Council makes downtown short-term rentals permanent

But limits new units

By MARY SCHEY

AFTER a few sparks flew, the city council voted 3-0 Tuesday night to ban short-term rentals in the commercial districts and apartment buildings, except units built alongside new affordable and market-rate housing. Council members also decided the 39 vacation rentals that are legal now will continue to be legal forever, unless the buildings are demolished or changed to other uses.

The vote came just after a protracted process and months of debate over how to handle vacation rentals in the limited parts of the city where they are legal. They’ve been prohibited in single-family homes for 30 years, though enforcement was extremely lax until just a couple of years ago.

“As we started to enforce the ban on short-term rentals in the residential district, it got more publicity and more information was released, and people came to understand the ban only applied to the residential district, not the downtown,” planning director Marc Wiener explained at the Dec. 3 meeting.

“We started to see an influx of applications for transient rentals. Staff saw it as an issue, and I know the council was too concerned,” he added.

As the topic became a public concern, it was also revealed that some short-term units in the downtown district were fetching more than $1,000 per night — putting them extremely attractive to building owners, while they also drew criticism from hotel operators who objected to the competition, particularly since a separate part of the city code caps the number of hotel rooms in town.

During hearings on the topic in March, June, July, September, October, Wiener and council members discussed whether to continue allowing the vacation rentals or ban them, what to do about the people who legally obtained business licenses and permits for their rentals, and whether such rentals should be used as incentives to get developers to build more much-needed rental housing downtown.

The lucky 39

So far, the city has issued permits for 39 legal short-term rentals.

During an hour of testimony, a number of residents, including people who are full-time renters downtown, asked the council to eliminate those permits. While Wiener suggested 30 years would be long enough for those who put a lot of money into their vacation rentals to recoup their costs before their permits expired, several speakers said they should get no more than 10 years.

“The action you may take this evening will impact the future of the business and commercial districts for some 30 years,” former Mayor Sue McCleod said. “I didn’t realize you were that clairvoyant.”

Resident Chris Campbell pleaded for making long-term housing a priority.

“We need more people who live

First mention — Semi-local author does OK

By ELAINE HESSER

JOHN STEINBECK was born in 1902 in Salinas and died Dec. 29, 1968, in New York City. In between, he became part of every American schoolchild’s must-read list, whether for short works like “The Pearl,” or weightier books, including “Of Mice and Men” and “The Grapes of Wrath.”

He lived in a Pacific Grove for the first half of the 1930s, moving to Los Gatos in 1936. However, he frequently came back to the Peninsula to visit and stay for extended periods, and to spend time with his good friend, biologist Ed Ricketts.

Looking at Steinbeck’s life through the lens of The Pine Cone’s articles is intriguing. It would be hard to predict, just from what was written during his lifetime, that he would one day be the subject of a whole museum in his home-town of Salinas.

Among other things, his 1940 Pulitzer Prize for “The Grapes of Wrath” and his somewhat controversial Nobel Prize in Literature in 1962 appear to have gone unnoticed by the paper.

It would be unfair to infer too much from that, but the accounts that are in the paper’s pages offer a small town’s perspective on a sometimes-resident celebrity — a bit of “Ain’t he swell?”

By KELLY NIX

$1.5 M bike path for Moss Landing bridge

A NOTORIOUSLY hazardous stretch in Moss Landing for pedestrians and cyclists could get a makeover in the form of a new bike path and bridge over Eldion Slough if the California Coastal Commission greenlights the plan at its meeting in Calabasas next week.

Commissioners at the Dec. 13 meeting will consider issuing Monterey County Public Works a coastal development permit for the construction of a 10-foot-wide paved bike and walking path and bridge.

The trail would be located adjacent to Highway 68, near the historic Moss Landing Industrial Park. It would connect the California American Water infrastructure and Tularcitos School's Bobcat Hall, barely a dozen people showed up.

While the hearing was focused on the design of the remodel, public comments strayed far from it — just as they had at previous meetings. Some pushed back against Stanley's assertion that the makeover is necessary because tenants are struggling. One speaker, Richard Holsen, said tenants hesitate to invest in their businesses because they don’t have long-term leases.

Water board member calls for investigation

By KELLY NIX

A BOARD member for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is calling for an independent investigation into allegations that general manager Dale Stoldt “manipulated” information to bolster his claims that a sewer line along a residential street was historically significant Dec. 12 in Salinas. The deputy director is historically important, the Carmel Pine Cone calls for investigation

By CHRIS COUNTS

MAKING IT clear they believe Mid-Valley Center is historically important, the Carmel Pine Cone’s independent investigator to look at the allegations that the water board’s chair, Molly Evans, and the water district’s policies or state laws.

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Bonded brothers

It was a curse and a blessing that they took both sons to a home in High Meadow to pick out a Havanese puppy. In the same moment, the boys’ arms crossed as they pointed to different dogs.

“The breeder said it would be easier to raise one dog if we had two,” said Mom. “She was right. The pups never cried after we brought them home because they had each other.”

True to their breed, Patches and Choco Taco, as the boys named them, were always sweet, easy to please, and very entertaining; a mix between a poodle and a stuffed animal. The two were like little circus toys for their boys, Mom said, racing around like funny little clowns at their home near Carmel High.

“Patches, the alpha of the two, wasbossy, while Choco was the beta,” their person said. “Their relationship delighted us for many years.”

And then, Patches got sick. When he died, Choco howled.

In the ensuing years, Choco’s family has been devoted to keeping the little dog busy. His person takes him to her Sand City office, where people come and go, and everyone pets him.

Choco’s also been getting in a lot of time at Carmel Beach, to give him a chance to play among other dogs.

“Choco loves running along the shore,” his person said. “He starts off next to me, but then he looks up, as if to let me know it’s time, and takes off, just like he did when he used to chase Patches.”

Choco, now 12, has been learning how to adjust to life without Patches and be at peace, his person said.

“This past year, he’s become meditative,” his person said. “Every morning, he climbs up on the bed and quietly watches the sunrise before he starts his day.”
Verizon asks coastal commission to overturn city’s denial of cell towers

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CALIFORNIA Coastal Commission shouldn’t get in the way of the city’s Sept. 10 decision to reject a proposal from Verizon Wireless to install five cellular antennas and related equipment in the residential neighborhood at the southwest end of town, according to coastal planner Mike Watson.

The wireless company filed an appeal with the coastal panel, which has the power to overturn denials or approvals by local governments, but Watson is recommending the commission not take up the matter, and commissioners are set to decide Dec. 13 whether they will follow his lead.

The planning commission and city council decided Verizon’s proposal to install new wireless antennae on power poles in the single-family-residential district did not conform with the city’s Local Coastal Program on various grounds, and Watson said the commission’s only interest is whether that decision was correct or if it raised a “substantial issue of conformity with the LCP.”

“Obsolete LCP”

While the Coastal Act doesn’t define “substantial issue,” he said the coastal panel should take into account “the degree of factual and legal support for the local government’s decision, the extent and scope of the development, the significance of the coastal resources affected by the decision, the precedent value of the local government’s decision for future interpretations of its LCP, and whether the appeal raises only local issues, as opposed to those of regional or statewide significance.”

Watson said Verizon wants the coastal commission to take up the matter because it believes the LCP is “obsolete” where restrictions on wireless telecommunications are concerned, and because the council didn’t adopt specific reasons for refusing to approve the permit.

“Additionally, Verizon contends that the city’s findings for denial on the grounds of zoning restrictions, radio frequency emission standards, and aesthetics are erroneous and unsupported by substantial evidence as a matter of federal law,” Watson said.

But the planning commission and city council outlined numerous reasons they believed Verizon’s application would violate city codes, and Watson said his review revealed their reasoning was valid, according to the LCP.

The city “provided the factual and legal support demonstrating that the wireless facilities expansion was inappropriate and inconsistent with the city’s LCP land use, wireless facilities, and scenic resource provisions,” because they would be too tall and would be installed in highly scenic areas that “are afforded special protection under the LCP,” he said.

During the Dec. 13 hearing, testimony will be taken only on the question of whether the appeal is significant enough for the coastal commission to consider.

Only Verizon officials, city representatives, and some who spoke during the city permit process will be allowed to testify, while everyone else can submit written comments.

If the commission decides to consider Verizon’s appeal after all, another date would be set for that hearing.

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Leash wasn’t the only thing lacking

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 Schelty.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of vandalism to a vehicle on Rio Road. The passenger-side window was smashed. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An attempted vehicle burglary of a parked vehicle occurred at Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a report of a loose dog in the residential area of San Carlos. Officer located the dog at the same time as the dog sitter. The dog was returned to the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet left behind in an Uber. Uber driver brought wallet to CPD for safekeeping. The owner was contacted via cell phone and advised the wallet was here. He stated he would retrieve the wallet the next day.

Pacific Grove: A 21-year-old male was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for violating his probation and DUI.

Pacific Grove: Intoxicated female on Forest Avenue was transported to the hospital.

Carmel area: Victim on Carmel Rancho Boulevard reported theft of money from his unlocked vehicle.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a male subject masturbating in public on San Carlos Street at 1200 hours. The subject was contacted and positively identified as the subject masturbating. The caller requested no prosecution. This report is for information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported a civil problem regarding a hotel on San Carlos Street. She said the hotel changed the room number she had booked. She stated the hotel was unwilling to reduce the rate and would not let her cancel without a fee. She understood the incident was civil and requested it be documented.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet on San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female fell on Ocean Avenue (city property). Transported to CHOMP.

Pacific Grove: Trespass admonishment at a Sunrise Drive residence.

Pacific Grove: Restraining order service refused for an outside agency.

Pacific Grove: Restraining order questions at a Lighthouse Avenue address.

Pacific Grove: A 31-year-old male was cited on Patterson Lane for a traffic warrant.

Carmel area: A 58-year-old male allegedly battered another male, age 44, over parking on Camino del Monte.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral at a Carmel Valley Road residence.

Carmel Valley: East Carmel Valley Road residential burglary reported her dog being shot.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a residential burglary on Summit Field Road.

See POLICE LOG page 14E in the Real Estate Section

The gavel falls

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

Sept. 26 — Erica Luna-Mondragon, 27, and Hugo Solorio, 28, both residents of Salinas, pled guilty to felony welfare fraud. The plea was taken by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta. Between the months of September 2012 and February 2018, the couple was receiving CalFresh benefits (food stamps) and CalWorks benefits (cash aid claiming they were unemployed and needed these benefits to support their children. But a subsequent investigation by the Department of Social Services and the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office revealed that Solorio was in fact employed during the entire fraud period. Both Luna-Mondragon and Solorio misrepresented income to DSS, as well as on the requisite reporting forms for these programs. The household income was well above the level required to be eligible to receive any benefits. The couple’s misrepresentations resulted in an overpayment of benefits of $20,038. The couple face three years of formal felony sentences at a Lighthouse Avenue address.

Sept. 27 — Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced Charles “Trigger” Gutierrez to 50-years-to-life for the murder of 22-year-old Eliot Serna. On May 28, a jury convicted Gutierrez of murder in the first degree for the benefit of the Norteno criminal street gang, with an enhancement for personal use of a firearm. Gutierrez is in order to get tattoos. Serna was in the front passenger seat of his aunt’s Honda Civic, his adult cousin was driving, and his 10-year-old cousin was seated behind him on the passenger side. As the three left the complex, they came upon a group of men gathered outside a known Norteno home within the complex. This home belonged to family members of the defendant.

The men — many of whom were active Norteno gang members and the defendant’s family members — were celebrating the life of a fellow gang member who had been murdered. That group of Nortenos believed the victim’s adult cousin, who was driving, to be a rival gang member. Multiple Nortenos approached the victim’s vehicle, armed with...
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City council OKs new contracts for workers, management, cops

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER NINE meetings over the course of several months, union representatives for Carmel’s employees, managers and police officers finally reached “an amicable resolution” with the administration last month, assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo said Tuesday, when she asked the city council to approve new contracts for each of the labor groups.

Council members voted without discussion to ratify the three new agreements, which call for annual pay increases, reimbursement for gym memberships, and other new benefits through June 30, 2022.

The contracts with the “general employees” — which are most of the people working for the city — and for management are almost identical. Each calls for pay increases of 3.5 percent on Jan. 1, 2 percent a year later, and another 1.25 percent a year after that. Gullo estimated the cost to taxpayers for those pay raises will be $46,107 this year, $73,377 in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and $44,653 in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, for a total of $164,138.

Other new provisions in the contracts include:

■ Employees who are fluent in Spanish and English and use their bilingual skills in writing for the job on a daily basis will get $100 extra per month.

■ A worker who takes over the duties of a higher-paying position — a senior planner stepping in as planning director for a few months, for instance — due to temporary vacancy will receive either a 5 percent premium or the lowest salary rate of the higher position, whichever is greater. Such an arrangement can’t go for longer than six months, however.

According to new contracts approved by the council Tuesday, public works crews, along with everyone else on the city’s payroll, will get raises and other new benefits.

■ Instead of receiving $25 per weekday and $75 per weekend day when on standby, workers will be paid $2.50 per hour on weekdays and $3 per hour on weekends. When called in while on standby, they are guaranteed a minimum of two hours of overtime. The OT minimum is not new, but the statement that travel time to and from the job is not considered time worked is.

■ Employees who pay for gym memberships or other fitness facilities are entitled to reimbursement of up to $25 per month.

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What police get

Officers, corporals and sergeants received an instant 3 percent raise, as well as a “one-time equity payment of 1 percent,” and will get another 3 percent on July 1, 2020, followed by a 4 percent raise a year later.

All other employees in the police department — such as dispatchers, parking officers and the animal control officer — got a 2 percent increase when the council approved the new contract, and will get another 1.5 percent July 1.
P.G. city council grapples over e-bike rules on rec trail

By CHRIS COUNTS

LOVE ‘EM or hate ‘em — and lots of people appear to love them — e-bikes are here to stay, according to a local bike shop owner.

But after a Pacific Grove City Council hearing this week, it’s uncertain if they will be allowed along a nearly mile-long and highly scenic stretch of the Monterey Bay Recreational Trail that passes through the town.

At present, all bikes are allowed everywhere on the Pacific Grove part of the trail and have no speed limit. The city council weighed in on a proposal Dec. 4 to allow two types of electric bikes on the trail and limit their speeds to 12 mph. The ordinance would permit what are called Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes, neither of which is designed to go over 20 mph. It would ban Class 3 e-bikes, which can travel up to 28 mph.

But after three council members voiced opposition to the ordinance — mostly due to concerns about whether e-bikes can co-exist safely with pedestrians and bicyclists, and the challenges of enforcement — the council agreed to revisit the topic at a later date.

During the public comment period, several people spoke out in favor of e-bikes, including resident Joy Colangelo, who suggested that limiting their speed to 12 mph would be “unenforceable,” and she urged the city council to do what it can to make them “more attractive” to the public.

Four members of the council — Joe Amelio, Cynthia Garfield, Jenny McAdams and Amy Tomlinson — each expressed at least some support for permitting e-bikes along the trail, while Mayor Bill Peake and council members Robert Huitt and Nick Smith each signaled opposition to allowing them along the popular path.

Amelio shared a story about a friend who can no longer ride a regular bicycle but enjoys riding an e-bike. “I’m probably the Lone Ranger on this, but I think it’s a great ordinance,” he said.

Garfield said she wants to see more people enjoy the rec trail, but she expressed
Farmers say PG&E damaged marijuana crop

By KELLY NIX

On top of its other legal troubles, PG&E is facing a lawsuit from a Salinas cannabis farm that says the utility damaged a gas line earlier this year, causing much lower crop yields. The grower’s lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court Nov. 20, seeks to recoup the profits they say were lost.

New Leaf Family Farms and owners Pedro and Margarita Mercado allege that PG&E — while preparing to install a 4-inch gas line for the cannabis farm on Feb. 25 — inadvertently damaged an existing natural gas pipeline while excavating.

Although the utility tried to repair the damaged line, the Mercados contend the job was “defective” and caused a “severe restriction” of natural gas to the cannabis greenhouse they operate at 20260 Spence Road.

The damage forced them to rent electric heaters for 28 days to “maintain a proper environmental temperature in the greenhouse” and ensure the company’s cannabis crops weren’t lost, they contend.

“Although New Leaf was able to salvage the cannabis crops through the use of electric heaters, the crop yields were drastically lower than they would have been with continual proper temperatures,” had the crop been heated using PG&E gas, the lawsuit says.

‘Direct consequence’

Furthermore, the Mercados say that because of the additional electrical load required to operate the generators it used to heat the plants, which it says was a “direct consequence of PG&E’s negligence,” one of the utility’s transformers blew, and “PG&E demanded payment of $4,261.86 from the owners” for the damaged equipment.

PG&E spokeswoman Mayra Tostado told The Pine Cone Thursday afternoon that the utility company does not comment on pending litigation.

The Mercados allege the utility was negligent by not

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Sheriff to report on ICE activity

By MARY SCHLEY

IN ACCORDANCE with a state law that protects incarcerated illegal immigrants, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office will report Tuesday to the board of supervisors about when and why it let federal immigration agents inside the county jail over the past year.

The hearing, held under what the state Legislature called the Truth Act, will be held Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. in the supervisors’ chambers, 168 W. Alisal St. in Salinas.

The law requires counties and cities to hold at least one community forum each year at which local law enforcement discloses ICE’s access to county inmates who are not in the country legally. In this case, the sheriff’s office could report the number and demographic characteristics of people contacted by immigration agents, when that contact was made, and why the access was provided.

The law, which was enacted in 2017, also requires police to notify anyone ICE agents want to interview via a written consent form “explaining the purpose of the interview, that the interview is voluntary, and that he or she may decline to be interviewed or may choose to be interviewed only with his or her attorney present.”

Notification to inmates

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When two large limbs fell off their redwood tree this week, a Carmel couple turned the loss into a gain.

“As we were cutting the branches up, they were too beautiful to just throw away, so we started decorating the construction outhouse with them,” said Patrice Berlin, who lives on Palou at the Jane Powers walkway with her husband, Peter. They are building a 62-square-foot addition to their home to include a second bathroom and adding a new fence and gate — which means they’ve been looking at the lattice-covered portable toilet while construction crews have been doing the work.

Deciding the greenery should be augmented with additional holiday cheer, the couple bought unbreakable Christmas ornaments and a solar-powered string of lights to add to their masterpiece.

“You never seem to lose it,” she said, suggesting it could become a holiday tradition.

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**Chamber award winners honored**

By MARY SCHLEY

Nomination by the public and chosen by some of the 500 member businesses of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, the winners of the 22nd Annual Awards of Excellence were announced at a gala at Quail Lodge Wednesday night. La Bicyclette Restaurant, owned by Gaston Georis, was named the Business of the Year, and restaurateur Tony Salameh was recognized as the Community Champion for his contributions to the city during his decades as owner of Anton & Michel restaurant and other ventures.

Last year, worried the same companies and individuals were dominating their categories year after year, and wanting to even the playing field, chamber officials changed up the award classifications. Gone are best art gallery, dining, media and marketing, services to businesses and residents, services to visitors, and several others, replaced with broader categories like community and business service organizations, professional services, and art, music and performance.

The voting process remained the same, with the community at large invited to go online to choose the best businesses in each category, and chamber members selecting the winners from among the top vote-getters under each heading.

At the Dec. 4 celebration, chamber officials revealed this year’s winners. They were:

- Small Accommodation — Pine Inn
- Large Accommodation — La Playa Carmel
- Art/Music/Performance — Sunset Cultural Center
- Beverage — Scheid Vineyards
- Small Food/Market/Specialty — Nielsen Bros. Market
- Large Food/Market/Specialty — Grasing’s

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Longtime restaurateur Gaston Georis, owner of La Bicyclette, graciously accepts his Business of the Year award from the Carmel Chamber of Commerce at a gala at Quail Lodge Wednesday night.

**WHEN IN DOUBT, DECK THE WALLS**

When two large limbs fell off their redwood tree this week, a Carmel couple turned the loss into a gain.

“As we were cutting the branches up, they were too beautiful to just throw away, so we started decorating the construction outhouse with them,” said Patrice Berlin, who lives on Palou at the Jane Powers walkway with her husband, Peter. They are building a 62-square-foot addition to their home to include a second bathroom and adding a new fence and gate — which means they’ve been looking at the lattice-covered portable toilet while construction crews have been doing the work.

“Everyone seems to love it,” she said, suggesting it could become a holiday tradition.
A HISTORIC caboose that’s been on Cannery Row for more than five decades, but which was sold in 2018, is expected to open to the public in January after renovation is complete, the owner of the 103-year-old rail car said this week.

Ed Ciliberti purchased the caboose in April 2018 with plans to redo it and open it as a gift shop and a display for railroad memorabilia. To get ready for it to open, Ciliberti had the railcar’s roof replaced and fumigation done. He also obtained a lease from the City of Monterey so he could keep the 45-foot-long car on Cannery Row.

“It will be open in January with railroad memorabilia for sale and a museum highlighting the history of the railcar,” including before it was converted to a caboose in the 1940s and came to Cannery Row in 1968, Ciliberti told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

He said that Jon Stuefloten, who specializes in paint restoration, has begun preparing the inside of the railcar for painting. Stuefloten’s crew will also replace and repair some of the boards on the outside that have dry rot.

“Beginning next week, while waiting for the prep to dry inside, they will power wash, sand and replace some damaged boards before painting the exterior with a more natural red caboose color,” Ciliberti explained. “It should take approximately two to three weeks to complete.”

Lead paint was discovered, and Stuefloten “had to go through a number of permits and clearances before the work could begin” on the caboose, he said.

“The project has already received lots of attention, inquiries and loyal fans excited to see the historic caboose brought back to life,” Ciliberti added.

Besides a mini-museum, the caboose will have railroad-related artifacts, documents and memorabilia, vintage photos and “the only original Western Pacific porcelain sign known to exist, on display,” Ciliberti said.

He bought the caboose from longtime owners Randall Reinstedt, a local author, and his wife, Debbie. It was on the market for $27,000.

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Council OKs $21k more for surveillance cameras

By MARY SCHLEY

THE VIDEO cameras installed on a half-dozen power poles on the outskirts of town in September are now streaming images of cars and their license plates, public works director Bob Harary told the city council Tuesday, when he asked it to authorize an additional $20,589 for the necessary equipment so officers can watch and record the footage in the station. Police have said the videos will be helpful in identifying people who have committed crimes.

While the council allocated money to the project in 2017 and again in 2018, when a contract with a company called Surveillance Grid Integration was signed for the design and installation of the cameras, months of delays followed, due to lagging approvals from PG&E to use its power poles and from Comcast for video transmission and services. Finally, three months ago, the contractor attached the cameras to poles on Dolores Street, Carpenter Street, Rio Road, Ocean Avenue and Camino del Monte in high-traffic locations, at a cost of more than $100,000 — but their feeds weren’t making it to the station, yet.

The surveillance system required specialized equipment there, too, and while “at one point, it appeared that additional, necessary hardware costs would be offset by other hardware which was originally proposed but would no longer be needed,” Harary said, final accounting revealed the project was actually $20,589 over budget.

Maintenance, too

At the Dec. 3 meeting, Harary asked the council to increase the total contract with Surveillance Grid to $130,589 to cover a $15,577 video processor, two 50-inch wall-mounted monitors costing $627 apiece, $1,500 for installation and training on the wall monitor, $722.48 for software, and $1,535.52 in sales tax.

“The project is now substantially complete,” he said, though the city’s IT staff continues to tweak the system for clarity and ease of use.

In addition, Surveillance Grid will be paid around $8,000 per year to maintain the equipment.

The council approved the cost increase without discussion as part of the consent agenda at Tuesday’s meeting.

Climate change group to meet again

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council’s committee on climate change and how to address it will meet in city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean Avenue Dec. 10 at 4 p.m., according to city councilman Jeff Baron, who serves on the committee alongside councilwoman Carrie Theis.

Baron said this week that the committee will work on developing a mission statement, and will talk about “what the city is going to do in response to climate change.”

The committee will also receive a presentation from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments on the calculation of greenhouse gas emissions, “which will help us evaluate how we will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in the future.”

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La Pier continued. Another part of that project, though not funded by the federal monies, will be 54 new hangars, La Pier said. He doesn’t yet know where the money for the hangars will come from. “We are looking at a number of different financial models,” he said. “But the first phase of our overall plan is to build the aircraft parking area.” He estimated construction on that would begin in late spring of next year at the earliest.

Airport gets another $10M from transportation dep’t.

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING A $5.1 million federal taxpayer-funded grant to help rebuild the area between the taxiway and the main runway, the Monterey Regional Airport last month received another $10 million from the Federal Aviation Administration to construct a general aviation aircraft parking and refueling area on the north side of the airport, according to executive director Michael La Pier.

The grant announced Nov. 22 by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao was among $35.6 million awarded to four airports in California out of a total $485 million distributed nationwide.

According to Chao, the Trump administration “has invested a historic $10.8 billion in more than 2,000 American airports across the United States for safety and infrastructure improvements since January 2017.”

Work will soon get underway on the infield project being funded by the $5,122,054 the airport received from the FAA in September. “We already have a bid, and we should be starting that in January or February,” La Pier said.

“The money we just got last week from the FAA is for the construction of a new general aviation parking area that will be located on the north side of the airport,” La Pier continued.

A $10 million taxpayer-funded grant will help the Monterey Regional Airport build a new aircraft parking and refueling area on the north side of the airport, as shown in this graphic that’s part of the airport’s extensive master plan.

Monterey Firefighters collecting toys for kids

THE MONTEREY Firefighters union is accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys at fire stations and other key locations through Dec. 19.

Firefighter Raul Pantoja, the organization’s public relations executive director, said the effort helps ensure local kids don’t go without gifts this year, and firefighters are combining forces with Pacific Grove Kiwanis to help collect and distribute even more.

“The holidays can be the hardest part of the year for parents struggling to put food on the table,” he said. “With your help, we can make a difference to families who may be worrying how to make the holidays special for their kids.”

Toys can be dropped off at any Monterey Fire station — 600 Pacific St., 582 Hawthorne St. and on Dela Vina Ave. in Monterey, 600 Pine St. in Pacific Grove and Sixth between Mission and San Carlos in Carmel. They are also being accepted at public schools in Pacific Grove, First Awakenings at the American Tin Cannery, Grand Avenue Flooring, P.G. Cleaners, Paul’s Drapery, the Pebble Beach Community Services District and the P.G. tourist information center.

For more information, contact Pantoja at montereyfirefighters3707@gmail.com.
City officials briefly worried they might have to call off the traditional holiday celebration set for Dec. 6 due to rain, but with the forecast calling for downpours later in the evening, they decided Thursday morning that it’s a go. The festivities are bookended by a community party at Sunset Center beforehand and an open house at Carmel Plaza afterward.

At Sunset on San Carlos at Ninth from 3 to 5 p.m., Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre will perform live in the lobby, where free hot drinks and cookies will be served, and guests can have their photos taken in front of the center’s huge Christmas tree.

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Christmas carols, dance numbers, recitations, skits and other entertainment will get underway at 4:30 after emcee Ben Beesley welcomes the crowd, starting with a performance by The Dance Center.

Also set to be onstage during the annual tree lighting are the Junipero Serra School Choir led by teacher Stacy Meheen, Pacific Grove High School senior and Forest Theater Guild member Laurel Bowen, the Carmel River School kids and teacher Erin Braica-Hall, the Carmel High School Chamber Singers and instructor Tom Lehmkühl, students who take part in Dance Kids of Monterey County, former Overtones singer Shane Schmidt, Monterey Peninsula College student Sarah Galley, former New Christy Minstrels singer Myles Williams, and cabaret singer Debbie Davis.

At around 5:45 p.m., Beesley will introduce Carmel Mayor Dave Potter, who will have Santa join him onstage for the countdown to the moment the tree, the median lights and the park decorations are lit at 6.

Continuing the party, Carmel Plaza across the street will host its annual open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with live music by Johan Costelo, an appearance by Martin the Magical Elf, treats and hot drinks, fun activities for the kids — and more time with Santa. Shops will offer specials and be open later, too.
In rare congressional accord, Dems, GOP agree robocalls stink

NOBODY LIKES robocalls, including Rep. Jimmy Panetta, who voted with most of the members of the U.S. House of Representatives this week to pass a bill that protects consumers from the pesky calls.

On Wednesday, the House decided by a 417-3 vote to OK a bipartisan agreement that requires phone companies to offer screening technology to identify and block spam robocalls at no cost to customers. The legislation merges two bills passed overwhelmingly by the House and Senate earlier this year.

Panetta urged the Republican-controlled Senate to swiftly pass the bill.

“Robocallers use all sorts of tactics, including fake phone numbers, to trick us to answer their calls,” the Carmel Valley Democrat said in a statement. “This bill will help to prevent those kinds of abusive practices by robocallers and give law enforcement the ability to quickly go after scammers.”

The bill would reduce the number of unlawful robocalls made to customers’ landlines and cellphones by requiring that phone carriers offer call-authentication technology to consumers and small businesses at no additional line-item charge.

The legislation also requires that opt-in or opt-out robocall blocking be offered at no additional cost.

Man arrested for vandalism after breaking window to find car

A 59-YEAR-OLD Carmel Valley man was taken to jail Nov. 22 after he smashed a window in an Ocean Avenue store to get police officers’ attention, according to Cmdr. Luke Powell.

Officer Anthony Gotelli was dispatched to a report of a vandalism at 8 p.m., after a witness report- ed a man broke a window at Laub’s Country Store on the corner, Powell said.

Gotelli found the sus- pect, Angelo Moran, a block away at San Carlos and Seventh, and discov- ered he was drunk.

“Moran admitted to breaking the window be- cause he had lost his car and he was trying to get the attention of the police to help him find it,” Powell said.

Based on Moran’s “obvious signs of being intoxicated and his in- ability to care for himself,” Gotelli arrested the man for public intoxication and vandalism, and took him straight to jail.

Two additional witness- es identified Moran as the suspect who broke the win- dow, and the representative of the business desired pros- ecution,” he said.

Moran is set to appear in a Salinas courtroom for ar- raignment Friday, Dec. 6, at 8:15 a.m.
Foundation hosts talk on hearing

Megan Felthoven from Valley Hearing Center will talk about how to preserve hearing health and the potential effects of untreated hearing loss on the brain during a free lecture at The Carmel Foundation Dec. 18 from 2-30 to 4 p.m. Felthoven is a hearing instrument specialist, and the business specializes in hearing aids and audiology. The nonprofit foundation provides classes, lectures, low-cost food and housing, field trips, activities and other services to members age 55 and older, but everyone is invited to the talk, which will take place in Diment Hall at Lincoln and Eighth. For more information, visit carmelfoundation.org.

Nutritionist signs books

On Friday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m., longtime CHOMP nutrition expert Barbara Quinn will be signing copies of her book, “Quinn-Essential Nutrition: The Uncomplicated Science of Eating,” in office 501 at Carmel Square near San Carlos and Seventh. The short hardcover is an eminently readable guide to nutrition that’s founded in science. Quinn gets behind the hype around paleo regimens, kombucha and gluten-free diets, and even offers advice from a horse on being free-spirited and keeping stable. Stop by for a sip of wine, then turn to page 303 to find out whether that was a good idea.
The only added the “water district’s conclusion” at the end. However, Evans found that Stoldt’s “work product did not fully assert his role as author and did not fully annotate passages he excerpted” from the memo, and it included “a concluding sentence that could be misinterpreted as a conclusion from the technical memorandum.”

“Mr. Stoldt has since revised his work product to better attribute information it contained,” Evans said.

“Not satisfied”

Evans wouldn’t tell The Pine Cone whether she planned to bring Hoffmann’s request for an investigation to the board for a vote. Hoffmann, however, said she told him she would “prevent or block” the request.

Meanwhile, Hoffmann criticized Evans’ review of Stoldt’s work, calling its conclusions “hers, not the board’s.”

“I am not satisfied that the situation was thoroughly reviewed, and I continue my efforts to have the board consider hiring a third-party, independent, qualified firm to conduct a thorough review,” Hoffman said.

Stoldt has denied manipulating the document, saying he only added the “water district’s conclusion” at the end. He acknowledges that the addition should have been correctly attributed.

Meanwhile, in a Nov. 25 letter from Evans to Cal Am’s attorney, she said the district performed its own “review” of the allegations made by Cal Am and found that Stoldt had not released any unauthorized information, which the water utility had also accused him of doing.

Stoldt has repeatedly said that the sewage reclamation project, which is euphemistically called Pure Water Monterey, would be sufficient to supply water to the Monterey Peninsula for at least two decades — even to allow for more growth “than the Peninsula could absorb.”

On Thursday, Stoldt confirmed to The Pine Cone he believes that “both projects are individually sufficient to meet the needs of the Peninsula for quite some time.”

As for Hoffmann’s calls for an investigation, Stoldt said Monterey One Water attorney Rob Wellington interviewed him, and the district’s counsel conducted a third-party review.

“Their conclusions have been made public,” he said. “Additional third-party review would be redundant.”
concerns about how fast e-bikes can go, and suggested lowering the speed limit to 10 mph.

“It does get pretty crowded” along the path, she said.

When the talk turned to posting a speed limit, Garfield wondered if flashing speed warning signs would work at such low speeds.

Peake pushed back against the ordinance and questioned if enforcement is even possible, citing staffing issues. “We have a small police department,” he noted.

The mayor also expressed concern about the safety of others along the path.

“‘There’s not enough space for everybody,’” he warned. “‘There’s the potential for collisions.’”

Peake recounted an incident where he was nearly hit by an e-bike along the rec trail. “This is an accident waiting to happen,” he suggested.

Huitt said he’s a big fan of e-bikes. “I recently took one for a ride along the coast,” he reported.

But he doesn’t want to see them permitted on the rec trail. He described them as “cumbersome” and weighing “twice as much” as a regular bike. “It’s not like riding a bike,” he said. “It’s more complicated.”

The discussion veered off into several related topics, including how the speed limit could be posted without creating visual clutter, and how local e-bike vendors could help with getting riders to comply with the ordinance.

Smith suggested that staff create two ordinances—one based on what he called the “Huitt-Peake” model, and the other that has the attributes others agree on—and bring them back to the city council in the future for consideration.


classic bikes

Bikes

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Ballet company’s ‘Nutcracker’ returns to Sunset Center

SHINING THE spotlight on more than 150 dancers — and buoyed by the support of many volunteers — The Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre presents “The Nutcracker” Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Sunset Center.

The performances mark the third time the ballet company has presented “The Nutcracker” since it was formed in 2017. Tia Brown again is the artistic director.

Friday and Saturday performances start at 7 p.m., while the Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are $32 to $40, with discounts for children, seniors and active military. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

LETTERS

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“They don’t know where they stand,” Helsten said. “Why invest in something you can’t get a lease for?”

Unlike the previous three meetings, Stanley didn’t attend this one, so questions about leases were directed to his architect, Henry Ruhnke. “Can you address month-to-month leases, and is this the reason for you can’t get a lease for?”

“Why invest in something you can’t get a lease for?”

Both of them are necessary — in part because it’s hard to see shops from a distance. The new plan calls for signs advertising the various shops. “We want to increase the visibility of tenants,” he explained. “We want to create more natural light. We want to remove shadows and dark areas — all you see on a nice summer day is shadows.”

While Ruhnke conceded he initially suffered “heartburn” over the idea of putting signs on the roofs, he said he has come around to the idea after looking at other local examples.

“There is a lot of frustration with the list of conditions the LUAC wants to place on the makeover. ‘We want to improve the center, but don’t change this or that,’” he added. “To make everybody happy, we’d have to leave the center the way it is now.”

Holding his cards close to his chest, Ruhnke insisted some changes are necessary — in part because it’s hard to see the way of his plans.

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote, with Judy MacClelland abstaining because she is a member of the Monterey County Historical Resources Review Board, which will consider Stanley’s plan Dec. 12.

The Carmel Pine Cone is historic and deserves protection. LUAC wants to place on the makeover.

After everybody had their say, which wasn’t difficult with so few people in the room, LUAC member John Anzini made a motion to adopt the plan with conditions, including constructing a 6-foot-high wall behind the shopping center to reduce noise for the residents who live nearby, maintaining the shopping center’s architectural integrity by not cutting away bocce ball courts, removing paint from aggregate pillars, and keeping signs off roofs.

The motion also included a recommendation that hardscape be maintained near the auto repair shop. The plans call for replacing some of it with landscape, but LUAC members have concerns the change would make it more difficult for motorists to enter and exit the shop.

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The project, the state agency says, would make the area safer since the only way cyclists and pedestrians can travel between the north and south Moss Landing Harbor areas is on the shoulder of Highway 1 “in close proximity to vehicles traveling at high speeds.”

The project would also offer an aesthetic benefit by providing “up-close viewing and nature study of the harbor and Elkhorn Slough environs, including bird and marine mammal observation, and would bring visitors to the water’s edge to observe and experience the area’s rich fishing and boating heritage,” the commission report said.

Two erosion-controlling riprap revetments along the harbor's shoreline are also in the proposal, which extends from the northwest side of the Highway 1 bridge to Moss Landing Road.

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Teen starts GoFundMe effort to pay vet bills

A CARMEL High School junior who lives in rural Carmel Valley has started an online fundraising effort to help cover the vet bills after her 1-year-old dog, Clutch, was shot in the chest by a neighbor. Maeve Mattingly adopted the pup on her 16th birthday after her childhood pony died, and last month, Clutch was seriously injured when she was hit with birdshot that left dozens of BBs in her body, including her lungs. “We took her to our local vet, who sent us to an emergency vet, where she was kept in an oxygen kennel to help her breathe due to the bruising and fluids in her lungs,” Mattingly wrote in her fundraising plea at www.gofundme.com/paying-my-dogs-vet-bills. “She’s on seven different medications, and as you may already know, this was VERY expensive. I’m 17 years old and don’t have a strong income, while my mother doesn’t, either. Anything helps!” She set her goal at $5,000 and as of Thursday afternoon had raised $1,410.

Gift-wrapping sessions to help kids in need

THE SALINAS-BASED Partnership for Children is organizing wrapping parties Dec. 10 and 11 to pretty up presents that will be distributed to children living with serious illness and their siblings. Every year, the nonprofit’s Miles of Smiles for the Holidays program collects toys, gifts, pajamas, warm hats and books for kids and teens, and this year, the group plans to spread its Christmas cheer to more than 250 children. The gift-wrapping parties will take place at Mission Park School at 403 W. Acacia St. in Salinas, and organizers need help as well as donations of PJs, toys, presents and gift cards.

For more information, to contribute or to sign up to help, call (831) 422-3002.

Urgent care open house

MONTAGE HEALTH, the parent company of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, and the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce are having a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for the first of several urgent care centers Montage is opening in 2020.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m., there will be an open house for the new MoGo Urgent Care at 2020 Del Monte Ave., Monterey. The ribbon cutting will be at 5:45 p.m. Montage Health President and CEO Dr. Steven Packer and urgent care chief executive officer Cynthia Peck will attend the event. Non-alcoholic beverages and light appetizers will be served. Montage also has plans to open urgent care centers in Carmel and Marina.
THOMAS EDWARD MCCARY III

Thomas Edward McCary III, age 92, of Pebble Beach California, Christmas Lake and Trillium Woods, Minnesota was born on February 19, 1927 in St. Louis, Missouri. He passed away peacefully of natural causes November 24, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

Preceded in death by parents, Herma Rombauer McCary and Thomas Edward McCary Jr., his sister Patricia and granddaughter Sara McCary. He attended Western Military Academy in Alton, IL and graduated from Clayton High School in 1944, then enlisted in the Navy, where he was stationed in Coronado Heights, CA. He served on the CV aircraft carrier USS Barnes in the Pacific Theater. Discharged in 1946, he attended Westminster College in Fulton, MO; graduating in 1950. While there, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and sang in the Westminster College Chier Club.

Tom met his future bride, Mary Brown, in college and they married in 1951 in Minneapolis, MN. They had an outstanding life together for 68 years as true soul-mates. Together they raised four children, with his family always coming first in his life. He enjoyed many careers including purchasing at Brown Steel Tank Company, selling at Juster Steel Company, and acquiring, owning and managing Precision Electrical Manufacturing Company. He completed his working years as a commercial real estate investor in Steamboat Springs, CO and Minneapolis, MN.

Tom loved people and travel, was a long-time member of the Minikahda Club in Minneapolis, the Lafayette Club in Wayzata, and the Pebble Beach Club, Monterey Peninsula Country Club and Old Capitol Club of Monterey, CA. He was an avid golfer and bridge player and also enjoyed hunting and fishing. Many happy years were spent with his family and friends at his cabin in Cable, WI. He was always appreciated for his generosity and philanthropy.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Katherine Healthcare in Salinas for their kind and professional care of Tom in his last few months of life. Memorial Celebration of Life will be held in California at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach, CA or the Carmel Public Library Foundation in Carmel, CA.

Salvatore Peter Cardinale

December 8, 1932 – November 28, 2019

Salvatore Peter Cardinale passed away on November 28, 2019, at the age of 86. Sal was born on December 8, 1932, in Monterey, California to Vincent and Rose Cardinale. He graduated from Monterey High in 1950 and was part of the 1948 MHS “Team of the Century” Football squad. He went on to play college football at the University of Redlands. While on his Christmas break he came back to Monterey to marry his sweetheart, Angelina Marie Incaviglia, on December 26, 1953. Their children would later lament “Who gets married the day after Christmas?” After graduating college in 1954, Sal began his career in the moving business working for Dean Von Lins in Monterey. In 1962, he became the manager of Pierce-Rodolph Moving & Storage in Seaside. Sal bought the company in 1972 and renamed it Cardinal Moving & Storage. It has been family owned and operated ever since. In 1998, the company moved to Castroville and changed the name to Cardinale Moving & Storage. From an early age, Sal set about teaching his children the moving business and his three children now run the family business.

Sal was an accomplished businessman and a stalwart in the local business community. He was a generous and kind individual who truly cared about his employees, treating them more like family. Under his strong leadership and guidance Cardinale Moving was named the Monterey Chamber Business of the year in 2011, as well as the North Monterey County Chamber Business of the Year in 2008. Sal also received personal recognition with the prestigious honor of being an Italian Heritage Society Person of the Year in 2011.

He was a dedicated member of the Pacheco Club, Campari Club, Faisano Club, Monterey Peninsula Property Owners Association, Italian Catholic Federation – Santa Rosalia Branch 36 Monterey, the California Moving & Storage Association (CMSA), and the Catholic Church. He was also past President of the Monterey Kiwanis Club.

Sal loved sports and took great joy in the watching the 49ers, Giants and Warriors win their titles. In the ’70s, he was a beloved girls softball coach and helped bring softball to Monterey. He was instrumental in securing softball’s place on the peninsula by not only sponsoring a team, but coaching a team, then convincing Angie to be the manager, Vince the assistant coach, Roseanne the scorekeeper, while both Annamarie and Sally played on the team. Cardinale Moving & Storage continues to sponsor a local softball team to this day.

Sal is survived by his wife Mary, four children Maria (Gorell Mapes), Mark (Diane), David (Tina), and Kevin (Sara); twelve beautiful grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. A special thank you to the Birches at Trillium Woods and North Hospice for their wonderful care of Tom in his last few months of life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach, CA or the Carmel Public Library Foundation in Carmel, CA.

For Dr. Steve Austin,

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will be held at St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, 20003 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 14.

To sign the guestbook or leave a message for the family, please visit www.deepeatlantic.com.
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2020. A year later, another 1.5 percent raise will kick in. Guillo said those increases will cost $59,621 this year, $59,160 in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and $76,701 in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, for a total of $195,482.

Following a $620,904 payout last month to more than two dozen current and former Carmel P.D. employees because the city’s payroll department failed to properly calculate pay rates and overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act for five years, the new contract outlines overtime policies and explicitly states they are “fully com-

plant with the Fair Labor Standards Act.” Officers, corporals and sergeants are entitled to OT for hours worked in excess of 86 in a 14-day period, and other employees get OT when they work more than 40 hours in a seven-day period. Vacation, sick pay and other time off do not count toward work hours.

The new contract also provides overtime pay when people work more than their normal shift on any given day, and those calculations include paid time off.

Other new provisions include:

• Any police officer who is designated as a field training officer gets a 5 percent pay increase while providing training to a new officer.
• Carmel P.D. employees are also eligible for the $25 monthly reimbursement for gym membership.

Ruth passed away in Westminster, CO., on Nov. 2, 2019, at the home of her daughter, Catherine. She was the eldest of six children of Thomas Stocks Sr. and wife Vera. She had a wonderful childhood, but couldn’t wait to get to the big city. She earned her B.B.A. in accounting at Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, and met her future husband of 54 years, Robert Merrill Gleisner, during further studies at Marquette University, Milwaukee. They raised two daughters, Catherine and Cynthia, beginning in the Midwest area. Ruth was active in All Saints Episcopal Church and won awards for her work in Scouting.

Bob’s executive promotion necessitated the family move to Beverly Hills, CA, where he excelled in large scale computers. Ruth volunteered with the National Kidney Foundation, Soroptimist International and the Assistance League of Southern California.

Both enjoyed sailing and were members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for years. Ruth resumed her 17 year business career at UCLA as accounting manager and their administrative budget officer and received her MBA from Pepperdine University, Malibu. The couple traveled extensively.

When it came time for Bob to retire, they moved to Pebble Beach, CA where he golfed and monitored the build of their new home. Ruth flew weekly for 4 1/2 more years to UCLA. They became members of MPCC, Spanish Bay, Church in the Forest, SIRS and Ruth was on the Carmel Library Foundation.

In the late ’80s, Ruth and a few of her friends founded The Peninsula Club, a women’s group, still ongoing with about 100 members. Ruth is predeceased by her late husband, Robert and daughter Cynthia. She is survived by her daughter Catherine (Jeff), son-in-law Philip Sanders (Pam), six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Her memorial service begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Church in the Forest. Reception following at the church.

Jerome “Jerry” “Joe” Leigh Kurz
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Dr. Jerome “Jerry” “Joe” Leigh Kurz, 79, died peacefully on November 29th, 2019, in Santa Rosa, California surrounded by family and friends.

Born March 7th, 1940, in Juta Wisconsin, Jerry was the oldest of six siblings. Throughout his childhood he and his brothers would earn money by cutting and selling firewood. A natural athlete he played football and basketball in high school. Jerry’s inquisitive and curious nature earned him a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Wisconsin. Later, he was awarded the prestigious Hughes Scholarship to attend the school of his choice where he earned his PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University. After earning his degree he began work at Chrysler Corporation in Huntsville, Alabama. He then went to work for Hart Carter and Thermal Systems Inc. in Minnesota. He founded Kurz Instruments in 1977 in Carmel Valley where he spent the next four decades designing and manufacturing thermal mass flow meters for industrial applications and environmental monitoring.

Although Jerry was a scholar, scientist and inventor he thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors; hunting, fishing, camping and hiking at every opportunity he could. He was also an avid pilot flying to places like his ranch and Alaska. Jerry was loved by many for his humor, conversations, good will, generosity and thoughtfulness. More often than not he would talk your ear off. While living in Carmel Valley he was an active member of Kiwanis, served as a volunteer Firefighter, a Fire Commissioner and good will, generosity and thoughtfulness. More often than not he would talk your ear off. While living in Carmel Valley he was an active member of Kiwanis, served as a volunteer Firefighter, a Fire Commissioner and good will, generosity and thoughtfulness. More often than not he would talk your ear off. While living in Carmel Valley he was an active member of Kiwanis, served as a volunteer Firefighter, a Fire Commissioner and good will, generosity and thoughtfulness. More often than not he would talk your ear off. While living in Carmel Valley he was an active member of Kiwanis, served as a volunteer Firefighter, a Fire Commissioner and good will, generosity and thoughtfulness. More often than not he would talk your ear off. While living in Carmel Valley he was an active member of Kiwanis, served as a volunteer Firefighter, a Fire Commissioner and.

The family would like to thank Silver Star Care Home, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospice, The Terraces and the Cottages of Carmel for the wonderful and loving care they provided Jerry.

Memorial services will be held Sunday December 15th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 33 Los Robles Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. Please dress casual.

Donations are not requested, however if you wish to please donate to your charity of choice.

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Conversely, Bob Lesidig, Kent Ipsen, Vince and Denise Brigantino, Brad and Mary Carl, Jack Galante, and several oth-
er who own legal vacation rentals argued for the right to keep them.

The Brigantinos, who in 2017 purchased a derelict property on Mission south of Seventh that was slated for demolition and replacement with a new, large home, said their decision to buy the lot and renovate the building was based on the knowledge it could be used for vacation rentals.

They asked the council to “do the right and fair thing.”

“The debate over what ‘right and fair’ would be came down to whether the rental permits should expire. Councilman Bobby Richards said he is ‘absolutely opposed to short-term rentals,’ but he couldn’t take away the right from those who obtained their permits legally.

“I think that we owe it to the people who took out applications, got the permits and did everything correctly, to let that right run with the land,” he said.

Councillman Jeff Baron favored phasing them out over 30 years. “I’m not willing to accept perpetuity,” he said.

Mayor Dave Potter said he has always objected to short-term rentals. But he also worried about the legality of imposing an expiration date on the permits, and he supported the idea of using short-term rentals as incentive for building more long-term rentals downtown.

The ordinance calls for allowing one vacation rental when a project includes three other units, one for low-income tenants, one for moderate-income tenants, and one renting at market rate.

Potter also called the move “political gamesmanship.”

When Baron made a motion to impose a 30-year expiration date on short-term rental permits, his motion died for lack of a second.

The new law still has to go to the California Coastal Commission for approval, since it will change the city’s Local Coastal Program.

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Just one week later, The Pine Cone reported that the writer had been called before a committee of the U.S. House of Representatives investigating Soviet infiltration of the federal government. When asked about his “communist leanings,” his response was, “If it’s good enough for Shirley Temple, it’s good enough for me”—a reference to the notion held by a few individuals that the 11-year-old actress was a shill for the Communist Party.

Later that year, the book became a Broadway play that ran for a modest, but respectable, 207 performances.

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guns. The defendant approached the passenger side of the vehicle. He questioned the victim and his cousins about their gang affiliation and fired at least three rounds into the vehicle. One round struck Erna in the arm and torso. The driver quickly sped up to get away and realizing his cousin had been shot, immediately drove to the hospital. Erna was pronounced dead shortly thereafter. An eye-witness identified the defendant as the shooter, which was confirmed by fingerprint evidence.

On Dec. 17, 2017, Gutierrez and other

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will serve in the position for two years before becoming presiding judge in 2022.

Judge Robert Burlinson, who was assigned to handling combined drug court and appellate cases for the last two years, inmates in the Monterey County Jail gang housing unit followed a fellow inmate up the stairs in the housing unit and, without warning, attacked him from behind.

The vicious attack continued throughout various locations in the housing unit, and after the victim got away momentarily, Gutierrez approached him a second time and continued the beating until Monterey County Sheriff’s Deputies were able to safely enter to stop the attack.

Gutierrez appeared at sentencing with a large gang-related tattoo across the back of his head that was not present at the time of the verdict in May. Gutierrez did not make any statements. Family members of the victim traveled from Mexico to be present in court to hear Judge Butler hand down the life sentence.

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Dramatic change at the border

In 1986, the border between San Diego County and Mexico was a largely undefended place. It was a vast area, marked only by the occasional watch tower. However, since that time, the border has undergone a dramatic transformation, with the construction of new barriers and surveillance systems to prevent illegal crossings. The changes have been expensive and controversial, but they have also been effective in reducing the number of illegal border crossings.

Before the construction of the new barriers, border patrol agents faced the frustrating task of trying to spot illegal border crossers with binoculars and then chase them down in Jeeps across very rugged terrain. In one spot, known locally as the “sucker field,” small crowds of Mexican citizens would gather every day at dusk, wait for darkness to fall, and then cross en masse into the United States, knowing they had very little chance of being caught.

But as a method to reduce illegal border crossings and smuggling by something close to 90 percent, the new fences and other armoring of the border will obviously be a success. And they have all been built with very little fanfare.

In favor of an open border, the new structures are obviously things to regret. But if you believe immigration laws are there for a reason, and that immigrants into the U.S. should be welcomed according to a well-thought-out system of standards and regulations, they are truly something to celebrate.
AMERICAN soldier

Gaglioti snuck in two art classes on her way to her elementary education degree, and then, in 1966, went with a friend to Europe for an adventure. “I bought an MGB and we toured around, but I was driving DJF 555, an ambulance near Mainz, Germany, and got in an accident,” she said. “I was waving at some American soldiers and ran into the back of a long line of cars that had already hit each other.”

She was arrested for her role in the wreck and spent three days in jail. When she was released, she cashed in her plane ticket to repair the car, and moved his cattle for him.”

Way back when, one of her neighbors — a Swedish immigrant — looks very different. Los Padres forest and Cachagua. And he kept a big, round stump in the middle of his kitchen, found in the woods. And he kept a big, round stump in the middle of his kitchen, found in the woods.

“I've never known anything else. This is the only job I ever wanted,” she said. She worked for agencies in Southern California and a national firm called Chas- at-Day-Mojo. Ten years ago, she decided to open her own business closer to home. She said that some basic principles — “love what you do, be true to yourself, trust your gut and always do what you say you’re going to do” — guide the enterprise.

“It’s called Chatterbox, af- ter an old nickname. Indeed, talking with Bracco is like trying to keep track of the bubbles in a glass of Champagne — one idea rises to the surface and pops, only to be followed quickly by another and anoth- er, powered by seemingly boundless energy.”

They boss the boss. With hard work and enthusiasm, Chat- terbox took off. And around the same time, Bracco decided she was ready for another dog. Her last one — a beloved bull mastiff — had died 10 years previously, and she hadn’t ventured back into the canine world since. “With the business just getting started and everything, I Googled ‘world’s least dog,’ and French bulldogs came up,” said Bracco. She brought home Gino, the first of many Frenchies, and soon discovered he wasn’t a loafer. The breed “isn’t lazy at all,” she said. “They’re incredibly smart and just want to be with and please people. They’re comedic creatures with amazing personal- ities and talent. They boss me around,” she confided.

The number of paws-in-residence varies these old buildings and structures … they guide the enterprise. “People have been remodeling these historic, old places,” Gaglioti said. “That looks the scenery, wildlife, and history of Cachagua and Carmel Valley, historic, old places,” Gaglioti said. “That looks the scenery, wildlife, and history of Cachagua and Carmel Valley.”

Petryna the pig

“From a 7 a.m. on, she said, “every day is completely different.” She might be off to coordinate a business’ grand opening, or Skype with a client in Florida, New York or Texas. Her days usually end around 7:30 p.m., although they can go on much longer if clients need it. “It’s fun,” she said. “I couldn’t work a job doing the same thing from 8 to 5 every day. I meet so many cool people and love finding different ways to help them promote their dreams.” Her vision for her own future was crystal clear, pretty early on. Bracco grew up on an only child on a ranch outside Mor- gan Hill, where her mom and dad still live. “We had sheep, cows, pigs and dogs,” she re- membered.

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Gold rushes, gambling and illicit booze

ALTHOUGH THE Lodge and Pebble Beach Golf Links opened in 1919 under Samuel F. B. Morse, his family moved to Oregon in 1869, and later to Northern California. He began his career as an insurance agent in Colusa County in the 1890s and married Caro Paulson there in 1893. After the 1906 earthquake, he was put in charge of rebuilding Mutual Life Insurance Co.’s San Francisco office, and later reportedly reorganized the way insurance was sold throughout the country. By 1913, he was in charge of the company’s agents in California, Nevada and the Hawaiian Islands.

Rolling in money

Hathaway and his family frequently entertained family and friends at their Pebble Beach getaway, but after his daughters, Marie and Mabel, married, he came less often. Sometimes in the 1920s, Hathaway sold the home to Elmer S. Highley and the building on a new life as “Canary Cottage.” In his memoirs, Morse described Canary Cottage as “a sort of club where gambling was conducted by two old-fashioned gamblers.” While he did not name them, he provided a little on their background. “One of them was a very old man — older than he would admit. His father had a ranch where the immigrants used to outfit for their trek across the plains. His playmates were Sioux Indian boys. He had been a gambler for more than half a century.” The man he described was Highley. “The other one, his partner, was an Alaskan sourdough, or pioneer. He went there in ’97 and became a professional gambler in that exciting period.”

Like the man he bought the cottage from, Highley was a self-made millionaire, but the two businessmen’s paths could not have been more different. Highley was born in Stearn Lake, Iowa, in 1871, and may have been the first white person born in the area occupied by the Sioux. At 15, Highley began apprenticing as a druggist. The call of gold took him briefly to Colorado in 1888, but the sojourn left him near penniless; he lost his last dollar on a roulette wheel. While he was broke, he saw that the professional gamblers were rolling in money — a vision of his future. He returned to his apprenticeship and then with his brothers moved to the Black Hills gold town of Lead, S.D., where they set up a drug store and a gambling parlor. Highley married there and had a daughter in 1897, just before he heard about the gold rush in Alaska.

He packed up his roulette wheel and soon established gambling houses in Dawson and Skagway, where in a few years he did better than most of the miners. Soon after he returned to Lead, he heard about a new strike in Nevada and moved his family to the boomtown of Goldfield. In 1904, he was reportedly clearing $10,000 per week at his Northern Saloon.

William Abbott ran an illicit gaming club at Canary Cottage in Pebble Beach until it was raided in 1935.

The History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

structure on the shoreline just west of the log lodge. Though born in Rhode Island in 1867, Hathaway and his family moved to Oregon in 1869, and later to Northern California. He began his career as an insurance agent in Colusa County in the 1890s and married Caro Paulson there in 1893. After the 1906 earthquake, he was put in charge of rebuilding Mutual Life Insurance Co.’s San Francisco office, and later reportedly reorganized the way insurance was sold throughout the country. By 1913, he was in charge of the company’s agents in California, Nevada and the Hawaiian Islands.
dropped her friend off at the airport, and found her first-ever teaching job at an American school in Maine.

“Mainz is where I met my husband, John Gaglioti, who was an American soldier,” she said. “Everybody ate at the same location there. All of the Airborne guys would come in, and he was one of them.”

She was married, pregnant and still living in Germany when John received orders to report to Fort Ord, a stopover before he was deployed to Vietnam.

“We stopped in Florida, where John met my parents, and we had our baby [also John Gaglioti, now 52]. Then we drove my MG all the way to Monterey,” Gaglioti recollected. “I thought the Monterey Peninsula was just beautiful. I’d ride my bicycle all over town with the baby on the back. And when I found out I could take art classes at Monterey Peninsula College while John was in Vietnam, I signed up.”

Just gave it away

A year later, when her husband was reassigned to Alba- zyn, N.Y., she enrolled at the State University of New York at Albany and earned the first of her four master’s degrees.

“I also taught high school art there for about a year — pottery and drawing — but didn’t really enjoy it,” she said. “I found out that I liked making pottery a lot more than teaching it.”

When her husband was sent to Vietnam for the second time, Gaglioti returned to the Monterey Peninsula, where she’s lived ever since. John survived the war zone, but later died from the disease.

“Tom Sickles and Gaglioti have lived in their Cachagua home for more than 30 years. John survived the war zone, but later died from the disease.

Gaglioti said art was always a personal thing — never commercial — until the mid-2000s, when a friend introduced her to Shelley Aliotti, who was looking for artists to show their work in the tiny gallery she had opened in Carmel Valley’s Center Street Marketplace.

“I was just dabbling in my studio, painting for myself, until I met Shelley,” she said. “If somebody came by and saw something they wanted, I’d usually just give it to them.”

Shelley and John Aliotti took Gaglioti’s artwork with them when they opened the Carmel Valley Art Associa- tion, which moved to its space in Center Street Marketplace, next door to Jerome’s Market, in 2011. She still owns her work at the gallery.

Gaglioti’s son, John, father of two, is a Del Rey Oaks resident and owner of a successful solar energy company in Seaside. Daughter Camela, mother of three, lives in Connecticut, where she recently earned her master’s degree. Tom Sickles and Gaglioti have lived in their Cachagua home for more than 30 years.

Images of her paintings can be viewed on the gallery’s website at carmelvalleyartassociation.org, and on her personal site at pat tygaglioti.com. Gaglioti’s work can be found at the Carmel Mission Basilica, the Historical and Spiritual Heart of California — St. John Paul II’s place of worship in The Carmel Pine Cone’s Holiday Worship Guide.

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Goals on Pirates’ minds as strong returning players take the pitch

The 2018 Stevenson Pirates left themselves with a tough act to follow, winning the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Santa Lucia Division girls soccer crown with a 15-1 record, and going 16-6 overall.

That was the best performance by a Stevenson squad since 2011, when the Pirates went 16-2-3 overall, and won the Mission Trail Athletic League championship with a 12-0-2 mark.

The horrifying news for division opponents is that Stevenson returns 10 starters, five of whom earned first- or second-team all-division plaudits a year ago. Not fair.

At the top of that list is the Santa Lucia’s 2018 Offensive Player of the Year, Helen Yang, a senior whose 15 goals and 14 assists were only the second-best numbers on the team.

Yang will share the midfield with Romi Markx, who was just a freshman last year when she led the Pirates with 18 goals and 18 assists.

But it gets scarier. Also back is senior striker Larkin Stephenson, who contributed 12 goals and 10 assists.

All three were first-team all-division, while Audrey Goldsmith, a senior co-captain, was a second-team honoree as a defender along with senior goalkeeper Lucy Lynch, a third-year varsity starter.

“Helen Yang has a level of aggression you don’t see in a lot of girls,” said Stevenson coach Joel Fricker. “She doesn’t panic under pressure, she’s not afraid to go for the goal, and she’s got a shot on her — she can hit a shot pretty easily from outside the box.”

Markx, another co-captain, is another aggressive player with a high soccer IQ, her coach said, and Stephenson is a physical player who positions herself well to become a dangerous offensive weapon.

Forces to be reckoned with

Goldsmith uses speed and tenacity to become a force on defense, and is a quick learner, Fricker said, while Lynch, the goalie, is athletic, fearless and coachable, in addition to being one of the fastest players on the team.

Four more seniors are returning starters: Versatile Courtney Bishop (daughter of Palma athletic director Rob Bishop) just accepted a full-ride soccer scholarship to Simpson College in Redding. Co-captain Maya Forgus uses quickness and exceptional body positioning to excel at right wing. Abbey Wineglass, another fast and fearless athlete, is in her third year on varsity. And Taylure Craven, a defender, showed her athleticism this fall when she qualified for sectionals in tennis.

Excitement builds

The other returning starter, Leila Santos, is a junior who has been playing the sport since middle school.

“Leila is something special,” Fricker said of Santos, a defensive midfielder. “She’s definitely one of our best varsity players.”

Two other likely starters are sophomores Kira Seggerty and Natalie Murray, both with big club soccer backgrounds.

“There’s a lot of talk on our campus about this team, a lot of hype — people are really excited,” the coach said. “But I think the Santa Lucia Division is going to be tough. Gonzales (13-4-1 overall, 13-2 in the division) best us once last year, and Santa Catalina (14-4-1, 12-3-1) gave us tight games, and I’m expecting more close competition and fewer blowouts.”

Fricker will be assisted this year by Stevenson newcomer Phillip Koshi, who played professional soccer with the Colorado Rapids. Koshi will focus largely on the offense, Fricker will concentrate on the defense, and a third assistant, Henry Travis, is a statistics specialist.

“Defense will be one of our measures of success. I think we conceded a lot of goals last year, and we’re trying to figure out why that happened,” Fricker said.

PCAL postseason awards

Field hockey

Mission Division — Player of the Year: Sierra Siefert (Carmel). Goalkeeper of the Year: Malena Sparano (Stevenson). First Team: Kailey Clymo (Stevenson), Rhea Cosand (Stevenson), Maya Forgus (Stevenson), Leila Santos (Stevenson), Sierra Siefert (Carmel), Haemi Chee (Carmel).

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Since 2011, when the Pirates went 16-2-3 overall, and won the Mission Trail Athletic League championship with a 12-0-2 mark.

Helen Yang (No. 7, left photo) was the Santa Lucia Division’s Offensive Player of the Year in 2018 as a junior at Stevenson. Senior striker Larkin Stephenson (right) scored 12 times despite drawing opponents’ top defenders.

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Girls volleyball
Gabilan Division — First Team: Emma Crabbe (Carmel), Caroline Ruiz (Carmel). Second Team: Kristen Anderson (Carmel), Richard Chamberlain Sportsmanship Team: Isabella Daste (Carmel).

Mission Division — First Team: Jess Clemente (Santa Catalina). Second Team: Anna Yeh (Santa Catalina). Richard Chamberlain Sportsmanship Team — Annabella Hrebič (Santa Catalina).

Santa Lucia Division — First Team: Ingrid Blaz (Stevenson). Second Team: Sydney Cymio (Stevenson), Kyla Cotton (Stevenson). Richard Chamberlain Sportsmanship Team — Emily Adomako.

Boys water polo
Gabilan Division — Most Valuable Player: Patrick Powers (Stevenson). Offensive Player of the Year: Drew Holland (Carmel). Defensive Player of the Year: Jasper Dale (Stevenson). Richard Chamberlain Sportsmanship Award: Sam Saunier (Carmel), Arda Arkan (Stevenson).

Girls water polo
Gabilan Division — Most Valuable Player: First Team: Kate Morgan (Stevenson). Offensive Player of the Year: Sofia Bozzo (Stevenson). Kate Morgan (Stevenson), Sofia Bozzo (Stevenson), Cassidy Nalwasky (Stevenson), Georgina Burton (Santa Catalina). Second Team: Gaby Perez (Stevenson), Michaela Miller (Stevenson), Kaylee Kiner (Santa Catalina). Richard Chamberlain Sportsmanship Team: Josie Ertl (Stevenson), Claire Sullivan (Santa Catalina).

Mission Division — Offensive Player of the Year: Erin Trotter (Carmel). First Team — Madelyn Fisher (Carmel), Erin Trotter (Carmel), Sonya Bura (Carmel). Second Team: Grace Parker (Carmel), Eva West (Carmel).

Looking ahead (Dec. 6-12)
Boys basketball — Friday: Stevenson at Everett Alvarez tournament (TBA). Saturday: Half Moon Bay at Carmel (7 p.m.), Stevenson at Everett Alvarez tournament (TBA). Tuesday: Watsonville at Stevenson (7 p.m.), Carmel at Kings Academy (7 p.m.). Thursday: Stevenson vs. Rio Americano at Coach Wilson Memorial tourna-
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35A
‘90s hitmakers play Golden State, I Cantori returns to Mission

T HREE MUSICIANS who had big hits in the 1990s take the stage this week at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Singer-songwriters and longtime friends Mary Chapin Carpenter and Shawn Colvin share the spotlight Saturday, Dec. 7.

A five-time Grammy Award winner and a member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, Carpenter had a dozen Top 10 country hits from 1989 to 1996, including “I Feel Lucky,” “Passionate Kisses” and “Tender When I Want To Be.”

Colvin is best known for her 1997 hit “Sunny Came Home,” which peaked at No. 7 on the pop charts and won a Grammy Award for Song of the Year.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are $66 to $99. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070.

Five days later, on Dec. 12, singer Chris Isaak visits Golden State Theatre.

With his soaring falsetto, twangy guitar and retro sound, Isaak had a big hit in 1990 with “Wicked Game,” which soared to No. 6 on the pop charts. Besides performing his original music, he plans to play some holiday favorites like “Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer” and “Blue Christmas.”

The music starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $70 to $110.

Ⅲ Violinist joins chorus in Big Sur

A local singing group with more than 150 members, the Wholehearted Chorus teams up with violinist Edwin Huizinga to present the first of three fall concerts Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Grange Hall in Big Sur.

According to founder Lisa G. Littlebird, the program will include music celebrating “beauty, joy and hope through a diverse selection of inspiring songs, both new and familiar.”

“This is not your average choir concert,” Littlebird explained. “The audience will often be invited to sing along, sharing songs learned by heart, directly from the heart.”


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A trio of bigname performers play this week at Golden State Theatre in Monterey, including singer-songwriters Shawn Colvin (left) and Mary Chapin Carpenter (center), who share the stage Saturday. Singer-songwriter Chris Isaak (right), who is best remembered for his 1990 hit, “Wicked Game,” visits the same venue Thursday.
FOOD & WINE

‘Rice Plus’ Christmas gifts, big-little holiday parties, wine and wreaths and a birthday

During the holidays, much of the focus is on food, and for some locals that means helping to feed others as much as enjoying decadent traditional goodies themselves. For more than 25 years, Carmel residents Sandhya and Ramesh Kolar have led a group of devoted volunteers in monthly efforts to feed the needy throughout Monterey County.

Touched by the stories about Salinas Valley field workers who struggle to get by, Sandhya first bagged 50 pounds of rice with the help of her daughter in the living room of their Carmel home.

Since then, their Rice Plus Project has grown to include the efforts of numerous volunteers who help distribute more than 3,000 pounds of rice and other staples each month. After the group outgrew the Kolars’ living room, they moved to the city-owned Vista Lobos community room at Torres and Third.

“We pack rice and beans and distribute to the needy families in our county and neighboring areas. It also includes non-perishables such as peanut butter, canned vegetables, and other necessities,” Ramesh Kolar explained. “We purchase big bags and repack them into grocery-size bags on the first Sunday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon at the Vista Lobos meeting room.”

Before work begins at Vista Lobos, the huge bags of rice and beans, as well as tortillas, peanut butter, canned goods and other staples, are loaded into vehicles at Lucky supermarket and brought to the community meeting room, where helpers form a human chain to unload them.

Family-sized portions

Inside the meeting room, more volunteers separate the bags of rice and beans into family-sized portions and box them and the other food up for distribution to the 1,000 to 1,500 people who need them. The group also collects and distributes warm clothing in winter, blankets and other essentials, as well as hats for preemie babies, gifts, furniture, bedding and toiletries.

To help figure out who needs the help and how to find them, Sandhya Kolar also works with family liaisons from Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

This month, volunteers will also gather ‘Rice Plus’ Christmas gifts, big-little holiday parties, wine and wreaths and a birthday.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

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Before work begins at Vista Lobos, the huge bags of rice and beans, as well as tortillas, peanut butter, canned goods and other staples, are loaded into vehicles at Lucky supermarket and brought to the community meeting room, where helpers form a human chain to unload them.

Family-sized portions

Inside the meeting room, more volunteers separate the bags of rice and beans into family-sized portions and box them and the other food up for distribution to the 1,000 to 1,500 people who need them. The group also collects and distributes warm clothing in winter, blankets and other essentials, as well as hats for preemie babies, gifts, furniture, bedding and toiletries.

To help figure out who needs the help and how to find them, Sandhya Kolar also works with family liaisons from Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

This month, volunteers will also gather ‘Rice Plus’ Christmas gifts, big-little holiday parties, wine and wreaths and a birthday.

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For their annual Christmas giftwrapping session to prepare some 800 gifts for distribution to kids and adults. That effort will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 8, also at Vista Lobos.

“This is a wonderful and cheerful event, in our own little town, reaching out to families and children in our community,” Ramesh Kolar said.

In 2006, Ramesh nominated Sandhya, his wife, for the Red Cross annual hero award, and she won.

“The most spiritual thing you can do is help people,” she said when she received the honor. “It changes your life to think about someone else.”

On Tuesday, Sandhya said she needs a lot of help not just with wrapping, but with the overall effort to feed and clothe those who need it most. To learn more, go to raceplusproject.org.

Wine & Wreaths

Joullian Vineyards & Winery hosts its 21st Annual Wine & Wreaths celebration Saturday, Dec. 7, from noon to 4 p.m. at its winery at 20300 Cachagua Road in Carmel Valley. Grapevines are provided for weaving into wreaths of all shapes and sizes, and guests can bring their own decorations or use Joullian’s supply of ornaments and other Christmas bling. The afternoon will include lunch and lots of music and wine, too. Tickets are $45 for wine club members (who also get early entry at 11 a.m.), $60 for everyone else, $25 for kids ages 6 to 18, and free for children 5 and younger. Sign up through joullian.com.

Eden turns 1

Yeast of Eden microbrewery and restaurant opened in Carmel Plaza a year ago, so owners John and J.C. Hill are celebrating its 1st birthday with games, raffles, food and drink specials, live music, special beer releases and other fun Dec. 11-15.

Dec. 11 will be a patio party with games like beanbag toss and giant Jenga, hot drink specials, and live music performed by Scott Fenton from 4:30 to 8 p.m., while on Dec. 12, 10 percent of all sales will benefit the Carmel Foundation, which provides low-cost housing and meals, free medical equipment loans, field trips, lectures, activities and many other services for members age 55 and older. Also on Wednesday, new releases of Vinisimilar, a beer-wine hybrid created by the restaurant, will debut.

And on Friday the 13th, Yeast of Eden will host a tap takeover, with more than nine breweries bringing some of their best to serve on draft alongside its own “mixed-fermentation,” or sour beers.
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On Dec. 14, the official Anniversary Day, food and drink specials will be off-
fered all day long, and Austin Metreyeon will play from noon to 3 p.m. The celebra-
tion will wrap up on Sunday with brunch and drink specials from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and live music by Jena Vive from noon to 2:30 p.m.

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8621 or visit yoebeer.com.

Christmas wines

at Grasing’s

Thanksgiving has come and gone and now it’s time to start figuring out what wines to pour during all those holiday gatherings, from casual and low-key, to fancy and ultra-festive.

Just as he helped by sharing a selection of turkey-friendly wines last month, Kurt Grasing’s wine director Chris Edmonds will feature a selection of holiday wines during a special Holiday Trunk Show Tast-
ing at Grasing’s on Tuesday, Dec. 10, from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Wines set to be offered include 2012 Roesler Estate L’Ermitage sparkling wine from the Anderson Valley, Gilles Gaudron non-vintage sparkling Blanc de Chenin, 2017 Raeburn chardonnay, 2015 Zaca Mesa syrah, a red Bordeaux from Haut Médoc produced by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, Argentinian 2015 Catena Viata Flores chardonnay, 2016 Giannias Vermen-

The tasting is $25, including tax and tip. Grasing’s is located at Mission and Sixth. To sign up, visit https://form.jotform.
com/9328559723169.

Eat at Cibo to help Serra School

A fundraiser for Carmel Mission’s Juni-
pero Serra School will take place at Cibo at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 5 to 10 p.m. The Cibo 53 Happy Hour in the bar runs from 4 to 7 p.m., with dinner served from 5 to 10 p.m., and live jazz performed by Andrea’s Fault and special guests from 7 to 10 p.m.

All evening, 20 percent of revenues will be donated to Junipero Serra School — but only when customers specifically mention they are there for the fundraiser. Organiz-
ers said the money will be “donated to the teachers at the school for much-needed items for their classrooms.”

JSS alumnae Erica Walker and Candi Aliotti, who now have kids of their own at the school, organized the 2nd annual “Support A- Classroom Build A Future” cam-
paign “to help the amazing teachers who go far above and beyond in their work on behalf of the students.”

Reservations are suggested. Mention the Junipero Serra School Fundraiser when calling (831) 649-8151. For more about the restaurant, visit cibo.com.

Gingerbread lace

With her creative talent and penchant for detail, pastry chef Michelle Lee will recreate Ed Ricketts’ lab in gingerbread for the InterContinental Hotel on Cannery Row. The gingerbread masterpiece of the Pacific Biological Laboratories featured in John Steinbeck’s “Cannery Row” will be unveiled Dec. 9.

The holiday gingerbread project is Lee’s fifth. Each year, she develops and builds an elaborate and elegant structure, all from edible ingredients. Doc Ricketts’ Lab will be the largest so far, measuring about 4 feet wide and 3 feet high, and she estimated the project would require 30 pounds of flour, as well as sizable quantities of other ingre-
dients. The hotel’s engineering team helped her develop ways to keep the structure from collapsing during its two-week life.

During the unveiling in the Reading Room at 6 p.m., light seasonal refresh-
ments will be served for free. To learn more, go to thecarmelrestaurant-monterey.com.

Alvarado food drive

Alvarado Street Brewery in downtown Monterey has organized a holiday food drive and raffle to run through Dec. 17.

Guests who donate at least five non-per-

ishable items to the drive will receive a raffle ticket for the grand prize drawing, providing even more reason to stop by the popular brewery and eatery. For more de-
tails, including the latest beer lineup, visit alvaradosstreetbrewery.com.

Brunch at Mezzaluna

Chef Sorek Peters and partner Amy Stouffer’s new Mezzaluna Pasteria & Moz-

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ting into the holiday spirit with a Sugar Plum Brunch Dec. 15 and Big-Little Holiday Parties at lunch and dinner for groups large and small Dec. 19.

The brunch couldn’t possibly include the words “sugar plum” without a connection to “The Nutcracker” ballet, so from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Dance Kids of Monterey County will perform for diners as they sip mimosas and enjoy a lavish brunch of house-made granola parfait, smoked salmon with Tunisian spices, chilled oysters, rosemary eggs Benedict, roast Niman Ranch leg of lamb, mini carrot cakes, caviar crème fraîche, jumbo prawns, beef Wellington, roasted potatoes, glazed baby carrots, Brussels sprouts, traditional yule log and Todd’s eggnog.

Dinner, meanwhile, will feature everything served at lunch, as well as oyster shooters and curry braised lamb shoulder. To learn more about Seventh & Doro, go to 7dsteakhouse.com.

Each ticket ($65 for lunch, $95 for dinner, available through Eventbrite.com) includes a holiday buffet, bubbly and live entertainment.

Lunch will be held at noon, and dinner will begin at 6 p.m.

Burgers and beer go hand in hand, and the deluxe version of both can be enjoyed at Yeast of Eden, which is celebrating its 1st anniversary this month.

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The Trailside Cafe in Carmel — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (folk, Friday at 6 p.m.); and saxophonist Roger Eddy (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.); 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Wild Fish Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist Andrea Carter and guitarist Darrin Michelli (jazz, Friday at 6:30 p.m.); and guitarist Grover Coe and trombonist Craig Jardstrom (jazz, Sunday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8523.

Singer-songwriter Joanna Wallfisch, who plays Saturday at the Henry Miller Library, has a new album and a new book.
**Beer for sea turtles**

UPWELL, A nonprofit that focuses on sea turtle conservation, will benefit from some of the sales of a new beer set to be released by Carmel Craft Brewing at a kickoff party Dec. 10. From 5 to 7:30 p.m., the brewery and taproom in the Barnyard shopping center will sell its new beer, The Wanderer Double IPA, and will have a silent auction, door prizes and music.

Food will be available for purchase from Allegro Pizzeria next door. Allegro staff will also teach kids how to make their own pizzas, with 100 percent of those particular sales going to support Upwell’s mission to protect endangered sea turtles by reducing threats at sea, including fisheries bycatch, ship strikes, pollution, climate change and other detrimental human activities.

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The Carmel Art Association rebrands holiday fundraiser, kicks off toy drive

Carmel DeVida of the Carmel Art Association told The Pine Cone that “these mini treasures are sought after by collectors and the show is a longtime favorite for fans of our artists.”

Although they’re working on a much smaller surface than profit gallery’s members. Prices start at $98, offering bar-

The artists succeed in retaining their distinctive styles, although they’re working on a much smaller surface than usual,” DeVida told The Pine Cone. The show is a longtime favorite for fans of our artists.”

“Between Here and There” by photographer Kerry Conan and “Empathy with Animals” by local incarcerated youth.

The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-6176.

The Small Works Show continues through Dec. 31. The ArtWorks display, which continues through the end of the month, includes paintings, prints, jewelry, sculptures, glass art and ceramic art — all done by local artists. A reception starts at 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St. Call (831) 372-6279.

Galleries celebrate the holidays

Nine months after opening its doors, Aaron Chang Ocean Art presents its first Holiday Party Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

One of the world’s most innovative and celebrated surf photographers, Aaron Chang was one of the first to bring a camera into the water, and use ultra-wide-angle lenses. Not only will he share his latest images, but he will introduce new work by his son, Jason Chang.
In 1910, the very wealthy Higley moved the family to San Francisco, took up residence in the St. Francis hotel and opened a loan business on Market Street. A 1910 story in the Los Angeles Times reported he was “repaid to have more quick ready cash than any man on the Pacific Coast, bankers excepted.” It went on to assert that “within a few hours he can gather $1,000,000 in gold and currency.”

The sale of the home by Hathaway to Higley was not recorded, and it wasn’t made public until Higley sold the home in 1939 to William Abbott. Abbott was the partner described by Morse and the man who actually ran Canary Cottage. The secrecy is not so surprising. Canary Cottage was an illegal gaming house that served alcohol during Prohibition — not a good association for a rising socialite like Higley. Being illigct, there is little recorded history on activity at Canary Cottage, yet everyone knew it existed.

Abbott’s early connection with the operation of Canary Cottage was affirmed by reference in an article in the April 27, 1928, Pine Cone. The article, which was about Ed Ran- my, a legendary cowboy cook affiliated with Buffalo Bill in the 1890s, says, “A year or two ago, he cooked for Bill Abbott at Canary Cottage over at Pebble Beach.” Abbott was born in 1866 in Nebraska where his father was a farmer who became an attorney and was a state sen- ator before, in 1876, moving the family to a ranch near Hanford (Kings County). Abbott continued to own the ranch there after moving to San Francisco following his father’s death in 1901.

Not many owners

Abbott and his games were again referenced in a Jan. 20, 1933, Pine Cone story about a “Circus Ball” to raise funds to help the area’s unemployed. It would include “William Abbott of Pebble Beach with his equipment for fun — (and profit for you or the unemployed, as the case may be).”

After Prohibition was repealed in 1933, the county decided to crack down on illegal gambling. On Dec. 7, 1935, the sheriff raided Canary Cottage, arrested Abbott, and confiscated the roulette wheel. Abbott pleaded guilty and was fined $100. The raid marked the end of the opera- tion. Abbott continued to call Canary Cottage home, while Higley and his wife lived at the Clift Hotel on Geary Street in San Francisco.

Higley deeded the home to Abbott in July 1939. Ab- bott died on May 23, 1940, at the age of 73. Higley re- mained in San Francisco until his death on July 30, 1953. The house has changed owners more than a few times over the years, and the Pebble Beach Co. acquired it in late 2018.

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There will be a Menorah Lighting at 4:00 p.m. At 4:30 MC Ben Beesley will welcome the crowd and present performances by: Dance Center, Junipero Serra School, Laurel Bowen & Wyatt Wadsworth, Carmel River School, Carmel High School Chamber Singers, Monterey County Dance Kids, Shane Schmidt, Sarah Galley & Yvan Vucina, Myles Williams & Debbie Davis.

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