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# Darby Fuerst, 63, remembered as water expert, benevolent boss

By KELLY NIX

FRIENDS AND coworkers of Darby Fuerst, who died Monday morning of cancer, remembered the longtime

water district general manager as a kindhearted leader and one of the foremost authorities on the Monterey Peninsula's water supply issues. He was 63.

Fuerst worked at the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for nearly 25 years before retiring in 2011. He died at his home Monday morning surrounded by his family, just three days before his 64th birthday.

Arlene Tavani, Fuerst's executive assistant at the water district, said he was a tireless worker who took

little time off. She called him intelligent and a "man of integrity."

"He was really a good man," Tavani said. "A friend, and a great guy to work with. He was always polite and helpful to the public."

She also pointed to his willingness to explain compli-

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Darby Fuerst

# Pat Sippel, 76, defined 'community service'

By MARY SCHLEY

PAT SIPPEL, a third-generation Carmel resident who was so involved in the city that many referred to her as its "architect" and its "fabric," died suddenly Wednesday at the age of 76.

"I think for everyone, it was a complete shock," said

Sarah Berling, her best friend for more than 70 years.

Sippel suffered an aneurism around noon Dec. 10, less than a week after her birthday, and was taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula in an ambulance by paramedic David Jedinak, who had known her since he was 5. She died at the hospital.

"She always told me that she wanted me to take her to the hospital when she needed it. I certainly did not think that would happen in my career,"

Jedinak posted on his Facebook page.

Jedinak told The Pine Cone he'd known the Sippels since he first moved with his family into a house just two blocks from theirs more than 40 years ago.

"Her son, Steve, taught me how to tie my shoes," he said. "She was just like a parent figure to so many people

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Pat Sippel

## Tests show Marina site is best for desal wells

By KELLY NIX

THE INDUSTRIAL property in Marina where California American Water wants to extract seawater for its proposed desalination plant is geologically suitable for desal wells, according to results of preliminary tests performed by the water company.

In September, Cal Am crews started drilling in several spots to determine the best location for a desal test well.

The 6-inch diameter holes produce samples of earth that are used to provide geological, environmental and water quality data.



Borehole soil samples at the CEMEX property in Marina are being analyzed to determine if it will be the best site for wells for Cal Am's proposed desalination plant. So far, the answer is, "Yes."

Cal Am's preferred site to install its test wells — and ultimately to install the seven to 10 permanent wells for the desal facility — is on property occupied by cement producer CEMEX. Three boreholes drilled there show that below the surface there is 300 feet of sand followed by two small clay layers at that site.

"What that means for us," Cal Am Vice President of Engineering Rich Svindland told The Pine Cone, "is that a

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### C.V. break-ins slow, sheriff sifting through recovered items

By MARY SCHLEY

Monterey county sheriff's deputies "have made several burglary-related arrests and have recovered hundreds, if not thousands, of items of suspected stolen property," Cmdr. Bill Kaye said in a Dec. 11 email to valley residents, including Merrie Potter, the victim of one of the many burglaries in the valley this year.

Despite having four deputies and a detective working on the case, he said, "unfortunately, it might take us weeks to go through and itemize each individual piece of property so we can try to link it with any particular burglary."

Kaye reported identifying items related to at least five of the nearly 30 break-ins that have occurred in the valley since

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# McInchak files claim against city, alleges defamation and discrimination

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY violated his constitutional rights, damaged his livelihood and reputation, inflicted emotional distress, committed age discrimination and broke numerous other laws when it launched an investigation of him, IT manager Steve McInchak claims in legal documents filed against the City of Carmel last week.

McInchak, who has worked for the city since July 1, 1997, was taken off the job without warning last June, when city officials and police served a search warrant at his Carmel

Valley home. There, accompanied by a city-hired computer forensic expert, police seized computers, thumb drives and other electronics they apparently believe McInchak used improperly or illegally. Administrative services director Susan Paul was present during the search and told McInchak he was being placed on paid leave.

During his 16 years on the job at city hall, McInchak had never been criticized, coun-

seled or warned about his job performance, according to Pacific Grove attorney Michelle Welsh, and prior to having his home searched, he "had no knowledge or notice of any such allegations, no opportunity to respond to the allegations, and no hearing or other means to refute false, misrepresented and unsupported allegations." McInchak's claim seeks an unspecified amount of damages.

"I will continue to not speak on personnel issues, and I will continue to try to get the right policies in place, as that has been and continues to be the council's focus," Mayor Jason Burnett said, adding that he has not read the claim.

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IT supervisor

says he is owed

lots of money for

the way the city

has treated him

# CITY SPENDING TOPS \$1M IN OCTOBER

■ Includes \$31K to outside law firms

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY of Carmel spent \$1,163,554.93 during the month of October, according to the check register received by the city council last week.

Among the outlays of taxpayers' money were \$188,685.51 to the City of Monterey, \$95,000 for the new public works painting truck, \$11,760.51 for water and \$8,674.85 for gas and electricity.

The City of Monterey received one of the biggest checks of the month for running the fire department (\$154,794.25), administering the ambulance service (\$7,100.10), assisting in the building and planning department (\$11,851.86) and equipment maintenance (\$14,939.30).

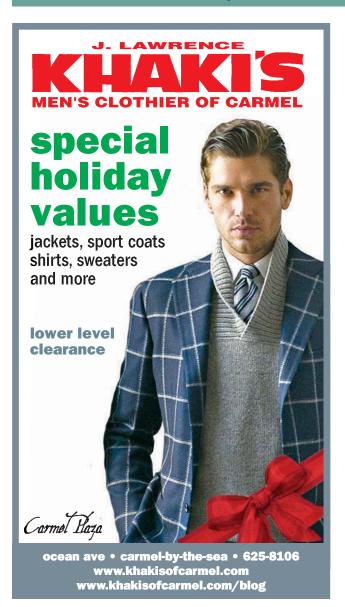
Union Bank received \$397,710.94 toward the debt owed by the city on Sunset Center.

Computer/IT work constituted a significant amount of spending, totaling \$55,338.76, with Public Consulting

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# Sandy Claws

# By Lisa Crawford Watson



### Homeward bound

 ${f M}$ OSTLY WHAT Tucker knows or remembers about Carmel is the beach. Every time his family travels from their Sacramento home to the family cottage in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Tucker goes missing soon after arrival. But he's never really lost. He knows exactly where he is, and so does his family. Once they get the kids out of the car and trunk unpacked, they head down the hill to Carmel Beach to join their golden retriever in his shoreline romp.

"Ever since he was a puppy," his person says, "Tucker

has been obsessed with the beach. He runs across the sand, splashes around in the waves, and talks to absolutely every dog he meets. It really is his home away from home." The beach is not Tucker's only haven in his adopted hometown. When his family can't find him at the beach, they often check The Carmel Foundation near their cottage, where Tucker likes to take tea with the members and have a little cookie in the kitchen. He also frequents the dogfriendly Cypress Inn, where he reunites with a group of regulars.

Tucker, now 7, came to his family from NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue at 15 months. His family had just bought a house with a yard, and the parents felt it was time to get a dog for their kids. They had their hearts set on an Australian shepherd until they saw the movie, "Homeward Bound," a poignant film about an aging golden who helps the other family pets find their way home. And that was it.

"The rescue organization actually had to visit my house and give us their approval before we could adopt Tucker," says his person. "And I thought, 'What have I agreed to? I'm going to get some three-eyed, two-legged dog.' But then Tucker showed up, and he was gorgeous, a perfect dog. He still is."





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## Police department adds jobs, promotes officers

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH CPL. Steve Rana retiring at the end of the month, other recent retirements and officers taking medical leaves, Carmel P.D. has been on a hiring spree. A brand-new police officer, fresh out of the academy, is expected to start in January, while two others on staff were promoted to the rank of corporal, a third is becoming the police department's next motorcycle cop, and two new dispatchers have been hired.

Rana, a 30-year law-enforcement veteran who spent most of those years with CPD and has served as its motorcycle officer for decades, will hand over the keys of the department's BMW to officer Joe Boucher.

"We put it out in the department to see if anyone wanted to be motor officer since Steve is leaving, and we had three really good candidates," Carmel Police Chief Mike Calhoun explained.

Officers Jeff Watkins, Jesse Juarez and Boucher applied and were interviewed by a panel that included motor officers

other Peninsula law-enforcement agencies who evaluated them for their skills and knowledge.

"In traffic safety, you have to think of the CHP guidelines and regulations based on accidents, so a lot of the questions we asked are based on that manual: What type of accidents and what violations?" types of Calhoun explained. "In the testing, Joe came out on top, and I know he really wanted this position, too, and worked really hard for it."

Boucher will officially become motor officer Jan. 1, but he'll have to graduate from a specialized school before he can hit the streets on the CPD bike. Training for motor cops is notoriously tough, with about a 50 percent failure rate, but Calhoun said CPD Sgt. Brian Pon happens to be an instructor and is helping Boucher prepare.

"We have a couple of training bikes, because we don't want to wreck Steve's bike," Calhoun said.

Assuming he passes, he'll move to the new assignment, which includes dealing with

### Carmel Square open house

CARMEL SQUARE the courtyard shopping area on San Carlos Street south of Ocean that includes Mundaka restaurant, Exposed gallery, Lopez Liquors, Theresa Buccola Perspectacles — will hold a Christmas Open House Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. In addition to providing a festive reason to stop by the square for a little food and libation, the open house will help raise money for a clean-water project in Ecuador.

"The landlady will ask for donations for her organization that helps provide clean water to impoverished areas through the local Rotary," Mundaka owner Gabe Georis explained. "And we're going to be doing some pizzas and stuff, and we and the liquor store will be pouring some wine."

And for music, DJ C-Lo, a regular at Mundaka, will spinning vintage Christmas vinyl.

traffic-related issues and collisions, and sitting on the city's traffic safety committee.

### A reserve in the wings

Rana's retirement also opens a full-time patrol position in the department, and Calhoun said he is planning on giving the job to a new reserve officer, Michael Bruno. "We'll do an internal recruitment, with hope of him starting on the first," of January, Calhoun said.

Bruno, a recent graduate of the South Bay Regional law enforcement academy, is a native Peninsula resident who has been working in his father's electrician business while seeking a job in law enforcement. He applied to become a reserve officer a few months ago but still has to undergo steps to become a full-time cop.

"He's a local — his family is Bruno Electric," whom Calhoun knows, he said. "He comes to us with great qualifications and will be a great fit for our town. He did very well in his interview process, so I conducted a chief's interview

with him and was very impressed."

His background and references also checked out well, and, Calhoun said, "I thought this was probably a good move for the organization."

While he still has to advertise the job opening internally, for the sake of following the hiring process required by the Carmel Municipal Code, Bruno is pretty much assured the job, as long as he passes his psychological and medical evaluations. City administrator Jason Stilwell simply has to approve it.

"Anytime we have that ability to grab someone who's local and bring him into our organization, that's good," Calhoun said. "Our organization is so strong, and we are expanding the opportunities available."

### Promotions, new dispatchers

Two officers, Ken Shen and Rachelle Lightfoot, were promoted to the rank of corporal as of Dec. 1. Calhoun said he established more corporal positions in the CPD hierarchy "to bridge the gap between officer and sergeant, because it's so hard to make that step." To keep his salary budget even,

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### Fake check fail

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.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle backed into another vehicle while it was passing in a parking lot on Sunset. No injuries.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject came to the station to turn in a found credit card. A records check of the item showed it to be stolen out of Monterey. Monterey P.D. was contacted and notified of the recovery. The owner was also left a message to contact the police department regarding his property.

Pacific Grove: Subject violated a restraining order by texting a protected party. Case forwarded.

**Big Sur:** The SAR Team was dispatched to assist in extricating an injured camper from Plaskett Ridge in Big Sur. The victim was flown to a hospital by CHP helicopter H70.

**Carmel area:** A 23-year-old male was stopped on Carmel Rancho Boulevard for a vehicle code violation, and he was found to be in possession of several containers of wax (concentrated Cannabis). He was taken into custody for transporting and possessing concentrated cannabis.

**Carmel area:** Fire and paramedics reported they were with a combative patient in the Carmel Woods area. The patient was placed on a 72-hour hold for 5150 W&I and transported to CHOMP.

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man reported the loss of a wallet while

visiting Carmel Beach between 0800 hours and 1000 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: On Lincoln Street, citizen reported loss of a checkbook containing checks and currency.

Pacific Crove: Resident was possibly a victim of identity.

**Pacific Grove:** Resident was possibly a victim of identity theft after receiving phone calls from a bank in Michigan regarding a past-due bill.

**Pacific Grove:** Driver No. 1 rear ended driver No. 2 as she looked at her radio while driving on Forest Avenue, resulting in injuries.

Pacific Grove: Driver on Forest Avenue made an unsafe lane change and was found to have a suspended license. He did not have proof of insurance or registration in the vehicle.

Pacific Grove: Single round of ammo found in records

department at the Pacific Grove police station. Placed into evidence for destruction.

Carmel area: A 20-year-old male felon was in possession of

**Carmel area:** A 20-year-old male felon was in possession of a stolen firearm, stolen property and marijuana for sales. He was arrested at a shopping center and transported to jail. He was also on active probation. This case was forwarded to the D.A.'s office for review.

**Big Sur:** Visitor reported while he was in his hotel room an unknown suspect attempted to break in.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Dolores Street per section 22651(o) CVC — expired registration.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen on Lincoln Street lost a cellular phone in the commercial area.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** DUI traffic collision on Ocean Avenue. Vehicle was drivable. The 75-year-old female driver was issued a citation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hitand-run on Ninth Avenue. No suspects identified.

Pacific Grove: Woman on Lighthouse Avenue discovered somebody had ransacked the interior of her unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the carport area of her apartment complex. After inspection, nothing appeared to be missing. Close patrol request-

Pacific Grove: Lighthouse Avenue business advised they fired an employee who did not perform his job correctly and was thought to have shown up for work intoxicated. Person advised that, after being fired, the subject called once and seemed upset. The former employer requested close patrol in case the subject returns to the business. No threats made during the phone call. The employer would like a "no trespassing" admonishment given if the subject is contacted.

Carmel area: Man entered a local bank and attempted to cash a forged check. Unknown to him, the rightful owner of the check worked at the same bank.

Pacific Grove: A resident texted another resident approximately 100 times over two days. The second resident, located on David Avenue, wants it to stop. Nothing further.

Pacific Grove: Person on Redwood Lane found 14 signed checks belonging to a homeowners association lying on the ground. The officer contacted the signer and advised her to come to PGPD and retrieve them.

Pacific Grove: A 27-yearold male driver was stopped on Eardley Avenue for speeding and was determined to be unlicensed. He was cited in the field and released. His vehicle was towed per 14602.6 CVC.

Carmel Valley: Suspect(s) broke into victims unlocked vehicle and stole some personal items.

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Once just a raspberry patch, Earthbound Farm to sell for \$600 million

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PRODUCE company with Carmel Valley roots that revolutionized salads and organic farming is about to be sold for \$600 million.

Colorado-based WhiteWave Foods has agreed to buy Earthbound Farm, both companies confirmed this week. Subject to regulatory approval, the deal is expected to close in early 2014.

Founded by Drew and Myra Goodman in 1984 and now based in San Juan Batista, Earthbound Farm has played a key role in the popularity of organic produce, in large part because of the commercial success of its pre-packaged mixed baby green lettuce.

### A salad revolution

Rising from its humble beginnings on a 2.5-acre raspberry farm in Carmel Valley, Earthbound Farm marketed salad mixes that became staples at restaurants and supermarkets across the country. America's largest grower of organic pro-

duce, it farms about 30,000 acres. More than 1,200 people work for the company.

According to Myra Goodman, no category of organic produce has been nearly as successful as pre-packaged baby greens, confirming Earthbound Farm as a pioneer in the industry

"Overall, 4.2 percent of produce sales are organic," Myra Goodman told The Pine Cone. "And more than 50 percent of the sales of baby greens are organic."

Over the past 30 years, the Goodmans took on a series of investors and expanded Earthbound Farm's operations, retaining a 10 percent stake in the company. Other shareholders include Texas-based Kainos Capital and the King City-based Mission Ranches, which Goodman said developed innovative harvesting equipment for baby greens.

While the Goodmans will soon no longer own a share of the company they started, they plan to stay on as consultants.

"WhiteWave wants us around," Goodman explained. "We still really care about the company."

Goodman said she's thrilled WhiteWave Foods is taking



Drew Goodman



Myra Goodman

over Earthbound Farm.

"The company got so much bigger than we thought it

would," she said. "We knew that someone was going to take it over. We feel WhiteWave Foods is the perfect home for Earthbound Farm to grow, flourish and reach its full potential. We couldn't imagine a better outcome."

### Sales of \$500 million

In addition to working as advisors for the new owners of Earthbound Farm, the Goodmans plan to pursue other passions. Myra is preparing to release her third book, titled "Straight from the Earth: Irresistible Vegan Recipes for Everyone." The book is co-authored by her daughter, Marea. And she said Drew is involved in a variety of projects involving recycling, biofuel and transportation.

'The company got much bigger than we thought it would.'

Founded in 1977, White Wave Foods has made a name for itself selling Horizon organic dairy products; Silk dairy alternatives like soy milk, almond milk and coconut milk; and other brands. Its chairman and chief executive officer, Gregg Engles, called the acquisition of Earthbound Farm "a natural extension of our business."

"Earthbound Farm is an outstanding organization well known for innovation, freshness, organic stewardship and food safety," Engles said. "Fresh foods are one of the most attractive, emerging trends in the food industry today, and the market for organic products continues to grow steadily."

WhiteWave Foods estimates Earthbound Farm will have about \$500 million in sales this year.

While Earthbound Farm will soon be owned by a Colorado company, Goodman said its signature Farm Stand at 7250 Carmel Valley Road will stay open. She said the CEO of WhiteWave Foods recently visited the site and loved it. The Farm Stand offers organic produce, an organic kitchen, fresh flowers, gifts and a busy schedule of events.





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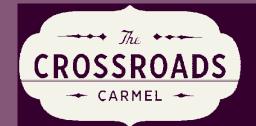
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### Desal contractor picked; bid was \$20 million less than expected

BY KELLY NIX

THE COMPANY that designed and built Sand City's small desalination plant has been selected to build a much larger plant in North Marina that will supply water to most

of the Monterey Peninsula.

After a nine-month procurement process, California American Water announced on Dec. 6 it had selected CDM Constructors as the firm to design and build the desalination facility portion of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project. CDM's bid of \$86 million was the lowest of the five firms vying for the contract.

On Monday, the six Peninsula mayors and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board of directors agreed with Cal Am's choice. On Wednesday, the governance committee for the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority — composed of the six mayors — also unanimously OK'd the selection.

"Cal Am should be congratulated on the depth of analysis of these proposals," Del Rey Oaks Mayor Jerry Edelen said at a water authority meeting at Seaside City Hall Monday afternoon.

### **Five Finalists**

CDM was selected by Cal Am after officials with the private water company interviewed representatives from the five firms. The company ranked the highest of the five finalists on a business, technical and price evaluation. The other companies considered were Black & Veatch Construction, Inc., CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. and MWH Constructors, Inc.

Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett said the selection of the desal builder is another milestone for the long-sought water project.

"Having a team onboard that will be focused on designing and building the desal facility," Burnett told The Pine Cone, "is farther than we've ever gotten before."

Alex Wesner, a consultant hired by the mayors to assist Cal Am in the selection process, noted at Monday's water authority meeting that CH2M had also received a high score but that the company had proposed building the desal plant for about \$15 million more than CDM.

"When you added it all up ... it really tilted it toward CDM," Wesner said.

CDM's contract is to build the desal facility only and does not include construction of the pipelines and other required infrastruc-

ture. The firm will be paid \$2.5 million to design up to 60 percent of the desal facility to allow the California Coastal Commission — which is expected to review the plans after August 2014 — to propose any modifications. The water project needs a coastal development permit from the coastal commission.

### No opposition

CDM Constructors is a subsidiary of CDM Smith, a multinational company founded in 1947. The construction company designed and built Sand City's relatively small desal plant that began operating in 2010. The facility produces drinking water from brackish groundwater. CDM also built the Pebble Beach Company's reclamation project, which produces highly treated recycled water to irrigate its golf courses and has been behind 35 desalination projects worldwide.

The water authority's technical advisory committee — at an earlier meeting Monday — recommended the mayors endorse CDM as the desal builder. Newly elected water board member Bill Thayer noted at Monday night's meeting that CDM was committed to hiring some local laborers to help build the desal plant.

Cal Am president Rob MacLean called the selection of the desal builder as a "major step" toward solving the Peninsula's water problems.

"This procurement has brought the most reputable desalination experts in the world to the table to compete in what has been a professional and thorough process," MacLean said in a statement to the press.

Notably, there was no opposition from members of the public or the committees on the selection of CDM. Only one member of the public spoke at Monday's mayors' meeting and one at Wednesday's.

"At the end of the day," Burnett said, "the

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Group taking most of that: \$35,667.90. Granicus, the service that shows public meetings online, cost \$16,940.09, and a couple of other consultants had smaller bills.

Legal spending reached a total of \$31,037.84 paid to outside law firms, in addition to city attorney Don Freeman's monthly fee of \$7,500. The firm of Miller Starr Regalia got the most — \$12,376 — with others submitting smaller bills. Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, the San Francisco firm specializing in employment law, was paid \$3,985 in October, and Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth — a Santa Barbara firm city administrator Jason Stilwell has hired to handle California Public Records Act requests — received \$2,276.50.

Southern California-based RCS Investigations & Consulting LLC, which Stilwell told The Pine Cone was hired to investigate employees, was paid \$3,121.88 for its services in October. (According to news reports from last spring, RCS was named in a wrongful termination lawsuit filed against the City of San Fernando by a lesbian police sergeant who alleged the firm gave the city its desired outcomes during investigations. The suit settled out of court for \$800,000, and the woman was placed back on the force.) Carmel also paid \$4,777 to Richard Lee Investigations, a local firm, also hired to investigate personnel matters, according to Stilwell.

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"training/business expense," \$4,095 to contract planner TJ Wiseman and \$4,150 to Wonderspace Carmel for "program development." Stilwell told The Pine Cone Wonderspace Carmel is "a robust program stemming from the city's marketing plan that aligns with several of the city's interests."

Lewis Leader, who has been writing press releases on

behalf of the city, was paid \$1,125.

The Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau received \$94,506, and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, also known as the mayors' water group, was paid \$31,737, while Burghardt-Dore Advertising Inc. got \$7,686.13 for regional destination marketing

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TWO WOMEN were struck by a car and killed in a Salinas intersection Nov. 20, and Monterey County District Attorney investigator Mark Puskaric is asking the public for help in determining what happened.

On East Laurel Drive just west of the intersection at Constitution Boulevard in front of Natividad Medical Center at about 7:15 p.m., the collision resulted in the deaths of two women, Linda Rascon Williams and Cynthia Lane.

"If you were at that location during that time, either on foot or in a vehicle, and witnessed anything, we are asking for your help," Puskaric said. "Any information you may have, even if you think it is insignificant, may be of great help in this case."

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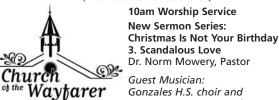
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### **McINCHAK** From page 1A

"And I trust our lawyers will handle this

appropriately and bring it to the city council if appropriate." City administrator Jason Stilwell commented, "The city received the claim and is

reviewing it," but has not taken any action. "As with any other claim, the City will take action in due course."

When the search warrant was served, not only police officers, but CPD Chief Mike Calhoun and other city officials were present an experience that was shocking, McInchak's claim says.

"Claimant and his family were extremely distressed by the unannounced appearance at his home of the administrative services director, Susan Paul, and by the actions of agents of the City of Carmel," his claim states.

Further, while city officials tried to keep the investigation of McInchak, and even the fact that his home had been raided, secret, he says they later disclosed confidential information about him to the media and the public, disseminated "false and defamatory statements" regarding alleged criminal activity - specifically, hacking the city's aged computer systems and illegally accessing privileged information — and "irreparably damaged his reputation in his profession, his employment and his community."

The investigation of McInchak, which reportedly began with an effort to upgrade the city's computer systems, apparently led the city to take actions against other municipal employees, including his assistant, Rose Franzen, as well as planning department assistants Margi Perotti and Leslie Fenton.

### A long list

In his claim, McInchak accuses city officials of 11 different violations of state, federal and local laws:

■ He was placed on involuntary leave without good cause or notice.

■ Agents of the city entered his house "without necessity, notice or consent, and over claimant's objections."

■ City officials ordered that he "attend and answer questions in an investigative interview, under threat of termination for insubordination for failure to attend and answer, after publicly stating that the city's investigation of alleged criminal conduct remains pending," violating his right against self-incrimination.

"With criminal charges, they say, still being investigated, he was directed to appear and answer questions in violation of his Fifth Amendment rights," Welsh told The Pine Cone. "Any criminal defense lawyer will advise the client not to speak, for fear of waiving those rights, and as a city employee, you are ordered to talk. If you don't attend and answer the questions, you can be fired for insubordination."

- The city attempted to change his status as a permanent employee "by requiring a contract which is vague, ambiguous, incomplete and lacking consideration ... and by impugning claimant's reputation and his standing in the community."
- Officials defamed him by publishing "false, unprivileged and defamatory statements" charging him with a crime, and by making statements that exposed McInchak to "hatred, contempt, ridicule or obloquy."
- They intentionally and negligently inflicted emotional distress upon him "by engaging in the outrageous conduct" described in the claim.
- The city officials "stepped out of their proper roles as employer, and their conduct fell outside of the normal employment rela-
- They deprived him of his livelihood and employment by placing him on leave without cause or notice.
- City officials discriminated against him because of his age.
- And they engaged in "arbitrary and capricious conduct" and "intentional unlawful conduct," violating state and federal constitutions and laws.

"Because of the unlawful, arbitrary and

capricious conduct described above, claimant has sustained damages to his livelihood, his reputation, his professional career and his personal integrity and health," McInchak's claim concludes. "Claimant's damages continue to accrue, and he will incur future damages in an amount not yet ascertained."

The complaint identifies the responsible

officials as city administrator Jason Stilwell, Susan Paul, Mayor Jason Burnett, and "other agents ... whose identities are unknown at this time.'

McInchak's attorney told The Pine Cone the claim was served Dec. 4, and the city has 45 days to respond.

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# Serial killer in C.V. slayings gets death

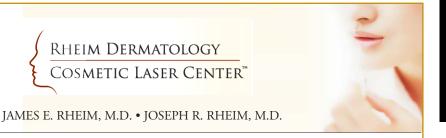
JOSEPH NISSENSOHN, the serial killer held in El Dorado County since 2008, was convicted by a jury on Halloween of killing 13-year-old Tammy Jarschke and 14-year-old Tanya Jones on Chews Ridge in 1981, and of murdering 15-year-old Kathy Graves in Lake Tahoe in 1989. This week, after deliberating for less than two hours, jurors decided he should be executed.

Nissensohn had already served prison time in Washington for the 1989 stabbing death of Sally Jo Tsaggaris, and at the end of his sentence, authorities agreed to transport him to El Dorado County to face the other murder charges in a trial combining both counties' cases. After years of hearings, fighting with his attorneys and other delays, the case ended with guilty verdicts Oct. 31.

In the Monterey County case, Jarschke and Jones had gone AWOL from a group home in Seaside when they met Nissensohn and another man outside a Denny's restaurant in Monterey.

A few months later, on Sept. 9, 1981, men clearing downed trees in the Chews Ridge area of Carmel Valley found their decomposed bodies. "They approached one of the trees [they were going to work on], and the girl had been hung by the neck from an electrical cord," prosecutor Dale Gomes told The Pine Cone. The other girl's body was found underneath some brush about 40 feet away.

The deaths were first investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's detective Glenn Brown and were then assigned to Detective Martin Opseth in January 2005.



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This week, Jarschke's father, Gary, told a TV reporter he was gratified to see Nissensohn convicted and given the death

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Chapter Fourteen

PG arrived at its present financial condition because of: artificial collective bargaining, nonmarket-based salaries, PERS misrepresentations, collusive defense of a pension reform law suit, the cover-up of an illegal pension increase, a pension deficit-inducing fire department merger, and fiction-based legal and consultant opinions. But the most important factor was the council's inability to deny the unions raises and pensions for which there were not, and will never be, the revenues necessary to pay for them.

After discovery of the hidden actuary cost report for the 2002 pension increase in 2009, Daniel Davis (Ph.D., Math), a member of that 2002 council, revealed the contents of the report to the other members of that council. The six who responded affirmed that-had they known the true cost of that benefit-they would never have voted for it. There obviously were not sufficient revenues for the next decades to pay for the new obligation.

Retired Fire Chief Don Gasperson, a highly respected PG citizen, responded to Dan Davis (in an email) as follows: "To answer your question, I voted for an increase in Public Safety Retirement from 2%@50 to 3%@50 in June of 2002 because the information presented indicated that the costs were acceptable. Prior to my vote on this issue, my thinking was that as a retired Public Safety employee of 37 years, my retirement of 2%@50 was a very fair retirement. During most of my working years retirement was ½%@ age 55. As I remember, many other cities had adopted the 3%@50, including the city of Monterey, so it was my concern as well as the Fire Chief

and Police Chief at that time, that without 3%@50, the city of Pacific Grove could have problems in recruitment. Based on the amount of money we were told was required to adopt the 3%, I did approve the increase. With the information you quoted to me yesterday, I would have NEVER voted for the 3%@50, NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCE MIGHT HAVE BEEN!" [Emphasis Don Gasperson].

To protect PG, voters need to elect realists like Mr. Gasperson and Dr. Davis to the council in November 2014. Hopefully, the voters will also be allowed to vote to repeal the 2002 illegal adoption of a pension increase for safety that was procured by fraud and sustained through cover-up. Or, the newly elected council could repeal it.

If five reformers are elected to the council in 2014, its first action must be to replace the current city manager and city attorney with a non-conflicted expert dedicated to solving the pension-salary bubble. Until that change is made, the situation is hopeless. Eventually, PERS will sue PG for its multi-million-dollar pension debt to impose a parcel tax on all real property located in PG. There are defenses to such an action, but not if the city simply takes another dive as the facts indicate it did in the recent pension reform law suit and the continuing cover-up of the illegal adoption of huge pension increases for the safety unions in 2002. In my view, after removing them, the city should sue the current city manager and attorney for the dive and for the pension increase cover-up. Get them under oath!

On Dec. 3, 2013, the judge in the Detroit bankruptcy case ruled that city pension obligations may be modified under federal bankruptcy law. The ruling is instructive and may provide PG with needed leverage; but, first it must elect a new city council that then replaces the current city manager and city attorney. Finally, it must get out of PERS, no matter what.

The above are the opinions of John M. Moore, Esq. (JD, Stanford School of Law). Question? jmoore052@gmail.com



# Photojournalist offers intimate portrait of life in Uganda

By CHRIS COUNTS

ILLUMINATING A distant corner of the globe, author and photographer Douglas Cruickshank signs copies of his new book, "Somehow: Living on Uganda Time," Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

Offering an intimate glimpse of the Southeast African country, the book features dozens of essays and photographs depicting contemporary Uganda as "a place of dramatic beauty, great contradictions, a carpe diem culture, and vibrant, lion-hearted people."

At the library, Cruickshank will read from the book and share stories of his extensive travels.

"As beautiful as Uganda is, it's the landscapes of people's faces that are most compelling and unforgettable," writes the author, who spent more than two years in the coun-

The event starts at 3 p.m. The library is located on Highway 1 about 30 miles south of Carmel. Call (831) 667-2574.

Pilgrim's Way bookstore will be the site of a reception Saturday, Dec. 14, for author and literary agent Marcia G. Rosen. The event begins at 11 a.m.

Offering a bounty of tips for would-be authors, Rosen has penned a series of "howto" books, including "Memoir-Life Writing," "Encouraging and Supporting the Author Within" and "Now What ... The Business of Writing and Publishing.'

'Using the knowledge and insights that I have gained, I am able to help others write and publish successfully in the ever-changing marketplace," Rosen writes.

Next, Pilgrim's Way hosts a meet and greet for author Justin Scheifer of Monterey, whose book, "Fractures" chronicles the multitude of challenges he has faced - ranging from bullying and mental illness, to addiction and finding acceptance as a transgendered person — and how's he's overcome those hurdles.

The event starts at 1 p.m. Pilgrim's Way is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-4955.



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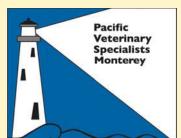
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### Dance Kids celebrate Nutcracker's 20th anniversary

By CHRIS COUNTS

RETURNING TO Sunset Center for the 20th year, Dance Kids of Monterey County present Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-15, at Sunset Center.

Directed by Tia Brown and produced by Dance Kids founders Carol and Alan Richmond, "The Nutcracker" features a cast of about 140 performers as young as four. Aspiring ballet professional and one-time Dance Kid Isaiah Bindel plays the Cavalier while promising local ballerina and current Dance Kid Elise Cricchio portrays the Sugar Plum

"It's really exciting for us to have the two of them together," Richmond explained. "They're both products of our training. It gives me goosebumps."

Also performing in "The Nutcracker" are Gary Franco and Olivia Wagner, who play the Arabian Dancers, and the artistic director of PacRep Theatre, Stephen Moorer, who takes on the role of Mother Ginger.

"We are very grateful Stephen is willing to take time out from his busy schedule to play Mother Ginger," Richmond said. "It really shows the espirit de corps of this community."

The Dance Kids — who have faced funding challenges in recent years — have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season. The nonprofit recently received a \$10,000 donation from Otto Construction, which has offices in Sacramento and Monterey. Richmond also praised the Friends of Sunset Center for their generous backing.

"We're thrilled by the support we've received," she added. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m., while Sunday's matinee starts at 2 p.m. A gala benefit precedes Friday's show.

Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$30 for seniors, students and active military, and \$26 for children 12 and under. Tickets to the gala are an additional \$55. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For tickets, call (831) 620-2048 or visit www.sunsetcenter.org.

## Cowboys poets gather in Monterey

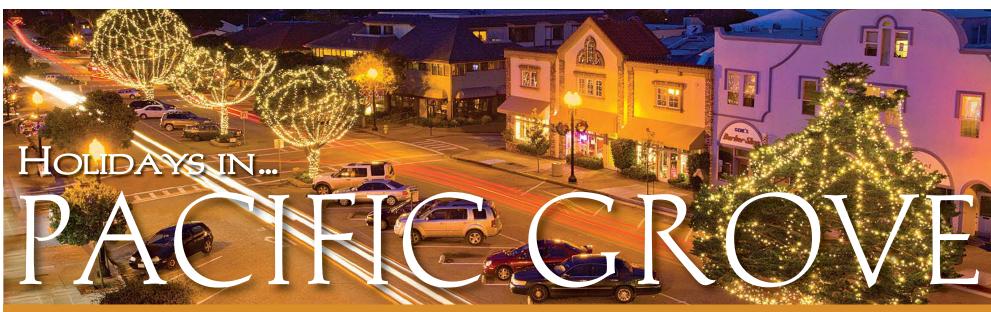
CELEBRATING OUR local contribution to western heritage, the Monterey Conference Center hosts the 15th annual Monterey Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-15.

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cians, including homegrown singer-songwriter Mike Beck, Juni Fisher, Dave Stamey, Mustang Mikki, the Old West Trio and many more.

The center will also be the site of a Cowboy Art & Western Marketplace, which showcases the talents of more than two dozen artists.

Other festival highlights include a Friday Night Jam Session, a Saturday Night Dance, a Best Dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl Contest, a Vaquero Breakfast and a silent auction. The conference center is located at 1 Portola Plaza. For a complete schedule of events, visit: www.montereycow-





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# For Ukrainian painter, art offers much more than meets the eye

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH NOTED local photographer Kim Weston serving as his model, artist Alexey Steele will demonstrate his portrait drawing technique Friday, Dec. 13, at Carmel Visual Arts.

The son of respected Russian painter **Leonid Steele**, the colorful and engaging Alexey encourages people to take a closer look at mediums such as painting and drawing, which he believes are far more revealing than photography.

"We live in a world of cameras," explained Alexey, who was born in Ukraine and now lives in Southern California. "Our society thinks photographic images are the ultimate truth. But the camera can only record a very narrow spectrum of tone in either a light or a dark range, never both ... the human eye can see so much more."

Art tells the truth better than photography,

he maintains.

"If a camera snaps one frame at, say, one-sixtieth of a second, it captures only a tiny part of reality," he said. "Life painting [and drawing] takes hours or days and involves the full richness of human experience. Processing such enormous amounts of information requires making thoughtful personal choices. As an artist, you have to synthesize thousands of seconds of seeing—and reflect deeply on each step of the process."

Alexey's visit to Carmel puts a spotlight on Carmel Visual Arts, which offers a diverse mix of art exhibits and workshops.

"This event is going to be a lot of fun," director Rich Brimer told The Pine Cone. "Alexey is a real character."

Carmel Visual Arts moved into The Barnyard Shopping in August, taking over a space above the Carmel Valley Coffee

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Painter Alexey Steele shares his portrait drawing technique Dec. 13 at Carmel Visual Arts, which recently opened in The Barnyard shopping center.

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# Musicians bring joy and melancholy to the holiday season

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE SECOND week in a row, a busy slate of holiday-themed musical events celebrate the Christmas season.

"Like any other art, music stirs feelings, especially during the holidays," said **Sean Boulware**, conductor of the local choral group, **Monterey Peninsula Voices**. "It makes us feel joyous and even a bit melancholy. Holiday songs bind us together with all our shared memories."

Formerly known as the Monterey Peninsula Choral Society, Monterey Peninsula Voices presents its annual holiday concert, "Simple Gifts," Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Pacific Grove Performing Arts Center and Sunday, Dec. 15, at All Saints Episcopal Church.

At both concerts, the 100-plus member

choir will sing favorites like "Carol of the Bells," "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies," "Deck the Hall," "O Holy Night," "Ave Maria" and many more. "This concert is our gift to the community," Boulware added.

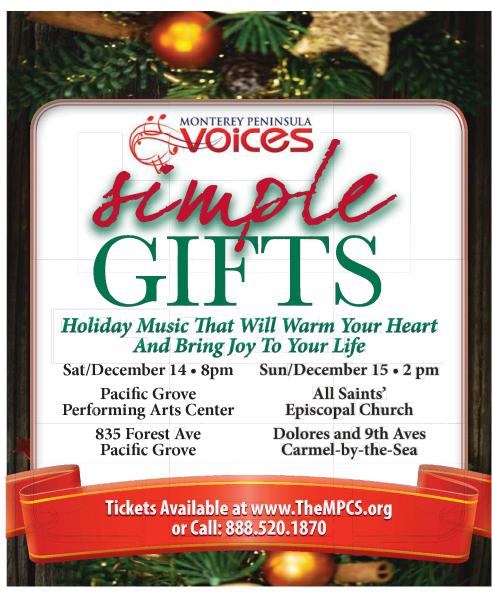
Saturday's performance starts at 8 p.m., while Sunday's event begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and active military, and \$10 for students.18 and under. The performing arts center is located at 835 Forest Ave., while the church is located at Ninth and Dolores. Call (888) 520-1870.

Another local choral group, The Camerata Singers of Monterey County, take the stage Saturday, Dec. 14, at Carmel Mission, and Sunday, Dec. 15, at the First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove.

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An acoustic trio, Molly's Revenge, headlines a Celtic Christmas Celebration in Pacific Grove Dec. 13.



Hot drinks, dinner with Figge, and dining at the Dinner Belle

WITH FROSTY temperatures lingering, bartenders at La Playa Carmel are perfecting their hot cocktails, offering the warmth and comfort of hot cocoa and steamed milk with the adult edge of booze.

Hotel GM Mary Crowe said she came up with the ideas for the new signature drinks while sitting in her office, fighting the chill and nibbling on squares of dark chocolate. But she didn't simply want drinks that tasted like hot chocolate with alcohol; she was looking for more subtle, less sweet, more

"I want them to be the best anyone has

Thus, the Big Kid's Hot Chocolate was

ever had," she said. "No hot chocolate with

born, with steamed milk, vanilla vodka,

Tuaca vanilla citrus liqueur, Amaretto di Sarrono and a square of dark chocolate that's melted and blended in with a spoon. The

resulting cocktail, garnished with whipped

cream and nutmeg, has the sweetness of hot

chocolate, made slightly less so by the cacao

level of the chocolate, which is about 60 per-

cent, and the vodka. The flavors and aromas

of Amaretto are notable but not overwhelm-

with chocolate served on the side rather than

in it, called Evening Dream. This cocktail

includes steamed milk, RumChata cream

liqueur, spiced rum and whipped cream, and

also balances alcohol with sweetness without

being cloying. The dusting of nutmeg on top

provides a slightly perfumey element, too.

She also developed a white hot drink,

interesting options.

liquor in it."

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

The drinks are available nightly in the historic bar at La Playa, which also offers one of the best views in town. The hotel is located at Camino Real and Eighth. To learn more, visit www.laplayahotel.com.

### ■ Bring us some Figge pudding

Carmel Valley Ranch executive chef Tim Wood will collaborate with Peter Figge,

owner and winemaker of Figge Wines, for a winemaker dinner Saturday, Dec. 14, in the restaurant at the resort.

Pairings set for the evening include butternut squash soup Vineyard Pelio Chardonnay and Amish pork

loin with Paraiso Vineyard Pinot Noir.

Costs and other details were not available, but reservations can be made by calling (831) 626-2599. For more information, see www.carmelvalleyranch.com. The ranch is located at 1 Old Ranch Road in Carmel

■ Dinner Belle rings again

Jay and Chloe Dolata's Carmel Belle restaurant in the Doud Arcade at San Carlos and Ocean will hold another popup dinner in The Dinner Belle series Sunday, Dec. 22, from 5 to 9 p.m., featuring chef Christophe

"The most celebrated dish in France, it honors the tables of the rich and poor alike," according to Bony and the Dolatas. The stew

part of which will benefit the Food Bank for Monterey County, which will also be accepting donations of nonperishable foods. The price includes dessert, but not drinks, which will be available for purchase. Call Carmel Belle at (831) 624-1600 to make reservations. (And if you're vegetarian, advise the restaurant when reserving a seat.)

### ■ Be a Happy Girl

Happy Girl Kitchen on Central Avenue in Pacific Grove, owned by Todd and Jordan Champagne, has loads of gift ideas for fans of its products and classes — as well as for those who haven't visited the store/cafe/kitchen classroom before.

For fans of pickles, Happy Girl's products are showcased in the Pickle Party Box, which, for \$79, includes a dozen jars of different goodies: two of pickled beets and spicy carrots, and one each of bread and butters, cumin green beans, Wildly Spicy Pickled Peppers, Bombay Beets, bread and butter zucchini, pickled dry-farmed tomatoes, Sonoma citrus sea salt and garden bou-

The Party in my Pantry Box (\$99.99) also contains a dozen items: two jars of dryfarmed tomatoes, two jars of crushed heirlooms, one salsa, one spicy tomato juice, one jar of dried pebbles beans, and one each of bread and butters, spicy carrots, honeyed pears, quince shrub, apricot jam, three fruit marmalade and spreadable membrillo (quince paste).

For the tomato lover on your list who is pining for the red fruit in the dead of winter, check out the \$79.99 gift box that includes three jars of dry-farmed tomatoes and two of each of the following: crushed heirlooms, spicy tomato juice, dry-farmed tomato juice

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Bony will prepare Pot au Feu, a stew described as "the quintessence of French family cuisine."

will be served family style.

The cost of the dinner is \$35 per person,

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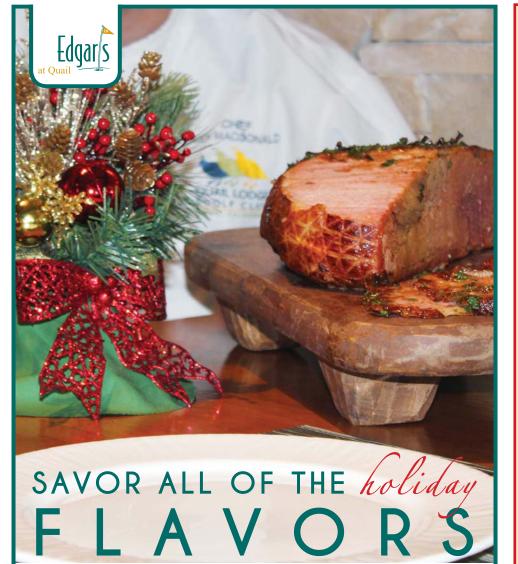
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### New Year's Hours

Lunch on December 31, 2013: 11:30am to 2:30pm Dinner on December 31, 2013: 5:00pm to 10:00pm

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and salsa, and one jar of preserved dry farmed tomatoes.

And, to satisfy the one who craves sweets, check out the \$119.99 Sweet Tooth Box of apricot jam, cherry juice, raspberry jam, blood orange marmalade, membrillo in a jar, Meyer lemon marmalade, honeyed pears, plum cinnamon jam, pink grapefruit marmalade, quince jelly, apple chutney and three fruit marmalade.

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"A lot of people have been asking about workshops to give as gifts," Jordan Champagne wrote. "They really are such a great gift, because they are a fun activity where the recipient gets to learn some great new skill, take home jars, eat yummy food and enjoy the good life."

website. See www.happygirlkitchen.com, to peruse the schedule, which includes everything from making terrariums and rehabbing orchids, to healthy eating, canning and preserving, and marmalade making.

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### ■ Pebble Beach parties

The restaurants of the Pebble Beach Resorts will be hosting buffets, brunches and other feasts for the holidays this year.

At Stillwater Bar & Grill in the Lodge, Christmas Brunch will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and cost \$85 plus tax and tip for adults, \$42.50 for kids 5 through 12, and free for children under 5, while in Roy's at Spanish Bay on Christmas Day, a modified a la carte menu with seasonal specials will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

In the lobby lounge at Spanish Bay, which is always a good place to relax and revivify, holiday special cocktails will be offered from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and I Cantori di Carmel will be singing Christmas carols from 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 19-23. Pèppoli, also in Spanish Bay, will have a modified a la carte menu with seasonal specialties during dinnertime on Christmas.

And, for those planning ahead, Spanish Bay's famous New Year's Eve party will be themed "License to Thrill: New Year's Eve 2013" this year. From 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., "Guests will be transported to a secret world filled with mysterious spies, sleek fashion, elegant cocktails (shaken and stirred) and explosive entertainment," according to organizers. The celebration will include live music, lavish buffets, psychics and a casino

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### ■ Young NYE

Also on New Year's Eve, the Monterey County Young Professionals Group — a networking organization targeting professionals between the ages of 21 and 39 — will throw a party at the Portola Hotel & Spa, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The affair will include a DJ and a "huge dance floor," VIP photo booth, hors d'oeuvres, Peter B's craft beer (while supplies last), Champagne toast at midnight, cash bars and a special discounted room rate. Dress is black-tie optional, and the cost is \$45 through Dec. 15, \$65 regular pre-sale admission, and \$85 that evening. Tickets can be purchased at www.mcypg.org/tickets.

### ■ Vine to Wine

Holman Ranch in Carmel Valley Village has launched a series of educational tours for wine lovers.

From Vine to Wine takes guests on a twohour tour that begins in the tasting room on East Carmel Valley Road in the Village and leads to Holman Ranch's vineyards, providing an in-depth look at how they grow and make their estate wines, from barrel to bottle. The tour includes an ATV trip through the vineyards, small bites at the estate, wine (of course) and Q&A sessions with the

The tours are available daily by reservation, run from 2 to 4 p.m., and cost \$50 per person. To learn more or to reserve, call (831) 659-2640 or email info@holmanranch.com.

### ■ Wine Time

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### Golden State screens Hitchcock flicks

PRESENTED BY Big Sur's Henry Miller Library, a five-night run of Alfred Hitchcock films wraps up Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14, at the Golden State Theater in Monterey.

The winner of the 1940 Academy Award for Best Picture, plays "Rebecca" Friday. Hitchcock's stateside debut, Mike Scutari of the library calls it "a divinely creepy domestic mystery." The film stars Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine.

The classic "Psycho" is featured Saturday. Starring Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh, the movie is rou-

tinely ranked as one of the greatest ever produced. "Superb performances and the infa-



Alfred Hitchcock

mous shower scene make this the perfect nightmare," Scutari declared.

If you're tired of the hustle and bustle of shopping for gifts, Scutari suggests taking a timeout at the Golden State Theater. "Nothing spells relief from the holiday doldrums better than psychosis, sexual obsession, cold-blooded horror, and of course, Stewart," Jimmy added.

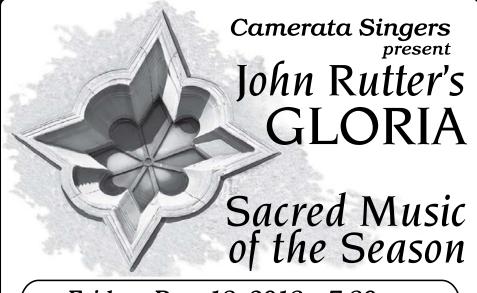
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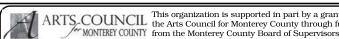
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Also in Pacific Grove, Molly's Revenge headlines the 8th annual Celtic Christmas Celebration Friday, Dec. 13, at the First United Methodist Church. The local acoustic trio will be joined by vocalist Christa Burch with The Rosemary Turco Irish Dancers.

"Christa possesses a singular voice: warm, supple, expressive, intimate, and instantly recognizable," offers Stuart Mason, who plays guitar for Molly's Revenge. "The Rosemary Turco Irish Dancers bring a percussive, joyful, and colorful exuberance to the stage."

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The Fuse Lounge at the Carmel Mission Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (Saturday at 9 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road, (831) 624-6630.

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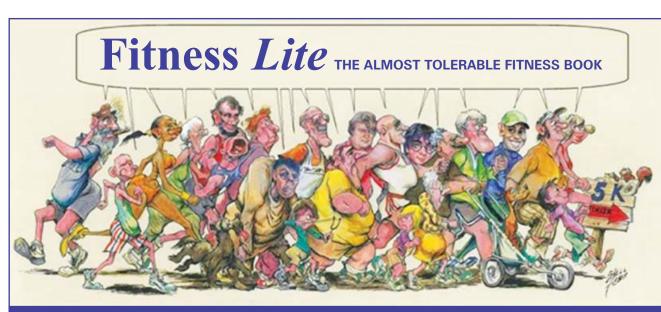
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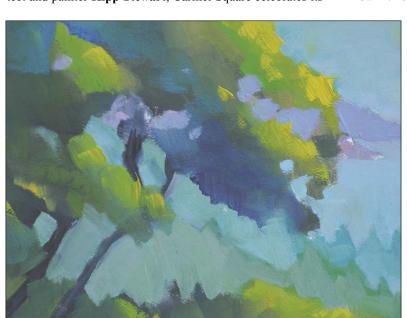
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### ■ Tapas, photos and stained glass

Two very distinct art galleries — Exposed Gallery and Theresa Buccola Stained Glass — are showcased Wednesday, Dec. 18, when Carmel Square hosts its first holiday party from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

While many folks don't know the courtyard by its name, anyone who has savored the Spanish tapas at Mundaka Restaurant has been there. Designed by noted Carmel architect and painter Kipp Stewart, Carmel Square celebrates its



Painter Erin Lee Gafill, whose work is pictured above, hosts a Holiday Open Studio reception Saturday in her Big Sur home.

50th anniversary this coming spring.

At Gallery Exposed, Rachael Short and Evynn LeValley use black and white photography to show local scenes and sights in a very different light. Also, Short plans to unveil her 2014 Calendar at the reception, which features 13 black and white images she captured with her iPhone.

Just steps away, Theresa Buccola uses colored glass, a wide variety of natural objects and her rich imagination to create one-of-a-kind pieces of art. Her gallery doubles as a studio, offering the public a behind-the-scenes glimpse of her creative process.

"We're delighted to have the two galleries here," said Jo Jo White, whose mother and grandmother bought Carmel Square in 1964. "They really enhance the atmosphere we're trying to create here.'

In addition to celebrating for the holiday season, the party will also serve as a platform for White's ongoing efforts to fund clean water projects in the Third World.

Carmel Square is located on the east side of San Carlos next to Nielsen Bros. Market.

### A hub of creativity

Displaying her latest work, painter Erin Lee Gafill hosts a Holiday Open Studio event Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1 to 5 p.m., in her Big Sur home.

For the past 25 years, Gafill has lived and painted inside a historic log cabin, which was incorporated into Nepenthe when the landmark restaurant was built in the late 1940s. The cabin, which initially served as a lodge for the Coastlands Trail Club, was built in the 1920s, was once owned by film legend Orson Welles and later was rented by writer Henry Miller. It also was the longtime residence of Gafill's grandmother, Nepenthe co-founder and matriarch Lolly Fassett.

Today, Gafill describes the cabin as "the hub of all the work I do." "It's an incredible space," she told The Pine Cone.

At Saturday's event, Gafill will display her latest creations. "I've been doing a lot of new work that's very different," she said.

Included is a series of paintings depicting

scenes along the streets of Manhattan and Brooklyn, where her son, Chi Birmingham, now works as an illustrator. She also presents a new series of still lifes. "I'm excited to share them," she said.

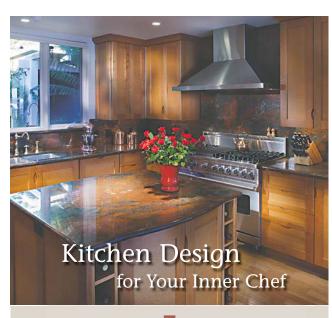
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Also featured at the event will be photography by Gafill's husband, Tom Birmingham, and artwork by her daughter, **Emily Birmingham.** 

"Emily is going to display handmade clothing and painted textiles," Gafill added. "She's been curiously trying different art forms. Every time time I think I have a handle on what's she's doing, she does something else. No one genre defines her yet."

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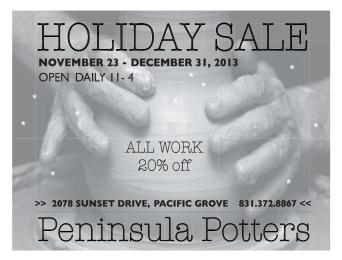
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### **FUERST**

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cated water supply concerns to the layman.

"He liked to answer questions and provide explanations to complex water issues," Tavani said.

Fuerst, who lived in Pacific Grove, is survived by his wife, Andrea, and their four adult children.

Water district water resources manager Joe Oliver called Fuerst a "fierce proponent of accuracy" and a "resident scientific mentor" to many employees of the water district.

"He practiced the scientific method in every aspect of his life," Oliver said, "which had many benefits, and sometimes drove others crazy because he was almost always correct about anything that was worth getting into a healthy argu-

Oliver also said Fuerst's wealth of knowledge helped establish the water district as an entity many could rely on for accurate technical information about the area's water supply

Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman reiterated Fuerst's familiarity with the Carmel River and area's water

"I can't think of anyone that had such an in-depth knowledge of our local water issues," Stedman said. "His passing is very sad."

Fuerst worked as a hydrologist with the water district from 1985 to 1988 before leaving for another job. He returned to the district in 1989 and was named general manager in 1995, a position he held until 2000. He served again as general manager from 2008 through 2011, the year he retired.

Dave Laredo, an attorney for the water district and Fuerst's close friend, recalled his work as an assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America Troop 90 in P.G. from 1996

"Darby led multiple high adventure treks to the Sierra and in New Mexico, and led these youth on bicycle trips and camps," Laredo told The Pine Cone. "Three times he led the boys on bike trips from Pacific Grove to Pigeon Point (Pescadero) and back, a 165-mile round trip. He called that weekend "death by bike."

Fuerst had a creative side, too. Water district project manager Henrietta Stern said Fuerst was a "master storyteller,"

who often told of his time in Ethiopia in the Peace Corps and his exploits with his twin brother, Rory.

"We admired and respected his intelligence, integrity and great sense of humor punctuated by his distinctive laugh," Stern said. "He was loved as a friend as well as a colleague and manager."

Sand City Mayor and water district director Dave Pendergrass, who first met Fuerst in 1986, said Fuerst "was a very gentle person" who had a mild managerial style.

"Sometimes managers rock the boat," Pendergrass said. "He didn't want to do that."

The two men shared the same Dec. 12 birthday, and Fuerst would call him every year to wish him a happy birthday, Pendergrass said.

Fuerst had a degree in English, and several people told The Pine Cone that he had a keen attention to punctuation and grammar.

"Darby inspired me to excel at written communication," water demand manager Stephanie Locke-Pintar told The Pine Cone. "And he never hesitated to pull out his red pen to correct spelling, grammar, style elements, sentence structure, etc. When he retired, I gave him a box of red pens."

A funeral mass is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Pacific Grove. At 12:30 p.m. the same day, there will be a celebration of Fuerst's life at Asilomar Chapel at Asilomar Conference Grounds, also in P.G.

### Correction

IN THE Nov. 22 edition of The Pine Cone, we incorrectly reported that the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum hopes to build a "butterfly pavilion" in the city's monarch sanctuary at 263 Grove Acre Ave. If the project gets funding and gains approval, it will be constructed in the garden behind the museum at 165 Forest Ave. We regret any confusion the error might have caused.



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The village, which occupies a footprint of

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For the third year in a row, Lengacher is

Lengacher.

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ter each year," he explained. Lengacher unveiled this year's village at his restaurant at the beginning of December, and he plans to keep it on display until Jan.

Understandably, the village attracts a lot of attention at Lugano's. "Everybody says 'Wow!' when they see it," he said. "The kids want to take a bite out of it."

While the village brings smiles to his customers, it can make the chef a little melancholy. "I get homesick when I look at it," he conceded.

But Lengacher is proud of his achievement, and he insists other local gingerbread villages can't compete with his creation. "If there was a contest, I would win," he declared.

Marc Paulhus of Pacific Grove is one of many who is impressed Lengacher's imaginative handiwork. "I think it's wonderful," Paulhus said. "For André, the next best thing to going home for the holidays is to bring Switzerland here. It represents the true holiday spirit, which is all about home."

To create the snow that adorns the edible Alpine village he created, chef Andre Lengacher used more than 3,000 marshmallows. The village is on display at Lugano's Swiss Bistro



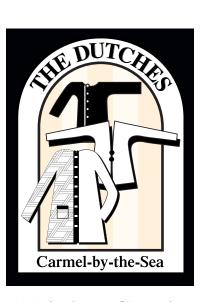
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### **Roads in Good Shape For Winter**

That the bridges and roads in the vicinity of Carmel Valley, Tassajara and the Coast road will be completed and ready for traffic this winter is the gist of a statement made by County Surveyor H.L. Cozzens, who with Deputy Surveyor Davies recently toured through the sections named, inspecting the various pieces of improved road.

The last portion of the road from the Laurellos ranch house to Tassajara Springs, and the stretch from Laurellos to Jamesburg, is proceeding rapidly and will be completed in a short time. A new 205-foot span bridge over Mal Paso creek is being erected under the direction of A.M. Allen. It is not expected that work on the highway through Carmel and on to Monterey will be commenced before the Spring.

### ■ 75 years ago — December 16, 1938

### **Success Attends Sunset Petition**

Sunset school district completed signature yesterday afternoon of 1100 names to the final petition necessary to form an elementary-high school district, and the calling of an election to formally establish the district prior to Feb. 1 is the next step, according to District Attorney Anthony Brazil, legal advisor, and Charles K. Van Riper, leader in Carmel's campaign for a high school this side of Carmel Hill. The final Sunset petition, to form the separate district and to operate both a high school and elementary school, will be filed with County School Superintendent James G. Force without delay in order to hasten the calling of an election by the supervisors before Feb. 1 so that the district may be formed and ready to operate as of July 1.

### **Vollmer Finishes Survey of Carmel Police** Force; Sees Village Danger Spot

"Gus" Vollmer, whose scientific approach to police methods was coeval with the "Golden Rule" era of the Minneapolis police department, looked over Carmel this week and found it a danger spot for possible crime. The man who has surveyed police departments in both major cities and smaller towns took stock of the village, its police protection, and indicated his report would favor increased manpower for patrol purposes, or, in its stead, radio communication. Criticism of the police department, a constant aspect of Carmel's policing problem, was admitted, and Vollmer indicated he had heard considerable criticism during his brief stay in Carmel.

Street lighting, constantly opposed by the village, he saw as contributing to possible danger, as well as uneven streets and fast driving, which contribute to accidents. The danger of mental cases was not overlooked, nor of "wise guys casing the town" for a crime or crime wave.

Vollmer has done surveys of the Vienna police, the Paris Surete, and Chicago, Kansas City and Minneapolis and smaller places such as Piedmont. He has also directed surveys in Honolulu and China.

### ■ 50 years ago — December 12, 1963

### **PG&E Increasing Peninsula Gas Supply**

Work has begun on a section of 12-inch pipeline in Monterey County that will substantially increase the natural gas supply to the Monterey Peninsula.

The main will extend southwest of Salinas one mile along Davis Road from Foster Road to a point beyond Reservation Road. It will bring large additional volumes of natural gas from an existing PG&E transmission main to one of the company's two principal pipelines serving the Monterey

Cost of the project is an estimated \$106,000. Completion is scheduled for the end of this month or early January.

### ■ 25 years ago — December 15, 1988

### City council makes Handley purchase official

On Thursday, Dec. 8, four members of the city council and one appointed resident signed papers authorizing the city's approximately \$3 million purchase of the Thomas Handley property. The city has agreed to pay \$2,542,000 for the little more than 1-acre site and approximately \$500,000 more for site improvements, cost of administering the purchase and a reserve fund. "It is a nice price and it is a useful and beautiful property," Mayor Jean Grace said as she signed the documents.

"I feel like a new age must be happening in Carmel when we are becoming an activist council rather than a reactivist (one)," Councilmember Ken White said the day after the meeting. He added that he believed the purchase was a good

investment. "I think in 10 years the price on that property will be double what we paid for it."

The council voted on Dec. 6 that until a long-term use is decided upon, to turn the property into a 70-space-maximum parking lot with some city storage facilities and two small parks. One park will be located on the northeast corner of the property, which has a spectacular panoramic view of Point Lobos, the city and the Pacific Ocean.

### Strasser Kauffman's condition improving after serious accident

Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman's condition continues to improve this week, after suffering serious injuries Saturday during a horseback riding accident.

While waiting to ride in the annual Santa's Fly-In parade in Carmel Valley, Strasser Kauffman's borrowed Peruvian horse reared and then fell on top of her, pinning her to the

The supervisor suffered a concussion, three fractured ribs

and a compression fracture of the spine in the mishap.

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"Her spirits are good and she's feeling much better," said aide Sandy Smith, who added that Strasser Kauffman was moved out of the intensive care unit at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. "She's interested in the activities of the county and she's been delighted by all the phone calls and flowers she's received," Smith said.

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Smith added that Strasser Kauffman is an experienced rider and had recently sold her horse, which was why she was riding a borrowed mount. Smith said the doctors have not found any injuries that will permanently alter the supervisor's way of life. She is also anticipating that Strasser Kauffman will be healthy enough to be sworn in for her second term

In addition to serving on the water board, Strasser Kauffman is active in the fight against offshore drilling, and is on the county Cultural Council, Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council, the Monterey-Salinas transit board and the county finance and capital improvements committee.

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THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce hosted its Awards of Excellence Gala Dinner at Rancho Cañada Wednesday night, naming photographer Michael Troutman's DMT Imaging Business of the Year and bestowing honors on 14 other organizations that won in various cateaories.

DMT Imaging and the other honorees were selected by chamber members because they "excel in quality service and/or products, practice the highest business ethics, foster a beautiful environment and exemplify enlightened customer service and staff relations," the chamber said.

Troutman (above left) was accompanied by his wife, Kelly Kirby, when he accepted his award from chamber board chair Thompson Lange.

Other winners included (top left), Philip Tringali of Wells Fargo Bank; Fiona Ayers, general manager of the Cypress Inn; and Tony Salameh, co-owner of Anton & Michel Restaurant (above), not to mention Martha Torres (top right, with Lange) marketing manager at Carmel Plaza. Also, Ben Beesley of Kellers Williams Realty (far right); Hank Armstrong, representing the Monterey Bay Aquarium (right); and Christine Sandin (left), general manager of Sunset Center.

The Carmel Pine Cone won for the 10th time in the Media and Marketing category, and was represented at the dinner by (far left photo) sales rep Joann Kiehn, publisher Paul Miller, reporter Mary Schley, and ad sales reps Meena Lewellen and Jung Yi-Crabbe.

Other winners were The Hat Shop, Weston Gallery, Carmel Foundation, Spa at Pebble Beach, Yoga Center of Carmel, Cottages of Carmel and The Cheese Shop.







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### WELLS

subsurface slant well will definitely work in that location"

Cal Am expects to install a test well in the fall of 2014. The results from that well will help determine where the water company will install the seven to 10 permanent wells for the desal facility.

If the CEMEX property isn't suitable, or if Cal Am isn't allowed to drill there, the company is also considering other locations.

So far, Cal Am has drilled eight of 12 sample boreholes in places such as a parking lot at Salinas River State Beach, Potrero Road, and the Del Mar Seafoods property, all in Moss Landing.

The tests at Potrero Road property have shown that at 150 feet there is gravel followed by clay, Svindland said.

"Potrero Road also looks very promising because we could definitely have the slant wells located above this clay layer," he said.

Tests at Salinas River State Beach site,

though, were not so positive. "The indications are that it will be pretty tough," Svindland said. "We wouldn't want to invest in that site because it would be too risky."

Cal Am's proposed desal plant is the primary component of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, which also includes water storage and a project that turns wastewater into potable water.

The water company is also performing borehole tests at the former brick plant east of Highway 1 in Moss Landing owned by developer Nader Agha.

Wells near the beach are the preferred source to supply water for desalination, because the water isn't very saline, taking it doesn't interfere with existing rights to fresh water, and because, unlike open ocean intakes, no creatures are trapped and killed when the water is pumped.

DeepWater Desal, LLC, another company proposing a competing water project to Cal Am's, and Agha want to use open ocean intakes.

However, some have questioned the use of slant wells. Water activist Ron Weitzman,

whose group WaterPlus is partially funded by Agha, has said the technology is vulnerable to legal and scientific challenges. Backers of DeepWater Desal have said using slant wells are a "novel and largely unproven" method of extracting water.

Once Cal Am is finished drilling all the boreholes, likely by Christmas, a team of hydrologists from Cal Am, the Salinas Valley Water Coalition, the Monterey County Farm

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Bureau, the California Public Utilities Commission and CEMEX will analyze the data and issue a report of their findings.

Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett, who sits on the Monterey Peninsula Water Authority, composed of the six Peninsula mayors, said he'll wait to comment on the preliminary results until the hydrologists issue their report, but he called the data "critical" information for the desal facility.

Oct. 1 and said the sheriff's office would eventually ask victims to come and identify their stolen goods in Salinas.

"This is a lengthy and tedious process, and we greatly appreciate everyone's patience," he said, adding that even if people can identify their stolen goods, they won't get them back until the district attorney's office decides to release them.

(Potter, who helped police track her stolen electronics and other possessions to a house in Seaside after she was burglarized in May, just last week managed to get some of her possessions back. "These were the things we tracked with our app — iPad, MacBook, Kindle, but not our scanner, not our TVs, nor the jewelry, etc.," she said Thursday.)

Kaye also observed the rate of break-ins has declined since a community meeting was held in the Village last month, and people have become more observant and vigilant.

"We have had a few burglaries, but nothing like the volume we were having previously," he said. "We are still investigating these and have new leads on more suspects.'

He also asked residents to continue to keep an eye out for anything or anyone out of place or suspicious, and to take care to lock their doors and windows when away from

their homes or cars.

"If you see suspicious persons or vehicles, continue to call in, so we can stay informed as to who they are and why they happen to be there," he said. "I also remind everyone to not attempt to contact these people — that's why we are here."

He also said residents should ask neighbors or friends to watch their homes when they're away, including bringing in newspapers and mail.

"Make sure they have the alarm codes and your contact information, just in case,' he advised. "Don't advertise via Facebook or any other interactive site that you will be gone for any extended period. Make sure you have some sort of timer in your house for turning the lights on and or off at varied times or have a house sitter."

Working together will help limit people's exposure to criminals and reduce the risks, he said.

Potter told The Pine Cone she and other valley residents who have been vocal about the burglaries and are working to organize Neighborhood Watch programs and other efforts are grateful for the sheriff's continued assistance.

"It's important to note how much the C.V. residents appreciate the support and diligence of law enforcement," she said. "Also, it's important to note how people must continue to provide security for their homes."

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# **Editorial**

## Water for lots of record

EVERYBODY ALREADY understands why the Monterey Peninsula's desal plant shouldn't be too big — namely, that too much water would be a waste of money.

But there are even more important reasons why it mustn't be too small, either. Like Baby Bear's porridge, it has to be just right. And how much water is that?

Enough to make good the overdraft from the Carmel River, of course. Plus an amount to provide for growth that is supported by the majority. And, as Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett was explaining to the California Public Utilities Commission, the desal plant also has to be big enough to provide long-suffering owners of vacant lots in Carmel, Pacific Grove, Monterey, etc., with their fair share of what is supposed to be a community resource. The situation we have now is grossly unfair.

To understand why, imagine a neighborhood of 100 lots that was subdivided in the 1950s, when zoning codes were simple and building restrictions were few.

In those days, environmental limits were nonexistent, and zoning codes were simple. Thus, most of the people who bought the 100 lots would have been able to build on them with a minimum of government interference and without paying a lot of planning and permit fees. They wouldn't have needed (or even heard of) an EIR, and they also wouldn't have needed architectural review, an archaeological survey, a landscape plan, CO detectors, sprinklers or low-flow anything.

Because building in those days was easy, it was also cheap, and before you could say, "mitigated negative dec," 98 of the parcels in the 100-lot subdivision would have had homes on them. Soon, families would have moved in, basketball hoops would have gone up, and happiness would have reigned around many hearths.

But what about the owners of the other two parcels? They weren't in any hurry to build, you see. They bought their lots for what they hoped would be their retirement homes, and so they paid for the parcels and kept up on the property taxes, but otherwise just let them sit.

Unfortunately for them, while their attention was focused elsewhere, the people in the 98 homes began to regard the two vacant lots as a kind of community park. You could still see wildlife there, enjoy a little solitude and escape the noise and commotion of the developed part of town.

Presto chango, with the advent of the 1970s, the two vacant lots became what we now call "open space." When rumors started to circulate that the two land owners, having reached their 60s, intended to build, a local movement was initiated to stop them.

Of course, the owners of the 98 homes would have a perfectly legal way to do that. It's called eminent domain, and all they would have to do would be to buy the two parcels for fair market value, and then rename them, "Two Lots Community Park." Most of the good-hearted people in town thought that was

But while momentum was building for a fair buyout, somebody discovered that the nearby stream where the 98 homes got their water was being overpumped. A fish, a frog and a snail were losing their habitat. Lo and behold, a lawsuit was filed, and a water shortage was declared. With an environmental crisis looming, an alarmist got himself elected mayor and promptly declared a moratorium on all new water uses in the 98-home community.

While the people who lived in those homes could continue to use water all they pleased, they couldn't add new uses. And the owners of the two vacant lots were told, "Too bad for you."

That bizarre scenario is exactly what we have on the Monterey Peninsula. The owners of the few vacant parcels scattered here and there in local neighborhoods have been SOL since 1995, even as the rest of us have gone on our merry way, taking showers, washing our clothes, watering our gardens and having friends over for coffee.

That is horribly unfair, as anyone who understands it would have to admit. Now, just over the horizon is a way for the unfairness to be rectified, and for

the owners of local vacant parcels to regain their right to an equal share of what everybody else takes for granted.

It must be done.

### **BEST of BATES**



'You can always tell when he's been to Carmel.'

# etters to the Editor

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### Steinbrenner is back Dear Editor,

Recently I have indicated my belief that city hall was being run like a business — one where jobs are outsourced, long-term employees are terminated without a "thank you," and the underlying mantra is "the bottom line."

However, after reading about the action taken last week by the city council, I have to admit my analysis was totally wrong. City hall is not IBM. City Hall has suddenly become the New York Yankees and the council is definitely George Steinbrenner!

Under fire by the press and some local citizens for his Draconian ways, city manager Jason Stillwell, better known as J-Well, was given a generous raise and vote of confidence by owner Steinbrenner. This on top of the raise given to our star player, Susan Paul! While other municipalities have to play "Billy Ball," the Yankees are wildly spending on new salaries while handing out hundreds of thousands of dollars to consultants (scouts in baseball language). To say nothing of the mounting attorneys fees in pending litigations (attorneys are also known as attorneys in baseball language).

I know this all sounds crazy. George has really gone too far this time! But there is a sense of entertainment to it all. It's fun, it's outrageous, it's so Gotham City! I'm hooked! GO YANKEES!

> Chris Tescher, Carmel

### The Grinch lives here Dear Editor,

I live in downtown Carmel. I am blessed to be able to live in this paradise. Last week, I was walking my dog and I noticed a beautiful display of lights set to music at the American Red Cross. A few days later, they were no longer on. The next day I stopped in the Red Cross office and asked why. I was told that they had received complaints from a neighbor who found them offensive, as she did not think they were pretty. She went to the city to complain. Apparently, there is an ordinance in Carmel that does not allow flashing lights. Oh my, how ridiculous. I had heard of this strange rule years ago, along with not being allowed to wear high heels in

It's disheartening to me that a resident of Carmel took the time to go to the city to

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# Debunking yet another manufactured Christmas story

EVERY DECEMBER, thousands of misguided celebrants hang their Christmas Jalapeño ornaments and put their children to sleep with readings from the Christmas Jalapeño

The Christmas Jalapeño is supposedly a hallowed holiday custom, but its genesis is suspect.

### beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

The story of the Christmas Jalapeño is familiar to everyone by now, and it goes like this:

El Jalapeño Grosero was a rude little chile pepper who jumped off his bush and wandered far from his garden.

Lacking any sense of direction and a serviceable GPS, El Jalapeño Grosero became hopelessly lost. Along the way, he experienced many adventures, including several encounters with threatening animals and a particularly heathenish gingerbread man.

The little jalapeño might have been a little crazy, but he was able to escape each of his encounters with the pluck and determination borne of his rude behavior — and by squirting some "jalapeño blood" into his attackers' eyes.

Finally, on Christmas Eve, the little jalapeño met a jolly old man with a white beard on a forest path. The old man carried a large knapsack and introduced himself as "Tio Nicolas.

Alas, the story ends badly for the little jalapeño.

As it turns out, Tio Nicolas liked to deliver gifts to the good little children of his village on Christmas Eve because he hoped to reinforce good behavior among children with

But Tio Nicolas had not yet figured out what he should do for the bad little children who had taunted him during the rest of the year. (Because, let's face it, there are bad little children out there who don't deserve the charity of jolly old

In characteristic form, El Jalapeño Grosero was especially rude to Tio Nicolas, demanding that he be rescued and returned to his bush without so much as a "please" or a

tributes to regional traffic congestion, vehicle miles traveled and air pollution.

The Monterey Peninsula, like all California communities, has a moral and legal obligation to provide its "fair share" of affordable housing for those who work in the area. Shame on both those P.G. residents and the city council members who refuse to accommodate the housing needs of those who labor long and hard to help maintain the spectacular resources we all enjoy.

Sadly, this is not even a case of NIMBY-ism. Pacific Grove residents and officials are instead guilty of NITBYism: Not-In-Their-Backyard. The Pebble Beach Company is right to provide housing opportunities for its employees who work in the Del Monte Forest. My adjoining Pacific Grove neighbors and elected officials are quite wrong to oppose this worthwhile, needed and overdue project.

> Richard Frank, Pebble Beach

### LETTERS

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complain about, festive, joyful Christmas lights at the American Red Cross, an establishment that has been around for so many years serving our community and beyond. Let me repeat that: A citizen took time out of his day to complain about Christmas lights.

I would think that this person would have something better to do. What is next, the Carmel Christmas tree, the beautiful lights on Ocean and the local businesses? The charming homes in our neighborhood? It is sad that we live in a community where a Grinch steals the holiday spirit from our little town of Whoville-by-the-Sea.

Wanda Vollmer, Carmel

### Holiday Surprise! Dear Editor,

While I was walking in Carmel on Wednesday, I had the pleasure of seeing a lovely horse, pulling a wagon, with a Santa Claus in the back!

Santa asked me, "Had I been a good girl this year?" To which I replied, "Of course." And was given a large Lula's candy creation! What a surprise! I later saw the driver of the wagon putting the horse back into its trailer and asked him about the idea for this action. He said he owned a ranch in Carmel Valley and decided that this would be a nice thing to do to help get people into the holiday spirit. What a great idea! Seeing this cart, pulled by the horse, with Santa spreading cheer (and candy) made for a wonderful start to this holiday season!

Mary Masten, Carmel

### Embarrassed and disappointed

As a Pacific Grove resident, I am embarrassed and disappointed by the opposition of some of my fellow residents and the P.G. City Council to the Pebble Beach Company's proposal to build affordable housing near the Del Monte Park

For years, we in P.G. and the surrounding region have enjoyed the spectacular resources that are the Del Monte Forest and Pebble Beach facilities. Like visitors who flock to the area from around the world, we locals benefit greatly from the scenic vistas, restaurants, golf and special events provided by the stewards of the Forest.

But there's an unfortunate underside to this story: the aids, chefs, gardeners and other service industry employees who staff Pebble Beach-area facilities have no affordable housing options in this area. Instead, they are forced to endure long daily commutes from places like Salinas, Marina and Seaside. Tough on them, this commuting pattern con-

### Editor ignorant about JFK

Regarding your recent editorial: I find it noteworthy that you are not only a Joe McCarthy apologist, you haven't seen the Zapruder film. Without that short piece of history, the JFK murder cover up, which you advocate, works.

It is also noteworthy that the fortress of capitalism has shipped its industrial base to sweat shops in Communist

The witch hunt of the red scare? It may not be popular, but it's not illegal to be a communist. Watch the Zapruder film. Take off the rose—colored glasses first.

Clern Fimmel, Carmel

### Thanks to sheriff Dear Editor,

Gratitude and appreciation goes out to our sheriff's department for their extended work during the recent burglaries in Carmel Valley. With the large crowd that gathered as a community came an understanding that we all need to work together with respect and toward a common goal. Thank you for realizing that this was worth increasing surveillance in the form of manpower, overtime and aerial patrol. The ultimate reward was the recent arrests of multiple

Many Neighborhood Watch groups are forming that will benefit all of us who live out here. We are now stronger and more aware of how to protect ourselves and our homes. It will help us as a community and hopefully keep this from happening again.

> S.W. Castillo, Carmel Valley

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Carmel reads The Pine Cone

Tio Nicolas was inspired by El Jalapeño Grosero this night. So he scooped up his new peppery pal and immediately returned to his kitchen. He gathered the ingredients for Christmas cookies, he ground up El Jalapeño Grosero to add to the dough, and he delivered the jalapeño-infused cookies to the children who had treated him so poorly.

And the bad little children got exactly what they deserved.

Fortunately, society is now a kinder and gentler place, so most parents have abandoned the tradition of serving jalapeño cookies to children with behavioral issues.

Instead, the Christmas Industrial Complex has co-opted the Christmas Jalapeño story, sanitized it and turned into a marketing bonanza.

As you are no doubt aware, the Christmas Jalapeño has taken on a life of its own, much like Elf on a Shelf and The Nutcracker. It is now a multi-million industry. The Jalapeño can be found in virtually every home in the United States during the holiday period.

The rude little pepper is now depicted as a happy-golucky scamp. This time every year, major department stores sell millions of porcelain Jalapeño figurines, plush talking Jalapeño dolls and award-winning Jalapeño storybooks. Colossal inflatable and illuminated Jalapeños grace the front yards and doorsteps of festive homes everywhere.

Untold thousands of parents from the United States now "hide" a Jalapeño ornament in their Christmas tree, with the apparent belief that the Jalapeño tradition fosters better understanding of differing cultures. The first child to find it is guaranteed an extra Christmas cookie, preferably from a neighborhood panaderia. The problem, of course, is that nobody from Mexico or

from the Southwestern United States had ever heard of the Christmas Jalapeño until recently. The custom seems to have materialized recently and seemingly out of nowhere. What's more, a rejected first draft of the original story of

El Jalapeño Grosero has been traced to the marketing office of a major toy manufacturer in China, circa 2009. But who am I to say? Christmas is a holiday of good

cheer, tradition and family custom. And if you want to put stock in a non-secular Christmas story, the Christmas Jalapeño is as good as most others.

As for me, I'm sticking with the Christmas Borracho story.

Pass the eggnog. Please.

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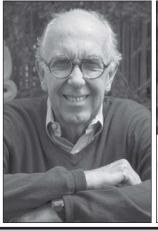
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# 'The food and the service should be good, or it shouldn't be a business'

GOOD CHEFS often have interesting backgrounds, and Jean Hubert of Le St. Tropez restaurant is no exception.

He grew up an only child and had a rather unsettled home life.

"My father changed his profession on an almost annual basis," Jean said. His mother was 19 years old when he was born; then she went to college and got a master's and a Ph.D. in early childhood education.

The family started in Albuquerque, traveled a good bit around the country, and wound up in the early 1970s in Santa

But while their home moved, the focus of the family did not.

"Cooking together was really important," Jean said. "We really enjoyed Sunday dinner, cooking together, or we'd take turns.'

Jean started working in a local grocery store when he was 11, pushing a broom and bagging. It was a year or so later when he got really interested in cooking. "I got myself a chef's hat, got myself an apron, got the chef's knives and really started playing with them at home; spent a lot of time with the cookbooks."

His French heritage — both sets of grandparents were from northern France — had a considerable influence on his interest and his focus. "Family recipes were brought out by my parents, and I wanted to take them to the next step," he says.

He quit the grocery store and got a job doing food prep at the Pasatiempo Inn in Meridien, where, "We did some really cool, Michelin three-star style cuisine.'

In 1984, Jean moved to Lyons, France, where he worked in a several actual Michelin-rated restaurants.

"I gained tons of weight living in France,

eating cheese and bread and drinking wine. It was a really fantastic experience," he says. He returned

to San Francisco after a year, got his old job back at the Meridien, but after only a week decided that he didn't want to be in the city again.

"I really wanted to live in a village environment, so I

moved to the Carmel area," he says, where he landed a job at Sans Souci.

Jean Hubert

'What was really cool about it was that the owner gave me carte blanche to do what I wanted with the menu and to procure the food items that I needed. And I came with all that French experience and did some really

Soon, he opened his own place, Cherché. But it didn't work out.

"I was naive. It was upstairs, it didn't have

enough tables - so I sold it after two years," he recalls. He worked at the Old Bath House in Pacific Grove (where he met a server, Mary, who would later become his wife), and then for the Georis family and for Rich Pepe.

Later, Mary and Jean took some time off in the south of France and thought about the kind of Provençale-style restaurant they would like to own. In 2009, that plan became Le St. Tropez.

At Le St. Tropez, Jean and Mary walk the quality talk. "To me, you go into a restaurant and the food should be good, the service should be good, or it shouldn't be in business," he says. "The other part of it is, everyone should be dealing with food products that are healthy and fresh and best-choice kinds of things. So it sounds trite to me now when I hear people say they use everything

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sustainable."

Jean is wondering, with farm-to-table being "kind of hackneyed," what will be the next movement. He sees a lot in the shift to gluten-free food, which he respects, offering most of the items on his menu gluten-free to those who ask for it. But not everyone has to stay away from gluten products, at least not all the time. Jean likes the idea of "moderation in moderation." To bring some moderation to his 80-hour work week, he has hired a new chef, Aaron Haas, who will give Jean more time in the front of the house.

Owning a restaurant in a town full of restaurants is a major challenge; however; Jean and Mary have built a strong local clientele, and enjoy good tourist traffic as well. But they love what they do, particularly the interaction with the patrons. The couple lives in the Carmel Highlands.

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### **COPS**

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Calhoun eliminated the title of field training officer, whose duties the corporals now fulfill. "I realized we were almost paying as much for training officers as for corporals," he explained.

Lightfoot, Shen (who was hired as a sergeant but later demoted) and officer Chris Johnson applied for the promotion. They were assessed for their experience, supervisory and leadership skills, and ability to connect with the community. The evaluation included assessment by police officers, as well as by Pine Inn general manager John Lloyd, Carmel Chamber of Commerce representative Lee Larrew and retired Monterey Fire Chief Andrew Miller. Both panels ranked their choices in the same order, according to Calhoun.

Finally, Carmel P.D. has brought two new dispatchers onboard to replace Jeff Olinger, who retired, and to fill the gaps left by others on medical leave. Tracy Cook, who was introduced to the Carmel City Council last week, came to CPD from Monterey County Emergency Communications, Maureen Roddick was a dispatcher for Pacific Grove P.D.

Calhoun said the promotions and opportunities encourage his officers to push themselves and mentor each other. "I don't want others to be left out of their potential," Calhoun said. "Sometimes, you don't know your potential until you're put in a position."

Carmel P.D. has 14 officers: the chief, a commander, three sergeants, two corporals, one detective and six who work on patrol. When it adopted the 2013/2014 budget, the Carmel City Council allocated \$2,915,000 for the police department's salaries and benefits.

### **Great Lives**

By TONY SETON

Santa Cruz. At 17, after two years of working in different restaurants in Surf City, Jean was given the opportunity to be the sous-chef at a successful French restaurant. He trained there for two years, and it solidified the French direction for him.

Then he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where he worked in a half dozen French restaurants before he was 25, ranging from "a little lunch place" in the financial district where everyone came in between 12:05 and 12:55 p.m., to important renowned dining establishments, including the gourmet restaurant at the Hotel

Breakfast with Santa at youth center

> THE MISSION Trail Lions are bringing Santa Claus to the Carmel Youth Center to have breakfast with his adoring fans Saturday, Dec. 21, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

> The 6th Annual Breakfast with Santa costs \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12, and includes pancakes, sausage, fruit and

> In addition, participants can get tickets for drawings to win toys, games, a scooter

> Breakfast tickets are available at the youth center, located on Fourth Avenue at Torres Street, next to the Carmel Police Department, or can be bought at the door the morning of the event.

### **DESAL**

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decision was so obvious that there was literally no public comment [on Wednesday] and about five minutes of discussion, and then we made the decision."

Apart from a desalination plant, the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project consists of water storage facilities and a project to turn wastewater into drinking water. Cal Am was compelled by the State Water Resources Control Board in 2009 to stop diverting most water from the Carmel River – the Peninsula's primary source — by the end of 2016. Local water officials will likely petition the state water board to extend that deadline.

The entire water supply project is estimated to cost about \$320 million, Cal Am

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in Carmel, and she supported every aspect of growing up in this community, whether it was children or business or community."

Berling recalled moments they spent together in childhood, after they became fast friends while attending Sunset School (now Sunset Center). Sippel's family had a cabin in White Rock, out in Carmel Valley, and she remembered hiking the hills with Sippel, whom she called "Patty," in the midst of the Cold War when they were about 12. "We were compiling a list of items we would take with us when the Russians attacked us," she said, "because that's where we were going to go."

Berling and Sippel had key roles in each other's weddings, traveled to Yosemite together often, visited Scotland, and always helped each other out.

"When I was a single parent and my son was 4 years old, I went skiing in Bear Valley

with her husband, and she stayed home and took care of my son," Berling said, providing an example.

Former Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud, Berling's sister, noted Sippel's extensive participation in the city's endeavors. She was devoted to the Alzheimer's Association, but also to Yes for Carmel — which held its Christmas party at the Cypress Inn just last week on her birthday — the Carmel Unified School District, where she had taught school before going to work for Santa Catalina and numerous other organizations. She served on the city's recreation committee for 16 years, retiring when it was combined with the cultural commission in 2004. She also served on committees tasked with finding purposes for Flanders Mansion and Rio Park, and helped with the judging of vendors interested in selling items in the annual Homecrafters' Marketplace.

"Pat defined 'community service,' in that she was involved in so many things," McCloud said. "She always stayed involved in the background in what she called 'her vilAt the Yes for Carmel party last week, Sippel sat at a table handing out the name tags she had lettered by hand for each guest. Attendees might not have known it was her birthday, save for "a pink tiara that someone had given her to mark the occasion," McCloud said, "much to her chagrin."

### Never really left

Sippel, whose family has been in Carmel since her grandfather acquired property here, grew up in a house on land that is now the site of the Christian Science Reading Room, according to Berling. Her dad owned the Carmel Dairy, which was located at Ocean Avenue and Mission Street, and she attended the town's public schools. Her family still owns commercial real estate on San Carlos Street north of Ocean.

She only left to attend Fresno State University, "and then she came back right away and taught at Carmel High School, and later taught at Santa Catalina," where she remained until she retired, Berling said.

She married Richard Sippel, and they had a son, Steve, who now has two children of his own.

"She connected with everyone," Berling said, regardless of age. "She was just a very giving person, and she had a good sense of humor"

McCloud said Sippel was a loyal friend who was "loathe to say anything nasty about

anyone, except very privately."

And, in her care for her village, she got things done, McCloud said.

"She was extremely organized," she said. "You don't know she's doing it, and then all of a sudden, it's done."

When faced with the possibility of losing the city's ambulance service in the 1990s, Jedinak said, "Pat was the first person I spoke to." She told him to meet with the various neighborhood associations, which formed a coalition aimed at saving the ambulance.

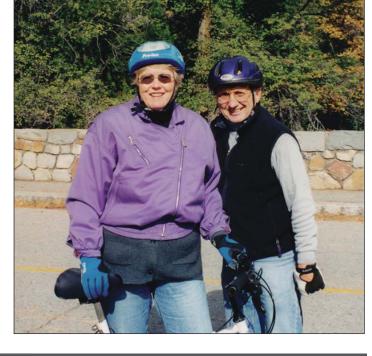
"I always credited her with preserving and supporting our system," he said. "It was ironic that I ended up being the one to take the call" on Tuesday, when someone in her house dialed 911 to report she had collapsed.

"She was only 76. I thought it would be way after I leave (retire) that she would need our services," Jedinak said in his post. "Everyone who participated was amazing, starting with the crew that responded, to the hospital personnel. Pat would have been so proud! Today the family grieves and remembers her, surrounding Richard, Steve and family with hugs and love. I am at a loss for words. Truly a sad day in Carmel."

"It's really going to be a big loss," Berling said.

Cremation and a private service will be held by the family, with a larger celebration of Sippel's life to be planned at a later date.

Pat Sippel enjoyed bicycling with her husband, Richard Sippel, in Yosemite, where the two met and frequently visited thereafter.



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