Persistent volunteers untangle young whale

Fishing line had mammal ensnared

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOUR DAYS after a young humpback whale was seen struggling in Monterey Bay, a team of mostly volunteers freed the giant marine mammal Dec. 13 from a potentially deadly fishing line that was wrapped around its body.

“We got pretty lucky on Friday the 13th,” reported Justin Viezbicke of NOAA Fisheries, who helped coordinate the rescue effort. “The whale was first seen by a fisherman Dec. 9. “The United States Coast Guard vessel Pike responded and stood by until the response team arrived, but due to the whale’s unpredictable behavior, it was lost,” Viezbicke said.

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An extensive search — which included a Coast Guard airplane, a Coast Guard boat, a Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary boat and two rescue teams — was launched Dec. 11 “from sunrise to sunset.” While about 40 humpback whales were seen, the one in distress couldn’t be found.

P.B. Co. teams with Woods on Peter Hay revamp

By KEELY NIX

THE WORLD’s most famous golfer is partnering with the Pebble Beach Company to redesign a 62-year-old Del Monte Forest golf course that the company hopes will one day be as esteemed as its celebrated cousins.

On Tuesday, the company announced it is teaming up with Tiger Woods and his firm, TGR Design, to revamp the par-3 Peter Hay Golf Course across from the Pebble Beach Golf Links. The short course, which was built
dozens of junior tournaments and charity events.

But the company wants the redesign of Peter Hay — a course overshadowed by the more prestigious Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill — to have the same status as those world-re
drowned courses.

The new Peter Hay, said a company spokesman, will also “leverage the first-class amenities of the Pebble Beach Golf Academy and offer an in
credible food and beverage venue with expansive ocean views.”

The struggling humpback was seen again Dec. 13, and an assortment of rescuers soon arrived on scene. “The response team determined the configuration was life-threatening, and the constricting wrap would cut into the whale’s body. The effort was successful, and the whale was freed.

With Pebble Beach Company to design a new short course at such an iconic location, Peter Hay, named for the former longtime head professional at Pebble Beach, opened in 1957. Through the decades, it has served as the home course for young golfers and has hosted dozens

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Water board to spend $1.2M on next phase of takeover effort

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District board of directors Monday OK’d a plan to spend $1.2 million on the next phase of consulting and legal work it says is necessary to determine if acquiring Californi
dwater customers.

The board’s unanimous decision followed the Nov. 12 determination by district-hired consultant Rafteria Financial Consultants that an acquisition of Cal Am appears to be financially “feasible.” Rafteria estimated Cal Am to be worth $515 million, while the utility has said it’s worth more than $1 billion.

Voters in November 2018 passed Measure J, which called for a government takeover of Cal Am if deemed feasible.

At the $2,141,000 the board approved Monday includes $275,000 to $475,000 for CEQA work, $225,000 for legal work, and $235,000 for an appraisal of the water system. The feasibility study Rafteria released in November cost taxpayers $650,000. Directors gave the consultants until July 31 to finish the work.

“Scary number”

While water district general manager Dave Stoldt called the $1.2 million a “scary number,” he said he believes that

Coming to historic list: buildings from 1990?

By MARY SCHLEY

A CONSULTANT who has spent months research
ing the recent history of Carmel to help the city decide what buildings should be considered historic presented her findings to the historic resources board Monday afternoon.

Kara Brunzelli is being paid $24,990 to update the “historic context statement,” which covers the years from the city’s founding to 1965 and was last updated in 2008, when the 1940-1965 time period was added.

Brunzelli’s survey looks at the years of 1966 to 1990, which are obviously too recent to be considered “historic” in the normal use of the word, but are represented by some

Protecting nature vs. providing access: Frog pond is latest battleground

By CHRIS COUNTS

BUILDINGS from 1990?

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Baby otter

Honey is a 10-year-old receptive-bilingual Shih Tzu. She understands Spanish and English but speaks neither language. The little dog, named for her warm color, was a gift from her person’s older sister, who drove the puppy all the way from Texas to Salinas to surprise her little sister on her 15th birthday.

Honey and her person, who is now grown-up and married, still live in Salinas. “My sister presented Honey in a mint-colored basket with linen in it, and a pink bow,” her person said. “Honey was so tiny. I loved her right away. I was scared my parents wouldn't want her, but they warmed up to her. My mother now cooks chicken for her.”

Honey and her couple have moved back to her person’s childhood home while they remodel their own house. “I used to be scared my parents would make Honey live outside,” her person said. “Now, I know my mom is happy to have her little companion back.”

There’s nothing like a grateful dog, and Honey’s person is pretty sure her little dog knows she’s “got it good.”

Once she realized Honey was a quick learner, her person taught the little dog a range of tricks, like rolling over, spinning, hitting “high fives” and guessing in which hand her person is hiding a treat. “Honey loves to play, particularly at Carmel Beach,” said her person, who keeps her close in a pink harness. “She likes to stay dry, and the waves seem to scare her, but she loves to scurry around in the sand.”

She’s also fascinated by seagulls. She rarely smiles, her person said, but when she sees the birds, she gets a big smile on her little face, showing her underbite.

When Honey comes home from the beach, she lies on her back against a pink blanket, and rubs her front paws against her ears, like a baby otter.
Appeals Court reinstates suit over Laguna Seca motorcycle crash

By KEELY NIX

A SAN Francisco inventor who last year lost a lawsuit against Monterey County over a 2015 motorcycle crash at Laguna Seca in which he was seriously injured has had the case reinstated on appeal.

Lit Motors CEO Daniel Kim was riding a motorcycle at Laguna Seca on March 14, 2015, when he struck a row of unmarked sandbags in a run-off area while trying to avoid a slower rider at Turn 5. Kim, who signed a liability waiver before riding on the 2.2-mile track that day, was ejected and badly hurt.

Kim filed suit against the county and track manager Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula, alleging that his injuries were a result of the sandbags, which he argued should not have been there. In December 2017, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills decided in favor of SCRAMP and the county, ruling the suit could not go forward because Kim had signed the waiver and there was no evidence to show that the placement of the sandbags amounted to gross negligence, which Kim had claimed.

County’s liability?

However, the motorcyclist appealed, and last week, two judges with the Sixth District Court of Appeal reversed Wills’ decision.

Justices Mary Greenwood and Allison Danner decided that because “issues exist as to whether SCRAMP’s and the county’s conduct was grossly negligent and whether the county is liable for injury caused by a dangerous condition of its property,” Wills made an error in issuing summary judgment — a decision made by a judge without a full trial — in the case.

However, Justice Adrienne Grover, who dissented, said that a “failure to prevent, remedy, or warn of a dangerous property condition” — in this case, sandbags — “typically does not rise to the level of gross negligence.”

For three decades, sandbags had been placed at the racetrack in the offseason to prevent water and debris from entering the track. Kim argued that SCRAMP should have installed French or slotted drains to control erosion instead of the bags.

Although a SCRAMP official who directed the installation of the sandbags knew that their location violated racing standards, he believed that those standards did not apply to amateur events like the one Kim was participating in when he was injured, the Appeals Court decision says.

Grover, a former Monterey County judge, noted that even if using sandbags to reduce erosion “was inconsistent with accepted practices, I disagree that the evidence here shows the utter lack of circum- spection that is the defining characteristic of gross negligence.”

SCRAMP attorney Andy Swartz told The Pine Cone Monday that he believes the Appeals Court’s decision is “flawed,” and that the nonprofit group, which will be replaced by a different track manager in January, is considering appealing the ruling to the Supreme Court.

Rider signed liability waiver but then was seriously injured

See CRASH page 2:4
Unsettled setter settles back home

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Verbal dispute between a jogger and a family walking on the path on Cassava.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A key lockbox was damaged at a Residence on Forest Road and a wifi router was missing when the resident returned home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Mother-son dispute on Santa Rita was referred to child protective services.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic enforcement stop on Ocean Avenue at 2317 hours for vehicle code violations resulted in the driver being placed under arrest for DUI. The 26-year-old male from Pacific Grove was found to have a limited extradition warrant for DUI in another state. The vehicle was not legally parked and was stored. The driver was cited and released to a sober friend with a promise to appear.

Carmel area: Santa Rita Street resident was referred to the hospital for a mental evaluation.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dress uniform taken from an unlocked vehicle on Camino Real.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances led to a dog getting sick.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft reported from a trailer on Seventh Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle theft on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units assisted with mitigating a civil issue between a displaced customer and a business manager on Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A business on Dolores Street requested a homeless subject be warned against trespassing for disrupting their business and harassing staff members.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury vehicle vs. pedestrian accident on Pine.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported loud music being played from a business in the commercial district on Seventh Avenue. On arrival, there was no music heard inside or outside the business. The manager advised he was aware of the complaint and stated the music was shut off at approximately 2200 hours per the city business permit regulations. The resident was advised and stated he would follow up with the city code officer.

Pacific Grove: Property manager found an old Airforce airplane in a home after the tenant moved out. Tenant requested the property manager have it destroyed. An air bb “in-re” was surrendered for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Arsonmation from a residence on Beach Street turned in for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Verbal altercation on Lighthouse.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Sixth Street tampered with.

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Oct. 9 — Ar两会 cores Leyva, 57, of Castroville, pleaded guilty to the first-degree murder of 14-year-old Chris- ty Sue Pina, whose body was found in a Castroville artichoke field on February 8, 1990. Leyva also pleaded guilty to attempt- ed kidnapping of a minor in an intent to commit rape, and assault of a minor with the intent to commit rape, for a separate incident from September 30, 1993, when he unsuccessfully attempted to force a 13-year-old Salinas girl into his van as she walked to school. Leyva will be sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for Pina’s mur- der, and a consecutive seven years and four months in prison for the attempted kidnap- ping. He will also be required to register as a sexual offender for life.

Christy Pina had just turned 14 years old the month before her naked body was discovered by workers in an artichoke field adjacent to Highway 1 in Castroville. Pina had been raped, strangled, and stabbed to death. She was last seen alive on the af- ternoon of February 6, 1990, at a middle school in Salinas.

Leyva, age 27, at the time of the mur- der, was on probation for unlawful sexu- al intercourse with two 14-year-old girls occurring in 1987. Pina’s body was found near multiple businesses owned by Ley- va’s family in 1990. DNA testing in 1990 was not sophisticated enough to positively identify Leyva as the killer, but it could not eliminate him as a suspect.

On September 30, 1993, around 7 a.m., a 13-year-old girl referred to in court as Jane Doe was walking to school on East Bolivar Street in Salinas. As she walked past a Dodge van parked along the curb, Leyva jumped out of the vehicle, grabbed her, and tried to pull her into his van. Ley- va grabbed the girl’s jacket and forced his fingers into her mouth in his attempt to pull her into his vehicle. Doe attempted to fight Leyva off, and she was able to grab onto the bumper of the van and held on until a good Samaritan witnessed the incident and came to her aid. Leyva fled the scene before he was apprehended, but the good Samaritan had obtained a partial license plate to Leyva’s distinctive van, which he abandoned at a nearby apartment complex. Doe and the good Samaritan both positive-
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Public works does what Mother Nature won’t

By MARY SCHLEY

HEAVY RAINS a few weeks ago washed away the sand and created a deep trench on Carmel Beach at the foot of Ocean Avenue, but public works crews repaired the damage this week. Whether the erosion will occur again during the next series of winter storms is anyone’s guess.

“We do seem to have a chronic problem with those two areas of sand erosion over shallow sandstone,” public works director Bob Harary said Wednesday, referring to the hillside at the bottom of the parking lot and another patch near the volleyball courts.

“We placed sand over the big area this week at the foot of the Del Mar parking area because it is in the walking path to the shore,” he continued. “The smaller area by the volleyball courts has been regraded over in the past, but it isn’t really walked on, and we felt that with winter coming, we wouldn’t get much benefit by covering it and having Mother Nature uncover it again.”

On Wednesday morning, the main access to the beach was closed off with caution tape while one worker moved sand and another raked it into place. Public works rented a Bobcat for two-and-a-half days and used it to make the repairs, which wrapped up late morning on Dec. 18.

“We waited a couple of weeks to see if the waves and the weather would take care of it naturally, which would happen eventually,” Harary said. “But not much changed in two weeks, so we graded it out to ensure safety.”

Recent rains washed down Ocean Avenue and onto the beach, creating deep trenches that were repaired with a Bobcat this week.

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By KELLY NIX

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL of the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley Memorial hospital oppose a new Trump administration rule that would require hospitals to be clearer about the prices they charge for various medical services, officials said this week.

In November, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced a new rule requiring hospitals to publish troves of confidential rates they negotiate with commercial health insurers. The rule takes effect in 2021.

“By disclosing hospital standard charges, we believe the hospitals will enable the public, including patients, employers, clinicians and other third parties, to make more informed decisions about their care,” the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said.

It will also increase competition among hospitals and ultimately reduce the cost of health care services, the agency added.

But Matt Morgan, chief financial officer for Monterey Health, which is Community Hospital’s parent company, said that although the company supports transparency to help consumers know their healthcare costs, the law would only bewilder patients in an already complicated pricing system.

“While the rule would require the release of a substantial amount of data, it would not show what the consumer is responsible for, and it would not be delivered in a way that helps determine the cost of an actual hospital stay,” Morgan told The Pine Cone. Similarly, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System said that while it wants patients to be able to make sense of their medical charges, the federal law won’t help with that.

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Sales tax measure gets its letter

By MARY SCHLEY

THE BALLOT measure that will ask voters in the city next March to increase the sales tax by another .5 percent to 9.25 percent — or $9.25 for every $100 spent — now has a letter.

“It’s C,” said city administrator Chip Rerig. “It doesn’t stand for ‘Chip.’ Maybe it stands for ‘Carmel,’ ‘character’ or ‘charming.’”

Whatever it stands for, Measure C will ask voters in the city to extend the current 1 percent extra sales tax that helps pay for debt, retirement liabilities, Sunset Center and capital improvements for another 20 years and increase it to 1.5 percent.

Set to expire

The current extra sales tax, approved by voters in 2012 as Measure D, generates $3.5 million annually for the general fund and will expire in April 2023 unless it’s replaced by the new tax, assuming a majority of the electorate agrees with it. The new tax would bring in around $4.5 million per year.

Last month, the city council discussed ballot arguments for the tax proposal and settled on a version that outlines the new tax and how the money will be used. “Our infrastructure needs are great, revenues are declining, and the costs to provide quality services are rising, largely due to state regulations, pension liabilities, and healthcare that are outside of the city’s control,” part of the argument reads. “That is why we are asking for your support again.

The ballot argument promises the cash will be kept local and reminds voters that visitors who do much of the spending here will be paying the tax alongside them.

“These sales tax revenues would be used to invest in community facilities and spaces; protect the beach, parks, trails and trees; maintain public safety and emergency preparedness; address pension costs; fund new and capital projects and support citywide services,” the argument reads. “A ‘YES’ vote on Carmel’s measure means a ‘YES’ on community, green infrastructure, safety, services and fiscal sustainability.”

At the Nov. 5 meeting, councilman Jeff Baron worried mentioning what the total sales tax rate would be and the costs associated with it might turn people off.

“It’s awkward mentioning 9.25 percent, because that seems high,” he said. Baron also suggested striking a sentence explaining that of that $9.25 charged for every $100 spent, the city would only receive $2.50, and eliminating the word “hope” from the argument.

“The thing I learned from campaigning is the last word you want to use is ‘hope,’” he explained. “We’re not hoping the public is going to do this, we’re asking the public to do this.”

Everyone pays

The rest of the council favored the same language for the ballot argument, though councilwoman Carrie Theis said mentioning the percentage, which wouldn’t be the highest on the Peninsula, put the ballot measure in context. (The highest sales tax rate in Monterey County is 9.5 percent and is charged in Greenfield.)

“I don’t mind the 9.25 percent, but I don’t like the $9.25, because it comes right

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Waffle named temp planning director

By MARY SCHLEY

SENIOR PLANNER Marnie Waf
tle is serving as acting planning director in the wake of Marc Wiener’s departure last Wednesday for a new post in Laguna Beach.

City administrator Chip Rerig said this week he appointed her to the position while he figures out the best way to go about re
taining Wiener in what he considers one of the most important jobs in city govern-

ment.

“This position, next to public safety, is the most important position,” he said. “It’s all about character preservation,” and with a major say in the development of laws, policies, guidelines and projects in the city, the planning director plays a significant role in its present and future.

Rerig said he contacted a few executive headhunting firms for proposals and has been “soliciting informal input from peo-
ple as far as process and the kind of person I am looking for.”

However, Rerig said he knows he wants someone with the right skills but who also understands the community and culture of Carmel and will be a good fit — “some-
one who can work constructively with peo-
ple but who can also be immovable when someone is proposing something out of character.”

Either way, he said, the candidate won’t be selected through a public process.

“It’s a pretty bright line: This is my hire, right, wrong or indifferent.”

Salary numbers

Running the historic resources board meeting Monday, Waffle said she and Re-
rig are “looking at different ways to fill the gap while we do the recruitment for a new director.”

She promised to keep the board updated on the progress.

“For now, I will continue to be here through the board meetings and getting your packets together,” she said. Waffle is now also in charge of those tasks for the planning commission.

The salary range for planning director, last established in 2015, is $127,500 to $159,375, coming in below city adminis-

trator, assistant city administrator, police chief and public works director. In 2018, Wiener received $175,327 in compensa-
tion, including base pay of $128,357, sick and vacation pay, deferred compensation and retirement contributions.

Libraries collecting donations

THE MAIN branch and Park branches of the city library put out barrels for do-
nations of nonperishable foods to the Food Bank for Monterey County and are collect-
ing items to distribute to homeless youths.

Food items sought by the food bank include canned meats, fish, chili, soups, stews, fruits, vegetables and juices, peanut butter, and dry goods like boxed macaro-

ni and cheese, dry cerial and oatmeal, and rice and pasta. Outdated foods and items in glass are not acceptable.

The libraries are also collecting neces-
sities for homeless kids, including trav-
el-sized toiletries, combs and brushes, den-
tal floss, feminine hygiene products, nail clippers, razors, and clothing such as new socks and underwear, warm gear like hats and scarves, gloves, hooded sweatshirts size large to XXXL in dark colors, and coats. Sleeping bags, backpacks, batteries, blankets, sewing kits, flashlights, journals, work boots, bus tickets, headphones, pet food, hot cocoa and instant oatmeal are needed, too.

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Cal Am seeks answers about reclamation delay

By KELLY NIX

Days after California American Water complained that the public agencies sponsoring a reclamation water project had failed to deliver the water they had promised, the director of the agency leading the project said construction delays had been resolved and the reclamation plan was expected to start producing water next month.

The recycled water proposal known as Pure Water Monterey was supposed to start injecting purified water into the Seaside Basin in July, but that date has changed at least twice. Most recently, it was said to begin injection in October with delivery to water customers in February 2020.

On Dec. 12, Cal Am, which has an agreement to deliver the purified water to its customers, asked the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and Monterey One Water, the sewer district leading the reclamation project, to explain the reason for the setbacks.

“As of the date of this letter, and to the best of Cal Am’s knowledge, the public agencies have not commenced delivery of water to the metered points of delivery and, therefore, the delivery start date has not yet occurred,” according to the letter signed by Cal Am president Rich Svindland.

Cal Am gave the two agencies 14 days to provide “detailed information” as to the current status of the project, including anticipated capital cost, operation and maintenance cost, and a comparison of the current cost per acre foot to the original estimate. The project is estimated to cost about $125 million.

“In addition, please identify and describe any other construction or operational issues or concerns you have that may further delay the completion, implementation and operation of the project,” Svindland said.

January promise

This week, though, Monterey One Water general manager Paul Sciuto said that the Pure Water Monterey purification facility in Marina has begun testing water and he anticipates injection into the Seaside Basin in January.

The project was designed to produce at least 3,500 acre-feet of water per year and be a supplemental supply to Cal Am’s larger and more expensive desalination plant. Cal Am has agreed to extract the purified water from the basin and distribute it to its Monterey Peninsula customers. The source water will be wastewater, agricultural water and other sources.

Per the agreement, Cal Am was supposed to be able to withdraw the water from the basin in January 2020. The project needs to build up 1,000 acre-feet of reserve wa-
Panetta votes ‘yes’ on impeachment

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN Jimmy Panetta Wednesday voted with nearly all of the members of his party in the House of Representatives to impeach President Donald Trump.

Panetta, who like many of his colleagues called the vote to impeach “sordid and somber,” said he used many of the same skills when he was prosecutor in Monterey County to arrive to the conclusion that Trump should be impeached.

“By putting politics and emotions aside to focus on the underlying evidence and applying those facts to the articles of impeachment, I found it clear that the president subverted our national interest for his own personal and political interest,” Panetta said in a press release.

The Democratic-led House voted to impeach Trump for abuse of power and obstructing Congress — charges they said stemmed from a phone call Trump had with the president of the Ukraine in July, but Republicans say are just the fulfillment of the Democrat’s ardent and longstanding wish to impeach the president — which some prominent leaders of their party have been promising to do for years.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is expected to forward articles of impeachment to the GOP-controlled Senate, where Trump will most certainly be acquitted.

Panetta said that the trial notwithstanding, he would not let the impeachment process stop him and other lawmakers from getting things done, including passing legislation that benefits immigrants, improves the healthcare system and lowers prescription drug prices.

“I do not take pride in impeaching a sitting president of the United States,” Panetta said. “But as the U.S. representative for the Central Coast of California, I am upholding my obligation under the United States Constitution to protect the future of our democracy.”

Highway patrol ups reward to $15K

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WITH 63 documented cases of vehicles hit by “projectiles” on Highway 101 and 156 since February — and the frequency of the attacks intensifying, with reports of several car windows smashed within minutes on various days during the past month — the California Highway Patrol announced that reward money being offered for information, arrest and conviction has increased to $15,000. “We are very fortunate that no one has been seriously hurt,” CHP Capt. Kyle Foster said in a statement, adding that the local CHP office has significantly increased patrol efforts in the troubled area of Prunedale where the potentially fatal attacks are occurring. “We are using every investigative means at our disposal.”

CHP investigators know what the projectiles are but are not saying. Foster advised everyone driving on the 101 corridor between eastbound and westbound 156 to keep their windows up for safety. If you get hit, turn on your hazard lights, pull to the right shoulder and stop, dial 911, and do not disturb any physical evidence.

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Peter Hay
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P.B. Co. chief executive officer Bill Perocchi said Woods and his company are the perfect partners for the project, given the golfer’s commitment to youth golf and his experience in developing accessible courses for players of all levels.

“It’s just a great opportunity to partner with Tiger, considering the long and rich history he has with Pebble Beach, obviously dating back to 2000 with his record-breaking performance in the U.S. Open and his interest in growing the game of golf,” Perocchi told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

The design work is already underway, and construction will start sometime in the spring of 2020. “Hopefully, it will be completed in late fall, probably in the October or November time frame,” Perocchi said.

Name not decided yet
He also said that Woods visited Pebble Beach and Peter Hay in October when his design firm and the company were in talks about the partnership. He expects the golfer to return regularly until the course is finished.

It’s not yet known whether the course’s original moniker will remain with the revamp.

“Peter Hay was such an important part of the Pebble Beach Company for many years,” Perocchi said. “So I think the name Peter Hay will always be part of it, but whether we have some offshoot of that name, we haven’t decided.”

While details of the new course have not been revealed, Florida-based TGR Design’s website says it “will be designed for pure enjoyment with a focus on creating a community-like environment where all golfers will be able to have fun and feel comfortable.”

Using golf lingo, Woods’ firm said it will also feature “a variety of yardages,” and have “low-cut chipping areas that promote creativity with a variety of recovery options for any shots that miss the strategically contoured greens.”

“Additionally, the routing, shaping, grassing of the golf course will encourage players to be imaginative on the approach to the greens, as oftentimes a shot using ‘the ground as a friend’ may be the ideal choice,” TGR Design said.

Woods’ company has also designed courses in Texas, Missouri, Hawaii, Illinois, Florida, Mexico, the Bahamas and Dubai.

Karen Williams Lyon
January 10, 1931 – December 5, 2019

Karen Williams Lyon died on December fifth, two thousand nineteen, peacefully in her Carmel home of many years. She was preceded by the untimely death of her daughter, Jessica Bryant Malikowski, just months earlier. She is survived by her two siblings, Christopher Williams, and Lady Williams Buck, both of Carmel, her granddaughter, Erin Malikowski, and son-in-law Ken Malikowski. Karen is also survived by many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, all from the Carmel area. Karen had many dear lifelong friends and many new friends who are now all feeling a great lessening in their own lives.

Karen sought a full and independent life, choosing her own pathway always. After completing high school, at CHS, she enrolled at the Pasadena Playhouse to pursue her joy of the theater. She graduated with honors and went off to try out a life on Broadway. After a short interval, she came to shun the New York world of the theater for its commercialism. But the love of the stage was still with her and she became a lifelong performer for many small repertory companies and playhouses.

As a young woman, Karen was so involved with her lead role in the Daphne du Maurier’s classic play, ‘Trilby’, she gave her first car that name as tribute to the character and to romance. Trilby was always parked, day and night, under the pines on Monte Verde Street, just outside the Golden Bough Playhouse.

It was on-stage that Karen met Jessica’s father, Edward Bryant, also an actor, and began a life of travel and the theater, which was to become the backbone of her spirit. That life took her to North Africa and the far reaches of the Black Sea shores and beyond. Between trips abroad she spent idyllic summers on the Maine coast at the island house designed and built by her grandfather, Jesse Lynch Williams, himself a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright. During these years Karen met her second husband, Ben Lyon, an accomplished photographer, and the principal photographer for the Monterey Herald for many years.

Karen was a lover of her beautiful hometown. She, with her dear friend of thirty years, Margarite, and her beloved dog, Casey, would take long daily walks on Carmel Beach, be it in the pounding rain and storming sea, or the delicate morning sunlight, they would walk the beach’s length and breadth.

Karen was not only a thespian but a lover of the visual and written arts as well. She worked with her father, Harry Meade Williams, at his two bookstores in Carmel, plus the amazing Thunderbird. She was also involved with the Carmel Art Association for many years.

Obviously, she was a voracious reader. Karen could lead you on an intriguing adventure in any topic, and you would learn something new every time. She was a joy to know and to spend a few delightful hours with.

We will all miss her greatly.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Carmel Mission Basilica at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 3, followed by burial at San Carlos Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 or the SPCA for Monterey County, PO Box 3058, Monterey, CA, 93942. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Karen’s guest book and leave messages for her family.
examples of outstanding or interesting architecture. Preservation consultants, architects, planners and others use the historic context statement to help them determine whether a building must be preserved.

The ‘context’ part

The “working draft” discusses Carmel during those years in terms of local business and tourism, transportation, residential development, demographics, government and civic development, historic preservation, local environment and environmental activism, public and domestic landscaping, and arts and culture.

During the mid-to-late 1960s, Brunzell wrote, summer-time saw 20,000 visitors per day, for a total of 5 million annually — a number far greater than even the most optimistic figures today — and sales tax revenues increased 22 percent between 1965 and 1967. In the following decade, residents and lawmakers considered numerous proposals to deal with traffic, parking and development. Then, as now, tourist-related businesses generated most of the tax revenues for the city budget.

Brunzell observed that more than one-third of the single-family residences in town were constructed after 1965, while “construction of apartment buildings became a major issue,” with strong opposition. In the 1980s and 1990s, revenues for the city budget.

Donations in Craig’s memory may be made to the South Sacramento Cancer Center, 8100 Bruceville Road, Sacramento, CA 95823.
Ruth Abbie Russell

1936 – 2019

Ruth Abbie Russell, treasured wife, mother and friend, passed away peacefully at home on November 24th, surrounded by her adoring family.

Ruth was born on February 21, 1936 and grew up on her family’s ranch in the town of Strathmore in the San Joaquin Valley. She was the daughter of Jack Harrington and Martha Kate Powers and a descendant of Frank Lucius Powers, co-founder of Carmel Development Company. Ruth was truly a Carmel girl. She spent summers in Carmel visiting her grandfather, Roy Harrington, founder of Carmel Development Company. Ruth was truly a Carmel girl. She spent summers in Carmel visiting her grandparents whom she adored and eventually moved to Carmel and attended Sunset School and Janipero Serra. Ruth was in the graduating class of 1953 at Carmel High School where she was valedictorian, song girl and played varsity basketball.

She went on to study International Relations at UC Berkeley and was president of her sorority, ZTA. In her final semester at Berkeley she met Joseph Russell, her husband of 62 years. They were married in 1957 at Carmel Mission Basilica, then moved to San Francisco and returned to the Monterey Peninsula in 1965 to raise their family. Ruth became director of the Peninsula Parent Nursery School, a role that came easily to her. She loved children and relating with others. She was a devout Catholic and very active at St. Francis Xavier parish in Seaside as well as St. Angela Merici parish in Pacific Grove. She loved helping others and spreading her love and light into the world. She truly was a selfless person and a lover of life. Ruth had the gift of making others feel cherished and appreciated. She spent a number of years working for Robert Talbott both in their retail tie shop on Ocean Avenue as well as their administrative offices. Ruth continued on to Community Hospital for 18 years where she spread her love and light as executive secretary in the nursing administration.

Ruth loved flowers and fragrance and at any chance she was presenting gardenias, sweet peas or honeysuckle to her friends and family. She and Joe took many trips to Hawaii and loved all things Hawaiian, particularly the aloha spirit and the warm weather. They shared a love of Hawaiian music and dressing in colorful style. Ruth cherished the wellbeing of others and was a master of writing the most beautiful letters and notes and crafting elaborate and creative valentines. She was a poet and loved reciting poetry on a whim. Her favorite was “How Do I Love Thee?” by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. We will remember Ruth as “Saint Ruth” and teaching us all how to love.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Russell, and her four children; Hilary, Joe, Chris and Sally as well as their spouses Miles, Benz, Allison and Chuck, three grandchildren, Kyle, Logan and Lucy, many nieces and nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 4th, 2020, at The Sunset Center in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Colorful attire only.
the cost of the CEQA work could be heavily reduced if the district narrows down precisely what needs to be done. The consulting work will be paid for with district reserve funds, but Stoldt said the agency is in a “solid financial position.”

If the water district makes an offer to Cal Am and it’s rejected, the district could proceed with eminent domain, including a trial in front of a judge and even a value determination made by a jury. Water board director Jeanne Byrne asked how much such a process would cost.

“I think we are talking $2 million to $5 million through the legal procedure, depending on how many expert witnesses we need and how long it takes,” Stoldt said.

“But we are not there yet,” he added. “We may not have the votes (necessary to proceed with an acquisition). We may have some gnarliness after we see this work and say, ‘well, it’s not as easy as we thought.’”

Among those urging the board of directors to fund the studies was former water board member Brenda Lewis, who said that “$1.2 million is a drop in the bucket compared to what Cal Am overcharges us each year.”

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On the hook

Rick Heser from the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association questioned the consultant’s determination that taking over Cal Am is economically “feasible.”

“We’ve been hearing, ‘It’s feasible, it’s feasible,’” Heser said. “Today we are finding out that it’s being called, ‘feasible,’ but you don’t have an appraisal; it’s being called ‘feasible’ but you don’t have an operating plan. You are having to spend another $1.2 million.”

Board chair Molly Evans said that while she doesn’t like the idea of spending the money, the information is needed for the board to make a decision on whether to proceed with an acquisition.

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ter before Cal Am starts delivering it, which means it will likely take a few months before the purified water reaches customers' taps.

Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman said Monterey One Water has made a “series of assurances” about the project, including its start date in January. “What we really need is a realistic and detailed timeline that we can rely on for planning our own system operations,” she told The Pine Cone.

Response in 14 days
Cal Am’s letter marks at least the second time the utility has formally questioned the water agencies over the start of the project, which the agencies have blamed on construction delays. He also said that the project’s construction manager was fired halfway through the process and that the agencies had been unwilling to give his company an extension to finish the work.

In an interview with The Pine Cone in September, Peter Anderson, the contractor working on Pure Water Monterey, conceded there had been many delays.

“Once the ballot language is adopted, the council cannot spend tax funds to angle for a tax measure, so we have our friends at the CRA and the chamber,” he said.

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the Carmel Residents Association have promised to campaign in favor of the new tax.

The chamber will produce a brochure explaining how Measure D funds have been used and outlining how the new money will be spent, and the groups will determine the best times to campaign door to door, Rerig said.

“One hundred percent of the money stays local — it doesn’t go to the state, it doesn’t go to the county — and let’s face it, a large percentage of it is paid by visitors,” Rerig said. “We want the voting residents to be supportive. And if there are any questions, reach out to me. I’m here to help.”
Oaks resident Don Gruber and several others voiced concerns about bringing the trail into the preserve. Gruber described the land as “a crucial piece of habitat in an urban environment,” and he warned it could be disrupted by more human activity.

“I’ve taken experts out there, and they cite its unique combination of plants that allows a wide variety of birds to live there,” Gruber told The Pine Cone. “It hosts over 200 species of plants and animals, most of which would be impacted by bicycles.”

Instead of routing the hiking and bike trail directly through the preserve, Gruber suggested creating an alternative route that would allow access to the site, but skirts around it.

To make that possible, Gruber said a wooden boardwalk would need to cross Del Rey Creek and run along Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, and an 80-foot section of pathway would need to be shared by the trail and the preserve.

Del Rey Oaks resident Jim Vanderzwaan warned the POND board that the trail could “intrude on wildlife, and the peace and quiet people enjoy” in the preserve, and he suggested there’s other land nearby that would be more suitable for such a path.

“It’s an important flyway for birds,” Vanderzwaan explained. “It’s worth protecting.”

Park district president Kelly Sorenson said he and his colleagues listened carefully to those who have concerns about the trail impacting the preserve.

“I think everyone will agree that the trail is a wonderful project and should be built,” Sorenson said. “But the public came out and provided a lot of input on TAMC’s proposal, and we heard the community is very concerned about bikes going through the park.”

Sorenson conceded bicycles “might not be suitable everywhere.”

Also chiming in on the topic was park district general manager Rafael Payan.

“Staff is working with TAMC on alternative routes,” Payan reported. “We really want to look at as many options as possible. We plan to run them by the public — we absolutely need public input.”

Payan said another hearing will be set soon, likely early next year.

Besides its namesake, the preserve is home to deer, hummingbirds, towhees, mallards, western fence lizards, coast live oak, arroyo willow, Monterey pines, big leaf periwinkle, a few redwoods and an array of other flora and fauna. It’s considered a great place for birdwatching, and it’s frog heaven during the wet season.

“Maintaining and enhancing the Frog Pond’s wildlife habitat value is a high priority to the park district,” a statement on the park district’s website reads.

As many as 3,000 daily users

While most of the trail would be paved with asphalt, the segment that passes through the preserve “would be composed of a stable, permeable surface.” Unlike the rest of trail, which in some places would be as wide as 16 feet, the segment through the Frog Pond would be no wider than 8 feet.

Public comments on the EIR are due by Jan. 3.

Once completed, the rec trail could have as many as 3,000 daily users. Voters approved a ballot measure in 2016 to spend $20 million on it. Another $11 million of taxpayers’ money has been raised since — $1 million from TAMC and a $10 million from the California Transportation Commission.

**Welcome**

some of the newest members of the medical staff at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

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**Dr. Hulbert Do**

Cardiology

Dr. Do joined Montage Medical Group’s cardiology practice in Monterey after practicing near Chicago for almost a decade. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and completed his residency and fellowship at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL, a suburb of Chicago. Dr. Do is board-certified in cardiovascular medicine and internal medicine.

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**Dr. Anna Shi**

Ophthalmology

Dr. Shi is a glaucoma specialist at Monterey Bay Eye Center. She received her medical degree from the University of California Davis and completed her residency at Louisiana State University New Orleans. After completing a glaucoma fellowship at Ochsner Health System in New Orleans, Dr. Shi continued to practice in the New Orleans area and was involved in both resident and fellowship education. Since completing her training, Dr. Shi has focused on providing minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries to help patients manage their glaucoma and enhance their quality of life.
tion at all with such a large file,” the complaint claims.

Furthermore, the healthcare plaintiffs say the rule vi-
olates the First Amendment because it compels hospitals to
disclose pricing they negotiate with insurers “without
any reasonable expectation that it will advance any gov-
ernmental interest in healthcare-pricing transparency, let
alone a substantial one.”

The local hospitals do, however, back a federal govern-
ment proposal that would require healthcare insurers to of-
ffer patients advanced out-of-pocket cost estimates before
they go to the hospital or see their doctors.

“Like everyone, we know that healthcare is expensive,
and the system of charges and actual costs is complicated,”
Morgan said. “To help increase understanding, Montage
Health supports the government’s proposal to enable pa-
tients to get advance estimates from their insurers.”

Help available

Montage has resources to help patients understand their
costs, including a dedicated cost estimate phone number,
(831) 625-4715, and a patient portal which provides esti-
mates for certain procedures.

“Users can enter their insurance coverage to increase
the accuracy of the estimates,” Morgan said. “You can sign
up for the secure portal at champ.org/mychart.”

Rusk said Salinas Valley Memorial is also “generally supportive” of patients getting out-of-pocket estimates and
that “the best place to get that information is from their
insurer.”

The Salinas hospital publishes a list of standard costs
associated with its services and procedures on its website
at svmh.com, but the information does not include pa-
teins’ out-of-pocket costs.

“Our patient financial services team is also available
to help patients navigate what is a complicated process,”
Rusk said.

CRASH
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the California Supreme Court.
He also said the appellate court ruling could have im-
portations for other lawsuits.

The decision “definitely weakens the value of express
waivers signed by all track users who voluntarily engage in
very hazardous recreational activities,” Swartz said.

“Contrary to law”
Monterey County deputy county counsel Michael
Whilden said the county is reviewing the decision and con-
sidering its options.

“We are very disappointed in the result and think it is
to contrary to established law,” Whilden told The Pine Cone.

The new ruling allows the lawsuit to go to trial in Mon-
terey County, which Swartz estimated would occur in
about a year.

Kim had also named as defendants a company that ar-
ranged the track day in which Kim was participating, and
Mazda, the auto manufacturer that sponsored the racetrack
at the time. Both entities were dismissed from the com-
plaint and were not parties to the appeal.

A motorcycle enthusiast, Kim invented a “self-balanc-
ing” motorcycle. The day of the crash, however, he was rid-
ing a 2013 Ducati 1199, not his invention.
RESOURCES
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The historic preservation movement started in the late 1960s and early 1970s, alongside environmental activism. “By the 1970s, conservation of nature was mainstream in Carmel, long before most Americans had adopted the precepts of the environmental movement,” she wrote.

Other major events included the purchase of Flanders Mansion and the surrounding acreage to turn it into Mission Trail Park, the damaging El Niño storms of 1982-1983, Eastwood’s purchase of historic Mission Ranch in the 1980s for just under $5 million in order to prevent its demolition and replacement with condos, the construction of the Scenic Road walkway in 1988, and the creation of other parks.

Architectural styles

Important styles of the time include modernism, mid-century modern/Bay Region style — characterized by dramatic roof lines, large windows, and natural wood or stone cladding or trim, like the former bank building at Seventh and Do-lores — and “organic,” the style informed by Frank Lloyd Wright, who believed a building “must be in harmony with its site and the surrounding environment.”

Ranch style is the ubiquitous, simple type of design generally calling for low-pitched roofs on single-story linear or L-shaped homes, and Shed/Third Bay Tra-di-tion is the style that came into popularity in the mid-1960s and involves shed roofs and natural or wood cladding, like the Lobos Lodge at Monte Verde and Ocean.

The document focuses on several nota-ble architects from the period:

- George Brook-Kothlow, who lived in Carmel Valley and “became an important figure in the environmental architecture movement.”
- Walter Burde and Will Shaw, whose firm, Burde + Shaw, opened in the late 1950s. Burde was an award-winning architect who moved to Carmel from Ohio in the late 1940s, while Shaw was from Southern California and, among other things, married Mary Morse — “the daughter of an area developer,” Pebble Beach Co. founder and major Peninsula benefactor S.F.B. Morse. Shaw was also a major contributor to the environmental architecture movement, founded the Foundation for Environmen-tal Design with Ansel Adams in 1964, and was a fellow at the American Institute of Architecture and the American Academy in Rome. He, too, won many awards for his designs, including the Shell station at San Carlos and Fifth.
- Olof Dahlstrand, who designed buildings as a defense contractor during World War II and moved to Carmel in the late 1950s. He also served on the city council and the planning commission, and his work includes the Wells Fargo Bank on San Carlos. (He also designed Mid-Valley Cen-ter, which some are arguing is historic and should be preserved.)
- Albert Henry Hill and John Wal-ter Kruse, whose firm, Hill and Kruse, formed in 1965, nearly two decades after Kruse went to work for Hill. While in San Francisco, they designed more than 500 residential and commercial buildings, and Hill moved to Carmel in 1971 while Kruse remained in S.F. They designed buildings together until Hill died in 1984.
- Jon Konigshofer, who moved to the Peninsula in 1937 and worked as a drafts-man for noted builder M.J. Murphy. Ko-nigshofer was never a licensed architect but is credited with designing more than 150 buildings on the Peninsula, including the Sand & Sea complex on San Antonio at Fourth, and John Gardner’s tennis ranch in Carmel Valley.
- Mark Mills, a protégé of Frank Lloyd Wright who helped build the Wright house on Scenic Road and was subsequently asked to design two other homes for the owner. He was known to describe a building site as the “silent client” and emphasized the use of locally sourced natural materials.
- Charles Willard Moore of the firm Moore Lyndon Turnbull designed the Sea Ranch development on the Northern Calif-ornia coast, wrote or contributed to 11 books, taught at universities and “opposed abstraction in modern architecture, ad-vocating for buildings designed to reflect their use and location.”
- John Thodos, whose work includes the stunning glass house down by the beach and the contemporary rebuild of a cottage on Torres, where he and his wife lived. Thodos won 14 major AIA design awards and was posthumously given the American Institute of Architects fellowship in design in 2010.

Wurster, Bernardi and Emmons, which took on major commercial developments and projects, including designing dozens of grocery stores for Safeway and at least 20 branches of Bank of America, and Idaho architect Joseph Wythe are also mentioned.

“Architecture has always been important in Carmel, but you start to see really significant architects working here in the modern period around the 1960s,” Brunnell told the board at the Dec. 16 meeting. “We have a lot of architects who were well known outside the region — not just some-body who worked here and their work was locally beloved.”
The architecture fan club

If YOU visit the Holy Land, you can see a whole boatload of historic buildings associated with the life of Jesus, including Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity, which contains the grotto where he was born, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which (under one roof) contains the spots where he was crucified and buried.

If we were one of those no-nonsense, big city newspapers, we might point out that both churches were built more than 300 years after Jesus died and may actually have nothing to do with his life. Even the locations could be completely wrong. But not us. We think only a heartless cynic would even mention that fact — after all, the two churches are believed by millions to be genuine, and that, by itself, makes them important, right?

In fact, whether you’re religious or not, you couldn’t even argue that these 1,600-year-old churches, fraudulent or not, are two of the most historic buildings in the world.

We mention them because this week Carmel unveiled a study which will use by the city to add buildings from the years 1966 to 1990 to the city’s Historic Resources Index, which is the official list of buildings to be protected from demolition or substantial alteration due to their “historic” status, regardless of the intentions or desires of their owners, and with no compensation to them, except (if they’re lucky) a small discount on their property taxes.

But how can something no more than 30 or 40 years old, unless it was the scene of a monumentally important event, be considered “historic” and have its future therefore seized by the government?

The answer is, it can’t. Not if English words are to retain even a semblance of their usual meaning. The only structures from that period that even come close to “historic” would be things closely associated with Clint Eastwood, a figure of global importance whose homes, businesses and even raw land (such as the former Odello artichoke fields) are objects of curiosity for millions today and will probably remain so for generations to come. Preserve the Hog’s Breath.

But you would be hard-pressed to name anything that happened in Carmel in the 1970s that drew the attention of people in Sheboygan, or even Sacramento.

Perhaps that explains why the study of possible historic buildings in Carmel circa 1966-1990 doesn’t really mention places where vital events took place — because no vital events happened. Instead the study focuses on buildings that were designed by noteworthy architects of the period — but even they are very little known to the public and have fame that would barely move the needle on the architectural Richter scale. While buildings designed by people like Jon Konighhofer, Charles Willard Moore, and Joseph Wythe certainly have merit, we doubt they’ll be of interest in the future, even they are very little known to the public and have fame that would barely move the needle on the architectural Richter scale. While buildings designed by people like Jon Konighhofer, Charles Willard Moore, and Joseph Wythe certainly have merit, we doubt they’ll be of interest in the future.

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‘Sit quietly’

Dear Editor,

I disagree with Linda Calafiore’s request to end the practice of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of her committee’s meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance is simply an opportunity for us Americans to restate our allegiance, not only to the flag of United States, but to what the flag represents: freedom and opportunity.

When I recite the Pledge of Allegiance, I am focused on our country’s greatness and remind myself of the many privileges I have been given over my lifetime thanks to the sacrifice of men and women who gave their lives so my freedom could exist. Additionally, I am reminded that God has blessed me with an abundance that I do not deserve nor can ever repay but am nonetheless a recipient of its blessings.

In today’s age, it is more and more apparent that there are negative feelings towards the flag and United States, especially when we witness the desecration of the flag by groups protesting under the protection the freedoms it represents. I feel a great deal of pride when I stand by my fellow citizens at public meetings where the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, and am reminded that the gathering of the people to freely associate has been made possible by what the flag represents.

In future meetings, I would suggest that Ms. Calafiore sit or stand quietly if the pence, and allow others to Pledge their Allegiance to our great flag.

Jim Waltman
Cannon City, Colo.

Holiday delight

Dear Editor,

At a time when the spirit of Christmas is badly needed, I had the pleasure of attending the Carmel Academy of Performing Arts’ Dance Kids beautiful production of the Nutcracker this past weekend at Sunset Center. It involved some 100 community leaders, guest artists, children and outstanding pre-professional dancers. That so much talent abounds in Carmel and the surrounding areas is amazing. The sets, costumes, lighting — topped by the 36-member Monterey Pops Orchestra — were outstanding. Congratulations to Carol Richardson, Philip Pegler, Gloria Elber and everyone else who made it all happen.

Walt deFaria, Carmel
Sometimes, it’s better if you don’t think too hard before you act.“

YAC does so much more than make good art; it makes good people.”
— Elizabeth Donley, alumna

THOSE WHO know artists Meg Biddle and Marcia Perry can’t remember a time when they weren’t a hyphenated name, Meg-and-Marcia. They also can’t remember when they didn’t open their Monterey art studio and home to artists and other hungry people, and when they weren’t looking for ways to make life bet-

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Even when the city got a patrol car, he insisted on riding a horse

As a newly incorporated city in 1916, Carmel-by-the-Sea had a government and needed a police department, or at least a town marshal. The city fathers’ search may have not been extensive, but they hired well. Swedish-born August O. Englund was 47 years old with a military background. Englund reportedly served as a member of the king’s dragoons in Sweden before moving to the United States in 1891, where, soon after arriving at a Scandinavian community in Minnesota, he enlisted in the U.S. Cavalry, based at Fort Meade in the northern Black Hills of South Dakota. After being discharged from the 9th Cavalry in 1895, Englund made his way west. In 1896, he enlisted into the Cavalry’s 4th Regiment, then guardians of Yosemite National Park.

First town marshal

During the Spanish-American War, his unit was sent to the Philippines, a Spanish possession since the 16th century. The American soldiers drove dissident Filipino forces from Manila, and then, on borrowed horses, captured the insurgent capital of Malolos.

Afterward, Englund returned to San Francisco and was discharged on July 16, 1899. He worked for a time as a civil employee at the San Francisco Presidio before joining the Quartermaster Corps. In 1902, the 33-year-old adventurer tried his luck in the Klondike but soon returned to California and, in 1903, took part in establishing the new military base at the Monterey Presidio. In 1905 he married Ella Kühlitz Albright, who had moved to Watsonville with her mother and younger brother after immigrating from Alsace-Lorraine in 1882. They settled in Monterey where he ran a cigar store from their home on Aanta Street. He also joined the Monterey police force.

On October 1, 1911, Englund was appointed Monterey’s chief of police. Less than two months later, he made headlines across the west coast for his role in the major bust of a crime ring that involved illegal aliens and drug-smuggling and led to arrests in Los Angeles and San Francisco as well as his local arrest of 24 Chinese and two Americans aboard the 42-foot Comrade just off McAbee Beach near the Monterey Harbor. It was the first break in shutting down a smuggling ring the U.S. Treasury Department had under observation. The Pan-Pacific International Exhibition drew Englund to San Francisco from 1914 to 1916, during which time he worked as a guard at the exhibition. As it was wrapping up, Carmel was forming a city government. On October 26, 1916, the vote was 113-86 in favor of incorporation, and the newly elected trustees went to work addressing the needs of the new city, needs which included a marshal.

Englund was their choice. He was sworn in as Carmel’s first town marshal in January 1917, prompting Monterey’s paper to editorialize: “Carmel by the Sea is putting on some style. Her first move is to secure for city marshal the best chief of police that Monterey ever had.”

The Englunds initially moved into a rented home on Fifth Street, and Englund took to his new job in the mode of his military career — astride a horse.

The mounted officer of Carmel became so famous that even after the streets were paved and traffic increased, Englund continued to patrol the village daily mounted upon his black mare — right up to 1932, when city budget cuts impacted his supply of hay. He was made chief of police in 1928 with a pair of patrolmen under him, including one in a car and one on a motorcycle.

Ye olde police log

Lest you think Englund’s job in the peaceful community of Carmel was dull, it was not until March 1931 that he told the city council, in his monthly report, that for the first time in his 14 years in office, “he had not taken at least one law violator into custody.” But even with the lack of arrests, March 1931 was not dull. Englund’s reports included recovery of a stolen vehicle and his investigation of a hit-and-run where a driver had damaged a stone wall at Fourth and Carmelo.

Crimes that occupied Englund’s time included traffic violations, youth knocking out Christmas lights, peeping Toms, break-ins at vacant homes, and too often he had to investigate suicides. One of his biggest challenges came early in his career when the city put him in charge of...
The kids, said Perry, learn to believe in themselves, take creative risks and give back. Every YACster graduates from high school, and 95 percent of them go on to university, college or art college — many on scholarships. “YAC is an incubator,” she said, “for some of our community’s future creatives, whether they end up in the arts, education, business or science.”

Biddle remembers a YAC graduate who achieved a full-ride scholarship to Biddle’s alma mater, California College of the Arts, and then earned a $40,000 award for an animation piece he did. Another YAC graduate sent Biddle and Perry a photograph of herself sitting next to Steven Spielberg, who had hired her as an artist. The photo had the caption, “This is thanks to YAC.”

“I have come to realize that I have walked into the life I always wanted and hoped for,” Biddle said. “Every day we teach kids to find their passion, and carve out their own life, which is inspiring and useful.”

Over several years, Biddle and Perry have developed a stable of professional artist-mentors, including Andrew Jackson, Germaine Hatch- er, Peggy Alonas, Mihcnnn Ruby and YAC alum Chloe Wilson.

On Jan. 15, 2020, the center celebrates its 20th anniversary with the continuing “Holiday Art Show,” which opened in November and will run through February 2020.

top schools

The work on display indicates a diversity of emotion, perspective and skill. Adjacent to the exhibit are framed recognitions of YAC’s sponsorship, which Biddle and Perry consider another work of art.

“I still find it a miracle that we’ve pulled this off,” Perry said. “In the beginning, we weren’t even sure what this was, and we didn’t imagine we’d be helping kids get into top art schools. And we are so thankful to the community for recognizing our mission with their support. We are now a strong, stable nonprofit arts organization that will go beyond Meg and me.”

YAC provides art supplies, studio space, art training, exhibition and commission opportunities, individual mentoring, and a very inclusive community. The art studio is open four hours a day, six days a week.

“YACsters — the merry band of kids who learn about and practice creating art in Monterey County — are celebrating the center’s 20th anniversary with a continuing exhibition at the studio at 429 Calle Principal.”

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Santa Catalina basketball has a ways to go — but it’s getting there

The scores of their first three games — 65-27, 66-37, and 59-13, all losses — suggest a whiff of fertilizer, but nobody’s nose is wrinkling. With patience, TLC, and (no doubt) more fertilization, the blossoms will be coming.

The 2019-20 Santa Catalina Cougars basketball team is composed almost entirely of seedlings. The starting lineup features four freshmen and a sophomore. Nine of the 12 players on the varsity roster are ninth-graders, and three of them are only 13 years old. The Jonas Brothers are geriatric to these girls.

There were two seniors on the preseason roster, including Abby Gunter, last year’s second-leading scorer, but Gunter tore up her knee on the basketball court on Nov. 18 and won’t play. The other upperclassman, Emma Ubertino (starting shortstop on the softball team) is a co-captain who comes off the bench. There are no juniors and just two sophomores. This team is green and will need time to ripen.

“I like this situation. They’re all just getting to know each other as teammates, which also makes this a good time for me to get to know them. We’re building a chemistry together,” said coach Peter Cofresi, also in his “freshman” season at the high school varsity level.

Cofresi grew up in Seaside and played high school basketball at Stevenson (Class of ’08), but battled injuries much of the time. He was sidelined for all but one game during his senior year with a slipped disc, and used that down time to watch his coaches and teammates, and study game concepts and tactics.

He spent part of 2008-09 in a study-abroad program in Sedbergh, England, where he was the only American on a ragtag town basketball team populated with four Chinese boys, three Englishmen, a Scottish teen, and himself. Their coach, a rugby player, knew little about basketball and relied heavily on his American player to strategize.

“I like to claim I played some international ball,” Cofresi said with a smile.

He also spent eight summers teaching basketball fundamentals to kids 6-14 years old at a camp, and coached boys basketball at the middle school level.

Don’t feel sorry All of the above — teaching the basics — helped prepare him for the challenge he’s taking on this season at Catalina, where almost nobody has significant basketball experience.

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Freshman Selma Ruiz (left), strong and physical, has emerged as one of the best rebounders on Santa Catalina’s hoop squad this year. Margaret Spencer (center, No. 23) will share starting time as a 5-foot-9 freshman center for the team, while Liliana Pedroni (right, No. 15), a freshman, is the Cougars’ floor leader at point guard this year.

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A plus for Cofresi is the mentoring of Catalina athletic director Paul Elliott, a veteran educator and coach. Elliott's primary game has been volleyball, a sport he played professionally and coached for 16 seasons at Southern Oregon University, where he became with winningest coach in school history (eight-time Coach of the Year, inducted into the school’s athletic Hall of Fame).

"People are seeing the score of our last game against Everett Alvarez — a 46-point loss — and they’re saying, ‘Oh, gee, I’m sorry …’" said Elliott, who came to Catalina in 2009. "Hey, don’t feel sorry for us. You should have been there. Our crowd was grizzled veteran of an otherwise-fledgling experience.

"As coaches, we can’t help but allow ourselves to think, ‘Wow, we’re likely to have this bunch of kids together for two or three seasons, maybe with some other talented players coming into the program along the way,'" he added. "That’s a pretty cool thing to anticipate."

Meanwhile, the task at hand is nurturing the seedlings until they bloom. Sixteen girls came out for basketball this year, only four of whom played on a 2018-19 squad that had a 1-15 season. By opening night, this year’s roster was down to 12, with three varsity veterans: Ubertino (the only senior after Gunter’s injury), and sophomores Maddy Foletta and Olivia Gorum. The school has no junior varsity team.

**Take-charge attitude**

Foletta ran Catalina’s offense as the point guard last season, took her lumps, as freshmen do, and returns this year as the grizzled veteran of an otherwise-fledgling starting lineup. She also has assumed a leadership role for the Cougars as a lockeroom presence, the coaches said.

"We moved her out of the point guard spot make better use of her scoring abilities, and she’s emerged as our leading scorer," Elliott said.

Foletta’s move to a shooting guard/wing role was facilitated by the arrival of freshman Liliana Pedroni, who has stepped into the point guard position and emerged as the team’s leader on the floor. Pedroni comes to the team with experience on competitive travel-ball teams, which brings confidence and a take-charge attitude to the team.

"Lili also goes 100 mph all the time, and we feed off that," Elliott said.

Selma Ruiz, a strong and physical freshman, plays power forward and wing, and has emerged as one of the team’s best rebounders thanks to her ability to maneuver into good position and a willingness to fight for the ball.

Kate Romans, one of the fastest Cougars, is adept at finding open space to help the team break through full-court defensive pressure. She’s also a left-handed shooter who can score from 3-point range.

Margaret Spence and Kim Wilson-Morris, both 5-9, are sharing time at the center position.

Among others who are expected to contribute include Ubertino, the lone senior, a standout athlete, and Uso Ategbu, who displayed a vertical leap of 26 inches this fall as a JV volleyball player. She’s also a dancer at Catalina, which equips her with good body awareness.

Gianna Campo, Farth Hill, Darya Coronado, Lani Penalosa, and Gorum are others vying for playing time.

Since Catalina is a boarding school, vacation breaks tend to be longer over holidays because students leave town to return to their families. Those breaks also are challenging for athletic teams.

“Our school was off for 10 days for Thanksgiving, and we didn’t practice at all. See MORE SPORTS next page
during that time,” Elliott said. “We were out of school on the Monday after Thanksgiving, practiced Tuesday, and opened our season against Pacific Grove (a 65-27 loss) on Wednesday.

“When we get back from Christmas break in January, that’s when we’ll finally stretch our legs and make some strides,” he said.

But the team won’t be using victories and losses as a measurement this year, Cofresi said.

“We decided early this season that we didn’t want our players setting goals that weren’t necessarily realistic,” he said. “If we said we were going to try to win five games this year, that might be unachievable.

“Instead, we’ll ask ourselves questions like, ‘What are we going to do better next time?’ We had 20 turnovers in our last game, so let’s try to cut that number in half tonight. We’ll focus on a task,” Cofresi said.

The progress already is showing, said Elliott.

“We improved our rebounding, we took better care of the ball, we cut down on our fouls, and, actually, we played some good defense,” he said. “I came into that game thinking they’d score 80 points on us, and they only got 59.”

Santa Catalina will compete in the Santa Lucia Division of the Pacific Coast Athletic League against Monterey, Pajaro Valley, Gonzales, Pacific Collegiate, Greenfield, and Rancho San Juan.

They’ll return to the court at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at Monterey. The Cougars’ next home game is at 6 p.m. Jan. 14 against Gonzales.

Looking ahead
(Dec. 20-26)

Boys basketball — Friday: Carmel Invitational tournament, featuring Monterey, Antelope, Pajaro Valley, Whitney, Aptos, River City, North County and Carmel: consolation games at 3:30 and 5 p.m.; semifinals at 6:30 and 8 p.m.; Saturday: Seventh-place game at 12:30 p.m.; fifth-place game at 2 p.m.; third-place game at 3:30; championship game at 5 p.m. Thursday: Stevenson vs. Thorne Bay at Rancho Mirage tournament (6 p.m.).

Girls basketball — Thursday: Carmel at Seaside tournament (3 p.m.); Stevenson vs. Cathedral City at Palm Valley tournament (8 p.m.).

Boys soccer — Saturday: Carmel at Homestead tournament (8 a.m.).

Wrestling — Saturday: Carmel at Morningstar tournament, Los Banos (9 a.m.).

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‘He’s a Rebel’ singer celebrates at Sunset, duo offers tribute show

BAD BOYS have broken many hearts, but one of them was kind to singer Darlene Love, who celebrates the holidays with a concert of Christmas music Sunday, Dec. 22, at Sunset Center.

Love was in the right place at right time in 1962 when she was asked to sing a new song about a sketchy guy, “He’s a Rebel.” The song was offered to a Shirelles, but the popular group turned it down, reportedly because it was too edgy. The next group it was offered to, the Crystals, weren’t available, so producer Phil Spector, worried that someone else might record the song first, had it done with Love as the lead singer. While Love was unknown at the time, the song soon became a No. 1 hit, making her a star overnight.

Besides singing background vocals on Spector-produced hits like the Crystals’ “Da Doo Ron Ron,” and the Ronettes’ “Be My Baby” and “Baby, I Love You,” Love sang lead on “He’s Sure the Boy I Love,” which was the follow-up hit to “He’s a Rebel.” She was also showcased on Spector’s classic 1963 album of holiday favorites, “A Christmas Gift for You,” singing lead on “Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)” and three other songs.

Love, who performed at Sunset Center in 2014, has had success on stage and in film — she portrayed herself in the Tony Award-nominated musical “Leader of the Pack,” performed in Broadway hits like “Grease” and “Hairspray,” and played the role of Trish Murtaugh in four “Lethal Weapon” movies.

Starting in 1986, Love began singing “Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)” on the final episode of Late Night with David Letterman each year. When the show ended in 2015, the tradition was carried on by ABC’s “The View.” This year’s performance is set for Dec. 20 — just two days before Christmas Day.

See MUSIC next page

Best known for her lead vocals on “He’s a Rebel,” singer Darlene Love (left) takes the stage Sunday at Sunset Center. Accompanied by his wife, singer Pamela Forman, guitarist Bruce Forman (center) plays the same day at East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey. Stun Gun Jones, which features singer Jacqui Sanders (right), rocks Carmel Friday.

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before Love’s Sunset Center show. Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets are $49 to $69. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

Julie London’s jazz remembered

A local duo pays tribute to a late jazz singer whose music career was overshadowed by her success as a television actress. A Carmel Valley couple, singer Pamela Forman and guitarist Bruce Forman, will play songs by Julie London Sunday at East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey.

“Sultry singer and iconic actress Julie London will come to life when Pamela London and Bruce Forman pay tribute to her career,” said saxophonist Stu Reynolds, who helps promote jazz shows at the downtown Monterey coffee shop. “They will perform many of Julie’s hits, including ‘Cry Me a River,’ ‘I’m in the Mood for Love,’ ‘Daddy’ and more, while Bruce will channel Julie’s guitarist, Barney Kessel.”

As an actress, London starred in numerous Westerns, but she is perhaps known for her role in the hit television series, “Emergence.”

The music starts at 5 p.m. The coffee shop is located at 498 Washington St. Call (831) 373-5601.

Choir visits church

Formerly known as the Hartnell Community Choir, the Choral Artists of Carmel presents its Winter Concert Sunday at Monterey Peninsula Community Church.

“An outstanding ensemble of voices, the Choral Artists of Carmel will perform an eclectic program of accompanied choral music from its repertory,” said Raimondi. “The performance will take place on some of comedy’s most coveted stages. She most recently filmed her Netflix half-hour stand-up special as part of their Degenerates series.

Monday, December 23, 2019

6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. | Monterey Peninsula Community Church

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Drive was burglarized.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Pacific Grove: Property was stolen from a vehicle on 15th Street.

Pebble Beach: Resident reported the theft of items from a rental property on El Bosque Drive.

Carmel Valley: A mailbox on Rinconada Drive was burglarized.

Carmel Valley: Person on Rancho San Carlos Road reported a sexual assault.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Possession of narcotics on Carpenter Street at Second. The 21-year-old unemployed male from Monterey was arrested for narcotics and violation of probation.

Pacific Grove: Multiple cash machines on Ocean View Boulevard were broken into and damaged.

Pacific Grove: Theft of personal property on Seaview.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A theft of a jacket was reported on Dolores Street. The jacket was located, and a suspect was identified. The victim declined to prosecute, and the jacket was returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a dog loose on Mission and captured the dog. Contacted the owner via phone and then made contact at the residence. Had a discussion fixing a door that needs repairs and the need for a dog walking service. The dog was returned to its owner with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a report of a loose unattended setter on Mission. Upon arrival, the dog was already returned to the owner by the finder. Officer made contact with one of the owners at their residence. Discussion with the owner — dog license needed. Warning given.

Pacific Grove: Bicycle was found on Pacific Grove campus. Bike was held in main administration building for 72 hours prior to being reported. Bike was not claimed by owner. Transported and booked in to city yard for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Sea Palms due to an abandoned-vehicle complaint.

Pacific Grove: Argument between mother and daughter on Lighthouse Avenue.

Carmel area: Birch Place resident was referred to the hospital for an evaluation.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: Monterey Police Department requested assistance with a hit-and-run suspect from a traffic accident in the city. The suspect was contacted at a residence on Via Sereno, and photographs of the vehicle damage and identifying information from the suspect and the registered owner of the vehicle were obtained. Case continues with Monterey Police Department.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ring on Seaview.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A man was contacted on Mission Street at 1614 hours and found to have multiple active arrest warrants. The 24-year-old male was arrested and later released on a citation to appear.

Pacific Grove: Possible restraining order violation on Lobos.

Pacific Grove: Civil harassment restraining order service on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A subject on Pine Avenue was served a temporary restraining order.

Pacific Grove: Daybreak Metro called to notify of a vehicle repossession. The owner was unaware, and dispatch was notified.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject(s) took a package from the victim’s front yard on Rossmore.

Pacific Grove: A cell phone was found on Lighthouse Avenue. No owner information is known.

Pebble Beach: A male reported suspicious circumstances at a school on Forest Lake Road.

Pebble Beach: A female attempted suicide by consuming a large amount of medication and was placed on a W&I 5150 hold (danger to self or others).

Carmel Valley: Online fraud on Center Street.

Carmel Valley: Deputy was dispatched after missing person report on Via Las Rosas.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of physical domestic in a parked vehicle on Ocean Avenue. After interviews and investigation, a male was arrested but then released from custody. See LOG page 10/B in the Real Estate section.
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Mass at 9 am
Mass at 11:15 am (Bilingual)

A Silent Night that stills the elves… That’s Christmas.
C.V. farmers market moves, Christmas offers plenty of dinner options

After nearly five years in Carmel Valley Village, the farmers market relocated to Mid-Valley shopping center this week, holding its first session there Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and enjoying significantly more business and success than in the prior location behind the community park.

“People are excited, because our radius expanded — we were out at the end of the valley before, and now we’re more in the middle,” said Omen Hussein, who works for Hummus Heaven, one of the few vendors that’s been selling at the C.V. market since it began. Hussein reported Sunday’s maiden event saw a significant upsurge.

“Sixty to 70 percent were new customers who were really excited,” he said. “And the rest were regulars or people who were passing through — tourists.”

Jerry Lami, head of the West Coast Farmers Market Association, said the move occurred because the Carmel Valley Recreation & Parks District that manages the community park concluded the market wasn’t succeeding.

“They decided that in the winter, we weren’t doing really well, so they kicked us out of the park after more than 4 years,” he said. “They gave me a phone call and said, ‘Effective immediately, we don’t want you out of the park after more than 4 years,’” he added. “We’re really excited to be there,” Lami said. “We plan to be there Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. year-round, and we may extend it in the summers to 3 p.m.”

Business was up as much as 70 percent in the first week, he added. “We’ve over 20 vendors already, and I believe we’re going to add another five or more next week.” Hussein is thrilled for the potential of the market at its new location and said vendors will gather there every week, rain or shine. He wants shoppers to know, “Even when it’s pouring down rain and they wake up and think to themselves, ‘Is the market going to be open?’ The answer is, ‘Yes.’” Hussein works at several farmers markets each week and said he has a strong connection with all his regulars in every community.

“But Carmel Valley is one of my favorites,” he said.

**Trio, Village wine bar feature Mesa Del Sol**

Ann Hougham’s estate-grown Mesa del Sol wines, produced from vineyards on her Arroyo Seco property, will be showcased during tastings at Trio on Dolores Street Dec. 20, and at the Village Wine & Tap Room Dec. 28. Mesa Del Sol produces syrah, sangiovese, zinfandel, grenache, late-harvest zinfandel and a red blend called Prima Rosso.

At Trio, all of Mesa Del Sol’s wines will be available for tasting from 4 to 7 p.m. Bottles will be available for purchase for 25 percent off, and the tasting will be accompanied by light bites. At the Village Wine & Tap Room at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road, owner Jessica

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**FOOD & WINE**
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Trask will pair various Masa Del Sol wines with food from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is $20 per person. To learn more about the wines, go to mesadelsolewineyards.com.

■ Boucheé closed for now

Richard Oh, winemaker and one of the partners in Carmel Boucheé French bistro on Mission south of Ocean, said last week the restaurant is closed for remodeling and a menu overhaul. Butcher paper has been covering the windows for the past few weeks, with no indication of activity inside, and the restaurant’s former carmelbouche.com domain name is now for sale.

Fingers crossed for the reopening of the delightful and elegant spot, and the return of Oh and chef Jacques Zagouras, who has been dealing with some health issues of his own.

■ Winter Solstice at Cowgirl

Cowgirl, the sister winery to Georis, is celebrating the shortest day of the year and the start of winter with a pop-up sale Dec. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. featuring Tassajara Outpost, which makes handmade goods, art and small-batch skincare on a homestead deep in the valley. Established in 2011 and named in honor of Carmel Valley’s ranching history, Cowgirl produces rosé, a white blend, albariño, chardonnay, pinot noir, malbec and a red blend, with prices ranging from $24 to $37 per bottle. The spacious tasting room and grounds at 25 Pilot Road will be the site of the Dec. 21 pop-up, at which tastes of the featured wines will be available, too. For more, go to tassajaraoutpost.com and cowgirlwinery.com.

■ Brunch at Alvarado Street

The kitchen at Alvarado Street Brewery is rotating new brunch dishes on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with chilaquiles — a proven hangover remedy, apparently — for $11, and a brunch waffle for $10, available now. Midday cocktails include “Biggie’s Brunch Bloody Beer Bonanza,” a house-made Bloody Mary topped with Alvarado Street Brewery Citraveza, as well as a ginger spritz with ginger liqueur, grapefruit, ginger beer and sparkling wine, and the Amelia Earlhart with California gin, California pear brandy, Lillet, lemon and crème de violette. The busy restaurant and brewery also gives deals to hospitality workers during Industry Night every Monday from 6 p.m. to closing, including $4 draft beers, featured shots and food specials. To partake, provide a pay stub or other proof of employment. For more details, call (831) 655-6633. The brewery and restaurant are located at 426 Alvarado St. in Monterey.

■ Christmas options

As usual, while most restaurants are closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, several reliable venues will.

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be open, from posh resort restaurants, to small eateries.

On the hotel end, the restaurant in the Hyatt Carmel Highlands will have a lavish and elaborate buffet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Christmas. Spread throughout the restaurant, which has some of the best coastal views on the Peninsula, will be cold stations with cheese, charcuterie, salads, bread and fruit, a seafood bar, a carving station with ham and prime rib, and an expansive buffet of hot dishes with duck confit with kale and butternut squash, sea bass with citrus risotto, marinated mushroom with smoked carrot purée, maple-glazed sweet potatoes, buttermilk-whipped red bliss potatoes, roasted carrots with ginger and spices, and Brussels sprouts with pomegranate molasses and pine nuts. Desserts will be mini pastries, tarts and cookies. The buffet costs $110 per person plus tax and 20 percent tip. For more information and reservations, call (831) 620-1234. The Highlands Inn is located at 120 Highlands Drive off of Highway 1 south of Carmel.

Stonepine Estate

Exclusive and luxurious Stonepine Estate just east of Carmel Valley Village will present dinner Christmas Eve and Christmas Day prepared by executive chef/F&B director Timothy Ramirez and his culinary team. Members of Stonepine’s dining club can enjoy both meals in Chateau Noel, while the general public can choose one. “A Dickens Christmas Eve” will start with cocktails and champagne at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 in the main dining room featuring creamy winter vegetable soup, shaved Brussels sprouts salad, and prime rib roast. Yorkshire pudding, roasted root vegetables and horseradish crème fraîche or baked Dover sole with baby spinach and herb goat cheese, wild pilaf rice and Meyer lemon beurre blanc, or pan-roasted Cornish hen with brandied apricot glaze, Mission fig and chestnut stuffing, and steamed broccolini. Dessert will be English trifle with vanilla bean custard, Chantilly crème and fresh berries.

See CUISINE next page
Christmas dinner will start with cocktails at 4 p.m. and dinner at 5, with roast chicken consommé with butternut squash and herbs, green salad with herbs and radish, and entrée choices of Beef Wellington with braised baby spinach and merlot demiglace or halibut en papillote with basil pesto, saffron pilaf, pan-roasted asparagus and herb olive oil.

Dessert will be chocolate noisette Buche de Noel with vanilla bean anglaise. The cost is $95. For reservations, call (831) 659-2245. Stonepine Estate is located at 150 E. Carmel Valley Road. To learn more, visit stonepineestate.com.

Aubergine
At intimate Aubergine in L’Auberge Carmel at Monte Verde and Seventh, dinner will be served Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with seatings available between 5 and 9 p.m.

“Gifts from the Coast” will have courses of Dungeness crab with cultured cream, wild Holland turbot with vin jaune and caviar, and dry-aged ribeye or aged Rohan duck with black truffle, celery root and spiced vegetable jus. Dessert will be chocolate, gingerbread, and eggnog ice cream.

Dinner will cost $225 per person plus tax and service, with an additional $155 for wine pairings or $205 for premium wine pairings. Call (831) 624-8578.

Salt Wood
The team at Salt Wood Kitchen & Oysterette at 3295 Dunes Drive in Marina will host their annual Christmas dinner buffet with classic entrées, sides and desserts from 11 a.m. to the last seating at 6 p.m. for $74 per person ($54 for children ages 5 to 12).

The lineup is set to include roasted ham with pineapple and mustard glaze, almond-smoked black cod, oak-wood-smoked ribeye with chimichurri and red wine reduction, and assorted seafood like oysters, shrimp and mussels with cocktail sauce and mignonette. Vegetable sides will be mashed sweet potatoes with candied walnuts, potato purée, mac ‘n’ cheese with roasted tomato and parmesan, crispy Brussel sprouts, creamy green beans with almonds and gravy, and roasted root vegetables. And for dessert: pot de crème with pineapple compote, chocolate hazelnut cake, blueberry tart, and cookies, brownies and blondies.

Visit saltwoodkitchenandoysterette.com or call (831) 883-5535.
“Christmas is a family affair in Spain, and like most Spanish fetes, food takes center stage,” the crew at the restaurant explained. “Esteban Restaurant shares this enth- usiasm for gathering around the table this holiday season on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.”

Executive Chef Gus Trejo has created a four-course menu with tapas, baby beet salad or roasted butternut squash soup, and Harris Ranch prime rib and twice-baked potatoes and harvest vegetables or paella negra with duck, sausage, whole prawns and mussels. Dessert will be date and chestnut cake with praline ice cream. Esteban is located at 700 Munras Ave. Call (831) 324-6773.

Speaking of prime rib, through Jan. 4, Esteban is offering prime rib dinners to go for eight to 12 people for $895 plus tax. Dinner sides include roasted butternut squash bisque, rolls, mixed green salad, harvest vegetables, green beans, Brussels sprouts, carrots, whipped Yukon gold po- tatoes and Caggiano sausage. Additions are available. Orders need 72-hour notice by calling (831) 324-6773.

Poppity Hall

The small Pacific Grove restaurant opened by two former Big Sur chefs, Poppity Hall, will also be open on Christmas Eve, when they host a traditional Fishermerman’s Feast.

The five-course prix fixe, which costs $75 per person plus tax and tip, will begin with caviar and potato bites, followed by seafood chowder, seared scallop “delight,” poached petrale sole, and Mont Blanc, a dessert of puréed sweetened chestnuts topped with whipped cream.

Reservations are available from 4:30 p.m. onward at poppityhall.com. The restaurant is located at 589 Light- house Ave. Call (831) 204-9990.
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**PINE CONE STAFF REPORT**

**You May** think you’ve already missed everything, but that’s definitely not the case. Even with Christmas just a few days away, there are still some colorful holiday events to choose from.

Saturday, for example, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., you and the kids can have breakfast with Santa at WHERERV??!! presented by the Mission Trail Lions Club of Carmel. Children 12 and under are $5 each, adults are $8.

In case you’ve been holding out for a “Nutcracker” performance close to Christmas, on Dec. 21 and 22 Santa Catalina School plays host to Ballet Fantasque’s version of the holiday classic. Performances are Saturday night at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2. Tickets are $18 with discounts for children, seniors, students and military. Go to balletfantasque.org for tickets.

Monday, Dec. 23, heralds the return of Grammy-winning vocal ensemble, Chanticleer, to the Carmel Mission.

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**CALENDAR**

Dec. 22 — Choral Artists of Carmel 2019 Winter Concert — 3 p.m. at Church of the Wayfarer, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel. David Dally and the Monterey Strings will be featured in works by Wilberg, Gjeilo and LaVoy. Suggested donation is $25. Information: (831) 676-3368.

Through Dec. 24 — Santa’s Secret Shopping Spot Is … The Carriage House Boutique! Unique, hand-selected bookworms, camping nuts, millennials, neighbors, holiday helpers … and you! Gorgeous holiday décor and gourmet goodies too! Hours: 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon-Sat. Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito Rd, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400

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"For the Sake of Our Children," shows three Asian-American women working on an assembly line, packing sardines into cans in a Cannery Row plant.

"Such hard and numbing work," the artist said, "but they did it for their kids."

Ouye’s Japanese-American legacy is largely responsible for an acute sense of social justice about contemporary issues, including the income disparity he sees in modern-day America. For him, that’s also personal.

"One branch of my family — the group that lived in the L.A. area — was incarcerated in internment camps during the war. They lost everything — house, car, personal possessions," he said. "Another branch, based in Hawaii, was not incarcerated, didn’t have their possessions taken away. That part of our family is doing much, much better today. The L.A. branch lost a generation of wealth-building."

Changing focus

Ouye was still in grade school in 1949 when his father died of tuberculosis. That same year, his mother moved them from Hiroshima to Hawaii (a U.S. territory, not yet a state), with plans to go on to California.

"My mother, a third-generation Japanese-American, was detained in Hawaii because she had voted in an election in Japan. Voting in a foreign election was an automatic reason for losing your U.S. citizenship at the time, and she was barred from entering the continental United States," Ouye said. "So she sent me ahead, to my grandmother’s strawberry farm in Oceanside.

"The ACLU took up her case, pro bono, and won the trial, which allowed her to join me two years later," he said. Ouye, son of a chemical engineer, earned a bachelor’s degree in engineering from UCLA, a master’s degree in design from the Illinois Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in architecture and planning from UC Berkeley.

He then embarked upon a diverse and innovative 3 1/2-decade career, during which he served as an industrial designer, an architectural planner and researcher, and an entrepreneur.

In his last position in 2006, he co-founded New Ways of Working, an international group researching different styles of working and workplaces.

Ouye and wife Elaine moved to Pacific Grove part-time in the late 1990s, and full-time in 2012, the same year he walked away from the corporate world to focus entirely on his art, which can be found on his website at joeakiouye.com.

"I painted landscapes at first. That’s a wonderful skill, and I appreciate artists who do that, but that’s not who I am now," he said. "There’s a lot of stuff going on in the world, and I decided painting figures would be the best way to connect with my feelings about my life, and immigrants and racism and other things I feel very strongly about."

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The Carmel Pine Cone office will be CLOSED

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 & 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

After letting the noise about New Year’s resolutions die down, Healthy Lifestyles will be ready to inspire readers with great ideas about starting off 2020 on solid footing. From the Workout Corner, where brave reporters try out one of the many exercise classes available nearby, to the Kitchen, where we’ll be ready with a recipe that won’t dent the diet, our readers will benefit from local professionals’ experience and wisdom.

December 24, 2019

The Carmel Pine Cone

CIRCULATION: 36,000 (INCLUDED IN Print AND ONLINE) | PLUS 3,000 CIRCULATED OVER THREE MONTHS AT LOCAL DOCTORS’ OFFICES AND HEALTH-RELATED BUSINESSES
HISTORY

From page 26.

rounding up the stray cats in town — a job he happily re-
linguished to the humane society in 1923. England also dealt with missing persons. His last such
case ended his career, and eventually his life. In the early
morning of December 18, 1934, Mrs. Elton Boke Shaffner, age
39, walked out of her Carmel cottage and was nev-
s ever seen again. Her father, George Boke, had built a house in
Carmel in 1908 while a professor of law at Berkeley.

her husband was Joseph Shaffner, millionaire president
of Hart, Shaffner and Marx apparel. Their maid, at home
with the Shaffners’ infant daughter, alerted England and
Mr. Shaffner, who came immediately from their home
in Chicago. Searches eventually found a slipper on the
beach below 13th and Scenic and his coat at the bottom
of Carmel Bay. Her disappearance was ruled a suicide, but
her body was never recovered.

When searching along the cliffs, the 65-year-old Eng-
land scraped his foot. It became infected and, in early
January, he was sent to the veterans’ hospital in San Fran-
cisco for treatment. Gangrene had become too advanced
by January 26, his lower leg was amputated. Initially,
England’s letter of resignation was refused, but in Febru-
ary 1935, Robert Norton, who had been on the city council
as commissioner of fire and police, resigned that post and
was appointed by the council as the city’s new chief of
police.

England’s condition improved over the summer but ru-
mors he would return to his home in Carmel proved false.
He died at the hospital in San Francisco on Nov. 2 and
was buried in Pacific Grove with full military honors. He was
fondly remembered for decades and remains a treasured
memory of Carmel’s early years.

Neal Hotelling has been researching and writing about
Monterey County history for more than three decades. His
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