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
Royal Reception

Mr. Millner is the author of "The Magic Makeover: Tricks to Looking Thinner, Younger and More Confident—Instantly!" If you have an event that belongs in this column, you are invited to call Lynda at 969-4614.

The Loggia Room at the Billmore 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 Pougher, Doug Campbell, Mary Louise Days, and David Martinez. Guests arrived before the Prince, greeted by "soldados," soldiers from...

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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation executive director Jarrell Jackman, Los Enamorados, 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 invited 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 Porissinotto presented two 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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Michael Hardwick dressed as Governor Bave (1777-1782) with Father John Yurek.

Nancy Bolyai, Roma Stone, Chopin Vodka man Tadeusz Denda, Pat Clark, and Myrna Kertmann at the O&M Tears and Jewelry store.

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. This one. The enthusiastic crowd also got in the spirit with their...