carmel parking space — and suggested allowing it to be 11 feet wide.

"Obviously, a garage in front of a resource takes away from how the public will view that resource," he said. "There is something to be said about splitting the baby."

Board member Esther Goodhue didn't want to give the Lutzes any additional space.

"The smaller, the better," she said, suggesting they add a loft if they want more storage.

Board member Karyl Hall said she'd "lost a lot of sleep over this house" but was unclear on the best course to take. She said her priority is the historic resource, not the people who own it at any given time, and observed that it's already undergone several changes. She worried that more alterations might nudge it into the non-historic category that many older Carmel homes occupy.

"I understand why a 200-square-foot garage is difficult to live with — I have one myself," she added. "So I'm still looking at this and trying to figure out what is the right

thing to do."

It wasn't difficult for board member Kathy Pomeroy, who said she has a hard enough time dealing with a 13-foot-wide garage and favored giving "these poor, long-suffering people a usable garage."

"You can't really see it from the street, anyway," she said. Pomeroy also speculated a 10-foot-wide garage would be unusable.

"The garage is going to be there," she said. "We might as well give them something they can use."

'Good stewards'

Chair Jordan Chroman felt similarly. "The Lutzes are good stewards," he said. "They're trying to do the right thing and have given up a lot of what they want."

He speculated most people driving by wouldn't even notice whether the garage was 10 feet wide or larger, and he encouraged the board to grant the Lutzes' request. But after voting to add the cottage to the city's historic register, Dyar made a motion to allow a 235-square-foot garage, and it passed 3-2, with Pomeroy and Chroman dissenting.

At the end of the meeting, an exasperated Lutz approached the dais to express his confusion.

"I'm not sure what got approved on our project," he said. "Is the 250-square-foot garage approved?"

After learning the board OK'd an 11-foot-wide, 235-square-foot garage, he asked, "So we've got to go back and redesign the garage again? Over 15 square feet?"

"That was the decision that was passed by the board," principal planner Marnie Waffle said, advising Lutz of the 10-day appeal period when he can submit an application arguing that the city council should overturn the HRB's decision. He asked the board if it could make another motion to approve his 250-square-foot garage and was told it could not, since the hearing and meeting were over.

Driver charged for intentional collision

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY resident who police say intentionally drove into a man after a road-rage incident Nov. 6 has been charged with felony assault with a deadly weapon and hit and run with injury, according to court documents.

Police said officers were called to the 600 block of Casanova Avenue for a row between two drivers that escalated into a physical fight. After the fight was over, William Keith Holland, 24, "purposely struck the other driver with his vehicle as he was leaving the scene," police said.

On Nov. 17, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint against Holland, alleging he "willfully and unlawfully committed an assault upon Saul Hernandez Lozano with a deadly weapon, to wit, a vehicle."

Holland — who pleaded not guilty in a Salinas courtroom Monday — was also charged with felony hit-and-run and a special allegation of committing great bodily injury. He was assigned a deputy public defender.

Holland "personally inflicted great bodily injury upon Lozano," which state law said caused the offense to "become a serious felony," meaning, Holland could face additional time behind bars if he's convicted.

Police said he also crashed his vehicle into Lozano's car, causing major damage to both vehicles. After the incident, Holland fled the scene on foot before being arrested at his house in Monterey. Officers found the 36-year-old Lozano in the road, injured.

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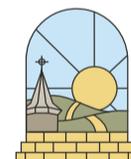
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Carmel Valley tennis champion wins two senior pickleball crowns

By CHRIS COUNTS

ALREADY THE winner of a national championship in her age group as a tennis player, Suzi Crary of Carmel Valley captured two top prizes in a national pickleball tournament earlier this month.

A 1960 graduate of Carmel High School who worked for more than 30 years as a high school sports official, Crary took first place in the singles (over 80) and doubles (over 75) divisions at the USA Pickleball National Championships in Dallas, with more than 3,500 people competing.

"There were more than 80 courts," Crary, who is 81, told The Pine Cone. "There was an umpire for every match. It

was a huge operation — it was incredible."

In the doubles competition, Crary was paired with Susan Frieder of Maui. "I didn't meet her until the day we played," she said.

Started six years ago

A winner in the 1988 United States Tennis Association's national singles championship, Crary took up pickleball about six years ago. "A friend of mine, Barbara Jordan, who won the Australian Open in singles in 1979, asked me to come over and play pickleball," she recalled. "She got me started, and now, I really enjoy it."

For a seasoned tennis player like Crary, the transition from tennis to pickleball

was easy. "It takes five years in tennis to develop a backhand, and five minutes to do it in pickleball," she explained. For anyone who has played a racket sport, it's just a natural transition — that's the beauty of pickleball."

While some see the two sports as rivals, Crary believes they complement each other well. "Some of my tennis friends are not happy about pickleball taking over tennis courts, but I think both sports are wonderful and can be enjoyed together," she said.

Dad played in the NFL

Unfortunately, there were few opportunities available for Crary to play sports at Carmel High — in the 1950s, swimming was the only varsity sport girls could participate in.

But athletic ability came naturally to

Crary, who played baseball with boys as a youngster and learned tennis as a teenager from John Gardiner, a local legend whose tennis ranch in Carmel Valley attracted a host of celebrities, including three U.S. presidents.

Crary's father, Bill Smith — who once owned Kip's Market at Ocean and San Carlos — was an All-American football player at the University of Washington who later played six years for the Chicago Cardinals. A pair of siblings also enjoyed athletic success — her sister, Sandra, excelled at swimming and later raced cars, while her brother, Craig, quarterbacked a championship team at Carmel High and twice competed in the America's Cup yacht race.

While Crary's mother, Geraldine Smith, wasn't an athlete, she did serve on the Carmel City Council from 1950 to 1952.

LETTERS

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our history, with the second meeting of the Red Cross Chapter of Carmel announced in its pages on Sept. 27, 1916. Founding officer Lilly Devendorf, whose name echoes through our local history, exemplifies the enduring relationship between the city, the newspaper and our chapter.

Throughout the years, the Carmel Red Cross actively contributed to various initiatives, from rolling bandages and sending supplies during World War I, to conducting programs in knitting production, first aid, swimming instruction, and disaster relief in the 1920s. Fundraising for global disasters became a significant focus, and in 1955, the chapter found its home in a Comstock-designed post adobe building on the corner of Eighth Avenue and Dolores Street.

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Michele Averill, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross Central Coast Chapter



MARY STILES BLISS

Mary Stiles Bliss, 79, of Carmel, California, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. She was born in Arcata on June 25, 1944, to the late Ida and Marshall Stiles. Mary enjoyed reading, gardening and spending time with her family and friends who were dear to her.

Mary is survived by her one-and-only-offspring, Stiles Bliss (Chelitha Bliss), and her seven grandchildren.

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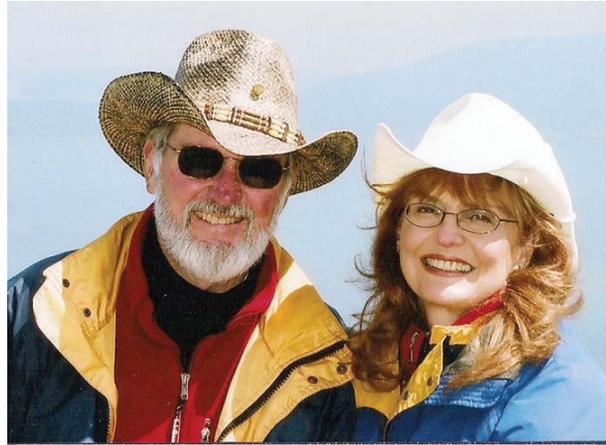
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Grethe Hand, on September 9, 2023.

Grethe was born in Norway in 1938 and lived through the German occupation of the country during World War II. She welcomed her younger brother, Jens Fredrik, five years later and they grew up together in Røa, a suburb of Oslo. Following her high school graduation, Grethe attended a secretarial school and worked for the Norwegian shipping company Wilhelmsen. However, she soon discovered that more appealing opportunities lay beyond the shores of Norway and she ventured overseas – first, to England, and a year later, to the United States, where she fell in love with San Francisco.

It was in the City by the Golden Gate that she met Marvin Hand as he was building his travel agency. She soon fell in love with him, and they were married in July of 1963, eventually settling into the family home built by Marvin's grandfather in 1887. They raised two sons in San Francisco and managed the travel agency over 30 years, but Grethe also fulfilled her wanderlust with Marvin, enjoying regular trips to Europe and Mexico, safaris in Africa, and many wonderful cruises. However, she always returned every summer to Norway with the boys where they would spend six weeks staying with her parents, Signe and Jens, and spending time with her two doting aunts, Else and Astrid. They also traveled to the south of Norway where they would visit with her brother and his wife and two girls, especially enjoying their time together in Grimstad.

The rest of summer and numerous weekends were spent at the Russian River where Grethe and Marvin built a cabin at Summer Home Park. They made many friends and memories at the river and eventually moved full time to Sonoma County, living on a hill among the oaks outside of Healdsburg. They continued to travel, and entertained friends and family for many years until Marvin passed in 2010. Later that year, Grethe moved to Del Mesa in Carmel Valley where she lived for 13 years, still traveling often and watching her grandchildren grow up on the Monterey Peninsula and in St. Louis.

Grethe is survived by her sons Jeff, of Carmel Valley, and Carter, of St. Louis, Missouri, as well as her step-daughters from Marvin's first marriage, Cicely Hand of Nice, France, and Leslie Hand Kelleher of Bend, Oregon. She is also survived by family in Norway – her sister-in-law, Sidsel Bull of Grimstad, and her two nieces, Christine Bull Bringager and Benedicte Bull of Oslo. She will be fondly remembered by her two daughters-in-law, Jane Weismann Hand of Carmel Valley, and Emma Lang Hand of St. Louis, her grandchildren, Courtney, Will, Lilah and Cali Hand, Tyler and Sarah Kelleher and Brian Hanford. We will all celebrate her life together this summer up at the river. Our family is eternally grateful for the care and support she received from Dr. Thomas Bradley, and for the tireless efforts and dedication of her two caregivers and friends, Martha Chavez and Emy Pajimola.



LOREL FARBER

February 14, 1948 ❖ June 23, 2023

Lorel Farber, longtime resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea, passed away on June 23, 2023, after a long illness.

Lorel was preceded in death by her parents, Sylvia and Joseph Roman of Cleveland, Ohio; and her brother, Dennis Roman of West Hills, California.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1966 and attended Dyke Business College in Cleveland, Ohio.

Lorel enjoyed fishing, camping, hiking, auto races, jazz festivals and road trips.

She served on the boards of many Carmel non-profits – the Forest Theater Guild, the Abalone Club and the Friends of the Sunset Center.

She enjoyed helping people and made this a better world.

She is survived by her loving husband, Wayne Farber; her sister-in-law, Elaine Roman; and her nephews, Josh Roman of West Hills, California and Matthew Roman of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Donations can be made to the SPCA of Monterey County.

To place an obituary for your loved one, contact anne@carmelpinecone.com or (831) 274-8654

JEFF DANIEL SMITH 1956-2023 A Life in Art

Artist Jeff Daniel Smith passed away on September 30 from cancer. He died peacefully at home in the arms of his loved ones.

A native Californian, Jeff was born with a passion for art. Constantly drawing as a child, he later won awards in high school art shows. At El Camino College, he studied art history and drawing and painting from live models. While still in his mid-20s, Jeff began working for commercial studios that specialized in the creation of paintings and murals for commercial spaces, and later, backdrops for photography and film. These were worthwhile experiences that allowed him to paint a wide variety of subjects and styles on a large scale.

Upon moving to the Monterey Peninsula in 1994, Jeff began painting "en plein air" and he met artist and future wife, Cyndra Bradford. Together, with six other Peninsula artists, they formed a group called The Informalists.

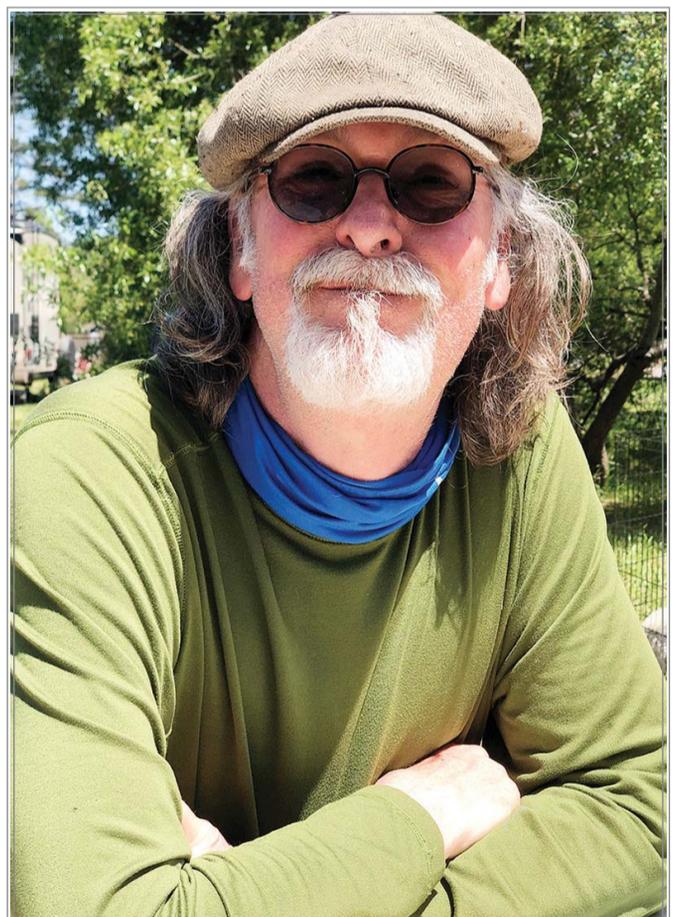
Jeff and Cyndra Bradford opened Galerie Plein Aire in 1998. With the talented group of Plein Air painters, Galerie Plein Aire became a successful part of the art scene in Carmel.

In 1998 Jeff became a member of the Carmel Art Association, where he served as a board member and president. In 2007 he was elected president of Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association. He has been an award recipient in many art competitions including the Carmel Art Festival.

Jeff was represented by Galerie Plein Aire, Carmel; J. Howell Fine Art, Healdsburg; and Red Door Gallery, Graeagle; where his paintings sold to art collectors from around the globe. A master of shadow and light, Jeff strived for his paintings to be spontaneous. Viewers of his art not only got a sense of place but of time ... time of year as well as the hour of the day. He will be known by his unique style of shimmering seascapes, brilliant barns and rolling hillsides. He found his inspiration in the beauty that is California. Whether in a plein air study or a large studio piece, he used dynamic color and bold brushstrokes or exact palette knife work to capture the fleeting light of the moment. Additionally, he was an accomplished bass guitar player and he loved getting together with his band friends for weekly jam sessions.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Cyndra Bradford; and the extended Bradford family including stepdaughter, Chrissy Andante; stepson, Kai Nelson; grandsons, Hayden and Andrew; brothers, Eric Smith and Tony Smith; and sister, Jeannette Smith, as well as numerous friends and colleagues.

Jeff will be remembered as a compassionate man with a great sense of humor, an accomplished artist and musician and he will be missed by all whose lives he touched. His life was cut too short. He had so many more paintings to paint and ideas to explore.



WATER

From page 1A

of industries since the 1940s, and are in many products and applications, such as nonstick cookware, stain repellants, and in waterproofing.

The agency said it found seven types of PFAS in the Monterey water system, including the “most concentrated” compound that exceeded proposed limits by 190 percent.

There are no enforceable national drinking water standards for PFAS, according to a Nov. 11 USA Today piece.

The pollutants are dubbed “forever chemicals” because they are long lasting and break down slowly over time. The EPA says that due to their widespread use and persistence in the environment, many PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals worldwide, and “are present at low levels in a variety of food products.

“Exposure to PFAS may be harmful to human health,” and scientific research suggests that exposure to certain types of such chemicals may lead to adverse health outcomes, such as various types of cancer, decreased fertility and reduced vaccine response, according to the EPA.

However, because the compounds are found in many different products, the agency said it “makes it challenging to study and assess the potential human health and environmental risks.”

Cal Am — which draws most of its water from aquifers

in Carmel Valley and Seaside and delivers it to customers with minimal treatment — indicates on its website that it is safe to drink, cook and bathe with tap water.

Reverse osmosis

While heating or boiling water doesn’t affect PFAS, Cal Am said there are some household filtration systems that “may lower levels of some PFAS.” The most effective way to remove them would be an advanced purification system such as desalination, which can turn highly toxic seawater or even sewage into almost pure H₂O.

Cal Am’s parent company, American Water, has a research group that is “actively involved in externally funded projects related to the detection, occurrence and removal of PFAS,” Cal Am spokesman Josh Stratton told The Pine Cone Wednesday morning. “American Water continues to improve analytical method detection limits for PFAS.”

Stratton said the company has used a technology to

remove PFAS compounds from five communities that have “elevated source water levels.”

The Pure Water Monterey reclamation plant uses reverse osmosis to help purify wastewater, and Cal Am’s proposed desal plant would employ the technology.

In March 2023, U.S. EPA announced a proposed drinking water regulation to set limits for six PFAS. The cost to install treatment facilities and other infrastructure to remove chemicals at drinking water facilities to levels required by the EPA exceeds \$47 billion nationally, which is roughly \$35 billion more than what would be required to meet PFAS limits set by the state, Cal Am said earlier this year. It would also require, on a national basis, more than \$700 million in annual operating costs.

“American Water calls for policies that will ensure compliance by all water utilities — whether privately or municipally owned — while protecting customers and communities from the high cost of monitoring and mitigating PFAS,” the company said.

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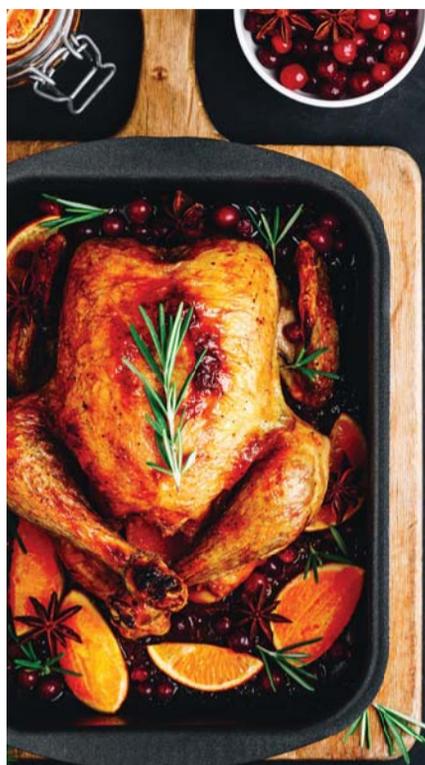
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 202317042
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EDEN HOMES, 17700 Riverbend Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231942
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WILD HORSE GARDEN, 230 Barbara Cir., Marina, CA 93933.

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File No. 20231908
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CULTIVOS MIXTECO 953 ORGANIC FARMS, 1700 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA 93906.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231713
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EEP HEALTHCARE, 1665 Santa Cruz, CA 95065.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231949
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Cruz Tree Service, 1975 Highland St., Seaside, CA 93955, County of Monterey.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20231906
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Sea View Ranch, 73275 Highway One, Big Sur, CA 93920

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File No. 20231994
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TREVINO'S AUTO BODY, 218 Boronda Rd. #A4, Salinas, CA 93907.

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File No. 20231820
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MOMMY DAYCARE, 224 Park St., Soledad, CA 93960.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20232012
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DONNA SHARP, PERSONAL IMAGE CONSULTANT, 1076 Indian Village Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

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File No. 20232014
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY ROYAL PERUME, 372 Bergin Drive #A, Monterey, CA 93940.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20232042
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STANDISH CO., 1354 Noche Buena Street, Seaside, CA 93955.

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File No. 20232037
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRAVEL WITH ROSEANNE, 250 Forest Ridge Rd., Unit 27, Monterey, CA 93940.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20232008
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LUXURY CONCIERGE GLOBAL, 3622 Eastfield Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, on or after 4:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in-person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Subject of Public Hearings:

MA 23-116 (Esperanza Carmel, LLC) - Consideration of a Mills Act Contract application MA 23-116 (Esperanza Carmel LLC) for the historic "Mrs. Clinton Walker House" located at 26336 Scenic Road in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 009-423-001.

MA 23-103 (Cypress Inn) - Consideration of a Mills Act Contract application MA 23-103 (Cypress Inn) for the historic "La Ribera Hotel" located at the north-east corner of Lincoln Street and 7th Avenue in the Residential-Commercial (R-C) District. APN 010-147-008.

MA 23-117 (Griffin) - Consideration of a Mills Act Contract application MA 23-117 (Griffin) for the historic "Agnes Shorting House" located on 3rd Avenue 2nd northwest of Junipero Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-108-007.

MA 23-146 (Lopez 5 NW, LLC) - Consideration of a Mills Act Contract application MA 23-146 (Lopez 5 NW, LLC) for the historic "Cosmos House" located on Lopez Avenue 5 northwest of 4th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-232-028.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom.

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The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us. The Council meeting will be televised live on the City's website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding City Council meetings, please contact the City Clerk's office at (831) 620-2016.

All interested persons are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting.

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 city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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City Clerk
Dated: 11/15/2023
Publish Date: 11/24/2023
Publication dates: Nov. 24, 2023 (PC1128)

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S/Roderick Standish
Date signed: Nov. 8, 2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 8, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20232039
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MANDO SURF CO., 1 SE Dolores @ 4th Ave., Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel, California 93921.

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File No. 20231969
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A BACKFLOW TESTING & REPAIR SERVICES, 240 Montclair Ln., Salinas, CA 93906.

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MANDATES

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on a 4,000-square-foot lot, is not something that the city is supportive of," Swanson said.

He also advised commissioners that he and Kort "have not run this specific policy up the flagpole with the state, yet."

Commissioner Robert Delves was generally supportive of the stricter limit, while commissioner Stephanie Locke suggested a middle ground of allowing smaller units. Chair Michael LePage speculated bringing ADUs under the maximum square footage would undermine the state's effort to get more housing built, because people would have little incentive to give up their living space.

Members of the public were similarly divided. Carmel Preservation Association founders Karyl Hall and Neal Kruse argued for including ADUs in the maximum, while designer Alan Lehman predicted the city will end up in legal battles with the state if it tries to impose such significant restrictions on accessory units.

Kruse said he was fine not incentivizing construction of housing that "the state shoved down our throats."

"My primary concern is this is an ADU killer," Lehman countered, adding that floor areas up to 1,000 square feet

for a two-bedroom unit are automatically allowed under state law. He suggested seeking feedback from the state housing department sooner than later.

"Before we come back to you with a draft, we will have a conversation with them to get their feedback on the ordinance," Swanson told commissioners. "We didn't want to do that before coming here, because we wanted to find out if the planning commission is even interested in policies like these."

Other provisions

While the state exempts accessory dwellings from including off-street parking, and property owners who convert garages to granny units don't need to replace the parking they provided, the city's ordinance would require space for cars on lots in the residential areas near the beach, since the Coastal Act focuses on visitor access to beaches and other seaside areas.

"This is a really good example of a law that is giving deference to the Coastal Act," Swanson said. "The reason for this rule is not to protect homeowners or residents, it's to protect visitors to the coast so they have close, free, easy access, which is one of the driving policies of the Coastal Act."

While some speakers simply decried the loss of parking and complained about congestion on the roads, Hall suggested allowing people who build ADUs to retain

or construct garages without them being counted toward the maximum square footage as a means of mitigating the problem.

Commissioners also considered deed restrictions on the use and occupancy of ADUs, such as requiring the property owner to live on site.

"I think owner occupancy is an enforcement nightmare, especially with second homes," Locke commented. "As it is right now, 30-plus-day rentals would be allowed in both."

But, she said, deed restrictions allow buyers to know exactly what they're getting and what can or cannot be changed, such as the size of an accessory unit.

Delves said he simply wants more people living in town full-time, which deed restrictions can help accomplish.

"The population of full-time residents is decreasing and aging at the same time," he said. "It's important that we find ways to have more people living here," and while the state's mandates are often outsized and unrealistic for a city like Carmel, "that doesn't mean we shouldn't try."

Among other rules, the draft ordinance also states an ADU application can't be addressed until any proposed remodel or construction of the main home on the property is approved, and dictates the smaller unit's style will match the larger home.

Commissioners suggested Swanson contact the state to get early feedback on the proposed restrictions and that he provide an update, as well as data on the 91 ADUs already approved, at a future planning commission meeting.

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Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **KETTLE CONSTRUCTION INC., 19033 Beatrice Drive, Salinas, CA 93907.**
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S/Kimberly Kettle, CFO
Date: Nov. 14, 2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 2023.

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This business is conducted by a married couple.
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S/Herman G. Fickewirth
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Registered Owner(s): **RUFINO RUSSEL ENRIQUEZ ROBLES, 1206 First Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.**
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Stevenson takes water polo crown, Padres cross country team hits the road

ONE YEAR after suffering the most heart-wrenching loss imaginable in the title game of the Northern California Girls Division 3 Water Polo Championships, the Stevenson Pirates returned to take care of unfinished business.

Stevenson scored back-to-back upset victories Friday and Saturday in Stockton to win the 2023 NorCal crown,

Stevenson's tandem of Emmerson Ferriera and Miranda Salinger combined for eight goals, and the Pirates got outstanding defense from goalie Anna Mitchell (nine saves), Arielle Dale and Sienna Cimoli, as they spanked SAC Joaquin Section champion Buhach Colony (28-6).

In Friday's semifinal, the Pirates vanquished West Catholic League power Mitty with five goals from Salinger, four from Ferriera, and two each from Dale and Jacquelynn Powers, plus 10 saves in the cage from Mitchell.

Stevenson also reached the 2022 title game and held a three-goal lead in the closing minutes, only to suffer a devastating 11-10 loss to Woodcreek, a school from Santa Rosa.

Five of the Pirates' six starters (Ferriera, Salinger, Dale, Cimoli and Mitchell) were sophomores that day, and the first reserve (Powers) was a freshman.

All six, plus this year's outstanding freshman, Charlotte Morrow, are expected back next fall to defend their league, section, and regional championships they won in 2023.

Ghio, Carmel's best individual finisher at CCS (fourth place), might be capable of maintaining a six-minute mile pace in Fresno, which translates to an 18-minute, 45-second finish, a time that would've placed her in the top 25 at

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By DENNIS TAYLOR

becoming the first water polo team in Monterey history (male or female) to reach that pinnacle.

The Pirates (25-7) capped a magical season by stunning top-seeded Archbishop Mitty 13-9 in Friday's semifinals at the University of Pacific, then returned to knock off third-seeded Buhach Colony 10-6 in Saturday's finals.

Stevenson added that trinket to a trophy case that already included the second consecutive Central Coast Section crown the Pirates won the previous week.

The CCS repeat came on the heels of the Pirates' fourth straight Pacific Coast Athletic League crown in the Gabilan Division, where they've won 32 consecutive games — a streak that dates to Sept. 19, 2019.

After knocking off the No. 1 seed the previous day,

CHS runners head for state

For the Carmel Padres, the key to running faster at Saturday's CIF State Cross Country Championships in Fresno this season is to run smarter on the 5K course at Woodward Park, said second year head coach Daniel Tapia, an elite runner himself.

For the second consecutive year, the Padres placed second to Scotts Valley as a team at the Central Coast Section Championships, and head to state with high hopes of running with California's best Division 4 schools on the fast course in Fresno.

"The goal would be for everybody to beat last year's time on this same course," said Tapia, who thinks his Padres might be capable of a top-five finish in this year's team competition after placing 14th a year ago. "Woodward Park is a fast course, but if you're not smart, you can pay a price on the second mile, which has a good hill."

Flat terrain entices runners to bolt from the starting line and turn the opening mile into a mad dash, but a formidable grade, 150-200 meters long, awaits at the 2-mile mark.

Notably, though, four of Carmel's five runners — junior Ava Ghio, sophomore Lila Glazier, and seniors Chiara Kvitek and Sara Eyjolfssoddir — competed there in 2022 and return to the scene with valuable experience. The fifth, sophomore Lauren Galicia, should benefit from her teammates' knowledge.



PHOTO/TERRY O'HARA

Stevenson sailors Sadie Marinerstein, Abbie Zhang, Max McCormick and Patrick O'Hara sailed two sloops to the Silver Division championship at the Anteaater Regatta Nov. 11-12 at Newport Yacht Club.

state a year ago.

Two Carmel boys — junior Mack Aldi and freshman Jasper Bolante — qualified for state as individuals.

Aldi, who was fifth overall at CCS, placed 33rd against California's best in 2022, reaching the finish line in 16:10.3, but his coach thinks his top runner could be significantly faster there on Saturday.

"I think Mack is capable of running 15:35 or 15:37 at state — approximately a five-minute mile pace — which

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Junior Mack Aldi (left), Carmel's top runner, and freshman Jasper Bolante qualified as individuals for Saturday's state cross country meet in Fresno.

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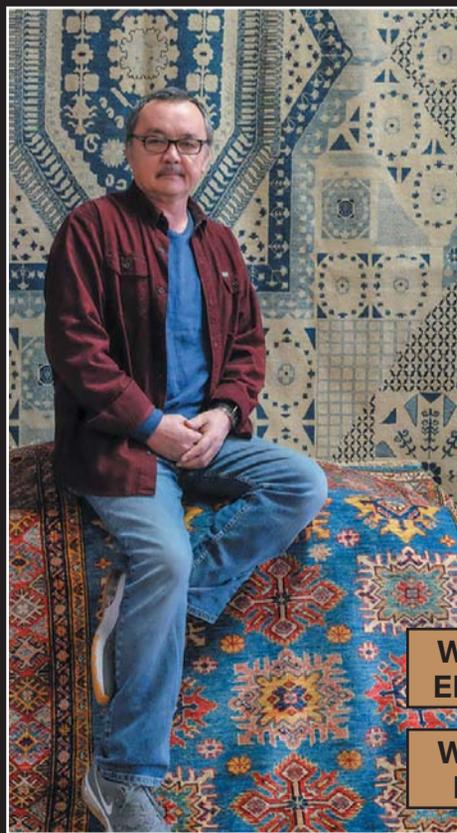
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would be a big jump from last year," Tapia said. "That time could mean a top-10 finish there."

Last year's 10th-place finisher at state (one of four seniors in the top 10) clocked in at 15:32.4.

As a ninth grader, this will be Bolante's first taste of the state's biggest high school meet. His per-mile average at CCS, 5:40.5 seconds, was 12th best on a slower course at Crystal Springs in Belmont.

"I'm just impressed that he qualified for state as a freshman," Tapia said. "I knew it was possible, but for him to actually do it ... I'm still a little bit shocked."

■ Iniakov fifth at state golf

Stevenson's Nicole Iniakov shot a 2-over-par 74 at Poppy Hills to tie for fifth place Wednesday at the CIF State Golf Championships.

Iniakov, a junior, carded five birdies, four bogies, and a double-bogey to finish three strokes off the pace of individual medalist Iliana Rubio of Oak Ridge.

The Pirates placed seventh in the team competition as Lucinda Wu (82) tied for 34th, Coco He (87) tied for 44th, Michelle Wang (88) tied for 46th, Anjela Abanico (93) placed 55th, and Siobhan Ong (95) tied for 58th.

■ Tennis locals fall at CCS

Stevenson's Lynn Fu and Carmel's Ruby Myrold were eliminated in the opening round at the CCS Singles Tennis Championships, held Nov. 13 at Bay Club Courtside in Los Gatos.

Fu was beaten 6-0, 6-0 by second-seeded Rachel Gee of Evergreen, and Myrold fell 6-0, 6-0 to unseeded Kylie Liao of Lynbrook.

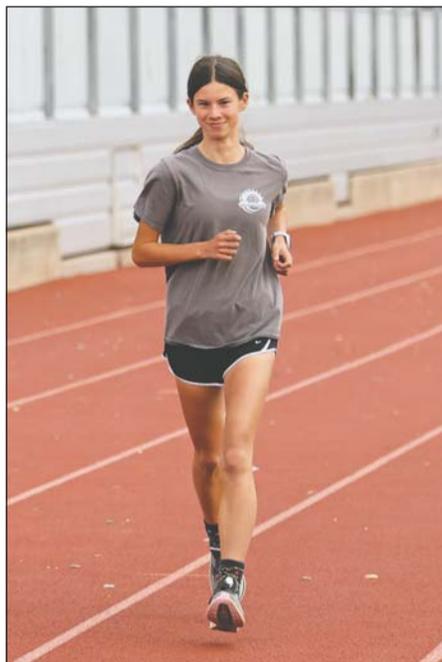
■ Stevenson sails to first place

The Stevenson Pirates embarked on another treasure hunt two weekends ago, fired a few shots over the bow of some of

California's best high school sailing programs, and brought home more gold for the school's trophy case.

Four Stevenson sailors in two 13-foot Flying Junior sloops teamed up to win the overall first-place team trophy Nov. 11-12 in the Silver Division of the Anteaater Regatta at the Newport Yacht Club, outpointing 29 other boats from all over the state.

Senior skipper Max McCormick and freshman crew Patrick O'Hara logged top-10 finishes in all six races to place first as a tandem in the A Fleet, while teammates



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Ava Ghio, a junior, is the fastest of five Carmel girls who qualified as a team for the state championships.

Abbie Zhang and Sadie Marinerstein, both seniors, raced to a fourth-place finish in the B Fleet.

Together, the two Stevenson teams outpointed all other schools to win top honors in the Silver Division.

"High school sailing in California is very competitive, and the Gold Division is faster, but to win the Silver, for us, is a good result, for sure," said veteran coach

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Free land

SOME PARTS of Monterey County are ridiculously expensive when it comes to real estate — so much so that four of our zip codes are in the nation’s Top 100 for home prices, according to a survey from propertyshark.com.

Zip code 93921, which covers about 95 percent of Carmel-by-the-Sea, has an average home sale price of \$3.008 million, or 25th in the nation, propertyshark says, followed by Pebble Beach, 93953, in 41st place at \$2.59 million, the 93923 portion of Carmel Valley in 82nd place in the country at \$2.002 million, and the southern part of the Big Sur coast, also known as 93920, in 83rd place at an even \$2 million.

Even more costly are places like zip code 94027 in Atherton, which is No. 1 in the nation with an average home sale price of \$8.3 million, followed by 11962 in Sagaponack, N.Y., at \$8.075 million, 33109 in Miami Beach at \$5.5M, and 93108 in Santa Barbara, where an average home will set you back \$5 million. A few places like those, and pretty soon you’re talking about real money.

Needless to say, buying a home in any of these communities has become impossible not only for blue-collar workers, but for young professionals with good incomes. Can a married couple, both making \$100,000 a year, and with enough savings for a 15 percent down payment, find something to buy in Carmel or any of the other places we’ve mentioned? Especially with today’s interest rates, the answer is, “No way.”

California is trying to make a dent in the problem by requiring even the most exclusive communities to downzone single-family neighborhoods so that apartments can be built almost anywhere, and by letting owners of existing homes build granny units. It remains to be seen whether either strategy will make much difference.

But the Wall Street Journal reports that some of the nation’s most exclusive towns are trying a more proactive approach, not by rezoning for higher densities and waiting for private developers to take advantage, but by buying land themselves, building housing on it and dedicating the units for city employees, teachers and the like.

In Vail, Colo., for example, the city is spending \$7 million to buy three “oddly shaped parcels” from the Colorado Department of Transportation, intending to build worker housing on them. The city also recently spent \$2 million to purchase a two-family house which it plans to rent to municipal employees. And Vail’s director of housing has launched a program to pay homeowners to create deed restrictions that require at least one of the people who lives there to work at least 30 hours per week in town. The price of the restriction is usually about 20 percent of a home’s value, the WSJ reports, with 200 having been acquired to date at a cost of \$17 million to the City of Vail, which gets the money from a local sales tax.

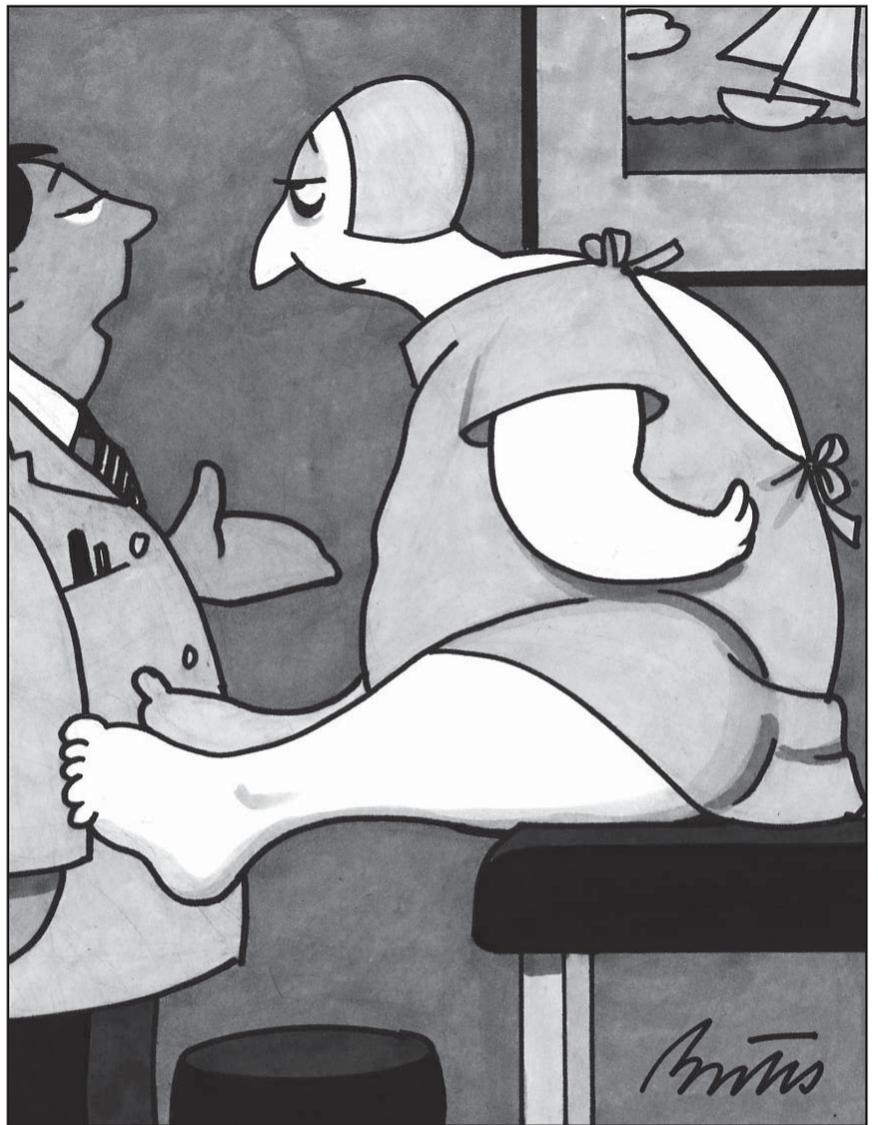
And on Nantucket Island in Massachusetts, where affordable housing is so scarce some workers commute to their jobs by plane, the town has voted to expand the real estate transfer tax to fund affordable housing. Even the local land conservation group has gotten in on the act.

“In the last couple of years,” says Jesse Belle, executive director of the Nantucket Land Bank, “we’ve given away three house — to a restaurant, a hair salon, and a landscaping company — to use as employee housing.”

The well-funded Land Bank also purchased a lot in conjunction with a local pro-housing group to provide access to a parcel on which the group plans to build affordable housing. And in July, “citing the lack of affordable worker housing, the Land Bank bought an eight-bedroom duplex near a golf course for \$2.9 million to house the course’s employees,” the WSJ said.

These unusual efforts illustrate a hard financial reality for expensive communities: The only way to supply affordable housing is to start with free land. One way for that to happen is for civic-minded rich people to donate it. Another way is for taxpayers and nonprofits to buy it.

BEST of BATES



“It’s obvious, Mabel. You ate too much turkey.”

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author’s name and home town. We reserve the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication.

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DiMaggio for the win

Dear Editor,
I recently finished speaking with Joe DiMaggio at Cal Am about a neighbor who has been suffering through multiple illnesses, tragedies and deaths in the past year. He had received a \$6,000 water bill and notice to shut off his water if payment wasn’t made.

Joe took the initiative to connect us in a three-way conversation and resolve the situation in a matter of just a few minutes.

Joe’s support, consideration and response were way above and beyond the normal call of duty and are a credit to him and to Cal Am, particularly during this holiday season. He and Cal Am are to be commended.

Richard Ely, Carmel

Town speaks

Dear Editor,
Bohemians raised me to be welcoming to refugees from the hectic world. Throughout

the years, I have worked to maintain my independence from the overwhelming development in other places while still being welcoming to new ideas and innovation. I have been a nurturing oasis of peace, charm and creativity. Although this is a time of great personal freedom and self-expression for many, somehow I’m finding my independence and unique identity are being stripped away by regulations meant for big cities. Please allow larger cities to densify and save cities like me so that we can share our unique gifts with generations to come. Write on my behalf to the city council and our senator asking them to protect my right to express my unique and precious charm.

The Village of Carmel-by-the-Sea,
c/o David O’Neil, Carmel

Red Cross thanks

Dear Editor,
We extend our gratitude for the support of the community throughout the years. Their commitment to the American Red Cross mission has been a source of inspiration and legacy, and we are thrilled to share an important update regarding the Red Cross office in Carmel by-the-Sea.

The roots of the former Carmel Area Chapter trace back over 107 years, with the inaugural meeting taking place at Carmel City Hall. Fifteen dedicated individuals were selected for the board of directors from a pool of 34 nominees, marking the beginning of a longstanding commitment to serving the community.

The Pine Cone has played a vital role in

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In 1859, you could have bought a whole city for just \$1,000

THE MONTEREY Peninsula is an amazing place, and I am thankful to have called it home for nearly half of my life. I've written before that I believe God created the Monterey Peninsula so he would have a place to rest on the seventh day.

Perhaps because it is so special, its development has been the source of fervent debate for more than two centuries.

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

Regardless of where one stands on the position of development, there are reasons to be thankful for the many individuals who have had a role in how the Peninsula has developed. Few of us would have chosen to live in the wilderness where early natives' survival was a daily struggle.

The Spanish soldiers and padres saw to the relatively simple initial development. We can thank the padres for laying out Camino Real, California's first roadway. It improved travel from San Diego to Sonoma, with missions as places of rest after each day's journey.

Law and order

Monterey initially developed in a haphazard fashion, with adobes popping up here and there. Eventually the governors created roads at uneven angles to adapt a downtown around the early development. Gov. Agustin Vicente Zamorano (1830) is credited with developing the civic plaza near El Cuartel at the southern end of today's Alvarado Street. There he created the first jail, a necessary aspect of bringing law and order to a growing community.

In 1846, Commodore John Drake Sloat claimed California for the United States with the capital city of Monterey as the base. He appointed his ship's chaplain, Rev. Walter Colton, as alcalde, the civil authority. Colton built a new meeting house, today's Colton Hall. Delegates from throughout California gathered there to

create the state's constitution. Colton Hall is also where the community's first Protestant church services and Sunday school classes were held.

An early leader of those Sunday school classes was Scottish immigrant David Jacks, who came to Monterey in 1850 and had a unique role in local development. Jacks was blamed for the lack of growth.

When the city couldn't afford to pay its attorney in 1859, the city lands — 30,000 acres — were auctioned off. Jacks, a successful merchant, was the only bidder. He bought it all for just over \$1,000. Jacks' total control of the lands stifled development. While Santa Cruz and Salinas grew, Monterey languished. Because of the stunted growth, county residents voted to move the county seat to Salinas in 1875.

Best-laid plans

Jacks was not actually opposed to development. In the early 1870s, he commissioned a title search to resolve disputes over hundreds of prior owners of undivided parts of Rancho Point Pinos, west of Monterey. By 1875, he had acquired all the titles and worked with the conference of the Methodist-Episcopal church to develop the Pacific Grove Retreat Association. Jacks fronted the money to survey and lay out a 100-acre site on his rancho. He even built some of the first homes there, renting them to summer visitors who were not comfortable with the notion of living in a tent for the season. The original plan was to sell enough lots to repay Jacks.

Sales were slow and Jacks never recouped his investment from lot sales. He passed his problem onto the community's next major developer, Charles Crocker. Crocker was a founding partner of the Central and Southern Pacific railroads and the affiliated Pacific Improvement Co. Crocker convinced his partners to bring the Southern Pacific Railroad to Monterey, and

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A traveler along colorful roads

MANY OF Janaka Stagnaro's landscapes and seascapes are undoubtedly autobiographical, featuring a tiny, nondescript, solitary figure, usually in a hat, frequently with a tall walking stick.

The artist calls this person "the traveler," a moniker that appropriately describes the rich life-journey Stagnaro has been on since he was a much younger man.

He has seen America coast-to-coast as a hitchhiker, taking the back roads from California to Florida on his way to Australia, a continent he also traveled with his thumb. He said his life changed in West Africa — Cameroon — where he learned a great deal about happiness, community, human kindness and himself. It was dramatically

writing.

His studio on the second floor of Carmel's Warren Building (southwest corner of Ocean and Mission) is adorned with spectacularly hued watercolors, acrylics, oils and black-on-white charcoal renderings, including portraits of historical figures like Achilles, Homer, Antonin Dvorak, Emily Carr, Mother Meera, Langston Hughes, John Steinbeck, Georgia O'Keeffe, Nicholas Roerich and others.

'I'm a dreamer'

Much of his art is expressionistic, impressionistic and abstract, frequently inspired by visions he's seen in his sleep.

"I'm a dreamer. This morning I had so many dreams within dreams," said Stagnaro, whose visions also inspire his writing. "In one of my books, 'Teachings of Yama,' my spiritual stories, my physical stories, and my dream stories often are interwoven as a narrative."

As a kid, he recalls staring out the windows and doodling endlessly as he sat in classrooms in San Mateo.

"Mainstream public school education didn't feed me. I'd dream my school days away," said Stagnaro, who became fascinated with the occult section of the public library as a middle-schooler, searching for magic spells that might give him "superpowers."

"Then I had a dream about a wolf that scared me away from that stuff, and I let it all go for a long time," he said.

Stagnaro grew up with "very conservative parents" amongst liberal-minded siblings, and was more attracted to the latter's worldview. He read novels by Kurt Vonnegut and J.R.R. Tolkien, and became enamored with the music of the Beatles circa 1965-68, when their work was heavily influenced by the Eastern Indian spirituality.

"All of that stuff really opened my eyes," he said. "That was my spirituality."

At 19, he had a near-death experience, nearly drowning in the ocean — another spiritual awakening.

"As I was going down for the last time, there was this white light, and my awareness was from above. I watched my rescuer run down the beach, jump in the water and pull my body out," he remembered. "And then I was back in my body, but not with gratitude. It was so much nicer being in this lightness of awareness."

Sowing his oats

As a student at CSU Chico, he indulged in the booze-addled culture of a notorious party school, and "never really came back to the Bay Area after that — I just kind of found my own way," he said.

An interest in military history enticed Stagnaro to join the U.S. Marine Corps Officers Candidate School, "but I pretty quickly realized it wasn't for me. Then

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

altered again in Nepal, India, where he sought spiritual guidance and fell in love with Eastern philosophies. He saw UFOs in the desert near Flagstaff, Ariz.

Author of 10 books

At 62, Stagnaro, who writes poetry and prose, is the author of 10 wide-ranging books — spiritual, philosophical, mystical and whimsical. His three "Gerome Gnome" books were composed for children in his classrooms during his 25-year career as a Waldorf teacher.

He teaches art to children three or four days a week through the Arts Council for Monterey County, as well as wet-on-wet watercolor art to adults in a workshop he calls, "Going with the Flow," a nod to his astrological sign, Pisces — a water sign — at Carmel's Yoga Shala, where he also mentors meditation sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

"That is my love, out of all of these things," declared Stagnaro, who also reads tarot cards. "If I can get people to learn how to meditate and find that inner peace, that's more important than anything else I do."

But his muses, he said, are art and



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

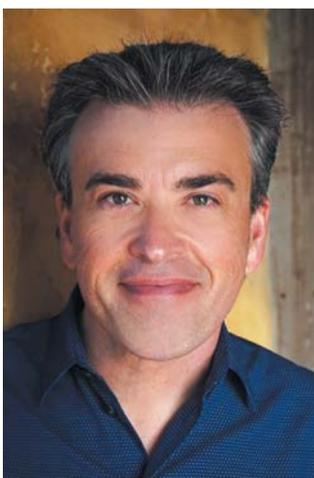
Janaka Stagnaro's art, books and worldview are heavily influenced by his experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa and his solo exploration of India, where he found spirituality.



PHOTO/PEBBLE BEACH CO. LAGORIO ARCHIVE

This illustration of the Monterey Peninsula circa 1913 shows a thriving community as well as plans for a casino in the dunes that was never built.

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build a resort just east of Jacks' Monterey lands. In 1880, their standard-gauge train replaced Monterey's old narrow gauge, and that June, the Pacific Improvement Co. opened the Hotel Del Monte.

Moving water

During construction of the hotel, Jacks sold his Point Pinos and El Pescadero ranches to Crocker's company — the 7,000 acres that made up most of the Peninsula. Under Crocker's guidance, the Pacific Improvement Co. improved the roads and sewer system in Pacific Grove. With the railroad bringing people to the Peninsula, land sales thrived. Seeing a need for a better water supply for both the development in Pacific Grove and at Hotel Del Monte,

the Pacific Improvement Co. bought 11,000 acres in Carmel Valley so it could control and dam the Carmel River.

The company then built a large reservoir, completed in 1883, on the hillside at the eastern end of Rancho Point Pinos and piped water from the Carmel River dam to the reservoir, and from there to the homes of Pacific Grove and over to Hotel Del Monte. It became the primary water system for the community and soon required a second reservoir, Forest Lake in El Pescadero Rancho, which opened in 1888. Before he died, Crocker also led development of 17 Mile Drive, which opened in 1881, and in 1887 constructed El Carmelo Hotel and extended the railroad into Pacific Grove and on to the sand mine by Spanish Bay.

Believing the train would continue south across the Peninsula, the Duckworth brothers, Santiago and Bellisario, laid out Carmel City in 1888 and began selling lots. They were unsuccessful in seeing Carmel

develop into the Catholic retreat they envisioned near the mission, but in the early 1900s, Frank Powers and J. Franklin Devendorf took the Duckworth lot plan and developed it into a colony of artists and writers who didn't need the train.

After Crocker, the Pacific Improvement Co. was minimalist in its development until A.D. Shephard took charge in 1903, as automobile enthusiasts took hold in California. He developed more roads in Del Monte Forest and Carmel Valley offering a 50-mile scenic drive on the Peninsula. Shephard also expanded the nine-hole Del Monte course to 18 holes and built the original log lodge at Pebble Beach in 1909 as anchor for a real estate development there.

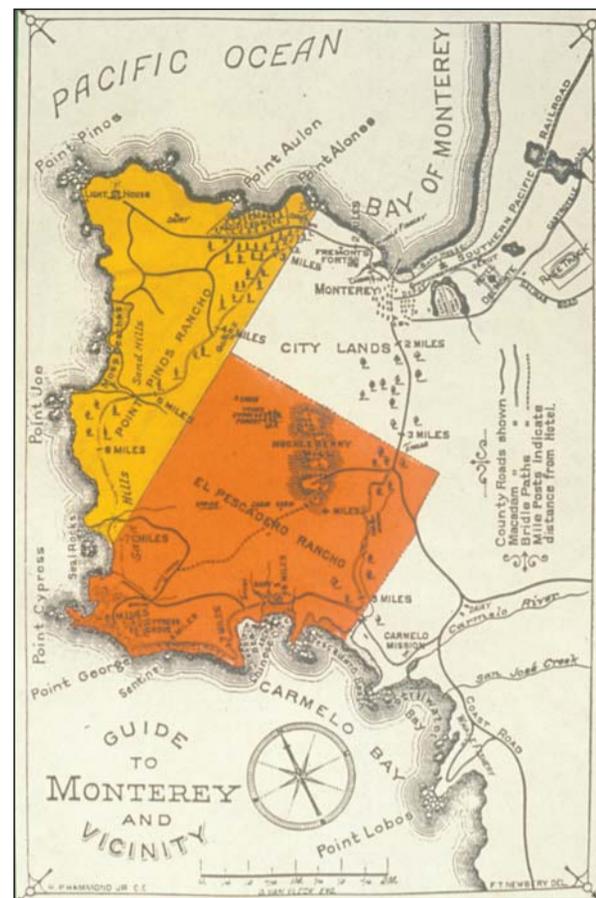
Morse arrives

Shephard was followed by Samuel F.B. Morse as general manager of Pacific Improvement Co. in 1915. Morse saw the Monterey Peninsula as a sportsman's paradise and led development in that direction, including construction of golf courses in Del Monte Forest and Pacific Grove. Morse saw the need for more water and as manager of Pacific Improvement Co. began work on the San Clemente Dam to expand the water system. He completed it as president of Del Monte Properties Co. which he formed in 1919 to acquire the Monterey County lands of his employer.

Morse saw that the natural beauty of the Peninsula was its chief selling point. For 50 years as head of Del Monte Properties, he sought to preserve that beauty while developing Pebble Beach, Carmel Woods

and Del Monte Fairways, and improving the quality of life with the hospital, airport, offices along Garden Road, and even Del Monte Center.

We owe these early developers credit for their vision and willingness to invest in establishing a unique setting on the Monterey Peninsula. I am also thankful for people like Perry Newberry, who worked to keep development balanced and in check. Because of them, the Peninsula continues to be a wonderful place where residents and visitors can enjoy nature and beauty with modern conveniences.



PHOTO/PEBBLE BEACH CO. LAGORIO ARCHIVE

In 1880, the Pacific Improvement Co. acquired the two major properties that made up the Peninsula — the 4,400-acre El Pescadero Rancho (orange) and the 2,600-acre Point Pinos Rancho.

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ARTIST

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I developed a problem with my lungs, got my honorable discharge after several weeks and joined the Peace Corps — from war corps to peace corps,” he said.

When he was 24, the Peace Corps sent him to Cameroon in West Africa, where his worldview morphed again.

“The people there were generous and warm, and I found a social richness in the simplicity. This was before TV started going into their homes. Those people were very content with what they had,” he said, observing that they had no awareness of materialistic things that inhabitants of the developed world regard as essentials.

He also found a heartwarming sense of community among Cameroonians, who often would walk into his apartment as he was quietly creating his art or lifting weights, because they didn’t want him to feel alone.

Stagnaro’s wanderlust intensified after the Peace Corps. It called him to India, where he backpacked alone to explore the culture of Ramana Maharshi (1879-1950), the real-life guru who inspired a character in Somerset Maugham’s celebrated novel, “The Razor’s Edge.”

“I felt this presence that kind of knocked me to the ground,” he remembered of an awakening he experienced upon while wandering through a small village near the Mount Everest base camp. “I felt at home for the first time.” Stagnaro, born John, felt inspired to change his name to Janaka, an homage to a philosopher king who appears in East Indian spiritual stories

The American Dream?

After moving on to Thailand, Stagnaro bought a plane ticket to San Francisco to visit his family for the first time in 2 1/2 years.

“I was sitting in the Stanford Mall, watching all the people buying things for Christmas, and I remember thinking, ‘This is the American Dream? This is a nightmare,’” he said.

And that’s when “the traveler” took off again, hitchhiking alone from California to Florida, then flying to Australia, where he traveled the same way.

“It took me a while to reintegrate to this country,” he said. “Even today, I basically live on African time — I like things simple. I feel uncomfortable eating in an expensive restaurant. If somebody at Trader Joe’s asks if I found everything, my thought is, ‘Of course! There’s more than enough.’”

In 1991, after the birth of his first son, Tillion (an Elven name from Tolkien’s stories), Stagnaro put away his backpack to focus on becoming a father and husband. In 1993, he began formal training to become a Waldorf teacher, teaching briefly in Corvallis, Ore., with 12 years in Sebastopol, in California’s Sonoma County foothills, between two separate stints at the Monterey Bay Charter School.

After a divorce from his first wife (Tillion’s mom), Stagnaro met and married Pacific Grove native Michelle House — a program supervisor at the Monterey County Health Dept. — who, in 2005, gave birth to their son, Aiden, now a senior at Carmel High.

Opposites attract

“She’s the straight edge in our relationship, and I’m the curvy one,” he said. “Her work is what allows me to create art that I don’t have to sell to make a living.”

Though he never went to art school, Stagnaro declines to think of himself as a self-taught artist.

“I’m learning all the time, trying to absorb things from the wonderful artists I’ve met here,” he said.

He also has become an avid student of the art history of the Monterey Peninsula, and credits fellow artists Joaquin Turner and Andrew Jackson, and friends with a bohemian group that calls itself “The Crowd,” for sharing their knowledge.

Stagnaro invites anyone who’s interested to join him Tuesdays and Thursdays at Yoga Shala by the Sea, on the south end of the Sunset Center, where he chants from 8:30 to 9 a.m., then meditates from 9 to 9:30. He’s planning to host a “Go With the Flow” wet-on-wet painting workshop at the same location from 2 to 5 p.m. this Saturday (Nov. 25).

Images of his art, descriptions of his books and additional information can be viewed on his website at janakasartandbooks.com.

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GAVEL

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and possibly by Pacheco too, and robbed of his pants, shoes, watch, ring and a Saint Christopher medal. Velasquez sodom-

ized the body and buried it in a shallow grave. Later that evening, still on Aug. 7, 1966, while driving away from the scene of one of their murders, Gonzales drove at three men walking down the road, Manuel Guerrero, Steven Sanchez and Roberto E. Rodriguez. The defendants had discussed picking them up or running them over, and Velasquez and Garcia wanted to run them down. Guerrero was

killed on impact and his body was knocked into an irrigation ditch. Sanchez received a glancing blow from the right front fender and was knocked into a beet field. Rodriguez was able to get out of the way and took off through the fields. Velasquez and Galvan took off after Rodriguez but were unable to catch him and returned. Pacheco located Sanchez and hit him with a club that had three nails attached to it causing a skull fracture, one nail having pierced Sanchez's brain. Velasquez with codefendants Galvan and Garcia joined Pacheco in stabbing Sanchez 82 times, each using a knife. Sanchez attempted to defend himself and received defensive stab wounds on his hands. Velasquez and Garcia took Sanchez's wallet containing \$60. The bodies of Guerrero and Sanchez were located on the edge of a tomato and beet field on Spreckles Road outside of King City.

This was the 19th time Velasquez had been before the board of parole. In August 2018, at his 16th appearance, he was granted parole. In December 2018, Governor Jerry Brown reversed that grant of parole. At his 17th appearance in January 2020, the inmate was again granted parole, and in May 2020 Gov. Gavin Newsom reversed that decision. At his 18th appearance in June 2021, the inmate was granted parole and Newsom again reversed that grant in October 2021. In each grant, the People wrote letters to the governor urging reversal.

The board of parole found that Velasquez's lack of violence and rule breaking while in prison outweighed unsatisfactory answers in the areas of triggers, motivations, coping skills, understanding causative factors, self-awareness and insight. The family members of John Doe have been active participants in the parole board process and continue to advocate for denial of parole.

The Monterey County District Attorney's Office is again asking Newsom to reverse the grant of parole. We believe the inmate continues to pose an unreasonable current risk of harm to the public based on the egregious facts of these murders and currently lacks insight into his responsibility for these murders and his sexual deviance.

DOUBLE

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said. "Currently the sheriff's office believes no further suspects in this investigation are outstanding."

Before Ramos gave himself up, the sheriff's office provided screenshots of surveillance video they said depict him pointing a handgun inside the bar, and another photo of him inside a dark gray or blue 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500.

Ramos, they warned, was "considered armed and dangerous."

Online records show that Ramos lived on Echo Valley Road in Salinas for more than two decades until late 2019, when he moved to Watsonville.

Undersheriff Keith Boyd told The Pine Cone that the names of the victims would be released once their next of kin have been notified. Boyd said the woman who died is a 36-year-old from San Jose.

The sheriff's office is asking anyone with information about the shooting to call detective C. Zarate at (831) 755-3809 or detective Sgt. Kennedy at (831) 755-3773.



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Police believe this man pointing a handgun, Sergio Carranza Ramos, shot four people in Pajaro Wednesday, killing two of them.

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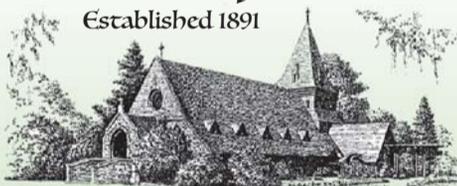
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TASTING

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especially since tasting rooms are not allowed to sell anything other than wine and prepackaged food.

Martin commented that an overall goal is preventing Carmel from becoming "Anywhere USA," and he praised the winetasting policy's requirements that tasting rooms feature only wines grown and made in Monterey County. "That is certainly a very powerful thing that distinguishes our community from other places around the country and around the world," he said.

But he also cautioned against letting

wineries encroach on the interblock walkways that weave through all but two blocks in the commercial district. He worried pedestrians might feel uncomfortable walking through crowds of tasting-room customers.

Galante said letting tasting rooms have designated seating areas outside will help ensure the walkways are clear.

Donatello suggested Baron, Potter and Swanson examine the rules and policies used by Healdsburg and other cities that allow outdoor winetasting, and they agreed that would be prudent. They'll also review the winetasting policy, which was adopted after several meetings in March 2015 and updated to cover events in August 2016, to see how it should be revised.

SPORTS

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Jack McAleer, who assists head coach Bradley Schoch with the Stevenson program. "And since this was a statewide regatta, with teams from the San Francisco Bay area and from all over Southern California, the competition was quite stiff, even in the Silver Division."

The result could be another indicator that the Pirates are moving up the competitive ladder in California.

'Natural sailor'

Last February, McCormick skippered a boat crewed by then-senior Stevie Thomsen (now racing at Connecticut College) to a first-place finish in the tougher Gold Division at the NorCal Championships at Treasure Island.

McCormick and Thomsen won three of the seven races in that 18-boat competition to grab the overall varsity championship on the San Francisco Bay.

"Max is a really natural sailor who grew up sailing on Monterey Bay, and has a feel for it," McAleer said. Patrick did a lot of sailing as a kid on the East Coast, and he and his family still sail there every summer."

Marinerstein, a boarding student, came to Stevenson with extensive sailing experience on San Francisco Bay, while Zhang joined the Pirates four years ago as a newcomer to the sport and has shown steady improvement.

"Sadie already was quite adept at the crewing position, and her ability to make good observations and feed advice to Abbie, the skipper, is a key. She has very good timing on tacks and jibes," McAleer said.

Stevenson's next competition could be the Rose Bowl Regatta, scheduled for January in Long Beach.

Three other former Pirates, Carmen Berg (Yale), Lilah Parker (Tufts) and Ryan Marquess (Southampton University in England) moved on to sail in college. Berg and Marquess graduated from Stevenson in 2022, and Parker graduated last season.

CAMERAS

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egress points several years ago.

After the new Flock devices began popping up in downtown and throughout neighborhoods where some residents have fought vigorously to keep cell towers out, Carmel Residents Association board member Nancy Twomey sent an email to Watkins and other officials in July raising concerns about privacy and aesthetics, and questioning the logic behind placing them on neighborhood streets that aren't access points. She asked that the rollout be halted while those issues were resolved, and the council on July 11 decided to do just that.

Since then, not much has been said about Flock, though walking or driving past the cameras in the dark clearly shows

their infrared technology at work. "Seventeen of them have been installed, and most should be functioning," Watkins said this month, though he believes Carmel P.D. is only receiving data from a half-dozen.

"Last time I looked at them, because everything was put on hold, I think I was only getting data from six," he said. "That was back when we stopped everything, so Flock may have stopped their installation portion of the ones that did get put up."

Watkins said he's waiting to hear from PG&E whether the equipment can be mounted on power poles before completing the network.

In the meantime, officers aren't actively watching the feeds, though they have gotten some investigative leads from the system.

"The quality of the images is fantastic," he said. "The ones I have seen are crystal clear."

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

Light up the season with luminaria, a menorah or a big old tree

By ELAINE HESSER

COMPOSER GUSTAV Mahler is credited with the saying, “Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire.” If that observation is true, then what better time is there to observe tradition than in the long, dark nights of winter?

From twinkling Christmas trees, to menorahs and illuminated parades, not to mention luminarias outside of adobes, the Monterey Peninsula offers a wide array of holiday events. Bright notes of carols and dancers in shimmering holiday finery add to a rich celebration of midwinter glee. And off we go!

Ice Skating by the Bay at Custom House Plaza in Monterey runs from now through New Year’s Day, including holidays. Adults pay \$15, kids 12 and under are \$13 and skate rental is \$5. Season passes are \$225, not including skate rental. It’s open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. Blocks of time have been set aside and are available for private parties, which will affect openings, so check iceskatingbythebay.com before you go. Where else can you glide o’er the ice to the sounds of barking sea lions?

Friday, Nov. 24, **Cannery Row’s 29th annual Christmas Tree Lighting** will be held in the plaza near **Cannery Row and Prescott**. Fun starts at noon with free Red Engine trips around the neighborhood made famous by John Steinbeck. Carolers start serenading holiday crowds at 3:30, and the tree will be illuminated at 5:45. From 6 to 9 p.m., Santa will receive visitors in his temporary digs, so make sure your smartphone is charged and ready to snap some pics. If you can’t get in to see the Big Guy, don’t worry — he’ll be back Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. through Dec. 18.

The **Christmas Parade of Lights** in south Salinas be-

gins at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at Acacia and Main and heads north to the National Steinbeck Center. More than 10,000 people attend the annual spectacle, leaving folding chairs and blankets along the route beginning early in the morning to reserve prime spots. Marching bands and floats celebrate the season — and keep your eye out for some cool cars, too. Oldtown (which they’re now insisting we call City Center) is bustling with shops and restaurants. Alvarado Street Brewery has a gorgeous new 1930s Art Deco spot — Alvarado on Main — at 301 Main St., and nearby Maya Cinemas is one of the most comfortable movie theaters around.

Christmas in the Last Hometown kicks off with a **Christmas Tree Lighting** on Nov. 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Pacific Grove’s **Jewell Park**, between Forest and Grand avenues, accompanied by music from school bands and choruses. After the switch is flipped on the tree at 6 p.m., the **P.G. Museum of Natural History** at 165 Forest Ave. (across the street) will play host to Santa and his diminutive fans.

Light parade

Pacific Grove continues to celebrate downtown, with its annual **Parade of Lights** from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, rain or shine. Enjoy watching holiday floats, marching bands, dance teams and animals. Jolly old St. Nick makes an appearance as well. Organizers invite you to join the fun and get your holiday off to a magical start.

The **tree and menorah lighting in Devendorf Park** is the next day, Dec. 1. Santa arrives at 3:30 p.m. to the strains of Del Monte Brass. Rumor has it he’ll be on a firetruck, as the reindeer are resting up for their big night. At 4 p.m., a menorah will be lit (in plenty of time for Hanukkah’s Dec. 7 start), and organizers promise “plenty of



Santa arrives in Monterey on Nov. 24, near the intersection of Cannery Row and Prescott Avenue — just in time for the Christmas tree lighting.

gelt” and dreidel spinning. Carmel Dance Center, River School Choir, Carmel High School Chamber Singers, I Cantori, Miles Williams, and Debbie Davis start performing at 4:30, and around 5:30, the big tree, downtown median and park will come alive with lots of colorful lights. Immediately afterward, the **Carmel Plaza** hosts its annual **open house** until 7 p.m., with refreshments, live music and more.

Colton Hall in Monterey will also be the scene of a Dec. 1 tree lighting. From 5 to 6 p.m., enjoy carols, cook-

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Finding an outfit to wear to the ballet, and gifts that are on point

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

THE HOLIDAY season is upon us, evidenced by brisk, cold mornings and early fades into night. While most shoppers are making their lists and checking them twice, many have begun to shop for holiday gifts — and for fancy duds and extra-special accessories to wear to the annual performance of “The Nutcracker” at Sunset Center.

An 1892 two-act classical ballet by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, “The Nutcracker” is a story lifted from a child’s imagination on Christmas Eve, at the foot of an enormous Christmas tree.

The plot, an adaptation of E.T.A. Hoffmann’s 1816 short story, “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King,” will be dramatically enacted by local young performers, many of whom have been dancing their whole lives.

“‘The Nutcracker’ is a holiday tradition with sparkle and glitz, from the dancers on stage to those who attend in their holiday best,” said Tia Brown Rosenblum, artistic director and founder of the Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre. “The countless hours of determination are sure to bring magic to this season as audiences ring in the holidays with our ‘Nutcracker’ performances Dec. 8th, 9th and 10th.”

Party dresses and high heels

One way to start your holiday shopping is to imagine your own theater, where you can join the artistic director, her dancers, and their audience as they shop for outfits worthy of the most enchanting harbingers of the holiday season.

We imagine Rosenblum might slip into **Augustina** on Ocean Avenue and tap into the talents of owner Tracy Delaney Odle for sartorial suggestions.

“For Tia, I would select the perfect party dress by Oscar de la Renta,” said Odle. “It’s poofy and flowy to the ankle — in pink, of course — with a fitted bodice and lace collar and sleeves.”

Odle pairs this confection with Jimmy Choo’s sparkly pink “Love” high-heel pumps, plus a beautiful pair of flower-blossom earrings in 18-karat gold with pink sapphires from Paul Morelli’s Wild Child collection (temptingly located by the cash register).

A pair of “ballet mothers” who have escorted their daughters to every audition, rehearsal and costume fitting

over the years, get into a lively debate over hot beverages at **Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company** about whether they should dress formally for the performance or choose something more fun, fashion-forward, and comfortable. Continuing their discussion as they saunter up Ocean Avenue, they notice the sign outside **Lloyd’s Shoes** and decide to let new footwear dictate their attire.

“One option, if you want to be dressy,” said owner Tess Calhoun, “would be the Ron White Queenie slingback silk pointed-toe pump in champagne, navy or black, accented by a beautiful rectangular jeweled brooch. At 2 inches, it’s a very comfortable heel, especially since the insole is cushioned.”

Lloyd’s also carries the matching watered-silk handbag in navy, bearing the same brooch.

Calhoun imagines wearing the Queenies with a suit, silk dress, or even jeans. Her shoppers glance at one another and smile. Yet, for audience members who would prefer to be a little more casual as they take in the ballet, she suggests the Pons Quintana, a houndstooth loafer with gunmetal ornament edged in rhinestones.

“The ornament dresses it up, but the houndstooth check and the stable, blocky heel dress it down,” she said. “I could see jeans with a silk blouse, but they’d also be really cute with tights and a skirt, or a cropped black pant. Either way, they’re fabulous.”

The friends depart Lloyd’s with their purchases and head up Ocean Avenue toward **Kate Spade** to pick up rhinestone earrings for each ballerina to wear during the performance. But first, they stop at **The Club**, lured into the designer clothing and accessories shop by the dramatic Emanuel Berg long-sleeved paisley shirt beneath a Corneliani ID Jacket in the window. One woman buys both to add to her husband’s wardrobe, while the other picks up a Robert Graham suede jacket, along with the Emmanuel Berg floral shirt featured underneath. She decides to invite her husband to wear these to the ballet, instead of waiting for Christmas morning.

Retail respite

Our shoppers, feeling a little weary, decide to break

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Group works to prevent illness from ruining kids' holidays — and you can help

By SALLY BAHO

PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, a Salinas-based nonprofit, has launched its annual holiday drive to collect gifts and funds for the children and families they serve. The drive includes volunteer opportunities, an Adopt-a-Family program, Miles of Smiles gift card program, and donations to its general holiday fund. The group's mission is to increase access to medical care for children living with serious illnesses — and their families — in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties.

Jennifer Ramirez, Partnership for Children's executive director, noted that one of its many services is door-to-door transportation to medical appointments. "Most of the children we serve need to go to the San Francisco Bay area for their appointments because there isn't a specialty children's hospital here," she said. Families who have vehicles can apply for full reimbursement for gas and transportation costs.

In partnership with the Food Bank for Monterey County, the organization delivers groceries to families at their homes, since "many of the children we serve are immunocompromised, so their families cannot go to pick up groceries at the food bank," Ramirez said.

The group also provides car seats, diapers, recreational activities — like last month's private evening at MY Museum in Monterey — and financial assistance for basic living expenses such as rent assistance, utilities, medical expenses not covered by insurance, and connecting people with other local, state and national resources.

Ways to help

There are a variety of ways to participate in this year's holiday drive. Groups, schools, churches and others can host holiday gift drives for items including pajamas, warm hats, socks, books, stockings, diapers, and/or gift cards for teens. An individual, family or group can also "adopt" a family who has a child living with a serious illness. Partnership for Children collects wish lists from those children and their siblings and shares it with donors who shop for gifts and bring them to the organization for delivery. Supporters can be matched with families of various sizes, making it easier on donors with smaller budgets.

Since shopping for your own teenager can be a challenge, let alone one you don't know, the group encourages donors to give \$25 gift cards to stores like Target, Walmart or Ama-



Blue Fox Cellars owners Edward and Julia Lovaas with a representative from the Partnership for Children, delivering toys from a toy drive the group hosted at a winery. (Right) A family receiving a delivery of gifts during the holidays last year.

zon that Partnership for Children, in turn, gives to teenagers to shop for themselves.

If you have some free time, you can sign up to help wrap all the donated gifts or volunteer to drive as a "delivery elf." "It takes a lot of elves to deliver the gifts," Ramirez noted. The nonprofit's staff and volunteers will be gift-wrapping now through Dec. 15 and delivering gifts Dec. 13-19. Sign up on the website at the end of this story.

If you don't have extra time, but are in the giving spirit, a donation to Partnership for Children's general fund allows the organization to allocate money to families in need this holiday season.

"We are excited to be hosting our first Winter Wonderland party for sponsored children and their families," Ramirez

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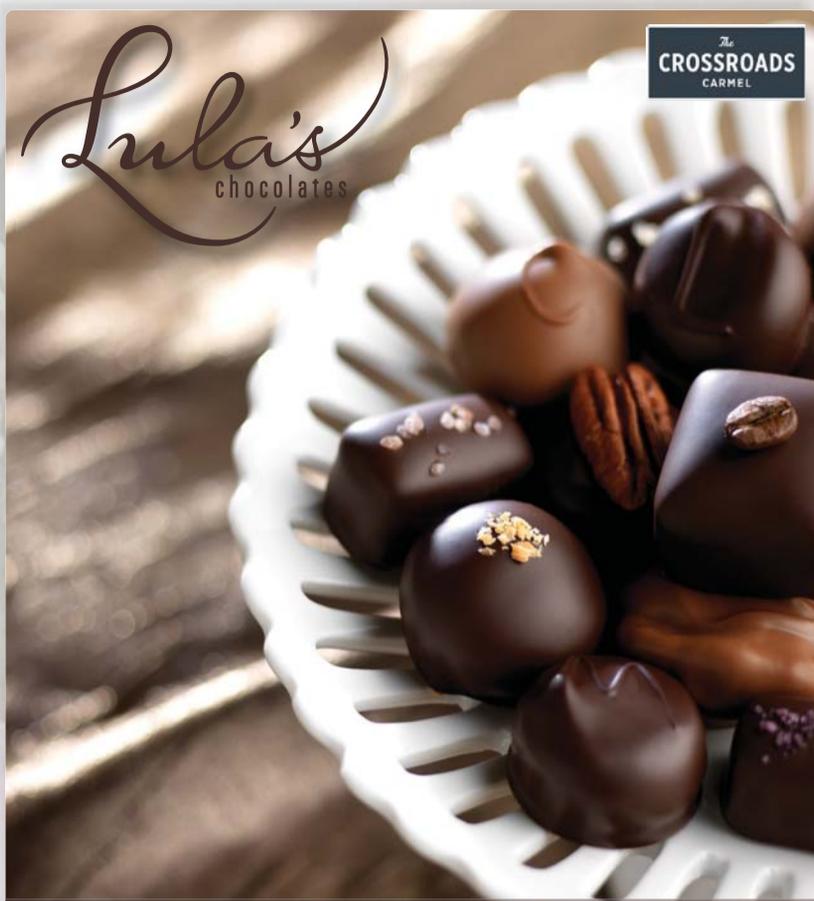
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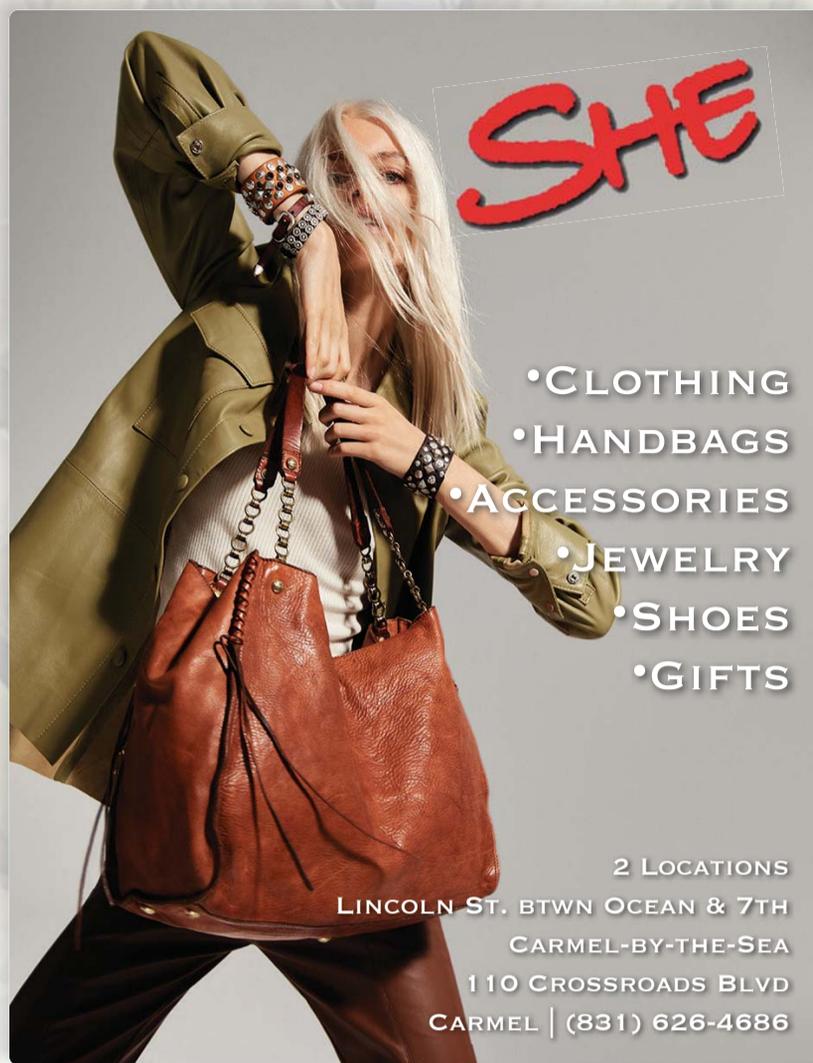
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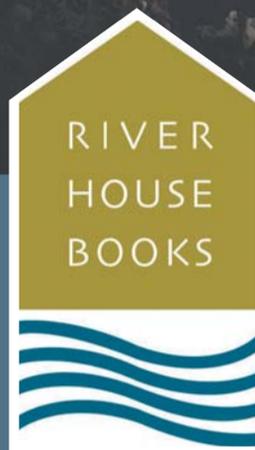
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What's cooking? Shopping local and shopping small.

By KATHARINE BALL

WHETHER YOU know a young adult who needs to furnish a kitchen for the first time or an experienced home chef who would appreciate some gourmet flourishes, the Monterey Peninsula has plenty of shops that can send you home with just the right gift.

If you're looking for just the right kitchen gear, you can avoid the mall and find some bargains at **Monterey Bay Restaurant Equipment**, 497 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey, which offers a spectacular array of cooking and baking equipment, tools, accessories and serviceable white

china in all shapes and sizes, with many items that you won't see elsewhere in a retail setting. Open to the public, it's a promised land for cooks, at affordable prices.

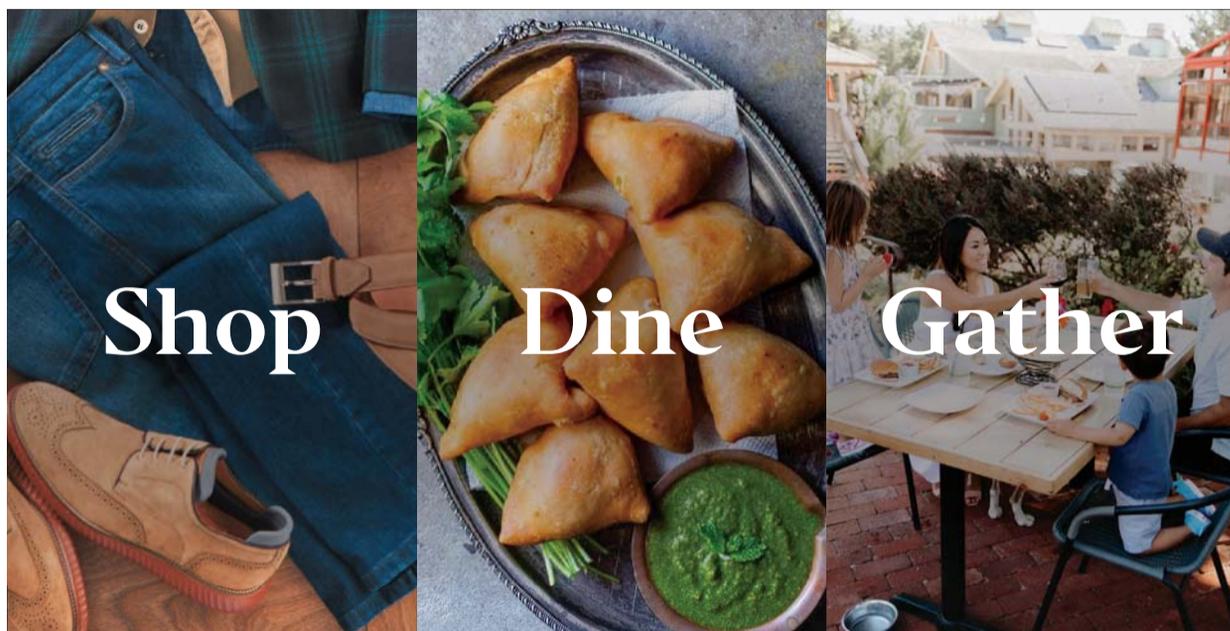
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If you're really stumped for ideas, venture into the "professional chef" section of the store and get a chef's coat to provide your favorite cook with an air of authority (French accent not included).

Local foodies know that the **Quail and Olive** (14 Del Fino Place, Carmel Valley), offers a variety of olive oils and balsamic vinegars as well as seasonal treats from Europe, including panettone, pan forte and German stollen. The store, founded by the late Dr. Stephen Brabeck, has partnered with Carmel Valley's Comstock Farm and Kitchen to create customizable gift boxes, the proceeds of which go to Rancho Cielo, a youth training program in Salinas. Customizable gift bags are also available. Quail and Olive owner Annelise Braybeck Gerome will help out in person or by email at anni@quailandolive.com. She's also partnered with Carmel Ceramica to offer serveware designed and made locally, but glazed in Portugal.

The **Cheese Shop**, in Carmel Plaza at Ocean and Junipero, is a longtime favorite, with wide ranges of local and

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for lunch at **Stationery Carmel** on San Carlos. After a brief stint in line, they're seated at an outdoor table for two, where one orders the avocado toast on sourdough with Meyer lemon, sprouts, Monterey Bay seaweed, and pepper flakes, paired with a glass of chardonnay. Her companion opts for the tuna melt with gruyere cheese, arugula, roasted tomatoes, and Castelvetroano olives. She chooses a glass of prosecco.

During their respite, they discuss the gifts they'd like to sleuth out for the dancers, as well as the volunteer stage mothers and staff. With the sun starting to slip toward the horizon beyond Carmel Bay, they decide to divide and conquer for their final shopping needs.

As part of her gift-giving mission, one shopper takes a detour into **Carmel Plaza** at Mission & Ocean, and stops in at **Natalie Baroni Couture** "just to look around." She gifts herself a faux llama jacket by Roma in azure to match her new Ron White pumps. Then, she returns her attention to others, via **Big Little Boxes**, on San Carlos. Having contacted the owner in advance, she knows Linda Persall has curated gift boxes, including "A Little S'more Love," with a tabletop smore firepit to warm up the season, complete with marshmallows, chocolate and handcrafted

grahams, completed by s'more napkins and a toasted marshmallow candle.

Another box, "Merry Everything," contains a set of holiday cheese knives, candied California pecans, camembert cheese spread, hardwood smoked beef summer sausage, sweetened cranberries, red raspberry jam, and olive oil sea salt crackers. She's almost as enchanted by the packaging and ribbons as she is the products.

Our other shopper stops in at **Metro-nome** on San Carlos, the only game in town for "all things ballet," where owner Heather Aldi has already bagged up the essential Medora pointe shoes by Virtisse, Hanami light pink ballet slippers and camisoles by Capezio, pink Sugar Dance pointe skirts by Bullet Pointe, plus crocheted bun covers and, just for fun, mini pointe shoe key rings, both by Bloch.

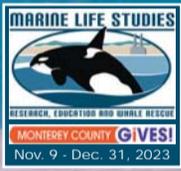
Just down the street, she concludes her shopping spree at **Ami Carmel** gifts and home goods store on Dolores, where owner Annee Martin introduces her to the Angelrox light cozy shaper, which can be worn as a scarf or skirt, perfect for her two daughters to wear before or after dance rehearsals. She also buys several pink LAF-CO New York fragrant candles. The packaging alone suggests it's special, but the pink glass vessel and Duchess Peony scent

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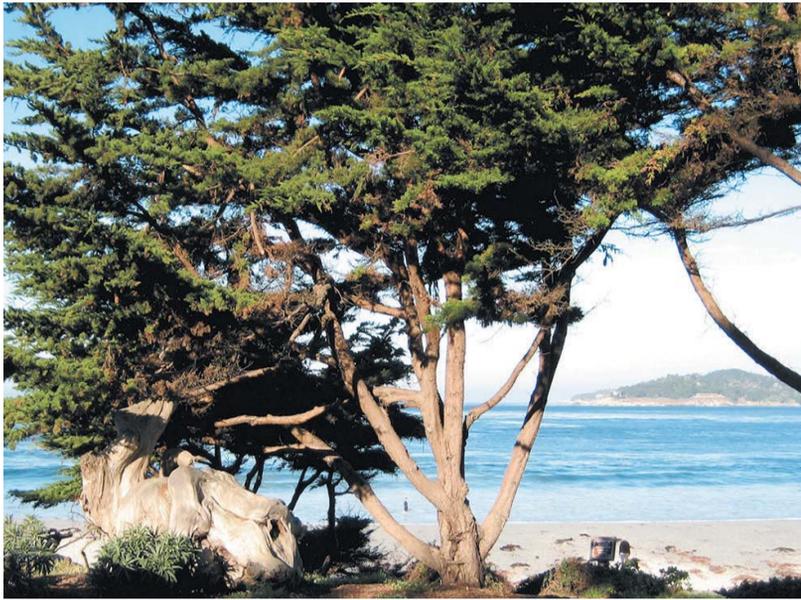
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Road trip

Smuin Ballet returns to **Sunset Center** on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. for its annual Christmas Ballet. Organizers suggest you "Celebrate the festive season with a show that's a little ballet, a little Broadway, and a whole lot of Smuin. As always, look for new numbers alongside iconic mainstays." Tickets are \$75 and \$100, and can be purchased at sunsetcenter.org.

Don't forget to take a drive through **P.G.'s Candy Cane Lane** on Morse Drive and adjacent streets (the well-marked entrance is a bit downhill from David on Forest). The fine folks in this neighborhood have worked tirelessly for decades to put on a neighborhood light display to rival anything on the Peninsula. Whether your tastes run to pop culture — past displays have included "The Simpsons," the Peanuts gang, Muppets and more — or classic holiday themes, you're sure to find something that tickles your fancy. Put some carols on the radio and check it out.

"A Romantic Christmas" will be presented at the **Carmel Mission Basilica** by **I Cantori di Carmel** on Dec. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. Felix Mendelssohn's "Psalm 42" will be performed, along with works by German composers Max Bruch, Engelbert Humperdinck and Josef Rheinberger. Tickets are \$40 and up, with discounts for active duty military, students with college ID and youth under 21, at icantori.org.



Spin a dreidel and check out the menorah at Carmel's holiday kickoff on Dec. 1. There's a Christmas tree, too.

Dec. 2 is **Stillwell's Fun in the Park in Pacific Grove**. Starting Saturday morning at 11 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m., the annual kid-centric party is in Caledonia Park, behind the post office. Santa arrives at noon on a firetruck, and Frosty the

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Snowman and the Snow Queen will also be on-hand. There will be a bounce house, petting zoo, and more at this free event.

Also on that day in P.G., the city's **Museum of Natural History** hosts a wreath-making and bird feeder-building workshop — “a fun afternoon celebrating the winter season and getting crafty while making your own native plant winter wreaths and bird feeders!” Intended for kids and adults ages 4 and older, the workshop is \$10 for museum members and \$15 for everyone else. Sign up at pgmuseum.org.

Brighten the Harbor Lighted Boat Parade will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. Skippers deck out their boats with festive lights, and you can watch as they pass by **Old Fisherman's Wharf** around 5:30 pm and return. Many of the crews leave their boats' lights on throughout the season, giving the harbor a cheerful, welcoming glow.

Pacific Grove's Holiday at the Inns is set for one night only this year — Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. For \$25 per person, take a self-guided tour of Asilomar's Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, Centrella Inn, Gosby House, Green Gables, Marine Inn, Old St. Angela Inn, Pacific Grove Inn, Seven Gables, and St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. Tickets must be picked up at the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce office at 584 Central Ave. Call (831) 373-3304.

Illusion and song

YOSAL (Youth Orchestra Salinas) supporters can take a drive to **Sherwood Hall** in Salinas to enjoy the group's winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.). More than 200 students from Salinas and South County will perform “a diverse program of classical, cultural, and holiday music.” The kids opened for the Monterey Symphony's “Love Let-



Cannery Row's Christmas tree is one of the first and largest to be illuminated on the Peninsula.

ters from Hollywood” earlier this year, and they did a bang-up job. Tickets are free, but must be reserved via the link at the top of the group's home page, yosal.org. Donations are welcome, and you'll have the opportunity to participate in an online silent auction, too.

Make the holidays even more magical at **Golden State Theatre** in Monterey, where **The Clairvoyants** (runners-up in the 2011 season of “America's Got Talent”) will spend the evening of Dec. 7 confounding and astounding the audience with feats of mentalism and magic. Performers Thommy Ten and Amélie van Tass promise a “breathtaking array of brand-new acts,” along with Mr. Koni Hundini, “the world's first mind-reading dog.” (To which we say, “not around here” — your best friend obviously knows when you're thinking of a walk on the beach — but let's not tell them.) Tickets are \$24.50 to \$79.50. Visit goldenstatetheatre.com to purchase.

Leap into Christmas with **Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre's** performance of “**The Nutcracker**” at **Sunset Center** from Dec. 8 through Dec. 10. Tap your toes as Tchaikovsky's fanciful Stahlbaum family — most notably, young Clara — dances

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with Herr Drosselmeyer and an assortment of fairies, nutcrackers, dewdrops and flowers to the familiar strains that have become an integral part of Christmas for ballet fans — and for those who don't know a plie from a pair of pliers. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday's optional Kingdom of Sweets party begins at 11:45 a.m. Tickets start at \$39 for children, \$54 for adults and \$120 for the Kingdom of Sweets/performance combo. Discounts are available for active duty military and se-

niors. Go to sunsetcenter.org to purchase.

Also that weekend, Monterey's **Camerata Singers** present a Christmas concert on Friday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at **Northminster Presbyterian Church in Salinas**, and on Saturday at 9 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at **First Presbyterian Church in Monterey**. The website for ticket info, when it's posted, is camerata-singers.org.

Turn back time with Monterey's **Christmas in the Adobes** from 5 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 9. More than a dozen historic buildings will be decorated — in period fashion — for the holiday season. Decked for the holidays. This is your chance to get a good look at many spots that aren't usually open to the public, with Monterey State Historic Park noting that there will also be music and other entertainment. Comfy walking shoes are a must, and please remember that your phone makes a dandy flashlight on some of those dark streets. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Pacific House and Custom House Stores and online at EventBrite — there's more info and a link at mshpa.org to help you find them. Tickets will not be sold over the phone, and are \$30 for one evening, or \$45 for both nights. Youth under 18 are free. Discounted tickets for active duty military and Monterey State Historic Park members

must be purchased in person. The money goes to educational history programs for kids and the restoration of California's First Theater.

On Dec. 9, you can see the **Carmel Valley Fly-In** when Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in style in a helicopter. After landing on Carmel Valley Airfield around lunchtime, they'll lead a parade through the Village, and then go to the **Carmel Valley Community Youth Center** at 25 Ford Road for photos.

More active types can run or walk in the **Run Rudolph Run** from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the 9th to raise money for the Arthritis Research Coalition. Short 1K and 5K courses near the ocean in **Pacific Grove** are pretty darned flat, and participants are encouraged to be there with bells and other holiday accoutrements on. Visit arthritisresearchcoalition.org/events to sign up.

Each year, **Salinas' First Baptist Church** organizes hundreds of volunteers and herds lots of animals into its **Streets of Bethlehem**. The free performance — a re-enactment of the Nativity story — is repeated several times nightly from 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 7-10. Guests walk through a recreation of a first-century village, with craftsmen, Roman soldiers and an innkeeper whose walls are already bursting. You can see the church at the intersection of San Vicente, right off Blanco Road, but you have to leave your car downtown at Park Row and take a shuttle. For details, go to streetsofbethlehem.com.

Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey hosts **Christmas on the Wharf** every weekend through Dec. 23. On Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays (not including Christmas Eve) from 1 to 8 p.m., take in the all the decorations, including a beautiful 23-foot Christmas tree surrounded by illuminated sea creatures. Visit with Santa, enjoy live music with choirs and dancers, and maybe get in some last-minute shopping or grab a bread bowl of clam chowder. On

Dec. 3, 10 and 17 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., sing along during **Community Caroling on the Wharf**, and on Dec. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m., Monterey P.D. and Fire Department, along with the Monterey Fire Boat, will hand out goodies with a side of advice on keeping safe during the holidays.

Welcome 2024

Wednesday, Dec. 14, **Sunset Center** invites everyone to a **Community Christmas Party** from 3 to 6 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment by the Carmel Jazz Band and free professional photos with Santa. There will be free coffee, cookies, chai and cocoa, and additional snacks and beverages (alcoholic and nonalcoholic) will be available for purchase. At 4 p.m., settle in for a free webcast of Jazz at Lincoln Center's popular "Big Band Holidays" show. Both events require RSVPs at sunsetcenter.org.

Nothing says "winter holiday" like tropical beaches, right? "Ukulele master and jolly ambassador of aloha" **Jake Shimabukuro** brings **Christmas in Hawaii** to **Sunset Center** on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. He'll be playing holiday classics like "We Three Kings," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and "I'll Be Home for Christmas." Add a Hawaiian vibe to your holidays with tickets starting at \$40 — purchase at sunset.org.

Christmas technically doesn't end until Epiphany on Jan. 6, so it makes sense to go to **Sunset Center** and hear the internationally acclaimed **Mannheim Steamroller**. Chip Davis, the musician who created the group (named for a musical term, not a piece of German machinery), is the No. 1 Christmas artist of all time, with more than 30 million albums sold. If all you've heard are their two songs on endless holiday repeat ("God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Deck the Halls"), you're missing out on some great music! Choose from two shows

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imported cheeses and wines. Cheese selection varies over time: You might luck into a Wensleydale from England, or perhaps a young Manchego from Spain.

If you really want to make a cheese-lover's holiday, sign them up for the Cheese of the Month Club (\$35.95 plus shipping per month, with three different cheeses totaling at least a pound in every shipment). You can sign up your favorite oenophiles for the Wine of the Month (\$49.95 plus shipping), or gobsmack your gourmet with a subscription to the Wine and Cheese of the Month (\$85.95 plus shipping).



(From top) The Cheese Shop and Happy Girl Kitchen offer plenty of culinary gift ideas.

While you're there, you can always nip across the central courtyard to add some sweets to your cheese order at **Lula's Chocolates** or **Carmel Honey Co.**

A few steps away, on Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores, **Olivier By-the-Sea** offers a host of gourmet accents and ingredients for special meals. Offerings include an array of olive oils in various degrees of refinement, flavored balsamic vinegars, rubs for meats and condiments for canapes, desserts and more. Tapenade flavors include Kalamata Olive-Meyer Lemon, while flavored caramel sauces range from Salted Rum through Kona Coffee. Sampling is allowed. The delicious array is rounded out by a few choice imports from France, including orange flower water (a sometimes-elusive ingredient sought by foodies). There's also a selection of French Pilevuyt ceramic bakeware and handsome wooden serveware as well.

Pretty, tasty

For something elegant and one-of-a-kind, step into **The Wooden Bowl**, 216-B Grand Ave., Pacific Grove. Owner and craftsman Jeff Stephenson sources fine woods from fallen trees and from orchards that are being replanted. He transforms them into cutting boards, charcuterie boards and what he calls "utility" bowls that can be used for salads or other foods, as well as purely decorative vessels. The wood used for the latter is more prone to staining, so he'll tell you to avoid putting food into them. But they qualify as eye candy!

Did your parents and family "put up" food from the summer's bounty for cold winter days? **Happy Girl Kitchen Co.**, 173 Central Ave. in Pacific Grove, remembers, endeavoring to offer all of the flavor without a pres-

sure cooker or giant hot-water bath. It offers house-made jams and pickles in the store beside its coffee bar and bakery. Pickled foods include cucumbers, beets, peppers and carrots. You can go with a more traditional fruit jam, such as Plum-Berry, or spice it up with a Rangpur Lime-Jalapeno marmalade. The company also sells various salsas and chutneys, as well as shrubs compounded of fruits and herbs to be added to beverages and food.

Recipes for success

If your favorite home chef would like some new inspiration or thought-provoking food commentary, head over to **River House Books**, 208 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel. The store boasts a good collection of cookbooks for both adults and children, and the knowledgeable clerks can also

special-order any book you don't find on the shelf. There are cocktail primers, too — "Gin and How to Drink It," is popular, according to one clerk.

But maybe your home cook needs to rest their tired feet after a hard day of baking, simmering, roasting and concocting. They might appreciate "Best American Food Writing of 2023," a collection of essays, or the thrills and suspense of "Tangled Vines: Greed, Murder, Obsession, and an Arsonist in the Vineyards of California."

The Bookworks, 667 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, has a smaller selection of cookbooks, but can also special order any title you'd like.

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won the event's annual design contest. For nine solid hours, you can enjoy dozens of performers and lots of music, starting with Kids' Night Out from 3 to 5:30 p.m. If past events are any indication, expect lots of arts and crafts, along with entertainment appropriate for little ones. Take them to the twilight parade at 5:30 p.m., then let a sitter tuck them in (they should already be tucked out) and enjoy the rest of the evening's festivities.

This year's roster includes longtime performers like The Black Irish Band and Red Beans and Rice, as well as Singing Wood Marimba, Monterey Bay Lion Dance, local indie band The Dead Cassettes, and many more. Buttons start at \$15 for youth 15 and under and \$25 for those 16 and older (early bird pricing). Proceeds support local youth



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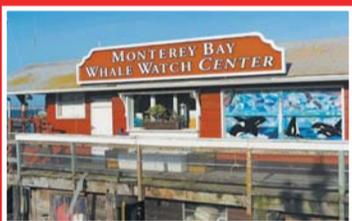
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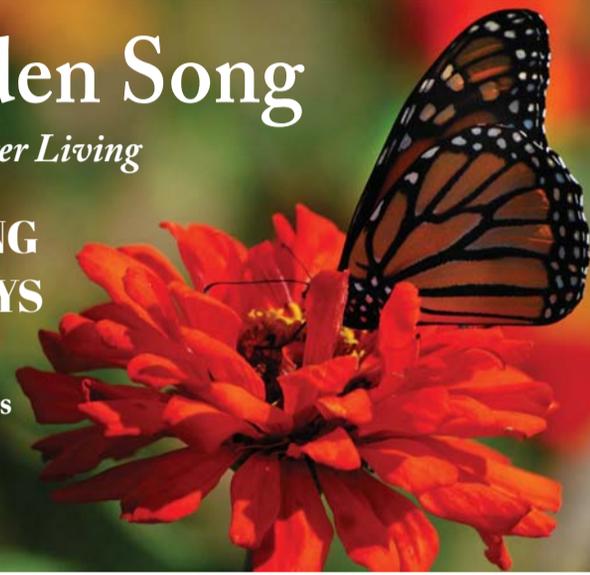
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said. The event is sponsored by the Junior League of Monterey County in a space provided and hosted by the Girl Scouts of the Central Coast. "It's an opportunity for the families to meet one another and have some joy this holiday season," Ramirez said. The organization's staff have a close relationship with the families they work with, and are able to make sure each family receives the support and care they need.



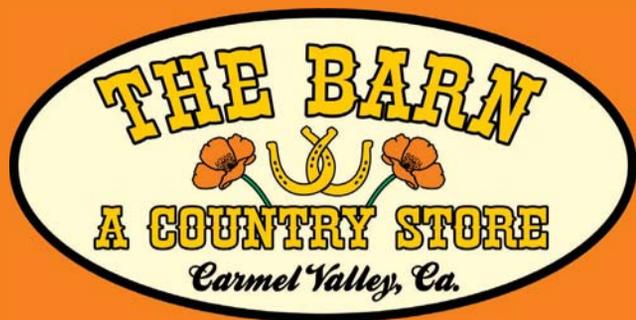
Growing need

Partnership for Children began in 2007 as a program of the Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition. In 2016, that organization dissolved and Ramirez established Partnership for Children as an independent nonprofit. It supports more than 200 children, with that number growing all the time. Last year, the holiday drive served 371 kids (sponsored children and their siblings), and Ramirez expects to exceed 400 children this year. "Every year the drive grows," she explained. "We have huge support from the community. Last year we were able to add stuffed stockings because the local Boy and Girl Scouts wanted to be hands-on and brought in stockings for all the kids and their siblings," Ramirez said.

For more information about Partnership for Children or how you can support its holiday drive, visit partnershipforkids.org or call (831) 422-3002. Click on the link for the Holiday Drive in the top banner of their website to sign up for an activity, to volunteer, or to donate. Partnership for Children is located at 1355 Abbott St., Suite 3, in Salinas.



(Top) Last year, delivery elves Gaby and Cathy loaded up to deliver gifts, while Boy Scouts Dominic and Moses (above) dropped off stuffed stockings that their troop put together for kids in need.



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Experimental metal band at Golden State, alt-country duo hits road again

AN ALT-COUNTRY duo that earned praise from music critics more than a decade ago before taking a lengthy hiatus, singer and guitarist **Jesse Sykes** and guitarist **Phil Wandscher** are back on the road — and Friday at 6 p.m., they play at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur. In 1999, the pair formed Jesse Sykes & the Sweet Hereafter and recorded four albums in the early 2000s.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Now they're working on a fifth LP and looking forward to performing at the library, which, it turns out, is on their bucket list.

"Some might say that inviting folks to drive the harrowing cliffs of Big Sur on the Friday night after Thanksgiving, during rainy and cold November, is too tall of an order," Sykes said. "I've been kindly warned that it's not the best timing in terms of ticket sales. My feeling is, however, that sometimes the spirit of place is more important than the bottom line, and the spirit can be enough to fill an empty room and nourish the soul for a lifetime."

Tickets are \$20. The library is located at 48603 Highway 1 — 28 miles south of Rio Road. henrymiller.org.

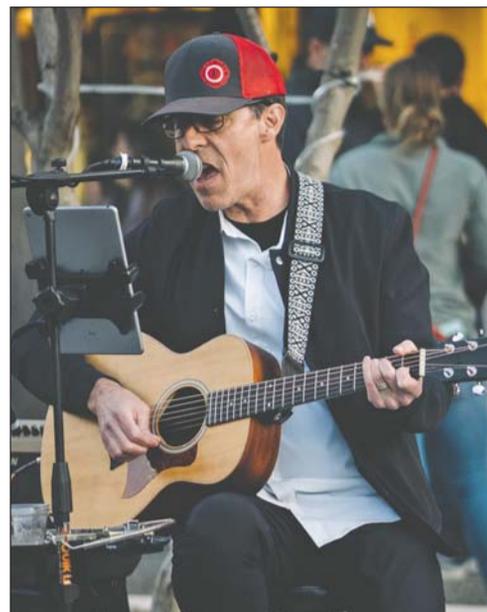
All rock and no roll

An experimental metal band from Seattle, **Sunn O**, pushes musical boundaries at Golden State Theatre in Monterey Saturday at 8 p.m.

Founded in Seattle more than two decades ago and led by multi-instrumentalists **Steven O'Malley** and **Greg Anderson**, the group serves up a sound that's all rock and no roll. The tempo is slow, the sound is heavy and droning,



Bassist Etienne David Franc (above) joins singer and pianist Scott Wright Sunday at Midici Pizza in Monterey. Singer and guitarist Scott Fenton (right) performs Friday at the Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley.



and there's lots of feedback and noise, yet hardly a trace of rhythm and melody. O'Malley and Anderson explore an array of metal subgenres, including doom metal, dark ambient and noise rock — taking audiences on a sonic journey.

Tickets start at \$35. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

"You can bring the moves"

With the kickoff to the Christmas shopping season coming on Friday, the Monterey Peninsula promises to be busy places this weekend. The local music scene will be

cooking, and one of the highlights will be a show by **The Bubba Pickens Band** at the Links Club Friday at 7 p.m.

Frequent winners of the Golden Pine Cone for Best Local Band, the somewhat elusive group was founded by Carmel High School teachers and plays a lively mix of bluegrass and folk music. But they don't play too often — if you want to learn about their live shows, follow them on Instagram (@bubbapickens).

"Come out and let loose at one of our upcoming concerts," the band says. "We'll bring the music, and you can bring the moves."

The Links Club is located in Carmel Plaza at Mission and Ocean.

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Charity picks The Pocket, pies are baked, and Holman soothes souls

THE POCKET restaurant in Carmel will host an evening of live music, food and libation, and a silent auction Dec. 8 to

Sunny Shour said the restaurant's culinary team will turn out oysters, grilled Angus beef and many other dishes, while supporters from distilleries and wineries will be sharing their best offerings.

Casamigos tequila will introduce its new Cris-tallino, Woodinville will pour bourbon and Gray Whale will offer tastes of its gin.

On the wine side, Daou — the Paso Robles winery started by two Lebanese brothers that recently sold to Australia's Treasury Wine Estates for \$1 billion — will serve Body-guard Red, reserve chardon-nay and a wine called Soul of a Lion. Fortunate Son, the second label of highly regarded Hundred Acre, will share The Diplomat red blend and Stargazing pinot noir. Others include Flowers chardonnay, Faust cabernet sau-vignon, Veuve Clicquot and Chandon's Garden Spritz.

A silent auction will be held, too, and the fundraiser will run until 10 p.m. Purchase tickets at thepocket-carmel.com/events/2023/feedthesoul. — MS

Menus changing with the season

Pacific's Edge at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands recently unveiled its new seasonal menu, which features autumn dishes like a savory squash-and-mushroom risotto, a signature cioppino, and Allen Brothers ranch steaks. The

steak is served over a parsnip puree with grilled asparagus and chimichurri. Or, try the citrus salad, Salinas Valley greens, citrus, artisan pears, and rad-ish, with a yuzu vinaigrette. The Skuna Bay salmon is served over roasted artichoke hearts and heirloom cherry tomatoes with a balsamic reduction.

Executive chef Alex Fontanilla explained that the menu change is all about highlighting what the season has to offer. "Seasonal changes bring the menu current with what's available from our local farmers and purveyors, so we have the best, freshest ingredients," he said. Pacific's Edge is on the bluffs of the Carmel Highlands, just far enough from town to make the experience feel like a special treat. It's open for lunch daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. The restaurant is at 120 Highlands Drive, just off Highway 1. Call (831) 620-1234 for more information or to make a reservation. — SB

Coastal Roots updates

The kitchens of the Coastal Roots Hospitality restaurants have tweaked their menus for autumn, too.

As part of that tribute to the season, Rio Grill in the Crossroads and Montrio and Tarpy's in Monterey have placed a special focus on venison from farms in New Zealand where deer roam free on managed

pasture land and are marketed under the name Cervena.

Montrio will showcase Cervena venison osso bucco, a braised shank with natural roasting jus, mirepoix mashed potatoes and sautéed spinach. Tarpy's will serve black pepper-crust rack of venison with butternut squash and celery root puree, braised shallot, wilted baby kale, and juniper berry demi-glace. The kitchen at Rio will grill an 8-ounce venison loin over almond wood, pairing it with roasted potatoes, cauliflower, and fig demi-glace.

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The Pacific's Edge at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands is tweaking its menu to add fall flavors, like this squash-and-artisanal-mushroom risotto topped with parmesan and herbs — all served with a great view of the dramatic coastline.

Soup to Nuts

raise money for the Food Bank for Monterey County. Tickets to the Feed the Soul Celebration will run \$100 per person, with all proceeds benefiting the food bank.

Restaurant manager and wine director



The Great British Baking Company is making individual-sized sweet mince pies for the holidays. The treats evolved from savory bites, and are a beloved modern-day part of British Christmas celebrations.

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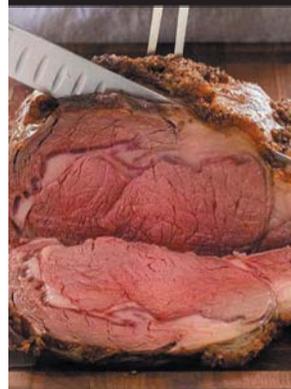
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There's also a new pan-seared Alaskan halibut dish and — get this — prawn cannelloni with a lobster crème fraiche sauce. That sounds like just the thing to reward a hungry holiday shopper for their efforts. Visit Rio Grill at riogrill.com, Tarpys at tarpys.com and Montrio at montrio.com. — EH

■ If the sounds don't do it, the wine will

If you're already tired of the holiday buzz, Holman Ranch wants to offer your

ears a little change of pace. On Sunday, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., it's hosting a Sunset Sound Bath event. Attendees will participate in a meditative experience while enjoying stunning views of Santa Lucia Highlands. Afterward, as the sun sets over Carmel Valley, everyone will be treated to a glass of Holman Ranch pinot noir, further enhancing the evening's serene ambiance.

Sound bath meditation uses a variety of sound frequencies to facilitate deep relaxation, stress reduction, and healing. Attendees will find a comfortable position on a yoga mat or cushion as instructor Jordy expertly plays an array of instruments including crystal bowls, gongs, and chimes. These "soothing and immersive sounds" will create an environment designed to rejuvenate mind and body. Or



Coastal Roots' restaurants Rio Grill, Tarpys and Montrio are adding harvest-themed dishes to their menus, including Tarpys' center cut bone-in pork chop with crispy polenta, Brussels sprouts, bacon lardons, red onions, pomegranate molasses and pomegranate seeds.

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Tickets are \$40 tickets and can be purchased at exploretock.com.

And Holman Ranch's Carmel Valley tasting room (18 W. Carmel Valley Road) invites guests to "taste the season" at its Winter Wonderland party on Friday, Dec. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. Paradise Catering will provide small bites as to accompany the tastes of Holman Ranch wines — including festive mulled wine. Tickets are \$45 for wine club members and \$60 for everyone else. Register at holmanranch.com by clicking on the Experience tab, then selecting upcoming events from the pop-down menu on the far left. — EH

■ Party like a Wild Fish

Wild Fish Restaurant (545 Lighthouse

Ave. in P.G.) is opening its doors for private holiday gatherings, accepting reservations for exclusive dining experiences that can accommodate as many as 24 guests for lunch or dinner.

From Nov. 25 to Dec. 22, the restaurant will offer special menu options for groups of eight or more. Diners can choose between a two-course set menu priced at \$35 per person or an indulgent three-course menu for \$45.

The restaurant says it strives to use the best local and organic ingredients to produce exceptional dishes. Ingredients for seafood and organic dishes are sourced exclusively from the West Coast through purveyors who are listed on the menu or blackboard. A full bar features California wines, local beers and innovative craft cocktails.

In celebration of Small Business Saturday this weekend, Wild Fish will be offering roasted heirloom chestnuts from Minazzoli Farm accompanied by mulled wine or nonalcoholic mulled cranberry and orange drinks. These seasonal treats will

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To reserve your private gathering or book a party at Wild Fish Restaurant, please contact Liz Jacobs by email at wildfishpg@gmail.com and put "Private Party" in the subject line, or call (831) 373-8523. — EH

■ The mystery of mincemeat

The Great British Bake Shop in Salinas is now offering sweet mince pies for the holiday season. This often-maligned and misunderstood dessert is a beloved British holiday pastry filled with fruit, spices and a splash of brandy. Originating in the 16th century, mince pies were savory pastries called mincemeat pies, and were filled

with 13 ingredients — lamb or mutton and a variety of dried fruit and spices — to represent Jesus and his disciples. Over time, they evolved to lose the meat and become sweet.

"I remember as a child being excited to go and grab the first mince pies of the season from the local bakery. They were only available for the Christmas period so it was extra special," said Lesley Everett, who grew up in Beccles, England and co-owns The Great British Bake Shop with her husband, Chris Swainson.

A box of six individual-sized mince pies sells for \$35. Reserve yours by calling (831) 356-0005 or ordering at thegreatbritishbakeshop.com. The Great British Bake Shop is open Wednesday and Friday for pick-up service from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 8 Gabilan St. in Oldtown Salinas (about a block from the Steinbeck Center). You can also pick up your order at Sweet Reba's in the Crossroads and Café Carmel on Ocean Avenue on Wednesdays between 2 and 5:30 p.m. throughout the holiday season. — SB

Sally Baho, Elaine Hesser and Mary Schley contributed to this column.

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Wildlife painter returns to Gallery Mar

■ ‘Why can’t a buffalo be blue?’

A PAINTER whose great-grandfather was Pebble Beach founder Samuel F.B. Morse, Annie Hooker shares her latest creations in a show, “Urban Jungle,” which

with the West’s visual landscape, rich history and dramatic wildlife,” she said.

While Hooker is inspired by her natural surroundings and the wildlife she sees, she isn’t afraid to take some creative liberties she paints them. “Why can’t a buffalo be blue, or a deer be red?” she suggested.

Gallery owner Thomas Cushman told The Pine Cone he’s happy to see Hooker’s latest work in Carmel. His gallery hosted shows by her in 2020 and 2021.

“Annie’s work is bright and colorful,” Cushman said. “It calls to you from a distance. Then as you get closer, you see the subtle patterns and the tonal shifts. You see the textures. It can be very playful artwork, but that does not mean the execution is not superb and painterly as well.”

The gallery is on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. gallerymarcarmel.com.

of the gift-giving season, the 16th annual Carmel Valley Village Art and Wine Walk, presented by the Carmel Valley Art Association, is set for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Besides showcasing shops in Carmel Valley Village, the event serves as a marketplace for painters, photographers, a candlemaker, a fabric artist, an author and others. The Money Band will play from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

“We close off the Del Fino Place and have booths for artisans and vendors who don’t have storefronts,” art association executive director Shelley Aliotti said. “We encourage people to come out and start their holiday shopping with merchants they can’t find anywhere else.”

There will be a display of art entitled, “Just for Kids,” which includes 60 pieces by students of Carmel

Middle School and hundreds from those who attend Tularcitos.

Also, the CVAA presents its second annual Barrels of Fun fundraiser. Eight wine barrels donated by Folktale Winery were painted by local artists. After the barrels are auctioned off, proceeds will fund workshops for young artists under 14.

The CVAA gallery moved to its new home at 8 Del Fino Place in August. carmelvalleyartassociation.org.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

opens Friday at Gallery Mar. A reception starts at 5 p.m.

Born and raised in the hustle and bustle of San Francisco, where she was introduced to nearly every imaginable subgenre of modern art, Hooker later found herself drawn to the wide open spaces of the Sierra Nevada mountains, where she now lives.

“I am thankful for a childhood surrounded by culture and the arts, and for the experiences the city offered, but somewhere along the way I became enchanted



Capturing the imagery of the American West in her paintings, Annie Hooker isn't afraid to step outside the bounds of realism.

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MUSIC

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Live music Nov. 24-30

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Eighth.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W.



Singer and guitarist Adrea Castiano plays Friday at the Terrace Lounge in Pebble Beach and Monday at the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa.

Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Bulldog Sports Pub in Monterey — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly Community Jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

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.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** with guitarist **Darrin Michell** and multi-instrumentalist **Ben Herod** (pop, jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Trio** (jazz and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

De Tierra Vineyards tasting room — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

Estéban Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Pfeiffer Beach Hotel** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Daniel Cortes** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Anywhere is Home** with singer and guitarist **Peter Martin** and percussionist **Aaron Hipschman** (jazz, Sunday at 2



Singer and guitarist Jesse Sykes (above) and guitarist Phil Wandscher perform Friday at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Janice Perl** and keyboardist **Kevin McCullough** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — singer **Jesse Sykes** with guitarist **Phil Wandscher** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Friday at 6 p.m.), flutist **Kenny Stahl** and guitarist **Bob Burnett** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — pianist **Bill Spencer**, bassist **Pete Lips** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Pete Lips** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

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Nov. 24 to 26 – 42nd Annual Big Sur Grange Harvest Fair, Friday 2-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Big Sur Grange Hall, one mile south of the River Inn in the heart of Big Sur. Come support our neighbors from Big Sur and the Monterey Peninsula and find exquisite one-of-a-kind handcrafted gifts including fine art paintings, photography, rugs, pottery, handmade clothing, knitting, jewelry, apothecary and delicious food for the holidays. For more information contact bigsurgrangeharvestfair@gmail

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Dec. 1 – "Asian American Voices" presented by CA Poet Laureate Lee Herrick, 5:30 p.m. Part of PGPL's Fall Exhibition, "Ourselves We Sing" running through Jan 5. For more, visit pacificgrovelibrary.org.

Dec. 2 through 17 – Once again, Peninsula Potters opens its doors to the holidays with a 20% off SALE! Today, 13 potters bring you a new collection of ceramics, all individually designed, handmade and perfect for your one-of-a-kind friends. Find us at 2078 Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove – in the Russell Service Center. Open noon to 4 p.m. daily.



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Dec. 4 – "My Musical Life" Nicola Shangrow Reilly, CEO and president, Monterey Symphony, will share some of her extensive musical experiences. She will perform on violin, accompanied by James Neiman and will help celebrate CWC's 98th Birthday at 2 p.m.! Carmel Woman's Club. San Carlos and Ninth. Open to all. \$10 guest/members free.

Dec. 9 – "Run Rudolph Run" presented by Arthritis Research Coalition and Monterey Spine and Joint. 7:30 a.m. at Lovers' Point Park. Dress up in your favorite holiday attire and join in on Pacific Grove's #1 holiday Run/Walk.

Dec. 10 – "A Little Christmas Cheer" event with stories, poems and songs, 3 p.m. at the Church of the Wayfarer, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

La Playa Hotel — The David Morwood Band (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — The Bubba Pickens Band (bluegrass, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.),

tionov (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., Carmel.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Daniel Cortes** (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Pearl Hour in Monterey — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Alex Bezdjian** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Matt Masih** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Blaise DiGirolamo** (Sunday at 5 p.m.) 281 Alvarado St.

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Mixtape** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **NFG** (punk and metal, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Sunday at 4 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Thursday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **Retreauxspect** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **B-Town** (r&b and soul, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Rhythm Tribe West** (classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bazooka Jones** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami** (rock, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Tarpy's in Monterey — **The Andrea Carter Duo** (jazz and blues, Friday at 5 p.m. and Saturday at noon), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** (Friday at 6 p.m.), **Monterey County Line Duo** (country and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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Mandolinist Dave Holodiloff will bring his style of bluegrass and jazz to two shows this week in Monterey, Sunday at Cibo's and Thursday at the Salty Seal.

Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **John Harris** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Scotty Wright** and bassist **Etienne David Franc** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Lok-**

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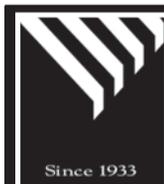
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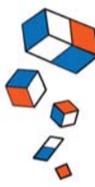
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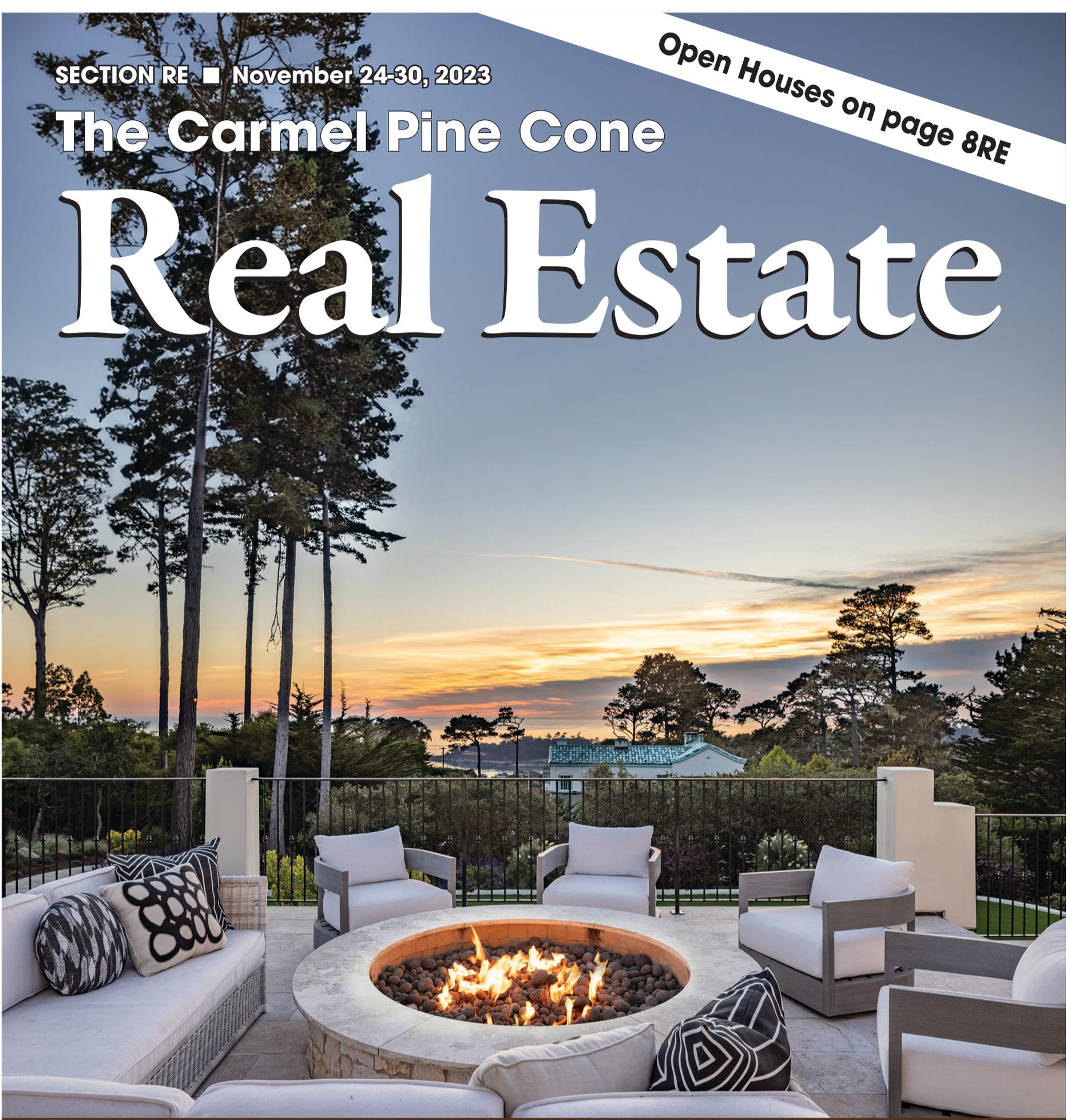



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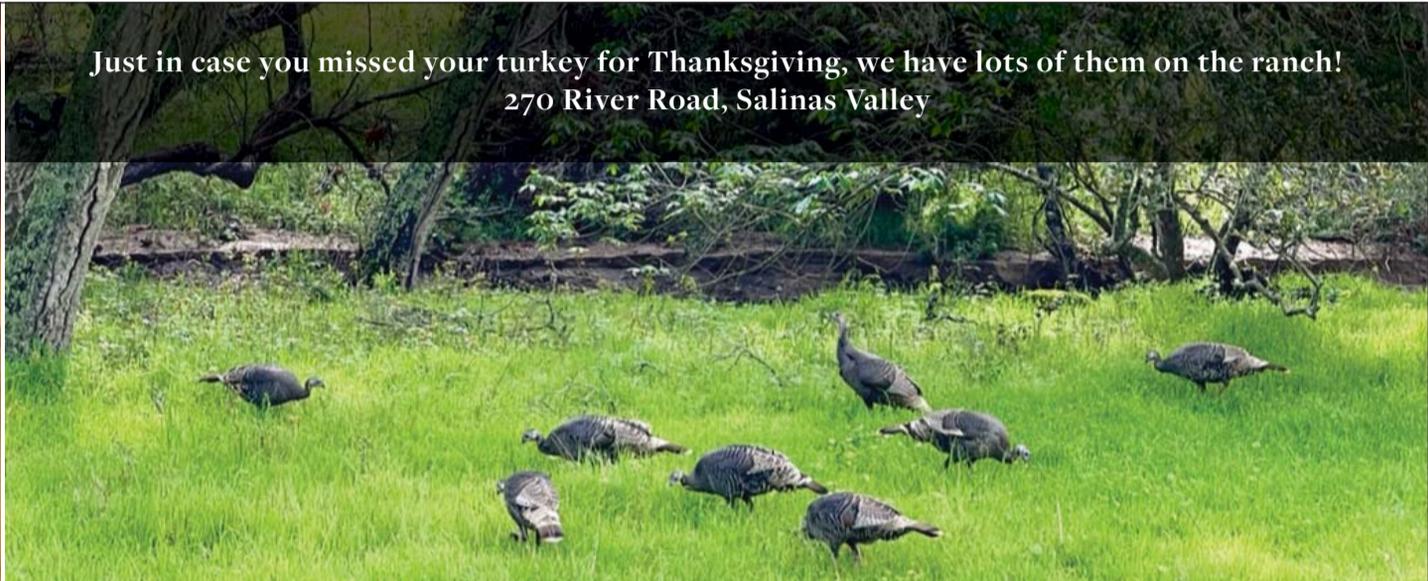
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ANY ETIQUETTE book written by me would immediately top the New York Times worst-seller list. I doubt that even my famous chapter on the proper way to crumble enough saltines into a bowl of tomato soup until the spoon stands up straight would be enough to attract readers. But if I did write an etiquette book, I'd have enough

sense to begin it with a chapter on "Thank You."

Thank you is like tossing a pebble in a pond and watching the ripples fan out across the dinner table, the sales counter, the world. Two little words that, when used, confirm the deep and wonderful truth that we all depend on each other. When someone says it to me, I feel appreciated.

When said to others, it shows what they did is valued.

"What do you say?" my mother prompted when someone gave me a present. They are among the first words I remember her saying. "Say, 'Thank you,'" was drummed into me before I knew that Dick and Jane had a dog named Spot. Sadly, on social media, those two little words of proper etiquette may have been replaced by the "like" button.

But when you shop in person, you invariably deal with dozens of people whose skill and/or expertise can make the task more pleasant.

According to BetterHelp, an online service created to assist you with your mental health, "Studies have sug-

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

gested that being grateful can improve well-being, physical health, strengthen social relationships, produce positive emotional states and help us cope with stressful times in our lives."

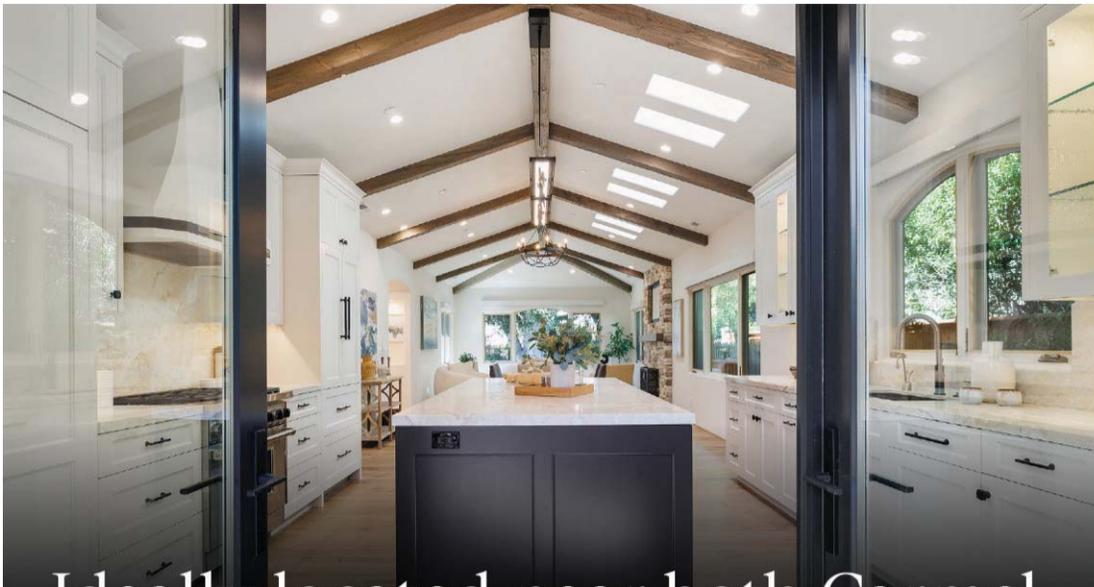
Even without knowing that, I thank people for services because I can still hear Mama whispering, "What do you say?" in my ear. I thank the barber for her artistry in making me look like Brad Pitt. I thank my physical therapist for his "tough love" exercises as he prepares me for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Waiting for banter

I was a supermarket cashier when there were no UPC codes or scanners. Cashiers memorized prices or looked at little stickers, and then manually keyed each item's price into a cash register. I understand how difficult that job can be, especially when done for hours at a time. It's one of the reasons I refuse to use self-service checkout stands even when the lines stretch into the next zip code. There is no banter or exchange of pleasantries with a self-service register. Plus, you don't want to thank a machine that spits out a receipt like it's sticking its tongue out at you, and has a robotic voice as welcoming as hearing, "Open wide," from a dentist.

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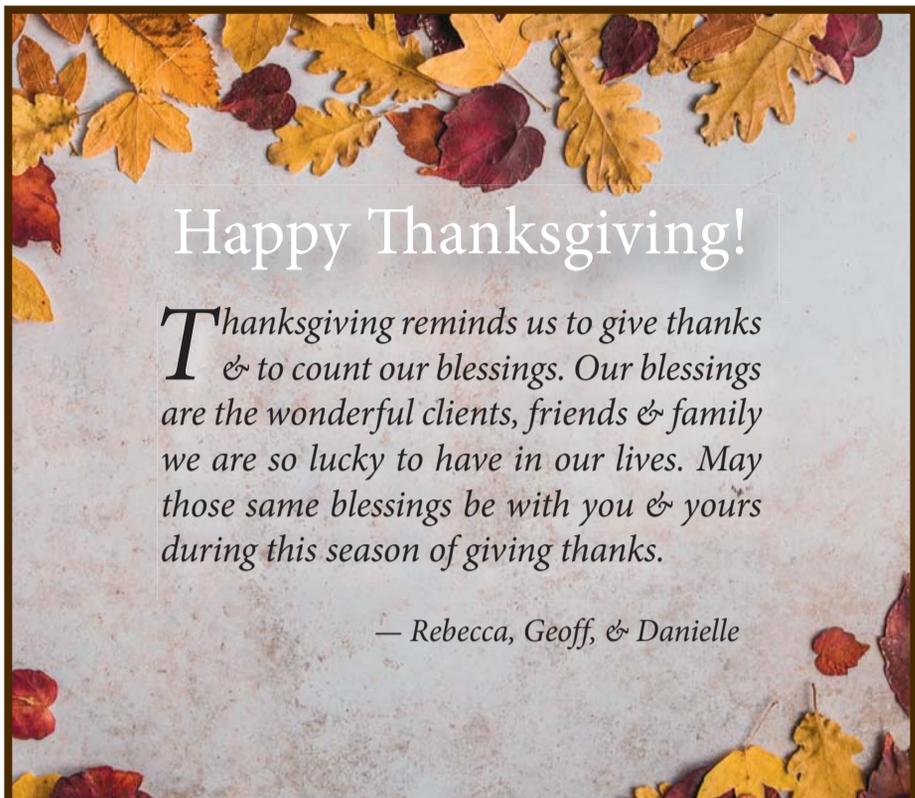
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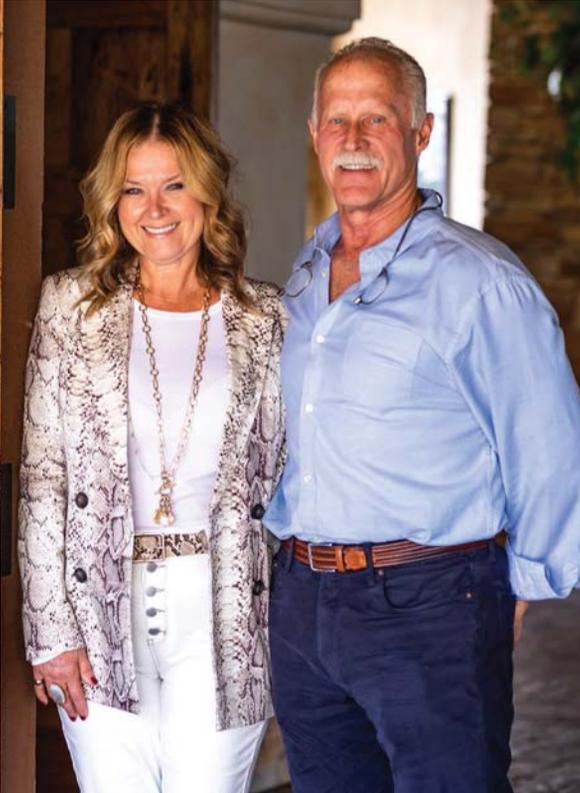
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POLICE LOG

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Pacific Grove: Subject on 17 Mile Drive was placed on an involuntary mental health hold.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Homeowner at Scenic and 11th reported someone was inside her house without permission. Some items inside the house were in disarray, but nothing was taken. There was no sign of forced entry and no suspect info. Resident wanted a standby while she gathered her belongings for the night and will have the doors re-keyed.

Carmel area: Fraud was reported by a Clear Ridge Road resident.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to suspicious circumstances on Highway 1.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle vandalism on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted an outside agency with a fugitive arrest at Mission and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a found purse at Carmel Beach. Owner was contacted and arrangements have been made to return the property to its rightful owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male fell off his bike at Scenic and 13th.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on 19th Street was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Fountain Avenue for expired registration.

Pebble Beach: Theft on Crest Road documented.

Carmel Valley: A female on Woodside Place reported that an unknown person called her numerous times requesting her Medicare ID number.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to suspicious circumstances on Lagunas Robles.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a lost wallet.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a loose dog at Santa Rita and First that was unapproachable. Made contact with the dog owner. Educational information discussed and

warning given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD unit was flagged down in the area of Mission Street and Sixth regarding an intoxicated adult male making concerning comments to a female. The adult male was found to be on probation with a specific term prohibiting alcohol consumption. The subject provided a chemical sample, per his probation requirements, and was found to have alcohol in his blood. The subject was released and allowed to take a ride-share home. Case forwarded to the DA's office for probation violation.

Pacific Grove: At about 1900 hours, officer was notified of a Child Protective Services report on Grove Acre that was faxed to the police department earlier in the day.

Pacific Grove: Cite and release of a 53-year-old male on Lighthouse Avenue for misdemeanor drug possession.

Carmel area: Law enforcement took a report of suspicious circumstances regarding a juvenile on Ocean Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for found cell phone at Ocean and Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass admonishment on Carpenter Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Loose dogs on school property at Dolores and Vista. Finder contacted owners, and the two dogs were returned to owners at the location. Caller stated this was the second time the dogs have come to the school.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a lost wallet at Ocean and Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported her 38-year-old son as missing from his Junipero Street residence.

Pacific Grove: A traffic stop was conducted on Ocean View Boulevard at Ninth Street. The 20-year-old male driver was cited and released for marijuana-related charges.

Carmel area: Female on Ocean Avenue was placed on a 5585.50 W&I mental health evaluation.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded for a possible trespassing on Paso Cresta.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found bracelet at Dolores and Sixth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cite and release of a 23-year-old female at Carpenter and Second for driving on a suspended CDL.

Pacific Grove: Family argument on Jewell Avenue.

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attitude of gratitude every day. Gratitude can transform common days into Thanksgiving. Naturally, I am thankful for my family and friends, and for a lovely, loving lady, a low-flying angel who makes every day an adventure.

I am particularly thankful to be a part of this newspaper. The Carmel Pine Cone is a short textbook of our history, updated

every week. Members of the community express their opinions in signed letters to the editor, not through anonymous blogs. News that appears in the paper is examined, scrutinized, inspected, checked, assessed, investigated and evaluated by a group of professionals who strive to be as honest and accurate as they can.

Often when I meet people who discover I write a column, they ask what the column is about. If you've followed the trail of words filling this space, you're probably wondering the same thing. It is not an easy question to answer. Saying, "Well, it's

a work in progress," doesn't tell the questioner anything.

I've devised a standard answer that probably comes closer to the truth than even I realize: "Once a week I get to empty out a very cluttered mind."

Charming readers

I am thankful for the people who read this column every week — and for the readers who take the time to express their reactions to it positively, and not so positively. I try to answer each email with an open mind and in a non-judgmental way. I

especially want to thank a charming lady I met recently who told me that every week when she picks up her Pine Cone she reads the obituaries first and then goes directly to the Real Estate section for my column. I want her to know that I do the same thing in reverse. If I'm not in the Real Estate section, I look for me in the obits.

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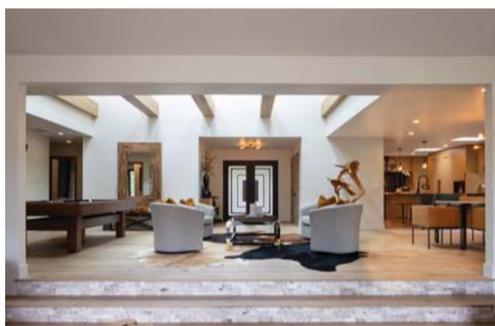
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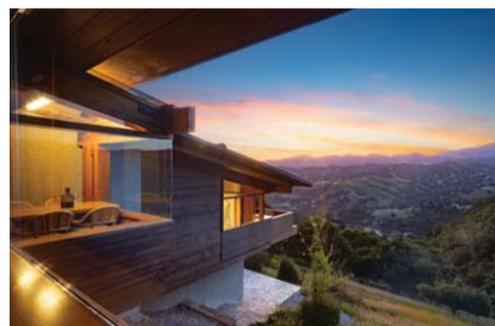
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