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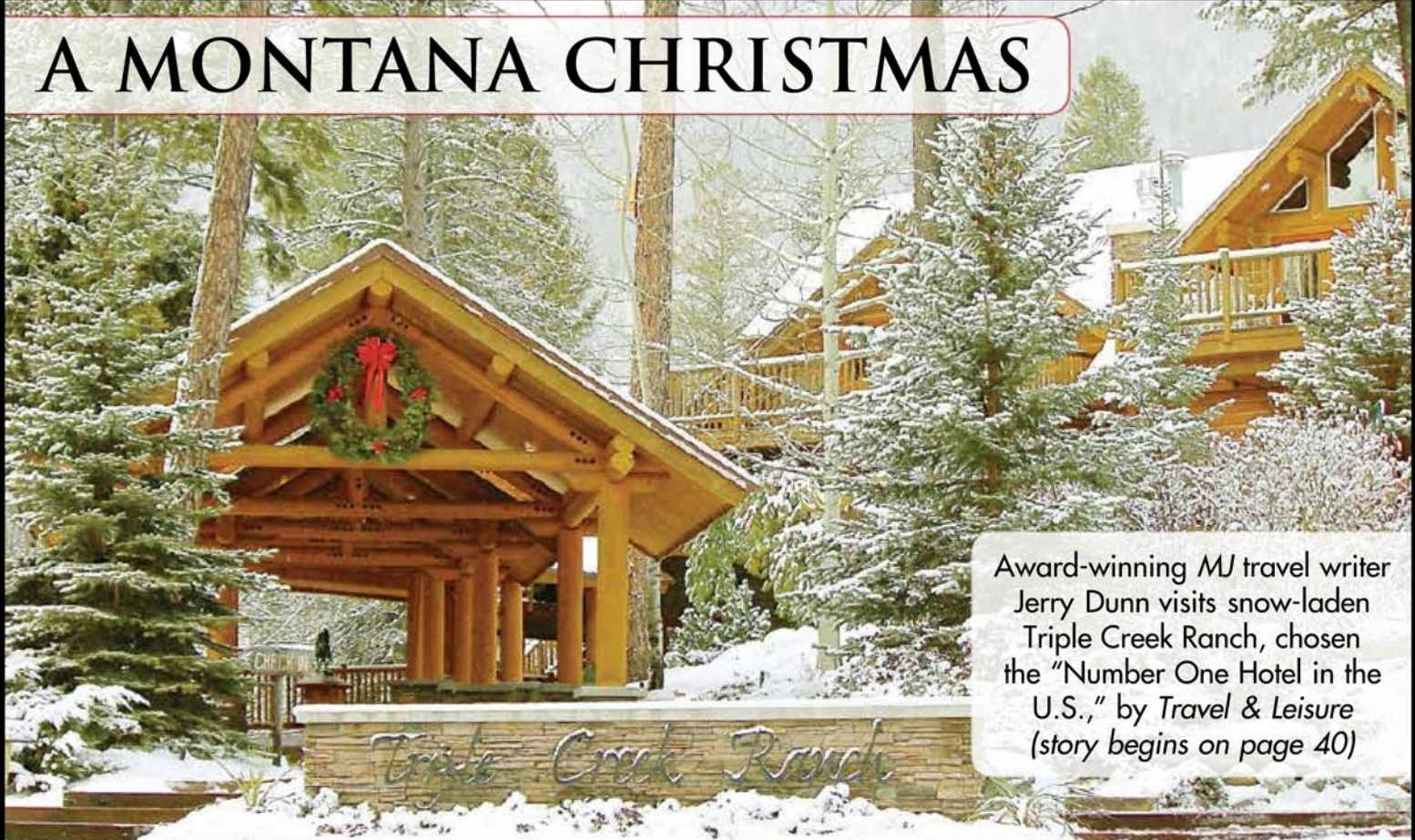
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A MONTANA CHRISTMAS



Award-winning *MJ* travel writer Jerry Dunn visits snow-laden Triple Creek Ranch, chosen the "Number One Hotel in the U.S.," by *Travel & Leisure* (story begins on page 40)



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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation arranges line of latter-day soldados to greet Prince Felipe of Spain's arrival at the Biltmore, p. 14



Nuts For Nutcracker

Santa Barbara Festival Ballet has staged *The Nutcracker* at the Arlington for 39 years; Desmond O'Neill has appeared in all but seven, p. 44



Bread And Citruses

Baker Rossell Studer – who makes breads "unlike any you've tried" – sets up pop-up shop with Sharon Egan on Coast Village Road, p. 12

This Weekend at Granada Books



Thursday, December 12th

La Cumbre Junior High School Book Fair 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Granada Books will be hosting a Book Fair for La Cumbre Junior High School where for three hours, the store will be donating 25% of its sales to the school's library. The school will also be selling baked goods in front of the store, so there will be plenty of yummy goodies to choose from to curb those shop-till-you-drop hunger pangs! Can't make it in that night? Shop our online store at www.sbgranadabooks.com, which will be dedicated to the school for 24 hours, 12:00am - 11:59 pm of the same day. 10% of all online sales, placed during this time, will be given back to the school's library in addition to the in-store event.

Friday, December 13th



A discussion with Melissa Visconti Moreno 5:00 pm
Author, Educator, Entrepreneur Melissa Visconti Moreno will be at Granada Books to talk about her book, *'The Practical Guide to a Rapid Start-up: Launch Your Business in 20 Proven Steps'*. A book signing will follow.

Friday Night Live - Featuring Music
By the Salt Maroons 8pm



Saturday, December 14th



Poetry Zone 1:00 pm

The Poetry Zone on December 14th will feature an "Open Book Reading".
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SEEN AROUND TOWN

by Lynda Millner

Royal Reception



Ms. Millner is the author of "The Magic Makeover, Tricks for Looking Thinner, Younger and More Confident - Instantly." If you have an event that belongs in this column, you are invited to call Lynda at 969-6164.

The Loggia Room at the Biltmore took on a royal air with the royal heir to the Spanish throne, Prince Felipe, presiding over a welcoming reception in his honor. It was given by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, whose executive director is Jarrell Jackman.

Working along with Jackman attending to myriad details with a prince and his entourage were Keith Mautino, board president John Poucher, Doug Campbell, Mary Louise Days, and David Martinez. Guests arrived before the Prince, greeted by "soldados," soldiers from

Prince Felipe of Spain and Mayor Helene Schneider at the reception at the Biltmore

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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation executive director Jarrell Jackman, Lois Erburu, and board members Katie Hay and Keith Mautino at the prince's reception

a re-enactment group, looking splendid in their authentic uniforms from another century.

As we sipped wine and ate tapas, Jarrell directed the audience on what to do. I thought it impressive that the Prince wanted to shake hands with all of us. We were to form a receiving line upon his arrival, which meant going outside in the terrace and entering again. He's tall, 6' 5", and handsome. As I shook his hand I told him, "I was living in Spain when Franco died and

your father became king." I certainly never expected to meet his son one day.

Jim Martinez led the soldados' welcome and Craig Makela introduced the Presidio descendants. Michael Hardwick was portraying the first governor Neve (1777 to 1782) dressed of that era. Mayor Helene Schneider read a proclamation in Spanish and English. John Poucher presented a plaque and Dr. Giorgio Perissinotto presented two



Reenactment soldados in full regalia for the heir to the Spanish throne Prince Felipe's visit to Santa Barbara

books about Santa Barbara. The evening ended with remarks by the prince.

Prince Felipe was last here in 1995 and he was here this time for the U.S. and Spain Council forum. "I am pleased that Santa Barbara remembers and keeps so many Spanish traditions alive," he said. Craig Makela reminded him, "The last time you were here we were building the Presidio. We are still building it and probably will be the next time." And off the dignitaries went to a dinner at the Montecito Country Club.

Jeans And Jewelry

Jeans and Jewelry was the outer attire, but "CALM at Heart, Healing through Music" was the theme. The C could stand for children or charity, but CALM is Child Abuse Listening Mediation, whose mission is to prevent, assess, and treat child abuse in Santa Barbara County. They give hope to children who have lost hope. They help parents bond with their children. They mend hearts and heal families.

The event was held in a tent at

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New Year's Eve POPS CONCERT

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Michael Hardwick dressed as Governor Neve (1777-1782) with Father John Yanek



Nancy Bollay, Fiona Stone, Chopin Vodka man Tadeusz Dorda, Pati Clark, and Myrna Habermann at the CALM Jeans and Jewelry soiree

the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club in Carpinteria. It was centered with a stage for the musical program, but there was a lively bar where the founder, owner, and CEO of Chopin Vodka, Tadeusz Dorda, was hanging

It was a classic Wurlitzer Replica Jukebox that plays 45s. I'm not sure how many in the audience were around in *that* era, but the jukebox sure is cool in *this* one. The enthusiastic guests also got to play with their