**Highway 1 in Big Sur was reopened late Wednesday afternoon after wet weather last weekend triggered several rock slides that closed parts of the scenic route for five days. But motorists can expect delays of up to 10 minutes at one critical site where Caltrans workers are making repairs.**

By Sunday, the highway was closed between Gingers Point and Ragged Point, a distance of roughly 30 miles. But by Monday, only a 2-mile stretch, from Big Creek to Dolan Point, was off-limits to vehicles.

According to Caltrans, the closure was necessary "to allow for crews to clean up storm debris and repair damaged rock netting."

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**Why’d they remove the mailboxes?**

By CHARIS MCINTIRE

**CAL AM WON’T SIGN OFF ON PWMM EXPANSION**

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**The GROUP advocating for a government takeover of California American Water blasted the company this week for refusing to help pay for the expansion of a wastewater recycling project near Marina. But Cal Am said the terms of the deal would prevent it from recouping the cost to deliver water from the plant to its customers.**

By KELLY NIX

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**Stevenson School names new president**

By KELLY NIX

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**Police station remodel back on back burner**

By MARY SCHLEY

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**Tax break for home raises concerns about ‘equity’**

By KELLY NIX

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**REGULAR USERS of the U.S. Post Office on Vía Nona Marie were startled at the end of November to discover that the three mail collection boxes that closed parts of the scenic route for five days. But motorists can expect delays of up to 10 minutes at one critical site where Caltrans workers are making repairs.**

By CHRIST COUNTS

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**Prescription for a quick recovery**

By MARY SCHLEY

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By KELLY NIX

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By MARY SCHLEY

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**The Owners of a home located at one of Pebble Beach’s most coveted locations will receive a big break on their property tax bill in exchange for spending a lot of money to restore and maintain the house, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors decided Tuesday.**

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**The owners of this Pebble Beach home are eligible for a tax break on back burner**

PHOTO/MONTEREY COUNTY
Zoe was washed up at 3. Having run 120 races on a dirt track in Tijuana, the brindle greyhound had completed her servitude and was up for adoption through Greyhound Pets of America. Her people, who had lost Petey, an elegant white courser with black ticking, were ready for another sighthound. They brought Zoe home to Santa Fe.

They also bring her, quite commonly, to Carmel. Zoe, like Petey before her, stands in silence on the street with trained patience while passersby admire her regal beauty. But only if she’s already been to the beach.

“Zoe loves the beach,” her person said. “She wants to go first thing in the morning and will nudge our elbows, asking us to get up. We always tell her coffee comes first.”

After a lot of treats and training and plenty of reassurance, Zoe is able to scorch down the shoreline off leash without escaping toward Scenic Road.

“She’s totally a free spirit in the sand,” her person said. “It’s a beautiful thing to see. But by the time she gets to the south end of Carmel Beach, she becomes much more mellow. She wanders into the surf up to her knees and pokes around the rocks.”
Council thanks Carmel Cares for ‘unprecedented’ donations

By MARY SCHLEY

FOUNDED BY resident Dale Byrne shortly after the start of the pandemic to help keep the city pretty amid significant budget cuts that eliminated most capital projects and several jobs, the nonprofit Carmel Cares was thanked by the city council Tuesday for another round of major donations. Since June 2021, the group has contributed “professional services, materials, and supplies for a wide range of projects, at a number of city facilities and properties, collectively valued at $150,316 plus 7,808 volunteer hours,” according to public works director Bob Harary.

Dec. 6 marked the fourth time the council thanked Byrne and his group. In October 2020, the council accepted donations of projects, equipment, goods and services worth $9,262 from Carmel Cares, followed by another $86,441 in January 2021 and $29,977 more in June 2021.

That’s a lot
Carmel Cares provides weekly maintenance and landscaping services in many public areas, including the Scenic pathway, Devendorf Park, the Forest Theater, medians and downtown, where volunteers undertake numerous beautification efforts. The group has also taken on specific projects, like rebuilding newspaper kiosks on Ocean Avenue, refreshing the Forest Theater’s benches and seating, and constructing utility housing by Sunset Center.

The group’s work as “amazing” and praised the numerous opportunities it has created for people to help. “You are creating a sense of community,” Harary told the council. “Our continued partnership allows us to continue to offer high levels of service to the public that the city alone cannot provide.”

Byrne said he’s proud of Carmel Cares’ collaboration with so many community members, but especially youth groups like the Carmel Youth Center, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County and Carmel Unified schools.

“We know what a privilege we’ve been given and greatly value our evolving partnership with public works, city staff and the council and commissions,” Byrne said. “Combined with the incredible dedication of our leadership team and generous donations of time and money from our support- ers in the community, together we have created something uniquely productive that we hope to sustain far into the future.”

Councilman Bobby Richards described the group’s work as “amazing” and praised the numerous opportunities it has created for people to help.

“You are creating a sense of community,” Richards said.

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**The gavel falls**

**Verdicts, pleas and sentencing announced by Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Piaconi**

**Nov. 4 — Freddy Gustaf Swanson, 31, of Monterey, was sentenced by Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey to eight years and four months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.**

On Sept. 28, 2022, after a three-day jury trial, Swanson was convicted of attempted carjacking, vehicle theft, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, evading a peace officer and possession of methamphetamine.

On Jan. 29, 2021, Monterey Police Officer Wayland Kopp was responding to a call for reckless driving when he observed the stolen vehicle driven by Swanson. Officer Kopp attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle and the vehicle failed to stop. During the pursuit, Swanson drove into oncoming traffic and went head-on with an occupied parked vehicle, drove approximately 80 mph in a 25 mph zone, ran a stop sign and ran a red light. The pursuit was terminated due to Swanson’s reckless driving and the concern for public safety. Swanson was later apprehended and was in possession of methamphetamine. On April 20, 2021, Swanson pleaded guilty to the above crimes and was released.

On April 29, 2021, at approximately 5 a.m., the victim went out to his parked vehicle to retrieve his smoothie cup. When the victim opened the driver’s side door of his vehicle, Swanson was inside in the driver’s seat. Swanson exited the vehicle and pushed the victim open the driver’s side door of his vehicle and punched the victim. During the fight, Swanson struck the victim in the head and caused a significant injury requiring medical attention. Subsequent investigation showed that the Ignition cylinder had been removed and when Swanson fled, he left behind a shaved key.

**Nov. 8 — Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Piaconi announced today that her office will not seek the death penalty against Gustavo Morales, who was held to answer at a preliminary hearing for the first-degree murder of Salinas Police Officer Jorge David Alvarado.**

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**She worked hard on that foliage**

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost cell phone reported.

Pacific Grove: A 36-year-old female was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for resisting arrest and a misdemeanor warrant for failing to appear in court for DUI and having no insurance. Booked into Monterey County Jail on $20,000 bail.

Pacific Grove: Info for a civil issue on Ransford.

Pacific Grove: A 30-year-old male was arrested on Forest Avenue on a bench warrant for failure to appear in court on charges of no registration, no proof of insurance, DUI and driving on a license suspended for DUI. Booked into Monterey County Jail on $10,000 bail.

Carmel area: A mail theft was reported at a residence on Vista del Pinos.

Carmel area: Deputies conducted a welfare check at a residence on Secondo Drive.

A subject was placed on a mental health hold (danger to self).

Carmel Valley: Deputies were dispatched to a verbal dispute between neighbors on Meadow Road.

Big Sur: A male was found deceased in a remote camp in the Big Sur area.

Big Sur: Business on Highway 1 reported receiving a suspicious call, possibly a fraud attempt.

Carmel area: Deputies responded after reported theft at Safeway at the Crossroads.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost money clip reported by a subject on Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A found camera in a bag on Monte Verde north of Ocean was turned in to the Carmel Police Department.

Pacific Grove: Report of graffiti to a city utility box on Ocean View Boulevard. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a package occurred on Ninth Street.

See POLICE LOG page 10RE in the Real Estate Section
C.V. man gets year for fatal hit-and-run

By MARY SCHLEY

JACQUES CLARKE, the Carmel Valley man who pleaded guilty Oct. 5 to felony hit-and-run in the December 2019 death of Rosie Figueroa in Salinas, was sentenced to a year in jail by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler Wednesday. The 23-year-old could have received probation.

Shortly after 11:30 p.m. Dec. 20, 2019, at the corner of Davis Road and West Aca- cia Street in Salinas, California Highway Patrol officers arrived to find a crushed Mazda 6 in the road and a Toyota County that had smashed through a fence and over- turned. Based on the evidence at the scene, officers concluded the Mazda driver had been speeding when he rear-ended the car driven by Figueroa, who died of multiple blunt force trauma within minutes of the accident, according to the county district attorney’s office. Figueroa, her mother and her 3-year-old daughter had been coming from Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.

No witnesses

Clarke and another occupant of the Mazda — Tyrone Moore — were outside the car, and no witnesses could confirm who had been driving. Evidence sug- gested Clarke had been the driver, and he was arrested, but DNA results later led the charges to be thrown out. Moore died in a hit-and-run in Nevada in March, and Clarke, who lives on Rancho San Carlos Road, was re-arrested by the DA’s office for hit-and-run, because the car was his, even though he wasn’t driving. He subse- quently pleaded guilty to the single felony

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Charity named PGA Tour’s favorite

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

LOAVES, FISHES & Computers, a local nonprofit founded in 2009 “to help address the growing digital divide through- out the greater Monterey Bay region, espe- cially in rural areas like Salinas,” was named the 2022 PGA Tour Charity of the Year and is set to receive $30,000 from the organization. LFC is a beneficiary of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

The nonprofit’s programs and services “aim to empower low-income and under- served individuals by providing low- or no-cost computers, tech support, computer repair and hands-on digital fluency instruc- tion,” and by working with the organiza- tion, volunteers gain useful tech- and business-related experience.

Organized by the Monterey Penin- sula Foundation, the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am surpassed $200 million in all-time charitable contributions in 2022, and tournament director Steve John noted that while all of the 200-plus charities supported by the tournament are special, “LFC provides particularly meaningful technology and digital literacy assistance serving a broad population throughout our tri-county region.”

Loaves, Fishes & Computers will use the $30,000 grant from the PGA Tour to provide more computers to families, teach classes and help volunteers gain valuable work experience, according to the PGA.

With the support of more than 100,000 volunteers annually, the PGA Tour assists approximately 3,000 charities each year. Virtually all tournaments are organized as nonprofit organizations to maximize charitable giving, and to date, tournamen- t participants have generated more than $3.37 billion, according to the organization.

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More delay for owner of Neutra house

By CHRIS COUNTS

A TECH entrepreneur who has sought for more than a decade to tear down her Pebble Beach home and replace it with a new one learned Wednesday that she will have to wait until January to have her say before the Monterey County Planning Commission — and she isn’t happy about it.

Built by noted architect Richard Neutra, the home is located at 1170 Signal Hill Road, just a short stroll from the Cypress Point Club.

The planning commission was set Dec. 7 to weigh in on Massy Mehdipour’s proposal to demolish a 4,124-square-foot single-family home that’s in poor shape and build a new three-level 11,933-square-foot single-family home with an attached three-car garage and other features.

But her neighbors, Sam and Betsy Reeves, oppose her plan, and their attorney, Tony Lombardo, was out of town. In response, the commission continued the hearing to Jan. 25.

Mehdipour, who bought the home in 2004, argued that a continuance is typically something that’s granted to an applicant, not a project opponent. She argued it is nothing but a delaying tactic.

“They find every reason they can to delay my project,” she said. “This is a malicious effort from one neighbor. It seems grossly unfair that we can’t get people to sit down and make a decision. Please stop this suffering.”

Delays ‘unacceptable’

Planning commissioner Martha Diehl expressed sympathy for Mehdipour’s views but suggested her proposal would be better served by the postponement.

“I regret we’re not able to move forward at this hearing,” Diehl said. “I agree the tactic of delay has been used by project opponents in this case. The amount of delay the proposal has gone through is unacceptable.”

Diehl made the motion to continue the hearing to Jan. 25, and planning commissioner Amy Roberts seconded it. The motion passed 7-1, with only planning commissioner Rich Coffelt opposing it.

Some preservationists have said that because the original home was designed by Neutra, the teardown request should be denied, and Mehdipour should be required to restore the existing home. If the county required her to do that, her only option continues to fall apart.

The house is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources and is said to be eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Massy Mehdipour wants to tear down this Pebble Beach home, but she’ll have to wait until next month for a county planning commission hearing on it.

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Council adds landscape law to Design Traditions update
By MARY SCHLEY
THE COMMITTEE of residents helping
to overhaul the residential and com-
mercial design guidelines wants a say in
other city plans and policies but didn’t get
what it asked for Tuesday night. Instead,
the city council approved the group’s request to add a landscape ordinance to the project, which is being overseen by consul-
tant Noel Winter.
The steering committee appointed by the
city council in April to help with the
Design Guidelines 1.5 project includes for-
mern councilwoman Victoria Beach, former
planning commissioner Don Goodhue,
former city administrator Doug Schmitz,
Flinders Mansion preservationist Melanie
Billig and architect Mary Ann Schicketanz.
At the group’s most recent meeting in
November, planning director Brandon
Swanson told the council, its members
said they want a mission statement to bet-
ter define their roles and duties and want to
weigh in on plans and policies tangentially
related to design guidelines, including the
state’s recent mandate that the city figure
out how to accommodate 349 more hous-
ing units over the next several years.
“We know the design guidelines may
overlap other documents,” Swanson con-
tinued, so the committee wants to review
the general plan, municipal code, forest
management plan, local coastal program
and other rules and regulations that might
be impacted.
The committee also requested the city
hire a landscape architect to draft an ordi-
nance to dictate what people can plant and
where — especially in their front yards.

Hard stop
Revisions to the residential and com-
mercial design guidelines were originally
projected to be adopted in March or April
2023 and are now on track for completion
next June, Swanson said.
While Winter is planning to close his
firm and retire next summer, in addition to
drafting updates for design guidelines and
the zoning code, his work includes “next
steps” documents the city can take and
amend as needed in the future.
The current goal is to get drafts of the
updates in January and February, have
the next round of community meetings in
March, spend April and May fine-tuning
the new documents, and then take them
to the planning commission in June for
adoption.
He asked the council whether it wanted
to accommodate none, some or all of the
committee’s requests, but Winter warned
that he doesn’t have any capacity for add-
ing to his workload.
“What I want to do is stay focused on
the scope of work we have before us,” he
said. “My goal is to get closed by midyear,
with this being our final project, and I want
it to be done well.”
The city council hired Winter to lead the
project in February for $83,610.

‘Enormous effort’
Beach said the committee “is absolutely
committed to the best possible result of this
enormous effort,” despite the many differ-
ences in opinion.
“There are strong views on what kind of
architectural styles we should be encourag-
ing in town,” she said. “I hope we can get
some kind of consensus about that.”
But everyone agrees a new landscape
ordinance would enhance the forest char-
acter of the city, according to Beach.
“This is a point of almost 100 percent
consensus,” she said. “That is the biggest
ask of the evening.”

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INFO KEPT SECRET IN CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT

CITY, FIRED COP WANT DOCUMENTS, INFO KEPT SECRET IN CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT

IN THE lawsuit involving a former Pacific Grove Police officer who sued the city for firing him over posts he made on social media, a federal judge has OK’d a confidentiality agreement to prevent the public release of sensitive information — including potentially embarrassing email correspondence among city officials — that could surface in court proceedings.

In February, former officer Michael Gonzalez claimed in a federal civil complaint against the City of Pacific Grove that P.G. Police Chief Cathy Madalone and city manager Ben Harvey retaliated against him when they fired him Jan. 12, 2021, for anonymously posting “F**k Black Lives Matter” and “Free Kyle Rittenhouse” on a social media site. Gonzalez, a conservative Hispanic man, has said the post was meant to criticize the left-wing BLM political organization.

On Nov. 28, United States Magistrate Judge Susan van Keulen signed a “protective order” — which amounts to a confidentiality agreement — to prevent the release of information that’s expected to surface during witness testimony and in court documents in Gonzalez’s case against Pacific Grove.

“Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted,” according to the agreement, which was requested by the City of Pacific Grove but also signed by Gonzalez’s attorney, Caleb Mason.

The order indicates that the case might involve “any testimony, conversations or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal protected material.”

The order extends to not only documents deemed “confidential,” but any information “copied or extracted” from protected material and all copies, excerpts, summaries and compilations of confidential material and “any testimony, conversations or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal protected material.”

Violation of the terms of the agreement by either legal team could mean sanctions or contempt-of-court charges.

Free speech

“I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this stipulated protective order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this order,” reads the document signed by the attorneys.

In his lawsuit, Gonzalez maintained he was exercising his First Amendment rights to free speech when he made the controversial statements on social media site Parler in November 2020.

The posts did not mention the city or his job, were made in his private capacity, and Gonzalez has said he believes he should not have been fired.

In response to Gonzalez’s lawsuit, the city admits that Harvey and Madalone fired Gonzalez for criticizing Black Lives Matter, but it denied that his comment about Rittenhouse — the man acquitted of murdering two people during summer 2020 riots in Kenosha, Wis. — played a part in the decision.

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LAFCO gives Soledad green light to annex land for 2,400 homes

By CHRIS COUNTS

GOING AGAINST the recommendation of both its office and the town’s mayor, the Local Agency Formation Commission voted 6-1 to approve a request Monday by Soledad to annex 654 acres where builder Nader Agha wants to put 2,400 homes, along with 100,000 square feet of commercial/retail space.

LAFCO’s office, led by executive officer Kate McKenna, had urged the commission to require that Agha revise his plans by shrinking the size of the land annexed by 50 percent. McKenna and others also wanted more information about the project’s affordable housing component, how Soledad would provide services and utilities, and where a police/fire station and schools would go. The recommendation included continuing Monday’s hearing to a later date.

Mayor chimes in

Soledad mayor Anna Velazquez, who is an alternate LAFCO commissioner and doesn’t have a vote, agreed with the recommendation.

“I support building housing to accommodate our future growth, but I cannot support this project because it doesn’t meet the housing needs of our residents,” Velazquez said.

Others who spoke out against passing the annexation Monday included former county official Mike Novo. “Soledad certainly has a need for housing, but it needs to be the right type of housing for the right location,” Novo said.

But others defended the plan, including the two county supervisors who represent parts of Salinas Valley, Chris Lopez and Luis Alejo.

Lopez, whose district includes Soledad, made the motion to approve the annexation. He noted that the project was first proposed 17 years ago.

“I’ve talked to my constituents and they want this project,” he said. “The people I represent are prepared for this. It’s time to move — 17 years is too long.”

Good vs. perfect

While some complained there is not enough affordable housing in the plan, Alejo said there’s enough to justify supporting it.

“We have a severe housing shortage,” Alejo said. “There is a significant percent that will be affordable. It’s time for us to move forward.”

Commissioner Kimbley Craig agreed. “We as a region have to recognize bold plans that are in place, and the incredible need for housing in our community” she said.

Commissioner Warren Poitrus also backed the annexation.

“The pursuit of what is good is being blocked by the ideal of what is perfect,” Poitrus said. “Nothing is perfect about this thing, but nothing is terrible about it either, and we need housing.”

Commissioners Lopez, Alejo, Craig, Poitrus, Matt Gourley and Mary Ann Lefler voted for the annexation, while commissioner Ian Oglesby voted against it. All seven commissioners also voted to extend Soledad’s sphere of influence to include the land for the housing.

Lawmaker wants to increase safety at battery storage places

A STATE senator has proposed legislation intended to make battery storage facilities — like the one in Moss Landing that caught fire in September — safer for workers.

Sen. John Laird announced this week that he’s introduced Senate Bill 38 to “enhance safety” at such battery storage facilities.

The fire at the Moss Landing facility triggered a 12-hour shelter in place for residents over fear that fumes from the lithium-ion battery fire would be harmful. Nobody at the plant was injured.

“Increasing the state’s battery storage is essential to reaching our clean energy goals, but we also have to ensure that these facilities have safety systems in place to ensure the safety of workers and surrounding communities,” Laird said.
New P.G. council members sworn in

By KELLY NIX

TWO NEW Pacific Grove City Council members were sworn in this week following the Nov. 8 election in which six candidates competed for three seats.

On Wednesday, the city council said farewell to outgoing council members Amy Tomlinson and Jenny McAdams, who opted not to run for reelection, and welcomed new members Debby Beck and Lori McDonnell.

Incumbent councilman Joe Amelio, who was also on the ballot, was reelected to his seat. The three other candidates for council were Mark Chakwin, Darla Vining and Tina Rau.

Mayor Bill Peake — who was reelected after handily winning a challenge from Pacific Grove newcomer Mike Wachs — thanked McAdams and Tomlinson for their efforts.

“It’s not always easy, but the majority of the community appreciates the work that the council does,” Peake said.

City manager Ben Harvey gave Tomlinson and McAdams flowers and had kind words for them.

The three council members and mayor were sworn in. Beck and McDonnell offered a few words before taking their seats and carrying on with the rest of the council meeting.

“Thank you, residents of Pacific Grove,” Beck said. “I look forward to serving every one of you.”

McDonnell said, “I’m so honored to represent you,” adding that residents’ voices “are important and I want to be a voice for you.”

Tomlinson had some words of advice for the two new council members. “Don’t take everything too seriously and it will be fun,” she said.

Surveillance feedback sought

THE PACIFIC Grove Police Department is holding a community meeting next week on its proposal to install cameras that automatically take photos of vehicle license plates — technology it said would be helpful in solving crimes.

The meeting will be held Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. in the city council chambers at Pacific Grove City Hall, 100 Forest Ave. The meeting will be held in person and on Zoom.

Automated license plate readers are cameras positioned at city borders to capture images of license plates and vehicles, allowing officers to compare plate numbers against those of stolen cars or individuals wanted in crimes.

Pacific Grove Police Chief Cathy Madalone made a presentation about the cameras at a Nov. 22 traffic safety commission meeting.

The company behind the license plate cameras, Flock Safety, maintains that footage captured by its system “is automatically deleted at the 30-day mark.” The company also said the cameras would only take a photo of the rear of vehicles.

“What is important to note is that there are no people, no facial recognition [technology] and no traffic enforcement” capabilities, a company spokesman said at the November meeting.
staffer Phil Angelo said during a presenta-
tion to the board of supervisors in Salinas.
According to Wikipedia, “Span-
ish-eclectic” was a movement among
Spanish painters from 1845 to 1890 that
was “named after the tendency by artists
to select from among multiple established
styles of that era.”

Nice tax break
While the wood-framed home on the
4th Hole of Monterey Peninsula Country
Club’s Shore Course was recently assessed
at $2.8 million — which means property
taxes are about $31,000 annually — the
supervisors, under the Mills Act agree-
tment, capped the assessed value of the
home at $720,000 with taxes of roughly
$7,500 per year.

“Approval of the contract would result
in a property tax reduction of or savings
to the owners of approximately $20,800
annually,” Angelo told the supervisors.

The Simmones told the county they
plan on spending about $500,000 in reha-
bilitation costs and about $8,600 in annual
maintenance, according to the report pre-
sented to county supervisors.

The supervisors also voted to add the
Pebble Beach home, called the Charles T.
Nounnan house, to the Monterey County
Register of Historic Resources.

Monterey Peninsula Supervisor Mary
Adams said that Raiguel was the super-
vising architect for developer Del Monte
Properties Company, which later became
the Pebble Beach Company.

The home “well represents the historic
character of Pebble Beach as it was seen
through the eyes of Samuel F.B. Morse,”
the founder of the Pebble Beach Company,
Adams said.

The Mills Act, legislation enacted in
1936 to provide property tax breaks in exchange for their
commitments to maintain their properties.

‘Equity’ cited
The California Legislature and gover-
nor created the program to help preserve
the state’s historic buildings — a goal
they presumably believed would benefit
everyone.

But District 4 Supervisor Wendy Root
Askew said she “struggled with the issue of
‘equity’,” and noted the loss of property tax
revenue due to Mills Act contracts.

When I look at the three contracts
that are in front of us today, the cumula-
tive amount in property tax reductions “is more than almost twice the amount that a
minimum wage worker would earn over
the course of a year,” Askew said.

Without mentioning the benefit to the
community of preserving historic build-
ings, Askew asked her board colleagues to
join her in directing county staffers to
determine if “we are, as a county, benefici-
ating from the Mills Act in the way it was
intended.”

District 2 Supervisor John Phillips
disregarded Askew’s request and made a
motion to approve the contract, while Dis-
trict 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo said Askew’s
concerns could be discussed at a future
board meeting.

County staffer Craig Spencer said his
department could take another look into the
program if the board requested it, but the
supervisors — including Askew — ended
up approving the contract for the Pebble
Beach House minus the request.

Some perspective
The supervisors Tuesday considered
and approved two other Mills Act appli-
cations — one for a home on Partington
Ridge in Big Sur and another in Carmel
Valley.

Kent Seavey, who was the histori-
cal consultant for all three properties,
directed Askew’s concerns about the loss
of tax revenue by offering some perspec-
tive. Seavey pointed to actor Brad Pitt’s
recent $40 million purchase of a home in
the Carmel Highlands, the $22 million ask-
fest. The house is listed for $22 million.

“I do not think, Ms. Askew, that you’re
going to lose a buck or two over time for
the kind of obscene amounts of money that
are being paid for property in this county,
and I certainly recommend you think about
that,” he said.
about Hicks’ leave — announced that its trustees had appointed upper division head Daniel Griffiths as president. Griffiths, who has been with Stevenson for five years, had been the acting president since September.

Through his roles both at Stevenson and previously as head of upper school and dean of students at the Catlin Gabel School, a distinguished independent day school in Portland, Ore., Dr. Griffiths has a wealth of leadership experience,” Colburn told The Pine Cone. “In the classroom, he has taught biology, environmental science and ecology. He received his B.A. from Oxford University and completed his Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge.”

Stevenson did not say how much Griffiths would be paid, but Hicks earned $662,777 in salary and other compensation, according to 2020 tax forms.

Erased

The announcement that Griffiths had been hired as president came after the school deleted all references to Hicks from its website, including his biography page and his president’s welcome message to students earlier this year.

A source told The Pine Cone last week that Hicks and his family had vacated the on-campus home that the school affords its presidents.

Raised on the Monterey Peninsula, Hicks had the on-paper credentials to lead Stevenson. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies from Yale University and had a doctorate in American literature from Princeton University. He was dean of faculty at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., from 2010 to 2015, and from 2005 to 2010, was dean of Berkeley College at Yale University, where he also taught in the English department.

Apologized

As president, Hicks had to contend with scandals that were not of his own making. In fall 2020, he formally apologized to several students who reported they had been victims of sexual or behavioral misconduct at the Pebble Beach school (decades before he was president), including an incident in which the wife of a Stevenson teacher performed a sexual act on a male student in the 1980s.

“We sincerely apologize to both graduates and to their families for the sexual misconduct that these graduates experienced, and for the incomplete way in which the school responded at the time, to the information that it had received,” Hicks said on Sept. 30, 2020.

In 2017, a former Stevenson teacher and coach was one of a dozen adults who had been implicated in a child sexual abuse scandal at a prestigious East Coast boarding school in the 1980s. The scandal prompted Hicks to reach out to Stevenson alumni to see if they’d received “inappropriate attention” from the man and to contact the school’s attorney if so.

“Clear vision”

Hicks’ hiring in 2015 came after the school said it spent an “intensive, year-long process” to find someone to replace Wadke. The chairman of Stevenson’s board of trustees at the time said Hicks had a “clear vision for the future of independent schools.”

In accepting the job, Hicks attributed much of his “educational and career success” to his time as a day student at Stevenson.

“Stevenson is where my academic curiosity developed and my intellectual boundaries expanded,” he said. “Becoming president will be a true homecoming for me.”

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Old ranger station could be repurposed

By CHRIS COUNTS

BUILT IN 1932 as a ranger station, a building located adjacent to where Salmon Creek meets Highway 1 in Big Sur could one day be replaced by a visitors center for motorists driving north along the scenic route.

Located 70 miles south of Rio Road, the station is mentioned as a possible site for a visitors center in a recreation and visitor use management plan.

According to Andrew Madsen of the United States Forest Service, the Coastal Zone Visitor Use Management plan marks a collaborative effort between the forest service, community groups and forest user groups “to look at the best ways to manage the numbers of visitors that are coming to this area.”

According to the plan, “If renovated, this site could host an information hub for the South Coast.”

Fin Eifert — who this week replaced Tim Short as the top official for the public lands in the Monterey Ranger District — called plans for creating the visitor center “very, very, very preliminary.”

Building is a tear-down

Madsen said there’s been talk for years about repurposing the building, and besides using it as a visitor center and offering badly needed restrooms for travelers, he said the property might be able to provide “a few camp sites.”

But Madsen noted that the building is in poor shape and will need to be replaced. He also suggested that whatever would replace it would be smaller. “It’s a tear-down,” he said.

If it does move forward, “We’re looking at multi-million dollar project,” Madsen added. The price tag will no doubt play a role in whether the plan moves forward — the forest service has long struggled with budget shortfalls.

Library collects goods for homeless youth

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Foundation holds virtual auction of gifts

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NONPROFIT Carmel Foundation — which provides low-cost meals and housing, medical equipment loans, classes and excursions, transportation and other resources to older residents — is auctioning off "more than 100 exciting gifts for yourself or a loved one" during the Joy of Giving Virtual Auction, which runs through Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

Among the top auction items are golf for four at Tehama, a private paella dinner with wine for 10 at La Playa, tickets to next year’s Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, and lunch with former White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta.

Potential presents for everyone on your list include an array of restaurant gift certificates, curated wine selections, tickets to performances and museums throughout California. And new to the annual virtual auction are lots featuring two rounds of golf at storied Scottish golf courses, a private sightseeing flight for two, two tickets to a pick-your-own-roses experience, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Naval Postgraduate School. Auction items can be perused online at carmel2022.ggo.bid.

The foundation is also launching its Lifting Others Up campaign to raise funds for a new chairlift at one of its senior apartment building. Carmel Gives kicked off the effort with a $10,000 challenge grant, leaving the foundation to raise $50,000. For more information on The Carmel Foundation and the auction, visit carmelfoundation.org or call 831-624-1588.

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charge.

Outside the Salinas courthouse Dec. 7, the victim’s mother and brother told a KSBW-TV reporter they were grateful Butler handed down the maximum sentence of a year in county jail, rather than probation.

"I heard my daughter scream and then I felt the car turn," Figueroa’s mother, Sylvia, said. "I think about that all the time." Her brother described Figueroa as "the life of the party" and said the family is thankful Clarke was held accountable in her death.

Mea culpa

In court, Clarke reportedly released a statement taking responsibility for his actions, saying, “It was my fault and my lack of judgment that caused all of this.”

The family also settled a civil suit against Clarke and his mother for negligence and other allegations earlier this year. Clarke's USAA insurance policy is paying out the maximum amounts to the grandmother and the child, who live in Seaside. The little girl, Camila, will turn 7 Dec. 31. She will begin receiving monthly and annual payouts lump sums on her 25th and 30th birthdays, for a total of $300,000. The money is being held in an annuity.

According to the settlement, Sylvia Figueroa received $200,000 “for the massive injuries incurred in the automobile accident which took the life of her daughter, Rosie Figueroa,” and of that, $4,865 went to lawyer Tom Griffin and the Grunsky Law Firm for legal fees.

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Our hearts are broken in announcing the passing of Lieutenant Dominic Clayton Buraglio, an Air Force officer raised in Carmel Valley, California, during his active duty assignment at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana. Dominic was a compassionate, thoughtful, and humble soul who had a positive impact on the lives of many during his short time on Earth.

Dominic attended Tularcitos Elementary, Carmel Middle School, and Carmel High School before earning an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, where he graduated in 2020 with a degree in computer science. He was serving at Barksdale AFB as a Cyber Defense Technician, overseeing a team responsible for maintaining a $34M weapons system network. Dominic is survived by his parents, Donald and Tiffany Buraglio, his sisters Sophia and Giana, aunts Trina Clayton and Christine (Brian) Nicks and grandparents Sue and Doyle Clayton, Francie and Michael Gundzik, and Michael and Carolyn Buraglio. He was predeceased by his daughter Jennifer. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Francine. Dominic had a passion for science and technology, and an inquisitive drive to understand the mechanics of how complex systems operated. His childhood love of heavy machinery and trains morphed into a lifelong passion for intricate Lego constructions, which in turn developed into mastery of robotics and drone operation. Dominic was the captain of the Carmel High School robotics team, and achieved an Associated Degree (AAR) programs at the Air Force Academy. His analytical and methodical mind was a perfect fit for his career in military computer operations and security.

Dominic had an intense compassionate heart, and a continual desire to serve others, particularly those who are typically overlooked or marginalized in society. At an early age he proposed and organized relief efforts in the wake of natural disasters. He spent every spring break of his high school years performing service work in Mexico, helping to construct homes for people in extreme poverty. He was a strong advocate for the LGBTQ+ community, and an opponent of social injustices that harmed groups who are frequently oppressed. His commitment to service also saw him tour as a combat controller in the Air Force, where he hoped to leverage his natural gifts to serve his country, both in protecting our nation from harm, and being a positive influence within the culture of the military. Dominic’s mission ended far too soon, but his sense of duty and his willingness to put others before himself never faltered.

Among other interests, Dominic appreciated the beauty of nature through numerous hikes in the mountains, especially Yosemite National Park. He was supported by a loyal friend group who enjoyed trivia nights, movie marathons, Dungeons and Dragons gatherings, and nighttime adventures in Hastings Preserve. He cherished his sisters and grandparents, and he looked forward to every military leave as an opportunity to spend time with the family he loved. Those are the times we’ll miss the most deeply, but we’re blessed and grateful beyond words for his presence in our lives for 24 years.

Farewell and Godspeed, Dominic. We love you to the moon and back.

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Memorial services will be held at Barksdale Air Force Base for Dominic’s military squadron on Dec. 13, and also at 1 p.m. on Jan. 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in Monterey for family, friends, and community. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Human Rights Campaign, the Road to Me Project in Monterey County, or the Yosemite Conservancy.

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He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jacqueline, daughter Molly; son Joseph Patrick (Gloria), and grandchildren, Robbie, Cathryn, Judson, Daniel and Camila. He was predeceased by his daughter Jennifer. He delighted in the time spent with his grandchildren.

Dan was a graduate of UC Berkeley and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He founded his own company in 1975 and worked there until retirement. His career included international travel to New Zealand, the Philippines, Malaysia, China and Australia. Listening to opera recordings was one of Dan’s favorite pastimes. Through the years he had the pleasure of attending opera performances at many of the world’s premier opera houses.

He also enjoyed fishing with favorite destinations ranging from Alaska, Mexico, New Zealand, Chile, Norway and Iceland.

Special thanks to his doctor Georgina Heal and caregiver Beverla Miles.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts are encouraged to give to the Ryan Seacrest Foundation that provides a place in children’s hospitals where patients facing serious illness can forget about their medical treatments and procedures through music and broadcast media. (IMO-Dan McNamara)
problem here. It doesn’t like the Pure Water Monterey Project because there’s no profit in it for Cal Am.”

Chrislock said Cal Am won’t sign the agreement because “it claims it needs more money from its ratepayers than the CPUC was willing to authorize.”

“This water is urgently needed for new housing and drought protection,” she went on to say. “It could have been approved two years ago, but Cal Am and its allies opposed it.”

The current iteration of the wastewater project produces 3,500 acre-feet of treated water per year, while an expansion would allow the project to produce an additional 2,250 acre-feet every year.

Disincentive

In a letter Tuesday to the California Public Utilities Commission, Cal Am President Kevin Tilden said the company “hoped” to sign the agreement but could not because the CPUC did not opt to give the steering committee everything it wanted, regardless of Winter’s deadline. “I think we should take into consideration their concerns for doing the very best process possible,” she said, before going on at length later in the nearly four-hour meeting. “I think we should really consider the validity and wisdom they are bringing to us through their collective knowledge of the village.”

Regarding the housing mandate, council members differed over whether the design guidelines or the planning should come first. “You should write the best guidelines possible and let us develop within those guidelines,” councilman Bobby Goodhue said. “Cal Am wants the remaining $81 million Cal Am originally asked for, but that’s not enough,” Chrislock said. “Cal Am wants the remaining $25 million in infrastructure investment needed to extract, move, and deliver the new water supply.”

Stratton went on to say that it “leaves a financial penalty on Cal Am for doing the right thing and proposing to enter into the agreement and advancing funding to keep the project moving forward.”

Chrislock said the expansion project “will only cost $60 million.”

“At this point, the CPUC has authorized $60 million of the $81 million Cal Am originally asked for, but that’s not enough,” Chrislock said. “Cal Am wants the remaining $20 million plus more.”

In any event, Cal Am said it supports an expansion of the Pure Water Monterey. “California American Water appreciates that the commission recognized the value of the Pure Water Monterey expansion as a supplemental water source and hopes that the commission will reconsider the recovery of critical funding to allow the PWM expansion project to succeed,” Tilden said.

Cal Am plans to file an application with the CPUC for the agency to recover the money, Tilden said.

because the guidelines weren’t strong enough. City administrator Chip Rerig acknowledged that when the first design guidelines were written more than two decades ago, the committee in charge included developers and realtors who “wanted more flexible design guidelines” and as a result, the regulations weren’t “strong enough to protect our community character.” Despite Ferlito’s arguments to the contrary, the council did not opt to give the steering committee everything its members wanted, only adding the landscape ordinance to the project with assurance doing so would stay within Winter’s timeline.
Peninsula girls go back to courts, Padres level up two divisions

The high-performance parts are there for another strong girls basketball season at Carmel, Steven-
son and Santa Catalina, but some assembly will be required from coaches at all three schools if this year’s teams hope to achieve the success they experienced a year ago.

Carmel Padres have four full-time or part-time starters returning from a 2021-2022 juggernaut that won the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Cypress Division championship with a 10-0 record and went 16-4 overall, including a quintet of victories in the Central Coast Sec-
donion Division 4 playoffs.

Stevenson also achieved local perfection, capturing the PCAL’s Mission Division at 10-0 before falling in the opening round of the Division 5 sectionals for an 18-4 finish.

And Santa Catalina enjoyed its first winning season since 2014-2015, achieving an 8-5 overall mark, including a 6-5 mark in the Santa Lucia Division.

Strong leadership and good frontline talent will be on the court for each team again this season, but success will depend heavily upon how well new-
comers can adjust to the speed of the varsity game, and whether veterans can mesh effectively with newbies.

“My biggest challenge right now is integrating my four experienced players with the girls I’ve got coming up coming from last year’s JV squad, and the one freshman we have on our varsity roster this season,” said Tom Dooner, who took over Carmel’s varsity program last year.

“Getting those core returners in synch with the new girls is our top priority.”

Similar scenarios confront Lucy Stockdale, who returns three varsity starters at Stevenson, and Peter Cofresi, who rebuilds around three front-line players at Santa Catalina.

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Padres leap to Gibilian

Notable is that the PCAL hoisted Carmel High (enrollment: 862 students) up to its big-school Gibilian Division for the upcoming season (two divisions higher than a year ago), where the Padres will battle Salinas (enrollment, 2,620), North Salinas (2,144), San Benito (3,005), Alisal (2,988) and Watsonville (2,319).

“Our expectations are to do as well as we can, but we’re very aware that we’ve been moved up two divisions, where we’ll be competing with schools three times our size,” Dooner said. “The girls are OK with that, but we’re not trying to recreate what hap-
pened last year.

“Our roster has seven or eight new players who are forming their own bonds, relationships and team culture,” he said. “We’re trying to be ourselves, which may involve some growing pains.”

The Padres graduated four seniors from their title team, including Elle Bohlman (18.2 points, 3.8 rebounds, 2.7 steals), Summer Castagna (3.9 points, 4.7 rebounds), Adeline Crabbe (3.8 points, 4.7 rebounds), and Riley Palshaw, a 5-9 small for-
tward, small forward or center, and is expected to blos-
mom into a prolific scorer and rebounder after averaging 3.8 points and 3.2 boards as a 10th-grader.

And Elise Rydeheard, a 5-5 shooting guard, has returned for her senior year as a stronger, faster, more aggressive player who should blow up her 2021-2022 stats (3.6 points, 2.3 rebounds, 1.7 steals).

Fifth starter will vary

The fifth starting position is likely to be shared by Tosin Oladokun, a 5-11 post envisioned as a rebounding phenom against bigger teams, and Riley Palshaw, a 5-9 small for-
tward who will see action against quicker opponents. Both seniors are returning letterwinners.

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From page 4

On March 13, 2019, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order declaring a moratorium on the death penalty. He also ordered a withdrawal of California’s lethal injection protocol and called for the immediate closure of the execution chamber at San Quentin State Prison.

California last executed a condemned inmate 16 years ago on Jan. 17, 2006. Clarence Ray Allen was 76 years old and had spent approximately 23 years on death row. Four inmates from Monterey County remain condemned to death. On average, about 24 years has passed since they received a sentence of death.

Under the Condemned Inmate Transfer Pilot Program, inmates condemned to death can volunteer to be transferred from death row to other state prisons. Inmates participating in the CTPP acquire the classification status of a prisoner serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

A defendant facing the death penalty is entitled to far more pre-trial and post-trial rights than a defendant who is serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

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The charges and allegations Morales faces, if proved, may lead to the death penalty. Almost immediately after pulling over, Morales exited his car on Market Street in Salinas. Morales initially complied with the officers’ request to step out of his car but refused to do so when he was asked to step out of the car with his hands in the air.

For more information, contact the Monterey Peninsula Community Foundation at (831) 642-8515 or cpm.org.
When storms hit

The PACIFIC Ocean off our shores may not be a place that’s very nice for swimming, but we’re lucky it’s so cold, because that’s why we don’t have hurricanes or tornadoes. Meanwhile, since our climate is arid and “drought is the new normal” (as we’re constantly told), newcomers couldn’t be faulted for expecting not to hit with any major storms here.

But old-timers know that when the skies open up, we can have very nasty downpours and strong winds — things we got a hint of over the weekend, with a lot more probably to come.

Since we live in a semi-mountainous region, rains can bring serious landslides, as well as flooding. And on a single evening, the rains can easily send a dozen heavy Monterey pines onto the unsuspecting homeowners who live in their shadows.

If a storm is bad enough, the result can be destruction of buildings and cars, the loss of bridges and highways, power outages that last for weeks, and the isolation of whole neighborhoods.

You may think we exaggerate, since such dire circumstances haven’t arisen for a few years. Only old-timers remember well how, in the mid-1980s, Highway 1 was closed through Big Sur for an entire year, how in 1995, the Monterey Peninsula was cut off from the outside world for several days after all major highways were closed due to flooding or rock slides, and how, in 1998, one Big Sur neighborhood was hit with a sudden flow of mud and gravel several feet deep. You never saw such a mess. Even the 2017 slide at Mud Creek that closed Highway 1 for more than a year seems like a different era.

The government is supposed to plan for these eventualities, helping to keep losses to a minimum and rescuing people who need it. In these parts, the rescuing is done a lot more effectively than the preventing of loss, because prevention means removing aging trees, erecting flood barriers and retreating walls and keeping river channels open — things which all run afoot of California’s ridiculously strict environmental laws. And even when rescues are done properly, they can take days (or weeks) to reach everybody affected.

That’s why the regular warnings of firefighters and rescue workers must not be overlooked.

Even if you live in a town, you have to plan for emergencies by keeping supplies on hand, heeding warnings to evacuate, and having someplace to go. It’s also very important to be able (and willing) to help out neighbors who need it.

And for people who live in remote places, such as Big Sur’s Palo Colorado Canyon, the situation is even more dire. These people literally have to be prepared to sustain themselves for up to a week without help from anywhere. It’s a difficult thing for them to face, much less to do, but they must.

We don’t pretend to know what this winter’s weather will be. One thing to consider is that a warming climate means not droughts, but an increase in global rainfall. And the next El Niño condition could bring storms to the Monterey Peninsula with up to 10 inches of rain in just a few days, accompanied by winds of 70 mph or even higher.

Moderate storms can be enjoyable, and are actually inspiring as they move on, leaving behind a glistening world decorated with rainbows and fluffy clouds. Enjoy them, of course. But also take them as a warning to be prepared for when the storms get a lot worse.

Police remodel pause?

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Dennis the Menace’s C.V.
Comstock and how it grew

CARTOONIST HANK Ketcham created “Dennis the Menace” in 1950 while living in Carmel Woods. The popular towheaded troublemaker, inspired by Ketcham’s then-4-year-old son Dennis, rocketed to fame requiring a small army of writers and artists to keep up with the demand for Dennis in the daily papers and hardback as well as comic books. By 1955, Ketcham needed more space.

An item in the June 16, 1955, Carmel Pine Cone reported “Hank Ketcham, originator of the ‘Dennis the Menace’ cartoons, plans to move from Carmel to Carmel Valley, where he has recently purchased the former Wolferman property. He is also thinking of transferring his cartoon operations, as well as his home, to the new location.”

In Ketcham’s 1991 autobiography, “The Merchant of Dennis the Menace,” Ketcham described the new digs as a “70-acre ranch situated on an oak-studded hillside in upper Carmel Valley, completely fenced and redwood home and guesthouse where the Ketchams had lived. The poolside cabana. On the edge of the orchard stood a redwood ranch house for the foreman and his family, designed in the 1930s by Elster Loeb and Robert Comstock and how it grew

His family and his famous, designed in the 1930s by Elster Loeb and Robert Comstock.

By NEAL HOTELLING

Robbins pictured a different career

She was “basically a latchkey kid — extremely independent, curious, into everything and probably a handful for my mother,” remembered Monterey plein air artist Donna Robbins, who doesn’t regret it moment of her upbringing as she looks back from age 74. Most likely, it helped shape the person she became.

At 18, as she watched so many friends marry straight out of high school, Robbins remembered briding against the trend, which, back in 1966, almost seemed like a mandate for young women. “I’d say, ‘Guys, there are other things to do besides get married and have babies!’” she recounted. “I had no interest in doing that. I wanted to get an education. I wanted to travel. I wanted to go out there and do things before I tied myself down.”

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Since that epiphany, Robbins invariablyValidation came quickly, in a big way, when Robbins was juried into Seattle’s prestigious University District Street Fair, where she sold all but two pots on the first day. “I came home, laid out $1,700 on my living room floor, and said, ‘I’m not sure what I’m going to do for a living, but I’m going to do this right now,’” recalled Robbins. She dropped out of school immediately and spent the next 10 years as a full-time potter.

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Among those rising from the JV team are sophomores Chloe LeMaster, a point guard, and Ava Mangiapane, a shooting guard, who represent Carmel’s future in the backcourt. 

Vying for playing time will be Lily Grundy, a 6-foot center, freshman forward Tessa Stallcup, and wings Avery Palshaw, Bella Tangway and power forward Savanna Radowicz, all sophomores. 

Filling the scoring void 

Among the three teams, Stevenson played in the toughest division a year ago — the Mission — going undefeated with mostly underclassmen. 

But two all-division standouts, Rhea Cosand (16.3 points, 8.8 rebounds, 2.8 assists, 2.9 steals) and Gabby Perez (13.1 points, 6.4 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 3.1 steals), moved on, leaving a chasm to be filled. 

Much of that weight falls upon returning post guard Sydney Clymo, whose towering 3-point shot could become a threat, Sarah Patel, Jessie Chen and Molly McAfee. 

Different style of play

“I think our game is going to look very different this season,” Stockdale said. “Last year, we counted heavily on Gabby and Rhea to make the big shots. This year we’ll rely more movement and a team dynamic.” 

“Santa Catalina’s key graduate, Maddy Foletta, averaged 15.3 points — a difficult statistic to replace — and other varsity veterans transferred or opted to play a different sport.” 

That left the Cougars to rebuild around center 5-10 senior Margaret Spencer, a starter since her freshman season, plus juniors Sofia Luna and Bianca Fritz. 

“Margaret has added power to her frame, her wingspan is excellent, and she has matured mentally into a player who can lead the team as our captain,” Cofresi said. 

Spencer (5-4 points, 7.0 rebounds) will spend more time on the perimeter, thanks to an improved outside shot. Fritz, a fast and confident player, steps in as the starting point guard. 

Luna, a 5-8 wing, shoots well off the dribble and can point guard if needed. 

Completing the starting lineup will be shooting guard Skyler Smith, whose 5-7 frame also could allow her to play under the basket, and 5-10 power forward Sofia Rodri- guz, an athletic freshman who drives well to the hoop. 

Key reserves figure to be Elle Edwards, a first-year junior who can play shooting guard or small forward, and 5-5 point guard Mia Enea, an athletic senior in her first year as a basketball player. 

New-look Santa Lucia 

“The Santa Lucia Division looks different this year, because we lost King City and Greenfield (both promoted to the Gypsy Division), but gained Marina (14-0 in the Arroyo Division last season),” Cofresi said. “I haven’t heard much about our opponents, but my sense is that everybody could be in a ‘building’ kind of situation, like us, because the Covid year (2019-2020) impacted the growth of a lot of ninth-graders and 10th-graders. Our JV team this season is entirely first-year players.” 

Catalina plays its division opener Jan. 10, a home game against Rancho San Juan. 

Stevenson hosts Chico Senior at 6:30 Friday night, Nevada Union at 2 p.m. Saturday and Carmel at 5 p.m. Tuesday. 

Carmel is at the Pacific Grove Breaker Classic Friday in a 3:30 p.m. clash with Hilmar, and Saturday, at a 5:30 p.m. game against Santa Cruz. 

Denis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. 

School day, 

“Let them pay for it” 

Dear Editor, 

Just how many more hotels and tourists do we need? It seems that we, the residents, are paying a high price for what the tourists can take long hot showers while we have to do without. 

I’ve lived here my entire life, and now I find myself a prisoner in my own home on the weekends. Who wants to deal with the horrific traffic and the rude behavior of the tourists. 

If the hospitality folks want desire, let them pay for it. 

James Nazzim, Carmel Valley 

Santa’s Fly-In postponed

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR MANY the social event of the holiday season in Carmel Valley, Saturday’s Santa’s Fly-In — along with its yearly parade and party — has been postponed for a week due to the weather forecast of rain this weekend. The new date is Dec. 17. 

“You can’t land a helicopter in the rain,” explained Teresa Goldberg of the Carmel Valley Youth Center, which is coordinating the fly-in and post-party. 

As a result of the change of date, the deadline has been extended to Dec. 15. For those who wish to sign up to be a participant, send an email to daniellecarnation01@gmail.com. 

The two clubs are also seeking volunteers to assist with traffic control. Six volunteers must be 18, no longer in high school, and have patience dealing with annoyed drivers. If interested, contact daniellecarnation01@gmail.com. 

The post-parade party still needs volunteers over 18 to help with tickets for an array of family-friendly activities, such as a bounce house. If interested, visit cvycoc.org and click on a link to sign up.

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LETTERS

From page 22A

School day,

Dear Editor,

During last week’s school board meeting on the sta- dium lights, I was surprised students learn that cheering is appropriate behavior at meetings. I truly believe that if anyone else had done the same, they would have been ushered out. Students learning that loud noise overrides others is not a lesson they should be learning. When some- one complained they were threatened, the school board said they were out of order. That sure was even handed … not. 

Oh, and was the meeting moved to Tuesday because The Pine Cone can’t cover Thursday meetings? Thanks a lot for being impartial. 

The Hatton Canyon Freeway had to be disclosed to pro- spective buyers, but a drastic change in high school facil- ities should be expected? Fuzzy thinking, eh? Expecting the community that prohibits front porch lights of more than 25 watts to not want stadium lights that will be much brighter is something we near school should expect? No! I am looking for new rules to be made from permeable materials, as per Carmel code, but told at the meeting that might undermine nearby property, so I guess the code about no runoff helping neighbors doesn’t apply.

The rest of the code requires adequate drains be built (and, may I add, maintained) but the drain at the school footpath is often. I complained and it was cleared, but must I complain after every rain? Maintenance means ongoing repair, not a one-shot deal, because it has been filled with litter again.

Belle James, Carmel

General Plan Housing and Safety Elements Update

The City of Carmel by the Sea requests proposals from qualified professionals in the City with updates to the General Plan Housing Element and Safety Element.

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‘Make Merry at Cherry’ opens Friday, last art walk of ‘22 set for Saturday

A WEEKLONG fundraiser, the Cherry Center for the Arts’ annual holiday art show opens Friday with a reception at 4 p.m.

Titled ‘Make Merry at the Cherry,’ the exhibit includes work by Robin Winfield, Jan Wegstaff, Mary Hill, Dixie Dixon, Kenneth Parker, Richard Cannon and many others — and all of it is for sale.

“Catch the holiday spirit as you mix and mingle with friends old and new,” the center said. “Proceeds will support the Cherry’s ongoing contribution to the arts community of Monterey County.”

The show continues through Dec. 17. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

Seeking stocking stuffers?
The final Carmel Art Walk of the year is set for Saturday, when 15 downtown galleries stay open until 7 p.m. The participants are mostly artist-owned galleries, and all highlight local artists. The list includes Delia, Joaquin Turner Gallery, Mary Titus Gallery, Luisa’s Studio, Galerie Plein Air and many others.

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Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

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There’s still plenty of time to get into the holiday spirit

By ELAINE HESSER

If you haven’t given Santa your list — or done anything else to get ready for Christmas and Hanukkah — there are lots of events coming up between now and the end of the year that will have you hauling out the holly or the menorah.

Don’t forget to take a drive through P.G.’s Candy Cane Lane on Morse Drive (the well-marked entrance is off Forest and just downhill from David). Put on some holiday music, bring some hot cocoa or coffee and enjoy the beautiful, inspiration-al and just-plain-silly displays designed to delight walkers and drivers alike. Please cruise slowly and keep an eye out for little pedestrians.

Skaters can head out to Custom House Plaza in Monterey until New Year’s Day for Ice Skating by the Bay. Adults pay $15, kids are $13 and skate rental is $5. Diehard rink rats can get a season pass for $225, not including skate rental. It’s open most weeks from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sundays and holidays. This year, there are blocks of time available for private parties, too. Check the website at iceskatingbythebay.com for details.

When local businesses compete, customers win. We’re sure that’s true at the Crossroads, where many stores are participating in the shopping center’s window-decorating contest. Not only can they garner prizes for their efforts, the center’s managers say you can enter to win a gift package “full of items from our favorite Crossroads retailers” by snapping a photo of a window that strikes your fancy and posting it on Instagram with #crossroadschristmas22, now through Dec. 25.

‘Fiercely festive’ Christmas on the Wharf is underway weekends through Dec. 18 on Old Fisherman’s Wharf in Monterey. On Fridays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (except Dec. 10, when the fun starts at 6 p.m.) and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., take in the beautiful 23-foot Christmas tree and other decorations, visit with Santa in his house by Abalonetti’s, enjoy live music with choirs and dancers, and maybe get in some last-minute shopping or grab a bread bowl of clam chowder. Visit montereywharf.com for a full schedule of performances and special events.

Smuin Ballet returns to Sunset Center on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. with a “fiercely festive” version of its annual Christmas Ballet. Promising “surprises and new treats,” the company once again sets dance performances to traditional carols and contemporary music. Tickets are $69 and $89 and can be purchased at sunsetcenter.org.

On Dec. 10 and 11, I Cantori di Carmel will host its annual Christmas concerts at the Carmel Mission. Performances begin at 8 p.m., when the choir will present J.S. Bach’s “Christmas Oratorio” (Weihnachtsoratorium), Cantatas I-III, which describes the birth of Jesus, the announcement to the shepherds, and the shepherds’ adoration of the newborn Christ. The Barnyard Shopping Center will present music by singer and multi-instrumentalist Dan Cortes starting Dec. 10 at 1 p.m., along with kid-friendly crafts and a visit from St. Nick from 2 to 4 p.m., with an encore event at the same times on Dec. 11, featuring singer-songwriter Fred McCarty. Monterey’s restored art deco movie house-turned-performance-venue, the Golden State Theatre, hosts The Squirrel Nut Zippers Christmas Caravan Tour on Friday, Dec. 9. The Zippers defy pigeonholing (likely because of the squirrels), drawing from jazz, swing, folk and punk, occasionally

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IN 2019, after an emotional visit to Africa, a Dallas businesswoman abruptly decided she wanted more in her life than being the proprietor of two award-winning restaurants that she had run for 20 years.

Three years later, Susie Bauer has found fulfillment as owner-operator of one of the most unusual shops on the Monterey Peninsula.

“I go to bed every night with a big smile on my face,” said Bauer, who opened Mopane last February in the Carmel Crossroads. It’s a nonprofit store with the single-minded intent of supporting orphaned baby elephants in the Republic of Botswana.

One-of-a-kind goods

Within three months of opening, Bauer had established relationships with multiple vendors — also nonprofit — who supply the store with one-of-a-kind goods, most of which are handmade by artisans from villages in Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Ghana, Senegal, Zambia, South Africa and other countries.

She also has expanded her charitable donations to worthy causes on the Monterey Peninsula.

Mopane, named after a type of tree found in southern Africa, distributes half of its monthly profits to the baby elephant orphanage Bauer and her husband, Richard, visited five years ago.

A display behind the store’s register features large photos of nine baby elephants sheltered by Elephant Havens Wildlife, founded in 2017 in Botswana by Bauer’s friends, Debra Stevens and Scott Jackson, to rescue and restore the health of African elephants orphaned by ivory poachers, trophy hunters, and habitat loss and encroachment.

Foster a baby elephant

Mopane, in collaboration with Elephant Havens, makes each elephant available to be “fostered” through monthly cash donations. The money helps defray the expense of feeding and nurturing the animals, whose names are Bokosmo, Bonolo, Lerumo, MmaMotsie, Mofalodi, Sanddy, Seloko, Tshengiso and Tshilofofo.

“The elephants aren’t given names until it’s certain that they’re going to live,” Bauer said of the orphans, who range in age from 22 months to 5 and 1/2 years.

Bauer’s interest in global humanitarianism and animal welfare dates to 2002, when she signed up for the Peace Corps, enrolling in a program at the Monterey Institute for International Studies (now Middlebury Institute).

“I was going to be sent to Morocco, then 9/11 hit, and they said, ‘You don’t get to go anywhere, but you can teach in Salinas,’” she said. “So I taught at Hartnell College for a year.”

Just one kiss

The seed for Bauer’s life-changing epiphany on the Botswana trip was planted the moment MmaMotsie, whose name means hope, curled up on her lap and kissed her face.

Another percentage of Mopane’s proceeds is distributed monthly to Peninsula community causes: The Food Bank for Monterey County was the beneficiary in October. Beach cleanup, sponsored by the Monterey chapter of Surfrider Foundation, received money in November and AIM Youth Mental Health will be December’s recipient.

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Bauer and her husband, Richard, met MmaMotse and Mopane, a nonprofit shop founded by Susie Bauer, in the Crossroads shopping center, donates proceeds from the sale of items handmade in Africa to a haven in Botswana for orphaned baby elephants, as well as other causes. Bauer and her husband, Richard, met MmaMotse and other affectionate orphaned baby elephants during a trip to Botswana in 2017.

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Wrapping up holiday shopping for teenagers

By RILEY PALSHAW

Shopping for loved ones during the holiday season can be daunting, and when it comes to buying gifts for teenagers, it can be even more formidable. Fear not — here’s a guide that will help you pick out the perfect present for the young adult in your life.

Getting cozy
Normally you don’t wear your slippers outside of the house, but UGG slippers make it more than okay, and besides, most teens are reluctant to change out of their pajamas, anyway. Originally designed in Australia, but made popular by Southern California beach culture, these sheepskin slippers will insulate your teenager’s feet with a soft wool lining perfect for keeping warm in or out of the house. Pick up a pair of UGG slippers or boots at Lloyd’s Shoes, Hedi’s or at On The Beach Surf Shop on Light-house Avenue in Monterey for someone who needs an extra source of warmth this winter season.

In keeping with the changing seasons, make sure to grab a flannel shirt or jacket to put under the Christmas tree. A timeless staple in many high schoolers’ wardrobes, as they’re great by themselves or as layering pieces. Especially with Carmel’s cold winter mornings, a quilted-lined jacket could be just what a high school student needs as they roam their outdoor campus. You should be able to find just the thing at Coast Carmel, Parts Unknown or Ms. Fabulous.

And of course, the outfit isn’t complete without a knit beanie, gifted just in time for ski season. The Carmel Hat Company has a variety of beanies to choose from, as does Zumiez at Del Monte Shopping Center in Monterey. Bliss Boutique also has them, along with a wide assortment of other accessories, which brings us to...

Stylish additions
Accessorizing with jewelry transcends age categories, but for teens, there’s one essential piece that comes to mind: bracelets. Collecting bracelets to layer and stack has become a popular trend — especially among adolescent girls — whether it’s with gold link chains, colorful string bracelets or handmade charms. For those who prefer a classic string friendship bracelet look, check out the Pura Vida collection at On The Beach Surf Shop for unique and bohemian sets. If a beaded band is more up your alley, look no further than elizabethW Carmel in your life.

Another safe option for young adults is a pair of sneakers from a popular brand like Converse (check with the experts at Hedi’s or Lloyd’s), or Vans, which has a shop in Del Monte Center. With women’s, men’s and unisex styles, you’re bound to find a shoe for the young adult in your life. Unsure about what to order? Start with a pair of Converse Chuck Taylor All Star Classics (the high-tops you remember from your own youth) or a pair of classic slip-ons from Vans. They’ll always be a safe bet, especially for teenage boys.

All about tech
This generation of high schoolers might have been raised taking photos with their iPhones, but don’t be mistaken — disposable film cameras never go out of style. There’s just something about capturing the peak moments of your high school experience by having to charge the flash, press down a button to snap a photo and wait a week.

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THIS STORY seems lifted right out of a holiday movie. In fact, the temptation to call it “a Hallmark story” was almost overwhelming.

Picture it: Since 1903, Spencers, the town’s longtime resource for stationery and greeting cards, office supplies and all things celebratory, has been serving as a community hub where the shopkeepers know your name and ask about your children. Some say it’s the Belgian chocolate malt balls and the owner’s fancy handmade birdhouses that keep people coming in. But most folks know it’s the customer care.

The conflict in the tale arises once the owners decide it’s time to retire, to slow down their schedule, volunteer in town and travel. Shoppers worry that the store, which is still operating with Covid-shortened hours, will shut its doors permanently. But the owners stay on, searching for the right couple to carry the torch.

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A loyal customer recently stopped in, looked around and said, “You’re not going to change a thing, right? Not a thing.” The things she and other locals are used to finding in their neighborhood store — will stay. “But I might add a few things,” Kathy Kaminski said. “I do plan to expand our art department to include a crafts section. I even plan to host craft events after hours.” She is working with local artist Alyssa Ramp in those areas.

The Carmel Valley couple continued, “Mostly folks want to know if Jim’s going to keep making his birdhouses and if we plan to keep stocking malt balls. Both will remain Spencer’s staples. Jim said he later sold it to a Mr. Allen, it remained open a photograph and stationery store as part of the post office on Ocean Avenue. In 1936, Bob Spencer took over the operation, promptly renaming the place to reflect its new ownership. Even when he later sold it to a Mr. Allen, it remained Spencer’s, and it has ever since. Dougherty agreed his wife. “Mostly folks want to know if Jim’s going to keep making his birdhouses and if we plan to keep stocking malt balls. Both will remain Spencer’s staples. Jim said we didn’t have to continue to sell the malt balls, but he warned there’d be quite an uproar if we didn’t. We want to embrace the community, not upset them.”

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TWO YEARS ago, having just moved into their new retirement home, Dale and Neil Agron were happily anticipating their first Thanksgiving at Hacienda Carmel, when Neil suffered a fall, then fell ill and died in early January. Shortly thereafter, their grandson died while still in college. And later that spring, Dale Agron’s 12-year-old son.

Agron has always believed there are two ways to survive such suffering. One is to help someone else do the same. The other is to rescue a dog.

“This summer,” said the octogenarian, “I was able to help someone in our community who’d gotten Winston Churchill, a baby French bulldog that wasn’t fitting into the family. She was going to give him back to the breeder, but I had fallen in love with him, so I said I’d take him.”

Even her Bichon Frise and her cat seemed to love Winston. But, before long, Agron realized she’d taken on more than she could handle with the adorable, rambunctious puppy, who ran circles around her, threatening to knock her off-balance and cause a fall.

She said, “Knowing I couldn’t provide Winston the care and attention he needed, I reluctantly took him to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, from which I’ve adopted dogs before. I knew they would re-home him well.”

Who ya gonna call?

When local animal rescue organizations receive a French bulldog in need, they tend to contact animal advocate and Frenchie fanatic Marci Bracco, who has sheltered and saved dozens of the little characters over nearly two decades. True to tradition, Peace of Mind called Bracco to see if she could come collect Winston.

Bracco had been working late and just wanted to get home. But first, she stopped in Pacific Grove to meet Agron and the year-old Frenchie.

“When I met with Marci, Winston was acting like a young child, but within minutes, he was willing to sit on her lap,” said Agron. “I was grateful to see she had fallen in love with him, too. Then she told me she had other French bulldogs and that Winston reminded her of her dear, departed Hugo.”

Agron’s gratitude didn’t assuage her grief in letting go of yet another loved one and she cried as she drove home. Blinded by her tears, she got into a single-car accident on 17 Mile Road, fortunately escaping without injury.

She said, “Once I finally got home, I was sitting there, feeling very sad, when Marci called and said, ‘I know it was hard for you to give up this dog you love.’ Then she made me laugh by describing his antics in the household. We have spoken every day since, and I know he’s gone to the best possible home any dog could have.”

The next day, “Winston” sent Agron a floral arrangement in rich fall colors, accompanied by a note that read, “I miss you and the Agron family, but I’m having such a good time here,” accompanied by an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner.

“Dale Agron is family now,” asserted Bracco. “So is Winston Churchill. When we adopted him, we adopted her.”

Agron, who has lived on the Peninsula since 1960, has always had rescue animals. She is hoping to get another car, so she can volunteer for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

“I would love to foster older dogs,” she said. “Peace of Mind makes me feel secure, knowing if anything ever happened to me, my dogs would end up in a wonderful home, just like Winston did.”

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to get your pictures back. The anticipation can be a lot, but when your teen unwraps this present, they’ll also be thanking you a lot.

If taking a blast to the past isn’t their thing, there’s always some technological updates high schoolers are happy to receive. For instance, your teen might need a new phone case to replace the crusty, broken one that’s been on their cell phone since the day they got it, or perhaps a new pair of Bluetooth headphones, so they can cancel out distracting noises and actually get their homework done. Phone cases come in forms from haute couture to novelty designs, not to mention some that are made to take a real beating on the beach or elsewhere in the great outdoors.

If you’re instead looking for some form of entertainment to keep your teen busy, new video games for their gaming console might be the way to go. A bunch of new games were released this year, like Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II or Just Dance 2023 Edition. For help sorting through 2022’s titles and making sure you’re getting the right game for the right system, visit GameStop in Sand City.

Don’t give up

Even if you scour the Earth for a one-of-a-kind present, some high schoolers still won’t be impressed. As much as you may want to buy a loved one a super-intricate gift, sometimes the best thing you can get a teenager is a gift card to their favorite store or coffee shop, allowing them to pick something for themselves.

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You’ll need a mask while indoors, and refreshments will be offered at some of the locations. Comfy walking shoes are a must, and in the event of dark streets, please even dipping into klezmer. Visit goldenstatetheatre.com for performance times and to buy tickets, which are going for $27 to $62.

Supporters of YOSAL (Youth Orchestra Salinas) can take a drive to Sherwood Hall in Salinas to enjoy the group’s winter concert on Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. More than 200 students from Salinas and South County will perform “a diverse program of classical, cultural, and holiday music,” and will be joined by - a professional Mexican band. Tickets are free, but must be reserved by Dec. 6 at www.

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On Dec. 16, Switchfoot, a rock band with roots in contemporary Christian music, will perform a Christmas concert at Monterey’s Golden State Theatre, with tickets ranging from $33 to $213 for a “private performance” before the main event. Visit goldenstatetheatre.com for times and to buy tickets.

The Monterey Chamber Singers — established virtually in 2020, during the pandemic — offers a performance on Dec. 17 at the Church of the Wayfarer. Titled “Glory and Splendor,” it will feature the premiere of director and organist Dr. Cyril Deaconoff’s “Hagia Sophia,” for choir, instrumental ensemble and analog synthesizer, “recalling the Byzantine culture and acoustics of the great cathedral in Istanbul.” Selections from local composer Alan Silvestri’s music for “The Polar Express” will be included, along with an eclectic selection of other numbers. The music starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased by emailing montereychambersingers@gmail.com.

Sunday, Dec. 18, the Carmel Bach Festival Chorus invites locals to come caroling with them — no auditions required, and song sheets will be provided. Meet them at 1 p.m. at Carmel Plaza for a one-hour musical stroll down Ocean Avenue.

Whether 2022 was great or awful, give it a proper sendoff. First Night Monterey celebrates its 30th year with another alcohol-free evening out in Old Monterey. From the lawn at Colton Hall to the Conference Center, park your car and enjoy as many of the 65 expected indoor and outdoor performances as you can. Kids’ Night Out begins at 3 p.m. with a twilight parade at 5:30 p.m. After that, get ready for another seven hours of music — classical, jazz, bluegrass, samba and folk, to name a few. You’ll find spots where you can dance, and others where you can just sit and listen. If you want to toast the New Year, local restaurants and bars will welcome you in.

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AFRICA from page 30A

scythes the tribe used to harvest wheat, and
the snakes and mice that ate their grain.

“These antique wedding baskets are
from Zambia, made from makenge root,
which grows in water near the Zambezi
River,” Bauer said. “The baskets are passed
down through families from generation to
generation, and each one has a unique de-
sign pattern relating to the family lineage.”

Hanging on a wall of the store is a cere-
monial mask — a crocodile dubbed Bobo,
more than 4 feet long — made in the West
African country of Burkina Faso.

Another, named Bozo, was crafted in
Mali.

A trio of brilliantly colored church
panels were originally decor for a Coptic
Christian church in Ethiopia.

Old-school toys
Colorful, sturdy children’s toys from
Zimbabwe, crafted from recycled garbage,
include rhinos, elephants, lions, leopards,
zebras and giraffes. Those items were
made by an East African nonprofit called
RefuSHE. Its mission is “to create a com-
prehensive, holistic model to address the
unique needs of the young women (refu-
gee) in our programs. We are investing in
the next generation of leaders and ensuring
that they have the skills to succeed.”

Mandy Stein, a 2009 graduate of Car-
mel High School, founded Tanzanian
supplied Mopane with handcrafted Afri-
can-print beach bags, computer bags, and
cosmetic bags.

“Mandy went to Tanzania after graduat-
ing from Carmel High; built two schools
and an orphanage there and never came
back,” Bauer said.

Mopane also displays handcrafted jew-
elry from Ghana, a 400-pound handmade
chandelier from Malawi, scarves and
beach wraps from Nairobi, and many other
one-off gift items.

“For me, the shopping is fun,” said
Bauer, who often travels to find merchan-
dise, sometimes abroad. “I spent the past
week in a warehouse in Phoenix, crawling
around, going through boxes, getting filthy
dirty. I had a blast.”

Additional information about the store
and its mission can be found online at mo-
pane.org.

MmaMotse, a baby elephant whose name means
“hope,” is one of nine available for fostering.

More information about the elephant
orphanage, and the baby elephants avail-
able to be fostered, can be found at ele-
phantheavens.org.
bought the shop in 1981, and thanks to the Kaminskis, the legend continues. “The community has been so supportive of Spencers over the last 40 years. We will miss that camaraderie,” said Gloria Dougherty. “But we have been volunteers in the past and are looking forward to reestablishing our volunteerism as a way to give back to this community. And we are so thankful the legacy of Spencers will continue in the capable and creative hands of Bill and Kathy Kaminski.”

In 2015, the Kaminskis, who lived in the East Bay for 15 years, bought a weekend place in Carmel Valley. Increasingly reluctant to depart on Sunday evenings to return to a place where shopkeepers didn’t know their names, they spent time in Carmel until it had become their primary home. Before long, they began looking for ways to contribute to their new community.

Kathy Kaminski, who worked at Bloomingdale’s during college and for Lord & Taylor after graduation, absolutely loves life on the selling floor. Her husband appreciates the solitude of the back of the business. He’s passionate about coffee; she loves chocolate. They complete each other’s sentences. “Thirty years into our marriage, this is not where we expected ourselves to be,” she said. “But we feel so fortunate to have found such a great business in our community. This is a whole new way to spend time together. We really are living in a Hallmark Christmas movie.”

It seems somebody had to say it, after all.
I Cantori di Carmel presents Bach’s Christmas Oratorio this weekend at Carmel Mission.

**Celebrate the Season**

**Christmas Oratorio**

Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18, 2022

*Performance: 7:30 pm*  
*Tickets: $25*  
*More information: [Visit wacmb.org](http://wacmb.org) for more information.*

**What to Expect**

The Christmas Oratorio, composed by Johann Sebastian Bach, is a choral work performed annually during the holiday season. This year, Cantori di Carmel will present the work at Carmel Mission, offering visitors a unique and intimate experience. The performance will feature the sounds of the North Coast Choral Society and the Carmel Mission Choir, led by conductor Chris Counts.

**Location**

Carmel Mission  
3080 Rio Road, Monterey, CA 93940

**Parking**

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**Food & Wine**

**Christmas Dinner**

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**On a High Note**

*By CHRIS COUNTS*

A six-part piece that Bach wrote nearly five centuries ago, the Christmas Oratorio is a familiar piece of holiday music in Europe, but isn’t played here often. The first three parts will be played at the mission this weekend.

“It’s like the German Messiah,” music director Daniel Hendriks told The Pine Cone. "Christmas doesn’t start in Germany until you’ve attended a performance of the Oratorio.” About 25 instrumentalists will share the stage with 50 singers, including eight youngsters who are part of the Cantori di Carmel ’s new Vocal Arts Academy.

“They are emerging artists from all over the country who were chosen from more than 100 applicants,” Hendriks said.

Hendriks said the mission is the perfect venue for the concert. “It’s a sacred place that offers perfect acoustics for this beautiful and uplifting work,” he added.

TICKETS

Tickets are $35 with discounts for active military, students and kids. While proof of a vaccination won’t be required, masks are. The mission is located at 3080 Rio Road. For tickets, visit icantori.org.

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To make the holiday season a little sweeter for members of the armed services, the Monterey Regional Airport is opening a special lounge just for them. From Dec. 16-26, the Holiday Military Lounge is open to active duty military travelers every day.

Getting in the spirit, Great British deliveries, saving P.G.’s parklets

Soup to Nuts

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From previous page

Sausage rolls and shortbreads delivered

The owners of the new Great British Bake Shop in Salinas so much want people in Carmel to enjoy their food that they’re now offering free midweek delivery. The English expat husband-and-wife team of Lesley Swann and Chris Swann recreate traditional family favorites, from savory pies pasties and hot breakfast bakes to sweets such as shortbread and Bakewell tarts.

Customers in Carmel can order at thegreatbritishbakeshop.com, with deliveries made Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The shop also delivers to Sweet Reba’s in the Crossroads shopping center and provides ham and egg pies, sausage...
rolls and other goodies to the Village Wine & Tap Room in Carmel Valley Village. And, of course, the bakery on West Gabilan in Salinas is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for walk-ins and takeout orders.

Holman Ranch holiday party

The Holman Ranch tasting room in Carmel Valley Village will host its annual holiday party Dec. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m., with tickets available to club members for $50 and the general public for $65. Guests will be treated to mulled wine, chili and cornbread from Paradise Catering, and sweet holiday treats from Paris Bakery. A glass of Holman Ranch wine is included with each admission as well. Members are eligible to receive up to four discounted tickets. The discount will be applied at checkout when signed in with the same email used with wine club membership. For more information, email wines@holman-ranch.com or call (831) 659-2640, ext. 2. The tasting room is located at 18 W. Carmel Valley Road. Visit holman-ranch.com.

Happy Girl’s parklet plea

Todd and Jordan Champagne are asking fans of their Happy Girl Kitchen store and café on Central Avenue to fight for their right to keep the parklet they’ve had since 2014. “The City of Pacific Grove has been strategizing on what to do with outdoor seating now that the pandemic is over, and their recommendation is to get rid of most of the parklets in Pacific Grove, including our beloved little parklet,” they recently announced. “If you have enjoyed our parklet over the years and want to see it stay, then now is the time to raise your voice.”

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They encouraged supporters to email pgparklets@happygirlkitchen.com and promised to keep people apprised of when the city council will take up the matter. The couple also urged residents to reach out to elected officials directly.

“It is important they hear our voice on how amazing parklets are for the community,” they said.

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The sparkling wines will be poured from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 16. There is no charge, and it’s open only to guests 21 and over.

Wild Fish brunch

Wild Fish Restaurant at 545 Light-house Ave. in Pacific Grove is now serving brunch on weekends from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The menu includes shrimp Louis with iceberg lettuce, avocado, chorizo-rubbed shrimp, hard-cooked egg, cherry tomatoes, watermelon radish and green mojo dressing, gravlax tartine with soft scrambled eggs on Ad Astra bread with crema and radish, a breakfast burrito (eggs, soy chorizo, jack cheese, hash browns and ancho mole), popovers with butter and preserves or honey, and sweet potato beignets with vanilla bean icing, toasted pecans and sour huckleberry sauce.

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Monterey Police Department at 351 Madison St. near Pacific is collecting donations for a holiday food drive. Through Dec. 21, the cops are seeking nonperishable items for the Food Bank for Monterey County, which helps feed families and kids in need. The collection bin is located inside the lobby at MPD.

See FOOD page 48A

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list Michelle Djohnie and violinist Liz Prior will play Bach’s Goldberg Variations Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets start at $20. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz. For tickets, visit sandboxsandcity.com.

Students raise $8 for food bank

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Students musicians from Monterey High School, Santa Catalina School and Stevenson School will play a benefit concert Sunday at Santa Catalina’s Johnson Recital Hall. The concert begins at 6 p.m.

Participants in the Youth Leaders Academy of Chamber Music Monterey Bay, the students will play music by Vivaldi, Leclair and Shostakovich. They’ll be joined by pianist Eun Ha Chung and violinist Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu. The latter is the new artistic director of Chamber Music Monterey Bay.

While the concert is free, the school is collecting donations. Proceeds benefit the Food Bank for Monterey County. The school is located at 1500 Mark Thomas Dr.

Live music Dec. 9-15

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The Barnyard shopping center — singer and guitarist Dan Cortes plays in the garden (Saturday at 1 p.m.); 3601 The Barnyard.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.); guitarist Gil Cadilli (jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist Martin Mans (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Haley Jane (rock, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist Johan Sotelo (Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.); and multi-instrumentalist Gary Regina (jazz, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.) on Carmel Valley Road at Laureles Grade.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (*60s music, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.) on Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel.

Chico restaurant in Monterey — The Dave Holodillo Duo (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer Lee Durley and pianist Bill Spencer (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and The Ben Herod Trio (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at 301 Alvarado St.

Cuc’s Sportsman’s Club in Seaside — The Chuck Brewer Band (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), The Transducers (rock and funk, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Tony Miles (Sunday at 4 p.m.) at 594 Broadway Ave.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist Gennady Loktionov and singer Debbie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), The Andrea Carter Trio (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist Richard Devine (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.) at Lincoln and Seventh.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist Kris Angelis (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist Talmon Owens (Saturday at 3 p.m.), Two Rivers with singer Richard Bryant and guitarist Kyle Kovalik (pop and rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Meredith McHenry (Moneder at 3 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Alex Lucero (Thursday at 3 p.m.) at 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Golden State Theater in Monterey — The Squirrel Nut Zippers (swing and jazz, Friday at 8 p.m.) and The Whiskey Wasps and others (free, Sunday at 5 p.m.).

417 Alvarado St. For tickets, visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Coute Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — Two Rivers with singer Richard Bryant and guitarist Kyle Kovalik (pop and rock, Tuesday at 8-9:30 p.m.) at 1901 Fremont Blvd. (831) 399-5825.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.) at 120 Highlands Drive.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist Fred McCarty (Friday at 6 p.m.) and Andrea’s Fault Duo (jazz and blues, Saturday at 5 p.m.) at 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — The Andy Weis Band with pianist Jon Dryden and bassist Steve Uccello (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), The Andy Weis Band See LIVE page 49A.

Singer Rachel DuVall-Schmidt and singer and multi-instrumentalist Billy Schmidt team up with others to play Sunday in Monterey.
LIVE
From page 47A

Band with pianist Jon Dryden and bassist Pete Lips (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and The Andy Weis Band with pianist Gary Meek and bassist Steve Cecello (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.)

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist Kenny Stahl (jazz, Saturday at 9 p.m.) and guitarist Terrence Ferrell (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.)

La Plaza Hotel — The David Morwood Band (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.)

The Links Club — Vick Silva Band (classic rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.) and Open Mic Night (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.)

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist Dan Cortes (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Hayley Jane (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist Gary Regina (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Wednesday at 6 p.m.).

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist David Conley (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.)

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — Mixtape (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), The Edge Band (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Dan Frechette (Thursday at 8 p.m.)

St. Mary’s-by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove — organist Nicholas Mourlam (holiday music, Saturday at 2 p.m.)

The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet in Monterey — featuring the premiere of "Very Like the Moon," presented by Colonel Bruce Sweeney (U.S. Army, ret.)

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Real Estate Sales Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

Escrows closed: 27
Total value: $45,828,000

Carmel

Fifth Avenue, 2 SW of Junipero — $2,300,000
Jose and Meredith Ramos to George McKee and Alice Holmes
APN: 010-431-005

3511 Mesa Court — $2,400,000
Karen Gardnerhine and Dennis Jones to John and Dana Richards
APN: 009-231-032

Cesanova, NW corner of 12th Avenue — $2,700,000
Ellen Weston to Velo LLC
APN: 010-273-012

Santa Lucia, 2 SW of Dolores — $4,495,000
William Farrar to Jerry and Christina Gilbert
APN: 009-381-006

Carmel Highlands

161 Spindrift, Carmel Highlands — $3,600,000
James Josephson and Christopher Brown to Diane Cullen
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Santa Lucia, 2 SW of Dolores — $4,495,000
William Farrar to Jerry and Christina Gilbert
APN: 009-381-006

Carmel Highlands

161 Spindrift, Carmel Highlands — $3,600,000
James Josephson and Christopher Brown to Diane Cullen
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www.ButterflyHouseCarmel.com

3 beds, 2.5 baths  ■  $6,400,000  ■  www.VistaDeLaPlayaCarmel.com

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2 beds, 2 baths  ■  $1,200,000  ■  www.223DelMesa.com
HOME SALES
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Carmel Valley

34 Asoleado Drive — $680,000
National Default Servicing Corp. to John Hannah and Kimberly Rollins
APN: 015-335-013

53 Hacienda Carmel — $716,000
Denise Rael to Ellen Weston
APN: 015-335-013

11555 Rancho Fiesta Road — $800,000
Travis Kouns to Nicholas and Alison Kite
APN: 416-027-006

19 Village Drive — $1,050,000
Karl Braun to Denise Rael
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224 Vista Verde — $2,000,000
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A Christmas tree in the house leads us to the little town of Bethlehem

TEN YEARS of living in a small apart-
ment dampened my enthusiasm for Christ-
mas decorations. A lifetime of ornaments
and lights went to whickever kids wanted
them, as did the 12-place setting of Lenox
Christmas dishes. Having a dozen folks for
dinner wasn’t practical in 700 square feet.
I kept the small ceramic Christmas tree
that had been in the family since Dasher
and Dancer were knee-high to Santa Claus.
It is still wrapped in decades-old faded
newspaper, drier than an evening service
at the Salvation Army. The light bulb that
illuminates it may have Edison’s autograph
on it. Setup is quick and easy. Switch it on
and all is calm, all is bright.

White Christmas
I had gone through almost 50 years of
trudging through inclement Western New
York and Michigan winters to buy Christ-
mas trees. It was a fun proj-
ect when shared with the
anticipatory enthusiasm of
children. One year, I even
did my best Jeremiah John-
son imitation and went into
the mountains to fell our
own worthy Scotch pine.
Well, maybe not the mountains, but to a
Christmas tree farm with a proprietor who
looked like a grizzly bear.
Anyone who has survived several
decades of this old Earth revolving around
the sun knows that life has more twists to
it than a contortionist imitating a pretzel.
Suddenly you go from
the sun knows that life has more twists to
it than a contortionist imitating a pretzel.
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The right one
Shopping for a tree is an expedition:
Tape measure? Check! Level? Check!
Utility knife? Check! Refractometer to
measure the sugar concentration of sap and
syrup — oops! Wrong kind of tree.
The right Christmas tree lot is import-
ant, too. We trade at one where the propri-
etor donates part of the sales to charity.
The trees are stately, perhaps descendents
of the great Mallorn whose seeds were passed
on to the elves in Middle-earth. I know
it’s a stretch, but I’m going for high drama

Scenic Views
By JERRY GERVASE

here.) There is no need to hasten our selec-
tion because the temperature is 61 degrees.
Somehow we are drawn to the same tree,
or it chooses us. It is full and fragrant. The
tree’s spine is checked for straightness
with the thoroughness of a chiropractor
performing a diagnostic examination.
It spends two days on the rear deck,
adjusting to its new surroundings. It is
in the presence of tall California pines
that seem to look after their diminutive
cousin. Finally, it makes into the liv-
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place of honor where it spends another day.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

PACIFIC GROVE: Report of a dog at large on Lighthouse Avenue. CARMEL VALLEY: Deputies responded to a medical emergency on West Garey Road and found a person deceased.

CARMEL VALLEY: A 36-year-old female on Puntta Del Monte resisted deputies and was arrested for methamphetamine. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed in the office of the County Clerk, pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of the statement pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code becomes public record upon filing.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA: Victim reported hit-and-run on a parked vehicle at Fourth and Guadalupe.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA: Female reported damage to the center divider in front of her home on 100th west of Camino Real. The resident routinely maintains the foliage on the center divider and the damage was caused by wild animals.

CARMEL VALLEY: Officers dispatched after report of a grand theft at Pelble Beach. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed in the office of the County Clerk, pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of the statement pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code becomes public record upon filing.

PELBLE BEACH: Corman Road resident reported theft of a check from a mailbox. The check was later cashed by an unknown person.

CARMEL VALLEY: Subject on Carmel Valley Road reported arrested property. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed in the office of the County Clerk, pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of the statement pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code becomes public record upon filing.

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CARMEL VALLEY: Victim on Rincon Road lost money to a scam.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA: Two subjects, a 32-year-old male and a 32-year-old female, were arrested in the area of Martin and Scriber at 01:12 hours for narcotics violations and possession of burglary tools.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA: Resident at Junipero and Victoria reported a damaged American flag.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA: Vehicle hit an unoccupied parked vehicle on Rio Road. Both vehicles towed.

CARMEL BY-THE-SEA: Female lost her purse while visiting Carmel Beach. She wanted to make a report in case the wallet was found and turned in.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA: A 47-year-old female at Highway 1 and Mesa was stopped and cited for driving on a suspended license.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA: A 53-year-old driver was stopped at Highway 1 and Carpenter at 22:23 hours and cited and released for having a suspended license and other vehicle code violations.

BIG SUR: Victim on Highway 1 reported of vandalism. Suspects are teenagers.

CARMEL VALLEY: Deputies responded to a family gathering at a Loma del Rey residence. Informational report only.

CARMEL VALLEY: Arrested after a conduct a welfare check on Atherton regarding an individual not taking his medication. It was determined the individual did not need to be placed on a mental health evaluation.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA: Intoxicated female at Ocean and Santa Rita at 1820 hours. Female was contacted and released to a sober family member.

PACIFIC GROVE: A wallet was turned in to the police department that was found at Cannery Row and Prescott in Monterey. Owner

See SHERIFF page 13RE
acclimating itself to the indoors and spreading its sweet scent throughout the house. Then out of storage come strings of lights at least 3 miles long, boxes of vintage ornaments and cases of Dickensian decorations all carefully wrapped in protective tissue paper. I apply the strands of lights, then stand aside.

Caution, artist at work! For the next two days, pieces are placed and moved, moved and placed with the precision and delicacy of J.M.W. Turner experimenting with pigments. Each ornament is tied on with red ribbon. No sharp metallic hooks will pierce the branches of a tree for neatness enough to be invited in. When it comes to tree trimming, she can out-strategize von Clausewitz. I am witnessing a study in ornamental placement, or rather ornamental ming, she can out-strategize von Clausewitz. I am witness-
ting to our prize house. We later learned that she negotiated on our behalf as the seller strongly considered an all-cash alternative. Our REALTOR was effective and efficient in leading us in our search and the accompanying legal paperwork.

Jerry Gervase can be contacted at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

Transformed

Finally, the last ornament has been moved for the last time. The tree is ready. A natural habitant of the outdoors, the tree has transformed the house. The star on top calls out for us to follow it back to Bethlehem to revisit an event that tells us that we are here, our lives have meaning, our mothers. That one came from Holman’s. These were my candles for the same effect.

Stars on bright winter nights the way Martin Luther used has been brought inside. Tree lights replicate the twinkling time. The tree is ready. A natural habitant of the outdoors, the tree has transformed the house. The star on top calls out for us to follow it back to Bethlehem to revisit an event that tells us that we are here, our lives have meaning, and that we count for something in this universe. Jerry Gervase can be contacted at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

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277-5780
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2116 Fountain Hill
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Pacific Grove: Mountain lion kill on Grove Acre.
Carmel area: Business owner at the Crossroads stated they were receiving annoying phone calls. The juveniles were located, admonished, and parents notified.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Pacific Grove: A traffic stop was conducted at Central and Eardley, and a 45-year-old female was cited and released on a misdemeanor warrant for failing to appear in court.
Carmel Valley: Deputies investigated a text message sent to a suicide hotline.
Carmel Valley: A theft with no suspect information was reported on Cachagua Road.
Big Sur: A vehicle burglary occurred on Highway 1 and was documented. No suspects were identified.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on San Carlos Street.
Pacific Grove: Officer dispatched to the lobby of the Pacific Grove Police Department regarding the theft from a mailbox on Forest Hill Road and possible attempted fraud. Officer contacted the victim, and at this time, there is no financial loss. There is a possible lead. The investigation is ongoing.
Pacific Grove: Report of fraud on Sines. The fraud has been going on since 2019, and the perpetrator(s) are unknown.
Pacific Grove: Family matter at a residence on Ransford Avenue involving a temporary restraining order.
Carmel area: Guadalupe Street resident reported male in a small hatchback vehicle looked under the resident’s vehicle, possibly to steal the catalytic converter, in the early morning hours.
Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services requested a welfare check on a client at a residence on Loma del Rey.
Subject located deceased in his home on Segundo Drive.
Pebble Beach: A male adult resident of Pine Meadow Way residence was placed on a 72-hour hold per Welfare and Institutions Code 5150 [danger to self or others].

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The Carmel Pine Cone December 9, 2022

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CARMEL STUDIO

29737 Schulte Road – $2,335,000
Roberts and Jennifer Nichols to Brad and Kabee Lesage
APN: 169-171-023

Highway 88

22260 Veronica Drive – $1,230,000
Brent and Amanda Hoeft to James Griffiths and Deborah
22260 Veronica Drive, Highway 68 – $1,230,000

APN: 169-171-053

27375 Schulte Road – $2,335,000
Carmel Valley (con’t.)
From page 4RE

2609 California Avenue – $1,075,000
Shea Homes LP to Adam and Marie Weiner
APN: 031-237-044

2613 California Avenue – $1,082,500
Shea Homes LP to Kristia Carranza
APN: 031-237-046

Imjin Road – $1,206,500
Shea Homes LP to Patrick Fitzpatrick and Patricia Chiang
APN: 031-101-054

Monterey

740 Lilly Street – $750,000
Jane De Lay to Christopher and Linda Gorman
APN: 031-133-020

814 Filmore Street – $842,000
Bob Tachibana to Travis Geske and Janelle Lemons
APN: 031-133-010

48 Cuesta Vista Drive – $1,500,000
Janet Walker to Janice Torell
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Soledad

Arroyo Seco Road – $2,850,000
Leslie Caviglia and Binsacca Trust to C 2 Company
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