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Police make arrest in Bottega Veneta break-in

By MARY SCHLEY

A DETECTIVE and a police officer went to Los Angeles last month in pursuit of some of the more than 70 handbags and other items stolen during an early-morning break-in at a posh Carmel Plaza store in April, returning with a half-dozen purses and the name of a man they suspect was involved. Perpetrated by six thieves who forced open the door at Bottega Veneta at around 3:35 a.m. April 24, the burglary took less than a minute and resulted in the loss of a quarter-million dollars' worth of merchandise.

The day after the break-in, at the request of Carmel police officers, employees of the upscale company searched the internet and found some of the stolen items listed for sale on eBay, Sgt. Luke Powell told The Pine Cone this week.

"Detective Greg Johnson immediately began to write a search warrant to obtain the account information of the two sellers from the online marketplace," he said, and on April 28, a judge signed the warrant ordering eBay to comply.

It took two weeks for the company to turn over information about the sellers, who live in Sierra Madre and Montebello in Southern California, according to Powell. By then, the Bottega Veneta items they listed had already been sold.

In pursuit of the sellers and whatever information they might provide about how they obtained the stolen goods, Johnson and officer Joe Boucher drove to L.A. last Monday. "After chasing down a few addresses to no avail, the two Carmel officers located the first subject, who agreed to meet them at the Sierra Madre Police Department," Powell said. During that interview, the seller told Johnson and Boucher he'd gotten the bags from a man named Dante Kees. He also turned over a stolen Bottega Veneta wallet and allowed them to search his home.

"The seller admitted to buying the handbags from Kees and then selling them on the online marketplace, but claimed to have no knowledge of the bags' being stolen," Powell said.

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Police investigating another grab-and-run at Apple Store

By KELLY NIX

FOUR HOODED thieves raided the Apple Store in Del Monte Shopping Center two weeks ago and brazenly snatched about \$40,000 worth of iPhones and computers in just a few seconds.

Monterey police are trying to determine if the daring theft is related to a rash of other Apple store robberies in the state, including two similar thefts at Del Monte Center in October 2015. There have also been similar incidents around the country and in several cities in Europe.

In an operation that lasted only about 20 seconds, three men and one woman rushed into the Monterey Apple Store at about 5:15 p.m. May 16 and stole about a dozen demo computers and 20 phones from display tables, Monterey Police Lt. Ethan Andrews told The Pine Cone. Customers were inside the store at the time, but they weren't targeted, and nobody was injured.

"It was a group of subjects who came in very quickly and took a bunch of product," Andrews said Wednesday. "I think they just ripped the cords right out of the wall" and took the items.

The suspects are described as black, ranging from 5-feet 9-inches to 6 feet tall. They did not use weapons or threaten employees or customers, but stole "everything they could get their hands on," Andrews said. Nobody confronted the thieves.

"Sometimes observing and reporting is the best course, as

What will coastal commission say about the dirt?

■ By land or by sea, a mountain's worth of slide debris needs new home

By CHRIS COUNTS

WILL BULLDOZER operators be able to use their heavy equipment to push the countless tons of rocks and dirt that block Highway 1 at Mud Creek into the sea? Or will they need to fill up a parade of dump trucks and transport the material elsewhere — just as they were required to do nearby in 2011?

The answer to this question could have a big impact on when the scenic route will be open again from Cambria to Carmel.

"We had a meeting with local stakeholders, and they asked a similar question," Susana Cruz of Caltrans reported this week. "We're still investigating, and we've started talking to the California Coastal Commission about it.

The coastal commission, the state's powerful land use watchdog agency, has previously required that the debris from slides be trucked away to locations where it will supposedly have less impact on the environment. The mountains along the coast are relentlessly eroding into the sea, but environmentalists often argue that humans shouldn't accelerate the process by moving the debris left by landslides downhill more quickly

than Mother Nature would. But trucking material long distances has its own environmental costs, if only because the trucks will use a massive amount of gasoline.

Coastal commission planner Mike Watson told The Pine Cone it is too early to say if the rocks and dirt will need to go

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The Mud Creek slide has added 13 acres to the California coastline and perplexed officials who wonder how they will dispose of so much debris.

City to subpoena records in vacation rental case

By MARY SCHLEY

THE OWNERS of a downtown home repeatedly rent it out for short stays despite the fact that doing so violates the city's municipal code, and despite the fact they've been warned and have said they would stop, according to city attorney Don Freeman. As a result, the council is set to vote next week on a subpoena that would force HomeAway Inc., which does business as Vacation Rentals by Owner, to turn over records and information about owners Stoffer Jozef Wagelaar and Anna de Pasquale Wagelaar.

The Wagelaars live in Pleasanton and have been renting out their house on Guadalupe Street between Third and Fourth avenues — called "Dutch Casetta" — through VRBO.com, according to Freeman. He said a "sting operation" conducted by the city revealed they continue to engage in the practice, despite being warned. The city's ban on short-term rentals prohibits anyone from letting out a home to visitors for any period shorter than 30 days, and the ordinance has been successfully defended in court.

"These are people who said they would stop but chose not to stop," he said.

The draft "legislative subpoena," addressed to VRBO's VP and custodian of records, Melissa Fruge, demands that the company turn over the username associated with the rental property, as well as the actual names, associated email address and contact information. It also seeks "the dates and duration of stay for each time the residence associated with that username was rented" between July 1, 2015, and the date of her response to the subpoena.

If the subpoena is approved by the council and signed by

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Griffin loses Sunset gig over Trump decapitation photo

By CHRIS COUNTS

SUNSET CENTER this week joined CNN and Squatty Potty in giving Kathy Griffin the boot after the comedian posted a photo on Instagram of her holding what looked like President Donald Trump's blood-soaked, decapitated head.

Griffin was set to perform at Sunset Center Oct. 13, but the performance has been cancelled because of the photo, according to Sunset's Facebook page.

"Regarding the recent controversy with Kathy Griffin, we have heavily considered all factors involving a decision to cancel her performance on Oct. 13," Sunset Center announced. "With Ms. Griffin's public apology and release of any further contractual obligation, we are now confirming 100 percent cancellation of the performance."

Not her first controversy

While CNN has been highly critical of President Trump since his election in November 2016, the news channel drew a line at Griffin's controversial escapade, which isn't the first in her career. The comedian drew widespread criticism in 2007 when she told Jesus to "suck it" during an Emmy Awards acceptance speech. The decapitation photo of the president was also intended to be humorous, apparently.

Sunset Center's rebuke of Griffin came just hours after CNN announced the comedian would not return as co-host of the news channel's annual New Year's Eve program. Others followed suit, including Squatty Potty, which suspended an

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The Apple store at Del Monte Center was hit again May 16 by a gang of thieves who grabbed laptops, phones and other costly devices. The robbery was one of a string of similar thefts around the world, including one in Rancho Cucamonga last weekend (above).



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Beautiful Belgians

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Looking for an uncommon, stable breed, they were introduced to the Belgian shepherd in 1976 and knew, with their first, that once you have one, you'll never go back to another breed.

In fact, they consider Denny, now 12, the perfect dog.

"I wanted the mellowest, stupidest dog in the litter," his person said. "I didn't want the one out front, thinking. I didn't want any problems. I got the most beautiful dog, who is actually smart but fairly innocent."

Denny does retrieve things when asked, but he's never picked up anything that wasn't his.

"After we'd enjoyed a perfect nine years with him, we knew, if we were really lucky, we'd have another six or seven," his person said. "We were approaching our 70s and also knew, the older we got, the more attention we'd want to give ourselves. So, we had to decide if Denny would be our last."



Then they found Fabiola in Michigan. They call her Olà.

"Denny's not submissive, but he doesn't want to be anybody's boss," said his person. "When Olà came in, she knew she had this. She runs him ragged, and he looks at me like, 'I had the perfect life.' She's like the awful younger sister. But, she keeps him young."

When the Pebble Beach couple took Denny and Olà to a Belgian fest in Wisconsin, Olà got in the way of another Belgian sheepdog, who bit her. She screamed, and Denny ran the length of a football field to her rescue. Turns out he likes her, after all.

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City nearing settlement with PG&E over house destroyed by leaking gas

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN three years after a house blew up at Guadalupe and Third when PG&E crews punctured a gas main, allowing gas to leak inside a home where it was ignited by a pilot light, city officials and representatives of the utility company are nearing a settlement. PG&E has already been fined \$36.5 million by the state for the poor recordkeeping and errors that led to the Carmel explosion and several other incidents throughout the state.

According to city administrator Chip Rerig, the proposed settlement — which will keep the city and the utility company out of court — calls for “assurances that they’re going to have more regular inspections and maintenance on their transmission lines.”

And, even though PG&E officials had argued against carrying equipment on all their trucks to immediately halt a gas leak, saying the equipment was too expensive and that not everyone has the required expertise, they have now conceded that the equipment, which can crimp a gas line within minutes of a leak, will be on every truck at a dig, and the workers will know how to use it, according to Rerig. In the Carmel incident, public officials immediately questioned PG&E’s response, which included the delayed arrival of a truck with crimpers, and the job foreman not alerting the fire and police departments until after the house had exploded. The supervisor had also called a PG&E supervisor before alerting the authorities.

In addition to PG&E reforming its own emergency procedures, Rerig said the city and the utility company are collaborating on “a really strong 811 program,” which will help protect gas lines from being disturbed during trenching or digging by homeowners or contractors. Under the plan, anyone doing any sort of digging in the city must first call

811 to verify there are no gas lines or other underground utilities that could be damaged in the process.

“If someone is digging” without having first called 811 to get the utility information, he said, “we’ll stop the job.”

This week, PG&E issued a press release reminding people in Carmel to use the service, which is free.

“With spring’s warmer weather comes an abundance of pre-summer outdoor projects that require digging,” company officials said. “To prevent damage to underground utility lines in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pacific Gas and Electric Company urges customers to call 811 before starting any project that involves digging.” The service “protects public safety and helps avoid damage to utility lines, service interruptions and fines.”

On June 6 agenda

Last year, there were more than 1,700 “strikes on PG&E’s underground infrastructure” in California — including six in Carmel, where two more incidents have occurred since Jan. 1. Most have involved people digging for fencing, water and sewer projects, and the utility reported that more than half of the 1,735 incidents last year involved people who hadn’t first called 811.

In addition, PG&E is working with the Friends of Carmel Forest to replant and maintain 100 trees in town. It has given the nonprofit \$25,000 for its efforts, according to Rerig.

Finally, the proposed settlement — which is set for a vote at the council’s June 6 meeting — calls for a sizable check to the city. The utility will pay \$1,617,000 to cover the cost of the pavement repairs and storm-drain work at Guadalupe and Third, the costs of the time that city officials, police and public

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Catfight in tree: No injuries or arrests

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a suspicious person at Mission and 12th at 1144 hours. Person was contacted and found to be a reported missing person. Subject was fine and was removed from the Missing Unidentified Persons System.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Accident on private property on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 23-year-old male was arrested by the detective at his residence on Waring Street in Seaside for burglary and grand theft. He posted bail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen turned in a

credit card to an officer at San Carlos and Ocean for safekeeping. Owner was contacted and will pick it up.

Pacific Grove: Male reported that his sister-in-law slapped her infant daughter. No signs of trauma. Documented for info only.

Pacific Grove: Assisted the fire department with a subject who fell on Forest Avenue. Subject had no ID and did not speak English. Able to locate family and reunite.

Carmel area: Deputies investigated inappropriate student conduct at Carmel High School involving a 15-year-old male and a 15-year-old female.

Carmel area: The Contractors State License Board requested deputies stand by during an enforcement action at a jobsite on Carmel Knolls Drive.

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The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by
The Monterey County District Attorney

May 3 — Alexander Winn, age 46, a resident of Salinas, was found guilty of murder in the first degree for the stabbing death of David Derrington, age 50, of Watsonville.

Sometime in mid-2015, David Derrington began eviction proceedings to regain possession of his former residence at 19019 Beatrice Court in North Monterey County, after his ex-wife, Traci Derrington-Winn and her husband, the defendant, defaulted on an agreement to buy him out.

After Winn and his wife refused to move out, Derrington, armed with a court order, enlisted the help of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, who on February 9, 2016, forcibly removed Winn and his wife from the house. During the months leading up to the eviction and on February 9, the day of the eviction,

Winn made numerous statements to witnesses, who testified at trial, that he was going to kill Derrington.

On February 21, 2016, while both were at the house on Beatrice Court dealing with property left behind, Winn made good on these threats. He used a nine-inch, military-style knife to inflict 22 stab wounds, nine of which penetrated the lungs. The knife ironically belonged to Derrington, but was left at the house in 2008 when Derrington moved out after the divorce.

Judge Julie Culver presided over the jury trial. Winn will be sentenced on July 6 and faces 31 years to life in prison.

May 3 — Greenfield resident Douglas Icabaceta, age 31, received a prison sentence of four years in state prison from Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler after entering a plea of no contest to armed

robbery.

The incident occurred in August 2016 at the McDonald's in Greenfield. Icabaceta demanded money from the drive-through window employee. When the employee refused to comply, Icabaceta stabbed him four times with a screwdriver. Other employees were able to subdue him until officers arrived.

May 11 — Derrieon Deshawn Nora, age 31 of Salinas, was sentenced to five years in prison by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta after pleading guilty to the September 2016 carjacking of a 52-year-old Salinas woman.

On September 3, 2016, around 9:45 a.m., the victim was driving in the area of West Rossi Street in Salinas when Nora jumped in front of her vehicle, causing her to brake in order to avoid hitting him. Nora told the victim that he needed her car because someone was trying to kill him. He then pulled her out of the vehicle by her hair and threw her into the street before driving away in her car.

Nora immediately backed the victim's car into the car behind him, causing damage to both vehicles. He was apprehended a short distance away and identified after providing two false names to investigating officers. The victim's dog, which was inside the vehicle at the time it was stolen, was found unharmed.

Nora had attempted to open another woman's car door prior to carjacking the victim, but she drove away before he could get inside.

Nora pleaded guilty to one count of carjacking in exchange for a five-year state prison term.

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Sculptor says testimony shows that his wife and her father tried to hide funds

By KELLY NIX

THE FATHER of celebrated sculptor Richard MacDonald's estranged wife — who is accused of sheltering funds that his daughter is alleged to have stolen from the artist's multimillion-dollar empire — testified that he allowed her to wire MacDonald's money to his own business accounts because he "felt" his "daughter should have" the funds, according to sworn testimony in April.

MacDonald alleges in a January 2016 lawsuit — and in a recent press release — that after the relationship between him and wife Julia Cominos crumbled in 2014 and she moved out of their Carmel house, Cominos and her father, Ted Cominos, a long-time Salinas attorney, participated in a "scheme" to channel funds from MacDonald's business accounts to her dad's law firm and property management company accounts.

"In an effort to hide the funds she had improperly taken, Julia Cominos diverted some of the funds by sending them" to her father's law firm and property management company accounts, according to court documents for the lawsuit, which also names Julia Cominos and several others as defendants.

The fraudulent transactions, MacDonald alleges, resulted in "millions of dollars in misappropriated and/or stolen funds."

During an April 10 deposition, MacDonald's Irvine-based attorney, Jeffrey D. Farrow, asked Ted Cominos a series of questions about the funds that his daughter,

with his permission, wired to his accounts and later withdrew, including one \$118,000 transaction.

"At the point that Julia asked you to remove the \$118,000 from the trust account, you were aware that Richard [MacDonald] was claiming that the money was his," Farrow asked Cominos.

"Correct," Cominos replied.

When Farrow asked Cominos if there was a reason he did not return the money to MacDonald, he said, "I felt that my daughter should have it, so I gave it — I sent it to her."

Farrow also questioned Cominos as to why he didn't hold the money in a trust account until his daughter and MacDonald could determine who was entitled to the \$118,000.

"I can't think of any reason at this time," Cominos said.

Before their separation, Julia Cominos served as MacDonald's executive vice president, earning an annual salary of \$175,000, a \$20,000 clothing allowance and other perks.

'Irrefutable evidence'

Ted Cominos' sworn testimony is "concrete and irrefutable evidence" that his daughter used his property management and client trust accounts to "funnel money away from" MacDonald, according to court documents the attorney filed in May.

However, Ted Cominos' lawyer, Frederick H. Ebey, this week denied wrongdoing on the part of his client and said Julia Cominos had "community property rights" to the money she took from her husband's accounts.

"Mr. Cominos never participated in any 'scheme' to hide monies from Mr. MacDonald," Ebey said. "He felt his daughter had community property and employee

rights to have money to live on under the circumstances she had been placed in by Mr. MacDonald."

The lawyer also said MacDonald's press release about the civil case is an effort by the sculptor "to deprive his wife of what she is legally entitled to receive," and he accused him of "harassing and trying to intimidate" the Cominos family.

"It is unfortunate that Mr. MacDonald is attempting to use the press to further his efforts to deprive or minimize his wife's legal rights to receive spousal support and community property benefits by unfairly attacking his wife's family and smearing" their reputation, Ebey said. "If Mr. MacDonald had a valid claim against Mr. Cominos, which he does not, he would be trying his case in court, not the press."

In response to Ebey's comments, MacDonald told The Pine Cone Wednesday that the "evidence, forensic accounting and deposition transcripts speak for themselves."

Ted Cominos, according to MacDonald, also tried to "obfuscate the traceability" of funds in December 2014 when he — in order to return to his daughter \$141,000 that she wired to him from MacDonald's account — issued a cashier's check to himself for the

amount and then endorsed it to her.

In separate testimony by Julia Cominos in a hearing for unemployment benefits she was seeking, she also answered questions about the money she wired to her father's accounts. During the April 11 hearing in Southern California, Cominos told Judge Pamela Cook that she deposited checks into her father's accounts because MacDonald was "secretly shutting" her out of his business bank accounts.

However, the judge questioned the transactions.

"This looks like it is deceptive," Cook said. "Because when you transfer money to other entities and don't say that it's actually compensation to you, it looks like you're doing something to hide — hide money."

"It does. It does," Cominos responded. "And that's the whole basis for the \$18 million, which he's claiming that I embezzled and stole from him."

In supporting Julia Cominos, Ebey said the funds she withdrew belonged to her for the work she did for MacDonald.

"Within a few days," Julia Cominos "requested that the funds that she had forwarded to her father be returned to her and it

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Diocese gets stay-away order against man who beat pastor

By KELLY NIX

THE DIOCESE of Monterey has obtained a restraining order against a man who was imprisoned 15 years ago for severely beating a pastor at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Carmel Valley, and who has recently displayed threatening behavior to staff of the same church.

According to a restraining order request filed by the Catholic diocese on May 30, a man named Mark Allaire — who had been living under the planks of one of the church buildings — has scared church staff to the point they want him to stay away.

“I am extremely concerned that [Allaire] will continue this harassment and that it will escalate to violence as it has in the past if a restraining order is not issued,” church pastor Dennis Gallo in a declaration attached to the request, which was granted by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Lydia M. Villarreal.

The restraining order lists Gallo as the person who needs protecting from Allaire, 57, who is described as 6-feet tall, 195 pounds with black hair and brown eyes.

Allaire, who has been the subject of several restraining order requests through the years — including two other pastors at the church — poses a “substantial threat” to employees and visitors, according to diocese attorney Elizabeth R. Leitzinger.

“I believe that an immediate temporary restraining order and a permanent workplace violence restraining order protecting the diocese and Mr. Gallo are necessary and appropriate,” Leitzinger said in a declaration attached to court documents.

Allaire was also arrested May 20 for violating another such order against two other people, according to the diocese.

Gallo said that after October 2016, when he was hired to be pastor of the church, he noticed that Allaire had been living under

one of the church buildings. While he told Allaire he could no longer sleep there, Allaire continued to do so. On four or five occasions, Gallo said Allaire woke him up in the middle of the night “pounding on the rectory windows and attempting to gain entry.”

And on May 10, Gallo said Allaire banged on the church door prior to Mass.

Allaire “told me that he was high on PCP and that he wanted to come into the church,” Gallo said. Although I had previously allowed [him] to enter the church at will, because of this aggressive demeanor and statement that he was on drugs, I told [him] he could not enter the church.”

Gallo called 911 after Allaire “stormed away angrily while shouting incoherently,” but officers were unable to find him. Later that morning, church staff found a statue of St. Francis in the garden that had been pushed over with a gas canister lying next to it.

“I have not seen [Allaire] since the May 10 incident, but he may still be residing on the Mt. Carmel property,” Gallo said.

For the safety of church staff, parishioners and visitors, Mt. Carmel is now keeping sanctuary doors locked during weekdays, when Mass is not taking place, and those who want to enter must go into the church office and ask to be let in, Gallo said.

In 2007, Mt. Carmel pastor Scott McCarthy requested a temporary stay-away order from Allaire. The diocese said Allaire was prosecuted and jailed for “severely beating” McCarthy 15 years ago but offer no other details regarding the crime. In 2008, pastor Joe Occhiuto obtained a permanent restraining order against Allaire, according to the diocese.

As recently as February of this year, Allaire was slapped with a permanent civil harassment restraining order, this time against a local woman, according to the diocese.

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CHAMBER HIRES CEO TO REPLACE POTTER

By MARY SCHLEY

A FORMER teacher and theater director who has run the chamber of commerce in Lemoore since September 2013 — and who describes herself as “trustworthy, self-motivated, and a dedicated leader” — will replace Monta Potter as the head of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce.

Board members and officials plan to introduce Jenny MacMurdo, who will become the chamber’s CEO at the end of the month, at the chamber’s annual membership luncheon at Spanish Bay June 9.

Cynthia Buhl, general manager of the Crossroads shopping center and a member of the chamber board, led the six-person committee that scrutinized applicants for the position Potter had held for 14 years before leaving last week.

“The process took a little more than three months,” Buhl said. “We were very serious and very specific about the process, because we wanted to make sure we got the right candidates — qualified candidates, people of like mind.”

The committee included people with experience in business, government and non-profits, and they reviewed about a dozen applications and conducted interviews before narrowing the field to a couple of finalists, who returned for second interviews.

MacMurdo emerged as the clear top choice, according to Buhl.

“It was a unanimous decision by the committee,” she said this week.

Buhl praised MacMurdo’s attention to detail, as evidenced by her resume, cover letter and other application materials, which Buhl called “impressive.”

“She did her homework, in terms of reading The Pine Cone and watching city council meetings,” she added. “She really prepped herself to ask a lot of good questions and to

really understand what we were looking for in a new CEO.”

Buhl also described MacMurdo as “very articulate, comfortable in public presenting, and all in all just so grounded in her work, and so confident in her work.”

While chambers face different specific issues, they generally have similar missions and therefore encounter similar challenges.

“Our wants and needs aren’t special — it’s having that person who can look at it all and see it all and strategize,” Buhl said. “She’s very good at that.”

Chamber board members and officials are looking forward to seeing what the next six months bring. “We’re all really committed to making the chamber the best organization it can be for the community,” she said. “A lot of us were born here, grew up here, and started our businesses here. We’re a very active chamber.”

Even though she wasn’t born here and hasn’t lived here, MacMurdo said she feels like the Monterey Peninsula is “home.” Her brother attended the Naval Postgraduate School, and her family visited California regularly from her home state of Illinois.

“Every time I drive there, it feels like home, even though I’ve never lived there,” she said.

So it stood to reason that she would apply for the job as soon as she learned through an organization for chamber executives that the Carmel chamber was searching for a new CEO.

“I would be an idiot if I didn’t apply for this,” she said. “It’s a dream job.”

MacMurdo didn’t put “huge hopes” in getting the position. “I thought, ‘I absolutely want it, but that doesn’t mean I’m the right person,’” she recalled.

But clearly the committee saw the connection, too.

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Carmel Rancho’s other pot shop says it’s first in line

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO MEDICAL marijuana businesses are being planned for Carmel Rancho Boulevard, but because county rules prohibit them from being located less than 1,500 feet from each other, the attorney for one of the shops told The Pine Cone that her clients’ proposal should be approved because they were first in line.

“We have been told by the county that this is a race,” said Jennifer Rosenthal, who represents the owners of Big Sur Cannabotanicals, Aram Stoney and John DeFloria. “It’s first-come, first-served. We applied first, our application was the first to be deemed complete, and the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee approved us.” The latter voted in April to recommend approval of the application.

Rosenthal’s comments came in response to a suggestion made by a member of the Carmel Valley LUAC that a “beauty contest” be held between two applicants to determine which one can open a business in the area.

Stoney and DeFloria have been in business since 2014,

and they’ve been running a medical marijuana delivery business in a 2,100-square-foot space at 26352 Carmel Rancho Lane for a year, Rosenthal explained.

The attorney said the county last year gave them an exemption to operate there. “They have done everything the county has asked them to do,” she said.

Rosenthal said her clients “were surprised to learn” that the other medical marijuana dispensary applicant, Valentia Piccinini, had bought the building next door. The Pebble Beach woman wants to establish Synchronicity Holistic at 26390 Carmel Rancho Blvd.

At a May 16 hearing, the LUAC voted unanimously to support Piccinini’s project if the application by Big Sur Cannabotanicals is denied.

At the same hearing, county planner Craig Spencer suggested it might be possible for both dispensaries to operate in the same area. He said “a variance for a set-back” could be considered, or the general development plan for Carmel Rancho “could create special setbacks to support two dispensaries.”

SPCA has surplus of homeless bunnies

By KELLY NIX

RABBITS BREED like rabbits — and to prove it, you need look no further than the SPCA for Monterey County, which recently took in and is caring for nearly 100 of the inherently quick bunnies.

Since Easter, the SPCA has sheltered 97 rabbits, which includes 54 bunnies rescued by SPCA humane officers and 37 brought to the SPCA by owners who could no longer care for them. In just one night last week, six more bunnies were born at the SPCA.

“This is the most rabbits we’ve had in our care,” spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser told The Pine Cone.

Some rabbits were rescued after a humane investigations case in Pajaro that also involved some sheep and goats. Most of the rabbits, though, were rescued from a home in Salinas where they were living in poor conditions

Sores and infections

“The 41 rabbits — which soon became 47 — rescued from the house in Salinas came in with matted fur, urine scalding, feet sores, and upper respiratory infections,” Brookhouser said. “They are doing much better now, although we did lose one due to infection.”

Thanks to people who adopted the bunnies and rabbit rescue groups, the SPCA found placement for 27 of the animals but is still caring for many more in all shapes, colors, and sizes. Seven rabbits are available for adoption, with more than 20 almost ready for adoption, according to the SPCA.

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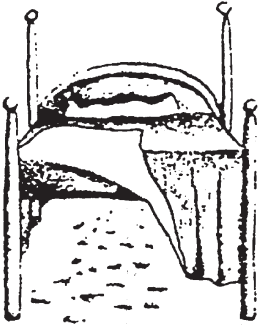
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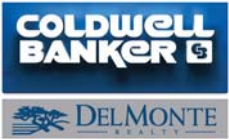
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Burnetts sell their house on Dolores

By MARY SCHLEY

SOLIDIFYING THEIR departure from the Monterey Peninsula and their return to Washington, D.C., former Mayor Jason Burnett and his wife, Melissa, recently sold their home at Dolores and Second.

Tom Minnich, who runs a family of ag and food companies called Harbinger Group LLC, purchased the house for \$1.7 million, according to records on file at the Monterey County Recorder's office. Minnich, a dedicated car collector who has competed in the historic races at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca for more than two decades, is part of a group that proposed to take over management of the track. He's also an active member of Central Coast Angels, a group of investors who provide "capital and mentoring for innovative companies in the Monterey Bay region."

A year ago, after not running for reelec-

tion, Burnett announced he, his wife and their young son, Sebastian, would be taking a road trip across the country and settling in D.C., where Burnett lived and worked for the EPA more than a decade ago. He also said he planned to sell their home on the northern end of town.

"You know the saying, 'You don't own possessions, possessions own you,'" he explained at the time. "I'm trying to simplify my life."

The Burnetts purchased the home, designed by architect John Gamble and constructed in 1965, in 2008.

Not long after, they embarked on an extensive remodel effort to make the house as energy-efficient as possible, adding dual-glazed windows, radiant heating, foam insulation, more efficient heating and lightning, solar panels and non-toxic paint.

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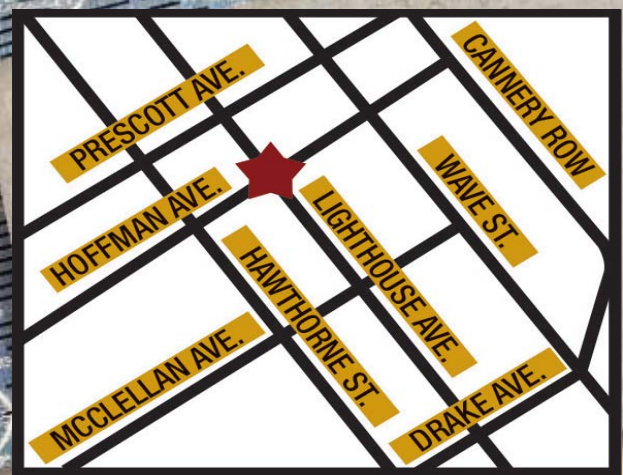
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By MARY SCHLEY

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While Laub said the sale price was well below the property's actual value, she decided to sell it to Patrick Foy and Stewart Cureton "in order to protect the trust" — referring to the Lincoln Trust, which was also listed on the deed as an owner. She said her ongoing conflict with the men behind Dametra — Bashar Sneeh and Faisal Nimri — was the reason.

"They had put the trust in a very bad situation," she said. The owners have faced off in court and in public over a wide range of issues, including who should get what share of the popular restaurant's profits, the terms of their lease agreements, and who, in fact,

owns the restaurant and its name.

"Now I can get on with my life, and the trust can get on with its business," she told The Pine Cone Thursday. "If we didn't sell it, the trust was at risk. Whatever is in the trust will eventually go to my children, so our job is to make sure that as prudent fiduciaries, we protect whatever assets we are able to protect."

The new owners, meanwhile, will work with Sneeh and Nimri, and do whatever they feel is best for the property.

"I'm super happy for the new buyers, and they're super happy, and they believe they got a good deal," she said. "The buyers were very fair. They were not bottom feeders at all, they disclosed everything that was going on, and I feel very blessed that they came into our lives when they did."

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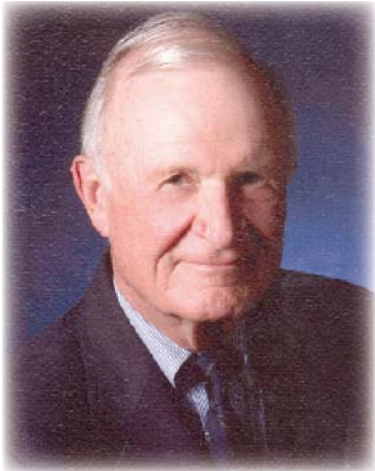
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ROBERT C. HUTCHISON

January 4, 1934 – May 17, 2017

Robert (Hutch) Hutchison of Pebble Beach, formerly of Grosse Pointe, MI, passed away on May 17, 2017 after a year long struggle with ALS. He was 83.

Hutch, having grown up in Plainfield, NJ, moved to the Detroit area with his parents after completing High School. He enrolled at the University of Michigan and began an internship with General Motors. Upon graduation with a Bachelors Degree in Aeronautical Engineering, he then fulfilled his military obligation by serving in the US Navy as an engineering officer on a destroyer escort. Joining General Motors full-time, he started a 40-year career working on numerous engineering projects including gas turbine propulsion systems, the development of air bags and a new battle tank for the military. Hutch became the department head for scheduling Chevrolet production, which handled over 20,000 cars per day. 40 years after becoming an intern at GM, he retired in 1992 to seriously pursue his passion for golf.



Over the next many years, Hutch and his wife managed to play golf in all 50 states. As a long-term resident of Pebble Beach, he served on the Board of Directors for the Del Monte Forest Property Owners Association as well as the Del Monte Forest Conservancy Board. Hutch was a member of the Stillwater Club and The Group. As a member of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club since 1992, he served on several committees and had been handicap chairman for 9 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen and his four children: Sheila Camden, Peter Camden (Ann), Heidi, Charles Robert and one granddaughter, Sarah Jane; two stepchildren: Cheryl (Bob), David (Megan); five step grandchildren: Melanie, Garrett, Luke, Grace and Eva Joy. He was a kind and thoughtful man and will be missed by all who knew him. A private service will be held at a later date.

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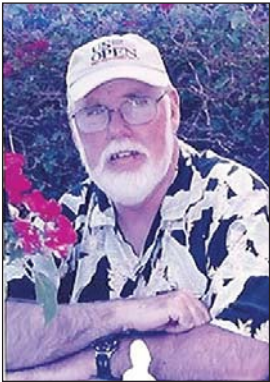
GEOFFREY P. MCBREEN, JR.

February 8, 1949 ❖ May 23, 2017

In the Fall of 1963, Joyce and Geoffrey P. McBreen, Sr. headed west in a Ford Country Squire station wagon with their six children in tow, stopping just short of the Pacific Ocean in Malibu, California.

Geoff, Jr., the oldest of the McBreen clan, who was destined to become the most liberal of the McBreen children, was born on February 8, 1949 in New York, New York.

Geoff attended high school at St. Monica's in Santa Monica, California, where he first began to question the tenets of the Catholic religion of his Irish forefathers. Geoff cemented his liberal credentials while obtaining a B.A. in English at the University of California, Los Angeles. Geoff was incredibly proud of the fact that he was one of the very few UCLA students granted Conscientious Objector status during the Vietnam War. Geoff's politics were always just a little left of radical, leavened with kindness.



After graduating from college, Geoff embarked on a two year odyssey around the world, visiting exotic locales in the Far East and Europe. While traveling across New Zealand, Geoff acquired both a new found knowledge of the Kiwi culture and a beautiful English fellow traveler, Susan Crowther, who, in a rare nod to convention, he married in Lancashire, England on January 10, 1976.

Upon returning to the United States, Geoff and Sue initially made their home in Southern California. Following in a long family tradition, Geoff pursued a career in bartending. While behind the bar, Geoff honed his skills in another family tradition, that of master storyteller.

Geoff and Sue eventually followed their lifelong best friends, Keith and Ginny Fogg, to the Monterey Peninsula where Geoff became the Food and Beverage Manager at the Doubletree Hotel and later the Banquet Manager at Rancho Canada Country Club. Despite climbing the corporate ladder, Geoff always maintained bartending (and storytelling) were his favorite occupations.

Geoff was an accomplished endurance athlete, completing the Ironman Triathlon in Kona, Hawaii, numerous marathons and many long distance bike races, including the Davis Double. Geoff also was a skilled scuba diver, skier, expert wind surfer and lousy golfer.

In 2008, Geoff was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Geoff fought his illness with grace, tenacity and courage, undergoing a double lung transplant in 2014. Geoff died at home, surrounded by his family, on May 23, 2017.

Geoff is survived by his beloved wife, Sue; his devoted son, Miles; Peter, Brian and Brendan, the brothers who always looked up to him; his mother-in-law, Amy; his sisters-in-law, Nicki, Georgette, Jeanne and Jane; his brothers-in-law, Simon and John and too many nephews and nieces to mention. Geoff's parents, brother, Sean and sister, Mary Jo, beat him to the finish line.

Rest in peace Geoffrey Bon Bons, near green grass and running water. And not to worry, we are already embellishing your stories. If, to your surprise, there is a God, take the news graciously and try not to start too much trouble in heaven!

At Geoff's request, there will be no public memorial service although his family and friends intend to have a wild party in his honor. Geoff's ashes will be scattered off the Malibu Coast. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a liberal charity of your choice.

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DEBRIS

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elsewhere, but he conceded doing so might not be viable because there aren't enough sites nearby to dump all the material. "It's probably impracticable to cart it all off," Watson said.

In 2011, road crews working on the much smaller Alder Creek slide were required to truck the material they cleared from the roadway to dump sites about four miles to the north, and about one mile to the south. Some Big Sur residents, though, pointed out the irony of using so much heavy equipment and gasoline to avoid harming the environment.

Before a decision is made about how to dispose of the debris from the Mud Creek slide, Watson said more studies need to be completed — including some using a drone, and others done underwater by divers.

"We're still trying to figure out how big the slide is," Watson added. "We don't know what our options are yet. Once we have all the information, I imagine we'll have a discussion. We'll get together with all the agencies and the county, and we'll make a decision together."

The scenic route at Mud Creek has been closed since heavy rains triggered the slide in February. Last month, officials conceded the situation had become much worse as the slide continued to move. On May 20, it suffered an immense collapse that buried a quarter-mile of roadway and added 13 acres to the California shoreline, according to USCS. At the moment, there's no timetable for reopening the highway — and the timetable gets longer and longer as officials ponder what to do.

SUBPOENA

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Mayor Steve Dallas, Fruge would have to either provide certified copies of the records that have been verified for accuracy and completeness, or appear with the documents in hand at the council's Sept. 5 meeting. Failure to provide them would be a violation of state law, according to the document.

Lawyers working for the city could then use the information to seek legal action against the homeowners to force them to comply with the law, which city officials have been working harder over the past couple of years to enforce.

Most people who are operating short-term rentals in town stop doing so once code enforcement officer Al Fasulo gets in touch with them and issues a warning, according to Freeman. But the Wagelaars, who have owned the house since 1991, according to county records, have not, and Freeman said the city is willing to go to lengths most other jurisdictions aren't in order to get property owners to comply with the short-term-rental ban.

GRIFFIN

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advertising campaign that featured Griffin.

Sunset Center's decision drew widespread support among people posting on Facebook, although several defended Griffin's actions.

"I fully endorse her right to make such a political statement," Todd Grant declared. "Our country has a long history of comedians pushing boundaries to make a point."

But not all of those who disagreed with canceling the show did so gracefully. "You're f***ing stupid and weak for canceling her or any artist who shares in our outcry against Donald Trump," Kayla Cardenas chimed in.

Initially, the vast majority of people who responded to the post thanked Sunset Center for canceling the show, which many called, "the right thing."

"My deepest respect and admiration for Sunset Center for pulling Kathy Griffin from all their future shows," Michelle Atherton posted. "They have shown a great sense of decency and justice."

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BOTTEGA

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The following day, the officers met with detectives from Los Angeles P.D. in hopes of finding Kees, and that afternoon, the LAPD officers tracked him down in his car. “Detective Johnson and Officer Boucher arrived on scene to find the trunk to Kees’ vehicle open and six tan-colored bags inside, with ‘Bottega Veneta’ printed on them,” he said. The bags were still in their dust covers, as many of the purses stolen from the Carmel store had been, and Boucher positively compared them with his list of what had been taken.

Kees also allowed detectives to search his home, but they found nothing, and he was taken to LAPD’s 77th Division station. During an interview with Johnson, “Kees claimed he did not know the bags were stolen, and claimed he himself had bought the bags from another individual,” Powell said, but he couldn’t provide any information about that person or tell police how to find him.

\$18K in handbags

Kees, 38, was booked into L.A. County Jail on the charge of possession of stolen property, and last Wednesday night, Johnson and Boucher went on to Montebello to find their second seller. That man also admitted to selling the bags online — and also claimed he hadn’t known they were stolen, according to Powell. Officers’ search of his home turned up nothing more.

“The second seller explained he had purchased the Bottega Veneta bags from a subject he only knew by his nickname, but was confident he could positively identify this subject again,” Powell said. When shown a photo of Kees, he did.

Johnson and Boucher returned to town May 25 with \$18,000 worth of merchandise: the half-dozen handbags from Kees’ trunk and the wallet. Employees at the Carmel Plaza location confirmed the purses had been taken from their store, but not the wallet, which turned out to have been stolen during a burglary of a Bottega Veneta shop in Palm Desert. CPD forwarded that information to the Riverside County Sheriff’s Office.

Kees, meanwhile, is set to be prosecuted in L.A. County for possessing the stolen bags, but “Carmel P.D. personnel will continue to work on linking Kees to the physical burglary in Carmel,” Powell said. If they can, he’ll be charged and prosecuted here for that crime. The break-in was caught on the store’s video surveillance, but police haven’t said whether that footage has been useful.

APPLE

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While the Apple Store in Monterey sometimes has security guards, there weren’t any present the day of the theft, he said. The value of the stolen items is believed to be as high as \$39,000.

“We are documenting it as a felony shoplifting conspiracy,” Andrews said. “If they had threatened anybody, it would be bumped up to a felony robbery.”

Detectives have analyzed surveillance footage and are trying to determine if the grab-and-run is linked to several other recent Apple Store thefts, including a May 25 incident in Walnut Creek in which four black men in hooded sweatshirts



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Gangs of thieves have targeted the Apple Store in Del Monte Shopping Center three times, including one two weeks ago when the loot they made away with was worth nearly \$40,000, police said.

stole about \$30,000 worth of merchandise while the store was open.

The suspects in that theft fled in a black Dodge Charger, the same type of vehicle the suspects in Monterey reportedly used to flee.

“There are similar incidents involving Apple stores in other communities and we are investigating to see if there is a nexus and if other [agencies] outside Monterey have leads they we can follow,” Andrews explained.

The Monterey Police Department is considering releasing surveillance footage of the theft to the press.

Ironically, the theft in Monterey came one week after a top-secret retreat for senior Apple executives was held at the Inn at Spanish Bay. The company rented the entire hotel, emptied the parking lot and employed guards to keep onlookers away. The event was so hush-hush that many Pebble Beach Company employees were unaware of what company was involved.

An Apple spokeswoman told The Pine Cone that the company doesn’t comment on “matters of security.”

Taxpayers cover fire costs

STATE TAX dollars replaced local revenues when the California Office of Emergency Services wrote a check for \$377,000 to the City of Monterey last month. The money is reimbursement for the Monterey Fire Department’s response to the Soberanes Fire, according to Chief Gaudin Panholzer.

The Soberanes Fire started on July 22, 2016, and burned 132,127 acres before it was extinguished three months later.

The reimbursement amounts to more than half of the money coming from the California OES during the 2016-2017 fiscal year, which totals about \$714,500 so far.

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One dead, five injured after Mercedes crashes into tree in Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE PERSON was killed and another five people were injured when a van collided with a tree in Big Sur May 31. According to the California Highway Patrol, the accident happened at about 3:30 p.m. along Highway 1 just north of Captain Cooper School. A CHP spokesperson told The Pine Cone a visitor from Beijing, China, Nanou Zhang, was driving a 2017 Mercedes van. “He and members of his family were traveling south-bound on Highway 1, and for unknown reasons, he drove onto the shoulder and collided with a tree,” the CHP reported. According to the CHP, four of the six passengers were properly restrained. “One passenger succumbed to injuries at the scene,” the report contunued. “One was flown via Calstar to Natividad Medical Center, while the remaining four were transported to Natividad by ambulance.” Alcohol and drugs were not a factor in the crash, the report added. The accident remains under investigation. The accident comes just four months after a Big Sur woman, Lara Anderson, was killed when she crashed into another tree just a short distance away. Wet weather may have been a factor in Anderson’s accident.

Pirates seek booty in the forest

FILLED WITH marauding buccaneers, fair mermaids and a whale’s belly full of laughs, “Pirate Booty” opens Friday, June 2, at Forest Theater. Presented by the Forest Theater Guild, and written and directed by Carmel’s Todd Weaver, “Pirate Booty” features “a slew of first time actors alongside of a number of Forest Theater stage veterans.” Besides offering a bounty of entertainment, the musical-comedy explores the enduring question: What’s of greater value — love or money? Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for teachers, seniors and active military, \$15 for students and \$10 for kids under 12. “Pirate Booty” continues through June 18.

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Sacred items stolen from Catholic church

By MARY SCHLEY

TWO CHALICES and patens — gold or silver plates used for covering chalices or holding the Eucharist during Communion — a censer that contains burning incense during Catholic ceremonies, a key to the tabernacle, and a guitar were stolen from the St. Francis of the Redwoods church in Big Sur sometime in late April or May, a Carmel Mission pastor told Monterey County Sheriff’s deputy Mike Smith May 17. “The items might have been taken due to appearing to be gold,” Smith told The Pine Cone this week. “They were not valued monetarily, but as sacred.” Smith said the church’s caretaker, who lives farther down the coast, hasn’t been there as frequently as he would like, due to the closure of the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge just south of the church on Highway 1, so no one knows when, exactly, the items went missing. The deputy also said there were no signs of forced entry, so either the building containing them was left unlocked, or the person who stole them had access to it. The Rev. Jhonnatan F. Carmona, Parochial Vicar at the Carmel Mission, reported the crime to the sheriff’s office.

Theater pays tribute to National Pastime

After kicking off its “Films in the Forest” series last week with a screening of “Mamma Mia,” the Forest Theater will be the site of a bonafide baseball triple header this week. A coming-of-age story set in 1962, “Sandlot” is a light-hearted look at a group of baseball-loving kids, their dusty field, and a big scary dog who captures a prized baseball signed by Babe Ruth. The film screens Tuesday, June 6. Next up is “Field of Dreams,” which plays Wednesday, June 7. In the film, Kevin Costner’s sanity is questioned after he hears a voice that commands him to create a baseball field on his Iowa farm where a corn field stands. Clint Eastwood’s “Trouble with the Curve” screens Thursday, June 8. Carmel’s most famous celebrity plays a crusty old baseball scout who can barely see the players he’s evaluating. Showtime is 7:45 p.m. The theater is located at Santa Rita and Mountain View. Call (831) 626-1681 or visit www.foresttheaterguild.org.

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“Unfortunately, we don’t have any leads for the church right now,” Smith said. “The church provided photographs of similar items which I distributed to the Big Sur deputy and state park rangers. So far, no luck.” Smith also said Mission officials “are considering security measures for the future.” Emails to a staff member at the Carmel Mission were unreturned.

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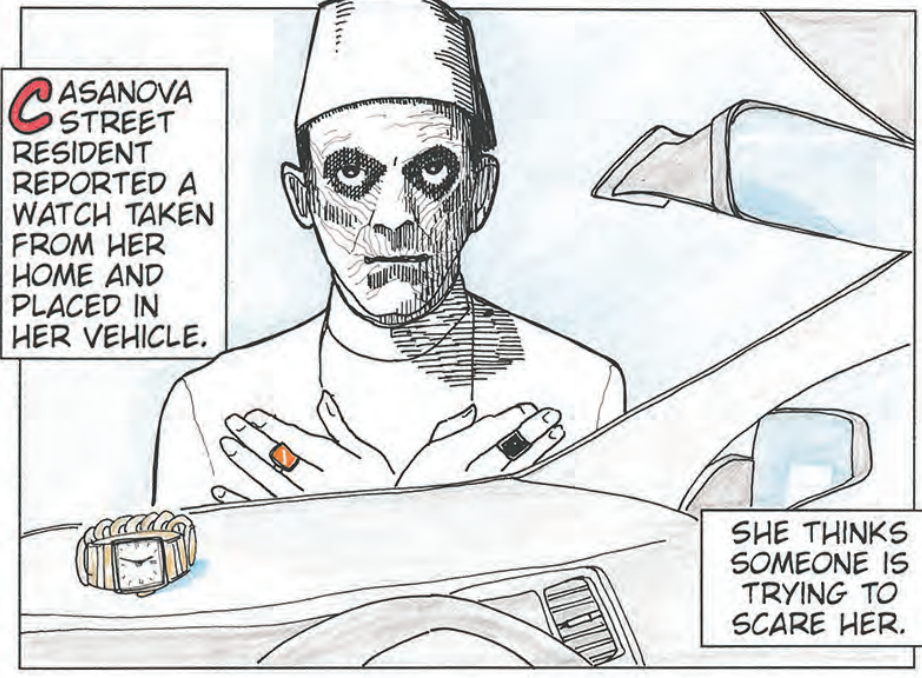
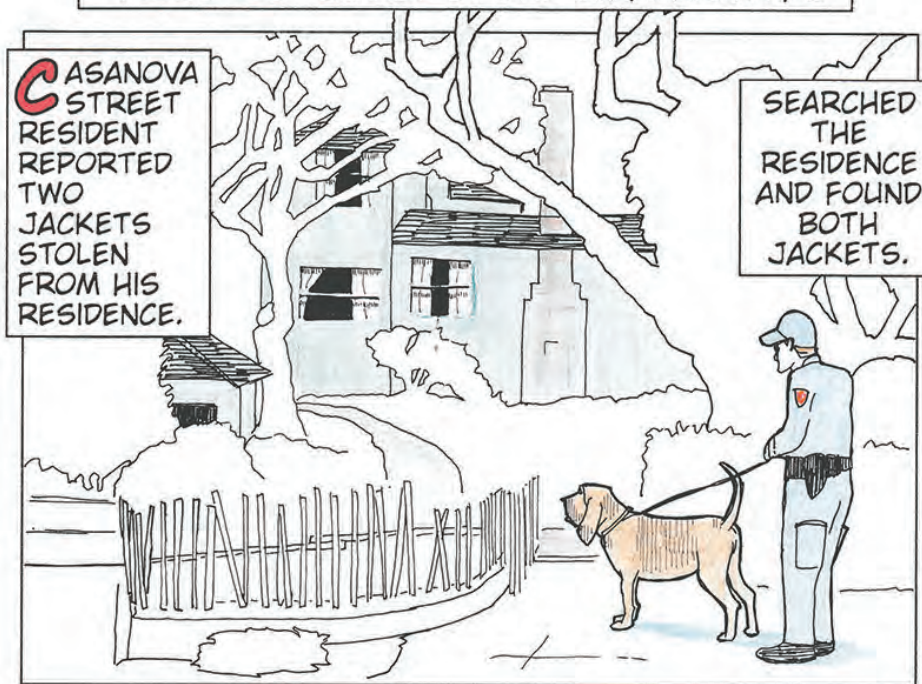
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Publication dates: June 2, 9, 16, 2017. (PC602)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20171090
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
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Registered Owner(s):
The Foggy Lantern, LLC, 34 Montsalas Dr., Monterey, CA 93940
201600810158
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Norm Hutton, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 18, 2017
Original Filing: 6/26/19 6/16, 6/23/17
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Publication dates: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017. (PC605)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20171148
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
CANNA BREWING COMPANY, 2980 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY COUNTY
Registered Owner(s):
ROBERT THOMAS PAPPANI, 2980 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Robert T. Pappani
May 25, 2017
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) [B&P Code 17913]. **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 25, 2017
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017. (PC606)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20171105
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TE MANA TRAVELS, SW Corner of 5th & Torres, Carmel, CA 93921.**
Mailing address: P.O. Box 5771, Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY COUNTY
Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
JRW ENTERPRISES, SW Corner of 5th & Torres, Carmel, CA 93921
State of Inc./Org./Reg: CA
This business is conducted by: a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 17, 2017.
S/ Jennifer Westfall, President
May 19, 2017
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 19, 2017
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tious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017. (PC607)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20171132
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY TRUST MANAGEMENT & PRIVATE CLIENT SERVICES, 400 Camino El Estero, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY COUNTY
Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
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State of Inc./Org./Reg: CA
This business is conducted by: a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 12, 2012.
S/ Liza D. Horvath, President
April 4, 2017
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 24, 2017
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing
Publication dates: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017. (PC608)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. The public hearings will be opened at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. For the items on the agenda, staff will present the project, then the applicant and all interested members of the public will be allowed to speak or offer written testimony before the Commission takes action. Decisions

to approve or deny the project may be appealed to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the City Clerk within ten (10) working days following the date of action by the Planning Commission and paying the requisite appeal fee.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

DS 17-005 (Byrne)
Dale Byrne, Property Owner
San Antonio, 2 SE 13th Avenue
Block: Z; Lots: 4
APN: 010-287-011
Consideration of combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 17-005) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the remodel of an existing two-story single-family residence to include adding 54 square feet of habitable space, expanding a basement area, and exterior finish materials include stucco siding, stone veneer, and a wood shake roof. The project site is located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning and Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay Districts.

DS 17-104 (Finnegan)
Jeff Crockett, Designer
Carmelo, 5 SW of 11th Avenue
Block: X; Lots: 9
APN: 010-279-004
Consideration of combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 17-104) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the remodel of an existing single-family residence to include adding 170 square feet to the main floor, adding a 182 square-foot lower floor, a 15 square-foot additional to the existing garage. The project site is located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 17-129 (McMills)
John Mandurrigo, Designer
Lincoln, 3 NW of Santa Lucia
Block: 145; Lots: 25 & N 1/2 of 23
APN: 010-173-007
Consideration of a Concept Design Study (DS 17-129) and associated Coastal Development Permit for alterations to an existing two-story, single-family residence to include adding 1,069 square feet of combined floor area to the upper and lower levels, an attached single-car garage; new stone terrace and glass railing; stone entry porch/walkway and stone wall with wood gate. The project site is located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 17-088 (Harinarayan/Neelakantan)
Aengus Jeffers, Applicant Attorney
Scenic Road, 9 SW Ocean Ave
Block: C2; Lots: 6 and portion of 7
APN: 010-312-010
Consideration of Final Design Study (DS 17-088) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing residence and construction of a new 3,450-square foot residence single-family residence. The proposed design is modern-style and exterior finish material include western red cedar and metal fascia roof edge. The project site is located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District, and Park Overlay (P), Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay, and Archaeological Significance Overlay (AS) Districts.

DS 17-061 (D’Or)
Chris Tescher, Property Owner
SW corner of Camino Real & 7th

Block: N; Lot: 1
APN: 010-265-001
Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 17-061) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing two-story residence and construction of a new 2,150 square-foot, two-story, contemporary-style residence and detached rear-yard garage with exterior finish materials to include natural stone veneer siding and a metal roof. The project site is located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 17-159 (Burlingham)
Terry Latasa, Architect
Torres Street, 2 NE of 4th Avenue
Block: 38; Lot: 16
APN: 010-103-009
Consideration of a Concept and Final Design Study (DS 17-159) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new 289-square-foot attached garage, a new 148-square-foot, single story entry and closet addition to the main residence, and a new outdoor fire pit. The project site is located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

UP 17-020 (C Pines 7)
Adam Jeselnick, Project Architect
SE Corner 7th and Dolores Street
Block: 91; Lot: 20
APN: 010-145-020
Consideration of a Revision to an approved Use Permit (UP 17-020) permitting the addition of a 649-square foot second-level mezzanine within an existing commercial building. The applicant is requesting to relocate the approved mezzanine from the north end to the south end of the space. The project site is located at the southeast corner of Dolores Street and 7th Ave in the Service Commercial (SC) Zoning District.

UP 17-172 (First Church Christian Scientist)
Mark Blum, Applicant Attorney
Lincoln Street, 3 SW of 5th Ave
Block: 54; Lot: 5
APN: 010-212-017
Consideration of a Use Permit Amendment (UP 17-172) application to allow the elimination of a 7-space parking facility currently used for the First Church of Christian Scientist so that the lot can be used for the development of a single-family residence. The project site is located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

AD 17-193 (Vitality)
Alexandra Stabile, Applicant Representative
N/’s of Ocean belt, San Carlos & Dolores
Block: 71; Lots: w 1/2 of 1 & all of 5
APN: 010-134-005
Administrative Determination (AD 17-193) review by the Planning Commission to determine whether a proposed business offering aqua-massage and an oxygen bar is compliant with the City’s zoning standards. The project site is located in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District

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LOS LONELY BOYS ROCK, WAILIN' JENNYS SLOW THINGS DOWN AT GOLDEN STATE

KICKING OFF the busy summer season with a bang, the Golden State Theatre in Monterey welcomes a pair of live acts this weekend, with **Los Lonely Boys** playing Friday, June 2, and **The Wailing Jennys** taking the stage the following night.

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Bursting on the scene with their trademark “Texican Rock ‘n’ Roll,” Los Lonely Boys scored a No. 1 pop hit with their irresistible debut single, the Grammy Award-winning “Heaven.” The band showcases the talents of three brothers, **Henry, Jojo and Ringo Garza**. Tickets are \$34 to \$60.

A Canadian folk and blue grass trio that’s best known for

its heavenly harmonies, the Wailing Jennys have twice earned Junos — the Canadian equivalent of a Grammy — for Roots and Traditional Album of the Year. The trio features **Ruth Moody, Nicky Mehta and Heather Masse**. Tickets are \$32 to \$60.

“We’re thrilled to present a weekend of great music at the Golden State Theater,” owner **Lori Lichtenfeld** told The Pine Cone. “On Friday night, we’ll bring you hot Grammy-award-winning American-Chicano rockers, and on Saturday, we’ll slow it down and share the beautiful harmonies of an international folk trio with an aching perfect vocal sound.”

Both shows start at 8 p.m. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. (831) 649-1070 or visit www.goldenstatetheatre.com.

First Friday rocks P.G.

The streets of downtown Pacific Grove will come alive June 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. when the city hosts its monthly First Friday celebration — and besides showcasing the town’s many shops and galleries, the event provides a stage for a half-dozen musical acts.

Singer-songwriter **Vincent Randazzo** and two others will perform at Bookmark Music, **Tipperary** will play Celtic music at Marina Patina, **Wild Card** will serve up a medley of classic rock hits in the Rabobank courtyard, a blues band named for its host will jam at Phill’s Barber Shop, guitarist **Joe Lucido** will play smooth jazz at Artisana Gallery, and guitarist and flutist **Charlie Craddock** will perform at the Craddock-Butterfield Gallery. www.pacificgrove.org

Live Music May 26 - June 1

Barmel — **The Clearwings** (acoustic folk rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Slim Bawb** (“swamp music,” Saturday at 7 p.m.).

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‘Who shot Monterey Pop’ looks at the festival’s most memorable images

FIFTY YEARS after the Monterey Pop Festival launched the Summer of Love, an exhibit of photographs from the groundbreaking music festival opens June 2 at the Monterey Museum of Art.

“Who Shot Monterey Pop” features images by **Fred Arellano, Ed Caraeff, Jerry de Wilde, Henry Diltz, Lisa Law, Elaine Mayes, and Tom O’Neal** — many of which have never been publicly displayed.

The photos captured the action at the festival, which intro-

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

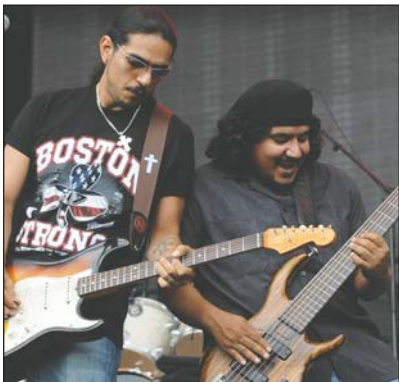
duced the world to many acts that would go on to reshape pop music, including Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and The Who. Haight-Asbury’s thriving music scene also captured national attention for the first time as the Jefferson Airplane, Grateful Dead and other San Francisco rock bands took the stage June 16-18, 1967, at the Monterey Fairgrounds.

“This exhibition celebrates the 50th anniversary of the

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Painter Böbe Kirsch’s “Devastating Landscape” will be featured in a pop-up show this weekend at Carmel Visual Arts in the Barnyard shopping center.



The Clearwings (top left) play acoustic folk rock June 2 at Barmel. The Wailin’ Jennys (above) bring their heavenly harmonies to Golden State Theatre in Monterey June 3. Los Lonely Boys (left) perform at the same venue June 2.

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A new place for tacos, Donut Day Friday, and Wines with Muscle

PESCADERO — THE new Mexican restaurant opened by Gabe Georis — has been in business almost a month, transitioning smoothly from the Spanish fare that was served there for the previous eight years, when it was Mundaka.

The décor has changed to reflect its new identity and mission, but the restaurant still has the same distinctive feel: casual, eclectic, warm and cool. And talented chef Brandon Miller remains in charge of the kitchen, which during a recent dinner there turned out empanadas of eggplant and smoked tuna, guacamole made to order, Caesar salad (“a Baja original, invented in Tijuana”), and carnitas tacos, with the shredded and slightly charred pork served in a tiny cast iron skillet, and the garnishes presented on the side. Making Pescadero more special are the handmade tortillas served hot and fresh in insulated fabric pouches that keep them warm.

Inspired by Georis' many trips to Baja, the menu also offers fish tacos, ceviche, melon salad, tostadas, enchiladas and several other dishes, and it changes regularly, depending on what fish and other ingredients are available.

Pescadero started serving lunch as of Thursday, so it's now open from noon to 3 p.m., and from 5 to 9:30 p.m. daily. Georis' bar next door will fill the gap.

"Barmel will open at 3 p.m., so we have seamless service

in the patio from noon, straight through,” Georis added. “Happy Hour will be from 3 to 5 p.m., with discounted drinks and half-off a limited food menu.”

Pescadero's opening gave Carmel two upscale Mexican restaurants, but with entirely different ambiance and cuisine. Cultura, which opened in the former Jack London's location in Su Vecino Court last August, serves mole, whole roasted fish, and chili relleno, among several other dishes and snacks. Both offer half a roasted chicken and a hot queso appetizer, but their preparations and presentations differ.

— This being Carmel, neither is inexpensive, but both are solid choices for satisfying a hankering for Mexican food — it just depends on what kind of experience you want.

Pescadero and Barmel are located on San Carlos Street north of Seventh Avenue. Call (831) 624-7400 for info.

■ Monday Night Dinners on hold

Michael Jones' Sunday brunches and Monday Night Dinners made the move from Cachagua to the Village after his old building in Upper Carmel Valley closed last year — but that chapter ended, too, when Jones and his crew were told Tuesday morning to have everything out of their Carmel

Valley Center location by Wednesday morning.

That doesn't mean, however, that the Cachagua General Store is a thing of the past, as Jones is working on a few ideas for the next iteration of his catering business and weekly meals. While he doesn't have any firm answers at the moment, Jones said Wednesday that he's meeting with people about potential venues, and he asked everyone to stay tuned.

■ The Salvation Army's Donut Day

Local donut shops are collaborating with The Salvation Army to celebrate National Donut Day June 2 by inviting customers to register to win a range of prizes — including a dozen donuts a month for a whole year.

Lloyd Graff of the nonprofit's Monterey Peninsula chapter said the promotion resulted from a suggestion by the local Salvation Army that the area's donut shops join it in celebrat-

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ing the “holiday,” which was designated almost eight decades ago to commemorate the Salvation Army volunteers who served soldiers in France during World War I.

Those volunteers, most of whom were women, mended clothing, tended to wounds, “and most notably served coffee and donuts to our men on the front lines,” Graff said. “They earned the name, ‘doughnut lassies,’ or ‘donut girls,’ and became a nationally recognized symbol for The Army during that time. That was a big deal.”

Prizes include four tickets to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, four tickets to the Monterey County Fair, free donuts for a year, lunch with KSBW anchor Dan Green, two tickets to see the Santa Cruz Warriors, and two tickets to see the San Francisco Giants. Local shops that are participating include the Red’s locations on Fremont in Seaside and Alvarado in Monterey, Monterey Donuts, Coffee Mia and Marina Donuts in Marina, and Pinky’s Donut World on Cannery Row.

■ McIntyre releases new rosé

McIntyre Vineyards recently released its 2016 rosé of Pinot Noir, and the dry pink wine is impressively bright and juicy — and probably the winery’s best rosé to date.

“At McIntyre, we take our rose damned seriously. As in previous vintages, our 2016 was consciously farmed, harvested, vinified and bottled with one thought in mind: Let’s make the ultimate rosé,” the folks at the winery, which has a tasting room in the Crossroads shopping center, say. “Lightly colored, it is fresh and vibrant with notes of white peaches, orange blossom and sandalwood. The palate is rich, crisp and highly structured. Delicious stuff!”

The wine sells for \$24 per bottle. McIntyre also produces Chardonnay, Pinot

Noir, Merlot, and a sparkling wine called L’Homme Qui Ris (“The Man who Laughs”). www.mcintyrevineyards.com

■ Cousin’s Dozens

A Monterey High grad who also studied at MPC now runs her own farm, selling fresh hen eggs, duck eggs and herbs she grows without pesticides. The owner of Cousin’s Dozens, Jeri Saia, has been farming in Prunedale for the past seven years, and the eggs from her ducks and chickens can be found at Bruno’s Market at Junipero and Sixth.

Unusual for their multicolored hues, the hen eggs are eye catching in their plastic boxes and delicious to eat, with rich, nearly orange yolks, and firm whites.

According to Saia, the hens eat a special diet of GMO-free grains, flax and chia seeds, oyster shells, fresh fruits and vegetables, and fresh water, not to mention whatever bugs might be around in the large, grassy area where they range. During the winter, Saia lets her chickens rest, so they can bulk up on nutrition and vitamins during the colder, shorter days.

“They are cared for in a way that encourages their health and an improved quality in their eggs that can be distinguished from store-bought brands,” she says. Cousin’s Dozens’ hen and duck eggs can be found at Bruno’s for \$8.

■ Wines with Muscle

Jacques Melac has selected a special line-up for Wines with Muscle, a tasting scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Fifi’s Bistro Café, located at 1188 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove.

As the name suggests, the tasting will feature wines of the bigger, bolder variety, like

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Bonny Doon’s Le Cigare Volant, the blend of Mourvèdre, Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault that helped winemaker Randal Grahm earn his moniker, The Rhone Ranger.

Rombauer, best known for its sweetish Chardonnay, makes a powerhouse Zinfandel, and Brassfield’s red blend, Eruption, includes several varietals, mostly Petite Sirah and Syrah. Tolosa, located in Edna Valley near San Luis Obispo, produces a big Syrah, too, and Turley, down in Paso Robles, is known for its rich Zinfandels, including the wine called Juvenile that will be poured during Saturday’s tasting.

The cost to attend is \$15 per person, and reservations are required. Call (831) 372-5325. www.fifiscafe.com

Artichokes are fun to eat

Celebrating everyone’s favorite thistle, the Castroville Artichoke Festival (no longer held in Castroville) will take place Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Monterey Fairgrounds.

Since 1959, Peninsula residents and visitors have come together to celebrate California’s official state vegetable, which was first planted here in 1922. Castroville still supplies nearly two-thirds of the country’s supply of fresh artichokes, and the festival supports the heritage of the town’s farming community.

This year’s fest will feature lots of artichoke dishes, of course, as well as demos by many of the area’s notable chefs, including Tony Baker from Montrio/Baker’s Bacon, Fabrice Roux of the eponymous restaurant in Carmel Valley, Jerry Regester from the Santa Lucia Preserve, Terry Teplitzky of Michael’s Catering and Boardwalk Sub Shop, Estevan Jimenez — known to everyone as EJ — of Aqua Terra Culinary, Dyon Foster, Jeremiah Tydeman from Alvarado Street Brewery,

Matthew Beaudin from the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Angela Tamura of Peppoli at Spanish Bay.

This year’s event will also have a Wine & Beer Garden serving wine, beer and spirits from numerous local producers. Live music, farm tours, and a Kids Zone with face painting and games round out the weekend.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for active military and people age 62 and older, and \$5 for kids ages 6 through 12. For more information and tickets, go to www.artichokefestival.org.

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San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Big Sur River Inn — Paige Too! (jazz, Sunday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

Cannery Row Brewing Co. in Monterey — **Undercover** (pop, rock, soul and reggae, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 95 Prescott Ave., (831) 643-2722.

The Center for Spiritual Awakening in Pacific Grove — guitarist **Michael Gulezian** (fingerstyle instrumental, Saturday at 3 p.m.). 522 Central Ave.

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Cooper’s Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — **Songs Hotbox Harry Taught Us** (Big Sur country, Friday at 9 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Matt Bradford** (Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

East Village Coffee House in Monterey — singer-songwriters **Cecilia Cafiero** (with friends) and **Amy Warren** (Friday at 7 p.m.); and **The Thyme Bombs** (pop and rock,

Tunes, Trucks, & Tastes

The wineries of River Road will come together for the 2nd annual music and food truck festival at Odonata Winery Sunday, June 11, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Odonata, Pessagno, Manzoni, Puma Road, Hahn Family Wines, Smith Family Wines (formerly known as Paraiso), Ventana and Scheid will be there pouring.

Providing the eats will be a handful of local food trucks, most notably Kuki’s and Poke Lab, with The Choke Coach, Ate 3

Saturday at 7 p.m.). 498 Washington St., (831) 373-5601.

Evolution Studio in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Jim Beckwith** (Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). In the American Tin Cannery at 125 Ocean View Blvd. Call (831) 601-0427.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Austin Metreyeon** (Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Casey Frazier** (“eclectic Americana,” Sunday at 4:30 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Rob Armenti** (“country soul and gritty folk,” Thursday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

The Holman Ranch Tavern in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Fred McCarty** (rock & country, Friday at 4 p.m.); **The Petty Cash Band** (folk, Sunday at noon); and singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Monday at 5 p.m.). 16 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 659-2774.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — guitarist **Bob Basa**, drummer **David Morwood** and friends (Brazilian jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); and bassist **Steve Ucello**, guitarist **Bob Basa** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, funk and pop, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Jazz Trio** featuring pianists **Bob Phillips** or **Bill Spencer** (jazz, in the lobby, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); and **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Julia’s restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Tiffany Decker** (Monday at 6 p.m.); singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew**

One, and The Waffle Roost serving up snacks, too.

David Holodiloff and a band called Nuclear Fuzz will supply the tunes.

Odonata is located at 645 River Road in Salinas, and tickets are \$65 for general admission and \$75 for VIP, which includes early access starting at noon, preferred parking, and other goodies.

Each ticket holder will receive a glass and tastings, a wine tote, and a \$10 food voucher.

Go to <http://riverroadwinetrail.com> for information and tickets.

(Tuesday at 6 p.m.); mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Buddy Comfort** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

Mission Ranch — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 7 p.m.); pianist **David Kempton** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sunday at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Pierce Ranch Vineyards in Monterey — **The Stu Reynolds Saxtet** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.). 499 Wave St., (831) 372-8900.

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

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

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — **Out of the Blue** (blues, Friday at 6 p.m.); and **Mother Tongue** (Americana, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

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music festival that changed the world, through the eyes of the photographers who captured the historic event on film,” explained **Stuart Chase**, the new executive director for the museum. “The Monterey International Pop Festival was a pivotal moment in the history of rock ’n’ roll. It ushered in the counterculture revolution, elevated rock ’n’ roll from a fad to a genre, and took everyone involved along for the ride.”

The museum hosts a reception at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free for members and \$10 for non-members. The display continues through Sept. 2. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. www.monterey.org.

■ Orland presents ‘Orlandia’

A close friend and assistant of iconic fine art photographer Ansel Adams, **Ted Orland** unveils a display of his work, “Orlandia,” July 3 at the Center for Photographic Art.

“Ted’s photography is wide-ranging, innovative, and defies ordinary categorization,” executive director **Brian Taylor** said. “Curated by photographer and long-time friend, **David Bayles**, the exhibition will feature select examples from throughout Orland’s career, and showcase a variety of analog and digital prints with surreal inventive techniques.”

Orland presents a talk in Carpenter Hall at 4 p.m., which will be followed by a reception in the center’s gallery. Carpenter Hall and the center are located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-5181.



Photographer Ed Caraeff captured one of rock’s most iconic moments when Jimi Hendrix lit his guitar on fire at the Monterey Pop Festival in 1967. That image, along with many others from the groundbreaking gathering at the Monterey Fairgrounds, is featured in a display that opens June 2 at the Monterey Museum of Art.

Grove Art Center will stay open until 9 p.m. June 2 — and offer free admission for the evening.

Now on display at the art center are shows by painters **Vladimir, Olga and Fedor Mukhin** (“Joie de Vivre”), painter **Ed Penniman** (“Untouched: Contemporary Landscapes of the Central Coast”), and multi-media artists **Zoya Scholis and Vera Tchikovani** (“Into the Mix”).

Besides the nonprofit art center, a dozen shops and galleries will also stay open late, including the Center for Spiritual Awakening, Studio Silzer, A Touch of Glass, Bookmark Music, Artisana Gallery, the Red House Cafe and the Craddock-Butterfield Gallery.

The celebration will feature art openings, live music and other surprises. Sponsored by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, the event starts at 6 p.m. and is free.

■ For two days only

A pop-up exhibit calling attention to the talents of painter **Böbe Kirsch** will be on display Friday and Saturday, June 2-3, at Carmel Visual Arts in The Barnyard shopping center.

A native of Hungary, Kirsch now lives in Carmel.

“Her work is a combination of landscapes and figurative portraits,” gallery director **Rich Brimer** explained. “It’s passionate, and it’s filled with movement and energy.”

Brimer recently moved Carmel Visual Arts to a new site in The Barnyard above Aabha Indian Cuisine. Call (831) 250-5732 or visit www.carmelvisualarts.com.

Trio of resident writers share new books

INTRODUCING HER latest mystery set in Carmel during the early 20th century, author and resident Kathryn Gualtieri will sign copies of “Red Scare” June 7 at The Carmel Foundation, starting at 2:30 p.m.

Another local author, Ron Wormser will greet guests and talk about “A Dog’s Tale” Saturday, June 3, at Diggidy Dog. The event begins at noon. Diggidy Dog is located at Ocean and Monte Verde. Wormser will also sign copies of his book June 13 at 6:30 p.m.

at the Cypress Inn.

And a Carmel resident who is skilled with the camera and the pen, Marc Silber will share his new book, “Advancing Your Photography,” Saturday at Harrison Memorial Library.

Silber offers practical advice to photographers of all levels of experience — from novices to advanced. The event starts at 1 p.m. The library is located at Ocean and Lincoln.



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MACDONALD

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was,” Ebey said. “She then promptly returned the funds to Mr. MacDonald so that the court could resolve the amount of the funds in question that each party was entitled to receive.”

Cominos also told the unemployment judge that MacDonald owes her \$400,000 in “deferred compensation,” but she failed to provide documents to show she’s entitled to the money. She lost the case and was denied unemployment benefits, according to MacDonald.

The split from his wife has been costly for MacDonald. A judge in their divorce case, which is separate from the civil lawsuit, ordered him to pay her attorneys \$325,000 for their work, plus more than \$16,000 per month in alimony to Cominos. MacDonald figures he’s already spent \$2 million in both cases.

Meanwhile, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office is still investigating whether Cominos did anything criminal. Her attorney, Larry Biegel has adamantly denied she broke the law and neither she nor her father has been charged with any crimes.

BURNETTS

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As a result of their efforts, the house obtained Platinum-level LEED certification and was expected to cut energy usage by 35 percent.

The Burnetts also planted a rooftop garden and installed drought-friendly irrigation they expected to drastically cut their water use.

At the time, Jason Burnett said he hoped his efforts would inspire others who own mid-century homes and might want to improve them without altering their footprints and appearances. He said houses like theirs are “worth preserving.”

Less than five years later, the Burnetts decided to put their house on the market and relocate in order to be closer to family back East, including Sebastian’s cousin, who was born to Burnett’s sister two years ago.

This week, Burnett said he had nothing to say about the sale of his home here. He described life in the nation’s capital these days as “very interesting, indeed.”

Up-and-coming choreographers showcased by Smuin

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO FIND the choreographers of tomorrow, a San Francisco ballet company is turning to the dancers of today, explained artistic director Celia Fushille of Smuin, which performs Friday and Saturday, June 2-3, at Sunset Center.

A dancer for Smuin, Nicole Haskins has written a piece, “The Poetry of Being,” that will open the San Francisco ballet company’s latest program, “Dance Series 2,” this weekend at Sunset. Set to the music of Tchaikovsky’s “Souvenir de Florence,” the piece is being performed for the first time on this tour.

“Nicole is in her fourth season as one of our dancers,” Fushille told The Pine Cone. “Nine years ago, we started a choreography showcase where dancers would have the opportunity to create new works — we’re trying to foster the next generation of choreographers. It was evident Nicole has real ability as choreographer, so I approached her. She jumped at opportunity.”

Next up on the program is Amy Seiwert’s “Broken Open.” Seiwert has served as Smuin’s choreographer-in-residence for nine years. The piece — which is set to the music of composer Julia Kent — showcases “the physicality, the artistry and strength” of dancers, Fushille said.

Closing the show is “Be Here Now” by Trey McIntyre, another dancer-turned-choreographer. Smuin commissioned the piece, which is also being performed for the first time on this tour. By incorporating music by the Mamas and the Papas, Janis Joplin, the Jefferson Airplane and others, the piece pays tribute to the Summer of Love. Along the way, McIntyre explores many of the era’s important issues — some of which we are still dealing with today. “The message is very timely,” Fushille added.

Friday’s show starts at 8 p.m., while Sunday’s matinee begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$57 to \$73. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2040 or visit twww.sunsetcenter.org.

CALENDAR

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June 3 — 86th Annual La Merienda Celebration — City of Monterey’s 247th birthday party will feature a Barbecue Buffet Extravaganza by the Old Fisherman’s Grotto Chefs and the Merienda Barbecue Committee and entertainment by Mike Marotta Jr. & Special Guests, mariachis, and folklorico. Tickets/information 831-372-2311 or www.montereyhistoryandart.org

June 7 — Urologic oncologist/director of robotic surgery at Stanford, Dr. Benjamin Chung, talks about minimally invasive surgery for prostate cancer. Event set 5-6:15 p.m. at the Westland House Monterey, 100 Barnett Segal Drive. Hosted by the Prostate Cancer Self-Help Group. Information: (831) 915-6466.

June 8 — Valley Hills Deli & BBQ hosting a wine tasting with small bites. 4-6 p.m.: tasting Poppy Wines served by Tim Riley from Wine Warehouse. Food tasting: BBQ riblets, Asian slaw, vegetarian chili. Percentage of proceeds benefits Animal Friends Rescue Project. Reservations required in advance. 7152 Carmel Valley Road. (831) 293-8608

June 10 — Valley Hills Deli & BBQ will be celebrating 4 years with a Blue Grass & BBQ event. Beer Tasting by Carmel Valley Brewing Company. Wine tasting by Bernardus. BBQ Tri-tip, baby back ribs, chicken and Roy’s Handcrafted Sausage. Music by: Dave Holodiloff Bluegrass band brings good ol’ fashioned family friendly fun entertainment. \$35 a person, reservations required. 831-293-8608, 7152 Carmel Valley Road

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June 16 — A “Night Out” benefiting homeless women on the Monterey Peninsula, 6:30 to10 p.m., at the Elks Club, Monterey, 150 Mar Vista Drive, hosted by Sotheby’s International Realty. For more information, visit www.GatheringForWomen.eventbrite.com.

June 21 — California Retired Teachers Association Luncheon 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Rancho Cañada Golf Club, 4860 Carmel Valley Road. Hosted by Monterey County Division 29 of the California Retired Teachers Association. For reservations at \$20 per person, contact Diane (831) 449-7031 by June 14. Luncheon includes a social (11 a.m.), business meeting followed by meal and entertainment by Tyler Reilly, freelance violinist, orchestra musician. Members, recently retired certificated educators and friends invited.

Aug. 2 — “What If The Cancer Spreads? Medicine Options for Prostate Cancer,” presented by Dr. John Hausdorff, medical oncologist/hematologist, Pacific Cancer Care Center and the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, event set 5-6:15 p.m. at the Westland House Monterey, 100 Barnett Segal Lane, hosted by the Prostate Cancer Self-Help Group. Information: (831) 915-6466.

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Editorial

What JFK knew about taxes

THERE WAS plenty of outrage around California two months ago when Gov. Jerry Brown and the state Legislature agreed to raise the state’s gasoline tax by 12 cents a gallon. Sure, the naysayers said, everybody knows we need road improvements, but why couldn’t Sacramento figure out a way to get them done with the huge amounts of taxes they already collect?

After all, according to the California Department of Finance, in 2016, the state’s tax revenues totaled \$116 billion, or \$2,937 for every man, woman and child among the state’s 39.5 million residents. That’s a big number.

Still, in Sacramento, it seems like they’re always crying poor and dreaming up new ways to spend other people’s hard-earned money — whether for road improvements, to fight climate change, or to achieve what they like to call “social justice.”

As soon as the politicians got through raising the gas tax, for example, they started talking again about getting rid of Prop 13 — which was just the most famous of dozens of citizen-backed efforts to slow the growth in their taxes. But try as they might, the citizens seem to be powerless to stop the tax-and-spend monster from eating them alive.

How bad is it? Consider this: In 1961, state tax revenues were \$1.6 billion, or \$12.7 billion in 2016 dollars. Meanwhile, in 1961, the state’s population was about 16 million. Which means that in 1961, the state was collecting a little less than \$800 in taxes (in 2016 dollars) for each person. Today, as we have just said, that figure is \$2,937 per state resident — or more than three times the figure from 35 years before. Yes, California’s per-capita tax burden has more than tripled since the early 1960s in real terms. Wow.

Even the Feds haven’t done nearly as well. According to a recent study, federal taxes in 1961 were \$4,121 (in 2016 dollars) per U.S. resident, while the 2016 figure was \$10,114 for each of the country’s 323 million people.

So, while over a period of 35, years the federal tax burden went up a little more than double, the lucky people of California saw their state tax bill more than triple. And still the politicians are always complaining about being destitute.

This discussion isn’t about fairness or the government providing services their constituents want. It’s about the indisputable fact that taxation doesn’t happen in a vacuum. Every dollar the government takes is somebody else’s loss — and this loss exacts a very significant burden on the economy, for the simple reason that private citizens spend their money more wisely and more productively than the government ever could. When the government taxes and spends, it funds a lot of programs, and some of them are actually worthwhile, but the government also wastes a lot of the money it takes, causing unemployment, slowing growth, raising poverty levels and lowering the standard of living.

Who says so? No less an authority than President John F. Kennedy, a president who is famous for his courage in office, not only when it came to staring down the USSR in the Cuban Missile Crisis, but for breaking new ground in the battle for civil rights for blacks. Little remembered today is that he also worked hard for significant cuts in federal taxes while he was in office — and at a time when the nation’s tax burden was much lower than it is today.

Reducing taxes, Kennedy maintained, would do wonders for the economy. In a December 1962 speech to the Economic Club of New York, he used no-nonsense terms to explain what he believed was the relationship of taxes and prosperity:

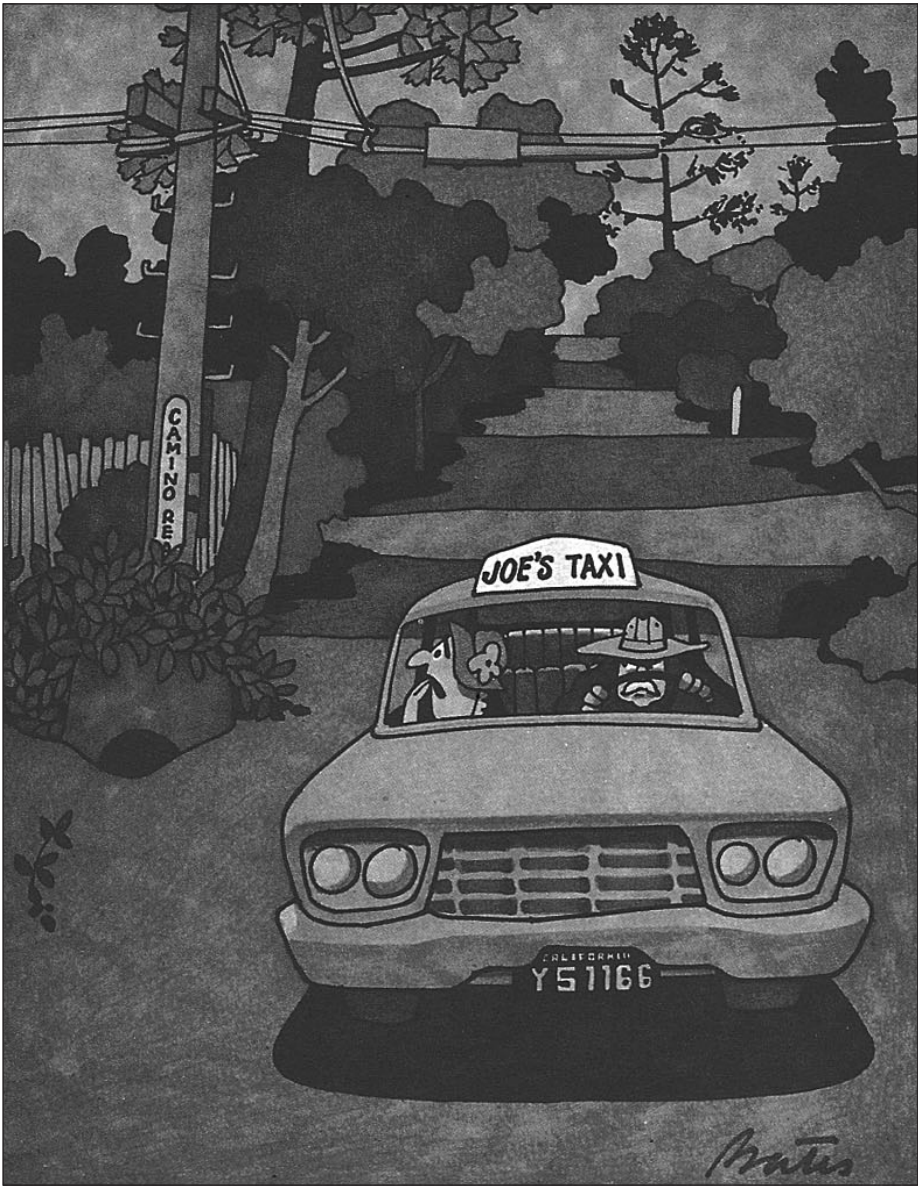
“The final and best means of strengthening demand among consumers and business is to reduce the burden on private income and the deterrents to private initiative which are imposed by our present tax system,” Kennedy said. The tax rates imposed by the Eisenhower administration, he continued, “exerted too heavy a drag on growth, siphoned out of the private economy too large a share of personal and business purchasing power, and reduced the financial incentives for personal effort, investment, and risk-taking.”

To increase demand and lift the economy, the federal government’s most useful role, Kennedy said, “is not to rush into a program of excessive increases in public expenditures, but to expand the incentives and opportunities for private expenditures.”

Words like that are uttered so infrequently today, they sound almost quaint. But that doesn’t mean they aren’t true.

If Kennedy is ever reincarnated, we’d like him to be president again. If that’s not possible, could he at least be governor?

BEST of BATES



Oh, dear, did she say she lived in a little blue house with pink shutters or a little yellow house with blue shutters? No ... I remember. She said it was a little gray house with green shutters and a broken gate. No, she said it was a little”

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What about the residents?

Dear Editor,

I agree with the recent letters from Georgina Armstrong, Lauren Cottrel Banner, and especially Jennifer Field.

Ms. Armstrong points out that a study about tourism financed by a tourism company is not a replacement for a study for all of Carmel. In my humble opinion, asking a tourism company to finance such a study is rather like asking Wiley Coyote to design a coyote-proof chicken coop.

Back in 2002, I worked for the Cultural Council for Monterey County, and have never forgotten a meeting between the CCMC and a local tourism agency, to discuss the “under-served” (by tourists) month of November. As one of the very few born-

and-raised-here people in the room, I felt obliged to ask, “Why can’t we just leave it underserved, for the people who actually LIVE here?”

My remark was met with sarcastic laughter from one and all, and ignored. I would have protested more, but I was there in the lowly capacity of minutes-taking, and wasn’t supposed to speak at all, as my boss severely reminded me.

Ms. Field is even more on target. The “Carmel” that people love to visit is disappearing rapidly, as the old cottages are bought up in chunks and torn down to be replaced with ugly fake mansions that stand empty most of the year.

If you want to see one, take a walk up Valley View, just off Scenic near River Beach. We call it the “Hotel.” It’s beside two vacant lots, which are also going to be built on by the same person. It has no business in a quiet neighborhood like Valley View, and we all wonder how the builder received permission. Ms. Field, I too am a very concerned citizen.

And Ms. Banner, I couldn’t agree more about local artists who need some space. I’m a painter and I’m not “good” enough for the galleries — yet — but does that mean my art should languish in the closet? I don’t think so, either. Your idea about the farmers market is great! Add me to the number of people who want this change.

Carolyn Southard,
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A life with Stevie Wonder, the Jacksons and the kids at CHS

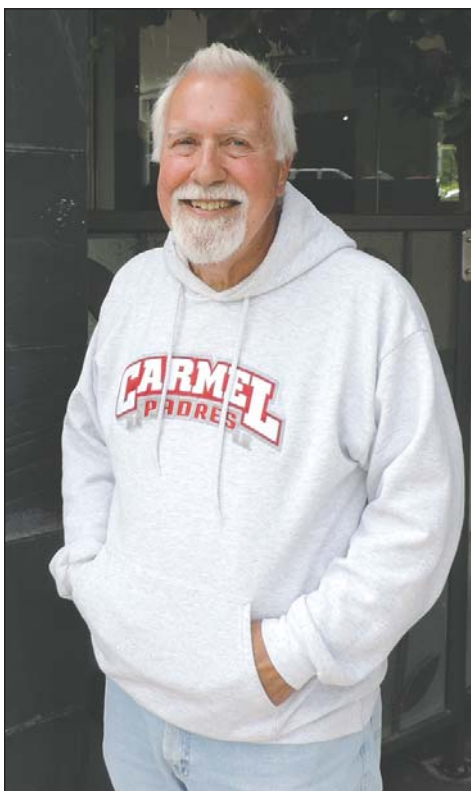
‘IT’S A combination of a Wal-Mart Greeter and a cop,” said Don Perry, describing his job as campus supervisor at Carmel High School. He explained that, on the one hand, he spends a lot of time wishing the 800 or so students there “good morning,” and on the other, he makes sure they’re where they’re supposed to be, when they’re sup-

They convinced him that perhaps college might also be advisable, so he enrolled at San Jose State University. Then, Perry decided to drop out for a bit to earn some money. When he did, Uncle Sam came calling in the form of the draft.

He spent two years on active duty in South Korea. The war was over, and his job was to play baseball. The Army had decided to form some traveling leagues to entertain the American soldiers still stationed there. He also ran a service club and a recreation center.

When his hitch was up, he returned to the United States as a reservist, and was promptly recalled to active duty during the Berlin crisis, when the wall was erected and the city was cut off from its Western allies. He was never shipped overseas, but did spend some

See **PERRY** next page



PHOTO/ELAINE HESSER

How do you get to be this happy? Do the things you love, like Carmel High’s Don Perry.

Great Lives

By **ELAINE HESSER**

posed to be there.

He said he doesn’t get to know all of the students as well as he might want to, because some of them don’t really notice him beyond the morning greetings. “I’m a guy who’s been there 16 years. I could be one of the fixtures,” he laughed. But there are many students who stand out, too.

Once Perry figured out Facebook, he was able to stay in touch with more of them. One of the more touching contacts with a former student, Katherine Wehde, came almost a year after she’d graduated — the old school way.

Her mother found a note addressed to Perry among her daughter’s things and brought it to him. Wehde was a softball player with a sensitive soul, who took each error and defeat to heart. Perry, a former baseball pitcher, did his best to make sure she understood that doing her best was what mattered.

“You always made me feel better,” the note read in part. Wehde had started a design firm, and Perry had an idea. He’d written a memoir called “Don Perry Produced the Music: My Journey Through the Golden Years of Rock and Roll.”

The book needed a cover, and Wehde turned out to be exactly the right person to design it. When it was published in 2016, her bright yellow, red and black graphic greeted prospective readers.

Those readers would embark on a 30-year journey with Perry, whose career plan as a 17-year-old in Northern California was to become a major league baseball player. His parents encouraged him to have a backup plan, and he did. He would become a famous singer and songwriter.

Youthful exploits in watercolor

AN IDYLIC little paradise called Sherwood Forest, near Annapolis, Md., is where Alicia Meheen discovered her artistic eye as a child. The California gold rush town of Murphys is where she developed her voice as a painter. The Monterey Peninsula is where she found her bliss.

Meheen, a member of the Carmel Art Association since 1992, says she cannot remember a time in her life when she was not inspired to paint, and the attraction, from her earliest years to the current day, has been nature.

“I was about 10 years old when my father bought a cabin as a summer home in Sherwood Forest,” said Meheen, a great-grandmother who lives with her husband,



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Since growing up in Maryland, Alicia Meheen has felt at home in nature.

Jack, on Hatton Road. “He bought a sailboat, a rowboat, and a kayak, and I fell in love with the Severn River, which is a tributary to the Chesapeake Bay. Maybe my parents were trying to lose me — I don’t know — but I

Carmel’s artists

By **DENNIS TAYLOR**

was allowed to go down to the river by myself, take a boat out, and do whatever I wanted.”

She would draw and paint the fish she caught. And she recalls winning third prize in a Halloween contest in Annapolis, decorating a store window with a painting of a witch with a kettle on a fire.

“The prize I won was donated by a furniture store. It was a turkey platter with the name of the store on it. So, that was a little disappointing for a little kid,” she said with a laugh.

Fishing, boating, and swimming in the Severn River, and wandering through the forest, made an impression that can be seen today in Meheen’s stunning watercolors, most of which are depictions of nature, including scenes of rivers, lakes, and the ocean.

It was Christmas of 1951 when her father, a college professor, came to the Naval Postgraduate School to teach electrical engineering.

“I came to Carmel High as a sophomore and was a very shy girl. I was very lonely,” said Meheen, whose name at the time was Alicia Bauer. “My parents were building a home across the highway, and meanwhile we lived in an apartment above a store, just to the east of the Harrison Library.

“I spent a lot of time by myself at the beach, where, at the time, there were starfish

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quality time in Granite City, Ill.

There, he reprised his role as a baseball player, because there were “about 5,000 troops from all over with nothing to do.”

He also set up bowling leagues, ping-pong tournaments, chess and other sources of entertainment, “all in the name of being ready to fight communist aggression.”

Survive six months

Meanwhile, Perry suspected that his future as a rock star wasn’t very bright. Numerous demos he sent to Los Angeles were rejected and returned to him. “I worried that the record companies would go broke sending them back,” he joked. He thought the only way he’d make it as a musician was to go in person to Los Angeles, so he sold his car, thinking he’d have enough funds to survive there for six months.

That turned into 30 years.

After objectively listening to some recordings of himself, he decided that instead of recording the hits, he’d promote and produce them. Through family connections, he met 1950s heartthrob Ricky Nelson and ended up promoting his act. That success was followed by Stevie Wonder, The Jackson

Five and Earth, Wind & Fire, among many others.

In the 1980s, he transitioned into supervising music for film and television, including the hit show, “Grizzly Adams,” and the movie, “Cujo.” His diverse list of credits scrolls on for several pages on the movie and television website, IMDb.

Perry married, and he and his wife loved vacationing in Carmel and Pebble Beach. And by the early 1990s, he said, he knew it was time to get out of the music business. The industry was becoming more technology-driven. “No one needs a music supervisor to look over a composer’s shoulder while he looks at a computer,” he said.

He and his wife decided to move to Carmel-by-the-Sea, where they bought a home near the post office, and he took a job with KNRY talk radio. He produced and hosted several shows, including a family series called “Kiddin’ Around,” where he’d call up Do-Re-Mi records for recommendations of children’s music, and local video stores for suggestions of family-friendly movies.

After several years of that, he took over a baseball card and sports memorabilia store in the Barnyard. And then, four years later, when his son began high school, he applied for the campus supervisor job. He was 60 at the time, but still called it, “the first job I

ever had with wages and benefits.” Although his son graduated in 2005, Perry’s still there, mostly because of the students.

“I talk to the kids who still dream about what they want to be,” he said, commenting that too many of those he sees are so tightly scheduled they don’t have time to fantasize

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everywhere,” she remembered. “I hauled all of these starfish home and used them to decorate the stairway leading from the street to our apartment. After about a week it was pretty fragrant.”

As a senior, during Christmas break, she met Jack Meheen, a Cal Poly student who had graduated from Carmel High two years earlier, with the Class of 1952.

“We were still dating the following year when I went off to UC Santa Barbara. In fact, we were pretty much inseparable by then,” she said. “He needed one more class to graduate — he had to go to a field school in Susanville that was six weeks long, and invited me to come with him. And he said, ‘You can come as Miss Bauer ... or as Mrs. Meheen.’”

Knowing that her parents never would have allowed the former arrangement, she married him at the Church of the Wayfarer. Their honeymoon was Jack’s six-week field study.

In the early 1960s, Jack’s engineering work took the family (Alicia and their two young sons, David and Steven) to Murphys. The solitude of the tiny, pre-Civil War mining town in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada inspired her to become more serious about

about their futures, as he did.

On Facebook, he is often reminded he made a difference by messages like “You inspired me,” and notes from former students who have gone into music. Those make him happy and keep him on his first-ever “real job.”

her artwork.

In 1963 she undertook a serious study of watercolors under Dorner Schueler, a revered California artist, and became part of a gaggle of plein-air painters which converged once a week.

“My paintings were in Dorner Schueler’s gallery in Murphys when they began to sell — and that was fun and validating,” she said.

After 14 years in Murphys, Jack’s job with Fluor Constructors International took him to Iran, where Alicia taught painting at the Iran-American Society. While in Iran, they also purchased the Carmel home where they live today.

Meheen credits various other teachers for influencing her career, including Frank Myers, George Post, Richard Yip, and Nancy Johnson.

She was accepted into the Carmel Art Association on her third try, after board members took notice of her work while they dined at Le Bistro, where her paintings happened to be on display.

“I was really excited to be accepted,” said Meheen, who has served on CAA’s board of directors. “I can remember going into that gallery as a high school student, looking at all of the paintings, seeing Frank Myers on that wall, and feeling overwhelmed. To become a part of that gallery was an honor.”

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MacMurdo first interviewed for the job in April. “And I guess they liked me enough that they brought me in again in May,” she said. During the second visit, MacMurdo was asked to give a presentation and undertake a role-playing exercise. She also got to meet Potter.

“It was great to speak with her — she gave me a lot of great information,” she said.

Not long after, MacMurdo received the offer. Her last day of work at the Lemoore chamber is June 15, and she’ll start in Carmel June 26.

In the meantime, she’s traveling up to town to look for a place to rent until she can figure out where she wants to buy, which she suspects will take about a year to determine.

While Carmel is quite different from Lemoore — a community with a heavy ag presence that’s also home to a significant Naval Air Station — MacMurdo, 38, said she’s “not daunted by that challenge at all.”

“I’m excited about it, because I can’t wait to learn more,” she said. MacMurdo has no plans to “change Monta’s legacy, at all,” and will instead build upon it while “keeping things fresh.” MacMurdo plans to ask for Potter’s input and guidance when necessary, and she said Potter offered her assistance.

“I’m not trying to change anything,” she said. “I’ll go in with very open ears and open eyes, and get to know the people and the members and the community, and let them tell me what they need from me.”

“We’re sad to see Monta go, but at the same time, it’s exciting to get somebody new in,” Buhl said. “These are exciting times — there’s a lot going on and a lot of great opportunities for everybody

PG&E

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works had to spend on the incident and its aftermath, and future related expenses. It won’t, however, cover the \$550,000 spent on lawyers in this case.

“We won’t get reimbursed for that,” Rerig said, since the complaint is being settled out of court. The utility company will cover the legal bills if anyone sues the city in regards to the explosion, though. And if another accident occurs, of course, “the gloves come back off,” Rerig said.

“The big issue for me was assuring residents that when they go to turn on their heater or light the stove, they can do it with confidence and be sure things are safe,” he said.

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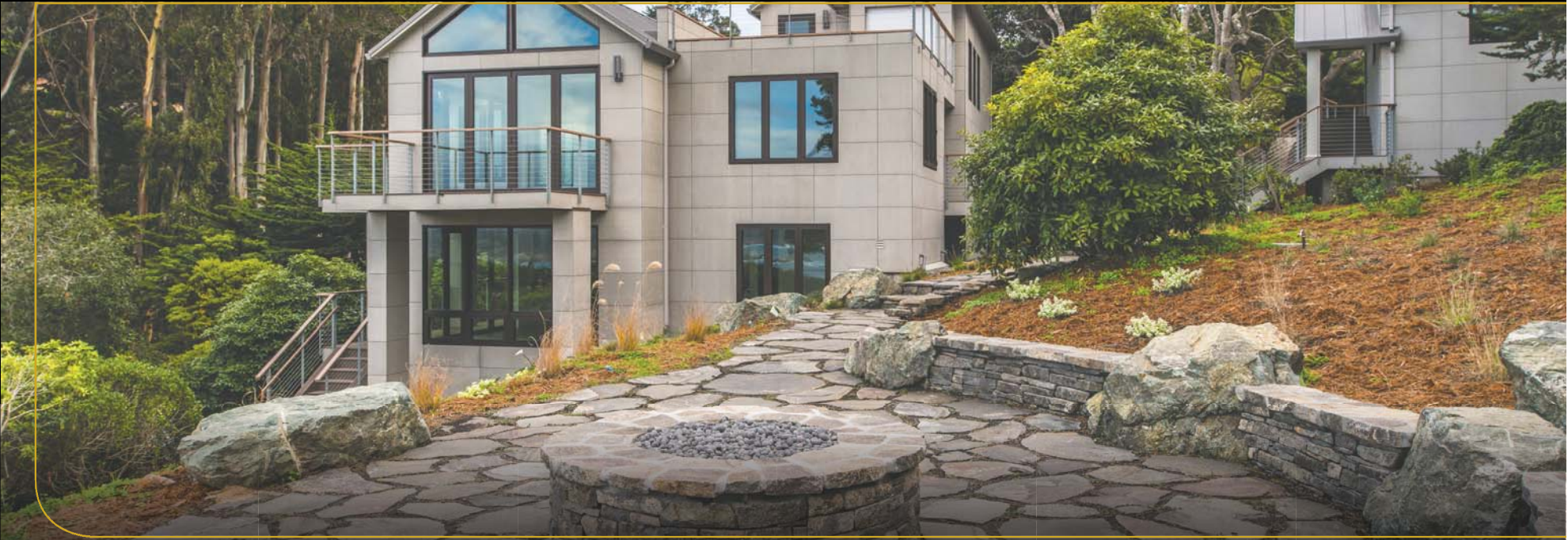
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