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Pro-Am suspends play as skies open up

■ But weekend forecast looks good

By MARY SCHLEY

RAINS PELTING already soggy golf courses resulted in the suspension of play about 1:30 p.m. Thursday during the first round of this year's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, with play set to resume Friday morning.

With heavy rains headed for the Monterey Peninsula, play had started an hour earlier than usual,

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Grey skies loomed over the Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Shore Course Thursday as play began in the 2017 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. The first round of the tournament had to be suspended at 1:30 as heavy rains moved onshore.

Slides multiply on Highway 1 as rain gauges overflow and Caltrans stays busy

By CHRIS COUNTS

SUNNY SKIES are on the way, which is great news for Caltrans crews working to clear rocks, mud and debris from Highway 1 in Big Sur after yet another major rainstorm hit Monterey County on Thursday.

"There are slides everywhere," Caltrans spokesperson Susana Cruz told The Pine Cone Feb. 9, as rain continued to fall on Big Sur and the rest of the coast. "There are too many to name. There are about 15 locations where traffic is down to one lane."

Highway 1 is now closed to motorists from Ragged Point to just south of Deetjen's Big Sur Inn — a distance of about 45 miles. Cruz said Caltrans crews were busy at multiple locations working to clear the highway.

On Highway 1, too many rock and mudslides to name

Cruz couldn't name all the slides, but she said one called Paul's Slide is causing serious problems along the scenic route. The site is located between Limekiln State Park and the New Camaldoli Hermitage.

"It's a waterfall of rocks coming down," she said. "They should call it, 'Paul's Falls.'"

Another slide located about a mile south of Gorda — at the appropriately named Mud Creek — is also proving quite difficult to clear, Cruz said.

While the highway is closed, Big Sur residents coming from the south are being permitted to travel as far as Limekiln, Cruz reported. Those coming from the north can drive as far as Dolan Creek.

It wasn't all HRC in MoCo — Trump got support, too

By KELLY NIX

IN LAST November's presidential election, Donald Trump garnered more votes than rival Hillary Clinton in two dozen voting precincts in Monterey County — mostly smaller rural communities in which there are no polling places, and mail-in ballots are the only option.

Clinton carried mostly Democratic Monterey County, garnering 67.48 percent of the vote, to Trump's 26.43 percent. Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson got 3.44 percent of the vote, Green Party candidate Jill Stein got 2.14 percent, and Peace and Freedom Party candidate Gloria Estela La Riva got a mere .5 percent.

But despite Trump's big league Monterey County defeat, the billionaire who would become president of the United States had 34,895 supporters here who marked him as their candidate of choice. And in about two dozen polling areas, he got more votes than Clinton.

Margins large and small

According to final vote totals provided by the Monterey County Registrar of Voters, precincts in or near San Ardo, San Lucas, Bradley, Parkfield, Arroyo Seco, Soledad and Prunedale voted for Trump — overwhelmingly in some places. Residents in places such as the Carmel Highlands, near Point Lobos and in Palo Colorado also chose Trump, but by narrower margins.

In two polling areas in Castroville, voters chose Trump slightly over Clinton, with 39 votes for Trump to 35 for Clinton in one precinct, and only five votes for Trump and

Captain Cooper School and Apple Pie School in Big Sur will close Friday "to ensure student and staff safety while we assess the impact of the heavy rains," school officials

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PHOTOS/COURTESY CALTRANS, CHERYL GOETZ

Rocks rain down on Highway 1 (top) near Lucia this week — one of 15 sites where at least one lane is blocked by rocks, mud and debris. Palo Colorado Road (above) continues to fail where it once passed over Rocky Creek but now is in it.

Criminal charges weighed against sculptor's wife

■ Her attorney calls allegations 'crazy'

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County District Attorney's Office is investigating the estranged wife of celebrated sculptor Richard MacDonald to determine if she should face criminal charges for what the artist says was the misappropriation and theft of millions of dollars from his art empire.

But attorney Larry Biegel, who is representing MacDonald's wife, Julia Cominos, called the claim that she stole from him "crazy," and accused the artist of stalling when it comes to providing financial documents that are crucial to the case.

News that prosecutors are investigating whether Cominos was involved in any criminal activity comes more than a year after MacDonald filed a lawsuit against her alleging that she not only stole from him and racked up massive credit card

\$2.7M SOUGHT FOR THEATER UPGRADES

■ PacRep kicks off capital campaign with \$250K 'community challenge'

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER POURING his energy into the renovation of the city's Forest Theater, Pacific Repertory Theatre executive director Stephen Moorer is turning his focus back to the company's Golden Bough Playhouse, which underwent improvements in 2011 but is slated for an interior overhaul that will cost an estimated \$2.7 million.

"It's time to finish off the Bough," he told The Pine Cone Monday.

The PacRep board of directors is launching the Make your Mark campaign, with naming opportunities ranging from

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

The lightness of Lyra

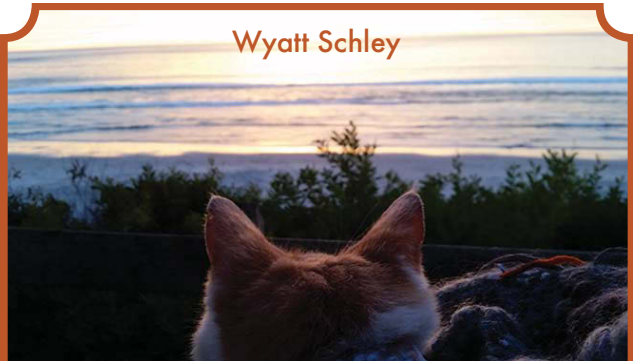
LYRA IS a Husky-Middle Eastern wolf mix whose story might make a good movie.

“I understand Lyra was born in an Arab village, where she wound up in a shelter,” her person said. Next, she was taken to an Israeli kibbutz, before ending up in another shelter.

At that point, a seaman brought her to one of my students in Tel Aviv, who didn’t have the space for her. Ultimately, Lyra and I chose each other.”

Lyra flew from Israel to Monterey with her person in 2007. For two years, they lived in Carmel, before moving

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to New York, followed by Portland.

In 2015, the pair returned to the Peninsula, where they settled in Marina.

“I named her Lyra after a character in the Golden Compass because of her seemingly magical powers,” her person said. “She seems to be such a good, wise old soul with a lot of light and joy. It sounds so New Age, but there she is.”

Some people have said that when they look into Lyra’s light eyes, they can see through the galaxies into eternity. So, her person calls her Lyra, the Intergalactic Dog.

Lyra, says her person, looks at people with such kindness and seems particularly drawn to people who are upset. But rather than expecting a lot of petting or attention, she just wants to be near.

“How do you describe what shines in people’s eyes?” her person said. “People see the lightness in her being.”

Lyra, having grown up on the shores of the Mediterranean, loves to go to the beach. She runs across the sand to the water and just stands there, still, letting



the waves cool her.

“I promised Lyra, now 14, the last part of her life would be spent by the ocean,” her person said. “So, here we are.”

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Freeman to retire as city attorney

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER MORE than three decades serving as city attorney, Don Freeman announced Tuesday night he will retire from the job before the end of the year. He will still practice law — just not for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

“There’s a lot going on around town about whether I’m considering retiring,” he said at the Feb. 7 council meeting. The rumors weren’t true, he added. He’s not considering retiring — he’s made up his mind to.

“This will be my last year,” he said.

Over the years, Freeman has seen the city through considerable changes, defended it in numerous lawsuits, and had an impact on the development of its laws. He has weighed in on everything, from mail delivery and house numbers, to whether the city could sell Flanders Mansion or ban beach fires.

Right to know

Freeman proved himself as a defender of the public’s right to information during the years that former city administrator Jason Stilwell fought to prevent the press from seeing city correspondence and other documents, though he also tried to quash a subpoena from the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury demanding personnel files, arguing they were protected under the right to privacy afforded in the California Constitution.

At Tuesday’s meeting, Freeman said he hasn’t set a date for departure, but that it’s time for him to go. “It is my intent to retire from the City of Carmel and let somebody else take over — it’s been awhile, and I think that’s probably a good move for the city and for myself,” he said. “I’m looking forward to sometime this year saying, ‘Goodbye.’”

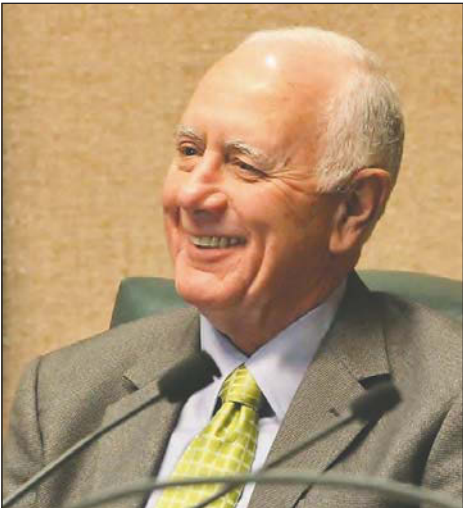
Mayor Steve Dallas thanked Freeman for his years of service and said he looks forward to continuing to work with him, at least until a new city attorney is found.

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy acknowl-

edged Freeman’s 33 years as city attorney and said the amount of institutional knowledge he possesses will be difficult to replace.

“I hope you’ll help ease somebody into the job,” she said.

Freeman, who received \$126,000 in pay from the city last year for attending council meetings, handling routine legal matters and



Don Freeman

documents, and undertaking other tasks, also serves as city attorney for Seaside, and has other clients. He will continue working for them, but not for Carmel. “I’m leaving it open, but by the end of the year, I do sort of really want to be gone,” he said.

Absence explained

Also at the meeting, Freeman explained the injuries that made him miss last month’s council meeting — an explanation that had to do with his bucket list. Or something.

“On Jan. 2, I entered a tournament up in Healdsburg for cage fighting,” he said, to a skeptical council. “You ought to see the other

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Leaf blower had been warned before

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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Pacific Grove: A 21-year-old male resident on Moreland reported his spouse, a 21-year-old female, was fighting him, and he chased after her. Both were identified as suspects of domestic battery.

Pacific Grove: Female on 17 Mile Drive reported going to bed last night and coming out in the morning to find her vehicle windshield cracked and a small dent on the top of the vehicle. The rear mirror had also separated

from the glass. It appeared that something fell on it, as opposed to it being vandalized, but the officer unable to determine which, as branches and clumps of pine cones were in the street.

Pacific Grove: On Del Monte Boulevard at 2330 hours, a subject who had been involved in a disturbance with another subject at another location was contacted. The person did not want prosecution or police contact with the other subject. Info only.

Carmel area: A male subject on Palo Colorado Road reported his vehicle vandalized. He identified a female suspect.

Carmel area: An 86-year-old female on Poplar Lane reported an incidence of fraud.

Carmel area: An unknown patron stole items from the coat rack at a restaurant on

Dolores Street.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 33-year-old male Novato resident who works as an Uber driver was arrested on Santa Fe south of Ocean at 0251 hours for DUI. His vehicle was towed, and he was released to the custody of another agency.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet was found on Scenic Road and was returned to its owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male wanted to report leaving his camera bag with camera equipment inside near a bridal store near downtown Carmel at Lincoln and Fifth. The male wanted to make a report in case the camera was found and turned in for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Records department requested assistance with a woman and her daughter who were in the lobby for a custody issue. The child was supposed to have her first overnight stay with her father. The child was crying uncontrollably and had to be forced into the vehicle by her parents. Report was taken for documentation.

Pebble Beach: A married couple from China was visiting the area with a tour group that stopped on 17 Mile Drive. The wife was swept off the rocks by a wave into the ocean. Several men attempted to rescue her, including her husband. Neither was found, despite rescue efforts by Cal Fire, state parks and U.S. Coast

Guard helicopter. Search efforts continue.

Big Sur: Missing person made veiled threats of suicide. Subject was traveling to the Big Sur area. A welfare check on Highway 1 was requested.

Carmel Valley: A 33-year-old female on Lupin Lane was found to be in possession of a controlled substance. She had also taken a vehicle and keys without permission.

Carmel area: A citizen reported finding an 8-year-old boy crying near the roadway on Aguajito Road. Investigation revealed that the parents, age 30 and 31, had left him home alone for the first time while they were at work. Parents were counseled by Child Protective Services.

Carmel area: A male at the Crossroads was placed on a 72-hour psychiatric hold for mental evaluation and treatment.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Carmel area: A 31-year-old male at the Crossroads reported that he was assaulted with a weapon the previous evening.

Carmel area: A juvenile male was placed on a psychiatric hold for evaluation and treatment.

Carmel Valley: Person on Nason Road reported a neighbor dispute.

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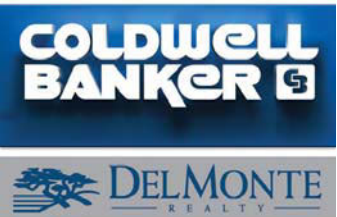
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Commission decides not to expand citywide definition of restaurant

By MARY SCHLEY

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS reversed course on a 3-2 vote Wednesday, deciding not to create a new category of restaurant that has counter service.

As it stands, the municipal code allows two types of eatery: “specialty,” which includes coffee shops and ice cream parlors, and “full-line,” which is the more traditional sit-down variety, with table service. Neither category includes the type of restaurant where a customer walks up to a counter, orders food, pays, and then eats it on the premises or takes it out.

Commissioners did not say what the decision means for the popular Carmel Belle, which has counter service. A few years ago, after the restaurant underwent a remodel and expansion, the city council asked the planning commission to either develop a new category of restaurant to legally accommodate it, or to require the restaurant to comply with current laws. A counter-service restaurant has operated in that space in the Doud Arcade for decades. (Before Carmel Belle, it

was Paolina’s.)

Restaurateur Rich Pepe said the city shouldn’t bother to change the rules. “Why are we even doing this?” he said. “This really is a way to solve the Carmel Belle problem.” He likened it to spot zoning, but offered no suggestions on how to resolve the fact that Carmel Belle doesn’t comply with the existing laws.

“I think there’s a way to exempt Carmel Belle the way it’s been exempted for 60 years without creating a third category of restaurant to do that,” commented resident Dave Mosley.

What would happen?

But when commission chair Don Goodhue asked planning director Marc Wiener what would happen if the city didn’t create a new category for counter-service restaurants, Wiener said the direction from the council was either to change the regulations or make the restaurant comply. In the latter scenario, Carmel Belle would either

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If the city does not adopt an ordinance to specifically permit counter-service restaurants like Carmel Belle, owner Jay Dolata will have to work with the city to bring it into compliance.

PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

Council likes idea of bigger Independence Day party

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING THE advice of the community activities and cultural commission, the city council voted Tuesday to expand the annual Fourth of July celebration in Devendorf Park to include the stretch of Mission Street between Ocean and Sixth avenues, move the food booths to the street, and ask the community groups to provide more diverse culinary offerings.

But council members stopped short of inviting local restaurants to take part, instead sticking with the idea of bringing in more community groups and allowing them to charge for the food they serve.

“The city’s annual Fourth of July celebration in Devendorf Park has grown considerably in the past several years, with estimates of as many as 1,000 people now regularly attending the event,” community activities director Janet Bombard said in her Feb. 7 report for the council. “Many event attendees bring chairs and blankets to sit on, and as the park has become more crowded, it has become increasingly difficult to accommodate everyone’s space needs. Long food lines also take up a lot of park space.”

With the food tables and booths, stage for the band, and kids’ play area all located in the park, the area quickly becomes crowded, so the cultural commission recommended moving the food booths to the street.

Furthermore, she noted, “The traditional fare of hot dogs, sodas, chips, fruit, cookies and ice cream is very much appreciated by those who attend; however, it is staff’s opinion that eventgoers would also appreciate a variety of food choices that accommodate more dietary preferences and restrictions.”

Finally, she said, while groups like the Lions, Yes for Carmel, the Carmel Woman’s Club and the Carmel Residents Association put out donation jars, the money people con-

tribute comes nowhere close to covering the costs of providing food for 1,000 people.

“It is not unusual for the community groups to run out of food before all the people in line have had a chance to get it,” she added.

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy agreed the celebration has outgrown the park.

“Last year’s Fourth of July in the park was SO crowded, because of the lines,” she said, referring to it as “a mess.”

“Moving the food vendors onto Mission Street would be a good start, to see if you can get some organization out of that chaos,” she said. “I think that’s an easy one.”

She also supported the idea of allowing nonprofits to charge.

A party atmosphere

Councilwoman Jan Reimers countered that “sometimes a party is more fun when it’s crowded,” and she worried the expansion, as well as allowing nonprofits to charge and perhaps including local restaurants, would “change the atmosphere.”

“I agree a smaller venue creates a party atmosphere,” councilman Bobby Richards said. “But I think it would be a nice change to open it up a little bigger. I’m definitely in support of this.”

Councilwoman Carrie Theis suggested trying the changes in phases, first with the expansion into the street and allowing the groups to charge.

“My personal feeling is we’re not going to get a lot of restaurants to participate,” she said. “Let’s just move the food to Mission and not necessarily expand it to restaurants.”

Everyone else agreed, though Richards wasn’t opposed to inviting local restaurants to participate, so the council approved the changes recommended by the commission, except for adding local dining establishments to the mix.

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Wildfire protection plan moves forward, public gets chance to weigh in

■ ‘Fuelbreaks’ instead of firebreaks

By CHRIS COUNTS

COMING AT a time when residents are more worried about floods than flames, the United States Forest Service wants to hear what the public thinks about the proposed Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement Project. The plan would reduce the amount of vegetation that grows between wildlands and residential neighborhoods in Big Sur and Upper Carmel Valley, making it easier to protect those communities from wildfire.

The forest service just released a study of the project’s environmental impacts at <https://www.fs.usda.gov>. The federal agency will also host an “open house” on the subject Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m., at the Big Sur Station, which is located at 47555 Highway 1, about 26 miles south of Carmel.

The study and hearings (there’s another one Feb. 16 in King City) revive the debate over the how much work should be done on public lands in advance to protect rural neighborhoods from wildfire. The comment period is open until March 18.

What the heck is a fuelbreak?

By advocating for fuelbreaks over firebreaks, officials are striking a balance between the concerns of residents and environmentalists — on a fuelbreak, the vegetation is trimmed back and thinned out, while on a firebreak, the vegetation is scraped down to the bare earth.

“By proactively designing and establishing strategic fuel-

breaks during a non-emergency environment, the forest service can reduce the reliance on mechanized equipment and subsequently reduce the adverse fire suppression impacts on the wilderness landscape,” the study concluded.

About 24 miles of fuelbreaks — measuring 75- to 150-foot wide — would be maintained. They would be located in places where firebreaks were once successfully established to battle previous wildfires, including five separate breaks in the Partington Ridge, Big Sur Valley, Palo Colorado, Cachagua and Jamesburg areas.

“These are the same lines that get opened every time we have a fire,” explained Jeff Kwasny, a resource officer for the Monterey District of Los Padres National Forest.

Of the 24 miles of fuelbreaks, about 10 miles would be established in the wilderness, while about 14 miles would be constructed outside the wilderness boundaries. The work — which doesn’t yet have a funding source — would encompass about 542 acres.



PHOTO/STEVE HARPER

This firebreak along Dolan Ridge, which was created in 2008 to stop the Basin Complex Fire, dramatically shows the impact of bulldozers on Big Sur’s landscape.

It’s not ‘if,’ but ‘when’

Kwasny said it’s important to plan for wildfires in

advance, and the fuelbreak project could give firefighters a big advantage when the next blaze breaks out.

“We will have ready-to-use fuelbreaks when we have the next wildfire — and there will be another one,” Kwasny explained. “It costs less to maintain these breaks than fight a fire. It will save time, money and resources.”

The fuelbreak plan was developed by Firescape Monterey, a group that was formed to help bridge the gap between rural residents trying to protect their homes from wildfire, and environmental groups seeking to preserve biological diversity. Government officials, residents and representatives of environmental groups, such as the Ventana Wilderness Alliance, participated in the talks. “The plan was direct result of a couple years of collaboration,” Kwasny added.

Environmental group chimes in

Mike Splain, executive director of the VWS — whose members have donated thousands of hours fixing hiking trails in the Big Sur backcountry — said the plan shows promise.

“The proposed Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement Project has the potential to minimize fire suppression damage to cultural resources, biodiversity and wilderness character in the Big Sur region,” Splain said. “Coupled with smart planning, improved ingress/egress and defensible space in at-risk neighborhoods, it could mark a critical step toward truly fire-adapted human communities on the wildland-urban interface.”

Comments can be mailed to Monterey Ranger District c/o Jeff Kwasny, 406 South Mildred, King City, CA, 93930, or emailed to jkwasy@fs.fed.us

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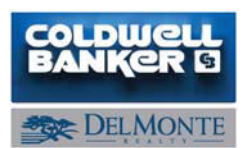


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Valentine’s Day: Add money, love and labor — but be careful of the sheets!



By ELAINE HESSER

SURE, YOU could go the usual route for V-Day. Since we have so many wonderful shops and places to visit around here, though, with a little creativity and effort, you could elevate the day to a whole new level.

For instance, you could start by swapping out the linens on the bed the night before, so you awaken wrapped in bespoke sheets that you ordered well in advance through **Linens and Such**.

The shop carries sheets by Home Treasures, a company that makes top-of-the-line merchandise for the home. An off-the-shelf king-sized flat sheet — made from Italian percale and Swiss lace, mind you — can run \$875, according to the company’s website, while a pair of pillow cases is \$400. Presumably the company’s custom items are a bit pricier.

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The sky’s the limit when it comes to Valentine’s Day ‘round here. You can take a trail ride on the beautiful coast of Pebble Beach (left) or get fancy with the three c’s from The Cheese Shop in Carmel Plaza.

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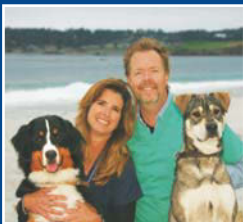
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Man arrested after string of break-ins

By MARY SCHLEY

POLICE ARRESTED a 37-year-old Seaside man early Tuesday morning for burglary and attempted burglary, as well as possession of stolen property, drugs and drug paraphernalia, following a string of incidents throughout the Monterey Peninsula.

According to Sgt. Ron Blair of the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team, police in Carmel, Monterey and Sand City and deputies with the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office worked together to identify Kyle Jordan Knight as the man who had perpetrated various crimes, starting with a break-in on Lyndon Street in Monterey on Jan. 14.

Shortly before 6 p.m., the female resident reported someone had broken into her home.

“A large amount of jewelry was taken from the residence at the time of the burglary,” Blair said.

On Jan. 29, just after 3 p.m., Knight allegedly tried to break into a house on Junipero south of Second Avenue, but he was unable to get in and fled before Carmel officers got there. He had been reported as a prowler and was captured on the home’s video surveillance system.

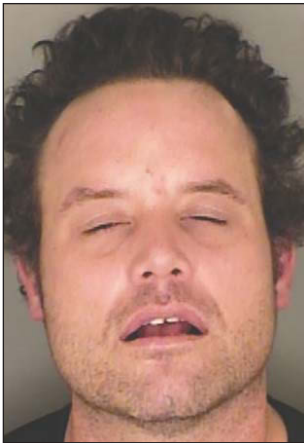
And on Feb. 3, at 3:30 p.m., someone smashed the window of a car parked on 17 Mile Drive and stole various items from within, including credit cards.

“The suspect was later captured on video surveillance at a business in the city of Seaside using stolen credit cards from the vehicle burglary,” Blair said.

Investigators from the different agencies pieced their evidence together to identify Knight as their suspect, and on Feb. 7 at 12:30

a.m., Sand City police contacted him in his vehicle on California Street and arrested him.

He remained in Monterey County Jail on \$100,000 bail Thursday.



Kyle Knight

Art festival gets \$13K from city

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council approved a \$13,000 “grant” Tuesday to offset the Carmel Art Festival’s costs of hosting the multiday event, which includes plein air painters, sculpture in the park and art sales, and benefits youth arts programs. The grant will be in the form of a credit for what the city would otherwise charge for the event, including \$10,000 for using Devendorf Park, \$800 for two parking stalls, \$1,460 for closing a city block for a few days, and \$108 for the sound permit.

“We believe that our plein air painting competition helps to keep Carmel a destination for artists and art lovers, as well as continuing Carmel’s reputation as an art colony,” president Tammi Tharp, secretary Hella Rothwell and treasurer Pamela Crabtree said in a letter to the city. “By holding the festival outside and also by bringing large sculpture into the park, as well as a live sculpture demonstration, we help make art more accessible to everyone.”

They said their festival, which takes place in May, draws artists from around the country, along with local painters. “We also

attract many art buyers from all over the country who stay in local hotels and dine in local restaurants, as well as purchase almost \$100,000 in art.” Half of the proceeds go to the artists, and the other half go to the festival, which donates some to the nonprofit Youth Arts Collective.

Historically, the festival had included a live sculpture demonstration in the park by downtown sculptor Steven Whyte, whose work was recently added to the Smithsonian Institution. But in recent years, organizers couldn’t afford to pay the city’s fees for the park, so they left it out.

“At both the Dec. 13, 2016, and Jan. 3 community activities and cultural commission meetings, the Carmel Art Festival expressed the opinion that its inability to use Devendorf Park in recent years has had a negative financial impact on the Carmel Art Festival,” community activities director Janet Bombard said in her report to the council Feb. 7.

“We really do get a nice atmosphere,” Whyte told the council. “We answer the

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Hero picks up ‘confused’ patient on highway and drives her home

By KELLY NIX

A GOOD Samaritan last week came to the rescue of a confused, elderly woman found wandering on the highway outside Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula in her pajamas, but hospital officials — citing patient privacy laws — won’t comment on the incident or even confirm it happened.

The elderly woman, whose name has not been made public, was trying to walk home to Carmel Valley Village — more than 15 miles away — when Monterey resident Jaimé Parker came across the 74-year-old woman while driving past CHOMP on Feb. 1 at about 3 p.m.

“There was this woman walking in her pajamas who looked very confused and lost,” Parker, who works as a caregiver for the elderly, told The Pine Cone Thursday. “I saw her and I thought, she needs help. I made a U-turn and I told her, ‘Get in my car and I will take you home.’”

The woman, who was on Highway 68, didn’t have a purse and could only recall her first name, but the CHOMP discharge paperwork she was carrying identified her. The documents also contained a list of the woman’s symptoms, including “acute confusion,” Parker said.

Since the woman didn’t know where she lived, Parker, 40, searched for the woman online and found that she lived in the Carmel Valley; however, her correct address wasn’t listed.

“She didn’t even know what city she lived in,” Parker said. “She kept saying ‘Kasey’s; I know I live somewhere near Kasey’s.’”

Parker drove her to the Village, and shortly after passing Kasey’s grocery store, the woman started to get her bearings.

“As soon as we got to Rippling River she said, ‘this is where I live,’” Parker said.

She accompanied the woman inside the

affordable housing facility and a receptionist confirmed she was a resident there. After the woman was safely in her home, Parker called the county’s Aging and Adult Services to let them know what had happened and to make sure the woman would be taken care of. A law enforcement officer conducted a welfare check of the woman that night.

Two days later, Parker said she visited with the senior, who happened to be meeting with her county-provided social worker.

“The social worker was not happy,” Parker explained. “She said, ‘How could this have happened?’”

In talking to the senior, Parker and the social worker determined that she went to CHOMP for a bad cut on her arm after a fall. Parker said she hasn’t been able to confirm how she got to the hospital in the first place, but that it’s possible another resident drove her there.

She’s since visited the woman a few times.

“I’m going every other day to dress her wounds and make sure she has everything she needs,” she said.

Parker said the woman has a caregiver and is in good hands now.

“She’s safe, she’s well groomed, she has food, and her caregiver is doing an excellent job,” she said.

The day the woman was in the ER, the caregiver called the hospital several times about her release, but because she wasn’t a family member she couldn’t give her any information, Parker said.

“I can see how people can slip through the cracks, but when you have someone who literally has the words acute confusion on her discharge papers, that is a situation,” she said.

Parker said she’s thought about the fact it was her — a caregiver for elderly people —

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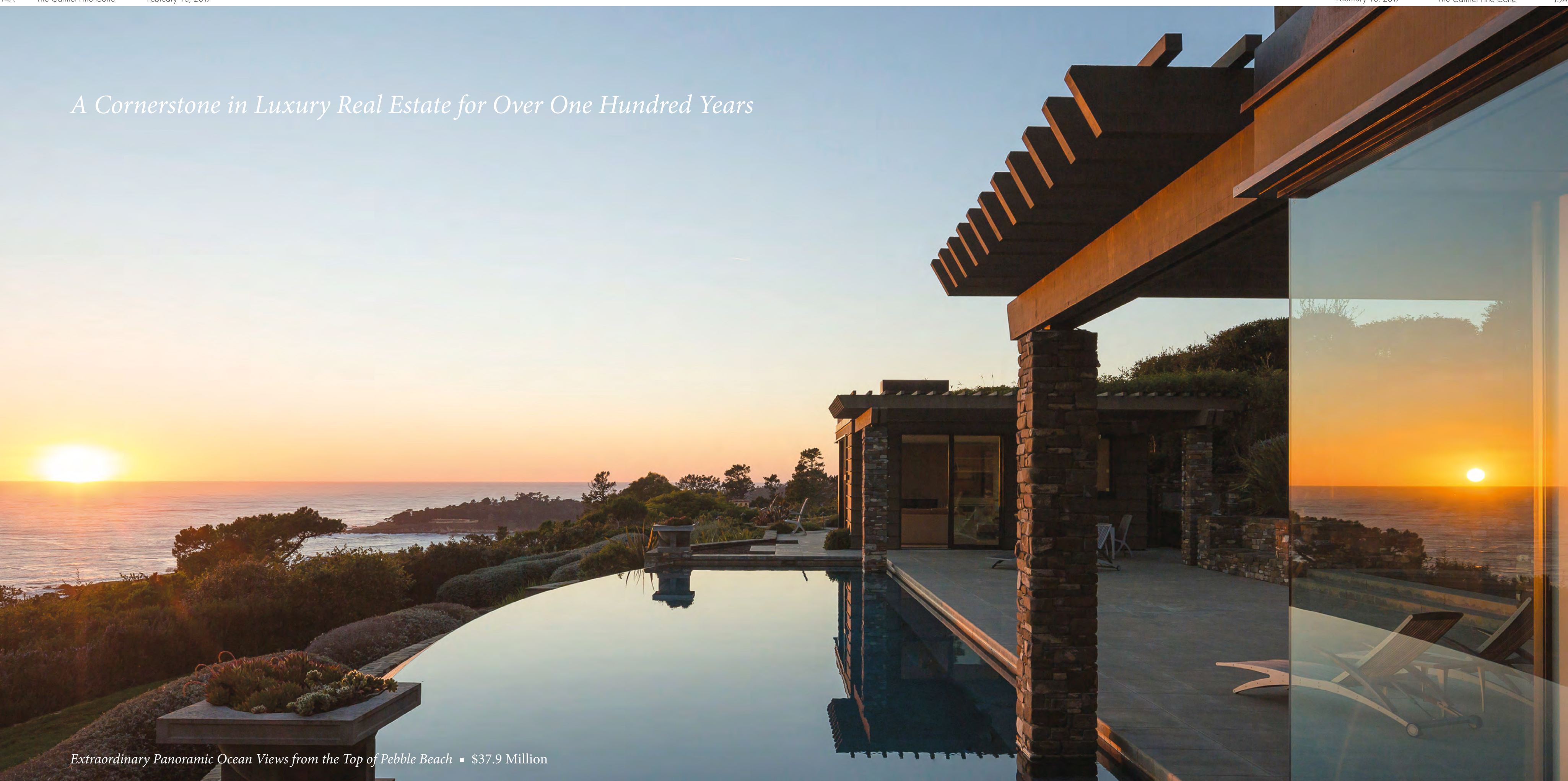
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at 7 a.m., as officials had hoped to get a decent number of holes in before the storm arrived.

With fewer than half of the Feb. 9 rounds completed, Americans Rick Lamb and Joel Dahmen were tied with South Korean Seung-Yul Noh for first place. All had managed to complete their rounds at Spyglass Hill before play was stopped, ending with scores of 4-under 68.

American Jordan Spieth came in one shot behind, at 3 under, with two holes left to play at Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Spieth caught media attention a day earlier, when he told off a few professional autograph seekers who were trying to get him to sign their goods, presumably so they could turn around and hawk them online.

"I'm not appreciative of people who travel to benefit off other people's success," said Spieth, who often takes the time

to sign items for kids, as he did after his practice round Wednesday. "Go get a job instead of trying to make money off of the stuff that we have been able to do."

Tied with Spieth at 3 under when play stopped were Americans Nick Watney (through 13 at Pebble Beach) and Mark Hubbard, who completed his round at Pebble, and Tim Wilkinson of New Zealand, who also finished 13 holes at P.B.

On Tuesday, the annual Champions v. Champions charity shoot-out was moved indoors, also due to torrential rains, and

turned into a putting competition. Each hole was worth \$10,000 for the player's designated charity, for a total of \$20,000 per hole. Dustin Johnson and Wayne Gretzky won \$30,000 for each of their charities, the Dustin Johnson Foundation and the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, and Jimmy Walker and Larry Fitzgerald won \$10,000 each for The First Tee of Greater San Antonio and the First Down Fund. D.A. Points and Kelly Slater split \$20,000 between the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Smile Train.

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Despite the rough weather, businesses in Big Sur Valley and as far south as Deetjen’s are open to motorists coming from the north.

“The rain is here again, and the river is rushing,” the Big Sur River Inn posted this week on social media. “We have the fire going inside and water nymphs dancing in the rain outside. Take your pick, grab a beverage and join us.”

The general manager of the inn, Rick Aldinger said the river has been moving swiftly past the resort.

“It’s fascinating to watch,” Aldinger said. “It came up quickly Tuesday, and we were concerned, but it’s gone down about a foot-and-a-half since then. It’s now totally within its banks.”

Here comes the sun

While showers are expected Friday, Steve Anderson of the National Weather Service said the weekend should be clear.

“We’re expecting scattered rain off and on Friday, but Saturday and Sunday look great,” Anderson reported. “It’s going to be a great weekend.”

Over the past week, 12.5 inches of rain were recorded atop 4,100-foot-high Anderson Peak in Los Padres National Forest, while 6.15 inches were tallied closer to sea level in Big Sur Valley.

So far this year, a gauge on Twin Peaks has measured 64.3 inches of rain, while another on Chalk Peak has registered 57 inches. At Molera State Park, 24.3 inches have been recorded so far this year, while in Carmel, only 7.84 inches have been collected, and at Monterey Airport, 8.39 inches have fallen in 2017.

No easy fix for ailing county road

It’s been nearly a month since a clogged culvert made a section of Palo Colorado Road in Big Sur impassable, and it’s unlikely to be repaired anytime soon. That could provide an array of challenges for the more than 30 households located beyond the site — especially when traveling at night.

“The fix is extremely complicated and expensive,” county spokesperson Maia Carroll told The Pine Cone. “People are actively working on how to proceed. A lot of that has been derailed — the storms keep hitting us.”

The site is located about three miles east of Highway 1. A log jam badly damaged a culvert that passes beneath the road, and water now runs over the pavement.

The county installed a pedestrian bridge across the creek, but Mid Coast Fire Brigade Chief Cheryl Goetz said it was removed Feb. 6 due to concerns about flash flooding.

“Any time there’s a threat of flooding, they’re going to remove the bridge,” Goetz said. “They don’t want it to get washed away and create problems downstream. It will go back in when weather permits. We’re hoping to have it back in on Friday.”

Goetz conceded the situation might get worse before it gets better. It’s still early in the wet season. “If we have any flash flooding, it could really destroy the causeway they built for the bridge,” the fire chief warned.

Just a short distance west of the troubled section of road, another stretch of pavement is having problems.

“A log jam clogged up the culvert,” where Palo Colorado Road meets Brandon Creek, Goetz reported. “The road has been compromised.”

Be careful where you park

Because many people can’t reach their homes, the number of vehicles parked alongside Palo Colorado Road has increased. But Goetz warned her neighbors to be careful

where they leave their cars and trucks.

“The public really needs to be aware about the amount of water coming down,” she said. “If you are parking and leaving vehicles, make sure to get to high ground. Especially with the fire damage, every little draw is a potential shoot for a debris flow.”

Goetz also complimented new county supervisor Mary Adams and her staff for stepping up and being responsive to the needs of residents. “They’ve been in contact, and it’s very nice to have them work with us.”

Meanwhile, things are pretty soggy along Palo Colorado Road.

“Everything here is saturated. There’s no more water soaking into the ground,” Goetz added.

Not only are the creeks filled to capacity due to recent rains, but the they’re swollen with ash and debris from last summer’s Soberanes Fire, which destroyed 57 homes and stripped hillsides bare of erosion-controlling vegetation, leaving many other homes vulnerable to mudslides.

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Woman dies after crashing car into tree

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AN EARLY morning, single-car accident near Captain Cooper Elementary School took the life of a Big Sur woman Feb. 6, California Highway Patrol officer Oscar Loza reported.

The victim, identified as 41-year-old Lara Anderson, was driving southbound on Highway 1 at about 5 a.m. when her 2008 Toyota Yaris collided with a tree. The weather may have been a factor in the crash, but not alcohol or drugs.

“The driver allowed the Toyota to veer off the wet roadway and directly into the path of a tree,” the police report reads. “The driver, who was not wearing her seatbelt, succumbed to her injuries on scene.”

Besides offering details of the accident, the report urged motorists to be careful — especially when driving in wet weather in Big Sur.

“Tragic events like this happen all too often. The California Highway Patrol would like to remind everybody to buckle up and slow down in inclement weather,” the CHP warns. “The life you save could be your own.”

The school is located about 23 miles south of Carmel.

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Pebble Beach resident injured in generator fire

By MARY SCHLEY

A PEBBLE Beach man was burned Tuesday morning while trying to put out a fire in the garage of his house on Bird Rock Road, but he refused to take an ambulance to the hospital, according to Cal Fire officials.

The fire started around 9:30 a.m. Feb. 7, when the resident tried to start the generator in his garage due to a power outage, Cal Fire Battalion Chief Nate Armstrong told The Pine Cone.

“They had the power out in the area, so the gentleman went to fire up the generator, and when he did, it had some sort of problem that caused fire all around it,” he said.

When firefighters from the Pebble Beach station arrived at the home, they contained the fire in a corner of the garage within just a few minutes, and had it out by 10:13 a.m. They checked to make sure the fire hadn’t spread into the rest of the home, and found it had not.

The resident had sustained burns that were “minor enough that we didn’t insist that he go to the hospital,” Armstrong said. “We had a paramedic check him out on the scene.” An ambulance had been dispatched but was canceled en route.

Fire officials estimated the damage at \$1,000, and said “the value of the home saved by firefighters was estimated to be \$1 million.”

Armstrong said people should be mindful to keep their equipment, like generators, well maintained. In addition, anyone who wants to be trained in the proper maintenance and use of a fire extinguisher should call Capt. Jen Valdez at (831) 647-5642.

Investigator confirms blaze was electrical

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE FIRE that damaged a \$29 million mansion on the 18th Fairway of the Pebble Beach Golf Links last Wednesday was caused by an electrical problem, Cal Fire Capt. Catey Trenner confirmed this week.

“Not much to report, other than I believe it was caused by an electrical issue,” she said. “I have the specific origin area in the southwest corner of the outside eve.”

Property managers and workers in the Cypress Drive home owned by former San Diego Padres owner John Moores reported smoke in the home around 1:15 p.m. Feb. 1. Firefighters had to cut through the copper cladding and inch-plus-thick sub-roof to get to the fire, as well as to stop it from spreading to the rest of the 10,405-square-foot home. They managed to confine it to one end of the 16-room residence, which sits on a 1.7-acre site and was designed by Robert Griffin and Randall Gay of Robert E. Griffin Architects in Houston, Texas, and built in 1996.

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The contents of the storage spaces rented by the listed parties will be sold to satisfy the storage lien pursuant to section 21700-217500 of the California Self Storage Facility Act. The sale will be held at Ustor Self Storage, 441 Espinosa Rd, Salinas CA 93907 on Tuesday February 14th at 10:30 AM. Contents of purchased units must be removed on the day of the sale and sold as is.

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THEATER

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\$250 to \$1 million, Moorer said. “There is a place for everyone to put their name — on a \$250 tile or a \$500 paver or a \$1M theater,” he said.

While the work completed several years ago at a cost of \$2.5 million included a lot of health and safety improvements, like fire sprinklers, seismic retrofitting and upgraded electrical systems — as well as a permanent turntable in the stage — the upcoming renovation will produce results audience members can actually feel and see.

“The biggest thing will be this auditorium — it’s still set up like an old movie theater,” including rows arranged in a way that was fine for looking up at a screen, but make it difficult to see the stage, especially if someone tall is sitting in front of you.

“We’ll be taking that back row and raising it 16 feet,” Moorer said.

The seating will also wrap around the

stage, to allow better viewing from the rows at the outside edge, and box seats will be built along the walls. In short, the Golden Bough will look more like the live theater it is than the movie theater it was.

The changes in the audience area will also allow space for “vomitoria” — tunnels beneath the stage actors can use to enter and exit unseen.

“If you have to get rid of a dead body on the stage, which we have to do a lot, you can do it like that,” Moorer explained.

New heating and air conditioning systems will be installed, to keep the actors from baking onstage and ensure the audience is comfortable, as will ventilation, “to clear smoke and fog effects which kind of just sit here.”

New offices will ensure the old projection booth no longer has to double as the lighting booth during shows and the marketing office in the daytime.

“The finance office is a closet,” he added.

And the new angle of the theater seating will provide space for a new 1,800-square-foot room off the lobby that can be used for private parties and other gatherings.

The new front and inner lobbies will include separate spaces for the box office, coat check, and concessions. “We’ll have a real long curved concession bar,” Moorer said, as well as more restrooms.

Finally, new sound buffering on either side of the building and around the eaves will address the sound-bleed issues that have plagued the theater.

“That will make a big difference to the neighbors,” Moorer said. “That’s important — we don’t want to aggravate the neighbors.”

Challenge grant

PacRep is kicking off its Make your Mark campaign with a \$250,000 “community challenge,” in which the nonprofit’s board members and major donors have pledged to match that amount, if other contributors step up.

“We’re not raising money for dogs or for social service — we’re not a food bank or a hospice,” Moorer acknowledged. “But we’ve proved ourselves. We’re certainly here to stay.”

He speculated it will take about two years to raise the \$2.7 million, and six months to do the work. “The board set a target of 80 percent before we go out to bid,” he said. “We want to be conservative, because the last thing you want to do is start a project and then end up having to cut things.”

Theater architect Richard McCann, whom Moorer referred to as “the grand old man of theater design in America,” is doing the design work.

“It’s an honor to work with someone who’s so well versed,” he said.

The theater group hopes to get the planning and permitting process underway in the next six months.

VOTES

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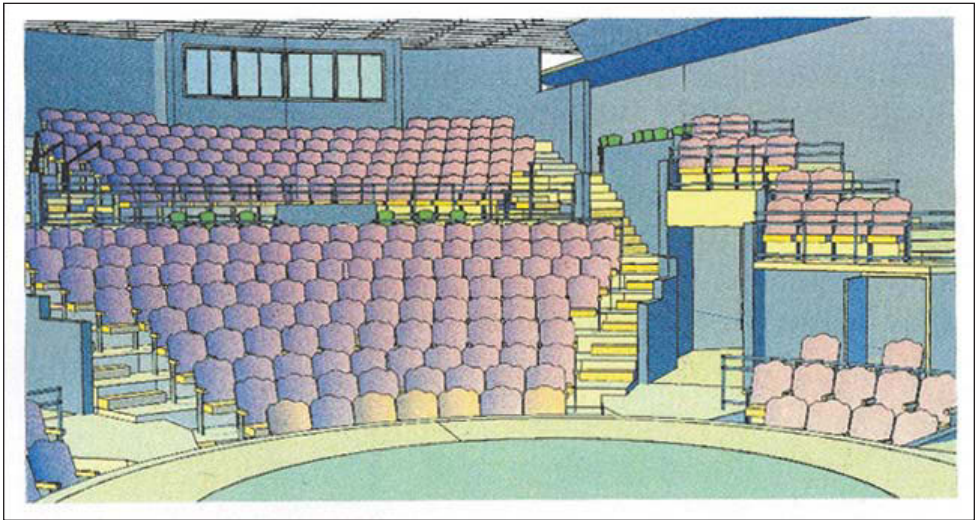
In addition to results from various mail-in precincts, residents at a polling place in Las Palmas cast 113 votes for Trump and 88 for Clinton, while 455 of absentee voters in that community decided on Trump and 395 chose Clinton. And at a precinct in the Highway 68 corridor, polling was split. At the Cypress Community Church polling place, residents chose Clinton over Trump with 93 to 85 votes respectively. But voters who cast absentee ballots chose Trump with 384 votes over Clinton’s 351.

In Carmel-by-the-Sea, 1,385 voters chose Clinton and a little less than half, 662, voted for Trump. The margin in favor of Clinton was wider in Monterey, where 8,206 votes were cast for the former secretary of state and 2,890 were for Trump, and in Pacific Grove, where 5,802 went to Clinton and 1,806 to Trump.

In Del Rey Oaks, it was 593 Clinton and 258 Trump.

In all, 132,014 people in the county cast votes for president of the United States. But the high-profile race for the 20th Congressional District seat — between Jimmy Panetta and Casey Lucius — was apparently more interesting. In that challenge, 133,445 voters cast ballots, most of them for Panetta.

However, the most votes cast in Monterey County on Nov. 8, 2016, for a single ballot item involved a plant, not a person. On state Proposition 64 — the successful initiative to legalize marijuana — 133,577 county residents voted on the issue, with 62.64 percent voting “Yes” and 37.36 percent voting “No.”



Remodel plans drawn by architect Richard McCann for the Golden Bough Playhouse involve “thrust” seating around the stage, as well as box seats, to ensure there isn’t a bad view in the house.

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PROJECT BELLA DEVELOPER ALLOWS PROJECT APPLICATION TO EXPIRE

By KELLY NIX

THE DEVELOPERS behind the proposed luxury hotel at the site of Pacific Grove’s American Tin Cannery have allowed their building permit application to expire, but a spokesman for the project said that a new application will be filed soon.

On Feb. 7, Pacific Grove’s community and economic development department director Mark Brodeur sent a permit application expiration notice to hotel developer Ron Meer of Domaine Pacific Grove, saying that he had not resubmitted an application that was deemed incomplete in

November 2015.

“The permit application is considered expired and withdrawn,” according to Brodeur.

Brodeur told The Pine Cone Thursday that the city usually allows for a developer to correct an incomplete application within 180 days. In Domaine’s case, the city permitted a much longer time to comply, until it could no longer offer the extension, he said.

Project Bella spokesman David Armanasco told The Pine Cone that the developer intends to “refile” the application with the city “in the near future.”

“When [Domaine Pacific Grove] refiles the application,

we intend for the application to be “complete” as defined in the city code,” Armanasco said. “Filing another one-page application just so we can say that we have an ‘application on file’ will not help move the EIR process along.”

The new paperwork will contain not only the complete project description, but also architectural drawings, floor and landscape plans, engineering drawings and water data, plus everything else the city requires for such an application, Armanasco said.

Meer’s former business associate of the hotel, Michael Crall, who, with another business partner, resigned months ago over differences with the direction of the project, attached the expiration notice in a Wednesday email message to retired Gen. Wesley Clark, Meer’s business partner in the hotel. The message was also sent to the press.

“This was supposed to be that LEED Platinum masterpiece [hotel] we all promised to the voters of Pacific Grove in the run up to the vote on Measure X,” Crall wrote to Clark, citing the ballot measure voters approved last year that changes the zoning to allow a hotel to be built on the American Tin Cannery site.

Brodeur — who said Meer has not discussed the project with him in months — said Domaine will likely have to pay several thousand dollars in city fees when it resubmits its application.

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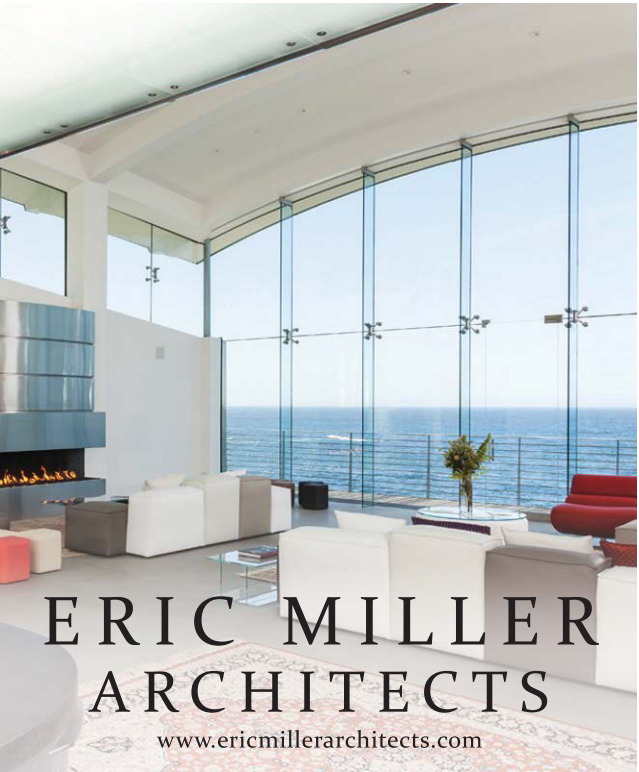
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THE OVERHAUL of the Mountain View entrance to Mission Trail Nature Preserve that was completed last November will be “officially opened” by city officials Thursday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m.

The project, which took several months to complete, included a new concrete ramp, landings for benches, heavy timbered stairs and handrails. They replaced the worn decomposed granite path and failing stairway of railroad ties that had been at the northwestern entrance to the park for years. The new ramp can also accommodate Carmel Area Wastewater District vehicles needing to access the manholes near the base of the slope near the bridge, and a landscaped area with boulders was designed to collect runoff to keep the city in compliance with clean-water rules. The project cost nearly \$100,000.

The Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve helped with the installation of the split rail fence, one of the benches, and some additional native plants along both sides of the new pathway, according to city administrator Chip Rerig. The Barnet Segal Trust also supported the redo.

Members of the city council, other city officials and staff will attend the ribbon cutting. Light refreshments will be served.

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SCULPTOR

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charges, but also physically abused him and installed secret video cameras to watch him. She’s denied the allegations.

This week, the district attorney’s office confirmed it’s investigating Cominos, whom MacDonald married in 2010.

“There are certain allegations that have been made and we are reviewing those allegations to see if there has been anything criminal by Mrs. Cominos,” Deputy District Attorney Scott Donahue told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

Donahue said he could not discuss details, including what potential crime or crimes Cominos is being investigated for, and whether other people are also being investigated. However, he said that his office had requested that the Monterey Police Department — which conducted its own inquiry and forwarded its case to the district attorney’s office — follow up on some things related to the case, which he said they did.

Biegel told The Pine Cone that he and his client will cooperate fully with the district attorney’s office.

“This is a very sad situation, only proving that when people decide to divorce, all sorts of claims can and often are made,” Biegel said Thursday. “It must be remembered that anyone, even Mr. MacDonald, can make such claims. In court, as opposed to cocktail conversation, those claims must be proven or they will be disregarded. We wait to see what, if anything, Mr. MacDonald will produce.”

MacDonald alleges in his complaint that Cominos — who, as manager of his sculpting business, obtained a power of attorney over his financial affairs two months before they married — charged \$700,000 on Richard MacDonald Studio credit cards for her personal expenses, opened a fraudulent bank account, and “misreported” more than \$4 million in sales. In legal documents, he also contends that several other defendants, including Cominos’ father, Ted Cominos, were complicit. The elder Cominos — and others — the suit says, “received stolen property” after his daughter allegedly diverted funds to a property management company owned by her family. Cominos has denied the accusation.

“Based on the information currently available, Julia, along with her co-defendants, have caused an estimated \$18 million in damages,” MacDonald’s lawsuit alleges.

90 different bank accounts

In documents MacDonald provided The Pine Cone this week, the sculptor said that over a 15-month period, Cominos moved funds from MacDonald’s account “without his knowledge or consent,” “converted community property to her separate property, and then appears to have made unilateral investments,” which deprived MacDonald “of his interest in community property.”

MacDonald also alleges that in early 2014, his wife, who was made vice president of the company in 2009, performed an online transfer of more than \$18,000 in scholarship

funds MacDonald had set aside for the Royal Ballet of London to her own personal Wells Fargo Bank account.

A March 2015 affidavit by MacDonald’s controller, Michael Weber, said Cominos “quickly, systematically and fraudulently drained” about \$277,000 by using checks signed with an “unauthorized and fraudulent” facsimile stamp of MacDonald’s signature.

In a December 2015 email message from Cominos to Weber regarding more than \$400,000 Weber said she needed to “reimburse” MacDonald, she expressed concern over facing possible criminal charges.

“In addition, could you kindly confirm if charges have been pursued against my father and me?” she wrote. “I was told that this was happening and the claims were embezzlement and cyber fraud.”

The documents MacDonald provided indicate an extraordinary amount of revenue loss, which the sculptor says had severely impacted his business, and forced him to dramatically cut expenses, lay off employees and “hastily shut down accounts and transfer funds to protect assets.”

“Monthly credit card bills typically totaled over \$130,000 per month under Ms. Cominos and are now less than \$15,000 per month,” Weber said.

Complicating matters for accountants on both sides, are the roughly 90 bank accounts MacDonald has for his business and at least a dozen credit card accounts.

Not a ‘shred of evidence’

However, Biegel said “the idea that” Cominos “stole millions of dollars of his money is crazy,” and he said she’s never been accused of financial impropriety before MacDonald made the claims against her.

“Here’s a woman that fell in love with this guy and was instrumental in really helping him with the business — in networking and getting connected with Cirque du Soleil and the partnership in Vegas,” Biegel said.

The excessive spending that occurred during their relationship, Biegel said, can’t be attributed solely to Cominos.

“Did they live an opulent lifestyle? You bet they did, because he makes a lot of money,” Biegel said.

Biegel accused MacDonald of repeatedly delaying providing the court with forensic accounting data that would “purportedly show the money trail.” He said MacDonald has missed several deadlines to provide the information.

“They haven’t shown a shred of evidence she has done anything wrong ... that she is somehow some sort of big-time criminal,” he said. “Did they spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on credit cards? You bet they did, but it was for the business.”

He said MacDonald is on his fifth attorney in a separate but intertwined divorce case and his third lawyer in the civil case. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas W. Wills last week said “if a party wishes to claim fraud or theft, they must be specific about what they are alleging,” said Biegel, paraphrasing the judge.

“We waited almost two years to see some sort of forensic accounting which would lead a reasonable person to conclude Ms.

Cominos did something wrong,” he said. “So far, none has been produced, despite numerous promises by Mr. MacDonald’s attorneys that it would be completed shortly.”

In February 2016, The Pine Cone and a Pasadena-based website that focuses on civil litigation covered MacDonald’s lawsuit. In a declaration months after that, Cominos addressed the news coverage and how it’s affected her.

“As Mr. MacDonald predicted, and as a result of the publication in both The Pine Cone and the Courthouse News Service, anyone who Googles my name online sees those articles at the very top of the list,” said Cominos, who attached the articles to her declaration.

MacDonald, now 70, contends in his suit that his wife’s alleged crimes amounted to elder abuse.

In a court filing in the civil case two weeks ago, though, Cominos denied the charge, arguing her husband wasn’t considered an elder — 65 or older — at the time he alleges the crimes were committed.

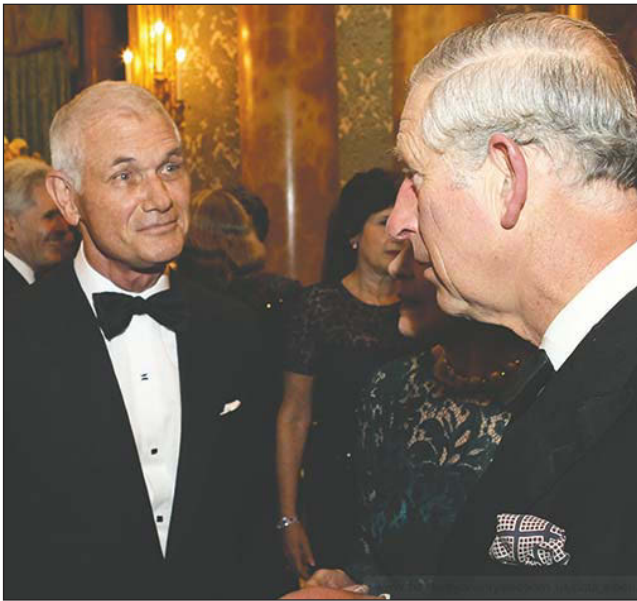
There are also allegations of physical abuse. MacDonald alleges in the civil complaint that Cominos pinched, shoved, and grabbed his face and kicked him.

Biegel denied abuse, but cited an “altercation” about 10 years ago after the two had attended the rodeo in Salinas.

“I don’t think he was ever physically hurt, but I think she threw something,” he said.

MacDonald didn’t need medical attention, but Cominos underwent 12 anger management classes, which Biegel said “was appropriate.”

As to allegations Cominos spied on him,



Sculptor Richard MacDonald — who has a gallery in Carmel and a studio at Ryan Ranch — is shown meeting with Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace in December 2012. MacDonald is suing his wife alleging she, and others, bilked him out of millions.

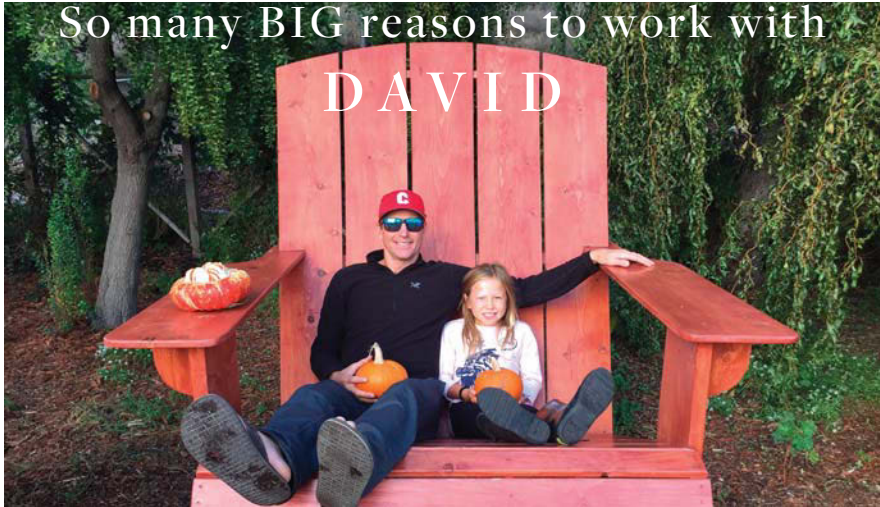
a 2015 affidavit by Edrees Rohina, MacDonald’s head of technology said, “I am witness that there was a spy camera on the electrical outlet close to the windows in Richard’s personal studio.”

As MacDonald continues to make a criminal case against his wife, he’s paying her \$16,545 per month in temporary spousal support, the amount decided upon by former Monterey County Superior Court Judge Richard M. Silver, who was assigned to the divorce case. (Cominos requested more than \$28,000 per month.)

Silver has also ordered MacDonald pay her and her accountants and attorneys hundreds of thousands of dollars so she can defend herself in the case.

According to a court-filed fee schedule, Silver earns \$7,000 per day, plus \$400 in a “case management fee” per party, per day, while presiding over MacDonald’s divorce.

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THE COMMITTEE of Carmel High School's Sober Grad Night — the annual effort to provide graduating seniors a fun and memorable night in a safe and sober environment — will hold a fundraising rummage sale next month, and is looking for donated furniture, kitchenware, jewelry, clothes and other items to sell.

Event chair Robyn Rauh urged residents who are cleaning out their homes, garages or attics to donate their cast-offs to the rummage sale, rather than getting rid of them. The sale will be held March 3-5 in the performing arts center at Carmel High School, and all proceeds will benefit Sober Grad.

The night is free for kids to attend and designed to help keep them from becoming part of 1,000-plus teens who die each year during graduation and prom season.

"Sober Grad Night helps prevent such tragedies and keeps our streets safer by providing a fun-filled evening for all graduates of Carmel High in a safe and sober environment," Rauh said.

"This is only possible with the support of the community, as this event is put on by volunteers, not by the school."

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A fourth-generation physician starts yet another chapter in an eventful life

HER GREAT-GRANDFATHER was Jewish. He wanted to be a doctor — an ophthalmologist — but in his home in Russia, near the turn of the 20th century, such a thing was impossible because of rampant prejudice. It was, after all, the era of pogroms — violent attacks that targeted Jewish communities.

So, Arina Ganeles' great-grandfather made his way to Sweden. On the way, he met a midwife and fell in love with her, and promised to come back for her when he finished school.

He did. They wed and moved to Siberia, where Jews were permitted to practice medicine. He went on to help organize a medical school there, in the city of Omsk. And his son became a doctor, and so did Ganeles' father, along with several other family members.

By the time Ganeles was born in 1957, the family had moved to what was then called Leningrad (now St. Petersburg). She finished high school, and then completed medical school.

Changing goals

The following year, she was doing research in a state-of-the-art oncology center when her mother — also a doctor and clinician — died from multiple sclerosis. During that year, Ganeles said, as she watched her mother's decline, her own goals changed. She realized she didn't want to be a researcher, like her father, but instead wanted to treat patients.

Since she was already in an oncology center, going into the specialty made sense. She was highly respected, and worked with bone marrow transplants, treating some of the survivors of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986.

Although she had professional success, she said she grew more and more uncomfortable with the Soviet government. "I left because I couldn't live in a country of 'alternate truth,'" anymore, she said. It was an uncertain time, with food shortages and a great deal of crime.

It took two years, but Ganeles got a tourist visa, and with one suitcase, all of her diplomas and \$200 — all she was allowed to take — she came to the United States in 1990, even as Soviet-style Communism was on its last legs.

"My father said, 'Please never come back,'" because he wanted a better life for her.

A work permit

After arriving in Los Angeles, she went to the immigration office to do what was then still called "defecting." In those days, there was little help for newcomers to the nation. "They took my application, gave me a temporary work permit, and that was it." She was on her own, but she was in America. And she had a lot of determination.

While standing in line at the office, she

met a fellow defector, Eugene Ganeles. "He had one backpack and a guitar," she remembered. He was a mathematician, also from Leningrad, and to their surprise, they had some mutual friends. They fell in love, and got married a few years later.

But first, they each went about the task of starting over. They both spoke some English, as they had taken classes since elementary school. Arina stayed with friends she had met through her work in Russia while she looked for a job, and Eugene found employment at a collections agency.

Ganeles got a job as a research assistant at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles while training to become a doctor in the United States. She said she learned to live very simply — including in a studio in an apartment building she shared with a fair number of prostitutes — so that she could plow money back into her education.

Humble beginnings

When the wedding finally came, it was a low-key affair. "We went to Vegas," she explained, "because he got a plane ticket that was buy-one-get-one free. We got married and then he took me out to an all-you-can-eat buffet. We didn't even stay overnight."

She then completed a three-year residency at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester, Mass., and a fellowship in hematology and oncology at Boston University, where she became the chief fellow of hematology/oncology. She was able to pay for the expensive schooling with the money she made as a resident, and her husband got his license as a CPA while working various other jobs.

She also had a son who seemed to be sick a lot of the time, so she and her husband decided to move back to California for the



Arina Ganeles

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

climate. They didn't want to go back to Los Angeles, so she applied for five jobs in the Kaiser system in Northern California.

Not for want of trying

However, she heard from her program director at Boston University that an alum who worked at Monterey Bay Oncology/Pacific Cancer Care in Monterey was retiring, and wanted someone to take over his practice. When she visited Monterey, she fell in love with the area and quickly decided to take the professional opportunity. She was home.

That was 2001. She still wasn't a citizen, but not for want of trying. She said that at some point, her records went missing, so the government just kept renewing her work visa.

After her husband got his citizenship, she was also granted hers because they were married. There were interviews where they had to prove that their marriage of more than 10 years was the real deal, and finally, in 2006, she raised her hand in San Jose to take

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CONFUSED

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who found the woman, whom she described as "adorable" and with a great sense of humor.

"She's a great lady, and I'm just honored I was the one to help her, just because I knew how to help her," Parker said.

No comment

A spokeswoman for CHOMP wouldn't confirm the incident occurred and declined to answer related questions, including whether staff of the hospital released the elderly woman or she left the facility unbeknownst to them.

"We can't talk about individual patients," Brenda Moore told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "I think the public would agree that privacy is paramount."

Though a Pine Cone reporter said the newspaper would not publish the name of woman, Moore maintained CHOMP could not be able to provide the public with any information, saying, "People can be identified, and we would be violating someone's privacy if we were sharing anybody's details."

Museum official talks about monarchs

THE BLACK and orange butterflies that bring countless visitors to the Monterey Peninsula will be the subject of free talk offered Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Carmel Foundation's Diment Hall.

Titled, "My First Season with Monarchs," the lecture will be presented by Nick Strong, education programs manager for the Pacific

But after Moore saw a Facebook post from Parker last week about the incident, she requested a statement from CHOMP also be posted on the same thread.

"It's reassuring to see the concern expressed here about the welfare of a member of our community," CHOMP's statement said. "We're concerned, too, and we are proud of those who've expressed a desire to help. The care of the members of our community is our only job, and it's an honor and a privilege to do it. So it's disheartening to see that being questioned."

Moore reiterated CHOMP's commitment to its clients in the interview with The Pine Cone.

"We have treated thousands and thousands of people, and the way we take care of the community is the most important thing to us," she said.

Speaking generally, Moore said there are regulations related to transportation for minors, people under conservatorship and people being transferred to another acute-care facility.

"If it's not clear that someone has transportation, we go the extra mile to provide assistance," she said. "That could include helping them contact someone, arranging non-emergency medical transport, or arranging a cab."

Grove Museum of Natural History.

Strong will delve into the history and migrations of the insects, which gather each winter in Pacific Grove's Monarch Sanctuary.

The talk starts at 2:30 p.m. and is open to the public. The Carmel Foundation is located at Eighth and Lincoln.

LETTERS

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attracted a great deal of attention regarding a repurposing of its function. This issue has reached the shores of Australia and as a regular visitor to Monterey/Pacific Grove I would like to offer an observation as a visitor and a foreign national.

I would like to add that it is an observation, as it would be presumptuous of me to enter into a debate that is the domain of American citizens. Australia is an unswerving ally of the United States and stands shoulder to shoulder with your military in world conflicts. The culture of our countries are similar and we enjoy favoured nation status, making travel to and from the U.S. uncomplicated. The school I teach in offers American literature to our students, Steinbeck being high on the list.

Cannery Row, itself, offers us a great connection to literature and particularly the science and genius of Ed Ricketts. Monterey/Pacific Grove and the Peninsula are a great inspiration to the world, as they openly celebrate science, literature and the preservation of the jewel that is Monterey Bay.

I have walked the Row many times and marveled at how the buildings have been repurposed from instruments of over-con-

sumption of the natural environment to a celebration of preservation. The Monterey aquarium being the most marvelous example to date. This drive and daring to preserve and grow history are alive and well in the endeavours of the Domaine Company. To acknowledge the intersection of the science of Ed Ricketts and the literature of Steinbeck is groundbreaking.

A concept that is green to the core and offers a facility for international symposiums for scientists and people of letters is, I believe, a fitting and thoughtful celebration of local history and culture. Monterey and Pacific Grove are achieving the holy grail of culture, and that is to bring it to life. Children and parents will enjoy and participate in their heritage and a brave American future.

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STORM DRAIN GIVES WAY IN MID-WEEK DELUGE

By MARY SCHLEY

AN UNDERGROUND pipe carrying storm runoff at Torres and Sixth that had been cracked by an old tree stump gave way during heavy rains earlier this week, according to public works superintendent Rob Culver.

“There was an old tree stump that over the years had been pushing on the pipe and cracked it, and during this last heavy downpour, some of the materials washed away and undermined it,” he explained. As a result, the top of the pipe caved in, blocking the water that had been flowing through it.

“And that caused it to erupt out of the ground, because the water couldn’t get past that point,” he said.

Culver said he managed to clear the blockage and get the water flowing back through the pipe, rather than flooding the ground around it.

Caution tape marked the area around the pit Wednesday, and paint on the ground showed it had been checked for other utilities, declaring it safe for digging. Monterey Peninsula Engineering was hired to fix the drain, according to Culver.



“With an emergency, I can call out and get a contract for repairs,” he explained, though he hadn’t received a cost estimate from the contractor, yet.

He said no private property was damaged by the failure.

BELLE

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have to start offering formal table service and do away with ordering from the counter, or become a “specialty restaurant” selling coffee or something similar, with only 10 percent of its sales coming from sandwiches, soups and salads. The operators would also no longer be able to sell beer and wine, as they do now.

Resident Jeff Baron supported the idea of the new category, saying he would appreciate the opportunity to get good food quickly and at a lower cost than what is typical in a sit-down restaurant.

“It’s less formal, less expensive and less time consuming,” he said. “I don’t always want to come to Carmel and spend \$150 to have a two-hour dinner.”

Commissioners were divided over what to do. Julie Wendt and Gail Lehman said they had more questions than answers, and thought the idea should be further analyzed, while Goodhue said the specialty-restaurant category could be “tweaked” to accommodate businesses like Carmel Belle.

Commissioner Michael LePage, on the other hand, said he felt the topic had undergone considerable study already, and he favored moving forward with the new category.

“We’ve been kicking the can down the road, and we’ve done a lot of work on this already,” he said. “I think staff has done good work.”

Commissioner Karen Sharp was silent on the topic, but voted “no,” along with LePage, on Goodhue’s motion to “dismiss the idea of a new counter-service category,” which passed 3-2.

After the meeting, Wiener told The Pine Cone Carmel

Belle would probably have to change at least some of its practices to comply. “In staff’s opinion, there is flexibility in the municipal code to allow the original footprint to maintain its legal nonconforming operation, while the areas that the restaurant recently expanded into would require full-line table service,” he said. That view is based on the code section stating that, “No nonconforming use may be expanded or extended into an existing portion of a building that was not previously occupied by the same nonconforming use.”

Other changes

While the commission opted against adding the counter-service designation, it unanimously recommended that the city council adopt several proposed amendments.

Specifically, commissioners decided a specialty restaurant should be described as being “a coffee shop, ice cream parlor, etc.,” and that it be allowed to be as small as 400 square feet (rather than the current 600) and have a minimum of 14 seats (as opposed to the current 20). Specialty restaurants would also be expressly prohibited from selling alcohol.

Further, the two types of restaurants should be able to operate in both the central commercial and outlying commercial areas. Currently, specialty restaurants can only be opened in the core business area, while full-line restaurants can be in both districts.

Another provision would allow restaurants to have outdoor cooking devices, like grills and paella burners, on private property, as long as they are designed and located in ways that mitigate impacts on adjacent properties.

And all types of food stores should be able to have a dozen seats either indoors or outdoors, while markets like Nielsen Bros. and Bruno’s should be allowed to have outdoor grills, in addition to the seating.

ART

From page 12A

same questions about 600 times, and we don’t mind — they come to love Carmel and appreciate art.”

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said she would be comfortable “splitting the difference on the park,” granting the festival about \$6,300, but councilwoman Carolyn Hardy said she was “feeling a little more generous.”

Councilwoman Jan Reimers also said she supported the festival, and Mayor Steve Dallas said the park should be used as much as possible.

“You can’t run your dogs in it, you can’t play ball in it, you can’t climb the trees,” he noted.

Hardy described the festival as “a wonderful event” and said art is an important part of the city’s culture.

“They’ve struggled with this event,” she said. “I move that we give them a full \$13,000 grant toward their fees — provided that Steven Whyte does his sculpture in the park.”

The rest of the council agreed.

LIVES

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the oath.

“I was very relieved,” she said of the moment. She said that her heart goes out to people still trying to get to this country, because she remembers the difficulty of making the decision and the journey, and the uncertainty of the time before her citizenship was finalized.

“My husband and I both have proved the American dream,” Ganeles said. They live near CHOMP, and are grateful and happy to be here.

Now Ganeles is starting over yet again. She left Pacific Cancer Care at the end of 2016 and is opening her own practice, Personalized Oncology Care of Monterey Bay, on Cass Street in Monterey. She’ll work with cutting-edge diagnostic and treatment techniques tailored to individual patients. She’s particularly concerned with preventing breast cancers and gynecological cancers, but will work with other kinds of cancers as well.

“I want to treat the whole person,” Ganeles said, taking into account patients’ lifestyles, as well as psychological and social factors. She said she prided herself on getting to know her patients. “I remember them long after they pass on,” she said. “They live in me.”

A ribbon-cutting is scheduled for Feb. 28.

FREEMAN

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guy: He didn’t have a scratch on him. I ended up with a broken hand, two broken fingers, a broken nose, and both eyes — I couldn’t even open them to come to the meeting last month.”

“The other story is that I fell, and that’s really not true,” he continued. “It’s really the cage fighting that I want you to remember.”

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Opera star, pianist to serve up songs of romance at Sunset Center

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Known to her friends and fans as "Flicka," von Stade performed at President Jimmy Carter's inauguration in 1977, was honored by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, and sang at the opening ceremonies for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. The six-time Grammy nominee has also been awarded France's highest honor in the arts.

"At her peak, she was probably the best mezzo-soprano in the world," Thorp noted.

Besides playing the piano, Heggie has received considerable acclaim for composing operas. His first opera, "Dead Man Walking," premiered in 2000 and featured a part written specifically for von Stade. The have performed together at recitals many times since.

"They're great on stage because they know each other so well," Thorp explained.

The varied program includes "well known arias by composers such as

Strauss, Bizet and Mozart," love songs from Broadway musicals, Edith Piaf's "La Vie en Rose," William Bolcom's 'Amor,' an original piece, "Paper Wings," by Heggie, and many other compositions.

The music starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$45 to \$60. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit <http://www.carmelmusic.org>.

■ Live Music Feb. 10-17

Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **John Vicino** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 150 Del Monte Ave., (831) 920-3560.

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A folk duo, Fellow Pynins (above) plays Feb. 10 in Big Sur. Pianist Jake Heggie (right) and singer Frederica von Stade (far right) present a Valentine's Day-themed concert Feb. 12 at Sunset Center.



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MUSIC

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The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts — singer **Barbara Brussell Fessler** presents “It’s Time for a Love Song (cabaret, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). Guadalupe and Fourth, (831) 624-7491

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — **Cougar Unleashed** (r&b and soul, Friday at 9 p.m.); **Blues at 11** (Saturday at 9 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Cooper’s Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Vince Naccarato** (Friday at 9 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Tom Faia** (Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — singer-songwriter **Sean Hayes** (Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Fergus Shipman** (pop and rock, Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Casey Frazier** (pop and rock, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

The Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — **Fellow Pynins** (folk, Friday at 7 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of

Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa — clarinetist **Nik Bortolussi**, bassist **Peter Lips**, drummer **David Morwood** and friends (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lauri Hofer**, bassist **Joe Dolister**, drummer **David Morwood** and friends (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer **Mayumi Abe**, guitarist **Bob Basa**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Jazz Trio** featuring pianists **Bob Phillips** or **Bill Spencer** (jazz, in the lobby, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); and **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Julia’s restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter

Tiffany Decker (Monday at 6 p.m.); singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.); mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Buddy Comfort** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Lucia Restaurant + Bar at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley — pianist **Martin Headman** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.). 415 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

Mission Ranch — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 7 p.m.); pianist **David Kempton** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sunday at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Pierce Ranch Vineyards in Monterey — **The Scotty Wright Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.). 499 Wave St., (831) 372-8900.

The Sunset Lounge at Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer **Neal Banks** and guitarist **Steve Ezzo** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

Terry’s Lounge at Cypress Inn — and singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (Friday at 7 p.m., jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 7 p.m.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (pop and jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Friday at 6 p.m.); and **Grove Acre** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.) . 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.



Singer-songwriter Sean Hayes takes the stage Feb. 11 at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

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Feb. 15 — California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) February Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Rancho Canada Golf Club, 4860 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel. By reservation. \$20 per person. Contact Diane @ (831) 449-7031. A bi-monthly luncheon hosted by the California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA), Monterey County Division 29. Luncheon includes a social (11 a.m.) and business meeting followed by lunch and a presentation by author LaVern McLeod discussing her new novel, “Corn Hollow, A Journey of Sorrow and Triumph.” All current members and recently retired Certificated Educators and friends are invited.

Feb. 20 — Witty novelist Cornelia Read, known as much for the sauce and spice of her oratorical musings as her writings, will speak at the Carmel Woman’s Club Monday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m., Ninth & San Carlos. Author of the “Madeline Dare” series, much of Read’s

material in the novels is autobiographical, reflecting colorful incidents with childhood mentors that included Sufis, surfers, single moms, Black Panthers, Ansel Adams, striking farmworkers, and ping-pong competition with Henry Miller. Public invited. Members, free; guests, \$10, includes reception and refreshments. Contact (831) 624-2866 or ftsnyder@comcast.net.

Feb. 26 — Join Carmel Valley Chamber for the 5th Annual Night With The Stars at Quail Lodge & Golf Club. The event begins with a Big Sur Vineyard Red Carpet Reception at 4:30 p.m. followed by CV Business awards, a delicious three-course meal, Cima Collina and Bernardus wines, a live-cast of the Oscars and premiere raffle at 5:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Purchase your ticket today at https://events.ticketprinting.com/event/22352 (831) 659-4000

March 3-5 — Carmel High School Sober Grad Committee will hold a benefit rummage sale at Carmel High School, Performing Arts Center. Please consider donating to the Rummage Sale. If you have any questions, contact CHS Sober Grad at carmelhighsobergrad@gmail.com. Please “Follow” and “Like” us on Facebook @ https://www.facebook.com/carmelhighsobergrad/ to stay in touch with us.”

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Wine for Valentine's and a Night with the Stars

THE JUDGMENT of Paris — a blind tasting of American and French Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay staged in France by a British wine merchant in 1976 — turned the wine world on its ear when some California wines prevailed over their French counterparts, contrary to what many, especially the French judges, confidently expected.

Fifi's Bistro Café in Pacific Grove will stage its own duel

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

between foreign and domestic Cabernet Sauvignon Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 12, at 3 p.m., pitting Napa against Bordeaux. The sit-down seminar will be limited to two dozen guests, who will pay \$10 apiece for the privilege of tasting some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon from the United States and Europe.

Reservations are required. Fifi's is located at 1188 Forest Ave. Call (831) 372-5325 to reserve. Visit <http://www.fifisbistrocafe.com> for more information.

River Road passport

Eight wineries along River Road in the Salinas Valley will be open for the annual Valentine's Passport Feb. 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Throughout the day, several different venues will host wine tastings, with food pairings and chocolates, and will offer exclusive day-of deals on their wines. Participants will receive souvenir glasses, too.

Tickets, which are \$50 apiece, do not include transportation. They are available online at www.cellarpass.com and include stops at Odonata, Pessagno, Manzoni, Puma Road, Hahn, Paraiso, Scheid and Ventana. Tickets for designated drivers are \$25. For more information, go to <http://riverroad-winetrail.com>.

V Day bubbly

Regardless of whether Feb. 14 is special, or just like any other day of the week, head to Tarpy's Roadhouse at Highway 68 and Canyon Del Rey in Monterey for a little treat. That day, the restaurant will offer half off all Champagne and sparkling wines, including by the glass, as well as half and full bottles. Tarpy's will also be serving a special "amour-inducing appetizer" of seared diver scallops, lobster-parship purée and artichoke-corn succotash for \$18. Call (831) 647-1444 or visit <http://www.tarpys.com>.

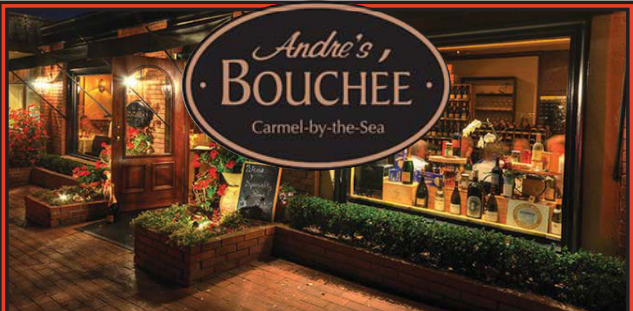
Joyce grand opening

Joyce Vineyards will celebrate its new digs at 1 East Carmel Valley Road in C.V. Village Saturday, Feb. 18, from 1 to 5:30 p.m., with a free party. The afternoon will include live music by Casey Frazier, treats available for purchase from

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Pine Cone employees Vanessa Jimenez (left) and Meena Lewellyn show off the newspaper's 2016 Chamber of Commerce Star award for Media Outlet of the Year.



VALENTINE'S DAY MENU

February 14th - \$80 per person

Amuse Bouche

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FOOD & WINE

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Kuki's food truck, and tastes of the new vintages of rosé and Riesling.

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■ 'Big Little Lies' party

The Monterey County Film Commission will host a debut screening of the first episode of HBO's "Big Little Lies," featuring Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon and others Feb. 19. The series was filmed on the Monterey Peninsula, and the debut of the first episode will take place at 5 p.m. in the ballroom at the Carmel Mission Inn at 3665 Rio Road.

The debut celebration "offers the excitement of watching the first episode on a big screen with surround sound," with plenty of opportunities to spot friends and local scenery.

The reception will include hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar, Folktale wines, and a demonstration by Johnny DeVivo, executive chef of Porter's in The Forest at Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach.

Tickets are \$5, and reservations, which are required, can be obtained via Eventbrite.com. For more information, contact the film commission at (831) 646-0910 or email info@filmmonterey.org.

■ P.G. Chamber awards

Five Awards of Excellence will be presented to chamber members at the Pacific

Grove Chamber of Commerce's 96th Annual Membership Luncheon Feb. 24 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., at the Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach. The awards are bestowed "on the basis of quality of service, involvement in the chamber of commerce, and giving back to the community," and this year's recipients include Jeninni Kitchen + Wine Bar for Best Restaurant, Seven Gables Inn for Best Inn, Adventures-By-The-Sea for Best Entrepreneur, Pacific Grove Cleaners for Ninety Years in Business, and Hayward Lumber for Best Service. Holman project developer Ernie Hahn III will be the featured speaker.

The cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for everyone else, and reservations are required.

For more information and reservations, call (831) 373-3304, email rita@pacificgrove.org, or visit www.pacificgrove.org.

■ Night with the Stars

The Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Night with the Stars will honor businesses as the rest of the country honors the stars of the screen. In the Peninsula Ballroom at Quail Lodge & Golf Club in Carmel Valley, the evening will begin at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, with a Red Carpet reception featuring wine and a no-host bar, and guitarist Terrence Farrell. At 5:30, the chamber's Star Awards will be presented to exceptional businesses, as well as a Business of the Year, and the Oscars will be shown live, and guests will settle in to a lavish three-course dinner prepared by chef Brian Kearns.

Attire suitable for the Red Carpet is encouraged. Tickets are \$95 per person, or \$900 for a table of 10, and are available at <http://www.carmelvalleychamber.com>. For information, call (831) 659-4900.

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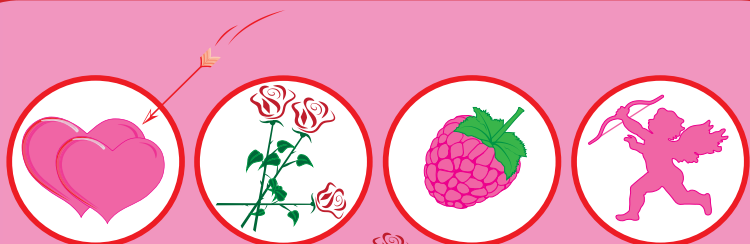
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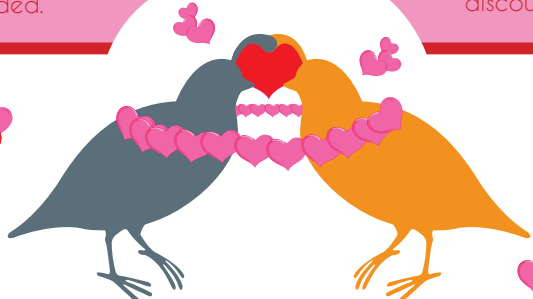
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POLITICAL TURMOIL SEND ARTISTS TO THEIR EASELS, SHOW TO AID KIDS

ARTISTS REACT to the recent political fireworks in Washington D.C. in “Awakening,” an exhibit that opens Friday, Feb. 10, on the third floor of Carmel Plaza. A reception starts at 5 p.m.

The display is a benefit for the Kinship Center, a child welfare nonprofit with offices in Salinas and King City. Specifically, the group aids “neglected and traumatized children through foster care, adoption, relative caregiving and mental health services.”

“This is necessarily a time of great change across the country, and with any change comes uncertainty, anxiety, hope and

are helping to “make sense of this uncertainty by carefully observing and reflecting on how we arrived at this point in time and where we go from here.”

Participating in the exhibit are **Sharron Antholt, Annie Buckley, Kim Campbell, Kristin Casaletto, Peter Charles, Jamie Dagdigian, Kayhan Ghodsi, Susan Hyde Green, Peter Hiers, Anne Marchand, Logan Norton, Jane Olin, Robin V. Robinson, Tony Sheeder, Lisa Solomon, Holly and Ashlee Temple, Robin Ward and Martin Webb.**

The show includes paintings, photographs and sculpture. Among the subjects addressed by the artists are media saturation, identity politics and “the opportunities for positive change that may emerge during a time of transition.”

Not surprisingly, many of the pieces take aim at President Trump and his policies.



Painter Anastasiya Bachmanova unveils a display, “Magical Moments By the Sea,” Feb. 10 at Open Ground Studios in Seaside. The gallery will be the site of a reception at 5:30 p.m.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

fear,” curator **Gail Enns** explained. She said the artists who are participating in the show

“We put out a call for art right before the election, and this is what we received,” Enns explained.

But while much of the artwork is politically charged, Enns said many of the messages infused in the pieces are remarkably subtle.

“It’s a really beautiful show,” added the curator, who is the director of Sand City’s Green Chalk Gallery at 542 Ortiz Ave.

The exhibit continues through Feb. 26. Carmel Plaza is located at Mission and Ocean. Call (202) 253-4507 or visit <https://www.greenchalkcontemporary.com>.

■ Color and conservation

A woman whose paintings capture “the wildlife, colors and energy” of the ocean will unveil an exhibit, “Magical Moments By the

Sea,” Feb. 10 at Open Ground Studios in Seaside.

A Moss Landing resident, **Anastasiya Bachmanova** is a native of Russia who has been creating art at Open Ground Studios since 2014. Her bright acrylic paintings draw inspiration from local flora, fauna and scenes, and carry a conservation message.

“Her work is so optimistic and cheerful,” founder and director **Denise Sanders** told The Pine Cone. “She looks toward the bright side — she sees beauty everywhere.”

The nonprofit will host a reception Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The show continues through March 22.

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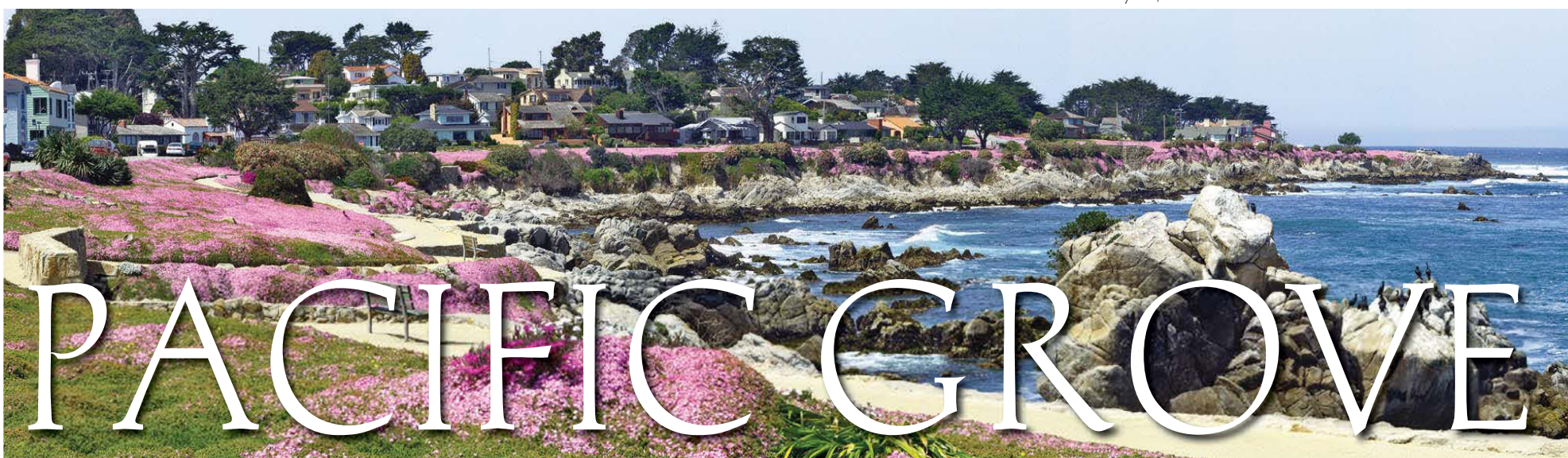
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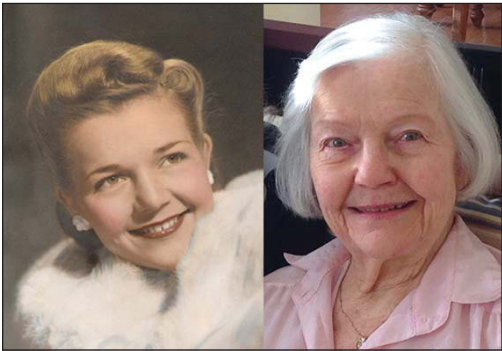
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Evelyn Jean Barnard

April 19, 1926 - February 5, 2017

Evelyn Jean Barnard (Swanson), resident of Carmel, (90) passed peacefully into her eternal rest surrounded by her devoted and loving family. She suffered a severe stroke on February 1, 2017. An era has ended for our family with Evelyn’s passing, but we are grateful for her exemplary life. Selfless acts of kindness and encouraging words were Evelyn’s hallmark.

Born in Clarinda, Iowa in 1926, Evelyn moved with her family to Los Angeles, CA the same year. She graduated from Los Angeles High School and pursued her interest in business. In 1946, she met a handsome Army Air Corps navigator, Claude Barnard, while on vacation at Catalina Island. They married in April 1947. As an employee at Glendale Federal Savings & Loan, Evelyn supported her husband while he finished his degree in Mechanical Engineering at USC. Evelyn’s uncompromising dedication to her family and home made Claude’s many aviation contributions possible. Together they traveled extensively, hiked countless miles of mountain trails, and made many life-long friends around the world. Evelyn lived a life of faith, hope and generosity, constantly showing acts of mercy and grace to family and friends. They retired to Los Osos, CA, in 1989.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Claude. She is survived by her two children Claudia Lucas (Marc Lucas) -Toulouse, France; and Richard Barnard (Rosemarie Barnard) - Prunedale, California; and grandchildren, Claire, Cecile, Philippe, Suzanne, Laura, Katherine, Elizabeth, and Joshua; 10 great-grandchildren, and her companion and devoted friend Dr. Kenneth Bullock, Carmel, CA. A private family memorial will take place.

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FOOD

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HARRIS A. TAYLOR

Feb. 5, 1921 – Feb. 3, 2017

Harris A. Taylor peacefully passed away at his home in Carmel at the age of 95.

He was born in Walla Walla, Washington in 1921. He was one of four brothers, two of which also followed his footsteps into public education.

Harris graduated from Eastern Washington College with a BA and Master in education. In 1953 he earned his Doctorate in education at Stanford University. His final position was as Superintendent of the Carmel Unified School District between 1966 and 1978.

He leaves behind his wife of 75 years, Franc Taylor, his two sons Mark (Ginger) and Steve (Linda) Taylor, and two grandsons Joshua and Devon Taylor. Harris touched many people’s lives over his career as an educator, coach and community leader. He will be dearly missed by many. At his request, there will be no service.

Any memorial gifts should be sent to the Carmel By The Sea Rotary Club (P.O. Box 774, Carmel, CA 93920).

Please sign Harris’ guestbook at www.thepaulmortuary.com

KENT J. KNOPINSKI

1941-2017

Kent Jan Knopinski, passed away in Westlake Village on January 19, 2017 after succumbing to lung cancer. He was born on January 7, 1941 in Kansas City Missouri to George Knopinski and Gladys Ogle. He was raised in Kansas City and attended public schools there. He graduated from Southwest High school in 1959. During his youth he was an active leader in most endeavors particularly in 3&2 baseball for five years and was an Eagle Scout.

Kent attended the University of Missouri in Columbia and held a leadership role in the Sigma Chi fraternity. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 1964. During the Vietnam War he was in the Army Reserves. He married Joanna (Haymes) in 1964 and they had a daughter, Ashley Dru. After the birth of their daughter they relocated to Los Angeles where Kent began his career at Pierose Building Maintenance Company based in Los Angeles California. In 1970, their second child, Jason was born and within five years Kent rose within the ranks of the building services industry to become the president of Bekins Building Maintenance Co. In 1981 Kent became president of the U.S. Division of Pedus International Co. a building services company based in Germany. This afforded Kent the opportunity to travel nationally and internationally, something he loved. Kent mentored and managed hundreds of employees throughout his 40 years in the building services industry. Many of his former employees became close friends.

In 2004 Kent retired. He and his second wife, Judi, relocated to Carmel Valley CA. In 2007 he was coaxed out of retirement and became the Vice President of Glastonbury, Inc. based in Sand City CA. Kent’s business savvy was put to good use and his contribution to Glastonbury was invaluable.

Kent enjoyed traveling to Europe often and ran with the bulls in Pomplona twice. He was an avid golfer and a forefront member of the Men’s group at Quail Golf Club in Carmel Valley. He loved to read and was never without the latest novel. He enjoyed spending time with Judi, dining out with friends and planning the next family vacation.

Kent will be remembered for his warm wit, his honest nature and his unwavering loyalty to his friends. His ability to be the voice of reason in any situation was something we all relied on.

He is survived by his wife and companion of 35 years, Judith Ann (Hewitt), his son Jason Knopinski of Los Angeles, his daughter Dru Mattimoe (Knopinski) his son-in-law Gerard Mattimoe, his grandsons Ian and George Mattimoe of Carmel, California, and his two cats, Audrey and Dudley.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity of one’s choice. A Celebration of Life will be announced in the near future.



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The first class on March 9 will be “an introductory to sensory analysis.”

“Anyone is welcome, whether it is your first time wine tasting, or you have done it many times before,” organizers said. “We will be supplying a flight of wines and sensory materials to further your knowledge in wine tasting.”

The following month, on April 13, the class will focus on how to find and identify faults in wine, while the May 11 course will be an introduction to winemaking, taught by Anna Russell. June 8 will focus on food-and-wine pairings, and July 13 will be “All About the Vineyard.” The wines of Monterey will be the subject of the final class in the series on Aug. 10.

The De Tierra tasting room is open daily except Mondays. Visit <http://www.detierra.com> for more information.

Golden Fork goes to Porter’s

Porter’s in the Forest, the restaurant at Poppy Hills Golf Course headed by chef Johnny De Vivo, came in third place for Most Improved Public Food and Beverage Facility in Golf Inc. magazine’s Golden Fork Awards.

Editors of the publication “assessed entries based on improvements in revenue, traffic, guest satisfaction, aesthetics, service, menus and capital improvements,” for nomination in four categories — most improved public and private facilities and new public and private facilities.

The renovation and remodel in 2014 included new kitchen equipment, floor coverings, tables and chairs, lighting and glassware, as well as a weather-protected outdoor patio. The restaurant reopened with a revamped menu pioneered by DeVivo, whose creativity and passion show in his dishes.

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ELI “BUD” TUCKER

December 7, 1933 ~ January 14, 2017
Pacific Grove

Bud Tucker, a native of Topeka, Kansas, first came to California in the spring of 1940. While in elementary school, he played the violin becoming the second chair. He progressed to the point that he played with the Los Angeles Junior Orchestra. The family moved to Oregon in 1947 and then back to California in 1950 where Bud finished High School. He took aeronautics and received his two-year degree and pilot’s license while at Glendale College.

Bud entered the US Navy in May 1953. His career as a Naval Pilot took him all over the world including: Pensacola, FL Flight School; Whidbey Island, WA; Bahrain, Persian Gulf; Okinawa, Japan; the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA; Jacksonville, FL; Moffett Field, CA; Pearl Harbor, HI. His last duty station was Bermuda where he retired as a Commander in 1975.

Bud loved the Monterey Peninsula so much that he chose to retire here. He taught woodworking at Hartnell College for several years and found great joy in teaching others his passion and creativity. He was a superb artisan, woodworker and creator. His work can be found at the Bernardus Tasting Room in Carmel Valley and in private homes throughout the Monterey Peninsula and has been featured in magazines and galleries.

Bud is survived by his wife, Kathleen Tucker; his children, Christopher, Randi, Tom and Jeff Tucker; his sister, Patricia See and Kathleen’s children, Deborah, Sheryl and Thomas and all of their families.

His life and service will be honored, according to his wishes, with a private burial at sea off the Monterey Coast. Funeral with Military Honors at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery will take place on February 21 at 10:30. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the donor’s local food bank or charity of your choice.

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According to Poppy Hills, the restaurant has helped the bottom line, with course revenue growing from \$996,000 (or \$21.65 per golf round), to \$1.785 million (or \$38.80 per round) since Porter’s reopened.

The restaurant is located at 3200 Lopez Road in Pebble Beach. For more information, go to <http://poppyhillsgolf.com>.

CRA Citizens of the Year

The Carmel Residents Association is kicking off the celebration of its 30th anniversary year with its Citizens of the Year celebration Sunday, Feb. 26, at 3 p.m. at the Carmel Woman’s Club at San Carlos and Ninth. This year’s winners are Melanie Billig and Mike Brown.

City administrator Chip Rerig will present the awards to the two honorees, who will also receive certificates of appreciation from Congressman Jimmy Panetta, State Sen. Bill Moning, Assemblyman Mark Stone, 5th District County Supervisor Mary Adams and Mayor Steve Dallas. Retired U.S. Rep. Sam Farr will be there, too, for a “welcome home.”

Immediately after the ceremony, the celebration will continue with a reception with wine, appetizers and a cake from Patisserie Boissiere. The event is free and open to everyone.

For more details about the event and the CRA in general, visit <http://www.carmelresidents.org>.

Monterey chamber awards dinner

The Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will honor three exceptional citizens at the organizations 109th annual awards dinner at the Monterey Marriott on Calle Principal Saturday, March 11, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Honorees include 2016 Citizen of the Year John Narigi from the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, 2016 Robert C. Littlefield Award for Lifetime Achievement winner Tom Rowley of Century 21 Scenic Bay Properties, 2016 Ruth

Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year David Stoldt of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, and 2016 Volunteer of the Year Kyle Soliven from California Premier Restoration. The Business of the Year will also be announced during the awards portion of the event.

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Suzanne’s friends and acquaintances are welcome to attend.

Adrienne Girard Zekos

November 14, 1919 – January 30, 2017
Salinas

Adrienne Girard Zekos, 97, passed away peacefully at her home in Salinas, CA on January 30, 2017 with family and dear friends by her side.

Adrienne was born in Monterey, CA to Pierre Etienne and Emelie Leppert Girard and was raised on the family cattle ranch (Girard Ranch) first in Cachagua and then in Tularcitos in Carmel Valley. After attending grammar school in a one-room schoolhouse in Carmel Valley, she graduated from Monterey High School in 1937. She attended UC Berkeley where she obtained her undergraduate degree in 1941 and went on to earn her master’s degree in education at Stanford University.



She then began her career as a teacher and counselor, first in King City, CA and for a time in Julian, CA. She moved to Salinas in 1956 where she spent most of her 40+ year career at Salinas Union High School. She made lifelong friendships with many of her fellow teachers, former students and counselees.

Her passions were education and travel. Together with her husband, Joe Zekos, she traveled the world many times over and visited over 100 countries. They had many grand adventures, even journeying into communist countries at a time when westerners were not exactly welcome.

Adrienne was predeceased by her husband Clyde Cheney in 1954 and her husband Joseph Zekos in 1997, and by her brother Peter F. Girard of San Diego, CA in 2011.

She is survived by her niece, Maria Girard-Smith of San Jose, CA and two nephews, Peter G. Girard of San Diego, CA and Leslie J. Girard of Carmel Valley, CA.

All of whom, along with her many friends, will miss her dearly.

In accordance with Adrienne’s wishes, there will be no memorial service.

The family asks that you take a trip somewhere and learn something new. That is what Adrienne would wish.

Funeral arrangements by Struve and Laporte.
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JAMES LEE CASTEEL
1939 — 2016

Artist James Lee Casteel was born and raised in Portland, Oregon on October 4, 1939 to Diana and Lee Smith. His parents broke up shortly after that, and Jim didn’t see his father again for many years.

Jim and his younger brother John had a tough childhood. Jim often said that his life was saved by art. Jim was an artist in every aspect of his life. His paintings were just one expression of his artistic spirit. He remembered looking at books on Japanese landscapes in the Portland Library at about the age of 11 or 12 and being profoundly moved. As a teenager, he also started playing chess, which would become his other lifelong passion. A serious chess player, he played regularly for most of his life with a selective number of partners. Jim and was a fierce competitor. He did not play “for fun.”

In 1958, he married his first wife Patti and had a son, Jeff. In 1961 Jim moved to Los Angeles, where he did his first paintings on canvas, married Arlene Casteel and in 1963 had a daughter, Erin. Jim, Arlene and Erin moved to Berkeley and Oakland, California in 1965 and were active in the anti-war movement. In 1967, they moved to Europe, where they travelled extensively and made art, eventually settling for a time in Greece before moving to the California Monterey Peninsula in 1970.

Jim studied Mathematics in college and worked as an investment counselor and for an insurance company before moving to Europe. In the early 1970s, Jim and Arlene had a successful ceramics business, selling their work throughout the Bay Area. Later, Jim became a house painter. For a few years in the early 70s, he also served tea time at Tillie Gort’s Café between the lunch and dinner shifts. He made a dreamy mocha. It was at Tillie Gort’s that he met Pamela, who became his 3rd wife. They were together from 1972 to 1988.

He was an avid reader with eclectic interests. His recommendations were always a great read. His passion for life included gardening, camping and good food. He was a connoisseur of many things, including single malt scotch, and made a study of all his interests. Jim was a fine ceramicist and invented a number of glazes. He also created beautiful jewelry based on images of the impressionist painters, comic books, and colorful aluminum shapes. Jim had a very sharp wit and could talk to just about anybody about anything. He had a wide circle of friends, from the homeless to more affluent people. He was honest and brilliant in his conversation. Very knowledgeable about music, Jim was always interested in discovering new artists and genres. He particularly loved Shubert (especially The Trout Quintet), Bach’s Brandenburg Concertos, Merle Haggard, Thelonious Monk and R&B. He regularly attended the Monterey Jazz Festival. Jim loved to dance and was a wild and free mover on the dance floor. Surrounding dancers were at the mercy of his flying wing-tip shoes. Casteel was introduced to the game of bocce at The Holly Farm. He became a weekly player in Carmel Valley and then Monterey. Jim was also a regular member of a men’s coffee group. He spent Saturday mornings going to garage sales for many years and was a master at bargaining. He could sweet talk other buyers out of buying the things he wanted to buy himself!

Jim Casteel will long be remembered with affection by all who were fortunate to know him. Living larger than life, he leaves a big hole in many hearts. Jim and his longtime partner, Ginny Crapo, hosted many wonderful parties over the years to celebrate the Super Bowl, Halloween, and St. Patrick’s Day, which was their favorite.

In addition to Ginny, Jim is survived by his adult children and their families; son Jeff Loffer, and family of Boise, Idaho.; daughter Erin Casteel, and family, of Sydney, Australia; sister Toni Smith and her family of Lake Tapps, Washington; brother, John Casteel and his family, Tillamook, Oregon; and former wives Patti Loffer and Pamela Takigawa.

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favorite spots in town and do a little shopping, or drive down the coast for a relaxing visit to **Ventana Inn and Spa**, where the menu includes three couples experiences, including one

Carmel Presbyterian presents organ concert

ACCORDING TO Sal Di Mercurio, who headed up the committee to purchase Carmel Presbyterian Church’s new hybrid electronic and pipe organ, the church-sponsored recital featuring James Welch on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. will help “introduce the organ to the community.”

Welch, who is the organist at Santa Clara University, has an impressive musical resume. He’s a former Fulbright Scholar and has trained internationally with some of the best organists in the world. He has performed in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., at Harvard and Yale Universities, and in Beijing and Rio de Janeiro, among other places.

Di Mercurio said that the church’s organ turned out to be even better than the committee had hoped, and that Carmel Pres is “very happy to share it with the community,” at concerts like this one and, hopefully, during the Bach Festival.

The program — which hasn’t been finalized — includes familiar

The spotlight will fall on the new pipe organ at Carmel Presbyterian Church when world class organist James Welch presents a recital Feb. 18.

for \$620 that lasts for nearly two hours and includes a soak in a private hot tub for two.

Sticking closer to home, if your beloved likes flowers, Michael Merritt at **The Twigery** is one of the best local artists when it comes to uniquely beautiful arrangements.

His wife and partner, Cheryl, said the whole point of the holiday is “tapping into emotions and love,” and that even if

pieces like Bach’s Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, “Spring” from Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons,” and works based on “Amazing Grace” and Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy.”

Lesser-known selections include C.S. Lang’s “Tuba Tune,” which may remind listeners of Bach’s “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring,” and the soothing “Nocturne for an Orange” by the late California composer, Porter Heaps. For a bit of local color, Welch will also perform the late San Francisco composer Richard Purvis’ “Night in Monterey.”

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.carmelpres.org/events>.



money is no object, it’s most important to “know what the other person’s passionate about,” and let Michael design an arrangement with that in mind.

According to Scott Lund, owner of **Lula’s** chocolates, Valentine’s Day “is all about the truffles.” “Lovers like the dark chocolate,” he said, although the sea-salt caramels remain extremely popular, and they’re also making home-made marshmallow hearts, covered in chocolate and decorated by hand. A pretty pink box of nine assorted chocolates sells for \$22, while 20 petit, dark chocolate truffles, go for \$27.95.

If the love of your life enjoys old-school music, **Do-Re-Mi Music** owner Nancy Costanza said that the shop carries “a huge inventory of vinyl you probably couldn’t find anywhere else.” For something really over-the-top, she recommended looking into the “beautiful Luna guitars, inlaid with mother-of-pearl.” Designs include dragonflies, moonflowers and lotus blossoms.

By now you and your sweetie will probably both be pretty hungry, so head over to the **Cheese Shop** in the Plaza where “big cheese” Kent Torrey recommended the three c’s — Champagne, caviar and cheese. Specifically, he said a rosé Champagne by Lanson, a house in France that dates to the mid-1700s and is a purveyor of the bubbly stuff to the British Royal Family.

He carries a half-bottle for \$34.95, a regular size bottle for \$65, and a magnum for \$140 — “That’s if you really want to show your love,” Torrey said. He loves Black River Caviar, which he has in three grades, ranging in price from \$99 to \$189 for a tin that’s just over an ounce.

For the cheese, he recommended a hunk of Sartori’s Bellavitano, which has a pink rind because it’s been rubbed with raspberry ale. “It isn’t sweet, but it’ll look nice with the rosé,” he said.

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Margaret “Monie” Mary Wishart died peacefully in her sleep on January 28, 2017 at age 91. She was born August 31, 1925. She grew up in Carmel and graduated from San Jose State University. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Margaret Wishart and her siblings Charlotte Layton, Doris Jones, George and William and her nephew, Fred Layton. Surviving Monie are eight nephews and seven nieces. She lived at Hacienda Carmel for more than 20 years. In 2008 she moved to Cypress Ridge Care Center. Interment, handled by Marina Mortuary Dignity Memorial, will be private.



RONALD ALEXANDER RICO

November 8, 1927 ❖ January 31, 2017

Ronald Alexander Rico, son of Alexander and Sarah Rico, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2017. Ron, born November 8, 1927, was a life-long resident of the Monterey Peninsula, a place he cherished like no other. Ron attended local schools, graduating from Monterey High School in 1945. He earned a B.A. in Fine Art from San Jose State University.

After college, Ron served in the US Army, stationed in Germany, where he served in a Cartographic division, helping to rebuild bridges and roads that had been damaged during World War II. He was also part of a winning Army basketball team that played throughout Europe. During his time off, Ron developed a love for travel and adventure in Europe and other countries.

Through years of sharing his many adventures and stories, he passed on his love of travel and exploring to his children and grandchildren. Another great love of Ron’s was the ocean. He delighted in walking the local beach trails and watching the abundant sea life and ever changing tides.

For many years he was a real estate appraiser on the Monterey Peninsula.

Ron was an avid basketball and tennis player along with being an enthusiast of many sports.

Ron had a quick wit and a style that was all his own. He was devoted to his family, as a husband, father and grandfather. Ron’s local roots ran deep, having descended from the Rico family that had homesteaded in Big Sur during the Spanish Hacienda days. He will be remembered for his playful personality, which was cherished by many who knew him.

Ron is survived by Donna, his loving wife of 61 years. Together they have two daughters, Sabrina Wadsworth, Michelle (Scott) Rico Wilsdon, and grandchildren Brittney (Stephen) Borlik, Sarah Wadsworth, Landon Beamer, James Wadsworth, Milo Barrett-Wilsdon, Alec Barrett-Wilsdon and Nate Barrett-Wilsdon. He is also survived by niece Marsha (Dave) Olender, and nephew Robert (Debra) Wishart. Ron joins his sister, Barbara Lee Wishart in heaven.

A memorial service will be held at St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church (Carmel Valley) on February 18th at 3 p.m. The family would like to thank the employees and staff of Carmel Hills Care Center, who took such good care of Ron for seven months.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

ART

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■ Nonprofit turns 90, plans to party

The oldest gallery in town, the Carmel Art Association turns 90 this year, and to celebrate the occasion, the nonprofit is planning a series of events.

In March, an exhibit will showcase the talents of more than 50 past members of the CAA, and a second show will highlight the work of current members. And in August, the association will present several get-togethers, including one Aug. 5 that will feature a birthday cake with 90 candles.

“Many other exciting events for our 90th year are still in the planning stages,” shared **Sally Aberg** of the CAA. “These will be finalized in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.” Visit <http://carmelart.org>.

■ Weston presents talk on family

The grandson of Edward Weston, **Kim Weston** will present a talk, “Four Generations of Weston Photography,” Feb. 13

at the Monterey Museum of Art’s Pacific Street location.

“I will go through each generation and discuss the methods, ideals, and practices that were used to help realize their photographic means,” Weston explained. “During the presentation, we will embark on a unique photographic journey spanning more than 100 years.”

The talk starts at 1 p.m., and is free for museum members and \$10 for non-members. The museum is located at 559 Pacific Street. Visit <http://www.montereyart.org>.

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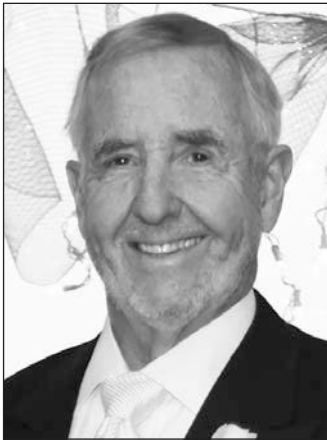
A FREE preview of a documentary by filmmaker Yari Wolinsky, “Raise the Roof,” which chronicles the painstaking recreation of an ornate ceiling that was once part of a 17th century synagogue, will be offered Feb. 12 at Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel Valley. Badly damaged in World War I, the synagogue was burned by the Nazis in World War II, but descriptions of the ceiling endured, and a replica was incorporated into the design of a museum dedicated to the history of Polish Jews, which opened in Warsaw in 2013. Showtime is 4 p.m. The congregation is located at 5716 Carmel Valley Road.

In Loving Memory of

DR. THOMAS D. WILLIAMS

June 20, 1941 ~ January 26, 2017

MONTEREY ~ On Thursday, January 26, 2017, Thomas Donald Williams passed away peacefully in his Monterey home. Tom is survived by his loving wife Jane Williams; his younger sister Kay Terry who lives in Citrus Heights, California; his son Brian Williams (wife Amy) who lives in Nashville, Tennessee; his daughter Sasha Brown (husband Clint) who lives in Dallas, Texas; his stepson Jimmy Lieder who lives in Wonder Valley, California; and two stepdaughters, Jamie Lieder who lives in Shelter Cove, California and Kristi Lieder-Beck (husband Garrett) who lives in Fresno, California. Much to his delight, he lived to enjoy three grandchildren and five step grandchildren.



Tom was born in Oakland, California, to Everett and Lillian Williams. A theme throughout Tom’s young life was his love of dogs and horses. He was attending University of California at Davis with a major in dentistry when a friend gave him life-changing career counseling when saying, “Pick your profession from your avocation and you will be happy for the rest of your life. Pick it for the money you will make and you will be bored in five years.” Tom changed his major to veterinary medicine in his sophomore year. He wrote, “One must love animals, have a passion for treating them and giving them the gift of health. He must have an ability to work with his hands, and determination and drive softened by gentleness.” When his studies were completed at UC Davis Tom received a call from Uncle Sam. He had been chosen to go into biological research with the United States Army at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland.

Tom went into private practice when he opened Aguajito Veterinary Hospital in 1978 where he practiced veterinary medicine from then to the present day. His curiosity about animals, both domestic and wild, was deepened by a thirst for conducting research. He participated in research on elk in Yellowstone National Park and on wild horses in Nevada by tagging and collecting DNA samples. He was contracted by the Monterey Bay Aquarium and became its first veterinarian, tending to marine animals before the doors opened in 1984. Tom developed a world-class sea otter rescue and research program and saved oil drenched otters following the tragic *Exxon Valdez* spill in Alaska. While at the Aquarium he succeeded in keeping stranded otter pups alive, overseeing them in his bathtub at home. He developed a formula for orphaned pups which nourished them in the absence of their mothers’ milk and used water beds to keep orphaned otter pups from becoming overheated, a key to success in their survival. Sea otters in almost every aquarium and zoo across North America are there today as a result of Tom’s pioneering work at the Aquarium.

He also worked with the Tuna Research and the Conservation Center of Stanford University and with the Monterey Bay Aquarium where he was again a pioneer. He developed the surgical techniques for placing “archival” tags in tuna to record their trans-oceanic sojourns in stunning detail. Tom trained two generations of Stanford students in at-sea surgical techniques and traveled on expeditions that took him across the globe tagging giant blue fin tuna. Remarkably Tom conducted all of his research while still maintaining a steadfast commitment to his Aguajito Veterinary practice.

Tom was active in the Monterey community as well. As a longtime member of the Monterey Rotary Club, he championed programs to expand music education in Monterey Peninsula Schools and supported programs to eradicate polio worldwide.

The motto by which Tom lived was, “The more you know, the more you know you don’t know.” He graced us all with a rare combination of humility, intuition, skill, generosity, humor and playfulness that left a legacy of gratitude and inspired lifelong friendships from far and wide. He was a bright, funny, warm considerate and caring man, a gentle spirit and a true healer. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2017. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation, 1698 Elkhorn Road, Watsonville, CA 95076 or to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, 886 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA 93940.

To leave condolences for the family please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170105

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. BOHEMIAN KIDS IN STYLE
2. BOHEMIAN BOUTIQUE
Ocean Ave. between Lincoln and Dolores, Carme by the Sea, CA 93921.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 334, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BOHEMIAN COLLECTIONS, INC. 18352 Santiago Blvd., Villa Park, CA 92861. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by: a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: January 5, 2017.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act [Government Code Sections 6250-6277].

S/ Daniel P. Zeller, CFO

Jan. 10, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 12, 2017

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ORIGINAL FILING

Publication Dates: Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 2017. [PC117]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170091

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. INVOLUTION ARTS AND MEDITATION
2. IAM
24331 San Juan Road, Carmel, CA 93923

Registered owner(s): RISA FOWLER, 24331 San Juan Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Risa Fowler

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 12, 2017

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FBN FILING

Publication dates: Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 2017. [PC119]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170088

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

GNL Investments, 2873 Forest Lodge Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s): George H Goka, 2873 Forest Lodge Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

Linda I Goka, 2873 Forest Lodge Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

This business is conducted by a Married Couple

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/22/1989.

S/ George H Goka

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/11/2017.

1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17/17

CNS-2962751#
CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 2017. [PC124]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170157

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CALIFORNIA COASTAL PHOTO, 90 Chamisal Pass, Carmel, CA 93923.**

Registered owner(s): JAKE BRYSON PERELES, 90 Chamisal Pass, Carmel, CA 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 29, 2016.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Jake Pereles

Jan. 14, 2016

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 19, 2017

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].

ORIGINAL FILING

Publication Dates: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 2017. [PC125]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170142

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CLOUD NINE GARAGE SOLUTIONS, 90 Winding Way, Watsonville, CA 95076.**

Registered owner(s): TIMOTHY ALLEN MARTINEZ, 90 Winding Way, Watsonville, CA 95076.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 15, 2017.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Timothy Martinez

Jan. 18, 2016

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 18, 2017

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].

ORIGINAL FILING

Publication Dates: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 2017. [PC127]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170077

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ISAACSON PAINTING, 720 Grove Acre Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**

Registered owner(s): ROBERT LEE ISAACSON, 720 Grove Acre Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2000.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Robert Isaacson

Jan. 10, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 10, 2017

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address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].

ORIGINAL FILING

Publication Dates: Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2017. [PC201]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 201701096

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DE L'ESPRIT DESIGN, 225 Cross-road Blvd., Ste 544, Carmel, CA 93923.**

Registered owner(s): PATRICIA MARIE POTTER, 330 Woodside Dr., Unit 124, Salinas, CA 93901.

CECIL LEE POTTER, 330 Woodside Dr., Unit 124, Salinas, CA 93901

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: a married couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Cecil Potter

Jan. 12, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 12, 2017

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].

ORIGINAL FILING

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24. March 3, 2017. [PC204]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170244

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

1. Rural Dispos-All Service, 2. Carmel Valley Disposal Service, 3. UWS of California, 11420 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA 95012, County of Monterey;

Mailing Address: 1001 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77002

Registered Owner(s): USA Waste of California, Inc., 1001 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77002; Delaware

This business is conducted by a Corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 02/15/2002

S/ Courtney A. Tippy, V.P. and Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on January 31, 2017

Renewal Filing

2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3/17

CNS-2971770#
CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. [PC206]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170205

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FINISHES BY MICHAEL CALHOUN, 3054 Bostick Ave., Marina, CA 93933.**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 2631, Carmel, CA 93921.

Registered owner(s): MICHAEL BENSON CALHOUN, 3054 Bostick Ave., Marina, CA 93933.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 10, 2017.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Michael B. Calhoun

Jan. 25, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 25, 2017

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].

ORIGINAL FILING

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. [PC207]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170170

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RITZY RAGZ & THINGZ, Dolores & 5th, Carmel, CA 93921.**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 4793, Carmel, CA 93921.

Registered owner(s): AVA KATHERINE HAVILLAND SPIERING, 3rd SE of Ocean on Torres, Carmel, CA 93921.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County

This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 23, 2017.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Ava K. Havilland Spiering

Jan. 18, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2017

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].

NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. [PC208]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170147

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SPECIALIZED COURIER SERVICE, 425G West Laurel Dr., Salinas, CA 93906.**

Registered owner(s): ROBERT CHARLES BARBER, 425G West Laurel Dr., Salinas, CA 93906

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2011.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Robert C. Barber

Jan. 17, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 18, 2017

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].

NEW FILING with CHANGES(S) from the previous filing

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24. March 3, 2017. [PC209]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170252

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

MC Squared, 1575 Plumas Ave., Seaside, CA 93955, County of Monterey

Registered Owner(s): Joe Campo, 1575 Plumas Ave., Seaside, CA 93955

This business is conducted by an Individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A

S/ Joe Campo

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 1, 2017

2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3/17

CNS-2972421#
CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24. March 3, 2017. [PC210]

2017. [PC210]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170292

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **R.C. LANDSCAPING, 279 Carmel Ave., Marina, CA 93933.**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 230, Marina, CA 93933.

Registered owner(s): RUBEN COVARRUBIAS, 279 Carmel Ave., Marina, CA 93933.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Ruben Covarrubias

Feb. 7, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 7, 2017

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ORIGINAL FILING

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24. March 3, 2017. [PC211]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170284

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY BAY SPEECH THERAPY, 170 17th St. Suite B, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**

Registered owner(s): KATHERINE JENELLE HOOPS, 315 19th St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

MOLLY ALTA HILL, 122 W. Alvin Dr. Apt. D, Salinas, CA 93906

ADRIENNE ANN CURSIO, 130 11th St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: an unincorporated association other than a partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 6, 2017.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. [A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

S/ Katie Hoops, Molly Hill

Feb. 3, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 6, 2017

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ORIGINAL FILING

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24. March 3, 2017. [PC212]

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: 16FL001910

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
JULIA RUIZ LUNA
You have been sued.
PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
JOSE CARDENAS

You have **30 CALENDAR DAYS** after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call , or court appearance will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/), at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE – THE RESTRAINING ORDERS ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

FREE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY
1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
JOSE CARDENAS
979 Longfellow Drive
Salinas, CA 93905
595-9862

Ronald D. Lance
11 W. Laurel Dr., Ste 215
Salinas, CA 93906
(831) 443-6509

Lic: LDA #5 of Monterey County

Date Filed: Sept. 28, 2016

(s) Teresa A. Risi, Clerk

by Mary robes, Deputy

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. [PC 214]

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 17CV000525

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, RACHEL N. SMITH, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: MADISON JULIANNA HAUKE
Proposed name: MADISON JULIANNA SMITH

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: April 7, 2017
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) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 8, 2017
Clerk: Teresa A. Risi
Deputy: L. Cummings
Publication dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. [PC215]

LEGALS DEADLINE:
Tuesday 4:30 pm

Call Irma (831) 274-8645

irma@carmelpinecone.com

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, P.O. Box 221428 Carmel, CA. 93922, until

3:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 21, 2017

at which time they will be publicly opened and read for performing the work as follows:

FY2016/17 VAC-CON DUMP PIT & CHEMICAL CONTAINMENT STORAGE PROJECT

The results of the bidding will be reported to the District Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the bid opening at which time if bids are found to be acceptable by the District Board, written notice of award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. However, said District Board reserves its right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities of any bids or to re-advertise for all or any part of the work contemplated.

No bidder shall withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the date set by the Board for the opening thereof.

Specifications and proposal forms may be secured at no charge by writing to:
Carmel Area Wastewater District, P.O. Box 221428, Carmel, CA., 93922,
by downloading the appropriate electronic documents from the District web page at <http://www.cawd.org/engineering.html> or by emailing the District Principal Engineer at lander@cawd.org and requesting the documents or call (831) 624 1248.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, P.O. Box 221428 Carmel, CA. 93922, until

3:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 22, 2017

at which time they will be publicly opened and read for performing the work as follows:






FY2016/17 ROOF SYSTEM AND OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The results of the bidding will be reported to the District Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the bid opening at which time if bids are found to be acceptable by the District Board, written notice of award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. However, said District Board reserves its right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities of any bids or to re-advertise for all or any part of the work contemplated.

No bidder shall withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the date set by the Board for the opening thereof.

Specifications and proposal forms may be secured at no charge by writing to:
Carmel Area Wastewater District, P.O. Box 221428, Carmel, CA., 93922,
by downloading the appropriate electronic documents from the District web page at <http://www.cawd.org/engineering.html> or by emailing the District Principal Engineer at lander@cawd.org and requesting the documents or call (831) 624 1248.

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