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Crumbling roof replaced, solar panels installed at Golden Bough theater

PacRep Theatre exec-

utive director Stephen

group at right) and his

badly crumbling roof

set to be covered with

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by Solar Technologies

Moorer (back of

staff point out the

of Santa Cruz

(below).

By MARY SCHLEY

STEPHEN MOORER, executive director of Pacific Repertory Theatre, likes to point out that he's helped save 118 trees and 623 barrels of oil, and prevented more than 11,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from ending up in the atmosphere.

But what the theatre's board of directors and bookkeeper probably like even more is that by installing solar panels at the Golden Bough Playhouse on Monte Verde Street, PacRep has saved more than \$1,900 in energy costs in the two months since the panels were installed in late September.

The nonprofit theater company launched a fundraising effort to pay for a new roof and make a down payment on the solar panels late last year, and Moorer said that with a matching grant from Bill and Nancy Doolittle, the effort successfully generated \$45,000 for the roof and \$20,000 for the panels

Easy permits

"About a year ago, with all the roofing companies adding solar options, and looking at replacing our roof, we looked at it as an option," he explained. "We had said it would be great to go solar someday."

Last year, the state required local cities and counties to streamline permits for solar panels, and planning director Marc Wiener said the applications don't even go to design review, like almost all other aspects of exterior construction do.

"If one comes in, it goes straight to a building permit," he said. The city is also required to accept applications by email or other electronic means, rather than in hard copy. The Carmel City Council amended its ordinances accordingly last year, and 10 permits have been issued since then.

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ENCRYPTED RADIOS HERALD NEW ERA FOR POLICE, SHERIFF

■ Most emergency calls will become secret

By MARY SCHLEY

Testing is underway on the \$14 million, multiyear plan to move all of the county's fire, medical and police radio traffic to a digital system, and if all goes according to plan, the transition will be completed by the end of next month. When that happens, members of the public — including the media — will no longer be able to monitor most police transmissions, as the dispatchers and officers will be using encrypted channels.

The new system, which has been in development since

DA's office working to comply with Prop 57

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY District Attorney Dean Flippo said his office is working on the difficult task of determining which convicted criminals in the county's two prisons might be eligible for release early under Proposition 57, which voters passed on Nov. 8.

Proposition 57, according to backers Gov. Jerry Brown and others, will allow parole consideration and good behavior opportunities for some felons convicted "nonviolent crimes," therefore freeing up space in the state's crammed prisons and saving money. Those opposed to the proposition, however, argued that the law will actually put violent criminals back on the streets.

"Very frankly, I think it makes us more of an unsafe community," Flippo told The Pine Cone.

Nevertheless, the Monterey County DA's Office started

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2009, will improve emergency communications, because the transmissions will be clear, and people speaking on their radios won't "step on" each other the way they do with analog frequencies, which results in noise or static on the channel.

"We need to take advantage of changes in technology it will give us a more efficient public safety radio project," said William Harry, director of the Monterey County Emergency Communications Department. "It's been going on since 2009 and we're at the tail end. It will be successful."

But the improvements come at a cost, because they will dramatically increase law enforcement secrecy, which watchdog groups and journalists do not endorse.

"The public needs to keep an eye on what law enforcement is up to and they also need to know

ment is up to, and they also need to know about crime in their communities," said Paul Miller, publisher of The Pine Cone. "The level of secrecy at police departments and the sheriff is really bad now, and putting communications off-limits is going to make it a whole lot worse."

Years in the making

The last several years have been spent designing and planning the new system, including building new towers so the transmissions can reach everyone, and buying all the new technology.

Harris Corporation is building the infrastructure and has been conducting its own internal tests, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Joe Moses. Starting on Monday, parts of the system — including the Monterey County Jail's radio channel — will go live during a 45-day reliability test. "Then at the end of that, the rest of the county will be phased in," he said. "The entire system will be online by end of January."

See RADIOS page 12A

Taxpayers stuck with \$72,000 retirement bill

By MARY SCHLEY

A CHANGE that was to save the city tens of thousands of dollars by having employees contribute more of their own money toward their retirements was approved by the workers and the city council more than a year ago. But the change was never implemented, human resources manager Maxine Gullo discovered during an examination of city records.

Gullo, who was hired six months ago, also found that the city was behind on its payments to the union's separate pension plan.

"I was going through our contracts, making sure we were current and in compliance," she told The Pine Cone. "When I realized those deductions were not being held back, that was when I backed up to figure out why, and it was because the CalPERS paperwork had not been completed."

Gullo said her first six months have "been about finding out whether we are in compliance, and then finding the problems and resolving them."

And the next six will be spent "figuring out procedural or personnel issues that led to them not getting done."

See BILL page 27A

Panetta in second week of capital orientation

■ Seeks assignment on ag committee

By KELLY NIX

V YING FOR office space on Capitol Hill, getting an earful on ethics, and deciding which government committees to be a part of are among the many tasks Jimmy Panetta is managing as part of his transition from Monterey County gang prosecutor to the 20th Congressional District's new representative in Washington D.C.

Member-elect Panetta, 47 — the choice of voters Nov. 8 over Republican challenger Casey Lucius — is in the second week of orientation for newly elected lawmakers in the House of Representatives.

"They put you in a classroom and they dump a lot on you," Panetta told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "You are drinking from a fire hose."

Panetta and the dozens of other new members are learning security, travel tips, briefings on the code of ethics for public officials (the House Ethics Manual runs more than 400

See PANETTA page 20A

'Nutcracker' gets local flavor



PHOTO/COURTESY DANCE I

Sure, they're really cute and talented, but do you know what this cast of characters from Dance Kids' "Nutcracker" ballet really needs? S.F.B. Morse, the Carmel Mission and the Feast of Lanterns. See page 29A.

Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Call of the Wild

HIS MORE natural surroundings are the wooded regions of his home in Truckee. There, he can roam safely, stretch his legs, feel his freedom and find his way. But for now, at least until the first signs of spring, Sheva is living in a Carmel cottage with a modest yard, while his person spends the season working with family.

It's not so bad, his person says, because the neighborhood seems friendly, and the weather is mild. So Sheva spends a lot of time outside, taking it all in, watching children play, getting comfortable with his surroundings. Which is pretty passive for a wolfdog.

Sheva was eight weeks old when his person picked him up from a breeder in Southern California. A little ball of fluff, he was the last in the litter to be

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Cosmetic Laser Center Consultations available by appointment; a consult fee will be applied to any treatment purchase if done on the same day. All treatments are scheduled with our RN. Please make your appointment by claimed, maybe because he was so shy. His person thought he was adorable. Now three years old, he weighs 85 pounds, but his person says it's mostly fur.

On his first night home, Sheva tucked himself into the cave-like cubby of the fireplace, where he slept,

"Sheva is considered a high-content Wolfdog but also has malamute and husky in him," his person said. "He's not like a Labrador that will wag his tail and run up to people for affection. Movies teach us wolfdogs are fierce, but they're actually shy. Sheva's sweet with me, although, even with me he'll hang back if he's feeling uncomfortable."

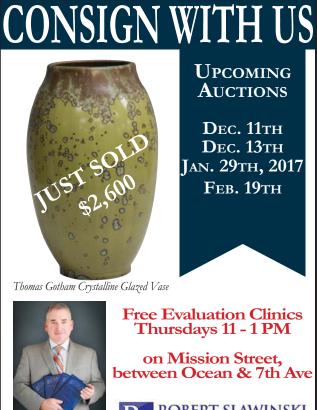
Turns out Sheva's great with kids, though. He seems to lose his fear with the kids in the cottage, climbing right on top of them and settling in when they're sitting on the couch.

This weekend, the family is planning on taking Sheva to Carmel Beach.



"Any place he can run around and chase things, he's very happy," his person said. "But I think he's happiest out hiking in the woods."

Bagel Needs a Home!



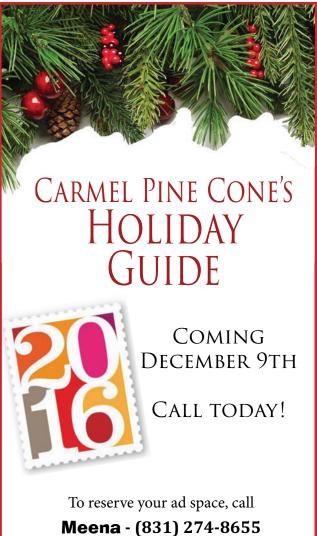


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Firm recommends changes at city hall

CHIP RERIG

By MARY SCHLEY

AN EXPERT brought in by city administrator Chip Rerig to take a look at the administration of city hall is recommending significant "cultural, as well as organizational change" over a three-to-five-year period,

including some immediate changes.

Conducted by Municipal Resource Group — the same company the city council hired Nov. 1 for an evaluation of Rerig and city attorney Don Freeman — the 109-page Oct. 26 report includes 36 recommendations ranging in levels of

urgency. "In the past six years, the city has had five different city administrators, including the current city administrator, Chip Rerig. As a result, the administration department (overseen by the

city administrator) has lacked clear leadership and direction," wrote the authors of the study, which cost \$25,000. Much of the chaos results from the three-year period in which Jason Stilwell served as city administrator, when he outsourced a lot of duties, fired longtime employees (who were later rehired) and caused other upheaval.

'Not sustainable'

Rerig hired MRG to evaluate the 14-person department — which includes finance, human resources, information services, city clerk, and contracts and budgets - and make recommendations. The assessment seeks to identify "those areas where the department is performing well and those with room for improvement; processes needing improvement, restructuring, or adjustment; missing processes; recommended staffing levels and assignments; and service

delivery recommendations."

The consultants reviewed and analyzed organizational charts, job classifications, budget documents, and other relevant information, as well as surveyed employees, interviewed key figures, and compared administrations in other similarly sized and situated

cities.

While the assessment identified several problems and included an extensive list of recommendations, it highlighted the most immediate concern as the organization of the employees working under Rerig.

"The reporting structure, as identified by staff, is unbalanced, and the fact that one staff member could not identify his/her immediate supervisor is of particular concern," the authors wrote. "Staff members reported that most job titles and description have changed in the last

year or two, and that current titles and descriptions may not accurately reflect cur-

As a result, the study recommended an immediate reorganization so that people know whom they should be reporting to.

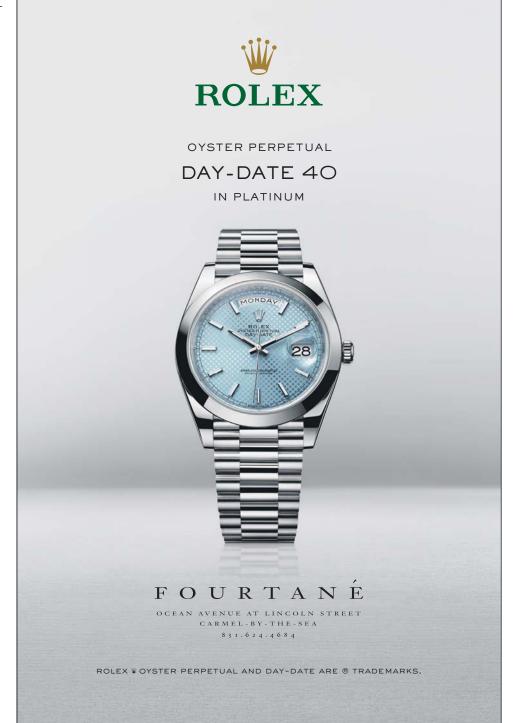
"The current, flat organization chart with almost all of the department employees reporting to the city administrator, and some reporting outside of the department, is not sustainable," they wrote.

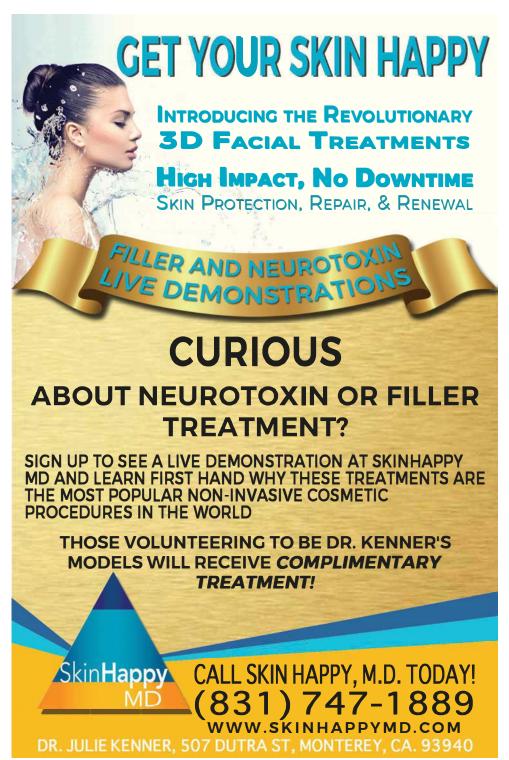
Tools for success

Rerig said he is already working to fix some of those problems.

"I think the assessment was really worthwhile — it provided me a lot of tools," Rerig said this week. "I really needed to get perspective on what the right organizational

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Anybody missing a partial denture?

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a vehicle vs. a fire hydrant collision on Rio Road. No injuries were reported.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An employee with a church on Rio Road found a passport and brought it to the police department for safe-

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a verbal altercation between a business owner and an associate's boyfriend on Grand Avenue.

Associate's boyfriend was given a trespassing admonishment. Nothing further.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a laundromat located on Lighthouse Avenue. Person reported a male kept walking in and out of the business, washing his feet, and asking customers for money. The caller requested that the subject be asked to leave and not return. Officers verbally gave the male a trespassing admonishment. The male said he understood and left the property without incident.

Carmel area: Report of suspicious circumstances on Via Paloma.

Carmel area: Female on Via Mar Monte reported her son was refusing to go with her during her scheduled court-ordered visitation

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley business

owner reports his business on Center Street was entered/broken into, and his vehicle stolen from front parking lot.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police responded to a report of grand theft at Carpenter and Second that occurred via email.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Patient on Lincoln south of Seventh struck a caregiver with a metal walker and punched her in the chest.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found at Lincoln and Seventh. Owner was notified and will pick up.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen on San Antonio Avenue reported seeing a coyote on Nov. 11 at approximately 0930 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A guest reported to the Mission Ranch hotel that he saw a coyote in the pasture, and deer were seen in the area.

Pacific Grove: Student on Forest Avenue reported threats made by another student at another school.

Carmel area: Resident reported property was stolen from inside her unlocked vehicle on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: A Stewart Place woman reported her son missing.

Pebble Beach: Female on Sand Dunes Road reported a verbal argument with her exboyfriend at their residence.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male returned to a

business on Ocean Avenue east of San Carlos after being terminated as an employee. He caused a peace disturbance by yelling at employees who were working at the time and made vague threats and threatened to return.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost cell phone during the Veteran's Day celebration in the area of Junipero and Ocean on Nov. 11.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone lost on beach. Owner borrowed the department metal detector, with no luck.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle vandalism on Eardley. Possible leads.

Pacific Grove: Theft of mail from a mailbox on Dennett Street.

Pacific Grove: Female reported her elderly sister's caretaker defrauded her in excess of

Pacific Grove: Theft of personal property on Montecito.

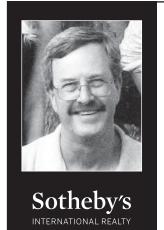
Carmel Valley: Male on Tassajara Road reported an unknown person attacked him with a knife at 0329 hours. He fought off the attack, and the perpetrator ran off.

Big Sur: Person on Highway 1 reported a lost item.

Carmel area: A 75-year-old female on Carmel Rancho Boulevard reported being raped by a 45-year-old male transient she befriended.

Carmel Valley: Person turned in a wallet found on West Carmel Valley Road.

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Resident loses \$6,000 in age-old scam adapted for email era

By MARY SCHLEY

A PERSON living on Lincoln Street lost nearly \$6,000 last week after sending several wire payments "to cover taxes and fees" on \$238,000 in lottery winnings that were promised by a scammer, according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Paul Tomasi.

"What makes this a little more complicated is the victim received an instant message from their 85-year-old uncle," whose name was actually being used by a hacker posing as the elderly relative, he said. "The message claimed the uncle won over \$20,000 in cash through Facebook, and they were eligible to win as well. They just had to respond to the sweepstakes email address, agentjimmy4claims@gmail.com."

The resident bit and sent an email, which prompted a phone call saying the person had won \$238,000.

"In order to claim the money, they had to send several transactions through Western Union, all under the amount of \$500, to reach a total of \$5,000, plus transaction fees," Tomasi said. "The victim was called the next day and told they needed to send another \$1,100 to cover all the taxes."

No check arrived

The resident sent all of the money through Western Union and "was promised that someone would deliver the check later that day."

"No one showed up, so the victim called the scammer, and the number had been disconnected," he said.

The use of Facebook to bait the victim is just a new twist on an age-old scam, and Tomasi mentioned several ruses that repeatedly reappear in slightly different guises. The thieves also glean personal information from social media to present more convincing scenarios to their targets, and Tomasi advised people to be wary.

"There are several scams out there right now that people are becoming victims of. The first is the lottery winnings, like this one. Second is the relative who is stranded or in trouble with the law and needs money sent to get them home safely," he said. "Third is the scam from a police officer saying they have a warrant for the person's arrest, usually a tax

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violation, and if they don't send money immediately, the police will arrest them."

He advised anyone who receives a message, email or phone call to "question anything that sounds suspicious."

If a relative or friend sends a message or email claiming to have won money or been stranded, for instance, don't reply. Instead, try reaching the person independently, using contact information you already have.

"If you are ever asked to wire money, be suspicious," Tomasi suggested. And if anyone asks you to get money cards from a drugstore or convenience store and then send the numbers revealed after scratching off the coating on the back, don't.

"And if something sounds suspicious, Google the email address, and you may find a lot of people who were scammed by the same people," Tomasi added.

Other law enforcement agencies have also issued warnings during the past few months. In August, several residents in Pebble Beach received calls from someone claiming to be a grandson who was in a local jail because he had been in a car where drugs were found.

They noted the jail name as an area in North Monterey County, and asked for the money to be transferred to an account at Leaders Credit Union in the state of Tennessee," according to Jo Anna Butron of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. She said people are often tricked into saying a grandson's name, which the scammer then uses during the rest of the conversation to make it seem legitimate.

While someone who has been arrested is allowed to make

a phone call, no inmate would ever ask for bail money to be sent directly to a bank or wired somewhere. Bail money is usually arranged through a bondsman.

"Never wire money until you have thoroughly looked into the request, including calling the family member supposedly under arrest and other family members or friends of that person to verify if they have in fact been arrested," Butron added. "If you are unable to verify the information, contact your local law enforcement agency."

'Hang up and report it'

In Seaside in October, residents reported receiving phone calls where the caller ID read "911." On answering, the victim was told the caller was from the police department and was owed \$250 in order to keep the resident's records clean.

Several variations of this scam exist, too, with someone claiming to be a government official either soliciting money or personal information, often under threat of arrest, deportation or other ill consequences.

"If someone claiming to be a government official or law enforcement officer calls making threats, such as arrest or deportation, beware! Hang up and report it!" Seaside P.D. advised. "If you are required to make a payment to a government entity, they will not ask for any form of payment over the phone or in an email. You will instead be mailed a letter on official stationery requesting payment."

Finally, Tomasi noted, the age-old adage still applies: "Be suspicious of something that sounds too good to be true, because it probably is."



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Going for the record: Man racks up 10 arrests in two years

By MARY SCHLEY

A HOMELESS man who has been arrested by Carmel police eight times in the past two years - including for domestic battery in late 2014 and for growing marijuana in 2015 — was also taken into custody twice by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last month for failing to register as a sex offender, for being drunk in public, and for violating pro-

"I think we've had 30 contacts with him over the two-year span," CPD detective Jeff Watkins said of Timothy McGarvey, a 45-year-old who also struggles with alco-

"He's a perfectly nice person when he's sober," the detective said. "But when he's in the alcohol phase, it's like a 180 - he's a completely different person."

In October 2014, police first came into contact with McGarvey when officers arrested him for spousal battery. At that point, they learned he had been convicted of a sex crime in the State of Washington.

Then, in January of 2015, police arrested McGarvey after they went to a home at Junipero Street and Seventh Avenue after another report of domestic violence against his wife, who has since moved out of state, according to Watkins. When officers arrived at the house, he refused to open the door, but was eventually arrested and taken to county jail.

In and out of jail

Several months later, on Dec. 16, 2015, officers went back to the home on Junipero to look for another man, but they found McGarvey, who was by then on probation for domestic violence. Police arrested him after finding more than three dozen baby marijuana plants, a couple pounds of dried pot packed in mason jars, and the makings of hash oil.

Early this year, McGarvey was arrested twice within a week: on Feb. 19 for being drunk in public at San Carlos and Sixth, and on Feb. 24, after the district attorney filed charges because of the pot bust. He was allowed to sober up at Monterey P.D. after the public drunkenness arrest but was taken to county jail because of the pot.

And in May, Carmel officers arrested him at Ocean and Lincoln for spousal battery, disorderly conduct while on drugs, and failure to appear in court.

Next, in July, someone called police to report a drunk person down by the beach yelling at people, and officers responded to find McGarvey, who was arrested and again taken to the jail at Monterey P.D. to dry out.

"We charge him with the crimes, but he's not getting jail time," Watkins said. "They get in trouble, they go to jail for a week or so, they get released, and they repeat. It's definitely frustrating, but it is what it is. We just deal with it."

Although he has periodically lived at the Junipero Street

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Jury awards nurse \$214,000, decides she wasn't fired for good cause

By KELLY NIX

A NURSING manager was wrongly fired by her superiors at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, but her termination was not the result of discrimination due to her age — as she alleged in a 2015 lawsuit — a jury found Nov. 18 in a Monterey courtroom.

Following a two-week trial, the 12-member jury awarded former longtime CHOMP employee Jane Erwin \$214,000 after finding that the she was wrongly fired and "harmed" as a result. However, the jury rejected a contention by Erwin, who was 59 when she filed the civil complaint in April 2015, that she was fired, in part, because of her age.

The "jury had differing views on the degree to which the termination was motivated by managerial ageism in the workplace, but found that management had terminated her employment without good reason," Erwin's attorney, Mark O'Connor, told The Pine Cone.

In commenting on the jury's decision, CHOMP spokeswoman Brenda Moore told The Pine Cone Monday that the hospital applies its "progressive discipline and termination policies fairly and consistently."

"With regard to wrongful termination, the jury awarded the former staff member damages that were considerably lower than were sought, and the court may require her to pay a portion of Community Hospital's [legal] costs out of that amount," Moore said.

Erwin alleged that as a result of her termination, she'd "suffered humiliation, a loss of dignity, lost wages and lost retirement benefits.'

The jurors, who found that Erwin had "substantially performed her job duties" awarded her \$59,000 for past economic loss and \$155,000 for future economic loss, for a total of \$214,000, according to court documents. Moore said the jury award amounts to "less than half of what she sought."

Erwin, who was the former assistant director of CHOMP's Family Birth Center, contended in her lawsuit that she was a "competent and caring" employee until May 2014, when the hospital terminated her. She alleged the hospital had "adopted a policy or practice of favoring younger employees over older employees."

The former CHOMP nursing supervisor also claimed that hospital management "harassed, abused, and discriminated against her because of her age," and that her superiors retaliated against her after she spoke out about the alleged ageism. Her supervisors, she said, began a policy of pushing out older workers in favor of more youthful but "less qualified" ones.

CHOMP attorneys Dennis McCarthy and Elias Salameh with Fenton & Keller denied the allegations during the trial, presided over by Monterey County Superior Court Judge

"We stand by our actions in this case," Moore said. "And we are proud of the many resources we have for protecting our employees."

A JURY convicted a Seaside musician of assault Monday for hitting a security guard with his car after driving through a checkpoint in Pebble Beach during this year's Concours

According to Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Jim Martin, the incident happened at about 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 20, when Barron Gilford, age 24, "drove his vehicle up to the checkpoint located at Cypress Drive and Palermo Way,

Gilford told the security officer that he had to go to work, but the guard denied him access, since Gilford did not have

But instead of turning around, Gilford continued driving through the checkpoint, "striking the barricade and the security officer, who eventually ended up on the hood of Gilford's

according to Martin.

Sheriff's deputy Rene Guevara — who arrested Gilford that night — reported at the time that the security guard sustained a small contusion to his leg after being hit by Gilford's

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey sentenced the man to three years of probation and 42 days in Monterey County Jail.



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vehicle." He drove for another 60 feet before finally stopping,



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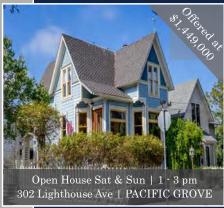


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Former temp files lawsuit, alleges racism and sexism

By KELLY NIX

A TEMPORARY worker who alleged in 2014 that she'd been fired from her job as city event planner as retaliation after she made labor and discrimination complaints has filed a civil lawsuit against city hall,

alleging she was the target of racial and sexual harassment during the four months she worked there.

In a 73-page complaint filed Nov. 30, Chilone Payton, who is black, claims coworkers and supervisors regularly ridiculed her, including calling her a "bitch" and "man," and making fun of her clothes. The suit, which Payton filed in Monterey County Superior Court without an attorney, alleges another worker was also targeted because of his

"The city failed to take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent discrimination and harassment from occurring" and did so "intentionally, maliciously, oppressively or in conscious disregard of Ms. Payton's rights," the complaint says.

Carmel City Attorney Don Freeman could not be reached late Thursday for comment on the complaint..

Payton alleges that numerous city employees treated her poorly, including two who she said called her an "uppity black bitch." She also said one "biracial" city worker "warned" her to "watch her back" because of her race. That worker, Payton alleges, "shared several pictures of nooses allegedly left on his desk and a picture of President Obama with the words 'commie nigger' written across it.

Payton says the man also told her that Buckwheat images and Confederate flags were posted around the public works building, and that he was regularly given parking tickets because of his race.

After the July 4th Picnic in the Park, which Payton said she helped organize, she

claims that two people suggested she be hired full time. But, she claims, a supervisor responded by saying, "Oh no, we can't hire her. We do not hire her kind," according to the suit, which does not indicate how Payton heard of the comment.



"On an almost daily basis for weeks," Payton claims that a retailer in town "arrived at city hall to complain" about her "wearing tennis shoes while setting up events, looking like a man on steroids." The business-

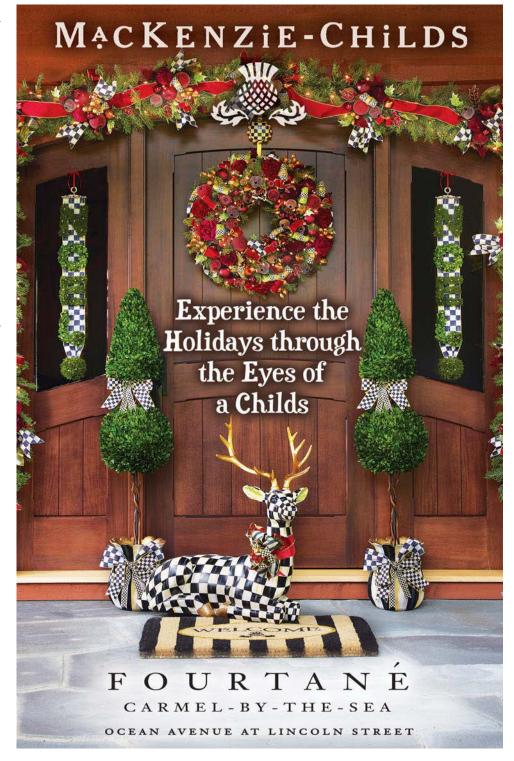
man, she said, also posted photos he copied from Payton's bodybuilding website in nearby restaurants.

When Payton tried to file a police report for the "ongoing harassment," saying she was concerned for her safety, she said the police chief declined to take a report against

Though Payton said she was named Employee of the Month during her short stint at Carmel City Hall, and was only praised and commended for her work, she was fired on Sept. 26, 2014, and escorted out of the building by a police officer.

Payton, who said she is the first black woman to be hired by Carmel, alleges

See LAWSUIT page 25A



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130-YEAR-OLD INSTITUTION TAKES ROOT, HOLDS DRIVE FOR NEWBORNS IN NEED

By ELAINE HESSER

WHEN ANNE Kelley moved to Pacific Grove from Southern California 18 months ago, she missed the fellowship she'd experienced as a member of the Pasadena Chapter of the National Christ Child Society.

Kelley, a past national president of the organization, said it was founded by a young Catholic girl, Mary Virginia Merrick — "Miss Mary," as she later became known in Washington, D.C. in 1886. Merrick wanted to be a nun, but was paralyzed after she fell from a window when she was a teenager.

Although the nuns would not accept her because of her disabilities, she dedicated herself to a life of service, helping poor children in the city by making clothing for them, and gathering and distributing other gifts. "The idea was to see the Christ child in every child," said Kelley, explaining how the organization got its name.

Others joined Merrick, and Kelley said

that today there are nearly 6,000 members in 44 chapters across the United States. The Monterey Bay chapter is the newest among them. She added that Merrick is being considered for sainthood.

December 2, 2016

Among Merrick's many efforts was the initiation of the Fresh Air Program in 1890, which for many decades provided city children with an opportunity to spend time in the countryside during the summer. The organization still runs summer camps in some

Kelley explained that although chapters nationwide join together during the Christmas season to put together bundles of baby essentials for newborn babies, each chapter tries to fill additional needs that other local organizations are not already taking care of, such as reading enrichment and tutoring. "Only go to untilled fields," said Kelley, referring to one of Merrick's mottos.

On Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon, in Crespi Hall at the Mission, the





Collecting for a cause: Terann Carr of the Monterey Peninsula Quilting Guild (left) donates handmade quilts, and items gathered and made by a P.G. middle-school student are on their way to the new local chapter of the Christ Child Society for infants born into foster care.

chapter will hold its first Shower of Love to assemble bundles of baby essentials for 25 infants born during the Christmas season. The bundles will be distributed through the Aspiranet Cherish Receiving Center, a nonprofit organization that helps Monterey County children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or

According to Kelley, "Each baby 'wel-

clothing, diapers and baby books. In addition, each kit contains either a homemade blanket or quilt and baby cap created by volunteers, to personalize the bundles for the babies."

The community is invited to bring donations and see the items made and collected so far, Kelley said. Volunteers will also teach anyone who wants to learn how to make caps for babies. For more information, visit @christchildmonterey on Facebook.

come' kit includes items such as blankets, FIRE, CITIES ORGANIZE FOOD DRIVE

IN COLLABORATION with the cities it serves, the Monterey Fire Department has organized a donation drive for the Food Bank for Monterey County, and is urging residents to participate by dropping off unexpired, nonperishable goods at any one of a number of locations through Dec. 18.

In Carmel, the fire station on Sixth Avenue between Mission and San Carlos streets has donation barrels for food and for new toys, while food barrels are also located at city hall (Monte Verde Street south of Ocean Avenue) and at Harrison Memorial Library at Lincoln and Ocean.

They are also located at the Monterey Fire stations at 600 Pacific St., 582 Hawthorne and 401 Dela Vina in Monterey, and at 600 Pine Ave. in Pacific Grove.

Several public buildings in Monterey have the barrels, as well, and at the library on Pacific Street, anyone who donates items can have any outstanding late fees waived.





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In the words of Alexander Dumas, "Worthy Porthos! Born to help others, always ready to sacrifice himself for the weak, as if God had given him strength for that sole purpose!"

Farewell, best friend.



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QUICK RESPONSE LIMITS DAMAGE CAUSED BY P.B. ATTIC FIRE

SIX FIRE engines and more than two dozen firefighters rushed to a Pebble Beach house Monday night after one of the residents dialed 911 to report a possible fire, according to Cal Fire Capt. Jennifer Valdez, who is investigating the cause.

"It was reported by the homeowners, who were there at the time," she said.

A woman at the residence at 1025 Broncho Road told the dispatcher she was "smelling something electrical," but didn't know where it was coming from, and that she had gone outside.

After they arrived and started their

search, firefighters quickly found a small fire burning in the attic of the house, accord-

"The fire was swiftly contained to the area of origin and extinguished, with no fire extension into the rest of the home," she said. "Firefighters also removed smoke from the home, which prevented further damage, and allowed the occupants to safely return to their house."

No one was injured in the fire, she added. As for the cause, Valdez is working to identify how the fire started. She estimated it caused just \$8,500 in damage.



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Sunset's annual holiday party Friday

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The party is free and open to all. Nik Bortolussi & Friends will play live, and Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. is donating the coffee to warm up participants and complement the selection of complimentary cookies. Participants are also encouraged to bring donations for the Food Bank for Monterey County.

For people in need of wreaths, Creekside Farms will be selling them in the Marjorie

Sunset is located on San Carlos Street at Ninth Avenue.



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3 NE of 8th, Sutie #104, Carmel, CA
93921.
County of Monterey

Registered owner(s): ERIC M WYNKOOP, 57 Soledad Dr. #409, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by: an

The registrant commenced to trans-act business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on

N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section rial matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1.000)

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 4, 2016
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920 a

NOV. 4, 2016
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Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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Publication Dates: Nov. 18, 25, Dec 2, 9, 2016. (PC1122)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20162343 The following person(s) is (are) doing

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

DENTELLE INTIMATES, NE Corner of Ocean and St. Carlos, Carmel-bythe-Sea, CA 93921.

Mailing address: PO Box 1616, Carmel, CA 93921.

County of Monterey
Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
IGNATIUS CARMEL, INCORPORATED, 237 Lighthouse Avenue, Unit A, Monterey, CA 93940.

This business is conducted by: a corporation.

This business is conducted by: a corporation.

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S/ EKATERINA SANCHEZ, President Nov. 17, 2016
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20162353
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALVARADO'S LANDSCAPING & MAINTENANCE, 347 Hillcrest Ave., Marina, CA 93933.
Mailing address: PO Box 22468, Carmel, CA 93922.
County of Monterey
Registered owner(s):
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ALVARADO KOMERO CRECENCIANO, 347 Hillcrest Ave., Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by: an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 18, 2016.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Crecenciano Alvarado This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 18, 2016
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Publication Dates: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016. (PC1207)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. The public hearings will be opened at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. For the items on the agenda, staff will present the project, then the applicant and all interested members of the public will be allowed to speak or offer written testimony before the Commission takes action. Decisions to approve or deny the project may be appealed to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the City Clerk within ten (10) working days following the date of action by the Planning Commission and paying the requisite appeal fee.

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

DS 16-397 (Carr)
Bolton Design Group, Inc.
Torres Street, 5 NE of 4th Avenue
Block: 38; lot: E
APN: 010-103-012
Consideration of Final Design Study
(DS 16-397) and Coastal Development
Permit for the construction of a new
single-family residence on a vacant
lot located in the Single-Family
Residential (R-1) Zoning District

DS 16-378 (Henkel) Adam Jeselnick, Architect NE Corner of 9th Avenue and Monte

NE Corner of suit Avenue and Serverde Block: 94; lot: 20 APN: 010-193-009 Consideration of a Concept Study (DS 16-378) for the construction of a new single-family residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District

DS 16-239 (McLaughlin) DS 16-239 (McLaughlin)
Brian Congleton, Architect
First Ave., 2 SE of San Carlos
Block: 11; lot: E ½ of 2 and 4
APN: 010-121-024
Consideration of a combined Concept
and Final Design Study (DS 16-239)
for alterations to an existing residence
located in the Single-Family
Residential (R-1) Zoning District

DS 16-383 (Bressler)
Adam Jeselnick, Architect
Mission Street, 2 SW of Alta Avenue
Block: 4.5; lot: 5
APN: 010-115-021
Consideration of a Combined
Concept and Final Design Study (DS
16-383) for alterations to an existing
residence located in the Single-Family

Residential (R-1) Zoning District

DS 16-403 (Mussallem)
Greg Mussallem, Owner/Builder
S/W Corner of Casanova Street and
10th Ave.
Blk: K; Lot: 1 & 3
APN: 010-272-017
Consideration of Final Design Study
(DS 16-403) and associated Coastal
Development Permit for the construction of a new single-family residence
on a vacant lot located in the SingleFamily Residential (R-1) Zoning
District

DS 16-412 (Weigel) Mackenzie Patterson, Architect 25990 Junipero Street btw. Rio Rd. & 12th

AFTIX: 009-503-009 Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 16-412) and associated Coastal Development Permit for alterations to an existing residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

UP 16-440 (Mark)
Paul McEnroe
Mission Street, 2 NE of 6th Avenue
Block: S8; lot: 12
APN: 010-098-011
Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 16440) application for the conversion of
two existing office buildings into a
single family residence as well as an
addition to connect the two buildings.
The project site is located in the
Service Commercial (SC) Zoning
District

Carmel-by-the-Sea SE Cor. Of Mission and 5th Ave North side of Devendorf Park Consideration of the replacement of an existing bus shelter with a new bus shelter (MP 16-490) located near the southeast corner of Mission Street and Fifth Avenue on the north side of Devendorf Park

Carmel-by-the-Sea
Commercial Zoning (CC, SC, RC)
Districts
Consideration of recommendations to
the City Council for an Ordinance
amending Municipal Code Sections
17.14 and 17.68 to: 1) Amend the
restaurant and food store regulations,
2) Require a conditional use permit
for certain land uses, 3) Add use permit voting requirements, and 4) Add
an allowance for authorization of temporary/special events on private
property

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Marc Wiener, Community Planning and Building Director Publication Dates: Dec 2, 2016. (PC1208)

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Monterey, CA 93940
The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
JUAN M. RAMIREZ-GARCIA
10525 Seymour Street #13
Castroville, CA 95012
406-9467
RONALD D. LANCE
11 W. Laurel Dr., Ste 215
Salinas, CA 93906
(831) 443-6509
Lic: LDA #5 of Monterey County Date Filed: Nov. 16, 2016
(s) Teresa A. Risi, Clerk by Donna D. Chacon, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016. (PC 1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20162330
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Grand Avenue Flooring & Interiors, 314 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

93950 Registered Owner(s): Anthony W Gamecho, 314 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 This business is conducted by an indi-

ridual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 06/01/1993 S/ Anthony W Gamecho This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 16, 2016 Original 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/16 CNS-2946506# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016. (PC 1212)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO:

G067- Essie M Abarrientos

B009- Kohyl Bean

C049- Janice M Murphy F089- Cynthia Chaboya

E088- Jacqueline Andrade

C057- Deborah Hicks

H089- Arlene Trevino H067- Jaime Henriquez

H045- Diana Orfanides

the storage lien pursuant to section 21700-217500 of the California Self Storage Facility Act. The sale will be held at Ustor Self Storage, 441 Espinosa Rd, Salinas, CA 93907 on Monday December 12 at 10:15AM. Contents of purchased units must be removed on the day of the sale and are sold as is.

The contents of the storage spaces rented by the listed parties will be sold to satisfy

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is seeking proposals from vendors for the implementation of a Document Management System, Records Management System, and Agenda Management System, including the conversion of data and images. The primary goal of all systems is to streamline related business processes in multiple departments. Different vendors may submit a proposal for all functions, or single or multiple components (i.e. vendors are welcome to propose only the Document Management System and conversion of that data, or only the Records Management System and conversion of that data, or Agenda Management System and conversion of that data, or a combination of two or more systems).

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Sealed proposal shall be submitted to the attention of the City Clerk. Proposals will be publicly opened at Carmel City Hall Council Chambers at 10:00 AM PDT on December 16, 2016. Proposals will then be further evaluated by the City and selection will be made based upon a wide range of factors, including, but not limited to, implementation approach, technical compatibility, experience, integration of the system, software demonstrations and cost.

The Request for Proposal Solicitation and required forms are available at http://ci.carmel.ca.us/carmel/ or at Carmel City Hall. The contact person for the RFP is Ashlee Wright, City Clerk. Sealed proposals shall be labeled "Documents/Records/Agenda Management System" and be submitted to:

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Or hand delivered to City Hall located on the East side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues by no later than 10:00 AM PDT on December 16, 2016

RADIOS

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Harry said the test will try to cover everything, "from how the individual radios use the system, to how the dispatching works, to the network."

Each agency will also have to develop

policies for communicating with others on the new digital channels, which include the ability to have "talk groups" for people collaborating on fighting a fire or investigating a shooting.

"From the county's perspective, we provide the network, but the agencies have their own local policies of how they operate within the system," Harry said.

Moses said one of the biggest challenges is the sheer magnitude involved.

"The challenge is going to be getting all of these agencies on the new digital system. I can't even estimate how many end users we have — 2,000? And we have to get everyone

I can't even estimate how many end users we have — 2,000? And we have to get everyone to switch radios, reprogram their radios, and know how the system works," Moses said. "We'll be trying to keep everyone as informed as we can without overloading the agencies"

Harry agreed.

"It's rather complicated, because it's manpower intensive, and there's the coordination that has to happen with all the agencies," he said. "But we've had really good participation with the agencies and in meetings."

Encryption

With the change, many city police departments — including Carmel and Pacific Grove — will begin transmitting on encrypted channels. Therefore, gone will be the days of reporters hearing about holdups or other crimes on their scanners and then going to the scene to find out what's happening, or knowing what questions to ask after the fact.

"The Carmel Police Department needs to have our channel encrypted so we can monitor other agencies' activities, should they enter our city, or should we need to communicate with them inside their jurisdictions," Carmel P.D. Cmdr. Paul Tomasi said.

One of the goals is to prevent the public, including criminals, from knowing how police are responding to a crime scene, or where they are. "We also recognize that when encryption takes place on Jan. 27, media will no longer have the ability to scan police radios," Tomasi said.

At the sheriff's office, the main channel will remain open, while others will be encrypted, according to Moses.

"Every agency has the option of deciding what to encrypt, and whether to encrypt. We will not be encrypting the primary dispatch channel. Once on scene, we will be able to move to an encrypted channel if we want to," he said. "We do want the other agencies to be able to hear us," which wouldn't happen with

encryption.

Having the open channel also ensures deputies and dispatchers can communicate with their counterparts in the far reaches of the county, like Big Sur and King City, that are outside the "digital footprint." Their analog system can translate digital transmissions, but not encrypted traffic.

"Having the primary channel encrypted would create more problems than solutions," Moses said.

Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Rory Lakind confirmed PGPD's channel will be encrypted, too.

But the fire department will use open channels, according to Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer.

"Fire will not be encrypted," he said. "We have nothing to hide and no secrets."

Tomasi said the fire agencies aren't using encryption because that would interfere with their ability to talk to other firefighters from outside the county. "They will not be encrypting due to communication problems with the multiple (county, state, federal) agencies they work with during mutual aid calls for service," he said.

What about the media?

A group of Monterey County law chiefs led by Monterey Police Chief Dave Hober is responsible for figuring out how to accommodate the media, Harry added.

"I think the law chiefs are still in discussions about how they want to approach media access. They understand that has to be answered before they go live in January," he said. "But I think it's a given that they want to be as open as possible on this."

Tomasi said Carmel P.D. has a good working relationship with all local media sources and regularly provides patrol logs, press releases, photos, interviews and other information when possible.

"We recognize the inconvenience this change will have to the media and plan to continue with the great relationship we have developed over the years to ensure timely news stories reach reporters so they can inform the public," he said.



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Sunset welcomes back Smuin Ballet

By CHRIS COUNTS

Presenting the latest incarnation of its ever-changing Christmas Ballet, Smuin Ballet returns to Sunset Center Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3.

Besides hosting a holiday-themed performance by the wildly inventive ballet company from San Francisco, Sunset Center will present its annual Holiday Party and Open House Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

First staged by Smuin Ballet in 1995, the Christmas Ballet has undergone many changes over the past two decades, some big and some small. In past years, for instance, the ballet company choreographed a piece to Bing Crosby's version of "White Christmas." But this year, it's been replaced by the Drifters' take on the same song.

Also, this year's performance will feature new choreography by Smuin dancers Rex Wheeler and Ben Needham-Wood, and new

pieces by choreographer-in-residence Amy Siewert and dancer Nicole Haskins.

"It brings new energy to the show," artistic director Celia Fushille told The Pine Cone. "We change it up every year to give it a slightly different feel. I'm so excited about this year's edition."

Just as they do each year, the dancers will dress in white for the first act, Classical Christmas, and change into red for the second act, Cool Christmas. The first act will feature seasonal favorites like "Ave Maria," "Carol of the Bells" and "Sleigh Ride," while the second act includes songs like "White Christmas," "Baby, It's Cold Outside" and Joni Mitchell's modern-day holiday classic,

Fushille said the music was chosen to bring the audience "joy and comfort," and conjure up "that feeling of nostalgia that we

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Smuin Ballet will return to Sunset Center Dec. 2-3 to perform its everchanging holiday program. Sunset Center will host its annual holiday party before the Dec. 2 show.



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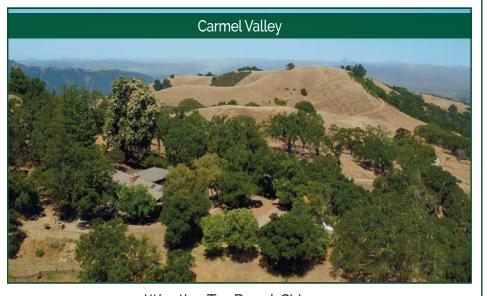
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Mudslides fail to materialize, allow steelhead to thrive despite rains

BY CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER EARLY rains failed to trigger the mudslides that some had feared, activists and officials who worry about the plight of steelhead in Monterey County let out a collective sigh of relief.

We may have just dodged a bullet," said Frank Emerson, the vice president of the Carmel River Steelhead Association.

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Because the Soberanes Fire scorched more than 130,000 acres in the Big Sur backcountry - and destroyed vast hillsides of erosion-controlling vegetation — many were worried rains in October or November could cause mudslides that would imperil the beleaguered steelhead population in the Carmel River, the Big Sur River and other coastal streams.

The wet weather did come, but it hasn't triggered any major debris flows, and steelhead advocates are hopeful that with each passing day, vegetation is returning to those charred hillsides and making them more sta-

"If we get some mild weather now, there may be enough recovered plant life to prevent those mass erosion events like the ones we saw after the Marble Cone Fire [of 1977]," Emerson suggested.

Water over the dam

While the rains haven't been enough to cause mudslides, they have recharged the thirsty Carmel River watershed, which has enabled water officials to start releasing water from Los Padres reservoir into the river, and they hope to release more next week. The extra water makes the river deeper and wider, giving young steelhead more opportunities to find safety along its edges.

"For the little ones, it's not good if they are stuck in a thin ribbon in the river when the big flows come," explained Kevan Urquhart, senior fisheries biologist for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. "Roughly half aren't ready to go."

If a big storm does arrive and cause mudslides, the water in the river could become murky enough to harm steelhead. But the muddy water would need to last for more than two days.

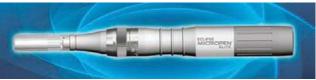
"It can be quite muddy and not be lethal," Urquhart said. "In Big Sur, the first big storms after Basin Complex Fire [in 2008] reached lethal levels, but dropped off very quickly."

While the steelhead in the river may have dodged a bullet because heavy early rains predicted by weather experts failed to materialize, the fish are hardly thriving in local river and streams. As the result of a prolonged drought, Urquhart said only about 400 young steelhead were rescued from the

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Chamber music group mourns late president, welcomes new one

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER THE unexpected passing of her predecessor, Barbara Babcock, Celia Barberena has taken over as president of Chamber Music Monterey Bay.

"We are still grappling with the loss of our beloved leader, but are very fortunate that Celia has agreed to step into the president's chair," said Anne Fitzpatrick, vice president of the Carmel-based organization. "She possesses the professional experience and passion for chamber music, and the energy to help us continue our mission in our 50th anniversary year. Chamber Music Monterey Bay is in excellent hands under Celia's guidance."

Babcock died Oct. 30 of complications from a fall. Besides serving at the helm of the chamber music group, Babcock volunteered for 10 years as a board member for the SPCA for Monterey County and was a former president of the Carmel Valley Women's Club.

"It is with a commitment to carry forward Barbara's spirit that I join with my fellow board and committee members to continue the [group's] many programs and outreach initiatives that Barbara so skillfully directed. Her advocacy is irreplaceable, but I am dedicated to helping make this special golden anniversary season our best ever," said Barberena, who is a former CEO of Chabot College in Hayward.

Barberena will fulfill the last eight months of Babcock's two-year term, which ends in June 2017.

Chamber Music Monterey Bay has been staging chamber concerts on the Monterey Peninsula since 1966. Three concerts remain in the 2016-17 season, and the next one features a performance by Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Jan. 28. Other concerts include The Daedalus String Quartet (Feb. 25) and pianist Jon Nakamatsu (April 8). All shows are scheduled at Sunset Center.

For tickets and more details, call (831) 625-2212 or visit http://chambermusicmontereybay.org.

C.V. author offers free talk on private eyes

THE AUTHOR OF a book that the Wall Street Journal described as "a concise and somewhat shocking history of the detective business in America," John Walton of Carmel Valley will present free talk on the subject Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Hopkins Marine Lab's Boats Lecture Hall.

A research professor at UC Davis, Walton examines the history of private detective agencies — including the role of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency in labor disputes during the late 19th and early 20th century, and the public fascination with small-time private eyes during the 1930s and

Walton is also the author of "Storied Land: Community and Memory in Monterey."

Presented by the Friends of Hopkins Marine Lab, the talk starts at 7:30 p.m. A reception precedes the event at 6:15 p.m. The marine lab is located at 120 Ocean View Blvd. To RSVP,





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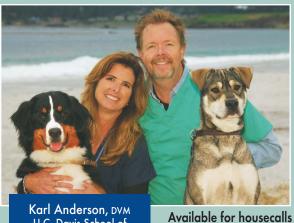




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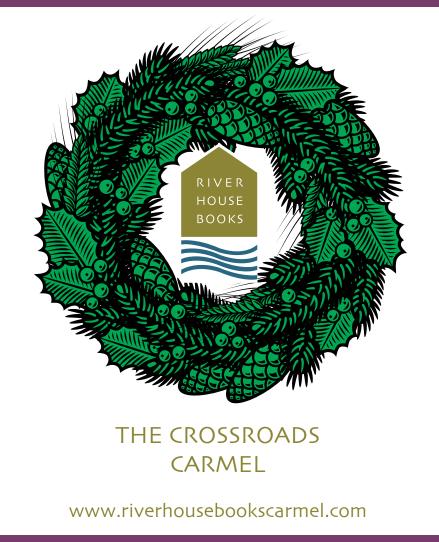


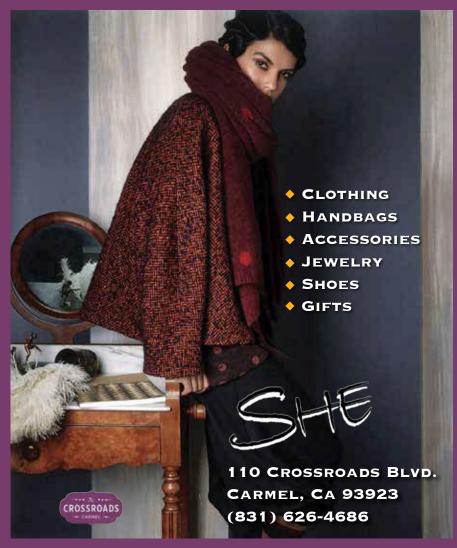


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Monterey Downs kills Fort Ord Project

December 2, 2016

By KELLY NIX

A PAIR of lawsuits alleging violations of the California Environmental Quality Act preceded a decision by the backers of the proposed Monterey Downs Horse Park to "terminate" the long contested development.

On Tuesday, the City of Seaside issued a press release bearing the headline, "Monterey Downs LLC Formally Terminates Project." The news signaled an end to the highly controversial plan to build a horse park on the former Fort

The press release was issued two days after LandWatch Monterey County and Keep Fort Ord Wild filed a pair of similar civil complaints against the City of Seaside for its approval of the project. The lawsuits, in part, alleged the

environmental impact report for the project was not in compliance with CEQA, and they sought a court order compelling Seaside rescind its Nov. 10 certification of the project's EIR.

'The termination ends the project, but not Monterey Downs LLC's responsibility to reimburse costs incurred by the city under an exclusive negotiating agreement originally entered into in September, 2010," according to Seaside. "Section nine of that agreement provides that the developer's reimbursement obligations "shall survive the expiration or earlier termination" of the agree-

The Seaside City Council was also expected Thursday night to unwind the approvals of the project it had granted at prior meetings. That

decision came after Monterey Downs LLC said it would not enter into an indemnification agreement — to release Seaside from legal liability — which was required as part of the approval for the horse park.

The Monterey Horse Park was meant to a "multi-discipline equestrian park designed to promote the training of equestrians and competitions in all eight Federation Equestre Internationale disciplines as well as cutting, team penning and hunter/jumper, both at the regional and national level,' according to a website for the development.

The 550-acre Monterey Downs was to be placed on a portion of the former Fort Ord in an area known as Parker Flats. Retail shops, restaurants, cafes, museums and other features were also planned at Monterey Downs, which would have also included more than 100 acres of open space and trails.



This large horse park known as Monterey Downs won't be built after all. The developer – who claimed it would have brought nearly \$100 million per year in taxes – killed the project this week.

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the process of identifying the criminals in the county who will be subject to release based on the criteria under Prop. 57. By doing that, they'll have a better chance of tracking criminals and passing information about their release on to victims and witnesses.

"It's going to be tedious ... and we will have to go around and ask deputy DAs what they remember. I'm not sure how we will manage that in our database," Flippo said.

The authors of Prop. 57 point to the state's prison population, which they maintain has "exploded by 500 percent" while "prison spending ballooned to more than \$10 billion" per year.

"Meanwhile, too few inmates were rehabilitated and most re-offended after release," according to the official ballot argument they filed with the California Secretary of State's

But Flippo said there are a lot of unanswered questions with Prop. 57, including how long ahead of time a county will be notified before an inmate is released and whether prosecutors will have the right to appear, on behalf of the people, at hearings for inmates being considered for release.

"We want to be sure that our victims will know, if they choose to appear, that they have a right to appear," he said.

The Yes on 57 proponents touted the law would allow parole consideration for only those with "non violent convictions," but Flippo said there are only 21 crimes in the California Penal Code listed as serious or violent.

"All the rest are not listed as 'serious or violent," he said. For instance, rape by intoxication is among the offenses that inmates will be eligible for release under Prop. 57.

'That is not considered a violent crime," Flippo said.

Previous convictions ignored

He pointed to the high-profile case of Andrew Stuart Luster, the heir to the Max Factor cosmetics empire who was convicted in 2003 of raping several women after drugging them with "date-rape" drug GHB. Luster, who is serving 50 years in prison, could be eligible for release under Prop. 57, he said.

"More importantly, the initiative ignores all of the prior convictions defendants have," Flippo said. "So if they have prior convictions, even three strikes, all of that now goes by

It's unclear how many inmates might be released under the new law but said Monterey County has it's "fair share of criminals" that could be eligible.

Stacked against the No on 57 campaign, Flippo said, was the disproportionate amount of funds for advertising that the proponents had at their disposal — more than \$11 million compared to its roughly \$600,000.

"We could just not get the message out because we were so limited on resources," he said. "The government had way more than we did."

The Yes on 57 campaign was spearheaded by Brown and had the support of the Chief Probation Officers of California. The opposition was led by the California District Attorneys Association, the San Francisco Police Officers Association and Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.



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river this year - down from an average of 13,000 fish rescued annually.

Emerson called the population of steelhead in the Carmel River "severely depressed" after five years of drought.

On a positive note, Urquhart said the survival rate of rescued steelhead has increased dramatically in recent years. Less than half of the fish once survived, but now more than two-thirds do. And that's more than the double the rate of survival for fish left in the river, he added.



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The fish rescued this year will be tracked by researchers. "We tagged them with little glass beads to see how they move over the next year," Urquhart explained.

Steelhead advocates received another piece of good news when it was reported that lampreys have been seen above the site where the San Clemente Dam was removed. Urquhart said lampreys have a much more difficult time than steelhead moving upriver, and if they've made it to the former dam site, so can steelhead. The dam was removed — at least in part — to create more opportunities for steelhead to spawn. "If lamprey can pass, steelhead can pass," Urquhart observed.

And because lampreys die after laying eggs, their carcasses provide nutrients for steelhead and "fertilize" the river, the fisheries biologist explained.

Since lamprey populations fluctuate dramatically, "They may be having a boom year at the right time, and they could be contributing to the steelhead recovery," he added.

Meanwhile, Emerson said he would like to see a "safety net" population of steelhead established elsewhere, much like what the Ventana Wildlife Society has done in its efforts to reestablish condors in Big Sur. "It would be great to have a few hundred steelhead available to repopulate the river if there is a catastrophe," he suggested.

But at the top of Emerson's holiday wish list is the hope that Monterey County officials can move the desal project forward, which would ultimately make it possible for more water to be left in the Carmel River to benefit steelhead and the other plants and animals which inhabit it. "We're steadfast in the belief that we need desal to meet the community's demand in dry months to leave enough water in the river to preserve wildlife," he added.

SHIRLEY TAYLOR-WALSH 9/9/1934 * 11/12/2016

Mother, educator and friend to many passed away on Saturday November 12, 2016 in her home surrounded by her family and loving friends.

Daughter of William and Jayne Zimmerman of Connellsville, PA. She taught for the Carmel Unified School District until her retirement in

Shirley enjoyed an active adventurous retirement. She traveled the world, enjoyed hiking and took in the vistas, culture and diversity the world had to offer. She volunteered with the Alliance on Aging, as a Docent at Sunset Center and at the Bach Festival in Carmel, California. Shirley also enjoyed her work in the Hacienda Carmel Library and book club. Shirley was diagnosed with ALS in April of 2016. She dealt with her illness with a grace and bravery that is impossible to describe. If you knew



Shirley you would know exactly what we mean, a totally dignified lady through every challenge. Shirley is survived by her partner of 16 years, Harvey Bennett, Carmel CA. Her son Thane Taylor (Terri) of Parkersburg, WV and daughter Ellen Stephens (David) of Bluemont, VA., brother William Zimmerman (Mary) of Altoona, PA. Five grandchildren, Robert Taylor, Taylor Stephens, Logan Stephens, Kali Taylor and Trey Taylor. Two great-grandchildren and 8 nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held at Hacienda Carmel, Carmel CA on Tuesday January 3,

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pages) — including restrictions on gifts — and a host of other things, like tips on getting around the capital.

Panetta has an advantage that many other freshman members don't: the knowledge of Washington D.C. he got from his father Leon's decades of government service there.

"The good thing is that I am familiar with the capital, Capitol Hill and a number of congressional members," he said. "And that has made the transition here a bit easier."

Securing an office

Something he didn't have a leg up on, though, is his choice for office space. Since 1908, newbie House members have entered a lottery to determine whether their offices will be in the Cannon, Rayburn or Longworth House of Representatives office buildings, and which offices they'll get. The lottery took place Thursday.

"All the new members pick a number" from a wooden box, Panetta explained. "That number determines our section order. If you are No. 1, you get to have a pick of the offices. If you are 50, you are basically on the fifth floor of the Cannon building" — a place sometimes mockingly referred

Though the 1908 Cannon building is the oldest — and is generally regarded as the least desirable of the three — it also

has history close to Panetta. His father, a former CIA director, secretary defense, and congressman who served from 1977 to 1993, once occupied office

As it happens, Panetta told The Pine Cone Thursday that he pulled number 6 of 50, and will be in office 228

Another routine task Panetta and other members did was submit a "wish list" of House committee assignments (there's no formal application process). Of the 26 committees, he jotted



down five in order of preference: Agriculture, Appropriations, Veterans Affairs, Armed Services and the Judiciary. Decisions about committee assignments are made by the party leadership — which means that, because he's a Democrat, Panetta will get his assignments from House minority leader Nancy Pelosi.

"I hope to be on the agriculture committee, because agriculture is obviously an important issue to our district," he

Seeking staff

Outgoing 20th District Rep. Sam Farr, whom Panetta is replacing, sits on the Appropriations committee.

Panetta is also in the process of hiring a staff. He's already brought on board Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter's former aide, Kathleen Lee, to be his district director in Monterey County, and Tim Tucker to be his chief of staff in the capital.

"We are actually going to make sure the district office is staffed up, and that we have more staff in Monterey than in D.C.," he said, figuring there will be an overall staff of about 14 employees.

Panetta this week also touched on Pelosi's reelection as minority leader, after she fended off a challenge by 43-yearold Tim Ryan, an Ohio congressman who was seen as a force for reinvigorating the Democratic Party in light of its devastating electoral losses over the last eight years.

"I think she has the experience to make sure we can deal with a President-elect Trump, and make sure we'll be able to stand toe-to-toe with him, and also shoulder-to-shoulder to work with him," Panetta said. "She has the experience and knowledge to do that, and that is why she was elected."

Next week, Panetta and the other new House members will go to Boston for more orientation, this time sponsored by Harvard University, "designed to ensure thoughtful bipartisan discussions on a variety of public policy issues."

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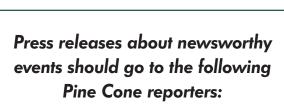
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"All the city planning departments are used to applications for solar, and California has mandates, so those just fly through," Moorer confirmed. "If anyone's put off by the process, they shouldn't be. They take care of everything."

While more and more companies are installing solar systems all the time, the theater company selected Solar Technologies out of Santa Cruz to do the work, due to the firm's quarter-century of experience in the industry.

"I like what they did with the theater," Wiener commented. "It fits well with the building."

PacRep entered into a 25-year lease-to-own agreement with the solar panel company, with buyout options along the way, and Moorer said the nonprofit will probably do another fundraiser in order to pay off the balance within the next several years.

But the savings were immediate.

"Our electric bills were running an average of \$2,000 per month, and were only going to go up," he said. "And right now, we've cut our payment down to about \$1,100 per month. From day one, we were saving half, and that savings only gets bigger."

At today's rates, Moorer estimated PacRep will save about

Golden Bough Playbouse

PHOTO/COURTESY STEPHEN MOORER

A worker carries one of the solar panels that was installed on the new roof at the Golden Bough theater. The new system has already saved the theater almost \$2,000.

a half-million dollars on energy costs over the next 25 years.

"We're also like the poster child for solar, in that we have this huge roof with a southern exposure and no shadows over us," he added. "We're pretty much the tallest thing in the neighborhood."

The energy the panels harvest is tracked by the solar company and funneled back into the electrical grid.

"We're generating power, and the power is owned by the solar panel company, and then they sell it to PG&E," Moorer explained. The company credits PacRep for the power the panels generate, and then bills the theater for what remains of that month's lease payment after the credit.

"It's called a power purchase agreement," he explained.

While electricity from solar panels costs much more to produce than power from traditional generating stations, tax-payer-funded subsidies and credits lower the direct cost of solar power for consumers, and PacRep no longer even gets an electricity bill from PG&E.

Moorer said he hopes the ease of the project and its quick success will encourage others to follow suit, whether on their houses, or elsewhere. He specifically mentioned the city, which owns a lot of buildings in town that could easily accommodate solar panels, like the Vista Lobos meeting room, the police department and public works.

"This city is perfect for it," he said.

According to the city's financial records, its PG&E bill was \$9,222 in September.

"It seems like something we should take the lead on and do," Wiener agreed.

Roadwork planned for highways 1, 68

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

Drivers should expect delays on Highway 1 in the Carmel area Friday, Saturday and Monday, and on Highway 68 heading toward Pacific Grove on Tuesday, Caltrans officials said this week.

Ditch cleaning on northbound Highway 1 between Wildcat and Point Lobos began Wednesday and was expected to continue through 2 p.m. Dec. 2, with one-way reversing traffic control with flagging. The work is being done to prepare for further winter storms.

On Dec. 3, southbound Highway 1 just south of the Granite Canyon Bridge will have one-way reversing traffic control while crews work to repair a guardrail between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

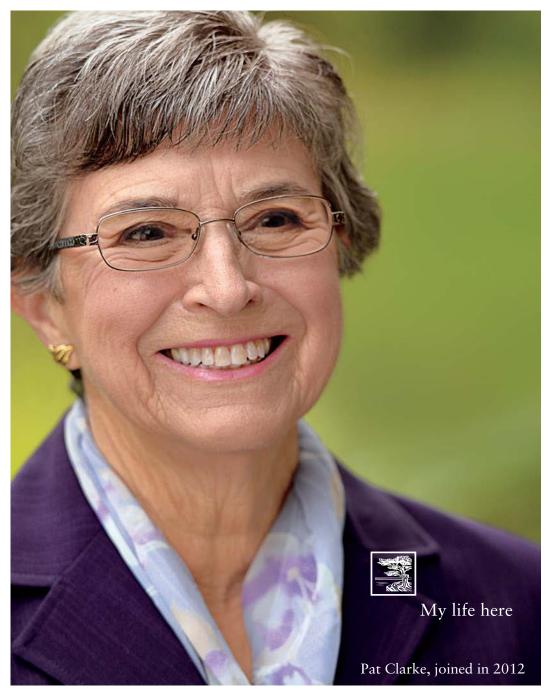
The right lane of southbound Highway 1 at Handley Drive in Carmel will be closed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 5 while crews remove dead trees, and the California Highway Patrol will help with traffic control.

Finally, on Dec. 6, westbound Highway 68 in Pacific Grove will have one-way reversing traffic control with flagging for tree removal between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. CHP will be on hand to assist there, as well.





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Filmmakers from far and near offer latest creations at P.G. festival

By CHRIS COUNTS

YOU CAN watch 24 different short and feature-length films — including 10 by filmmakers who live on the Monterey Peninsula or nearby — in one place when the Monarch Film Festival returns to Lighthouse Cinemas in Pacific Grove Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-10.

Besides offering locals and visitors a diverse and eclectic mix of films, the festival gives filmmakers a chance to generate a buzz about their recent productions, and compete with each other for awards.

Festival highlights include "The Gaelic Curse" by Jack Conroy (Friday at 8 p.m.); "Monarch of the Evening Time; A Living Poem" by Johnny X Rook (Saturday at 2 p.m.); "Roll No. 56" by Bhavin Trivedi and "Smile Again, Jenny Lee" by Carlo Caldana. One of the four will capture the festival's Best Feature Narrative prize.

Other awards include Best Documentary, Best Short Narrative, Best Student Narrative, Best Student Short and Judges Choice. An awards ceremony is scheduled for Saturday at noon.

Founded by longtime Pacific Grove residents Cristiana DiPietro and Matthew Kalamane in 2012, the festival seeks to showcase "cutting edge, artistic and original" films, and offer filmmakers "of any age" a place to "show their creative vision on the big screen."

"Because we are a small festival, it's amazing to me that we are able to come together from all walks of life and share in our love for visual storytelling," DiPietro told The Pine Cone. "We also make a point to support out local filmmakers. It can be stressful and expensive to garner a screening for a film that has already taken up so many resources. To me, giving local filmmakers a platform to showcase their achievement not only celebrates it for them and the community, but hopefully encourages them to continue creating works of art."

All day passes are \$25, individual tickets for feature length films are \$10, and individual tickets for short films are \$5. A 25 percent discount is offered to students, seniors and active military.

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house, McGarvey has apparently moved into the homeless encampment underneath the Carmel River Bridge. Although homeless, he is still required to let law enforcement know where he is.

When you're a sex offender, "you have to register every time you move to a new place, so if he's living under the bridge, then he has to go to the sheriff's department and register with the county," Watkins said. "If he moves into a city, then he has to register with the city."

On Nov. 18, a Monterey County Sheriff's deputy arrested McGarvey on Junipero Street for failing to register as a sex offender and probation violation. And another deputy had arrested him just five days earlier at the Crossroads shopping center for being drunk in public and violating his probation.

As of this week, McGarvey was no longer in custody at the county jail. No information was available from the sher-

Free talk on Monterey Bay Aquarium's history

MARINE BIOLOGIST Steve Webster looks at the region's most popular tourist attraction when he offers a free talk, "The Early Days & History of the Monterey Bay Aquarium," Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Sunset Center's Carpenter

A director for the aquarium when it opened in 1984, Webster has played a key role in the expansion of the facility over the past four decades.

Presented by the Carmel Public Library Foundation and the latest installment in its "Community Night" series, the talk starts at 7 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos



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Editorial

Short-term rentals: Let the people decide

IT WAS Sam Farr, in his recent comments to the county planning commission, who focused our attention on what's really going on with short term rentals.

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While he was in office, the outgoing congressman was a member of the farleft faction of the Democratic Party, and now he seems to be in the mood to bring his "regulate everything" philosophy to local politics.

"I don't think we should have short-term rentals in any community in this county," Farr said. And then he went on to propose that a penalty be imposed on anybody who lets a home sit empty — presumably referring to all those people who live in Silicon Valley or Fresno or Texas and only use their second homes in Carmel or Pebble Beach a few weeks a year. They may have the constitutional right to decide when and how to use their own property, but if owners of second homes let a perfectly good home sit empty most of the time, it's certainly true that the effect is to reduce the housing supply for other full-time residents and would-be residents. And that, according to Farr, is something the second home owners should be forced to alleviate by paying a fee.

Farr does have a point — but only because the upscale communities of Monterey County refuse to grow. Since almost no new houses and apartments are being built in these parts, even as more and more people want to live here, not only is it very difficult to find a place to live, prices for the few houses that exist go through the roof. But is that a bad thing? Not if you already own one.

In other words, while the empty-second-home phenomenon Farr decried is certainly bad for some people, it's very good for others. And so it is with the entire short-term rental issue.

By now, the pros and cons of short-term rentals are well known. Homeowners who rent out a spare bedroom or an entire house to visitors get extra income, which helps them pay their mortgage, property taxes, or college tuition for their kids. Meanwhile, the people on vacation get access to real neighborhoods, have more affordable options than hotels, and can choose accommodations that are ideal for groups and families. Also, the entire short-term rental process can generate lots of new taxes.

On the other side, short-term rentals can have very undesirable impacts on neighborhoods — and not just noise and parking congestion. Having a new group of strangers 50 feet away from you every other weekend can be very discomfiting, and if there's one thing nobody wants to lose when they're at home, it's their peace of mind.

Both sides have valid points, and normally we would recommend that a dispute such as this one be tossed into the democratic process, to be decided by the people's representatives in their various city halls and county buildings, or even in Sacramento.

But in this case, the emotions and the passions are too high. Proponents of short-term rentals definitely don't want anybody telling them what to do with their own properties, and the people who don't want short-term rentals next door are just as adamant. It will take a very long time and cause a lot of bad will before the issue comes close to being decided by elected and appointed officials.

Instead, we think this is a classic case of something that should be decided by a referendum at the ballot box. Short-term rentals come in all shapes and sizes, and every community is different, so crafting an appropriate series of options and putting them on the ballot would be complex. But it still should be done, and the sooner the better.

BEST of BATES



"He'll do anything to get a resident parking sticker."

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'He has his' Dear Editor,

Outgoing Rep. Sam Farr, like most liberals, wants to dictate to homeowners what they can and cannot do with their property. He wants to deprive those fortunate enough to have two homes of the Constitutional right to short-term rent them out in Big Sur. He even wants to fine those who don't occupy their homes full-time!

He apparently has no regard for the undocumented families who survive on cleaning these homes for the next renter. Is he a racist? No, he's a liberal who when he doesn't like something, wants to ban it!

Seems to me he's had two residences during his 20 years in Congress. But, that's okay; he has his, so screw you!

Gregory D. Lee, Pebble Beach

Wants blue sky back Dear Editor,

Over the past two or three months or longer now, high jet traffic over Carmel Valley has increased to such a level that by the middle of many days, the sky is all but covered by jet trails which last for so many hours they sort of knit up and create a cloud blanket. You can watch it for yourself from just about any hillside and it's especially obvious when you drive east into the valley from Carmel on CV Road. It's not every day but it is many days each week.

Did the flight patterns change? If so, do we have any rights to have the patterns reversed so we can get our blue sky and sunshine back? I am a long time Carmel Valley Village resident who is raising a family here and this is not normal or seasonal weather, it is definitely human-made. Maybe our new congressman who is also raising his family here can help us? Just sit out one morning and watch the white jet trails build up and blot out the blue sky. Maybe I am not alone in noticing this, being sad about it, and car-

Jan Wright Bessey, Carmel Valley

The 'destruction' of the plaza Dear Editor,

Carmel's beautiful and charming downtown Carmel Plaza - referred to a recent edition of The Pine Cone with a beautiful photograph as "a cozy shopping experience" — is about to be destroyed and replaced by a cold, hard-contemporary New York design. Why would the citizens of Carmel want to destroy such a charming treasure and replace the entire look with something so foreign to this unique, one-of-a-kind city?

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Ten-o-Six, living in a teepee, and a decade's worth of novels to go

 $I_{\rm F}$ YOU ask Ginna Gordon about her life, hang on for a bit of a wild ride. A born storyteller who became a novelist in her 60s — she's 69 now — the energetic Gordon has quite a few tales to share.

She grew up in Ohio, living on what she described as her "grandfather's gentleman's farm." Her grandfather traveled back and forth between there and Cleveland, where the family-owned cosmetics company was locat-

ed. Women who used its Teno-Six cleanser and Lip Smackers as teens will remember the brand name Bonne Bell with a smile.

It was named for her aunt, and according to Gordon, "I

had free cosmetics from Bonne Bell," until just a few years ago.

Her father was a musician. He and her mother came to love California when he was the conductor of the 6th Army Band at the Presidio of San Francisco. Her mom later bought a home here, and Gordon followed her. "I always felt like a misfit in Ohio," Gordon said, but when she got off the plane at Monterey, "I breathed in the air, and I thought, 'I've come home.""

Cramped quarters

She ended up living in Carmel Valley for 50 years. Now she divides her time between the Oregon home and studios she shares with her husband, David, and the valley, enjoying days and weeks with longtime girlfriends. David Gordon, of course, is the Bach Festival's dramaturge.

By the mid-1980s, Gordon — who had

learned to cook at her mother's knee in that Ohio farmhouse — was catering locals' events. In the late 80s, she had an opportunity to cook in Calistoga at an 88-acre property called Rainbow Ranch. "There were gurus, spiritual teachers, business retreats," she said. "It was a wonderful place for all kinds of groups."

She had a condo in Saint Helena, but when she was working, her employers

Great Lives

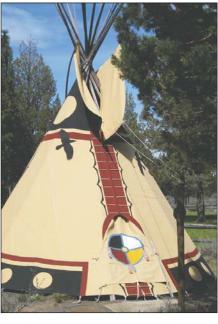
By ELAINE HESSER

expected her to stay overnight, so she could start preparing breakfast at 5 a.m. and stay into the evening. There was a problem with her housing, however. "It was a little room off the kitchen," she said, with emphasis on "little." "It was just not acceptable."

Gordon went to management and got permission to build a platform and put up a teepee — specifically, a tent from Nomadic Tipi Makers of Bend, Ore., who made the teepees used in the movie "Dances with Wolves." It was 400 square feet, and she faced it to the east, to welcome the rising sun each morning. She added carpeting and electric wiring, and stayed there on and off for two years.

During one of the conferences at the center, a doctor she knew only as "David," brought her a list of the food preferences and

See LIVES next page



David and Ginna Gordon (left) are familiar faces — but did you know that Ginna once lived in a teepee?



It's not too late to get that flu shot

THE VISITING Nurse Association will participate in the Centers for Disease Control's National Influenza Vaccination Event, from Dec. 4 through 10.

According to the organization, flu season in our area peaks in January and February, so you'll be just in time.

The CDC says that those most likely to have complications from the flu are "pregnant women, people with chronic health con-

ditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older," but that with a few exceptions, anyone older than 6 months should be vaccinated.

The vaccines cost \$30 and are covered by "most if not all insurances," said Elaine Fischer, community services program assistant. Appointments at the VNA's location at 5 Lower Ragsdale Drive in Ryan Ranch are available by calling (831) 648-3777.

Seaside firefighters to Fill the Boot

SEASIDE FIREFIGHTERS will kick off their annual fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association — which "helps find urgently needed treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases that severely limit strength and mobility" — with the Fill the Boot campaign Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All weekend, more than 15 firefighters will hang out at the intersection of Playa and

California in Sand City, encouraging passing motorists to lend a hand.

The Fill the Boot campaign "is an honored tradition in which thousands of dedicated fire fighters in hometowns across America hit the streets or storefronts asking pedestrians, motorists, customers and other passersby to make a donation to MDA, using their collective strength to help kids and adults live longer and grow stronger," according to the MDA.

Monterey Fire holds toy drive

THE NONPROFIT association of Monterey firefighters is accepting donations of unwrapped new toys for its annual effort to assist families in need by providing gifts for children.

Donations are being accepted in marked barrels at all five fire stations: 600 Pacific St., 582 Hawthorne St. and 402 Dela Vina St. in Monterey, 600 Pine Ave. in Pacific Grove, and Sixth Avenue between Mission and San Carlos streets in downtown Carmel.

LAWSUIT

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wrongful termination and claims she was fired because she complained about unfair labor and wage practices and a "hostile work environment."

She also alleges discrimination based on race and sex, retaliation, defamation and failure to provide access to public records. She's seeking an undisclosed amount in damages, including punitive damages. A court hearing is set for April 2017

BALLET

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are all seeking during the holidays."

The Christmas Ballet is always one of the highlights of Smuin Ballet's season, and Fushille said the dancers are particularly enthusiastic about this year's performance.

"The dancers are really enjoying themselves," she added. "The audience will feel their joy and exuberance — it's a wonderful gift to give."

Friday's performance starts at 8 p.m., while Saturday's matinee begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$57 to \$73. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

The Holiday Party preceding the show is free and open to the public. Clarinetist Nik Bortolussi and friends will play music, family portraits will be taken in front of Sunset Center's Christmas tree, and coffee, cookies and candy canes will be served.

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sensitivities of the participants in his group. "I love that puzzle," she said, of trying to pull vegetarian, gluten-free and other needs into a cohesive menu. Midway through the week, David came to thank her for her attention to the food.

It turned out that he was Dr. David Simon, the medical director for New Age author Deepak Chopra's center in La Jolla, and he offered Gordon a job as the executive chef there. She accepted, and a cookbook she wrote with Simon, "A Simple Celebration," was later published by Random House.

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During a kitchen rebuild, Chopra's organization "lent her out" as the personal chef to Steven Seagal, who was filming the movie, "The Glimmer Man." She stayed with a

friend in Beverly Hills, and went to work.

Her days started around 7 a.m. with Seagal's breakfast, and then cooking for "whoever was invited to lunch," often in a tiny trailer called a "honey bucket" on the set of the movie. One memorable, rainy afternoon, Seagal spent hours with his fight choreographers figuring out how he would throw someone through a taxicab window. Gordon worked on dinner, taking it all in.

Somehow, Gordon said, Seagal had the presence of mind to send for her the next day to see the scene being filmed. "It was one of the sweetest moments," she said of his thoughtfulness.

Lucky Valley

By the time the Seagal job ended, about nine months later, the Chopra organization had grown from a small startup to a more corporate operation, and the independent Gordon knew it was time to move on. This time, she came home and began running the Whole Life Center, a metaphysical book and gift area within Thunderbird Bookshop at the Crossroads shopping center. She also cooked for the store's café.

Then she ran her own spot, Ginna's Café, in the old milk house that's now home to Cima Collina Winery's tasting room on Carmel Valley Road. Not content to make the food, she decorated the interior and made her own ceramic dishes and art for the restaurant.

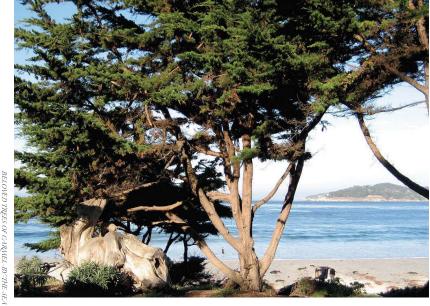
Along the way, Gordon volunteered for more than 10 years with the Bach Festival and was operations director with the Carmel Music Society from 2003 to 2011. She said she and her husband met at the Bach Festival, and she fell for him early on.

It took him a little while to catch up, but when he did, "we got married in about two minutes," she laughed. They'll celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day, 2017, and together they run a publishing company called Lucky Valley Press.

She turned out several other cookbooks, a children's book, and most recently the first of 10 novels following the saga of a Carmel Valley family. It's called "The Lavandula Series," and the first installment, "Looking for John Steinbeck," was released earlier this year, and will be followed by one more annu-

"That'll keep me busy for almost the next decade," she said. "I want this series to be what I leave behind. It's the best and most interesting thing I've ever done. It makes me the happiest, and it touches my soul."

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"I haven't done that yet, because my priority has been getting the plans in place," she explained. Gullo presented both items to the city council for approval at its Nov. 1 meeting.

In November 2015, the city's employees agreed to pay more toward their retirement funds, for a total of 8.5 percent from Nov. 1, 2015, to July 1 of this year, when it would rise to 10 percent. Previously, their contribution had been 7 per-

"Although employees in this bargaining unit agreed to pay, staff failed to process the required CalPERS documents, and employees have not been required to pay the additional member contribution," Gullo said in her report to the coun-

The state requires that certain procedures be followed in

order to impose such amendments, including the council adopting a resolution of intent, the employees voting in a "secret ballot election," the city certifying that the future annual costs were made public, and then the council adopting an ordinance on first and second reading.

Council members voted to adopt the ordinance at their meeting last month and are set to approve the final version at their Dec. 6 meeting.

The payments cannot be made retroactive, so they will instead take effect in mid-January.

"The city has been paying the approved employee costsharing contribution, which is approximately \$71,665," she explained. "Moving forward, the city will be saving approximately \$114,000 in the general fund per fiscal year."

Nothing nefarious

In the case of the other retirement plan, known as Laborers' International Union of North America National Pension Fund, the city had gone into default because it had not adopted a revised payment schedule as required by law. The default, imposed in 2012, resulted in reduced benefits and an imposed 8 percent annual contribution.

The problem was supposed to be fixed when the labor union's new agreements were adopted in November 2015, but the addendum that would have brought the city into compliance wasn't included, and therefore wasn't adopted.

"Once the city adopts the addendum and pays the difference in the contributions (\$16,411.80)," Gullo said, the fund would restore full benefits to the workers, back to January

The council also approved that change at its Nov. 1 meeting.

Afterward, Rerig noted that the council was displeased these two items hadn't been taken care of, but he didn't want to cast blame, instead focusing on improving operations at city hall.

"No one followed up on those systems. I know who it was, but I'm not going to tell you," he said, adding that he doesn't believe the failure was due to anything nefarious. "The accountability wasn't where it should have been."

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structure looks like for administration."

The five most critical changes, they said, also include having an outside contractor audit payroll and benefits (and then hiring a payroll service), hiring an assistant city administrator, figuring out who is supposed to staff the front counter and answer the phone, and bringing in a contractor to support the IT manager.

Other recommendations include reclassifying some jobs, creating new positions while getting rid of others, developing several strategic plans, and addressing work backlogs for the city clerk and human resources manager by providing fulltime support staff.

"I'm digesting it at this point," Rerig said of the study. "Some of those recommendations are good ones, some of them I might implement in a year, and some of them I might never implement."

He's planning on hiring a firm to help find an assistant city administrator — a search that will begin Jan. 1. "It felt selfish to have prioritized that position, but the fact is that with the progress the council and operational departments are trying to fulfill, I'm at capacity," Rerig explained. "My supposition is we'll have some internal candidates."

MRG to evaluate Rerig, Freeman

Last month, the council voted to hire the same company to conduct an extensive evaluation of Rerig and Freeman at a cost of \$15,000.

In February, the council decided to request proposals from firms interested in doing the analysis, and received four, ranging from \$9,900 to \$26,500. Two were interviewed and references checked, and MRG emerged as the final choice.

According to the proposal, the firm will evaluate Rerig and Freeman after determining a process and which competencies to measure.

The men will undergo self-evaluation and also be judged based on performance, achievement, goals and work. Each council member will meet with the consultant to discuss "observations on the performance, communication style and leadership competencies of each appointed official, level of satisfaction with overall services, perceptions about the health of the organization and desired areas of change or performance improvement," and key department heads might be asked to weigh in anonymously, as well.

All of that feedback will be used to develop the evaluation, which will be presented in draft form to the council for review and feedback. The consultant will also examine salaries and merit pay.

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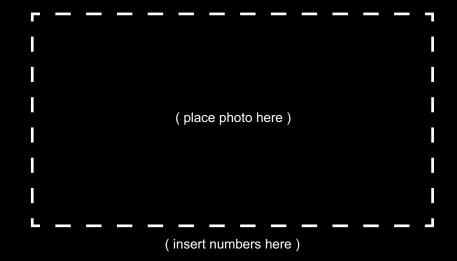
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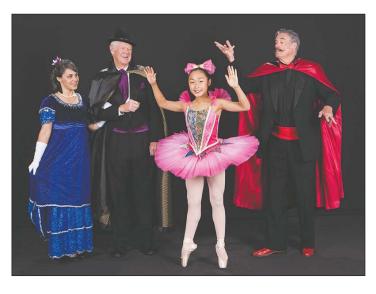
By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

SALVADOR DALI had a vision — an epic event to be hosted at the Hotel Del Monte, in hopes of raising money for artists who had fled the war in Europe. The party would be over-the-top outrageous, like nothing anyone had ever experienced before or might ever, again. Especially since Dali himself staged it.

It was 1941, and Dali's "Surrealistic Night in the Forest," held in the Bali Room at the hotel, really was a night to remember.

Try to imagine 2,000 trees taken from the Del Monte Forest, and two dozen mannequins with animal heads, 20 live animals from the San Francisco Zoo, and much, much more. Surely only Dali could have

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What is Salvador Dali (Keith Decker, at right) doing with the ballerina doll (Sydney Chu) and the Silberhauses (Richard Conklin and Nicole Capps) from the "Nutcracker"? Ask the Dance Kids!

PHOTOS/COURTESY DANCE KIDS

Ukelele master plays Golden State

PLAYING A tiny stringed instrument that packs a deceptively powerful punch, ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro will take the stage Saturday, Dec. 3, at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Widely proclaimed as "the Jimi Hendrix of the ukulele," Shimabukuro enjoyed regional success in Japan and Hawaii before a clip of him playing George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" went viral on YouTube in 2006.

A native of Hawaii, Shimabukuro began to play the ukulele shortly after learning to walk.

"I started when I was 4," the instrumentalist told The Pine Cone. "My dad had a guitar, and I couldn't hold because it was too heavy. But the ukulele was light and I could put in my lap. It was so much fun, and it felt like the right size."

Before launching his solo career in 2002, Shimabukuro played with two Hawaii-based ensembles — Pure Heart and Colón — and earned a total of six Na Hoku Hanohano Awards — the Hawaiian equivalent of the Grammy Awards. He's won another 10 as a solo artist.

Shimabukuro's international career took off in 2006 when the clip of him covering Harrison's song captured more than 14 million views. He launched a tour

with singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett, and he collaborated with big-name artists like Béla Fleck, Ziggy Marley, Cyndi Lauper and Yo-Yo Ma. For the first time in the rock 'n' roll era, the ukulele was hip.

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Ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro, pictured here doing his best Jimi Hendrix impersonation, will visit Golden State Theatre in Monterey Dec. 3.

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Cheesy knowledge, the Brands' new tasting room, and a beer lover's club

KENT TORREY — the Big Cheese and CEO (cheeseeating oenophile) of The Cheese Shop in Carmel Plaza knows a thing or two about one of the world's favorite foods. And with plenty of parties this time of year, Peninsula residents tend to flock to his store in even greater numbers.

Therefore, it seemed a good idea to seek some advice from the man who's been Carmel's leading CEO for years.

While trying to pick a favorite cheese can be like trying to pick a favorite child (or pet), Torrey weighed in on a good choice for gifts.

"I'd start with the Schoch Monterey Jack. Beau Schoch and his brothers are making a really fantastic line of local, artisinal cheeses from their family's own herd, so what's not

to love about where we live and the bounty of what we have to offer the world?" Schoch Dairy, located in Salinas, was started by the family a couple of generations ago, and the brothers craft several different cheeses.

More generally, Torrey offered advice on how to select cheeses for gifts and parties. "You have lots of flavors on the holiday tables, and lots of family/friends, so with that many individual palates, you do want to try for something that a lot of people will like," he said. Torrey advised, "going with more round flavors that are not too strong," like Point Reyes Toma, Swiss-like Leerdammer from the Netherlands, and young Manchego from Spain.

Some cheese makers release seasonal selections that only hit the market during the holidays "that are both full of flavor and can really set your holiday cheese board up nicely," he said, like Petit Vaccarinus (a Mont D'Or soft cheese with bark wrapped around it) and the similar Rush Creek from Upland Farm, as well as Beecher's Yule Kase, a cheddar soaked in red wine and rubbed down with blackberry honey. "We only got two wheels and are already down to a half wheel," Torrey said.

For folks who like truffles, you can't go wrong with truffled d'Affinois double cream, while the impressive Cognac Bellavitano — a Wisconsin cheddar soaked in Remy Martin cognac, "not just any old brandy," for seven to 10 days would please any recipient.

All of that cheese could require some special accessories, but Torrey said his favorite tool is the Norwegian cheese slicer that's been sold at the store for years. Add to that some

good, sharp pairing knives and a few spreaders for softer cheeses, and that's all that's needed.

But he did have a lot to say about accompaniments, favoring the Carmel Valley honey bottled by the young Jake Reisdorf, and dried fruits like Michigan tart cherries, Mission figs and apricots, paired with Marcona almonds or fig cake. The store also sells crackers, jams, tapenades and spreads that would be a great addition to any cheese board, and Torrey recommended adding fresh bread from local bakeries like Lafayette.

When it comes to serving and storing cheese, Torrey said people can leave a few cheeses on a board covered with a dome for a couple of days - "This is how my mother use to store our Brie, and we wouldn't eat it until it was running on the plate!" — or wrap them individually in wax

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paper and plastic, and keep them in the refrigerator.

"But please pull them out and let them come to room temperature at least one hour prior to serving, so the cheese isn't

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

too cold," he said. "Just like wine from a cellar, you want the cheese to come to room temperature for maximum flavor."

For those who simply can't decide what kind of cheese to give, the shop also has a Cheese of the Month Club. It costs about \$35 per month plus shipping (locals can pick up their shipments at the shop) and features three special selections. There is no long-term commitment, and Torrey said gift subscriptions can be set up for monthly or bimonthly shipments.

For more details, including stores hours and details on the shop's extensive selections of wine and cheese, visit http://www.thecheeseshopinc.com.

■ The Brands join the Village

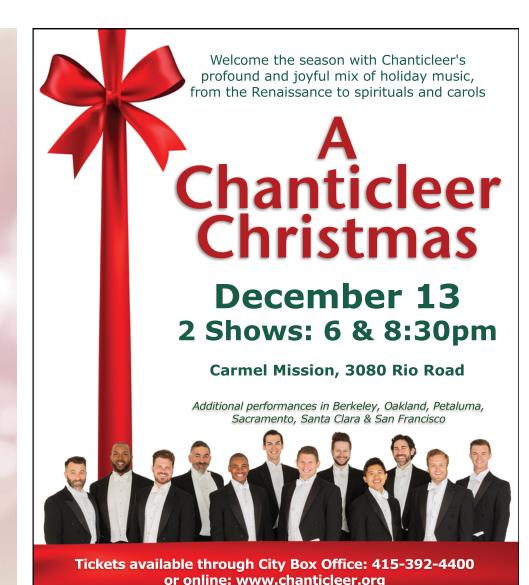
Winemaker Ian Brand and his wife, Heather, opened their new tasting room in the former location of Coastview Vineyards in Carmel Valley Village last week, welcoming

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The always bustling counter at the Cheese Shop in the Plaza is a particularly popular spot during the holiday season, when everyone flocks there for gifts, items for their holiday tables, and other goodies. Be sure to try all the samples generously offered by the staff.





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friends, fans and strangers to come in and sip some of his well crafted La Marea, Le P'tit Paysan and I. Brand & Family wines.

Located in the strip of tasting rooms at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road, the new tasting room is still getting its finishing touches — like signs — but is already full of great wine and great character. A fan of vinyl (for a musical medium, not for clothing), Ian Brand has also stocked the tasting room with a turntable and some of his favorite records, deciding on a whim what will be the best accompaniment to that day's tasting. On Sunday, for instance, the day began with David Crosby.

Staffed by Heather most days, Ian on Sundays, and sometimes the two of them together, the tasting room is open daily until at least 5, and a five-wine flight costs \$10. With delicious wines, good acoustics, and

the couple's warmth, knowledge and charm, it's well worth a visit.

■ Sparkling and caviar

Little embodies holiday joie de vivre more than bubbles and caviar, and the Windy Oaks tasting room in Su Vecino Court on the west side of Dolores Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues will present its own twist on that festive combo Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon to 7 p.m., with sparkling Albariño.

The event will celebrate the season and Windy Oaks' new release — with caviar, while selections from the Cheese Shop and gourmet appetizers will be paired with several of the winery's other offerings.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person, with members participating for free. The tasting room also hosts a Wine & Cheese Party every Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

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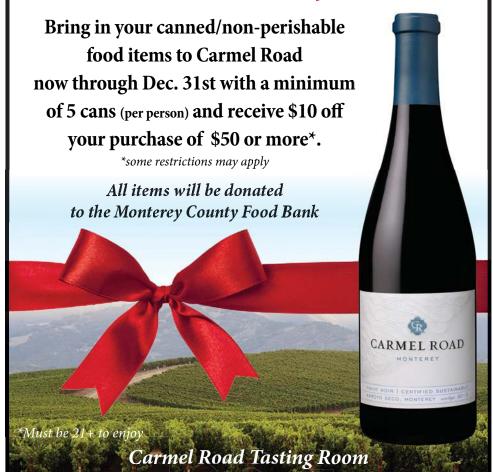
In his new tasting room, winemaker lan Brand is learning a different aspect of the business: schmoozing with customers at the bar. Catching him there is a surefire way to gain some valuable information about his wines - and perhaps details about whatever records he's decided to play that day, too.



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■ Grasing's Wine Club

Kurt Grasing's namesake restaurant has planned a lineup of tastings and wine dinners throughout December and into the coming year, starting with what is sure to be a fun and compelling sampling of Macallan and Highland Park whiskies Thursday, Dec. 8,

from 5 to 7 p.m. Special pricing will be offered on purchases, too, and the cost to attend is \$25 per person.

The same is true for Grasing's Holiday Wine Tasting & Sales Event featuring the wines of Pelerin, Chesebro, E16, Corte Riva and Laird — along with bottles from Champagne, Burgundy and the Rhone Valley Thursday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 6 p.m.

This month's special dinner will showcase the impressive wines of Oregon's Domaine Serene, with master sommelier Reggie Norito sharing his knowledge throughout the evening Thursday, Dec. 15, starting with a reception at 6 p.m.

To reserve a spot, call the restaurant, which is located on the northwest corner of Mission and Sixth, at (831) 624-6562.

■ Tasting and celebrating at Nielsen's

Nielsen Bros. Market at San Carlos and Seventh has also planned several tastings and special events this month, starting with its annual holiday celebration Friday, Dec. 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. Debbie Davis, who usually sings at the Cypress Inn, will be singing Christmas carols while the wine bar will be offering tastes of the 2006 and 2007 vintages of Le Chanceux ("The Lucky Ones"). Those wines will also be sold at a special price that day. Admission is free and small bites will be

The following day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the market's patio, free tastes of Seka Hills Wildflower Honey, olive oil, and raspberry vinegar will be offered to customers.

Then, on New Year's Eve Eve — also known as Dec. 30 — Cameron Christie, ambassador for Moet-Hennessy, will pour tastes of Krug and Dom Perignon, along with a few other selections, from 4 to 6 p.m. This tasting is also free to attend and will include small bites.

For more information, call (831) 624-

■ Trailside launches Mug Club

While a few mug clubs exist at pubs on the Peninsula to reward regulars for their patronage, the Trailside Café in Carmel Valley is taking the concept to the next level with the debut of its new club this month.

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as well as off some bottled selections, and will get \$2 off on Tuesdays after 6 p.m. They'll also be invited to private events and can go on field trips to featured breweries, and will get goodies for their birthdays, as well as 10 percent off Trailside merchandise. Plus, having your own mug at your favorite drinking establishment is just cool.

Membership costs \$50 per year, and the first Mug Club Party will take place Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m.

The Trailside is located at 3 Del Fino Place in the Village. For more information, go to http://trailsidecafecv.com.

■ Soberanes smoke taint

While some Cachagua vineyards aren't even harvesting their grapes this year due to smoke intrusion from this summer's devastating Soberanes Fire, Joullian Vineyards is working with a research scientist to figure out if the problem known as "smoke taint" can be solved.

The owners joined forces with with Enological Technical Services research scientist Eric Hervé "to develop vineyard and winery protocols to lessen smoke taint and provide solid research to be used during future fires."

"Not all of the 2016 vintage will be lost — there is confidence that this year's vintage of white wines will be top notch, because the juice is pressed out immediately with very little contact with the grape skins," according to Joullian. Winemaker Ridge Watson produced award-winning Sauvignon Blanc in the wake of the Kirk Creek Fire in 1999 and the Basin Complex in 2008, and reported this year's "looks very promising."

But in red wines, the smoky aromas and tastes are likely to migrate into the juice, and therefore the wine, as the juices spend up to three weeks fermenting on the grape skins, extracting color and flavor.

To try to fight smoke taint, the scientist and vineyard workers used "cream of tartar to wash off the sticky, waxy 'bloom' gathered as grapes mature, blowing off and rinsing the entire canopy to reduce ash, smoke buildup and subsequent transpiration through the leaves and then into the clusters," during the fire.

Assistant winemaker Matt Piagari has been working with ETS on controlled experiments with Cabernet Sauvignon, using Joullian's traditional practices on one lot, and techniques like accelerating fermentation and using untoasted oak chips to absorb smoke taint molecules out of the juice on the

other lot. Post-fermentation filtration can also remove significant taint.

Time will tell whether these measures and experiments have been successful.

■ Celebrate the pig

Cantinetta Luca on Dolores Street south of Ocean will present its two-night homage to the pig Dec. 8-9, when the restaurant's menu will be dominated by creatively conceived porcine dishes.

Antipasti, soups, sides, pizzas, first courses and main courses will all be pig-centered, like the 24-hour pork belly with balsamic onions and winter squash, the pork pate with

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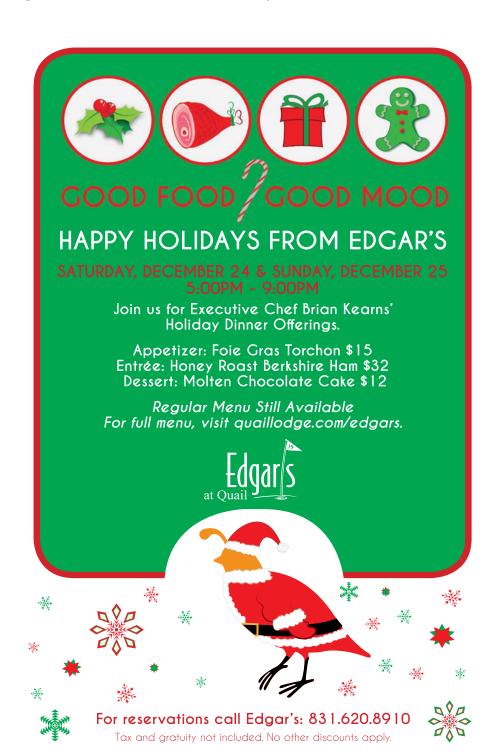
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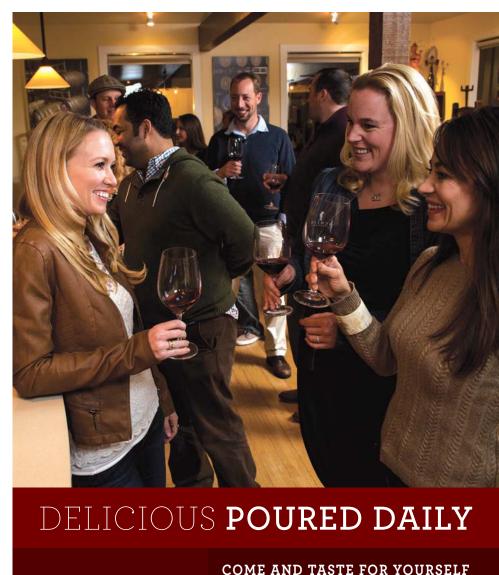
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Folktale Winery's monthly Chef Duels have taken off like wildfire, drawing crowds into the barrel room to witness two professional chefs creating masterpieces with assigned ingredients. Fortified with Folktale wines and tastes of the night's featured guest winery, attendees sample each chef's final dish and then cast their votes for their favorite. A few guest judges - last month's panel included Congressmanelect Jimmy Panetta on the eve of his election — also weigh in to determine the winner, and if they don't agree with the popular vote, a tie-breaker challenge is thrown at the chefs.

Last month's duel featured Jeremiah Tydeman of Alvarado Street Brewery and Tim Wood from Carmel Valley Ranch, cooking pork butt and getting bonus points for using coffee, turmeric, fennel and nori in their dishes. Although Wood's pulled pork slider was tasty, Tydeman won with his Asian-

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This month's duel, set for 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, will pit Stillwater Bar & Grill chef Jeremy Tummel against chef Jerry Regester of the Santa Lucia Preserve, and the secret ingredients won't be announced until that evening. The entire ordeal is overseen by chef Todd Fisher from Tarpy's Roadhouse, and the cost to attend is \$12.

Then, on Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m., the winery will also hold a holiday concert to benefit the Monterey Symphony. The program, which will also take place in the barrel room, will include concertos, sonatas, interludes and tangos, and the cost to attend is \$50, which includes a glass of wine. More wine, beer, sodas and food will be available for purchase.

Folktale Winery & Vineyards is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road. For more information on either event, as well as tickets, go to http://www.folktalewinery.com.

■ Get knowledge at Happy Girl

Happy Girl Kitchen on Central Avenue in Pacific Grove regularly offers classes on making jams and other methods of preserving fresh fruits and veggies. In time for the holidays, the kitchen will present a class on holiday gifts like cranberry sauce, candied citrus peels and cordials from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, for \$95 per person.

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"It was shortly after that Train had hit with a ukulele ["Hey, Soul Sister"], Eddie Vedder released a ukulele record, and Paul McCartney started playing one on his tour," Shimabukuro recalled. "If Eddie picks up the ukulele, it's cool."

A decade after his cover song — and career — went viral, Shimabukuro is on the road promoting his latest album, "Nashville Sessions," which came out in September. As its name implies, it was recorded in the country music capital of the world.

"I went there because I wanted to write original music," he explained. "I got to talk and sit in with some great Nashville players like Vince Gill and Jerry Douglas. It really inspired me to get into the studio and do a lot of improvisation. We took a jam-band approach."

While practically nobody can play the ukulele like Shimabukuro, the musician encourages everybody to try it.

"It's so friendly," he added. "It's one of the easiest instruments to get started on. If you suggest that someone learn the guitar, the piano or the violin, they might say 'It's too difficult.' But if you mention the ukulele, they lighten up and say, 'OK."

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$31 to \$64. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070.

■ Warming hearts, delighting senses

Celebrating the songs of the season with a Celtic twist, Molly's Revenge, singer Christa Burch and The Rosemary Turco Irish Dancers will play Sunday, Dec. 4, to St. Mary's by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove. The show marks the 11th annual holiday fundraising concert, which benefits the church and its program.

"We're so pleased to be hosting Molly's Revenge again," said **Jackie Pierce** of St. Mary's, who is helping to plan the show. Pierce said the trio, which features Carmel Valley fiddler **John Weed**, is "guaranteed to warm your heart and delight the senses."

The music starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general

admission and \$10 for kids 12 and under. St. Mary's is located at Central and 12th. Call (831) 224-3819.

■ Chamber series continues

Presenting the third of four chamber concerts offered this season, members of the Monterey Symphony will perform Thursday, Dec, 8, at All Saints Episcopal Church.

The concert showcases the talent of harpsichordist Michael Peterson, who will be joined by concertmaster and violinist Christina Mok, violinist Jessica Poll, flutist Dawn Walker, violist Chad Kaltinger, cellist Isaac Pastor-Chermak and bassist Bruce Moyer.

The ensemble will play music by Bach, Corelli and Ibert, along with holiday favorites like "White Christmas" and "Winter Wonderland."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$10 for students and active military. The church is located at Dolores and Ninth. Call (831) 646-8511.

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December 2, 2016

Fundraising show aids Seaside nonprofit, holiday art shows tempt shoppers

By CHRIS COUNTS

SHINING THE spotlight on 20 artists and the Seaside nonprofit group that provides them with a place to work, Open Ground Studios will unveil its 4th annual Artist Showcase Friday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 to

Part art reception and part holiday party, the event will call attention to talents of Alyssa Endo, Bonnie Fernandez, Deb Burke, Grace Oh, Noriko Constant, Paul Richmond and many others.

"Every year we celebrate not only the season of lights and love, but also the work and accomplishments of the resident artists and makers who've chosen to call Open Ground Studios 'home' over the past year," said Corinn Hillstrom, who works for the nonprofit art group and created art for the show. "As these members are the lifeblood of our studio, we are honored to mount another annual showcase of the amazing diversity of work and creative exploration they've brought to our family."

All 20 have donated pieces for the art center's first-ever miniature art fundraiser. The proceeds will help pay for the installation of studio track lighting.

Open Ground Studios is located at 1230 Fremont Blvd. The show continues through Jan. 19. Call (831) 241-6919.

■ Now for something different

Offering holiday gift buyers a refreshing alternative to Amazon, eBay and the mall, the Carmel Foundation will be the site of a Holiday Bazaar Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature art, jewelry and other hand-crafted items by foundation members, staff and friends. The senior center is located at Lincoln and Eighth.

Meanwhile, students from the jewelry, ceramic and printmaking departments will display their creations at the Monterey Peninsula College 20th annual Holiday Art Sale Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jewelry and printed cards will be featured in Room 106, while ceramics and glass will be displayed in Room 107. The community college is located at 980 Fremont, St.

■ Church turns to artists

Two artists, photographer Bob Sadler and quilter Regina Liske open shows Friday, Dec. 2, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula.

Celebrating the Monterey Bay's flora and fauna with images as tall as six-feet, Sadler's show, "Transcendence," fills the church's sanctuary. Liske's display, "Vertical Eight," adorns the church's Friendship Room. The work of both artists was commissioned by the church "to highlight the principles and sources of the Unitarian Universalist faith." The church is located at 490 Aguajito Road.

■ Go west, young photographer

The Monterey Peninsula has long been a magnet for fine art photographers, and in the latest installment of the Monterey Museum of Art's ongoing lecture series, Brian Taylor will offer a free talk on the "The Legacy of West

Coast Photography," Dec. 5.

Taylor is the executive director of the Center for Photographic Art, which is located in Sunset Center. The nonprofit group can trace its roots back to the Friends of Photography, which Ansel Adams and others founded in 1967.

The talk starts at 1 p.m. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. Call (831) 372-



Denise Sanders of Open Ground Studios in Seaside works on an abstract painting. An exhibit by various Open Ground Studios artists opens Dec. 2

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Friday, Dec. 2 Carmel Plaza Holiday Open House: Following the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony, Carmel Plaza will host its annual Open House event with live music, delectable treats, visit with Santa and so much more. Free event 5-7 p.m. Ocean Avenue & Mission Street, Carmel

Dec. 2-18 - Christmas on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf will be very special this year! On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in December (December 2-18, 2016), the Wharf will be celebrating Christmas on the Wharf with lots of "meet and greets" with Santa, live music, carolers, cocoa and cookies, Wharf merchant specials and much more! More details at montereywharf.

Dec 3-10: This is the week to Ship Those Christmas Gifts! Let Baum & Blume help you beat the Holiday crunch with a great selection of easy-to-ship gifts in their Christmas Boutique. Free Giftwrapping too! Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito Rd, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400. Hours: Mon-Sat. 11:30am-7pm.

Dec. 6 - Friends of Harrison Memorial Library are accepting Book Donations for their 45th Annual Book Sale to be held August 2017. Proceeds benefit the Carmel Library. Book donations can dropped off at the Friends Book Room every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at Sunset Center's Lower Level, 10th Avenue and San Carlos. For information call 224-4663.

Dec. 7 - Board-certified Urologist Dr. J. Anthony Shaheen talks about diagnosis, treatment and management of treatment side-effects of prostate cancer, including implant technology. Event is 5-6:15pm. at Westland House in Monterey, 100 Barnet Segal Lane. Hosted by the Prostate Cancer Self-Help Group. For more information, please contact Dr. Larry Lachman, (831) 915-6466.

Dec. 15 - King's Brass Christmas Concert. Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass featuring the new pipe organ at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m., corner of Ocean & Junipero Ave. Free. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dessert reception to follow. www.CarmelPres.org, (831) 620-2593.

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imagined such excess.

Yet 75 years later, Dance Kids of Monterey County, as they prepare their annual "Nutcracker" ballet at Sunset Center, is reimagining the production as if the story's Christmas Eve gathering took place at the old Hotel Del Monte — with Dali, S.F.B. Morse and John Steinbeck among the guests who arrive at the home of Doctor and Frau Silberhaus and their children, Clara and Fritz.

In addition to the unique cast of characters, many scenes will have new, locally themed backdrops.

'Local flavor'

"This year, Dance Kids is rebranding the traditional 'Nutcracker' to feature the Peninsula's rich history," said Carol Richmond, founder of Dance Kids of Monterey. "Florida does a 'Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Nutcracker.' Louisiana does a 'Nutcracker by the Bayou.' New York has a 'Harlem Nutcracker.' And now we have 'Nutcracker: A Monterey Peninsula Tradition."

In addition to the ballroom scene restaged as the infamous party at the old Hotel Del Monte, the scenes from the "March of the Sweets," in which imported goodies like coffee and chocolate take the stage, will also have some local flavor.

The Chinese scene will resemble Pacific Grove's Feast of



Attention! The soldier dolls, played here by Gwyneth Rider and Darrion Sellman, may find themselves battling the mice on Cannery Row next year.

Lanterns. The Arabian scene will take place before the backdrop of the sand dunes of Sand City. The Russian scene will feature St. Seraphim's Russian Orthodox Church in Seaside. And the Spanish scene will take place in front of the mission.

All of it has been designed and painted by scenic designer Nicole Bryant-Stephens.

Born in New York yet brought up in the Carmel Schools, Bryant-Stephens graduated from DePaul University in Chicago, with a degree in set design and theater. She returned to Carmel and went to work for, among others, Monterey Peninsula College Theater and Forest Theater.

"We have remounted or redesigned the appearance of the show four times over the years," said Bryant-Stephens. "The first time was when we started the production, and then when we moved from what is now the Carmel Academy of Performing Arts to Sunset Center, and again when we returned to Sunset Center after it was remodeled. Now, we are designing the sets to incorporate local history into our show."

Richmond and Bryant-Stephens anticipate a multi-year effort to increase the local presence in the "Nutcracker."

"This year we have the old Hotel Del Monte for the party scene, and next year, we plan to add Cannery Row for the battle scene. What better place to battle rats?" said Richmond. "We will go to Point Lobos, with a little artistic license, for the snow scene, and return to the Carmel Mission when the angels come in during the second act. Why not make it historic and relevant?"

On Dec. 2, ballet dancers from the "Nutcracker" cast are performing excerpts from the production during the Carmel Plaza Holiday Open House, in the old "Homescapes" space,



where Bryant-Stephens has been painting the backdrops. This pop-up performance is among many activities taking place at Carmel Plaza during the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony.

"The Nutcracker: A Monterey Peninsula Tradition," begins with a morning performance for some 700 first graders, who will arrive by bus to witness the production at Sunset Center. And then the production will be performed for the public Dec. 9-11. For more information and tickets, visit http://www.sunsetcenter.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Monterey Peninsula Airport
District will be conducting a Public
Scoping Meeting regarding the
Environmental Assessment for the
Proposed Airport Safety Enhancement
Project for Taxiway "A" Relocation and
Associated Building Relocations.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 4:00 - 6:00 PM Open House Format Everyone Welcome!

Airport District Board Room on the Second Floor of the Airport Terminal 200 Fred Kane Drive, Monterey CA 93940

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., December 20, 2016

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The music starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for reserved seats, \$20 for general admission and \$15 for students and active military. Call (831) 644-8012.

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Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey — Songwriters Showcase (Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter Jimmy Robinson (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 150 Del Monte Ave., (831)

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PROPOSALS DUE BY 2:00 p.m., December 27, 2016

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The City of Carmel-By-The-Sea (City) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to demolish an existing 150 Lineal Feet of guardrail and install a replacement guardrail at the Sunset

Eagle Project Management, LLC has been retained as the City's Construction Manager and will be your primary contact throughout the course of the project.

Please carefully review the entire Bid Documents and all attachments before responding, (see below for locations to review the Bid Documents).

All <u>Inquiries</u> should be directed to:

Roger Miller Eagle Project Management LLC 798 Lighthouse Ave. #319 Monterey, CA 93940

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E-mail: Roger@eaglepromanagement.com

Sealed Bids shall be delivered to:

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City of Carmel-By-The-Sea

City Hall, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues

The deadline for submitting Bids is: 2:00 p.m., December 17, 2016

Bids arriving after the specified date and time will not be considered. Each Bidder assumes responsibility for timely submission of its proposal.

Bid Walk: There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and site walk at the job site at Sunset Center San Carlos St at Ninth Ave Carmel-by-th-Sea, CA 93921 at 9:00 AM on December 13,

THE COMPLETE RFP PACKAGE CAN BE VIEWED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

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PROPOSALS DUE BY 2:00 p.m., December 28, 2016

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea (City) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to repair Fuel Island Equipment at the Public Works Refueling Facility.

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The deadline for submitting Bids is: 2:00 p.m., December 28, 2016

Bids arriving after the specified date and time will not be considered. Each Bidder assumes responsibility for timely submission of its proposal.

Bid Walk: There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and site walk at the job site at Public Works Department Refuelling facility located on Junipero between 4th and 5th Avenues, Carmelbv-the-Sea, CA 93921 at 9:00 AM on December 14, 2016

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(Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and The Ben Herod Trio (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Cooper's Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Kenny Chung** (country and folk, Friday at 9 p.m.); and guitarist Terry Strickland and percussionist Juan Carlos (Latin and contemporary, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — The E.J. Cox Band (Americana, Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa — saxophonist Roger Eddy with The David Morwood Jazz Band (Friday at 7 p.m.); and guitarist Mike Lent, bassist Peter Lips and drummer David Morwood (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — The Jazz Trio featuring pianists Bob Phillips or Bill Spencer (jazz, in the lobby, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); and The Dottie Dodgion Trio (jazz,

Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Julia's restaurant in Pacific Grove singer-songwriter Tiffany Decker (Monday at 7 p.m.); singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (Tuesday at 7 p.m.); mandolinist Dave Holodiloff (Wednesday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter Buddy Comfort (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831)

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Monterey Museum of Art — Valley Soul plays a fundraising show, "Art & Soul: Brews for a Cause," to benefit the museum (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 559 Pacific St., (831) 372-5477.

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

Pacific Grove Art Center — Open Mic Night (Friday at 7 p.m.). 568 Lighthouse

Ave., (831) 375-2208.

Pierce Ranch Vineyards Tasting Room in Monterey — The Silhouette Era ("surf pop") and singer-songwriter James Meder (Friday at 8 p.m.). 499 Wave Street, (831) 372-8900.

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

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn -Andrea's Fault (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist Richard Devinck (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (pop and jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

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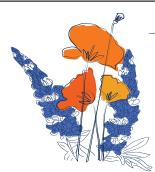
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