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FIX-EVERYTHING COAST GUARDSMAN FROM BIG SUR SAILED HALFWAY AROUND WORLD AT 4

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWENTY-FIVE years after sailing halfway around the world with his mother and father — before he even attended kindergarten — one-time Big Sur youngster Stefan Toren is a still traveling by sea to far-flung places, but now he's in the United States Coast Guard.

Toren it turns out, has a knack for fixing things, a skill that can come in handy when you're chasing down drug runners in the open ocean, and your Coast Guard vessel

suddenly has engine trouble.

"As a petty officer second class, he's helped resolve a host of potentially mission-halting problems aboard the cutter," said Nate Littlejohn, a public information officer for the Coast Guard.

Not long after leaving San Francisco Bay on a six-month deployment to the Pacific and Indian oceans this past summer, Toren's ship, the Coast Guard cutter Stratton,

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At 4, Stefan Toren (above) sailed halfway around the world with mother Mary Lu and father Magnus. Now 29 (at left in right photo), he's a "damage control specialist" in United States Coast Guard.



PHOTOS/COURTESY MAGNUS TOREN (LEFT), US COAST GUARD (ABOVE)

Dad dies trying to save daughter at River State Beach

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN A frightening reminder of how treacherous the local coastline can be, a man died on Christmas Eve after trying to rescue his young daughter from the Pacific Ocean off Carmel River State Beach.

The girl was floating in the rain-swollen Carmel River Lagoon in an inflatable boat when she presumably got too close to the sandbar that separates the lagoon from the ocean and was swept into the swiftly flowing river channel and out to sea.

Rescue workers from Cal Fire, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, United States Coast Guard and California State Parks responded to the scene starting at about 12:30 p.m. in response to emergency calls about a father and daughter struggling off shore.

Lifeguards were able to retrieve the girl in the boat but could not find the father. A Coast Guard helicopter located the man in the water about 200 yards off Carmel Point shortly after 2 p.m., Cal Fire said. He was later pronounced dead at Community Hospital in Monterey.

The daughter was taken to the same hospital by ambulance.

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First mention —

The nice guy from Vagabond house

By ELAINE HESSER

THE FIRST time future historians meet Denny LeVett in the pages of The Pine Cone, it will be, unsurprisingly, because of a real estate deal. Specifically, in the April 28, 1983, edition of the paper, reporter Florence Mason wrote that he and his then-wife Karen had recently acquired San Antonio House, "a guesthouse in the residential district."

Mason noted that the couple was already "well known" as owners of the Vagabond House, "the beautiful country-style inn at Dolores Street and Fourth Avenue." Although LeVett would come to be recognized for his savvy investments in real estate — not to mention his friendly, outsized personality and debonair clothing — back then he was one more Carmel innkeeper.

Bringing in dog beds

That all changed in 1986 when LeVett purchased the Cypress Inn with Doug Dusenbury, Ben Heinrich and Dick Albers. A Pine Cone writer was impressed with what LeVett and his partners did with the place.

"The interior is much lighter, done with softer colors and freshly painted white walls. The fireplace in the lobby as acquired a mantelpiece and old hardwood floors have been uncovered."

Subsequent reports of LeVett included a great deal of

See **LEVETT** page 18A



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

(Left to right) Karen and Dennis LeVett, Doris Day and Terry and Jacqueline Melcher celebrated their new partnership at the Cypress Inn in this March 10, 1988 Pine Cone photo.

Another vehicle struck by projectile in Prunedale

■ Extra patrols and a \$15,000 reward

By KELLY NIX

THE NUMBER of vehicles struck by projectiles along the Highway 101 corridor in the Prunedale area reached 64 late last week, as the California Highway Patrol said it's using "every investigative means" to track down those responsible for the incidents.

Since February, someone has been hurling or firing projectiles at motorists traveling on highways 101 and 156 in San Benito and Monterey counties. No one has been seriously injured. On Nov. 22, a bus carrying Carmel High School players on its way to a playoff game in San Jose was struck and a back window shattered. At the time, 42 vehicles had been hit.

That number increased to 64 when someone reported to the CHP on Dec. 20 that their vehicle was struck on 101 at Dunbarton Road in Prunedale on Dec. 13, according to CHP Capt. Kyle Foster. The victim was not injured, but investigators have determined it is related to the other

incidents.

"We are very fortunate that no one has been seriously hurt," Foster said on social media Dec. 17. "The Monterey area has significantly increased our patrol efforts in the Prunedale area. We are using every investigative means at our disposal."

Those driving in the area are being advised to keep their windows up to "help keep you a little more safe," Foster said. If your vehicle is struck, pull to the right shoulder, put

See **PRUNEDALE** page 13A

Cort, 68, was mayor who 'promoted sustainability'

By KELLY NIX

FRIENDS AND associates of Dan Cort — a former Pacific Grove mayor and real estate "visionary" who renovated dozens of old buildings in Northern California — are offering tributes after his sudden death this week. He was 68.

Cort, the founder of Cort Companies, a historic redevelopment business based in Stockton, passed away Tuesday. Cort had a house in Pacific Grove with his wife, Beth. Their son, Josh, is 28.

"It is with great sadness that we share the news that Dan Cort died unexpectedly today due to complications from an illness," Cort Companies reported on social media Tuesday. "His contribution to our community was unmatched. This magnificent man will be deeply missed by all."

Cort was on the Pacific Grove planning commission

See **CORT** page 11A

Lonely park rooster retrieved by SPCA

By KELLY NIX

After spending almost a week nonchalantly hanging around Berwick Park in Pacific Grove, a rooster is being cared for by the SPCA for Monterey County, a spokeswoman for the organization told The Pine Cone Monday.

Numerous passersby spotted the rooster, which mainly kept to the grassy, oceanfront park off of Ocean View Boulevard. The bird, which the SPCA said is ill, may have been abandoned.

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This rooster spent days strutting around an oceanfront park in Pacific Grove until the SPCA for Monterey County picked him up.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Born blind

COCO IS a 1-year-old Maltipoo who was born blind on New Year's Eve. The breeder didn't notice. The couple that bought the 8-week-old pup from an ad in the newspaper also didn't notice. But their teenaged daughter did.

"Mom, when I play with him, he doesn't chase the toy," the teen said. "I think Coco's blind."

The couple took Coco to the vet, who determined the little dog was completely healthy and completely blind. They discussed returning the puppy to the breeder, but their daughter was already devoted to him. She named him Coco for his chocolate-colored coat.

"We talked as a family about raising a blind dog," his person said. "It seemed like such a difficult proposition that we weren't sure we could, or should, do it. But it actually has been very easy to have him. Coco adapts easily to his environment and is now very much a part of our family. We love him."

The family puppy-proofed their Carmel Woods home, placing bumpers on chairs and sharp corners, and clearing spaces where the puppy would play. Yet Coco seems to find his way around the place quite naturally. Within days, he could climb the stairs of the two-story house to access his person's bedroom, where he sleeps, tucked securely into bed each night.

The family established a weekend routine of taking Coco to Carmel Beach, where he loves to dig up a storm in the sand. He also enjoys romping



around the grassy expanse at Carmel Valley Park. No one there seems to notice he's blind, either.

"Coco's a little afraid of other dogs, but he has a good time at the beach and at the park," his person said. "Everyone compliments him. We're so proud of our puppy. He's a smart, brave little dog, who just happens to be blind."

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Dozer owner sentenced to probation

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CONTRACTOR whose employee was killed while driving a bulldozer during 2016's Soberanes Fire was sentenced last week to 300 days of home confinement and other penalties as part of his felony probation for payroll tax evasion, failing to carry workers compensation insurance and lying to Cal Fire about the coverage.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu handed down the sentence in his Salinas courtroom Dec. 13 after finding 34-year-old Ian Czirban guilty of numerous offenses in October, according to prosecutor John Hubanks. If Czirban violates the terms of his probation, he could go to prison for nearly five years.

The criminal case against Czirban arose out of the death of bulldozer operator Robert Reagan on July 26, 2016, after the Contractors State License Board opened an investigation into the accident in which Reagan, who had worked for Czirban for just one day when he was assigned to the fire, was fatally wounded while operating the dozer in Palo Colorado Canyon.

Working the night shift cutting a fire line, Reagan tried to take the dozer down a steep embankment. According to a firefighter who witnessed the accident, when the dozer "reached the tipping point" its blade caught on the ground, causing it to roll. Reagan was ejected from the cab and pinned beneath the bulldozer, which

crushed him. A paramedic pronounced him dead at the scene at 11:05 p.m.

The dozer was equipped with a seatbelt, but he wasn't wearing it, and the left door of the cab was open while he worked.

The subsequent investigation revealed that Czirban was contracted by Cal Fire to provide bulldozer services during wildfires, according to Hubanks. When Czirban signed that agreement in 2014, he presented a document purporting to show his workers comp coverage, but that paperwork was fake. Investigators also discovered he wasn't paying payroll taxes.

No insurance

Between June 2014 and July 2016, Czirban and his bulldozer workers assisted Cal Fire with battling 11 wildfires, according to Hubanks, all while he had no insurance protecting them from injuries and death on the job.

"The absence of that insurance would not be discovered until Mr. Reagan's death in July 2016," Hubanks said. "Since Mr. Czirban did not have the mandated workers compensation insurance, there was no insurance policy in place to provide financial benefits to Mr. Reagan's two young children and their mother."

As part of his probation, Czirban will be required to pay restitution to the widow, Morgan Kemple, and their children, Aubrey and Colbie. Hubanks said the court will determine the amount at a restitution hearing next year.

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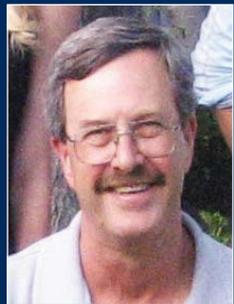
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Trapped cat home for Christmas

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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a call on Central Avenue regarding a public nuisance. A 62-year-old male was cited.

Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run of a parked vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Transit bus collided with a parked car on Lighthouse Avenue.

Big Sur: Palo Colorado Road resident reported suspicious circumstances.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported ongoing messages and calls from her ex-husband. She asked for contact to be made with the ex-husband to advise him to cease all contact. Ex-husband was contacted via telephone and advised. She wished for the incident to be documented.

Pacific Grove: Probation violation on Lawton.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched after report of a disturbance on Arkwright Court.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious person was contacted on Monterey Avenue and found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia after trying to destroy it. The 41-year-old female was cited.

Carmel area: A civil issue/possible scam was reported at the Crossroads, regarding fix-

ing a scratch in a vehicle.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet in front of Bruno's Market.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject on Mission Street reported ongoing harassment.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report of a woman yelling and acting hysterical in an apartment on San Carlos Street. Units responded and located the woman walking away from the apartment. The female was found to be intoxicated and dealing with multiple life challenges which caused her much discomfort along with irrational thoughts. The female was allowed to vent and calm down and agreed to go back to her residence with her significant other for the evening. Warning issued.

Pacific Grove: A 41-year-old female was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Trespass admonishments on Jewell and Grove Acre.

Pacific Grove: DMV reevaluation on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision on private property on Forest Avenue. Information exchanged.

Pacific Grove: Burglary on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Battery reported at Country Club Gate. Suspect was a 16-year-old juvenile.

See **POLICE LOG** page 6RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Oct. 10 — Monterey County Superior Court Judge Rafael Vazquez sentenced Juan Rojas-Cervantes, 38, a resident of Seaside, to 15 years in prison for kidnapping, sodomizing and orally copulating a minor under 14 years of age. All three charges are violent felonies and are considered "strikes" under California's Three Strikes law. Rojas-Cervantes had previously admitted his guilt on May 28, 2019.

Jane Doe, who was 13 years old at the time, reported that she met Rojas-Cervantes, who was 37 years old at the time, on a social media application. Rojas-Cervantes' social media profile stated he was 27 years old. Doe's profile stated that she was 18 years old.

Doe and Rojas-Cervantes agreed to meet up around Oct. 29, 2018. Doe reported that Rojas-Cervantes kidnapped her and sexually assaulted her. During an interview with the police, Rojas-Cervantes initially denied sexually assaulting Doe, but later he admitted engaging in some sex acts with Doe.

In addition to his prison sentence, Rojas-Cervantes will be required to register as a sex offender for life. Vazquez also ordered Rojas-Cervantes not to have any contact with Jane Doe for a period of 10 years, the maximum term under the law.

Oct. 10 — David Robert Clarke, 38, was sentenced for a cannabis cultivation operation discovered at his residence in June 2019.

Clarke received a three-year probation sentence and was ordered to serve 150 days in jail.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office discovered the illegal operation and eradicated approximately 80 cannabis plants growing on the site. Also found on site were items purported for the chemical manufacturing of cannabis and concentrated cannabis. Deputies also discovered vape cartridges which appeared to contain concentrated cannabis. The property, which Clarke rented, had large amounts of trash and debris and abutted El Toro Creek, causing environmental concerns. Francis Humes was also arrested and charged in connection with this case but failed to appear in court, and a warrant remains outstanding for his arrest.

District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni emphasized the dangers of buying cannabis products like vape cartridges from anyone other than a licensed dispensary.

Commercial cannabis cultivation is highly regulated and is designed to protect the public by monitoring every step of the production process. Although this creates a more expensive product, regulation provides a safe product that can be tracked and traced to guard against harmful compounds.

Monterey County requires those growing

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Man sues auction house over \$64,000 Jeep he says was worth much less

By KELLY NIX

A MORAGA man has filed a lawsuit against a well known automobile auction house alleging he purchased a “custom-made” Jeep from the company during Car Week in Monterey only to find that the advertised “\$110,000” in upgrades to the vehicle amounted to a mere \$10,000.

In a Dec. 20 complaint filed in Monterey County Superior Court, David Schnayer says that on Aug. 17, he paid \$64,365.50 to purchase a 2018 Jeep Wrangler JL Custom from Mecum Auctions.

“The dealer represented that, among other things, the car included an ‘estimated \$110,000 invested in the build of this one-of-a-kind custom Jeep,’” the lawsuit says. The information about the upgrades, Schnayer said, was on a description card posted in the Jeep’s window at the auction. The information is also on Mecum’s website.

‘Mostly stock’

But when Schnayer got the Jeep home, he says he discovered the vehicle did not have nearly \$110,000 in upgrades.

“Instead, most of the car was stock,” his lawsuit says.

Schnayer had the Wrangler inspected by two auto dealerships that specialize in custom Jeeps and was told that the upgrades amounted to \$10,221 for new tires and wheels, suspension work and other work details.

Schnayer said “\$10,221 is a far cry from the estimated

\$110,000 invested in the car as represented by Mecum. At best, the car is worth approximately \$39,000 — not even close to the \$110,000 in claimed investment, and not close to the \$64,000 sales price.”

Schnayer wants the Wisconsin auction house to take back the Jeep and refund him the amount he paid for it and

other expenses, including for storage and insurance costs, licensing, registration and inspection, and attorney’s fees and costs. He’s also seeking punitive damages, which can be awarded in cases involving malice or fraud.

See **JEEP** page 12A



This 2018 Jeep Wrangler, customized by a company in Las Vegas, is similar to a 2018 Wrangler purchased by a Moraga man who claims an auction house lied about upgrades to the vehicle.

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Future of county ambulance murky

By MARY SCHLEY

ALMOST A year after firefighters, medics and county officials got into a serious dispute over the county's ambulance service, the dispute still hasn't been resolved — and neither has the question of who will take over the service after the contract with American Medical Response expires at the end of next month.

To replace it, county officials in January issued a lengthy "request for proposals" from companies that might want the job, sparking a sometimes bitter battle over how emergency medical treatment and transport should be handled, including whether the closest ambulance, regardless of whether it's the county's operator or another agency like Carmel Fire Ambulance or Monterey County Regional Fire, should

respond to a call outside its jurisdiction. That "automatic aid" provision exists now — which means people who live just outside Carmel's city limits can be picked up by the city's ambulance if it's closer than the county's — but was eliminated in the new ambulance plan.

When local fire officials and others read the plan, they complained to the county board of supervisors and the EMS Agency, but officials declined to reopen the conversation, saying everyone had plenty of opportunity to comment during five "listening sessions" in the fall of 2017. They insisted their new plan would provide better service for less money.

One argument for not returning to the drawing board was urgency. If a new agree-

See **AMBULANCE** page 20A

Incentive plan saves property owners, businesses more than \$85k in fees

By MARY SCHLEY

A TEMPORARY program approved by the city council in November 2018 to encourage commercial landlords and business owners to spruce up their stores, hotels, restaurants and other downtown buildings by waiving planning and building fees benefited 81 projects ranging from plumbing fixes to paint jobs and new construction, according to city administrator Chip Rerig.

The incentive program, which expires Dec. 31, has resulted in the waiving of \$85,734 in fees.

Hotels, offices, restaurants

Business and property owners who took advantage of the incentives include Kent Ipsen, who saved \$5,700 in fees on his new complex on Lincoln between Fifth and Sixth where Christopher's restaurant but which will now be the site of The Pocket restaurant, the Talbott Vineyards Tasting Room, and apartments he intends to use for vacation rentals.

The Carmel Foundation saved \$1,000 in fees to install new ADA ramps, and Mission Street restaurant owner Gaston Georis saved \$1,500 in fees for replacing

equipment and repairing plumbing. Rise + Roam, the new bakery and pizzeria owned by Greg Ahn that's set to open in Carmel Plaza, received \$5,500 in fee waivers for interior improvements.

Other beneficiaries included the Hideaway hotel for 12 new bathrooms and repair of water damage, a realty company for work in the upstairs area of the building at Ocean and Dolores, La Playa hotel for new lighting, and the Carmel Art Association for a new roof.

"I'm not sure it's been fully embraced by business owners, but I've been an advocate," Rerig said. While the program was designed to encourage property owners to reinvest in their buildings and businesses for the longer-term benefit of bringing in more money from sales and hotel taxes, Rerig said, "I can't tell you if there's empirical evidence that supports the concept."

"Will the city glean back more than that in increased TOT or sales tax? It's anecdotal from the financial side," he said. "But from the character-management side, I think it's a home run, because we're trying to get people to maintain their commercial properties better."

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Rio Run turns 30

By MARY SCHLEY

THE RUN through Carmel that restaurateur Tony Tollner has organized for years is celebrating its 30th anniversary on New Year's Day, and organizers hope a record number of people will show up to take part in the 5K and 10K races that this year benefit Coastal Kids Home Care.

The Jan. 1 run has become a tradition for people who want to start the new year right while supporting a local charity, and Tollner's beneficiaries have changed over the years, including Suicide Prevention Service of the Central Coast and the Natividad Medical Foundation's neonatal ICU.

For the past several years, the race has benefited Coastal Kids Home Care, which helps critically and terminally ill children get the medical care they need. The nonprofit, which was founded in 2005, is the leading provider of professional pediatric care on the Central Coast.

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"For families caring for an infant or child with a chronic illness, injury or life-threatening condition, Coastal Kids Home Care is a steadfast and compassionate lifeline in a sea of uncertainty," said race organizer Julie Ann Lozano. "Thanks to their comprehensive services, thousands of vulnerable children receive medical care in the place they are most likely to thrive: at home surrounded by family."

The organization serves children from birth to age 21 who are living with medical needs that benefit from intermittent nursing and therapy visits, and it is the only one that provides end-of-life care for young patients.

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The Rio Resolution Run always has a good turnout on New Year's Day, and raises thousands of dollars for local charities.

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Founder of benefit shop was ‘canned’

By KELLY NIX

RON SCHENK, who worked regularly at the Pacific Grove thrift store he founded two decades ago, wants to set the record straight: He did not “retire” from his job, he was fired.

In November, Schenk, 82, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop on Forest Avenue, was told by the president of the board of directors for the local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society that the board wanted him gone.

The president said, ‘we would like you to retire,’ Schenk, a former Pacific Grove city councilman, told The Pine Cone. ‘And I said, ‘What?’ They said, ‘we would like to replace you with a paid manager.’ ‘I said, ‘You’ve got to be kidding me. I have

been working here for 20 years, for free.’”

Schenk said the board of directors told him initially that because an 89-year-old employee at a sister shop in Seaside was retiring, he should do the same. He then got another letter from the board saying he was being let go because the organization had received a “couple of complaints” that he was rude to customers.

“What I am trying to do is tell people that I did not retire,” Schenk said. “I was removed from my volunteer position of 20 years.”

Board members also terminated Schenk’s daughter, Beth, who had worked at the thrift store part time for the past four to five years. She was paid, not a volunteer,

See **FOUNDER** next page

Smuin Ballet wraps up 25th season

By CHRIS COUNTS

FAMOUS FOR pushing the boundaries of one of the world’s most graceful dance forms, Smuin Ballet closes its 25th anniversary season with performances of its Christmas program Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 28-29, at Sunset Center.

The performance is split into two parts, starting with Classical Christmas.

“It’s all classical holiday music,” Smuin Ballet’s artistic director Celia Fushille told The Pine Cone. “The dancers are dressed in white, and it’s mostly classical ballet.”

The second act is Cool Christmas.

“It breaks into an array of holiday music and an array of dance styles, including jazz, swing and tap,” Fushille said. “Everyone is dressed in bright red.”

Smuin’s visit to Carmel marks the 25th time it has presented its Christmas program, which the ballet company is always refreshing with changes and additions.

“Every year we create some brand new pieces and bring back pieces not done in recent years,” the artistic director explained.

New dances include pas de deux set to “Silver Bells” by choreographer and one-time Smuin dancer Rex Wheeler, and a lively tap dance, “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas” by Smuin dancer Tessa Barbour.

As Smuin Ballet wraps up its 25th season, it’s looking forward to a particularly big year in 2020.

“We just moved into a permanent home in San Francisco on 17th Street on Lower Portrero Hill, and for the first time ever, we’re going to start offering dance classes for teens and adults in January,” Fushille said. “It’s very exciting.”

Saturday’s show starts at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday’s matinee begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$63 and \$83. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

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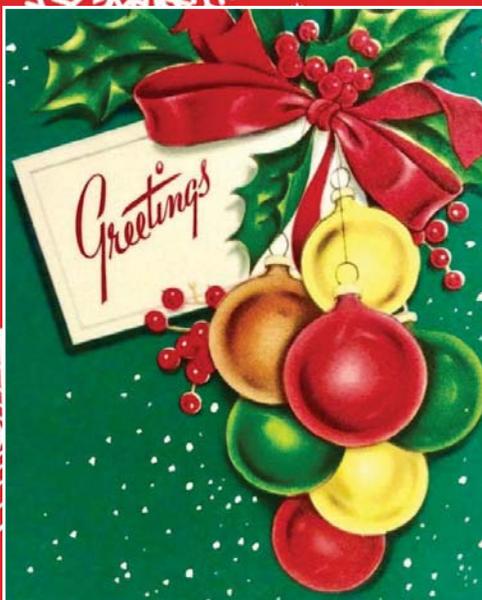
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FOUNDER

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Schenk said. Mary Jo McDonough and George Satterthwaite backed up Schenk's claims, saying that when they were in the shop in November, a worker told them Schenk had "retired."

"So many people admire Ron and are grateful for all that he does," McDonough told The Pine Cone in a letter to the editor. "Who accused him of being 'rude?' Was he allowed to face his accusers? Were his many friends, fans and beneficiaries allowed to speak on his behalf? Please tell us that this is not over."

While Schenk did not deny that he might have been abrasive to some customers on occasion, he said the board didn't bring up the issue until they told him he was being replaced. He said the charity's board members are distant and unfamiliar with the day-to-day operations of the benefit shop.

"None of the board members have ever spent a day in the store, not one day," Schenk said.

Besides firing his daughter, Schenk said charity officials told him that they were going to change the store's locks, which Schenk and his daughter found unnecessary and insulting.

"This is not morally right," he said. "Neither one of us have done anything to deserve this treatment."

Two decades ago, Schenk got the idea to open up the thrift shop to help support the Catholic group's mission of helping the needy. He collected seed money, coordinated volunteers and found a storefront to lease in Pacific Grove.

Schenk said he'll miss the days he spent time in the shop.

"There is nothing I can do about it now," said Schenk, who in 2010 was named citizen of the year by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. "I'm just sad because that's where I want to be."

LETTERS

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sister's house on Monte Verde near 12th, Chief Englund would ride his horse down in the afternoon/early evening to check on them to make sure they were OK. Her sister, Faith Thomas, was in her early 20s at the time, so I guess he felt kind of a paternal responsibility to make sure all was well. Later in the 1930s, when my mom was teaching kindergarten at Sunset School, frequently after school she would get a horse from Betty Greene's stable and ride it down on Carmel Beach. I think by that time Chief Englund had died.

Mike Raggett, Carmel

DROWNING

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The county coroner said the drowning victim was Paul Lewis, 53, of Marina.

Resident Fred Brown, who happened to be at the beach, told The Pine Cone he saw a family with a white mini van preparing to get into the water.

"My wife and I were walking through the parking lot when they were inflating the second of their two rafts, and we feel that we should have talked to them and told them the river was flowing too fast to go out in the lagoon," Brown said. "However, they looked like they knew what they were doing, with wetsuits on, and at the time, the boy and one daughter were just paddling along the lagoon's edge."

Brown said the rafts looked like "newly acquired Christmas presents." Later, when he learned a rescue was underway, his heart sank. "We were immediately filled with dread upon hearing the sirens after we returned home," he added.

Famous for its beauty, the short stretch of coastline

between Carmel Point and Point Lobos is infamous for its deadly hazards. A short distance from Carmel River Beach, Monastery Beach has grim history of drownings. A lifeguard tower was recently installed there.



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Rescue workers at Carmel River State Beach respond to a report of two people struggling in the ocean Dec. 24.

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CORT

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before he served as city councilman and then was elected mayor in 2006. In August 2009, though, he resigned after an activist threatened to launch a petition to recall him from office.

At the time, Cort said he stepped down to avoid distracting the city from important business. He told The Pine Cone he was touched by the hundreds of citizens who came to his defense and pleaded with him not to quit.

"They brought tears to my eyes," Cort said in the 2009 interview. "They were the most loving messages."

Carmelita Garcia, who was elected to city council in 2008, the same year Cort was reelected mayor, endorsed him. She told The Pine Cone this week that Cort was "light years" ahead of others in promoting sustainability.

Realtor Steve Gorman met Cort while Gorman was writing a regular column in the Pacific Grove Hometown Bulletin, a newspaper owned by the late Lee Yarborough — who was running against Cort for the mayor seat.

Things got awkward when Gorman, in his column, endorsed Cort instead of Yarborough.

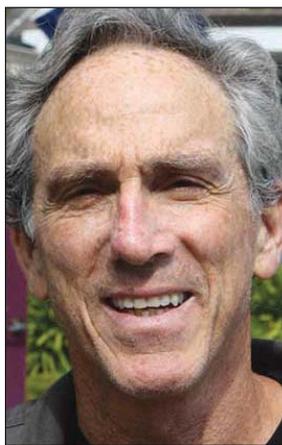
"That didn't go down well with Lee, and my column was canceled shortly after," Gorman said.

Cort was a successful mayor, Gorman said, because he was able to balance the interests of residents, business owners and environmentalists. "Dan was a gentleman in the true sense of the word gentleman," he said.

Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce President Moe Ammar, who knew Cort well, said he was great with people.

"As a business leader, he was pro-business and supported the town by shopping locally," Ammar said. "Some of his biggest accomplishments included attracting the farmers market to P.G., funding the city's museum and chamber of commerce, and supporting the city's lease with the Monterey Bay Aquarium."

Cort was a third-generation San Franciscan raised in a secular Jewish household. After his parents divorced when he was 12, Cort and his two sisters lived with his mother. At 17, he moved to Stockton and enrolled in the University of the Pacific, majoring in sociology.



Dan Cort

"This is such sad news," wrote Tena Carr. "I have known Dan since the 1970s. He was always a visionary and so dedicated to bettering his community."

Mitchell Perry, who met Cort in the 1980s, called Cort a "perfect gentleman and a man of grace," and said "his contributions to society will be always noteworthy."

"Mr. Cort was a real estate pioneer in revitalizing downtown Stockton," Tracy Lowery said. "Condolences to his family. His legacy lives on."

Happy Holidays!

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RESOLUTION

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Rio Grill's Resolution Run starts at 9 a.m. in front of the restaurant in the Crossroads shopping center at Highway 1 and Rio Road, and follows routes up through Mission Trail park and then back through town for the shorter race and down and around Carmel Point for the longer one. Both races end at Carmel Mission, after which runners and walkers stroll back to the Crossroads for brunch prepared by the Rio Grill and the Kiwanis Club of Monterey.

Pre-registration is available until noon on Dec. 30 at active.com, and locals will get an extra day before prices go up from \$45 to \$50 by registering at the Rio Grill on Dec. 31 until 4 p.m. Kids 12 and under are \$30, and people who want to bring well-behaved dogs can register them for an additional \$5 apiece.

For more information, go to riogrillresolutionrun.com. To volunteer, contact Coastal Kids at (800) 214-5439 or margy@coastalkidshomecare.org.

Stockton revitalized

Despite getting his Bachelor of Arts in three years, Cort didn't know what he wanted to do for a living, so he went back to school and got a master's degree in education. That led him to a Stockton Catholic school where he taught history and coached basketball.

"It was a beautiful experience," Cort told The Pine Cone in 2012 about working at the school. "All the guys were ex-seminarians, and I was the house Jew. And the nuns walked around in jeans. We were focused. It was wonderful."

His passion, though, was restoring buildings, and in the 2012 interview with The Pine Cone, he said a banker who recognized the value in renovating Stockton's historic structures gave him a loan to pursue the idea.

In 1979, he started Cort Companies, which renovated dozens of buildings in Stockton and elsewhere. His projects led to myriad awards and lots of recognition. In 2010, he authored a book, "Downtown Turnaround: Lessons for a New Urban Landscape."

News of Cort's unexpected death prompted hundreds of tributes on social media.

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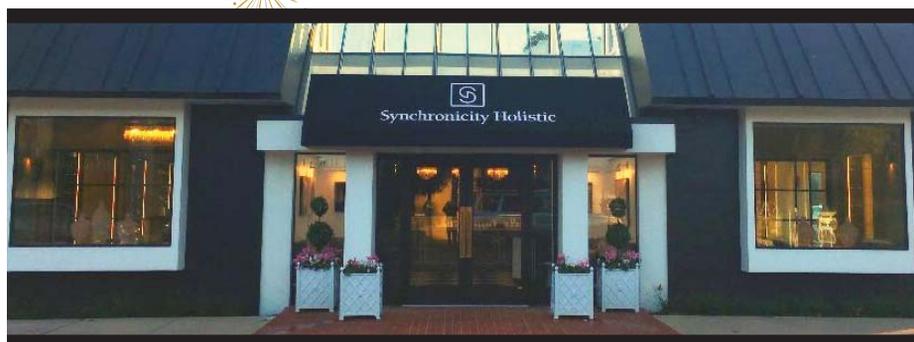
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Library foundation hosts talk on freedom of speech

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE JAN. 8 Community Night with the Library will feature attorney Michelle Welsh, professor of constitutional and employment law at the Monterey College of Law and 40-year member of the ACLU, presenting a free talk on “Freedom of Speech: The Constitution in Conflict.”

“Freedom of speech has often been viewed as our most precious right — the right to think and speak without government censorship,” explained Alexandra Fallon, executive director of the nonprofit Carmel Public Library Foundation.

“The 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says, ‘Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.’ But freedom of speech has never been interpreted by the Supreme Court to be as absolute as those words appear,” she said. “What are the limits? What happens when free speech conflicts with other constitutional rights?”

Welsh will focus on that topic and those questions when she presents the talk, which will be held in Carpenter Hall in Sunset Center at Mission and Ninth, and will start at 7 p.m. For more information, visit carmelpubliclibrary-foundation.org.

JEEP

From page 5A

“Mecum either knew or should have known that the car fell well short of the representations,” the lawsuit, filed for Schnayer by Walnut Creek attorney Charles Marshall, says.

When he complained to Mecum about the discrepancy and demanded his money back, the company refused, and only offered to return \$5,400 — “which was the premium it charged for its services to act as an auctioneer,” said Schnayer, who rejected the offer.

Mecum told Schnayer that it acted only as an intermediary in the sale — as an auction house — and that it got the Jeep from another car seller.

“It claims it merely passed on the

representations made by the company it obtained the car from, and that [Mecum] cannot be held responsible if the representations are false,” Schnayer said.

While auction houses often act as consignment agents for other dealers, he claims Mecum Auctions was not acting as an intermediary because it held title to the Jeep and sold it directly to him.

Mecum did not respond to an email message about the claims in the lawsuit.

Mecum advertised that the 3.6-liter, automatic transmission Jeep was built by KAO Autostyling, a company that modified vehicles.

The Jeep, the auction house said, had custom iron cross front and rear bumpers, custom two-toned leather diamond stitched interior, custom cage doors, and a custom exhaust. The vehicle had only 200 miles on the odometer.

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PRUNEDALE

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on the hazard lights and call 911. Don't disturb any physical evidence. If you feel unsafe pulling over immediately, Foster recommends going to the next exit and calling 911.

"The sooner you call us, the sooner we can have officers on scene," he said. "The reward is now \$15,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible."

Foster said that this week and New Years' week, the CHP will enter into "maximum enforcement periods," meaning 80 percent of its officers will be on the road,

including in that stretch of Highway 101 and 156.

In the case of the Carmel High bus that was struck, the vehicle was about 100 yards from the Highway 156 overcrossing when an unknown object smashed the window, sending glass into the passenger cabin.

One of the adults on board called 911. One of the students had minor cuts.

While the CHP hasn't said whether any of the projectiles have been recovered, they did say they aren't bullets, though they have been hurled or fired at high velocity.

Southbound Highway 156 was closed for about three hours on Dec. 20, but a CHP officer told The Pine Cone Monday that the closure was for highway maintenance, and not related to the incidents involving projectiles.



This Carmel High School bus window was shattered in November on Highway 101 when someone launched an unknown projectile at the vehicle, which was carrying football players to a game in San Jose. One teen was slightly injured.

GAVEL

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ROOSTER

From page 1A

"Still there this morning, crowing away happily," resident Chris Gatward wrote Saturday on a social media site.

SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser told The Pine Cone that the rooster was caught and taken to SPCA headquarters off of Highway 68 near Salinas.

"He's on hold right now in case an owner is out there somewhere looking for him," Brookhouser said. "He has a serious infection, so he has a guarded prognosis, but we will do all we can for him."

The rooster is eating chicken scratch and pellets, she said, but is not being given antibiotics until the SPCA can assess the severity of his infection.

He's being kept at the SPCA's barn with other farm animals the group cares for. Besides dogs and cats, the SPCA rescues

horses, goats, sheep, pigs, chickens, roosters, rabbits, ducks and other barnyard pets.

The rooster created a stir on social media, with dozens of people talking about the handsome bird and posting photos of him in the park. Several people had hoped that the SPCA would take him in and care for him.

"We saw him running around near the whale structure. He is a beauty," wrote Kacy Carr, while someone else was concerned that a predator would get to him before he could be rescued.

Brookhouser wasn't sure who eventually caught the bird.

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TOREN

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ran into mechanical problems.

“Just a few days after departing their home port, the salt water cooling system for the ship’s reduction gear failed,” Littlejohn explained. “The reduction gear slows the ship’s propeller, similar to the transmission in a car, and it was not a problem that could wait.”

Impromptu solution

Toren’s boss turned to the 29-year-old from Big Sur, who was asleep at the time. It was 1:30 a.m. when duty called. “After cleaning the pipe and testing the surrounding area for weaknesses and thin spots, Toren decided on the size of patch he’d have to make to fix the problem,” Littlejohn explained. “After fabricating the patch out of another piece of scrap pipe, he hammered it to shape, fitted it to the pipe and prepared his welding machine. Within an hour, he plug-welded the inside of the pipe to prevent turbulence, and welded the perimeter of the patch to secure it and to prevent further leaking.”

On his recent deployment, Toren, whose job description is “damage controlman,” had an opportunity to share his knowledge about fixing things with a Philippine Navy crew. Over the course of four days, Toren and a team demonstrated an array of techniques and tricks.

“When we showed up on the first day, none of their pumps were running,” Toren said. “By the end of the fourth day, we had all the pumps running. The Philippine Navy members had a better understanding of how to maintain and fix their equipment, and we had a lot of new friends.”

Littlejohn said Toren and others like him are “jacks of all trades,” and essential members of Coast Guard crews deployed far from land.

“Damage controlmen are experts in shipboard emergency systems and procedure,” he added. “They are professional plumbers, welders, fire fighters and first responders to a host of potential shipboard crisis. They call upon a precision skill set and concoct crafty solutions to difficult problems, and are disciplined, with the ability to think quickly and outside the box.”

Toren was only four when he accompanied his parents, Magnus and Mary Lu Toren of Big Sur, on a seven-month, 10,000-mile ocean journey aboard a 65-foot sailboat. Despite being a small boy aboard a small boat in a vast and

unpredictable ocean, he wasn’t overwhelmed by the experience. “I’ve never really had a fear of the ocean,” said the 29-year-old, who is currently stationed in Alameda.

According to his father, the youngster “took to sailing like a fish to water.” “He never got seasick,” he recalled.

When asked if he became bored during the trip, Toren suggested he was too young at the time to grow tired of such an experience.

Toren celebrated his fifth birthday in Cape Town, South Africa.

‘An incredible sight’

The boat’s deck became Toren’s playground. To keep him safe at sea, his parents required him to be hooked up to a lifeline when he wasn’t in the cabin. According to his dad, the youngster became quite adept at scurrying around the deck, and he soon became fascinated by everything around him.

“He would sit at the bowsprit with his feet dangling over the edge, and watch the dolphins and sing to himself,” his dad said. “It was such an incredible sight.”

Once the journey ended, Toren returned with his family to Big Sur. Over the next decade, he attended Esalen Institute’s Gazebo School and Pacific Valley School down the coast, and, like other local kids, explored the beaches nearby. He even tried surfing, although he didn’t have much luck at it, recalling he did it “just enough to make a fool of myself.”

He later attended boarding school in Montana. But once his studies were complete, he joined the Coast Guard and returned to the sea.

“He’s been on the water ever since,” his father said.

Now in his 11th year in the Coast Guard, Toren said he enjoys being part of the agency’s mission, and has no plans to leave anytime soon, although his long term plan is to attend college and have the military pay for it — a goal that partly inspired him to join in the first place, along with seeing the world.

“I wanted to get out and do my own thing and visit different places,” he added. “The Coast Guard has been good to me.”



Aboard the United States Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, Stefan Toren educates his fellow crew members about firefighting pumps. A second class petty officer, Toren who grew up in Big Sur, is not only good at fixing things, but he also teaches damage control techniques.

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Born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania to parents Elizabetha & Nazareno Fazzini. Preceded in death by her brother Jimmy and sister Edith.

Elsa Fazzini met the Love of her Life (her “Amore” Lilio) Lee Chiodi and they married in 1942. In 1943 the young newlyweds moved to Southern California, residing in Studio City. Daughter Carla arrived in March of 1949.

Beloved husband Lee passed in 2003. Elsa then finally agreed to leave Studio City, their family homestead, moving to Carmel to be with her daughter in 2008.

Del Mesa Carmel became home, a move she never regretted. Elsa simply adored the beauty of the Monterey Peninsula, its abundant wonders, affording her a special lifestyle — plentiful in nature — which surrounded her every day! Carmel Mission Basilica chapel, Carmel’s scenic beach, Point Lobos, day trips to Carmel Valley and Big Sur were but a few of her favorite things.

Mamma Elsa shall be missed beyond any words her family and friends can ever convey. An abundance of Mother’s unconditional love overflowed to all she held near and dear.

♥ Lee and Elsa are dancing with the stars in Heaven ... ♥



Mary Lou Ward

Mary Lou Ward was born Aug. 31, 1928 in Madisonville, Kentucky, married Dick Ward on Nov. 9, 1951 and died Dec. 18, 2019. She was active in church and local communities as an organist at the First Baptist Church in Carmel, California, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, a supporter of veterans, a leader of book and Bible study clubs, and a substitute teacher. She was also a duplicate bridge player and an avid golfer.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Conley Richard, daughters Marsha (Tom) Jones, Valerie (Craig) Beyrouty, and Cynthia Davidson and son Kevin Ward, 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Preceding Mary Lou in death was a grandchild, Daniel. A memorial service will be held in the near future. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mary Lou’s name to Wounded Warriors or the Western Neuropathy Association.

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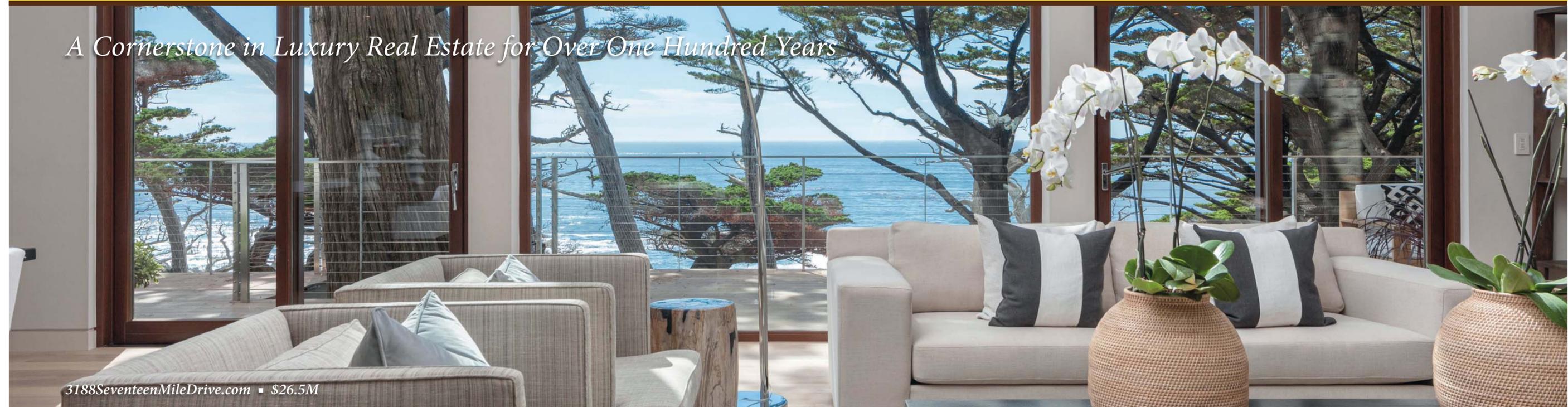
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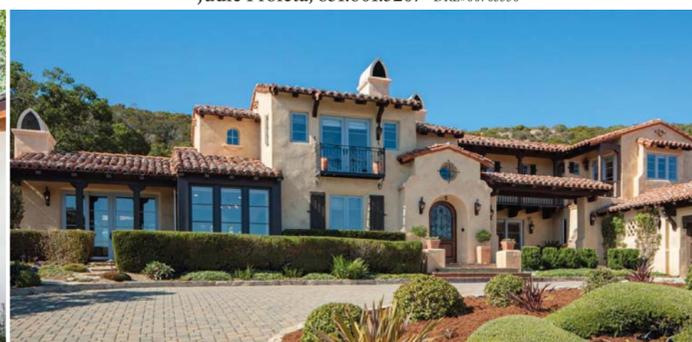
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socializing, usually in the name of raising funds for one charity or another, until March 1988, when Margye Neswitz reported in her Social Scene column that Doris Day, her son, Terry Melcher, and his wife, Jacqueline had become LeVett's new partners in the Cypress Inn.

LeVett said, "I have loved the Cypress Inn since I saw an ad on the back of a Concours program 15 to 20 years ago. It had the romance of small, grand hotels in Europe."

Astute observer

Day added, "I have always felt a part of this wonderful community. What an extra joy to be a partner and to hotel restore it to its tradition of hospitality and warmth."

The Inn's pet-friendly policy was introduced that same month when LeVett informed The Pine Cone he was "busy ordering pet beds for all 33 rooms."



Denny LeVett

In 1990, after the Loma Prieta earthquake and rising prices began to take their toll on Carmel's inns, LeVett announced he was lowering the room rates at the Cypress Inn by 5 percent across the board.

"The majority of the rooms are under \$100 a night," he said at the time, recalling that in the not-too-distant past, rooms in town went for less than \$80, with some as low as \$40 or \$50. He astutely observed that the cause for the increase was the sale of several existing properties to new owners, who had gone into debt to buy them and consequently needed to raise revenues.

He also said that, "There's been a general attitude in Carmel that you can do no wrong. There's been a gross disregard for some of the tourists' rights and comforts." He concluded by saying that innkeepers needed to keep an eye toward the future.

Considering how famous and widely loved he is today, it seems like that worked out OK for him.

This article is part of an occasional series that takes a look at prominent locals and the first time they were mentioned in the pages of The Pine Cone.

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Azniv has operated successfully numerous small businesses in Virginia prior to moving to Carmel, California. She has been active in her community and church in Richmond, Virginia. Azniv has served as Parish Council Chair, The Women's Guild Chair, The Diocese Delegate, Sunday School Teacher and Armenian Folk Dancing Instructor.

Azniv earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Mathematical Sciences with honors from Virginia Commonwealth University. She was nominated for Who is Who by her faculty in the Mathematics department. Azniv serves on the Carmel Chamber Board of Commerce. She was honored as the board member of the year in June 2019. She also serves on the Business Roundtable of Carmel. Azniv is also on the Carmel Foundation Board, The Development committee and the Awards of Excellence Gala committee.

Folks ask me, "so what did you do with your degree?" I tell them I use my knowledge everyday operating successful business. I believe every child should be encouraged to love Math and Reading to succeed and thrive. I have been a role model to my kids and grandkids to follow their dream. Everything is possible if you take advantage of what is given to you and share it with those who need it more than you. I believe in looking forward to the future in excitement.

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A homeboy and a scholar takes to the stage

By ELAINE HESSER

YOU MAY not be a fan of rap or hip-hop, but MC Lars — born Andrew Robert Nielsen and a 2001 graduate of Stevenson School — might change your mind. The rapper, who will do three shows at First Night Monterey, came from the San Francisco Bay area, moved to the Monterey Peninsula with his family, and after graduating from Stevenson, went on to earn a bachelor's in English at Stanford.

During that time, he also spent three months studying Shakespeare at Oxford. As a result, his mind skips nimbly from the Bard to Edgar Allen Poe and Herman Melville, then on to popular contemporary artists like Snoop Dog (for whom Lars has been an opening act).

He combines all those references and more into what he calls "lit-hop," a combination of literature and hip-hop, and is credited as one of the founders of that genre.

Lars does it without sounding pretentious or ridiculous, maybe because of his infectious enthusiasm for English literature in all its forms. He doesn't talk down to anyone. If you've ever wondered what people like about rap, he's got the welcome mat out and would love to invite you in, with familiar stories and dialogue set to a contemporary beat.

A variety of topics

Although rappers have a reputation for violent lyrics, vulgarity and foul language, Lars uses no more sex and gore than did Shakespeare and Poe, while also adding things like killer robots and lint. No, really, there's a somewhat violent version of a piece called "The Lint Song" that will make you want to immediately clean your dryer's traps.

Still, you're more likely to be mildly bemused than offended by one of Lars' performances. After all, he has scads of cultural references to draw on, and moves from "1984" to "2001: A Space Odyssey" in short order. He's written raps that retell "Gulliver's Travels" and "Jabberwocky," along with the crowd-pleasing "Mr. Raven," a Poe-inspired work in which the title bird is "all up in my grill with the nevermore."

He'll also refresh your memory about all those poetry terms you had to learn in high school, like "iambic pentameter," and show how all those rhythms the kids think are brand-new have been around for centuries. After hearing him, you may find yourself wishing he'd been around to supplement those literary Cliff Notes when you were in college.

Lars said he started to explore combining the old with the new while he was still a student at Stevenson. His first performance, while still a high school student, was a show he called "An Evening with Andrew," at the Church in the Forest.

"I did poetry. I had all these costumes and a fog machine," he said, quickly adding that a lot of his Stevenson classmates helped make it happen. He also has good memories of All Saints' Episcopal Church and said he finds inspiration in Christianity. On one of his albums, "Lars Attacks," there's a song called "Judas Priest," which is the story of Good Friday, as he imagined it from Judas' perspective.

Touring and teaching

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Lars' first concert at RLS, and of his first performance at First Night. He called the New Year's Eve bash's executive director Ellen Martin, "supportive and amazing," and said that the people who run the event were helpful and taught him a lot about being professional, starting with the first time he applied



PHOTO/NICK KARP

MC Lars, a Stevenson grad, shows off his nerd cred with a video game in front of the Toronto skyline. His music combines hip-hop with literature.

to play there.

In addition to touring in the United States, Great Britain and Australia two to three months a year, he maintains a strong online presence and teaches in classrooms (with students from little kids to grownups) and museums here and abroad. He and his wife, Ashley, a musician and science teacher, made an anti-cyberbullying video that can be seen on YouTube.

And that tells you one more thing about Lars — who divides his time at home between New York City and the San Francisco Bay area — he's just a nice guy. You want to have coffee with him. He credited his mom, a librarian who also imparted her love of reading to her son.

"She always said there were two types of people: The kind who enter a room and say, 'I'm here, the party can start,' and the kind who enter a room and say, 'What can I learn?' I try to be the second. I can't believe how fortunate I am to be where I am."

His dad is also supportive of his efforts, and his parents have been in attendance at his First Night gigs over the years.

You can catch Lars' act at the Middlebury Institute for International Studies' Irvine Auditorium at 9 p.m., 9:45 and 10:30. Each set lasts 30 minutes, and he said it "will be a special show, with new stuff and some nostalgia." First Night buttons, which serve as tickets for the New Year's Eve party, are required and are available at firstnightmonterey.org.



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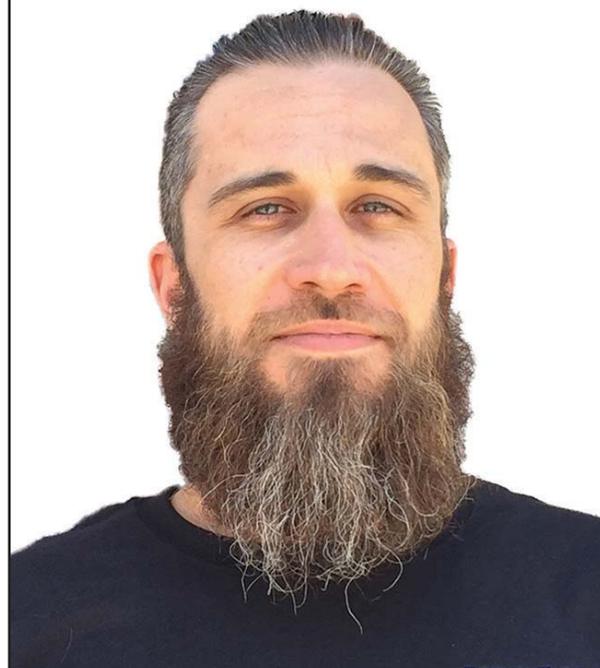
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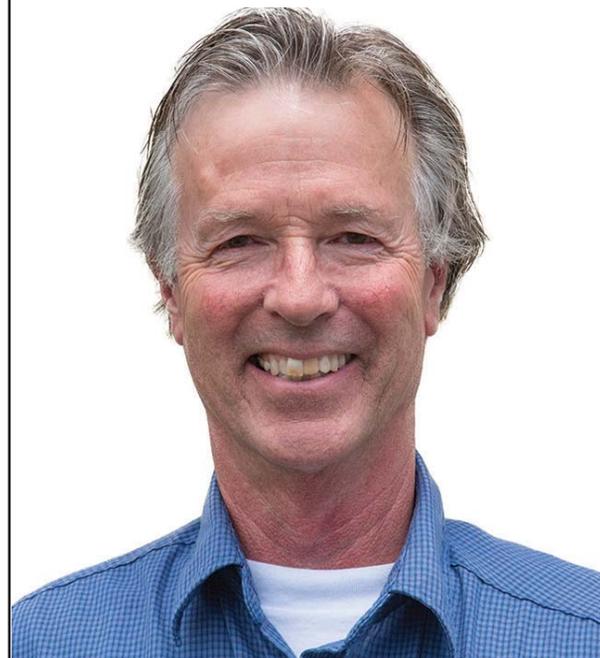
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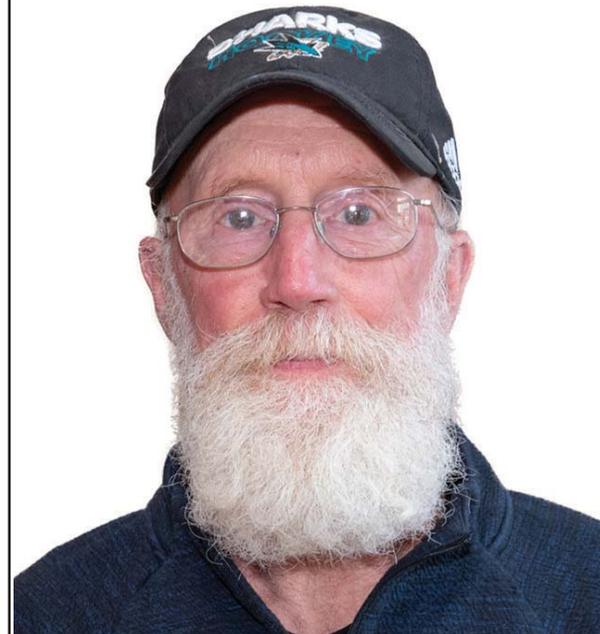
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AMBULANCE

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ment isn't signed before Jan. 31, 2020, ambulance service throughout the county will essentially fall apart, county officials stated last April. "Anyone wanting to provide ambulance service could do so, but the contract-based standards for response times, clinical quality, paramedic training, and safety would end," they said. "Ambulance providers would rush to serve urban and suburban areas with high call volumes and people with high-paying private medical insurance," and would neglect areas with fewer calls and where people have poor insurance coverage.

The original request for ambulance service bids drew only a single response, which the county Emergency Services Agency rejected, and the agency has had nothing further to report on the matter over the last couple of months.

Finally, on Dec. 18, Monterey County Health Department public information officer Karen Smith said, "The county EMS Agency is in negotiations with AMR to extend their agreement," with the board of supervisors set to review the amendment next month, shortly before the contract expires.

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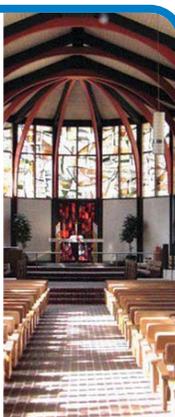
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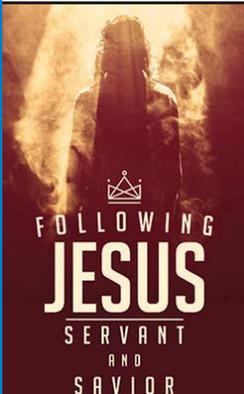
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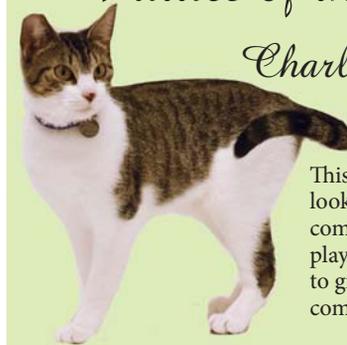
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This Week

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First Night musical feast, Buddy Holly's last show set for New Year's Eve

AS THE second decade of the millennium fades into the history books, the spotlight falls on nearly two dozen musical acts scheduled to perform at First Night Monterey on New Year's Eve.

When the clock strikes midnight, **The Carolyn Sills Combo** will welcome 2020 with music and dancing. Serving up what Sills describes as "Spaghetti Western Swing," the Santa Cruz-based quintet will play in the Monterey Conference Center's Serra Ballroom, starting at 10 p.m.

Other First Night highlights include performances by **Fields of Eden** with singer-songwriter **Kiki Wow** (acoustic rock, Serra Ballroom at 6:15 and 7 p.m.), **Sensory Tribe** (reggae fusion, Alvarado Street's Bonafacio Stage at 8:45 and 9:45 p.m.), **Generation Gap** with singer-song-

writer **Elise Leavy** and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Monterey Conference Center's Colton Room at 9, 9:45 and 10:30 p.m.), **Dirty Cello** with cellist **Rebecca Roudman**

ies's Irvine Theater at 9, 9:45 and 10:30 p.m.).

The lineup also includes **The Black Irish Band**, **Andrea's Fault**, **Samba Legal**, **Paulette Lynch and Celtic Roads**, **The Guitars Not Guns Band**, **The Old Town Quartet** and others.

Besides live music, First Night features a wide array of family-friendly performances, exhibits and activities.

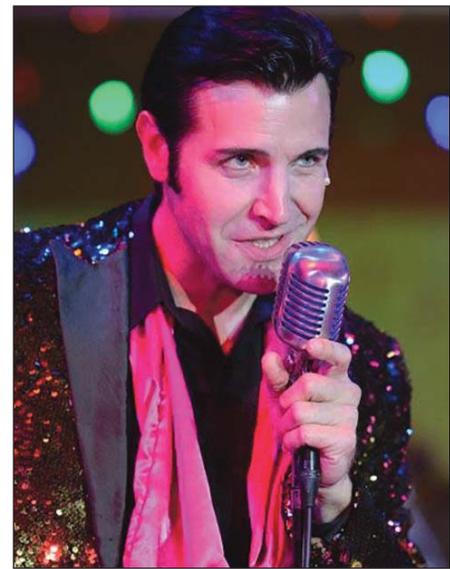
All access buttons are \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids and teens under 15. Children under five get in free. Buttons for families are \$60. Discounts are available for tickets purchased by Dec. 28. To purchase buttons or see the event's schedule, visit www.firstnightmonterey.org

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

(world music, Monterey Conference Center's Steinbeck Room at 8:45, 9:30 and 10:15 p.m.), **The Charities** ("funk and soul," Bonafacio Stage at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.) and **MC Lars** (hip-hop, Middlebury Institute of International Stud-



The Carolyn Sills Combo (left) will be playing at the Monterey Conference Center when the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve. Also performing during this year's First Night Monterey celebration is the Charities (center), who will play sets along Alvarado Street at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Actor and musician Travis Poelle (right) co-stars in PacRep Theater's latest rock 'n' roll tribute concert.

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Foragers Fest for health center, a bubbly dinner, and lots of NYE goings on

ONE OF the Big Sur Health Center's biggest fundraisers of the year, the Foragers Festival, will take place Jan. 16-19 down the coast and around town, with dinners, mushroom-hunting hikes, and the Fungus Face-Off competition among chefs seeking to prepare the best small bites using foraged ingredients.

The health center was founded in September 1979 through a local grassroots effort to provide quality comprehensive medical care to everyone in Big Sur who needs help, regardless of their ability to pay. It became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1985, raised funds to build a 2,100-square-foot medical facility just south of the Big Sur River Inn on the grounds of All Saints Episcopal Church in 2004, and continues to provide care for thousands of locals and visitors every year as the only medical facility between the Monterey Peninsula and Cambria, a hundred-mile stretch.

The fest will kick off Thursday when Lugano Swiss Bistro in the Barnyard donates 25 percent of all sales, including beer, wine and its famous fondue, to the health center via the Big Sur Foragers Festival. Lugano's will also have live music that evening.

Foragers dinners

On Friday night, a couple of restaurants will host special dinners. Il Grillo, located on Mission north of Fifth, will have chef Brandon Miller creating a six-course mushroom and truffle feast, each dish paired with a local wine, for \$180 per person, with all proceeds benefiting the health center.

And down the coast, Deetjen's Big Sur Inn will host a dinner that night, also with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the center. Reservations should be made direct-

ly with the restaurant by calling (831) 667-2377 between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

On Saturday morning, Big Sur Guides and guest mycologists Todd Spanier and Chad Hyatt will lead the curious on two foraging hikes, one for beginners that follows 2

display of mushrooms and hear from the experts before hitting the trail. The exact routes will be determined once organizers have an idea of the weather and where mushrooms and other edible plants are flourishing. The hikes depart at 9 a.m.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

miles of flat trail, and one for the slightly more athletic that will involve 4 miles of trail with some short hills. Hyatt is a highly knowledgeable mushroom hunter and a classically trained chef based out of the San Francisco Bay area, and wrote "The Mushroom Hunter's Kitchen." Spanier is known as the "King of Mushrooms," and is considered a pioneer in the sustainable and wild food movements in California. Spanier also founded Chef's Lounge and California Truffle Orchards LLC, the state's first truffle cultivation management company. Spanier will take the shorter route while Hyatt leads the longer one.

The cost is \$50 per person, and everyone will gather just north of the River Inn to check out an extensive

Fungus Face-Off

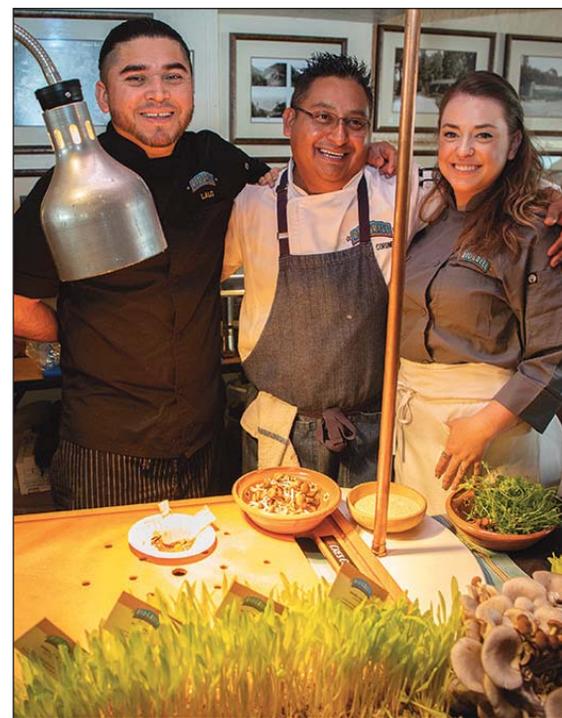
The main event, the Face-Off, will be held for the second year at the Big Sur River Inn, with local chefs competing for the title of Best Foraged Dish and wineries vying for their own accolades.

Wineries signed on to pour include Bernardus, Chappellet, Mesa Del Sol, Wrath, McIntyre Family Wines, Comanche Cellars, Morgan, Twisted Roots, Wrath, Scheid, Windy Oaks Estate, and Paul Lato Wines.

Some of the committed restaurants are Big Sur River Inn, Montrio Bistro, Rio Grill, Tarp's Roadhouse, Deetjen's, Fernwood, Post Ranch, Percy's Pies, and California Market at Pacific's Edge. A marketplace where fans can pick up delectable goods will feature Carmel Berry Company, Sweets of Eden, The Bitter Ginger, and Quail and Olive.

And Sunday, Hyatt and Spanier will prepare the menu

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(Clockwise from top left) During the Fungus Face-Off at last year's Foragers Festival in Big Sur, judge Janna Jo Williams of Earthbound Farms sampled a chef's offerings, while the crew from Rio Grill served up mushroom tamales. Even pastry chefs got in on the act, turning foraged food into sweet treats.

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FOOD & WINE

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for the new Big Sur Wild Foragers Feast to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Big Sur Roadhouse located at Glen Oaks Big Sur at 47080 Highway 1. The six-course dinner will include wine pairing by Beauregard Vineyards and costs \$300 per person, including tip.

Tickets for everything except the Deetjen's Dinner can be ordered through Eventbrite.com. For more information on the nonprofit health center that serves locals and visitors in Big Sur, go to big-surhealthcenter.org.

Laurent-Perrier dinner

Brandon Miller, executive chef at Il Grillo, is planning a five-course dinner to pair with the sparkling wines of French producer Laurent-Perrier Sunday, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m.

"He's still working on the menu, but I asked him to think about the legend of Catherine de Medici from Florence bringing Florentine culinary traditions to France," owner Anna Bartolini told The Pine Cone.

Laurent-Perrier was founded in 1812 and produces several high-end Champagnes. Featured at the dinner will be La Cuvée, Cuvée Rosé, and Grand Siecle 22, 23 and 24, followed by a demi sec (semi-

dry) called Harmony for the dessert course.

The cost is \$140 per person, plus tax and tip. For reservations, call (831) 238-9608.

NYE options

For those who want to do something special to mark the end of 2019 and the arrival of 2020 but don't want to throw a party or go to one, several Monterey Peninsula restaurants are offering special dinners on New Year's Eve.

Go Italian

For an Italian take, Cantinetta Luca is presenting a few special menu items a la carte, pouring bubbly and inviting people to "join us in welcoming the new decade in decadent style." Featured dishes include day boat scallop crudo with caviar, Wagyu beef bresaola carpaccio with truffle and arugula, and pasta with Dungeness crab and preserved lemon. Shavings of black truffle can be added to anything for market price. Luca is located on Dolores south of Ocean. Call (831) 625-6500 or visit cantinettaluca.com.

And Mezzaluna Pasteria & Mozzarella Bar on Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove is offering a three-course dinner during two seatings between 5 and 7 p.m. and a five-course feast with reservations available between 6:45 and 8:45 p.m. For \$65 plus tax

and 20 percent gratuity, the three-course dinner includes choices of tuna carpaccio with fennel-kale salad, chestnut soup with crème fraiche and black truffles, or duck liver pate with port gelée, followed by second-course offerings of pan-seared day boat scallops, wild mushroom risotto, butternut squash ravioli with brown butter sauce, or braised beef short ribs with potatoes and vegetables. Dessert will include Baked Alaska and other sweets. Wine pairings are available for an additional \$20.

For \$95 per person plus tax and tip, the five-course dinner will have choices of tuna carpaccio or duck liver pate for the first course, chestnut soup for the second course, and third-course options of pappardelle with Maine lobster, sautéed spinach and white wine garlic sauce or butternut squash ravioli, followed by fourth-course choices of scallops and risotto, short ribs, or polenta with wild mushrooms and Fontina cheese. Baked Alaska and other sweets will be available for dessert. Wine pairings can be added for another \$38. For reservations, call (831) 372-5325.

By the sea

Located right on the water next to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the C Restaurant + Bar in the InterContinental Hotel offers stunning views, even after dark, and on New Year's Eve, executive chef Matt Bolton and his crew are planning a distinctive four-course dinner for revelers.

Diminutive halved quail eggs topped with Siberian Osetra caviar and crème fraiche will be the amuse bouche, followed by a lineup of choices that includes black truffles and local wild mushrooms, Dungeness crab, Wagyu beef and Sonoma duck, among many other ingredients and dishes. Sous chef Michelle Lee will follow it all with a trio of desserts. Reservations are available from 5:30 to 10 p.m. and cost

\$125 (\$195 with wine/Champagne pairings), plus tax and 20 percent tip. John Sherry will play music from 6 to 10 p.m. For reservations, call (831) 375-4500.

Down the coast in the Carmel Highlands, California Market at Pacific's Edge will also serve a prix-fixe dinner to accompany the stunning coastal views, starting with hand-crafted cocktails in the Sunset Lounge. Reservations are available from 5:30 p.m. onward, and Dino Vera will play from 8:30 all the way until the new year starts at midnight. Of course, the menu includes the indulgent ingredients one would expect, from truffles and caviar, to oysters, lobster and filet mignon, with lots of choices. The cost is \$150 per person, plus tax and tip. For more information or to reserve, call (831) 620-1234.

In Marina and elsewhere

At Salt Wood Kitchen & Oysterette in Marina, executive chef Paul Corsentino has planned a four-course set menu that will be available from 5 to 10 p.m. Live music, sparkling wine and oysters will kick off the night, followed by entrées like Monterey Bay black cod and New York strip. Reservations are available via Open Table for \$95. In addition, New Year's Day brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. "with hangover favorites like monkey bread, shrimp and grits, and a bottomless mimosa special."

Other NYE possibilities include the Sardine Factory at 701 Wave St. with a four-course prix-fixe for \$85 plus tax and tip ((831) 373-3775), a six-course tasting menu at The Sur House at Ventana in Big Sur for \$175 per person ((831) 667-2331), and a family-friendly paella dinner and jazz at Estéban in the Casa Munras Garden Hotel in Monterey for \$65 plus tax and tip per person ((831) 324-6773).

INCENTIVES

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With revenues trending lower — hotel taxes for the first two periods were down 4 percent when the city budget anticipated an increase of 3 percent, for instance — Rerig doesn't know whether he'll recommend extending the program.

"Even though this is only \$85,000, I'd really want to look at all the other economic factors," he said. "We'll get the audit report from the last fiscal year in January and do the midyear budget review in February, so I'd want to

look at the other economic factors prior to making a recommendation."

Rerig said he's grateful to everyone who took advantage of the program to reinvest in their properties.

He plans on giving a detailed report on the incentives and projects at next month's council meeting.



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This project on Lincoln Street, which includes a new restaurant called The Pocket, is one of the beneficiaries of the city's permit incentive program.

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Husband and wife team mixes work and travel, unveils new paintings

THE BEAUTY of the Monterey Peninsula and the Big Sur coast have long provided creative opportunities for painters Cyndra Bradford and Jeff Daniel Smith, but for their latest work, the pair turned to the canyonlands of Utah and the high country of the Sierra Nevada for inspiration. Bradford and Smith share their latest paintings Saturday, Dec. 28, at Galerie Plein Aire Fine Art.

In May, after buying a small trailer to carry their art supplies, Bradford and Smith took a road trip to Utah and visited Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef national parks.

Although Bradford had never visited the state before, she was familiar with its famous red-rock landscape, so she brought along extra red paint — something she rarely needs an abundance of along the coast.

In Utah, Bradford was struck by how different the scenery was from our own, and how the sharp contrast was between the blue sky and the red rock. “It was like being on a different planet,” she told The Pine Cone.

In October, Bradford and Smith hit the road again, this time traveling to Yosemite National Park. Again, they brought their paints, this time to capture subjects like El Capitan and Glacier Point. It was late in the season, so they had to bundle up.

“We camped out in

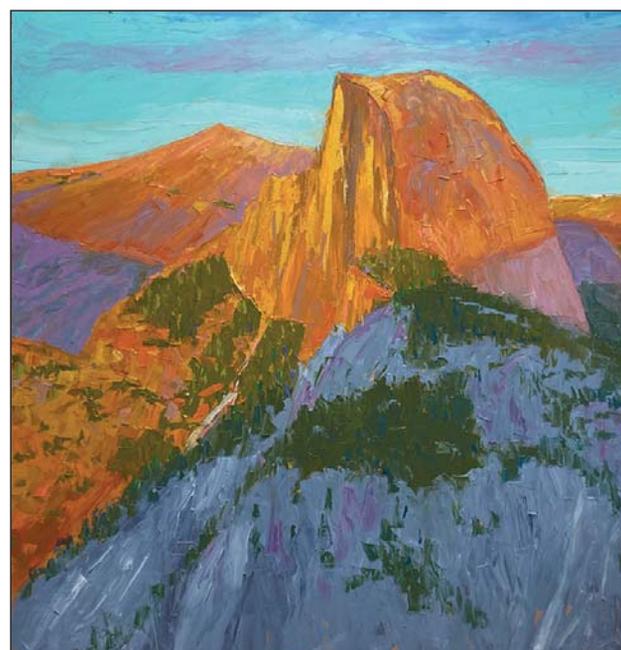
Yosemite Valley for four days,” Bradford added. “It’s one of my favorite places to paint, but I had never been there that time

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

of year — the fall colors were out in all their glory. It was a very special trip for us.”

The site of a reception Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m., the gallery is located on Dolores between Ocean and Sixth. Call (831) 277-6165.



Painter Jeff Daniel Smith’s “Glacier Point Sunrise” is included in a show opening Saturday at Galerie Plein Air. The site of a reception from 5 to 8 p.m., the gallery is located on Dolores between Ocean and Sixth.

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MUSIC

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Best party in town?

While Christmas music is king during the holidays, it's also the time of year when PacRep Theatre returns with its annual tribute concert celebrating the early days of rock 'n' roll. This year's edition opens New Year's Eve at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

"It's the best party in town," director **Stephen Moorer** told *The Pine Cone*. "This year is the 60th anniversary of Buddy Holly's final concert, and in the first act we're recreating it."

Along with the Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens, Holly died in a plane crash in 1959. The three will reunite on stage at the Golden Bough, with **Travis Poelle** playing Holly, **Scott Free** portraying the Big Bopper and **Davitt Felder** taking on the role of Valens.

In the second act, the tribute concert will move on to the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Along with tributes to Roy Orbison, the Mamas and The Papas, Tina Turner, and many others, Led Zeppelin will be honored. **Don Dally**, remarkably, will sing lead and play guitar, portraying rock legends Robert Plant and Jimmy Page simultaneously. "Don knocks it out the park," Moorer suggested.

This year's show also pays tribute to Queen. "Travis is playing Freddie Mercury, with our whole crew backing him up," Moorer added.

Tickets for the New Year's Eve show are \$75, while those for other performances are \$8 to \$44, with discounts available for students, seniors, teachers and active military. The show continues Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 12. The theater is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. For tickets, call (831) 622-0100.

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Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **David Kempton** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 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.

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

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

dence (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

The Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Robert Elmond Stone** (country, Friday at 6 p.m.); and saxophonist **Roger Eddy** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — trombonist **Craig Jardstrom** and guitarist **Darrin Michell** (jazz, Friday at 6:30 p.m.); and guitarist **Grover Coe** and trombonist **Craig Jardstrom** (jazz, Sunday at 12:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8523.



The Electric Howlers, with lead singer Chris De La Ossa (above), rock Fernwood Resort in Big Sur Saturday.

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Pirates plan to build on chemistry, camaraderie and commitment

HIS TEAM won't contend for a national title this year — indeed, it'll be a lofty challenge to win the Santa Lucia Division of the Pacific Coast Athletic League.

But Toby Elmore, who once coached the fourth-ranked high school soccer team in the U.S., knows chemistry, ca-

up a program, build a new narrative, with one that wasn't getting a whole lot of attention," Elmore said. "We've been finding little bits of success every year, and I see this year as yet another opportunity to track forward."

It's been a slow ascent. His first team, in 2016-17, went 3-12-2. The 2017-18 team was 3-13. Last year the team compiled a 7-9-2 record, despite losing its leading scorer, Rolando Ortiz, to injuries for much of the season.

Ortiz, a senior, is healthy for the first time since his sophomore year, when he went down with a bad shoulder injury. "We're really excited this year because Rolando is healthy, he's strong, and he's got a great supporting cast of returning players," Elmore said of his striker, who has scored eight goals in Stevenson's first four games. "He's a hard worker, he knows the game really well, and he's a quiet and unassuming leader for us."

Tireless player

Ortiz also is one of three Pirates whom Elmore believes are talented enough to play college soccer if they dedicate themselves to that goal.

Another is Bush Sricharoenlumsam — just call him "Bush" — a native of Thailand who attended an East Coast boarding school as a middle-schooler before coming to Stevenson as a freshman.

Sricharoenlumsam, a defensive center midfielder,

might be the hardest-working player on the team, his coach says, and his work ethic shows up on the soccer pitch.

"He's tireless — he'll go the full 80 minutes for us while playing a very difficult position for an 80-minute player. He's up and down the pitch the whole game," Elmore said. "He's also a real student of the game — he works hard to understand it — and the overall effect is that he's playing with a lot of confidence."

New goalkeeper

The other player who might have collegiate soccer in his future is Nathaniel Hahn, a sophomore midfielder who arrived at Stevenson with a deep background in club soccer.

Hahn relied heavily on that experience during his freshman year, during which he was sometimes physically over-matched by older players.

"He was a small guy a year ago and struggled a little bit with the physicality," Elmore said. "But he grew 4-5 inches and added quite a bit of weight over the past year, so he's very sturdy out there now."

Hahn was part of an exceptional crop of freshmen at Stevenson last year, another of whom is Quan Bui, whose natural growth also is paying dividends in 2019.

"He's another one who struggled a bit with the physicality of the game as a ninth-grader — he was a little bit tentative — but he's going to be really dangerous for us this year," the coach said of the wing. "He's similar to Rolando in that he's not afraid to take players on. He's pretty technical, so he can go after them, get them back on their heels, and create some opportunities."

The new goalkeeper, Ardan Dorian, is another second-year varsity player as a sophomore — a backup last season who already is showing his worthiness as Stevenson's starter.

"He's a local kid who got experience with the Monterey County Football Club, and he's very talented," said Elmore of a player who already has 18 saves this season. "He's fearless in goal, and he's also as comfortable with his feet as any other player on the field. It's almost like having a fifth defender back

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

maraderie, and commitment when he sees it.

Those qualities are evident and could put some new hardware in the trophy case this winter for the Stevenson Pirates, who will return to the pitch after the holidays with a 3-0-1 preseason record.

Elmore coached previously at Hotchkiss School, a private prep school in Lakeville, Conn., where his team was rated as one of the best in America, teeming with Division 1-level college prospects.

He came to Stevenson five years ago, and took over the soccer team the following winter, inheriting a program that had won just three of 31 games (with four ties) in 2015 and 2016.

"What I saw here was an opportunity to try to build



PHOTOS/STEVENSON SCHOOL

Senior striker Rolando Ortiz (left), healthy for the first time in three seasons, has eight goals in Stevenson's first four games, while senior Michael Barbera, a dogged defender (right), is also a standout lacrosse player at the school.

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there.”

Senior leadership comes from fourth-year varsity player Michael Barbera, a wingback whose experience as a lacrosse player gives him strong field awareness.

“He’s a staunch defender — really good one-on-one — and he’s developed into a very good player technically, Elmore said. “We’re expecting to see him create some opportunities for himself this year by pushing forward into the offensive third of the field.”

Stevenson’s second-leading scorer going into the holiday break is Brandon Perez-Saldivar, a junior who has three goals in four games — second-best on the team.

Perez-Saldivar stepped into the Pirates’ striker role a year ago after Ortiz was sidelined and grew from the experience, Elmore said.

“This year, we expect those players to give us a really dynamic partnership at the top of the pitch,” his coach said.

Jason Zhang, a senior in his third varsity year, is a player who could become a strong scoring threat as his conditioning improves, the coach said.

“The strength of this team so far has been their work ethic, and also their buy-in and commitment to our sys-

tem,” Elmore said. “This is the first year I’m feeling like we’ve got a group that understands what it means to play within a system and be disciplined about how we approach each game. This is also a really cohesive bunch, which makes them a lot of fun to work with. I’ve pushed them really hard so far, and they love it — they want more.”

Pacific Grove won the PCAL’s Santa Lucia Division last year with a 13-1-2 record, and four of its returning players earned all-division honors as first- or second-teamers.

But the division has added Seaside and Pacific Collegiate this season, with the new Rancho San Juan High from Salinas, and Marina.

“Pacific Grove has a very good team again this year, but it’s hard for me to identify a preseason favorite because we didn’t play Pacific Collegiate and Seaside last year. They were part of the division above us,” Elmore said. “I think our kids believe they could win the division. I’ve told them there’s no reason we can’t beat every team on our schedule this year, and I believe that, but it’ll depend on whether we do the work, and approach each game with a measure of discipline. If we do that, we can play with anybody. We’ll contend.”

Looking ahead (Dec. 27-Jan. 2)

Boys basketball — Friday: Stevenson vs. Excelsior at Rancho Mirage tournament, Palm Valley High School (noon). Saturday: Carmel at Piedmont Hills (5 p.m.); Stevenson vs. Indio at Rancho Mirage tournament, Rancho Mirage High (1:30 p.m.). Monday: Stevenson vs. TBA at Rancho Mirage tournament, Rancho Mirage High (TBD).

Girls basketball — Friday: Carmel vs. Soledad at Seaside tournament (1:30 p.m.); Stevenson vs. Palo Verde Valley at Rancho Mirage tournament, Palm Valley High (1:30 p.m.). Saturday: Carmel vs. Seaside at Seaside tournament (7:30 p.m.). Stevenson vs. Oakwood at Rancho Mirage tournament, Palm Valley High (10:30 a.m.). Monday: Carmel vs. Aptos at Seaside tournament (noon). Stevenson vs. TBA at Rancho Mirage tournament, Palm Valley High (TBD).

Wrestling — Friday and Saturday: Carmel at Sierra Nevada Classic, Reno, Nev. (9 a.m.).

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Sophomore midfielder Nathaniel Hahn, more than 4 inches taller than last season, is a player with college soccer potential, said his coach.

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Editorial

There go the freelancers

NEXT WEEK a new California law, AB5, goes into effect that requires media companies to turn their regular freelancers into employees.

The law was passed by the state's Democratic-party controlled legislature and signed by left-wing governor Gavin Newsom, whose thinking on the subject apparently goes no deeper than the usual type of axiom that motivates socialists everywhere, i.e., all bosses are bad and all workers are exploited.

This dictum is embraced so wholeheartedly by people on the left, they even believe that when workers and bosses agree on things such as wages, working conditions, benefits, etc., the agreement must be presumed to be unfair to the persecuted workers who unwillingly accepted it, and therefore subject to forcible modification or even nullification by the guardians of public virtue in the government.

Thus, tens of thousands of drivers for companies like Uber and Lyft may prefer the flexibility of being their own bosses, deciding when and where to work, and making hour-by-hour choices among jobs based on how much they pay. But no! Under the new law, they must all become full-fledged employees, with schedules, mandatory breaks, limits on overtime, etc., etc., etc.

It's unclear how the big ride-sharing companies intend to comply with the new law. One option they don't seem to have would be to lay them all off. For Uber and Lyft, choosing to terminate their independent-contractor drivers instead of turning them into employees would be tantamount to giving up the ride-sharing business in California. There's no way you can drive an Uber in San Francisco from Reno.

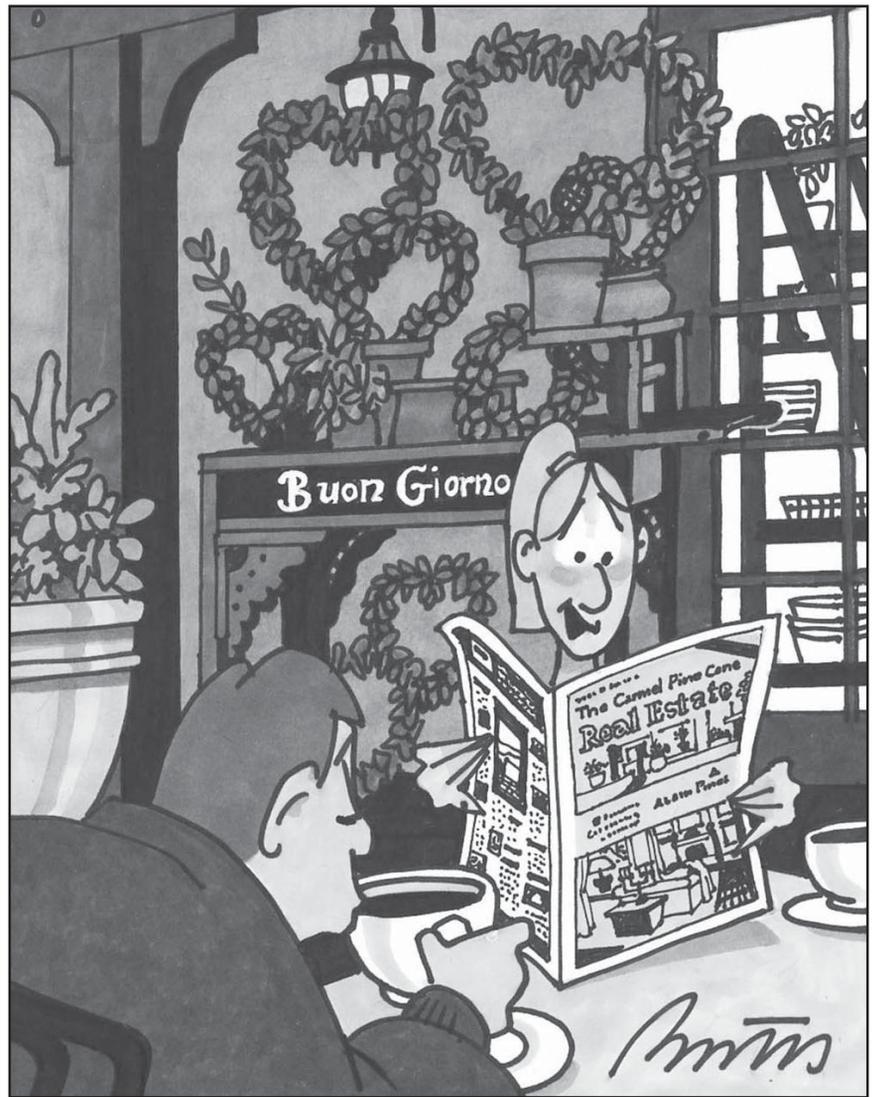
Not so for national media companies, which have long relied on freelance writers, editors and photographers to do part-time work. These companies also subject to the new law, and for many of them, the answer will be to fire everybody who works in California and move their jobs to a more business-friendly state. And who turned out to be Exhibit A for this phenomenon? No less than the ardently leftist website Vox, which last week announced it would lay off hundreds of California-based freelancers and move their work out of state. And this was after Vox cheered AB5 on to passage last summer, calling it a "victory for workers everywhere" and "a historic moment for the U.S. Labor movement." Those words are little consolation for the workers at Vox who lost their jobs. Typical among their reactions was one freelance writer who said, "Last week AB5 came for me, and it's devastating."

Just as with things like the premiums spikes caused by Obamacare and the \$15 minimum wage, anything that increases the cost of hiring inevitably results in lower productivity and higher unemployment — things that may not get much notice right now with the national economy booming. But when the next downturn comes, the new rules will really hurt.

Here at The Pine Cone, we are still successful enough that we'll be able to cover the added costs that will come from turning several of our regular freelancers into part-time employees. But what about the media outfits that are running on fumes? They may be forced to lay off even more of their already meager workforces or go out of business entirely.

Often, we're told that the measure of a society is how it "treats the least among them." We disagree. We think a society's success should be measured by how many of its people have well paying, productive jobs. And the more government gets out of the way, the more that will happen.

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A choice to be drafted?

Dear Editor,

I have to admit to being a bit concerned about Jimmy Panetta's statement that "he used the same skills when he was a prosecutor in Monterey County to arrive to the conclusion that Trump should be impeached." Whereas members of Congress are not often held responsible for lying in Congressional undertakings, my concern is that his statement might justify legal appeals against some of his criminal convictions in this county based on the possibility of similar false testimony.

But perhaps he was merely couching his statement in terms of his deductive capabilities, such as the time I talked to him on the phone when he first ran for Congress. I asked him for his position on women being subject to the military draft. He replied that he was for it because it was an issue of a "woman's choice."

Richard S. Hellam,
Seaside

'Projection' explains all

Dear Editor,

Do you want to know what is going on in the world of politics? It is simple: Whatever the Democrats say reveals what they are doing. Psychologists call this "projection." This concept has multiple historical connections but the simplest comes from Karl Marx. "Accuse your enemy of what you are doing, as you are doing it, to create confusion."

That tells the entire story. View the news through this template and the statements of Democrats will become much more revealing. Al Green calls everyone a racist — it is a knee-jerk comment from him. Yet, I wager no one is more racist than he. The leaders of the House of Representatives rants about how President Trump colluded with Russia, when their own vice-president was caught on tape using his influence to get a Ukrainian prosecutor fired for investigating a company for paying off his son to gain influence. It does not end and reveals a total lack of ethics. As Nancy Pelosi invokes the Founding Fathers, she is clueless that the founders felt that ethics was crucial to the survival of the republic.

Michael Addison, Carmel

History column rewarding

Dear Editor,

I have been enjoying the History Beat articles by Neal Hotelling; hopefully a book will come out containing them all. I especially enjoyed the article on Chief Gus Englund as my mother, Hope Thomas Raggett, would speak fondly of him. When she was a teenager and staying at her older

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With a capital T, that rhymes with P, that stands for ... plaque?

WHETHER SHE'S cleaning your teeth or sinking the eight ball in the corner pocket, Jessica Skye said she's a bit of perfectionist. The registered dental hygienist has worked for Dr. Bradford Carl for 22 years, and has been playing pool professionally for more than 15 of those.

None of that has anything to do with her original career plans. She grew up in Santa Monica and went to Venice High School. A gifted flute player, she won a full scholarship to USC and got her bachelor's in music education.

At 23, she found herself teaching in a junior high school, where she was the band and choir director. "That lasted about eight

tively." Then, in 2002, she signed up for her first lesson at Easy Street, and, she said, "It rocked my world.

"The owner was a certified pool instructor. I took a second lesson, which also rocked my world. I started practicing every day, after work." She progressed quickly, and her teacher urged her to play competitively. There was a weekly tournament at Easy Street, and he convinced her to sign up.

"I went all the way to the finals before I lost. It was the most awesome feeling I'd had in my life," she said. Encouraged by the achievement, she kept at it — sometimes practicing 100 hours a week. "I couldn't let it go. I dreamt about it. My friends were all, 'enough is enough,'" she remembered.

She said that while professional pool welcomes women, there are "exponentially more men," and attributed that to the fact that boys are encouraged "to play with sticks and balls" more often than girls.

Nevertheless, she was playing well and her teacher again encouraged her to branch out, this time to join the Women's Pool Association. "Are you kidding?" she asked. "No, I think you might like this," was his response.

She became a member and found some kindred female spirits. "The women were fabulous. They embraced me and helped me," she said.

Seeing differently

Skye's first tournament in Gilroy was followed by ones in San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Fresno and Modesto. "There were six stops — one a month at different pool halls." It took her four attempts to win a match, but after several years, she made it to three national tournaments, one in Arizona, one in Florida and one in Sacramento three years ago, where she placed 13th out of 64 players.

Skye sees the game differently than a casual observer. After every break, she said, "I can look at the table and tell how to run it." (In pool, that means sinking every



Dental hygienist Jessica Skye spends her off hours playing tournament-level professional pool. Her boss, patients and co-workers are fans who sometimes watch her online.

years," Skye said. She married a pharmacist and lived in Arizona for a time, and, she said, "I knew I needed to do something else, but I didn't have a clue what it was. My husband pushed me toward science."

She went to Northern Arizona University to check out the nursing program, and found the dental hygiene program right next door. "I just wandered in and the dean of the school happened to be there," she said. They got to talking and Skye fell in love with the subject. "It was the best move for me," she said. She earned her Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene and went to work.

She had been to the Monterey Peninsula to visit a friend, and when her marriage ended and she was ready to leave Arizona, she moved here. That was October 1997, and she started working for Carl the following month.

That's when she started dropping in with friends at Easy Street Billiards on Tyler Street in Monterey, just to have fun. And that's all it seemed like it was going to be.

But around summer 2001, she took a trip to Alaska with some girlfriends. "There wasn't a lot to do at night," she said, so she and her buddies played pool in the local bars. It turned out she was better than she thought. "Pretty soon, I was beating everybody at the tables," she recalled.

When she got home, Skye said, "I started pulling in more friends, including guy friends, to play with me. I just played intuitively."

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

ball needed to win.) "That doesn't mean I always execute well," she allowed.

She explained that each shot involves at least two balls, the playing surface and the rails, or inside edges of the table. "It's very complicated. You have to learn how to envision and how to manipulate things" to get a good shot, not to mention figuring out how the right spin on the cue ball can affect

See SKYE page 31A

A serendipitous road to a palace

ALAN ESTRADA has been educated at five universities (earning two masters degrees) and worked relentlessly on his art for 35 years ... but, from time to time, unanticipated opportunities have fallen from the sky and gobsmacked him right on the head.

Where to begin? Let's start with the day in 2011 when a mysterious woman called from England, said she'd seen some of his

said, "Well, I'll just give you that one. I don't think it's my best work." She accepted his gift to the charity.

His design became the logo for "Films Without Borders," a humanitarian project partially funded by a charity backed by the British royal family. The project provided video cameras to select teenagers living in war zones such as Syria, Jordan and Israel. The footage they shot provided previously unseen perspectives into their daily lives and the horrors of war.

As a thanks for his donation, Estrada was surprised two weeks later with an all-expense-paid trip (worth

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

more than \$27,000, including first-class airfare in seat 1A) to a gala event at Buckingham Palace, where he sat front-row center between Star Wars producer/director George Lucas and legendary British actor Sir Roger Moore ("Bond ... James Bond"), in a room with 600 other VIPs, including some of the royals. Gobsmackings.

Meeting royalty

He agreed and made three logos, working only from descriptive keywords she provided. She fell in love with Estrada's second-favorite design, but he pushed hard for the one he thought was much better. They argued. In frustration, he ultimately

consider creating a logo for her client, a British charity whose identity she couldn't yet divulge. They would discuss price later.

"I was badly jet-lagged — it was probably about 4:30 in the morning, according to my body — and at one point during the ceremony I was literally nodding off," he recounted. "I woke up again when I felt a little kick from my left ... from Sir Roger Moore."

Serendipity

Estrada kibitzed afterward with the famous actor. He shook hands with Prince Andrew. He flew in a helicopter over London (illegal, but the pilot, ex-military, had a friend in the control tower.) He was lodged at the historic Bishopsgate House, an opulent mansion on a 42-acre estate.

It was all a wonderful accident, Estrada said — nothing he planned, nothing he pursued, nothing he could ever have expected. "If I had tried to get my logo on a project backed by Buckingham Palace, it never, ever would have happened," he speculated with a laugh.

His life and career, says Estrada, have been spackled with other strokes of serendipity.

In 1988, as a scholarship

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Abstract expressionist Alan Estrada poses with "Monkey See" a mixed-media painting.



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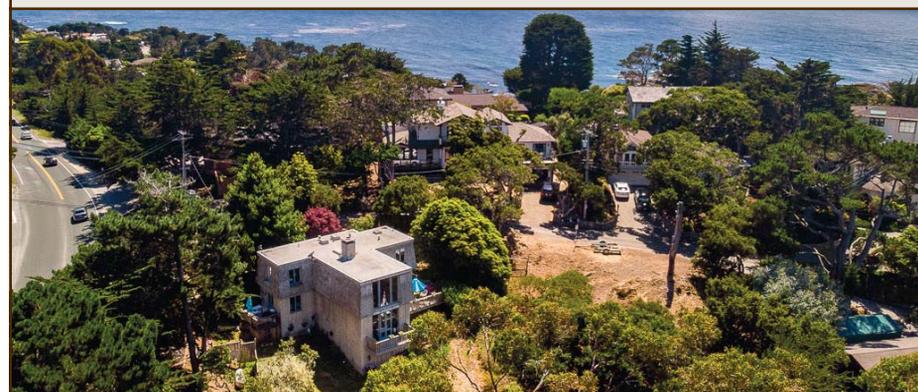
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His checkered career path led from tinker and soldier to journalist

IN HIS day, Perry Newberry was known by everyone. To quote Daisy Bostick, "For 25 years his life has been so intertwined with that of Carmel that he IS Carmel and Carmel is largely Perry Newberry."

The Pine Cone reporter's observation was not a eulogy; she wrote it in 1935 when Newberry was still very much alive. Per-

haps such meaningful praise is why, while not even a true founding father, Newberry is unique among the early residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea, actually having a street named for his first and last name. Perry Newberry Way stretches for two blocks between Fourth and Sixth avenues, just east of Carpenter Street. His good friend George Sterling merited Sterling Way in the same neighborhood, but without his first name.

Carmel was saddened during the Christmas season of 1938 when Perry Newberry passed away on Dec. 6 at the age of 68. While he did not come to Carmel until 1910, the front page of The Pine Cone on Dec. 9, 1938, included the epitaph "Creator of Carmel" over his photo.

As a lad he was running a line of 50 traps before and after school, earning 50 cents a pelt for muskrat, \$1 for mink, and as much as \$5 for the occasional river otter. Inspired by his father's military experience in Duryea's Zouaves, a New York regiment, young Newberry organized and served as captain of the Coldwater Light Zouaves, a drill team made up of his classmates. He also worked toward an appointment to West Point, which he just missed in the competitive examination, earning only a spot as an alternate. He would need a new path in life.

His mother, Fannie Ellsworth Stone Newberry, began a prolific career as a writer of children's literature soon after Newberry graduated school, but that influence would come later. Art was the next field he developed, but after marrying, he reverted to the practical world of insurance sales.

Newberry married Bertha Bair in 1892. She shared his love of the outdoors. They had met a couple of years earlier on a camping trip arranged by his father that took a group down the St. Joseph river from the town of Coldwater to Lake Michigan. The newlyweds moved to Chicago, where Newberry became partner in an insurance agency. Five years later, adventure called, when a friend invited him to come west for a job in the art department at the San Francisco Examiner. He sold his share of the insurance agency and the Newberrys boarded a train to San Francisco.

the gold rush in the Yukon. The new art director soon fired Newberry for drawing a gladiator with the big toes on the outside, rather than the inside, of the feet. Newberry then began doing freelance art for various publications in the city. He took on another artist, J. Ozro Brubaker, "Bru," as a partner and boarder, and together with Bertha they began creating schemes to make money. Their first successful scheme was contracting with the Sacramento Sunday News to sell, write and illustrate a special business section for a mid-July 1898 issue of the paper. They could not sell ads, but rather got businesses to pay for illustrated editorials about their enterprises. The trio-netted about \$1,000 on the project, and next

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

Jack of all trades

So we don't forget the man and his significant role, I will use this column to introduce him to a new generation. Newberry didn't lay out Carmel's streets, nor directly sell its real estate. Still, it is fair to say that had Newberry not come here when he did, the development of the town would have taken a very different path.

Like many in his day, Newberry came to Carmel in search of a quiet, economical location where he could pursue life as a writer. He bought his first oceanfront lot

Misplaced toes

His salaried job with the Examiner lasted only a few weeks. The day Newberry arrived in San Francisco, his friend took an assignment as a correspondent covering



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In 1911, Perry Newberry (second from right) and his wife Bertha (right) entertained his parents at the house he built near Carmel Beach.

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ESTRADA

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track athlete at UC Irvine, he was honored as Best Political Cartoonist by the California Intercollegiate Press Association. He didn't enter the contest, and wasn't aware that his managing editor at the student newspaper had entered on his behalf.

That same year, Columbia University gave him a second-place award for Best Illustration, another contest his managing editor entered for him.

Madonna's collection

He learned printmaking at UC Irvine from John Paul Jones, who in 1962 had made the cover of Time magazine, which called him "the second-greatest printmaker in history, after Benjamin Franklin." Estrada had no idea.

"I didn't even realize how famous John Paul Jones was until after he died (in 1999)," Estrada said. "But he taught me intaglio, aquatint, mezzotint and other monochromatic printmaking methods."

He used the intaglio method to make a print entitled "Virgin Mary" (later retitled "Madonna") that caught the eye of Kevin Martin, lead singer of a popular Seattle-based grunge-rock band called Candlebox that had recently signed with Maverick Records, Madonna's record label.

"I'm going to meet her next week ... can I give that to her?" Martin begged, without offering any money.

"Sure," answered Estrada. He gifted the print to the grunge rocker, who passed it on to Madonna, who has it in her private collection today.

"I didn't go into art to make money, which is why I never put prices on my work," Estrada explains with a shrug. "Whenever somebody asks 'how much?' my response is, 'What do you think it's worth?' We go from there."

In 1989, he did layout and designs for Sports Illustrated magazine, spot-film animation for March of Dimes, and he illustrated covers for the Seattle Weekly newspaper.

Estrada's next stop was the University of Washington, where he was pursuing a Ph.D. in philosophy, planning to teach the subject at the college level, mainly because he saw the profession as a way to devote his summers and holiday vacations to his art.

He never completed the doctorate. In 1992, a Seattle publication ranked him among the Top 20 Up-and-Coming Art-

ists in the Pacific Northwest, and Estrada, through no outreach of his own, suddenly found himself represented by not one, but two professional art agents who were selling his oil paintings in Japan.

Suddenly, he had too many deadlines and too little time, so he blew off his dissertation and oral defense to focus on his art.

A competing Japanese agent poached him away, signing Estrada to an exclusive 10-year contract. When she died five years into the contract, Estrada memorialized her with an emotional pastel — a piece that, in 2001, attracted the attention of a Saudi sheik.

Estrada says he repeatedly insisted to the sheik that the original was not for sale. The sheik, one of the wealthiest businessmen in Saudi Arabia, kept increasing his offer until Estrada satisfied him with a copy.

"He told me he wanted to collect my work exclusively, which he did from 2002-2016, the year he died," he said. "He was my lone patron throughout those years."

Estrada studied philosophy, painting, and writing at UC Berkeley from 2004-2009, but grew weary of "the concrete jungle," he said. In 2012, he relocated to Carmel, where he found a home near the intersection of Second and Carpenter.

At 56, Estrada is a lifelong bachelor with a 17-year-old son, Julian, a high school student in Lausanne Switzerland — more artistic than his father, Estrada brags — and academically brilliant, bound for Massachusetts Institute of Technology next fall.

Also a musician

Estrada primarily considers himself an abstract expressionist painter, but paints realism, continues to create political cartoons, graphics and logos, and he writes poetry and song lyrics. He's an inspired gardener and clean-water activist on the local scene, as well.

And Estrada is a drummer, keyboardist and vocalist for a local two-man band called MACH 2 Project, alongside Carmel Valley guitarist and vocalist Rob Machado.

Estrada also will participate this spring in the Monterey County Artists Open Studio Tour, opening his home to visitors from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 9 and 10, and also May 16 and 17.

Contact Estrada via email at feelosofree@berkeley.edu for additional information about the artist and his work.

Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

SKYE

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a shot.

Her co-workers in Carl's office are all fans. "It's sort of a big deal with the office. They're excited for me. The big tournaments are streamed online, and they get on and watch me. They love how happy I am." She added that Carl plays tournament-level golf, and sometimes they chat about their competitions.

About a year-and-a-half ago, she married her biggest supporter — Eric Harada, a professional pool player who's retired from the insurance business. They live in Skyline Forest and go to each other's tournaments. "It's a big part of our life," she said, as are Harada's three grandchildren. "I never had children, so I went straight to being a grandma," she said.

"I guess with dental hygiene and pool, my perfectionistic personality helps. It's not stressful to me — it's kind of joyful. I just can't help myself," she said.

Know someone whose life of accomplishment or adventure would make interesting reading? Please suggest them for Great Lives by emailing elaine@carmel-pinecone.com.

NEWBERRY

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targeted San Jose.

In 1898, San Jose had a population of about 20,000. They chose The Weekly Record to repeat their special supplement plan. With samples from Sacramento, the editor agreed, and sales went even better than expected, but when Newberry tried to collect on the nearly \$2,000 in sales, businesses said they would just deduct the charge from what the paper owed them.

Confronted, the publisher apologized. He did owe them money, and guessed he now owed the Newberry team. The only valuable thing he had was the newspaper, which he offered to sign over in payment of the debt. They weighed their options, took the paper and changed the name to The Weekly Sketch, with Newberry as editor, Bru as art director and Bertha as poetry editor. Next week we will learn how owning a newspaper got Newberry involved in politics long before he even thought of making his mark in Carmel.

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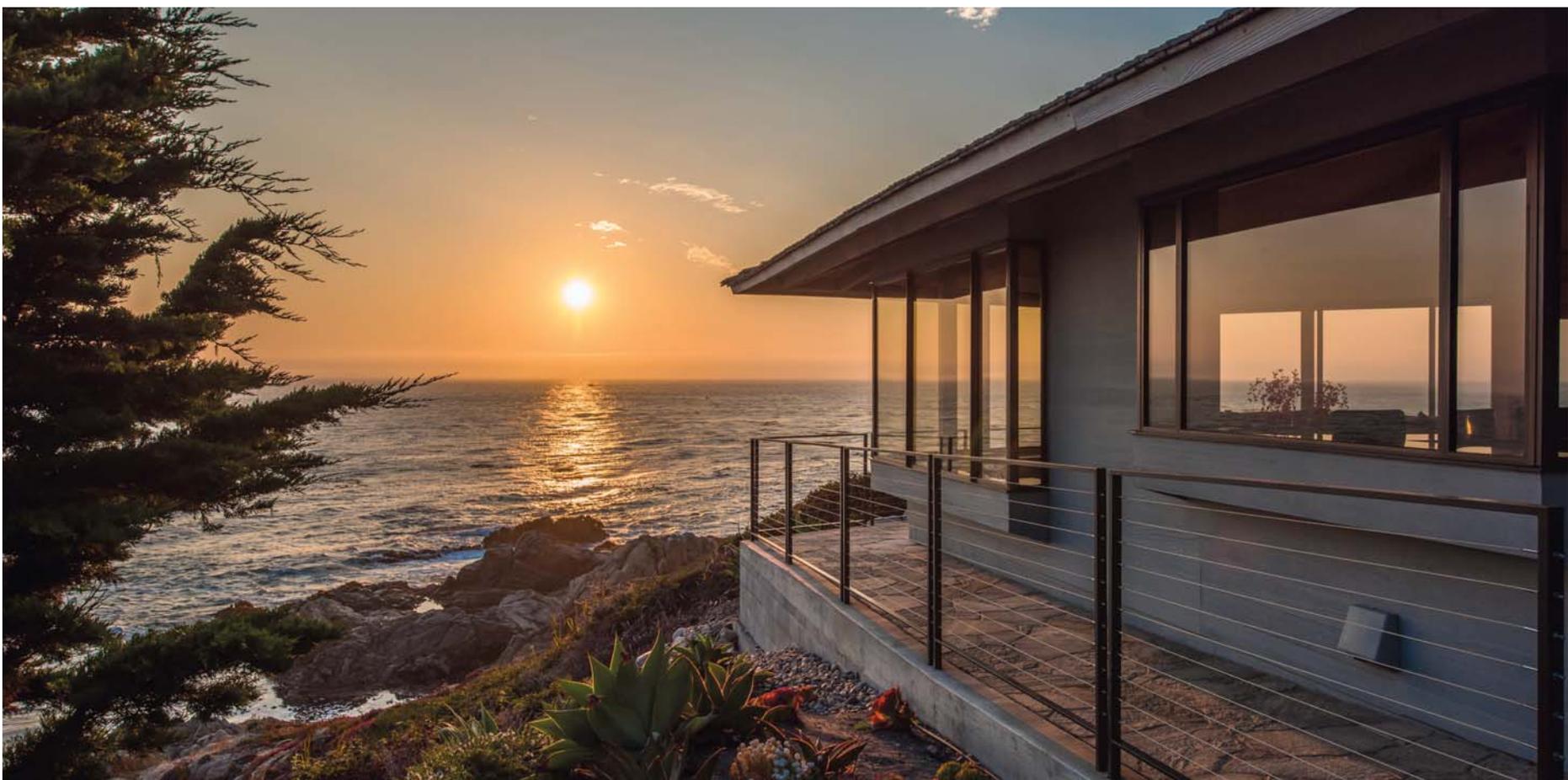


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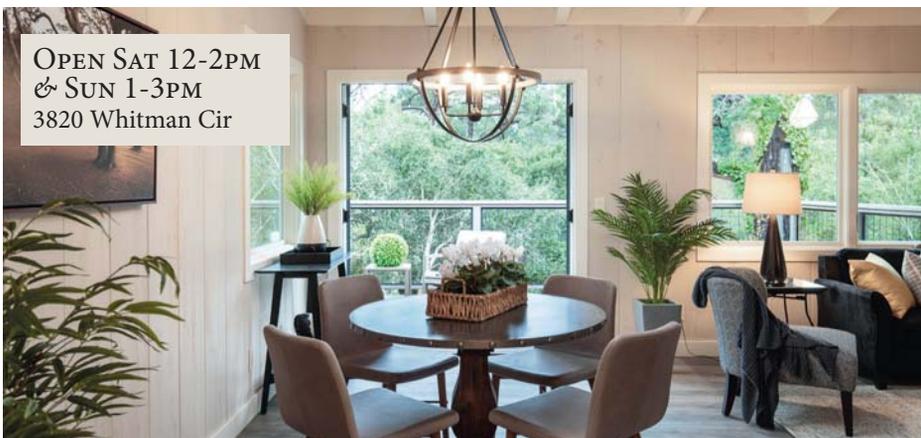


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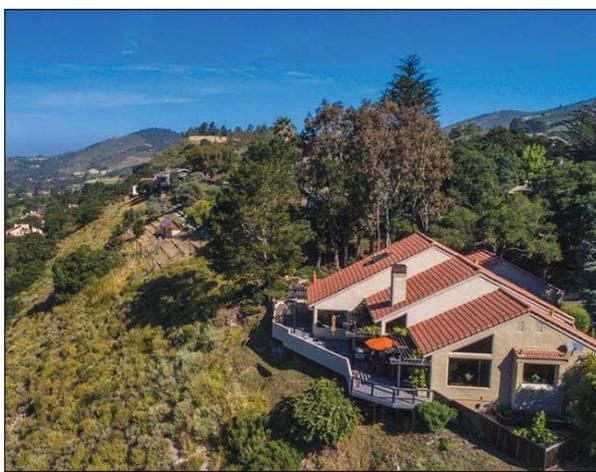
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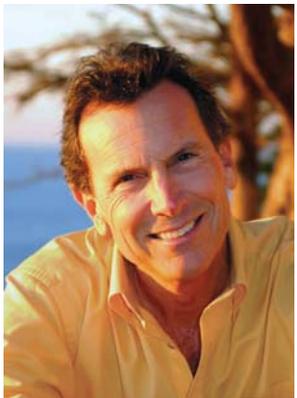


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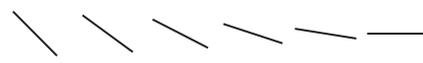


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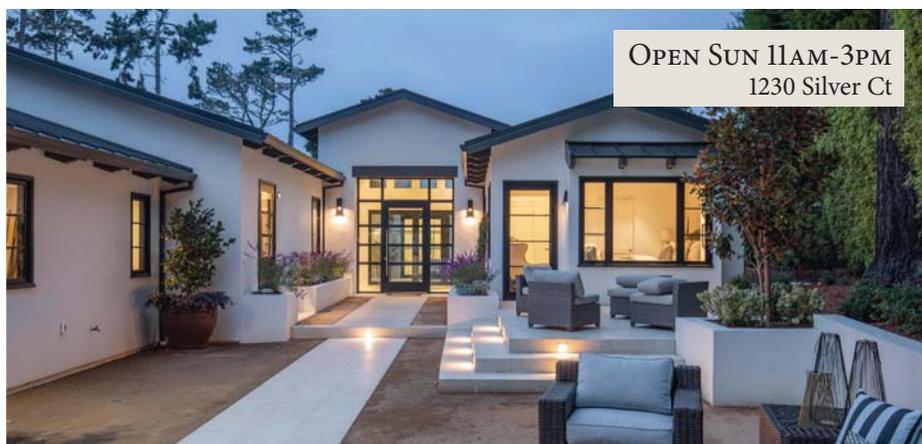
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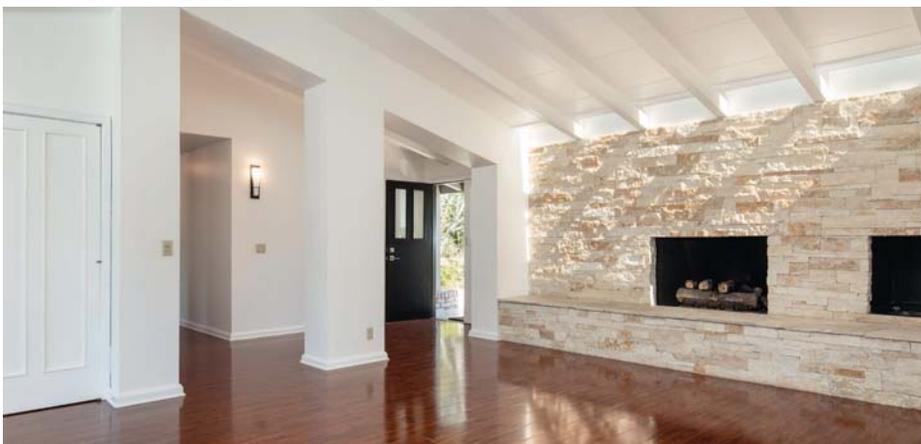
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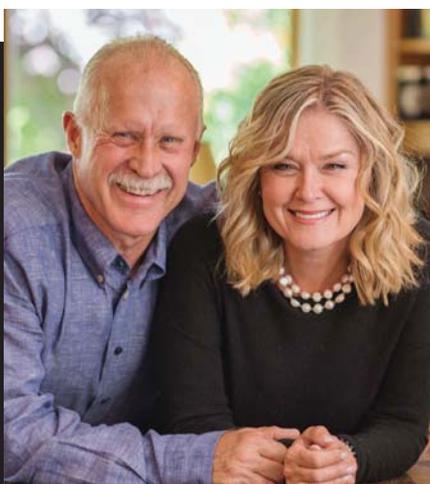
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POLICE LOG

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Transported to county jail.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unknown subject took a Tesla charging adaptor for a private residence charging station on Lincoln Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a found purse and cell phone on Dolores Street. Owner was located and arrangements made to return the property to the rightful owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a report of a cat trapped inside a neighbor's garage on Carpenter Street. Actions were taken to contact the owner of the house. Follow-up actions completed. The cat was healthy and was later returned to the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog found at large on Camino Real and brought to the police department pending transport to Monterey County Animal Shelter. Dog owner not identified, and the dog was transported to the shelter. Shortly after, the owner called in and was advised of the kennel fee and location of his dog.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen who received the wrong passport at the Los Angeles airport was advised by TSA to turn over the passport to their local police authorities. This report is for information only, pending contact with regional embassy for international travel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic enforcement stop conducted on Junipero for multiple vehicle code violations resulted in the 41-year-old male driver from Big Sur being arrested for DUI. The vehicle was not legally parked and was stored. The driver was booked and released to a sober friend with a promise to appear.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male suffered a fall on city property on Monte Verde Street. Complained of pain in the left lower arm. Victim was transported to CHOMP. Info report.

Pacific Grove: Driver stopped for speeding was determined to be driving on an expired license. Cited.

Pacific Grove: Spruce resident reported that she was defrauded out of \$600 by some-

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision on private property at Country Club Gate. Vehicle was towed.

Carmel area: Fairfield Place resident made an online report of identity theft.

Carmel Valley: A male on Carmel Valley Road reported two of his vehicles were vandalized.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 50-year-old female from Dallas was arrested for felony domestic violence charges and damaging a cell phone. Booked into county jail.

Pacific Grove: Audible alarm on Fountain Avenue continually sounding. Responsible party and alarm company refused to respond to the business. Building checked OK.

Pacific Grove: Civil issue on Timber Trail.

Pacific Grove: Shoplift of tools from a business on Forest Avenue and attempted theft of a bicycle. A 30-year-old male was arrested for attempted theft, violation of probation, spousal battery and willful cruelty to a child, and was transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Child Protective Services report on Melton Place.

Pacific Grove: A wallet was lost on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A 21-year-old male was arrested on a warrant.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Ocean View Boulevard.

Carmel area: A vehicle burglary was reported on Rio Road.

Carmel area: A person on San Carlos Street reported feeling uncomfortable in an Uber.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 27-year-old male from Santa Rosa was arrested on Dolores Street at 0318 hours for public intoxication.

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A short list of people I'll miss so much as we head into the New Year

A YEAR ago I wrote about not making resolutions that vanish down the rabbit hole of unattainable goals. Instead, I looked back at the old year to remember people I would miss because they passed on to glory. Though I

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

didn't know them, their presence in the world brought me enjoyment or inspiration. Maybe I'd miss them out of the simple nostalgia of having had them around for so much of my life. The response to that column was heartening, as several readers told me about people they lost.

Maybe I'm the only person on the Peninsula who never met **Doris Day**. But I knew her through her movies and songs. From the moment I entered high school in 1950 to

my graduation four years later it seems I couldn't go to the movies without seeing Miss Day, from "The Man with a Horn," to "Young at Heart, with its famous title song, the lovely Doris was every teenage boy's "girl I'd like to take home to meet Mama."

Whenever I sat down with a **Herman Wouk** novel I knew I was facing hours and hours of great storytelling about memorable characters. From Captain Queeg in "The Caine Mutiny," through Marjorie Morningstar and Youngblood Hawke, to Pug Henry in "The Winds of War," I was entertained, educated and content to hold the words of a true literary giant in my hands.

Christine McGuire left us in 2019. She was the eldest of the popular singing trio, The McGuire Sisters. You could not go to a high school dance in the '50s without swaying to "Sincerely" or shaking to "Sugartime."

The music of **Michel LeGrand** music will be tied inexorably to one of my favorite movies, "The Thomas Crown Affair" (the 1968 version with Steve McQueen and Faye

Dunaway). LeGrand's timeless "The Windmills of My Mind," with extraordinary lyrics by **Alan** and **Marilyn Bergman** causes me to stop whatever I am doing to listen. The seven minute chess game scene with only one word of dialogue, filmed almost entirely in close-up by Director Norman Jewison is one of the sexier movie segments I've ever seen where the principals remain clothed.

Owned but never drove

I never knew Ford Motor Company executive **Lee Iacocca**, but my 1964 Mustang was one of the sweetest cars I ever had. I didn't get to drive it much, though. I bought it for my wife for Christmas, and she loved it so much she practically lived in it. She did allow me to be a passenger occasionally. I also got to unload the trunk when she went shopping. Happy motoring, Lee.

Good-bye Dolly, well good-bye Dolly, it was nice to

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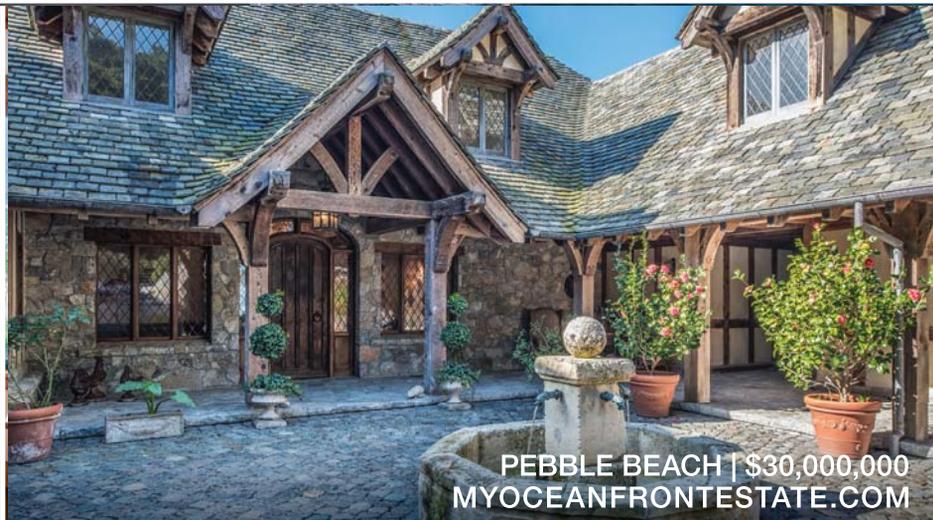
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one who created a profile through a website claiming to be a friend. They convinced her to reach out to another person to claim prize money. Determined to be a fraud.

Pacific Grove: A cell phone was found in the wooded area on Congress. No owner information available. No further action.

Pacific Grove: Fraud occurred after a theft from an unlocked vehicle out of PGPD jurisdiction.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched after report of shoplifting on 16th Street.

Pacific Grove: A bank card and California driver's license were turned in. Attempts to contact the owner failed. Update: Owner was contacted, and she retrieved her property on Dec. 14 at 1634 hours.

Pacific Grove: Shoplifting reported at a business on 16th Street.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle stop on Wave Street revealed that the driver was in possession of an open container of marijuana. Cited and released.

Carmel Valley: A female was placed on a W&I 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel Valley: A female reported a

neighbor issue on Piedras Blancas.

Carmel Valley: Deputies investigated a report of an altercation between father and son at a residence on Esquiline Road.

Carmel Valley: Deputies investigated the welfare of two dogs at a residence.

Carmel Valley: A female on Ford Road reported lost property.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic enforcement stop on Ocean Avenue at 0106 hours for multiple vehicle code violations resulted in the driver being arrested for DUI. The vehicle was legally parked and left at the scene. After the booking process, the 58-year-old male Tierra Grande resident was released from the station when sober with a promise to appear.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Plants were damaged in front of a liquor store on San Carlos Street and a bracelet was found at the location. Unknown if it was intentional or caused by someone falling down.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone on 15th Street outside the city limits and turned in to the police department for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a found wallet at Carmel Beach. Owner was located and arrangements were made to have the property returned to its rightful owner.

Pacific Grove: A 25-year-old male on Sunset Drive was cited for fireworks.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Asilomar was arrested for theft.

Carmel Valley: A male reported property stolen from inside his vehicle on Woodside Place.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Pacific Grove: Damage to city property on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: A subject came in to turn in shoes found on Lighthouse Avenue. No owner information available.

Pacific Grove: A 32-year-old female on Ocean View Boulevard was cited and released for driving without a license.

Pacific Grove: Subject turned in a wallet with a debit card and driver's license. No contact information for the owner of the wallet was available.

Pacific Grove: Subject turned in a set of headphones found on Pine Avenue. No owner information is available.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle burglary on Lincoln Avenue. No suspect information.

Pebble Beach: Adult Protective Services referral reporting suspicious money transfers at a Bird Rock Road residence. Investigation determined transfers were authorized.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral at a Valle Vista residence.

Carmel area: Arroyo Trail resident received a call from person pretending to be from PG&E attempting to collect money for an overdue bill. Person requested payment be made via gift cards. Resident called PG&E directly and learned the call was a scam.

Carmel area: A male was placed on a mental evaluation hold.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted a county resident who found a dog on San Carlos Street. The dog was scanned for a microchip, and the dog was returned to the care provider.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Shoplifting suspect arrested and released with a citation.

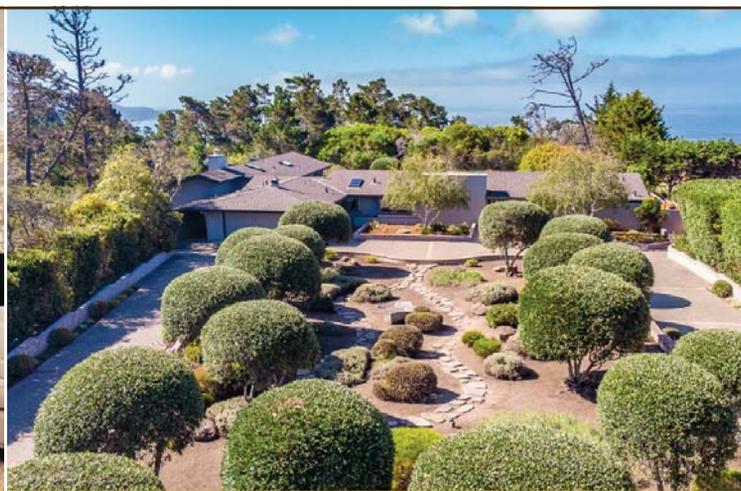
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a lost wallet.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass warning requested at an Ocean Avenue property.

Pacific Grove: Verbal argument between a couple on Congress.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Pine cited for a driving on a suspended license.

Carmel area: Deputy investigated a fraudulent incident in Carmel.



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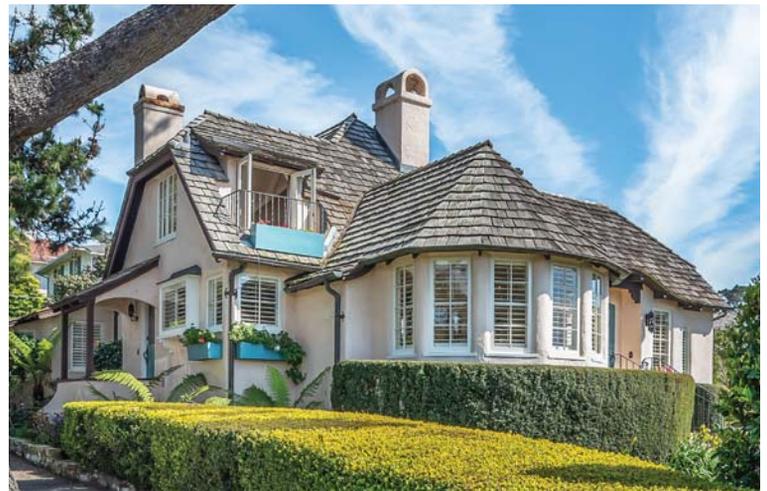
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GERVASE

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have you here for oh so long. Yes, Heaven preferred blondes, so the incomparable **Carol Channing** exited stage left earlier this year. Her easily identifiable voice was perfect for her musical comedy roles. No matter who plays matchmaker Dolly Levi, the role will always belong to Channing.

The Green Bay Packers led by quarterback **Bart Starr** dominated football in the early 1960s when I was living in Michigan. I was a die-hard Detroit Lions fan and Starr was their nemesis. The Lions had suffered a devastating defeat at Green Bay early in the 1962 season. The rematch was

on Thanksgiving Day. The Packers came in undefeated. I joined more than 57,000 other Detroit loonies on a cold day to watch the “Fearsome Foursome” of Roger Brown, Darris McCord, Alex Karras and Sam Williams, along with linebacker Joe Schmidt, sack Starr 11 times and coast to a 26-14 victory. Sweet revenge. Starr, who was forever intentionally grounded in 2019, was the best of his era.

Tim Conway shuffled off the stage, too. Conway raised slapstick to pure divine comedy. His stumbling, bumbling stammering goofball characters were the highlights of “The Carol Burnett Show” for more than 10 years. His inimitable “Dentist” sketch — performed with Harvey Korman — is impossible to watch without literally rolling on the floor laughing.

Locally, we lost **June Duran Stock**. It was my serendipitous good fortune to know this elegant lady. My time

spent with June and her husband, Morgan Stock, at their home on 17 Mile Drive, with its panoramic view of the ocean, was golden. June broke glass ceilings before anyone coined the term.

She was intelligent, interesting, and her curiosity about a variety of subjects kept her vibrant and busy for a hundred years.

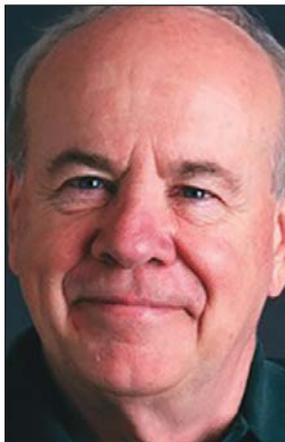
On a personal level I lost two first cousins and the husband of another first cousin. Why does that matter? Because cousins are wonderful. They are siblings without rivalry, brothers without hand-me-downs, sisters without cattiness and friends without competitiveness. Cousins: got your back, stand by me, I’ll be there, you’ve got a friend, wouldn’t trade you for a pot of gold.

Rest in peace, one and all.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 19CV005045
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, ANTHONY LOU GARCIA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: ANTHONY LOU GARCIA
Proposed name: MICHAEL ANTHONY GARCIA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: February 14, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Susan J. Matcham
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 16, 2019
Publication dates: Dec. 20, 27, 2019; Jan. 3, 10, 2020. (PC1222)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20192534
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BROTHER EARTH HEALING, 232 Barbee Ct., Marina, California 93933.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): NICHOLAS ALAN MEINHARDT, 232 Barbee Ct., Marina, California 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 4, 2019.
S/Nicholas Alan Meinhardt
Dec. 4, 2019
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes a 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 Dec. 4, 2019.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Publication dates: Dec. 27, 2019; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2020. (PC1226)

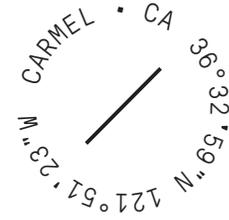
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 19CV005151
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, LEONARD DAVID SUTTON, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: LEONARD DAVID SUTTON
Proposed name: LENNY SUTTON
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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(s) Susan J. Matcham
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 23, 2019
Publication dates: Dec. 27, 2019; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2020. (PC1226)

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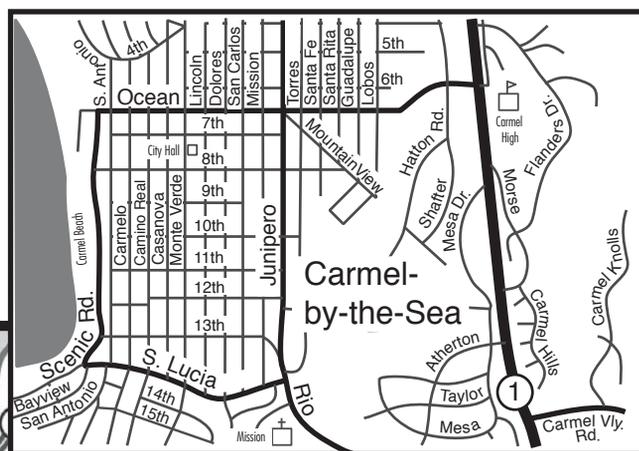
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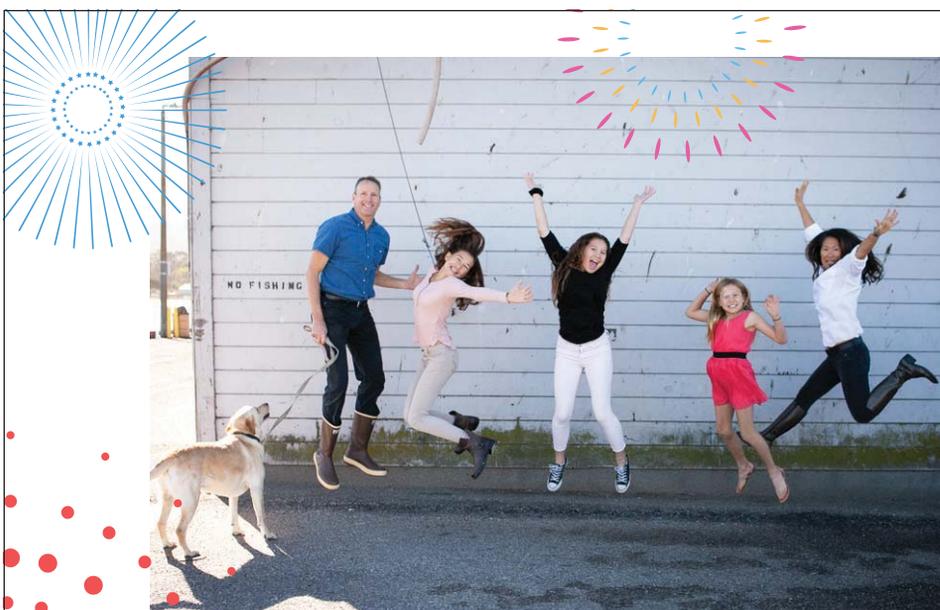
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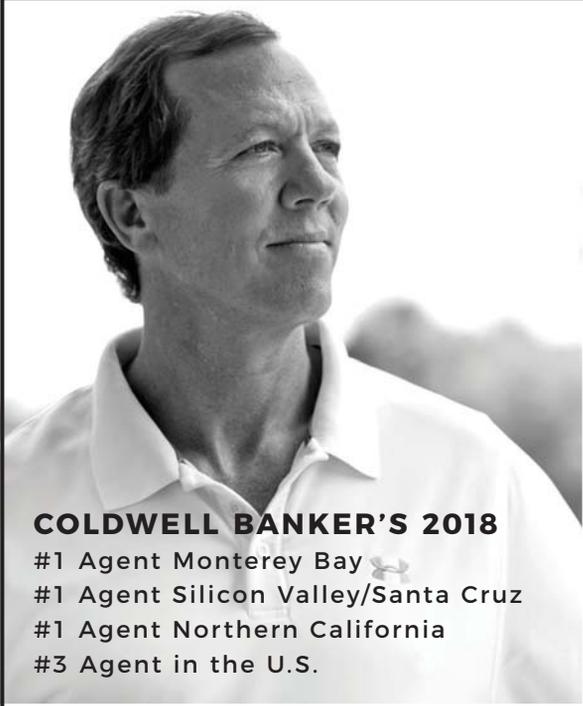
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