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City to hire auditor of hotels' books

By MARY SCHLEY

SINCE HOTEL taxes provide such a huge chunk of the city's budget, a consultant will soon be hired to go through the books of the city's 47 hotels, inns and motels over the course of three years to ensure they are paying as much as they should be.

Budget and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen said three firms responded after city officials put out the word they were looking for an auditor to handle the job, and she's planning to recommend the city council hire one of them early next year.

"It's city policy to have the transient occupancy tax audited by an outside agency, so we're just getting back on track with that, knowing that TOT is such a large part of our revenue," she said this week.

The city's TOT rate of 10 percent is applied to stays in hotels, inns, motels and short-term rentals. This year, the tax is expected to bring in nearly \$6.4 million, or 28 percent of the city's total operating budget. The audit will make sure that taxes collected from visitors by the hotels and inns are accurately reported to the city.

Officials are looking for a company that will audit all of the establishments over a three-year period and then on a rotating basis for another two years.

'Accuracy and timeliness'

In diving into each hotel's books, the auditor would ensure the business paid the proper amount of tax on time during the fiscal years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, and trace the gross revenues recorded on the hotel's TOT returns to the figures recorded in its own ledgers, to verify the owners have

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C.V. MAN ARRESTED FOR STABBING PARENTS, GRANDMOTHER

By MARY SCHLEY

A 23-YEAR-OLD man stabbed his parents and 80-year-old grandmother at a Quail Meadows home Sunday night, critically wounding his mother and injuring the others, before hiding behind a bush on the property, where he was found an hour later by a Monterey County Sheriff's dog, according to MCSO Cmdr. John Thornburg.



Jacob Lee

Jacob Lee was booked into Monterey County Jail on multiple felonies, including three counts of attempted murder, while his family members were taken to the trauma center at Natividad Medical Center. The motive for the stabbings is unknown.

Major response

"We got a 911 call that turned out to be from the dad that a stabbing had occurred," shortly before 8 p.m. Nov. 25 at the home in an upscale gated area above Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley, Thornburg told The Pine Cone Tuesday. A Monterey County Emergency Communications dispatcher sent an ambulance and a fire engine to the house, telling them that the "son stabbed both mother and father."

She soon dispatched a second ambulance and advised all the incoming medics that there were three victims: a woman with stab wounds to the head and neck, another woman with cuts to her head and thumb, and a man with a nosebleed, among other injuries.

See **STABBING** page 19A

Council pledges cooperation as Potter takes office

■ Richards named vice mayor; Baron, Theis also sworn in

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A city hall packed to overflowing, Dave Potter took the oath of office as the city's new mayor Tuesday afternoon, promising to "fulfill the public's expectations" and make sure



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

(Left to right) Council members Jeff Baron and Carrie Theis and Mayor Dave Potter take the oath of office Tuesday. The three were elected Nov. 6. Potter had mother-in-law Jean Boediker and sister-in-law Rita Christiansen join him with the family Bible.

"the door is always open."

Also being sworn into office, new councilman Jeff Baron said he will strive to ensure the public is heard, and reelected councilwoman Carrie Theis said she will continue working "to keep Carmel the special place that it is."

Before the new officials took their places, the outgoing council unanimously adopted a resolution ratifying the final results of the Nov. 6 election — in which turnout among the city's 2,566 registered voters exceeded 83 percent — confirming that Potter received 1,207 votes, Baron got 1,284, and Theis, 947.

Outgoing councilwoman Carolyn Hardy made the motion, and after the vote, she took a moment to thank outgoing Mayor Steve Dallas and the council for appointing her after he was elected mayor in 2016.

"We have accomplished so much in this short time, and I'm extremely proud of our many successes," she said.

Hardy said she appreciated everyone's support while she mourned her two brothers and husband this year.

"One of the most rewarding gifts of my term has been the many friends that I have made along the way," she said, adding that she will continue to find ways to serve. "I never stay idle for long, as I always like the challenge of a new project. I will see you around, and I wish you all good luck."

In his farewell, Dallas noted that regardless of the competitiveness that comes out during a political campaign, "in the

See **SWORN** page 20A

Last week, mountain lions, this week, coyotes

By MARY SCHLEY

COYOTES VENTURED down onto the beach and chased dogs, according to beach walkers and pet owners who reported the incidents to police Sunday night and Tuesday morning, but little more can be done than to keep an eye out for the predators and keep pets close, according to animal control officer Cindi Mitchell.

The reports followed on the heels of several sightings of mountain lions over the past couple of months.

"We had a report of a woman at the beach after dark, around 5:45 p.m. on the 25th," Mitchell told The Pine Cone this week. The woman told police she was walking her dogs on the beach below the homes being built north of Fourth Avenue when she saw two coyotes come down onto the beach from the Pebble Beach Golf Links.

"She reported two coyotes were following her, and when she noticed it, she took off and ran toward Del Mar," Mitchell said. "She had two dogs with her, and she was very scared."

Mitchell posted warning signs in the area of the Fourth Avenue boardwalk and stairs warning people of the coyotes' presence.

Chasing dogs

Then, on Tuesday morning shortly before 9 a.m., a beachgoer reported seeing a coyote at Scenic and Ninth that went toward the water and then up the beach toward Fourth Avenue. According to the dispatcher, that coyote was also chasing dogs, and not long after, a woman on Carmel Way called police to report "a large wolf" in front of her house.

"There's a lot of construction also going on in that area," Mitchell added. "Our unit arrived, and the coyote was standing there in the roadway. It wasn't really scared of the car or the lights or anything — and then it went off into the bushes."

While daytime sightings of coyotes are fairly unusual, Mitchell said the animal looked healthy.

"At different times, some of us have seen coyotes in that area where the water pools," near the north end of the beach, she said. "They can go after some of the birds and things that land there, and there's a lot of coverage — it's very wooded, with food, water and shelter."

Mitchell contacted the California Department of Fish & Wildlife regarding the coyote.

"We're just going to watch the situation," she said.

Mitchell wondered if the increase in coyote activity is due to boosts in the populations of rodents, squirrels and other

critters.

"We're getting a lot of different types of animals — rats and squirrels, and then the food chain just goes on up," she said. "It looks really healthy, so hopefully it's just eating lots of rodents and not going after cats and dogs."

Garbage truck burns

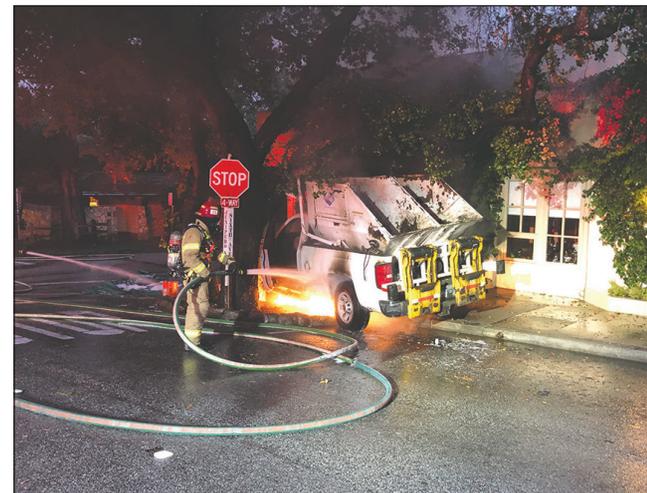
■ Threatens tree and restaurant

By MARY SCHLEY

DISASTER WAS averted Saturday morning when a small garbage truck caught fire and got lodged under an oak tree next to Vesuvio restaurant. But firefighters and an ongoing rainstorm prevented the truck from exploding, burning the tree and catching the restaurant on fire. Nobody was hurt during the ordeal.

At around 6 a.m. Nov. 24, a GreenWaste Recovery employee was driving the pickup — which had been customized with two waste compartments and a hydraulic system in the back

See **TRUCK** page 17A



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A firefighter kept a steady stream of water on a burning garbage truck Saturday morning to keep it from igniting the building next to it.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Tiny's the boss

IT WAS a pretty simple decision, really. They saw a picture of the tiny thing – a 6-month-old black Chihuahua – on the internet, with a notice that he would be euthanized the next day. They thought, “That’s not going to happen.”

“We immediately went out to collect the little guy, who came out dancing on the end of a string, like a little rubber toy,” his person said.

They named him Tiny.

“When we first got him, he was really skinny,” his person said. “When he wagged his tail, his whole body shook. He was the sweetest little guy, who didn’t know how to play or cuddle or just be a dog.”

Tiny, now 6, is still a skinny little thing, but he eats well and loves attention, rolling around on the floor of his Skyline Forest home, as if hoping to be babied and cuddled.

“Tiny has a different bark for everything he needs or wants – fresh water, food, a treat, to go out, or attention,” his person said. “He has me very well trained, which I appreciate because I always know what he needs. And after I take care of him, he runs over to my wife for affection.”

Tiny has been to the beach, but he was a bit of a chicken, his person said, and didn’t like the experience. He does better at Garland Ranch, but one time he tried to attack a horse that had a hoof bigger than he is. He thinks he’s as big as his personality.

“Tiny always knows what he wants and makes



sure we do, too,” his person said. “I’m amazed at how aware and communicative this little dog is. He can be sound asleep on the bed, but as soon as I open a bag of chicken, he’s on it.”

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FDA points finger at area farmers for E. coli contamination

By KELLY NIX

IT MAY take years for Monterey County's robust romaine lettuce industry to recover from the E. coli contamination that sickened dozens of people in the United States in November, agricultural officials told The Pine Cone this week.

Monterey County is one of six California counties that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is investigating as possible sources of the tainted lettuce, which caused 43 people to become ill, the agency said Wednesday.

Regardless of where the romaine is found to have come from, the impacts could have devastating effects on Monterey County's romaine crop, which amounted to \$650 million — or 15 percent of the total value of the county's agriculture — last year.

"Whatever the location of the source, all growers of romaine lettuce will be impacted by reduced demand for the product, and recovery of the market could take years," Monterey County Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Bob Roach told The Pine Cone. "It is likely that some consumers will stop consuming all lettuce for some period of time as a result of the CDC warning about romaine."

When the E. coli outbreak was announced two days before Thanksgiving, Monterey County — the biggest producer of romaine in California — was nearing the end of its lettuce production.

Although the 192 county romaine growers may see some direct losses from shipped lettuce that could not be sold, the loss of the romaine market is the biggest worry, Roach said.

"As production moves to Yuma for the winter, the romaine market will be depressed, and this impacts Monterey County growers at their winter growing grounds," he explained.

Monterey County Farm Bureau executive director Norm Groot noted the parallels of

this ag crisis to the 2006 E. coli spinach contamination that led to three deaths and hundreds of people becoming ill.

"The spinach market took many years to recover fully to the [pre-2006] production levels," Groot told The Pine Cone. "Regaining consumers' trust was a big issue then and will be same for this recall."

A 2013 report by the federal government on the economic impacts to businesses from various food outbreaks found that the 2006 incident amounted to \$350 million in losses.

Like the E. coli-tainted spinach, which was determined to have come from San Benito County, romaine might be a tough sell for months or years to come.

"Even though the FDA and CDC have said that the romaine lettuce in the market now is safe to consume, people are not going to run out and get some," Roach said.

The other counties that may have grown the suspect romaine are San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Ventura, the FDA said.

Source of contamination

Meanwhile, the FDA and CDC are working together to find out exactly where the lettuce was grown and the source of the contamination, CDC spokesman Benjamin Haynes told The Pine Cone.

The FDA said preliminary trace-back information indicates that the people who got sick had been exposed to romaine from California, and the agency is reviewing shipping records and invoices to pinpoint the county it came from.

"Specifically, current evidence indicates this romaine was harvested in the Central Coast growing regions of northern and central California," the agency said Wednesday.

Roach said trace-back investigations are

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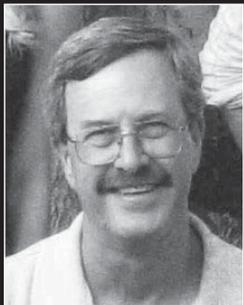

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

They left the lights on for him

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.

his shed on Calle de Robles.

Carmel Valley: Subject on Cachagua Road reported a landlord dispute.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Commercial burglary on San Carlos south of Fifth. No forced entry.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Earbuds found at Dolores and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male on San Antonio south of Fourth reported receiving harassing text messages from his adult male neighbor. Victim only requested documentation in case the harassment continued. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle stolen on Ransford.

Pacific Grove: Marijuana and paraphernalia turned in at the police station for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Female fell on the sidewalk after stepping off a cement ledge on Laine Street. Transported to hospital for a broken nose. Her house was secured and the lights were turned on for a pet inside. Husband was advised.

Pacific Grove: Officers contacted a 28-year-old male at Country Club Gate Center who had multiple warrants for trespassing at a business, theft, shoplifting, and obstructing a peace officer. Subject was booked into county jail. Plastic bag containing his clothing was booked for safekeeping at the city yard.

See **POLICE LOG** page 6RE in the Real Estate Section

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Ocean and Monte Verde for expired registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 59-year-old construction worker from Seaside came into the station to be booked per a request by the district attorney.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Junipero and Fourth for expired registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported being a victim of a fraudulent charge after his cell phone was compromised. Also, his phone was not working properly due to it being hacked. The cell phone company requested a police report for verification purposes.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Monte Verde south of 11th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Electrical fire at a hotel at Casanova and Eighth. Units provided traffic control for fire department.

Pacific Grove: A 30-year-old male who was reported trespassing on Cedar Street was found to be in possession of illegal drugs.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sinex reported being victim of a scam.

Carmel Valley: A male reported burglary of

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The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo

Oct. 24 — Alfredo Juarez Luna, a 50-year-old resident of Greenfield, was found guilty by jury of two counts of violating a criminal protective order, and one count of vandalism after a two-day trial.

On March 28, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas W. Wills issued a criminal protective order against Luna for a period of one year. The order specifically prohibited Luna from coming within 100 yards of Jane Doe, as well as her residence, vehicle, and place of employment. On two separate occasions, Luna violated the criminal protective order and was sentenced to 180 days in the Monterey County Jail.

Within hours of his release from custody, Luna went directly to Doe's work and confronted her again. After Doe and her co-workers ordered him to leave, Luna eventually complied. Then, a mere two hours later, Luna violated the order a second time by going to Doe's home, banging on her door and demanding to be let in. When Doe did not comply, Luna began destroying her potted plants in retaliation. A neighbor heard the disturbance and called 911, but Luna fled on foot before officers arrived. They conducted a search and found Luna 45 minutes later around the corner from Doe's home.

Judge Wills sentenced the defendant to 364 days in the Monterey County Jail and placed him on probation for three years. Another crimi-

nal protective order was issued, preventing Luna from contacting Doe for an additional three years.

Oct. 25 — Judge Julie R. Culver sentenced Joel Milan Rodriguez, 40, to 48 years in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and a lifetime of sex offender registration, and prohibited him from contacting the victims for the maximum time period allowed by law.

The victims, who are now 19 and 22 years old, reported earlier this year that the defendant, their stepfather, had substantial sexual contact with them when they were ages 7 and 10. Their sister, now age 21, also reported that three years ago, the defendant attempted to touch her when she was sleeping.

All three young women were in the courtroom and stated they did not set out to ruin Rodriguez's life by reporting his conduct but did so because it was the right thing to do and a way of moving on with their lives. The victims also thanked the court and the district attorney's office, as well as their maternal uncle, who assisted them with reporting to law enforcement and accompanied them to court.

Prior to rendering sentence, Judge Culver commended the young women for their bravery and support of each other and noted because of that family support, they will move past these events and have successful lives.



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Report: Nearly \$5 million needed for city to comply with ADA

By MARY SCHLEY

MAKING ALL public buildings in the city accessible to people with disabilities will cost \$3.4 million, according to a 583-page report delivered to the city council earlier this month, and work on 259 sidewalk ramps so they comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act will cost another \$1.5 million, public works officials said. The work, while expensive, must be a priority, city administra-

tor Chip Rerig told the city council earlier this month — even if only the planning stages and small fixes are undertaken immediately. “The Department of Justice takes the ADA very, very seriously, and they have likened an ADA violation to be in the same vein as a civil rights violation,” Rerig said. But simply having a report and “transition plan,” such as the large volume prepared by consultant William Holl and Kasavan Architects at a cost of \$80,400 to taxpayers, can

protect the city, he said. In 2010, the U.S. Department of Justice ordered local governments to adopt “accessibility standards” under the Americans with Disabilities Act “to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disabilities,” and the plan shows where the city doesn’t comply with the law. “If our compliance is ever challenged, we can say we have this plan,” Rerig explained. “We can use it as a little bit of a shield.”

House (which has been closed for 15 years), Sunset Center and its grounds, Vista Lobos, and public restrooms at the parks and beach. Holl identified almost 1,000 “barriers” to accessibility, from incorrectly marked handicap parking spaces, the wrong size of lettering on signs, poorly placed planter boxes and narrow walkways, to inadequate door widths, faulty drinking fountains, and counters and sinks at the wrong heights. In the city hall garden, for instance, the bench needs to be rebuilt or replaced so it’s no more than 19 inches high, and the handrails on the stairs are wrong. The doors to council chambers and the foyer need to be modified or replaced “to provide a smooth surface on the push side extending the full width of

See ADA page 27A

Nearly 1,000 things wrong

Between April and August, Holl reviewed 20 public buildings, including city hall, the fire station, First Murphy House at Lincoln and Sixth, Flanders Mansion (even though it’s closed to the public), the Forest Theater, both libraries, the police station, the public works building and corporation yard, the Scout

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Feds finally OK wildfire plan, but backers say it doesn't go far enough

By CHRIS COUNTS

SIX YEARS after an ambitious plan to thin out vegetation in the backcountry to better protect rural communities from wildfire was first proposed, it was finally approved this week by the United States Forest Service. But one of its biggest backers warned it won't work because it doesn't remove enough vegetation to be effective.

Signing off on the plan was Kevin Elliott, the supervisor for Los Padres National Forest. Known as the Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement Project, it calls for trimming trees and brush along 24 miles of ridgetops where firebreaks have previously stopped wildfires. The thinned-out areas are called "fuelbreaks," and the plan dictates they will be 75- to 300-foot wide.

Such work not only slows a fire, but makes it easier for firefighters to establish firebreaks — which look like roads — to stop a blaze. Firefighters would also have the option of simply widening the fuelbreak.

Forest service spokesperson Andrew Madsen said the work is necessary not only to protect communities like Partington Ridge, Big Sur Valley, Palo Colorado, Cachagua and Jamesburg from being destroyed by fire, but to ensure the safety of firefighters. Fifty-seven homes in Palo Colorado were destroyed by the Soberanes Fire in 2016, illustrating how serious the threat is.

'It will not work'

But Big Sur resident Mike Caplin, who has long urged public officials to implement such a plan, said this one falls short. "It will not work," he predicted.

Caplin said that while the plan was being negotiated, the forest service agreed to "maintain a fuelbreak that's capable of stopping a wildfire under adverse conditions." But he said the fuelbreaks identified in the plan simply aren't wide enough, and he said the forest services' own data backs him up.

"I'm not convinced a 150-foot wide fuelbreak offers safe enough conditions for backburning during adverse conditions," said Caplin, who serves on the board of the nonprofit Fire Safe Council for Monterey County, one of the chief backers of the plan. "The forest service's own computer modeling says it will ineffective."

The president of the Fire Safe Council, Michael Emmett, gave the final plan a mixed review.

"We've been working at this for a long time, and it's a first step," Emmett told The Pine Cone. "We're supportive of the project — even if it doesn't meet what was agreed to."

Emmett said the existing plan relies on firefighters to move quickly and cut a lot of brush before a fire arrives. He said a rapidly moving fire could prevent such work by making it too dangerous.

"My fear is that if firefighters don't move immediately and get out ahead of the fire and widen the fuelbreaks, the fire

will burn through, and the agency's conclusion will be that fuelbreaks don't work."

Before the plan was approved by the forest service, it ran into opposition from environmentalists who objected, among

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‘OUTRAGEOUS VIOLATIONS’ AT MONTEREY SENIOR FACILITY, INSPECTOR SAYS

Construction work red-tagged by city

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY assisted living facility has been slapped with a \$1,000 fine and been ordered to stop work on a “memory care facility” after the city’s building official found numerous building code violations related to the project’s construction.

During an October inspection of The Park Lane’s remodeling work, building official John Kuehl discovered that work crews converting one-bedroom apartments into two-bedroom units did not obtain proper permits, used incorrect building and electrical wiring materials, installed faulty plumbing and failed to install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

“The violations listed are very serious and put over 200 senior citizens along with many staff and the general public in a potentially unsafe condition,” Kuehl wrote on Nov. 2 to officials with Park Lane’s parent company, San Diego-based Pacifica Senior Living.

Because Pacifica had obtained the proper permits for other projects at Park Lane but

not the memory care facility, Kuehl said the company had been “very selective” in obtaining permits for construction at the Glenwood Circle facility. Kuehl also said it appeared that the illegal work had been “intentionally directed to be completed without any inspections, city permits or approvals.”

The so-called memory care facility on the fourth floor will treat Park Lane residents who have dementia and Alzheimer’s.

“The City of Monterey works very hard to make obtaining permits as easy as possible,” Kuehl said. “Our office is always available to answer questions should there be confusion when a permit or inspection is required.”

Ordered to undo

Despite what Kuehl determined were “outrageous violations” of the remodeled unit, he concluded that the seven-story Park Lane building would not have to be evacuated because no one is yet living on the fourth floor, and Park Lane officials turned off the electrical to that wing and closed it to public access.

However, Kuehl ordered Park Lane to undo the work that did not comply with building standards by this week. The company must also apply for new building permits

to redo the work.

“I issued a demolition permit to remove all of the unpermitted work,” Kuehl told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

Kuehl — who is still trying to determine whether the contractor who performed the work is licensed — issued a \$1,000 citation to Park Lane and said the company would have to pay double the city’s permit fees.

Kelly East, vice president of operations for Pacifica Senior Living said the company is “fully cooperating” with the city in fixing the construction issues.

“We take these matters seriously, as our residents’ safety is our top priority,” East told The Pine Cone. “We are working closely with the city to properly make modifications to a group of 10 unoccupied apartments.”

East would not say if someone at Pacifica Senior Living had “intentionally” directed contractors to perform work without proper city permits and approvals, as Kuehl alleged.

Kuehl acknowledged Thursday that the

company is “cooperating now, only after they were red-tagged,” and said he had planned to visit Park Lane that morning to verify that all the illegal work had been removed.

Meanwhile, East explained that the “refreshed apartments” would allow Park Lane to provide its memory care residents with “more personalized activities and engagement.”

“The memory care services will occupy the fourth floor and offer a value minded option with private living space and shared bath apartments for our residents,” East explained. The improvements to that memory care unit, East said, are “small” compared to the “grand scale revamp” slated for completion in early 2019.

“Multiple permits have allowed us to invest in The Park Lane,” he added. “The scope of work includes refurbishments to provide upgrades to the swim spa, massage studio, lockers, salon, gift shop, billiards room, theater, activity room and the penthouse vista lounge.”

Kuehl said that Pacifica has applied for and obtained proper approvals for that work.

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Too many visitors? Erosion plagues Big Sur park, project launched to fix it

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH TENS of thousands of people visiting monthly to see its famous waterfall, and many using eroding paths to get to a prominent overlook, some say Julia Pfeiffer

Burns State Park is being loved to death. To reduce erosion — and hazards to pedestrians — California State Parks will remove a trail, restore habitat and try to make people use the tunnel beneath Highway 1 that leads to a view of waterfall.

A half-mile trail that leads from the Overlook Trail to a pair of campsites will be decommissioned, and native vegetation will be planted. Much of the Overlook Trail, meanwhile, is closed for repairs. For now, enough of it is open for people to view the waterfall.

“You can only go about a third of distance along the trail because a retaining wall failed,” state parks ranger Dan Kraft told The Pine Cone. “The abutment that supported it is no longer there.”

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Much of the Overlook Trail at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park in Big Sur is closed for repairs. Another project that just began will address erosion caused by hikers who are trying to access the trail.

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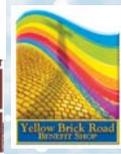
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Prosecutors probing voter fraud

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County District Attorney's Office is investigating a report of possible voter fraud related to the midterm elections, a county prosecutor told The Pine Cone.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon said that the district attorney's office is probing a single case involving suspected voter impropriety around the time of the Nov. 6 election.

"I can't comment on an ongoing investigation because it may compromise the investigation," Brannon said. "I can say it did not result in the casting of a vote; just [the registration of] a person or fictitious person not eligible to vote."

Brannon declined to reveal details about the person suspected of perpetrating the voter fraud, including their identity, gender, age and the city where the alleged violation occurred.

Monterey County registrar of voters Claudio Valenzuela said that when his office suspects possible voter or election fraud, it forwards the information to the district attorney's office.

However, there is no evidence of widespread voter impropriety in the county.

"I think there are very few cases involving voter fraud because the majority of people are law-abiding citizens, and the right to vote is something they take very seriously," Valenzuela told The Pine Cone.

He pointed to warnings about voter fraud in the affidavit of registration and in most of

the documents voters need to sign to exercise their rights to vote.

Valenzuela said the number of people removed from county voter rolls — for any number of reasons, such as relocation or death — is constantly changing.

"Changes to the statewide [voter roll] database occur constantly in near real time and from many sources," including data from the DMV, U.S. Postal Service, state Department of Health and other California counties, Valenzuela explained.

Voter eligibility is also determined from information the elections office receives from Monterey County, its health department, state prisons, obituaries and families, Valenzuela explained.

Erroneous registrations

Though not considered fraud, the state Department of Motor Vehicles revealed in October that it wrongly registered more than 24,000 Californians under the new Motor Voter program. Of that number, a total of 28 Monterey County residents were erroneously registered; 13 from the most recent batch and 15 from a previous error in September.

The county canceled the incorrect registration records after being instructed to by the secretary of state, Valenzuela had told The Pine Cone.

According to the elections office, 117,618 of 187,286 people registered (62.8 percent) to vote in Monterey County cast ballots in the Nov. 6 election. On Wednesday, the office said the election results had been certified.

'Shower of Love' at Carmel Mission

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE LOCAL chapter of the Christ Child Society — a nonprofit dedicated to serving children whose parents have little money — will hold its annual Shower of Love in Crespi Hall at Carmel Mission Dec. 1 10 a.m. to noon.

The organization assembles baby "welcome kits" with blankets, diapers, clothing, a handmade baby cap and other items, and gives them to needy families of newborns at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas.

In addition, this year an organization called the Sleepy Baby Box Foundation has donated 30 boxes which are designed as safe

places for infants to sleep and as a means to educate new mothers about how to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, also called SIDS.

The box includes a firm foam mattress and a fitted sheet, both of which help prevent babies from suffocating in their sleep.

The Sleepy Baby Box Foundation and Christ Child Society are working together with Natividad's Volunteer Auxiliary to distribute the boxes.

The public is invited to bring new baby items and also learn how to knit baby caps at the event. For additional information, contact Anne Kelley at (206) 949-2944 or email christchildmontereybay@outlook.com.

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New council's agenda: CalPERS debt, holiday time off, and a neighbor fight

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN THEY gather for a special meeting Monday and their regular meeting Tuesday, newly sworn-in Mayor Dave Potter and new councilman Jeff Baron will have their first go at conducting the city's official business alongside veteran councilwoman Carrie Theis and council members Jan Reimers and Bobby Richards, who was named vice mayor this week. While the agendas for the Dec. 3 and 4 meetings are not long, they contain some heavy issues, including how much retirement debt taxpayers are on the hook for, and what to do about an awkward building site on Eighth Avenue.

Monday's meeting will begin with a tour to the property on Eighth between Junipero and Mission that owner Thomas Fountain wants to develop.

Because the lot is small and awkwardly shaped, and runs up next to the Scout House, he has proposed the city give him some public land in exchange for a walkway he's willing to build and pay for. He owns the house on the other side.

While his proposed solution is creative, numerous people, including lawyers, came out against it during earlier discussions and are expected to do so again.

The council will then return to city hall for a brief closed session, including a performance review of the city attorney's office — a campaign issue for Potter. In open session at 4:30, the council will review routine business on the consent agenda and discuss a proposal to close city hall to the public from Christmas Day to New Year's Day, city administrator Chip Rerig said.

Workers would have to use their paid leave to take the days off, and anyone who wants to work will be allowed to do so, according to Rerig.

Public works would also have a skeleton crew that week, and, of course, the police department and ambulance will be staffed as usual, as will the fire department.

At the regular meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rerig said the council will receive a report on retirement debt, not just

the amounts taxpayers shell out now for the California Public Employees Retirement System, but how many tens of millions of dollars they'll have to pay over the next 20 years — and how to plan for it.

Council members on Tuesday are also set to discuss the

proposal for the Eighth Avenue property they will have visited the day before.

A full agenda and other information can be found at the city's website at www.ci.carmel.ca.us. City hall is located on Monte Verde south of Ocean.

Golden anniversary tripped up by mishap, lawsuit says

By KELLY NIX

AN OREGON woman who claims she suffered two foot fractures and a chipped heel after tripping on a Carmel sidewalk earlier this year has filed suit against the city seeking an unspecified amount in monetary damages exceeding \$25,000.

Cathy Shoel, 72, of Wilsonville, Ore., said she was celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary with her husband in Carmel on May 9 when she had an unfortunate accident on the sidewalk in front of Nielsen Bros. Market at Seventh and San Carlos.

"I was taken by surprise and tripped and fell on a cement precipice that was not level with the dirt in which a tree had been planted in the sidewalk," according to the claim for damages filed with the city May 19 but which the city's insurer, Carl Warren & Company, denied in September.

The lawsuit, filed by Shoel's attorney, John Klopfenstein, contends the roots of the tree made the sidewalk uneven and caused her to fall. She was treated at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where X-rays showed she had two foot fractures. She was fitted with a temporary cast. Shoel said additional X-rays taken after she returned home showed she also chipped a heel.

"My husband and I were on our 50th wedding anniversary trip and having a great time," Shoel said. "We had to cut our vacation short by four days in order to be home to see my doctors and have a cast put on."

To make things worse, Shoel said a vase that she purchased

in Carmel and was carrying also tumbled to the ground and shattered during her fall.

A pair of jeans was also ruined, she claims.

Besides her hospital and medical expenses, Shoel is seeking damages for "lost earnings from work for the month of May and part of June."

Season's most cheery run set for Dec. 8

THE ANNUAL Jingle Bell Run to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation will again take place at Lovers Point in Pacific Grove Dec. 8 at 7:30 a.m.

Way more fun than serious — though some athletes run the 5K in pursuit of setting new personal records — the 5K run and walk and 1K Elf Run for kids bring out all sorts of holiday-themed costumes, outrageous attire, dressed-up dogs — and thousands of jingle bells, of course. Costume contests for humans and canines, raffles, music and other fun are all part of the mix.

Many runners and walkers register individually, but organizers encourage teams, too. Monterey Spine & Joint has one — and is the race's presenting sponsor, as well — and so does Yes for Carmel, a club that was at one time political but is now largely social. See JBR.org/PacificGrove to register or donate.

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One way out: Robles del Rio residents ask for help with wildfire prevention

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR MANY, this week's rain has dampened fears of the next wildfire. But a growing number of residents who live in Carmel Valley's Robles del Rio say they face a potentially devastating situation if a blaze erupts in their neighborhood, and they sent a letter asking Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams for help.

The letter was also sent to Chief Michael Urquides of the Monterey County Regional Fire District.

"We and our fellow neighbors in the Robles del Rio subdivision are most eager to discuss a few predicaments we find ourselves in with only one fire exit road for a population between 600 and 900 people," resident Stacey Wood wrote in a letter signed by more than 100 people who live there.

In the letter, Wood calls attention to a fire that burned down the historic Robles del Rio Lodge in 2010. In that incident, firefighters struggled to put out the fire due to low water pressure, limited water storage and old water lines. In the 8 years since, adequate improvements to the system have not been made, she said.

Wood said the time has come for residents — and public officials — to face the reality of the danger the heavily forested neighborhood faces if a wildfire breaks out.

"To put it quite plainly, we do not want our neighborhood to be yet another statistic in a tragic story we see so many other unfortunate neighborhoods become," Wood wrote. "It would be grossly irresponsible if not flat-out negligent for us to continue to not act while we can. The conversation and the determination of the remedies to address these issues are long overdue."

'Rightfully concerned'

Adams said she plans to meet with residents and others after the holidays, and address their concerns.

"Since the Paradise Fire, we have heard from many neighborhoods rightfully concerned about their fire safety," Adams told The Pine Cone. "Chief Urquides and I have met, and are convening a meeting in January with residents, fire and office of emergency folks, and other concerned people. Our office is coordinating the fuel mitigation efforts, and we are all conscious and concerned about the threat of fire in our district."

Pasadera golf club purchased by local investment group

By KELLY NIX

AFTER NINE months of negotiations with the Chinese owners of Nicklaus Club Monterey, a group of local investors announced it had purchased the financially struggling country club off Highway 68 with goals of bolstering membership, upgrading facilities and making it more family oriented.

On Wednesday, an investment group called Pasadera Golf & Country Club, LLC, composed of businessmen Ted Balestreri, Craig Geiler, William Hines, Rohit Khanna, Chris Laver, Tom Maher, Michael Maily, Michael McMillan, David Milligan, Tom Rohrs and Bob Rosenthal, plus Inns by the Sea LLC, closed escrow on the club, which an affiliate of Chinese conglomerate HNA, had owned since 2009.

The group's purchase price is said to be \$3.2 million, including the club house and golf course with 188 acres of land. If accurate, that would be a tremendous bargain, considering the club was built in 2000 for about \$42 million.

Rosenthal told The Pine Cone that club has been losing money.

"We were the fortunate beneficiaries of HNA liquidating their USA holdings, and the purchase price reflects our having made the most of the opportunity," Rosenthal, an attorney who had been in negotiations with the

Chinese company since February, explained.

With the backing from golf course's designer, Jack Nicklaus, the country club — which is surrounded by a 565-acre, 250-home community — is being renamed "The Club at Pasadera," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal said the investment group will make the club more family-friendly and will add more amenities, activities and services at the 18-hole championship golf course, driving range, tennis courts, dining rooms and spa.

"We are going to put a lot of money into the golf course and into the facilities," Rosenthal said.

The takeover started with the hiring of executive chef Colin Moody, formerly the chef at Monterey Peninsula Country Club, and Laver said the investors intend to "restore and rejuvenate" everything at the club "to its former greatness."

"That means a significant investment in everything from golf course maintenance, to furniture, the facility and landscaping, all backed by a dedicated commitment to give members, their families and guests, wedding planners and special event organizers a world-class hospitality experience," Laver said in a statement.

Rosenthal said the group plans to attract more new members and offer a plan for former members to return to the club.

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Pacific Grove police chief resigns

By KELLY NIX

AFTER A little more than two years on the job, Pacific Grove Police Chief Amy Christey announced this week she's retiring.

Pacific Grove city manager Ben Harvey said that Christey, 54, who lives in Santa Cruz County, gave him her notice of resignation Tuesday.

"She is resigning, but she is resigning because she is retiring from policing," Harvey told The Pine Cone Thursday afternoon.

Christey joined the P.G. Police Department in the middle of 2016. Her last day on the job is Dec. 30.

"Policing is a very demanding job and requires your full commitment, and when you

reach a point when you are at the end of your time and have pressures that are more important, the honorable thing is to bow out," Harvey said.

He said Christey "has a young daughter she really wants to spend more time with."

After Christey informed him she would resign, Harvey notified the city council and made an announcement during Wednesday's meeting.

"She has just been a terrific chief, and I'd love to have her [on the job] forever," he said.

The next step, Harvey said, is to hire an interim police chief. Once the interim is in place, the city will begin the process of contracting with a recruitment firm to hire someone to permanently fill Christey's spot.

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— down Junipero Street when he “noticed the fire in his mirrors and felt some intense heat,” Monterey Fire Capt. Danny Givvin explained, “so he quickly abandoned the vehicle.”

The driver pulled over just north of Sixth and jumped out, but the truck rolled up over the curb and got lodged under the large oak tree on the corner.

“Fortunately, he wasn’t injured,” he said.

Thinking it would be faster to run a block to the fire station on Sixth rather than dial 911, the driver ran and yelled to firefighters, “My truck is on fire!” according to Givvin. Fortunately, the firefighters were at the station, instead of being out

on a call, so they were able to respond right away.

At the scene, they found “a petroleum-based fire,” probably from leaking hydraulic fluid, Givvin said. Besides the restaurant and the tree, there was a storm drain nearby, which presented some unusual hazards.

“We decided the best course of action was to continue to let the fire burn,” Givvin said, which would consume the leaking fluid instead of letting it get into the storm drain. But firefighters also had to spray the vehicle with water to keep it from getting too hot.

“If the fire got too big, it would weaken the structure of the vehicle,” which might cause the fuel tank to explode, Givvin said.

As a result, the fire burned for about 40 minutes.

After it was out, a full-sized GreenWaste garbage truck backed down Junipero to the location of the burned truck, and the driver attached a hook to the back and used a winch to pull it back onto the street. Firefighters used wheel chocks from

their engine to keep it from rolling until a tow truck came to take it away.

Fire crews were on scene for about two hours altogether, Givvin said.

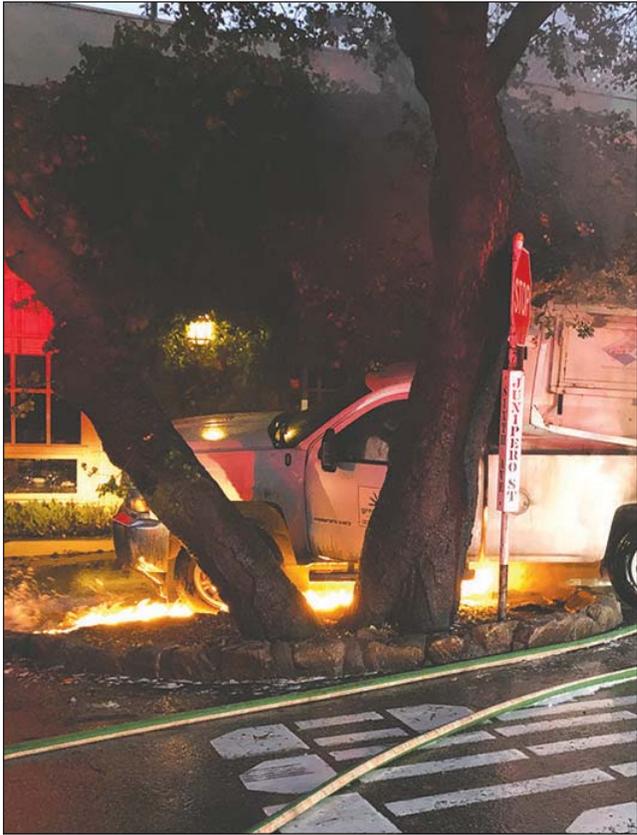
No investigation

They determined the cause was a mechanical failure but are not investigating further.

“Usually if it’s inside of a structure or if there’s any significant injury or damage, we will do an investigation, but this time, we were fortunate no one was hurt and there was no property damage,” except for the truck, he said. “It could have been bad.”

Rich Pepe, who owns Vesuvio, was out of the country when he heard about the fire.

“It was nice to hear that no one was injured,” he said. “I sincerely hope the iconic oak tree on the corner of Junipero and Sixth was not damaged too much.”



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When the driver saw flames in the rear-view mirror and felt a lot of heat behind him, he bailed out of this garbage truck, which lodged under an oak tree and burned for 40 minutes Saturday morning.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182076
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Akademia 14, 140 McClellan Ave., Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Brett Rosenberger, 140 McClellan Ave., Monterey, CA 93940
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on not applicable
S/ Brett Rosenberger
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on October 19, 2018 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30/18
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CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018. (PC1113)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182188
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **GLACIER BAR, 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd. Suite F-21, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **GLACIER BAR, INC., 304 Pasadena Dr., Monterey, CA 93904.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 2, 2018.
S/ Jessica Brooke Braiker, President
Nov. 5, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018. (PC1115)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182169
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **D. LANDER CONSULTING & ENGINEERING, 26170 Mesa Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.**
Mailing address: **P.O. Box 223696, Carmel, CA 93922.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): **DREW ALLEN LANDER, 26170 Mesa Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2018.
S/Drew A. Lander
Nov. 1, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018. (PC1116)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182141
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SEAGRAVE GALLERY, 914 Lighthouse**

Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
Mailing address: **351 Western Dr., Unit D, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): **NOLAN ANTHONY BECK, 914 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 30, 2018.
S/Nolan A. Beck
Oct. 30, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2018. (PC1123)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182190
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
AGAPE OF CARMEL ASSISTED LIVING, County of Monterey, 25527 Flanders Dr., Carmel, CA. 93923.
Registered Owner(s):
Miriam Sigrip Fickewirrh, 25527 Flanders Dr., Carmel, CA. 93923.
Hermon G. Fickewirrh, 25527 Flanders Dr., Carmel, CA. 93923.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 25, 2017.
S/ Hermon G. Fickewirrh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 5, 2018
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018. (PC1119)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182180
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
The Auto Spot, 315 Regency Cir. #102, Salinas, CA 93906, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Anthony Argueta, 315 Regency Cir. #102, Salinas, CA 93906
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Anthony Argueta
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 5, 2018
11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/18
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CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2018. (PC1120)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182134
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Millican Pecan, 199 17th Street, Suite D, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Cindy A. Hulet, 199 17th Street, Suite D, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on not applicable
S/ Cindy A. Hulet
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on October 29, 2018
11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/18
CNS-3189402#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2018. (PC1121)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182213
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BOOKKEEPING RESCUE SERVICE, 66 Middle Canyon Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): **KIMBERLY R BELLECI, 66 Middle Canyon Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact

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Registered Owner(s): **KIMBERLY R BELLECI, 66 Middle Canyon Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Kimberly Belleci
Oct. 26, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2018. (PC1123)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182255
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
**1. CYPRESS COAST FORD
2. CYPRESS COAST LINCOLN
4 Geary Plaza, Seaside, CA 93955.**
Mailing address: **P.O. Box 70, Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **AUGAITEN, LTD, 4 Geary Plaza, Seaside, CA 93955.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 1986.
S/ Charles Nuttle, CFO
Nov. 9, 2018

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Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2018. (PC1124)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182255
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CYPRESS COAST SUBARU, 2 Geary Plaza, Seaside, CA 93955.**
Mailing address: **P.O. Box 70, Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Registered Owner(s):
Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **CYPRESS COAST NISSAN INC, 2 Geary Plaza, Seaside, CA 93955.**
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1, 2001.
S/ Charles Nuttle, CFO
Nov. 9, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182024
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **HAZARA RUG CLEANING & REPAIR, 212 Fountain Ave #14, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): **MOHAMMAD HOMAYOON MOHSENPOUR, 212 Fountain #14, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 11, 2018.
S/Mohammad Mohsenpour
Oct. 11, 2018

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Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2018. (PC1126)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20182271
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BIG SUR KAYAKS, 5315 Carmel Valley Road A-209, Carmel, CA 93921.**
Mailing address: **P.O. Box 1033, Carmel, CA 93921.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
This business is conducted by an individual.
S/Christopher Cassidy
Nov. 19, 2018

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 25, 2018
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: March 1, 2016
File No.: 20160484
Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2018. (PC1127)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT IRVIN VAUGHT

Case Number 18PR000508
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT IRVIN VAUGHT,
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BEVERLY MARIE VAUGHT in the Superior Court of California, County of

MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that BEVERLY MARIE VAUGHT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. [This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.] The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: Jan. 2, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept: 13

Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later of either (1) four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or **(2) 60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 905.2 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
ANNE D. MCGOWAN
26414 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Ste. A
Carmel, CA 93923
(831) 624-6473

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 8, 2018.
Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2018. (PC1129)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182277
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **VILLAGE WINE AND TAP ROOM, 19 E. Carmel Valley Rd. Suite G, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): **MICHAEL AARON TRASK, 35 Village Dr., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Michael Aaron Trask
Nov. 19, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2018. (PC1130)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182303
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **XD STRATEGY, 24685 Santa Rita St., Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): **CHRISTIAN PAUL ROHRER, 24685 Santa Rita St., Carmel, CA 93923.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 1, 2018.
S/Christian Paul Rohrer
Nov. 21, 2018

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 21, 2018.
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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2018. (PC1131)

LEGALS DEADLINE:

Tuesday 4:30 pm

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182328
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **NORTHPOINT CARMEL, Santa Fe 5 SW Ocean, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93921.**
Mailing address: **P.O. Box 5373, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93921.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): **KERITH C HARRISON, Santa Fe 5 SW Ocean, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93921.**
MATTHEW R KRESL, Santa Fe 5 SW Ocean, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by a married couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 27, 2018.
S/Kerith C. Harrison
Nov. 27, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2018. (PC1132)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20182190
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
AGAPE OF CARMEL ASSISTED LIVING, County of Monterey, 25527 Flanders Dr., Carmel, CA. 93923.
Registered Owner(s):
Miriam Sigrip Fickewirrh, 25527 Flanders Dr., Carmel, CA. 93923.
Hermon G. Fickewirrh, 25527 Flanders Dr., Carmel, CA. 93923.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 25, 2017.
S/ Hermon G. Fickewirrh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 5, 2018
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018. (PC1119)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the public hearing, the Commission will visit some or all of the project sites as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. For the items on the agenda, staff will present the project, then the applicant and all interested members of the public will be allowed to speak or offer written testimony before the Commission takes action. Decisions to approve or deny the project may be appealed to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the City Clerk within ten (10) working days following the date of action by the Planning Commission and paying the requisite appeal fee.

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

ZC 17-277 (First Church of Christ Scientist)
Eric Miller Architects, Inc
Lincoln & Monte Verde btwn 5th & 6th Ave
Block: 54; Lot (s): 9, 11-13, 14 & 16
APNs: 010-212-004, 018, 011
Preliminary review of a proposed Rezone (ZC 17-277) of portions of Block 54 from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Residential & Limited Commercial (RC) located on the W/S of Lincoln Street and the E/S of Monte Verde Street between 5th and 6th Avenues in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

UP 18-390 (The Pocket Restaurant)
Kent A. Ipsen, Owner operator
Lincoln Street, 5 NE of 6th Ave.
Block: 55; Lots: 10 & 12
APN: 010-138-019
Consideration of a Use Permit Amendment (UP 18-390), for the replacement of an existing restaurant with a new full-line restaurant (The Pocket) and a new outdoor seating area for a restaurant located on Lincoln Street, 5 NE of 6th Avenue in the Service Commercial (SC) Zoning District.

DS 18-272 (Evensen)
Thomas Hood, Architect
Lincoln Street, 3 NE of 5th Ave.
Block: 52; Lot: 16
APN: 010-137-010
Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 18-272) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing residence and the construction of a new two-story residence located on Lincoln Street, 3 NE of 5th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 18-304 (Barris)
Holdren & Lietzke Architecture, Architect
SE Corn. San Antonio & 7th Ave.
Block: T; Lot(s): 2 & 4
APN: 010-268-012
Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 18-272) and associated Coastal Development Permit for an addition to an existing residence and demolition of an existing guesthouse located at the southeast corner of San Antonio and 7th Ave in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

UP 18-150 / VA 18-273 (Talbot Vineyards)
Robert Talbot, Business Owner
E/S Lincoln between 5th & 6th Avenues
Block: 55; Lot(s): 10 & 12
APN: 010-138-019
Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 18-150) and Variance (VA 18-273) applications to establish a new wine tasting shop (Talbot Vineyards) at a space located on the east side of Lincoln Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, in the Service Commercial (SC) Zoning District.

EROSION

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To access the Overlook Trail, many people simply park along the west side of the highway and follow “unofficial” paths down to it, which damages vegetation and causes erosion. State parks plans to close such trails, restore the vegetation, and create barriers such as fencing and installing boulders to deter such activity.

“The constant flow of foot traffic has caused dramatic erosion along edge of the road,” Kraft explained. “It’s also dangerous — there are blind corners in both directions. There’s a big push behind the project to reduce the number of pedestrians walking around the highway.”

Instead, visitors will be required to enter the park from the east side of the highway, where a path leads through a tunnel to the Overlook Trail.

Visitors can still park along the highway — thereby avoiding paying an entry fee — and walk inside the park, but they will be required to take the official trail to the overlook.

The project also involves realigning the parking lot to “improve the accessibility of the restroom and picnic areas.”

The project is expected to be completed by late winter or early spring, but wet weather could delay it. It’s expected to cost about \$200,000, which would cover staff expenses, materials and a trail crew.



PINE CONE FILE

So many people want to see McWay Falls in Big Sur, new limits will be placed on the ways they can get there.

PEARL (ENGLUND) MCCONCHIE 1931 — 2018

*Pearl (Englund) McConchie,
born Aug. 31, 1931,
in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.*

*Passed away Nov. 4,
at Carmel, California.*

*Pearl is survived by
one sister, Opal Taylorson
of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.*

AUDIT

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been obeying the law.

The consultant will examine batches of transactions to verify the tax computations were correct and make sure the hotel’s records of revenues and collected taxes are accurate. In addition, the auditor will review the business’ “internal control procedures” for determining and accounting room rents, identifying which guests are exempt from paying the tax (like federal and state workers here on official business), and documenting free rooms.

The auditor must also “perform additional procedures that the city considers necessary to verify the reasonableness of reported revenues” of the hotel and recommend ways “to help ensure better collections.”

Not by price alone

Candidate firms were asked to outline their qualifications and the capabilities of their employees, explain how they would go about conducting the audits, provide references and give detailed costs.

While it’s important, price alone won’t dictate which contractor gets the job.

The proposals were due Nov. 7, and Friedrichsen originally anticipated bringing a recommendation to the council at its December meeting, but other, more pressing business — including trying to find a curator to repair and live in Flanders Mansion — has pushed that deadline into the new year.

“We got three responses, and we’re reviewing them,” she said Wednesday. “We had a little bump because of Flanders and some other finance things that are higher priorities right now, but we’ll review those and probably get a recommendation to the council for a contract in January.”

STABBING

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Their attacker, she said, was a 6-foot-1, 200-pound, 23-year-old male with short curly hair. He was wearing a grey hoodie “and two pairs of Levi jeans,” and had left the house “in an unknown direction of travel.”

Because the sheriff’s deputies who would typically respond to such a call were all far away, including down the coast in Big Sur, and would take awhile to get there, Carmel P.D. sent officer Joe Martis to help. He arrived just five minutes after he was dispatched, at 8:03 p.m., according to CPD Chief Paul Tomasi. By the time he got there, sheriff’s deputies and a CHP officer were still at least 15 minutes away.

When he arrived at the house, Martis carefully approached the door, but never saw Lee, and as soon as he got inside, he started caring for the wounded while waiting for the other officers to arrive.

After the other officers got there and paramedics were able to start caring for the victims, Martis helped the deputies search for Lee. Thornburg said deputies also requested a CHP helicopter and a drone from the sheriff’s office to help find their suspect — but ended up canceling them before they arrived, because a sheriff’s K-9 took him down first.

“Deputies with one of the K-9s located him hiding behind a bush underneath a tree about 100 feet from the house,” Thornburg said.

Lee was booked on three counts of attempted murder, three counts of assault with a deadly weapon, two counts of “aggravated mayhem” and a single count of resisting arrest, with bail set at \$5,090,000.

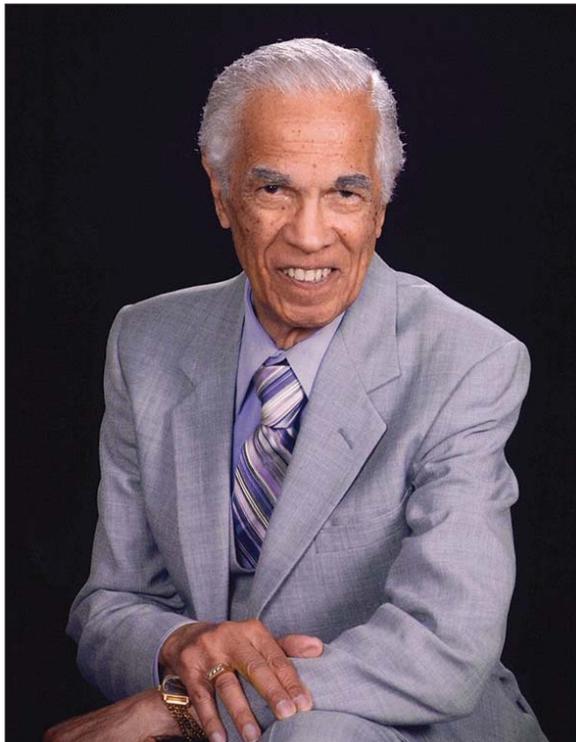
Thornburg wasn’t sure of the condition of the victims Tuesday, and did not provide their names, though he said Lee’s mother was the most critically wounded.

Guido E. de la Vega Montalvo

July 15, 1928 ❖ November 20, 2018

Guido E. de la Vega Montalvo: loving husband, father, and loyal friend went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 20th. Guido was born in Havana, Cuba and came to the United States for political asylum in 1961 — seeking freedom and democratic principles. He was a proud immigrant, a refugee who gave thanks to God and the U.S. that he was able to start a new life on the beautiful Monterey peninsula.

He graduated from the University of Havana with a Doctorate in Education and the U. of Miami with an M.A. in Spanish Language and Literature. In 1963, as a former member of the 2506th Cuban Brigade, he joined the U.S. Army and in 1964 was assigned to the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey as a military



Spanish teacher. Dr. de la Vega later became a part of the DLI civilian faculty. It was at DLI, teaching Spanish, where Guido met his wife, Deanna Tovar. Guido served at DLI for 33 years in various capacities until his retirement in 1996. At DLI, he taught Spanish, co-developed the Spanish Basic Curriculum, worked in the Ed. Tech Division, and wrote story boards for a Spanish Interactive Video Disk Program. This program was filmed on location in Costa Rica and Dr. de la Vega served as on-site director for the filming. He was a recipient of the Kiwanis DLI Teacher of the Year Award and he received special recognition for his contributions to the DLI EEO and Hispanic Employment Program. He also served as a DLI Department Chair at the Joint DLI/DIS Attaché training program in Washington D.C.

He recently achieved the rank of Professor Emeritus from DLI. He taught Spanish at Hartnell College, the Naval Postgraduate School, Cal. State U. Stanislaus, MIIS, and the U. of Miami. He also worked as an ACTFL OPI tester, an Advanced Placement exam scorer, a reviewer of the Spanish National Tests, and a court interpreter. He was a member of various foreign language professional

organizations. Dr. de la Vega was a human rights advocate and while living in Seaside, served as Chairman of the Seaside Human Relations committee.

He is survived by his wife, Deanna Tovar de la Vega, and their children, Gabe and Amanda. He is also survived by his son, Guido (Yovanna) de la Vega Fernandez; his sisters, Yolanda and Silvia de la Vega, Olga Hernandez; nephew Henry Hernandez; as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Cuba and many cousins, nieces and nephews in NY and Miami. Guido had many special friends whom he considered family. Special thanks to Dr. Centurion, Dr. Light and staff, and his loving caregivers.

Guido was a family man who rarely missed a Nutcracker, dance recital, school musical, football, lacrosse, or soccer game. He also coached basketball and soccer. He was generous, hard-working, and loved life — living it to the fullest among his family and friends. He loved good wine, good food, good clothes, good jokes, jazz, dancing, and his Pontiac LeMans (an icon on the Peninsula). He especially loved the views of the Monterey Bay as they reminded him of the bay in Havana. He was a man of faith who loved his family and his adopted country very much. His charming smile will with be us always.

“Te queremos mas que al sol, la luna, y las estrellas.”

The family will have a private interment service. A memorial service will be held at Carmel Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Mt. View & Junipero, Carmel, CA, on Saturday, December 1st, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Guido’s memory to The Parkinson’s Foundation or Carmel Presbyterian Church.

Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com for condolences.

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SWORN

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end, what matters is that the council and the community come together” for the benefit of everyone.

“There are a great many challenges that our village faces

which can only be resolved by all of us working together,” he continued. “There are also lots of opportunities to do some very creative things, which I hope the new council will also meet with the same enthusiasm and hard work as our council.”

Dallas said he was leaving office “with a great sense of accomplishment,” and recounted several of the council’s achievements.

“It has been an exceptional honor to serve this village where I grew up and one that I shall treasure for a lifetime,” he said.

‘Ultimate volunteerism’

After city clerk Tom Graves administered the of the oath of office to Theis and the newcomers, Potter took his seat at the head of the dais and thanked Dallas and Hardy for their hard work.

“Participating in public process is the ultimate form of volunteerism,” he said. “When you come forward and say, ‘I want to serve as an elected official,’ in a community that’s as important as Carmel, you deserve a lot of credit.”

Potter said he plans to lead in a way that will resonate with the public, especially those who reached out to him directly to share their thoughts and concerns. “The message I heard was, ‘Let’s try to work together as a community, let’s respect the public process, and let’s all be allowed to participate,’” he said.

Potter, a political veteran but new to Carmel city government, told the audience that former U.S. Rep Sam Farr “wrote four

pages of what I was supposed to say today.”

But he said he would use just Farr’s closing comment. “This I promise,” Potter continued. “The city staff will work with the residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea through the direction of the mayor and council. We pledge to fulfill your expectations as public servants. The door is open, and please come in.”

Baron recounted the lessons he learned while going door to door during his campaign.

“Running for this office has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life,” he said. “I have in the past always believed that the correctness of my ideas was what mattered. What I discovered was that when it comes to representing the people, I was mistaken.”

He explained that above all else, people want to be heard and represented more than they care about being “right.” Baron said he met “hundreds of others who care as much about Carmel as I do, and are more informed than many of us here in this room give them credit for.”

The experience was “illuminating, because it gives me an

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Outgoing Mayor Steve Dallas shook hands with his successor, Dave Potter, who was sworn in to the city’s highest office Tuesday after beating Dallas in a landslide at the polls.

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incredible sense of the unharnessed power and energy of the public, and the respect that all of us here on the dais must have for them," he said. "And humbling, because there is so much more our government can do to harness that energy — to get all of you to help us make Carmel a better place."

Theis said she was "truly humbled" by those who voted for her. Working with Hardy and Dallas was a privilege, she said, and the council put a lot of effort into conducting the city's business.

"That being said, I very much respect the democratic process, and I plan on moving ahead with the current council, because I, too, want to get things done and accomplished," she said. Theis said she aims to protect what makes the city special. "That's really why we're up here," she said.

Councilwoman Jan Reimers, who was elected two years ago, said she hopes the community appreciates what the pre-

vious council accomplished.

"I look forward to continuing that service, because we're here for Carmel," she said. "We're here to hear what you have to say, to make the changes and adjustments that need to be made, and to move forward in a positive way."

New vice mayor

Councilman Bobby Richards, who often found himself at odds with Dallas and Hardy — and sometimes the rest of the council, too — acknowledged their strengths. "Steve, your passion and enthusiasm are incredible," he said, complimenting Dallas on his willingness to involve Carmel River School kids in local government in a way that they could bring about change. (They instigated the ban on plastic utensils and straws that is now law.)

"Carolyn, your willingness to dive into some of those tough subjects that we dove into, and your thoroughness, are admirable, and I very much appreciate all that you've done,"

he continued.

The only other item of business was Potter's appointment of mayor pro tempore, and he picked Richards, whom he described as "a respected member of the community."

"Bobby, you and I have known each other for a long time," he said. "I think we'll do a good job. I appreciate your standing in for me when I can't be here ... I'd be proud to have you as my vice mayor, if you're so inclined."

Richards replied that it "would be a great honor."

Potter thanked the council members for their words.

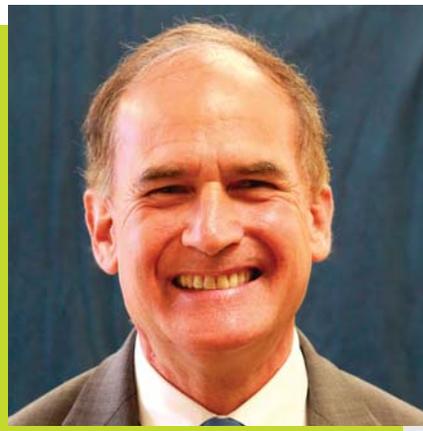
"The comments are reflective of the spirit of this council," he said. "That's what we can do together, is collaborate, communicate, and better understand the desires of the community, and avoid the confrontation and unnecessary conflicts in this community."

The new council's first opportunities to exercise that philosophy will be at a special meeting Dec. 3 and the regular meeting Dec. 4.



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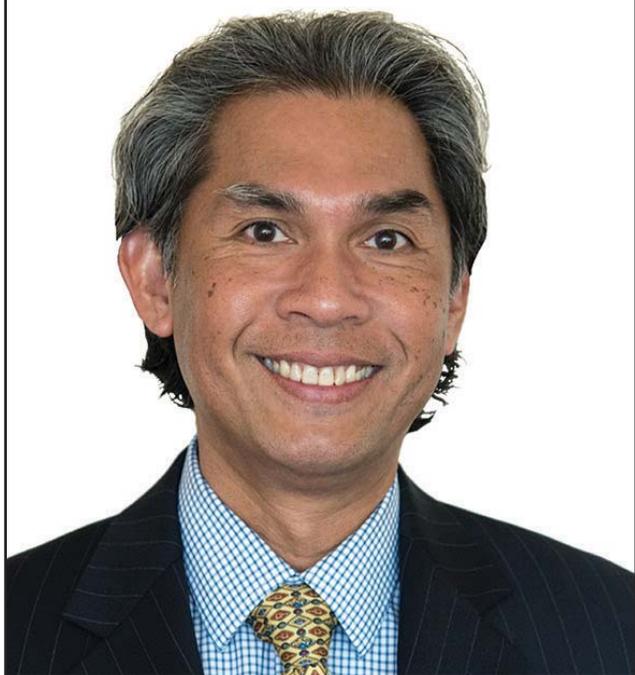


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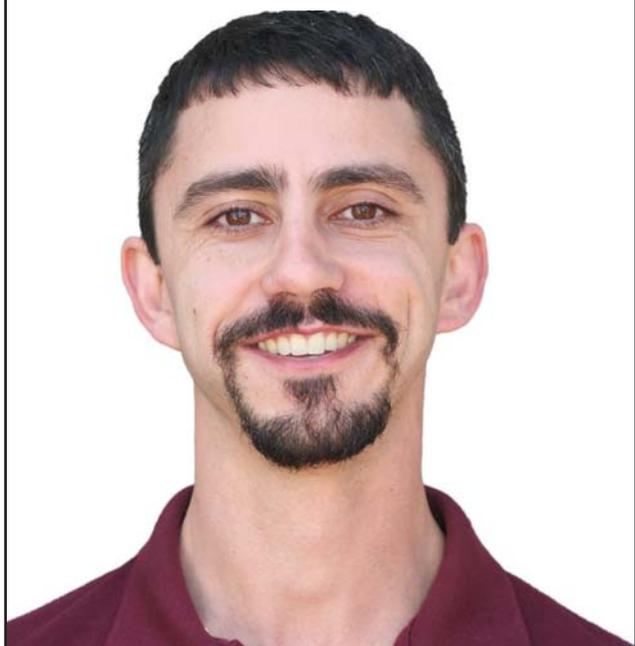
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Developer says he's victim of elder abuse

By KELLY NIX

FORMER HOLMAN building owner Nader Agha is the victim of financial elder abuse by a realtor and businessman who, among other things, forged his signature on documents to open a marijuana operation in Salinas, Agha claims in a new lawsuit.

The complaint filed in Monterey County Superior Court contends that cannabis operator and real estate agent Mike Bitar defrauded Agha, 75, by using his financial statements without his permission, bilking him out of profits, and not repaying loans.

"Bitar took, appropriated, obtained and retained [Agha's] property for a wrongful use," according to the lawsuit, which cites the state's law for financial elder abuse.

Bitar is the cofounder of Grupo Flor, a Salinas operation that operates several cannabis-related companies. He's also the president of East of Eden, a Salinas marijuana dispensary on Work Street.

'Frustrating'

Bitar told The Pine Cone that the lawsuit is "frustrating" but that he's "added it to the pile of Nader's failed eviction actions, court motions, criminal complaints and silly press releases."

Agha's lawsuit comes after Grupo Flor filed suit against him and his Moss Landing commercial park in January, and a complaint Agha brought against Bitar and Grupo Flor in November 2017.

Agha claims in the new suit that Bitar handled a series of business transactions for him in 2014 and 2015, including

property deals in Soledad and the sale of a large quantity of magnesium hydroxide at Agha's business park in Moss Landing. Agha said that Bitar, at his request, also showed a potential investor from Saudi Arabia property investment opportunities in Monterey County.

However, the business relationship soured after Bitar, the suit says, did not repay Agha for an \$800,000 loan in 2016 for the purchase of property in King City and other transactions. The suit also claims that Bitar forged Agha's signature on his financial statement so Bitar could build and operate a cannabis business on Work Street in Salinas.

Agha also alleges that in 2014 Bitar "began a campaign to ingratiate himself" with him "in order to enhance his standing in the community" and "make business deals." He said Bitar would tell others that Agha was his "uncle," which he is not, according to the suit.

Besides financial elder abuse, Agha alleges breach of fiduciary duty and fraud.

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Admission is usually \$49.95 for adults, so the deal amounts to significant savings for locals. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and the aquarium is located at 886 Cannery Row.

And, sweetening the deal even more, the City of Monterey is allowing locals to park for free for two hours in the Cannery Row garage at 601 Foam St. during the holiday season. The free parking is intended to encourage people to shop, dine — and visit the aquarium.

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LETTUCE

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difficult and can be lengthy since the weak link is often at stores and restaurants where the product in question is sold and consumed.

“By the time the outbreak pattern is detected, those locations may not be able to tell investigators precisely what they were selling or serving some weeks before,” he said. “The ag industry is required to have a track and trace system, but there are no requirements for record keeping at the end of the supply chain.”

Also, many people who have minor symptoms of food poisoning may not report them to a doctor.

He said the ag commissioner’s office is ready to provide “any information needed to assist in the investigation.”

If there’s an upside, a 2010 U.S. Department of Agriculture study found that while fresh spinach sales plummeted after the 2006 contamination, the losses were “almost matched by gains” in the sales of other leafy greens that consumers turned to as substitutes.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, every year about 48 million Americans get bacterial or viral food poisoning.

FIRES

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other things, to bringing heavy equipment or power tools into wilderness areas. Caplin and others pushed back, contending that historical firebreaks preceded recent wilderness expansions.

Madsen said he wouldn’t be surprised if the project faced “some sort of challenge in the courts.” “But as long as a judge doesn’t order an injunction, we’re moving forward with it,” he added.

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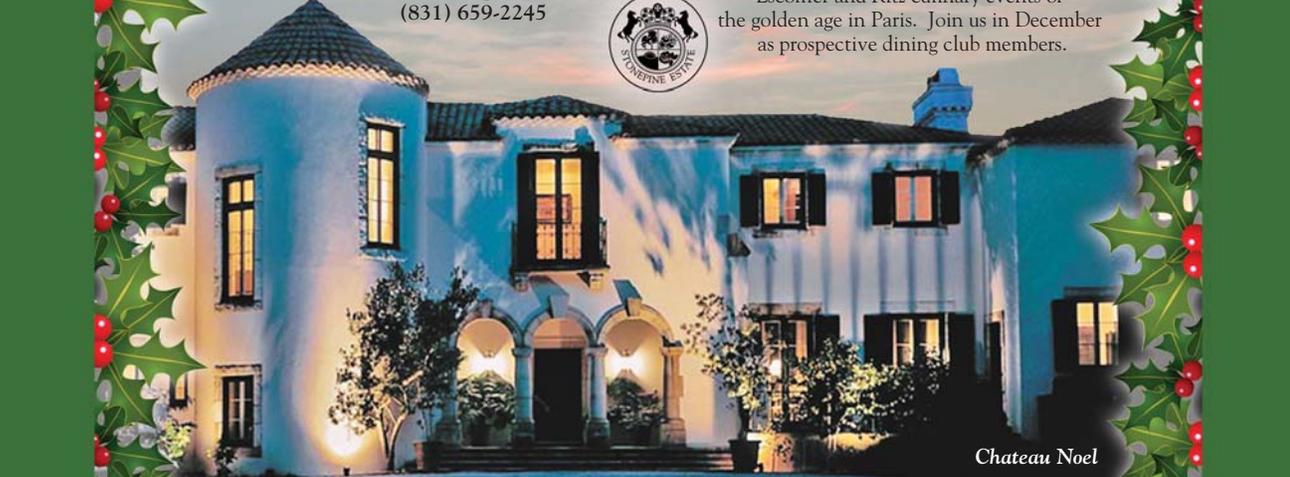
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Editorial

Wild winter on the way?

THIS WEEK'S downpours and strong winds got us wondering whether we're in for a wild winter. You know, the kind we had back in 1995 and 1997, when trees seemed to be falling everywhere, bridges were being washed out, and roads were impassable. With climate change rapidly accelerating (so we're told), major storms are supposedly the "new normal." Uh-oh.

But then our thoughts went back to all the warnings we heard not too long ago about drought being the new normal. That would be bad, too. But more droughts and bigger storms can't happen at the same time. So, which is it?

The answer to that question has to begin with the admission that the earth's climate is influenced by a great many factors, many of which are little understood, and our day-to-day weather is even more variable. Anyone who makes predictions about the planet's climate future always has to hedge. There's simply no way to be certain how much the earth's climate will change or vary over the next, say, 100 years.

Nevertheless, some things are indisputable. First of all, human activity warms the earth. All warm-blooded creatures, including us, radiate heat from our bodies every minute of every day we're alive. And since humans have so many machines, we also cause a lot of warming indirectly. Pretty much everything that uses any form of energy converts at least a small part of it into heat, and many of our machines emit gases that can cause a greenhouse effect in the earth's atmosphere. Are we warming the earth? Yes, we are.

It's also true that a warmer earth will be a wetter earth, for the simple reason that warmer water evaporates more rapidly than cooler water, and more evaporation from the oceans means more rain.

To prove it, try a simple science experiment. Put a lid on a pot full of water on your stove, but don't turn the heat on. How long does it take for droplets to form on the inside of the lid? Now repeat the process with burner turned on. Even a small amount of heat makes a big difference.

Believe it or not, our atmosphere is a closed system, just like a pot with a lid. The analogy is perfect.

Sure, there may be local exceptions, but on average, a warmer earth will definitely be one with more rain. So obvious is this fact, you actually have to wonder about the sanity (or the truthfulness) of global warming zealots such as outgoing Gov. Jerry Brown, who has repeatedly warned, as he did in 2016, that "drought is becoming a regular occurrence."

And over at the New York Times, in 2012 (among many examples), they intoned that, "droughts will be commonplace through the end of the century unless human-induced carbon emissions are significantly reduced."

How much will the earth warm over the next 100 years? No one knows. But if you believe it will be a lot, then you might want to start buying flood insurance instead of spending your money on xeriscaping.

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Letters to the Editor

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'Careless statements'

Dear Editor,

Your otherwise helpful editorial of Nov. 23 was marred by your ill-informed second-guessing regarding the adequacy of warning in the first several hours of the fire.

Have you ever visited the Paradise area? Have you been in the burn zone since the fire began? Do you have any expertise in ICS/NIMS, warning, or extreme fire behavior?

The experts studying this fire are still collecting data and have barely begun to analyze what happened, much less issue even preliminary conclusions. What gives you the presumption to think that you know more than they do about what happened on the first day of the Camp Fire?

Above all, it is an affront to both the firefighters and the Butte County community to presume to judge what happened before the flames are even out and the fire is contained.

There will be plenty of time to analyze the lessons learned from this and the other fires which have swept the state in 2018.

In the meantime, I suggest you retract your

careless statements and confine your opinionating to subjects you actually know something about.

Paul Saffo

Escape plan

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for all the information in your editorial, "Saving Yourself from Fire."

I suggest putting all important papers, etc., in one place so they can be easily grabbed if there is an evacuation.

My major concern, other than the above, is whether Carmel and Carmel Valley have an escape plan.

Part of the issue with the Camp Fire was their escape plan did not work. What is our plan, if any? If we don't have one, one should be made quickly and disseminated to all residents of our area.

Thank you for researching this concern.

Elizabeth Herbert, Carmel

'Concerned citizens'

Dear Editor,

Fascinating! So now the Pine Cone is proposing that all art or architectural forms should be accepted by those most impacted without a squeak. No to-and-fro, but servile meekness, or face a media contempt and ridicule campaign.

The Comrades would approve!

I agree with 90 percent of your opinions, but why the aggressive denouncement of concerned citizens on this one?

A mostly loyal reader,

Marshall Stimson, Carmel

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She knew how to make the grades

ELLEN COULTER was born in 1946 in Dos Palos in the San Joaquin Valley. She grew up on a farm and showed animals.

"I was a really good sheep blocker," she said — meaning that she excelled at trimming sheep to show them — and she said she won all sorts of awards. In high school, she "did everything," including being in the Rainbow Girls (a branch of the Masons for young women) and playing trumpet in the marching band, in addition to her livestock work. But

Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

she couldn't be in Future Farmers of America because it wasn't yet open to women. Naturally, she was voted most likely to succeed by her graduating class.

At 18, Coulter went to UC Davis and studied English. Just like in high school, she became involved in extracurricular activities. Most notably, she served on the board of the university's annual open house, Picnic Day, which is a longstanding tradition with multiple events all over campus.

Three grades

At Davis, she met Bob, a veterinary student, while on a double date with his roommate. But he had a serious girlfriend. A year later they bumped into one another, and both were available, and as they say, the rest is history. The couple married in 1969 — a year after she graduated from Davis and after Bob finished vet school — and will celebrate the milestone wedding anniversary next year.

In 1970, the couple moved to this area, and she began teaching English at Pacific Grove High School. "P.G. High was much bigger then; at its peak, there were 1,500 students, and we had to share classrooms. I remember walking around campus with a cart of books between periods," she said.

Bob took a job at the Monterey Animal Hospital, where he worked as a veterinarian for 35 years. In 1971, they bought their home in Pebble Beach and have happily lived there ever since.

Coulter quickly earned tenure but lost it when she left teaching to have and raise her two children, Kate and Grant, for five years.

"During the end of my time off with my children, a friend invited me to visit her in London where she had gone on an exchange to teach at the American School there," Coulter said. The trip reinvigorated her interest in teaching.

In 1980, she was rehired by P.G. High, but this time as a non-tenured teacher, having a class now and then. She taught electives — classes on science fiction, Shakespeare, poetry and really had fun doing it. She noted, however, "When you start teaching, they don't teach you how to grade papers." So, Coulter developed her own system, "three grades — one for ideas, one for mechanics and one for organization. A student might have great ideas but poor grammar, and it's not fair to fail them for that."

She also took two pieces of advice that her father — who had also been a teacher — instilled in her from his career: "You can always loosen up, but you can never tighten up." And, "Always have more to do than you ever think you can get through."

Besides always getting a lot done, Coulter ran her classes like a tight ship. It didn't take her long to get tenure again.

While she was strict, Coulter cared deeply about her students.

"I remember when the school shooting happened at Columbine, the whole campus was quiet and eerie," Coulter recalled. "I asked the kids, 'Have you talked about this?' They hadn't. 'Do you want to?' I got a resounding 'Yes!' And we spent the whole period talking about it. It made the students feel better to talk about such a scary event."

Work ethic

Teaching is often a thankless job, and validation can come in the strangest forms and at the least expected times. At the 20-year reunion for the Class of '98, a student approached her and reminded Coulter she had once said "it was our job to be students just like it was your job to be the teacher." The student took that work ethic with her to college and adult life, and excelled.

Coulter taught everything from remedial English to AP English. She was the faculty advisor for the student-run newspaper, The

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Ellen Coulter at the 1961 Los Banos Fair with her champion sheep (left), and as a teacher in P.G. in 1995.

A varied collage of exceptional work

AS HE discussed his eclectic professional history, Luke Ahearn occasionally scolded himself for rambling from topic to topic, suspecting he has "some kind of attention-deficit disorder."

Chemotherapy and medications he's endured during a two-year battle with colon cancer have messed with his ability to focus and fogged his brain, he said. But another obvious truth is that the Skyline Forest resident has been blessed with so many big-league talents that he's found it next to impossible to zero in on any specific career path.

Where to begin?

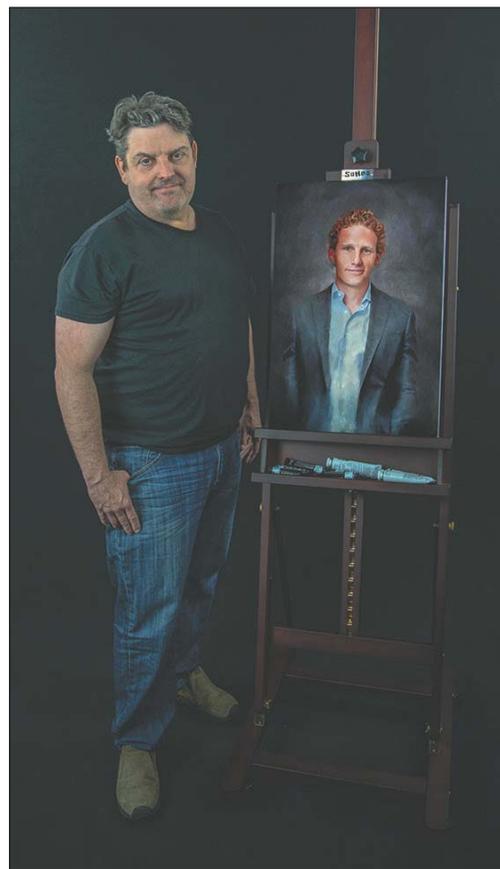
Start with the fact that Ahearn, 54, is an uber-talented portrait artist with an unusual gift for capturing a person's "inner light," as he calls it.

Bestsellers

His portfolio also includes a series of moody paintings from New Orleans, where he grew up and spent his early adult years: A solitary streetcar ... that purportedly haunted street known as Pirates Alley ... a well-used bass drum inside rustic Preservation Hall, the famous French Quarter jazz venue.

His body of work presumably would be much larger if art had been his main obsession through the years, but Ahearn also had a career as a highly skilled computer-game designer.

The fact that he's a natural-born writer enabled him to author multiple bestselling books on how to create computer games. Some of his texts have been used in high schools and universities, and as instructional manuals by Disney Communications.



PHOTO/JULIE HEARN

Artist Luke Ahearn shows his latest portrait of Jonah Berger, professor at The Wharton School.

But writing nonfiction eventually grew tiresome, so Ahearn began writing fantasy adventures, including a popular series of zombie novels that can still be found on the internet.

In his college years, he played drums, bass and rhythm guitar well enough to be part of a

Carmel's artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

band that did gigs at fraternity parties, mostly in exchange for food and beer.

"That's been my life — throwing myself into things for a while, experiencing some success, then getting bored and diving into something else," he said with a laugh. "I just tend to juggle a lot of things. I have to do a lot of things."

Ahearn, a teacher's son, remembers being a bored, solitary kind of kid who by age 10 was reading his older siblings' high school textbooks all night long, then sleeping through class during the day.

He was originally assumed to be "retarded," but when he finally was tested as a fifth-grader, his parents got other news.

"The lady said, 'Your son is actually a genius — just really, really bored, and most likely depressed,'" Ahearn said. "You probably need to send him to a different school, and also take him to a specialist."

"Well, my parents couldn't afford anything like that, so they just put me back in class and let me sleep. I just kept making Cs and Ds, barely getting by."

After school, he'd wander alone through New Orleans' alleyways, observing the seedy side of the city. He said he witnessed rapes, drug use, and other ugly sights.

At 15 he lied about his age and got a job as a dishwasher at a restaurant, mostly so he could eat well. At 16 he dropped out of school and entered a seminary, where he spent two years considering the priesthood. At 18 he returned to finish high school, where he displayed such gifts for art that his teacher often would put him in charge of teaching the class, and disappear for an hour.

Flashing eyes

After graduating, still lackadaisical about his education, he enrolled in college, where one day he strolled — long-haired, barefoot, and very late (not unusual) — into a class.

"I looked at all the students, picked out the best-looking girl, sat down next to her and said, 'Hey, what did I miss?'" he recounted. "And these beautiful, flashing eyes looked over at me, and she said, 'You missed three weeks of class.'"

Ahearn was smitten, but unpretentious, aspiring only to become friends for the rest of the semester with a woman who was clearly out of his league. To his surprise, they wound up dating, became an item, and got married in 1991. They are parents today of two adult children, Ellen, 26, who lives on the Monterey Peninsula,

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AHEARN

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and Cooper, 24, of Portland, Ore.

There was one serious bump in the relationship: Ahearn flunked out of college — badly — and Julie dumped him for a week, a wake-up call that turned his life around. He spent the next year convincing the college to forgive him and allow him to re-enroll, then returned with a newfound zeal for education.

He pursued multiple majors without ever earning a degree, then began his multi-direction professional journey, including the creation of a computer game company in New Orleans.

“I always kind of gravitated back toward art, and I started that company trying to be practical,” he said. “But I was paying a lot of people to do the website, create the game boxes, make my letterheads and logos, and hated everything I was seeing, so I started doing it myself.”

That turned out to be a recurring theme for Ahearn, who later found himself at odds with publishers over editing, cover

designs and other aspects of the books he wrote, and wound up taking on many of those tasks himself.

One of his computer game tutorial books, a bestseller, caught the eye of people at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, where they were building a team to create the first version of “America’s Army,” a first-person computer game envisioned as a military recruiting tool.

Ahearn got an out-of-the-blue phone call from NPS, which flew him to Monterey for an interview and hired him to build the team that would develop the game. He accepted the job, which lasted two years before he began feeling conflicted.

Moral dilemma?

“Designing computer games always made me feel like I was making and selling drugs to kids,” he said. It was a big reason he sold his company, he said, and using a game to attract youth to the armed forces was, to him, another moral conflict.

“I love our military, but didn’t feel good about luring kids into the service with a computer game,” Ahearn said. “I expressed that opinion, got reassigned to a new project, and

eventually wound up leaving. But I really did enjoy my time there.”

Surgeons removed part of his colon and surrounding lymph nodes in 2016, but it was chemotherapy that left him mostly bedridden for almost a year. The drugs also drained his motivation, a frustration he endured by assisting Julie with her own career as a professional portrait photographer.

“She has a special talent for talking to her subjects,” he said. “They kind of forget they’re in front of a camera and relax, so they’re candid, really at their best, and their inner light comes out.”

His prognosis today is excellent, he reports — there’s been no trace of cancer since his surgery — but Ahearn says he’s still recovering, both physically and emotionally.

His art can be viewed on his website, www.lukeahearn.com, and he accepts commissions for portraits. His novels and computer game books can be found at amazon.com and other online outlets. Julie’s portraits can be found at juliaahearn.com.

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ADA

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the door,” and the soap dispenser, coat hook, seat-cover dispenser and light switches need to be moved, among many other errors and problems to be corrected. Some, like the narrowness of the walkway between the back side of city hall and a brick retaining wall, can’t be addressed without major cost and re-construction.

According to the report’s estimates, the Piccadilly Park bathroom requires the least, at \$32,736 for fixing the slope and construction of the ramp, while Sunset Center, which underwent a \$21.65 million renovation 14 years ago, requires \$812,148 worth of improvements to make it ADA compliant, including better handrails and ramps, more handicap parking, accessible charging stations for electric vehicles, and changes to the entrances and doors to the bathroom stalls.

The Forest Theater, which was shut down under the Stilwell administration for being unsafe and underwent a major overhaul — ostensibly in part to make it ADA compliant — needs another \$285,174 in fixes for handrails, ramps, the concessions stand, sidewalks and other items.

Since it obviously can’t all be fixed at once, the plan outlines four priority levels, with the first being safety hazards, the second being corrections of “access items” that were

incorrectly installed — such as grab rails in the bathrooms — third being items that once complied with the codes but no longer do, and the fourth being corrections that would be so difficult and expensive to make that they are considered “undue burdens.” Projects falling under the first two priority levels should be handled within the next five years.

First things first

Environmental compliance manager Agnes Martelet explained that top priority would also be given to the buildings used by the greatest number of people, like the libraries and city hall. City employees can tackle some of the fixes themselves, she noted, while others will require outside contractors. Some can be remedied quickly, and some will take much longer.

“Many small, in-house maintenance projects and short-term, on-call contractor-supported projects are proposed to be completed over the next 10 years, provided that funds are made available each year in the annual Capital Improvement Plan,” Martelet said. But many of the more expensive improvements “may be considered undue burdens and deferred indefinitely or until a major renovation occurs” at the building in question.

All will be done with the village’s aesthetic in mind, according to Rerig.

“The other point that cannot be understated in our community is we will protect the character of our village,” he assured the council and the public.

COULTER

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Knockout, and the advisor for student government.

She retired in 2006 in response to her husband’s comment, “You can either come with me or I can send you postcards from exotic places.” A former student of hers, Katie Selfridge, took over her English class and kept her curriculum — she even had Coulter come in to teach the poetry sections.

When Selfridge went on maternity leave, Coulter returned for the last quarter of the

year, and the kids called themselves her legacy class. “It was nice. It allowed me to reconnect with the kids and really say goodbye to teaching.”

Now that she is fully retired, she and Bob walk — a lot.

For her 70th birthday, they walked 192 miles across England from St. Bees in the west, en route to Robin Hood’s Bay, on the North Sea. They’ve walked Wicklow Way — a mountainous, 78-mile trail in Ireland — and around Bavaria just this last year.

Looking back on her life, Coulter said she’s been very blessed. “I married the love of my life and am still in love, I have wonderful kids, and had a fulfilling career.”

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Elizabeth Springer, a peninsula resident for 57 years, died peacefully on November 16, 2018, at the age of 93. She was born Elizabeth Melaugh to Louis and Mabel Melaugh of Portland Maine, where she was raised and attended schools, prior to joining WGAN Radio as a secretary and occasional personality.



She married Portland’s Bruce Springer in 1942. The couple eventually moved to San Francisco, Lake Arrowhead and Manhattan Beach, California before settling on the Monterey Peninsula in 1961. Among raising a family, Elizabeth and Bruce owned and operated Zeke’s Carpet House in Monterey. In the early 1970s, the couple purchased the Village Shopping Center in Carmel Valley, which continues as a family business to this day. Elizabeth lived in and loved the Valley, sharing with her husband, a desire to preserve its beauty along with the future of the youth in the area. She traveled extensively, yet considered camping in the U.S. and Mexico, among her happiest days. She moved to Pacific Grove in 2001 after over 40 years in Carmel Valley. She returned to the Valley in 2011, until her passing. She was a loving mother and a true friend. She was someone you could always count on and had a great sense of humor and was a compassionate lover of life. She had the ability to make friends with people of all ages and enjoyed sharing picnics, games, good books and treasures from her kitchen. She loved rummage sales, sunshine and the music of Edith Piaf. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Bruce Springer; two sons, James and Michael, and daughter, Susan. She is survived by her daughter, Ann Conneau and son-in-law, Jeffrey Conneau of Carmel; granddaughters, Elicia Hammond and Laura Conneau, and great-granddaughter, Brooke Nichols. Deep gratitude to Villa Mirage of Carmel, the VNA and Hospice for their compassionate care of her. To honor her request, no services will be held.

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Section 2

Padres' and Pirates' new coaches face different obstacles — and each other

IF HIGH school sports tend to be more fun among “frenemies,” the Carmel Padres and Stevenson Pirates should have a blast

after serving an apprenticeship as a varsity assistant and head junior varsity coach at Everett Alvarez in Salinas. And Stevenson will be coached by Lucy Stockdale, a prep standout in Denver who played collegiate basketball at Trinity University in San Antonio. She ascends to the Pirates' head position after coaching last year's junior varsity squad at Stevenson. Both coaches promise to bring a new style of play.

Stevenson's outlook

“We'll be pressuring our opponents as much as we can this year because we're a smaller team. We'll try to force as many turnovers as we can,” promised Stockdale, who liked what she saw in the team's first head-to-head confrontation with another school — an exhibition game against Marina before the Thanksgiving break.

“What I liked that day was that we put the pedal to the metal right from the get-go, and

got quite a few steals that got us a lot of early points. We scored 39 in the first half,” she said. “I think it was a good indicator of our hustle and our ability to finish on the other end of the court.”

The bad news: Stevenson graduated its top two scorers from the 2017-18 squad. Ambreece Gaskins topped all Central Coast players with a 22.3-point average, and also

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

during the upcoming girls basketball season. Both teams had solid seasons a year ago with rosters that were heavily populated by underclassmen.

At Stevenson, only three players were seniors on a 15-player roster that took the Pirates to a 15-9 overall record, including a 10-4 mark in the now-defunct Mission Trail Athletic League. That was good for a third-place finish (behind Soledad and King City) and a spot in the Central Coast Section's Division V playoffs, where the Pirates won one of their two games.

Carmel's overall record, at 9-15, wasn't as good, but the Padres were the MTAL's fourth-place finisher at 8-6, and they also won one of their two postseason games, playing in the CCS Division IV tournament. That roster had just one senior.

Suffice to say, they won't be strangers when they get reacquainted Jan. 18 at Carmel and Feb. 5 at Stevenson. But it also won't quite be déjà vu.

Each team will be guided this season by a first-year head coach. Tameka Blue, a former Santa Cruz High standout who went on to earn all-conference plaudits at CSU Dominguez Hills, takes the reins at Carmel High



PHOTOS/COURTESY STEVENSON SCHOOL

Carmel senior Soana Laulotu (above, in red uniform), was last year's league MVP, and is often triple-teamed on the court. Point guard Kailey Clymo (right) was Stevenson's third-leading scorer as a freshman last season.



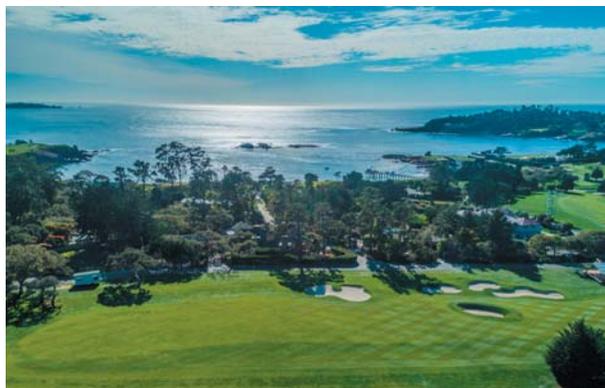
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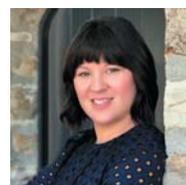
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SPORTS

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led the Pirates in steals, assists, and rebounds. And Antonia Malate contributed 9.3 points per game. They accounted for 65 percent of Stevenson's offense, a tough chunk to replace. Savannah Thompson, an active 5-foot-10 forward, was the other graduation loss.

But there's plenty of good news, starting with Stephanie Dalhamer, a third-year varsity player who, at 5-10, will bring strength and aggression under the basket. Kailey Clymo, a 5-8 sophomore, was the team's third-leading scorer (6.6 points) as a 14-year-old, and is expected to be a significant scoring threat from the perimeter as the starting point guard.

Clymo, Dalhamer, and freshman wunderkind Rhea Cosand, another point guard,

should become the team's best offensive players as the season evolves.

Another freshman point guard, 5-2 Gabby Perez, is a gifted ball handler who will be counted upon to bring the ball up the court. Cosand and Perez are expected to be among the team's best defensive players.

Other keys are expected to be 5-9 small forward Kiren Kanazawa, an inside player who will support Dalhamer as a rebounder, and 5-7 post/guard Nisha Singh, who should contribute from the outside.

Reserves include guards Dana Diniz, an aggressive defender with exceptional speed, Auri Koski, a quick 5-5 sophomore, and Natalia Santos, who saw varsity time a year ago, plus Angela Zhang, a junior post with good court sense. Graz Carman earned her spot on the varsity with extreme hustle, and Sydney Craven, a two-sport athlete in the fall, is a tough competitor. Both are freshmen.

■ Carmel outlook

While Stevenson will be figuring out how to replace the high-scoring Gaskins, Carmel is plotting the best way to deploy the MTAL's 2017-18 Most Valuable Player, 6-foot-1 center Soana Laulotu, who could emerge this year as the PCAL's best player in any division.

"For us, having her on the court is a little bit like having a cheat code. But she basically gets triple-teamed every game, so our success is going to depend a lot on our movement on the court," Blue said of the three-time all-league selection, who led Carmel in scoring and rebounding. "We have to develop balance so we're not trying to force the ball to her."

A key to Carmel's success will be Elle Bowman, a freshman who will step into the all-important point guard position. It's a steep learning curve, said Blue (who started at point guard as a freshman at Santa Cruz), but Bowman is an exceptional talent.

Ashley Langley, Carmel's other senior starter, brings leadership and new-

found aggressiveness in her second season as a co-captain.

The Padres' other two starters are expected to be Olivia Randazzo, a defensive ace who also can shoot, and Erin Trotter, who has a hunger for rebounds and is a quick defender. Both are sophomores.

Bench strength will be provided by seniors Chloe Bernal, who showed great promise in a practice game against Notre Dame, juniors Katie Swartz, an active 5-8 guard/post who can shoot and rebound; Brenna Ozel, a cross country standout and varsity veteran; Adeline Carley, who is learning to use her 5-10 size, and Arielle Castagna, daughter of JV coach Dave Castagna, who is showing more aggression on the floor.

Little sister Summer Castagna, a freshman, is a good rebounder and defender with a head for the game.

"We'll try to push the ball up the court, and use a lot of screens and movement. Stagnation isn't a style I want our players to adopt — that's not who I was as a player, and it's not who I am as a coach," Blue said. "We also want to have a strong defensive presence, and we're learning that."

■ Quest to be the best

Carmel High, 12-0, will attempt to break the school record for victories in Saturday's championship game of the CCS Division V football playoffs at Westmont High (4805 Westmont Ave., Campbell), where they'll play The King's Academy (10-2). Kickoff is 7 p.m.

The Padres are in search of their first section crown since 2009 — Golden Anderson's first season as head coach — when they went 12-0 and won the Division IV trophy.

The King's Academy routed Monterey 55-14 in the semifinals, while Carmel crushed Gonzales (11-0 at the tie) by a 63-14 score.

Adult admission is \$10, seniors, high school students, and children 6 and older pay \$5, and 5 and under are free.

■ One for the books

Anna Watson's 5-kilometer time of 19

minutes, 42 seconds, was good for 22nd place last week at the Division V state cross-country championships in Fresno, and it was third best in school history at Stevenson.

Watson's clocking tied her for the No. 3 spot with Stephanie Stewart (1997) and Anna Wilcoxon (2011), all of whom rank behind record holder Annie Lee (18:43 in 2007) and Vilma Laitinen (19:17 in 2010.)

■ Looking ahead (Nov. 30-Dec. 6)

Boys basketball — Friday: Carmel at San Lorenzo Valley (7 p.m.); Tuesday: Carmel at Aptos (7 p.m.), Stevenson at Palma (7 p.m.); Thursday: The King's Academy at Carmel (7 p.m.), Pacific Bay Christian vs. Stevenson in first round of the Coach Wilson Memorial Tournament at Stevenson (5 p.m.).

Girls basketball — Friday: Ann Sobrato at Carmel (7 p.m.); KIPP Collegiate at Santa Catalina (5:30 p.m.); Stevenson at Greenfield (7 p.m.); Tuesday: Carmel at North Salinas (7 p.m.); Santa Catalina at King City (6:30 p.m.); Wednesday: Pacific Grove at Santa Catalina (6:30 p.m.) Thursday: Carmel at Seaside (6:30 p.m.); Pacific Bay Christian vs. Stevenson in first round of Coach Wilson Memorial Tournament at Stevenson (3:30 p.m.).

Football — Saturday: Carmel (12-0) vs. King's Academy (10-2) in championship game of Central Coast Section Division V playoffs at Westmont High, 4805 Westmont Ave., Campbell (7 p.m.)

Boys soccer — Friday: Stevenson at York (3:30 p.m.); Saturday: Sacred Heart Prep at Carmel (1 p.m.); Monday: Stevenson at Anzar (3:30 p.m.); Tuesday: Gonzales at Carmel (3:30 p.m.); Wednesday: Seaside at Carmel (3:30 p.m.); Oakwood at Stevenson (3:30 p.m.); Thursday: Palma at Carmel (3:30 p.m.)

Girls soccer — Friday: York at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday: Santa Catalina at Gonzales (5:45 p.m.), Anzar at Stevenson, (3:30 p.m.); Wednesday: Seaside at Carmel (3:30 p.m.); Thursday: Stevenson at Oakwood, (5:45 p.m.)

Wrestling — Saturday: Carmel at Harbor (9 a.m.)



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Carmel's first-year coach, Tameka Blue (back to camera), promises a fast, aggressive team that hopefully will contend for a division crown.





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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

While Anna was growing up in the early 2000s, most girls of her generation moved to a more contemporary beat. But she was captivated by the music of the early 20th century. As

a high school student, she won a top prize in Michael Feinstein's Great American Songbook Competition. In particular, she was drawn to the music of Doris Day.

"The standards include some of the most unforgettable songs, and no one sang them better than she did," explained Anna, who lives in Napa Valley. "She personified goodness, wholesomeness and happiness."

Anna has long wanted to sing at the Cypress Inn.

"It has been Tori's dream to sing at Doris Day's hotel," said Christine Gustafson of Pacific Grove, who helped set up the show.

At the shows, Anna will be accompanied pianist **Mike**

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Photographer finds beauty in reeds and tules

THE WATER'S edge is the focus of a new book by fine art photographer **Roman Loranc**, who will talk about the subject Saturday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m., in Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall.

Loranc will be joined by **Anthony Bannon**, the former director of the George Eastman Museum, which is the oldest museum in the world dedicated to photography.

A reception nearby at the Center for Photographic Art starts at 7 p.m., and a pop-up exhibit of Loranc's work will be on display for one night only.

"Roman is a living master of traditional darkroom photography in this digital age," explained Brian Taylor, executive

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The Squirrel Nut Zippers, including singer Cella Blue (left), perform Dec. 4 at Folktale Winery. Tori Ann (center) presents a Doris Day tribute concert Dec. 5-6 at the Cypress Inn. Tony Kishman (right) plays the music of Paul McCartney Nov. 30 at Golden State Theatre.

Photographer Roman Loranc unveils his latest book, which celebrates the beauty of wetlands, Dec. 1, at Carpenter Hall.

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Party at Pasadera, a Barnyard brewery, wreath making and drinking Ridge wines

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"It primarily a wine-buying event that's kind of trans-

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

formed into this annual holiday party for good times and fun," he told The Pine Cone this week. "It originally started off as a promotion for Surf N Sand for wine sales, and then we were trying to think about what we could do to make it livelier and more fun and build the entertainment value."

So, in addition to the featured wineries — most of which are from Monterey County and California in general — Sanchez lined up a rep from Crown Royal Canadian whisky to do customized bottle etchings for guests, and has 10 breweries set to pour. Sanchez' own El Jefe tequila will have a dedicated bar, and Carmel restaurant owner Rich Pepe will bring his PepeCello, a twist on the ubiquitous limoncello lemon liqueur of Italy. Pianist Michael Martinez will be playing at the clubhouse entrance to welcome guests, and cigars will be available for purchase and to smoke at a special al fresco cigar bar.

Unlike at other similar events, Sanchez doesn't charge the wineries to be at his party.

"The suppliers like it because they are able to be in front of the consumer, they can talk about their wines better than I can and sell it better than I can, and hopefully they get the benefit of immediate sales," he said.

The club's management also appreciates the event because it brings a "captive audience" that's different from the regular membership — and some who attend the party end up joining.

"The members also love it because it brings life to the property," he said.

Club members and VIP guests can enter at 5 p.m., with general admission opening at 6. The party runs until 8 and is followed by an after party with a DJ.

And Santa.

"Santa Claus is coming down," Sanchez said. "He'll be at the party — give him your wish list."

The club is located at 100 Pasadera Drive, and tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite.com.

■ Carmel Craft Brewing

Now that its brewery and taproom are open in the Barnyard shopping center next to Allegro Pizzeria, Carmel Craft Brewing is offering specials each night, a club with all sorts of benefits — which would be a very nice Christmas gift for a beer lover — and even a weekly session on how to brew your own beer.

While best known for its Mad Otter Ale, which can be

found at 150 stores and restaurants throughout the Monterey Peninsula and is often poured at local fundraisers, Carmel Craft Brewing Co. produces more than a dozen different beers, many in tiny quantities. Just this week, for instance, the brewery released Apri-Kolsch, which is similar in style to beers produced in Cologne, Germany, with the added twist of being brewed with orange peels and dried apricot purée. Others on tap there include a couple of special India Pale Ales and a coffee oatmeal lager. The "Main Brews" on tap, meanwhile, include Mad Otter (of course), a wheat beer, an amber ale, an English IPA and a porter, among others. Customers can order a taster for \$4, a pint for \$7, or a tasting flight, which is one of the most enjoyable ways to drink craft beer, for \$12.

Each week, Carmel Craft Brewery offers specials, like Industry Night on Mondays for folks who work in hospitality, and Military Night, when all active and non-active military personnel with ID are treated to \$5 pints between 3 p.m. and closing on Fridays.

On Tuesdays, the taproom is closed, and the master brewer hosts a five-hour session of Just Brew It, where participants pick their favorite Carmel Craft brews and spend the day learning the ins and outs of making them. A few weeks later, they come back to pick up the keg they created — which they can even share with friends and family by renting out the taproom for a private party. The class costs \$299.

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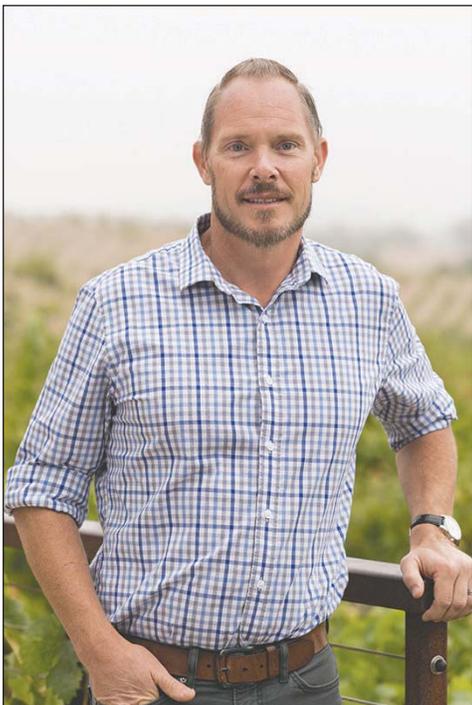
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Ridge winemaker Eric Baugher [left] will talk about the storied Napa Valley winery during a dinner at Grasing's Dec. 4, while Janna Jo Williams [above] of Earthbound Farm will be cutting lots of grapevines for wreath-making sessions at the farm stand.



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Finally, the Carmel Craft Club, which runs \$99, includes a branded refillable bottle (known as a growler), a members-only tap featuring a special beer, events, 20 percent off merchandise, a birthday treat and other benefits. For more details, go to www.carmelcraft.com.

Happy Hour at Trieste

Caffe Trieste at 409 Alvarado St. in downtown Monterey recently introduced a week-night Happy Hour menu. Between 3 and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, customers can enjoy \$5 glasses of wine and \$5 beers, as well as nachos, buffalo wings, mozzarella sticks, garlic fries, grilled fish tacos and other tried and true afternoon bites.

The popular café serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as espresso drinks, Italian sodas, and a nice selection of beer and wine. For more information, visit www.caffetrieste-monterey.com.

Brews for a Cause at the museum

The Monterey Museum of Art is hosting Brews for a Cause Friday, Nov. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m., with tasting punch cards available for \$20 at the door. Pouring at the 21-and-over event will be Discretion Brewing from Santa Cruz, Peter B's BrewPub from just a few blocks away in the Portola Hotel, Santa Cruz Mountain Brewing, and Carmel Craft Brewing Co./Mad Otter Ale. A "reggae/fusion/improvisational" band called Sensory Tribe will play all evening.

The fundraiser benefits programming at the museum, and guests are encouraged to also donate \$5 through a program called Monterey County Gives.

The event will take place at the Monterey Museum of Art on Pacific Street. To learn more, visit www.montereyart.org.

Wreath time

Joullian Vineyards will present its 20th annual wreath-making and wine-tasting party Saturday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the winery located at 20300 Cachagua Road. For \$45 per person, guests will get all the grapevines they need to make their wreaths and clippings to help adorn them, but they are encouraged to bring their own decorations, too, as well as gloves and warm clothing.

Live music, ornament making, hot cocoa, vineyard tours on a "sleigh," mulled wine and other goodies, along with a catered lunch set to include potato salad, Greek salad, tri-tip sandwiches, pulled-pork sandwiches and vegetarian chili, should ensure everyone is in the holiday spirit by the end of the day. Tickets are \$55 per person (\$45 for wine club members) and \$17 for guests ages 7 to 20, and can be ordered online at joullian.com.

Closer to town on Dec. 1 and 2, the Earthbound Farm stand will have its annual wreath-making sessions at 11 a.m. each day. Customers will learn how to make grapevine wreaths decorated with local greenery and will get to take their creations home. Hot drinks and fall treats will help fuel everyone's creativity. The cost is \$35 per person. To reserve, call (831) 625-6219. The farm stand is located at 7250 Carmel Valley Road.

Ridge Vineyards at Grasing's

One of the state's finest wineries — and one with roots in Napa Valley winemaking going back to 1885 — will be the featured guest at a winemaker dinner at Grasing's restaurant at Mission and Sixth Tuesday, Dec. 4. Ridge Vineyards, which produces highly regarded red wines from several different estate vineyards, traces its history back more than 130 years. That's when prominent San Francisco Italian Osea Perrone, a doctor, bought 180 acres near the top of Monte Bello

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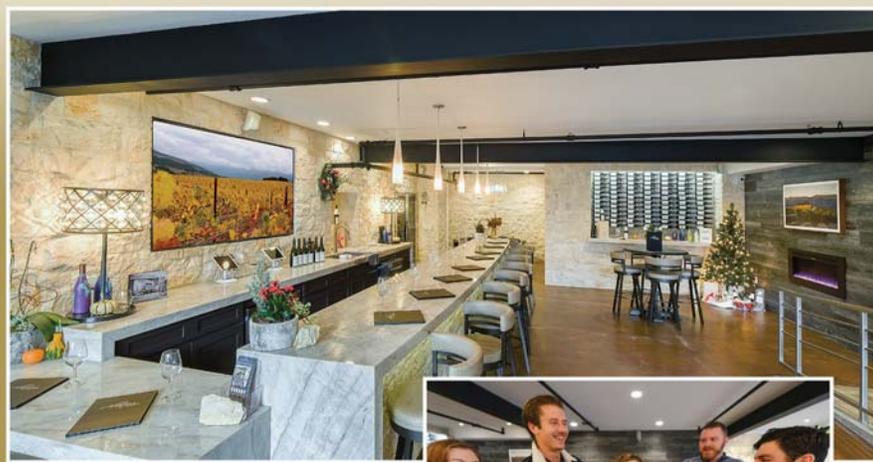
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Ridge, planted vineyards and built a winery out of limestone that serves as Ridge's production facility today.

On Tuesday, Ridge winemaker Eric Baugher will share wines and stories paired with a menu prepared by chef and restaurateur Kurt Grasing to complement them. The event will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. Ridge's 2015 Estate Chardonnay will be the reception wine, while the 2015 Montebello Chardonnay will accompany the first course of seared scallops with celery root and truffles. Next, butternut squash risotto and pancetta will be enjoyed alongside 2016 Lytton Springs Zinfandel and 2016 Geyserville Zinfandel. The main course, grilled New York steak with blue cheese macaroni, will accompany 2015 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, and dessert of persimmon pudding will be served with Geyserville Essence, a dessert wine of zinfandel and petite sirah.

Dinner costs \$145 per person, including tax and tip. For information and to reserve, call (831) 624-6562 or email chris@grasings.com.

■ **Women's club holiday extravaganza**

The Carmel Valley Women's Club will hold its annual Holiday Extravaganza at Rancho Cañada Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with lunch and shopping, all with festive flair. Guests will have ample opportunity to purchase jewelry, wine, gift baskets, baked goods, home decor and more, while the Tom Cuneo Jazz Band will add to the atmosphere.

Tickets are \$45 for members and \$50 for everyone else, and benefit the club's scholarship fund and community non-profits. Reservations must be made by Nov. 30 at cvmomensclub.org or by calling event coordinator Penny Wood at (831) 624-3081.

■ **Rombauer tasting at Nielsen's**

A winery that Nielsen Bros. Market's marketing coordinator and office manager Michelle Amirkhanian considers "the best in the world" will be featured at a tasting in the market at Seventh and San Carlos Dec. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The tasting is free and open to everyone age 21 and over,

and will be led by representative Kristine Pederson, who is set to pour not just the winery's well known chardonnay, but zinfandel, merlot, sauvignon blanc, and Diamond Selection Cabernet Sauvignon.

Family owned and operated, Rombauer was founded in 1980 and has produced wines that have landed on Wine Spectator's Top 100 list on multiple occasions.

"This is rare occurrence for Rombauer family vineyards," said Amirkhanian.

She explained that the idea for the tasting came after one of the store's owners, Azniv Amirkhanian, happened to meet some Rombauer executives in the checkout line at her market and asked if they would do an event there, to which they agreed.

"Executives of such a great winery stop by, and when they rarely give wine tastings anyway, they actually make sure that this event happens," she said. "It's a gift."

The store will provide deli platters, and Debbie Davis will be singing carols.

"We just want everyone to have a peaceful and great quality time for the holidays," Amirkhanian said.

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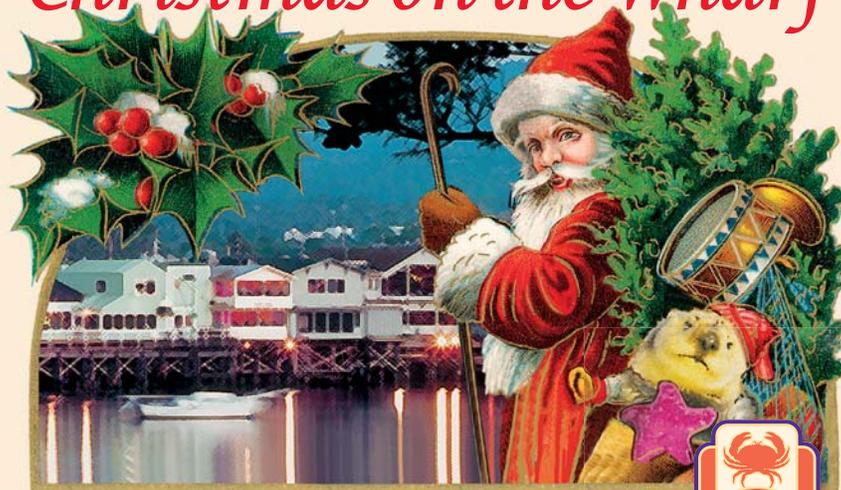
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ART

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director of the Center for Photographic Art. "He is continuing the West Coast tradition of photography that was founded by luminaries like Ansel Adams and Edward Weston."

Titled "Traces: The Photographs of Roman Loranc," the new book features images of reeds, tules and scenes along the water's edge that the photographer has captured over the past two decades. Each of Loranc's images are paired with a poem by Robert Lax.

A native of Poland, Loranc came to the United States in 1982, and moved to California two years later. His striking high-contrast black and white images call attention to many of the state's lesser known wild places. His images of valley oaks have earned him many admirers.

"He's the guy who found beauty in the subject matter of the Central Valley," Taylor added.

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. photography.org

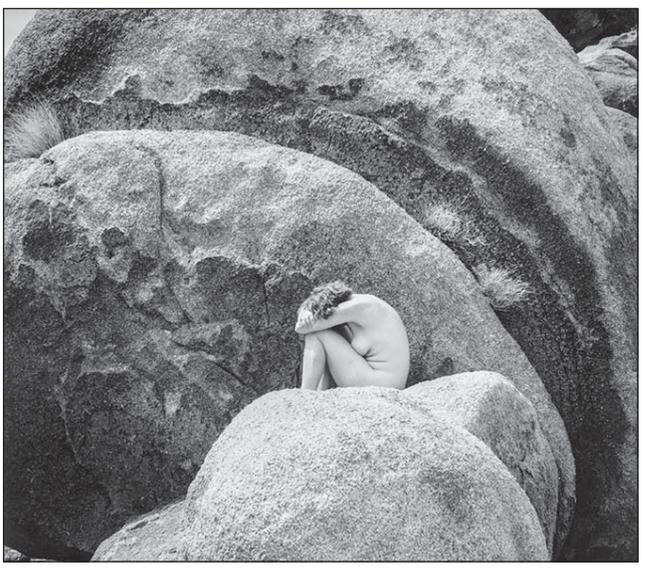
Late start, no problem

The Monterey Museum of Art wraps up its Year of the Woman celebration with an exhibit by the late photographer **Edna Bullock**, which opens Thursday, Dec. 6.

Bullock's husband, Wynn, was one of early masters of high-contrast black and white photography. Amazingly, Edna never explored the medium until her husband died in 1975, and she inherited all his equipment.

Despite her late start at 61, Edna became a bona fide artist in her own right. Before her passing in 1997, she established herself as a prolific photographer with a keen eye for nudes — and it turns out, flea markets.

The show continues through March 10. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. montereyart.org



The late photographer Edna Bullock, who took this photo of "Peggy" in 1991, is the subject of a show opening Dec. 6 at the Monterey Museum of Art.

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- Dec. 1 — Madrigal Affair Holiday Boutique**, 1 to 4 p.m.: "A Madrigal Affair" at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Carmel Valley. Browse a curated, discounted selection of apparel from Madrigal in Carmel, bid on the Silent Auction, and take home a luscious bakery sweet, jam, or handmade gift. Be serenaded with sounds of the season as you enjoy refreshments. Free admission. Free child care for ages 3-8. Proceeds will fund grants to community nonprofits and parish ministries. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road. 831-624-6646 or stdcv.org.
- Dec. 3 — The Monterey Peninsula College String Ensemble** will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the MPC Theatre. The 35-piece string orchestra will perform the Maurice Ravel String Quartet, Felix Mendelssohn String Symphony No. 7, and they will be joined with the MPC Chorus, directed by Cyril Deaconoff, to perform the Antonio Vivaldi "Gloria." Admission is \$10 at the door, or can be purchased at www.TicketGuys.com/MPC
- Dec. 3 — American Legion monthly meeting:** Regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall located on Dolores, south of Eighth Avenue, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Come be part of your post for the monthly meeting. Carmel Post No. 512 of the American Legion — part of Carmel since 1935!
- Dec. 3 — The grandeur of Stonepine Estate in Carmel Valley** still evokes the distant roar of the 1920s when the Crocker family — California royalty with an empire built on railroads and banking — lived large in Gatsby-esque splendor. That story and the estate's colorful history will be presented by current owner Noel Hentschel at the Carmel Woman's Club Monday at 2 p.m. Now a 330-acre resort and equestrian center, Stonepine has hosted international conferences and celebrities ranging from business moguls (think Warren Buffet and Bill Gates) to Saudi princes and Hollywood A-listers. Together with husband and co-own-
- er Gordon, the Hentschels also are deeply involved in humanitarian and philanthropic outreach programs inspired by their friend and mentor, the late Mother Teresa. Members, free; guests \$10, includes coffee/tea reception immediately following the presentation and special Christmas treat to celebrate the holiday season. Memberships available. (831) 624-2866 or 915-8184
- Dec. 6, 7, & 8 — MPC Holiday Art Sale** — Visit this art exhibition and sale, meet the artists and find that special piece of art. Students of Monterey Peninsula College Jewelry, Ceramic and Printmaking departments will be presenting work for sale at 980 Fremont St., Monterey. Hours: Thursday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 & 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Follow signs to free parking in lot B during sale. Campus map at MPC-jewelrystudio.weebly.com
- Dec. 8 — "An Evening with Non-Dual Teacher, Devaji,"** 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Fourth & Guadalupe. Meditation and loving guidance to help break through suffering, followed by Q&A. For more information, please visit www.devaji.org or contact sandy.devaji@gmail.com.
- Dec. 8 — Jingle Bell Run-Pacific Grove:** Come Jingle with Us! Join us for the 9th annual Pacific Grove Jingle Bell Run for arthritis on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 (rain or shine). This is a fun, festive 1K Elf Run and 5K timed/untimed run or walk to raise awareness and funds to cure arthritis. Bring your holiday spirit, friends, family and say Yes curing America's No. 1 cause of disability.
- Dec. 12 — CASA of Monterey County info session.** Learn how you can speak up for a foster child. 5:30 p.m. at 615 Abrego St, Monterey.
- Dec. 12 — "Support A Classroom" Fundraiser benefiting Carmel Mission's Junipero Serra School,** 5-10 p.m. at Cibo Restaurant in Monterey. Mention the Fundraiser and 20 percent of the proceeds of the night will be given to the school. Check it out on Facebook reservations highly recommended (831) 649-8151. More event information: (831) 601-1223
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MUSIC

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Greensill, who is best known for his work with his late wife, jazz singer Wesla Whitfield.

The shows start at 6 p.m. The Cypress Inn is located at Lincoln and Seventh. Call (831) 624-3871.

■ ‘Not your average choir’

More than 80 singers of all ages will gather when **The Wholehearted Chorus** presents its fall concert, “Fly Like An Eagle,” Friday, Nov. 30, at the Big Sur Grange Hall.

Led by **Lisa Littlebird**, the chorus sings inspiration songs from around the world. It’s also very interactive.

“This is not your average choir concert,” Littlebird said. “We will often invite you to sing along, sharing songs learned by heart — direct from the heart.”

The music starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and available only at the door. Kids 12 and under get in for free. The Grange Hall is located off Highway 1, just south of Ripplewood Resort.

The chorus also performs Sunday, Dec. 2, at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley. The concert begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under.

Hidden Valley is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads. thebirdsings.com

■ Beyond Beatlemania

Just like the character he played in the Broadway hit musical, “Beatlemania,” **Tony**

Kishman is going solo.

Presenting a tribute concert dedicated to Paul McCartney, Kishman takes the stage Nov. 30 at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Not only will Kishman play solo hits like “Jet,” “Live and Let Die” and “Silly Love Songs,” but he will perform Beatles’ favorites, including “Hey Jude,” “Eleanor Rigby” and “Let It Be.”

Kishman, who also did a stint with the British progressive rock band, Wishbone Ash, played McCartney in “Beatlemania” from 1977 to 1983.

The music starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$55. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com

■ Live Music Nov. 30-Dec. 6

Sunset Center’s **Studio 105** — sing-

er-songwriter **Logan Mize** (country, Sunday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Ninth, sunsetcenter.org

Barmel — **J.W. & the Wranglers** (country, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Joe Kaplow** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Caffe Trieste in Monterey — **Grumbling Ginger** (acoustic folk rock, Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 409 Alvarado St., (831) 241-6064.

Carmel Youth Center — **Old Town Quintet** (contra dancing, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). Fourth and Torres. For more details, visit montereydance.org

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — **Silverback** (rock, Friday at 9 p.m.); **Matt Masih & the Messengers** (funk and reggae, Saturday at 9 p.m.); **The Dave Holidiloff**

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Duets, tap highlight Smuin's latest Christmas show

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWENTY-FOUR years after its first Christmas Ballet, San Francisco's Smuin Ballet brings its latest holiday dance extravaganza to Sunset Center Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

While the annual show brings back many of the unconventional ballet company's seasonal favorites, it also introduces new duets by choreographers Rex Wheeler and Erica Felsch.

Wheeler's piece, which is set to "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," is part of the Act 1's "Classical Christmas."

"Rex has created a duet for two men," artist director Celia Fushille told The Pine Cone. "I wanted the men to have something to show off their classical technique and lyricism."

Felsch's piece, which is set to the music of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," is included in Act 2's "Cool Christmas."

The shows at Sunset Center will also include a surprise — retired Smuin dancer Shannon Hurlburt will briefly rejoin the ballet company. Hurlburt, who now lives on the Monterey Peninsula, will perform a piece he did for Smuin's first Christmas Ballet more than two decades ago — a tap solo set to the Chieftains' "Bells of Dublin."

"He's just a tapper extraordinaire," Fushille explained. "He brings down the house at every show. We're thrilled he's joining us this year in Carmel."

If you've never seen Smuin Ballet perform, Fushille said the Christmas Ballet makes for a perfect introduction. "The Christmas Ballet really showcases the dancers' strength and versatility," she added.

Friday's performance starts at 7:30 p.m., while Saturday's show begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$57 to \$74. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit www.sunsetcenter.org.

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locally-owned Mitchell Group, which was later sold to Sotheby's International Realty, where she served as Assistant Brokerage Manager, overseeing more than 130 agents and a dozen staff members. In April of 2016 Jacquelyn became the Managing Director for Teles Properties in Carmel. Teles Properties was acquired by Douglas Elliman Real Estate in August of 2017 and Jacquelyn now is the Executive Manager of Sales for the same office. An active member of the Carmel community, Jacquelyn is currently on the board for the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre and a member of Women's Council of Realtors. Previously a board member of Dance Kids of Monterey County and worked with the Carmel Academy of Performing Arts and The Forest Theatre Foundation.

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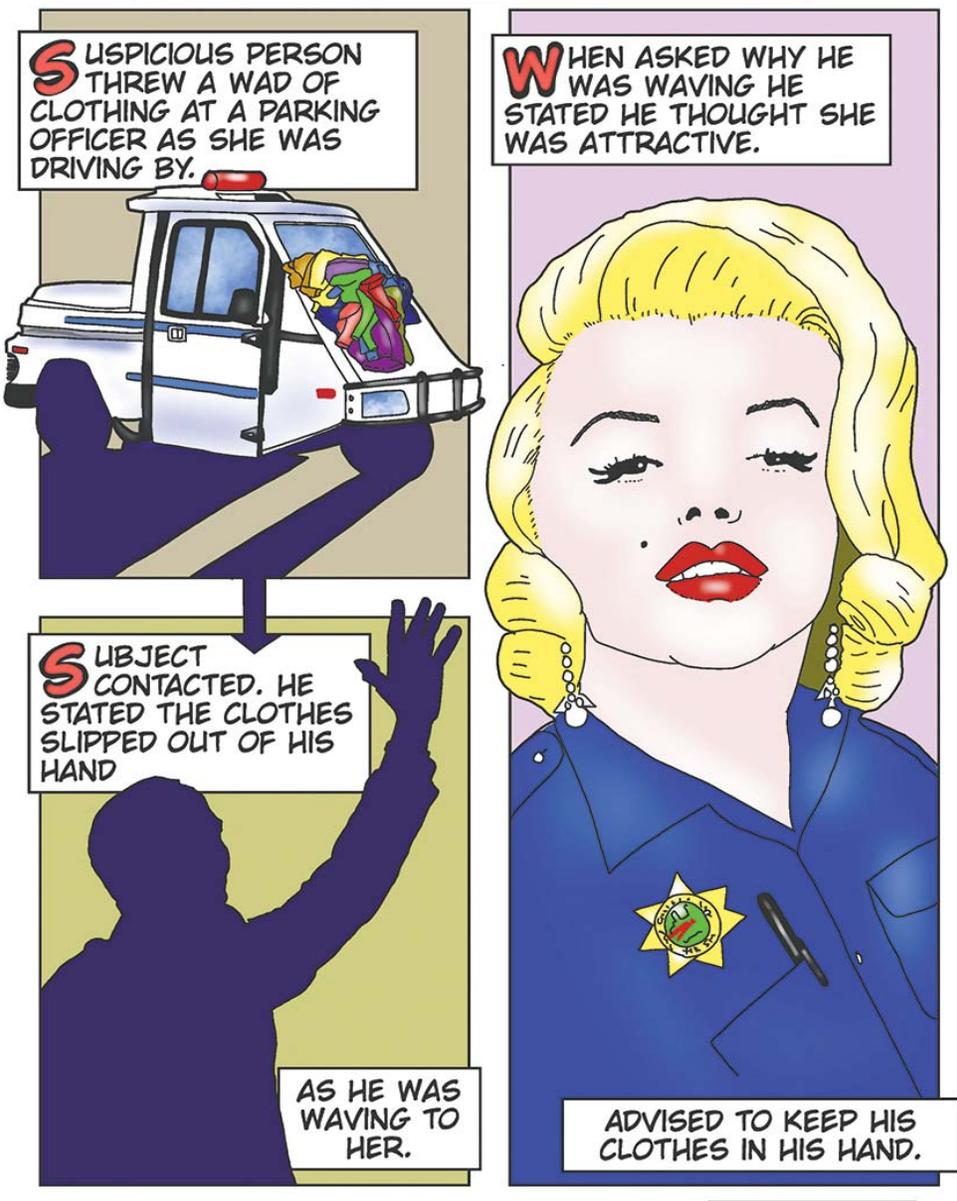
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