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Pebble Beach says farewell to RJ Harper

By PAUL MILLER

UNDER GLORIOUS skies and in front of a glittering backdrop of Carmel Bay and Point Lobos, about 800 people gathered Tuesday morning at the 18th Hole of Pebble Beach to say farewell to RJ Harper — a man who was eulogized not only for his long service to the P.B. Co. and his love of golf, but for his endearing and generous spirit.

“RJ was a kind and caring person who was always upbeat and positive. He never had a bad day, and when others were having a bad day, he raised their spirits,” P.B. Co. CEO Bill Perocchi told the crowd. “He had a smile, and a vibrant personality, and a sense of flair unlike anyone I’ve ever known.”

Perocchi, who along with his wife, Nanci, drew praise from several speakers for the caring and friendship they showed Harper during his final months, also promised to preserve Harper’s legacy at the world-famous golf course where he worked for 32 years.

“RJ, may you rest in peace, good friend,” Perocchi said. “You’ll always be a part of Pebble Beach.”



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

The large crowd at Tuesday’s memorial service for RJ Harper at the Pebble Beach golf course included everyone from groundskeepers to world-famous celebrities — all them friends of the former vice president of golf at the Pebble Beach Co.

Harper’s son, JT, offered a personal tribute to his father, who died Nov. 8 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

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Brown predicted climate doom from comfort of private jet

By KELLY NIX

WHILE GOV. Jerry Brown was on an 11-day trip to Europe earlier this month, he repeatedly cautioned the world about the perils of global warming, calling the threat “catastrophic,” and even warning that “human civilization is on the chopping block.”

The time has come, Brown told leaders at the European Parliament in Brussels on Nov. 7, for the planet to “completely transform to a zero-carbon world.” That, Brown warned, must happen very soon.

“2050 is too late,” he said. “The whole world should do more.”

But did the governor himself do more?

In between lecturing against carbon emissions, while also trumpeting California’s efforts to reduce pollution, Brown and his entourage — instead of flying on commercial airliners — flew thousands of miles between California and Europe, then to the Vatican, Brussels, Stuttgart, Oslo and Bonn, in a small private jet.

Ten times more

Per passenger, private jets use much more fuel, and have a much bigger carbon footprint than larger aircraft. Some estimates say the environmental effect, per passenger, is 10 times greater flying private than commercial.

In 2009, The Guardian, a left-wing British newspaper, even reported that “an hour’s flight on a private jet will emit more carbon dioxide than most Africans do in a whole year.”

But the California governor “traveled via charter plane for the entirety of the trip,” his deputy press secretary, Brian Ferguson, told The Pine Cone this week — an irony, especially since Brown made the war against climate change a priority and advocated passionately for the cause. In Europe, Brown blamed “complacency,” “inertia” and “indulgence,” for contributing to the warming of the earth.

The incongruity of using a private plane to travel to a climate change conference wasn’t lost on a few in the press,

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Pair of women suspected of embezzling \$180K

By MARY SCHLEY

A WOMAN who was convicted of embezzling from a local construction company earlier this year is suspected of doing the same to another longtime employer — and bringing a second worker in on the scam — Monterey County Sheriff’s deputy Mike Smith said this week. Cases are now pending against Stephanie Burks and Setiva Martin-Woodring, who are accused of embezzling a combined \$180,000 from a paving and grading company owned by a Carmel man.

Burks was working as a bookkeeper for both companies at the same time, according to Smith, who said the owners of the first firm, DiBenedetto Construction, became suspicious

and had an audit conducted, the results of which prompted them to contact the sheriff’s office. The audit revealed she used a company credit card to make charges in “moderate amounts” and concealed the transactions in the books by listing them as normal vendor payments from mid-2015 to mid-2016.

“She would take a moderate amount of money, and it wouldn’t be a round number,” Smith said, so the payments wouldn’t stand out. Because Burks was in charge of paying

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Monterey Hyatt Regency sold for \$65.5M

■ P.B. Co. had owned land since 1919

By PAUL MILLER

IN TWO sweeping transactions last week, a Memphis, Tenn., real estate investment fund bought the Monterey Hyatt Regency hotel on Mark Thomas Drive.

The new owner, Fairway Capital, which specializes in hospitality-related real estate, closed escrow Nov. 15 on the buildings at the complex, buying them from the Hyatt corporation for \$36 million, according to documents at the Monterey County Recorder’s office.

Simultaneously, Fairway Capital also purchased the land underneath the Hyatt from the Pebble Beach Co. for \$29.5 million. The P.B. Co. had owned the land since the company was founded by S.F.B. Morse in 1919, and Hyatt had leased it since the hotel was built in the late 1960s. The transaction did not include the adjacent Del Monte Golf Course, which remains part of the P.B. Co.’s golf portfolio.

“We have actually considered selling the land under the Hyatt for a number of years, as the ground lease is really just a financial arrangement, unrelated to our ongoing core business,” said Dave Stivers, P.B. Co. executive vice president. “So

when the new owners of the Hyatt approached us about buying both the Hyatt’s position as lessee under the ground lease and our position as lessor under the ground lease, it just made a lot of sense for us to negotiate a sale of our interest at the same time as Hyatt’s sale.”

Stivers also said the proceeds from the sale “will help to

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WATER AGENCY WARNS ABOUT PT. LOBOS EROSION

By CHRIS COUNTS

DECADES OF heavy use by visitors have made trails at Point Lobos State Reserve vulnerable to erosion and at risk of dumping dirt and debris into tide pools and the Monterey Bay, a state agency contends.

In response, park officials say they’ll plant about 26,000 seedlings over the next two years to stabilize the earth around several trails within the reserve. The work will cost taxpayers about \$320,000.

According to state parks environmental scientist Steve Bachman, more than a million people visit Point Lobos each year, causing erosion that is impacting an “Area of Special Biological Significance.” He noted that aerial photographs of Point Lobos in the 1930s show areas of vegetation where none exists today — evidence that foot traffic is harming plants and increasing the risk of erosion.

“The State Water Resource Control Board has identified sources of sediment that discharge into the ocean up and

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The entrance to the Monterey Hyatt Regency, which is now owned by a real estate company located in Memphis, Tenn.



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Cute couple

SHE GREW up with Great Danes, three of them along the way, so she got used to their giant but gentle presence in her life. Her husband, on the other hand, had an Australian Shepherd, which had a sociable, intelligent and energetic nature that seemed to suit their family life.

The current member of a fairly long line of Aussies in the family is Tahoe, a 9-year-old with a fuzzy red coat and all kinds of personality. They got him as a puppy in Auburn, not far from Lake Tahoe, where the family typically spends their Thanksgiving holiday.

"Tahoe may be 9, but he looks and acts about 9 months old," his person said. "Fluffy and friendly, he looks like a teddy bear, particularly when he sleeps on my daughter's bed. Some Aussies are said to be hyper, but Tahoe is super mellow and sweet."

Mellow, maybe, but Tahoe gets pretty active, running across the sand, chasing seagulls at Carmel Beach or hiking with his family in Garland Ranch. The active outdoor family, who live on Spaghetti Hill above Old Monterey, take Tahoe wherever they go.

"I often walk Tahoe along the rec trail, overlooking the bay, by the wharf and the aquarium," his person said. "It takes us awhile to make our way since so many people stop us to pet Tahoe and tell me how cute he is."

Tahoe is perhaps cutest with his best friend, a calico cat the family found in the bushes near their home. They named her Coury for "courageous," after she

By Lisa Crawford Watson



walked right up to Tahoe's water bowl and took a sip. He didn't seem to mind.

"Tahoe's a herding dog, always underfoot, and Coury herds with him," his person said. "When I come into the room, there they are, side by side, waiting for me."

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Landscape company gets \$111K contract for maintenance

By MARY SCHLEY

ALTHOUGH COUNCILWOMAN Carolyn Hardy thought the work should have been put out to bid again in order to get more proposals from other landscaping companies, the rest of the council voted earlier this month to approve a \$110,930 one-year contract with Town & Country Gardening and Landscaping of Carmel for landscape maintenance at more than 30 locations in town.

According to public works director Bob Harary, the contractor would be responsible for planting, mowing, weeding, edging, pruning, raking, sweeping, minor irrigation repairs, and litter pickup, with various tasks performed weekly, biweekly, monthly and quarterly.

“This structured contract will provide for landscape maintenance on a consistent and

well documented basis,” he said in his report for the city council Nov. 7.

Harary decided to divide the work into 19 primary sites and 12 add-ons that would be covered as money allows. Higher priorities included the Scenic Road steps and patios, Vista Lobos, First Murphy park, the grounds at Sunset Center, Forest Hill Park and tennis courts, the Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden and Flanders Mansion grounds, Ocean Avenue paths and medians, Devendorf Park, Piccadilly Park, and the Harrison Memorial and Park Branch libraries, while the additional locations included the Mountain View entrance to Mission Trail park, the post office parking lot, various walkways and pathways, Rio Road paths and medians, the grounds of the Forest Theater and Scout House, and the

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Council to hold special meeting

IN ORDER to tackle some urgent city business — like an “urgency ordinance” prohibiting the sale, use and cultivation of cannabis — the Carmel City Council will hold a special meeting Monday, Nov. 27, at 6 p.m. in city hall on Monte Verde Street.

The urgency ordinance will fill a small gap between when state law starts allowing commercial pot operations in January and the city’s regular law regulating them kicks in several days later, and will ensure the city to

maintain control over marijuana operations.

Council members will also review another set of drawings for the proposed remodel of the police station, following their discussion of the plans earlier this month, and are set to consider an appeal of the planning commission’s denial of a proposal to replace an existing wood shingle roof with composition shingles on a home on Lobos north of Second.

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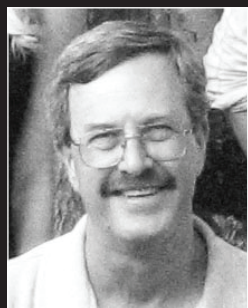
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Skunk under house no cause for alarm

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Pacific Grove: A citizen brought in ammunition he had found at a residence on Cedar Street. Ammo was booked and held for safekeeping at the PGPD.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile took parent's credit card and forced way out of the house on Cedar Street. Used card without permission. Charges requested.

Pacific Grove: Victim had several checks stolen from a residence on Weldon Grove Place. There was an attempt to cash one check at near-by bank.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on Lincoln south of Eighth wanted to report his neighbor was looking into his bedroom windows from his balcony. No further information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report was taken for a lost purse in the area of Junipero and Sixth.

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

Pacific Grove: Theft from a locked vehicle on Forest Avenue. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Physical confrontation between cohabitants at a residence on Gibson. A 48-year-old female suspect was transported to county jail.

Pebble Beach: Medical personnel reported at 0241 hours that an intoxicated female patient on Sand Dunes Road sustained several visible injuries. The female was not able to specify how she sustained the injuries.

Carmel Valley: Female on Carmel Valley

Road reported her husband missing.

Carmel Valley: Subject on Del Fino Place was determined to be a danger to herself and was placed on a 72-hour hold.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Parking officer responded to a loose dog in the residential area of San Carlos and 10th, but was unable to capture the dog. Later, the dog was found at another location and cornered by two citizens. Animal control officer responded and was able to capture the dog. The owners of the dog were contacted via the ID on the collar. The dog was returned to the owners with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject at Junipero and Camino del Monte was placed on a 72-hour hold for making suicidal statements.

Pacific Grove: Several personal items were taken from a vehicle on Laurel Avenue. Victim claimed the vehicle was locked. No signs of forced entry by suspect. No suspect info available.

Pacific Grove: A deer was reported dead in a private backyard on 17 Mile Drive. Appeared to be killed by a predator.

Carmel area: Person requested a welfare check on a family member at her residence on 15th Street. Deputies later discovered the family member had a medical emergency, and could not come to the door. Entry was gained into the residence, and the subject was transported to the hospital for further treatment.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Pacific Grove: Subject reported her estranged husband applied for a credit card in their son's name.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Sept. 13 — Salinas resident Jesus Yanez, 31, was sentenced to four years in prison for breaking into the Salinas High School.

On July 6, at about 4 a.m., Yanez was captured on Salinas High School's video surveillance vandalizing a vending machine. Yanez was seen walking throughout the campus for several hours, then using a heat gun to unsuccessfully melt the cash box on a Dasani vending machine. School security called the Salinas Police Department to report the vandalism when it was discovered later that morning.

An officer responded and immediately identified Yanez, a known parolee, from the video. A "Be-On-The-Lookout" was issued. On July 8, another officer found Yanez standing on North Main Street and arrested him.

On September 12, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert Burlison sentenced Yanez to two years in prison. The sentence was doubled due to Yanez's prior convictions under California's Three Strikes Law.

However, due to the recent passage of Proposition 57, Yanez is eligible for parole after serving two years. At the time of this burglary, Yanez was on parole as well as two grants of misdemeanor probation.

Sept. 13 — Arturo Rivas, age 26, was sentenced to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to five counts of robbery involving eight different victims and one count of assault with a firearm involving another victim.

On December 6, 2016, Rivas entered the Sanborn Gas Station. He pointed a gun to the back of the victim's head, and demanded money from her. When she told him she didn't have any money, he turned his attention to the store clerk. He then pointed the gun at the store clerk and demanded money from her. Rivas took about \$800 from the cash register and fled. He was not apprehended at that time.

On December 26, 2016, Rivas returned to

the Sanborn Gas Station. He entered the store and pointed a gun at the same store clerk and demanded money from her. Rivas took about \$500 from the cash register and fled. He was not apprehended at that time.

On January 7, Rivas went to the Quick Stop in Salinas. Before entering the store, he put a black ski mask over his face. Rivas entered the store and pointed a black semi-automatic handgun at the store clerk and demanded money. The store clerk opened the drawer and gave Rivas all the money from the register, totaling about \$300. A customer entered the store while the robbery was occurring and Rivas pointed a gun at him telling him to stay there. The customer left the store but waited in the parking lot. Rivas exited the store and pointed the gun at the customer and demanded his wallet. The customer gave Rivas his wallet which contained about \$30 in cash. Rivas fled and was not apprehended at that time.

On January 10, Rivas entered an Exxon station with a gun. He pointed the gun at the store clerk and demanded money. The store clerk gave him about \$200 from the cash register. Rivas fled and was not apprehended at that time.

On January 11, Rivas entered La Esperanza Market with a firearm. He pointed the firearm at the store clerk and demanded the money from the cash register. The store clerk gave him the money from the register, which totaled \$160. Later that same day, he entered Subway with a firearm and again demanded money from the register. The employee gave him the money which totaled more than \$100. The victims in the Subway robbery were able to give officers a license plate for the vehicle that Rivas fled in. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and Rivas at a nearby motel. He was subsequently arrested.

In all of the robberies, Rivas was captured on surveillance video.



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HISTORIC INN GETTING FACELIFT

■ Village Inn is PlumpJack's second venture here

By MARY SCHLEY

THE EXTERIOR overhaul of a prominently located hotel that sold in April for more than \$12 million is underway, now that the planning commission has approved the paint colors for the Carmel Village Inn, which was deemed historic last month. Fences were erected around the property soon after commissioners voted on a color scheme at their Nov. 8 meeting.

The hotel, built by James Pruitt of Comstock Associates in 1954, is made of post adobe construction — which was pioneered by noted builder Hugh Comstock — along with some Tudor style and “Monterey vernacular,” according to city planners. Last month, senior planner Marnie Waffle recommended the historic resources board not add the inn at Junipero and Ocean to the city’s inventory of historic properties, because it didn’t meet the criteria for historic designation, but historian Kent Seavey, who evaluated the hotel and grounds, disagreed.

“This is an eclectic building,” he said, before going on to defend his position that post-adobe is a significant architectural style and Pruitt was a respected builder.

Commissioner Thomas Hood, an archi-

tect who said he has worked on buildings in 12 different California counties, agreed the building is special, with its mix of styles and post-adobe elements, which he has only seen here.

Chairman Erik Dyar countered that while a mix of styles can sometimes work, “I’m not sure it pulls together in this building.”

“I don’t think it rises to the level of being eligible for the inventory,” he said.

Representing the Meriwether Companies, the group of investors that owns the hotel, senior vice president Arron Simon said he would be fine either way, as far as historic designation was concerned. And architect Paul Davis, who drew up the plans for the remodel, said the proposed changes would be appropriate, whether the building was considered historic, or not.

Raised deck

After deciding on an 2-1 vote that the hotel is, in fact, historically significant, the HRB proceeded to determine that Davis’ plans, including adding a raised 595-square-foot patio along the south side of the hotel lobby and office, removing an interior chimney from the south roof plane and replacing it with a fiberglass replica, installing a new wood shake roof, and minor exterior modifications to the exteriors of a couple of rooms,

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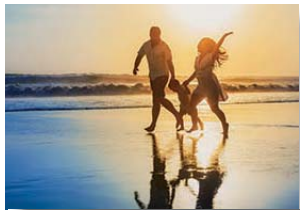
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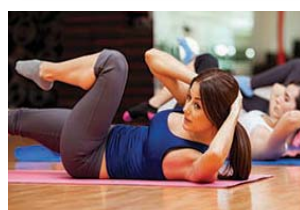


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Four condors with ‘Game of Thrones’ names take flight over Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

RAISED IN captivity and named after popular characters from the hit television series, “Game of Thrones,” four young condors were released by the nonprofit Ventana Wildlife Society near San Simeon over several days last week.

The birds were given names by VWS staff that fit their personalities.

Khaleesi — a title used by one of main characters in the series — is confident and carries herself with a regal bearing.

Like her namesake, who uses dragons to dispatch her enemies, she isn’t someone to trifle with.

“She has a fiery disposition and can hold her own,” wrote “Condor Joe” Burnett on the VWS’s Facebook page. “We hope that she

will rise to glory.”

Tormund is named after the charismatic barbarian warrior from “Game of Thrones.” He is the dominant male of his cohort, according to Burnett.

“Tormund has brash tendencies,” he explained. “We expect that he will cause much drama this season.”

Population in wild rises to 240

The largest of the four birds, Hodor is named for the gentle giant in the television series. Burnett called him the “most mild-mannered” of the four birds.

“Hodor was endlessly entertaining to watch as he went about his daily routine of flapping around the pen and playing around with his fellow condors,” he said. “He will be a great ally to his flock, no doubt.”

The last of the four is Tyrion, who takes his name from a cunning and mischievous character in the series.

“Tyrion always had the best perch in the whole flight pen,” Burnett added. “Even though he was not the largest of his cohort, he would still sit atop the lofty scale perch, observing those beneath him with a very watchful eye.”

In 1987, the last wild California Condor was taken into captivity. After a successful breeding program, in 1997 the VWS released the first condors back into the wild along the Big Sur coast. More than 80 condors now live in Monterey County and adjacent areas, and it is estimated that about 240 condors live in the wild throughout the United States.



This condor was named “Tormund” after a popular character from the “Game of Thrones” television series.

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Cal Am meet-and-greet at post office

By KELLY NIX

HAVE QUESTIONS about Cal Am's rates but don't know how to ask them?

Then you may want to go to the post office on Fifth Avenue next Friday, when the president of California American Water be available to answer questions face to face.

On Friday, Dec. 1, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in front of the Carmel post office on Fifth Avenue, Rich Svindland and members of Cal Am's management team will answer queries from customers.

"We thought it would be a great opportunity to directly engage with our customers," Cal Am external affairs manager Catherine Stedman told The Pine Cone. "There is always a lot of news about water on the Monterey Peninsula, and our president wanted the chance to answer people's questions and to hear about their concerns and what matters most to them."

Apart from rates, water leaks, customer service and other concerns, Cal Am conservation staff will also share water efficiency tips and rebate information for water-saving devices.

Stedman said staff would also answer

questions about yet another effort by a Peninsula activist group to publicly take over the company. Similar ballot measures have been voted down in 1958, 1965, 2005 and 2011.

A group called Public Water Now claims that a government-run water system would be more efficient and have lower costs than Cal AM, which is a regulated private utility.

"We're happy to answer any questions and set the record straight on some of the inaccurate claims that have been made about our company," Stedman said.

'Steps to give input'

Carmel Mayor Steve Dallas and other members of the city council plan to attend the event, Cal Am said. In a statement, Dallas said he applauds "Cal Am for taking steps to make it easy for customers to give input, and I hope many residents will stop by."

Stedman said Cal Am is considering holding more public outreach sessions.

"Certainly, we're interested in any opportunity that brings us closer to our customers to understand how we might better serve our community," Stedman said.

Fake lawyer pleads guilty to lawyering

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A PACIFIC Grove man who pretended to be a lawyer and forged a document in a civil lawsuit in which he was the plaintiff pleaded guilty to unauthorized practice of law and forgery, both misdemeanors, in Monterey County Superior Court last week, according to deputy district attorney Emily Hickok.

Henry Leinen, 63, had a business he deceptively called LRDI Legal Services, even though he is not a licensed attorney, and he "unlawfully practiced law by giving legal advice, selecting legal forms, and drafting legal instruments for persons who were rep-

resenting themselves in state court and federal bankruptcy court," Hickok said. While Leinen is a registered legal document assistant, unlawful detainer assistant, and process server, he is, in fact, not an attorney — a fact which he failed to note on his company website.

"The forgery conviction resulted from Leinen forging and falsifying a proof of service in a private civil case in which he was the plaintiff," she added.

Hickok said she plans to notify the Monterey County Clerk and the State Bar of California of the violations and guilty verdict, so those agencies can take appropriate action regarding his licenses.

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Woman with dog threatened by Jacks Peak homeless man with machete

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A WOMAN who was hiking with her dog near Jacks Peak Nov. 17 was threatened by a homeless man wielding a machete — presumably because she had accidentally discovered his illegal campsite.

Fortunately, she escaped to report the incident. The man was later questioned by police, although it's unknown if he was arrested.

According to a Nov. 18 post on the Monterey County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, the homeless man "charged at" the woman and "slashed at her with a machete."

"He yelled at her to leave his campsite," the sheriff's office reported. "The woman was able to run to safety with her dog in tow."

The incident happened at about 3:45 p.m., and not far from Viejo Road, where many people live.

One woman who commented on the post pleaded with the

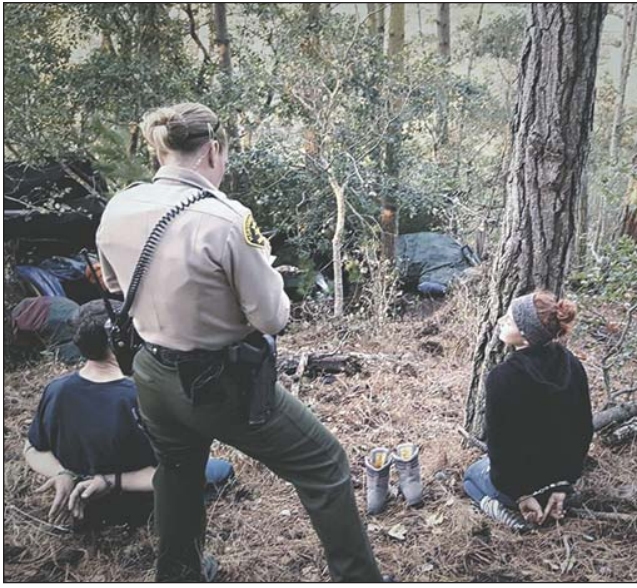
sheriff's office to address the problem of homelessness in the area.

"My parents live there and we know exactly where this is," the woman wrote. "Every day we see these vagrants, and we need them out. Please protect the residents."

Another resident said it's simply not safe to allow homeless people to camp wherever they want to in the woods. "Aside from harming innocent humans, this is how fires start," the resident suggested.

The sheriff's office, meanwhile, urged hikers to be careful in local forests. "Enjoy the woods, but always proceed with caution and keep an eye out for unexpected things to happen," the sheriff's office posted.

Several women, meanwhile, said they will be better prepared the next time they go for a hike in the forest. One woman said she planned to "walk softly and carry a big stick" — along with pepper spray. Another said she will bring along "my guard dog, mace and husband."



PHOTO/COURTESY MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

After a woman who was hiking near Jacks Peak Nov. 17 reported being threatened by a man with a machete, a sheriff's deputy questions two people.



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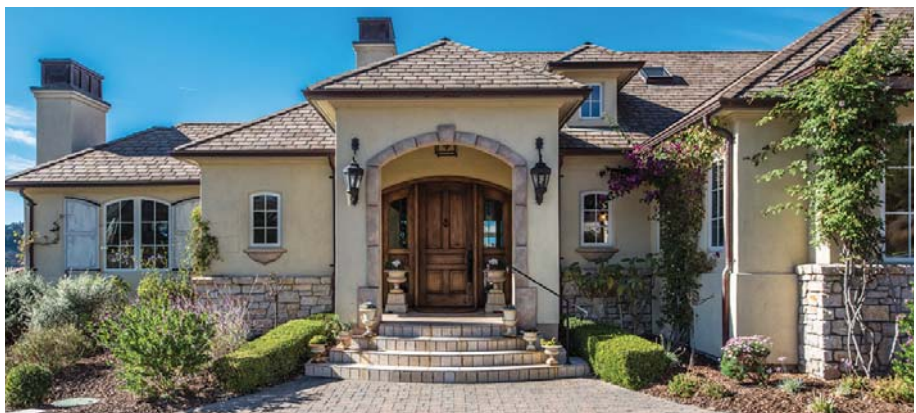
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Tree lighting Dec. 1 at Devendorf Park

MORE THAN an hour of onstage entertainment by children's choruses, dancers, musicians and singers will precede the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's official tree lighting Friday, Dec. 1.

The festivities will begin in Devendorf Park at Ocean and Junipero at 3 p.m., when Santa Claus arrives to hear children's wishes and pose for photos with kiddos, which he's agreed to stay and do for a couple of hours, according to community activities coordinator Margi Perotti. Children will also receive glow necklaces, so their parents don't lose them in the dark.

Ben Beesley, chairman of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce board of directors, will be the emcee, taking the stage at 4:30 p.m. to welcome the crowd.

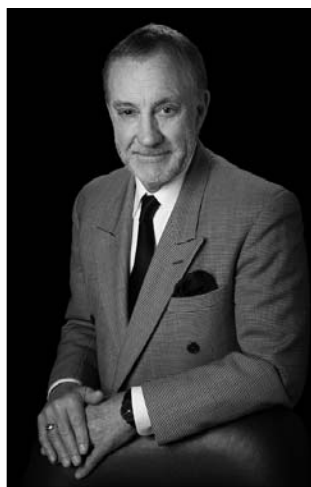
Assuming the weather is good, or at least nothing worse than light rain, the afternoon's entertainment will start with the Junipero Serra School children singing, followed by the Carmel River School Chorus led by Erin Barca-Hall, and then the Carmel Middle School Chorus led by Tom Lehmkuhl.

Carol Richmond's Dance Kids will perform next, after which Jeremiah Lamph, representing the Forest Theater Guild, will be onstage. The Dance Center will do a number,

and Spanish guitar virtuoso Javier Sanchez will perform, as will renowned mezzo-soprano Solmaaz Adeli. Singer Debbie Davis will wrap up the musical performances before Beesley introduces Carmel Mayor Steve Dallas, who will call Santa to join him and the children in front of the crowd for the countdown to the tree lighting at 5:45 p.m.



Carmel's Christmas Tree in 2014.



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Babies to receive bundles of love from new charitable group once more

By ELAINE HESSER

ONCE AGAIN this year, the newest chapter of the National Christ Child Society will meet on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon to collect supplies for infants and create 50 bundles for little ones staying at Aspiranet Cherish Receiving Center while awaiting foster care. Some will also go to those born to moms at Pueblo Del Mar Family Recovery Center, part of Sun Street's recovery programs, and needy children born at Natividad hospital will receive some, too.

Throughout the year, members have been meeting to knit caps, and make blankets and other baby supplies. During the "Shower of Love," as the event is called, community members are invited to come by and make donations, or even learn to make a loom-knit baby cap from one of the members.

They'll be meeting this year at Crespi Hall at the Mission and displaying some of the handmade items they've already collected and made.

In addition to the organization's new partnership with Sun Street Centers, it's also teamed up with Monterey Peninsula Quilting Guild, which has already donated 17 quilts for the

baby bundles, according to Anne Kelley, president of the Monterey Bay chapter of the Christ Child Society.

Besides handing out supplies for babies, Kelley said, "With a recent Halloween storytelling event at the Cachagua Community Park, we have also expanded our volunteer efforts into pre-K literacy — a major focus of the National

Christ Child Society."

The society was founded in 1884, when Mary Virginia Merrick, a woman in Washington, D.C., made a bundle for a child in need during the Christmas season. Last year, 27,000 bundles were distributed nationally. For more information, visit Facebook, @christchildmonterey.



PHOTO/COURTESY SUN STREET CENTERS

Anne Kelley (left) presents a bundle of homemade and store-bought baby supplies to Marilyn Anderson, Program and Family Services Director for Sun Street Centers, for an expectant mom in the program's Pueblo del Mar community.

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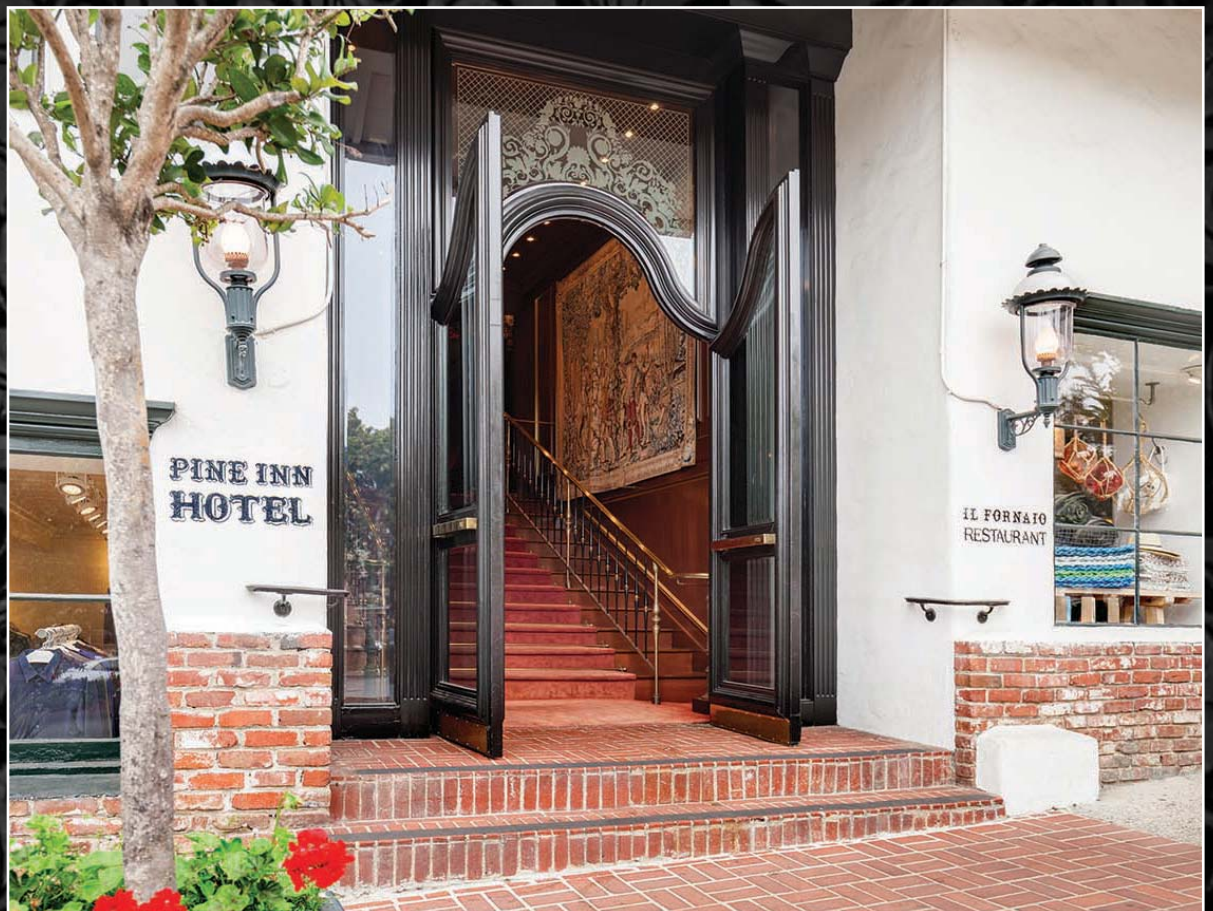
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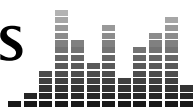
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MAN ARRESTED FOR DUI HIT-AND-RUN, CARRYING GUNS AND AMMO IN TRUNK

By MARY SCHLEY

POLICE ARRESTED a Lincoln Street resident for driving drunk and hitting two parked cars downtown Saturday evening after witnesses described the car and said where it had gone.

After a search, officers found the driver still sitting in his car, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Chris Johnson.

Jackson Smith, 68, was driving his green Ford Thunderbird shortly before 6 p.m. Nov. 18 when he hit two parked cars — a beige Ford and a red Mini — parked on San Carlos Street south of Ocean Avenue, and kept driving, Johnson said. Bystanders called police.

“When we got to the area, witnesses were able to describe the vehicle and give a partial plate number,” he said.

Moments later, Johnson located the Firebird parked around the corner at Dolores and Eighth.

“It was parked in the Carmel Realty lot, partially in the stall and partially in the landscaping,” he said, and Smith was still in the driver’s seat. “He was clearly intoxicated.”

Officer Mike Bruno put Smith through a series of field sobriety tests, which confirmed their suspicions — as did the open bottle of vodka Johnson said he found in the car.

And when the officers searched Smith’s Thunderbird before towing it, they also discovered four guns in the trunk — a lever-action .22-caliber rifle, a pump-action 20-gauge shotgun, a .357 magnum revolver, and a .22 revolver — along with 300 rounds of miscellaneous ammunition, according to Johnson. There were no locks on the guns, and one of the handguns was loaded.

According to California law, firearms must be unloaded and secured when being transported. Further, they can only be in a vehicle when they’re being taken somewhere, such as to or from the shooting range, not stored there. Otherwise, they are much more likely to be stolen and fall into the wrong hands, Johnson said.

“He was holding them for a friend,” he said. “We talked to the owner. He wasn’t possessing them illegally, because he’s not a prohibited person. He didn’t have bad intentions — he was just sloppy and careless.”

As a result, Smith, who lives north of Fifth, was arrested for the misdemeanor charges of having a loaded firearm in public, DUI, and hit-and-run, and for the infraction of having an open container.

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Big Sur's pop-up holiday fair to benefit Grange Hall

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

PROVIDING A marketplace for local artisans to sell their handcrafted creations, the Big Sur Grange Hall will host its 37th annual Harvest and Craft Fair Friday, Nov. 24, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 25-26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The fair offers an alternative to the hustle and bustle of shopping in malls during the holidays. The sale will include art, jewelry clothing, soaps, herbal and bath products, and much more. Tasty treats will also be available.

The roster of vendors includes photographer Rachael Short, soap maker Shiela Hillman, jade sculptor Matthew Glasby, bead artist Rachel Moody, clothing designer Amber Young and many others. "The fair offers an incredible opportunity to find one-of-kind handmade gifts for the holiday season," suggested Cody Oliver, who serves as Grange master.

The event also shines a spotlight on the Grange Hall,

which provides a site for many Big Sur events, including the Harvest and Craft Fair, the annual StageKids! summer theater program, election-day polling, meetings, conferences, concerts, live theater and classes.

Ten percent of each sale will benefit the Grange Hall, which according to Oliver, serves as an "unofficial community center" in Big Sur.

The site is located off Highway 1 about 25 miles south of Carmel. The turnoff to the Grange Hall is located a short distance south of the Big Sur Roadhouse restaurant, and a banner across the scenic route will make it easy to find. For more about the Grange Hall, visit www.bigsurgrange.org.



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Paul Wood, beloved Father, Grandfather, Gt. Grandfather and friend, passed away peacefully having recently celebrated his 104th birthday. Born in Charleston in South Carolina in 1913, Paul moved to California in the 1930's where he finished school and joined the Merchant Marines.

Paul was an avid traveler and met his English wife of 60 years, the late Jean Wood, during one of his many trips to Europe. A passionate Francophile and member of the Alliance Francaise de Monterey, Paul enjoyed everything French!

As Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge and member of the 32nd Degree Scottish Rite and Shriner, Paul was a well-respected and deeply loved member of the communities he lived in.

Paul was genuinely adored by all who knew him. His enthusiasm to learn and experience new things, combined with his gentle nature and generosity of spirit, made him a truly unique and inspirational individual. The love he shared will remain in the hearts of many people for many years to come.

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Man falls from truck in Big Sur, cracks skull

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

JUST MOMENTS after he jumped into the back of a pickup truck in Big Sur Nov. 21, a man fell from the vehicle and was seriously injured. He was transported by a Cal Star helicopter to Natividad Medical Center.

The incident happened about a mile north of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park at about 11:40 p.m. The victim, who is 58 years old and lives in Marina, was in the area working, California Highway Patrol officer Michael Orta told The Pine Cone.

The man, whose name was not released, had just finished a job, and had another one nearby. He decided to catch a ride there in the back of his work partner's 2002 GMC Sierra.

"While the vehicle was in motion, the gentleman jumped on the tailgate to hitch a ride," Orta explained.

Even though the truck was only traveling at about 15 MPH, and the driver made no quick turns or evasive maneuvers, the man "fell sideways and struck his head in pavement." According to Orta, he may have a fractured skull.

The driver will not be cited for his role in the accident, but the man who was injured will receive a ticket.

Orta noted that the driver's destination was only a few hundred feet away. He also discouraged others to not emulate the injured man's behavior. "This is a reminder not to ride in the back of pickup truck," he added. And especially not on the tailgate.

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Vulnerable to wildfires, rare Big Sur tree gets study, beer label

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE OF America's rarest trees — which only grows at high elevations in Big Sur and has trouble surviving wildfires — the Santa Lucia fir is the not only the subject of a new study about its survival, it's being used to sell beer.

Earlier this month, members of the nonprofit Ventana Wilderness Alliance, whose volunteers help keep many of Big Sur's trails passable for hikers, joined a team of botanists from the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on a journey into the backcountry to survey the firs, which are listed as endangered by the state of California.

Unlike other trees in Big Sur, the fir never adapted to fire. The places where it lives in Big Sur all offer at least some protection from wildfires — like canyon bottoms and rocky slopes and ledges. The trees are particularly vulnerable to fire because they have thin bark and densely foliated crowns.

"The Soberanes Fire burned a lot of areas that are prime habitat for the Santa Lucia Fir," explained Mike Splain, the executive director for the VWA. "There is a big concern for the trees if fires get more extreme or the climate gets warmer."

Splain said the survey, which happened earlier this month, is just the first of many that will seek to map changes to the environment and plant communities that surround the firs. He described this month's outing as a "training mission."

Splain noted that the California Native Plant Society will also be joining the effort to study the tree.

Leor Pantilat, who blogs about his trail-running excursions in the Big Sur backcountry, singled out the tree for its "striking beauty."

"I have had the pleasure of visiting most of the groves over the years," Pantilat told The Pine Cone. "I am fascinated by their ability to survive in an unforgiving land of drought,

heat and fire. A relic of a colder climate when these firs had a much larger range, the Santa Lucia is the rarest fir in the world, but I am thankful that the vast majority of groves in existence are protected by wilderness designation on public land."

The fir, which can grow over 100 feet high, is noted for its downswep branches and slender, spire-like shape. It is typically found in rocky outcroppings at 2,000- to 5000-feet above sea level. But it was once widespread throughout the western United States when milder climate conditions existed.

While most people have never even seen a Santa Lucia fir, they might get their first chance when they pop open a beer during the upcoming holiday season. That's because Anchor Brewing of San Francisco announced this month that an image of the rare tree will be placed on the labels for this year's edition of its Anchor Steam Christmas Ale.

San Francisco artist James Stitt did artwork for the label — something he has done each year since 1975. This year's label lets beer drinkers know how rare the tree is, where it can be found, and that it has long symbolized the Winter Solstice, "when the earth, with its seasons, appears born anew."

Betty Robinson Fors

January 3, 1926 – October 27, 2017

Betty Robinson Fors, 91, of Monterey, passed away October 27 at Community Hospital after a courageous ten year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born on January 3, 1926 in Seattle, Washington to William and Aline Robinson, and showed musical promise very early in life, beginning her long career as a church organist at age 11 when she took over for the ill organist at her parents' church. She continued to expand her professional activities throughout her younger years, becoming a concert pianist while at the University of Washington and then transferring to Chicago Musical Institute, where she also performed as a pianist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

She met her future husband Eric in Everett, Washington, following his discharge from the Navy at the end of the war, and following their university years, they were married in 1949. In 1957, their son Geoffrey was born.

Betty and her family moved to Arizona in 1962 for the warm climate, where Eric attended the University of Arizona to obtain his teaching credential, and in 1964 their daughter Adrienne was born. After some years in Arizona, the Monterey Peninsula beckoned, and Eric accepted a teaching position with the Salinas Union High School District in 1969. Betty took over as organist at Carmel's First Church of Christ, Scientist, although she quickly found her home at the Church of the Wayfarer in 1970, where she would remain for over 32 years, playing for thousands of weddings, including a record ten on one very busy Valentine's Day Saturday.

Tourists who visited the church on weekdays would be delighted to hear music pouring from the pipe organ as Betty practiced, and would frequently call up requests, which she would gladly play. Betty also gave many concerts at other churches in the area, and many will remember her as the guest organist at the yearly performance of Handel's Messiah at Ford Ord when the base was in operation. She also assisted soloists arriving for the Carmel Bach Festival by practicing with them, and rejoiced in playing some of the most difficult musical scores. Many students at the Robert Louis Stevenson School enjoyed having Betty as their piano teacher in the 1980's, and she also taught piano and organ students at her home for many years.

Betty will be remembered as a wonderful and devoted mother, wife, musician and friend. She is survived by her son Geoffrey, who served as her devoted sole caregiver for ten years, daughter Adrienne Soule and son-in-law Rob, and many cousins in the Pacific Northwest and England.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Post Office Box 2946, Carmel, CA 93921. Private family services have been held and it was Betty's wish that her ashes be scattered at sea, as were those of her late beloved husband Eric.



PHOTO/COURTESY LEOR PANTILAT

Big Sur's rare Santa Lucia fir has trouble surviving wildfires, which presents a challenge in the fire-prone region.

Thomas Patrick Davies

May 14, 1923—November 9, 2017



On November 9, 2017, Thomas Patrick Davies left this world for Heaven. His faith in God and trust in His word was the guidepost of his life and hope for the future.

Tom was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 14th, 1923, to a Welsh immigrant (Horace Andrew Davies), who became the Treasurer for the Chrysler Corporation, and a PE teacher from Black River Falls, Wisconsin (Mary Louise Dunn). He grew up riding horses and playing golf, football, and hockey. He played the drums and developed a deep and abiding love for jazz—often skipping school to travel to New York to watch all the greats including Benny Goodman, Art Tatum, Duke Ellington, and Tommy Dorsey. Even into his 90s, he followed new jazz artists saying, "This guy can swing!"

After enjoying an undefeated year on his high school football team, Tom attended the University of Virginia and joined the Kappa Sigma fraternity. World War II led him to three years in the Army Air Corps before finishing his college days at the University of Michigan. Following his father into the car business, Tom moved to Los Angeles and opened a Chrysler-Plymouth dealership when he was 25 years old.

A dear friend of Tom's had met a spunky "airline hostess" from Clarksdale, Mississippi, and determined that "Pug" (Ethel Gray Wells) should meet Tom. A blind date was arranged and soon the lifelong, loving partnership began. Tom and Pug settled down on the Westside of Los Angeles to raise three children and became ensconced in family life. Tom served as president of the school board, president of the homeowner's association, and usher captain at church. With Pug by his side, he nailed up the Christmas lights, built booths for the school fairs, and wore out many a station wagon driving the family on road trips, ski vacations, and college tours. He was a talented amateur photographer, often saying he took so many photographs because he was keenly aware of the speed at which his children were growing and he wanted to "freeze time."

As the auto industry changed, Tom entered into the field of commercial real estate. Family friends often came to Tom for help making real estate investments. He was a wise and cautious advisor and always a paragon of integrity.

Retiring to Carmel, California, Pug and Tom enjoyed many years of golf, traveling, and volunteering with their church and local philanthropies. While his grown children often looked to him for help and advice, his grandchildren loved "Big Tom" as a kind and tender soul who would let them drive the golf cart and encourage them in their activities and aspirations.

Tom was a gentleman. Innately courteous, kind, and deferential to others—he sat Pug at the table for each meal. He had an infectious charm and wit, was enthusiastic, optimistic, artistic, and funny. Additionally, he loved people—even keeping index cards in his pocket to note the names, details, and concerns of those he met.

Tom is survived by his "Dearheart" Pug—wife of 64 years, his daughter Kimberly Ann Davies, son, Patrick Alan Davies, daughter Mary Davies MacVicar, and son-in-law Donald Owens MacVicar. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Kathleen Corley MacVicar and Thomas David MacVicar. He was also "Uncle Tommy" to his nephew Horace Andrew Davies II and niece Carsten (Tena) Davies. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KARA B. NOBLES in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that LKARA B. NOBLES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

Date: December 15, 2017
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 17, 2017.
Publication dates: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 2017. (PC1123)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172271
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **IVERSON'S TREE SERVICE, 26364 Carmel Rancho Lane, Suite 201, Carmel, CA 93923.**
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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S/ Michael Iverson, President
Nov. 14, 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 Nov. 14, 2017
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Publication date: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 2017 (PC1125)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE (SECOND READING) AMENDING CARMEL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.68 PERTAINING TO PACKAGING MATERIAL RESTRICTIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance (second reading) amending Carmel Municipal Code Chapter 8.68 pertaining to packaging material restrictions. The purpose of the hearing is to gather public input prior to taking action on the proposal described in this notice.

The Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Location: Council Chamber
East side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA

Date: Tuesday, December 05, 2017

Time: 4:30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard)

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY appear and be heard, or written comments may be sent to the City Council prior to the hearing. Written comments may be mailed or delivered prior to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 05, 2017 to:

Office of the City Clerk City of Carmel-by-the-Sea P.O. Box CC Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921	OR	East side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA
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QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES may be addressed to Agnes Topp, Environmental Compliance Manager at (831) 620-2078 or via email to atop@ci.carmel.ca.us.

Ashlee Wright, City Clerk
Publication: November 24, 2017

Publication dates: Nov. 24, 2017 (PC1128)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA City Clerk's Office

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF HEARING

Dated: 11/21/17

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting date and time of Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, in the City Hall Council Chamber, East side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, for a Public Hearing to consider:

Proposed Action: Consideration of an Ordinance (Second Reading) amending Municipal Code Sections 17.08 (Residential Zoning District) and 17.68 (Use Classifications) pertaining to accessory dwelling units in response to recently adopted state legislation.

Environmental Status: This project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided by Public Resources Code Section 21080.17, because it is the adoption of an ordinance by a city to implement the provisions of Section 65852.2 of the Government Code.

Coastal Permit Status: Requires certification by the California Coastal Commission. Interested persons may appear and be heard at this meeting. Please be advised that if you challenge the nature of the above project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Questions may be addressed and additional materials reviewed at the Department of Community Planning and Building located at City Hall.

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
ASHLEE WRIGHT, CITY CLERK

PLEASE NOTE: When calling about this notice, Please refer to: Marc Wiener, Community Planning and Building Director
Publish Date: 11/24/17

Publication dates: Nov. 24, 2017 (PC1126)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Proposed Action: Consideration of an Ordinance (Second Reading) amending the City's regulations concerning the sale, use and cultivation of cannabis.

Environmental Status: This ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) which is the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and CEQA does not apply where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. The City's permissive zoning provisions already prohibits all uses that are being expressly prohibited by this ordinance. Therefore, this ordinance has no impact on the physical environment as it will not result in any changes.

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Proposed Action: City Council review of a Use Permit (UP 17-80) application approved by the Planning Commission to convert an existing restaurant located in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District from a specialty restaurant to a full-line restaurant.

Parcel Description: Carmel Plaza; Block: 78, Lots: All; APN: 010-086-006

Environmental Status: The application qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Class 3 exemptions include projects involving limited new construction projects and conversion of small structures.

Coastal Permit Status: None required.

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EROSION

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down the entire California coast,” Bachman explained. “We were notified that we have areas that are actively eroding and delivering sediment” into tide pools and the bay.

Point Lobos Foundation board member Karen Hewitt said the reserve’s heavy visitation has taken a toll on its trails.

“Over the decades, all that foot traffic has trampled the plant communities that keep the soil in place,” Hewitt explained. “That puts a lot of pressure on an environment that is supposed to have a higher level of protection.”

According to Hewitt, “serious remediation efforts” are needed, and “quickly.”

Thousands of seedlings from about a dozen different native plants — including seaside daisies, coastal sagebrush, seacliff

buckwheat and lizard’s tail — will be put into the ground in the coming weeks. The seedlings are being propagated in Santa Cruz, and they will arrive at the end of the month when the project gets underway. The work will occur at 17 sites between the Piney Woods area and Bird Island.

Besides planting thousands of seedlings, the project also includes bringing in soil, installing fencing, collecting native seeds and removing invasive weeds.

The Point Lobos Foundation, meanwhile, will pay for a full time ecologist to aid state parks workers until the project is completed.

While the State Water Resources Control Board has asked that the work be done, the agency hasn’t set a deadline. “They just want see us making strides to address these things,” Bachman added.

Volunteers are sought to plant the seedlings on two Saturdays, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16.



Point Lobos State Reserve attracts more than a million visitors each year, which state officials say is causing erosion that is damaging the marine environment.

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HARPER

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“In my final one-on-one conversation with my dad, I told him I had been trying to think of a quote of his, or some words he spoke, to live by,” JT recalled. “And what I realized, and what I told him was, that as eloquent as my dad was, I won’t remember him for any words, phrases or advice, because it wasn’t what he said, it was what he did, and it was how he lived.”

He also promised to raise his own children with the values of “respect, hard work, and love of the Golden State Warriors, just like my dad did.”

During the ceremony, which was billed as

a celebration of life, Country music producer T Bone Burnett and legendary performer George Strait paid tribute to Harper with songs, and so did his good friend, country music superstar Clay Walker, who sang, “Amazing Grace.”

CBS Sportscaster Jim Nantz, who got to know Harper during his yearly broadcasts of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and took a final walk with him along 17 Mile Drive just a few weeks before the end, said not only was the morning’s setting perfect for a memorial to Harper, so was the timing.

“RJ was so grateful for the life he had experienced,” Nantz said. “So, fittingly, we remember him on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week, and my hope is that his message of thanks and gratitude is passed from RJ to you, and that it stays in your hearts forever.”



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

The memorial for RJ Harper drew a big crowd of family, friends and P.B. Co. employees to a spot every golfer dreams about playing, and which Harper loved – the 18th Hole of the Pebble Beach Golf Links.

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HYATT

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fund a portion of the capital investments we will continue to be making as part of our long-term strategy to maintain Pebble Beach Resorts as the top golf resort in the world.”

According to records maintained by The Pine Cone, the sale of the Hyatt was the largest real estate transaction on the Monterey Peninsula since the P.B. Co. itself was sold in 1999 to a group headed by Peter Ueberroth and Dick Ferris for \$820 million. Arnold Palmer and Clint Eastwood were also investors in that purchase.

Robert Solmson, managing partner of Fairwood Capital, referred questions about the Monterey Hyatt’s future to his management firm, Davidson Hotels & Resorts of Atlanta, Ga., but told The Pine Cone it would remain a Hyatt, although he has plans to “upgrade the property.”

In a press release from Davidson, Solmson elaborated a bit, referring to a “comprehensive plan to elevate the asset and guest experience in this beautiful property.”

Last month, Hector Azpilcueta of the Hotel Workers Union local 483 told the Monterey County Herald that he believed a sale was in the offing, but said “the terms of the union contract under the previous owner would remain in effect,” and commended Davidson Hotels & Resorts for doing so. “This is the second hotel sale within the last few years — the other being the Highlands Inn — in which the owners have done the right thing and kept the union contract,” Azpilcueta said.

The Monterey Hyatt Regency has about 400 employees, of which about 250 are under union contract, according to the union. The hotel includes 550 rooms, 40,000 square feet of meeting space, two restaurants and a spa, and has a new general manager, Bentley Kriewald, who replaced Steve McNally just two weeks ago.

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Carmel Inns of Distinction Tour Sunday, December 3, 2017 2-5 p.m.

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- **Participating Restaurants:** The Grill, Earthbound Farms, Il Fornaio, Rio Grill, Terry’s Lounge.

- **Participating Wineries:** Manzoni, Comanche, Carmel Road, Idle Hour.

- **Hot Beverages:** Carmel Valley Roasting Company.

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Heritage society stages inn tour

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Participants can set their own pace during the self-guided tour, visiting the Cypress Inn, Candlelight Inn, Hofsas House, Tally Ho and the Carmel Cottage Inn.

Each will provide food from a participating restaurant — Terry's Lounge at the Cypress Inn, Il Fornaio, The Grill on Ocean Avenue, and Artemis — and feature a local

winery. Signed on to pour during the tour are Comanche, Idle Hour, Carmel Road and Manzoni, with hot drinks from Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company, and additional treats from Earthbound Farm.

Advance tickets are \$30 for Carmel Heritage members and \$35 for everyone else, while tickets purchased the day of the event cost \$40 for everyone.

Admission includes a commemorative wine glass. To purchase in advance, go to www.carmelheritage.org or call (831) 624-4447. To buy on the day of the tour, visit the First Murphy House at Lincoln and Sixth.

INN

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would comply with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for the renovation of historic properties.

But the HRB didn't weigh in on the paint scheme the new owners wanted to use, and planners didn't feel they could approve it over the counter because the proposed colors were too light and wouldn't have any contrast between the walls and the trim and half-timbers, so they asked the planning commission to decide.

"One issue with each of the three color schemes is that the trim and decorative half-timbering would essentially blend in with the main body of the building," Waffle said in her Nov. 8 report for the planning commission.

Planning director Marc Wiener told commissioners the historic resources board does not review paint colors, so its recommendation didn't address the color scheme.

"They don't do paint jobs," he said.

Davis said he was going for a paint scheme that would be "more cohesive, brighter and simpler."

"The site needs a refresh and a renovation. That's going to happen over the next six to seven months," he said. "We're not only renovating our part, but the city's landscaping along Ocean Avenue, as well."

He said the existing colors on the build-

ing contribute to its "busy" appearance.

Commissioners decided the third of the three proposed color schemes would be the best fit for the inn, because it has the most contrast: Sherwin Williams Agreeable Gray for the walls, and Benjamin Moore Snowfall White for the trim. The doors will be painted in Ralph Lauren Spinnaker, a dark blue.

Another PlumpJack venture

In April, Junipero Properties LP, headed by Samit Patel, sold the hotel to CVI Investors LLC, managed by Graham Culp, for \$12,047,500. Culp is a partner in the Meriwether Companies, a Colorado-based company that invests in residential and commercial real estate projects.

In partnership with PlumpJack Hospitality Group — which also bought and renovated the former Cobblestone Inn on Junipero Street and renamed it The Hideaway — Meriwether seeks out opportunities to capitalize on undervalued historic properties.

PlumpJack was founded by Gavin Newsom, former mayor of San Francisco and the state's lieutenant governor, in 1992 as a wine store.

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Participating in the event — which starts at 10:30 a.m. and continues all day — will be Sam Salerno ("Sam the

Morning Man"), King Grossman ("Letters to Alice"), Kathryn Gualtieri ("The Missing Bohemian," "Murder in the Pines" and "Murder Takes the Stage") and Steve Hauk ("Steinbeck: The Untold Stories").

Also, Holly Hodder Eger ("Split Rock"), Ajax Minor ("Girl from Ipanema"), and Alison Henderson (Small Town Christmas") will be there.

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public works and police complexes. The council could renew the contract annually for an additional three years.

The city received bids from three companies, but two were rejected because Harary said they didn't meet requirements. Meanwhile, a fourth potential bidder attempted to submit a bid three minutes after the deadline, and "their proposal was immediately returned to them unopened," He said.

Just \$3,600 for beach?

That left the bid from Town & Country up for council approval this week, though Hardy said she didn't feel com-

fortable authorizing it. She questioned the amounts the company assigned to each task — \$3,600 for work at the beach, for instance — and speculated the overall amount was too low.

"Are we really going to get the same work we want out of these people?" she asked.

Hardy also said she disagreed with Harary's list of high-priority projects, feeling that the Forest Theater, for instance, should be given more attention, because the city is obligated to maintain it.

She suggested rebidding the work.

"You have the ability to tell staff to rebid, or to prioritize the worklist differently," city administrator Chip Rerig said. "But winter is coming, and we need to get someone on board as soon as possible."

Harary said the only legal options were to give the con-

tract to Town & Country or put the work out for bid all over again.

"If you rebid, they are likely to come in higher or not get a response," he cautioned.

Councilman Bobby Richards asked if the city's policies were followed, to which Rerig responded in the affirmative.

"I would invite anyone to come to a bid opening," Rerig added. "It's a very formalized process."

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said she was confident the city would get what it needed from the contractor, regardless of the price estimates for individual tasks.

"It will be up to my staff to determine how it will be done," Harary confirmed. "None of the amounts concern me."

Theis moved approval of the contract, and the council voted 4-1 in favor, with Hardy dissenting.



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Padres' preseason set to get new players ready for the real deal

THE EDUCATION of a young-but-talented Carmel High girls basketball team begins Nov. 28 when the Padres welcome Aptos to their home for the first of eight potentially punishing preseason games.

"I scheduled those (non-league) opponents in anticipation of the team I thought we were going to be working with, which is different from the team we have in our gym right now," said Helen Suarez, the second-year head coach whose 2016-17 Padres went 12-2 in the Mission Trail Athletic League (second to Stevenson) and 16-9 overall. "I expect those games to be pretty tough for us, but I'm hoping they will help us get a feel for the level of competition that's out there."

The Mariners, for starters, were 26-5 last year, placed second in the Santa Cruz Coast League, and won the Central Coast Section Division III championship. The following Monday, Dec. 4, Carmel travels to play North Salinas, 22-4, defending champion of the Monterey Bay League's Gabilan Division and a quarterfinalist in the CCS Division I bracket.

The pre-league baptism continues against another SCCL team, Santa Cruz (13-15), followed by MBL members Alisal (4-16), Salinas (15-9), Seaside (15-11) Monte Vista Christian (18-8) and Gilroy (17-9). It wouldn't be a stretch to call Carmel the underdog in almost all of those games.

"A lot of the girls I've coached at Carmel have shown a reluctance to get physical on the court," said Suarez, who played at Pacific Hills High in Los Angeles, then collegiately at Notre Dame de Namur in Belmont, Glendale College, and CSU Monterey Bay. "I expect some of those early opponents to be tough and physical, and I'm hoping our players learn to push back a little bit."

Finding their way

That murderers' row of opponents was designed to accelerate the growth of what was expected to be a deep, veteran Carmel roster that would include Soana Laulotu, Katie Godon, Ashley Langley, Anna Buzan, Jessica Pavlov and Daniela Benak.

But Buzan, Pavlov and Benak had other commitments and opted not to play this season, leaving the Padres with a yet-to-ripen 12-person varsity roster that instead includes four sophomores and two freshmen.

The good news? Suarez thinks Carmel can be one of the top two teams in the MTAL again this year, anyway.

Her optimism begins with her tri-captains. Laulotu, a powerhouse junior on Carmel's volleyball team, brings size (6 feet tall), strength, aggression, and a strong track record (14.5 points, 12.3 rebounds as a sophomore). Both Godon, the team's only senior and Langley (a junior setter on the volleyball squad) are three-point gunners, strong ball-handlers, and menacing defenders. All three will be heavily depended upon for leadership as younger players find their way.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Another returning varsity player, junior Chloe Bernal, is one of the team's quickest players — a weapon on fast breaks — and a good three-point shooter.

"Looking at the team we have now, I can see that we have a lot of work to do," Suarez said. "Defensively, our players need to become more vocal on the court. They're young and they're shy. Most of our players haven't really experienced this [varsity] level of play yet, and I expect that to be a bit eye-opening. But I'd rather get that part out of the way in pre-season, rather than waiting until league play starts."

Basketball crazy

There's a palpable buzz around two talented freshmen. Erin Trotter, a 5-9 power forward, is a physically strong player with good rebounding ability, and a talent for putting those rebounds into the basket after she gets them. Olivia Randazzo, a tall guard at 5-8, has an impressive basketball IQ that makes her a heady defensive player, and she also takes intelligent shots, the coach said.

Liz McRae, a junior, and Arielle Castagna, a sophomore, have moved up from a strong junior-varsity squad. Both are impressive outside shooters, and McRae, a point guard, figures to be on the court in ball-control situations.

Adeline Carley, a transfer student from basketball-crazy

North Carolina, is a sturdy 5-10 sophomore who figures to get playing time. Sophomore Sierra Holman, 5-8, is a physical rebounder who figures to earn significant minutes on the court if her footwork improves on offense.

Two fall sport stars also figure into the equation. Sophomore golfer Brenna Ozel has some height at 5 feet 7 and "a nice shot," Suarez said. Colleen Lang, a junior, was the strongest runner on Carmel's championship cross-country team for most of the season. She brings that same endurance to the basketball squad, but currently is nursing aching knees back to health.

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One of three co-captains, Ashley Langley (left) is not only a strong shooter, but an aggressive defender. Co-captain Katie Godon (right) is also solid both on offense and defense.

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Editorial

Life wasn't always this good

WHAT'S THE most important thing to eat at every meal? Calories, of course.

In fact, you *must* eat calories, and the healthiest thing is to eat them multiple times a day. You would die quickly without them.

Humans evolved amid regular food shortages, if not famines, which means that our food distribution system was developed to produce and deliver calories above all else. So efficient did it become at doing so, the biggest nutrition problem facing Americans nowadays is not to eat too many calories.

In fact, the United States is such a land of plenty, one of the big, national concerns over the last 20 years has been an epidemic of obesity, especially among the poor. Which also means it's practically impossible for Americans to fathom the original meaning of Thanksgiving.

Just like every year, the biggest challenge in most households this week was not to think of something to be thankful for. Instead, the Thanksgiving dilemma was the same one that besets Americans year-round: not to eat too much.

Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie just pile up on top of the French fries, hamburgers and nachos that 21st-century Americans eat by the gob. Obesity-induced diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease afflict millions.

These modern illnesses could hardly have been imagined by the small group of Pilgrims that landed at Plymouth, Mass., in November 1620. During that first winter of deep snows and scarce food, more than half of them died.

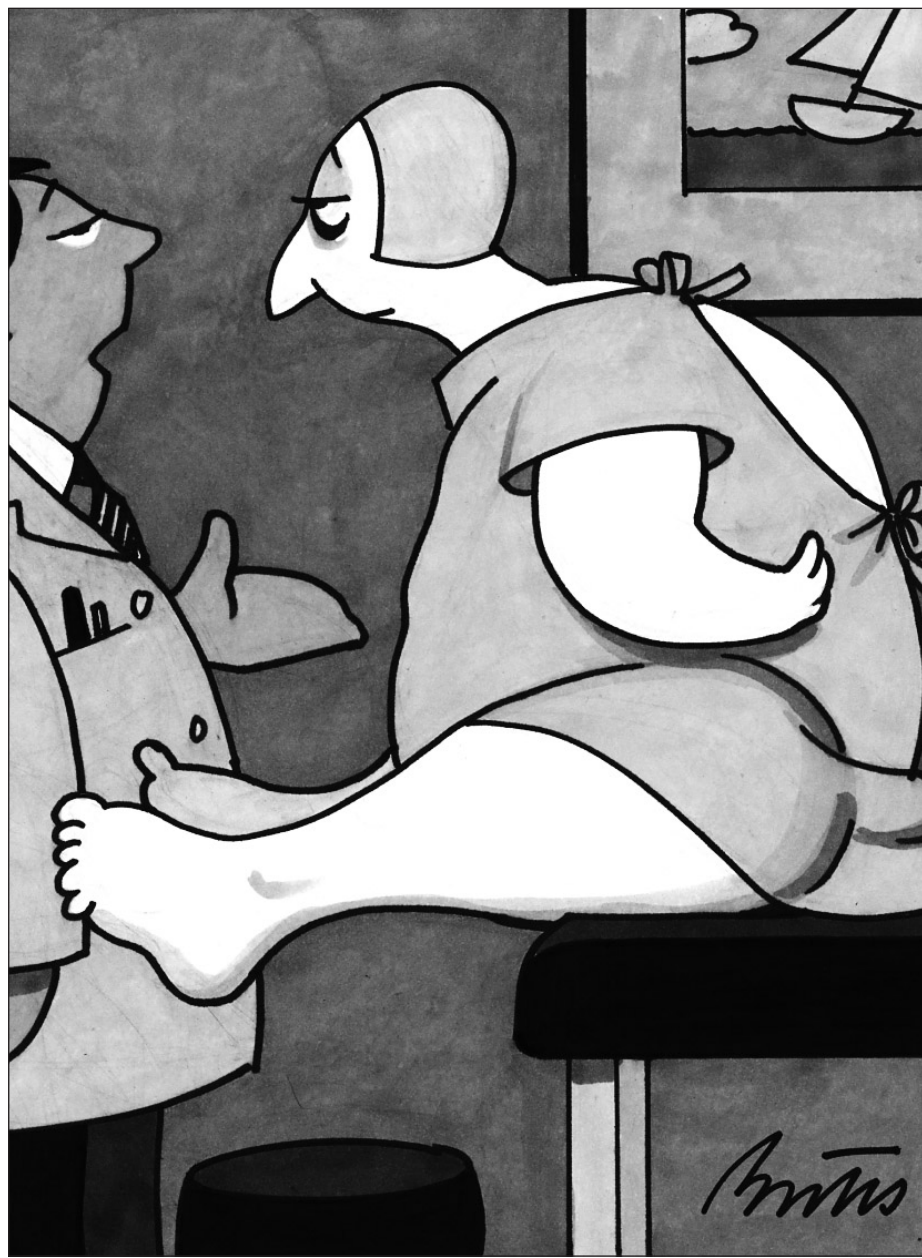
When the spring of 1621 finally arrived, the surviving Pilgrims had an urgent problem that would require a Herculean, summer-long effort: to prepare for the next winter. Shelters had to be built, animals hunted, fish caught, edible plants gathered and — if possible — crops planted. Food had to be produced in sufficient quantities to supply the community each day, with enough left over to be dried and stored for the cold months ahead. The Pilgrims were courageous and well armed — a good musket being essential to survival — but they were strangers in a new land, and their chances were slim.

Fortunately, the people who already lived in Massachusetts, the Wampanoag Indians, took an interest in their new neighbors, and shared precious knowledge with the Pilgrims. Maple trees could be tapped for their sugary sap. Some of the unfamiliar, native plants were nutritious, and some had medicinal properties; others were poisonous. Corn would thrive if cultivated properly. With the Wampanoags' help, the Pilgrims' confidence grew and the larders began to fill. When October came, the Pilgrims declared a holiday to celebrate a simple fact: They would not starve.

Winter isn't a threat to survival anymore, not with a 24-hour supermarket in every town. The average American is too busy making his Christmas list to pay attention to whether the local harvest — if there was one — was a success. A shortage of food is inconceivable.

The blessings of living in the current golden age are so numerous, in fact, that it is hard for us to believe it was ever any other way, and that there was once a time on these very shores when having enough to eat was reason to declare a holiday.

BEST of BATES



"It's obvious, Mabel. You ate too much turkey."

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Common sense about trees

Dear Editor,

I've been a long-time resident and reader of The Pine Cone, and even during long years abroad, looked forward to downloading the latest news and opinion from what you have established to be a beacon of local conscience and good sense for the community. I have agreed with many of your viewpoints, and often thought of putting finger to keyboard, but your latest editorial about the nonsensical approach to trees, and the local "squeaky wheels" had me erupting in loud applause.

Yes, you're right, those trees are designed and destined to die and regenerate. We alter the process with our valiant ecological and fire prevention work, with the result that

there are (in some cases) dramatically increased risks to property, and to the health and safety of members of the community. My son narrowly missed being seriously injured or drowned with a multiple 100 pound limb fell off a stressed Monterey Pine, while he was in an outdoor pool.

Commentators who compare these risks to damage from "pine cones or acorns" display colossal degrees of ignorance.

Further, the local communities (Pebble Beach and Carmel in particular) are courting municipal disaster with the extent to which they have allowed areas of their communities, canyons in particular, to become overgrown and choked with dead and dying trees, filled with explosive sap, heaped with tinder dry brush all of which court disaster. Ask the municipalities in Napa.

Homeowners, community leaders, fire professionals and planning officials all need to take responsibility to reduce risk factors that threaten our persons and property.

This can be accomplished along with maintaining our cherished communities and preparing them to properly embrace the future.

Finally, your well aimed riposte to the noisy and tiresome "community commentators" landed spot on. It is not what most of us sensible people want, and it's time elected officials and planners take note. Thank you for reminding us.

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Pebble Beach

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Renovating, restoring and respecting the town — one house at a time

LOCAL BUILDER Richard Frye grew up in a small steel-mill town in western Pennsylvania, in a community of bungalows built by the Amish.

This probably would have influenced his architectural aesthetic, had he not heeded his parents' advice to head out to California during his summer break from college, to experience the "most beautiful place in the world," a community called Carmel-by-the-Sea.

It was 1963. Frye hopped into his Chevy Corvair convertible, drove here, parked his car at "the foot of Ocean," and vowed to never leave. He rarely has.

Frye bought a surfboard, hung out at The Creamery, and went to work for Del Monte Lodge as a busboy. Although he had abandoned previous studies at the University of Alabama, he decided to go back to school. His father was a doctor; his mother was a professional golfer. Frye enrolled at Monterey Peninsula College, where he studied art, mainly ceramics, before transferring to California College of the Arts in San Francisco. After a few semesters, he returned here to figure out what he wanted to do.

"My lifelong interest in architecture led

extended when he was hired by a Santa Fe architect to build a house for the man's mother on Carmel Point.

"We worked with the footprint of the original cottage, but the house was a tear-down," said Frye. "In its place, we built an angular, redwood structure that turned out to be the most contemporary house in Carmel at the time, and a real boost to my career."

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

With that, says Frye, he was off and running with a career which has spanned more than 45 years, involving hundreds of houses in a diversity of styles.

Frye says he'd have to walk up and down the streets of Carmel, counting how many houses he's touched over the years to get the exact count, but he regularly runs into people who say, "You redid my kitchen, rebuilt our house, updated our home to suit our lifestyle while preserving the historic integrity of the property."

Known for the breadth of his work, Frye also is acknowledged for his precision and commitment to maintaining the architectural aesthetic of the house.

"I work on one project at a time, focusing on the client," he said, "and what they want. I have to be careful about telling people what they can and cannot have, based on the architecture. I prefer to go along, working with the parameters of what's there, and letting the process reveal what works."

In 2014-15, Frye restored an adobe south of Ocean, built by Hugh Comstock circa 1939. "Castle Carmelo" is a two-bedroom, two-bath bungalow, crafted of 12-inch-thick adobe walls. The bricks were handmade locally, from a mixture of hay and mud.

"I love these old, historic homes," said Frye, "and it was pleasure to work on Carmelo with homeowner Paul McKnight."

Throughout the house, Frye created a comfortable, contemporary living space while preserving the classic character of the cottage, inside and out.

"Richard is not only a fine builder and craftsman; he is also a fine person," said McKnight. "Even though the job was finished, he was not, as he continued to contact me to see if anything needed fixing. He actually became a good friend."



From the land of the Pennsylvania Dutch to Carmel, Richard Frye came here because his parents told him how beautiful it was.

me to apprentice with the local carpenters' union," said Frye. "My first house, in 1966, was a bridge timber-and-glass structure in Big Sur, designed by George Brook-Kothlow. It was an amazing opportunity to work with an architect who had such a keen eye for the environment, and to work with the raw beauty that brought me here."

Real boost

Frye traveled back to the East Coast to build a house for his sister and brother-in-law in Vermont. With more experience under his belt, he returned here to build himself a house in Carmel Valley.

"Once I was back in town," he said, "I got really involved in the historical context of Carmel, building Comstock-style houses. Yet the range of Frye's architectural reach was

He said he wanted to see her etchings. No, really. That happened.

HELENE GOLDSTEIN and Michie (pronounced Mickey) Long met on the Monterey Peninsula in the late 1980s in a sculpture class taught by Carmel Art Association artist Eleen Auvil. He was an established oil painter — already an Art Association member — and Goldstein was an etcher.

"Mick pretended he wanted to learn how to do etchings, and that's how we got together," said Goldstein, who was juried into the Art Association as an etcher in 1992, and again a few years later as an oil painter. "Eventually we moved in together — lived together for more than 10 years, and then, in 2004, we got married when we found out it was better for taxes."

Their union worked out, and it also was good for the local art scene. For the past two-and-a-half decades, they have inspired and influenced each other through various phases of their artwork, which is part of a November show at the Carmel Art Association gallery (Dolores Street, between 5th and 6th avenues) that also includes the paintings of Belinda Vidor, Pamela Carroll, and Jeffrey Becom.

Their work is very different. Goldstein's current passion is painting spectacularly colorful renditions of flowers, not from photos or real life, but from her imagination. Long's main focus is people — a woman singing with a quartet, a gaggle of severe-looking folks (homeless?) pushing shopping carts, ladies frolicking with horses — mostly whimsical and nearly as colorful as those flowers Goldstein creates.

One-horse towns

They seem like an unlikely couple. She was born and reared in the Bronx, where her father owned a corner drug store, and her mother owned a beauty parlor on Broadway in Manhattan. Long is Oklahoma-born, but grew up in small-town West Texas, the son of a conservative, right-wing barber who became a jewelry store owner. Their distinctive dialects blend in conversations into a unique-sounding duet.

"We lived in a tent for a while, behind my father's barbershop in Pyote, Texas," said

Long, now 78. "That was during World War II, and we were right outside Rattlesnake Air Force Base, so my dad gave a lot of military haircuts."

Dad also sold Mexican jewelry at the shop, and, after moving the family 10 miles up the road to another one-horse town, Monahans, he somehow managed to graduate from cutting hair to selling diamonds.

It was a conservative place where the younger Long worked at an icehouse, in the oilfields, on construction sites, and driving a truck. After earning a history degree from North Texas State, he taught high school, but didn't like it much, so he went to work for the Texas Employment Commission.

"That's when I made up my mind to do what I really wanted to do, and started doing some oil paintings," Long said. "And that's

Carmel's artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

when I found out about the Carmel Art Institute, which is how I wound up out here."

The hippie culture of the Monterey Peninsula in the early 1970s appealed to the West Texas boy, who worked odd jobs to pay for a space at the Pacific Grove Art Studio, where he slept on the floor in a sleeping bag.

"We weren't supposed to live there, but a few of us did, and nobody bothered us about it," he said. "And it was a pretty good time."

Long later found full-time employment at Kelly Moore Paints in Seaside, where he worked for 10 years until he hoisted one too many paint cans and injured his back.

Goldstein remembers sunny Sundays as a Depression-era child in New York City, riding a double-decker bus with her mother down Fifth Avenue, from Harlem to the Bowery, for entertainment. As a young girl, she frequented the Polo Grounds to watch the New York Giants play baseball, occupying a seat in the right-field bleachers, where she could keep an eye on future Hall of Famer Mel Ott.

She recalls impressing two artistic uncles

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Helene Goldstein and Michie Long are a study in contrasts, whether it's her paintings of colorful flowers and his of human figures, or his West Texas upbringing versus hers in New York City. Somehow, the combination works.

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with her talent as a child, visiting the Metropolitan Museum as a schoolgirl, and being recommended by her high school teacher to take free painting classes at the Museum of Modern Art. By age 14, she knew she wanted to become a professional artist.

Finding a tree

Goldstein studied during the summer at New York's Art Students League under Reginald Marsh (known for depictions of life in the city), Harry Sternberg (a printmaker) and John Heliker (an icon in New York art circles for seven decades). She also painted in Central Park with a beloved aunt, Sarah Fussiner, who became an artist of some renown, herself.

"I remember wanting to do a silhouette of a tree once, and I had to walk about 10 blocks in the Bronx to find one, so I loved painting in Central Park," she said.

By age 16 she had graduated from Taft High School (classmates included singer Eydie Gormé and producer-director Stanley Kubrick) and was studying watercolors with Dong Kingman at Hunter College, which in those days was an all-women's school in

Manhattan.

"I was working a part-time job, 60 cents an hour, at Lerner's (women's clothing) — across the street from Bloomingdale's — when I noticed an ad in the New York Times from somebody looking for fabric designs," Goldstein recounted. "So I painted something and wound up selling it to a manufacturer."

Years later, after moving to Seaside with her first husband, Goldstein received a brochure in the mail advertising a book, Modern Furnishings for the Home, by William Hennessey.

"My painting — that fabric design I had sold to that company years earlier — was in that book," she said. "So I bought the book."

It was a harbinger of things to come for Goldstein, whose career accelerated after she met Long.

"I don't think I would have become a full-time painter if not for Mick," she said. "Before that, I was never with anybody who cared very much about art."

The couple live with their large, black dog, Ruby Begonia, near China Rock in Pebble Beach, in a home with a spectacular view. They each have four adult children, and together claim 10 grandchildren and four great-grandkids.

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SPORTS

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back to health.

"Although we've lost some very good players (including last year's seniors, Ashlyn Davis, Jessica Pavlov, and Jessica DiLullo), I think our league rivals probably lost just as much, if not more," Suarez said. "The fact that we still have Soana, Katie and Ashley makes me feel like we can still contend for one of the top two spots."

Defending MTAL champ Stevenson (17-4, 13-1 in league) graduated 6-1 center Fauve Koontz, but returns seniors Ambreece Gaskins (23.8 points, 5.4 steals, 4.3 assists per game) and Antonia Malate (9.2 points.) Third-place Pacific Grove (16-6, 11-3) has point guard Vada Courtney (16.6 points), forward Kulaea Tulua (9.8 points, 6.9

rebounds), and 5-11 forward/center Danielle Pasquariello (10.2 points, 9.1 rebounds).

King City (12-14, 7-7) returns six seniors and three juniors, Soledad (7-12, 6-8) has seven of 11 varsity players back, and Santa Catalina (6-11, 5-9) graduated three from a nine-player roster.

Greenfield (4-19, 2-12) and Gonzalez (1-19, 0-14) are hoping to be more competitive this year.

Looking ahead (Nov. 24-30)

Boys soccer — Carmel at York, Monday, 3:30 p.m.; Carmel at Alvarez, Thursday, 5:45 p.m.

Girls basketball — Aptos at Carmel, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball — Carmel at Pajaro Valley, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Girls soccer — San Lorenzo Valley at Carmel, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

EMBEZZLE

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the credit card bill and doing the bookkeeping, her employers didn't notice as she pilfered \$25,007 from the company's bank account. "The owners didn't check their credit card statements," he said. "They would just look at the books every once in a while."

Smith suspected it took DiBenedetto so long to discover the problem because the owners had taken Burks in. "They were very generous to her, because she had fallen on hard times," he said.

One leads to another

When the investigation was complete and it was time to arrest Burks in May, Smith went to her other workplace, Valley Grading & Paving.

"I was ready to arrest her after I got the audit back, so I went over there to catch her," he said.

When he told her employers why he was there, Smith said, "They became very defensive, and we ended up having a conversation because of that," he recalled. When Smith told one of the men to examine his own books, "he got very angry, because he had a lot of trust in her as a long-term employee."

But the owner had an audit done, and the numbers showed Burks had been stealing from his company since 2011, according to Smith. She had also trained Martin-

Woodring, who was going to replace her there, to do the same. The losses totaled \$180,000.

"He was very upset when the audit came back," Smith said. "It was basically the same scheme — it wasn't complicated at all." Burks and Martin-Woodring had been writing checks to themselves and then substituting a vendor name in the books to cover the payments, according to Smith. The owners didn't notice anything out of place.

But when the auditor ordered the checks from the bank, he said, "it was plain as day."

"Stephanie stole smaller amounts, like \$300 to \$600 or \$700 at a time, whereas Setiva basically doubled that," he said. "They don't strike you as criminals. They stole an awful lot of money, though."

Smith said both women confessed to the crime. "When I show you all the checks you wrote to your own bank account, it's hard to deny it," he said.

Burks pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of misdemeanor embezzlement in the first case in late June, and was placed on probation. The new charges against her and Martin-Woodring were filed in October. Burks pleaded not guilty in court Nov. 7 and was scheduled to appear again Nov. 21 for the setting of a preliminary hearing, while Martin-Woodring's arraignment was delayed until Nov. 21 because she didn't have a lawyer at the Nov. 7 hearing and didn't qualify for a public defender, according to court records.

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including opinion columnist Dan Walters. Walters opined in a Nov. 15 editorial in the Fresno Bee that unless Brown lays out what reducing Californians' emissions to a specific level would mean in terms of lifestyle changes and economic costs, proposes legislation to reach the goal, and spends the "political capital" necessary to make it law, his words are "hot jet plane exhaust."

Ferguson did not respond to other questions from The Pine Cone, including Brown's reasons for not flying commercial during the

trip. But the governor has previously faced criticism for using private jets, including in 2015, when he took one to the Vatican to attend a climate-change conference.

Accompanying Brown on parts of the European trip was an entourage composed of California's first lady, Anne Gust Brown, and nine staffers, who also took the charter plane.

The total cost of the trip has yet to be calculated, but Ferguson said that "consistent with past international trips, costs are being covered by the California State Protocol Foundation to offset any burden to taxpayers. Some staff-level expenses will also be offset by the Climate Action Reserve and the Climate Registry."



Gov. Jerry Brown addressing the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium, Nov. 8. His warnings about climate change were dire – but he flew more than 15,000 miles on a private jet to make them.

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Man arrested for attempted break-in

A 30-YEAR-OLD Salinas resident with an extensive court record was arrested early Saturday after a report that a man was burglarizing the Monterey Bay Laundromat on Lighthouse Avenue, according to Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Rory Lakind.

Joseph Thomas ran away when officers arrived around 2:45 a.m. Nov. 18, but officer Luis Buenrostro and Cpl. Dan Deis managed to chase him down after a short chase. They arrested Thomas for the attempted break-in,

as well as evading police, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia, and took him to Monterey County Jail.

Court records indicate Thomas has been named in numerous misdemeanor and felony cases going back as far as 2006, as well as 10 traffic cases. A review of records shows multiple violations of probation, and he has four misdemeanor cases pending against him. Thomas posted bail Nov. 20.



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By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

THIS TIME of year, throughout much of Europe, Christmas street markets come alive, with strings of white or colored lights and row upon row of wood-shingled booths selling stunning glass ornaments and porcelain figures, woolen scarves and woven mittens, mulled wine and hot cider, warm breads and bratwurst. Throngs of people gather to celebrate the season, commune with each other and find gifts, and treasures for their homes.

In fact, there are entire cruises devoted to visiting such markets, and they charge thousands of dollars for the experience. But you don't need to spend money just to go spend money.

Ocean Avenue is like a Christmas market that runs right down to the sea. The quaint gingerbread architecture and cobbled paths, the twinkling white bulbs that light up the night, and the colorful tree at the top of town all shout Christmas with an Old World aesthetic.

Kris Kringle of Carmel, at the entrance to the Doud Arcade, is a "Christkindlmarkt" or German Christmas market all by itself, with its interior A-frame shingled ceiling above collections of ornaments and decorations.

'Wonderland in the woods'

Inspired by the markets in Oberammergau, Germany, where she lived as a teen, Carol Montana opened Kris Kringle in 1984, to create a year-round Yuletide experience in Carmel.

"We carry the real deal from Müller in Erzgebirge, Germany," said Montana, of the third-generation family business that handcrafts its candle arches, pyramids with the propellers at the top, and small wooden nutcrackers and incense smokers. The smokers depict snowmen, toy sellers, Santas, Scotsmen, a chimney sweep and a couple of Bavarian beer steins. You put incense inside, and the figures appear to be smoking.

"For many years, we've also carried the collectible Steinbach nutcrackers, also from Erzgebirge, some of which are numbered limited editions," Montana said. "To make them, they cure the wood for eight to 12 years. Some craftsmen have a textile background, so many pieces have fine fabric involved in the design, and many of them are musical. At \$275 to \$450, these are very special pieces."

In addition to various products by American vendors, such as the Jim Shore fine-crafted figures with a decidedly

European feel, the shop carries Russian nesting dolls, Christmas trees and holiday boxes, an olive-wood Nativity scene from Israel, and Kurt Adler holiday toilet paper, from Germany (yes, really).

Come Christmastime, Carrigg's of Carmel, the home decor and furnishing store at Ocean and San Carlos, becomes a wonderland in the woods, with some 16 themed Christmas trees.

Sheree Smith, who grew up with founder Mary Ann Carrigg, is devoted to preserving the magic of Christmas in Carmel.

"Mary Ann has such a magical way of decorating, and I just absorbed everything she did in design and decor," said Smith.

A family recently came into the shop after losing their Santa Rosa home in the recent fire. Smith asked them about their favorite colors and themes. Then she sent them out the

door with their new Christmas collection, her gift to help start replacing the treasures of their lives.

"I have so much, and they had lost so much," she said. "This is what it's all about. My parents always played Santa and Mrs. Claus, making so much of Christmas, and giving of themselves to people in the community. I come by the Christmas spirit naturally."

Big Cheese

Next door, Bittner's offers a different kind of collectible, with their Graf Faber-Castell pens from Nuremberg, Germany, home to one of the most famous Christmas markets in the world.

Pens crafted by the company, founded in 1761, range from \$20 to \$2,000. Customers also seek Visconti pens, at \$200-

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It's almost too much take in, but the festive atmosphere at Carrigg's has been entertaining friends and visitors for more than 10 years. With 16 lavishly decorated trees, store owner Sheree Smith says she comes by the

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Here's everything about where and when to maximize holiday cheer

By ELAINE HESSER

ARE YOU ready for the holidays? Whether that question fills you with fear or cheer — or whether you're still in mid-turkey coma from Thanksgiving's feasting — the season of joy is upon us.



PHOTO/COURTESY FISHERMAN'S WHARF

One of many festively decorated trees that will festoon the Peninsula, this one is from last year at Fisherman's Wharf.

Friday, Nov. 24, at 5:45 on Cannery Row, one of numerous trees around these parts will light up the night. The party starts at 4 p.m. with a balloon artist and reindeer, and continues at 5:30 with caroling and the grand illumination. From 6 to 9, kids can share Christmas wishes with Santa and get a free photo. Event organizers want to remind everyone that locals park for free after 4 p.m. in the Cannery Row Garage.

Pacific Grove's tree will be lit up Nov. 27 in Jewell Park, accompanied by tunes from school bands and choruses and followed by refreshments. The jolly old elf will make an appearance, although we're not sure if he's returning to the North Pole between stops or just enjoying one of the many fine B&Bs with milk and cookies. The tree lighting party in P.G. starts at 5:30 p.m.

The next two nights from 6 to 10 p.m. will have the ever-popular **Christmas at the Inns self-guided tour**. For just \$20, visitors can check out 10 bed and breakfast inns, resplendent in Victorian-style decorations. Light refreshments and entertainment will be part of the fun, too. Tickets are available through the P.G. Chamber and seemonterey.com.

For more history-by-the-sea, also on Nov. 28 and 29, from 5:30-6 p.m., a tour of a few of the buildings at **Asilomar Conference Grounds** designed by **Julia Morgan** will be given, followed by music and more munchies. Contact Lisa Bradford at Asilomar, (831) 646-6443.

Rounding out the week in America's Last Hometown are the annual **Parade of Lights** Nov. 30, beginning at 6 p.m., and **Stilwell's Fun in the Park** on Saturday, Dec. 2. Santa will arrive in style on a fire truck, and hayrides, Frosty the Snowman, the Snow Queen and a petting zoo will provide entertainment for revelers young and old.

If you prefer starfish and backlit jellyfish to tinfoil and LEDs, that Saturday also heralds the beginning of the **Monterey Bay Aquarium's annual community open house**, which continues through Dec. 10. Anyone from Monterey, Santa Cruz or San Benito County can get free admission with proof of residence (a driver's license or even

a utility bill will suffice).

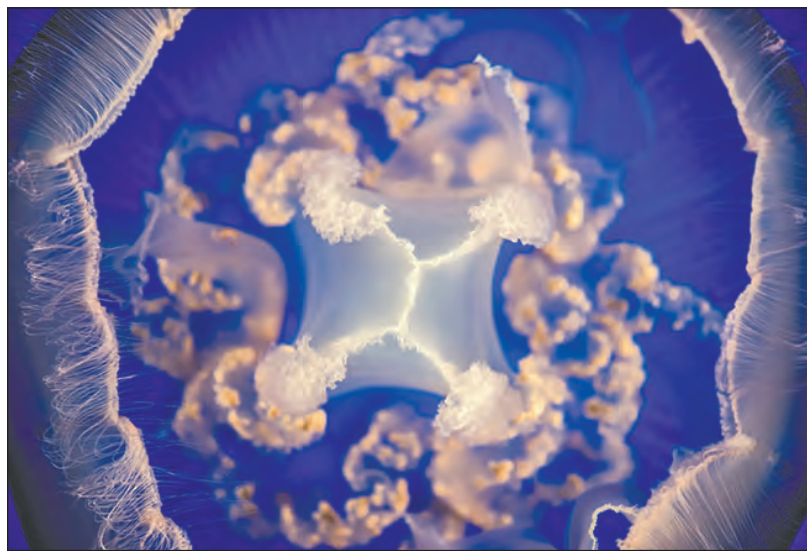
The **Devendorf Park tree lighting ceremony** begins on Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. A visit from Santa, and an open house at Carmel Plaza with live entertainment will continue 'til 7 p.m. That same afternoon from 5-6 p.m., Colton Hall's Christmas tree will also come alive.

Then, how about a late dinner, maybe with a little freshly caught Dungeness crab? **Christmas on the Wharf** will run weekends Dec. 1-17. Holiday princesses and Santa (that guy sure gets around) will be there and treats and festive entertainment will be on-hand.

Sunday, Dec. 3, beginning at 5:30 (weather permitting), the **lighted boat parade begins in Monterey Harbor**. It's always fun to watch the bejeweled craft cruise along the shoreline — especially from a warm berth in a restaurant on the wharf or along Cannery Row.

If you'd like to see more places with their halls thoroughly decked, Carmel's own **Inns of Distinction will also be Sunday, Dec. 3**, from 2-5 p.m. Visit carmelheritage.org for

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Why did people wassail and put toast into trees? Fair questions, answered.

-By ELAINE HESSER

EVERY YEAR around this time, we start hearing melodic and poetic strains with references to things from Christmas Past. The Pine Cone wondered: What is some of this stuff, and where (if anywhere) could you lay your hands on it? Or do you even want to lay your hands on it?

Let's get the party started with some wassail. As in, "Here we come a-wassailing," which you're bound to hear if you hang out in the shops on Ocean Avenue for more than 20 minutes or so in the next few weeks. Wassailing began as a pagan ceremony conducted in apple orchards to ensure a good harvest in the coming year. The word is derived from a Middle English greeting meaning "Good health!"

At one time, farmers and their friends

sang to the trees to appeal to gods and goddesses and ward off evil spirits. A cider-soaked piece of toast was also placed in the boughs of one of the trees as an offering. That's probably related to the practice of placing pieces of spiced, toasted bread into cups of wine or other drinks to add flavor, which is also why people call celebratory drinks, "toasts."

Dickensian details

It should be noted that although Carmel Valley was once a source of apricots and other tree fruits, there is no record of farmers there singing or placing toast in their orchards.

Toasts (the drinking kind) were made to the trees with cider, and much of the golden beverage was consumed by those present, while some was poured on the trees' roots.

Later, "wassailing" was adapted to mean Christmas caroling, and revelers brought a bowl of wassail — sometimes-boozy, warm, cider-based punch — with them, exchanging songs and drinks from the bowl for gifts. Hence, they were "a-wassailing."

At some point, someone realized that bringing the singers to the bowl and serving punch to them was much easier and a much fairer division of labor than having the carolers both make music and schlep the bowl around.

Nowadays, you can inquire of All Saints' Episcopal Church about its annual Dickensian dinner, complete with a wassail bowl, carols and mincemeat pie ([www.all-](http://www.all-saintscarmel.org)

[saintscarmel.org](http://www.all-saintscarmel.org)) on Dec. 15. You'll need to make reservations by Dec. 10.

The church has two formulas for the punch, from its cookbook "The Portly Padre, Or Brother Larry in the Kitchen." The simpler of the two recipes involves 3 bottles of cream sherry heated up with 1 1/2 cups brown sugar, 1 teaspoon each of nutmeg and cinnamon, and 6 whipped egg whites folded with 6 beaten egg yolks, all beaten together and garnished with lemon slices and baked apples.

Next, what on earth are those sugarplums supposedly dancing in children's heads?

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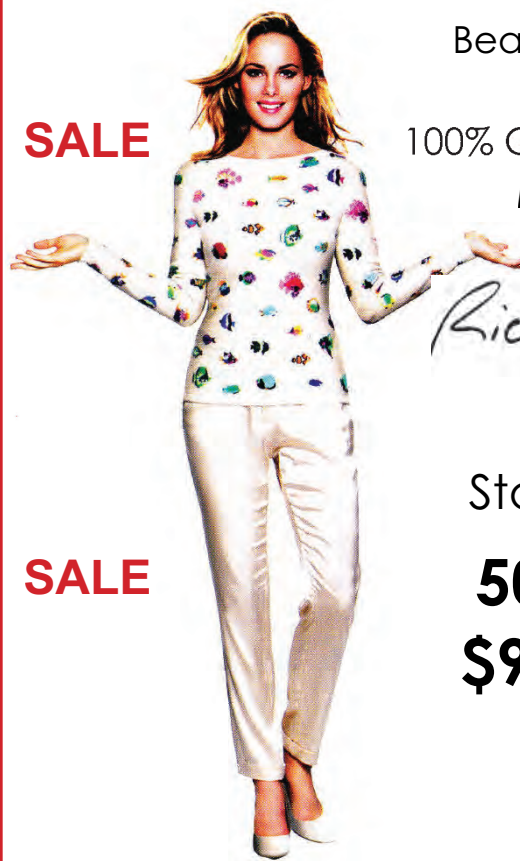
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Farther afield, Dec. 6 through 9, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., a live recreation of the Nativity story, called **Streets of Bethlehem**, will be held at **First Baptist Church in south Salinas**, complete with angels in flight, live animals and 200 re-enactors.

While it's not as well known here as some of its Peninsula counterparts, the event attracts thousands of people each year to watch Mary ride on a donkey through the streets with Joseph, in search of an inn, see the three Wise Men's encampment — complete with camel — and be accosted by Roman soldiers asking if they've paid their

taxes yet.

No admission is charged, but donations are accepted. Dress appropriately. It's outdoors. Free shuttles run from Park Row shopping center, just behind the 900 block of South Main Street, and there's plenty of parking.

In a different kind of blast from the past, **Christmas in the Adobes** will feature volunteer docents in many of Monterey's most historic buildings.

They'll wear period attire and welcome guests, and tell the stories of these buildings, many of which are only open during this annual celebration. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$2 for children, and can be purchased online at mshpa.org.

Here's an event where being there with bells on is encouraged: You can jog with

Santa at the **Jingle Bell Run at Lovers Point for the Arthritis Association** starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. It's just a 5k, and the fee is \$35 in advance, including a shirt and bells. Go to www.jbr.org for more info and to register.

Still haven't gotten your list ready for Mr. Claus? Well, **Santa and the Missus will fly in to Carmel Valley Village by helicopter**, and then lead a parade through town on Dec. 9, too. Afterward, the Carmel Valley Youth Center will be the place to get a pic with Nick.

Finally, close out 2017 on Dec. 31 at **First Night**. From 3 p.m. to midnight, Monterey's streets and indoor venues will feature all kinds of entertainment, music, dancing, a parade, interactive art and more in a family-friendly, alcohol-free setting (unless you choose to slip into one of the city's fine establishments for a nip of something warming).

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\$700, from Florence and the \$50 to \$150 Récife “fashion au couture” pens, made in Paris. Look for the Christmas decorations

that light up the roofline of the store.

A Christmas market wouldn't be complete without a cheese shop. Tucked into the Plaza, the Cheese Shop is like a little food stand, packing in a great diversity of wares for such a small space. “Big Cheese” and self-described “CEO, or cheese-eating oenophile”

Kent Torrey has been working from that tiny space since 1986.

“Much like the classic European products in Christmas markets, Americans have been making some incredible seasonal cheeses,” Torrey said. “Just in time for the holidays is the world-champion Rogue River Bleu from Oregon. This gorgeous raw cow's milk bleu cheese from Rogue River Creamery is wrapped in grape leaves soaked in pear brandy from Clear Creek Distillery in Portland.”

A roaring fireplace

Released just after Halloween, from upland Farms/Pleasant Ridge in Dodgeville, Wis. is Rush Creek. This raw cow's milk cheese, similar to the famed Vacherin Mont D'or from Switzerland or France, was aged 60 days before its release.

“We just got in our stash,” said Torrey,

“and I took some home. A bunch of famous chefs love this cheese. A small wheel, maybe 8-9 oz., it's wrapped in spruce bark, which imparts a little woody, smoky character and helps hold the shape of the wheel.”

Torrey gets it all soft and gooey on warm crusty bread, and eats it with a glass of Ca' del Bosco Franciacorta sparkling bubbles from Italy, also available in his shop.

And don't miss Yule Kase, made by Seattle's famed Beecher's Handmade Cheese company, located at Pike Place Market. Yule Kase is a cheddar, aged over the course of a year and rubbed in their own blackberry honey and red wine.

“This is the season of comfort food,” Torrey said. “It's the holidays, evoking images of snow falling, and sitting by a roaring fireplace with a glass of wine and some cheese.” We're getting all warm and happy just thinking about it.



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The long tradition of living Nativity Scenes, like the one at Carmel Presbyterian (left) will continue this year on Dec. 1, with cider, and the church says, snow. And if you need to keep up your energy, the Cheese Shop is right nearby with exactly what you need.

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CUSTOMS

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They were actually hard candies with layers of sugar built up around nuts or seeds — kind of like an old-timey M&M, but harder and bigger — roughly the size of a plum. If you'd rather not bite into a sweet of that size, which sounds like it might send you directly to the dentist, there are any number of friendly food purveyors like Lula's, Pieces of Heaven and the Cottage of Sweets ready to help stuff your stockings with more petite goodies.

And should you duck into Spencer's Stationery for cards or gift wrap, try the malt balls they sell. They're rumored to be delicious.

Food on fire

Here are the next burning questions. Do you really want someone to bring you figgy pudding? If so, do you really want it so badly that you won't go until you get some? If the idea of a British concoction of dried fruit bound together with spices, flour, bread, eggs and suet (beef or mutton fat) and wrapped up and steamed on the stove for a few hours appeals to you, then you might.

You'd probably want someone to make it and bring it to you, as there's quite a bit of chopping involved. While it might not be everyone's cup of tea, it does have an awesome presentation — it gets doused with brandy and set afire.

There are recipes on the internet, to appeal to more contemporary tastes, omitting the suet, adding in things like dark chocolate and plopping on a dollop of vanilla ice cream at the end.

Finally, what were the days of Auld Lang Syne? Good old Robbie Burns wrote that poem back in 1788 and set it to a folk tune. "Auld lang syne" simply means "days gone by," or "old times," and when on New Year's Eve you sing, "for auld lang syne," Mr. Burns would likely have you understand he meant "for the sake of old times."

Now, you could bring on the haggis. But that's another column.



It may be a custom in Carmel to keep the twinkly lights along Ocean Avenue burning all year round, but at the holidays they add a special touch to the festive spirit of the season.

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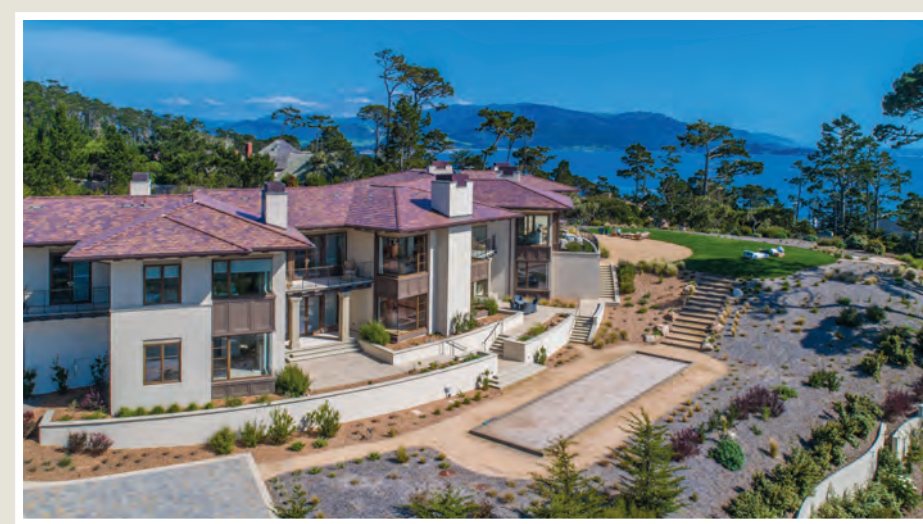
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sparkling wine or a mimosa, along with a gourmet cheese and fruit tray, for a \$10 donation. Additional glasses of wine will be available for \$5 apiece, which will also benefit CPLF.

The event typically sells out. Contact Carrie Theis at (831) 624-2745 or carrie@hofsashouse.com to make a reservation.

■ Another Lula's option

Can't make it to the Crossroads or downtown Carmel, but need some fine chocolates, sea salt caramels or truffles? Lula's, which is made locally in a small factory at Ryan Ranch, has a pop-up store at Del Monte Center in Monterey for the holidays. It's located next to Starbucks and Thinker Toys — other busy spots this time of year.

The store will carry all the favorites: sea salt caramels, truffles, toffee, nut clusters, Rocky Road, turtles, and butter creams, and will also offer special holiday packaging for its popular grab-and-go gifts.

Lula's Chocolates, owned and created by Scott Lund based on his grandmother's recipes, can also be found at the confectioner's stores on Mission Street south of Ocean, at the Crossroads shopping center near Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co., at the Santa Clara Square Marketplace, and in the factory shop in Ryan Ranch. For details, visit lulas.com.

■ Golden Bear, Happy Girl make the cut

The Good Food Awards, held annually in San Francisco, honor the best of the best in beer, charcuterie, cheese, chocolate, cider, coffee, elixirs, fish, honey, oils, pantry, pickles, preserves and spirits, and two finalists in the elixir category are from the Monterey Peninsula: Katie Shea's Golden Bear Bitters, and Happy Girl Kitchen. Their Summer Botanical Tonic Syrup and Pomegranate Jalapeño Shrub, respectively, made it through the first round, when judges selected them and 277 other contenders from among 2,057 entries.

"These 279 companies are creating vibrant, delicious, sustainable local food economies," organizers said. The winners will be announced at a gala in San Francisco on Jan. 19, 2018, and will be featured in a marketplace that weekend, too.

The Good Food Awards "were created to redefine 'good food' as being tasty, authentic and responsible." The criteria for judging aim to be realistic and inclusive, upholding high standards while not being so restrictive as to render many artisanal operations ineligible. "Tasty" means the food "is delicious, bringing joy to those who consume it," and "authentic" is defined as containing no artificial ingredients and reflecting tradition, culture, season and region. Finally, "responsible" foods are made with respect and fair compensation to employees, don't use synthetic fertilizers and other chemicals, are grown in ways that promote healthy soil and biodiversity, use local ingredients whenever possible, are conservative in their use of water and other resources, are made honestly with respect to consumers, and uphold other positive practices.

At the awards ceremony, 198 winners from more than 30 states will receive their medals from culinary pioneer Alice Waters, after which they'll celebrate at a party with plenty of food and drink. A Mercantile for people in the trades will be held Saturday, and a Marketplace for the public will be open on Sunday.

To learn more, visit www.goodfoodawards.org.

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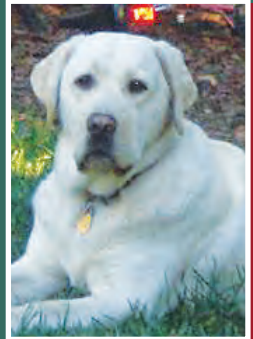
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BEST KNOWN for singing lead vocals on one of the Eagles biggest hits, "I Can't Tell You Why," singer-songwriter **Timothy B. Schmidt** takes the stage Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

When the groundbreaking country-rock band Poco formed in 1968, Schmidt audi-

tioned as a singer and bass player, but was turned down in favor of Randy Meisner. When Meisner left for the Eagles two years later, Schmidt joined Poco.

In 1977, Schmidt replaced Meisner in the Eagles, and two years later, he co-wrote and sang lead vocals on "I Can't Tell You Why,"

the third Top 10 hit from the album, "The Long Run" — and the last in the band's career.

A member of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, Schmidt later toured with singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett — and famously labeled Buffett's fans "Parrotheads," a name

they embrace to this day.

Besides playing music by Poco and the Eagles, Schmidt will perform songs of his six solo albums, including "Leap of Faith," which came out last fall.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$65. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado Street. Call (831) 649-1070. www.goldenstatetheatre.com

■ Jazz quartet plays the plaza

Kicking off the holiday season at Carmel Plaza, the **Monterey Jazz Festival All-Stars Quartet** plays Nov. 24 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The quartet includes trumpeter **Akili Bradley**, pianist **Ayana Bradley**, guitarist **Isaac de Vera** and saxophonist **Anthony Paolini**. All four are local students who have performed at the Next Generation Jazz Festival and the Monterey Jazz Festival.

In 2016, Akili Bradley and de Vera became the first Monterey County students in more than a decade to earn places in the nationwide Next Generation Jazz Orchestra. The pair joined the orchestra for a concert tour of Japan. Ayana Bradley is currently a student at Willamette University in Oregon, while Paolini attends the School of Jazz at The New School in New York City.

Spokesperson **Timothy Orr** said the Monterey Jazz Festival has long been committed to mentoring up-and-coming jazz talent in Monterey County schools. More than 21 schools, including Carmel High, partici-

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A quartet of up-and-coming jazz musicians plays Nov. 24 at Carmel Plaza. The members include (clockwise from top left) guitarist Isaac de Vera, trumpeter Akili Bradley, pianist Ayana Bradley and saxophonist Anthony Paolini.



Village Art & Wine Walk turns 10, museum cleans out attic

KICKING OFF the gift-buying season — and providing a marketplace for its many artists — Carmel Valley Village presents its 10th annual Art & Wine Walk Saturday, Nov. 25.

Thirty-six merchants are hosting receptions, including the Carmel Valley Art

Bullas, meanwhile, finds humor in just about everything, but that doesn't diminish his talent as an illustrator. Pine Cone readers recently named him Monterey County's Best Artist.

"I'm one of his biggest fans," Allioti added. "He's such an amazing guy."

The CVAA is also raffling off 30 miniature paintings, and tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing happens Dec. 10, and you don't have to be there to win.

Also participating in the festivities are Alterudio Studio, Barbara Codd Fine Art, Lyonshead Gallery, Edge, Masaoka Glass Design, Patricia Qualls Gallery and Studio, Peridot Fine Art, Rolf Lygren Fine Art and Tolan Sand Glass Studio.

After 18 years in the village, Lyonshead has announced it is closing its doors next

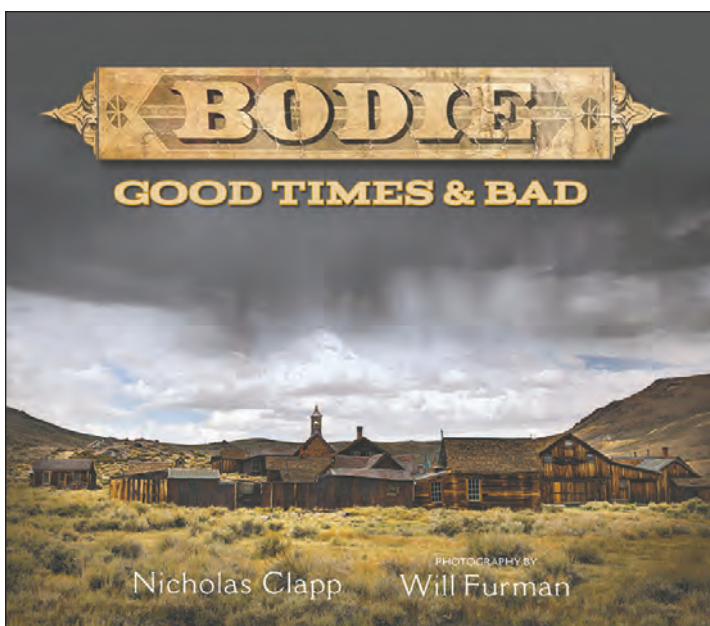
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Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Association, where a pair of Wills — photographer **Will Furman** and illustrator **Will Bullas** — will greet guests, talk about their art and share holiday cheer.

"Will Furman just came out with a book on the ghost town, Bodie, and he did all the photography," CVAA owner **Shelley Allioti** told The Pine Cone. "He's sung the national anthem at every major park. He's such a character."



Photographer Will Furman will sign copies of his book, "Bodie: Good Times and Bad," Nov. 25 in Carmel Valley.

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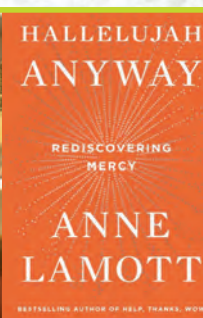
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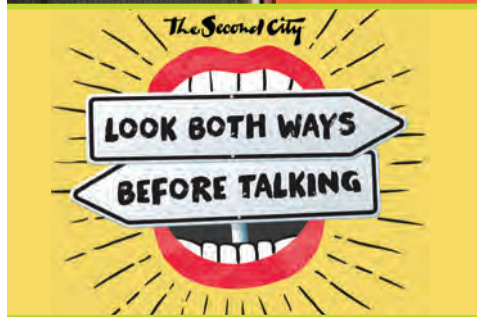
But armed with self-effacing humor — she is laugh-out-loud funny — and ruthless honesty, Lamott converts her subjects into enchantment.

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FOOD & WINE

James Beard on the road, Good Food finalists, and holiday parties for causes

STAR CHEFS from throughout California will join executive chef Tim Wood in the kitchen at Carmel Valley Ranch for the James Beard Foundation Celebrity Chef Tour dinner Saturday, Dec. 2. Working together, and tapping into the expertise of C.V. Ranch sommelier Mark Buzan, the dinner will emulate the feasts staged at the his-

toric James Beard House in New York City. The lineup for the event, which will start with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7, will feature Rebecca Boice of Zuni Café in San Francisco, James Beard Foundation Award Winners Vinny Dotolo and Jon Shook of Animal/Jon and Vinny's/Son of a Gun in Los Angeles,

Bernard Guillas of Marine Room in La Jolla, and Bernard Ibarra of Terranea Resort in Palos Verdes. While it has been evolving over the past couple of weeks and could certainly change again before guests sit down at their tables at Carmel Valley Ranch, the menu as of this week was set to include passed canapés like dates with goat cheese and crispy pork belly, mushrooms and truffles, savory shortbread with anchovies, and prawns with pesto. Tito's Vodka cocktails will be served alongside them.

For the dinner, each chef is taking on a course. Ibarra is planning on starting off with squid and octopus with aioli, while Guillas will do a "Land and Sea" dish for the second course, with Hudson Valley Foie Gras torchon and diver scallop. Boice will present chestnut pasta with wild mushrooms and pesto for the third course, and Shook and

Dotolo will focus on duck confit for the fourth. Wood's main courses will include Kobe beef with black truffles, slow-cooked pork roast, and steak frites.

He'll also handle dessert, serving warm apple upside-down cake with sabayon.

The dinner costs \$200 per person, including tax and tip. To purchase, visit www.JamesBeard.org/Events/Carmel-Ca.

table Bread and Butter Caramels during the "makers showcase" at Lilify, located at 281 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey, on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25, from noon to 4 p.m.

"Lauren's delicious work has been a favorite of our shop for years! Come and try some of her handmade caramels and find the perfect gift for your favorite person with a sweet tooth," the store's owners said.

Palminteri has been making her caramels

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

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■ Bread and Butter at Lilify

Lauren Palminteri will share her delect-



James Beard Foundation Award Winners Vinny Dotolo and Jon Shook – chefs of Animal, Jon and Vinny's, and Son of a Gun in Los Angeles – will be cooking dinner at Carmel Valley Ranch Dec. 2 as part of the foundation's Celebrity Chef Tour.

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for years, starting with creating the confections as hostess gifts, and then moving into the professional world — so she didn't eat them all herself, she says. She uses high-quality, local and natural ingredients in her sweet, creamy candies.

For more about Lilify, see www.lilify.com, and for more about Palminteri's caramels, visit www.breadandbutter-caramels.com.

■ Sip & Shop at Carmel Road

In honor of Small Business Saturday and the kick-off of the official holiday shopping season, Carmel Road's tasting room on Lincoln south of Sixth is holding a two-day Sip & Shop event from 1 to 6 p.m. Nov. 25-26. Carrie McWithy, creator of Nautilus and Sway jewelry, will be in the tasting room to show off her wares, as will Katie Shea of Golden Bear Bitters.

Wine tasting flights ranging from \$15 to \$20 will be offered as usual.

And on Friday, Dec. 1, following the City of Carmel's official tree lighting in Devendorf Park, the tasting room will be the place to go for an after party from 6 to 8 p.m. Small bites, warm mulled wine and tastings will be offered throughout the evening party. Admission is free, though the usual charges for wine tasting will apply.

RSVP by calling (831) 624-1036. For more about the wines, visit www.carmelroad.com.

■ Holiday wines at Nielsen Bros.

Nielsen Bros. Market will hold two holiday wine tastings, with Tolosa from the Edna Valley featured Nov. 30 from 3 to

5:30 p.m., and the Champagnes of Moët-Hennessy being poured a week later on Dec. 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. Both are being offered for free.

Amy Spain from Tolosa, which is located near San Luis Obispo, will pour those wines and talk about them, while Sandra Dabanian from Moët-Hennessy group will share and discuss Chandon Etoile, Veuve Clicquot, Moët & Chandon, and Rouen Blanc de Blanc.

Small bites will be provided at the tastings.

Nielsen Bros. is located on the northeast corner of San Carlos and Seventh. Call (831) 624-6441 with any questions.

■ Happy Tails Gala

Animal Friends Rescue Project will hold its 20th Annual Happy Tails Gala fundraiser Dec. 2 at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley. The Pacific Grove-based nonprofit cares for and helps find homes for at-risk shelter animals.

Taking place from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., the gala will begin with a wine-and-hors d'oeuvres reception and silent auction, followed by dinner and a live auction.

Tickets are \$150 per person. Quail Lodge is located at 8000 Valley Greens Drive. Order tickets at happytailsgala.org.

■ Galante wines at Artemis dinner

Artemis Turkish restaurant on Ocean Avenue between San Carlos and Mission streets will showcase the wines of Galante Vineyards during a special dinner Thursday, Dec. 7, starting at 6 p.m., for \$95 per person, including tax and tip.

Dinner will begin with dolma served with tzatziki and hummus, accompanied with 2016 Wagon Wheel Sauvignon Blanc, with a second course of grilled octopus and white

bean salad with 2016 Almond Flat Pinot Noir. Third will be grilled chicken and lamb shish, with 2012 Double M (half Merlot, half Malbec), and the final course will be baklava with 2014 Bulls Eye Red, a Port-style wine.

To purchase tickets, call (831) 574-8991.

■ Beauty and bubbly

Cinq Mondes Spa in the Crossroads shopping center is hosting "Make Your Holidays Sparkle," Dec. 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., when ladies will be invited in for a special brow-shaping session as they sip bubbly and enjoy small bites — and help out the Food Bank for Monterey County.

All they need to do is bring four or more cans of food to donate, and in return, they'll learn about brow shaping and get holiday makeup tips, sparkling wine and snacks. Cinq Mondes staff will also provide information about all the other beauty services the spa offers, including permanent makeup.

RSVP by emailing marci@ChatterboxPublicRelations.com or calling (831) 747-7455.

■ Gingerbread for CPLF

For the sixth year in a row, Hofsas House hotel on San Carlos north of Fourth Avenue will raise money for the Carmel Public Library Foundation by holding gingerbread-house-building workshop for grownups and kids Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Children will receive one gingerbread-making kit, hot cider and a cookie for a \$25 donation to the Carmel Public Library Foundation, while adults will receive a glass of wine,

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Tim Wood, executive chef at Carmel Valley Ranch, will be hosting a handful of star chefs at the resort Dec. 2 for the James Beard Foundation's Celebrity Chef Tour dinner. And Lula's Chocolates caramels will be coming straight from the Ryan Ranch factory where they're made to a new popup store in Del Monte Center.

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MUSIC

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pate in the festival's Jazz in Schools program.

"We hire professional musicians to go into schools," Orr told The Pine Cone. "It's very important for us to engage with our local community to provide opportunities for kids."

Not only does the jazz festival help local student musicians realize their potential, but it introduces young people to jazz — a genre of music that requires an instrumentalist to be both a soloist and a team player. Orr calls jazz a "life skill," and he said it offers valuable life lessons.

"Jazz is essentially a microcosm of democracy at work," Orr added. "It's a very active way to engage in the arts. It's multi-cultural and its multi-generational. It's a flexible music — it celebrates our differences."

The event is free. Carmel Plaza is located at Ocean and Mission. www.carmelplaza.com

Live Music Nov. 24-30

Barmel — **Lovely Budz** (reggae, Friday at 7 p.m.); and **Tom Faia & The Juice** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Cafe Trieste in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Boscoe's Brood** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **David Vidal** (Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 409 Alvarado St., (831) 241-6064.

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

Cooper's Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist



Singer Reija Massey will be joined by guitarist Bart Keagy when she performs Nov. 30 at the Cypress Inn.

Jimmy Dale (jazz and blues, Friday at 9 p.m.); and **Out of the Blue** ("soul rock," Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Edge of the West** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — bassist **Peter Lips**, drummer **David Morwood** and special guests (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer **Scotty Wright**, bassist **Carla Kauffman**, pianist **Benny Watson** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

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


Julia's vegetarian restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Buddy Comfort** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.); singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6:30 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.


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.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.); and singer **Reija Massey** and guitarist **Bart Keagy** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.


Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — pianist **Kiki Wow** and friends (Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.




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CALENDAR

Nov. 24-26 – Big Sur Craft Fair at the Grange Hall, located one mile south of the River Inn in the heart of Big Sur; 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Visit us on Facebook at Big Sur fall harvest craft fair.

Nov. 24 & 25 – Special Trunk show event at Whittakers in Carmel. Meet designer Elisabeth Pohle and view her latest jewelry designs. Enjoy some refreshments while you shop, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Ocean Avenue and Dolores. (831) 624-2185

Nov. 28 – Aspire Health Plan Presents: Holidays made Easy. It's time to get in the spirit. Join us and learn how to set a fun and festive holiday table, design holiday napkins, and create a sparkling, snow-covered candle. You can even create a holiday gift to take home with you. This event is free, and we ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections. Montage Wellness Center, 2920 2nd Avenue, Marina, CA 93933

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Dec. 1-17 – Don't miss Christmas on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf this holiday season! On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in December (Dec. 1-17), the Wharf will be celebrating Christmas on the Wharf with lots of "meet and greets" with Santa, holiday princesses, live music, carolers, cocoa, cider, coffee and cookies, Wharf merchant specials and much more! More details at montereywharf.com.

Dec. 2 – St. Dunstan's Church Madrigal Affair Holiday Boutique. Sip, shop and savor 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at "A Madrigal Affair" at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Carmel Valley. Browse a curated, discounted selection

of clothing and accessories from Madrigal in Carmel, bid on the fabulous Silent Auction, and take home a luscious bakery sweet. Be serenaded with sounds of the season as you enjoy wine, beverages, and small bites. Admission \$20 advance purchase, \$25 at the door. Sale continues Sunday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (free admission Sunday). Free child care available. Proceeds fund grants to organizations meeting urgent needs in Monterey County. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road. Reserve at stdcv.org or call (831) 624-6646.

Dec. 2 – Join us at 6 p.m. as some of the nation's top chefs come together to create a fantastic multi-course meal. Carmel Valley Ranch is proud to host the **JBF Celebrity Chef Tour**. Location: Carmel Valley Ranch, Golf Clubhouse I. Tickets: \$200 per person, inclusive. Buy tickets here: www.jamesbeard.org/events/carmel-ca

Dec. 2-3 – Aimee Hyatt of Dogafit will be teaching classes at The Raw Connection in Carmel at 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Hyatt is asking for a donation to BirchBark as payment for the class, which are regularly priced at \$20. Dog owners can bond with their pets in unique 'Doga' classes and benefit BirchBark Foundation in its mission to help with medical costs for pets. To reserve a space call (831) 471-7255 or email nicole@birchbarkfoundation.org.

Dec. 2 & 3 – 14th Annual Native American Market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 2 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 3, Spreckels Memorial Building, 5th & Llano, Spreckels. Exit 21 off Highway 68. Sterling silver jewelry, beadwork, hand-made drums, T-shirts, beads, quilts, paintings and many more gifts for the holiday. Buy American by Native Americans. Come and enjoy an Indian Taco, Rez Dog or Fry Bread. Food booth benefits 3 Rivers Indian Lodge, Manteca. Free admission & parking. Info: (831) 601-3051.

Dec. 6 – Clinical Psychologist & Prostate Cancer Survivor Dr. Larry Lachman and Medical Urologist Dr. J. Anthony Shaheen will facilitate A Peer Support Session for prostate cancer patients and Their Spouses, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Westland House Monterey, 100 Barnet Segal Lane. Hosted by the Prostate Cancer Self-Help Group. For information contact, (831) 915-6466.

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ART

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month, and everything has been marked down.

■ Miniatures go on display in Monterey

The Monterey Museum of Art is auctioning off 12 pieces of art from its collection, and the winning bids will be announced Dec. 4. "The items were outside the scope of the city's collection policy," the museum recently announced.

The pieces available include a signed print by Ansel Adams that was once displayed in the Monterey Conference Center.

To find the auction, visit www.publicsurplus.com, and search for "Monterey Museum." For more information, call (831) 242-8743.

The museum also unveiled its annual "Miniatures" show earlier this month. The 24th annual display showcases a wide array of styles and subjects, and all of the work was donated by local artists or museum members. The proceeds benefit the museum's many exhibits and programs

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, \$30 for 7, or 21 for \$75. The winners will be announced Dec. 19 at www.montereyart.org.

'Cabaret in the Forest' opens Nov. 26

STAGE PERFORMER Barbara Brussell brings six short stories alive in "Cabaret in the Forest," which opens Sunday, Nov. 26, at the Indoor Forest Theater.

Brussell will sing music from the Great American Songbook, Broadway and contemporary songwriters.

With George Peterson serving as music director, she will be joined on stage by singers Christiana Meeks, Jolie Kobrinsky, Paul Griffiths, Sally Burns, Diane Goyette and

special guests.

"I will sing anything that allows me to express myself and tell my story," said the singer, who began performing cabaret more than three decades ago, and recently relocated to Carmel.

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