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Cannery Row Antique Mall sells vendor spaces

■ Small retail 'condos' offered

By KELLY NIX

IF YOU'VE ever wanted a small piece of real estate near the ocean, now's the time to buy. That is, if you're an antiques dealer.

The Cannery Row Antique Mall, a longtime presence on Wave Street not far from the Monterey Bay Aquarium, is selling individual dealer spaces ranging from \$3,400 for a tiny 12.9-square-foot space to \$152,000 for a 450-square-foot portion of the building.

"Where else could you buy 100 square feet so close to the bay?" Cannery Row Antique Mall manager Claudia McCord told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "It's probably the

first time something like this has ever been done."

Since it opened in 1994, the roughly 100 antiques and collectibles dealers in the two-story building have paid a monthly rent plus commission for their spaces. Now, those dealers have a chance to buy their own spaces or continue to rent from their new owners, if they decide to lease them out.

Of the mall's 22,000 square feet, about 14,000 square feet of dealer space was converted to retail condominiums and placed for sale beginning in August. Most of the rest of the building, such as aisles and stairwells, is common area.

So far, about a dozen dealers have spent about \$1 mil-

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The Cannery Row Antique Mall on Wave Street is "condominiumizing" the building by offering vendor spaces for sale, some for as little as \$3,400.

WATER DISTRICT USER FEE SHOWS UP ON TAX BILLS

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District's hotly contested user fee started showing up on property tax bills this month, and the water board says it is moving quickly to spend the money on new water projects.

"It's being collected, and we are going to begin authorizing expenditures," MPWMD general manager Dave Stoldt

told The Pine Cone Thursday.

About \$3.7 million will be raised annually from the fee, with about half coming in December when property tax bills are due. Water directors will start allocating the funds at the district's Nov. 19 board meeting.

About \$1 million of the fee is slated to pay for a project to turn wastewater into drinking water, while another \$900,000

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In very small type, the water district's user fee is showing up on property tax bills, such as this \$60.86 fee for a Pacific Grove home.

Counteroffensive launched against Sudden Oak Death

■ Ten times more dead than a year ago

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE A new federal survey indicates Sudden Oak Death has killed 10 times as many trees in 14 California counties, including Monterey County, as it had a year ago, recent advances in preventative treatment can dramatically increase the chances of a tree's survival, an expert told The Pine Cone.

The museum at Garland Ranch Regional Park will be the site Saturday, Oct. 20, of a free class on the latest techniques to protect oaks. The class begins at 9:30 a.m.

Caused by a fungus-like micro-organism, Sudden Oak Death has devastated forests throughout the coastal mountains of California and Oregon since it was first reported in 1995, killing millions of tanbark oaks — and to a lesser degree — live oaks.

An aerial survey conducted this year by the United States Department of Agriculture mapped about 376,000 dead oaks

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Alternate route studied for dam traffic

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST DAYS before a pair of meetings with Cachagua residents over how traffic from the removal of San Clemente Dam will affect their community, project officials confirmed this week that an alternate route across Cal Am property — which could significantly reduce the project's impact on Cachagua and Tassajara roads — is being considered.

Hosted by the Cachagua General Store, the meetings are scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 1 and 6 p.m.

Rich Svindland, Cal Am's director of engineering, told The Pine Cone that an old road — much of which roughly parallels Sleepy Hollow's San Clemente Drive but runs through an undeveloped area to the west of it — has the

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Sales tax advocates in full-court press

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH MAIL-IN ballots already in voters' hands, the mayor, city council members, residents and business owners are making a final push to encourage Carmel residents to support a 1 percent sales-tax increase at the polls Nov. 6. The higher tax rate would run 10 years and raise an estimated \$2 million annually for the general fund, helping to pay off retirement debt, fund city services and facilities like the library and Sunset Center, keep the beach clean and pay for public safety.

Volunteers have been spending their evenings calling voters to talk about the tax, and Burnett and others have disseminated their message in front of the post office, at coffees and during town hall meetings.

"The basic message I'm getting is that when people listen to the reasons why we put it on the ballot and the range of causes it will go toward, they by and large support it," he said. "The problem is, there are a lot of propositions on the ballot, and Measure D is at the end of those."

A bulky ballot

The phone calls and other public awareness efforts, including a discussion set for Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cypress Inn, aim to educate voters not just about the tax and its benefits, but to point out the fact they should bother to find it buried among the propositions and other measures on the bulky ballot.

"The overwhelming majority of the voters we've talked to are in support of Measure D," Burnett said.

A dozen volunteers spent Wednesday night at the mayor's house calling registered voters and spoke to just under 100, he reported. More than half said they would vote for the tax, while most of the rest were undecided.

"But I can't take those numbers and extrapolate to the whole population," Burnett said. "We're going to try to talk

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Monthly pension numbers clarified

By KELLY NIX

WHEN THE Pine Cone published a story in August that included a long list of former local public employees who receive pension benefits from the state, it made some waves.

Many readers lauded the story, which was based on data containing the names and pension amounts for more than 700,000 state employees who receive benefits from CalPERS and CalSTRS, the California State Teachers' Retirement System.

But a couple of local retirees, including former Pacific Grove Police Chief Carl Miller, complained the numbers overstated the amount pensioners received. Some figures on the database, however, also grossly underestimated the monthly amount. "I think your article really distorted how much people made," Miller told The Pine Cone.

Some higher, some lower

While the "initial monthly pension" figures The Pine Cone published were accurate — according to the data CalPERS provided to the San Jose Mercury News — the numbers didn't necessarily reflect current monthly amounts.

Miller's initial monthly pension is listed on the database as \$13,752.42, which is the amount he received after retirement. His current gross monthly pension, though, is \$12,208.86, according to CalPERS spokeswoman Amy Norris.

Norris said because there are so many factors — including cost of living increases — that determine a retiree's pension, it's difficult to get a clear picture of an individual's plan.

"It is really easily misinterpreted," she said of the numbers in the database.

For instance, after the Aug. 31 Pine Cone story ran, some

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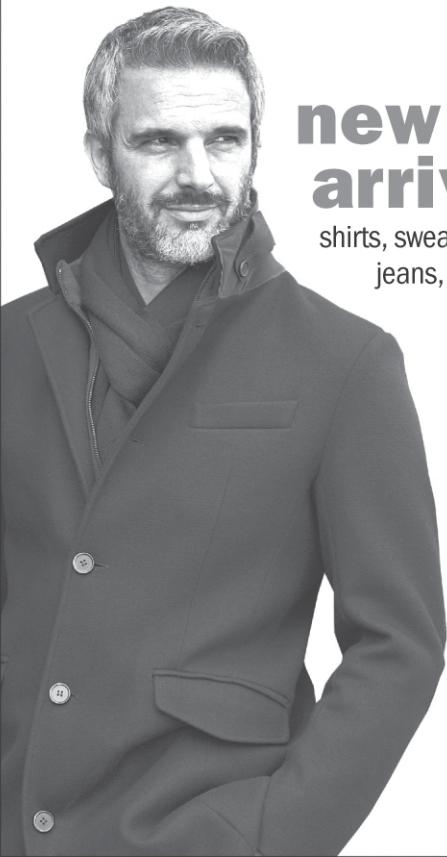
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Sandy Claws

Fashion-forward Fendi

SHE WANTED a Westie and planned to name it Prada, as a nod to her fascination with the fashion industry and devotion to designer duds, but she fell in love with an 8-ounce Yorkshire terrier and decided she needed a more delicate name.

Three years later, the name Fendi still fits the tiny terrier. Although this is one dog who refuses to be paraded around in a purse, she does ride in a canine buggy that's fit for a queen.

Fendi's family thought about getting two terriers until they learned two would probably bond with each other instead of them, which wasn't the point. So, they doted on Fendi, and she became devoted to them.

In fact, Fendi has never been left alone. She is ferried to every function, café and market with her family. And, although she won't hop into a handbag, she wears a wardrobe of designer apparel, including a Louis Vuitton coat for fall and Coco Chanel for winter.

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By Lisa Crawford Watson



Fendi adores the attention and seems quite pleased with all the pampering. Her family suffers from acute separation anxiety, but Fendi's fine.

The dog seems to have an internal alarm clock she uses to awaken the family at exactly 6:45 a.m., for breakfast. At 11 a.m. sharp, it's time for her mid-morning walk, and she stares down her person until the leash comes out. At precisely 4 p.m., the expectant expression returns to her face, a silent statement that it's time to go to the beach.

Carmel River State Beach has a leash law, so Fendi sports a harness, which makes her family feel safe. The threesome stands in a triangle in the sand, where Fendi has learned to catch and toss the ball in order, so everyone feels included.

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Landscaper pleads guilty to several charges

By KELLY NIX

THE LANDSCAPER who was charged with performing illegal work after he was caught during a sting operation in August pleaded guilty to felony and misdemeanor charges last week.

Secundino Munoz, 52, owner of Munoz Landscaping, was charged with a felony for fraudulent use of a contractor's license, one misdemeanor count of failing to secure workers' compensation insurance and a second misdemeanor of contracting without a license. He is set to be sentenced Nov. 27.

On Oct. 9, Munoz pleaded guilty to the charges in a Salinas courtroom. Fraudulent use of a contractor's license has a penalty of up to three years in state prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Contracting without a license has a penalty of up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Munoz was arrested after a July 9 incident when Contractors State License Board investigator David Leary, following up on phone tips, went to a Carmel home and found Munoz and three of his employees using unsecured ladders placed on the roof of a house.

When Leary found out Munoz was not a licensed contractor yet advertised he was, he issued Munoz a notice to appear in a Salinas courtroom on a felony charge of "fraudulent use of an incorrect license number." Munoz, according to the CSLB, had placed a phony license number on his business card. Leary also found Munoz did not have workers' compensation insurance for his employees. He faces up to one year in jail and fines for the crime.

When Munoz didn't appear in court July 27 to face the criminal charges, a \$75,000 warrant was issued for his arrest. To capture him, the CSLB and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office set up a sting. They called Munoz and requested he bid on a job. When the landscaper showed up, he was arrested by Marina police and housed in Monterey County Jail.

The Carmel homeowner said Munoz told her that he was licensed and insured and that "his prices were higher due to all the safety equipment needed for the job," according to district attorney's office.

From 2006 to 2008, Munoz tried to get licensed to do tree work but failed every exam, according to the CSLB.

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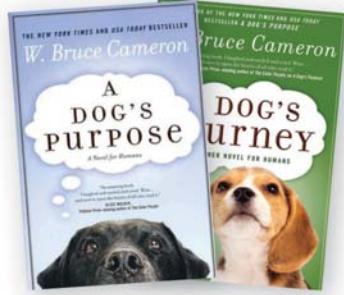
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Suspicious vehicles

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.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Monterey Street resident stated that on or about Sept. 15 someone picked some fruit from his apple tree.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on private property on Torres Street.

Pacific Grove: Theft of fuel from a vehicle on Miles Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Subject transported to county jail for warrants. Subject's property lodged at PGPD for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Argument on Jewell Avenue which led to one party using offensive words toward the other. No desire for prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Forest Avenue resident reported the theft of a painting from a mail tube.

Pacific Grove: Report of theft and fraudulent use of debit card at Country Club Gate. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle was entered and items were stolen while it was parked on Funston. No suspects at this time.

Pacific Grove: Resident reported that someone made unauthorized purchases on his credit card. Charges reported to credit company; no suspects.

Carmel Valley: Resident on Cachagua Road reported suspicious circumstances with her neighbor.

Carmel Valley: An unknown person smashed the window of a vehicle in the Garland Park parking lot and took various items.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop on Junipero for CVC violations at 0055 hours, and the 26-year-old male driver was arrested for DUI.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of found property on Carmelo Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Eighth Avenue for being parked longer than 72 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of theft of a pendant from an Ocean Avenue business.

Pacific Grove: Contacted a subject on Ocean View for parking after midnight. Identity came back as a deceased person. Mental status questionable. Transported to CHOMP. Later identified as a subject wanted out of Fresno.

Pacific Grove: Report of a sexual assault on 12th Street. Investigation ongoing.

Pacific Grove: Driver collided with another driver's vehicle while attempting to park behind him on Congress. He claimed that his brakes failed. Minor damage to both vehicles; no injuries.

Pacific Grove: Female reported that an unknown suspect had submitted a change of address on her and her mother's bank accounts to a location out of state. Possible suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Male who resides out of state threatened ex-girlfriend via phone. Resident requested documentation only.

Pacific Grove: A male purchased hamburgers from a restaurant at Country Club Gate, then stole a "caution, wet floor" sign as he was leaving. The sign was valued at approximately \$13.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to Grove Acre on report of suspicious circumstance. Resident stated when her husband arrived home shortly after dark, he noticed the exterior lights were inoperable. When he checked the lights, he found that the lightbulbs had been unscrewed. Resident stated a review of her surveillance system showed an unknown male walking his dog enter into their driveway and walk back out approximately one minute later. She stated she believed the male subject was responsible for loosening the lightbulbs. She stated this is not the first occurrence of such suspicious circumstance. She provided a photograph of the male subject which was obtained from her surveillance system. Nothing further at this time.

Big Sur: Man found his friend deceased on Plaskett Ridge. Investigation continues with the coroner's office.

Carmel Valley: A Carmel Valley man at Carmel Valley Road and Eddy Road was found to be DUI.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost cell phone in commercial district.

Pacific Grove: Contacted a subject sleeping in a vehicle on

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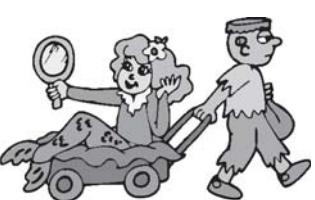
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Council accepts World Trade Center steel, decides on location in park

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER DEBATING where a remnant of the World Trade Center should be placed in Devendorf Park — and finally settling on a spot different than that favored by the citizens group donating the memorial — the Carmel City Council formally voted Oct. 2 to accept the gift that will honor those lost in the Sept. 11, 2011, terrorist attacks.

Graniterock is providing the boulder that will hold the memorial and the labor to install it in the park, and resident CarrieAnn (her full name), who procured the laptop-sized piece of steel from the New York City fire commissioner, is giving it to the city. Following a Sept. 11 ceremony at Devendorf Park, the steel was moved to the library's Park Branch, where it will remain accessible to the public until it is placed in the park next year.

According to the proposal approved by the planning commission, the piece will be mounted on the rock so that it floats a couple of inches above the surface, and the stone will be engraved with the date of the attacks. In addition, the back of the steel will be etched with information about its origin and significance, lest it ever come detached from the base.

"The proposed base consists of a tan-colored boulder that is approximately 32 inches tall," associate planner Marc Wiener said in his report for the council. "The intent is that the steel can be touched and interacted with."

CarrieAnn argued for a location near the fish pond, separate from the park's three war memorials and accommodating of large groups that might attend Sept. 11 ceremonies.

Keith Severson, marketing services manager for Graniterock, said his company is "pleased to continue the long tradition of community support and involvement by partnering with Carmel-by-the-Sea for its 9/11 memorial."

"The spirit of the memorial is mighty, and the cause is good," he continued. "The creation of a lasting memory in a very public place that embraces the natural beauty of the surrounds that will stand the test of time is a worthy endeavor."

CarrieAnn further assured the council, "You do have a big community behind this memorial. We have all been impacted by this, and we are all here to support you."

A quieter spot

She said the planning commission unanimously voted in favor of her preferred location, but following questions from city councilwoman Victoria Beach, Wiener said the commission was fairly ambivalent about its placement and therefore supported the citizens group's request. Another option com-

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Meetings allow public to voice opinion on Cal Am water project

By KELLY NIX

A SERIES of state-level meetings that will allow the public to weigh in on California American Water's proposed \$370 million water project for the Peninsula will be held next week, including one in Carmel Valley.

The meetings — two in Seaside Oct. 25 and one at Rancho Cañada Golf Club on Oct. 24 — will give Peninsula residents the chance to tell the California Public Utilities Commission what issues should be addressed in the latest environmental document for the project.

"The scoping sessions provide an opportunity for the public to let the California Public Utilities Commission environmental review team know what issues and alternatives they believe should be addressed in the EIR," Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Bowie told The Pine Cone. "It's a key opportunity to ensure that what you want studied gets looked at and have your input considered in the permitting process."

Water customers are also encouraged to ask questions about the project, either in person or by submitting letters or email messages to the CPUC, the agency crafting the environmental impact report.

Cal Am's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project includes a 9 million-gallon-per-day desalination facility in Marina and expanded water storage facilities.

Cal Am is also considering pursuing a smaller 5.4 million-gallon-per-day desal that is supplemented with water from a facility that turns wastewater into drinking water. Cal Am would team up with the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency on that project.

The Oct. 24 meeting at Rancho Cañada Golf Club, 4860 Carmel Valley Road, is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Two meetings at the Oldemeyer Center at 986 Hilby Ave. in Seaside will be on Oct. 25, the first at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and the second from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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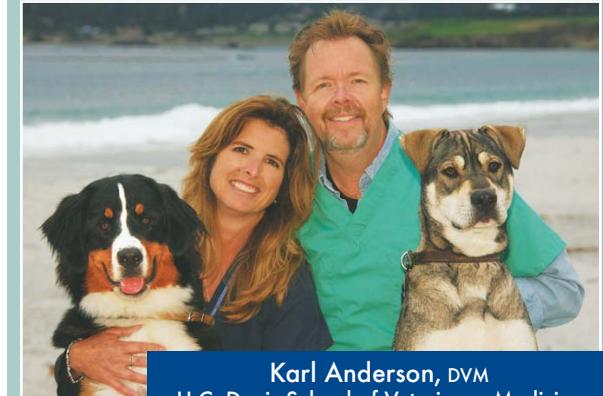
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Council ready to reduce pension debt

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council took the first formal step Oct. 2 toward restructuring the city's \$6 million pension debt by agreeing to hire an underwriter for the bonds it will sell to refinance the debt at an interest rate substantially lower than the current 7.25 percent.

Vice Mayor Ken Talmage said the new interest rate is expected to be "more than a 50 percent reduction" from the current rate and that the city's "excellent credit rating" was one of the reasons.

If voters approve a sales tax increase Nov. 6 (see story page 1A), that credit rating could be even better.

The city's bond consultants, Chick Adams and Craig Hill, received 126 pages of proposals from four investment banks interested in selling the bonds and reviewed them the weekend before the council meeting.

Hill reminded the council and the public the goals of refinancing the CalPERS debt is "to take advantage of lower market interest rates, restructure for a shorter amortization period, and/or restructure with level payments over a term that is financially viable to the city's general operating budget."

The consultants solicited proposals from five investment banks, one of which chose to pass on the opportunity. They asked for recent experience with similar refinancing, estimated market rates, approach to selling the bonds to the public or to a private institution, and fee structures. In the past, the council has indicated it favors a public offering over private placement, since the rates and costs are more competitive.

But where the eventual interest rate is concerned, Hill warned the council not to count its chickens too early.

"Given that the municipal market is in a state of constant movement, making a consideration based on stated interest rates in any proposal is erroneous," Hill warned the council. "The market is expected to change [before] the city's bonds would be sold in the market."

But the underwriter's compensation and approach to selling the bonds will remain consistent with the proposals, he pointed out.

The proposals included costs and interest rates based on the term of the bonds, from 10 years to 21 years. The per-bond costs ranged from .54 percent to 1 percent, or \$34,111 to \$62,850 for a public sale, and estimated interest rates for a 10-year amortization ranged from 2.93 percent to 3.76 percent for a public offering. Rates were higher if the bonds would be sold to a private bank.

While council members have said they want the bond terms to be 10 years if a proposed sales tax increase, also with a 10-year term, is approved by voters Nov. 6, the bond consultants also explored a longer term of 21 years, in case the tax doesn't pass. Interest rates for the longer term were estimated at 4.38 percent to 5.16 percent.

"The bids tell me this is what the market is really doing," Hill said, as they were relatively close. "These numbers are a little hypothetical — these firms aren't committed to these numbers — but we can assess these guys on how aggressive they are. Nobody's just throwing darts at a wall."

For the short-term, 10-year transaction, Hill said Raymond James Morgan Keegan "can provide the city with the lowest cost of funds for its pension obligation bonds." He also said the firm has an active local retail sales force and established relationships with larger institutional investors.

Council members spent some time discussing what the term of the bonds should be if the sales tax doesn't pass, finding it would be "bad policy" to stretch the loan out over more than two decades.

No members of the public commented on the matter, and Mayor Jason Burnett did not participate in the discussion or cast a vote, as he has prior business dealings with Hill.

The rest of the council ultimately decided to leave the length of a longer term and other details for a later discussion and unanimously voted to hire Raymond James Morgan Keegan as the underwriter.

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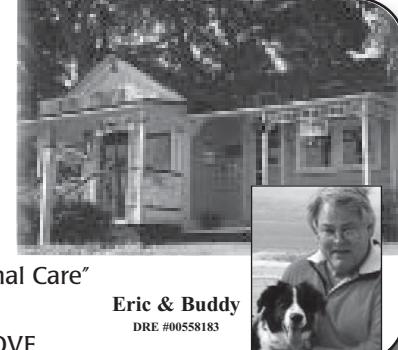
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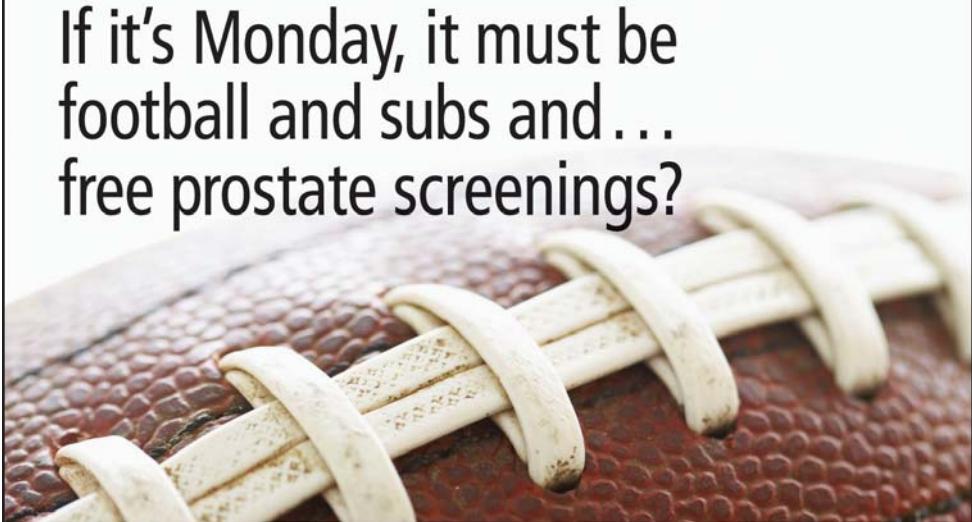
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Cultural commission OKs ‘Light up a Life’

By MARY SCHLEY

THE COMMUNITY activities & cultural commission last week approved Heartland Hospice’s memorial to the elderly and their families proposed for Devendorf Park on Dec. 8.

At the Oct. 9 meeting, Heartland administrator Patrick Conners told commissioners about the Light up a Life remembrance, which invites “friends and families of loved ones who have been lost or are in the process of an advanced illness” to decorate paper bags that will contain small lights.

A Hawaiian band, Selena and the Sea Monkeys, will perform.

“It’s quiet music — it’s amplified, but not too high,” he said. “She’ll be singing while they’re decorating, and then as the sun is setting, the friends and families will light the luminary bags, and she will sing, ‘Over the Rainbow,’ with a moment of silence afterward. It’s a very sweet event.” The lit luminary bags, known around the Southwest as luminarios, will be arranged around the park, and hot cider, coffee and cocoa will be served.

Conners said the City of Capitola hosted last year’s Light up a Life, and the mayor designated the day as Heartland Hospice Day. Heartland serves the elderly and dying in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties, and its non-profit foundation is covering most of the costs.

“This is just a remembrance event,” he said.

Commissioner Ruth Rachel asked about any potential liability problems and medical or law-enforcement needs, but assistant city administrator Heidi Burch pointed out doctors will be in attendance, and the park is half a block from the fire station. In addition, most city employees are trained in first aid and CPR.

Commissioner Tom Parks asked if the event was meant to promote the hospice movement, and Conners agreed that it’s “an educational opportunity for us to reach out to families and also offer support during a very difficult time,” especially during the holidays.

“Often these events will allow us to remind people there are resources out there you can utilize, and you do not have to be in hospice to utilize them,” he said.

Conners also said there would be no signs posted, and commissioner Donna Jett, who was reappointed to the group last month after a hiatus, said no street closures would be needed.

“On the basis of public awareness of the hospice movement, I think this is a reasonable event,” Parks said, and Jett added that having music in the park is always a benefit.

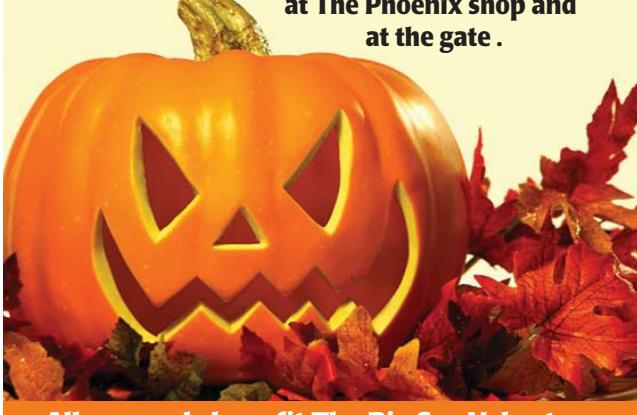
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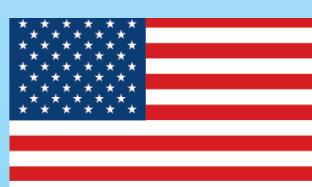
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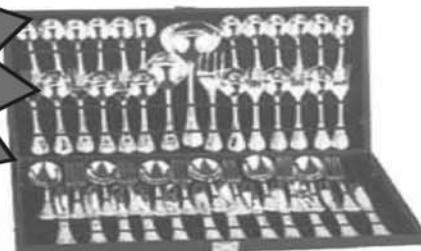
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Burnett said voters' support, as well as that of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, the Carmel Residents Association, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and other groups, is in part due to the work the council has done over the past 10 years to help the city's financial stability.

"The city council took action starting a decade ago and has made a consistent, concerted effort toward cutting costs," he said. Increased marketing and the creation of a fee-driven hospitality improvement district, solicitation of grants and major gifts, fundraising, public-private partnerships and other efforts have boosted revenues for the city.

Nonetheless, deferred maintenance needs are growing, and services are increasingly expensive. The city has routinely had to use

money from reserves to balance the budget, and while its savings accounts are healthy, "we cannot sustain the current quality of service through drawing from reserves, because that's inherently unsustainable," Burnett pointed out.

Finally, he asked, does Carmel want to compete for business based on the fact it's got the lowest sales tax rate on the Monterey Peninsula, or does it want to compete by offering "a high-quality experience for visitors and residents, alike?" When put in those terms, he said, most people prefer the latter.

"The other thing that makes sense for voters is this is returning the sales tax to where it was two years ago," he said, before the statewide sales tax dropped from 8.25 percent to 7.25 percent. "And 100 percent of the revenues from Measure D will stay right here in Carmel-by-the-Sea to benefit the community."

Ron Pasquinelli, head of the MPTA, explained his group's support of the tax measure. It has favored three tax measures in the past five years, including Carmel's, and has recommended people vote their conscience on several others.

"The MPTA board of directors met with the mayor and vice mayor of Carmel and lis-

tened to their plan and told them our concerns," Pasquinelli said. Once assured the city would be fiscally responsible when it issues pension obligation bonds to help pay off some of its CalPERS debt, the group decided to support Measure D.

In 2008, it campaigned in favor of the countywide sales tax increase that would help pay for transportation, and in 2004, it supported the Monterey Peninsula Regional

Park District parcel tax. Furthermore, board members serve on several bond oversight committees.

"As you can see, MPTA is, and has been, involved in the betterment of what the taxpayer gets for his money," he said.

Burnett encouraged anyone with questions about Measure D to call him at home at (831) 624-3252 or visit www.burnettforcarmel.com/Measure_D.

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Donald Wilson Robinson, Jr.

December 26, 1934 ~ October 10, 2012

CARMEL – Donald "Don" Wilson Robinson, Jr. passed away on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 in Carmel, California. He lived in Carmel with his family for 48 years.



Don was born on December 26, 1934 in Sacramento, California and was raised in Placerville, California. He attended Placerville Elementary, El Dorado Union High School, UC Berkeley, and received his CPA education in San Francisco.

Don married his long-time best friend from Kindergarten, Marla Holbrook Robinson, on June 25, 1961. They have known one another 73 years and were married for 51 years. Don and Marla moved to Carmel in 1964 with their son, Jeffrey, and daughter, Jennifer.

Don worked for the Barlow, Davis and Wood CPA firm in San Francisco, was a CPA accountant in practice with the late Robert Work, and later with the late Anthony Crivello. Don retired in 2005.

Don was a JC, Monterey Elk, and belonged to the CPA Association of Monterey County. He played tennis and golf, and loved traveling to see his greatest dreams, Africa, Egypt, Europe and the Caribbean with his wife and children. He devoted his life to his family, friends, clients and his beloved dog, Gigi.

Don was a very gentle man, who is survived by his beloved wife, Marla; his son, Jeffrey; his daughter, Jennifer; his son-in-law Christopher; his granddaughter, Christina; his sister-in-law, Mary Robinson; and his niece, nephew and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Daisy Robinson, his father, Donald Robinson, Sr., and his beloved brother, Eugene Robinson.

The family wishes to thank his long-time caregiver, Leticia Ralda, as well as Nancy Roberts and the staff at Town and Country Residential Care, the Parkinson's Clinic in Santa Clara, Hospice of the Central Coast, Dr. Kehl, Dr. Koostra, and Dr. Kajikuri for their devoted care throughout the years.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at The Paul Mortuary Chapel, 390 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA. At a later date, inurnment will take place at El Carmelo Cemetery, Pacific Grove.

Donations may be made to the Parkinson's Clinic in Santa Clara, 675 Almanor Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085 or to The SPCA for Monterey County, PO Box 3058, Monterey, CA 93942.

Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Don's online guest book and to leave condolences for his family.

MERLE COLEGATE MURPHY

Merle Colegate Murphy passed away peacefully on October 8, 2012 at the age of 91. He was born in Centralia, Washington. He had three sisters who predeceased him.



He is survived by two daughters, Judy (Jerry) Garner and Kathleen (Michael) Sheldon, and three grandchildren, Jared and Julia Garner and Ryan Sheldon.

Merle served in the Army in both the European and the Pacific Theaters of World War II. After an Honorable Discharge, he went back to Washington. In the early 1950's he came to Carmel, California bringing his carpenter skills

with him. During that time, he was a Boy Scout Leader for a Carmel Troop. He started a business as The Village Carpenter, and in the mid-1950's he got his General Building Contractor's License and had a lifelong career in construction. Later in his life, he also became a licensed Real Estate Broker. Merle was known for his quality workmanship and as a hardworking man.

In the 1960's and 1970's he entered his homemade breads in the Monterey County Fair and won many awards over the years.

Anyone wishing to make any contributions in Merle's name could contribute to any Veterans' organization or a charity of their choice.

There will be a gathering of friends and family on October 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in Grant Hall at All Saints Episcopal Church on Dolores and 9th Avenue in Carmel.

SPACES

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lion purchasing about 3,900 square feet. But there are plenty more vendor spaces within the remaining 10,000 square feet to be had, according to McCord.

"As each of these units get sold, it probably will increase the value of the rest of them," McCord said.

If an existing dealer's space is sold, he is given 30 days to vacate it, or he can try to work with the new owner for a lease agreement. He can also buy another space inside the mall.

If the price of real estate goes up around Monterey Bay, it's likely the spaces within the mall will, too.

"Even if you got a 5 percent annual return, that's not bad," McCord said.

There are limitations to the spaces. They have to be used to sell antiques and collectibles, so living there isn't an option. Owners are also required to pay a monthly association fee for building maintenance costs based on the size of their space.

But McCord said "condominiumizing" the building is largely seen as a saving grace for the antique mall, which opened in 1994 but has struggled since it was purchased by Wave Street Partners in January 2008.

At that time, the investment group wanted to ditch the antique mall and turn the space into professional condominiums. But not long after it bought the mall, the economy went bust and the idea of selling business space wasn't feasible.

The monthly collection of rent from dealers within the mall was barely enough to allow Wave Street Partners to cover debt service for the building.

But Glen Yonekura, managing partner for the group, came up with the idea of selling off the vendor spaces — which will appear like they do now, with no added walls or partitions separating the spaces.

The City of Monterey approved the arrangement in May 2012.

"Each space has an APN [assessor's parcel number]," McCord said. "A surveyor came in and surveyed all of it and created a unit number" for the spaces.

While some dealers have decided to take a wait-and-see

approach in terms of purchasing their space, real estate broker John McCormack, owner of JNM Company, said most of the dealers in the mall have been receptive of the idea.

"There were those who were hesitant because proof of the concept needed to be done," McCormack said. "But now that we have translated [the spaces] into actual sales, people are starting to realize this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Dueling instrumentalists at Sunset kick off 'Season of the Piano'

By CHRIS COUNTS

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Under the guidance of conductor Max Bragado-Darman, the symphony's first concert of the season showcases the talents of pianists John O'Conor and Heidi Hau.

This weekend's concerts mark the sixth time O'Conor has performed with the symphony. Often cited as the greatest living interpreter of Beethoven's music — he has recorded the legendary composer's entire repertoire — the Irish-born pianist has been decorated by the governments of France, Austria, Italy, Poland and Japan.

A protégé of O'Conor's, Hau is the founding artistic director of Stanford University's Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition. A winner of the Carmel Music Society's instrumental competition in 1998, she is making her first appearance with the symphony.

Accompanied by Hau, the symphony will open this weekend's concerts with Haydn's Keyboard Concerto No. 11 in D Major, Hob.XVIII/11. Next, O'Conor will join the symphony for a rendition of Irish composer John Field's Piano Concerto No. 1 in Eb Major, H.27.

After an intermission, the symphony will perform Mozart's Symphony No. 35 in D Major, K.385, "Haffner" and his Concerto No. 10 in E-flat Major for Two Pianos, K. O'Conor and Hau will join the symphony on the second piece, which will close the concert.

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EXPATRIATE KNITTING MASTER RETURNS TO BIG SUR WITH NEW BOOK

By CHRIS COUNTS

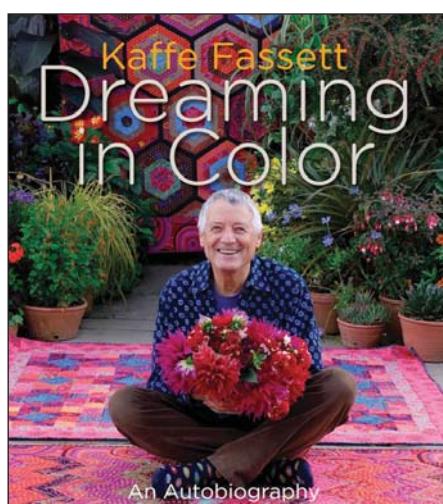
FORTY-FOUR YEARS after picking up his first knitting needle, **Kaffe Fassett** — who has revolutionized knitting with his generous and creative use of color — returns to Big Sur this weekend with his new autobiography, “Dreaming in Color.”

Fassett will sign copies of the book Monday, Oct. 22, at the Phoenix Shop from noon to 2 p.m., and at Nepenthe restaurant from 3 to 5 p.m.

The event marks a homecoming for Fassett, who spent much of his childhood just a few steps away from Nepenthe, which was founded by his parents, Bill and Lolly Fassett, in 1949.

Surrounded during his youth in Big Sur by a colorful cast of artists, actors, dancers, poets and writers, Fassett grew up in an environment where creativity was encouraged — and discipline rarely emphasized. “There were no stiff collars for us,” Fassett told The Pine Cone.

With his charismatic mother at the helm, Nepenthe soon became a magnet for visitors from all over the world. A



Textile artist Kaffe Fassett signs copies of his autobiography Oct. 22 in Big Sur.

teenager in the early 1950s, Fassett frequently listened to enticing tales of European travels — and as a result, developed a serious case of wanderlust.

“I would hear these stories of fantastic palaces, grand houses, the theater, the ballet and everything else in Europe,” Fassett said. “It seemed like a place that had to be visited and devoured. I couldn’t wait to get there.”

Wanderlust satisfied

In 1964 — just as Beatlemania was arriving on American shores — Fassett crossed the Atlantic and settled in England. “When I got there, it absolutely felt like home,” he recalled.

By moving to Europe, Fassett was not only pursuing his dreams of travel, but he was also following in the footsteps of his great-grandmother — the painter, Jane Gallatin Powers — who left Carmel in 1920 to pursue her creative ambitions abroad, eventually settling on the Italian island of Capri.

Fassett had hoped to make it as a painter in England, but success in that medium eluded him there. As a result, he traveled to New York in 1968, where his paintings were more favorably received.

But another event happened in 1968 that dramatically altered Fassett’s focus on painting.

“I met a fashion designer who was just about to launch himself, and I encouraged him to use his native Scottish plaids,” he remembered. “We went to a mill in Scotland, where we found the most beautiful knitting yarns. I learned to knit on the way back to England. I couldn’t believe how thrilling it was to make a piece of fabric. From then on, I poured all my energies into textiles.”

From novice to visionary

Over the next four decades, Fassett established himself as a visionary in the art of hand knitting. The subject of countless articles and interviews, the artist even hosted a six-part television series on his work.

Fassett’s one-of-a-kind designs earned him a devoted following among collectors, including celebrities like Barbra Streisand, Lauren Bacall, Ali McGraw, Shirley MacLaine, and many others.

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New band, familiar faces make debut at Plaza Linda

By CHRIS COUNTS

SERVING UP a blend of bluegrass, Americana and acoustic “roots music,” a new local band, **Scarlett Road**, makes its debut Friday, Oct. 19, at Plaza Linda restaurant in Carmel Valley Village.

“This band called and asked if I would come to their rehearsal, and since they are locals, I went and checked it out,” local music promoter **Kiki Wow** told The Pine Cone. “Boy, was I surprised — you will absolutely love this delightful band. Their vocals are amazing.”

Scarlett Road features **Chip WittPenn** on mandolin and guitar; **Melinda Moore** on lead vocals and guitar; **Randy**

Marks on lead guitar; **Dean Chapman** on harmonica; **Tamila Macklin-Swanson** on bass; **Bill Rawson** on banjo; and **Patrick Clark** on fiddle and guitar.

When he’s not playing music, WittPenn can often be found at his downtown shop, WittPenn’s Antiques. Moore, meanwhile, is a gifted singer who once opened for Willie Nelson. And Clark has been a member of the Cachagua Playboys since the group was founded two decades ago.

The following evening — Saturday, Oct. 20 — touring New Zealand singer-songwriter and fingerpicking guitarist **Brett Hallam Holland** celebrates his birthday by playing an original mix of jazz, blues and pop at Plaza Linda.

Both shows start at 7 p.m. and there’s a \$10 cover. Plaza Linda is located at 27 E. Carmel Valley Road. Call (831) 659-4229 or visit www.plazalinda.com.

Classic rockers at All Saints festival

From 1960s psychedelic blues rockers to 1980s dance party favorites, **The Wharf Rats** play classic rock Saturday, Oct. 20, at All Saints’ Day School’s annual Fall Festival in Carmel Valley.

Based in Monterey, the Wharf Rats’ lineup includes **Matt Bosworth** on vocals and guitar, “**Billy Ray**” **Clevenger** on lead guitar, **Nancy Jones** on vocals, **Craig Varjian** on bass, and **Rod Wilson** on drums.

In addition to the Wharf Rats, two bands comprising All Saints’ Day School students perform at the festival. The event features a wide variety of games, arts and crafts, prizes, pony rides and a haunted house. The festival starts at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$20. The school is located at 8060 Carmel Valley Road. Visit www.asds.org.



From the left, Scarlett Road members Randy Marks, Dean Chapman, Melinda Moore and Chip WittPenn offer up an impromptu jam session this week just outside WittPenn’s Antiques.

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BIG SUR F&W, NEW CARMEL VALLEY WINE GROUP, AND A RIO FIESTA

By MARY SCHLEY

SINCE ITS launch a few years ago, the Big Sur Food & Wine Festival has had a congenial feel that sets it apart from other culinary gatherings. Founder Toby Rowland-Jones has always emphasized the fact the chefs and wineries who participate are friends, whether of his personally, or of the Big Sur community at large, or both.

This year, that element remains true, even as the festival reaches new heights with the corporate hospitality and support of the Highlands Inn, the Post Ranch Inn, and even Lexus.

"People have said we are a world-class even, but this really propels us into a whole new level, having the prestige of the Hyatt Carmel Highlands and the Post Ranch," he said this week.

The BSF&W is unique among food-and-wine festivals, offering not just wine seminars, tastings and parties, but winemaker dinners at restaurants throughout Big Sur

and various events, including the Magical Mystery Tours and Hiking with Stemware, that combine adventure, exploration and learning with delicious food and great wine.

Rowland-Jones highlighted a couple of must-dos, beginning with the opening night Gateway to Big Sur event Nov. 1 in Pacific's Edge and the lounges at the Highlands Inn, which hosted the famed Masters of Food & Wine for more than two decades.

"Anybody who went to Opening Night of the Masters will see a throwback to that," he said. "It's going to be phenomenal. The Highlands Inn has gone over and above, and all of our friends coming together. It's going to be incredibly elegant."

Some of those chef friends include Brandon Miller from Mundaka in Carmel, Cal Stamenov and Ben Spungin from Bernardus in Carmel Valley, Cy Yontz from the Rio Grill, Domingo Santamaria from Deetjen's in Big Sur, Frank Ostini from the

Hitching Post in Buellton and Phil Wojtocwiecz from the Big Sur Bakery.

"They're invited because they're all our friends, and I know they're going to shine,"

attending the Pinot and Their Muse panel tasting from 10 a.m. to noon at the Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Conference Center for \$30.)

Building on last year's success, Wine & Swine at the Henry Miller Library promises to be delicious and fun, too. Five chefs will prepare pigs from Niman Ranch, matching their dishes with the wines of about a dozen producers. While the PigWizard, a.k.a. Jonathan Roberts

— who last year demonstrated how to cut up a pig into every usable part — is traveling overseas, he has reportedly "promised to maybe do a live feed from a Spanish locale where he can talk to us about European meats and what he has learned during his time there." In his stead, the event will hold a "carve off" between chef Brian Overhauser of Hahn winery and Jim Burch of Del Monte Meat Co., with the pigs auctioned off to benefit the scholarship fund. Tickets to Wine & Swine are \$90 apiece.

While Saturday's fundraising auction and lunch at the Post Ranch are sold out, the Grand Public Tasting, also staged at Post Ranch and sponsored by Lexus, remains open and a great opportunity to sample the talents of 15 notable chefs — mostly a different lineup than Opening Night — and "50 extraordinary wineries," according to Rowland-Jones.

"Each winery is bringing three different wines," he said. The Grand Public Tasting, held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, will take place in a large tent next to the pond on the Post Ranch property. Allowing guests to take in the stellar views while being protected from the elements, the tent will have clear sides. Chefs on tap include Leslie Durso from New York, Ostini, Overhauser, John Cox of the Post Ranch and Brendan Jones of Lokal in Carmel Valley, and an extensive silent auction will also take place.

Attendees will be shuttled to the tasting from parking areas on Highway 1. The cost to attend is \$75.

For a full schedule of events and prices, as well as information on the benefiting Big Sur charities for which the festival has raised

By MARY SCHLEY

Rowland-Jones said. "We do have some 'new friends,'" he added, referring to notable chefs from the other Hyatt properties.

"They will all be bringing their A games," he continued. "It's a chance for them to excel and stretch their limits."

Some of the 50 wineries set to participate include Calera, Champagne Delamotte, Chappellet, Copain, Duckhorn, Fiddlehead, Galante, Justin, Kristi Lynn, Miura, Pelerin, Pride, Roederer, Spottswoode and Talbott, a longtime supporter of the festival.

To avoid the difficult parking that accompanies a crowd at the Highlands, shuttles will operate between the Safeway parking lot at the Crossroads near the bus stop and the inn. Tickets for Opening Night are \$160, and the event runs from 6 to 9 p.m.

Rowland-Jones also highlighted the Pinot Walkabout set for 12:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Post Ranch Inn in Big Sur.

"It's going to be in and around the kitchen garden at the Post Ranch — 30 of our very favorite and truly loved and respected Pinot producers, with cheeses from various creameries," he said. "This will be a magnificent chance to meet the winemakers immediately after harvest, and all indications are for a dynamic harvest this year on all levels: good quantities, great quality and joy in the vineyards." Among those participating are Paul Lato, Fink Family, Skywalker, Hirsch, Sheldon, Siduri, Talley, Morgan, Chanin and Peay.

"Matt Peterson and Aengus Wagner have put together a really amazing list of participants, so the Pinot lover will get a perfect opportunity to not be jammed up against the madding crowds," Rowland-Jones said. Tickets are \$48 each.

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Aengus Wagner pours bubbly for a guest at a well attended event during the Big Sur Food & Wine Festival, located in one of the world's most stunning locales. This year's festival runs Nov. 1-4, beginning with the opening Gateway to Big Sur event at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands.

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■ East End Wine Row

The recent openings of several new tasting rooms in Carmel Valley Village prompted seven of them to band together to organize events and better market themselves. Led by Nick Elliot of Holman Ranch — which occupies one of the tasting rooms at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road — the informal group is calling itself the East End Wine Row and also includes Silvestri, Cima Collina, Parsonage, Chesebro, Joyce and Dawn's Dream. All are located in the old White Oak dairy barn and the stretch of storefronts that also includes Taqueria del Valle and Plaza Linda.

"With the addition of Plaza Linda in the old Volcano Grill, we are fully stacked," Elliot said. "I'm so glad Plaza Linda was able to take over down there — it's so good for this end of the Village."

The EEWR grew out of a larger meeting of the valley's 18 tasting rooms last March.

"It was just a little bigger than people had wanted, so shortly after that meeting, the seven families here in White Oaks started talking," he said. "It made sense for us to do something together."

Last month, they developed the idea of a holiday event they will jointly host Dec. 8, Holiday Taste of Wine Row.

"We came up with the date, and then it was really Jack Galante who had the original idea, and he certainly sold us on this type of tasting and food-pairing event," he said. "Making it holiday focused definitely made sense, as well."

From 1 to 5 p.m., ticket holders will taste wine, sample small bites from C.V. restaurants and explore the EEWR tasting rooms. They can also support Voices for Children — CASA of Monterey County, which will be collecting holiday gifts for its "store," where kids without other means can select presents for their families. The nonprofit helps abused and neglected children navigate the courts. Bring an unwrapped gift for a child or an adult, male or female, to receive a photo with Santa.

Attendees must be 21 or older. Tickets cost \$50 per person in advance or \$60 at the door, and are available on each winery's website and in their tasting rooms.

"As someone with a stake in commerce in this area, I'm really excited to see the direction the Village is taking," Elliot said. "Businesses are filling up, and the Carmel Valley Village has really become this amazing destination. Every day, we get people from all over the world and all over the country, which I think is awesome, and cooperation like what we're doing here in Wine Row

is what really holds us together."

■ Salinas Valley F&W

The Salinas Valley Food and Wine Festival, a free event held on several blocks in Oldtown from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, will offer live music on four stages, cooking demonstrations, a "Vegetable Olympics," cultural acts, and lectures from notable beer and wine experts.

Some 150 vendors will line six blocks and offer food tasting, while adult guests are invited to purchase tickets for \$40 in advance or \$50 the day of the festival in order to sip samples from the nearly 50 participating wineries and 30 breweries.

To learn more, visit www.salinasvalley-foodandwine.com.

■ Fiesta time

Rio Grill in the Crossroads will hold its final Flavor Education Series event of the year in the form of a Southwest Fiesta Saturday, Oct. 20, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Attendees will gather in the restaurant's brand new Barrel Room to pick up their drink tickets and a party bag, and then go on to taste chef Cy Yontz's tequila-cured salmon tostadita, crostini with house-made fresh mozzarella and tomato-basil relish, and Sonoma goat cheese croustade with chipotle-maple-honey.

A salsa bar will feature three different condiments, as well as chips, and the dessert table will be decked out with cookies, roasted banana cake and lemon bars. Cooking demonstrations will focus on empanadas and BBQ duck tamales.

As for the cocktails, bartenders will be mixing blood orange margarita and Mojitos, and the Spa Treatment, described as "a super-refreshing cucumber-gin cocktail," will be passed all evening.

Reservations for the fiesta are required and cost \$95 per person, including tax and tip. For more information, call (831) 625-5436 or go to www.riogrill.com.

■ Cima Collina Harvest

Wine tasting, dinner, dancing — and rides to the winery's Hilltop Ranch Estate vineyard with Tractor Pete — are on tap for Cima Collina's 9th Annual Harvest Party Saturday, Oct. 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. at its new tasting room at 19-A East Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village. Hilltop Ranch, where Cima Collina's Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris grapes are organically farmed, is open to the public just once a year during the harvest party.

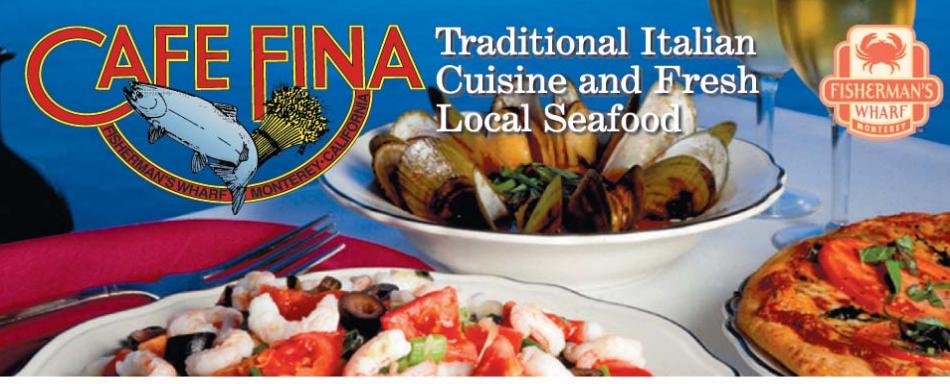
Monterey Cookhouse will provide the wood-fired dishes paired with Cima Collina's wines, while the Long Distance

Flyers entertain guests, who will also have a chance to win a Sip-n-Stay package from Country Garden Inn in Carmel Valley. Tickets are \$50 for wine club members and \$65 for nonmembers until Oct. 17, when they increase to \$75 each. To purchase, visit cimacollina.com or call (831) 620-0645.

■ Eddison & Melrose turns 3

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of ROBERT NEAGLE FORREST, aka ROBERT N. FORREST, and NEAGLE FORREST Case Number MP 20887

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT NEAGLE FORREST, aka ROBERT N. FORREST, and NEAGLE FORREST.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LESLIE A. JENSEN in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that LESLIE A. JENSEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the deceased.

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 on in this court as follows:

Date: DEC. 14, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Dept: 16

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 four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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.

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Attorney for Petitioner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 28, 2012.

Publication dates: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 2012. (PC1003)

upon said Respondent by publication thereof in Carmel Pine Cone, a newspaper of general circulation published at Monterey County, California, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give notice to said Respondent; that said publication be made at least once a week for four successive weeks.

IT IS ORDERED that a copy of said summons and of said petition in this action be forthwith deposited in the United States Post Office, post-paid, direct to said Respondent if his address is ascertained before expiration of the time prescribed of this summons and declaration of this mailing or of the fact that the address was not ascertained be filed at the expiration of the time prescribed for the publication.

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Date: Sept. 26, 2012
(s) Heidi K. Whilden, Judicial Officer
Clerk: Connie Mazzei
Deputy: V. Hernandez
Publication Dates: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012. (PC 1005)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ESTABLISH FACT, TIME, AND PLACE OF DEATH OF HARLOW GORDON STIMSON, A MISSING PERSON, aka HARLOW G. STIMSON: Case Number M 119282. Filed August 17, 2012.

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the fact, time, and place of death of **HARLOW GORDON STIMSON, A MISSING PERSON, aka HARLOW G. STIMSON**.

**A PETITION TO ESTABLISH
FACT, TIME, AND PLACE OF
DEATH** has been filed by: **MAR-
SHALL GORDON STIMSON** in the
Superior Court of California, County of Monterey.

THE PETITION TO ESTABLISH FACT, TIME, AND PLACE OF DEATH requests that the Court establish the fact, time, and place of death of Harlow Gordon Stimson, a Missing Person, in accord with Health and Safety Code Sections 103450 et seq., in that he has not been seen or heard from for a continuous period of six years and two months by those who are likely to have seen or have heard from him, and his absence has not satisfactorily been explained after diligent search or inquiry; that in accord with Probate Code 12401, the date of death of the above-named missing person be determined to be August 5, 2011; that a death certificate be ordered by the court and that it specify a date of date of August 5, 2011, following a boating accident on Lake Coatepeque, Municipality of Santa Ana, El Salvador.

THE PETITION TO ESTABLISH FACT, TIME, AND PLACE OF DEATH specifies that Petitioner, Marshall Gordon Stimson, is beneficially interested in and entitled under Section 103450 of the California Health and Safety Code to an order establishing the fact, time, and place of the death of Harlow Gordon Stimson. Petitioner's beneficial interest in this matter is as the Father of Harlow Gordon Stimson. Petitioner has petitioned the Court to obtain a death certificate so he may properly execute his legal duties to the above-named missing person.

In accord with Health and Safety Code 103450 and Probate Code 12401, Petitioner requests the Court to establish the fact, time, and place of death of Harlow Gordon Stimson as August 5, 2011 at 4:00 a.m. in the Municipality of Santa Ana, El Salvador; and that the court order a death certificate to be issued to Petitioner.

Petitioner has also petitioned the Court to establish a date of death for Harlow Gordon Stimson in accord with Probate Code 12401 (Case Number MP 20836).

There is no official record of the fact, time, and place of the death of Harlow Gordon Stimson.

Harlow Gordon Stimson's last known residence and address at the time of his disappearance and death is San Antonio Avenue and Thirteenth Street (2 NW of Thirteenth), Carmel, Monterey County, California.

Harlow Gordon Stimson disappeared at approximately 4:00 a.m. on August 5, 2006, following a collision of two small boats on Lake Coatepeque, Municipality of Santa Ana, El Salvador.

Harlow Gordon Stimson has not been seen or heard from for a continuous period of more than five years by the persons likely to have seen or heard from him, and the whereabouts of Harlow Gordon Stimson is unknown to these persons and to Petitioner.

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

Date: NOVEMBER 9, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Department: 16.

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 objection with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in this petition or 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.

IT IS ORDERED that the service of summons in this action be made

Attorney for Petitioner:
Jean A. Getchell, Esq.
SBN 175411
P.O. Box 4021,
Carmel, CA 93921
831-392-6596.
(s) Jean A. Getchell,
Attorney for Petitioner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on October 3, 2012.

Publication dates: October 5, October 12, October 19, 2012.
(PC 1006)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1318069-37 APN: 187-161-002-000 TRA: 0600111 LOAN NO: XXXXX3850 REF: Bailey, Joan IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED August 08, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 06, 2012, at 10:00am: Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded August 16, 2006, as Inst. No. 2006072137 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, State of California, executed by Earl W. Bailey and Joan S. Bailey, Trustees Of The Earl W. And Joan S. Bailey 1981 Living Trust Dated May 15, 1981, For The Benefit Of Earl W. Bailey And Joan S. Bailey, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank At the main entrance to the county administration building, 168 W. Alisal Street Salinas, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 66 Rancho Road Carmel Valley CA 93924 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,679,628.55. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (619)590-1221 or visit the internet website www.rpsales.com, using the file number assigned to this case 1318069-37. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web Site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE OF HEARING:**

DATE: DEC. 7, 2012

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Kay T. Kingsley
Judge of the Superior Court

Date filed: Oct. 9, 2012

Clerk: Connie Mazzei

Deputy: Carmen B. Orozco

Publication dates: Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 2012. (PC1012)

the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away.

If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program.

You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO! *Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.*

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte lo podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibido mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is (*El nombre y dirección de la corte es*): Superior Court of California, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (*El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es*): Todd F. Haines, Law Offices of Todd F. Haines, 30495 Canwood St., Ste. 100, Agoura Hills, CA 91301; (818) 597-2240

DATE (Fecha): January 13, 2012

Connie Mazzei, Clerk (*Secretario*), by J. Nicholson, Deputy (*Adjunto*) (*SEAL*)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:

You are served as an individual defendant.

10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2/12

CNS-2389227# CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication dates: Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 2012. (PC 1008)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M120155.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

petitioner, JoAn R MULDNER, filed a

petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:

BASSAM HASSAN AL-MAQTARI

Proposed name:

BASSAM ABDO

FOOD

From page 15A

at 25 Soledad Drive in Monterey, the tea room will kickstart a fundraiser for Voices for Children — CASA, with 10 percent of its sales donated to the nonprofit between Oct. 20 and the end of the month.

During the open house, guests will learn more about E&M's new offerings while sampling tea sandwiches, Karen Anne's granola parfaits and cupcakes.

The rest of the time, the tea room is open by reservation only. For more information about it or the anniversary party, contact owner Karen Anne Murray at (831) 393-9479 or visit www.edisonandmelrose.com.

■ 'Tis the season for Sweet Elena's

Sweet Elena's Bakery and Café in Sand City is celebrating October's festivities with handmade Halloween cookies in the shapes of ghosts and pumpkins, and pumpkin cheesecake.

Located at 465 D Olympia Ave. in Sand City, Sweet Elena's is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (831) 393-2063 or see www.sweetelenas.net.

■ Pappardelle alla Bolognese

Cantinetta Luca, located on Dolores Street south of Ocean Avenue in Carmel, will host a class Thursday, Oct. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in which a handful of fortunate students will learn to make the restaurant's beloved Pappardelle alla Bolognese.

Executive chef Jason Balestrieri will teach his guests how to make great dough using different types of pasta machines, as well as the proper cooking times and procedures. He'll also share the recipe for the restaurant's popular meat-based tomato sauce.

The cost is \$50 per person, plus an 18 percent service fee and tax, and reservations can be made by calling (831) 625-6500. See

cantinettaluca.com to learn more.

■ Pollan to talk in Santa Cruz

Michael Pollan, who has written extensively on eating in America, including the bestselling books, "In Defense of Food," and "The Omnivore's Dilemma," will join a panel discussion in the Santa Cruz High School auditorium Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. During the Every Body Eats event, which will benefit the Homeless Garden Project, Pollan will join a panel of local food experts to discuss "how to break down the barriers between all people and good local food," according to organizers.

Pollan will talk about his recent book, "Illustrated Food Rules," and John Robbins, author of "Diet for a New America" and "The New Good Life," will serve as moderator. Panelists include Rhone Ranger and biodynamic vintner Randall Grahm; Jamie Smith, senior manager of food services and nutrition with the Santa Cruz City schools; Swanton Berry Farm founder Jim Cochran, who started the state's first organic strawberry farm; Homeless Garden Project executive director Darrie Ganzhorn; and marine biologist Dr. Wallace J. Nichols.

The Santa Cruz High School auditorium is located at 415 Walnut Ave., and the doors will open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$18 for adults. To purchase tickets, visit everybodyeats.eventbrite.com.

Medicare topic of Foundation talk

TAMARA MCKEE of Alliance on Aging will speak about updates to Medicare at The Carmel Foundation Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 2:30 p.m. The talk will take place in Diment Hall and will address the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program to provide an overview of Medicare in 2013. The presentation is free. For more information, call (831) 620-8705 or email aalbano@carmelfoundation.org.



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"In recognition of Carmel Chamber of Commerce businesses that excel in quality service and/or products, practice the highest business ethics, foster a beautiful environment and exemplify enlightened customer service and staff relations."

Nominate your favorite Carmel Chamber member business, organization or service by circling **one business in each category**. 2011 category winners are excluded in the nomination process but will be voted on by the chamber membership for "Business of the Year."

ONLY ORIGINAL FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Mail to: Carmel Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 4444, Carmel, CA 93921
Or deliver to: Carmel Visitor Center, San Carlos btwn. 5th & 6th

ACCOMMODATIONS

2011 Winner - Cypress Inn (not eligible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adobe Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Coachman's Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Ranch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bernardus Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Monte Verde Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western PLUS Carmel Bay View Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Colonial Terrace, The | <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey Hostel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Townhouse Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Inn Carmel by the Sea | <input type="checkbox"/> Normandy Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Sur River Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Country Garden Inns | <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean View Lodge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Sky Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Dolphin Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Briarwood Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Edgemere Cottages | <input type="checkbox"/> Riverside Campground & Cabins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candle Light Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> San Antonio House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Cottage Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Lantern Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandpiper Inn by the Sea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Country Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Landing Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea View Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Fireplace Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Hofas House | <input type="checkbox"/> Svendsgaard's Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Garden Court Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Horizon Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Tally Ho Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Inn & Suites | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyatt Carmel Highlands | <input type="checkbox"/> The Homestead |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyatt Regency Monterey | <input type="checkbox"/> The Inn at Spanish Bay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Mission Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> La Playa Carmel | <input type="checkbox"/> The Lodge at Pebble Beach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel River Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Lamp Lighter Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> The Vagabond's House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Valley Ranch | <input type="checkbox"/> L'Auberge Carmel, Relais & Chateaux | <input type="checkbox"/> Tickle Pink Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Village Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln Green Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Tradewinds Carmel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Wayfarer Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Lobos Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Ventana Inn & Spa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage House Inn | | <input type="checkbox"/> Wayside Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarion Collection Carmel Oaks | | |

APPAREL & JEWELRY

2011 Winner - Tiffany & Co. (not eligible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Artemis Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> Kerr Lee Remarkable Jewelry | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Talbott, Inc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B & G Jewelers, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Khaki's Men's Clothier of Carmel | <input type="checkbox"/> Robin's Jewelry Carmel-by-the-Sea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> blue lemon | <input type="checkbox"/> Kocek Jeweler, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Avenue Fine Jewelry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burns Cowboy Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladyfingers Jewelry | <input type="checkbox"/> Sockshop Carmel & Wicks & Wax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Cashmere and Company | <input type="checkbox"/> Laub's Country Store/Carmel Classics | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Moritz Sweaters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cayen Jewelers | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamplémousse Boutique | <input type="checkbox"/> The Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collezione Fortuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Pat Areias Sterling Carmel | <input type="checkbox"/> The Crossroads Jeweler, Inc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fourtane Estate Jewelers | <input type="checkbox"/> Pejmani of Belgium | <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy Bahama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heaven | <input type="checkbox"/> Ritzy Ragz & Thingz Consignment | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Sisters Designs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hesselbein's Jewelers | <input type="checkbox"/> Boutique | <input type="checkbox"/> Viau Estate Jewelry |

ART GALLERIES

2011 Winner - Weston Gallery, Inc. (not eligible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arlene Stigum Studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Sharpe Studio & Gallery | <input type="checkbox"/> The Art of Dr. Seuss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Art Association | <input type="checkbox"/> New Masters Gallery | <input type="checkbox"/> Trotter Galleries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Center for Photographic Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard MacDonald/Dawson Cole Fine Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Winfield Gallery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gallery North | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Knight Gallery | <input type="checkbox"/> Winters Gallery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gallery Sur | <input type="checkbox"/> Rodriguez Studio | |

CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

2011 Winner - Carmel Art & Film Festival (not eligible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Sur Food and Wine Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Music Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Repertory Theatre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLUE Ocean Film Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Music Monterey Bay | <input type="checkbox"/> Pebble Beach Food & Wine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carl Cherry Center for the Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Kids of Monterey County | <input type="checkbox"/> Philip Glass' Days and Nights Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Art Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Theater Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Bach Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey Peninsula Choral Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Smallsea: A Metropolis in Miniature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Heritage Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey Symphony | <input type="checkbox"/> National Steinbeck Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Mission Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Grove Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset Center |

DINING

2011 Winner - Basil Seasonal Dining (not eligible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 400° Gourmet Burgers & Fries | <input type="checkbox"/> da Giovanni | <input type="checkbox"/> La Dolce Vita |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A.W. Shucks Cocktail & Oyster Bar | <input type="checkbox"/> Damestra Cafe | <input type="checkbox"/> Le St. Tropez |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allegro Gourmet Pizzeria | <input type="checkbox"/> Em Le's Old Carmel Restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> Little Napoli |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andre's Bouchee Bistro & Wine Bar | <input type="checkbox"/> Flaherty's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar | <input type="checkbox"/> Merlot! Bistro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anton & Michel Restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> Flanagan's Irish - American Pub | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific's Edge Restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Sur Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Flying Fish Grill | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastries and Petals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bistro 211 | <input type="checkbox"/> Forge in the Forest | <input type="checkbox"/> Patisserie Boissiere Restaurant & Patisserie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bistro Beaujolais | <input type="checkbox"/> Friar Tuck Restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> PortaBella Restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Market Restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> Grasing's | <input type="checkbox"/> Rio Grill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cantinetta Luca | <input type="checkbox"/> Grill on Ocean Avenue | <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy's Wok |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Belle | <input type="checkbox"/> Hog's Breath Inn | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuck Box |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel's Bistro Giovanni | <input type="checkbox"/> Il Forno | <input type="checkbox"/> Vesuvio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casanova Restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack London's Neighborhood Pub & Grill | <input type="checkbox"/> Village Corner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> China Delight Restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> Katy's Place | |

LEGAL & FINANCIAL

2011 Winner - Santa Barbara Bank & Trust (not eligible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Astera Financial Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Hayashi & Wayland Accounting & Consulting, LLP | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabobank N.A. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BBR LLP, CPA | <input type="checkbox"/> Heisinger, Buck & Morris, Attorneys At Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Richwine's Bookkeeping & Accounting Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BookKeeping Express | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Wealth Counsel, LLC | <input type="checkbox"/> Rose Law Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Capital Management L.L.C. | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Office of Lori Silver | <input type="checkbox"/> Savage & Lucido, CPAs, LLP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charles Schwab & Co. | <input type="checkbox"/> Merrill Lynch/Elizabeth Kirkpatrick | <input type="checkbox"/> Tostevin Accountancy Corporation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comerica Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey County Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Wells Fargo Bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Mitchell Taylor Law Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey Credit Union | <input type="checkbox"/> Wells Fargo Home Mortgage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversified Capital Funding | | <input type="checkbox"/> Welton Investment Corporation |

MEDIA & MARKETING

2011 Winner - Carmel Pine Cone (not eligible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Magazine, Inc | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Finnell Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Shagbag Radio Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Folder Display Service | <input type="checkbox"/> IFG Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> THE BEACH, BOB, B103, HIPPO, KPIG |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chatterbox PR | <input type="checkbox"/> KAZU National Public Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> TRAVELHOST Magazine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Channel Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> KION TV & Fox 35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Valley Yellow Pages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> even design | <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey County Herald | <input type="checkbox"/> white page communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GBizFoto | <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey County Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine & Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geisler 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey Signs | <input type="checkbox"/> WiredIn Carmel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GuestLife/Pebble Beach the Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> NBII Entertainment | |

Nominations must be received or postmarked by October 31, 2012

Awards will be presented at the Awards of Excellence Gala at Hyatt Regency Monterey on December 5, 2012

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2011 Winner - Big Sur International Marathon (not eligible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer's Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Empowerment International |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Legion Post 512 Carmel | <input type="checkbox"/> Church in the Forest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Red Cross, Monterey Bay Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Church of the Wayfarer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Sur Land Trust | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Carmel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Academy of Performing Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation Beth Israel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Host Lions Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Esalen Institute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Presbyterian Church | <input type="checkbox"/> First Church of Christ, Scientist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Public Library Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of Sunset Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Residents Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Joining Hands Benefit Shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Unified School District | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Monterey Peninsula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carmel Youth Center, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> LeTip of Carmel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Trail Lions of Carmel |

PERSONAL SERVICES

2011 Winner - The Holly Farm (not eligible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A Carmel Haven Day Spa | <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny Stahl Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Day Spa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alvis Photography & Video | <input type="checkbox"/> Kira Godbe Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset Massage Therapy |
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Oct. 19 - A Jewelry Affaire opens at Joining Hands Benefit Shop, continuing through the weekend. Catered reception, 4 - 8 p.m. Discover a treasure from our selection of jewelry, evening attire and accessories! Your purchase supports transitional and emergency housing in the community. 26358 Carmel Rancho Lane. (831) 293-8140.

Oct. 19 & 20 - Plaza Linda Restaurant & Cantina is featuring Pooches on the Patio this month: Doggie Dining, 2 - 4 p.m. every day! Bring your friends and their pooches out to the sun for Chicken or Beef & Rice bowls (\$4.95) while you sip and enjoy the sun! Live Entertainment this Friday, 10/19 is Scarlett Road (Bluegrass/Americana) at 7 p.m.; Sat., 10/20 Brett Hallam Holland (Guitarist/Songwriter on Tour) at 7 p.m. \$10 donations appreciated. www.plazalinda.com.

Oct. 19-21 & 26 - Santa Catalina Theatre Arts presents *Meet Me in St. Louis, The Classic Family Musical*, Oct. 19 & 20, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21, 2 p.m., and Oct. 26, 12:15 p.m. Tickets: (831) 655-9341, www.santacatalina.org/tickets.

Oct. 20 - Under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Max Bragado-Darman, Monterey Symphony opens its 67th Season. Carmel performances will take place at Sunset Center, Ninth and San Carlos, Saturday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 21, 3 p.m. Tickets \$28-\$78. For additional information, please call (831) 646-8511 or visit our website: www.montereysymphony.org.

Oct. 20 - All Saints' Day School Fall Festival. Fun for the whole family! Games and Prizes, Great Food, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Haunted House, and Handmade Crafts! Live music performed by The Wharf Rats and our own ASDS Student Bands. Free Entry. Games and attractions require wristband: \$20 for play all day. Children 3 and under play for free. **Saturday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, 8060 Carmel Valley Road. (831) 624-9171..

Oct. 20 - The Big Sur Coast Gallery is celebrating two **Big Sur legends: Loet Vanderveen and James Hunolt**. Join Big Sur Coast Gallery for an extraordinary and rare opportunity to meet local sculptors Vanderveen and Hunolt and view their gallery exhibits. Saturday, Oct. 20, 1:30 to 5 p.m. Big Sur Coast Gallery, 4991 Hwy 1, Big Sur. (831) 667-2301, www.bigsurcoastgallery.com, info@bigsurcoastgallery.com.

Oct. 20 - Senior Health Care - Planning the short & long of it who pays and when? Join us for a panel discussion, Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m., Canterbury Woods, 651 Sineix Ave., Pacific Grove. RSVP encouraged. (831) 657-4193, craj@jtimesc.org.

Oct. 20 - Calling all Writers! Imagine spending the day working on your writing with acclaimed plot expert Martha Alderson. You'll leave this workshop with a Plot Planner customized for your novel, memoir or screenplay. Sponsored by Central Coast Writers. Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monterey Peninsula College. Sign up at www.centracoastwriters.org.

Oct. 20 & 21 - Monterey Home Garden and Gourmet Expo at the Monterey County Fairgrounds, Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Remodeling ideas from local business, gourmet food and wine tasting. Free admission and parking. Show entrance at Gate 3. Enter to win \$25,000. www.montereycountyhomeshow.com, (831) 222-0772.

Oct. 21-26 - An Artists' Retreat with Anna Rhodes, hosted by **Cypress Inn and Vagabond's House** Oct. 21-26, is offering a 10 percent discount to day students who wish to take this six-day in-depth art course taught at Sunset Center. Registration and information: www.anartistsretreat.com or (206) 328-1788.

Oct. 22 - "Book Publishing 1-2-3: From the Writer's Fingers to the Reader's Hands." 6 to 7 p.m. at The Works (667 Lighthouse, PG). Features tips (e.g., finding agents), writing prompts, success stories, Q&A. Presenters: Longtime editor/proofreader Laurie Gibson, local publishing expert Patricia Hamilton. Cost: \$10. No pre-registration needed. Questions? (858) 635-1233.

Oct. 27 - PacRep Theatre's Annual Fall Fundraising Gala, Be Wicked and Be Witched, Saturday, Oct. 27, at a private venue in Pebble Beach, 6-10 p.m. Enjoy fine wines, dinner, dancing, live entertainment, and fantasy auctions. Tickets are \$135. For more information, visit www.pacrep.org or call (831) 622-0100.

Oct. 27 - Celebrate Carmel-by-the-Sea's 96th Birthday at our Annual Party and Halloween Parade on Saturday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m. Hot Dog Lunch noon to 1 p.m. at Sunset Center, \$5. Tickets for lunch available at city hall, Carmel Chamber of Commerce and on the day of event. (831) 620-2020.

Oct. 27 - Galante Vineyards 2012 Harvest Open House. Come on out and enjoy great wine, fabulous food, live music with Sierra Gold, and a

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Oct. 27 - St. Mary's by the Sea Fall Book Sale, Saturday, Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Mary's Edwards Hall, 12th & Central Avenue, Pacific Grove.

Oct. 27 - BBQ Fundraiser for Seniors' Transportation - Carmel Valley Community Park, 12-4 p.m., to benefit Independent Transportation Network Monterey County. Wine, beer, BBQ, Live Music, Silent Auction. Free admission. (831) 233-3447, info@itnmontereycounty.org.

Nov. 2 - Opening Reception Photography Exhibit and Book Launching "Vanishing Voices, Fading Traditions" - Documenting native cultures in Mesoamerica by local photojournalist Marianne Mangold. Four expeditions in Central America were guided by a deep belief that authentic documentation of vanishing traditional cultures is vital for the children of tomorrow for a better understanding of indigenous heritage and cross-culture appreciation in all who recognize the importance of ancient wisdom. **Friday, Nov. 2, 5 - 8 p.m., National Steinbeck Center, 1 Main Street, Salinas.**

Nov. 7 - The Carmel Valley Women's Club will feature a talk by Dr. Richard Kuzirian at its Nov. 7 Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Plaza Linda, 9 Del Fino Place, Carmel Valley. Professor and Senior Program Coordinator at the Panetta Institute, he will speak on the institute's programs and current issues. \$35 per person. Call (831) 659-0934 to reserve.

Nov. 17 - Friends of the Carmel Valley Library invites you to the 11th Annual Wine Lover's Delight Fundraiser at Hidden Valley Institute for the Arts on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 5:30 p.m., with Rich Tanguay, Master Winemaker of Heller Estates Winery as Master of Ceremonies! Tickets must be purchased in advance at the library or Casa Del Soul in the Village. For information, call (831) 659-2377.

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OAKS

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spread out over 54,000 acres throughout 14 counties in California. A study last year — which surveyed the same areas — identified 38,000 dead trees spread out over 8,000 acres.

The survey identified Carmel Valley as one of several locations throughout the state where an "urban outbreak" of Sudden Oak Death appeared.

According to Katie Palmieri, a spokesperson for the California Oak Mortality Task Force, 688 bay laurels in Carmel Valley were examined this spring and 185 trees sampled showed signs of a potential oak death infection. Bay laurels are tested because they can easily spread the disease but are mostly unaffected by it. The samples were sent to a lab, and 69 trees were determined to be carrying the disease. Palmieri said that number represents "about a 15 to 20 percent increase in positive samples since 2008 for the Carmel Valley region."

The vast groves of live oaks that blanket the north-facing hillsides of Carmel Valley have been largely unaffected by Sudden Oak Death. "Live oaks are fortunately one of the more resistant species," Palmieri explained. "They're getting hit, but not at the same rate."

Tanbark oaks, on the other hand, have been hit particularly hard by Sudden Oak Death. "They've been totally hammered by it," she said.

While tanbark oaks exist in Carmel Valley, they don't seem to be as common

there as they are in Big Sur. Countless thousands of tanbark oaks — generally taller and straighter than their live oak cousins — have died along the coastal canyons of Big Sur, leaving large swaths of standing or fallen dead trees and providing highly combustible fuel for wildfires, such as the Basin Complex Fire, which burned more than 160,000 acres in 2008.

But the arrival of the disease is no longer a death sentence for trees. "Precautionary steps won't save every tree, but about 80 percent will be protected if a regimen is followed," Palmieri said.

One of the most efficient ways to protect oaks is to trim bay laurels that are nearby and remove their saplings. Palmieri suggested creating a 5-meter break between oaks and laurels.

If you live within a half-mile of an existing outbreak, Palmieri suggested treating your oak trees with Agri-Fos, a fungicide that has proved effective against it.

"Agri-Fos can be applied topically or injected," Palmieri explained. "It boosts trees' ability to ward off invasive fungus."

While scientists have developed a much greater understanding about Sudden Oak Death since its discovery in California 17 years ago, Matteo Garbelotto, an oak researcher from the University of California at Berkeley, said he understands how unsettling it can for residents who live in a community where an outbreak has been detected. "Whenever you are dealing with populated areas, concerns over failing trees potentially harming people or property, as well as the loss of property value and aesthetics, it can be very challenging," he added.

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ART

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And in 1988, he became the first living textile artist to have a show at London's Victoria and Albert Museum. More than 30,000 people visited the exhibit in six days. Later, when it was staged in Iceland, an estimated 5 percent of the country's population

turned out to view it.

While "Dreaming in Color" chronicles the many details of Fassett's rich life — and offers a bounty of photographs and illustrations — the book is ultimately about following one's dreams and trusting that the path traveled is the right one.

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■ Two-man show in Big Sur

Fassett isn't the only artist with deep Big Sur roots whose work will be showcased this week. Just two miles south of Nepenthe, the Coast Gallery hosts a reception Saturday, Oct. 20, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., for two of Big Sur's most enduring sculptors, **James Hunolt** and **Loet Vanderveen**.

"I've been fortunate enough to watch these two artists evolve over the past 42 years," said **Gary Koeppl**, who has owned the Coast Gallery since 1971.

Acclaimed for his elegant lost-wax bronze sculptures of lions, elephants, giraffes and other animals that roam the grasslands of Africa, Vanderveen has been represented by Coast Gallery since it opened in 1958.

Hunolt works in stone, wood, bronze, and steel. A Big Sur resident since 1964, he creates sculpture that celebrates the human form and spirit. With a mallet and chisel in his hands, he adheres to a novel creative philosophy that would never work for a painter: "Every act of destruction is an act of creation."

The gallery is located on Highway 1 about 30 miles south of Carmel. Call (831) 667-2301 or visit www.bigsurcoastgallery.com.

■ 'Digital Reflections' at Sunset

Local artist **Ken Kelley** unveils an exhibit of his work, "Digital Reflections," Friday, Oct. 19, at Sunset Center's Marjorie Evans Gallery.

After majoring in art in college, Kelley worked for three decades in computer systems integration and marketing before relaunching himself as an artist about 20 years ago. A reception, which starts at 5

p.m., will feature tastings of Kelley's famous limoncello. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2040 or visit www.sunsetcenter.org.

■ P.G. photogs open studio

The 2016 Sunset Collective in Pacific Grove hosts a two-day exhibit by five local black and white photographers — **Greg Mettler, Robin V. Robinson, Alli Wood, Dida Kutz, and Margo Duvall** — Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 20-21.

The gallery and studio, which is located in the Russell Service Center at 2016 Sunset, features its own darkroom. "There are fewer and fewer darkrooms available to artists printing black and white silver prints from film, especially so spacious and well equipped," Robinson explained.

The event is free. The studio will be open Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (831) 238-0902 or visit www.2016sunset.com.

■ 'Indian Summer' in village

An exhibit of work by local painter **Alana Puryear** — who was recently named the new executive director of the Pacific Grove Art Center — is on display at the Carmel Valley Library.

The show, titled "Indian Summer," will continue through Oct. 30. The library is located at 65 W. Carmel Valley Road. Visit www.alanapuryear.com.

■ 'Spotlight on Watercolor'

Four local artists — **Miguel Dominguez, Alicia Meheen, Roianne Hart and Wilda Northrup** — present a panel discussion, "Spotlight on Watercolor," Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Carmel Art Association.

A group exhibit of watercolors by all four artists is on display at the art center. The event is free and starts at 6 p.m. The CAA is located on the west side of Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-6176 or visit www.carmelart.org.

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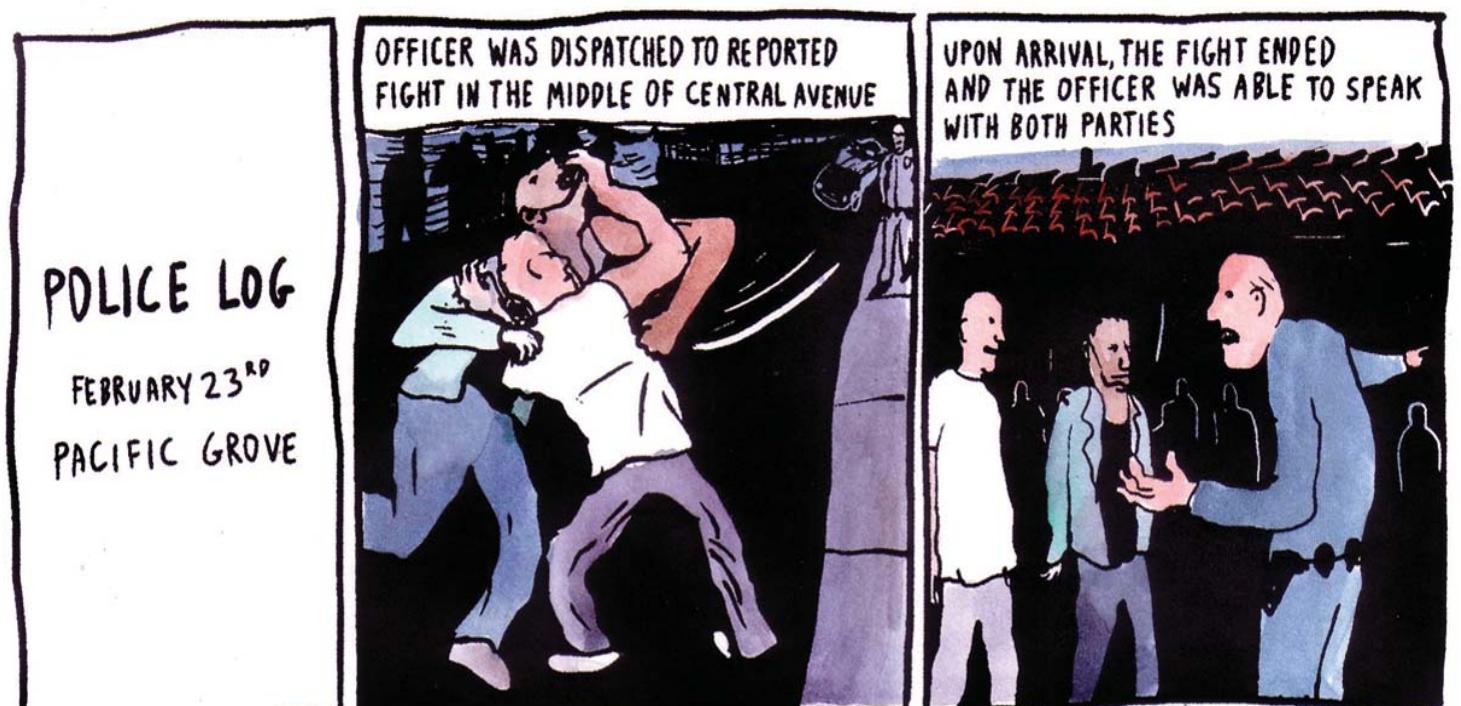
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TRAFFIC

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potential to provide access for heavy equipment to the project site. But for the road to work, Cal Am still needs to jump through a few hoops. "We're still wrestling with the final numbers, and trying to find out the CEQA impacts," Svindland said. "We're checking for endangered species — if we find any, that could stop the route from being used."

Also, a considerable amount of work would need to be completed before the route is used. Currently, the only way to access the road is through Sleepy Hollow, so an entrance

along Carmel Valley Road would need to be built, as well as a bridge. Yet aerial maps reveal an old road that the proposed route would follow. The road connects with San Clemente Drive near Cal Am's treatment plant, skirting the edge of the Sleepy Hollow community in the process. Svindland said Cal Am hopes to do the work without temporarily shutting down Carmel Valley Road.

Currently, construction traffic for the project is scheduled to travel along three routes: San Clemente Drive, Cachagua Grade and Cachagua Road via Tassajara Road. The smallest vehicles would travel along San Clemente Drive, while the largest vehicles would take the last route. By adding a fourth route, traffic would be eased — but not eliminated — along

the other routes. "We still need to use all the roads," Svindland explained.

Meanwhile, Svindland conceded that the cost of pushing so much of the project's traffic through Cachagua will add a significant cost to the \$83 million project. "It's not the \$8 million one resident suggested, but [the longer route through Cachagua] does add a couple million dollars to the cost of the project. It makes [the proposed alternate] route look feasible."

The confirmation comes on the heels of an announcement by Sleepy Hollow residents that they had signed an agreement for some of the dam removal traffic to pass through their community, and growing criticism from Cachagua residents who say construction traffic would have a severe impact on them.

"We're trying to find a plan that works for everyone," Svindland noted in discussing the new alternate.

Set to begin this fall, the project can't get started until Monterey County issues a permit. Most of the actual dismantling of the dam will occur between 2013-15. The planning commission postponed taking action on the project at its Sept. 12 meeting, and will consider again at its Oct. 31 meeting.

City sandpile for residents only

IN ANTICIPATION of the rainy season, the city's public works department this week supplied its annual sandpile, along with sand bags, behind the Carmel Youth Center at Torres and Fourth. During heavy rains, storm water often runs down the town's steep roads and driveways into below-grade garages and across yards, so sand bags are an effective and inexpensive means of preventing such residential flooding.

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Editorial

What your vote on Nov. 6 will mean

COME ELECTION Day, you'll have the chance to make a difference in your community by voting on a host of important state and local races and ballot measures.

But one thing that won't be worth much is your vote for president: California is going for Barack Obama, no matter what you do. It may feel rewarding to vote for such an important office, but for residents of one-sided states such as New York and California, with their huge populations of devoted Democratic voters, Election Day is a foregone conclusion. Whether you support Obama or Mitt Romney, if you want to make a difference in the outcome for president, you'll have to move to Nevada, Ohio or Florida.

Hard as it may be to imagine now, California was once a solidly Republican state. From 1952 to 1988, the state went for every Republican candidate for president except Barry Goldwater, who lost in a landslide to Lyndon Johnson in 1964. In 1976, California's voters even preferred Gerald Ford to Jimmy Carter!

However, since 1992, the state has not failed to cast its entire slate of electoral ballots for the Democrat at the top of the ticket, and four years ago, Barack Obama carried the state by an almost 2-to-1 margin over John McCain. This year, Obama's lead over Mitt Romney is only a little smaller. And, thanks to the huge increase in California's Hispanic population, the Democratic trend shows no sign of reversing or even slowing down.

Likewise the statewide offices Monterey Peninsula residents will be voting on in two weeks. All the Democrats on the ballot — Dianne Feinstein for U.S. Senate, Sam Farr for Congress, Bill Monning for the State Senate and Mark Stone for State Assembly — are shoo-ins. None of the Republicans has the slightest chance.

Why bother to vote, then?

For one thing, there are some interesting ballot measures which have hardcore Democratic Party support but which are by no means sure to pass. Foremost among these is Prop 30, Gov. Jerry Brown's tax increase, which may fail. Whether you're for or against it, your vote on Prop 30 will make a big difference. Other favorites of many Democratic voters — including Prop 34 to ban the death penalty, Prop 36 to loosen the state's Three Strikes Law, and Prop 37 requiring labeling of foods containing GMOs and authorizing citizen lawsuits to enforce it — are by no means certain to pass.

At the bottom of the ballot, two local measures are also in play. Pacific Grove's Measure F would rezone downtown to allow a large hotel to be built, and Carmel's Measure D would increase the city's sales tax. If you care about those issues, you won't want to pass up the opportunity to vote on them.

Pacific Grove will also elect a mayor and city council. And, of course, there's the county supervisor race between Dave Potter and Marc Del Piero. The outcomes of those races are anybody's guess.

The Electoral College system of electing a president may seem outdated, although it is working exactly as the Founding Fathers intended. Way back in 1787, it was added to the Constitution to prevent larger states from completely dominating presidential elections at the expense of the smaller states. Without that provision, the smaller states might not have agreed to join the union, and the Constitution would not have been adopted. Likewise, without their consent, the Constitution cannot be amended to switch to a popular vote system of electing a president, which they are not going to do. So give up on the idea of switching to a popular vote system for electing a president anytime soon.

When you go into the voting booth Nov. 6, your votes for president and on statewide offices will be just gestures. If you're a Democrat, you can be happy because your candidates in those races are sure to win. And if you're a Republican, you can console yourself with the knowledge that your votes on statewide ballot measures and on local races might actually mean something.

BEST of BATES



"Whaddaya mean, Carmel has no nightlife? Carmel has lots of nightlife. We've got cats, rats, raccoons"

Letters to the Editor

Wide support for Measure D Dear Editor,

We think it is significant for voters to know that the groups we represent, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the Carmel Residents Association, both enthusiastically support Measure D, the 1 percent sales tax increase, found at the very end of the Nov. 6 ballot.

In addition, the entire Carmel City Council, the Carmel Innkeepers Association, the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers' Association and The Carmel Pine Cone all support Measure D.

Why such unprecedented agreement?

■ Our city has already demonstrated great fiscal responsibility in refinancing and reducing its debt and setting up a two-tiered retirement system and a Hospitality Improvement District;

■ The measure has a 10-year sunset clause;

■ The approximately \$2 million annually, which passage of this measure would provide, will help with retirement debt obligations and help maintain high-quality city services and infrastructure, such as city streets;

■ Carmel's current tax rate is one of the lowest in the region.

A YES vote on Measure D will ensure that Carmel retains its excellent public safe-

ty, the public library, the performing arts, and the forest, beach and parks — all amenities which make Carmel the perfect place to live in, work in or visit.

**Doug Lumsden, Chair
Carmel Chamber of Commerce
Barbara Livingston, President
Carmel Residents Association**

Editorial wrong, part 1 Dear Editor,

Your Oct. 12 editorial once again does little to enhance the perceived gulf between corporations and their union employees. For sure, there are serious and challenging issues on both sides of how we are to fairly get things done, but I'm afraid your editorial, so full of wild assertions and misstatements, is another step backward.

It would be great if you would get the facts right. For starters, an easy one. Our Big Three auto companies did not lose market share to Toyota because workers in Japan worked for less than American workers. Your statement about the equality of engineering talent and management ideas being the same is grossly incorrect. In the 1980s, the Big Three, joined by some European car makers hired MIT to go to Toyota and figure out how the Japanese were building higher quality cars in less time. For example, the Japanese assembly process for some models took a total of 11 hours, while similar models in America were spending the same number of hours just fixing what was wrong at the end of a slower assembly-line process.

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PENSIONS

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Carmel residents who receive CalPERS benefits contacted Norris, saying the figures on the database were, in fact, incorrect.

"We are going to take another look at the data and determine whether we need to run new information," she said.

As an example, the initial monthly pension figure CalPERS listed for Carmel building official Tim Meroney, who retired in 2007, was overstated by about \$1,500, according to Norris. His current monthly pension is \$5,239.96.

Upon The Pine Cone's request, Norris sent current monthly figures for other local employees listed on the database.

Carmel Area Wastewater District general manager Ray von Dohren's initial monthly pension check was listed as \$1,183.42, while his current gross monthly pension is \$6,313.59. Former Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District general manager Joseph Donofrio received \$17,065.39 initially, while his current gross monthly check is \$14,064.44.

Also, former Monterey County Sheriff Mike Kanalakis receives a current gross monthly check of \$15,904.52 compared to his initial retirement check of nearly \$21,000. And former Carmel Police Chief George Rawson gets a \$10,617.26 monthly check; while former Monterey Peninsula Water Management worker Rick Dickhaut takes home a gross of \$7,464.95 every month, which is about \$1,000 less than he received initially.

Best-selling humorist brings new dog book to Sunset

HUMOR COLUMNIST W. Bruce Cameron — who wrote the best-selling book, "A Dog's Purpose — A Novel for Humans," will present a talk and sign copies of his books Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall.

Cameron is also the author of the best-selling "Eight Simple Rules for dating My Teenage Daughter." His most recent book is a follow up to his first book about dogs, "A Dog's Purpose — Another Novel for Humans."

Cameron's visit is the second installment in Carmel Public Library Foundation's 2012-2013 Art & Literary Series.

Potter and Del Piero take it down to the wire

LIKE THE egghead who struggles to solve the impossible calculus riddle, most local political observers are trying to unravel the mysteries of this year's 5th District Monterey County supervisor's race.

If Potter squared multiplied by his environmental record equals 1,000 votes, how much support does Del Piero cubed minus his Republican record deserve? I believe the proper calculation goes this way:

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Supervisor Dave Potter and his rival, Marc Del Piero, are both battle-scarred survivors of a theater littered with the broken spirits of Bill Peters and Karin Strasser-Kauffman.

Potter and Del Piero are both dearly beloved or they are bitterly reviled, depending on what day it is.

They have both roamed the Monterey County political landscape long enough to infuriate and disappoint the people who got them there to begin with.

Between the two of them, they have burned more bridges than anarchists during the Spanish Civil War.

In this particular race to elect the Devil You Know, a good number of Democrats are abandoning ship to support Del Piero, who most recently bullied his way through the confederacy of kooks known as the Monterey County Republican Central Committee, while hardcore Republicans are gravitating to Potter, apparently because he represents the voice of

the establishment in a world gone mad.

The race for county supervisor is supposed to be nonpartisan, which is like saying that religious zealots shouldn't be involved in the same-sex marriage debate. Still, the partisan brand is a convenience to some voters who are trying to sort out candidates, even in local elections. In this case, the brand is out the window.

beyond the realm

By JOE LIVERNOIS

Cutting through the clutter of politics, the only real difference between Del Piero and Potter is that the incumbent has the most recent history of harboring infuriating disappointments.

I've watched them both long enough to conclude that neither is as corrupt or as bellicose as he's been portrayed. I've secretly admired their achievements and, not so secretly, whined about their blunders.

They are both actually accomplished in their experience and their activities — in and out of Monterey County — and they've developed track records that are both impressive and dubious.

As a member of the State Water Resources Control Board, Del Piero put Monterey County leaders on notice to solve their issues quickly, both on the Monterey Peninsula and in the Salinas Valley. He also earned environmental brownie points when, as the hearing officer in a squabble between the Los Angeles Department of Water and environmentalists, he ruled that water should be returned to Mono Lake.

But the Del Piero name has also been linked to a couple of forehead-slapping water shenanigans, including the raid of water from Aromas to satisfy a San Benito County subdivision and his work with the power-grubbing Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District.

Meanwhile, Potter ended up on the California Coastal Commission, where he developed a reputation as the great compromiser. Trouble is, when it comes to coastal protection, compromise is tantamount to dereliction of duty.

For Potter, it all comes down to the old political adage: "What have you done for me lately?" And lately, he embittered folks when he involved himself with a goofy proposal to build a horse-race operation on Fort Ord.

Really? A horse-race operation? Who comes up with these ideas?

In the past, voters tolerated Potter's penchant for embracing sketchy proposals on local lands because the election-day alternatives — the Devils You Don't Know — seemed too scary, too Davi-ish.

Then along comes Del Piero.

And suddenly we have a horse race we don't have to drive to Fort Ord to watch.

STEEL

From page 5A

missioners liked involved locating the steel and rock in the northwest corner of the park.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis agreed with the group, but Beach and councilman Ken Talmage said they wanted the memorial in a less trafficked, more serene area.

"I think it has to do with the feeling that the monument is sort of uncomfortably on the edge of lots of different things happening at that corner," Beach said. "It's crowded by the tree behind it, crowded by the pond and kind of at that intersection. It's not framed in a serene way."

She observed that if the planning commission was neutral on whether the World Trade Center steel should be positioned where the citizens group preferred or in the corner near the other memorials, perhaps the council's job is "to push it one way or the other."

Talmage appreciated the design for its simplicity and elegance, as well as the fact it "makes a statement without saying too much," but he was also concerned about its placement in the park and advocated for a less busy spot.

"Trying to stand three feet off an intersection there is not the type of quiet, contemplative place that I want to go," he said.

Talmage then suggested the city ask an expert to design the area around the memorial pro bono.

"This is important enough to the city that maybe we need to ask a landscape architect to help position it properly," he said. "We want to make sure we have the setting right in that garden."

Mayor Jason Burnett said the Sept. 11 memorial would not be out of place alongside the park's war memorials.

"This is an event that has changed the course of this nation's history, and the world's history, and I think it is quite appropriate for it to be in that area," he said.

Burnett asked the council if it wanted to send the matter back to the planning commission for final review of the new preferred location, but councilman Steve Hillyard said that was unnecessary, as it could be handled at the staff level, and the council unanimously voted to accept the gift from CarrieAnn and her group.

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A man who knows the real meaning of ‘torture’

IT WAS in the middle of the night in April 1965. Lieutenant Phil Butler was flying his A-4 Skyhawk jet over Highway 1 in North Vietnam. His mission, his thirteenth since he arrived on an aircraft carrier in the South China Sea, was to bomb Viet Cong supply convoys heading south. The bombs he was carrying were left over from World War II, and the old ordnance had been rigged with special release devices.

Screaming down through the darkness at 600 miles per hour, Phil pushed the release buttons at 2,500 feet over his target. It turned out they didn't work. Instead, they detonated the bombs and blew off the wings of the aircraft, which began plummeting toward the ground. With G forces pinning him to the canopy of the cockpit, Phil couldn't reach his primary ejection switch. Finally, he managed to trip the secondary release, and he flew out into the night air.

Luckily, his parachute partially opened and he snagged in the high branches of a tree. He cut himself down, and though badly injured, spent four days crawling and walking through Vietnam toward Laos, resting and hiding during the day, and moving only at night. One day, while lying on his side, resting in a grove of bamboo, he heard voices, and through foliage he saw two North Vietnamese soldiers walking in a stream some distance from where he was hiding. He knew they wouldn't see him if he remained quiet.

Suddenly, Phil felt he was being watched. He shifted his gaze and saw a cobra, neck splayed, just 18 inches from his face. There was nothing he could do but remain still and try to keep his heart from beating too loudly. After what seemed an eon, the snake put its head down and slithered slowly along Phil's body. By the time it reached his feet, its tail hadn't passed Phil's head. He estimated it at eight feet long.

The next day, Phil was captured by the North Vietnamese. For eight years, he was held in a dozen prison camps. He was tortured beyond the limits of his soul, as the North Vietnamese sought information that he didn't even have. Finally, in February of 1973, Phil Butler was released as the seventh-longest held American. He was flown from Hanoi to the Philippines. There, he learned that his wife back in Southern California wanted a divorce. Soon he went back to the United States, where he saw her and was reunited with his daughter, whom he had last seen when she was only days old, at the end of a red carpet.

The divorce was traumatic, but Phil had faced worse trauma. He moved on. An Annapolis grad, Phil spent the rest of the 1970s finishing out with the Navy and getting a graduate degree in sociology. He also met Barbara Baldock, the love

of his life, and they moved to Monterey where Phil launched himself in a career as a business consultant, attracting corporate and individual clients from across the country.

He also thrived in his personal life, as he and Barbara got involved in a variety of social and environmental organizations working for peace, to save the condors, and to preserve the natural wonders of Monterey Bay. They are docents at Pt. Lobos.

I met Phil a number of years ago and had urged him to tell his story. He finally agreed and I helped him to produce a comprehensive work that included an edited version of his lengthy debriefing by the Navy upon his return from Vietnam. “Three Lives of a Warrior” also featured the fruits of more than a dozen hours of deeply personal interviews, illuminating his life from boyhood in Oklahoma — he got his pilot's license hours before he got his driver's license — through his Vietnam experience, to the esteemed social leader he is today.

One of the stories he told in the book occurred back in 1999, when California decided to issue special license plates for former POWs. Phil went down to the DMV in Seaside and asked to get one. The little white-haired lady who handled the matter for him had to call Sacramento to get the details. When she got off the phone and was filling out the form, she asked him what four numbers he would like on his license plate. Phil told her, “2855.”

“May I ask what those numbers mean to you?” she asked.

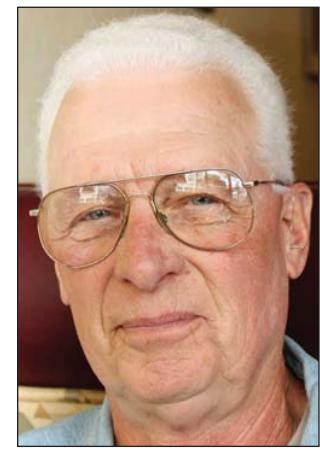
“That was the number of days and nights I was a prisoner of the North Vietnamese,” he answered.

To which the stunned woman said, “Holy f**k.”

Phil spends a lot of his free time on the links. He not only enjoys the exercise but finds it a wonderful salve for the soul. His issues aren't about where he's been, but about where we are going. He worries that our society hasn't learned that there are no winners in war.

Phil and Barbara live in Monterey with their dog, Bonnie, in the same house they found more than 30 years ago when they first arrived. It's close to Phil's favorite golf course.

To suggest someone for this column, please email greatlives@tonyseton.com.



Phil Butler

LETTERS

From page 25A

Meanwhile the Japanese had zero corrections.

On top of a far more innovative assembly process was the nature of Japanese corporations at that time. After the war they became models of collaborative enterprises learning how to make the very best use of their suppliers and partners. The total opposite was true in Detroit. Models of the worst pyramidal hierarchies plus arrogant and conflict oriented treatment of not only suppliers but of employees as well were the hallmark of the big three, GM in particular. Following the MIT work (see *The Machine That Changed the World*) things got a bit better but union negotiated wages and union represented employees did not do in the Detroit gang.

Happy to help out in this age of missing facts but lots of assertions.

Peter Nosler,
Carmel

Editorial wrong, part 2

Dear Editor,

Your editorial blames Detroit's downfall solely on the unions. As I recall, in the 1960s and 1970s Detroit failed to make good compact cars that were reliable (look up the old Consumer's Reports) and low mileage (for the times), especially compared to the gas guzzlers that Detroit was focused on manufacturing almost exclusively back in the day. Do you think Detroit's massive failure to anticipate and respond to consumers' changing demands could have contributed at all to the downfall? Just wondering.

Linda Garb,
San Rafael

The value of workers

Dear Editor,

113 workers at the La Playa Hotel in Carmel were fired when the new Hotel owner, Grossman Properties of Phoenix, purchased the hotel. Only two of the existing employees were rehired. The 113 employees were long term, loyal and experienced union employees who worked at the Hotel almost 1,000 years. Not rehiring these workers was a bad business decision by Mr. Grossman, and an injury to our community.

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