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## Appeals court sets Salinas session to hear Flanders case

By MARY SCHLEY

**LAWYERS ON** both sides of the fight over Flanders Mansion will argue their positions before a three-judge panel in Salinas Oct. 20, according to the California Appellate Court.

Attorneys representing the City of Carmel and the Flanders Foundation — which have been waging battle over the fate of the historic mansion for a dozen years — will make their case at 9:30 a.m. in the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

The hearing will be the latest step in a convoluted process dating back to Carmel taxpayers' purchase of the old Tudor-style house and surrounding property, which became Mission Trail park, in 1972. Since then, elected officials have been debating how to use the home, without resolution, and in 2004, the city council embarked on an effort to sell it for use as a single-family home. Extensive deed restrictions were placed to maintain public access to the nearby land and views of the mansion, and to preserve the building itself.

But the foundation, comprising a small group of preservation activists led by Melanie Billig, sued in November 2005 to stop the sale, and in February 2006, the nonprofit won when Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert O'Farrell decided the city's environmental impact report failed to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and that the proposed sale needed to be approved by a vote of the people.

Consultants extensively revised the EIR, finally completing it in 2009, and the city held an election that November that saw residents voting 757-439 in favor of the sale.

The next step would have been to offer the mansion to public agencies before it could be put on the market for private buyers, but the Flanders Foundation's attorney, Susan Brandt-Hawley, sued again, saying the EIR should have

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## Defying gravity ....



PHOTO/COURTESY SEAN TUCKER

San Benancio Canyon resident Sean Tucker has no problem being sideways. He'll demonstrate his aerobatic prowess at the California International Airshow this weekend. See page 6A.

## Collins claims county officials lied about his water role

■ Says they asked him to take consulting job, assured him there was no conflict

By KELLY NIX

**STEPHEN COLLINS**, the former county water official accused of having an illegal conflict of interest when he also worked for a consultant on the proposed regional desalination project, has filed a claim against the county alleging that false statements by officials have severely damaged his reputation and made it difficult for him to work.

He also claims the county owes him almost \$50,000 in consulting fees in connection with his work on the water plan.

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## Janitor, girlfriend arrested for library theft

By MARY SCHLEY

**A MAN** who spent more than two decades cleaning city buildings was arrested for grand theft — and promptly fired — after he reportedly admitted stealing a backpack inadvertently left at Harrison Memorial Library last month.

William Ransome, 51, and his 40-year-old girlfriend, Paula Norman, were arrested Aug. 19 after police officers tracked the bag's contents — two iPads — to a car in Seaside, and Ransome turned himself in, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Mel Mukai. He was taken to Monterey County Jail.

The theft was probably a crime of opportunity. A woman called police Aug. 19 to report losing her backpack, which contained the iPads and other possessions, at the library.

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## Man dies in undetected Big Sur house fire

By CHRIS COUNTS

**PALO COLORADO** resident Robert Coakley, a 1982 graduate of Carmel High School, died Sept. 15 after the mobile home he was living in caught fire, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Coakley, who grew up in Carmel Valley and was the son of Carmel Valley Lodge owner Peter Coakley, was 47.

"He was great guy," recalled fellow CHS graduate John Franklin, who had known Coakley since they attended middle school together. "He has happy-go-lucky, and he always seemed to be having fun. He was a very gentle person. Everybody seemed to enjoy his company."

Coakley lived atop Green Ridge, a neighborhood located about three miles east of Highway 1.

According to several of Coakley's neighbors, nobody was aware — at least at first — that his home was on fire, due to a thick

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## Authors Fest draws broad talent, devoted fans

By MARY SCHLEY

**THE FIFTH** annual Carmel Authors & Ideas Festival being held Sept. 23-25 at Sunset Center in downtown Carmel is sold out, founder Jim McGillen said Wednesday, and planning is already under way for next year's event.

The festival began Thursday with hundreds of school kids gathering in the theater to talk with former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who will also address students Friday, for a total of 3,000 young attendees from throughout the county, according to McGillen. Rather than interviewing O'Connor in front of the audience, as he has done in the past, McGillen said this year, he is handing the microphone over to the kids.

"We're going to have the students interview her," he said. "She'll walk out on stage and give an overview, and then go over and sit down, and the three or four students will start asking her questions," presumably about her experiences as a woman on a male-dominated court, the election of President George W. Bush, and whether a female-dominated Supreme Court would decide cases differently.

The festival features three dozen highly regarded authors and experts speaking in Sunset's large auditorium and to smaller groups throughout the weekend. The lineup includes Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Dave Barry, bestselling author Scott Turow, Sports Illustrated writer Rick Reilly, TV health expert Dr. Nancy Snyderman, and Wall Street Journal columnist and author Peggy Noonan, just to name a few.

And because the festival focuses not just on authors, but on ideas, a handful of the featured guests are not writers, McGillen pointed out, like Dr. W. Douglas Boyd, a pioneer in robotic cardiovascular surgery.

"He hasn't written a book, and he's a wonderful speaker," McGillen said. "Wouldn't it be a crime if I couldn't invite him?"

Organizers also put together a panel of speakers to address how technology is changing the world, and the lineup includes top executives from Google, Facebook and other Internet powerhouses.

McGillen attributed the festival's sold-out status in part to his keeping the ticket price at the \$550 it has

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## Fire brigade to AT&T: Phone backup and Internet will help save lives

By CHRIS COUNTS

**THE MID-COAST** Volunteer Fire Brigade — which serves the north Big Sur Coast — has tried unsuccessfully for more than two years to strike a deal with AT&T for it to use fire brigade's generator to keep phone company's equipment functioning when the power goes out. The fire brigade has also sought, without success, to connect AT&T Internet service to its fire house.

MCVFB Chief Cheryl Goetz told The Pine Cone this week that despite countless phone calls to AT&T, the generator and Internet issues remain unresolved. "There's so much red tape," Goetz explained. "There is no clear person to talk to."

AT&T provides the only telephone service for residents of Palo Colorado, which is hemmed in by mountains and usually out of the reach of cell phones towers. And without Internet service for the fire

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Beach Bird

**PELICANS**, seagulls and other shorebirds are common sights at Carmel Beach — so common, they’re often hardly noticed.

But when a royal blue hyacinth macaw swoops onto the sand, people and their pets pay attention.

Not yet 2 years old, Tuku is a rare and endangered Tibetan parrot who was born in Brazil, rescued in the San Francisco Bay Area and roosts in Carmel. His name means, “The one who gets to choose his own reincarnation,” which some believe he already may have achieved.

A regular beachcomber, Tuk has been known to cause canine commotion while parading upon his person’s shoulder along the beach. The vivid blue bird, whose eyes and beak are rimmed in bright yellow, turns green when wet. Although he loves his bird bath at home, Tuk steers clear of the water rushing to the shore.

But he does love to dig his claws into the soft sand, to land on a stranger’s shoulder, to nibble on buttons, bread, bedposts and nuts. Considered gentle and loving, although his wings have been trimmed, Tuk is full flighted and tends to take off when startled.

When Tuk does take to the sky, like a kite without



a string, he flies in circles and usually swoops back in for a soft landing on his person’s shoulder. On occasion, he disappears, most often to be found atop a tree, stuck like a cat until the fire department, tree trimmer or anyone else who isn’t afraid of heights climbs up to carry him back to the ground.

## St. Angela’s Children’s Center to host Fall Fest

ST. ANGELA’S Children’s Center in Pacific Grove is hosting its annual Fall Festival Oct. 2 that will feature children’s carnival games, music, food, raffle and more.

For more than 20 years, St. Angela’s Children’s Center at 136 Eighth St. in Pacific Grove, has provided a “loving and caring environment for preschool-age children on the Monterey Peninsula.”

The funds raised by the Fall Festival help to make improvements to the school’s facilities, supplement its scholarship program and provide classroom supplies.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Children’s Center, a preschool at 136 Eighth St. in Pacific Grove, will offer a bake sale, dancing, children’s carnival games, face painting, a petting zoo, Kids Zumba and more.

Admission to the festival is free. Tickets for lunch are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, and can be purchased at the school’s office beforehand or the day of the event. For more information, call (831) 372-3555.

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# Police & Sheriff's Log

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

## Coin laundry loses \$2,000 in coins

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department, the Carmel Fire Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Santa Fe Street resident called to report that her neighbor was evicted due to the problems that they had with each other. According to the resident, the neighbor is moving to another house within two blocks of her. The resident is afraid of reprisals. She also indicated that the property manager allegedly made some veiled threats to her about not calling the police with regard to housing issues.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Mission Street resident reported that her neighbor became upset at her for splattering water/dirt against his parked vehicle while the resident was hosing the area.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen found a loose dog in the county area and brought it to the Carmel Police Department for safekeeping. The dog was found to belong to a part-time resident and owner of another dog brought to the station. The dog was returned to the owner with a warning.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ambulance dispatched to Carmel Center Place for a female in seizure. Patient transported Code 2 to CHOMP.

**Pacific Grove:** A 19-year-old male who thought he was being burglarized was evaluated for being under the influence and ultimately arrested for willful discharge of a firearm, possession of controlled substance, being under the influence and possessing unlawful paraphernalia. A 41-year-old male and an 18-year-old male at the same Arkwright apartment were also arrested for being under the influence.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a subject yelling profanities at passersby in the Country Club Gate Center. Located a 51-year-old male in the bank causing a disruption. Found to be under the influence and unable to care for himself. Became argumentative during booking. Released on citation and transported to CHOMP.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A male reported that a female was outside his business saying she was looking for the "tall guy" that owns a car. When he and his wife walked by the female, she said, "It's not over yet," referring to an incident that happened in late July, when she felt that the male almost hit her in a crosswalk. He wanted this incident on file, because he felt that the female might come back to the business and damage it.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject reported losing a necklace in the commercial district possibly on Sept. 3.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance dispatched to Mission at Seventh. Arrived on scene to find a middle-aged female experiencing right knee pain. Provided first aid and checked for injuries; applied ice pack and wrap; patient refused further treatment or transport. Assisted patient to private vehicle with her husband who was to take her to the hospital for exam.

**Pacific Grove:** Fire/EMS dispatched to a man who cut his hand. Subject stated his hand exploded. Located large amount of blood splatter and scissors in bathroom. Placed on 72-hour hold.

**Carmel area:** Man reported a bag with tools was stolen. He had left it at a business while doing work there. Total loss estimated at \$960. No suspects.

**Big Sur:** Resident reported that an unknown subject stole oranges and avocados from trees on her property. Total loss estimated at \$420.

**Carmel area:** Resident reported receiving a forged check in the mail.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Burglary reported on Lasuen.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Rio Road resident reported possible mail theft.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Witness reported a drunk driver. The driver, a 59-year-old male, was found exiting his vehicle at his San Carlos Street residence and was subsequently arrested for DUI. He was lodged at county jail.

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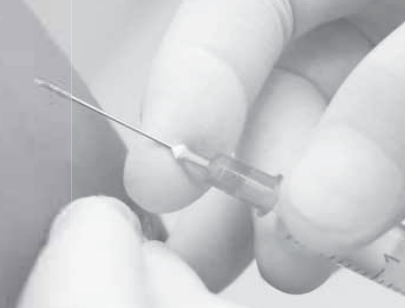


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# Man sues sheriff's office, alleging mistaken gang ID and severe beating

By KELLY NIX

A MAN who says he was severely beaten following an arrest for drunken driving is suing Marina police and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, alleging they're responsible for his injuries.

In a personal injury suit filed against the City of Marina, Monterey County and the sheriff's office, Thomas Dewey alleges that sometime after being arrested in the early morning hours of Aug. 2, 2010, and booked into the Monterey County Jail, he was beaten so badly he had to be transported to a San Jose hospital for medical treatment.

"He went into custody, and the next thing he knows, he wakes up in the hospital," Dewey's Walnut Creek attorney, Barry Morris, told The Pine Cone this week.

In the lawsuit filed Sept. 13 in Monterey County Superior Court, Dewey alleges negligence and battery on the part of Marina police and the sheriff's office.

According to the suit, after Dewey was arrested and processed by Marina police, he was transported to the county jail, where he was booked and placed into a cell. At about 7:30 p.m. the same day, Dewey was rushed to a San Jose hospital for treatment of multiple facial fractures.

While Morris said it isn't clear who beat Dewey — whether it was deputies at the county jail or other inmates — Morris

alleges it was ultimately the responsibility of the sheriff's office to keep him safe while he was in custody.

"We don't know exactly what happened," Morris said. "Clearly the police department and sheriff's [office] had a responsibility to take care of him."

However, in a claim Morris submitted to the county in November 2010 about the incident, he alleged Marina police officers slammed his head into the hood of a car after arresting him on suspicion of DUI.

The claim also alleged Dewey "was beaten by officers of the Marina Police Department and/or Monterey County Sheriff's Department while in the custody of those two agencies on or about Aug. 2, 2010."

Furthermore, the claim alleged, as a result of the alleged mistreatment by officers, Dewey suffered severe head and back injuries "which caused him to go into a coma." Neither Marina police or the sheriff's office provided Dewey "prompt medical treatment, further aggravating" his injuries. The county denied the claim.

The lawsuit alleges that when the 5-foot-8-inch tall, 130-pound Dewey was booked into the jail, deputies classified him as a Norteño gang member. But his attorney said he doesn't believe Dewey was beaten by gang members in jail. And his client does not belong to a gang, according to Morris.

Monterey County Counsel Charles McKee wouldn't comment specifically on the lawsuit because he hadn't seen it. But he spoke to the professionalism of the sheriff's office.

"The sheriff's office take seriously their

duties when they are handling law enforcement matters, and also in investigating situations like these," McKee said.

A message left with Marina police

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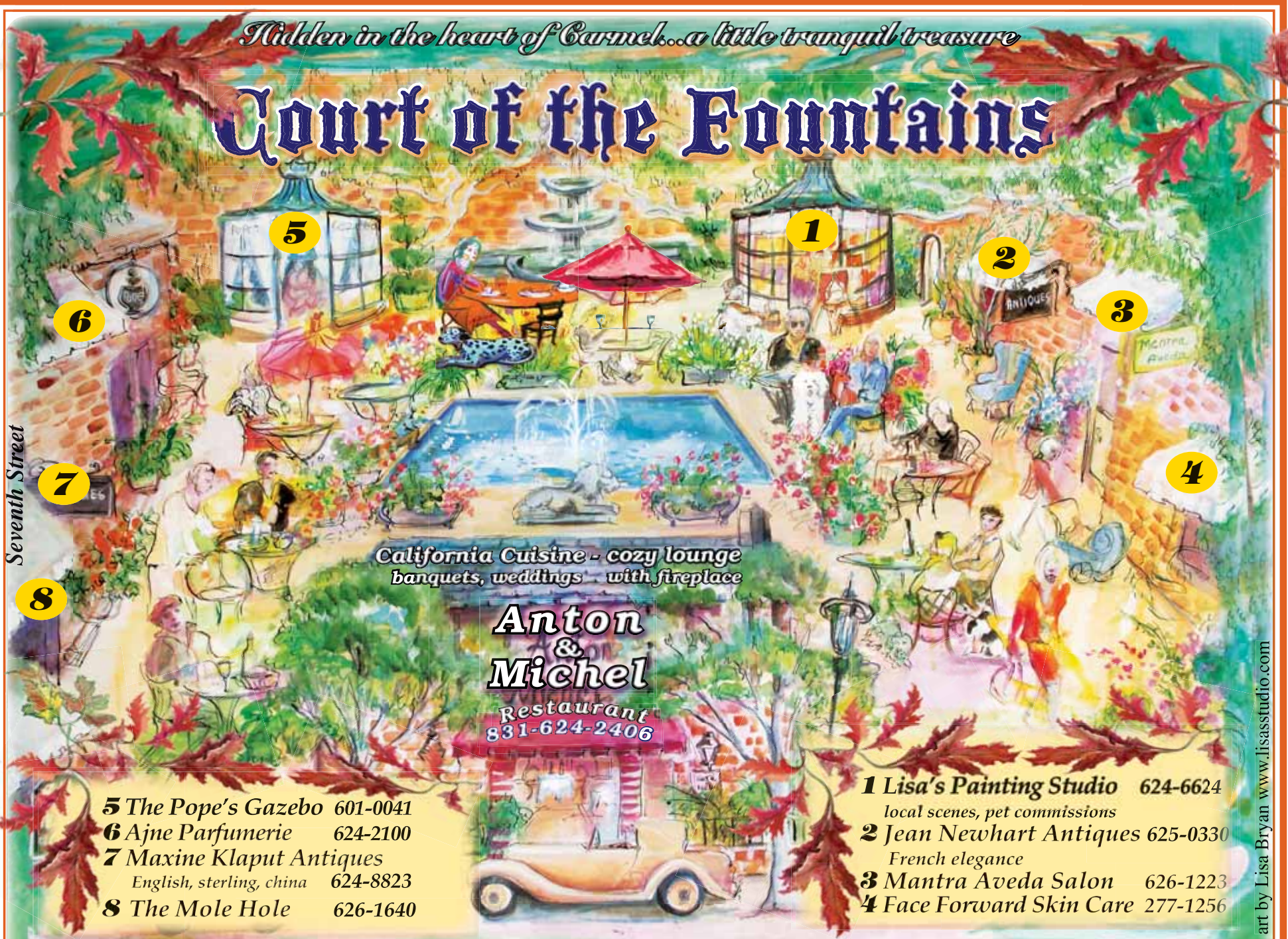
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# Pilot promises daredevil performance like no other at Salinas airshow

By MARY SCHLEY

**AEROBATIC PILOT** Sean Tucker is a veteran flyer: He has undertaken more than 1,000 performances worldwide for some 80 million fans since the 1970s, won numerous competitions and spent tens of thousands of hours in the sky. But when he talks about his job, he sounds like an eager kid.

Tucker, a San Benancio Canyon resident whose career as an aerobatic pilot began in Salinas, will return to his home airport for the California International Airshow Sept. 23-25.

The airshow is one of Tucker's favorites, not just for its nostalgia, but for its sterling reputation for being well run.

"I travel across North America, have flown in Japan and traveled to so many airshows over the last two-and-a-half decades, and Salinas clearly has one of the most passionate volunteer bases I've been around," he said. "And the love of their community really sets the tone of their event. They get

the best in the world there and expect the best in the world to be their very best."

Tucker, who flies a custom-built biplane for Oracle, can count himself among the world's best. This year, he'll be performing alongside the Canadian Snowbirds, Robosaurus, the F-22 Raptor, the Red Bull Aviation Team, Dan Buchanan and other highly regarded talent.

### To beat fear, try a barrel roll

Tucker said he became an aerobatic pilot to conquer a paralyzing fear he developed while learning to fly. "An instructor's task is to have you understand and face challenges by using your skills and understanding, but all my instructors did was instill a huge fear in me, and I was a dangerous pilot because I was fearful," he explained. "Panic will overcome everything, and then it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy."

In 1973, the same year he moved to the Monterey Peninsula, Tucker approached an aerobatics instructor and described his fright and worries. After extensive training, he flew his first aerobatic performance in Salinas.

"Salinas is a very high-profile show, and the last thing they can afford is someone to get hurt. They trusted me to do it right," he said. It proved a launching point for Tucker, who went on to win the national championships in 1988. "My career took off after that," he said.

Tucker had been flying a Pitts Special for three decades, updating it annually, until it gave up the ghost a couple of years ago. The Pitts' demise provided added impetus to get a new plane, which had been in the design phase, under construction, and he flew a backup plane for two years until his new, one-of-a-kind aircraft was ready.

The Challenger II biplane is "the most high-performance aerobatic aircraft in the world," according to Tucker. It weighs slightly more than 1,200 pounds but boasts 400 hp, and "does things that only model airplanes can do," like twirls, twists and tumbles. "Last year, it was just learning the machine, and now I understand her. I'm very excited."

While not everyone likes riding in airplanes, everyone dreams about flying, and Tucker enjoys sharing his passion and helping people find their own. "I'm a guy that wants to use every ounce of energy that he can to entertain them — I'm a 21st century barnstormer," he said. "I want the audience to look inside their souls and find their passion, and I use flying as a metaphor."

Beyond its significance to him as an airshow performer,

being in Salinas is a homecoming for Tucker, who lives locally, and whose kids attended Carmel High and Stevenson.

"It's an honor to be at Salinas," he said. "It's a privilege, and I'm going to give them my level best."

The airshow includes Friday-night fireworks accompanied live by the Monterey Bay Symphony, an impressive lineup of performers, displays and vendors. Tickets range in price and accommodation, and kids 12 and under can attend for free on Friday night. The airshow has raised more than \$7 million for charity since its inception. For more information, visit [www.salinasairshow.com](http://www.salinasairshow.com).



Sean Tucker

### Thinking of Reno

Following last week's tragic crash and multiple fatalities during the National Championship Air Races in Reno, Nev., board members of the Salinas airshow issued a statement voicing their sympathy and concern for everyone affected, and defining the differences between airshows and air races.

Principally, airshows follow a set of federal safety regulations set by the FAA and are governed by the International Council of Airshows. Every airshow pilot undergoes annual evaluation to ensure competency, and significant distance is placed between the performers and spectators, "so that if an accident occurs, any plane wreckage will not get into the crowd," according to ICA President John Cudahy.

Furthermore, airshow pilots cannot direct their aircrafts toward the crowd. Instead, all maneuvers take place within an "aerobatic box" that can be as large as 12,000 feet long, 3,000 feet wide and 12,000 feet high. The ICA reported no spectator has been killed at an airshow by an aircraft in North America since 1952.

"A fatality at the Salinas airshow occurred in 2002 when a man lying in a grassy area near the airport was run over during the night by a truck," said Julie Ann Lozano, marketing coordinator for the event.

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# Monterey agrees to fire takeover

## ■ Chief promises to preserve Carmel's 'uniqueness'

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MONTEREY City Council voted Tuesday to take control of Carmel's fire department. The action came one week after the Carmel City Council voted to merge CFD with MFD, just as Pacific Grove did in 2008.

Unlike last week's Carmel council meeting, in which numerous people spoke for and against the takeover, and two council members abstained from voting in order to show their reluctance to move ahead it, no one from the Monterey council or the audience wished to debate the issue before the Sept. 20 vote, according to Monterey Fire Chief Andrew Miller.

"Carmel was different, because they are the ones looking at transitioning into a contract," Miller said.

He understands people's concerns they might lose the traditions and relationships involved in having an independent department, especially in a small town with a strong identity, but Miller said Monterey can do the job.

"We want to make sure we can meet their expectations," he said. "There's a wonderful uniqueness to P.G. and Carmel, and we feel

we've preserved it in P.G., and we want to do the same thing in Carmel."

Monterey firefighters have been working at CFD for several years, he pointed out. In 2004, the Pacific Grove Fire Department began overseeing CFD, which lacked its own chief, and when Monterey took over PGFD in late 2008, it assumed the supervisory role in Carmel. Miller, who was chief of the Pacific Grove Fire Department and now runs Monterey Fire Department, speculated no one has really noticed his department's presence in Carmel. At least, not in a negative way.

"We've been there physically in that building for almost six years, and for the last two years have had a real presence there, and I don't think anybody would have known," he observed.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council authorized assistant city manager Fred Cohn to begin working on a contract with Carmel's interim city administrator, John Goss, and subsequently with its new city administrator, Jason Stilwell, who starts work Sept. 28. According to Miller's report to the council, the contract will cover all aspects of fire service, including Monterey's hiring of CFD's full-time firefighters, engineers and captains, a total of nine employees. Carmel taxpayers will continue to own the Sixth Avenue station and the equipment it contains.

"The proposed contract will be very sim-

ilar to our jointly successful contract to provide fire services to the City of Pacific Grove," he said in his report.

"It's a very comprehensive and somewhat complex process," Miller told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

In order to develop the agreement, administrators will have to draft the document, negotiate with firefighters' unions and address issues like workers compensation.

"Every little detail has to be called out," he said, and any concerns articulated by the Carmel City Council, including how the ambulance service will be operated and how much power Carmel decision makers will continue to have over fire services in their city, will have to be addressed. "I want every council member and every community member to feel good about a contract I hope they will sign."

# Council OKs retirement, medical cuts

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council last week approved a new one-year labor agreement for city employees that reduces retirement and medical costs, according to interim city administrator John Goss.

The new contract OK'd by the general employees' union and the city states all new hires will receive retirement benefits that cost less than the benefits for current employees.

Existing employees can retire at age 55 and collect 2 percent of the highest salary they received for each year they worked with the city. For example, someone who spent 30 years working for Carmel, and whose highest salary for one year was \$100,000, would receive \$60,000 per year after retiring at the

age of 55, with adjustments for inflation. New workers, however, will receive 2 percent per year of employment at age 60, and the payout amount will be based on the highest salary paid for three consecutive years, not just for one year.

In his Sept. 13 report, Goss said the new contract "moves the city in a significant direction in taking steps to control its retirement costs."


The agreement also allows some city staff to opt out of Carmel's medical plan. Each worker foregoing coverage would receive \$291 per month, potentially saving the city thousands of dollars per year per employee.

"As newly hired employees decide to opt out from the city's medical plan, the city's

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# P.G. City Council, public angry over big golf course losses

By KELLY NIX

NOT ONLY was the Pacific Grove City Council Wednesday night upset by the announcement the municipal golf course lost more than \$400,000 last year, council members and golfers were maddened that city staff hadn't told them sooner.

Last week, the city released a report saying the struggling golf course is in a deep financial hole, a fact city council members said they were never made aware of until seeing the report. Their frustration was clear at the Wednesday night council meeting.

"I'm as irritated by this as I ever have been in the 21 years I have been coming to council meetings," councilman Dan Miller said. "Whoever is responsible, changes need to be made."

Senior accountant Tony McFarlane, who was joined by head golf pro Joe Riekena, told the council the city had an unaudited operating loss of 16.8 percent of revenues, or \$413,230, during the 2010/2011 year. The shortfall, which was covered with revenues from the city's golf course reserve fund, is being blamed, in part, on a 20 percent reduction in rounds played by golfers who pay full price compared to last year. At the end of the year, the reserve fund had a balance of just \$143,000.

While direct expenditures at the golf course finished the year on budget, revenues did not keep pace with the cost of new "program needs," such as operating the Point Pinos Grill, the restaurant at the golf course, the report said.

"Golfers either no longer can afford to justify the expense for golf, or they no longer have the time to play 18 holes," according to the city report.

Council members weren't the only ones who said they were left in the dark about the golf course budget. Members of city's golf links advisory commission — created to make recommendations to the council and the city manager in matters pertaining to the overall operation of the golf course — said they too were unaware of the problems.

Darian Houde, commission chairman, who called the city's report "ugly," criticized city staff for not contacting him about the budget woes.

"That is why you have us," Houde said. "Report to us, staff. Utilize us. Or what else good are we?"

Golfer Robert Sanchez said "with this big of a deficit, somebody should have held up a red flag months ago."

Golf commission member and former city councilman Ron Schenk said he repeatedly asked for monthly reports on the golf course but received nothing.

"I was told staff didn't have the time," Schenk said. "I'm sorry, but that is what staff is for. That is their job."

Councilman Ken Cuneo said staff should have sought the advice of the golf commission.

The golf commission "can be your best friend," Cuneo said. "They should be the ones advising this council ... By withholding information from [the commission], you hurt yourself."

Some of the budget reduction options posed by the city include reducing inventory at the pro shop, reducing the part-time budget by 20 percent, offering early retirement to eligible employees, imposing a 5 percent temporary pay cut for full-time golf course employees selling advertising on tee boxes and the city's website, and offering one more golf tournament per month.

Mayor Carmelita Garcia said if golf course employees are given a 5 percent pay cut, upper level managers should be subject to a 10 percent reduction in pay.

Schenk and others recommended the city reinstate the annual golf play card that offered a discount for regular, local players.

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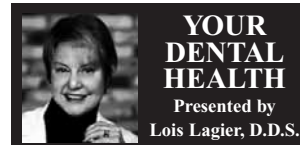
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# Specialist helps the vision impaired get around

By KELLY NIX

CROSSING OCEAN Avenue or Lighthouse Avenue on a busy weekend can be a practice in courage. For someone who is blind or has limited vision, the streets can be terrifying.

Rena Weaver Wyant is trying to change that. An orientation and mobility specialist with the Blind & Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County, she helps those with vision problems safely and confidently navigate city streets.

“One purpose of orientation and mobility instruction is to teach skills that will free the blind or visually impaired individual from dependence on others,” Wyant said.

The center, at 225 Laurel Ave. in Pacific Grove, offers a host of services for those who are blind or have “low vision,” a term that refers to someone with a vision impairment that interferes with the ability to perform everyday activities. Wyant teaches students throughout the county.

Most of Wyant’s students are seniors, who are at greater risk of falling and suffering more serious injuries, which makes the training that much more important.

“About 90 to 95 percent of those we see at the center have macular degeneration,” she said.

Before instruction, students are assessed to determine the extent of their vision problems. Those with “high functioning” vision may just need to be assessed to determine if they are traveling safely. Others may need much more instruction.

Though most of those who were born blind or have been blind for many years have learned to live independently, Wyant said they also seek instruction sometimes.

“Even those people need some mobility training if they

are new to a city, for example,” she said. “Familiarization very often involves getting reacquainted with a new bus system and getting familiar with the ins and outs of an area.”

Wyant teaches students the most efficient and safest areas to navigate on foot, taking in consideration curbs, steps, uneven sidewalks — minor obstacles to most, but among the things feared most by those with vision problems in an urban environment.

To help overcome those fears, she teaches students how to use a cane to navigate in a city, including slowly going up stairs with a cane to feel each step.

“Most students will overcome the fear of falling down steps or tripping and falling over uneven sidewalks once they have learned to use the long cane correctly to warn them of these unexpected things,” she said.

Students also learn how to cross streets by listening to auditory clues, and in some cases, using whatever remaining vision they have. Those who are blind are taught to listen to determine if an intersection is manned by stop signs or traffic lights.

“They can listen and figure out if there are turn cycles in addition to regular parallel and perpendicular cycles,” Wyant said. “They can learn to use the sounds of frequent parallel traffic to walk in a straight line within or near the crosswalk to get to the other side efficiently and safely.”

For information about the Blind & Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County, go to [www.blindandlowvision.org](http://www.blindandlowvision.org) or call (831) 649-3505.

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## LIVES

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department, or landline phone service to anyone during a power outage, Goetz said public safety is compromised in the rugged, fire-prone community.

"The fire station is considered a critical facility, and AT&T is unable to work with us to resolve an issue of such importance," she said.

When the electricity goes out in the Palo Colorado area — which is home to several hundred residents — a battery back-up once kept the phones operating for 12 to 16 hours, according to Goetz. But that was before the Internet.

"Unfortunately, the battery time has diminished significantly since Internet came to the community [because when the power goes out] everyone jumps on the Internet to find out what is going on, which drains the batteries in several hours now," she explained.

In 2008, a resident donated a 35-kilowatt generator to power the firehouse and residential phone service during an electricity outage. Goetz assumed it would be a simple task for AT&T to tap power from the generator so residents would be able to call 911 in the event of an emergency.

Also frustrating for Goetz is the absence of Internet service at the firehouse. At one point, the fire chief said she was on the phone with an AT&T representative and was told the firehouse is located too far from AT&T's connection box. In response, Goetz said she was standing "within spitting distance" of the box. Meanwhile, residents living more than a mile from the box have Internet service, she observed. But Goetz's plea was unsuccessful. "No amount of explaining

would change their mind," she reported.

The phone dilemma was underscored last week when a Palo Colorado area resident, Robert Coakley, burned to death in his home. As the result of a downed eucalyptus tree at Highway 1 and Palo Colorado Road, electricity — and phone service — were down when the incident occurred.

## DIES

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fog that blanketed the ridge. According to detective Diana Schumacher of the MCSO, the fire likely started sometime after midnight. She said her agency received a call regarding the fire at about 6 a.m. It is not clear how the call was made since phone service was out in the Palo Colorado area because a large eucalyptus tree crashed down on Highway 1 the day before and took out a power pole.

Later the same day, Schumacher surveyed what remained of the dwelling. "It looked like a plane that had crashed," she said. "It was obliterated. The fire burned very, very hot."

While Schumacher said the origin of the fire is under investigation, she dispelled rumors that it was caused by an exploding propane tank or a drug lab. She said two propane tanks located nearby did show cracks from the blaze.

Remarkably — and likely due to the fog — the fire didn't spread far beyond Coakley's residence, despite the fact that Green Ridge is covered with dense, fire-prone vegetation. Mid-Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade Chief Cheryl Goetz reported that the blaze scorched just less than an acre. "Everybody in this community was very lucky," Goetz observed.

## FEST

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# APPEAL

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included an analysis of the possibility that a government agency might purchase the estate and turn it into a halfway house or affordable housing.

Carmel's attorney, Jon Giffen, said the foundation's argument is speculative and that CEQA doesn't require the city to analyze the potential environmental impacts of an unknown government agency's unknown use of the mansion.

In January 2010, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Kay Kingsley ruled in the foundation's favor, deciding the EIR had to be revised again to evaluate what might happen if the government agency that purchased the house could ignore zoning or other environmental restrictions on the lot.

Rather than draft another EIR, the city appealed Kingsley's ruling, and each side has since laid out its arguments in extensive legal documents filed with the 6th District Court of Appeal in San Jose.

In addition to extensive briefs filed with the appellate court, arguments in the case have been scheduled to be heard in Salinas, Giffen confirmed.

"It just gives the lawyers the opportunity

to express orally their positions and to get a read from the justices as to where they are and what kind of questions they have," he said.

The three-judge panel will then proceed with taking the case under submission and making a decision, or it will ask for more information. There is no timeline for a ruling, according to Giffen.

"We're feeling confident in our position," he said. "We're looking forward to the argument and to advocating on behalf of the city. It certainly has been a long process."

Meanwhile, last week, the state Legislature voted to give a huge stadium complex in Los Angeles an expedited review of its EIR and is considering limiting the scope of CEQA for other major development projects.

In July, the state Supreme Court also limited CEQA, ruling that a ban on plastic shopping bags in the City of Manhattan Beach didn't require an EIR.

"CEQA does not demand an exhaustive comparative analysis of relative environmental detriments for every alternative course of action," wrote Supreme Court Justice Carol Corrigan in the unanimous decision. "It requires an EIR only for those aspects of a project likely to have significant environmental effects."

# THEFT

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"They were able to pinpoint the location of the iPads through the victim's iPhone, which had a GPS tracking app," Mukai said.

The tracker led them to the area of Palm Avenue in Seaside, where Norman lives, according to Mukai. The tablet computers were in a gray Hyundai registered to Ransome that she had been driving.

While CPD officer Greg Johnson and police from Seaside P.D. were there, Ransome arrived at Carmel P.D. and admitted taking the backpack and its contents.

"He gave consent to search the Hyundai," Mukai said, and Johnson, accompanied by the SPD officers, went through the car and found the two iPads.

"The girlfriend was using the vehicle and was still in the area," he said. "And she showed up and was detained."

Police charged Ransome with grand theft and Norman with possession of stolen property.

According to city records, Ransome was hired in October 1988 as a building maintenance worker.

He was laid off in July 2004 as part of numerous job cuts made in response to budget reductions but was then hired as an hourly contract maintenance worker in April 2005. He was terminated Aug. 19 — the day he was arrested for the theft.

Since his firing, city workers helped clean the library until Edison Santa Cruz, who has been in charge of cleaning the police station for the past year, was contracted to take over the library's cleaning, interim city administrator John Goss said Thursday.

"It's really too bad," he said of Ransome's alleged crime and forced exit. Santa Cruz, meanwhile, has been keeping CPD clean for a year, with no complaints about quality of work or security, according to Goss.




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## Zumba benefit to help paralyzed heroine

A YOUNG mother who became paralyzed from the waist down during a shooting in Salinas a year ago is undergoing extensive physical therapy in hope of regaining her mobility, and her physical therapist, Will Kramer, decided to hold a fundraiser for her at the Monterey Sports Center Sunday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Iris Cueto had attended a baptism for a family member and was walking to her car when a man walked up and began shooting, according to Valerie Stack, who is also helping with the fundraiser. "In this random tragedy, Iris, pregnant at the time, was hit multiple times," she reported. "Her position shielded the children."

But she suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was airlifted to a trauma center in San Jose for treatment. She's now undertaking rigorous physical therapy, courtesy of Kramer, whom Stack said is donating his time.

"I met Iris when I was doing my own physical therapy at Ryan Ranch Physical Therapy," Stack said. "I was greatly touched by the circumstances Iris faces and Will Kramer's generosity. The heart and care expressed by the staff at Ryan Ranch Physical Therapy are exceptional, in my mind."

She hopes others will attend the Zumba class — or just enjoy the catered lunch and donate some cash — for Cueto.

"Especially in challenging times, I find that there is nothing like kindness and generosity to uplift," she said.

The benefit will be held at the Monterey Sports Center, 301 East Franklin St. in Monterey, and will cost \$10 per person, which will cover the class and a catered reception. For more information, call (831) 646-3730.



## Get a mammogram. Give a mammogram.

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**Breast Care Center renaming event to honor Carol Hatton**  
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#### CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

### Carmel Authors & Ideas Festival

September 23-25  
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#### CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

### MONTEREY COUNTY OPEN STUDIO presents TWO ARTIST RECEPTION

September 24 & 25  
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## Tour offers peak at the secret lives of local artists

By CHRIS COUNTS

FAR FROM the bright lights of art galleries, an artist's studio is often a very private place. But Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25, the 22nd annual Monterey County Studio Tour offers anybody with a tank of gas and a love of art an opportunity to take a look inside the studios of 62 different local artists, jewelers, photographers, sculptors and potters.

Kicking off the tour Friday, Sept. 23, will be a reception at the Pacific Grove Art Center. The art center, which is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave., is hosting a group exhibit of the studio artists' work.

This year's tour showcases an impressive roster of creative talent, including Peggy Olsen, Emy Ledbetter, Rollin Pickford, John Chappell, Cheryl Kampe, Mark Farina, Jody

Royee, Tom Davies, Leela Marcum, Mary Liz Houseman and many others. Their studios are located in Seaside, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, Carmel, Carmel Highlands and Carmel Valley.

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#### PACIFIC GROVE

22 Annual MTRY COUNTY ARTIST STUDIO TOUR  
Barry Marshall Studio/Gallery  
September 24 & 25  
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#### BIG SUR

Art from here and there TO BENEFIT THE BIG SUR HEALTH CENTER  
September 25  
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This painting by Rachel Fann of Big Sur will featured Sunday in a fundraising auction at the Restaurant at Ventana. The event benefits the Big Sur Health Center.

#### CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

CARMEL MISSION 47th Annual Carmel Mission FIESTA  
September 25  
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#### CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

SUNSET CENTER COMING EVENTS  
September 2011  
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## Classic and folk duo plays in C.V., Money Band wraps up Plaza music series

By CHRIS COUNTS

FINDING INSPIRATION in classical music and the folk melodies of Eastern Europe, the Alma Nova Duo performs Friday, Sept. 23, at the Magic Circle Theatre in Carmel Valley

Village.

After meeting as students at the prestigious Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris, flutist Jessica Pierce and guitarist Almer Imamovic formed a duo. Together, they have produced two recordings and offered recitals through Europe and the United States. Since 2006, the duo has premiered more than 40 new works, most of which are original compositions by Pierce and Imamovic.

When they visit Carmel Valley this weekend, the duo will present an eclectic program of chamber music.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. The Magic Circle Theatre is located 8 El Caminito Road. For more information, call (831) 659-7500 or visit www.magiccircletheatre.

### ■ 'If we don't know it, we'll learn it'

In the final installment of the Concerts in Carmel music series, the Money Band performs Friday at Carmel Plaza.

One of Monterey County's most popular and hardest working cover bands, the Money Band specializes in clas-

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The Alma Nova Duo, which features guitarist Almer Imamovic, left, and flutist Jessica Pierce, performs Friday in Carmel Valley.

#### CARMEL VALLEY

CARMEL VALLEY ROTARY CLUB presents Casablanca  
A Casino Night to Remember  
October 1  
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#### CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

CHAMBER MUSIC MONTEREY BAY presents St. Petersburg String Quartet  
October 1  
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#### MARINA

MRWMD presents OPEN HOUSE & TOURS  
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# The Green Fairy, Afternoon Delight, *Vino e Amici* and Family Farm Day

By MARY SCHLEY

**CRAVING CUPCAKES?** Sure, they've come (and gone?) as a culinary trend, but when they're good, they're good, and Pastries & Petals in downtown Carmel produces such beloved little tender frosting-topped cakes that it offers a Cupcake Club.

For \$200 per year, members receive a half-dozen cupcakes each month and have the privilege of sampling new creations before they are available to the general public. This month, they are enjoying turtle cupcakes, and next month, they will bite into caramel apple cupcakes.

For everyone, the bakery offers a wide range of flavors, including carrot cake, P&P's signature vanilla, and chocolate with malted crunch or mint. The bakery cafe also donates the sales from a featured cake to a charity each month as part of its Twelve Months of Giving program. Throughout September, 100 percent of the money raised through sales of the signature vanilla cupcake has benefited Leukemia awareness.

Of course, Pastries & Petals also serves breakfast and lunch, and seasonal dinners. Lately, savory versions of the traditional cinnamon-and-sugar pull-apart in flavors like bacon with caramelized fennel and sun-dried tomato with smoked gouda have been all the rage, served warm accompanied by a salad. A couple of quiches, sandwiches and salads are also available.

There's no way to get out of Pastries & Petals without

dessert, whether it's a cupcake or some other delectable creation, like a s'mores bar, chocolate crunch bar, pecan bar, lemon bar, cookie, baby cake or other sweet. All are beautifully and tantalizingly displayed along a counter in the small shop, which contains a handful of tables and seating in an outdoor courtyard, too.

Located on Mission Street north of Fifth where Le Coq d'Or operated for years, Pastries & Petals opens daily at 7 a.m. For more information, call (831) 620-1400.

## ■ Bitten by a green fairy

Jean and Mary Medora Hubert's Le St. Tropez restaurant on Dolores Street offers a little French countryside escape in downtown Carmel, with its blue-and-yellow Provencal interior, nicely spaced tables and booths, comfortable service and "cuisine of the sun" menus.

Crudit  and bread accompany every dinner, which includes entr es like the tender rack of lamb carved tableside, and seasonal specials, such as the beautiful Caprese salad capitalizing on late summer's ripe tomatoes, are on offer, too. The Cr pes Suzette for two, assembled and flamb ed at the table by the server, are worth saving room for. And a Nicoise salad with seared ahi, also a special, makes a great lunch.

Adding to the fun are the full bar and resulting cocktail menu, which offers classics like the Ricard Sazerac and the B&B Sidecar, along with concoctions like the Green Fairy Martini. The blend of Le F e absinthe, vodka, triple sec,

water and lemon juice foamed with egg whites gets its name from the liquor's nickname ("le f e verte"), and the distinctive anise flavor of the absinthe is balanced by the vodka and the lemon in this not-too-sweet cocktail.

Le St. Tropez is open for lunch and dinner daily from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call (831) 634-9877 or see [www.lest-tropez.com](http://www.lest-tropez.com) for more information. The restaurant is located on the east side of Dolores Street south of Ocean Avenue.

## ■ Point Pinos HH

Chef Dory Ford, who runs the Point Pinos Grill at the Pacific Grove municipal golf course, launched a Monday-through-Friday Happy Hour this week, calling it Afternoon Delight.

Deals change hourly, starting with select beer selling for \$3 at 3 p.m., house wines available for \$4 at 4 p.m., and an array of appetizers going for \$5 at 5 p.m. The grill also hosts Teacher Appreciation Night every Thursday, when local teachers and professors receive 10 percent off of their bills by presenting school IDs or business cards.

To learn more, visit [ptpinosgrill.com](http://ptpinosgrill.com).

## ■ Wine & Friends

Restaurateur Rich P pe (who is also considering running for mayor of Carmel) is launching a dinner series at his newest restaurant, Vesuvio. Called *Vino e Amici*, the evening will feature a particular winery and a special menu that can be ordered a la carte.

The first will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, when Piero Mastroberardino, 10th generation winemaker of the historic Mastroberardino Winery of Campania, will be in Carmel to talk about his winery's legacy. According to P pe, Piero Mastroberardino is considered one of the most influential people in Italian winemaking.

The special menu will be available between 6 and 10 p.m. For reservations, call (831) 626-PEPE (7373). Vesuvio is located at Mission and Sixth in downtown Carmel.

## ■ Young and professional beer drinkers

The Monterey County Young Professionals Group will host its inaugural monthly Happy Hour at the new Post No Bills Craft Beer House in Sand City Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m.

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between the ages of 21 and 39 years old, and the Happy Hour fun is open to anyone within that age group, regardless of MCYPG membership. Guests will get together to mingle, mix and sample a wide range of beers offered at special prices available by simply signing up at [www.mcypg.org](http://www.mcypg.org). Membership is free.

Organizers are asking those interested in attending to RSVP via the group's Facebook page. For more information about the event and future Happy Hours, contact Jessica Price at [jprice@armanasco.com](mailto:jprice@armanasco.com). Post No Bills is located at 600 Ortiz Ave., Sand City.

**■ Beer tasting**

Tarpy's Roadhouse will celebrate brewskies Wednesday, Sept. 28, with samples of Lagunitas Brewing Company suds paired with special appetizers from 4 to 6 p.m. Stop by the restaurant, located at 2999 Monterey-Salinas Highway at Canyon del Rey, to check it out.

Also mark the calendar for Oct. 16, when the restaurant will host Dogtoberfest to benefit the Animal Friends Rescue Project. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., guest judges will pick a winner for the Howl-O-Ween doggie costume contest, local television personalities will emcee, and guests will fill up on gourmet salads, cheeses, appetizers, BBQ chicken, Ventana Vineyards wine and Sierra Nevada beer. AFRP will also hold ongoing raffles. Tickets cost \$35 per person and are available by calling (831) 333-0722 or going to [www.animalfriendsrescue.org](http://www.animalfriendsrescue.org).

**■ Family day on the farm**

The Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association, which seeks to "advance economic viability, social equity and ecological land management" among fledgling farmers by creating business opportunities and educating participants on conservation, habitat restoration, marketing and planning, is hosting Family Farm Day at ALBA Saturday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Throughout the day, visitors will be invited to harvest their own organic strawberries alongside the people who worked so hard to grow them. They will also learn about sustainable agriculture, tour the farm, meet the people who cultivate the land — and take home bags full of farm-fresh fruits and veggies. A corn roast, Oaxacan dishes, African drumming and hay rides will make the day

especially festive.

ALBA is located at 1700 Old Stage Road in Salinas. To learn more, visit [www.alba-farmers.org](http://www.alba-farmers.org).

**■ Harvest 101**

McIntyre Vineyards is offering its annual Harvest 101 on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Santa Lucia Highlands winery. There, Steve McIntyre will take guests on a walking tour of the vineyards, which are abundant with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes, followed by wine tasting and lunch at his family's estate.

McIntyre will talk about how winemakers determine the proper time to harvest, and participants will taste vine-ripened berries, along with their skins and seeds, in order to learn how to intuit the grapes' peak ripeness. They will also hear about brix, which indicates their sugar content, and will "solve the riddle of pH and total acidity, and learn to think like a winemaker and viticulturist."

A staunch supporter of sustainable farming practices and environmental stewardship, McIntyre will share his grape-growing and winemaking philosophies, too.

All that learning will no doubt produce hunger and thirst, so tastes of unreleased McIntyre Estate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay will accompany a simple lunch among the vines.

Tickets are \$55 per person, and guests are advised to bring hats and sunblock. For reservations, RSVP to [taste@mcintyrevineyards.com](mailto:taste@mcintyrevineyards.com) or call the tasting room located in the Hyatt Regency Monterey at (831) 649-WINE (9463).

**■ Byington's Biker Day**

Byington Winery & Vineyard in the Santa Cruz Mountains is hosting a motorcycle-inspired fundraiser Sunday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a percentage of the proceeds going to EMQ FamiliesFirst, which aids children and families in crisis.

Operations manager Jim Moore, a Harley rider, recognizes the Santa Cruz Mountains for their stellar scenery, great weather and fabulous roads, which are popular with motorcyclists of all sorts, not to mention bicyclists.

Capitalizing on the area's two-wheeled traffic, Biker Day will be held at the 95-acre Byington property, located 2,000 feet above the valley floor. The winery produces

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## Harvest Moon

The Kinship Center, which helps abused, neglected and abandoned Monterey County kids find safe, healthy, permanent homes, will hold its Fourth Annual Harvest Moon Festival Saturday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m.

Open to the public, the festival is a major fundraiser for the center and will include award-winning Monterey County wines, a hosted martini bar, hand-selected beers by the Monterey Beer Festival, and gourmet food prepared by chefs from Little Napoli, Vesuvio, Sticks, Carmel Valley Ranch, Contemporary Catering, Turf Club, Stone Creek Kitchen, Cowboy Sausage and others.

The Wild Turkeys — featuring Matt Brem, Greg Carey, Rob Hallett, James Mills and Jack Wilkinson — will play, and MC Dan Green will preside over silent and live auctions.

The cost to attend is \$125 per person, with every dollar benefiting the Kinship Center. To purchase tickets, call (831) 455-4712 or visit [www.kinshipcenter.org](http://www.kinshipcenter.org).

For more information or to inquire about sponsorships, call Bill Lutz at (831) 455-4723. The center is located at 124 River Road in Salinas.



## Marjorie Mithoff Miller

May 28, 1922 - September 2, 2011

### "BOOKS DON'T MISBEHAVE"

A WOMAN'S life can be one of diverse accomplishments. When Marge Miller died September 2 in Annapolis after a brief illness, she left behind a legacy of scholarly and literary achievements, including two master's degrees, a published book, and a 14-year career as a librarian and archivist. But she was also a wonderful mother who raised five children during the tumultuous 1950s and 1960s without even breaking a sweat, and while she was never much interested in housework or cooking, she perfected the recipe for bringing up happy children by using equal parts intelligence, humor and love. The example she set is one her progeny cherish to this day.

Born May 28, 1922, in LaPorte, Ind., Marjorie Helen Mithoff was blessed with gifted parents. While they came from humble backgrounds, Helen Modrall and Warren Mithoff raised their daughter and her older brother, Richard, in a stimulating environment filled with travel, music, photography and art. At a very

young age, the children were recruited by their father to help out with his job as an advertising man in Detroit: On Aug. 22, 1924, Marge and her brother appeared as models in a full-page Cadillac ad in *The Saturday Evening Post*.

She later recalled being sick a lot as a child — especially ear infections, which were a much more serious problem in those days before antibiotics. To promote her health, in 1929 the family moved to sunny El Paso, Texas, where Helen and Warren had met during World War I. Marge excelled in school and soon demonstrated a remarkable aptitude for the English language. While working on Stephen F. Austin High School's literary magazine, the "Amateur Scribe," she met a classmate, William Miller. They fell in love, and after one year at Cottey College in Nevada, Mo., Marge joined Bill at the University of Texas at Austin. They graduated together with honors in 1943; for the rest of her life, she proudly wore the Phi Beta Kappa key she earned for academic excellence. Bill and Marge married in January 1943. A daughter, Peggy, was born in September.

Like practically all Americans their age, the young family's immediate future was determined by the needs of their country in World War II. Having enlisted in an officer candidate program while still in college, Bill was shipped off to Harvard, MIT, and Fort Monmouth, N.J., for training with a newfangled invention called radar. Marge and Peggy dutifully travelled with him as they could, but when he was made a 2nd Lt. and sent to Japan at the end of the war, they returned to family in El Paso. While the young parents were kept apart by the conflict's aftermath, a son, Warren, was born.

Reunited after the war, the family moved to upstate New York, where Bill took a job with General Electric. But the postwar housing shortage meant the only place they could find to live was a summer cottage with no indoor plumbing. During a brutal winter, with a frozen well, several feet of snow between the back door and the outhouse, no place to dry clothes, bugs in the bed and rats taking refuge in the living room, Marge discovered she wasn't really cut out for the life of a housewife. Her diaries and letters show that she handled most of the crises with good humor. But she dreamed of having a career, and of being a published author, and wished she could spend a good part of each day devouring the *New Yorker* and losing herself in novels by P.G. Wodehouse and C.S. Lewis. She also enjoyed the witty poems of Ogden Nash, who thoughtfully advised her, in a letter responding to samples of her poetry, that life itself, however mundane, was all the inspiration one needed to be a great author.

In that case, Marge Miller was to become one of the most inspired people in the world, especially after three more children arrived (David in 1952, Paul in 1954 and Stephen in 1957). In fact, whether she liked it or not, she was destined to spend 25-plus years being "stuck" (her word) dutifully supporting her husband's career and raising five kids. She loved the various animals the children brought home (especially turtles, but not eels), and enjoyed the sandlot baseball her sons played. It thrilled her when Warren and David became proficient on the guitar and the piano, and she was never happier than when her home was filled with singing and music. But she hated keeping house, and it's remarkable that she managed to do it at all — in the 1950s in El Paso, while Bill worked in missile instrumentation at nearby White Sands, N.M., and, beginning in 1962, in Bowie, Md., after he got a job with NASA in Washington, D.C.

In 1965, as the mob of kids got older, Marge fulfilled her lifelong wish and took her first job, editing copy for an aerospace magazine. Next, she had the brilliant idea of teaching junior high school English. But she wasn't tough enough to keep the rambunctious kids in line and soon looked upon the job as some kind of awful punishment.

Returning to school, she earned an M.A. in American studies from the University of Maryland and another M.A. in library science from Catholic University. And in 1970, she took a job as a librarian with the Prince George's County Memorial Library. At last, she was in her element. Books!

Marge and her husband were devoted all their lives to the Presbyterian Church, serving as elders and on countless boards and commissions. When Bill retired in 1975, they made the first of many trips to Europe, where they pursued a shared interest in genealogy. And while they were doing that, their children were making lots of descendants — eventually numbering 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. For decades, she tracked everyone's accomplishments and activities in a wry newsletter called *The Fitful Family News*. She retired from her last job as documents librarian for Prince George's County, Md., in 1984.

For 48 years, a rambling house on Brewster Lane in Bowie was the family home. As the decades went by, the old place became filled with the books, letters and mementoes Bill and Marge loved. Her collection of stone, ceramic and jeweled turtles, amassed in many countries and on many birthdays and anniversaries, eventually numbered more than 700. And when the couple reached their 80s, their house was stuffed to the gills with remnants of an inquisitive and intellectual life. To outsiders, it seemed chaotic. But as long as *National Geographic* and the *Washington Post* were on the coffee table, they didn't care. Their lifetime of accomplishments, and their marriage of 68 years, gave them the right not to.

*William Miller died in April at the age of 89. Marjorie Miller, who was also 89 when she passed, is survived by their five children: Peggy Benedict of Laurel, Md.; Warren of Prescott, Ariz.; David of Brussels, Belgium; Paul of Pacific Grove, and Stephen of Rockville, Md.; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. at Christian Community Presbyterian Church in Bowie, Md., followed by a reception in the church fellowship hall. The family requests that donations be made to the CCPC Mission Fund.*

## Harvest Party No. 1

Galante Vineyards will open its Cachagua winery Saturday, Oct. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. for its annual Harvest Open House.

Organizers proclaim fall, when grapes are ripening to the point of being ready for picking, "is truly the most spectacular time of year the ranch."

Owners Jack and Dawn Galante, winemaker Greg Vita, vineyard manager Eliud Ortiz, and the rest of the Galante family and winery crew will be there to welcome guests, who will also be entertained by music from the Long Distance Flyers.

Lots of food, lots of wine and lots of fun are the orders of the day at Galante parties, and this year's promises to be no different. Special prices will be offered on wines, too.

Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$12 at the door. For reservations, email [conor@galantevineyards.com](mailto:conor@galantevineyards.com) or call (800) 425-2683. Galante Vineyards is located at 18181 Cachagua Road in Carmel Valley.

## Harvest Party No. 2

The following Saturday, Hilltop Ranch, the Carmel Valley estate vineyard of Cima Collina winery, will hold its Harvest Party 2011 from 2 to 5 p.m.

During the celebration of the grape harvest, the Money Band will play, and a local chef will prepare organic, farm-fresh goodies to be tasted alongside Cima Collina wines, including the brand new 2010 estate Pinot Gris.

Hilltop Ranch Estate vineyard, located at 62 East Carmel Valley Road, sits on a south-facing slope just east of Carmel Valley Village and produces organically farmed Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris.

Tickets are \$50 for wine club members and \$75 for non-members. Call the tasting room at (831) 620-0645 to reserve a spot. For more information, email [jennifer@cimacollina.com](mailto:jennifer@cimacollina.com).

# Calendar

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**Sept. 23 - Carmel Plaza's 7th summer concert series** will feature the music of Neal Banks, tastings from De Tierra Winery & Firestone Walker Brewing as well as indulgent delicacies from Bistro Beaujolais. Featured local Non-Profit: Food Bank for Monterey County. Concerts free, food & beverage tasting package: \$15. [www.carmelplaza.com/concertsincarmel](http://www.carmelplaza.com/concertsincarmel), (831) 624-1385.

**Sept. 23-25 - Get your juices flowing with our delicious margaritas and enjoy the courtyard setting** with **Dino Vera** from 5-7 p.m. Mon-Thurs. (Happy Hour \$2 beers/\$5 Marg) at Plaza Linda, 9 Del Fino Place in CV. Friday, 9/23, **Harpin' Jonny & The Primadons** at 7 p.m., \$10; Sat., 9/24, **Craig Jarstrom** from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and **Kunkel & Harris & Janni Littlepage** 7-9 p.m. \$10; Sunday, 9/25, **Cuba Libre**, 2-4 p.m., and **Tamas Marius**, 4:30-7:30 p.m. RSVP at (831) 659-4229 for best seating. See Summer Concert Lineup: [www.plazalinda.com](http://www.plazalinda.com).

**Sept. 24 - Carmel Heritage Society presents Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Day**, Sept. 24, 1 to 4 p.m.

**Sept. 24 & 25 - Artist Barry Marshall** would like to invite you to his New Studio/Gallery for the **22nd Annual Monterey County Artist Studio Tour**. New local scenes daily in both oil and acrylic. Studio prices for the weekend, Sept 24 & 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 213 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove. (831) 277-5445.

**Sept. 25 - Our local Monterey County Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children** is honoring the memory of our murder victims with a Candlelight Vigil on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The event is open to the public. The vigil will be held at the Marina Library, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina.

**Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 - Tickets are now available for "Art in the Adobes," the 3-day show** of treasures that have been hidden away from view for decades. Tickets are on sale now at the Monterey Museum of Art, Old Monterey Business Association, and on the web at [www.artintheadobes.org](http://www.artintheadobes.org). at a discounted rate until Sept. 15.

**Oct. 1 - Chamber Music Monterey bay to present St. Petersburg String Quartet, with Anton Nel, piano**, Saturday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Sunset Center, San Carlos Street & Ninth. (831) 625-2212, [www.chambermusicmonterey.org](http://www.chambermusicmonterey.org).

**Oct. 1 - Friends of the Carmel Valley Library hosts Extra TV producer Omar Lugones** talking about the art and life of Richard Fariña, who wrote books and recorded albums with Mimi Fariña (sister of Joan Baez), before his tragic and untimely death in 1966 in a motorcycle accident in Carmel Valley. 10:15 a.m. Event is free. Refreshments served. (831) 659-2377.

**Oct. 2 - All Saints' Episcopal Church**, Ninth & Dolores, offers an **Evensong service**, Sunday, Oct. 2, at 5:30 pm. An Anglican tradition dating back to the 15th century, Evensong embraces chant, anthems, hymns, prayer and meditation. A light supper follows the service. All are welcome. Call the church for more information at (831) 624-3883.

**Oct. 4 - Carmel Community Girls Softball will hold annual elections for its board of directors** at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Carmel Middle School. Please direct questions to [info@carmelsoftball.org](mailto:info@carmelsoftball.org).

**Oct. 4 - Blessing of the Animals**, Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1 p.m., Canterbury Woods, 651 Sinex Ave. Pacific Grove. RSVP (831) 657-4193 or [www.canterburywoods-esc.org](http://www.canterburywoods-esc.org). Bring your pet for this free ceremony in their honor.

**Oct. 13 - Roy's at Pebble Beach Hawaiian Luau, 6-10 p.m.** Enjoy live Hawaiian music, hula dancers and a traditional luau buffet. Celebrity guest chef Roy Yamaguchi will autograph cookbooks and share tips on his special dishes. \$130 per person, \$29.95 for children 10 and under, all inclusive. Gate fee waived. Call (831) 647-7441 for reservations.

**Nov. 5-7 - Monterey High Class of 1961 will hold a 50th class reunion Nov. 5, 6, & 7.** Cost is \$99 for Nov. 5 & 6. For more information go online at [classmates.com](http://classmates.com) or contact Carole Steudler at (831) 277-5850.



# ART

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While the artists are accustomed to working alone, they are also more than happy to invite you inside their studios and talk about their work.

"I was lucky to participate in the 2005 tour and had great success," explained Carmel painter Maria Boisvert, who is part of this year's tour as well. "It's a great way for an artist to get their name out there and show off the quality of their work."

One of the interesting stops on this year's tour will be Masaoka Glass Design in Carmel Valley Village, where a handful of glass artists present the sixth annual Halloween-themed "Glass Pumpkin Patch." The glass artists will offer a glass-blowing demonstration Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

The tour is organized by Artists Equity, a local nonprofit funded by the Arts Council of Monterey County.

Tour maps are available at [www.montereystudiotour.com](http://www.montereystudiotour.com) and at hotels, galleries, stores, newsstands and other public locations throughout Monterey County.

## ■ Artists aid health center

The Restaurant at Ventana is hosting an art auction Sunday to raise money for one of Big Sur's most cherished institutions, the Big Sur Health Center.

The second annual "From Here to There" benefit, which will be staged on the restaurant's sunny outdoor terrace, will feature live and silent auctions.

Featured in the two auctions will be work by many of Big Sur's finest painters, photographers, sculptors, jewelers, knitters and mixed media artists, including Erin Gafill, Karuna Licht, Rachel Fann, Holly Fassett, Heidi Hybl, Ronna Emmons, Sarah Healy and many more. The auction is curated by noted local photographer Cynthia Johnson Bianchetta.

One of the most sought-after pieces that will be auctioned off Sunday will be a wood sculpture of a nurse by the late Barbara Spring. The longtime Big Sur artist passed away in June at the age of 94, and her family donated the piece, in part because of Spring's appreciation for the health center.

"It's a very cool piece, and it's appropriate for the health center auction," said artist and gallery owner Greg Hawthorne, who will serve as auctioneer. In addition to artwork, the auctions will include stays at Bernardus Lodge and Esalen Institute, an afternoon of golf at Ranch Cañada Golf Club and three-day tickets to the upcoming Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

Performing at the event will be flamenco and classical guitarist Rodrigo Teague. The food, meanwhile, has been donated by Ventana Inn, the Big Sur River Inn, Ripplewood Resort, Treebones Resort, Nepenthe Restaurant and the Esalen Institute.

For the artists, the fundraiser offers an opportunity to support the health center.

"The health center is such an intricate part of this community," Fann explained. "I hardly know anyone who has not been touched and helped by everyone there. In the past year, I was diagnosed with breast cancer, and never once did I feel alone in my treatment."

The event starts at 2 p.m., while the live auction begins at

4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75. Ventana is located on Highway 1 about 28 miles south of Carmel. For tickets, call (831) 595-0072. For more information, visit [www.artfromhere-andthere.com](http://www.artfromhere-andthere.com).

## ■ CVAA celebrates grand opening

A month after moving into a more visible location in Carmel Valley Village, the Carmel Valley Art Association hosts a grand opening celebration Saturday.

The new home of the CVAA is located on the north end of the Carmel Valley Market building. Its former gallery was located in the same building but outside the viewshed of motorists traveling on Carmel Valley Road. "I have never seen this many people in the gallery before," said gallery owner Shelley Aliotti shortly after the move.

The gallery features the work of more than 20 local artists, many of whom call Carmel Valley home. Included are painters Jack Swanson, Sam Johnston, Patty Gagliota, Jim Peterson, Fred Carvel and Karuna Licht, and photographers Bill Burleigh, Warren Poitras and Stephen Schindler.

Flamenco guitarist David Villareal and his daughter, singer-songwriter Emily Villareal, will perform at the reception, while Boëté and Chateau Sinnet will pour wine.

The CAA is located at 13766 Center St. For more information, call (831) 659-2441 or visit [www.carmelvalleyassociation.com](http://www.carmelvalleyassociation.com).

## ■ Tired of conventional art?

Local sculptor Peter Hiers teams up with New York pho-

tographer JoJo Whilden to explore the fine art of automobile tires.

"The Art of Tires" opens Saturday at the Cherry Center for the Arts. In the exhibit, Hiers uses strips and sections of textured rubber "in unexpected ways that make them appear alternately wispy, scaly, feathery, prickly, leafy, globby or swirly." Whilden, who grew up in Monterey, creates sweeping abstract images of tire marks.

The exhibit will be on display until Oct. 28. The Cherry Center will host a reception Saturday, Sept. 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. For more information, call (831) 624-7491 or visit [www.carlcherrycenter.org](http://www.carlcherrycenter.org).

## ■ Mary Titus gives thanks, tosses party

Longtime Carmel painter and art gallery owner Mary Titus is so thrilled with the location of her new downtown gallery that she's hosting a "gratitude" party Saturday

"I've been here for about a year," Titus told The Pine Cone. "I am so thankful to be here. These are tough times, but we're doing pretty well."

In addition to work by its namesake, the Titus Contemporary Gallery features sculpture by Dey Young, Reza Bassiri, Mark Bava, Lynne Cook, Kristine Safford, Yuri, Bill Moden, Chris Axelsson and John Chappell, pottery by Mark Tanous and Jo Killen, and paintings by Barbara McCann.

The reception starts at 5 p.m. The gallery is located on San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth. For more information, call (831) 622-9880 or visit [www.marytitusart.com](http://www.marytitusart.com).

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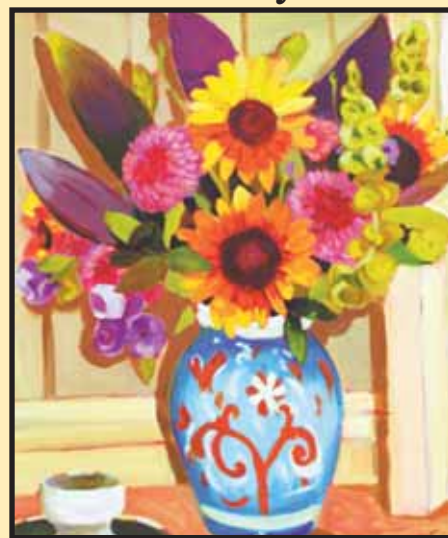
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# POLICE LOG

From page 4A

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Woman reported the loss of her purse, last seen in Los Angeles on Sept. 5. She is staying here in Carmel and requested a report taken.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Husband and wife involved in a verbal dispute. Wife had a self-inflicted injury after hitting head with door during argument. Problem mediated and medical attention provided for minor injury.

**Pacific Grove: Coin boxes of multiple machines were broken into, and more than \$2,000 in quarters stolen overnight from a Lighthouse Avenue business.**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Driver, a 23-year-old female, stopped on San Carlos Street for various CVC violations and found to be DUI. She provided a breath test, was booked and then released to her sober boyfriend.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Several complaints received from a San Carlos Street hotel regarding loud occupants in a room. The parties were contacted and warned.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine dispatched to a restaurant on Mission Street between Fifth and Sixth for a water evacuation. Arrived on scene to find water coming out of the front door and along the side of the restaurant, due to a broken pipe.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine and ambulance dispatched to a residence on San Carlos between Seventh and Eighth. Arrived on scene to find a male in his 60s who was vomiting and unable to stop for about 15 minutes. Provided first aid and checked for injuries. Provided basic life support. Patient refused further treatment and did not want to be transported by ambulance.

**Pacific Grove: A 20-year-old male suspect was identified as a suspect in a theft from a liquor store by surveillance. He was contacted by MPD.**

**Pacific Grove:** Female reported receiving annoying and harassing phone calls. A female she knows continues to call the her place of employment and harass her. She asked the suspect to stop, but she continues to call.

**Pebble Beach:** Resident reported her neighbor swerved his vehicle toward her while she was walking on the opposite side of the roadway.

**Carmel area:** Female reported her debit card number was used to make three purchases in San Diego. Case continues with San Diego

P.D.

**Big Sur:** Female reported her American Express card was used to make a purchase of electronic games from Amazon.com.

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**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female subject, age 61, was arrested on three outstanding warrants. She posted bail and was released.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a subject possibly living in the basement of a San Carlos Street business without permission. The subject was allowed to leave some personal effects but was not allowed to be sleeping overnight there. The basement was checked, and the female was gone; however, it was clear that she had been living there. The person wanted the subject warned for living there. The female was later contacted at a local bar and warned.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female reported losing her purse at an Ocean Avenue restaurant while having dinner. She wished to report the incident in case the purse is turned in to the police department.

**Pacific Grove: Officers arrested two Pacific Grove High School students. School officials reported that the previous day, a PGHS student was coerced by two fellow students to a wooded area off school property; then, without provocation, was attacked and beaten. Police investigation revealed the suspects may have been under the influence of narcotics, which they allegedly consumed moments prior to the attack.**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unlicensed driver on Seventh cited; vehicle towed.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire engine dispatched to Sunset Center for a vehicle fire. Extinguishment by fire service personnel.

**Pacific Grove:** A 19-year-old male was contacted in response to a suspicious vehicle dispatch. He was out on bail for a felony and consented to a search of his vehicle. Multiple controlled substances (hash, hash oil and medication) were found in his possession. Transported to county jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Juvenile, age 15, was found to be in possession of a glass smoking pipe on school campus. Juvenile was issued a citation and released to a parent.

**Big Sur:** Victim reported the theft of her watch and Kindle reader from the business.

**Pebble Beach:** Resident stated her son was washing her car and removed from the car military boxes with emergency materials. Son went inside the house, and when he came back out, the metal boxes were gone. No suspect info.

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# COLLINS

From page 1A

Collins was a board member of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and gave official advice to the board of supervisors on the proposed \$400 million regional water project even while he was a paid consultant for a company which was seeking a contract to manage it — dual roles which may have violated state law. Prosecutors and the state's Fair Political Practices Commission are in the midst of investigations into the matter to determine if Collins, or other officials, will be charged.

But Collins, whose attorneys have staunchly denied the allegations, alleged Monday that county supervisors Lou Calcagno and Dave Potter and county counsel Charles McKee "engaged in a campaign of obfuscation, feigned forgetfulness and falsehoods" that made him a target of public hatred, ridicule and contempt.

Collins' claim states that Calcagno, Potter, McKee, deputy county counsel Irv Grant and county water agency general manager Curtis Weeks all knew of his dual role, encouraged him to take the lead in securing state approval of the water project, and arranged for him to be paid by the consulting firm, RMC Water and Environment.

"I have told the truth to a polygraph operator and now in a sworn declaration made under penalty of perjury," Collins told a Pine Cone reporter Wednesday. "The declaration speaks for itself and shows I was drafted by Monterey County government officials to work as a paid consultant and assured by them there was no conflict of interest."

Collins added that he worked "his tail off" on behalf of the regional project, which he still believes is the water project that would best serve Peninsula residents.

"I was instrumental in obtaining approval of it by the [Public Utilities Commission]," Collins said.

In the claim, Collins, who said he had been earning about \$285,000 per year before the conflict of interest surfaced, said since the first article about it was published in June in The Monterey County Herald, he has not earned anything. He estimates he's lost about \$23,750 per month, or about \$86,290 to date.

"The willfully false defamatory statements and omissions of government officials have destroyed my ability to earn a living and support my family," Collins said.

Collins' claim cites articles in The Pine Cone, Monterey County Herald and Monterey County Weekly, and refutes many

of the statements made by Calcagno and Potter to reporters.

For instance, Collins says statements by Potter quoted in a July 15 Pine Cone article, in which Potter denied suggesting Collins work for the regional water project, were untrue.

"Supervisor Potter knew that I was working as a paid consultant to obtain approval of the regional project by the PUC and approved and supported my efforts as a paid consultant," according to Collins.

Potter declined to respond to Collins' accusation. And McKee told The Pine Cone he disagreed with the allegations in Collins' claim.

"In the end, there is something in defamation law that truth is a defense against a libel or slander claim," McKee said. "And I think that is how this will play out."

Collins said so far he has spent \$50,000 on legal fees after hiring attorneys Michael Lawrence and Juliet Peck to defend him against the conflict-of-interest allegations.

According to Collins, Potter and Calcagno recruited him to spearhead the water project, and it was Calcagno's idea that he become a paid consultant. Collins eventually earned about \$160,000 for his work with RMC Water and Environment, which eventually won a \$28 million contract to manage the regional water project.

In early 2010, Collins said he met with Calcagno weekly at his Castroville office. Potter was also usually at the meetings, he said.

"I am informed and believe that it was well known and openly discussed that I was to be a paid consultant to obtain approval of the regional project by the PUC," Collins said.

And he alleges that Calcagno, Potter and other county officials knew, or should have known, that he would not have agreed to take a lead role with the water project "that would require hundreds of hours of my time and effort" for nothing.

"Supervisor Calcagno said he realized that I didn't 'work for free,'" Collins said the supervisor told him in a January 2010 phone call.

Calcagno also called Jim Heitzman, the general manager of the Marina Coastal Water District, one of the water project's partners, and told Heitzman he needed to get Collins on board, according to the claim.

During a Jan. 11, 2010, meeting between Heitzman, Collins and Weeks, Heitzman said the Marina water district would pay Collins \$220 per hour to help secure approval of the regional desal project, and

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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA B. CULIN

Case Number MP 20444  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BARBARA B. CULIN.

## A PETITION FOR PROBATE

has been filed by JOHN E. CULIN, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that JOHN E. CULIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

## A hearing on the petition will be held on in this court as follows:

Date: November 4, 2011  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Dept.: 16  
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:  
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(s) Donald F. Leach,  
Attorney for Petitioner.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 15, 2011.  
Publication dates: Sept. 16, 23, 30, 2011. (PC920)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No. 20111886. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **HOA SOLUTIONS MONTEREY**, 660 Irvine Ave., Monterey, CA 93940. **DEBORAH LYN WARNE**, 660 Irving Ave., Monterey, CA 93940. **WILLIAM DEWART WARNE**, 660 Irving Ave., Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Sept. 1, 2011. (s) Deborah Warne, W. D. Warne. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 2, 2011. Publication dates: Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 2011. (PC921)

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## City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Notice of Public Hearing

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all persons bearing any interest in the matter that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, will conduct a Public Hearing.

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CALIFORNIA'S CITIZEN OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.  
**PURPOSE:** To expend grant funds received from the State of California's Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) program.  
**DATE:** Tuesday, October 4, 2011.  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter  
**PLACE:** Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council Chambers, City Hall, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues.

Any court action pursuant to decisions made by the City on this proposed action may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to City Hall, or prior to, the public hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Public Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA.

Heidi Burch, City Clerk  
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because of his contacts with Salinas Valley ag firms, to "deal with" opposition from the Ag Land Trust, which filed suit against the county over water rights.

But as Collins' fees grew beyond the \$25,000 Marina Coast had agreed to pay, Heitzman "subsequently decided to have my contract issued and administered by RMC."

During the Jan. 11, 2010, meeting, Collins said Heitzman "raised the question" of whether hiring him for the water project might be a conflict of interest because of Collins' position as director of the county water agency. But he said deputy county counsel Irv Grant approved the dual role.

He also claims he was told in January 2010 by Weeks that "the county counsel said there was no conflict," and that Weeks said Collins was "entitled to earn a living," as long as he didn't try to collect consulting fees for attending meetings of the water agency or the board of supervisors.

In the lengthy document, which was filed Monday, Collins said he assumed this assessment by Weeks was based on an official, written opinion by the county counsel's

office, but he acknowledged he has never seen it.

Collins also takes issue with a report the county commissioned, dubbed the "Remcho report," "which the county released Wednesday night. The 63-page report blames Collins for the conflict-of-interest mess, which has brought progress on the regional water project to a halt.

"When these government officials falsely told the Remcho investigators they could not remember any discussions about my paid consultancy to them," Collins said, "they were not telling the truth."

According to state law, a claim for damages against a government agency must be presented to the agency first. A lawsuit can be filed if it is denied.

**Marina Coast proposes public desal committee**

By KELLY NIX

ADVOCATES FOR more public participation in the regional desalination project may get their way if the Marina Coast Water

District board of directors approves a recommendation to transfer budget authority from the water agency to a group composed of elected officials, citizens and others.

General manager Jim Heitzman is expected to recommend to directors next week they approve a plan that provides for representatives from various groups to oversee the daily budget operations of the desal plant as soon as construction begins.

"There has always been a complaint there is no oversight for the desal plant," he told The Pine Cone. "I'm going to ask the board to put together a committee with representatives from the Peninsula."

Though it will be up to directors of the Marina Coast agency to decide who is appointed to the group, it would be responsible for making finance and operational decisions about the desal project.

"In essence, they will have control about how much the water costs from the desal plant," Heitzman said.

He said the group could have representatives from the hospitality and agricultural industries, city councils, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the public.

"Marina Coast Water District Board has always promoted public transparency and public participation," Heitzman said.

**County water GM leaves job, given \$100K severance pay**

By KELLY NIX

THE GENERAL manager for the county water resources agency will take away about \$100,000 in a severance deal to leave the

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# WATER

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post he's held for more than a decade, the county announced Tuesday.

Monterey County Water Resources Agency head Curtis Weeks will be gone Oct. 7, according to an agreement approved by the board of supervisors Tuesday afternoon. The decision was made after the supervisors met in closed session.

"The agreement includes six months' severance [pay], which is six months less than his current agreement," Charles McKee said at the meeting. In 2009, Weeks was paid a total of \$201,711, according to a database for public employees' salaries.

Though none of the supervisors commented on the issue, water activist and former supervisor candidate Ed Mitchell from Prunedale took issue with the severance pay awarded to Weeks.

"As you move up with seniority, you get greater responsibility," Mitchell said. "And if you don't honor those responsibilities, you should be held accountable."

Weeks is one of the people under investigation by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office over conflict of interest allegations involving former county water board director Steve Collins and the development of an alternate water supply project for the Monterey Peninsula.

Weeks, it has been alleged, helped arrange employment for Collins by an engineering consultant hoping to win a management contract for the water project, even as he was advising the board of supervisors whether to approve it.

In addition, one of the agencies developing the water project, the Marina Coast Water District, released a report indicating that in January 2010 Weeks and Collins formed a consulting company outside their responsibilities as public officials.

The county had originally wanted to retain Weeks for another few months so he could represent the county in mediation for the regional desalination with project partners California American Water and Marina Coast Water District. However, Weeks' employment agreement was modified this week to allow for the October exit.

Weeks, who was present for Tuesday's board of supervisors meeting, didn't make a statement to supervisors before the announcement.

# MIIS celebrates Peace Corps' 50th

THE MONTEREY Institute of International Studies will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps' founding Saturday, Oct. 8, with a symposium featuring best-selling travel writer Paul Theroux, U.S. Rep. Sam Farr and award-winning journalist Maureen Orth and.

The symposium, which runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., is open to the public, and all sessions are free except Theroux's 4:30 p.m. lecture and reception, which costs \$20 per person for the general public and \$10 for MIIS students. (Proceeds will benefit MIIS' Peace Corps Scholarship Fund.)

Highlights include a screening of "American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver;" a welcome session with MIIS President Sunder Ramaswamy, Farr and Dr. Peter Grothe; a panel discussion on Peace Corps trailblazers, featuring Howard Anderson, David Elliott and Laurence P. Horan; and a panel discussion on the Peace Corps' impact on careers, featuring Peter Laugharn and Orth.

All sessions will be held in the McCone Building at 499 Pierce St. in Monterey, mostly in the Irvine Auditorium. For more information, contact Barbara Burke at (831) 647-3513 or email [bburke@miis.edu](mailto:bburke@miis.edu).

# Discount AT&T Pro-Am tickets on sale

TICKETS TO the 2012 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, set for Feb. 6-12 on the Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill and Monterey Peninsula Country Club golf courses, went on sale this week. The tournament, which brings together PGA Tour pros, celebrities and other amateurs, has generated more than \$93 million for charity since Bing Crosby brought it to the Monterey Peninsula in 1947.

Highlights of the week include the popular Charity Shoot-Out between the San Francisco Giants and the San Francisco 49ers to be held Feb. 7, and the 3M Celebrity Challenge set for Feb. 8. Competition rounds at all three courses begin Feb. 9, with top finishers competing in a final round at the Pebble Beach Golf Links Feb. 12.

Daily tickets are on sale for \$50 until Feb. 4, when the price increases to \$60. A season badge valid all week is \$125 until Feb. 4 and \$150 thereafter. Books of 10 any-day tickets sell for \$450 in advance and \$600 after Feb. 4. Tickets for practice rounds are \$10 for Monday and \$20 per day for Tuesday and Wednesday. Other sponsorships and luxury packages are available, too.

Tickets may be purchased through [www.attpbgolf.com](http://www.attpbgolf.com) or by calling (800) 541-9091 or 831 644-0333.

# Bach Festival offers auditions for chorus

THE 2012 Carmel Bach Festival is hosting auditions for its all-volunteer festival chorus Oct. 8-9 at First Presbyterian Church in Monterey.

If you are interested in auditioning, you will need to sing a prepared art song or aria, be prepared for a tonal-memory exercise, and be prepared for a sight-reading exercise.


To make an appointment for an audition, call Heidi Zirtzlaff at (831) 624-1521, ext. 12. The church is located at 501 Eldorado St.

The 75th annual Bach Festival will be presented July 14-28. For more information, visit [www.bachfestival.org](http://www.bachfestival.org).

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## Free cats ready for adoption at SPCA

THERE IS one week left to take away a cat for free from the SPCA for Monterey County.

Those who want to adopt a cat six months and older can pick one up for free during the next week. All cats up for free adoption come with spay/neuter surgery, microchips, vaccinations and more, the SPCA said. (Regular cat adoption fees range from \$35 to \$125).

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The SPCA is located at 1002 Highway 68, across from Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends.

## Rancho Cielo Family Day

RANCHO CIELO Youth Campus will open its doors to the community Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to show how it helps kids prepare for productive lives as adults. Hosted by the students, the day will begin with 5K and 10K runs, followed by rodeo events for adults and kids, guided hikes, rock climbing, a barbeque, live music and other activities.

Rancho Cielo was established in 2000 to benefit local youth, and its board president, retired Monterey County Judge John Phillips, commented, "Here at the ranch, we play a vital role in supporting disadvantaged youth who recognize a need to grow toward a more positive and productive way of life."

Rancho Cielo is located at 710 Old Stage Road in Salinas. For more information, visit [www.ranchocieloyc.org](http://www.ranchocieloyc.org) or call (831) 444-3507.

## VNA to hold flu-shot clinic

THE VISITING Nurse Association will host a drive-through shot clinic in Ryan Ranch at 5 Lower Ragsdale in Monterey Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Immunizations are available to patients age 2 and older and cost \$30 for either the flu vaccine or FluMist, both of which are cov-

ered by Medicare Plan B. Shots for tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis will also be available for \$70 apiece, and patients over age 65 can be vaccinated for pneumonia, as well.

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Pacific Grove Mayor Carmelita Garcia will present Major Steve McCullough with the award on behalf of her late husband and Beacon House counselor, Daniel J. Murphy. Also named the 2010 Monterey County Veteran of the Year, McCullough — himself a Wounded Warrior — served more than two decades in the Army and is involved in fundraising, speaking and assisting in improving the lives of wounded soldiers.

Each September, National Recovery Month seeks to raise awareness of substance use and mental disorders, recognize people in long-term recovery and acknowledge the efforts of service providers.

To learn more about the award presentation or the Beacon House, call (831) 372-2334 or visit [www.beaconhouse.org](http://www.beaconhouse.org).

Big Sur reads The Pine Cone

## Mission Fiesta offers food, fun and fundraising

FOR THE 47th year, the courtyard at the historical Carmel Mission will be the site the Mission Fiesta from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual celebration, which raises money for the Mission's Junipero Serra School, will offer a bounty of food (BBQ, Mexican and more), fun, games, arts & crafts, and live music (by the Chicano All-Stars). "It's a wonderful event," said Peggy Burger, the principal of Juniper Serra School. "There's lots to do and lots of friendly faces. We're just hoping the sun comes out." More than over 200 students ranging from pre-kindergarten to the eighth grade attend the private Catholic school.

The event is free. Carmel Mission is located at Rio Road and Lasuen Drive. For more information, call (831) 624-8322. For more information about the school, visit [www.juniperoserra.org](http://www.juniperoserra.org).

## Foundation talk on the importance of pets

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The nonprofit foundation is open to everyone age 55 and older, and offers computer classes, low-cost meals, shopping trips and myriad other services. For more information about Benda's talk, call Anne Albano at (831) 620-8705 or email [aalbano@carmelfoundation.org](mailto:aalbano@carmelfoundation.org).



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# Editorial

## Stop it

ONE OF the sorry things about American politics today, and which constantly spills over into the news media, is that people question the integrity and honesty, if not the morals, of anyone who happens to disagree with them.

For example, when President Barack Obama calls for “fair” taxation of the wealthy, he implies that anyone who doesn’t support the idea is against fairness.

Similarly, when the Republicans describe Obama’s proposed tax hikes as amounting to “class warfare,” they’re painting the president as a person with evil intentions.

The country would be far better off, absent direct evidence of malfeasance, if politicians on both sides of the aisle assumed the guys on the other side were doing what they thought was best for the country, instead of constantly accusing each other of being villains.

The name-calling problem is also acute right here in Monterey County, and one of the worst examples was a commentary printed last weekend in the Monterey County Herald — a newspaper which regularly publishes news stories and editorials intended to impede progress toward a new water supply, and which is always quick to print opinion pieces from people who share their view that discouraging growth is more important than making sure water comes out when you turn on the tap.

One of The Herald’s imaginary villains in the water-supply story is California American Water, and thus the paper is always willing to give voice to the views of water gadfly Ron Weitzman and his campaign to turn Cal Am into a public utility. No matter how many times the public says it’s not interested, Weitzman won’t give up. And when he lost a key vote at the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District a few weeks ago, Weitzman had a ready explanation: The board members who voted against him did so because they’re corrupt. In Weitzman’s nutty view, there can be no rational basis for doubting the merits of his takeover plan; therefore, the MPWMD directors who opposed him must have done so because they were protecting their own wallets, not the public good. And the Herald was all too willing to give him a platform for his completely unsupported allegations of corruption on the part of Dave Pendergrass, Bob Brower, Dave Potter, Kristi Markey and Regina Doyle.

We won’t bother to print the specifics of his imaginary charges, but what they come down to is this: All those water board members would achieve some indirect financial benefit if Cal Am were permitted to carry on as a private water company. Nonsense.

The actual reason the water board voted not to pursue Weitzman’s takeover plan is that a majority of its members do not think doing so would benefit the public. Weitzman should gracefully accept defeat (again) and go away. And the Herald should stop encouraging him to make ridiculous accusations against well intentioned public officials.

## BEST of BATES



“See, The Pine Cone has a comic strip. It’s called the Police Log.”

## Letters to the Editor

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

The Pine Cone only accepts letters to the editor by email. Please submit your letters to [mail@carmelpinecone.com](mailto:mail@carmelpinecone.com)

### Expert questions Dear Editor,

As a longtime resident and property owner in Carmel, I have concerns about the city council’s recent action regarding fire and medical service delivery for our town. I do commend council members Ken Talmage and Jason Burnett for their symbolic abstentions, although they changed nothing.

The council has authorized the drafting of an agreement with the City of Monterey obligating the city for millions of dollars without specifically defining any service levels other than three personnel on the engine. I have serious misgivings that a Request for Proposal was never issued, by design, and we, as citizens, were never shown the entirety of the estimates from various agencies so that we might have a clearer idea of the options available. In my opinion, the council’s fiduciary responsibility

was not given the consideration demanded by the scope of such a momentous monetary decision.

I request that the entire council discuss, in a public meeting, the following points to demand of Monterey as minimum service levels for our town when Monterey takes control of our fire department.

1. Annual maintenance of every fire hydrant.
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3. Set minimum staffing on our engine at one fire captain, one engineer and one firefighter.
4. CPR, Automatic Electronic Defibrillator and Community Emergency Response Team training for citizens as requested, at no cost.
5. Maintain or initiate fire inspections of all commercial properties in Carmel each year, at no cost.
6. Maintain or initiate life safety fire inspections of all hotels and inns, at no cost.
7. Maintain or initiate a “persons needing assistance” database.
8. Provide our firefighters a “no layoff” clause for X number of years.
9. Offer a residential Knox Box program to homeowners.
10. Define whether the ambulance staff, as Carmel city employees, will be allowed by Monterey city and their firefighters’ union to drive and operate fire equipment. Will they be allowed to cover engines?
11. Determine if the Monterey firefighters’ union will work side by side with ambu-

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lance staff, as the city has indicated.

12. As Ken Talmage discussed in the recent council meeting, Carmel must give definitive contractual language to Monterey to allay all concerns regarding our ambulance.

The council should have an open discussion of Monterey's binding arbitration and how it can affect our town and future PERS obligations.

**Robin Hamelin, Carmel**

*The writer is a Cal Fire battalion chief*

**Water district's purpose****Dear Editor:**

In contradiction to Janice O'Brien's Sept. 22 letter in the Monterey County Herald, the water district's purpose is not to "preserve and protect the integrity of the Carmel River." Here are the legislated functions of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District as stated in West's California Water Code, Appendix Chapters 118-1 to 118-901, found under "Basics" on MPWMD's website:

1. Augment the water supply through integrated management of ground and surface water resources.

2. Promote water conservation.

3. Promote water reuse and reclamation of storm and wastewater.

4. Foster the scenic values, environmental quality, native vegetation, fish and wildlife, and recreation on the Monterey Peninsula and in the Carmel River basin.

Pompously, the current no-growth MPWMD board has also perverted its mission statement to read "manage, augment and protect water resources for the benefit of

the community and the environment." It makes no mention of the Carmel River.

Ms. O'Brien has the privilege of living in one of the world's most beautiful and expensive real estate developments. In the name of the environment, she prefers to limit that option for the rest of us by restricting our access to clean, fresh water. Shame on those who lie.

**Marc Beique, Monterey**

**Why say no to cisterns?****Dear Editor,**

I found it ironic the current issue of the Pine Cone has a front page article on water rationing possibly as soon as two years away, yet at last week's Carmel Planning Commission meeting, two citizens were denied their applications for harvesting rainwater and storing it in above ground cisterns.

The applicants' purpose for collection and storage of rainwater was to irrigate their landscape and avoid additional use of precious Carmel River or Seaside Aquifer water from Cal Am. Planning department staff presented both applications and recommended approval with conditions. However, planning commission members decided that aboveground cisterns ("garbage cans") located in someone's backyard were not acceptable.

Carmel-by-the-Sea's own Low Impact Development Guidance manual on the city's website lists using a cistern for "maximizing rainfall interception" as a best management practice.

Cisterns, by any definition today, are water storage devices used above or below ground. A state bill, AB 275, The Rainwater Capture Act of 2011, has been sent to the governor for signature. This bill recognizes

the seriousness of water conservation and encourages the use of rain capture systems. We read about our local water problems daily and should encourage citizens to conserve water every way possible.

Every other city on the Peninsula allows the use of aboveground cisterns for water conservation, and I hope the planning commission reconsiders these applications after they educate themselves on rainwater harvesting.

As I currently understand from the MPWMD, a moratorium on new water meter applications is currently in place (and has

been for many years), and rationing is a high probability. Folks who want to install rainwater harvesting systems, above or below ground, should be encouraged and supported!

**Roger Manley, Monterey**

**Gifford will be missed****Dear Editor,**

It is with great sadness that we have lost our beloved friend, architect and neighbor, Russ Gifford. Since coming to Carmel in

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**GOLF**

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Garcia said the city has alienated local golfers, in part, by charging too much for rounds. As a result, some golfers now choose to regularly play at other courses.

"I agree 100 percent we need to get our local folks back," Garcia said.

Toward the end of the meeting, Garcia reprimanded city staff — whose attendance included McFarlane, Riekema and city manager Tom Frutchey — for not reporting the information to the council much earlier.

"You have a duty to provide us with correct, accurate information," Garcia said. "There is no debate about that at all. We are all elected officials, and we report to the voters out there. You have to be very truthful and forthcoming with us, and I hope you understand that."

While the council was asked to approve a revenue increase for the golf course and expenditure reduction strategies for the rest of the fiscal year, council members in the end opted to wait until a consultant, who was hired by the city to tell it how to best operate the course, had completed the analysis.

The consultant, which cost the city about \$25,000, is expected to begin the analysis next week and be finished in about eight to 10 weeks.

**CUTS**

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savings from implementing this provision will increase," he reported.

According to the agreement, general employees will begin receiving \$25 per month toward their deferred compensation plan, in line with other city employees. Goss estimated that provision will cost taxpayers \$9,300.

Finally, the contract calls for continuing to research and identify more affordable vision and dental plans, and stipulates that employees be allowed to review any changes to the city's harassment policy before they are presented to the council for discussion and approval.

He concluded the change in retirement benefits will save \$12,000, and the medical opt-out provision will save another \$10,928, yielding net savings of an estimated \$13,628.

The contract replaces the most recent multi-year agreement between the city and the union that expired June 30.

Before the vote, city councilman Ken Talmage commended the general employees for being sensitive to economic issues and agreeing to help cut costs, especially where retirement benefits are concerned. The council unanimously approved the new agreement, which expires June 30, 2012.

**Luna**

September 9, 2003 - September 19, 2011



Luna, beloved golden retriever, had just turned eight years young. Unfortunately her body could no longer fight off lymphoma. It was with the excellent care she received that Luna was able to continue her hobbies with the same passion as prior to her diagnosis. She adored playing ball (her favorite), greeting people, giving kisses, and putting her head out the sunroof of her car bringing smiles to many along the way.

Being a golden she could not resist playing ball in the water. Carmel Beach and the duck ponds on "her" golf course were her favorites.

Dr. Anderson, DVM, and his entire staff at the Animal Hospital at Mid Valley were involved in Luna's care. Her family will be forever grateful for the outstanding care she received. Their sincere compassion, skilled care and love were amazing. Luna's oncologist, Dr. Theresa Arteaga, (the finest on the Peninsula) made her visits for treatment such a positive experience that Luna was always happy to see her.

Luna was the most amazing companion. Her personality and disposition brought joy and laughter to those who loved her most every day. She will be forever missed by her faithful and loyal "mom", Patty Lavin and her extended family.

Rest in peace my sweet girl.

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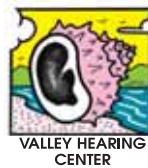
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1985 I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many wonderful people and professionals in the construction industry and Russell was one of my favorites, and one of the best ever.

Every set of plans and project he submitted were always of the utmost quality. He was always such a delight to visit with at City Hall and I know this community is going to be just a little bit less without his wonderful personality.

I will miss him dearly but I am a much wiser and richer person for having know him. Thanks, Russ, for the memories and the good times, luvuman!

**Tim Meroney**  
*Carmel Building Official (Retired)*

**An heroic search****Dear Editor,**

Cindi Mitchell, Carmel's most charming animal control officer, went to considerable effort to find me when my dog Bailey escaped from my friend's back garden on Saturday.

Since I was visiting Carmel and participating in the Monterey Bay Master Gardener's Annual Garden Tour, I put my rescue dog Bailey in my friend's back garden thinking it secure. It was not secure enough for a 20 pound dog determined to find his owner.

Because of Cindi's creativity and diligence, she succeeded in finding me at the River School where I was helping at

the Tour Marketplace. From canvassing the neighborhood to contacting my friend, the home owner (who was visiting Southern California) she succeeded at this extraordinary task to find me among the garden tour crowd.

I was astonished when Cindi, in police uniform, arrived at the school and informed me of Bailey's incarceration in the City Jail. Most would have just sent Bailey to the "Big House" in Soledad.

Take a bow Cindi.

(And to her boss: give her a raise!)

**Alexandra Stroup**  
*Fresno*

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**Virginia Renee Ozaeta**

*July 27, 1985 – September 15, 2011*



Seaside - Virginia Renee Ozaeta 26 better known as "Ginger" tragically died while vacationing in Placencia in the beautiful country of Belize.

Ginger is survived by her parents, Daphne Faber of Seaside, CA and David Ozaeta of Houston, Texas, brother, Marty Ozaeta, grandmothers, Lois Faber and Claire Ozaeta, and nephew Tyler Ozaeta. Ginger is also survived by Chris Faber, Julian Highsmith and Jamael Gibson and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 22 at 5:30 p.m. with a Rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church at 1475 La Salle Ave., Seaside, CA 93955. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 23 at 10:00 a.m. also at St. Francis Xavier Church in Seaside.

Please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com) to sign Ginger's online guest book and leave messages for her family.

**Russell Gifford**

Longtime San Francisco and Carmel architect Russell Gifford passed away at his Carmel home on Monday September 12, 2011. Russ lived in Leicester, Massachusetts from the time he was born until he went to South Kent School in Connecticut followed by Amherst College and Columbia University. Along the way, he served in

the US Navy in various roles including command of an anti-submarine ship in both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters.

As president of his architecture class at Columbia University, Russ invited Frank Lloyd Wright to speak to the students. Wright not only gave an outstanding talk, but remained with Russ and several students sharing his theories and views of design until sunrise. Russell's architecture was greatly influenced by Wright's discussion that evening.

Russ worked in the firms of McKim, Mead, and White in New York. In San Francisco he worked first with Mario Ciampi followed by the firm of Anshen and Allen. From 1963 to 1966, Russ was in charge of the joint venture of Stone, Marraccini & Patterson with Maher & Martens. The signature project of the venture during this time was the planning and design for Harrah's in Lake Tahoe. An avid tennis player, Russ also enjoyed his role as the architect for the San Francisco Racquet Club.

Shortly before his move to Carmel in 1982, Russell's large group of friends threw him a "roast" commenting that he wouldn't last in Carmel. Although most of his friends wondered if he would survive the quiet life, he enjoyed working on residential projects while sitting next to a roaring fire on foggy days with his three Siamese cats nearby. His contractors always enjoyed the daily visits Russ would pay to the construction site, to ensure things were being built to his specifications. While living in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Russ was active on many committees refining building regulations and preserving history, including Flanders Mansion. Russ was speaking to the Town Council when the 1989 earthquake struck.

Russ continued his architectural influence when he moved to Del Mesa Carmel in 1997. He soon proved valuable to Del Mesa by designing various projects including the entrance signage, the guard house and new fitness center. In August, Russ was named "Member Laureate of Del Mesa Carmel Building and Grounds Committee." He was greatly honored by this recognition.

Although 89 years old, Russ still had a daily glass of red wine, did his New York Times crossword puzzles in ink and made jokes with those assisting him in his final days. He will be greatly missed.

Russell is survived by Jane, his loving wife of more than 30 years. His family also includes children Megan Foulis (Bill) of San Rafael, Eugenie Baumann, Los Angeles, Sam Gifford (Teri) San Francisco, Jill Hosmer, Carmel, and John Hayhoe (Sharon) Newport Beach. He had ten grandchildren from this blended family.

Private services will be held in Massachusetts at a later date.

**Mason Case**

February 7, 1917 – September 11, 2011

Carmel - On September 11, 2011, Mason Case, at 94 years of age, passed away at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula following a brief illness. Born on February 7, 1917 in San Francisco, he is survived by his loving wife, Maggie, and daughter Suzanne Case and her husband Mark Akin of Orinda, California.

Mason's educational background was extensive: Pacific Military Academy (Cadet Commander), the Academy's Junior College, California Maritime Academy, Oregon State University and Stanford University. During the depression and World War II shortly thereafter, Mason's business career began its early formation: assistant to his father in real estate development, then entry junior positions in a number of companies. In 1943, he embarked on what eventually became his life's main pursuit - creating and providing quality and sufficient basic human sustenance - food. Over the remaining sixty-eight years of his life, Mason delivered that promise.

At age 26 Mason managed 8,000 acres in the San Joaquin Valley for the U. S. Government for growing a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. This was a substantial undertaking for such a young man requiring not only planting and harvesting, but also the supervision of some 4,000 prisoners of war. All in all, a most challenging operation. Later, he owned 3,000 acres in Barstow where he developed and operated Cool Water Cattle Ranch which required constructing a massive watering system.

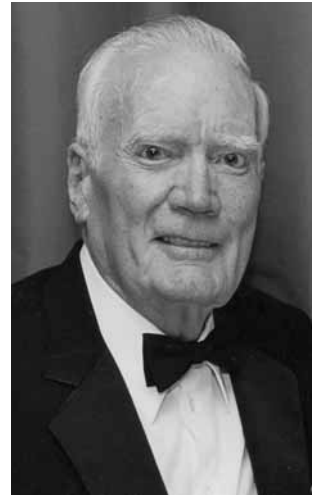
Mason continued on his mission for healthy and safe human sustenance when in 1948 he established Mason Case & Company specifically for fish processing and handling. He became the largest handler and processor of fresh and mild-cure salmon in California and the largest handler and shipper of albacore tuna on the Pacific Coast. His reputation also for respect and preservation of this seemingly bountiful resource in the bosom of the ocean was very well known and admired. In 1967 he turned his talent to raising almonds; Mason Case Ranches set a state record and became the first grower to produce 3,000 meat pounds per acre. He served as President of the Almond Board of California for many years.

Mason's renowned reputation in both agricultural and fishing fields resulted in his advice being frequently sought. In addition to his thriving business life, which benefited so many others in so many ways, he found time from his enormous responsibilities to give of himself and his resources to other organizations serving the human good. He was a valued member of numerous federal, state and local boards and commissions in the agricultural and fishing fields. Also, locally he served on the boards of United Way of Monterey County, Natividad Hospital, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Development Committee of Hospice of the Central Coast, Jim Tunney Youth Foundation, and others. He was a member of the Bohemian Club in San Francisco, Old Capital Club, Quail Golf Club, Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Carmel Valley Ranch Golf Club, The Scottish Rite, Sigma Nu Fraternity and others.

He has been a generous donor to worthy causes. Of particular importance to Mason over many years has been his providing of scholarships for worthy students entering Stanford University's School of Medicine. And, considering the substantial depth and breadth of his business and public service life, it is difficult to comprehend how he could have the time to also serve as the President of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. But he did and admirably so.

There is another side of Mason Case -- as described by his devoted Maggie - - "his love of music, tremendous sense of humor, twinkle in his eye, spryness in his step alike to a soft shoe dancer. Mason was a humanitarian, valued integrity and honesty, an accomplished polo player in his youth and an excellent golfer in his later years, eloquent speaker, story teller and a well-mannered gentleman".

A Memorial Service in tribute and remembrance of Mason Case will be held for family and friends on September 25 at 11:30 A.M. at Quail Golf Club. Please RSVP with Quail Golf Club Concierge at 831-620-8866. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mason's memory to Hospice of the Central Coast or the donor's favorite charity.



# MUSIC

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sic and contemporary rock 'n' roll. "We play what people want to hear," explained Zoe Alexander, lead singer of the Money Band. "If we don't know it, we'll learn it."

The event starts at 5 p.m. Ventana Vineyards will pour wine at the show, which is sponsored by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce. The music is free, and the wine tasting is \$15. Carmel Plaza is located on the south side of Ocean, between Junipero and Mission.

Also performing this week is Big Sur jazz pianist **Dick Whittington**, who will be joined by bassist **Rob Fisher**

Saturday, Sept. 24, at Cypress Inn (Lincoln & Seventh). The duo specializes in jazz standards, there's no cover and you can even bring your pooch. The music starts at 7 p.m. Down the coast, **Jackson Stock and Friends** play jazz Sunday on the outside terrace at the Big Sur River Inn (Highway 1, 24 miles south of Carmel). Again, there's no cover, and the performance begins at 1 p.m. Mixing pop, rock and blues, **Harpin' Jonny** and the **Primaddons** take the stage Friday at Plaza Linda Restaurant in Carmel Valley Village (9 Del Fino Place). The show begins at 7 p.m. and there's a \$10 cover. The following night, Plaza Linda hosts a concert by **Bruce Kunkel, Rob Harris** and **Jayne Littlepage**. Kunkel was a founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, while Littlepage is a gifted Carmel Valley singer. Again, the music begins at 7 p.m. and there's a \$10 cover.

# Woman admits killing mother

JEAN DANVERS, the woman arrested two years ago after her elderly mother was found unconscious and bleeding in the Pacific Grove home they shared, pleaded guilty Sept. 15 to voluntary manslaughter, elder abuse and two counts of felony assault in connection with the death of Charlotte Danvers.

Jean Danvers, then 63, was the sole caretaker of her 96-year-old mother in their Forest Hill Boulevard home, and it was she who dialed 911 the night of Sept. 24, 2009, saying she had struck her mother and was seeking medical help.

"The victim was on the ground and had injuries all over her body," PGPD Cmdr. John Nyunt told The Pine Cone at the time. "Her face had significant injuries, too." He described the elderly woman, who reportedly suffered from dementia, as semiconscious and said she could shake her head in response to questions but was unable to speak.

She died at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula around 2:30 the following morning, and police searched the Danvers' home and a car for evidence, including proof the daughter had tried to clean up blood, her journal and "a note about battering her mother," Nyunt said shortly after her arrest.

According to deputy district attorney Doug Matheson, the autopsy concluded Danvers died from sepsis, a toxic condition resulting from her numerous open wounds. She also suffered from broken ribs, a broken nose and dehydration.

In pleading guilty to the charges last week, Danvers agreed to a sentence of 14 years in prison. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Adrienne M. Grover is set to sentence her on Oct. 11.

# BEATING

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Thursday was not returned.

Morris said this week that Dewey's injuries were severe enough that he had to be placed into intensive care at Regional Medical Center of San Jose and intubated. The suit alleges deputies told hospital staff that Dewey injured himself by beating his head on the wall.

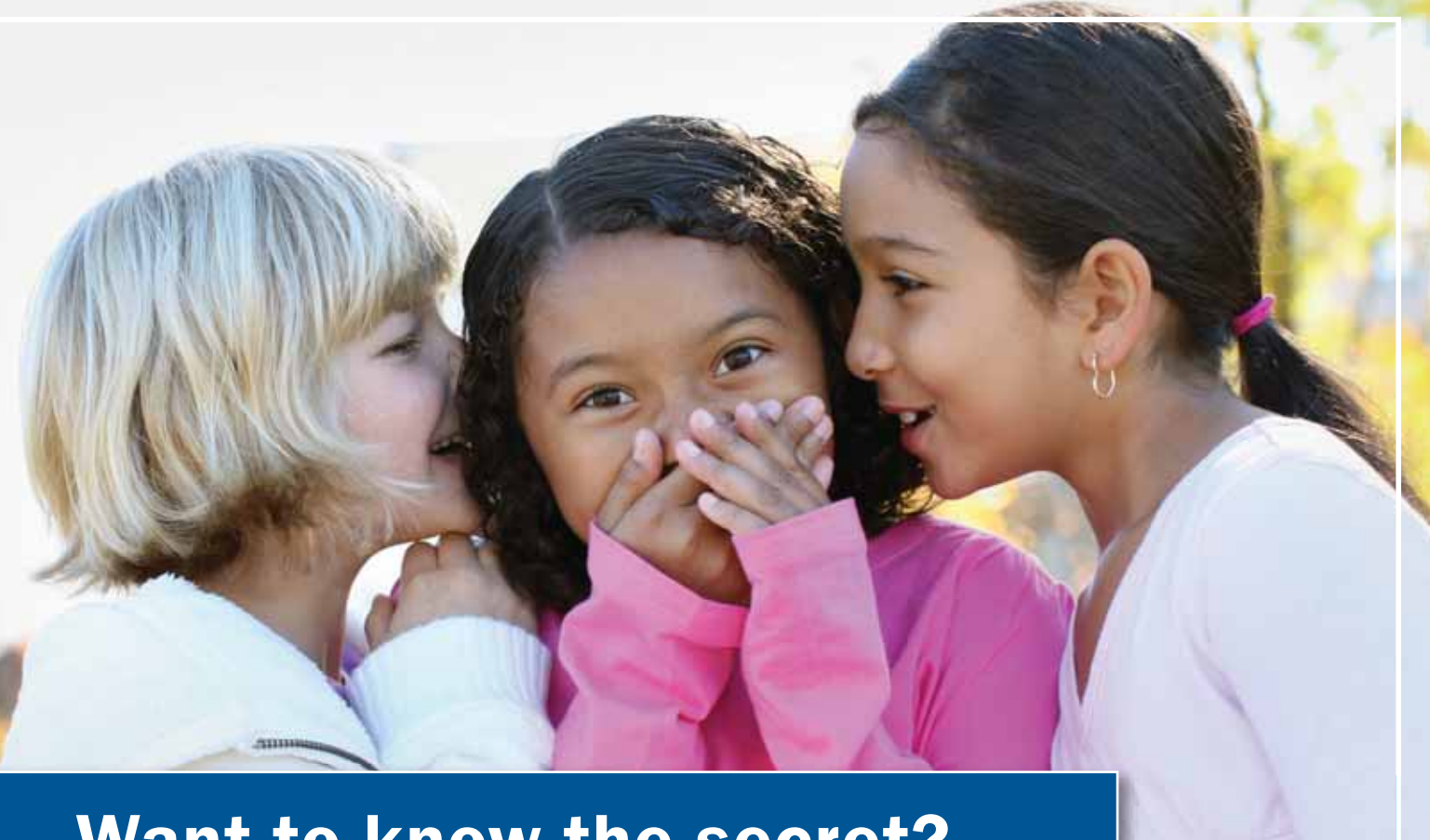
But Morris said Dewey's facial injuries are consistent with being punched in the face and were not self-inflicted.

"We haven't been provided with any reports on how he was injured," Morris said. "He got a series of odd injuries on his back, running along his spine, that very much looked like he was thrown up against the bars of his cell."

Morris, who didn't represent Dewey in his DUI case, said he was not sure if Dewey had been combative with officers during his arrest.

Dewey is also seeking compensation for his injuries and lost wages in the suit. And because the officers' actions were "willful, wanton, malicious, oppressive, despicable and done with callous indifference," he is also entitled to punitive damages, the suit claims.

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## Tim Allen presents Al Smith's "Carmel Legends"

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

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a dog and dropped it off at CPD. The dog owner was located via a microchip, and it was established this incident was the third time his dog was found running loose. A citation was issued to the dog owner before the dog was returned to him.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female reported a violation of a restraining order when she was approached by her ex-boyfriend at a party. After a records check, it was determined that he has a restraining order against her. The female subject has not completed the court filing for a counter order against him. She was advised to avoid all contact with her ex-boyfriend.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle stopped on Camino del Monte for a CVC violation, and a search of the vehicle located two open alcoholic beverage containers and two Percocet. The 26-year-old suspect was cited.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a possible vehicle burglary on Syida. Upon arrival, spoke with the owner, who said the side window of the truck was shattered. Unknown when it happened.

Pacific Grove: A 34-year-old male Wood Street resident was arrested for spousal abuse,

making terrorist threats and damaging a wireless communications device. Ecstasy was also found on him upon arrest. He was transferred to county jail.

Pacific Grove: Victim wired money to Spain, believing it was going to a family member in need. Victim later discovered the claims were fraudulent. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a medical where a female had fallen down and was disoriented in the middle of the street. Upon arrival, spoke with a witness who said the female stumbled and fell in the middle of the roadway. Attempted to speak to the victim, but she seemed very confused to what was going on. Ambulance and fire arrived. After medic spoke to the victim, she was found to be intoxicated. She asked to be taken to CHOMP for self committal.

Carmel Valley: Victim reported her check-book was missing and being used to cash various checks.

Carmel area: A citizen found a set of keys on Rotunda Drive and turned them over to the sheriff's office.

Carmel area: Dispatch announced a BOL for a possible drunk driver. Deputy stopped the vehicle at Highway 1 and Rio Road and

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## Carmel Valley

**208 Hacienda Carmel — \$165,000**  
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Wilson Properties  
APN: 015-347-002

**9500 Center Street #44 — \$170,000**  
Wendy Gossen to Thomas Hughes  
APN: 169-237-052

**2450 Via Mar Monte #53 — \$420,000**  
Barbara Diamond to Deborah Friend  
APN: 015-471-059

**111 White Oaks Lane — \$500,000**  
Lois Campbell to Laurie Stanley  
APN: 189-291-017

**50 Del Mesa Carmel — \$585,000**  
Robert and Gabrielle Bryant to Robert and Gene Clifford  
APN: 015-443-011

**3513 Greenfield Place — \$1,975,000**  
Richard Greenthal to Edward and Jody Kirk  
APN: 015-451-002

## Monterey

**Cass Street — \$75,000**  
Henry and Renee Peters to Larry and Shonna Scholink  
APN: 001-671-027

**1064 Harrison Street — \$365,000**  
Edith Palmer Trust to Todd and Marianne Bartos  
APN: 001-344-009



300 Pacific Street, Monterey — \$20,000,000 (foreclosure sale)

**24 Montsalas Drive — \$450,000**  
Carol Reed to Michele Neuhas  
APN: 101-271-018

## Pacific Grove

**221 Congress Avenue — \$412,500**  
Anthony and Margie Mercant to Linda Foley  
APN: 006-304-001

**548 and 554 Gibson — \$426,000**  
US Bank to Stuart and Carma Dong  
APN: 006-543-014

**999 Benito Court — \$530,000**  
US Bank to Tirunelveli and Lakshmi Sreenivasan  
APN: 007-621-029

## Pebble Beach

**1151 Lookout Road — \$637,000**  
Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC to Allan and Susan Cox  
APN: 007-502-009

**1060 San Carlos Road — \$855,000**  
Thomas Gore to David and Cheryl Appling  
APN: 007-282-018

**24320 San Juan Road — \$1,090,000**  
Steven and Beverly Miller to Robin Joseph  
APN: 009-031-042

**3075 Sloat Road — \$1,150,000**  
Kenneth and Debra Peyton to Gravel GbR  
APN: 007-451-013

## Seaside

**1778 Harding Street — \$200,000**  
Aurora Loan Services to Susan Heath  
APN: 012-796-004

**1228 Siddal Street — \$245,000**  
Bank of New York to John and Jennifer Radley  
APN: 012-351-026

**1781 Mendocino Street — \$267,000**  
Goldenbrick Investment Inc. to Inocencio Padua and Patricia Sanchez  
APN: 012-788-011

**1065 Hilby Avenue — \$350,000**  
Richard and Christy Hale to Fernando and Maria de Paolis  
APN: 012-354-007

**4145 Peninsula Point Drive — \$580,000**  
Bank of New York to David and Oksun Moon  
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**4448 Ocean Heights Court — \$610,000**  
Deutsche Bank to Matthew and Vicki Myers  
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# HOMES

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## Foreclosure sales

### Big Sur

**48350 Highway 1 — \$650,000**  
**(unpaid debt \$1,427,906)**  
Reconstruct Company to Fassett Family Properties LLC  
APN: 420-171-001

### Carmel

**24685 Santa Rita Street — \$686,000**  
**(debt \$729,818)**  
MTC Financial to Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC  
APN: 009-082-014

### Carmel Valley

**28650 Robinson Canyon — \$382,500**

**(debt \$436,449)**  
Reconstruct Company to Bank of New York  
APN: 416-025-010

### Highway 68

**8120 Manjares — \$1,975,000**  
**(debt \$3,211,372)**  
First American Title Insurance Co. to  
National Bank of Arizona  
APN: 259-191-003

**202 San Benancio Road — \$634,909**  
**(debt \$1,300,520)**  
NDEx West to Wells Fargo Bank  
APN: 416-281-008/038

### Monterey

**300 Pacific Street (Hotel Pacific) — \$20,000,000**  
**(debt \$31,832,596)**  
First American Title Insurance Co. to  
JPM 2007-LDP12 - 300 Pacific Street LLC  
APN: 001-568-004/005 and 001-569-005



3513 Greenfield Place, Carmel Valley — \$1,975,000

**1109 McClellan Avenue — \$440,000**  
**(debt \$701,448)**  
Fidelity National Title Insurance Co. to Deutsche Bank  
APN: 001-151-012

**461 Dela Vina #206 — \$498,494**  
**(debt \$500,191)**  
Reconstruct Company to Bank of New York  
APN: 013-122-006

### Seaside

**1415 Yosemite Street — \$423,863**  
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Reconstruct Company to Federal National Mortgage Association  
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**\$749,500 3bd 2ba** Sa 1-3  
 24590 LOWER TL Carmel  
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**\$795,000 2bd 2ba** Sa 1-3  
 JUNIPERO 2 NE of 3rd AV Carmel  
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**\$799,000 2bd 2ba** Sa 1:30-3:30  
 Torres 3 NW Fifth Ave #2 Carmel  
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**\$799,500 2bd 2ba** Sa 1-3:30  
 Santa Rita 5 SE of 2nd Carmel  
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**\$895,000 4br 3.5ba** Sa Su 1-4  
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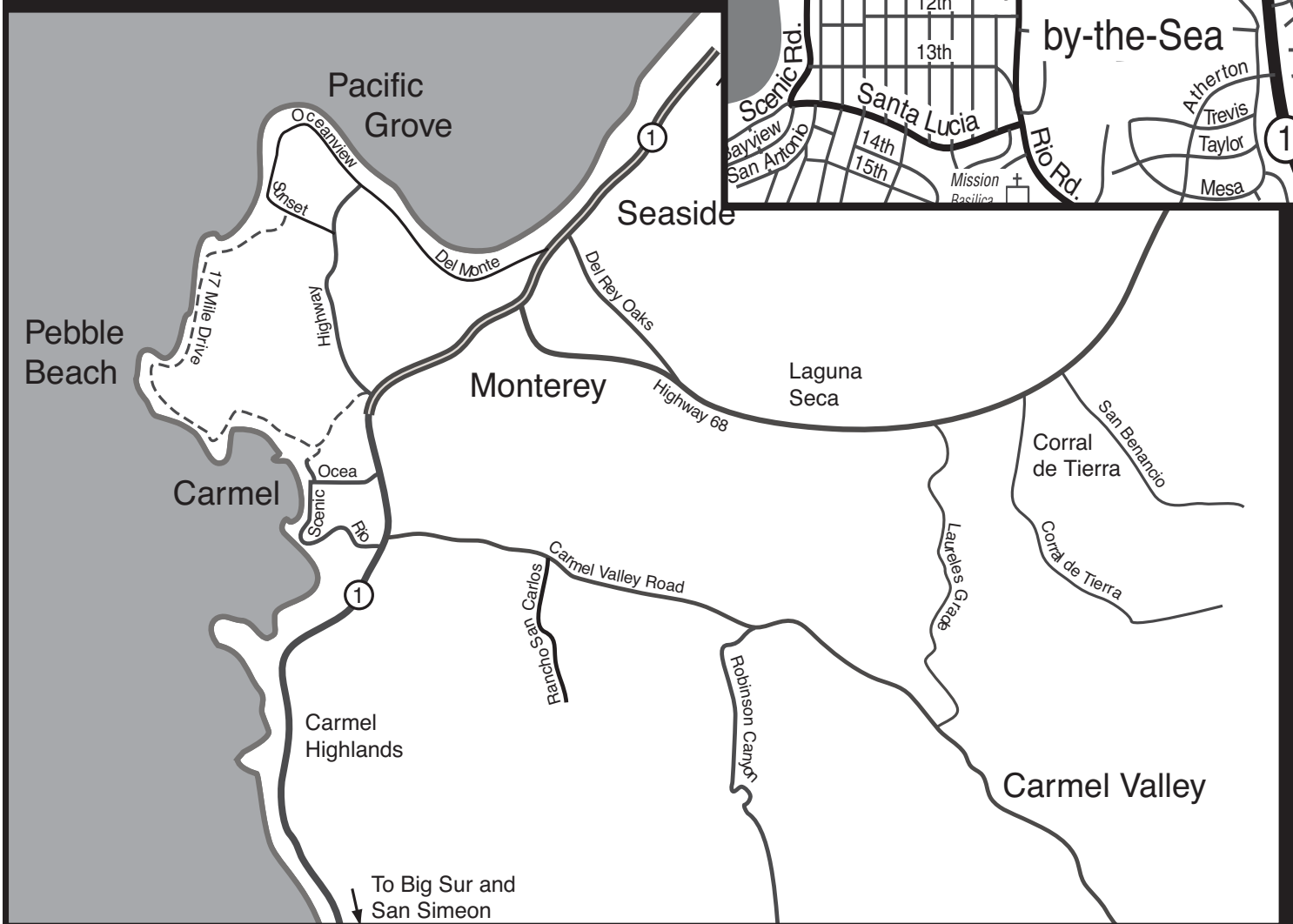
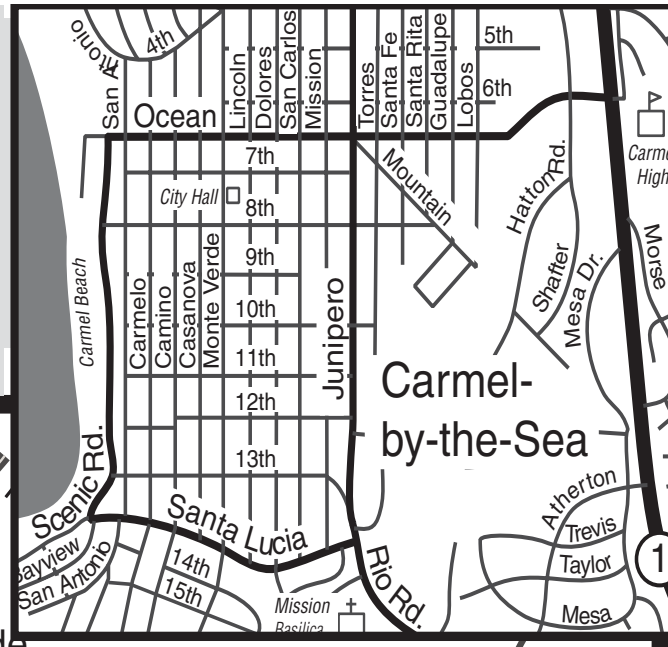
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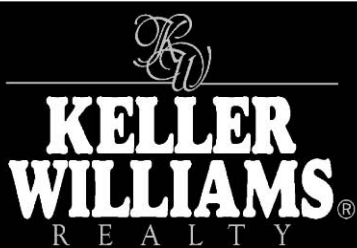
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**PEBBLE BEACH, LUXURY** lifestyle with elegant rooms, high ceilings, living and dining rooms with fireplaces and a large kitchen. **\$3,450,000.**



**CARMEL, BRILLIANT 3BR/ 2BA** home just 4 blocks from the beach. Two fireplaces, French doors, Vaulted ceilings and a beautiful patio garden. **\$1,995,000.**



**CARMEL POINT COTTAGE.** Consisting of a 2 bedroom home, 2 guest apartments, and a 2-car garage on two lots. Sited on a quiet side-street. **\$3,595,000.**



**PEBBLE BEACH SUNBELT.** Level lot on a quiet lane. Deeded water rights. Water meter installed. Located near shops and restaurants. **\$349,000.**



**PEBBLE BEACH, 2.6 ACRE** lot near The Lodge. This residence offers 5BR/ 6BA, library, riding rinks, stables, paddocks and a kennel. **\$4,995,000.**

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# The Golden Pine Cones

**R**EADERS OF this newspaper really know their stuff, and they've proved it every year since we started The Golden Pine Cones. Whether you're looking for a new restaurant for a night out, a great place for a family hike, or the best place to pick up some top-notch women's accessories, our readers have the quality advice you're looking for.

The results are from a poll conducted earlier this month of 8,500 subscribers to our email edition (to subscribe, go to [www.carmelpinecone.com](http://www.carmelpinecone.com)). Below, not only will you find the best places to eat, shop and play, you'll learn a lot about your community. And don't forget: Shop locally!

## FOOD and WINE

### ■ Best Neighborhood Market

### ■ Best Butcher

### ■ Best Takeout

**Bruno's Market & Delicatessen** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Junipero and Sixth - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily - (831) 624-3821 - [www.brunosmarket.com](http://www.brunosmarket.com)

One of the friendliest markets you'll ever encounter and a Carmel institution, Bruno's doesn't just offer a full-line of groceries and custom-cut meats, it also specializes in tasty deli sandwiches made to order from a wide variety of meats, cheeses and other garnishes, and carries a variety of side dishes and main courses freshly made and ready to enjoy during a picnic, a beach party or at home, with no need to do any of the cooking yourself. Daily offerings include oakwood-barbecued tri-tip, ribs, chicken and sausages, not to mention cold-cases full of take-out options.

### ■ Best Supermarket

**Crossroads Safeway** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — The Crossroads Shopping Village, Rio Road and Highway 1 - open 24 hours daily - (831) 625-8820 - [www.safeway.com](http://www.safeway.com)

The lavishly renovated and expanded Safeway at the mouth of Carmel Valley has become a locals favorite and created a Renaissance in the entire shopping district around it. Even for people living on the other side of the Peninsula — including some Pine Cone staffers — it's the go-to place for gourmet goods and basics, alike. Well organized and roomy, the store is complete with an olive bar, huge wine selection, fresh bakery, salad bar, well stocked deli, beautiful produce aisles — and a full-scale Starbucks.

### ■ Best Organic Produce

**Earthbound Farm** — 7250 Carmel Valley Road - 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mon. to Sat. and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. - (831) 625-6219 - [www.ebfarm.com](http://www.ebfarm.com)

With its farm stand along Carmel Valley Road serving as a showcase for its delicious produce, Earthbound Farm has long been recognized as pioneer in organic farming. Founded in Carmel Valley 27 years ago, it was the first company to package fresh, pre-washed salads for retail sale. The idea caught on, and now you can find such bagged salads in nearly every grocery store in the country. The company has grown by leaps and bounds since its inception — it now partners with over 150 farmers and its crops are grown on more than 37,000 acres.

### ■ Best Seafood Market

**Sea Harvest Fish Market & Restaurant** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 100 The Crossroads - (831) 626-3626; 598 Foam St., Monterey - (831) 646-0547 - hours vary by location - [www.seaharvestcarmel.com](http://www.seaharvestcarmel.com)

Its simple but tasty restaurant and shelves of condiments nicely complement Sea Harvest's well stocked counter, where patrons can get close enough to see how fresh the fish really is. Of all foods, seafood is the most difficult to purchase and definitely has to be fresh from the water, and owner David Deyerly ensures Sea Harvest brings in the best. "Our promise to you is to provide the freshest seafood available," he says. "We stand behind our product being 100 percent guaranteed fresh."

### ■ Best Wine Store/Section

**Nielsen Bros. Market** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Northeast corner of San Carlos and Seventh - 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily, except closing is at 8 p.m. Sunday - (831) 624-6441 - [www.nielsenmarket.com](http://www.nielsenmarket.com)

This charming corner market has long had a corner on wine offerings in Carmel. Owned and operated since 2009 by Tigran and Azniv Amir Khanian, the store boasts a cellar housing a collection that spans the globe and has begun offering wine-tasting, too. And in the food department, "We are also concentrating more on local, organic and homemade foods," said Azniv. The store also offers grassfed California beef.

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West side of Dolores  
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■ Best Place to get Fruits and Vegetables

**Whole Foods** (also winner in 2008) — 800 Del Monte Center, Monterey - 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily - (831) 333-1600 - [www.wholefoodsmarket.com](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com)

The market that brings organic fruits and vegetables to the masses in an upscale, contemporary setting — and with knowledgeable, friendly staff and loads of samples to taste — is the place to find whatever pesticide-free, chemical-free fruits and veggies you seek. The parking lot may be a nightmare, and the prices may be a tad high, but devotees swear by Whole Foods' extensive offerings of artfully displayed produce from near and far.

■ Best Bakery

■ Best Desserts

**Patisserie Bechler** (also winner in 2008 and 2010) — 1225 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove - Tues. to Sat., 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun. 7 a.m. to noon - (831) 375-0846 - [www.patisseriebechler.com](http://www.patisseriebechler.com)

When party guests realize the cake from Patisserie Bechler, they make extra effort not to miss a piece. After all, a talented and meticulous baker who has created thousands of cakes of all shapes and sizes during the past quarter century — often for repeat customers — must be doing it right. The quality and creativity found in master pastry chef Gérard Bechler's stellar cakes shine in everything he and his staff bake, from tarts and cookies, to petits fours and cakes.

■ Best Catering Company

**Jeffrey's** — 112 Mid-Valley Center, Carmel Valley - (831) 277-3599 - [www.jeffreysgrillandcatering.com/catering.html](http://www.jeffreysgrillandcatering.com/catering.html)

Operated by owner Jeffrey Thompson in conjunction with his mid-valley restaurant, Jeffrey's Catering is much appreciated by its customers for its tasty food, exceptional customer service and reasonable prices. Favorites on the catering menu, which is offered for groups from "two to 700," according to catering coordinator Paige Burks, include spicy grilled prawn skewers, chicken pastilla with cinnamon spicing, and brown-sugar-cured filey mignon served with hot and sweet mustard. "Also, Jeffrey is vegetarian so we're always willing to design special menus for people," Burks said.

■ Best Kitchen Shop

**Sur La Table** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Carmel Plaza, lower level - Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - (831) 626-6433 - [www.surlatable.com](http://www.surlatable.com)

When Sur La Table opened in Carmel Plaza, Peninsula residents who love to cook rejoiced. This well stocked and well organized store, which has its roots in Seattle's Pike Place Market and now boasts dozens of locations nationwide, carries everything a home cook could want, from full cookware lines, to irresistible kitchen gadgets and a nice collection of condiments from around the world. The friendly and knowledgeable employees — and the fact they will even sharpen knives for you — top off the list of reasons Sur La Table is a local favorite. "And

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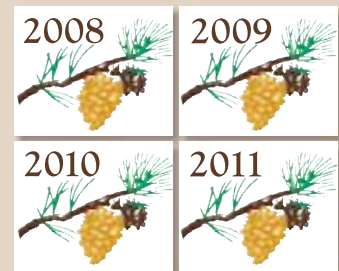
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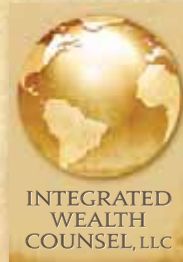
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we have a new gift-registry program that is awesome," said manager Mark DaVee.

■ Best Monterey County Merlot

**Georis Winery** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 4 Pilot Road, Carmel Valley - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily - (831) 659-1050 - [www.georiswine.com](http://www.georiswine.com)

No one in Monterey County makes Merlot like Georis makes Merlot. The winery's estate bottling of the varietal is always sought after for its robust fruit and the complexity borne of French influences and 18 months in Bordeaux chateau barrels, all in

the talented hands, since 2005, of winemaker Damien Georis. Walter Georis — who also brought Casanova restaurant to Carmel — offers his family's wines for tasting in a lovely room and garden.

■ Best Monterey County Pinot Noir

■ Favorite Monterey County Wine

**Bernardus** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Tasting Room at 5 West Carmel Valley Road - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily - (831) 659-1900 - [www.bernardus.com/winery](http://www.bernardus.com/winery)

Bernardus Pon launched his namesake win-

ery in Cachagua more than two decades ago, and it has come to be known for producing some of the best wine in Monterey County. Pine Cone readers have selected Bernardus for Best Monterey County Chardonnay and named Bernardus the best winery overall in Monterey County two years in a row. The winery prides itself on purchasing the finest fruit from area growers, while also cultivating its own Bordeaux varietals under the watchful gaze of vineyard manager Matt Shea in Cachagua. Skilled at finessing every varietal to maximize its most desirable characteristics, winemaker Dean DeKorth and his talented team work to produce compelling vintages, year after year.

■ Best Chinese Restaurant

**Tommy's Wok** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Mission between Ocean and Seventh - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tues. to Sun. - (831) 624-8518

It's not the easiest place to find in Carmel, but Tommy's Wok — which is tucked away in Redwood Court — is worth the search. Tommy's kitchen serves up an irresistible menu of Szechuan, Hunan and Mandarin specialties, earning the restaurant the everlasting devotion of many local diners. "The best Chinese food I've had in Monterey County," suggested an online reviewer. "Everything is so fresh and delicious!"

■ Best Family Restaurant

**Rosine's Restaurant** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — 434 Alvarado St., Monterey - Sun. to Thurs., 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and until 10 p.m. Fri. and Sat. - (831) 375-1400 - [www.rosinesmonterey.com](http://www.rosinesmonterey.com)

A family-run restaurant for three decades, Rosine's was a hit from the start, with its

extensive menu and towering desserts. The bright and friendly spot on Alvarado Street in downtown Monterey is the perfect venue for families, as it's casual, lively and a little loud, while it definitely does not compromise on the quality of food or service. The menu has something for everyone, from entree-size salads and hot and cold sandwiches, to fresh fish of the day, steaks and pasta dishes. But leave room for dessert, because Rosine's is famous for its towering cakes, specialty cream cakes, cheesecakes and other sweets, all baked fresh onsite daily.

■ Best French Restaurant

■ Best Restaurant in Monterey

**Bistro Moulin** — 867 Wave St., Monterey - 5 to 9 p.m. daily - (831) 333-1200 - [www.bistromoulin.com](http://www.bistromoulin.com)

Chef Didier Dutertre made a local name for himself as head of the kitchen at Casanova, where he cooked for more than two decades. Just over four years ago, he ventured out to open his own restaurant, showcasing perfectly and carefully prepared French country cuisine and other Mediterranean dishes. While famous for his light-as-air spinach gnocchi, Dutertre also wows with his duck confit, escargot (prepared with hazelnuts) and osso buco Milanese, and the fish special is always worth consideration. Meanwhile, wine director Colleen Manni ensures the list is complete and varied — and offers great values as well as splurges. Service is friendly, and the ambiance is comfortable and European, making it the top restaurant in town.

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## Best Indian Restaurant

**Ambrosia India Bistro** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 565 Abrego St., Monterey - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m. - (831) 641-0610 - [www.ambrosiaib.com](http://www.ambrosiaib.com)

Conveniently located in downtown Monterey, Ambrosia India Bistro menu offers a delectable mix of vegetarian specialties as well as chicken, lamb and seafood entrees. On weekdays, locals pour into Ambrosia for its irresistible — and bargain-priced — lunch buffet. “I’m in love with this place and I can’t wait to go back for more,” declared one happy customer online.

## Best Italian Restaurant

**Little Napoli** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — Dolores and Seventh - 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily - (831) 626-6335 - [www.littlenapoli.com](http://www.littlenapoli.com)

Restaurateur Rich Pèpe’s restaurant is as lively and personable as he is, offering Italian comfort food in a warm, homey atmosphere. Looking for something rich? Try the Veal “Osso Buco” Ravioli with porcini-cream reduction and roasted mushrooms. Want fish? How about the Cioppino Rosso? Pèpe’s expansive menu also includes several creative pizzas, sandwiches, salads and entrées that speak of his Italian heritage and Jersey roots. And if you eat here, you could be rubbing shoulders with the future mayor of Carmel: Rich Pèpe, who also owns the winner of Best New Restaurant, Vesuvio, recently announced his candidacy. And he owns Little Napoli, which won the Golden Pine Cone for Best Italian Restaurant.

## Best Sushi

**Sushi Heaven** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Dolores between Seventh and Eighth - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Mon. to Sat. - (831) 625-2067

Offering a staggering — and mouth-watering — mix of more than 150 varieties of fresh sushi and rolls, Sushi Heaven is a magnet in downtown Carmel for visitors and locals who love Japanese food. The service, meanwhile, is welcoming and accommodating. “Hands down the best sushi on the Monterey Peninsula,” reports one online reviewer. “Holy smokes, was this place good!” wrote another. The pint-sized restaurant fills up quickly on weekends, so come early or make a reservation.

## Best Mediterranean Restaurant

## Best Middle Eastern Restaurant

**Dametra Cafe** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — Ocean and Lincoln - 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily - (831) 622-7766 - [www.dametracafe.com](http://www.dametracafe.com)

Opened by best friends Faisal Nimri and Bashar Sneeh, Dametra Café features a veritable Mediterranean bounty, with a menu listing Greek, Italian, Spanish, Moroccan, Turkish, French, Israeli and Lebanese dishes. Fans of this always lively, always packed restaurant, swear the owners make them feel just like family. And in the near future, it will be easier for them to do that: Dametra is expanding into the space next door.

## Best Mexican Restaurant

**Peppers MexiCali Cafe** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 170 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove - 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mon., Weds. and Thurs. and 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri. and Sat. No lunch Sunday, but dinner 4 to 9:30 p.m. - (831) 373-6892 — [www.peppersmexicalicafe.com](http://www.peppersmexicalicafe.com)

One of the busiest restaurants on the Monterey Peninsula, Peppers offers an irresistible mix of Latin American favorites. While the downtown Pacific Grove eatery offers traditional Mexican entrees like burritos, tacos, enchiladas and chili rellenos, the restaurant’s emphasis on fresh seafood and fast, efficient and friendly service sets it apart from the competition.

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■ Best Thai Restaurant

**Baan Thai Restaurant** (also winner in 2010) — 1760 Fremont Blvd. in Seaside - noon to 3:30 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m., Mon. to Fri., noon to 9 p.m., Sat. - (831) 394-2996 - [www.baanthaiseaside.com](http://www.baanthaiseaside.com)

Located in the back of a strip mall along Fremont Boulevard, Baan Thai Restaurant isn't the easiest place to find, but it's definitely worth a visit. Noted for its generous use of fresh vegetables, herbs and spices, Thai food is one of the healthiest — and most flavorful — styles of cooking on the planet. Baan Thai offers a wide variety of regional Thai specialties. While the menu features no shortage of meat and seafood, vegetarians — and even vegans — will be right at home in Baan Thai.

■ Best Restaurant for Seafood

**Passion Fish** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 701 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove - dinner nightly from 5 p.m. - (831) 655-3311 - [www.passionfish.net](http://www.passionfish.net)

No local restaurant sets a higher standard for its use of sustainable seafood and organic produce than Ted Walter's understated but exceptional Passion Fish restaurant in down-

town Pacific Grove. While the emphasis, of course, is on seafood, vegetarian options are also available. "This place is a gem!" an online reviewer suggested. "Ridiculously good fish," raved another. "Had the sea bass and it was epic. "Wow!"

■ Best Restaurant for Steak (tie)

**Will's Fargo** — 16 East Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley - open for dinner at 4:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday, and for lunch at noon on Friday and Saturday - (831) 659-2774 - [www.bernardus.com](http://www.bernardus.com)

For any cut of beef prepared any way you like it, there's nowhere better to go than Will's Fargo, a restaurant that's been around for more than a half-century. Originally built as a tea room in the late 1920s and then serving as a road house on the "milk run" between Monterey and Tassajara, Will's Fargo Dining House and Saloon became a landmark steakhouse in 1959. Bernardus founder Ben Pon bought the restaurant in 2002, bringing his high-powered fine-dining staff to the kitchen. The place remains comfortable and old fashioned, while its reputation for excellent dining and service has been renewed.

Mission Ranch tied in this category and also won Best Brunch, Best Buffet and Best Piano Bar. See below for details.

■ Best Restaurant for Vegetarians

**Tillie Gort's Cafe** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 111 Central Ave., Pacific Grove - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mon. to Fri., 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sat. and Sun. - (831) 373-0335 — [www.tilliegortscafe.com](http://www.tilliegortscafe.com)

Since it was founded in 1969 by Gil Tortellini — the restaurant's namesake — Tillie Gort's has been the Monterey Peninsula's indisputable favorite for vegetarian food. Two fresh soups are offered daily, and the cafe's menu is filled with vegetarian, vegan and organic options. There's also plenty on the menu for non-vegetarians, and as an added bonus, the Monterey Bay Aquarium is just steps away. "It's a great place to have lunch after watching the otters play," one online reviewer offered.

■ Best Appetizers

**Sardine Factory** (also winner in 2008 and 2009) — 701 Wave St., Monterey - open daily at 5 p.m. - (831) 373-3775 - [www.sardinefactory.com](http://www.sardinefactory.com)

When The Sardine Factory opened in October 1968, the sardines had long since disappeared from Monterey Bay, and Cannery Row was nearly abandoned. The Sardine Factory faced long odds for success. "We had no money, we built on the wrong side of the tracks and we were under financed," co-owner Ted Balestreri recalled. But more than 40 years later, the Sardine Factory has an international reputation and a long list of celebrity clientele. (A critical scene in Clint Eastwood's 1971 hit, "Play Misty for Me," was filmed at the bar.) And, while locals love it for its intimate front-of-the-house lounge, extensive menu and vast wine list, Pine Cone readers singled out The Sardine Factory for its small plates.

■ Best BBQ

**Henry's BBQ** (also winner in 2010) — 401 Lighthouse

Ave., Monterey - Mon. to Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sun., 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. - (831) 646-6999 - <http://www.henrysfamousbbq.com>

Locals go crazy for Henry's generous plates of tender, juicy, flavorful meats. While pondering the menu, customers might nibble pork riblets glazed with Henry's special honey BBQ sauce. Henry's BBQ meals come with beef and bean chili; your choice of potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, green salad or French fries; and Bert's Bacon-Cheese Bread or garlic bread, and are offered with one, two or three meats: pork spare ribs, tri-tip, chicken, Hawaiian-style pulled pork or boneless pork loin. The menu includes many other options, as well.

■ Best Breakfast

**Katy's Place** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Mission between Fifth and Sixth - 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily - (831) 624-0199 - [www.katysplacecarmel.com](http://www.katysplacecarmel.com)

Katy's boasts the largest breakfast menu on the West Coast. There are 16 varieties of three-egg Eggs Benedict on the menu, as well as eight waffle plates, including the signature Belgian waffles. Owner Randall Bernett also offers blintzes with fresh berries, Swedish pancakes, corned beef brisket hash and Miss Audrey's biscuits and gravy, just to name a few. Patrons can eat indoors at tables or at the bar in front of the kitchen where a friendly chat with chef is in order. Or — and this is a big favorite with locals — eat on the deck at the front of the restaurant under a giant redwood tree. Lunch includes seven burgers, 11 sandwiches, eight salads and the favorite huevos rancheros. If Katy's Place is good enough for the locals, it's also good enough for the King of Jordan, who dines there from time to time.

■ Best Clam Chowder

**Vivolo's Chowder House** — 127 Central Ave., Pacific Grove - 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily - (831) 372-5414 - [www.vivoloschowderhouse.com](http://www.vivoloschowderhouse.com)

Opened by owners Mark and Julie Vivolo in 1990, Vivolo's Chowder House is known for having the greatest clam chowder west of the Mississippi, and also offers an extensive seafood menu. A great place for families, Vivolo's is also a perfect choice for a takeaway meal. The garlic cheese bread is to die for!

■ Best Coffee

**Peet's** (also winner in 2008 and 2009) — 560 Munras Ave., Monterey - Mon. to Thurs., 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sun., 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. - (831) 641-9029 - [www.peets.com](http://www.peets.com)

Cheers were heard throughout the land when Peet's opened next door to Trader Joe's in downtown Monterey in 2008. Since it was founded by Alfred Peet, who opened the first store in Berkeley in 1966, Peet's has been known for its top-quality beans, which are hand-roasted in small batches. And, as is obvious from the votes cast by our readers, the Monterey location is also a great hangout!

■ Best Coffeehouse

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ner in 2009 and 2010) — South side of Ocean Avenue west of San Carlos Street - 7 a.m. until afternoon/evening daily - (831) 626-2095 - www.carmelcoffee.com

Carmel Coffee House & Roasting Co. is the town's only onsite roaster, processing beans in small batches to ensure freshness, and the welcoming employees serve up the best espresso drinks, brewed coffee, hot tea and other beverages in town. Add to that a nice selection of baked goods, sandwiches, snacks and gifts — as well as an idyllic courtyard (which is particularly popular with the dog-walking set), indoor seating and free wifi — and it's no surprise Pine Cone readers named it their favorite coffeehouse.

■ Best Happy Hour

**Il Fornaio** (also winner in 2008 and 2010) — Ocean Avenue & Monte Verde Street - Happy Hour: Mon. to Fri., 4:30 to 6 p.m. - (831) 622-5100 - www.ilfornaio.com

Want to hang out with the movers and shakers in Carmel over a glass of bubbly or a creative cocktail? Then head for the expansive, welcoming bar at Il Fornaio after work for a glass of house wine or a special drink. Il Fornaio also offers a \$5 Happy Hour menu with bruschetta, calamari and a few pizzas, making it our readers' favorite. The restaurant is part of an upscale California chain, but local management maintains its hometown feel within the historic Pine Inn. It also includes a bakery and restaurant featuring the cuisine and wines of Italy.

■ Best Ice Cream

**Cold Stone Creamery** (also winner in 2008 and 2009) — Del Monte Center, Monterey - Sun. to Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. to Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. - (831) 649-1346 - www.coldstonecreamery.com

Cold Stone fans know the quality of ice cream is top notch, and they love the variety of toppings that can be mixed in with any flavor, made to order on a slab of frozen granite. (They also know to sneak their coins and

dollars into the tip jar when the servers aren't looking, so they can avoid being serenaded.) Founded in 1988 by a Tempe, Ariz., couple, the ice creamery has expanded to more than 1,400 stores — and with good reason: Their ice cream, shakes, smoothies and cakes can't be beat.

■ Best Pizza

**Gianni's** — 725 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey - Mon. to Thu., 3:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Fri. to Sat., 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. - (831) 649-1500 - www.giannimonterey.net

For decades, passersby on Lighthouse Avenue have been wooed to this Monterey institution by the tantalizing aromas of pizzas baking in the oven at Gianni's, which is always bustling. Want a place to get together with the boys for beer and pepperoni? Or a venue to take the baseball team or celebrate a birthday? This is the place for great dough, tantalizingly melty cheese and any number and combination of toppings, as well as pitchers of soda and beer, and other pizza-parlor staples.

■ Best Fast Food

**Chipotle** (also winner in 2010) — 500 Del Monte Center, Monterey; 2140 California Ave., Sand City - Mon. to Sun., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (DMC) and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sand City) - (831) 899-1096 (DMC) and (831) 641-9353 (Sand City) - www.chipotle.com

It may be fast food, but it's good food: fresh, high-quality ingredients, humanely raised meats and abundant portions, all for decent prices. Steve Ells opened his first Chipotle in the site of a former Dolly Madison ice cream shop in Colorado in 1995 and has since expanded the chain promising "food with integrity" throughout the country. Best known for its burritos, which could easily feed two, Chipotle also offers burrito bowls, salads, crispy and soft tacos, and chips and guacamole, all made to order. The famous burrito, for instance, calls for a flour tortilla, choice of cilantro-lime rice, pinto or vegetarian black beans; meat (braised carnitas or barbacoa, adobo-marinated and grilled chicken or steak) or guacamole; salsa, and cheese or sour cream.

■ Best Buffet

■ Best Brunch

■ Best Steak

**Mission Ranch** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 26270 Dolores St. - Dinner nightly from 5 p.m., Sunday Jazz Brunch 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - (831) 624-6436 - www.missionranchcarmel.com

The restaurant in the hotel owned by former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood, and where he occasionally appears to have a drink by the fire or play the piano, offers a decadent brunch (\$27.95 for adults, \$13.95 for kids 12 and under, and \$5.50 for toddlers) with everything one could want on a relaxing Sunday, including live jazz. Starting with a

complimentary glass of bubbly, the brunch includes a salad station, main dishes like Eggs Benedict and whole baked salmon, an omelet station, carving station, classic breakfast dishes and desserts. In the evenings, a great dinner (starting with Mission Ranch's famous clam chowder, perhaps), is made even better when it can be enjoyed outdoors on the deck. Well equipped with heaters for those chilly Peninsula evenings, the venue offers sweeping views of pastures full of grazing sheep and the craggy coastline.

Will's Fargo tied for Best Steak. Please see above.

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**Casanova** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — Fifth Avenue between Mission and San Carlos streets - 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily - (831) 625-0501 - [www.casanovarestaurant.com](http://www.casanovarestaurant.com)

With so many accolades from Pine Cone readers, Casanova must be really special — and it is! Founded in 1977 by brothers Walter and Gaston Georis, their sister Denise and her friend Michel, Casanova combines old-world elegance and hospitality with culinary innovation, creating a spot well known for romance. Its wine list is deeply varied and a point

of pride for the owners, especially considering Walter's ownership of Georis Winery. The cellar, hand dug 14 feet underneath the restaurant, is home to some 30,000 bottles, all carefully selected to provide Casanova clients with a wide range of options and prices. Casanova is an annual recipient of the Wine Spectator Grand Award for its wine list. Its eclectic design, intimate rooms with small tables, sensitive service, relaxed atmosphere, delectable food and expansive wine list make Casanova a wonderful spot to take a lover or spouse — or someone you'd like to become your lover or spouse!

■ Best New Restaurant

**Vesuvio** — Sixth and Mission - Weds. to Sun., 4 to 11 p.m. - (831) 626-PEPE (7373) - [www.vesuviocarmel.com](http://www.vesuviocarmel.com)

Restaurateur Rich Pèpe's, who also owns the winner for Best Italian Restaurant, Little Napoli, has a new culinary venture

that features the food of Southern Italy, where he has deep family roots, and since its opening, Vesuvio has been well received for its food, wine, convivial atmosphere and rooftop lounge. The restaurant also offers great Happy Hour specials, with \$5 cocktails and half-price appetizers, including baby-back ribs, steamed Manila clams, calamari fritti and mozzarella alla burrata, while the dinner menu focuses on ingredients imported from Italy or made in house. Look for the house specialty, veal Marsala, as well as buffalo, ribeye, cioppino and specialty salads.

■ Best Outdoor Dining

**Forge in the Forest** (also winner in 2008) — Junipero and Fifth - Sun. to Thurs., 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. to Sat., 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. - (831) 624-2233 -

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The Forge in the Forest is a longtime locals' favorites for its character, extensive menu of American dishes that run the gamut, from ribs and burgers, to creative entree salads and seafood dishes. It's also a great place to hang out at an outdoor table or around one of several fire pits enjoying a meal or a cocktail. Lush landscaping, heat lamps, a brick patio and other touches make it the best alfresco dining spot around, and a separate patio is provided for patrons who like to bring their pups with them, too.

**Best Place to Take Clients**

**Rio Grill** (also winner in 2010) — 101 Crossroads Blvd. - Lunch Mon. to Sat. 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dinner from 5 until 9 p.m. weeknights and 10 p.m. Fri. and Sat. - (831) 625-5436 - [www.riogrill.com](http://www.riogrill.com)

Southwestern flair reaches new heights in the hands of creative chef Cy Yontz, who turns out contemporary cuisine with his unique flair. The restaurant underwent an overhaul this year, with a remodeled bar and banquet rooms, and high-tech additions like

iPads bearing the wine list, but its booths, nicely spaced tables, clean and bright interior and variety of rooms continue to make it a great spot to take clients. And since you know the food will be fabulous, even if no deals are made, a business lunch or dinner there won't ever be a waste of time.

**Most Dog-Friendly Restaurant**

**Cypress Inn** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Lincoln and Seventh - noon to 10 p.m. daily - (831) 624-3871 - [www.cypress-inn.com](http://www.cypress-inn.com)

Whether you're craving lunch, dinner, cocktails or afternoon tea — all in the company of your faithful furry companion — Terry's Lounge in the Cypress Inn is ready to welcome you both. Crab cakes served with orange and Grand Marnier cranberry chutney or the Cypress Burger topped with Gruyere cheese makes a great lunch, and dinner is equally delicious, but afternoon tea is particularly pleasant. The complete tea service features a selection of homemade scones and cookies, sandwiches, cakes, jam and thickened cream for scones, and a range of Mighty Leaf teas. And the Cypress Inn is

No. 1 among dog lovers for its lovely patio seating, welcoming environment and special afternoon tea just for canines.

*Cypress Inn also won for Most Dog Friendly Hotel. Please see below.*

**Best Restaurant for a Special Occasion**

**Pacific's Edge** (also winner in 2010) — Hyatt Carmel Highlands, 120 Highlands Drive - dinner 6 to 9 nightly - (831) 622-5445 - [www.pacificsedg.com](http://www.pacificsedg.com)

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**Best Restaurant in Big Sur**

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■ Best Restaurant in Carmel Valley

**Café Rustica** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 10 Delfino Place, Carmel Valley - Tues. to Sun., 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 8:30 p.m. - (831) 659-4444 - [www.caferrusticacarmel.com](http://www.caferrusticacarmel.com)

A favorite with locals, Cafe Rustica offers enormous salads full of fresh ingredients, mouthwatering pastas and an extensive menu that melds the best of California and Mediterranean cuisine. The thin-crust, wood-oven-fired pizzas (including one featuring smoked salmon and creme fraiche) make owner Julien Belliard's restaurant one of the busiest in the valley. Eat indoors or at one of the many patio tables.

■ Best Restaurant in Pebble Beach

**Roy's** (also winner in 2008 and 2010) — The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach - breakfast, lunch and dinner daily - (831) 647-7423 - [www.pebblebeach.com](http://www.pebblebeach.com)

Celebrity chef Roy Yamaguchi is considered "the father of Hawaiian-fusion cuisine," and his innovation and love of big flavors combine in full force at this Pebble Beach restaurant. Seafood figures prominently, with sushi, sashimi and blackened ahi all popular dishes, but his ginger-scallion encrusted New York Steak and charred garlic honey-mustard beef short ribs won't disappoint any meat lover. The atmosphere is modern and casual but full of energy, and the views of the shoreline and golf course nicely complement any meal at Roy's.

■ Best Restaurant in Sand City

**Papa Chano's** (also winner in 2010) — 915 Playa Ave., Sand City - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily - (831) 393-9133

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■ Best Restaurant in Seaside

**Fishwife** (also winner in 2008 and 2009) — 789 Trinity Ave. at Fremont, Seaside - lunch and dinner daily - (831) 394-2027 - [www.fishwife.com](http://www.fishwife.com)

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■ Best Restaurant in Pacific Grove

**Fandango** (also winner in 2008) — 223 17th St., Pacific Grove - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. until closing, daily - 831-372-3456 - [www.fandangorestaurant.com](http://www.fandangorestaurant.com)

Pierre and Marietta Bain's Fandango restaurant is a longtime favorite for its lovely setting, great food and extensive wine list. With a variety of rooms available, it's an ideal location for a big party or a date, not to mention company holiday celebrations, and the extensive menu has something for everyone. Particularly popular are the Croque Monsieur (done souffle style), cassoulet, paella and lamb, and the decadent desserts are worth every bite. A testament to the Bains' conviviality, many of the servers at Fandango have worked there for years, making every repeat customer feel special and every newcomer welcome.

■ Best Restaurant Service

**Marinus** (also winner in 2009) — Bernardus Lodge, 415 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley - Weds. to Sun., 6 to 9 p.m. - (831) 658-3595 - [www.bernardus.com](http://www.bernardus.com)

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Executive chef Cal Stamenov's glorious food, perfectly prepared and plated, and served with whatever wines one might wish, is further accented by the elegant, comfortable dining room and roaring fireplace at Marinus, named for lodge owner Bernardus Pon's middle name. But the attentive, knowledgeable staff are what make dinner there perfect, from wine director Mark Jensen, whose expert advice and depth of knowledge are delivered without the slightest hint of pretentiousness, to the servers who aptly describe the dishes, those who quietly clear the plates, and the folks who constantly replenish warm bread and chilled water. The service is so good, it's practically intuitive, and never overbearing or obsequious.

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Pebble Beach is not only the world's most famous golfing destination, but it's a great place to rest, relax and rejuvenate. The Spa at Pebble Beach offers a tempting array of services, including massages, body scrubs, herbal wraps and a mix of specialty treatments. Casa Palmero, meanwhile, features 25 treatment rooms, a jacuzzi, a sauna, a steam and inhalation room, a salon, a conservatory and an outdoor pool.

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**March Hare** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — Fifth Ave. and Mission - (831) 624-3024 - [www.marchhairsalon.com](http://www.marchhairsalon.com)

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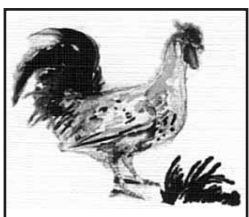
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manager Rick Herd, who has worked for the business 40 years. "We like small projects, and we do everything, from new construction to service calls." Available for jobs everywhere on the Monterey Peninsula, the

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■ **Best Architect**

**Eric Miller** (also winner in 2010) — 157 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove - (831) 372-0410 - [www.ericmillerarchitects.com](http://www.ericmillerarchitects.com)

The designer of numerous high-profile projects, including The Carmel Foundation's Trevvett Court and the proposed Carmel Sands Lodge, not to mention dozens of homes from Pebble Beach to Rancho San Carlos, Eric Miller and his staff have risen to prominence in the Monterey Peninsula by virtue of their outstanding designs and flawless executions. The firm, "balances the vision of clients with site features such as views, to create buildings with character defining appearances which result in extraordinary interior and exterior spaces. These exceptional buildings, both commercial and residential, allow his clients to live a lifestyle

that includes convenience, style and beauty," according to its website. Miller (the architect) is brother to Monterey Fire Chief Andrew Miller.

■ **Best General Contractor**

**Stocker & Allaire** — 21 Mandeville Court, Monterey - (831) 375-1890 - [www.stockerallaire.com](http://www.stockerallaire.com)

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Pine Cone readers. Owned by Dan and Shelly Mitchell, Bill and Vicki Mitchell and Peter and Cara Butler, the firm has also attracted some top local talent, including Mike Canning, who joined the firm in March. "We're about quality, not volume," said managing broker Malone Hodges. Carmel Realty was founded in 1913, which makes it one of Carmel's oldest businesses, if not the oldest.

bill pay service that almost means you never have to write a check again. The iPhone app is great, too. And the company offers mortgages, home equity loans, car loans, annuities, insurance and retirement planning.

■ **Best Title Company**

**First American** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — 3855 Via Nona Marie, Suite 100, Carmel - (831) 625-5980 - [www.firstam.com](http://www.firstam.com)

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**Integrated Wealth Counsel** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010, when the firm was called Doolittle & Ganos) — 100 Clock Tower Place, Suite 210 - (831) 624-3317 - [www.integratedwealth.com](http://www.integratedwealth.com)

Founded in 1975 as Doolittle & Ganos, Integrated Wealth Counsel offers professional services in wealth management, investment management and trust administration, and provides sophisticated investment management and financial planning solutions for clients' complex needs. The firm works with individuals, family businesses, trust and nonprofit organizations with net worths between \$2 million and \$20 million. Todd C. Ganos is principal and portfolio manager; Jerry Matecun is portfolio manager and senior research analyst.

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■ **Best Real Estate Lender**

■ **Best Business Bank**

**Wells Fargo** (also a winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) - (877) 937-9357 - [www.wellsfargo.com](http://www.wellsfargo.com)

Despite all the turmoil in the real estate and mortgage markets, not to mention bank failures, Wells Fargo has thrived and is now the dominant real-estate lender in California. It's also our readers' favorite to do their business and personal banking. Wells Fargo has locations in Carmel, Carmel Valley, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach and Monterey.

■ **Best Personal Bank**

**Chase** — branches in Carmel, Carmel Rancho, Carmel Valley, Pacific Grove and Monterey - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon-Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat. - (831) 625-4200 - [www.chase.com](http://www.chase.com)

Four years ago there wasn't a Chase bank anywhere in the Monterey Peninsula, but with the acquisition of Washington Mutual in 2008, Chase became a major player in local banking and has now become the favorite. Branches have convenient hours, the ATMs are user-friendly and the online services are very impressive, with a simple

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The royal treatment in health and grooming can be found for four-legged canine and feline friends at The Animal Hospital at the Crossroads. Celebrity dogs and their famous and not-so-famous owners rely on Dr. George Bishop's expertise in full service care, including diagnostics, treatment, boarding, vaccinations and more. With more than 30 years' experience, Dr. Bishop serves with concern and compassion for patients and their owners.

## ■ Best Yoga Studio

**The Yoga Center of Carmel** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — San Carlos and 10th - (831) 624-4949 - [www.yogacentercarmel.com](http://www.yogacentercarmel.com)

Originating in India over 2,000 years ago, the ancient practice of yoga teaches students — through a series of poses and breathing techniques — how to reduce stress as well as increase strength and flexibility. Located at Sunset Center for more than two decades, the Yoga Center of Carmel presents a wide range of yoga classes for all students, regardless of experience. Director Kathleen Karachale and her staff of certified instructors offer daily classes, weekend workshops and training for teachers. The recently renovated center, meanwhile, is warm, inviting and conveniently located in the heart of Carmel.

## ■ Best Martial Arts Studio

**American Karate** — 623 Lighthouse Ave, Monterey - 3:30 to 9:30 p.m., Mon. to Wed.; 9 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tues. to Thurs.; 4 to 8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday - (831) 372-KICK (5425) - [www.americkaratemonterey.com](http://www.americkaratemonterey.com)

Owned and operated by Mr. Matt Durney, American Karate specializes in children's programs. Starting as early as age 3, students can learn the fundamentals of traditional Korean martial arts through fun, dynamic, and challenging training. From integrity and concentration, to self-defense, fitness and respect for others, the American Karate family is dedicated to passing on the building blocks of a fulfilling life. The adult program, while comparatively small, is no less rigorous or rewarding, according to the studio. "Whether you're looking for a fun way to teach your child discipline and self-respect, or an engaging, full-body workout for yourself, American Karate is the place for you," one of the instructors, Hannah Miller, said. And they offer your first week free.

## ■ Best Dentist

**Dr. Steve Austin** — 16 Ford Road, Carmel Valley - (831) 659-4944

Most folks consider a trip to the dentist only slightly more enticing than spraining an ankle. But when you step into Dr. Austin's office in Carmel Valley Village, his warm and friendly staff will make you feel like you're visiting a spa instead of a dentist. There's a good reason patients from Pacific Grove to Big Sur are willing to make the lengthy commute to Carmel Valley to see Dr. Austin — he combines a gentle touch and an engaging personality with the latest dental technology, making getting your teeth cleaned something to look forward to.

## ■ Best Dermatologist

**Dr. James Rheim and Dr. Joseph Rheim** (also winner in 2008 and 2010) — 757 Pacific St., Monterey - (831) 373-4404 - [www.jamesrheimmd.com](http://www.jamesrheimmd.com)

Dr. James Rheim, his son, Dr. Joseph Rheim and their staff work to help clients achieve healthier skin through prevention and treatment. Treatments for conditions such as acne, actinickeratosis, eczema, excessive sweating, psoriasis and rashes are their specialties. Botox, Derma fillers, hair reduction, foto facial, krypton laser and whisper laser are among the cosmetic procedures offered at the Cosmetic Laser Center. Through medical and cosmetic services, the doctors Rheim can diagnose and treat skin to promote its greatest health and beauty. The senior Dr. Rheim been in practice on the Monterey Peninsula for more than 30 years.

## ■ Best Ophthalmologist

**Dr. Charles Whisler** — 966 Cass Street, suite 100, Monterey - (831) 373-7733 - [www.montereyeyedoc.com](http://www.montereyeyedoc.com)

A Monterey native, Dr. Whisler received his bachelor's degree from University of California at Santa Barbara in Marine Biology and taught Chemistry and Algebra at York School for a semester and was a substitute teacher for MPUSD. While volunteering at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and in a Seaside medical clinic he decided to become a doctor, earning his M.D. in 2001 from the University of Michigan. Board certified, he specializes in small incision/suture-less cataract extraction; care of Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma patients; evaluation and management of eyelid and tear duct disorders, and provides routine eye exams.

## ■ Best Plastic Surgeon

**Dr. Douglas Sunde** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 856 Munras Ave., Monterey - (831) 372-0200 - [www.plastic-surgery.org/md/drsunde.html](http://www.plastic-surgery.org/md/drsunde.html)

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## RETAIL

### ■ Best Florist

**Twigery** — Seventh Avenue between Lincoln and Dolores - Mon. to Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday - (831) 626-8944 - [www.twigery.com](http://www.twigery.com)

Located in the historic Felice Building adjacent to the Cypress Inn in Carmel, Twigery is led by Michael Merritt, "a renowned master in the world of floral art." Merritt is a floral designer's designer, as comfortable creating wreaths, baskets and floral designs as he is the decorations for a party of 1,000 Washington DC political guests. Merritt's unique and engaging style blends knowledge and creativity promising to design works of art for any event, wedding, party, or even weekly arrangements for your home.

### ■ Best Furniture Store

**Poppleton's** (also winner in 2009) — 299 Lighthouse Avenue, Monterey - Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. - (831) 649-8303 - [www.poppletonshome.com](http://www.poppletonshome.com)

Once you open the doors at its rather nondescript building on Lighthouse Avenue in New Monterey, you enter a world of exclusive furnishings handcrafted by the best American, French and Italian manufacturers, personally selected by owner Mike Poppleton, who says that customers "can't help but be inspired" when they are in his showroom.

### ■ Best Golf Shop

**Pebble Beach Pro Shop** — 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach - 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily - (831) 622-8799 - [www.pebblebeach.com](http://www.pebblebeach.com)

Adjacent to the first tee of the world renowned Pebble Beach Golf Links, one of the most famous golf courses in the world, this luxury golf shop offers the best in golf apparel, equipment, accessories and shoes.

### ■ Best Hardware Store

### ■ Best Housewares Store

### ■ Best Garden Shop

**Brinton's Remarkable Home and Garden Store** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 546 Carmel Rancho Shopping Center - Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - (831) 624-8541 - [www.brintons.com](http://www.brintons.com)

Located at the mouth of Carmel Valley, Brinton's has been serving the local community for 47 years and is the go-to place for hardware, housewares, linens, landscaping and furniture. The store offers 38,000 square feet of merchandise, a warm shopping environment, plenty of parking and friendly, knowledgeable staff members committed to giving the personal attention Peninsula residents deserve.

### ■ Best Pet Store

**Diggidy Dog** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — Mission and Ocean - Open daily at 10 a.m. - (831) 625-1585 - [www.diggidydogcarmel.com](http://www.diggidydogcarmel.com)

Diggidy Dog in Carmel-by-the-Sea, which has an eclectic selection of products for cats and dogs, is advertised as a pro shop for pets. The 2,600-square-foot store, opened in 2003 by Napisa and Jeff Pollock, offers distinctive clothing, tasty bakery treats, comfortable pet beds, pet collars, unique toys, travel items, food bowls and bones galore. Diggidy Dog also has a website for online orders. The best part of Diggidy Dog is seeing all the wonderful pets that come into the store, and sharing that love with their owners!

### ■ Best Camping/Skiing/Surfing store

**REI** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — Imjin Parkway and Second, Marina - Mon. to Fri., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sun., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - (831) 883-8048 - [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com)

Featuring a dazzling array of gear, equipment and clothing for just about every imaginable recreational activity, REI is a one-stop shopping paradise for anyone who loves the outdoors. Whether you're backpacking in Big Sur, running along the beach in Carmel or preparing for a winter ski trip to Lake Tahoe, REI has everything you need to stay warm, dry and stylish.

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**Carmel Drug Store** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — Ocean and San Carlos - 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily (the pharmacy opens at 9 a.m.) - (831) 624-3819

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ed in the heart of Carmel for nearly a century. The popular drug store also offers film, cameras, sunglasses, cosmetics, travel items, greeting cards and fine gift items. Longtime locals agree: Ocean Avenue wouldn't be the same without Carmel Drug Store.

## Best Camera/Photo Store

**Green's Carmel Camera Center** (Also winner in 2008 and 2010) — Fifth and San Carlos - Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - (831) 624-8880 - [www.greencamera.com](http://www.greencamera.com)

Locally owned & operated. Green's Carmel Camera Center can meet the needs of amateur and professional photographers. Carmel Camera offers film and digital camera equipment and accessories. State of the art digital lab offering scanning and printing while you wait, print sizes up to 24x36; photo restoration and manipulation done on site by highly skilled employees.

## Best Toy Store

**Thinker Toys** (Also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — San Carlos and Seventh - Mon. to Thurs. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - (831) 624-0441 - [www.thinkertoys.com](http://www.thinkertoys.com)

Even if you don't have kids, you've seen the giant K'NEX Ferris Wheel in the front window, and you've probably encountered some of those cute, animated animals on the mat out front. The store's motto is "Toys for Thinking Kids of All Ages," and those include games, puzzles, books, novelties, musical instruments and building sets. Thinker Toys also has stores in the Del

Monte Shopping Center and in Morgan Hill.

## Best Children's Clothing Store/Boutique

**Sprout Boutique** (Also winner in 2010) — 210 1/2 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove - Thurs. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - (831) 373-5437 - [www.sproutbabyboutique.net](http://www.sproutbabyboutique.net)

Sprout Boutique, owned by sisters Jaime Shoemaker and Lisa Thomas, features unique yet practical items for infants, toddlers and big kids, with a focus on clothing and accessories that are creative and memorable. Many of the items found at Sprout Boutique are hand-crafted original designs, responsibly made and sustainable. From socks to shoes, hats and clippies, blankies and cuddly friends, Jaime and Lisa have drawn upon their experience as mommies and aunties to carry items that leave a lasting impression. Sprout is not open every day of the week yet, but there are personal and group shopping appointments available.

## Best Men's Clothing Store

**J. Lawrence Khaki's** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 3744 Carmel Plaza - Mon. to Thurs., 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri. and Sat., 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. - (831) 625-8106 - [www.khakisofcarmel.com](http://www.khakisofcarmel.com)

Opened 16 years ago by Jim and Connie Ockert, Khaki's has become the local favorite men's store not only for its wide variety of top-of-the-line merchandise — from tuxedos, to resort wear — but for its community involvement and fantastic customer service. Last year, the store made a

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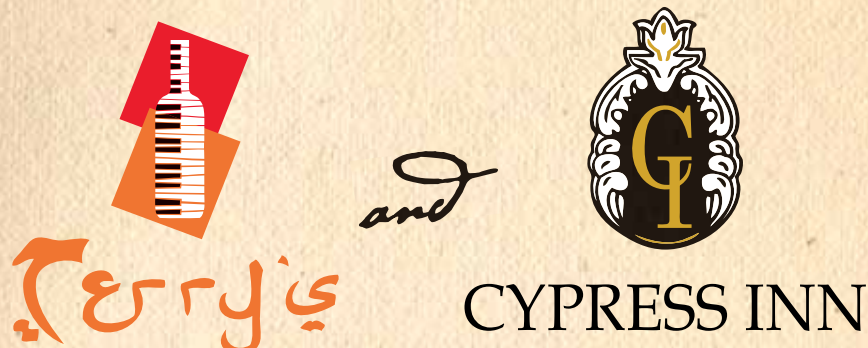
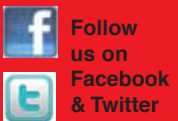
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move to Carmel Plaza, where it occupies one of the most prominent storefronts. Khaki's is one of Carmel's most famous retail stores and features many clothing lines for women, too.

**■ Best Men's Shoe Store**

**Hedi's** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Ocean Avenue at Mission Street - Sun. to Thurs., 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri. and Sat., 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. - (831) 624-5580; and 3630 The Barnyard - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily - (831) 625-2055

Hedi's specializes in comfortable and stylish shoes from around the world, including Ecco, Alan Edmonds, Clark's New Balance and many more. Buying shoes from an inexperienced salesman can be a very frustrating experience ... but that has never been a problem at Hedi's. The store has two locations, one in the Barnyard and the other in downtown Carmel.

**■ Best Women's Clothing Boutique****■ Best Place to Buy Designer Clothes**

**GBG** (also winner in 2008 and 2009) — Mission at Seventh - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily - (831) 626-3368

Since it opened more than a decade ago, GBG (Girl Boy Girl) has rightfully established its place as THE place to go for upscale boutique and designer goods in Carmel. Owner Sweet Pea puts her mark of personality on the selection of clothing, which is simultaneously chic, colorful and quintessentially Californian. All the staff treat you like you're the most important person in the room!

**■ Best Women's Accessories**

**Carried Away** — 612 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove - Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sun., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - (831) 656-9063 - [www.carriedawayboutique.com](http://www.carriedawayboutique.com)

Carried Away, located in the heart downtown

Pacific Grove, carries a wonderful selection of women's handbags, fashion accessories, candles, spa products, jewelry and more. The store, owned by Rosemary and Bill Valuch, has handbags and accessories by Vera Bradley, Hobo International and spa products by Voluspa.

**■ Best Women's Shoe Store**

**Lloyd's** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Ocean Avenue at Dolores Street - Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - (831) 625-1382 - [www.lloydsshoes.com](http://www.lloydsshoes.com)

A favorite in downtown Carmel since it opened in 1975, Lloyd's offers a unique and extensive collection of women's footwear from Italy, Spain, Brazil, Asia and the United States, along with professional (not over-bearing) service. Lloyd's also has handbags, leg-wear and socks.

**■ Best Vintage Clothing Store**

**Yellow Brick Road** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — 26388 Carmel Rancho Lane - Mon. to Tues., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wed., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thurs. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - (831) 626-8480

Widely regarded as the best thrift store around, Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop carries an eclectic assortment of used, vintage and consignment items for sale, and has donated more than \$3.5 million to local nonprofits since 1989. Designer threads are donated by the Carmel, Pebble Beach and Big Sur locals, and have usually been well cared for. The volunteer workers and staff are respectful, friendly and polite. An added bonus is that the proceeds benefit other charitable activities. Good work, ladies and gents!

**■ Best Jewelry Store**

**Hesselbein's** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 143 The Crossroads - Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun., noon to 4:30 p.m. - (831) 625-2522

Founded by Arthur Hesselbein in 1968 in King City, Hesselbein's is a local favorite not only for its exclusive and extensive inventory — watches by Rolex, Patek Philippe,

Breguet, Omega and Ebel; pearls by Mikimoto, and jewelry and Faberge and Roberto Coin — but because it does service and repairs for watches and jewelry. In fact, where jewelry is concerned, Hesselbein's does it all, which is not true of most jewelry stores nowadays.

**■ Best Shopping Center/Area**

**Del Monte Center** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Munras Avenue at Highway 1, Monterey - (831) 373-2705 - [www.delmontecenter.com](http://www.delmontecenter.com)

So many changes have happened at Del Monte Center in the last five years, it's definitely worth a visit if you haven't been there in a while. In addition to anchor tenant Macy's, DMC has the 13-screen Cinemark Theater (which won a Golden Pine Cone this year for Best Movie Theater), an Apple Store and Williams-Sonoma, plus Whole Foods, Hollister, California Pizza Kitchen and P.F. Chang's, not to mention Pottery Barn, Lalla Grill and Islands, and now the massive Forever 21. With all the quality shopping in Carmel and at the mouth of the valley, Pine Cone readers once again chose Del Monte Center as their favorite shopping area — which is quite a tribute.

**■ Best Antique Shop**

**Cannery Row Antique Mall** — 471 Wave St., Monterey - Mon. to Fri. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - (831) 655-0264 - [www.canneryrowantiquemall.com](http://www.canneryrowantiquemall.com)

Boasting the "largest antique mall on the Central Coast," the Cannery Row Antique Mall has more than 150 dealers in a huge 21,000-square-foot refurbished 1920s canning building on Wave Street. With the thousands and thousands of items for sale, there's no doubt you'll find something you'll want to take home. The mall also has free parking for its customers and offers a complimentary cup of coffee on the second floor!

**■ Best Bookstore**

**River House Books** — 208 Crossroads Blvd. - Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. noon to 6 p.m. - (831) 626-2665

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**■ Best Car Dealer****■ Best New Car**

**Lexus** (also winner in 2008 and 2010) — sold locally by Lexus Monterey Peninsula, 1721 Del Monte Blvd., Seaside - Mon. to Fri., 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - (877) 204-2818 - [www.lexusmontereypeninsula.com](http://www.lexusmontereypeninsula.com)

Since Toyota launched its line of luxury cars in 1990, the Lexus brand has become synonymous with superior technology, outstanding fit and finish, and great value. Among the most popular models are the LX570 SUV, the superior luxurious LS460, and the LFA, the company's \$375,000, 552 hp sports car. More possible reasons for the interest in Lexus among Pine Cone readers: The cars are the official vehicles of the Pebble Beach Resorts.

**■ Best New Truck**

**Ford** (Also winner in 2009) — Cypress

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Carmel Pine Cone readers think Ford is the best choice for trucks. From the Ranger, to the F-350, to the Super Duty 450, Ford builds tough trucks. On the Monterey Peninsula, Cypress Coast Ford-Lincoln-Mercury is the place to shop for new or used Fords. "From a new-car-buying perspective, I thought these guys were really nice and cool to work with," an online reviewer wrote. "I shopped around in Santa Cruz, Salinas, Watsonville and Seaside and felt that these guys were the most interested in working with me."

**■ Best Gas Station**

**Carmel Shell** (also winner in 2010) — Fifth and San Carlos - (831) 625-3513.

**Shell** (also winner in 2010) — 7 Carmel Center Place - (831) 622-1591

Carmel motorists have several gas stations to choose from when fueling their vehicles, but the Shell stations in downtown Carmel and at the Mouth of the Valley beat the others for Best Gas Station. The employees at both locations are friendly, and the gas prices are competitive with others in the area.

**■ Best Carwash**

**El Estero** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 590 Fremont St., Monterey - Mon. to Sat., 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - (831) 373-1801 - [www.elesterocarwash.com](http://www.elesterocarwash.com)

El Estero Hand Car Wash has been serving the Monterey Peninsula's motoring public for more than 50 years, and its owners have an equal amount of experience in the carwash business. At El Estero, they like to say that everything begins and ends with the customer. The shop's website offers coupons for washing and waxing services. Also, El Estero recycles its water and supports the community by donating to local schools, organizations and charities. It's known for its great selection of greeting cards, too.

**■ Best Computer Store**

**Apple** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — 240 Del Monte Center, Monterey - Mon. to Fri., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sun., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - (831) 647-4480 - [www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com)

Whether you're in the market for the soon-to-be-released iPhone 5, iPad, the new iPod Touch, MacBook Pro laptop, iMac, or just need some advice about running a program on your Apple computer, the Apple Store in Del Monte Center is the place to go. The Apple Store is more than just a retail shop. Its Genius Bar offers super expert advice, insight and hands-on technical support from its resident Geniuses. The store also offers classes for people who are just getting up to speed on email, websites and PDFs. Perhaps even more noteworthy: The Carmel Pine Cone is produced 100 percent with Macintosh computers ... with not a PC in sight!

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■ Best Place for Brides to Shop

**Nest** — 229-B Grand Ave, Pacific Grove - Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. by appointment - (831) 333-9184

From blue jeans to bridal, Nest in Pacific Grove offers an eclectic selection of "romantically chic clothing" at its charming boutique on Grand Avenue. Along with the quality gowns, dresses and accessories Nest carries,

owner Phyllis Davis and her staff provide impeccable service, which is why the store has a legion of loyal customers. In an online review posted earlier this year, Marie from Monterey raved about the shop. "Great customer service and a very personal shopping experience," Maria wrote. "There is a bridal section and prom dress section ... both are great and unique."

■ Best Music Store

**DO Re Mi Music & Video** — 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd. Suite B1 - Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - (831) 625-1229

While the big-box music and book stores are folding right and left, DO Re Mi, which has a nice selection of CDs, has been a constant in Carmel for a long time. DO Re Mi is now located in the Carmel Rancho next door to Brinton's. "I used to go here when I was a kid," online reviewer Michael wrote. "It's a really nice and relaxing place with a nice vibe."

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**Most Environmentally Friendly Store**

**Eco Carmel** — *San Carlos between Seventh and Eighth - Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - (831) 624-1222 - www.ecocarmel.com*

While everybody wants to “green” these days, Eco Carmel is making it easy for locals to do so ... and in surprisingly diverse ways. You won’t believe the selection! Everything from kitchen gadgets, to bathrooms accessories, to paint.

**RECREATION and THE ARTS**

**Best Local Artist**

**Steven Whyte** (also winner 2009 and

2010) — *Su Vecino Court on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth - (831) 620-1917 - www.stevenwhytesculptor.com*

One of the highlights of the annual Carmel Art Festival is watching local Steven Whyte create a larger-than-life sculpture of a historical figure in Devendorf Park. If you can’t make it to the festival, be sure to stop by his studio and gallery on Dolores Street, where you can often find the understated yet personable Whyte and his trusty canine companion, Lord Wellington, working on their latest creation.

**Best Photo Gallery**

**Weston Gallery** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — *north side of Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln - 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tues. to Sun. - (831) 624-4453*

There’s no better place than the Weston Gallery to learn about the tremendous

impact a handful of local photographers made in the world of fine art. In addition to presenting the work of pioneering image maker Edward Weston and his sons, Cole and Brett, the gallery features the photographs of Ansel Adams, a former Carmel Highlands resident who is perhaps the most famous of all fine art photographers.

**Best Sculpture Gallery**

**Richard MacDonald Sculpture at Dawson Cole Fine Art Gallery** — *Lincoln and Sixth - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sun. - (800) 972-5528 - www.dawsoncofineart.com*

One of the most collected of all sculptors, Richard MacDonald creates striking figures that capture the grace, strength and fluidity of athletes in motion. As a result of his exceptional skill, McDonald’s work is not only on display in the NFL and NBA halls of fame, but he has been commissioned to create work for the Royal Ballet, the U.S. Open golf championship and the Olympics Games.

**Best Art Gallery**

**Carmel Art Association** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — *West side of Dolores between Fifth and Sixth - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily - (831) 624-6176 - www.carmelart.org*

The oldest gallery in a town famous for its art, the nonprofit Carmel Art Association opened in 1927. Since then, it has represented hundreds of mostly local artists and featured a remarkable assembly of creative talent. Showcasing its current roster of about 120 artists, the gallery presents monthly solo and group exhibits. The CAA also hosts films, lectures, concerts, plays and art demonstrations.

**Best Concert Venue**

**Sunset Center** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — *San Carlos between Eighth and Ninth - (831) 620-*

*2048 - www.sunsetcenter.org*

The heart of Carmel’s bustling performing arts scene, Sunset Center brings to Carmel an impressive array of talent. This season’s offerings, for instance, include appearances by jazz trumpeter Chris Botti, the Temptations, the St. Petersburg String Quartet, Smuin Ballet, the Kingston Trio, Joan Rivers, Bela Fleck, Taj Mahal and more. The center underwent an extensive renovation in 2003, which improved the building’s acoustics and transformed the center into a world class facility.

**Best Movie Theater**

**Cinemark at Del Monte Center** — *1700 Del Monte Center, Monterey - (831) 373-8051 - www.cinemark.com*

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**Best Place to Dance**

**Baja Cantina** — *7166 Carmel Valley Road - opens at 11:30 a.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. Sat. and Sun. - (831) 625-2522 - www.bajacantina.com*

This legendary Carmel Valley restaurant and bar is owned by Gina and Pat Phinny, who describe it as “a fun, friendly place to dine, catch up with friends, watch sporting events, or hang out and enjoy an award-winning margarita.” But according to Pine Cone readers, it’s the Thursday night and weekend music, including bands such as Cheeky Spanks and The Money Band, that really gets their juices flowing.

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- Most Dog-Friendly Hotel
- Best Place to Relax and Listen to Music

**Cypress Inn** (also winner in 2010) — Lincoln and Seventh - (831) 624-3871 - [www.cypressinn.com](http://www.cypressinn.com)

How can you go wrong in a place that feels like your living room, presents top-notch acoustic jazz and welcomes well behaved dogs? Famously co-owned by animal-loving resi-

dent Doris Day, the Cypress Inn is the perfect place in town to relax, have a drink with a friend and listen to music. And with 44 recently remodeled rooms, it's a great place to stay as well. "From the moment we checked in, we were treated like family," one online reviewer reported.

*Cypress Inn also won Most Dog-Friendly Restaurant. Please see above.*

■ Best Piano Bar

**Mission Ranch** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 26270 Dolores St. - (831) 624-6436 - [www.mission-ranchcarmel.com](http://www.mission-ranchcarmel.com)

Historic Mission Ranch, owned by former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood, is one of the most spectacular spots on the Monterey Peninsula. Offering unique rooms, an historic 1850s farmhouse, complimentary continental breakfast and use of the tennis courts, Mission Ranch includes several different types of rooms with names such as the Farmhouse Room, the Hay Loft and Meadow View Room. The exquisite views are unrivaled: meadows stretch to the south, joining the wetlands and Carmel River Beach. Point Lobos can be seen in the distance across Carmel Bay. The Ranch consisted originally of 160 acres and was owned by Juan Romero, a Native American who is believed to have lived in the village next to the Carmel Mission. Needless to say, the Mission Ranch restaurant has outstanding casual cuisine, a welcoming fireplace and a great patio for Happy Hour drinks. And in the piano bar, jazz is the preferred genre (for obvious reasons). Don't be surprised if you spot a celebrity or two there.

*Mission Ranch also won Best Steak (tie with Will's Fargo), Best Piano Bar, Best Brunch and Best Buffet. Please see above.*

■ Best Hiking Trail

**Point Lobos State Reserve** (also winner in 2009 and 2010) — west of Highway 1, about 3 miles south of Carmel Valley Road - (831) 624-4909 - [www.pointlobos.org](http://www.pointlobos.org)

While Point Lobos actually has many trails, the popular park wins Best Hiking Trail for the third straight year. Called "the greatest meeting of land and sea," Point Lobos is famous for its dramatic coastline, its ancient groves of pines and cypress and spectacular vistas. If you're looking for a hike that showcases the best of the park, try exploring the North Shore Trail, which travels about 1.4 miles from Whalers Cove to the Sea Lion Point parking area.

■ Best Place to Take Visitors

**Monterey Bay Aquarium** — 886 Cannery Row, Monterey - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily - (831) 648-4800 - [www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org)

Since it opened in 1984, the Monterey Bay Aquarium has transformed not only the entire Cannery Row district — from a decaying neighborhood filled with the wreckage of its sardine-packing past into a thriving tourist destination — but also the entire Monterey Peninsula, which has become a must-see vacation stop for millions of families in the United States and around the world. From its massive deep-ocean tank, to its sea otters, jelly fish and stingrays, the Monterey Bay Aquarium is one of the best in the world. But Pine Cone readers love to take visitors there not only for its artful and authentic displays of sea life, but also for the way the aquarium weaves local history and ecology into its many exhibits.

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## ■ My Favorite Park

**Garland Ranch Regional Park** — South side of Carmel Valley Road, about 9 miles east of Highway 1

Garland Ranch Regional Park encompasses more than 4,400 acres and features dozens of miles of hiking trails. A vast network of paths climbs more than 2,000 feet, exploring shady creeks and leading to dazzling, sun-drenched vistas. The park is managed by the local Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, which doesn't charge visitors a fee for entering the park, but somehow manages to keep the park's trails in top condition — no small challenge in these challenging economic times.

## ■ Best Bicycle Shop

**Bay Bikes** — located in the Barnyard shopping center and on Cannery Row — (831) 624-RIDE or visit [www.baybikes.com](http://www.baybikes.com)

With a new retail and rental shop fronting a recently completed stretch of the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail, Bay Bikes is betting Carmel is primed to become a major destination for bicyclists. The business is also an official showroom for Specialized Bicycles, the Morgan Hill company that created the world's first mass-produced mountain bike.

## ■ Best Beach

## ■ Best Place to Walk Your Dog

## ■ Best Place to Watch the Sunset

**Carmel Beach** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — Foot of Ocean Avenue and west side of Scenic Road

Famous for its white sand, its pleasant year-round weather and its proximity to one of the world's most interesting small towns, Carmel Beach is a magnet for locals and visitors seeking a little fun in the sun. It's also California's most dog-friendly beach, a fact that hasn't gone unnoticed by the countless

pooches and their beach-loving owners who come here greet the sun or watch it sink into the sea.

## ■ Best Golf Course

**Pebble Beach Golf Links** (also winner in 2008, 2009 and 2010) — 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach - Hours vary by season - (800) 654-9300 - [www.pebblebeach.com](http://www.pebblebeach.com)

Since 1919, the exquisite beauty and unique challenge of Pebble Beach Golf Links have thrilled golfers and spectators alike. The famed course has been the site of golf's most prestigious tournaments, including the annual AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and the 1972, 1982, 1992, 2000 and 2010 U.S. Open Championships. Designed by Jack Neville and Douglas Grant, the course hugs the rugged coastline, providing wide open vistas, cliffside fairways and sloping greens. It is a delightful challenge for all players. Pebble Beach Golf Links also includes chipping and putting greens, the Peter Hay par-3 golf course and a practice range.

## ■ Best Local Theater Company

**PacRep Theatre** (also winner in 2010) — Monte Verde and Eighth - (831) 622-0100 (box office) - [www.pacrep.org](http://www.pacrep.org)

The only professional theater on the Monterey Peninsula, PacRep "produces bold and daring interpretations of the great plays from the world stage — plays that engage, excite, educate and inspire, presenting a world-class theatrical experience," according to the company. "Annie" is playing at the Forest Theater, with "Romeo and Juliet" up next.

## ■ Best Fitness/Health Center

**In-Shape Fit** — 26536 Carmel Rancho Blvd. - Sat. and Sun, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon. - Fri., 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. - (831) 620-7100 - [www.inshapeclubs.com/clubs/detail/4731/carmel](http://www.inshapeclubs.com/clubs/detail/4731/carmel)

After opening this summer, In-Shape Fit's 10,000-square-foot health club at Carmel Rancho has quickly become a local favorite, with its state-of-the-art cardio equipment,

group exercise studio, cycling studio and more. It also offers yoga, pilates, group cycling, Zumba, stretch therapy and classes on the barre.

## ■ Best Hotel

**La Playa Hotel** — Camino Real and Eighth Avenue - (831) 624-6476 - [www.laplayahotel.com](http://www.laplayahotel.com)

With its proximity to the Pacific Ocean, its impeccably landscaped grounds, an intimate lobby and professional staff, it comes as no surprise that La Playa Hotel and Cottages-by-the-Sea has been recognized as the Grande Dame of Carmel. A Mediterranean villa in 1905, today La Playa still rests in a picture-perfect setting amidst oceans of flowers and cypress, with the sea itself just a stroll away. Here, design, decor and atmosphere are all in the classic tradition of good taste. The hotel features 73 charming, comfortable guest rooms, two spacious suites

with ocean views, five quaint, private cottages, complimentary wireless Internet access, five function rooms for meetings and receptions, al fresco dining at the Terrace Grill, outdoor heated pool, Garden Spa Treatments and complimentary parking.

## ■ Best Inn/B&B

**Vagabond Inn** — 4th and Dolores - (831) 624-7738 - [www.vagabondhouse-inn.com](http://www.vagabondhouse-inn.com)

Owned by legendary Carmel businessman Denny LeVett and his daughter Amanda, the Vagabond House's cozy and elegant rooms nestle around a courtyard dominated by an ancient oak and filled with flowers. The Vagabond Inn is environmentally conscious and pet friendly, and offers copious breakfasts and daily wine receptions, plus occasional Artists' Retreats, which include courses in painting, drawing and even sculpting. Truly a Carmel original.

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