CHP: Driver error to blame for quadruple-fatal Tesla crash

By MARY SCHLEY

It was operator error, not a mechanical failure or any other factor, that caused a Carmel Valley woman to run head-on into a semi on Highway 156 in Hollister last August, killing herself and her three kids, a California Highway Patrol investigator said.

Down the coast in Big Sur, much of Highway 1 was closed for several days as a preventative measure, making it easier for work crews to clean up the roads and debris that fell on the scenic route during the storms that hit Friday and Saturday.

Monterey County spokesman Mais Carroll gave an update on the sandbar later Sunday.

“The tide has begun to recede and the channel appears to be well established,” she said. “State parks life guards are onsite, and a rope barrier is in place to keep the public a safe distance from the channel.”

The Monterey Peninsula Water District revealed.

The majority of students, teachers and parents who want later start times on schooldays would still like classes to end around the same times they do now, a survey conducted by the Carmel Unified School District revealed.

“So, we want to have our cake and eat it, too,” superintendent Ted Knight told the CUSD board of education Wednesday night, though with requirements for a certain amount of “instructional minutes” each day, that would be tough to manage.

“I kind of want to come to work later and leave at the same time every day, but I’m not quite sure you guys would be OK with that,” he added.

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Beach bunny

ROY LIVES in the family fireplace, tucked into a small A-frame house with a mission-style entrance. Everything else he might need fits in there as well, his food and his “facilities,” all resting on a soft white rug. At night, after he hops into bed, his family sets the fireplace screen across the hearth, so everyone can rest assured he stays home.

Roy, named after character Roy Kent in the Apple TV show “Ted Lasso,” is actually a double-mane Lionhead rabbit.

Roy isn’t keen on the wood floors of his Pacific Grove home since it’s too hard to get traction when he hops. Particularly the space between his warren and where the rug ends, which he refused to navigate. So, his people put a pillow in the space, like the bridge over a moat. Ultimately, they bought a larger living room rug to fill the gap.

“Who knew a bunny could be litterbox trained?” said his person, who adopted Roy from The Bunny Trail Rabbit Rescue in Carmel. “They have the cutest rabbits. It’s usually good to get two bunnies because they do like companionship, although I think Roy gets enough attention.”

Roy has been to the seashore, primarily to Lovers Point, within walking distance from his home. Although he seems to love the great outdoors, he doesn’t love his leash and wants nothing to do with anything around his neck. So, the children carry him to the shore and keep him close. Sometimes the girls bring Roy to The Dance Center in Carmel, where they train. The owner of the rabbit rescue brings additional bunnies for socialization, so Roy gets in on the love.

“Rabbits are wonderful, as long as you get them fixed, so you don’t end up with more,” said his person.

Reba is a playful, snuggly 5-pound half Lionhead, half Californian rabbit. She loves other dogs and is a firecracker. She loves other dogs and is patient...I love, love, love them! I’m a sweet, high-octane cat who LOVES to explore and craves enrichment activities! Will you give me a chance and take me home. Please?

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For the second time in two weeks, a major residential project was given the green light when the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 3-1 to approve housing for 360 farmworkers in Pajaro—despite a unanimous vote by the county planning commission in September to reject the plan.

The approval comes after a Dec. 5 vote by the county’s Local Agency Formation Commission to approve a request by Soledad to annex 654 acres so 2,400 homes can be built. LAFCO’s executive director, Kate McKenna, had urged the commission to require Soledad and the developer, Nader Agha, to scale back the project.

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Food driver arrested for carrying drugs

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.

Wednesday, November 30

Carmel Valley: Report of alleged mental abuse at a residence on Via Las Encinas.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact made with a resident of Ladera who made a barking dog complaint to Monterey County Animal Services. All information was obtained, discussed and in the future, the resident will contact the City of Carmel. Contact made with the owner of the dog and information obtained.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Loose dog found in the area of 12th and Anapago. Brought to the station. Returned to owner.

Pacific Grove: Officer was in the lobby of the Pacific Grove Police Department when a person entered to speak with an officer regarding concerns about a facility on David Avenue. This report will be forwarded to investigators for review.

Pacific Grove: A bag containing clothing articles was found at Jewell and 17th and turned in to the police department.

Pacific Grove: Subject went to a gym located in the 1100 block of Forest Avenue and placed her backpack in an unlocked locker. While exercising, her property was stolen by an unknown person.

Pacific Grove: Medical call on Wood Street.

Thursday, December 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 33-year-old driver was cited at Carpenter and Highway 1 at 2145 hours for warrants and local fresh charges. Vehicle impounded.

Pacific Grove: Custody issue on Usery Avenue. Information only.

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The gavel falls

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

Nov. 15 — Frederico Goncalo Moreira Filho, 33, pled no contest to felony driving under the influence of alcohol causing great bodily injury, including bodily injury to multiple victims. He also admitted that he has prior DUI conviction.

On Nov. 14, 2021, at approximately 7:30 p.m., CHP officers were dispatched to the Bixby Creek Bridge regarding a two-vehicle collision with injury. The investigation revealed that the defendant was celebrating his birthday at Nepenthe in Big Sur. After consuming alcohol, the defendant decided to drive to Monterey. Due to the defendant’s level of intoxication, he lost control of the vehicle and crashed head-on into another vehicle.

Four people were injured in the collision, including two children who were airlifted to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. A 3-year-old had pain and bruising all over his body and his 12-year-old brother had a fractured ankle. The father of the children had injuries to his hands, and the defendant’s passenger had internal bleeding, a fractured arm, and a dislocated elbow.

When officers contacted the defendant, a strong odor of alcohol emanated from his breath, his eyes were red and watery, and he slurred his words. His blood alcohol content was 0.11 percent. On Jan. 25, 2023, the Honorable Pamela L. Butler will sentence the defendant to five years in prison.

This case was prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
By MARY SCHLEY

FIVE YEARS ago, U.S. immigration agents picked up 213 inmates as they were discharged from Monterey County Jail. Last year, just two inmates were taken into federal custody for being felons who were in the country illegally, Monterey County acting Undersheriff John Thornburg told the board of supervisors Tuesday, and so far this year the total is three — one convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, one for a DUI crash that injured someone else, and one for sexual assault on a minor.

Thornburg reported the data during an annual report required by the state’s Truth Act, which took effect in 2016 to “put in some checks and balances regarding ICE access to inmates” and has, coupled with more recent legislation, resulted in a 99 percent decline in immigration handovers.

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Little notice

The California Values Act prevents law enforcement agencies from cooperating with ICE except when inmates have been convicted of felonies like child abuse, sex crimes, robbery, firearms offenses, kidnapping, stalking, hate crimes, gang offenses, murder, torture and mayhem.

“When an inmate is booked and ICE has an interest in accessing the inmate, ICE must provide qualifying charge/conviction information to the jail,” he explained. “The jail will verify the criminal history information, validate the conviction to the exceptions list, and determine if the law allows information sharing with ICE. If the charge and timelines are valid, the jail will share the date an inmate will be discharged.”

While the Truth Act hearing before county supervisors in 2019 prompted several members of the public, including a few from the local chapter of the ACLU, to ask the board to prohibit the sheriff’s office from dealing with federal immigration agents states that “under no circumstances shall

Jail handovers to immigration cut by 99 percent in wake of new laws

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Investigator sued over ‘false’ background check for sheriff

By KELLY NIX

A MARINA man who had been hired conditionally by the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office alleges in a new lawsuit that a local private eye and his company reported “false” information in a background check that cost him the job.

In a lawsuit filed Dec. 7, Edgar Lopez Ortiz said that the sheriff’s office offered him a job in December 2020 provided he met certain requirements. As part of that process, the sheriff’s office subjected Ortiz — as it does all prospective employees — to a rigorous background check, and it hired Del Rey Oaks-based Bill Uretsky and his company, Uretsky Security, to do it.

But Ortiz alleges that Uretsky Security provided the sheriff’s office with false information about him, which led the agency to deny him the job.

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By KELLY NIX

A woman who was raised in Monterey County but has spent the last two dozen years in Fresno will be the new county administrative officer, the board of supervisors announced Tuesday.

Sonja De La Rosa was chosen to succeed retiring county administrative officer Charles McKee, whose last day is Dec. 30. De La Rosa, the deputy county administrative officer for Fresno County, starts her job in Monterey County Jan. 9, 2023. She will be paid $201,900 plus benefits.

McKee praised the Monterey County Board of Supervisors’ selection of De La Rosa, saying it’s a “great thing” for the county.

“She comes with a wealth of experience,” McKee said.

District 2 Supervisor John Phillips, a former Superior Court judge who is leaving his position on the board, pointed to De La Rosa’s experience with various county departments, and he congratulated her and welcomed her back home to the county.

“For me, it wasn’t having the first Latina, it wasn’t about a woman and it wasn’t about race, it was about the best person who was qualified,” Phillips said. “And that’s what I think our decisions always have to be.”

District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez thanked De La Rosa for “stepping up to the challenge” and applying for the job.

“As you embark on this journey with us, I look forward to supporting you in this new role,” Lopez said.

Right time

Monterey Peninsula supervisor Mary Adams told De La Rosa “I have no question in my mind that you are the right person for the right job at the right time,” Adams said.

“I’m really looking forward to the opportunity to work with you,” Adams said.

Phillips said. “And that’s the ‘right time’" and applying for the job.

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Puddin says, “When it’s raining cats and dogs, be sure not to step in the puddles.”

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BORN IN THE MONTEREY PENINSULA, Genevieve is the newest member to join The Heinrich Team. She brings her recent Coldwell Banker Realty experience as the Field Marketing Specialist for the Monterey region, she passionately assisted agents from the beautiful storybook town of Carmel-By-The-Sea and all of Monterey Peninsula. She established personalized marketing consultations and custom marketing plans; she knows the value of Coaching to Confidence. She’s outstandingly patient, dedicated, and supportive, often going above and beyond what is asked of her because there isn’t a job, she will not get complete. Genevieve has a tenacity that drives her to learn more and grow, not only for her development but for those whom she serves as well. When she is not keeping current with new marketing initiatives, you can find Genevieve sharing her newfound knowledge of real estate with her personal sphere. On her days off, you can find her picking up new extreme hobbies like crocheting, building model kits, mountain biking, off-road camping, and the most extreme of all, being the human butler to her diva kitty, Chloe.
Police arrest man for drugs, gun

A MARINA man arrested by Pacific Grove Police officers late last week for waiving a handgun, making threats and possessing drugs — an event that briefly caused the lockdown of two nearby schools — was charged with just one misdemeanor Monday.

On Dec. 8 at about 12:30 p.m., the P.G. Police Department said it received reports of a “suspicious person” in the Fairway Shopping Center parking lot on Forest Avenue who was “behaving erratically and waiving a hand- gun.” A witness told police the man was driving a grey Honda.

Less than 10 minutes later, officers spotted the vehicle at Sylvia and Ransford and pulled it over. With guns drawn, they ordered Joshua Kim, 27, to get out of his car. He was taken into custody, and officers recovered a replica handgun and what they believed were psychedelic mushrooms.

Kim was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail on suspicion of brandishing a firearm, possession of drugs and criminal threats with the “intent to terrify.” He’s being held on $40,000 bail. By Tuesday morning, though, Kim had posted bail and was no longer behind bars.

Charges didn’t stick

On Monday, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office filed a criminal complaint against Kim, but only for being in misdemeanor possession of psilocybin. Kim “did unlawfully possess a con- trolled substance, to wit, psilocybin,” the complaint filed by deputy district attorney Cristina L. Johnson alleges.

However, the DA’s Office did not charge Kim with the more serious brandishing a firearm and criminal threats, as alleged by the Pacific Grove Police Department.

Asked about the other charges, Johnson told The Pine Cone, “I do not anticipate filing additional charges based upon that incident.”

Prosecutors may decline to file charges if they believe it’s unlikely a defendant will be convicted of the crimes.

During the incident, Pacific Grove police told the school district to lock down the two schools.

“The police department placed Pacific Grove High School and Pacific Grove Middle School on lockdown to ensure all students and staff were safe,” PGUSD said in the message to parents.

PGPD later explained that it did not direct the district to also lock down Forest Grove and Robert Down elementary schools because the “event unfolded so quickly.”

On Tuesday afternoon, however, PGUSD superintendent Ralph Porras informed parents that he and other district staff met with PGPD Cmdr. David Samos this week to talk about the incident, and they agreed that “improvements” to emergency response protocols are necessary.

For instance, Porras said the district and police agreed to assign one PGUSD staffer to be the point of contact with police and county communications during emergencies, work on “standardizing” language between the police and the district, including clarifying the differences between a “lockdown” and “secure campus,” and develop a schedule to train school district staff on how to respond to emergencies.

Investigation on how he died ongoing

A MONTEREY man found critically injured in a Pacific Grove roadway in November, and who died shortly thereafter, has been identified by police. But the circumstances surrounding the demise of the longtime Highlands Inn employee remain a mystery.

On Nov. 12, a citizen reported to police that a man with a head injury was lying in the middle of Laine Street at Eastley Avenue at about 2:40 a.m. Emergency responders tried saving the man, but he died. On Dec. 8, Pacific Grove Police Publicly identified the man as Anthony Talbott, 55, of Monterey.

While Pacific Grove police initially called Talbott’s death “suspici- ous,” the department later said that there did not appear to be any foul play. It’s not known why PGPD — which routinely withholds important information from the public — kept Talbott’s identity a secret for so long.

Suspicious? According to Talbott’s Monterey County death certificate, there is a “pend- ing investigation” into the cause of his death, which the document indicates occurred at 3:07 a.m. — about 25 minutes after he was found critically injured on a street in a residential neighborhood.

Talbott worked at the Monterey Beach Hotel and was a housekeeping coordinator for the Highlands Inn, now called the Hyatt Carmel Highlands. He worked at both hotels for more than 30 years, according to an obituary in the Los Banos Enterprise.

Talbott, one of four children, graduated from Los Banos High School and attended college in Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo. According to the obitu- ary, Talbott “danced for many years in the Los Banos Basque Group and regularly attended Basque picnics all over California and Nevada.”

The obituary said Talbott was a “stranger to no one and found great purpose sharing the success, joys and challenges of all around him. He was authentically and wholeheartedly there for those in his life,” including his mother, Marlene Talbott of Los Banos.

It’s not clear what Talbott — who lived on Spencer Street in Monterey — was doing in Pacific Grove in the early morn- ings hours before his death. An autopsy was performed to help determine how he died. A toxicology test was performed, but it’s unclear if a lab has released the results to law enforcement.

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Hotel employee identified in mysterious death on P.G street

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WATER MATTERS
COASTAL COMMISSION LETS WHARF RESTAURANTS KEEP OUTDOOR DINING

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER WARNING restaurants on Old Fisherman’s Wharf in Monterey that much of their outdoor seating had to go because it was interfering with public access, the California Coastal Commission this week agreed to allow it to stay through the end of 2023.

Without the extension, the outdoor seating was set to end just weeks from now.

In July, the powerful state watchdog group sent a letter to wharf restaurant owners contending that all of them “appear to be impeding general public access on the wharf.” The agency reported that their investigation was triggered by a complaint.

At one point, the agency told the city that the restaurants had just two weeks to remove the offending outside seating.

But this week, the coastal commission backed off its earlier hardline stance.

“We acknowledge the present difficulties that wharf businesses continue to face with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, coupled with the seasonal surge in other respiratory illnesses,” the agency announced in a letter this week. “We fully understand the role that outdoor dining plays in navigating this challenge.”

The executive director of the Fisherman’s Wharf Association, Wendy Brackett, had warned the mandate would cause 30-40 percent of workers there to lose their jobs and cause the restaurants to lose 30 percent of their sales.

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Police, fire lend hand to Braxton’s Toys

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

BRAXTON’S TOYS — the toy drive started by the parents of Braxton Stuntz after he died at Garrapata Beach in January 2019 when he was just 18 years old — is getting a little extra help this year from men and women in uniform.

Nurse Ruth Baltes, Stuntz’ mother, said this year’s is the third toy drive organized by the Braxton Stuntz Foundation, which she and the late teen’s father, surgeon Mike Stuntz, started shortly after the Stevenson School grad’s death.

“From a young child, Braxton would give toys to the local collection bin,” she said, so they’re carrying on his “compassion for others through various causes in the community.”

In addition to CPD at Junipero and Fourth, Bruno’s at Junipero and Sixth, Bennett Sculpture Gallery on Dolores north of Sixth and Starbucks in the Crossroads, drop-off locations can be found listed at braxtonstuntzfoundation.org.

The foundation will distribute the toys at Boronda Meadows Elementary School in Salinas Dec. 22, according to Baltes.

Last year, nearly 2,000 toys were collected.

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Planning commission to meet earlier

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN PLANNING commission meetings run four hours or longer, it can mean a late night for the people who are voting on building plans, policies and other projects in town, since they begin at 4 p.m. Starting earlier would better serve the public and the officials themselves, according to commissioner Robert Delves.

“I think on average, we go four-and-a-half hours, and it’s not unheard of for us to go past 10 p.m.,” he said at the start of Wednesday’s meeting. “I lose my effectiveness at about 8 p.m. By going so late, it’s almost a disservice to the public.”

Delves served on the city council in another city and instigated a shift to morning meetings there. “The response was overwhelmingly positive,” he said at the Dec. 14 meeting. “Staff preferred it more, the vast majority of elected officials and all appointed officials enjoyed it more, and the applicants and citizens enjoyed it more.”

But morning meetings would be nearly impossible for people who work, others pointed out. “I’m exceptionally against it,” commissioner Chris Bolton said. “It eliminates my ability or other people who have to work to participate both on the commission side and on the public side. I find it to be an elitist suggestion, and I’m completely against it.”

Commissioner Erin Allen said she works in “corporate America” and already has a tough time getting her boss to let her off work in time for the commission’s 2 p.m. tour of properties on the agenda and the 4 p.m. meeting each month.

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Gateway Center enhances services with wheelchair-enabled electric van

By ELAINE HESSER

The Gateway Center in Pacific Grove has been serving adults with Down Syndrome and other intellectual disabilities for 60 years. It not only operates three care facilities where participants live, it provides assistance to people “in the comfort of their own homes,” including training in subjects like money management, hygiene, and a host of other skills most adults take for granted.

In addition, there are day programs in Pacific Grove and Salinas that offer a wide variety of services. But for many of the Center’s clients, finding transportation to those programs can be a challenge — not to mention figuring out how to get to the doctor or go grocery shopping. The center provides 500 no-fee rides each year to people who use wheelchairs, using just one van that can transport one wheelchair.

Last month, the center announced that thanks to an initial $60,000 taxpayer grant from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County — and subsequent donations from Aera Energy in Bakersfield, as well as Vistra Corp. (an energy company) and The Landman Trust, both in Texas — it purchased a new, $115,000 Ford electric van, which can carry two wheelchairs at a time.

Important trips

“This electric wheelchair-accessible passenger van is crucial to the success of our various programs, as there are many opportunities around Monterey County are inaccessible without transportation,” said Robert Freiri, executive director of the center. The new van will allow us to transport developmentally disabled adult clients and community members to medical appointments, dentist appointments, shopping trips and events,” he added.

The center also said it would like to purchase three more electric vans over the next three years and “hopes to have an all-electric fleet within the next six years.” Freiri added that they’ve already submitted grant applications to two organizations they’ve worked with in the past and are participating in a community-wide fundraising effort for the second van.
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from starting before 8 a.m. and high schools from starting before 8:30, except in districts deemed rural, which CUSD is. The bill was based on American Academy of Pediatrics research concluding that starting classes later in the morning more closely aligns with teenagers’ preferred wake-sleep cycles, “leading to better overall health and school performance,” Knight said. Nonetheless, teachers unions and administrators didn’t support the law “due to concerns of local control and the complexity of school start times while balancing other aspects of education.”

“Doing a change like this is not easy,” he said.

Sleeping in

As it stands, the youngest kids start their days at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., elementary schools begin at 8:30 a.m. (Captain Cooper) and 8:40 a.m. (River and Tularcitos), and the middle and high schools start at 7:45 a.m.

In April, Knight suggested taking this year to delve deeply into the issue with hopes of developing options that could be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year. And rather than decide this month, he recommended waiting until January, to see if anyone is going to sue the district over its recent approval of the new Carmel High stadium lights. “If we had a restraining order or injunction waiting until January, to see if anyone is going to sue the community are, and only 14 percent of the high school, where 66 percent said they are either “completely dissatisfied” or “somewhat dissatisfied.” None of them supported later release times, though those in the 3 p.m. hour were found to be much more acceptable than those at 4 p.m. or later.

While some districts have handled the late-start mandate by swapping the hours of lower grades and upper grades, Knight said that’s not a viable solution. “We don’t want to create a situation of winners and losers where we make one group happy at the expense of others,” Knight said. “The goal is to try to identify the tradeoffs and find the best compromise.”

For one, it would make more sense to aim for an 8 a.m. or 8:05 a.m. start, rather than the 8:30 a.m. time called for in the law, according to Knight.

“We have heard a lot from outlying communities about how late kids would get home,” he explained.

To make up the time, he listed a few possible solutions, including reducing the number of bus stops to make commuting faster, revising the homework practices so kids aren’t forced to do schoolwork late into the night, and carving minutes out of the day by serving breakfast before the first bell and/or shortening breaks.

Jack Norman, who represents the high school students on the board, said the survey reflects what he heard on campus, and he suggested that the board continue to seek feedback from students on whatever decisions it makes.

Board member Karl Pallasstrini said shortening breaks is not likely to be popular, considering how impacted students’ days are already, but he encouraged revamping the homework policy, as did other trustees.

Board member Anne Marie Rosen said she’d also like to see “a schoolwide sleep campaign” to inform kids and parents about “best sleep practices,” like shutting off electronic devices well before bedtime.

Board President Sara Hinds suggested testing different start times in a pilot program, but Knight said parents would be confused and “don’t like us experimenting with their kids,” and it would be hard to sell the idea to the teachers and staff.

“We could try a pilot program, but I don’t know whether we would glean anything from it other than frustrating people,” he said.

At the end of the presentation and discussion, Knight reminded the board that informational sessions will be held virtually Dec. 19 for staff at 6 p.m. and the community at 7 p.m. To watch, find the link at carmelunified.org/domain/776.

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A week late due to rain, Santa set to land Saturday at old airfield

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

POSTPONED BY rain Dec. 10, the 64th annual Santa’s Fly-In is now set for this Saturday.

Accompanied by Mrs. Claus, Santa will arrive by helicopter at the former Carmel Valley Airfield around 10:30 a.m. From there, Santa will lead a parade through Carmel Valley Village. The parade ends at Carmel Valley Community Park, which will host a post-parade party.

“Festivities will start around noon,” reported the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center, which is organizing the post-parade gathering. “There will also be food, games, carriage rides and the MY Museum Wheelie Mobile. Come join us for another magical holiday celebration in the village.”

Community Holiday Dinner at fairgrounds

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE 37TH Annual Free Christmas Dinner will be held at the Monterey County Fairgrounds on Christmas Day, but revelers won’t dine there as they have in the past, according to organizer Rich Hughett.

“Because of Covid, we will not be serving dinner in the Monterey Room, but instead we will be handing out complete cooked holiday meals for people to eat at home,” he explained. “There will also be some other free items available.”

The annual dinner is hosted by the Community Dinner Organization in collaboration with the Monterey County Fairgrounds and is free and open to anyone who wants or needs it.

Organizers are looking for volunteers to help prepare and distribute the dinners. Prospective helpers should call Tiffany at (831) 233-2780 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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Bankman-Fried made the donation to Panetta through ActBlue, an online fundraising platform for Democratic Party candidates.

Panetta said he also met Bankman-Fried through the congressional bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, of which Panetta is a member.

“He spoke to the group,” the congressman said.

But Panetta — like dozens of other mostly Democratic congressional candidates who got money from Bankman-Fried — said Thursday morning he’s planning on returning the funds.

“We are giving back the donation,” Panetta told The Pine Cone. “At this time, I and many of my congressional colleagues who received donations from this particular individual are working with legal counsel to determine if we can return it directly to the donor or make a donation to charity in the same amount without creating any burden on a nonprofit organization.”

Bankman-Fried donated more than $5 million to President Joe Biden’s 2020 campaign, according to the Wall Street Journal. The White House has not said what Biden plans to do with the money now that Bankman-Fried’s empire has turned out to be a fraud.

Most of the donations Bankman-Fried made were through Protect Our Future, a super PAC aligned with the Democratic Party, including a $1 million campaign contribution to Southern California congressional candidate Robert Garcia, who was elected to the seat Nov. 8.

‘Intentional fraud’

The 30-year-old Bankman-Fried, who lives in the Bahamas, was taken into custody by Bahamian police Tuesday at the behest of the U.S. government after federal prosecutors with the Southern District of New York charged him in an eight-count indictment alleging fraud, money laundering, campaign finance offenses, wire fraud and other charges. If convicted, Bankman-Fried — a media darling — could spend decades in prison.

The charges arise from an alleged wide-ranging scheme by Bankman-Fried to misappropriate billions of dollars of customer funds deposited with FTX, the international cryptocurrency exchange he founded, and misled investors and creditors of FTX and Alameda Research, a hedge fund he also owned.

“As today’s charges make clear, this was not a case of mismanagement or poor oversight, but of intentional fraud, plain and simple,” U.S. Attorney Damian Williams told the media Tuesday. And much of the money Bankman-Fried siphoned from his investors was given to politicians, according to the allegations.

FBI Assistant Director Michael J. Driscoll said Bankman-Fried knowingly defrauded FTX customers “through the misappropriation of the customer deposits to pay expenses and debts of a different company he owned, as well as make other investments.”

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“The suburban mom accepts her husband’s invitation to open marriage and proceeds with a singleness of purpose no one saw coming,” reads a teaser for the play, which was written by Roger-McKeever and directed by Austin Pendleton. Cellist Tanya Tomkins created the musical score.

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supervisors that her firm has so far built housing in the county for about 3,000 farmworkers. “We’ve successfully put together four projects that are very similar to the one proposed today,” she said. Avila responded to complaints by some that the project is simply too big to rely on narrow and populated Susan Street for its access. She conceded the street is narrow, but said studies show the road is underutilized, and will continue to be so after the farmworkers housing is built. “It’s really hard to find somewhere else,” she explained. “The site has the proper zoning, and it’s ideal to put housing next to existing housing.” Avila urged supervisors to OK the scaled-down plan. “We’ve proved this project with studies and facts,” she added. “I realize change can be scary, but we’re leaning heavily on experts. We really need housing in this community.”

Alejo, Lopez: we need housing

Just as they did at the Dec. 5 hearing when LAFCO approved Soledad’s annexation of agricultural land for housing, supervisors Luis Alejo and Chris Lopez spoke out in favor of building housing in Pajaro. Both are also members of LAFCO. “We have such a great crisis of housing and homelessness,” Alejo said. “I can’t say ‘no’ to this project that I think has been changed to address the needs of the community.” Lopez praised Avila Construction for the farmworker housing the company has already built in the county. He also said he’s taken at close look at the plan now under consideration. “I’ve been on site several times at different times of day to feel it out and understand what’s happening there,” he said. “It’s quality housing that people who come here deserve.”

Proposal reaches finish line

As a mitigation measure, supervisor Wendy Root Askew suggested requiring the builder to make a contribution to the local park district. In response, builder agreed to give $25,000 each year for five years. Supervisor Mary Adams said she had concerns about how construction would impact the Susan Street neighborhood, and she urged her colleagues not to approve the plan until a temporary access road could be established through negotiations with a neighbor. “We need farmworker housing,” Adams countered. “But we need housing for all people — I’m conscious of safety and the neighborhood.”

But her idea didn’t gain any traction with her colleagues. Alejo made the motion to approve the plan, with Askew seconding it. Alejo, Lopez and Askew voted for it, while Adams voted against it. Phillips recused himself from the vote.

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As of Friday, data from the water district showed that the river was flowing at just under 5 cubic feet per second. By Saturday evening, that number had shot up to nearly 1,100 cubic feet per second before slowing down to about 100 cubic feet per second as the rains stopped.

While the river is flowing to sea, Carroll reminded people to be cautious of the fast-moving water rushing to the sea.

“If a channel opens to the ocean, be advised that unsafe ocean conditions may occur,” she said.

Minor flooding reported

In Carmel-by-the-Sea, a fallen tree closed Carpenter Street for several hours on Saturday. And the rising Carmel River sent water into three dead-end streets along the north edge of the lagoon, Monte Verde, Camino De Real and River Park Place, where sandbags have been erected to protect homes.

“Crews have been pumping surface water from the neighborhood adjacent to the lagoon,” Carroll said.

At Mission Ranch, a flock of sheep could be seen stranded on a piece of high ground. They were returned to safety after the lagoon drained.

The Carmel River Steelhead Association celebrated the news that the river is flowing swiftly again, calling it “a great start to the winter steelhead migration season.”

National Weather Service forecaster Crystal Oudit told The Pine Cone that the recent storm brought 5.5 inches of rain to one monitoring site in the Carmel Highlands, while 3.4 inches were recorded at Monterey Airport over the same time period.

According to the water management district, 4.73 inches of rain fell Saturday and Sunday at Los Padres Dam.

Highway 1 in Big Sur reopens

In anticipation of heavy rain — and worried about flash floods and mudslides that could occur on terrain that was stripped bare of vegetation by the recent Colorado and Dolan fires — Caltrans announced Dec. 9 that it was closing Highway 1 between Ragged Point and Palo Colorado Road — a distance of 63 miles.

Over a five-day span starting Dec. 8, more than nine inches of moisture was recorded on one rain gauge located high in the Santa Lucia mountains, while 4.5 inches was tallied at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. Closer to town, about 3 inches were recorded at Rocky Point.

By late Saturday morning, the north end of the closure was moved south to Doctor’s Big Sur Inn, shrinking the closed section of the scenic route to 45 miles.

At the same time, Caltrans crews were busy removing rocks and debris from the pavement and assessing conditions.

By Monday at noon, the entire highway was reopened, although motorists were notified that they could expect 10-minute delays at Paul’s Slide just south of Lucia. The delays were needed so workers could “clean out of material behind protective and catchment barriers.”

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The update went on to note that his twin daughters were set to go on Carmel High School’s annual trip to Washington, D.C., this year, and he believes that “with sufficient time and preparation, they were intended to be resolved for years,” he said. “We can come together and do big things for Carmel that will have a positive impact for generations.”

Dramov also encouraged the public at large to get involved in local government, learn about the issues and speak out when needed.

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By CHRIS COUNTS

TAKEN BY photographer Steve Zmak two years ago, an extraordinary photo of a lightning strike over the Pacific Ocean recently earned him a top prize at a prestigious competition for black and white photography, the annual Black and White Spider Awards.

Titled “Super Mega Bolt hits the Monterey Bay,” the image was taken Aug. 16, 2020, when lightning triggered numerous wildfires throughout the state.

Zmak’s lightning photo took 1st Place in the Nature Category for Professionals. He also came in 3rd Place in the contest for Photographer of the Year and earned nominations in other categories. A member of the Center for Photographic Art, which is based at Sunset Center, Zmak told The Pine Cone that on average he enters both these competitions for more than 10 years and have never risen above honorable mentions and nominations, so this came as a thrilling shock.

Zmak’s triumph is all the more impressive when you learn joyfully calling out to him “Hi, Mr. T.!” He made a difference in the lives of countless students.

Dwight was a talented architect, builder and general contractor. He built and remodeled many homes in Kirkwood, California, and on the Monterey Peninsula. He built his own home in Carmel-by-the-Sea in 1967 from the trees he felled on the property, and a family cabin in Kirkwood in 1973. Everyone who knew Dwight felt and appreciated his big heart, warm smile, giving nature and keen observations. Dwight loved nothing more than a good conversation and an even better joke. He was charismatic, patriotic, open-minded, sapical, and creative. He possessed incessant energy and believed that education was one of the most noble of all endeavors. One could often find Dwight tending to his place of joy — his garden. He also loved hunting, fishing, canoeing, writing poetry, playing and listening to music, helping people, telling stories, and building and fixing things. He needed to return to his childhood home of the countryside, and to his college friend, Anita Constance Arellano. The four of them traveled together, socialized and built a cabin in the Sierra. That lasted until Connie died in 1968. During those years, Carl held various teaching jobs, culminating in his activation of his Navy commission to teach at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He “never looked back.” After three years, he was hired by Monterey Peninsula College, where he taught until 2008.

After 1966, Carl held many leadership roles on the Monterey Peninsula. He was president of the Fort Ord Flying Club, chairman of the Pacific Grove Repeal Committee (otherwise known as “Bourown Renewal”), president of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Peninsula, director of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club and, later, president of the Carmel Music Society. Carl served as president of the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges in 1973 and 1974, when he was also Social Science Division Chair at MPC (and hired one Sandra). Later he was a founder of the Monterey Peninsula College Teachers’ Association and served as the vice president of the community college unit of the California Teachers’ Association.

In the following years, Carl became more active in the Democratic Party, becoming chair of the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee in 1999. He served in that capacity until 2006. His last public office came about when he was elected to the Monterey Peninsula College Board of Trustees in 2007. He was the first (and last) faculty person to serve in that role.

Carl and Sandy Kahn, who had known each other for years, created a new family in 2010, including Stephen and Tamara Kahn, Robert and Celine Kahn and grandchildren, Rachael, Hannah and Lauren Kahn.

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Image of lightning strike wins top prize in global B&W photo contest

Zmak took pictures from his roof for about an hour. “But then I realized that the storm was heading my way and wasn’t going to dissipate anytime soon, so I headed to Marina State Beach,” he said. He arrived about 1 a.m., but the park was closed — and so was the gate.

“Then I left my car on the street and walked in. There was a handful of other spectators, but they were scared off when three police vehicles pulled into the closed parking lot,” he said. “But the police told us that they were there for the show and let me go about my business.” So Zmak turned his attention back to the storm.

“I set up my tripod with a 16mm wide-angle lens to try to catch the bolt of the sky,” he continued. “As bolts started to drop, I took 6-second exposures to capture whatever came into my frame during that time. I got lots of shots as the storm moved north off the Peninsula and out to sea directly in front of me.”

It was around 3 a.m. when Zmak captured his prize-winning shot.

“The winds picked up to over 40 mph with 65 mph gusts,” he said. “The camera and I were getting sand-blasted, and I almost packed up, too. But about a minute later — BOOM! — I saw the biggest bolt I’ve ever seen.”

Award is a ‘thrilling shock’

Zmak was happily surprised by all the attention he received for his lightning photo. “I’m still in disbelief,” Zmak said he said he said three weeks ago when he heard the news that he had won the award. “I’ve been entering both these competitions for more than 10 years and have never risen above honorable mentions and nominations, so this came as a thrilling shock.”

Photographer Steve Zmak captured his eye-catching image of a lightning strike over the Pacific Ocean at Marina State Beach during a summer storm two years ago. 
Free speech no more

Not long ago, there was a local controversy that had everybody up in arms — a controversy that seems laughably quaint compared to what’s going on in this country today.

For years a man who lived along Highway 1 just this side of the Carmel Highlands General Store turned his property into a shrine of a local land mark by decorating his fence with “Exit Iraq” signs and similar banners.

World War II vet Bill Stewart was the outspoken gentleman, and among his fervent causes was his opposition to the George W. Bush administration and its policy of removing Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein from his palace.

For the most part, Mr. Stewart was left in peace while he made his political views known. But one night in December 2005, somebody ripped Stew- art’s “Exit Iraq” signs down — presumably because he disagreed with them. And then Stewart called the sheriff and asked that the culprit be tracked down for committing what he called a “despicable” violation of his First Amendment rights.

Of course, as we pointed out in an editorial at the time, unless somebody from the government took the signs down, the vandalism committed against Stewart wasn’t really a violation of his First Amendment rights. There’s nothing in the Constitution about private individuals interfering in each other’s speech. But destroying someone else’s property certainly violates state laws. And if the perpetrators were caught (which they never were), that is what they would have been punished for.

Stewart’s exaggerated reaction to the destruction of his signs is one of the things about the episode that seems quaint in retrospect. But even weirder is what we said in an editorial printed shortly after the vandalism happened.

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Could those words have been true just 17 years ago?

Nowadays, the political climate has changed so much, the concept of people respecting each other’s right to speak out on controversial topics hardly seems to exist at all, much less be deeply rooted.

Instead, in 2022 America, thanks to the fracturing of our political climate and the proliferation of online political forums, it’s become normal to call somebody you disagree with names and demand that they be silenced. We even have numerous clichés — “fake news,” “hate speech,” “trigger warning,” “microaggression” and the like — to signal when something is so inappropriate it shouldn’t be heard at all. Many people have started to call for government limits on what can be said, and there are even calls for anybody who says the “wrong” things into being harassed or boycotted into submission. And it’s not just the malcontents and diehards who support such things.

This week we learned that the University of Missouri’s once-vaulted journalism school has adopted restrictions on what its students can say — going so far as to prohibit “reporting that is racist in fact or connotation” and the “elimination of nationalistic, racist, sexist and other demeaning remarks, whether said in seriousness or jest.”

You recall that several years ago a California congressional representa- tive called for public shaming of anybody associated with the Trump admin- istration — even if they were just doing something as innocent as shop- ping for groceries or having dinner in a restaurant. And then the head of the California Democratic Party called for a boycott of a prominent fast food chain because its owners donated $25,000 to the California Republican Party. Numerous universities and colleges across this country have banned speakers because of what they might say.

All that is bad enough when politicians or members of the public do it. But journalists are supposed to be some of the country’s foremost defenders of the first amendment, right?

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Unraveling the mystery of who designed Hank Ketcham’s house

CARTOONIST HANK Ketcham created “Dennis the Menace” in 1950 while living in Carmel Woods. In 1955, he bought what was known as the Wolferman Ranch in Carmel Valley. A review of historic records reveals the ranch’s interesting history.

Being a historian is a bit like being a detective and a jigsaw puzzle maker. Old jigsaw puzzles are interesting because when you open the box, you sometimes find a clump of pieces someone has already assembled, while often times the pieces can also be very hard to identify.

In Ketcham’s 1991 autobiography, "The Merchant of Dennis the Menace," Ketcham recalled his "charming Spanish hacienda ranch" that in the 1950s was the home of ranch foreman Dick McKenziel.

Today’s Casa Zarazúa (top) was the foreman’s house of Rancho El Robledo when Hank Ketcham acquired the ranch in 1955. Nestled among the oaks of Carmel Valley, the 19th century cabin, with an adobe residence and guest cottage, with a swimming pool and cabana and a Victorian-looking ranch house for the foreman and his family, designed in the 1890s by Wilson Mizner. In last week’s column, I wrote about the adobe main residence, designed by Hugh Comstock for the Wolf- erman in 1940. This week, we will look at the earlier history of the "Victorian-looking ranch house" that in the 1950s was the home of ranch foreman Dick McKenziel.

By NEAL HOTELLING

The puzzle began to unfold when Jeff Olson of the Carmel Valley History Cent- ter sent me a copy of the June 10, 1955, Carmel Valley News. It reported on Ketch- cham’s purchase adding, “The Wolferman, now Ketcham, estate was designed by the well known Miami builder Addison Mizner who lived here years ago.”

I knew of Addison Mizner (1872-1933), who was one of the most famous architects of the 1920s. While he is best known for his work in Florida, he had designed a palatial home for his niece, Ysobel Chase, in Pebble Beach. Wilson was his younger brother and not an architect. Both were native Californians and well traveled in their youth. Their father served as a U.S. Minister to Guata- mala. Addison Mizner lacked a degree, but in the late 1900s interned under San Francisco architect Willis Polk. Mizner moved to New York in the early 1900s and became deeply involved in building and interior design. He made annual buying trips to Europe, where he also picked up design ideas.

High demand

In 1919, Mizner traveled to Palm Beach, Fla., for his health. He found the climate to his liking, but not the buildings. The New England-style wood structures were unsuitable for the climate. When he was commissioned to design the Everglades Club in Palm Beach, which opened in 1919, he adopted a Span- ish-Mediterranean-style built with stone, stucco and tile. He built high ceilings to let the heat rise with lots of cross ventilation. His designs came into such high demand that he built his own factory to pro- duce roof and decorative tiles and reproductions of European architectural fea- tures. In 1925, he founded Mizner Development Corp. and began creating a planned city development.

A SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE LEADS TO AN INCOMPARABLE PHOTOGRAPHIC LEGACY

AMONG MORE than 24,000 images that have been archived over the past 40 years by photographer Craig Lovell are pictures of people, places and things that aren’t there anymore, and will never exist again.

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Fending off ‘the famous biting midges of Scotland’ and other tales

KEN KLUG’S life during his four most recent long walks in the United Kingdom was an open book — or rather, a public blog — updated in almost real time following each day’s foray into the ever-fickle weather. Friends, fellow hikers and armchair adventurers followed his progress as he slugged through mud, kept territorial critters at bay, watched a bull tumble hindquarters-over-teakettle down a hill after slipping on rain-stlicked limestone, and slathered himself in insect repellent to counter what he referred to as “the famous biting midges of Scotland.”

Blog readers also could suffer along when Klug lost his bearings, doing so often enough that he christened himself “Sir Lost-a-Lot.”

His German surname, Klug, translates to smart or clever, and those adjectives definitely apply to him. He is humble to a fault, though, and in fact poked fun at the book he published about his 1,200-mile walk from southwest England to northeast Scotland (available at blurb.com/29455916-my-1200-mile-summer) by pepper it with tongue-in-cheek ‘reviews’:

“A real page-turner” — S.F. Exterminer

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However, Klug’s writings are interesting and the accompanying photographs are often beautiful. His humor acquired under other circumstances. Any long walk wears you down physically, mentally and emotionally, but a solo pilgrimage from Land’s End at the southwest corner of England to John O’Groats, at the northeastern tip of Scotland. The trio dubbed themselves “The Three Must-Have-Beers.”

Among the other long-distance hikes Klug has taken are the waterways of southern England, the hills and dales of northern England, and the Isle of Man. In the days before blogs, he also completed treks with names like Wainwright’s Coast to Coast in England, the West Highland Way in Scotland, the Irish Coast to Coast, and the 2002 Shackleton Crossing of South Georgia — an island located just north of Antarctica.

That hike was only 25 miles, but because of the terrain and conditions, it was the most difficult Klug has ever undertaken. Together with a few others and their guides, including a physician, they recreated explorer Ernest Shackleton’s 1916 crossing of the island.

Klug’s initial reaction on seeing the stark landscape — a forbidding vastness, with barren stone jutting out of ancient ice — was that he wouldn’t be able to complete the trek after all. He considered remaining on the ship, but fear of what others might think if he backed down was stronger than his fear of dying on the glacier and he finished the journey, safe and sound.

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Tanzania and Nairobi.

“I studied Swahili and went on safari at a time when nobody worried about the lion populations and there also were a lot of rhinoceros,” he said. “Today, the lions and rhinos are endangered.”

But he credits his wife, Christine Kolisch, for sparking his hunger for international travel in the mid-1980s, and has shared many of his adventures with Christine and her son, Bodhi, who was 7 when his mom met Lovell.

“We fell in love and I started traveling,” Lovell said. “We all did a circumambulation around Mount Kailash, which is kind of like the mecca of Tibet — every Tibetan wants to walk around that sacred mountain before they die.”

A life-changer for Bodhi

That trek, and others, had a profound impact on young Bodhi, who eventually chose to live in Asia — originally to look for sea turtles in Thailand, then as an organizer of a relief fund after the country was devastated by a tsunami in 2004.

Bodhi was born in Nepal, where his mom lived from 1972 to 1985, the year she met Lovell. He graduated from Carmel High in 1996, Central European University in 1998, and UC Berkeley in 2000, with a degree in environmental science.

He lives in Thailand with his wife, Tu, and his son, Vajra Garrett, and has been active in supporting environmentally responsible tourism and sustainability, as well as other grassroots efforts.

Kolisch became a designer, manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer of clothing and handcrafts from Nepal in 1986 when she opened her own Carmel Valley business, Chippu Himal, which she operated until the pandemic hit.

Among many groups she still supports there, Kolisch was a co-founder in 2015 of We Help Nepal, a nonprofit for which Kolisch, Garrett and Lovell raised $600,000 for earthquake relief.

Lovell was educated at Western Washington University (1972-1973) and Humboldt State (1973-1975), then enrolled at Santa Barbara’s prestigious Brooks Institute of Photography, where he focused on advertising photography and pan flutes in the rain. Lovell wandered through sacred Inca ruins near Machu Picchu, savouring the silence. “It seems to me that the spirits arrive when it’s quiet,” he said.

“Then I climbed Wayna Picchu, this spire of a mountain, probably the most 3D place in the world,” he said. “You get to the top, where the shamans would predict things for the Inca civilization, and look down upon things for the Inca civilization, and look down upon all the giant mountains around it. It’s magical.”

Lovell moved to the Monterrey Peninsula in 1981, worked briefly for the Carmel Camera Center, then began freelancing for his own company, Eagle Visions Photogra- phy — still his brand today.

A favorite career gig was a stint with Wilderness Travel, which sent Lovell on 14 adventures around the world and spawned a show at the Pacific Grove Art Center he called “Faces of Asia.”

“I went to Tibet in 1986,” Lovell said. “I have photos of people who were still wearing Mao caps. “Lhasa, at the time, was full of traditional Tibetan structures, which have been knocked down,” he said. “At some point, your pictures become historical, because they’ve survived to show what once was.”

Lovell celebrated a memorable birthday above the tim- berline in Tibet, watching part of a sky burial.

“They cannot bury their dead up there because the ground is too hard, and they can’t burn the bodies because they’re above the tree line,” he said. “So they chop up the bodies, then feed them to the vultures. The birds eat your body and take you right up into the sky — a ‘sky burial.’ It’s actually quite uplifting to see, although it doesn’t seem like it would be.”

On a 16,000-foot Tibetan mountain pass, with snow falling, Lovell and Kolisch came upon a solitary monk sitting in a freezing-cold cave, wearing only a thin, cotton robe.

“He was basically a teacher, and we sat with him for a talk — a teaching — and I asked if I could take his picture,” Lovell said. “We spoke for half an hour, then he reached over, grabbed my wife’s mals (prayer garlands), put it in his lap, and said, ‘Now, it’s time for the photograph.’”

Lovell’s image features the monk posing with Chris- tine’s necklace and a milk-filled cup made from his own late teacher’s skull.

New possibilities

A financial turning point for Lovell arrived with the advent of the internet, when he began working with Cor- bin Images, an agency that marketed stock photography worldwide.

“They sold a whole lot of my pictures. It was really great,” he said. “Then everything got corporatized and prices dropped. But I still probably sell 200 of my photos a year — stuff that gets in books, magazines, travel brochures, advertising — all sorts of things.”

Some of the most colorful photos in his portfolio will be featured in his newest series, ”Magical Mysteries in Mexico,” a country where Lovell and Kolisch kept a home for 16 years.

Gallery’s on his website include fine art portraits, wild-life, architecture, festivals and scenery from his travels, as well as photos from the Monterey Jazz Festival, for which he serves as the official photographer.

Additional information, images of Lovell’s art and a link to a film he produced can be found online at eagle-vi- sions.com.

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Deer gets stuck, humans help out to free her

By KELLY NIX

A DEER that somehow got herself stuck in a fence in Pebble Beach was rescued this week by SPCA Monterey County workers.

The doe found herself awkwardly stuck in the fence on a Bonfiggio Road property for at least two hours, SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said. “They quickly called our Wildlife Center for help.”

Stuck at the lip, the deer tried but was unable to free herself, so humans stepped in to help. An employee with SPCA’s Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center placed a towel over the deer’s head to help calm the animal while another one of the nonprofit’s workers on the other side of the fence helped free it.

“This doe was sticky and made it clear she was in no rush to leave,” Brookhouser said. “They used a lubricant to help her slide through the bars and pushed her backward,” Brookhouser explained to The Pine Cone.

As soon as the animal was freed, she ran off to join other nearby deer.

The SPCA Wildlife Center is the only full-service wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center in Monterey County and rescues more than 2,500 injured, sick and orphaned wild animals every year.

To report wild animals in need of rescue, call (831) 264-5427. Go to spc monoc.org for more information about the organization and the wildlife center, which rely on donations to operate.

Seating

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The owner of Cafe Fina, Domenic Mercurio was happy to hear the news that outdoor seating could stay — at least for now.

“With over 1,700 petition signatures from residents and the support of the City of Monterey, Sen. John Laird and most of the borough merchants, the decision made by the California Coastal Commission was in the best interest of the people to improve their experience and create a welcoming environment,” Mercurio said. “Outdoor seating and restaurants are a way of life everywhere in the world, and it’s been like that for a long time. In fact, outdoor seating has been on the borough for over 15 years, and we look forward to it continuing well into the future.”

Brickman also celebrated the extension.

“All of us are thrilled with the decision of the coastal commission, as well as the huge support we received from both locals and visitors, the City of Monterey, the Monterey Chamber of Commerce and many others,” Brickman added. “The outdoor dining on Old Fisherman’s Wharf is extremely popular for so many reasons, and we are very grateful for this important extension granted by the commission.”

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Though Ortiz told Uretsky he passed. “Rather than reporting facts,” Uretsky Security, a consumer reporting agency, “took a narrative approach in the report and sought to cast Ortiz in a negative light,” according to his lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court by San Marino attorney Devin Fok.

“A cursory review of Soledad Police Department records and the recorded interview prior to disclosure” to the sheriff’s office “would have alerted Uretsky Security of the incorrect education and public records information,” Ortiz alleges. “Based on the report, Ortiz was denied employment with the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office.”

Ortiz claims that Uretsky Security failed to use “reasonable procedures” to ensure the information reported to the sheriff’s office was accurate, and that the company was “willful and/or reckless.”

Sheriff’s office named

Ortiz also names the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office as a defendant, alleging that the agency, among other things, violated state laws regulating background checks by failing to provide him a copy of Uretsky’s report about him and a copy of his rights, and other things.

As a result of the alleged background-check blunders, Ortiz said he’s suffered “actual damages, including loss of earnings, emotional distress and damage to his reputation. “He’s seeking monetary damages, including punitive damages, which can be awarded in cases involving malice or fraud.

Uretsky, formerly an officer with the Carmel Police Department, did not return a message from The Pine Cone about the civil complaint.

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Mizner designed the home in Pebble Beach as a family home, but until the references to the Ketcham ranch, I knew of nothing to associate him with Carmel Valley. A query to the Carmel Valley Historical Society showed they didn’t know of him either, but they did provide the Carmel Valley News noted above. As I continued to scour resources, I found the link.

‘Victorian looking’

An Aug. 26, 1928, article in the San Francisco Examiner reported: “Mr. Addison Mizner moved into the cabin which he recently remodeled on his newly acquired ranch in the Carmel Valley.” Another article from 1928 told of his Pebble Beach friends presenting him with “sundy livestock including two pigs, six ducks, 10 chickens, a bantam rooster and several pigeons.”

The Pine Cone of May 17, 1929, reported that Mizner “arrived on Saturday and has gone to his place at Los Robles in Carmel Valley.” The Oct. 14, 1932, Pine Cone further states: “Addison Mizner has for many years made his permanent home in Carmel Valley, although he is here only a small part of the time,” a point reaffirmed a few months later in his obituary in the Feb. 10, 1933, Pine Cone.

It was becoming clear that the earlier “Victorian-looking ranch house” was the cabin remodeled by Addison Mizner in 1928, and where he summered for about five years. It was likely the earlier home of Franklin and Lila Parse who, in 1896, sold what was then an 81-acre ranch cut out of the larger Rancho Tularcitos to Wilbur Hough.

I am grateful to George Lockwood, who compiled the title history a half-century ago. He purchased most of the ranch in 1971, made his home in the Comstock adobe, and subdivided the ranch into several parcels. Lockwood’s research shows that the larger ranch changed hands a few more times after Hough before becoming part of the vast acreage (about 11,000 acres) that Pacific Improvement Co. acquired in Carmel Valley so it could control and dam the Carmel River, and then pipe water to the Peninsula through its Monterey County Water Works. These lands and the water works were part of what S.F.B. Morse purchased in 1919 when he formed Del Monte Properties Co. and purchased the Pacific Improvement Co. holdings in Monterey County — holdings that more notably included Hotel Del Monte and Pebble Beach.

Records show that Mizner’s niece, Ysobel Chase Hollins, purchased 61.2 acres from Del Monte Properties Co. on Nov. 9, 1932. Ysobel had married McKim Hollins, the brother of champion golfer Marion Hollins, famous for developing Cypress Point and Pasatiempo golf courses. With no record of Mizner having owned the ranch, we must assume he was leasing it from Del Monte. Morse was among those that brought Mizner livestock in 1928. His niece may have bought it after the lease ran out shortly before Mizner’s death in February 1933. Hollins sold to James and Sarah Breese in 1937 and they, in 1939, sold to the Wolffmans, who built the adobe ranch home as a summer place. The Wolffmans maintained their primary home in Kansas City and sold the ranch in 1949 to Ellis Speigel, the one-time lettuce tycoon of the Salinas Valley. The Speigs added the pool and cabana buildings and lived there until December 1954 when they deeded the property to Pacific Western Realty. It briefly passed hands a couple of more times, until June 6, 1955, when Bank and Alice Ketcham took title.

Casa Zarazúa

Jumping ahead, Ketcham sold the ranch in 1960 to C. E. Hightower, who sold to Ann C. Stevenson in 1961. Stevenson carved out 24 acres that she retained at the top of the hill and sold the remaining 37 acres to Elmer and Lorraine Ladd, who sold to Lockwood in 1971. At that time the ranch foreman was Aquilino Zarazúa (1918-2009), who lived near the barn in the rustic Mizner ranch house with his family. When Lockwood subdivided the ranch, he planned to tear down the old house, but Zarazúa asked for it. Lockwood carved out the parcel with the home and deeded it to him. Known today as Casa Zarazúa, it is home to his daughter, Blanca, who grew up there and is now a Salinas attorney and honorary consul of Mexico. She lives there with her mother and is working to document it for preservation as a historic property.

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Bennett Sculpture takes Business of the Year

BENNETT SCULPTURE Gallery prevailed over all other nominees of last year’s Carmel Chamber Awards of Excellence to be named Business of the Year at the organization’s annual gala at Quail Lodge Dec. 7.

With a Studio 54 theme, the event also celebrated this year’s winners in a numerous categories: Accommodations (Small) — Hofas House, Accommodations (Large) — La Playa Carmel, Art — Carmel Art Association, Beverages — Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro, Food/Market/ Specialty (Small) — The Cheese Shop, and Food/Market/ Specialty (Large) — Anton & Michel Restaurant. Also: Health & Wellness — Refugee, Financial/Legal — Hayashi Wayland/CLA, Music/Performance — Sunset Cultural Center, Nonprofits — The Carmel Foundation, Professional Services (Small) — The Carmel Pine Cone, and Professional Services (Large) — Monterey Regional Airport.

And: Real Estate/Property Management (Small) — Team Beesley/KW Coastal Estates, Real Estate/Property Management (Large) — Carmel Realty Company, Retail (Small) — Thinker Toys, Retail (Large) — Carmel Plaza, Tourism (Small) — Mad Dogs & Englishmen Bike Shop, Tourism (Large) — Monterey Bay Aquarium.
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Team Member Highlight

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Brian moved to the Monterey Peninsula from Sacramento in 2003 to attend Cal State Monterey Bay. He earned his BS in Business Administration and played Division II Golf for the University and fell in love with the area and has continued to build deeper roots. His passion for golf, finance, and philanthropy landed him with The First Tee of Monterey County where he was the Development and Finance Assistant and helped underserved youth have a chance for a better future through golf and life skills education.

He went on in 2011 to become the 1st Assistant Golf Professional at The Preserve Golf Club where his passion for player development and growing the game was strong. He grew into the Head Golf Professional role, and ultimately the Membership Sales Manager where he enjoyed introducing new members to the Golf and Ranch Clubs.

Brian’s 9 years of experience at the Santa Lucia Preserve and organic demand for him to serve members there at a higher level led him to transition from a golf professional to real estate sales representing sellers and buyers of homes and land in The Preserve. Now positioned as the lead sales agent for Canning Properties Group in Tehama and Monterra resales, his passion for the outdoors, the game of golf, and dedication to conservation are a perfect match for sharing his intimate knowledge of the area with his clients. When he’s not working, you can find Brian snowboarding, trail running, playing tennis, cycling, and most of all golfing around the world.

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Peninsula Sports
By DENNIS TAYLOR

Cypress Division at 6-1-3, along with a glittery 11-3-4 overall mark, but was deprived of postseason consideration after being forced to forfeit multiple victories because one of its players had also played with a private club team during the interscholastic season (against the rules).

Stevenson's playoff hopes were equally high a year ago after amassing an overall record of 11-5-1, and placing second in the Santa Lucia Division at 7-2-1.

"I felt like we should have been selected for CCS last year, and I thought we had the results to qualify, but the committee thought otherwise," said Toby Elmore, currently in his eighth season as Stevenson's varsity coach. "I know our guys also felt like we should have been part of that conversation, and they've come back this year wanting to prove that CCS is where we belong."

The long memories of multiple lettermen, including several returning starters, are likely to be a motivating factor at both schools in 2022-23, when the Padres and Pirates will compete head-to-head in the PCAL's formidable Mission Division, which also includes Greenfield, King City, Monterey, Palma, and Seaside.

"It's going to be a challenge, getting pushed up to the Mission, where we'll play some really quality opponents every week," said the Padres new varsity coach, Scott Hirschfeld, who previously guided the JV squad. "We'll have to play at a high level in every game, no doubt, but there's definitely an expectation this year that we'll qualify for CCS."

Among the PCAL's elite, Carmel will pursue that goal behind a trio of captains, including senior Brody Mendez, a center midfielder whose skillset, physicality, speed, and athleticism should make him one of the PCAL's best all-around players.

"Brody is an incredibly talented player," Hirschfeld said. "He knows how to read the game, and his willingness to push the pace from box to box as a midfielder makes him stand out."

Fenris Hadi, an attacking forward, is a returning starter whose abilities to change the pace quickly and finish aggressively are likely to make him one of the league's best scorers.

The third captain, Isaac Martinez, started a year ago as

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Left-side wingback Harrison Wilmet (No. 5 at far left), a Stevenson co-captain. Fenris Hadi (No. 7, left), one of three team captains at Carmel, is a major scoring threat.
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A change at goalie
Sophomore Flint Dixon was asked to learn the goalkeeper position after last year’s starter, Luke Brandler, broke a finger during the first week of practice this season.

“Luke was a tremendous goalie for us last year, so I was nervous, to say the least,” Elmore said. “We convinced Flint to try out for the position because he’s an exceptional athlete — a football and baseball player — and we figured his prior athletic experience would be beneficial.”

Dixon has taken to the position quickly, and is expected to stick as the starter in January, when Brandler returns.

Senior Craig Chin, a first-year soccer player, plays at a relentless pace, and is an exceptional defender. He’ll start at the right midfielder spot.

Sophomore Charlie Elmore, the coach’s son, honed his soccer prowess as a club player this fall to become a strong contributor as a center defender.

And junior Jack Booth, a boarding student from the Philippines, is a big body and good distributor in Stevenson’s midfield.

“I’m super excited about moving into the Mission Division this year, and so are our guys,” Elmore said. “We played several of this year’s Mission teams last season, and did pretty well, so we’re confident we can compete. But we also know every game is going to be a challenge.”

Carmel plays its final preseason game today at North County at 5:45 p.m.

Stevenson’s next action is at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 4 when the Pirates host Carmel in the Mission Division opener.

Water polo Pirates are All-CCS
Three Stevenson athletes were awarded All-CCS honors on Dec. 8 in girls water polo.

Sofia Bozzo, MVP of the Pacific Coast Athletic League, earned second-team CCS honors. She has committed to play next season at UC Davis.

Emmerson Ferriera, a sophomore, was a third-team All-CCS honoree, and Miranda Salinger, also a 10th-grader, made the honorable-mention list.

Stevenson won the CCS Division 2 championship this season, then advanced to the NorCal Division 3 title game, where the Pirates lost 11-10 to Woodcreek.

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Sophomore midfielder Santiago Esquino-Espejo (2), a boarding student from Mexico, might be Stevenson’s best all-around player.
lived in a city apartment and there were no log cabins available.”

Based on the locations of most of his long hikes, it’s easy to see that England has a hold on Klug. He attributes that to the people, and the common language, shared values and culture between the United States and Britain. When asked what he likes about the Monterey area, he replied, “The Peninsula is a lot like England, except for the rain, the currency and the quantity of beer in a bottle. Also, the British still drive on the wrong side of the road, and Californians usually don’t.”

Not as much fun

Hiking in the United States, Canada or New Zealand isn’t as attractive to Klug, despite the common language. New Zealand and Canada do not readily lend themselves to solo travelers because public transportation and accommodations outside of big cities are scarce, limiting travelers to out-and-back hikes from places where they can park a car. This country’s scenic hiking trails (such as the Pacific Crest Trail, which goes from the Mexican border to the Canadian border), require carrying heavy packs filled with food, water, and camping and hiking gear for the long stretches between re-supply points. Klug compares hiking this country’s scenic trails to the Lewis & Clark Expedition, contrasted with the British trail system, which has been around for 2,000 years and is serviced by numerous inns — more like a gentleman’s stroll.

Nevertheless, Klug’s favorite place is Yosemite, and his favorite hike is the one he is on at the time you ask him the question. If you want to talk to him, watch for him along the Monterey waterfront. He will be glad to stop and chat.

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The beat goes on at Golden State, cosmic country comes to Big Sur

A STAPLE on MTV in its early days, in part due to the success of the irresistible pop hit, “Save It For Later,” the English Beat played Saturday at Golden State Theater in Monterey. Showtime is 8 p.m.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Along with two other UK musical acts, Madness and the Specials, the English Beat introduced ska — a precursor to reggae — to Top 40 radio. Songs like “Ranking Fullstop” and an updated cover of Smokey Robinson’s “Tears of a Clown” led to the band’s success on both sides of the Atlantic.

Led by original singer and guitarist Dave Wakeling, the English Beat kicked off a West Coast tour last week. The shows come three years after the passing of singer Ranking Roger, who played a key role in the band during its heyday.

Tickets start at $28. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Swichfoot takes the stage at Golden State Friday. An alternative rock band from San Diego, the group has had six No. 1 hits on the Christian music charts in Monterey. Showtime is 8 p.m. and tickets start at $33.

Young pianist visits Sunset

An award-winning pianist who made his solo recital debut when he was just nine, George Li performs Sunday at Sunset Center.

Now 27, Li saw his star rise after taking home a silver medal at the 2015 International Tchaikovsky Competition. He was only 16 when he played for President Barack Obama at the White House.

At Sunset Center, Li will play Schumann’s Arabeske in C Major, Op. 18 and Davidsbündlertänze, Op. 6, Ravel’s Valses Nobles et sentimentales, and Stravinsky’s Trois mouvements de Petrouchka.

Presented by the Carmel Music Society, the concert begins at 3 p.m. Tickets start at $45. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit carmelmusic.org.

The next day, Li presents a free concert at the Sand Box in Sand City. The latest offering of singer Ranking Roger, who played a key role in the band during its heyday.

Tickets start at $28. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Spincheek visits Meuse Gallery

Spreading cheer during the holiday season at various local sites, the Peninsula Harmony Company visits painter Simon Bull’s Meuse Gallery Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Numerous options for Christmas in paradise and shopping at Folktales

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**Soup to Nuts**

By MARY SCHLEY

The evening will begin with frisée salad, winter vegetable risotto, wild mushroom soup or Monterey Bay red abalone (for an additional $18), followed by herb-roasted turkey, Kurobuta pork loin, sea bass fettuccini, roasted vegetable ravioli or roasted prime New York steak (also for $18 more). Dessert options are bourbon bread pudding, chocolate and spice buche de noel, Bualot pear and huckleberry tart, chocolate and vanilla crime brûlée, pumpkin pie and lemon sorbet. For takeout on Dec. 24, Grasing’s is providing cioppino dinners for two or more. Orders must be placed by 5 p.m. Dec. 19 and picked up on Christmas Eve between 2 and 4 p.m. Accompanying the classic San Francisco seafood stew will be garden salad, sourdough garlic bread and various options for dessert.

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The Christmas feast to go features tur-
key, prime rib or filet mignon, each with
sides like crab and fennel bisque, Brus-
sels sprouts au gratin, vegetables and
other dishes, and bourbon bread pudding
for dessert. Main-course meats, sides and
other items, including shrimp cocktail and
smoked salmon, are also available a la
carte. The dinners serve eight and run from
$400 to $500, and the filet mignon meal can
also be purchased for four people for
$260. Orders must be placed by Dec. 19
and picked up Dec. 25 between noon and
2 p.m.

Feliz Navidad

Located in the Casa Munras hotel in
Monterey, Esteban Restaurant celebrates
Spanish cuisine, and in that country,
Christmas is very much a family affair —
with food at its core. Those traditions
continue at Esteban on Dec. 25 from 2 to 8
p.m. with a three-course prix fix prepared
by chef Mario Garcia and his crew.

Choices of starters include Dunge-
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prime rib au jus with horseradish cream,
chili herb-rubbed Fogline Farms roasted
chicken with rosemary lemon butter, or
seared Norwegian halibut with Dungeness
crab. All entries will be served with
roasted garlic whipped potatoes and winter harvest
vegetables. Dessert will be
classic pecan pie with whipped cream or Spanish
flan with berries.

The cost is $89 per per-
son plus tax. A limited a la carte menu will be offered
as well. Esteban is located at
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reservations, call (831)
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will serve a special Christmas Dinner from
5 to 9 p.m. for $75 plus tax and tip that
starts with Jerusalem artichoke soup, har-

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vest salad with kale and winter squash, or miso-buttered scallops with bok choy and shitake mushrooms in broth.

For entrées, guests can select from herb-roasted prime rib, seared duck breast, grilled Chilean sea bass or roasted cauliflower steak, with cast-iron persimmon coffee cake or chocolate pomegranate trifle for dessert.

Further down the road at Bernardus Lodge, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinners are available from 5 to 9 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m., respectively, for $155 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

On Dec. 24, dinners will choose from beet salad, pear and fennel salad or Hamachi crudo, and then roasted cauliflower soup, sweet potato pecan ravioli or Dungeness crab cake. Main courses will be diver scallops, duck breast, prime filet or winter vegetables in puff pastry, with dessert of chocolate roulade or poached pear beggar’s purse.

The Christmas Day lineup has a lot of overlap but some different dishes, including roasted chestnut soup and portobella mushroom “carruccio” for the first course, diver scallops or herb-potato gnocchi with braised short rib for the second, and Pacific sea bass for the third.

Bernardus is located at the corner of Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade. Visit bernarduslodge.com.

All options, one place

The Portola Hotel has everything covered, with a Christmas Eve cioppino dinner at its Jacks Monterey restaurant from 4 to 10 p.m. (and carolers from 5 to 8 p.m.) for $45 per person plus tax and tip (with $10 added for prime rib). Dinnner will begin with a family-style salad of beets, greens, feta, pan-cetta, Marcona almonds and cider vinaigrette, followed by choices of the aforementioned prime rib, Dijesl turkey, halibut or eggplant parmesan. Dessert will be the popular yule log.

Reservations are required for the Jacks dinners. Call 831-659-0400.
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(831) 649-7870 or email jacks@portolahotel.com.

Going for something more casual or just want to hang out at the bar and make new friends? Peter B’s Brewpub will have Christmas dinner from 1 to 8 p.m. for walk-ins only. Get a plate of turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, traditional stuffing and cranberry sauce, with yule log for dessert, for $25. Peter B’s full menu will be available all day, too.

Qual Lodge goes classic with perfectly prepared prime rib for Christmas dinner, but guests can choose Chilean sea bass, seasoned duck breast or roasted cauliflower steak if they prefer.

The Portola Hotel is located at the bottom of Alvarado Street.

Downtown P.G.

In Pacific Grove, Wild Fish restaurant continues to be open on holidays, and a four-course prix fixe is planned for Christmas from 3 to 8 p.m. for $95 per person, not including tax and tip. Unlike the many more traditional feasts, Wild Fish focuses on seafood and vegetarian/vegan options.

Course one, for instance, offers oysters on the half shell or a trio of vegan spreads, while course two has cranberry-beet borscht with winter vegetables or Christmas wreath salad with pistachio and goat cheese. The main course can be whole roasted Dungeness crab (if available), cioppino with Ad Astra sourdough, seabass Wellington or vegan white bean “cassoulet.” Sides include spiced carrots and Blue Lake green beans with “smoked fish bac-o-bites.”

Dessert will be frankincense panna cotta or orange lemon cake with dark chocolate ganache, both complemented by a round of eggnog with buttered rum biscotti.

Wild Fish is located at 545 Lighthouse Ave. Book at WildFish.com.

Community dinner

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of Monterey is offering another community holiday drive-thru (or walk-up) dinner available for pickup on Dec. 22 by reservation. Each meal kit will include all the fixings for recipients to prepare their own traditional holiday meal for a family of four or six to eight people. Pickup is by appointment between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Dennis the Menace Playground Parking Lot at 777 Pearl St. Sign up at signupsheets.com/go/montereyholidaymeals22, and for delivery for the homebound, email montereyrecreation@monterey.org or call (831) 646-1866. Supporters can also give a meal to someone by donating to the food bank at foodbankformontereycounty.org/donate.

Folktales makers party

Folktales Winery at 8940 Carmel Valley Road near mid-valley is giving holiday shoppers a chance to sip and snack while they shop during its Holiday Party with our Makers Dec. 16 from “1 p.m. until evening.” Featured artisans include Moe-Lan Tan from UMÉ Studios in Oakland (candles and soaps), Tina Fossella from Tina Fossella Pottery in Marina, Nathan Sambar from Monterey Glass Works (decanters, glasses and vases) and Kathleen Heafey from Wovën Gery in Oakland (home decor and storage from 100 percent cotton made in California).

“It’s that time of year again. And luckily we have all the delights and curiosities you can imagine. From recent travels to Uzbekistan, Africa and Japan, we have brought incredible cashmere, ceramic singing bowls and donate rice cookers, plus a plethora of Ugandan and Rwandan baskets and just so much more,” said Daniel Scheffler, who curates the collection. “Chris-mukkah never looked this good.”

Go to folktaleprovisions.com for more information, and RSVP to aahanmaika@folktalegroup.com.

Outdoors OK

Fisherman’s Wharf restaurants got a year-long reprieve from the California Coastal Commission last week, when the state body blessed outdoor dining for another year.

“In response to a letter from then-Mayor Clyde Roberson dated Oct. 21 on behalf of the Monterey City Council requesting outdoor dining continue to be allowed at Old Fisherman’s Wharf (Wharf 1), the California Coastal Commission approved an extension of outdoor dining through December 2023,” the city announced. “The request by the city came after the coastal commission was considering disallowing outdoor dining that opened during the Covid-19 pandemic to help restaurant merchants maintain customers while reducing customers’ exposure.

In its Dec. 9 letter, the commission acknowledged “the present difficulties that wharf businesses continue to face” in light of the ongoing Covid pandemic coupled with flu, RSV and other respiratory illnesses, “and we fully understand the role that outdoor dining plays in navigating this challenge.”

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Mikaela K. and Paige Peck  The concert starts at 7 p.m. While each writes original songs, the three solo acts veer off in various musical directions — Stevens embraces rock, while Mikaela K. favors honky-tonk and Vaudeville, and Peck leans toward folk.

Tickets at the door are $10 for adults and $5 for kids. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Goin’ solo in Big Sur

Down the coast at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur, The Dan Horne Band serves up cosmic country Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m. A singer and bass player for the Grateful Dead tribute band anywhere, Horne is also a solo act worth listening to — check out the self-penned single he released earlier this year, “Ode to the Road,” which sounds like a long-lost nugget from the Flying Burrito Brothers’ vault.

Fernwood is located on Highway 1 about 25 miles south of Carmel.

■ Free harmonies downtown

Spreading cheer during the holiday season, The Peninsula Harmony Company performs Saturday, 2 p.m., at painter Simon Bull’s Meuse Gallery on Ocean Avenue at Monte Verde.

“Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa at Meuse Gallery and listen to your favorite Christmas carols,” the gallery announced. “All ages are welcome, and no tickets or reservations are needed.”

■ Live music Dec. 16-22

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist Matthias Morris (classical, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kevin Pfeiffer (Saturday at noon), pianist Michael Culver (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Fred McCarty (Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist Scott Slaughter (Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.) and guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.). On Carmel Valley Road at Laureles Grade.

Big Sur Vineyards tasting room in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist Chuck Brewer and guitarist Ernie Buck (Friday at 4 p.m.). Del Fino Place.

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.

Carmel Presbyterian Church — The Monterey Peninsula Community Choir presents a free holiday-themed concert (Saturday at 4 p.m.). Junipero and Ocean.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — The Dave Holodiloff Duo (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer Lee Durley (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and guitarist John Sherry (‘60s music, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). On Highway 1.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), guitarist 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 Devineck (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — The Dan Horne Band presents two free shows (cosmic country, Friday and Saturday at 10 a.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel.

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Tribe in the Sky’s weekly community jam (Thursday at 7 p.m.) 1425 Munras Ave.
Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — The Light-
house Jazz Quartet with pianist Bob Phillips, sax-
ophonist Paul Contos, bassist Zach Westfall and drum-
mer Mike Shannon (Friday, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 345 Lighthouse Ave.
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R and bassist Dave Holodiloff (bluegrass and jazz, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.
Puma Road at Portola Plaza, in Monterey — singer and
multi-instrumentalist Kris Angelis (Friday at 6 p.m.),
The Fragonards (folk, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist
Peter Martin and bassist Zach Westfall (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.
The Sardine Factory — multi-instrumentalist Banjer Dan
defines Friday at the Trailside Café in Carmel Valley — multi-instrumen-
talist Banjer Dan (Americanana, Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.
Urban Lounge at the Red Lion Hotel in Monterey —
Smoke Chaser (indie rock, Saturday at 5 p.m.) and the
701 Wave St.
The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — Rogue Roosters
(rocks and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.). The New Wave (rock,
Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Dan Frechette
(Thursday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.
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Dec. 18 – Carols in the Forest, 3 p.m. Church in the
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Jubal Jayshen, tenor; Janneke Hoogland, cello, and Cynthia Wilkison, piano, with guests The
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Dec. 19 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey
Bay Area (WACMB) will present a lecture /
 luncheon 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn,
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LETTERS
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role in perpetuating slavery in America. It was the only political party that pre-
vented slavery from dying after the slave state of Virginia almost abolished slavery in 1832.
The Democrats were the only ones who supplied the intellectual ammunition of paternalism (the interference of a state or an individual with another person against their will) to make the Founding Fathers’ anti-slavery principles.
They also engaged in the big lie, arguing that slavery is “instead of an evil, a good— a positive good,” as stated by Sen.
John C. Calhoun in an 1837 U.S. Senate speech.
I bolster this racist nonsense, the Democrats falsely claimed that black slaves in the south had it far, far better than the free labor in the north. And now the Democrats want all of us to pay for their own atonements.
If any group needs to be on notice for injus-
tice, it is the party that championed slavery, instigated the Civil War insurgency and unleashed Ku Klux Klan terrorists upon a defenseless minority.
The Democrats need to pay for their past atonements. I’d love to live for the rest of my own piggy banks for that just cause.

Daila Epperson,
Manteca

Taxes and their beneficiaries

Who benefits from the tax breaks earned through the restoration of the beautiful Pebble Beach by local politicians? After all last week? Why, the owner of course. After all, it was his hard-earned cash that allowed the refurbishment of that historic home. I imagine there were two construc-
tors who benefited, as well. And the neighborhoods that the contractors built. I would probably appreciate the neighborhood’s visual uplift.
And that is as it should be. So, will someone tell supervisor Askew, “There is no equity. There never was and there never will be.”
What any of us have in life, is mostly a result of hard work.
Bob Nunes,
Carmel

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Carmel Valley
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About the Cover

Welcome to Dove Nest. This special beach cottage delivers the best of Carmel-by-the-Sea: Views, Location and Lifestyle. Just one block to the white sands of Carmel Beach and only a 10 minute walk to downtown Carmel, everything you need is at your reach. Perfectly perched above San Antonio, the home enjoys superb ocean views throughout. Open the french doors in the living room and the soothing sounds of the ocean fills the home. The guest rooms and main living areas are on the first floor and the luxurious primary suite occupies the entire top floor. The primary suite frames the lovely ocean views and offers an office area and an outdoor deck that is an ideal spot to relax, listen to the ocean and watch sunsets. The welcoming home was re-built in 2013 and has been well-loved and well-maintained. If you are looking to live the coastal lifestyle at its best, here it is!

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One of the paper’s editors, Francis Church, answered her question and addressed the philosophical issues behind it, which became one of the most famous responses ever to appear in a newspaper — “Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.”

This is my updated version which I call “Yes, Virginia, there is a Grinch.”

Dear Mr. Gervase, I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Grinch. My father says if you see it, which became one of the most famous responses ever to appear in a newspaper — “Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus,” it is so. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Grinch?

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They are affected by the faith and conviction of right-wing extremists who still think Christmas has something to do with God coming to earth. These narrow-minded fundamentalists cannot contend with the concept that man is the center of the universe.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Grinch. He exists as certainly as consumerism and devotion to getting what’s yours exist — and you know those two pursuits give our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary the world would be if nothing more abiding than the Grinch. A thousand years from now there were no Virginias, or if there were no secular watchdogs to protect you from the dangers of Bible reading and religious expression in schools on the grounds that it violates the principles of separation of church and state. How chaotic life would be without the acquiescence of Christians who look the other way when Nativity Scenes cannot be displayed on municipal property, or when atheists file lawsuits to protect you and me from being afflicted with religion.

You might get your Papa to hire men to watch for the Grinch’s appearance, but even if they never saw him, what would that prove? The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see Frosty, or Rudolph, or have you seen a politician’s slush fund, or a movie producer’s heart? Have you ever seen Frosty, or Rudolph, or have you seen a child’s lost innocence? Of course not, but that’s no proof they are not real.

No one can conceive or imagine all the malice and malevolence in the world, yet it is there!

Nothing more abiding

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POLICE LOG

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Pebble Beach: Report of alleged financial exploitation on Presidio Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos south of 1005 per section 22651(b) VC, blocked driveway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 36-year-old male DoorDash driver from Monterey was arrested at Jasper and Third at 2:08 hours for several narcotics and property violations. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of petty theft and possession of stolen property, and misdemeanor mail theft, contempt of court, and possession of unlawful paraphernalia and narcotics. Vehicle towed.

Carmel area: Subject reported suspicious circumstances on Oliver Road.

Carmel Valley: An identity theft was reported by a Carmel Valley Road resident.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop at Ocean View and Seventh Street at 1:08 hours resulted in the 32-year-old male driver being cited and released for driving with a suspended license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass advisement at Camino Real and Eighth for a known subject.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Animal control officer responded to a barking dog complaint at San Antonio and Fourth. No barking observed, and the dog owner was with the dog on the balcony. Information obtained and resident warned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Third east of Torres for blocking a driveway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a purse while walking in a residential area at Forest and Seventh. It was brought into the department for safekeeping. A search was made, and no property was found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A resident on Santa Fe north of Fourth surrendered four rounds of ammo to the police department.

GERVASE

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now, nay, 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to be popular with everyone whose hearts are two sizes too small.

You see, Virginia, as long as people of faith keep the good news to themselves, as long as they hide their light under a bushel and not let it shine, as long as they buy into the commercialism of the season, as long as they have troubled consciences about “keeping up,” and as long as they have the misfortune of what the world says is important, there will be a Grinch.

No morals

There will be a Grinch as long as people strive for outward beauty instead of inner strength and peace; as long as good people continue to be duped by an entertainment industry that is a moral and intellectual wasteland; as long as families become fragmented and we discredit the family as an institution, and the continued assault on our strongest traditions gains momentum; as long as good people continue to allow the courts to blur the line between responsibility and victimization; as long as we have a government that has lost its moral compass; as long as people don’t practice and share the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, these ideals will be swept away by secular humanism; as long as we worship at the altar of hedonism, and as long as human life is devalued as easily as our currency, there will be a Grinch.

Can you imagine that there are people who are against government-mandated lockdowns of common sense and who want us to believe that Christmas doesn’t come from a store?

Yes, Virginia, by calling our Constitution inadequate, old-fashioned, and out-of-step with modern needs, and by replacing revealed religions with social religion, we guarantee there will always be a Grinch who will “growl” with revealed religions as long as we worship at the altar of hedonism, and as long as people don’t practice and share the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, these ideals will be swept away by secular humanism; as long as we worship at the altar of hedonism, and as long as human life is devalued as easily as our currency, there will be a Grinch.

Now you run along, Virginia. Happy Winter Solstice to you. Can you imagine that there are people who are against government-mandated lockdowns of common sense and who want us to believe that Christmas doesn’t come from a store?

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