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Major bridge ready to collapse as Big Sur takes brunt of storm's fury

By CHRIS COUNTS

TEN DAYS after cracks were discovered in the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge — and with storm after storm hitting the beleaguered Big Sur coast — Caltrans announced Feb. 22 that the bridge can't be fixed.

The announcement means that Highway 1 at Pfeiffer Creek will be closed for at least several months, leaving residents scrambling for ways to get to work and make even the most essential trips, and businesses looking for customers.

Photographs show the concrete bridge over the creek slumping in the middle and the cracks spreading.

Caltrans spokesperson Susana Cruz said not only is the bridge "beyond repair," the scene is so dangerous, the public should stay away.

"The bridge will not re-open to anyone, due to extreme safety concerns and the bridge's dynamic instability," Cruz reported. "This closure will be enforced."

If the bridge falls on its own, the debris will have to be removed, and if it doesn't, it will have to be torn down. Already, Cruz said, plans are underway to get a new bridge built as soon as possible.

"Caltrans geotechnical and bridge experts from around the state are working as quickly as possible toward the bridge replacement. Drilling investigation findings are targeted for March 17."

New 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams said there's no easy fix.

"We cannot expect to have a plan for reconstructing a bridge over Pfeiffer Canyon until March," she conceded.

Some have wondered if it might be possible to create access around the bridge through Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. But state parks ranger Matthew Khaler said the idea was considered and "rejected as a workable plan," because "all potential avenues would take the public through areas ravaged by instability."

Khaler also warned locals against blazing their own paths around the bridge — and warned that those who try could be cited.

"For anyone thinking of entering these lands, please consider the tax on resources you would be causing if you sustain an injury," the ranger said. "Our responding

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(Clockwise from top left) As the Carmel River crested Tuesday morning, flood waters crept into Rancho Cañada, but fortunately went no further. Farther upriver, a car overturned into the flood waters Saturday. On Monday evening, a Monterey cypress sliced into a home in Skyline Forest. Meanwhile, in Big Sur, Pfeiffer Bridge is ready to fall, and in Cachagua, most of the main road has disappeared.



PHOTOS/KELLY NIX, JAMES REPKO, MICHAEL TROUTMAN, KODIAK GREENWOOD

Rising water forces evacuations, power lines fall

By MARY SCHLEY

CLOSE TO a dozen homes in a few Carmel Valley neighborhoods were flooded, hundreds of residents were told to evacuate, thousands lost power — some for several days — trees fell onto houses and cars, and roads collapsed as the latest round of storms in an already wet and wild winter blew through the Monterey Peninsula over the weekend and early this week.

"We were very busy with trees down, lines down, trees that

had fallen into structures, and the river flooding," said Monterey County Regional Fire Division Chief Eric Ulwelling. His fire department fielded 50 calls per day from Friday to Tuesday — far more than usual.

"We had hundred-foot pines coming down onto homes," including a condo complex off Esquiline and a house on Encina, he said. More fallen trees, including a very large pine that

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Carmel River flows matched '95 peak — or did they?

By CHRIS COUNTS

A GOVERNMENT agency recorded flows Monday in the Carmel River that matched those tallied in 1995, when massive flooding at the mouth of the valley occurred. Yet when The Pine Cone took to the air early that morning to survey the damage, many of the areas flooded 22 years ago were dry. What happened — and what didn't happen?

A chart posted on the United States Geological Survey agency's website showed flows along Carmel River near the mouth of the valley Monday at about 6 a.m. reaching about 17,000 cubic feet per second. But Larry Hampson of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District said the reading is "subject to revision" and a more accurate reading will probably be considerably lower.

See **RIVER** page 15A

PANETTA: SERIOUS CRIMINALS SHOULD BE DEPORTED

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors' resolution last week urging county officials, including the sheriff, not to cooperate with federal immigration authorities to deport even

hardened criminals is at odds with the opinion of Congressman Jimmy Panetta, who believes those who commit serious crimes shouldn't be allowed to stay in the country.

On Feb. 14, the supervisors voted 4-1 to pass the non-binding resolution, which designated Monterey County as a "welcoming county for immigrants and refugees." The resolution, however, made no exceptions for illegal immigrants who have committed major crimes, including felonies such as murder and rape.

While Panetta, a former deputy district attorney in Monterey and Alameda counties, agrees with the supervisors' recommendation as it applies to illegal immigrants who are otherwise law abiding, the U.S. Representative elected in November was frank about those who commit serious crimes.

"Undocumented immigrants convicted of serious or violent felonies should be deported," Panetta, a Democrat representing the 20th Congressional District, told The Pine Cone.

Panetta also backed Monterey County Sheriff Steve Bernal, who last week criticized a portion of the resolution that urged his office not to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which he said would make the county a "welcoming community for criminals."

"The sheriff has jurisdiction to enforce laws in our community," Panetta said. "Our law enforcement officials protect and serve the people of our community, regardless of their immigration status."

However, whether illegal immigrants should face possible deportation for multiple misdemeanors or serious misdemeanors — a category of crimes which includes spousal battery and drunken driving — Panetta said it depends on the case.

"When it comes to misdemeanors, you have to look at the big picture," he said. "And that means taking into account whether a person can contribute to our society."

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Del Mesa home burns in early-morning fire

By MARY SCHLEY

AWAKENED BY a loud noise — possibly an explosion — Carmel Valley resident Peggy Johnsen opened the bedroom blinds to find a cloud of sparks and debris billowing up from a nearby house early Friday morning.

"I think the fire had been going awhile," she told The Pine Cone this week. "I don't know if the noise I heard was the roof falling in, or if there was some kind of explosion."

While her husband, Rolf, ran outside to spray water on their own roof to keep the fire from spreading, Johnsen dialed 911 to report the blaze that seemed to be engulfing the house in the Del Mesa retirement community located off Carmel Valley Road.

"They asked where I lived and where the fire was, and if anyone was in the house, and I said, 'I don't think so,'" she said. "But I said, 'You better send a lot of people, because this is big.' One of the pine trees had caught fire."

Some five minutes later, at around 4 a.m., fire engines were arriving at the raging fire, Cal Fire Battalion Chief Arron Young said.

See **FIRE** page 17A

Is it spring yet?



While humans have been taking cover from a series of winter storms, some animals have needed help, too, including this nestling great horned owl the SPCA for Monterey County rescued in Soledad Wednesday. The tiny, 2-and-a-half-week-old bird was dehydrated but is doing "OK," spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said.

Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Definitive Dog

HER FAMILY could leave the front door open, and she would never leave. Unless a cat or a bunny or a ball were to whiz by. Ellie is motivated mostly by things that move really fast.

An English cream Golden Retriever, Ellie has a soft, almond-colored coat. Born in Portland, Oregon, she arrived in Chicago via Continental Airlines at 8 weeks, to the delight of her person who, between jobs, was happy to focus on her puppy.

Yet when Ellie was 6 months old, her person got a job and no longer had time to give her the attention she needed. She called her parents and said, "My vet-

erinarian and my trainer want Ellie; I'll give you third dibs on her."

Her parents pulled rank.

"Ellie is a hand-me-up from our eldest daughter," said Dad, who lives in Pasadena. "Our daughter had put her through puppy training, so we put her in another program, more to train us than the dog. She is so well behaved. For a long time, she didn't even bark."

Ellie, now 9, is usually mellow, until she gets to Carmel Beach. As soon as she hits the sand, she heads straight to the shore.

"When we play catch with her," said Dad, "every few catches she runs into the water and lies down. She always faces the beach and never lets a wave break over her head."

Ellie prefers to play catch with a tennis ball, but she also has plenty of stuffed toys and is very clear about her preferences.

"We had a box of our daughter's



stuffed animals, which we decided to give to Ellie," said Dad. "We held up each animal and, if she liked it, she took it. If not, she turned her head. She does the same thing with treats at the dog store in Carmel. She has a definitive personality."

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Council issues call for city attorney

By MARY SCHLEY

TWO CITY council members will oversee the search for a lawyer to replace outgoing city attorney Don Freeman, who announced Feb. 7 he would be retiring from the job after 33 years. The council held a special meeting last week to decide how to go about the search, settling on appointing members Carolyn Hardy and Jan Reimers to oversee the process, and requesting interested people to submit their qualifications to the city by March 3.

Anybody who applies for the job should be adept at unraveling the knot of California land use laws, including CEQA, the Coastal Act, the Subdivision Map Act, and the like, not to mention laws on open meetings and public access, civil service, and human resources law, according to a report prepared by Mayor Steve Dallas, councilwoman Carrie Theis and city administrator Chip Rerig. "Due to the nature of individuals to file suit against local government, demonstrated experience with civil (tort) litigation is also very important," they added.

Quite a list

The city has no job description for the post, and council members discussed whether they needed one. Hardy's draft of what it might look like spanned two pages.

"I put everything in this," she said. "I threw everything against the wall."

Overall, Hardy said, "The city attorney acts as legal representative of the city and advisor to the city council, mayor, city administrator, city staff, and various boards and commissions of the city. The city attorney is appointed by, serves at the pleasure of, and reports directly to the mayor and council. This position requires a highly experienced executive-level attorney who can provide expert assistance and solid legal advice, as well as provide routine legal services for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, analyze issues, and advise the city council of the legal aspects of its policy decisions and action matters, and perform other work as required."

The attorney, who would work part-time on a contract basis, should attend public meetings, provide advice to decision makers and staff, prepare legal documents, prosecute people who violate the municipal code, represent the city in court, consult on Public Records Act requests as needed, advise out-

side counsel, and undertake other duties as requested, Hardy noted.

Resident Jeff Baron agreed the city should have an official job description not only for hiring purposes, but to judge the person's performance.

"This will ensure you're getting the right person or the right firm for the job," he said. "That person or that firm can be evaluated every year based on the goals and what's in the job description."

He said candidates should also be asked to outline their potential conflicts of interest. Freeman owns property in town and occasionally had to step down as a result, Baron noted, so it would be useful to know under what circumstances the next city attorney might have to do so.

A headhunter?

Former Mayor Sue McCloud suggested the city hire a headhunting firm. "They specialize, they save you a lot of angst, they know what kind of questions to ask to get you what you want," she noted.

But council members were reluctant to spend the money on a search they felt would be regional, at most, considering their desire for candidates with local knowledge and expertise.

"If you get outside our region, you have to worry about accessibility, and travel expenses and lodging," for the city attorney, Theis added. "And that doesn't interest me at all."

Ultimately, the council decided to put Hardy and Reimers in charge of reviewing candidates who express interest in the post and making recommendations to the full council.

Members also authorized the use of a search firm to vet the final candidates, as was done when Rerig was being considered for city administrator.

"We need to keep the other three council members and the public very well informed ... to make sure the public knows where we are in the process and what happens next," Rerig commented.

Although the council agreed to the relatively tight deadline of March 3 for cover letters and lists of qualifications from candidates, Theis said she was grateful to not have to rush the process.

"For the first time in 33 years, the little City of Carmel is going to be going through this process," she said. "We can take our time and make sure that we get it right."

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Elderly man yells at owner, employees

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Carmel area: A male on Highway 1 reported his vehicle had been burglarized.

Carmel area: Person on 17th Avenue wanted to report a violation of an unserved restraining order.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A tourist reported losing a passport at an unknown location.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Short-term renter on San Carlos north of First suspects a woman from across the street had been loitering around in her house on several occasions. Renter also reported a missing necklace and prescription meds, which she thinks the same woman took.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 35-year-old unemployed male from Monterey was arrested at Mission and Seventh at 2341 hours for being a felon in possession of tear gas and a check not belonging to him. He was transported to county jail.

Pacific Grove: Officer found graffiti at Country Club Gate during a foot patrol.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a wallet on Forest Avenue. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Male on Rosemont reported his personal information was used fraudulently

in an attempt to obtain credit.

Pacific Grove: Resident came to the lobby of the police station to turn in a firearm for destruction. The firearm belonged to an elderly neighbor on Pine Garden Lane who had passed, and his widow did not want to keep the firearm. The firearm was packaged and placed into evidence for destruction.

Carmel area: Child Protective Services referral on Carmel Valley Road.

Pebble Beach: Citizen on Club Road reported his Apple watch missing/lost/stolen.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of a structure fire on Cypress Drive. The home was evacuated, and fire personnel arrived shortly thereafter.

Carmel area: Online report of identity theft on Carmel Rancho Lane.

Carmel area: Yankee Point Drive resident reported the theft of a security camera from inside his home.

Carmel area: Lower Trail resident reported a theft of tools from her carport.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person stated a jogger found a wallet on the street at San Antonio and 13th, and turned it in to her. The finder also stated she looked through the wallet for a name to search online for the person.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Outside agency assist with booking for a hit-and-run suspect, a 76-year-old retired female El Camino Estrada resident. She was also cited for backing a vehicle on a highway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 42-year-old male from Seaside was booked at the station for hit-and-run causing property damage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of the possible

illegal removal of a tree on private property on Junipero north of Second. Forestry was advised, and follow-up is pending by forestry and code enforcement for possible licensing violations.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched at 0120 hours after report of a suspicious person throwing items set on fire into the street on Ninth.

Pacific Grove: A concerned citizen on 17 Mile Drive brought to the police station some slightly burnt counterfeit U.S. currency bills. The counterfeit currency was packaged and placed into evidence for destruction.

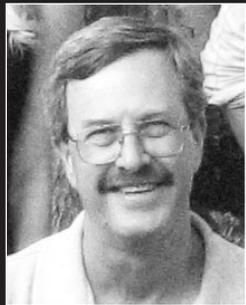
Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a welfare check for a man who was found sleeping in his car on Forest Avenue. When officers contacted the man, he stated he had recently had back surgery and was having a difficult time sleeping at night. The man was checked by fire and ambulance, and medically cleared. It was determined that the man was unfit to operate a motor vehicle due to exhaustion. The man was subsequently given a courtesy transport to his home.

Pacific Grove: Attempted check fraud. Victim was an Evergreen Road resident. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to headquarters on Pine Avenue to make contact with a male juvenile who was involved in an argument with his mom.

Pebble Beach: Male reported an unknown person(s) used his vacation home on Marcheta Lane for a period of time. The groceries were used up, bedrooms slept in, and furnace/water heater destroyed.

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Former Marina mayor candidate sues Weekly for slander, says it's 'obsessed' with him

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Marina mayoral candidate and marijuana advocate has filed a lawsuit against the Monterey County Weekly, alleging the newspaper has, since 2012, slandered and libeled him in numerous articles.

Kevin P. Saunders, who filed the complaint in small claims court Feb. 15, alleges that the Weekly's publisher, Erik Cushman, columnist Mary Duan and reporter David Schmalz are responsible for articles — some of them "sensational" — that have portrayed him unfairly, injured his reputation, and caused him emotional pain and suffering.

Saunders told The Pine Cone Wednesday that the Weekly has "branded" his name "with anti-Semitism, lunacy, mental illness," and made him seem like "someone to be feared, someone to be shunned and someone to be questioned."

The paper, which Saunders maintains is "obsessed" with him, has written extensively about his marijuana collective, mayoral bid, 2013 arrest for selling marijuana, ban from Starbucks, restraining orders against him, and his expulsion from the Monterey College of Law. Monterey County prosecutors dropped pot charges against Saunders in May 2016.

"They are obsessed in a kind of yellow-belly, sophomoric and mocking attempt to belittle me politically, intellectually and professionally," Saunders said, adding that the paper has written about his clothes, shoes, hair and other things he said were "inappropriate in context."

A quick search for Saunders' name on the paper's website shows more than two dozen stories and "Squid" items, which he's been the focus of since 2013. "Squid" is a weekly, unsigned column the newspaper often uses to mock local public figures.

While libel suits are typically filed as "unlimited" cases, meaning the plaintiff isn't sure how much he is looking for in damages, Saunders filed the claim in small claims court, which has a \$10,000 award cap. He alleges intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

In an interview with The Pine Cone Wednesday, Cushman would not address Saunders' allegations but called the lawsuit "highly unusual."

"In all my publishing years, I have never been sued for slander in small claims court," Cushman said. "I think the complaint and the method speak for themselves. There's nothing that this newspaper could do to prevent someone from filing suit."

"Rage" and "anti-Semitism"

In October 2016, Squid cited Saunders' "rage level" before calling him "uncharacteristically composed and rational" at a candidate forum. The next month, Squid accused him of making an anti-Semitic Facebook post about one of the Weekly's editors.

The complaint also names Salinas attorney Phillip Crawford as a defendant. Saunders accuses Crawford, with whom he's previously had legal battles, of using a pseudonym to pen unfavorable comments about him on the Weekly's website. Saunders said the paper was aware Crawford and others used pseudonyms to write negative things about him but did not stop the practice.

Crawford told The Pine Cone he hasn't yet been served with the complaint and hasn't had contact with Saunders "in years."

If he prevails, Saunders said he'll donate any monetary award to Dorothy's Place, a charitable organization and shelter in Salinas. He also said he'd consider dropping the complaint against the Weekly if it issued a "retraction and an apology."

Fluoride in water slows bid to open church in Cachagua

By CHRIS COUNTS

CONCERNS OVER water quality have delayed a proposal to establish a church in Cachagua.

A Monterey County Planning Commission hearing this week on a plan to turn a private residence into the First Baptist Church was postponed until May 31, due to worries about fluoride in the groundwater at the site.

"The [Monterey County] Environmental Health bureau has notified the property owner that the two existing dwellings served by a single onsite well constitute an unpermitted water system that must be brought into compliance, including reducing the fluoride levels," county planner Joe Sidor explained.

"In addition, the applicant must demonstrate that the water quality and quantity are adequate for the proposed intensification or that they have the technical, managerial and financial capability to treat the water in order

to meet the maximum contaminant level," he said.

The water issues must be resolved before the project application can move forward, Sidor added.

Fill a need?

The hearing was first set for Jan. 11, but continued to Feb. 22., so staff could investigate concerns about water quality, parking area drainage and the scope of the project. The questions regarding scope and parking area drainage have been addressed, Sidor reported.

The church would be located at 19345 Cachagua Road. Former Monterey County Herald photographer Orville Myers would serve as pastor.

Supporters say the church would fill a need in a community that doesn't have one, but detractors say the church would attract people from outside the area, increasing traffic along narrow and winding Cachagua Road.

Red Cross seeks heroes to honor

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE AMERICAN Red Cross of the Central Coast will celebrate local heroes at its annual breakfast in April. But to do so, it needs some.

"Extraordinary acts of heroism occur in our community every day, and the people responsible for them could be your neighbors, coworkers, friends or family members," the nonprofit noted.

Nominations are due Feb. 27, and are available in several categories: animal rescue, blood services, disaster services, education, first responder, Good Samaritan (adult and youth), international services, medical/healthcare, and services to the

armed forces.

Nominees must work or reside in Monterey, San Benito or Santa Cruz counties, though their heroic actions could have occurred elsewhere.

Acts of heroism that qualify for an award could be ongoing commitments lasting longer than a year, or could have taken place during 2016.

Any of the categories can be awarded posthumously, and recipients will be selected by a committee of local community leaders who will evaluate how their acts of heroism uphold the values of the Red Cross and leave a lasting impact on the community.

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Smart cars could be city's next parking scooters

—By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY'S latest batch of parking scooters are breaking down more often than they should, so Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi said this week the city will try an alternative: Smart cars.

The diminutive European auto that arrived stateside nearly a decade ago, boasting a 71-horsepower motor and a 90 mph max, might not command much respect on the highway, but it could be perfect for patrolling around town, looking for overtime parkers, red-zone violators and other stationary scofflaws.

"This is something we've been thinking about for a long time, and it really started when we were looking at what we were spending on our current vehicles," he said. Built by Westward Industries in Canada, the city's parking patrol carts are the Go-4 model and cost about \$30,000 apiece, as opposed to the \$14,500 a basic Smart car cost in 2015, Tomasi said.

"And with this current crop of Go-4s, we had a wheel fall off one, and we had the front end come apart on another," he said. Community services officer Lisa Johnson was driving the cart that lost its rear wheel. "Luckily, she was on San Carlos and not going down Ocean, or she would have probably flipped over."

He speculated the newer Go-4 carts are constructed using plastic and glue, rather than metal and bolts, and they can't handle Carmel's bumpy, steep roads, including the pitched driveway at the police station.

"The old ones were fine — it's just these newer ones. What we're seeing is less quality," he said. "We've spent a ton of money repairing these things."

As a result, police officials started searching for alternatives. A couple of other California cities have turned to Smart cars to replace their traditional scooters, and NYPD has added them to its fleet, too. The car is "all enclosed" and "a lot safer," Tomasi said, not to mention priced better.

They can easily carry the cameras, GPS systems and com-



It might make you want to stop and look around for the small child who forgot to put it back in his toy box, but a Smart car could be the latest vehicle for parking patrol in town.

puters officers now use to record the license plates and locations of vehicles when monitoring parking. (They no longer chalk tires.)

"Smart cars are actually smaller than the scooters, and their turning radius might be the same, if not tighter," he added, so officers will be able to make U-turns in intersections, as they do in the scooters.

A dealership in San Jose is planning to let the department borrow one for testing before the city commits to a new fleet of tiny cars.

"We don't want to jump into it, so they're going to loan us one and see how it feels, and is this something we could actually pull off here?" Tomasi said. The car was originally set to arrive a couple of weeks ago, but the rain and winds have delayed it.

If the officers like the Smart car, and it works well for the job, Tomasi said the department will look into purchasing a used one, to start. He speculated he could find one for about \$10,000, and could sell one of the scooters for about the same, so it would be a wash.

"It's a slow process, but we may have a used one in the next couple of months," he said.

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Cal Am reminding customers their water bills are about to get a lot bigger

By KELLY NIX

IF YOU check your California American Water bill next month and it's substantially higher than usual, it's probably not an error. Despite the deluge the Monterey Peninsula has had this winter, water customers are about to see their water bills skyrocket.

The water company last week sent mailers letting customers know of the increasing rates that will begin in March. It isn't unexpected, though, and Cal Am has been telling customers for more than a year about the increases.

"My sense is that our customers have relatively high awareness of the impending rate change," Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman told The Pine Cone. "We're doing our best to make sure customers know what to expect — through mailers, bill inserts and the recent community workshops we held."

But the rate increases will be hefty and likely shocking to ratepayers. The following are some examples: A single-family home with a current water bill of \$46.77 will see it rise to \$76.18, while a multi-family home with a \$33.90 bill will now have to pay nearly double at \$60.65.

Business customers with a \$102.95 water bill will see it rise to \$116.57, while low-income customers paying \$38.67 per month will now pay \$61.25.

In part, those increases reflect the reinstatement of an 8.325 percent user fee, which had been on bills from 1983 to 2009 but was removed in 2009.

"The user fee will go back on the bills, but it will take the place of the current Monterey Peninsula Water Management District conservation surcharge and the current Carmel River mitigation surcharge, which will come off the bills," Stedman said.

Less use, same costs

Bills will also include charges resulting from water conservation by Cal Am customers during the drought not matched with the equivalent amount of reductions in company costs, 95 percent of which are fixed.

The increases, according to Cal Am, are necessary to fund water infrastructure projects such as the removal of the San Clemente Dam, and local operations, including maintenance, labor and water production costs, and local, state and federal taxes and fees.

If there's any good news, Cal Am said, the "more equitable pricing will also spread costs more evenly across all customers on the Monterey Peninsula and correct imbalanced tiers, simplify bills and prevent large future increases."

Cal Am's staff, Stedman said, has spent a lot of time understanding the rate impacts so they can answer customers' questions and offer ways to lower their bills.

Ironically, the company also offers ways for customers to save even more water, including giving away showerheads, sink aerators and other water-saving devices. Rebates are available for the installation of low-water-use household appliances, such as toilets and washing machines.

"Rate design is complicated," she said. And despite the bill increases caused by low water use, "I would emphasize to all customers that saving water is still the best way to save money on your bill. Our staff is available both to help you understand the changes to your bill and find ways to reduce your use through generous incentive programs, including rebates and free home water audits."

Heritage society essay contest for scholarships

THE CARMEL Heritage Society has opened a scholarship essay contest for Carmel High School seniors in honor of the late Erl Lagerholm, "who loved the City of Carmel and supported all its cultural and educational endeavors with both his time and his resources."

"We are looking for ideas that will emulate his values and will celebrate the rich history of Carmel," organizers said.

This year's essay theme is, "Carmel just celebrated its 100th anniversary. What issues do you think are important for Carmel to consider over the next decade, and how will you contribute to its stability and growth?"

Essays should be between 750 and 1,000 words in length, typed and single spaced. Each submission will be evaluated for its appropriate use of grammar, spelling and editing, and should contain appropriate citations for any quotes or use of another's work. Email entries to info@carmelheritage.org by March 22. Winners will be announced in May.

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New Carmel Unified superintendent gets three-year contract

■ Also hired as ‘consultant’ until she arrives July 1

By MARY SCHLEY

WITHOUT MUCH discussion and no comments from the public, the Carmel Unified School District Board of Education unanimously voted last week to approve two contracts with incoming superintendent Barbara Dill-Varga.

The first agreement calls for her to receive \$255,000 per year, with annual raises as the board sees fit, from July 1 until June 30, 2020, unless the contract is extended. The second contract, backdated to Feb. 14, employs Dill-Varga as a “consultant,” so that she can be paid for trips out to Carmel from her home in Illinois prior to her move here, according to board president John Ellison.

“On the one hand, we want her to come and hit the ground running, but on the other hand, it wasn’t fair to have her come out and

not be paid to do that,” he explained. “The consultant agreement basically compensates for that.”

Dill-Varga will fly here for the annual goal-setting session the board and district officials will undertake in the spring, and she also made a trip here for the Feb. 15 board meeting at which her contracts were signed.

The consultant agreement calls for compensating Dill-Varga for such trips at the rate of \$1,000 per day, including travel time, plus expenses. The board set a maximum of \$15,000.

Her three-year contract requires her to work 225 days a year, and includes per-diem compensation of \$1,133.33 for any additional days she’s on the job. It provides \$15,000 to cover her costs of moving from Illinois, medical benefits and other compensation. The board can increase her salary annually, as long as it does so in a public meeting.

The contract also outlines Dill-Varga’s duties as “chief executive officer and secretary of the board.” She has primary responsi-

bility for all personnel matters, and reviews all policies to make recommendations to the board.

She must also advise the board about available funding, and “endeavor to maintain and improve her professional competence by all available means.” She has to have good relations with the community and staff, represent the board in certain matters, recommend goals and objectives, and attend meetings. She and the board must create and project a positive and professional image, so if either is unhappy with the other, those issues

have to be addressed in private.

Ellison said the board is grateful to everyone who has helped maintain CUSD’s momentum — especially Karen Hendricks, who has been working as interim superintendent since the former district head left last summer.

“We’re also excited to have permanent leadership,” he said. “We think we have continued to put on an excellent program, but having someone with Barb’s level of expertise will just help us to continue moving forward.”

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Sewage spill closes rec trail, tree slices into house in Skyline Forest

By KELLY NIX

THE STORM that ravaged Big Sur and Carmel Valley over the weekend also took its toll in Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach and Monterey, where thousands of people lost power, and strong winds downed trees, caused property damage and forced road closures.

On Monday at about 6:30 p.m., photographer Michael Troutman had pulled into the

driveway of his home off Highway 68 after shooting storm-related photographs and was sending a text message when the unexpected happened.

“And as I was about to step out of my truck, suddenly, and with no warning, there was a huge crash that shook the vehicle, and all I could see in the darkness were branches on all the windows,” Troutman explained.

Trapped inside his truck, he tried crawling out the passenger side.

“As I was doing this, my wife called me on my cell phones crying that a tree was in the living room, and she couldn’t find Pixel, our cat,” he said.

Troutman was able to wiggle out of the truck and run upstairs to the house to

embrace his wife. A tall cypress had cut down into the living room like a machete.

“I looked in the living room, and I saw where the tree hit and it had crushed the

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couch exactly where Kelly sits every night to watch TV with me and Pixel,” an emotional Troutman recalled.

Kelly called 911, and firefighters, whom Troutman called heroes, were on scene “almost immediately.” Fire crews patched up the house where the tree went through so Pixel — who was found safe and sound — couldn’t get out. Their two other vehicles were heavily damaged and aren’t drivable.

Troutman praised the Monterey city forester and crews for removing the tree from their cars and house that night, and company Property Restoration Services for sealing the house to protect it from the elements.

The good news is that his truck is still drivable and the integrity of the house has not been compromised — and nobody was injured or killed.

“Kelly and I feel incredibly blessed to not only be alive, but to have our dear Pixel and a home and cars that are all insured and relatively easily repaired,” he said.

Pump station fails

In Pacific Grove Monday, “A pump station spilled sewage over the rec trail into the bay, from the same pump station as a year-and-a-half ago,” Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe told The Pine Cone.

Crews “remediated” the spill, and the trail reopened at 2 p.m. Tuesday, said Kampe, who added that the storm has caused some erosion on the rec trail.

Thousands of residents in Pacific Grove lost power early evening Monday before PG&E crews restored it after 3 a.m. Tuesday.

In Monterey, the excessive rain, like elsewhere on the Peninsula, caused new potholes and exposed ones that had previously been repaired, Monterey assistant city manager Hans Usalar told The Pine Cone.

“Measure P [which voters approved in 2014] funded street work that has helped to bring up a bunch of our streets, so that the potential damage is less than it would have been two years ago,” Usalar said.

Schools, forest affected

Power outages in the Presidio have kept Monterey’s building maintenance workers busy monitoring heating systems and sump pumps in buildings there, Usalar said.

“Our crews have been working many overtime hours during the weekends,” he said. “We have two folks on 24/7 stand by, with additional folks ready to be called in.”

Monte Vista Elementary School in Monterey was without power from part of Friday, Feb. 17, until Tuesday — though still open for classes — before PG&E brought a generator to the school.

Meanwhile, the Del Monte Forest escaped major property damage, according to the Pebble Beach Company.

“The storm brought us some fallen trees throughout the Del Monte Forest, including one that fell from The Beach Club parking lot across the 4th Tee box of Pebble Beach Golf Links,” David Stivers, Pebble Beach Company executive vice president, told The Pine Cone. “Otherwise, there were no major losses.”

Cat Fanciers show back at fairground

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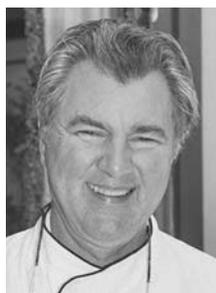
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If you’ve never been to a cat show, it’s not like a dog show — no feline would stand for that “run down and back” nonsense. Instead, they luxuriate in spectators’ attention in their kennels around the Salinas Room while waiting for their big moments.

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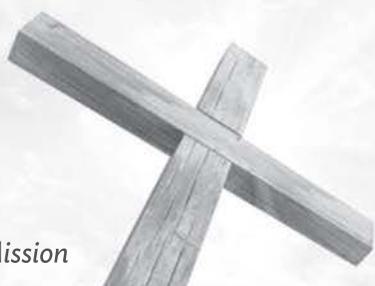
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DR. CONSTANCE STOREY WRIGHT, PH.D.

"Connie" Wright, a long-time Carmel resident, died recently at her home here after a long illness. The daughter of Dorothy Storey and Samuel L. Wright, she was born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 3rd, 1928, during her father's second year at the Harvard Law School.

She grew up in Atherton, California, and spent 12 years at the Academy of the Sacred Heart there, graduating in 1946. She received her B.A. from Scripps College, and subsequently studied at the University of California at Berkeley for her Master's degree and Doctorate where she specialized in medieval history and literature.

She spent the next 30-plus years as a professor of Medieval Studies focusing on the evolution of the English language and its literature, initially at Grinnell College in Iowa and then at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She conducted original Chaucerian research through various library collections in the United States and England and co-authored several books in her field.

During her retirement in Carmel she was a devoted member of the Carmel Residents Association and wrote a continuing series of articles for the Association's publication "News" about local historical figures and institutions under the title Old Carmel. Additionally, she did consulting and appraisal work with illuminated manuscripts and served on the advisory board of the McHenry Library at UCSC.

She is survived by her brother, Samuel Wright, and his wife Terese of Watsonville and Atherton, two nephews, Samuel of Menlo Park and John of Zurich, Switzerland, their wives and four grand-nieces and nephews. Services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Carmel Mission Foundation or the Carmel Library Foundation.



SUSAN TRAPKUS DESANTIS

April 1, 1949 – February 10, 2017
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Susan Trapkus DeSantis passed away suddenly on February 10 in San Francisco, CA. She is survived by her mother, Marjorie Trapkus, of Carmel.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated next Friday, March 3 at 10 am at Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Carmel Mission in Carmel.

Pebble Beach reads The Pine Cone

Lynn Brown Storey

Lynn Brown Storey, age 76, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) from complications after having heart surgery on Monday, February 6th.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Dr. Stephen Storey; her son Dr. Jeffrey Storey, his wife Kelly and their daughters Kasey and Kendra of Cheyenne, Wyoming; her daughter Julie Malone, her husband Eron and their children Justin, Tobey and Caitlynn of Salinas, California; and her daughter Amy Rattner, her husband Andrew and their sons Jacob and Tyler of Woodside, California. She is also survived by a large and loving extended family and close friends.

Lynn attended Palo Alto High School, where she met her husband Stephen, before attending Smith College and Stanford University, where she got her B.A. in History in 1962. She went on to receive an M.A. in Education from Stanford University in 1965. Lynn married the love of her life, Stephen Storey, in 1962 at Memorial Chapel at Stanford University. After living in various locales across the country, she and Stephen finally settled down in Salinas in 1972 where Stephen practiced orthopedic surgery for 32 years. For the last 13 years, Lynn and Stephen split their time between their homes in Salinas, California and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Lynn was first and foremost a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She spent as much time as possible with her three kids, their spouses and her seven grandchildren, who were her pride and joy. Each of her kids and grandkids had a close, meaningful relationship with her and considered her a constant source of unconditional love and support. She was passionate about her family and friends, and her vibrant enthusiasm, love of life and keen sense of humor were true hallmarks of her personality. She never met a stranger and usually befriended people within five minutes of meeting them. Her warmth and love will never be forgotten by all who knew her.

Lynn was also a dedicated professional volunteer for over 40 years. She served on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood and she was an active member and past President of the Junior League of Monterey County and the Medical Auxiliary of the Monterey County Medical Society. She and Stephen also annually sponsored emerging folk artists from across the globe, enabling them to come to Santa Fe and participate in the International Folk Art Market. Lynn also served on the Board of Directors of Lennox International, Inc. for 18 years. In her later years, she loved spending time with her family, playing bridge with friends and attending her "Bad Girls Book Club" each month.

A Private Memorial service Celebrating Lynn's life will be held in March 2017. In lieu of flowers, her family kindly requests that contributions be made in Lynn's name to Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. For more information, please see <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-mar-monte/> or email development@ppmarmonte.org

Funeral arrangements by *Struve and Laporte*.

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PANETTA

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The supervisors, including 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams, who represents the Monterey Peninsula, voted 4-1 to approve the resolution.

At a Feb. 12 immigration town hall meeting in Salinas hosted by Panetta and San Jose Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren — a Democrat who has been critical of President Donald Trump's stance on deporting illegal immigrants — Lofgren also said that undocumented immigrants convicted of serious and violent felonies should be subject to the country's deportation laws, according to Panetta.

Monterey County 2nd District Supervisor John Phillips, a retired prosecutor and judge, told the supervisors last week that it's not possible to ignore immigration consequences for illegal immigrants charged with crimes, something Panetta also noted this week.

Immigration consequences are included "in the written and verbal admonitions from a judge when they are going over a plea for defendants," Panetta said.

Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo also said he largely agrees with the resolution — including the provision that county departments, "continue to support immigrant crime victims and witnesses, and encourages them to come forward to report crime by providing certification of their cooperation." But Flippo said it's also his duty to follow the law.

"In all our cases, we take in to account the seriousness of the crimes, the impact on victims, the past record of the defendant and the impact on the community," Flippo added. "We do our best to see that all these factors and any other relevant factors are considered."



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ROBERT R. OHSIEK

Robert R. Ohsiek, Captain USN [retired], passed away from a sudden heart attack on February 7, 2017, at age 93. He was born August 11, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri to Leander and Eugenia Ohsiek, joined the Navy in 1942, and received his pilot wings shortly after. He married Jeanne Marie Partney, also from St. Louis, at that time.

With degrees from UC Berkeley, Naval Postgraduate School, and Georgetown University, Robert retired in 1974 after 32 years as a U.S. Naval aviator and squadron leader, with over 11,000 hours piloting anti-submarine patrol bombers, largely over the Pacific and Arctic regions.

As was usual in military life, the family moved often, traveling to many different locales including Hawaii, Japan, the Eastern Seaboard, the Pentagon, DC, and much of the West Coast, from Whidbey Island, WA in the north, to Imperial Beach, CA in the south.

Robert is survived by his wife of 72 years, Jeanne, of Monterey; daughter Deborah J. Morse of San Rafael; son, Robert R. Ohsiek, Jr. of Pacific Grove, and granddaughters Amanda and Katy Ohsiek.

At his request, there will be no services.

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BIG SUR

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agencies are already spread dangerously thin.”

Rocks, debris and mud

Another powerful storm hammered the Big Sur coast Feb. 18-21, leaving behind the usual array of rocks, debris and mud — and extending the closure of Highway 1 to 63 miles between Ragged Point and just south of Palo Colorado Road.

“Our goal is to make progress with the slides to regain as much access from the south as possible,” Cruz said. “We are also working to keep the roadway passable from the north to just north of the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge.”

Besides dealing with the mess at Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge, Caltrans crews were busy clearing the highway of numerous slides. For weeks, road crews have struggled to clear the pavement of slides south of the bridge. Now the problems are stretching north along the scenic route — on Feb. 20, Caltrans reported “20 to 30 slides” between the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge and the Granite Canyon Bridge.

Situation in Palo Colorado ‘grave’

Mid-Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade chief Cheryl Goetz announced Feb. 23 that Palo Colorado Road is closed to all vehicles.

“It is no longer safe to drive on,” Goetz reported. She also said the situation would continue for at least two weeks, “until the road is deemed safe by the county.”

With hillsides stripped bare of erosion-controlling vegetation by the Soberanes Fire — which destroyed 57 homes in the Palo Colorado area — residents have struggled all winter to keep their roads open.

At the moment, the biggest problem along Palo Colorado Road remains the site where Rocky Creek once passed under the road — but now passes through it. A tempo-

rary bridge that provided access for pedestrians had to be removed.

“The last big downpour was too much,” Goetz posted on social media. “We stood and watched as the abutments for the bridge started to go, and water started to come over the top of the footbridge.”

Other sections of Palo Colorado Road are in trouble as well. Resident Lloyd Jones said there are two places where water is washing over the pavement along the first two miles of the road, and he said a section of Garrapatos Road — which leads to homes in Garrapata Canyon and on Garrapata Ridge — is gone.

Adams, meanwhile, told The Pine Cone that her staff is “in daily contact” with residents and emergency workers. “The circumstance in the canyon remains grave,” she said.

Like a hurricane

Not only has the Palo Colorado area been drenched by rain, but unusually high winds added to the misery residents are facing by knocking down trees and power lines. According to Anna Schneider of the National Weather Service’s Monterey office, wind speeds as high as 85 mph were recorded Feb. 17 at Botchers’ Gap, which is located at the end of Palo Colorado Road.

While the wind blew hard in the Palo Colorado area, a rain gauge at Botchers’ Gap registered just 3.2 inches of rain from Feb. 18-21. That might seem like a lot, but further south at Anderson Peak, 7.3 inches of moisture fell over the same period. And at Mining Ridge, 8.3 inches of rain were recorded. While it’s not unusual for the rain gauges at high elevations like Anderson Peak and Mining Ridge to register high rain totals, a rain gauge at Big Sur Station along Highway 1 collected over 7 inches during the same time span.

Getting out of town

As the conditions in Big Sur deteriorate, more people are leaving. Esalen Institute

announced this week that “non-critical” staff have been asked to leave. “Our leadership team is coordinating transportation, possibly by helicopter, as soon as it is safe to travel,” the nonprofit resort and workshop center posted on social media.

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures, and for some, that means getting out of Big Sur regardless of the cost. Specialized Helicopters of Watsonville has stepped up, and for \$780, they’ll transport three people at a time from a landing zone at Post Ranch Inn to Monterey Airport. They’re also working on setting up a landing zone in Big Sur north of the bridge to lower the cost of the trips. For details, call (831) 763-2244.

Nonprofits need help

Two nonprofits in Big Sur that depend on overnight visitation but are now cut off from

potential guests are getting a boost from their supporters.

A crowdfunding campaign at <https://www.gofundme.com> is trying to raise \$10,000 to aid Esalen Institute.

“Esalen operates on a wire thin margins,” a campaign supporter said. “And as a nonprofit, they rely on the community in times like this, when they are facing all of the lost revenue from canceled workshops, which make up most all of the income Esalen relies on.”

Another campaign on the same crowdfunding site is trying to raise \$300,000 for the New Camaldoli Hermitage. Repairs to its access road could cost as much as \$250,000.

“So, like many others here on the coast, we’re in a position where we could use some support in getting through this season of storms,” a supporter added.



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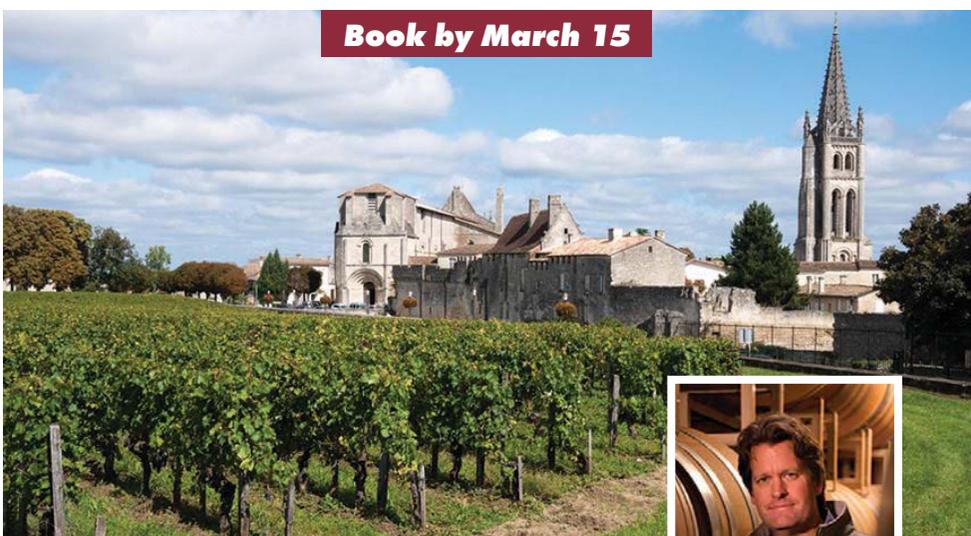
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STORMS

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crossed the road, required the closure Los Laureles Grade for several hours Friday, and downed power lines also led to detours and road closures.

On Monday afternoon, as torrential rains fell for the umpteenth time during this remarkable winter, people living along Carmel River, especially in the Robles del Rio and Paso Hondo neighborhoods in Carmel Valley Village, were told to evacuate.

"I don't think most people evacuated," he said. "I think the majority of people viewed it as, 'This is significant, but we just need to be prepared to leave.'"

One Paso Hondo resident who opted to stay agreed. She had been out shopping with her daughter and arrived home around 6 p.m. to find Monterey County Sheriff's deputies advising people to leave.

"They said we were under mandatory evacuations. We said we were staying, and most of the street did, too," she said. "Only the houses that were flooded the first time left."

And while a few of the Paso Hondo homes flooded again when the river crested, most did not, according to Ulwelling. With the help of Cal Fire and state prison inmate crews, he said, "We set up a sandbag retaining wall along the neighborhood in Paso Hondo, and there's no question that that preventative work saved a lot of residential flooding issues along that particular stretch of road."

All told, he said, "We had under a dozen homes with water in them."

"Geographically, the farther back you move into the valley, the more likely you would have flooding," he added. "Because the river is more volatile, the hillsides are steeper, and they get more rain."

Shelter opened

Some houses on Laurel Drive in the Village also experienced flooding, due to mud and runoff from the mountains. "The culverts and the drains just couldn't accommodate the rainfall," he said.

Cal Fire public information officer John Spooner said that closer to Carmel, the neighborhoods of Hacienda Carmel and Riverwood were also ordered to evacuate, and residents in Mission Fields were put on flood watch.

Jim Burns, spokesman for the local chapter of the American Red Cross, said the shelter set up at Carmel Middle School Monday had 29 people stay overnight and served about 50 meals before it was closed when the mandatory orders were lifted Tuesday.

At its highest, the river crested at more than 18 feet, as measured at a gauging station at Robles del Rio as dawn broke Tuesday, according to Spooner, and then began to recede. "The river never overtopped its banks in the Carmel area, and no serious flooding occurred," he said.

But a significant landslide shut down Carmel Valley Road near the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood, cutting off Cachagua residents from the most direct route to the Village and the Peninsula, and a huge chunk of Cachagua Grade road collapsed. Residents in that area, Ulwelling noted, are known for being self-sufficient and resilient, given the natural disasters and extreme conditions they often endure.

"It's important for the community to know that we do our best to respond" to emergencies as quickly as possible, he added.

Road to Cachagua in bad shape

Fifth District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams

called the situation in Cachagua "grim."

"The magnitude of the slide on the Cachagua Grade is so severe that it requires both a carefully engineered solution and cooperative, dry weather," she said, adding that it will be a top priority for the county's public works department. "The head of the county roads division and I drove through the affected flood areas of Carmel Valley early Sunday morning, and it was daunting," she said. And while the situation could be worse, "for residents whose lives are challenged by road closures, power outages and threatening trees, the stress is very high."

On Saturday afternoon, a car ran off the road and landed upside-down in the river off Carmel Valley Road near Rana Creek. No information was available from the CHP.

Closer to town, Spooner reported that a half-dozen trees in the Carmel Highlands area blew over Friday, five falling through power lines that trapped some residents in their homes until crews could secure the lines and remove the trees.

Following milder conditions over the weekend, he said, Monday brought more problems. "Even before power could be fully restored in some areas, trees were once again blowing over, taking power lines down with them," he said. Winds reportedly gusted to 50 mph.

Administrators at Junipero Serra School decided to cancel classes on Tuesday, even though the campus, which is located next to the Carmel Mission, is on higher ground.

Power outages plagued Peninsula residents, too, including blacking out the entire Crossroads shopping center and surrounding businesses and residents from early Monday evening to Tuesday afternoon, shutting down stores, banks and the post office. Many others were without power until late in the week.

In town, trees cause problems

In Carmel, most of the storm-related problems involved trees, as public works director Rob Mullane reported no trouble with storm drains or other infrastructure during the deluges.

City forester Mike Branson said the worst incident involved a large pine tree that fell from the median on Junipero onto a couple of cars, the deck and part of the roof of a nearby home on Monday, shutting down the road and causing minor damage. Other homes at the north and south ends of Lincoln Street sustained some damage from falling trees and limbs, and downed trees also led to the closure of Mission Trail park.

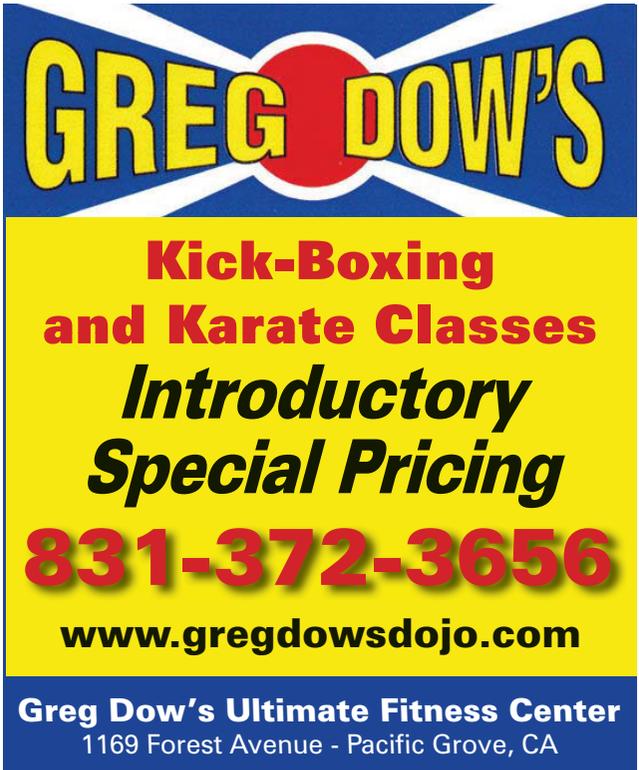
"One near the 11th Avenue entrance took out some high-voltage power lines, and PG&E had to come in and re-string them," Branson said. "And yesterday, another tree was found at the east side of the Mountain View entrance." The tree struck the larger bridge near that entrance, so it's being checked for structural damage.

"We just haven't been able to get in there — it's so wet, and there have been other priorities," Branson said of the park. "I would definitely encourage people to not go in the park in high winds."

The police department also reported significant damage to houses caused by falling trees in the areas of Dolores and First, and Fourth and Monte Verde, on Feb. 17.

On Thursday, Iverson's tree service began taking down a

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Jeannie McDermott passed peacefully away in her sleep with her two sons close by on Valentine's Day, which happens to be exactly 20 years to the day her husband and soulmate Bob McDermott also passed away. Valentine's Day was always their special day, so to be reunited on this day is a testimony that true love is indeed forever and God loves us all.

Jeannie was a woman of many talents, a savvy businesswoman who oversaw the Real Estate holdings for McDermott investments and a natural landscape designer which is evident by the sprawling home she cultivated and manicured for 38 years with her husband and son.

But to those who knew her everyone would agree that her most memorable attribute was her sense of humor, always irreverent and bawdy at times she would either leave you in tears or in need of a new diaper. She was definitely the life of the party wherever she was at. Her motto was that if she could make one person laugh a day it was a productive day.

Jeannie's favorite show was Judge Judy and when she wasn't watching the Judge school the ignorant she was busy schooling her own family and they were the better because of it.

Jeannie McDermott was the most unique and extraordinary woman you could ever know and her



absence has created an enormous void in this world that her spirit used to fill. In order to fill that void and in her honor we should all try at least once a day to make someone laugh.

Jeannie McDermott loves and adores her two sons, Bill Meyers and Stanley Drake, her two grandchildren, Amanda Meyers and Scott Drake, her three favorite nieces, Candice, Colleen and Carolyn Brewer, her good friend John Smith, her adopted niece Patricia Smith, her good friend and the most compassionate lawyer on Earth Eric Holk and the many people she's befriended along the way and last but not least her dog Milo who laid beside her faithfully as she slept away.



SHIRLEY JOAN DOE

Shirley Joan Doe, 90, passed away February 4, 2017 in Colorado Springs. She was born Oct. 3, 1926 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Richard Philip Doe.

She is survived by her brother, Jay (Tricia) Cedarleaf, of Chewelah, Washington, her daughter, Nancy (Mike) Maday, Colorado Springs, CO. Sons Charlie (Carol) Doe and Bob (Chris) Doe, Edina, Minnesota, and her grandchildren, Matt and Chris Maday, and Jackson Doe.

Memorials may be sent in her name to the National Wildlife Federation or the Arthritis Foundation. A memorial service was held Thursday, Feb. 9, in Colorado Springs.

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large pine on San Carlos Street after people reported seeing its roots bulging from the ground as the wind pushed it, according to Branson.

The city is also trying to help people who are worried about their trees or need to get them removed quickly. In general, he said, a reputable tree company knows how to assess the conditions and dangers, and can undertake the removal and deal with the associated paperwork in an expeditious manner.

“If they have an arborist or a reputable company determine that something needs attention, they can notify us afterward,” he said, “We don’t want to have a bureaucratic backup just to do the paperwork.”

But he also didn’t want people to overreact. “Every tree is moving in the wind,” he said. “We want to make sure that things are done correctly, but also make sure they’re not done without justification.”

Emergency declarations

On Wednesday, during a 10-minute meeting, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved two emergency proclamations, one pertaining to widespread storm damage throughout Monterey County, and one specifically addressing conditions in Big Sur, where the community is cut off from the Peninsula due to multiple landslides and the failing Pfeiffer Creek Bridge.

“They need our help in the form of logistical supplies that will have to be ferried in by helicopter,” Monterey County Office of Emergency Services manager Gerry Malais said. “We are organizing that.”

After a brief discussion and vote on the proclamations — which allow the county to get to work quickly, without going through the usual design, permitting and bidding processes, and also allow it to seek state and federal help — Adams commented, “We’re all going to make it through. But damn, it’s hard.”

RIVER

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“It’s very unlikely that flows were that strong,” Hampson told The Pine Cone. “At high flows, the readings are subject to a lot of variance.”

Hampson confirmed flood control work done since 1995 is playing a role in protecting homes and businesses near the river. But also aiding the effort is the riverbed, which has become deeper over time as strong flows pass over it. “That has created some additional capacity,” he explained.

Big totals

Rain, meanwhile, continues to swell the river. Matt Mehle, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, reported that Carmel received 3.3 inches of moisture Feb. 18-21, while 4.4 inches fell in Carmel Valley.

Pine Cone reporter Kelly Nix surveyed the scene from an airplane Monday morning,

and the images he captured reveal some flooding, but little damage compared to 1995, when the Crossroads shopping center and many homes were inundated.

At Rancho Cañada’s former West Course, a portion of the property where a subdivision was recently approved was above water, while much of the land that will become parkland is now the site of a meandering pond. Only a small amount water from the river veered off toward the former Odello artichoke fields, where a part of a levy was removed after 1995 to allow flood waters to flow to the south — and away from homes and businesses north of the river. There was no sign water made it to Rio Road, which is now protected by a levee.

Williams said he plans to further dredge out the area where the pond has formed to further increase its capacity for holding water. He also agreed Monday’s flows weren’t nearly as strong as those 22 years ago. “In 1995, the artichoke fields were totally underwater,” he added.

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RIBBON CUTTING



The **Carmel Chamber of Commerce** hosted a ribbon cutting at their office on the 3rd floor of Carmel Plaza. Surrounded by Carmel Chamber board members, Carmel city friends and chamber ambassadors is President/CEO Monta Potter (with scissors). *Photo by DMT Imaging.*

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FIRE

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“The first units at scene reported a duplex with one unit well involved,” he said.

The initial firefight was momentarily delayed when crews hooked a hose up to a hydrant that turned out to be dry, according to Young.

“One of the hydrants was actually dead,” he said. “Though I don’t think that changed the outcome any.”

So firefighters ran fire hose to two other hydrants that were a little farther away. Those worked fine, and the crews proceeded to dump as much water as they could on the flames, as well as on the outside of the house in an attempt to cool the fire and try to keep it from spreading to the unit next door. The house was already beyond saving.

The duplex was built on stilts, hanging over a canyon, with the units connected in the middle, Young explained. Firefighters had to be careful they didn’t end up falling into the 70-foot-deep canyon, which hampered their ability to fight the fire on the back side of the homes.

“Unfortunately, they had a common deck in back, and the fire moved from one unit to the next one because we couldn’t get back there,” he said. After fighting it as well as they could from the ground, crews used a water spout from the top of an extended ladder on the roof of a firetruck to shower more down on top of the fire.

Complicating matters further, Young said, the fire destroyed the home’s gas meter, which allowed gas to flow from the ruptured line.

“It was blowing fire the whole time we were there,” he said. PG&E couldn’t easily stop it, because a worker would have had to dig down to the line and crimp it.

“And conditions outside were pretty deplorable as it was,” Young said, with storm-driven winds whipping up the flames and smoke. “The wind was just cranking through there.”

All told, 31 firefighters on engines from several different agencies worked to put out the fire — an effort that took about two-and-a-half hours. Monterey County Regional Fire District brought its breathing support unit to help keep firefighters’ air tanks filled.



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A water spout mounted on the top of a ladder truck allowed fire crews to douse the flames from above.

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Johnsen said she and her husband were ready to flee, if needed.

“I packed up our legal papers and our medications, and we changed clothes, because I didn’t know if we would have to get out,” she said.

“Fortunately, it rained pretty well a couple of hours before that. The canyon behind the duplex was wet, the roofs were

wet, and the sparks didn’t go any farther. I have never been that close to a fire before. It was scary.”

The last of the crews left around 9:45 a.m., and fire officials estimated the losses at \$750,000 for the unit that was totally destroyed, and at around \$300,000 for the damage to the home next door. No firefighters or civilians were injured during the fire.

Young doesn’t know where or how the fire started in the home, which was unoccupied because it had recently sold

and was undergoing a remodel. The people who own the unit next door were also away at the time.

Cal Fire Capt. Catey Trenner is investigating, but Young said it may be tough to identify the cause, because the damage is so extensive.

“Our investigator wasn’t about to crawl in there,” he said, because it’s unsafe. “She may go back out there and continue the investigation, but when life safety is on the line, we’re not going to send someone in there.”

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20170318
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
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Registered Owner(s):
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This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Geoffrey S. Arnold, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 9, 2017
Original
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17/17
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Publication dates: Feb. 24, March 3 10, 17, 2017. (PC223)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20170344
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Trini’s Plumbing, 990 Prado Dr., Soledad, CA 93960, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Trinidad Zavala, 990 Prado Dr., Soledad, CA 93960
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 06/30/2016
S/ Trinidad Zavala
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 14, 2017

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. The public hearings will be opened at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. For the items on the agenda, staff will present the project, then the applicant and all interested members of the public will be allowed to speak or offer written testimony before the Commission takes action. Decisions to approve or deny the project may be appealed to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the City Clerk within ten (10) working days following the date of action by the Planning Commission and paying the requisite appeal fee.

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

DS 17-32 (Parton)
Hunter Porter Eldridge, Architect
Lopez Avenue, 4 SE of 2nd Avenue
Block: KK Lot: 22
APN: 010-231-020

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study (DS 17-32) referral to the Planning Commission for the installation of an outdoor wood-burning fireplace at the south side yard of the property

DS 16-378 (Henkel)
Adam Jeselnick, Architect
NE Corner of 9th Avenue and Monte Verde
Block: 94; lot: 20
APN: 010-193-009
Consideration of a Final Study Design (DS 16-378) for the construction of a new single-family residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District

DS 16-436 / UP 17-062 (LB Homebuyers)
Krebs Design Group, Designer
SE corner of Lopez and 2nd Ave.
Block: KK; Lot: 30
APN: 010-231-023
Consideration of Final Design Study (DS 16-436), Use Permit (UP 17-062) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing residence and construction of a new single-family residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning and Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay Zoning Districts

DS 16-439 (Webster)
Martha Webster, Property Owner
Camino Real 2 NW of 11th
Block: Q; Lot: 17
APN: 010-275-008
Consideration of a Design Study (DS 16-439) application for new landscaping and an amendment to a special condition for a previously approved residential remodel project located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District

DS 16-466 (Cosentino)
Claudio Ortiz Design Group
Mission Street, 4 NE of 10th Avenue

Block: 109; Lot: 12
APN: 010-076-015
Consideration of a Concept Design Study (DS 16-466) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new single-family residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning and Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay Zoning Districts

DS 16-472 (Wilson)
Claudio Ortiz Design Group
Mission, 2 NW of Vista Avenue
Block: 4.5; Lot: 15
APN: 010-115-016
Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 16-472) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new single-family residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District

UP 17-020 (C Pines 7)
Adam Jeselnick
SE Corner 7th and Dolores Street
Block: 91; Lot: 20
APN: 010-145-020
Consideration of Use Permit (UP 17-020) application for the addition of a 649-square foot second-level mezzanine within an existing commercial building. The project site is located at the southeast corner of Dolores Street and 7th Ave in the Service Commercial (SC) Zoning District.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Marc Wiener, Community Planning and Building Director
Publication dates: Feb. 24, 2017. (PC225)

Public Notice

RFQ# 16-17-11

The City of Carmel-by-the Sea requests qualifications-based proposals from individuals or firms to provide the City with legal direction of municipal affairs and provide a broad range of routine legal services.

The Request for Proposal Solicitation is at <http://ci.carmel.ca.us/carmel/> or at Carmel City Hall.

Proposers are required to submit:

- Four (4) hard copies of the proposal and an electronic copy in PDF of the proposal on a CD or USB drive shall be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the caption: “City of Carmel-by-the-Sea – Proposal for City Attorney Legal Services (RFQ #16-17-11)” addressed to:

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall
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All proposals must be received no later than **4:00 p.m., March 10, 2017**. By submitting a proposal for the requested services, each respondent is certifying that its proposal is in compliance with this request.

Publication date: Feb. 24, 2017 (PC230)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 4:30 pm

Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. or later, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing at East side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the hearing is to gather public input prior to taking action on the proposal described in this notice. Persons interested in the proposal are encouraged to review additional materials available at the Department of Community Planning and Building located at City Hall on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues, phone number 831-620-2010, prior to the meeting date.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the planning commission on or the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Proposed Action: Consideration of an appeal of the Planning Commission’s decision to approve a Design Study (DS 16-400) application for the construction of a detached garage in the composite side-yard setback on a property located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District. The applicants are Jim and Lynn Neckopolus. The appellants are Frank and Marguerite Primrose.

Project Location: Lobos St., 2NE of 4th Ave.
Parcel Description: Block: 1B, Lot: 4 (APN: 010-013-006)
Planning Case No.: DS 16-400
Environmental Status: Exempt - Section 15301 (Class 1) of CEQA Guidelines.
Coastal Permit Status: Not Required
Is this Project appealable to the Coastal Commission? Yes No
Applicant: Jim and Lynn Neckopolus
Appellant: Frank and Marguerite Primrose
Case Planner: Marc Wiener, AICP, Community Planning and Building Director

Dated: 2/24/2017
For Publication: 2/24/2017

Publication date: Feb. 24, 2017 (PC228)

Public Notice

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Proposed Action: Consideration of an Ordinance (First Reading) amending Municipal Code Sections 17.14, 17.56 and 17.68 in order to permit counter-service restaurants and to modify other restaurant and food store regulations.

Parcel Description: City-Wide, Commercial Zoning Districts (CC, SC, RC)

Planning Case No.: N/A

Environmental Status: Exempt - Section 15305 (Class 5 – Minor Change to Land Use) of the State CEQA Guidelines

Coastal Permit Status: Requires Certification by Coastal Commission

Staff: Marc Wiener, Community Planning and Building Director

Dated: 2/21/2017
For Publication: 2/24/2017

Publication date: Feb. 24, 2017 (PC226)

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA
FY 2016/2017 SIDEWALK REPAIRS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will receive sealed bids at City Hall, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues until 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at which time bids will be opened for the **FY 2016/2017 SIDEWALK REPAIRS** project. Sealed bids shall be submitted to the attention of the City Clerk at Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall.

This work consists of the removal and replacement of a segments of sidewalk mostly located within the commercial district, installation of standard and permeable pavers, asphalt concrete sidewalk, blocking out for tree wells, resetting existing utility boxes, construction and reconstruction of cobblestone curb and gutter, driveway depressions, and all other work shown on the plans.

All bids must be submitted only on forms furnished by the City. Bid forms and specifications for this project may be obtained at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from the City Clerk at (831) 620-2000. The Contractor shall have the right to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to insure performance under the contract pursuant to Government Code Section 4590. All technical questions regarding plans and specifications should be directed to Sherman Low, Neill Engineers Corp. at (831) 624-2110.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any irregularities.

Each bid shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted therefore, submitted on the proposal form furnished.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Bids shall be in accordance with the prevailing hourly rate of per diem wages for this locality and project as determined by the State of California Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1771, which prevailing hourly rate of wages is made a part of this Notice to Bidders by reference as though fully set forth herein.

If the project requires the employment of workers in any apprenticeable craft or trade, once awarded, the contractor of subcontractors must apply to the Joint Apprenticeship Council unless already covered by local apprentice standards (California Labor Code Section 1777.5).

The Contractor shall submit with the proposal on the form supplied, a list of the names and addresses of each subcontractor and the portions of the work, which each subcontractor will do. If no such list is submitted, it will be assumed that the contractor will do all the work herein specified.

Bids must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) bid bond payment in the form of securities, certified check, cash, cashier’s check or corporate bond.

Within ten (10) working days after acceptance and award of the bid, Contractor must provide a Performance Bond to insure performance under the contract pursuant to Government Code Section 4590.

The successful bidder and his sub-contractors must obtain a City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Business License. Proof of valid Workers’ Compensation Insurance and General Liability and Property Insurance, with limits as specified under the Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance Section of this document, shall be submitted to the City. **The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, its elected officials, agents, officers, and employees shall be specifically named, by written endorsement to the Certificate of Insurance, as additionally insured’s for this project under such insurance policy and Contractor shall provide the certification of such insurance for the term of this contract. The amount of such insurance shall be as follows: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in aggregate.** The Certificate of Insurance shall guarantee that the issuing company shall provide to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea no less than ten (10) days prior written notice of any cancellation of the Public Liability and Property Damage Policy. All required documents, licenses and permits to include proof of all applicable insurance coverages as required by the State of California or by the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea shall be placed on file with the City Clerk before work shall commence and no later than ten (10) working days after acceptance and award of the bid.

Dated: Ashlee Wright, City Clerk
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**City of Carmel-By-the-Sea
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Park Branch Library Carpeting Project
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PROPOSALS DUE BY 11:00 AM March 16, 2017**

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea (City) is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors (with an Active “C-15” class license) to replace the carpets for designated areas of the Park Branch Library. Trevor Forster has been retained as the City’s Contract Project Manager and will be your primary contact throughout the course of the project.

Please carefully review the entire Bid Documents and all attachments before responding. (see below for locations to review the Bid Documents).

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on the bid proposal unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded this contract unless registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

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The deadline for submitting Bids is: 11:00 AM March 16, 2017.

Bids arriving after the specified date and time will not be considered. Each Bidder assumes responsibility for timely submission of its proposal.

Bid Walk: There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and site walk at the job site at the Park Branch Library located between NE Mission and 6th Avenue, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921 at 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2017.

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String quartet keeps it 'fresh and exciting,' 'Swingin' Nik' gets proper send-off

NAMED AFTER a Greek god famous for his skill and innovation in the arts, **The Daedalus String Quartet** performs Saturday, Feb. 25, at Sunset Center.

Featuring **Min-Young Kim** and **Matilda Kaul** on violin, **Jessica Thompson** on viola and **Thomas Kraines** on cello, the string quartet was founded in 2000, and the following year, it captured First Prize at the Banff International String Quartet Competition.

The ensemble played once before at Sunset Center in 2012.

"They're special musicians," said **Amy Anderson** of Chamber Music Monterey Bay, which is presenting the con-

cert. "They're so dedicated — even if they perform something 30 times, it still sounds fresh and exciting."

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The ensemble will play Joseph Haydn's *String Quartet in D Major, Op. 1, No. 3*; Weinberg's *String Quartet No. 8*; and Beethoven's *String Quartet, Op. 131*.

The Haydn composition is the first string quartet he wrote — and an important step in the evolution of the genre.

"Haydn was the father of the string quartet," Anderson told The Pine Cone. "He developed the forms we know today."

And Anderson called the Beethoven piece one of the composer's late — and greatest — works.

"It's monumental work that is full of feeling," she added. "He was totally deaf by that point. I can't wait to sit and listen, close my eyes and disappear in it."

See **MUSIC** page 23A



Singer-songwriter Matt Bradford (left) takes the stage Saturday at Cooper's Pub in Monterey. A folk duo from Oregon, Hollis Peach (center) plays Saturday at Evolution Studio in Pacific Grove. The Daedalus String Quartet (right) performs Saturday at Sunset Center.

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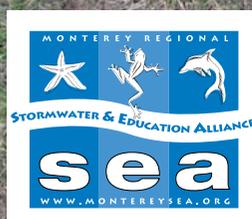
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Photographers enter third decade, unveil show

A PHOTOGRAPHY group with more than 60 members who live on the Monterey Peninsula or nearby, ImageMakers will present an exhibit, "20 Years of Creativity," Feb. 25 at the Center for Photographic Art.

The nonprofit's roster features many of the region's finest photographers, including **Bob Sadler, Kenneth Parker, Bert Ihlenfeld, Craig Lovell, Cara Weston, David Gubernick, Martha Casanave** and others. The images in the new display were selected by the center's **Brian Taylor** and **Rick Murai**.

"This is a very exciting and diverse show," Taylor, the center's executive director, told The Pine Cone. "There are 46 different photographs in the show, and each by a different photographer. We're very pleased to welcome them into our gallery."

Imagemakers president **Jack Wasserbach** will give a presentation in Carpenter Hall Saturday at 4 p.m., and a reception will follow at the Center for Photographic Art, which is located just a few steps away.



This photograph by Jeanne Marino, "Woman in Netting," is featured in a show opening Saturday at the Center for Photographic Art.

ters, and feature a silent auction. "There will be something for everybody," Raggert said.

The money raised by the fundraiser will help the nonprofit build its next school. Raggert said it's too early to say where it will be constructed. "We built our first school in 1999, and on Friday, we will try to raise enough money to build our 80th," she added. The church is located at Lincoln and Ninth. Visit <http://www.schools3.org>.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Founded in 1996, the group works "to ensure that photography, as a vital art form, will continue and thrive on the Monterey Peninsula," its website reads.

The show will be on display through April 2. The center is located inside Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-5181 or visit <http://photography.org>.

Art sale to build schools

A fundraising art sale Feb. 24, 4:30 p.m., at All Saints' Episcopal Church will benefit Schools3, a local nonprofit that builds schools in the third world, particularly in Mali.

"This be our seventh art party," explained **Tory Raggert**, whose late husband, Jon, founded the nonprofit in 1994. "We do this every other year."

The sale in Secombe Hall will include art created by local painters, photographers, sculptors, quilters, jewelers and pot-

Volunteers sought for United Way awards

THE UNITED Way Volunteer Center is seeking nominations for the 41st Annual Community Service Awards, which honor volunteers who have made significant contributions within the past year. Organizations can nominate individuals, groups or corporate volunteers, including youth, who "are especially sought."

Any nonprofit or faith-based organization, public agency, school or business in Monterey County can submit nominees. Applications are due by March 17. The ceremony will take place Tuesday, April 25, at the Monterey Plaza Hotel on Cannery Row.

For more information or for a nomination form, visit www.UnitedWayMCCA.org/CSA2017.

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GOURMETFEST ON ITS WAY, CSA DAY FRIDAY, AND JAZZ FOR THE KIDS

DAVID FINK'S Relais & Chateaux GourmetFest — a long weekend of wine tastings, epicurean social gatherings, lunches, a couple of extremely high-end meals, and other events in mid-March — is entering its fourth year, and he's excited about it.

"I'm always excited about the welcome party, because it's the event where you have the chance to meet the most chefs and taste the centerpiece wines that are here, and it is such a great value," he told The Pine Cone Wednesday, immediately launching into what finds most compelling about the lineup

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

for this year.

The welcome party, which kicks off the festivities Thursday, March 16, will take place at La Playa Carmel from 6 to 9 p.m., and will feature world-class Relais & Chateaux chefs like Daniel Boulud, Nathan Rich, Shinichiro Takagi, Justin Cogley and Yulanda Santos (of Fink's own Aubergine restaurant), Derek Poirier with Valhrona, Chris Kajioka, and Per Hallundbæk. Among the special wine guests set to pour are Aurelien Valance of Chateau Margaux, Dominique Lafon of Domaine Comte des Lafon, and Philippe Prost of Bouchard Père & Fils, along with 18th-generation sake maker Taichiro Fukumitsu. The cost is \$225 per person, and Fink said he tries to keep it from getting too crowded, so everyone has a chance to savor everything.

Friday and Saturday mornings, fitness fans who want to offset their indulgences will have the rare opportunity to participate in a guided bicycle ride, featuring top athletes and ultra-high-end equipment. Friday's wild mushroom hunt and accompanying luncheon at the gorgeous and private Santa Lucia Preserve always sells out, and this year's crop promises to be particularly impressive, considering the Peninsula's copious winter rains.

"The tastings this year are very, very special," Fink continued, with rare selections from Domaine des Comtes Lafon — "which have the deepest and coldest cellars in Burgundy which nurture some of the greatest dry white wines made in the Cotes de Beaune today" — and a stunning array of Le Corton wines from Bouchard Pere & Fils, not to mention a

selection of rare wines from Chateau Margaux and special Champagnes by Pommery.

A tasting that will mean even more to locals will celebrate five decades of Chappellet wines. The Chappellet family has deep roots here, particularly on the storm-ravaged Big Sur coast, and Fink said the tasting will include the winery's inaugural Cabernet Sauvignon, the 1969 vintage. "It's probably the finest Cab ever made in California, and they're bringing it," he said. "I've never even tasted it, and I've tasted most of the great wines of the world."

Boulud's cooking demo and lunch, on which he'll collaborate with Rich, will also feature Chappellet wines, as well as those of sommeliers Rajat Parr and Larry Stone, who will be presiding over the weekend's various wine tastings.

"For the real pleasure seeker and the real gourmand, there are a few tickets left for the rarities lunch and the rarities dinner," Fink added. "And those are always the biggest ticket and smallest number people." Indeed, the 10-course rarities dinner at Aubergine will feature the cuisine of multiple Michelin-starred chefs paired with wines directly from the cellars of Château Margaux, Domaine des Comte Lafon,

Bouchard Père & Fils and Champagne Pommery — and costs \$5,500 per person to attend. The slightly less dear Rarities of the Sea and Champagne lunch, also to be held at Aubergine, will pair seafood delicacies with the best bubbly, at a cost of \$1,495 per person.

All told, the Relais & Chateaux GourmetFest features 18 different events. For a detailed schedule, prices and other information, visit <http://www.gourmetfestcarmel.com>. The event also includes an online auction, with proceeds supporting the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

■ Direct from farms

Feb. 24 has been dubbed CSA Day — a nationwide campaign to encourage people to eat more locally grown produce by buying it directly from the farms. CSA stands for "community-supported agriculture," and refers to people paying to have farm-fresh produce delivered either to their doors, or to

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Relais & Chateaux GourmetFest founder David Fink says his annual event brings together the most Michelin-starred chefs in one place for a long weekend of food and wine.



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conveniently located pickup spots, weekly. The money they pay, often at the start of the season, helps sustain the farmers throughout the year, allowing them to continue operating on a smaller scale than most commercial farms.

According to the CSA Farming Annual Report published by Small Farms Central, the most popular time to join a CSA is at the end of February, so CSA Day was created to encourage people to join.

Monterey County is rich with CSAs, from Jamie Collins' Serendipity Farms (<http://serendipityorganics.com>) in Carmel Valley, to High Ground Organics (www.highgroundorganics.com) in Watsonville, and J&P Organics (www.jporganics.com), which gathers produce from several different organic farms and delivers it to subscribers' doors.

For more about the overall movement and CSA Day, visit www.smallfarmcentral.com and <http://www.csaday.info>.

■ **Refillable ice cream jars**

In its ongoing efforts to reduce consumer waste — which began with using reusable tasting cups and spoons for its sampler of six different flavors — Revival Ice Cream in downtown Monterey has begun offering refillable pint jars. Repeat customers who return to refill their stylish containers will save \$1 on their purchases every time.

Owned and operated by former Aubergine pastry chef Ron Mendoza, Revival is located at 463 Alvarado St. Flavors change often and always capitalize on local ingredients and creative combinations. See www.revivalicecream.com for more information.

■ **March wines at Montrio**

Christian Adams, wine director at Montrio Bistro on Calle Principal in Monterey, continues to express his deep knowledge and passion for German and Austrian wines with this month's featured wines of Austria, including white selections

like 2014 Emmerich Knoll Grüner Veltliner, 2015 Sattlerhof Sauvignon Blanc, 2015 Kracher Pinot Gris and 2015 Stadt Krems Riesling, as well as two less common red varietals: 2014 Paul Achs Blaufrankisch and 2012 Schloss Gobelsburg Sankt Laurant. For a sweet wine, Adams picked 2015 Weszeli Riesling.

"This country is chock-full with wine history and has a bright future — not only due to its high-acid wines made in either the steppes of the Alps and its flatland valleys, but because it also has only benefited from global temperature changes in regards to red wines. These wines are food-friendly and heartwarming. From geeks, to simple wine drinkers, this will cause excitement."

Montrio is open nightly for dinner. For reservations or more information, visit www.montrio.com.

■ **Fling benefits school bands**

The Hyatt Regency Monterey will host its March Jazz Fling March 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., to benefit the musicians of Pacific Grove and Monterey high schools. The evening will include plenty of tunes, as well as food and drink from the kitchen where the talented Ross Kilkenny was recently promoted to executive sous chef.

Kilkenny arrived in Monterey in February 2015 and "has been a huge part of elevating TusCA Ristorante to the next level, with his care for product and capturing the freshness of the seasonal food the Salinas Valley offer," according to the hotel. He was born and raised in Ukiah, discovered his passion for cooking as a teenager, pursued it in school, and graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. Not only has he continued to bolster his culinary education over the years, but he's worked in fine-dining restaurants, in large catering operations, and also for himself, when he owned and operated Kilkenny Kitchen in Ukiah before selling it. To see what he's up to, stop in at TusCA Ristorante in Monterey.

For tickets to the Jazz Fling, go to <http://www.winedinejam.com>. Ticket prices are \$45 for adults and \$10 for students, including tax and tips, and 80 percent of the proceeds will benefit the schools.

■ **Chicken and brisket with Cal**

Cal Stamenov, executive chef of Lucia in the Bernardus Lodge, is an expert at creating beautiful and compelling dishes that capital-

ize on the best ingredients, including items grown in his own garden and at the lodge.

But on one evening next month, he'll delve into something different when he demonstrates how to prepare the gourmet version of one of the best comfort-food combos around: chicken and brisket. For a too-brief time, the hotel restaurant offered affordable and delicious chicken and brisket dinners on Wednesdays, much to the delight of locals, and Stamenov will tap into that vibe again during the March 9 dinner.

The evening will begin at 6:30 with a reception on the Harvest Terrace that includes live music and Southern-inspired cocktails hosted by St. George. Best known for its gins, St. George also produces vodkas, absinthe, rum, whiskies and liqueurs.

Next, the Harvest Room's exhibition kitchen will be center stage for Stamenov's smoked Wagyu brisket and organic fried chicken, which will be paired with three wines from the lodge's expansive cellar.

The cost to attend is \$65 per person, plus tax and tip, and reservations are required. Visit <http://www.bernarduslodge.com>. The lodge is located at the intersection of Carmel Valley Road and Los Laureles Grade in Carmel Valley.

■ **Honey dinner**

The Beach House at Lovers Point will have teenager Jake Reisdorf of Carmel Honey Company in attendance for its inaugural Bee Education Dinner Thursday, March 16, at 6 p.m. The event will commemorate the arrival of his beehives at the restaurant this spring, and the use of their honey for new cocktails and dishes created by executive chef Matthew Farmer.

Following Bee Sting cocktails and passed appetizers that incorporate Reisdorf's honey, guests will sit down to seared sesame-encrusted yellowfin tuna paired with the Bees Knees Margarita.

Next, the Beach House Salad will be dressed in honey-citrus vinaigrette and served with 2013 Albatross Ridge Estate Chardonnay, followed by braised short ribs with smashed potatoes and honey-glazed carrots, accompanied by 2012 Albatross Ridge Cuvée Vivienne Pinot Noir. Dessert will be cheese and honeycomb, paired with the Pinot Noir or Chardonnay.

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The concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 to \$52. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-2212 or visit <http://www.chambermusicmonterey-bay.org>.

■ A night for jazz lovers

An ensemble of local musicians will pay tribute Feb. 24 at the Hyatt Regency, to jazz greats Benny Goodman and Pete Fountain — and at the same time — they will honor one of their own, **Nik Bortolussi**, with a “farewell jam.”

“Nik is a swingin’ clarinet player who has delighted his bandmates and the audience at the Hyatt on many occasion,” drummer **David Morwood** explained. “Sadly he is moving up north. We will miss him.”

Besides saying farewell to Bortolussi, the band will pay tribute to Goodman and Fountain, each of whom left an indelible mark on jazz.

“In the ‘20s and ‘30s, Benny Goodman was the first bandleader to integrate a big jazz band with both white and black musicians — his playing was both lyrical and technically amazing,” added Morwood, who will be joined Friday by bassist Steve Uccello and “surprise guests.” “Pete Fountain, who recently passed away, was part of the New Orleans scene. He made many great records over the years and had a very distinctive sound. This will be a night not to be missed by any jazz fan.”

The music starts at 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency, located at 1 Old Golf Course Road. Call (831) 372-1234.

■ “Exoticism in Music”

A new generation of classical musicians will take the stage Feb. 26 at Sunset Center when **Youth Music Monterey County** presents its latest concert, “Exoticism in Music.”

The Junior Youth Orchestra will play Mikhail Ippolitov Ivanov’s *Procession of the Sardar*, Edvard Grieg’s *Arabian Dance* and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov’s *Fantasy on the Serbian Themes*, while **The Honors Orchestra** will perform Rimsky-Korsakov’s *Scheherazade*.

The performance will also showcase Youth Music Monterey County’s 2017 Concerto Competition Winner, trombonist **Elijah Taurke**.

The concert begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. Call (831) 375-1992.

■ Not your uncle’s folk duo

Under the banner of **Hollis Peach**, songwriter and guitarist **Dan Sherrill** and singer **Jacqui Aubert** take the stage Feb. 25 at Evolution Studio in Pacific Grove.

Sherrill and Aubert are founding members of Patchy Sanders, a six-piece “folk orchestra” from Ashland, Ore.

“This is not your old hippie uncles’ folk duo,” said **Jennifer Haydu**, the owner of the studio. “These two have quirky, eccentric songs, beautiful harmonies and a magical sound that drew me in.”

Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Evolution Studio located in back of the American Tin Cannery on Sloat Avenue. Call (831) 601-0427.

■ Same trio, different season

Three local performers with an affection for all things Irish — harpist **Amy Krupski**, singer **Shannon Wardo** and actor **Taelen Thomas** — will present a celebration of poetry and music Saturday, March 25, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula.

Familiar faces around town, Krupski, Wardo and Thomas team up every December to present an annual Celtic Christmas Concert.

The event begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and students, and free for kids under 12. The

church is located at 490 Aguajito Road.

■ Live Music Feb. 24-30

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

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — **The Kimball Hooker Band** (r&b, Friday and 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 — guitarist **Joe Lucido** (jazz, r&b and world music, Friday at 9 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Matt Bradford** (Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Lillie Lemon** headlines a “Jam in your Jammies” party (Friday at 7 p.m.). Admission is \$5 if you’re wearing pajamas and \$10 if you’re not. 498 Washington St., (831) 373-5601.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa — clarinetist **Nik Bartolussi**, bassist **Steve Uccello**, drummer **David Morwood** and surprise guests (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); trumpeter **Dave Hoffman** with **The David Morwood Jazz Band** and special guests (jazz, Saturday 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.

Lucia Restaurant 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.

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.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, 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-songwriter **Kiki Wow** and friends (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Robert Elmond Stone** (country, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Run in Name of Love registration opens

THE SEVENTH annual Run in the Name of Love will take place on Father’s Day, and registration opened this week. The June 18 race features a 5K run and a dog-friendly 2K walk/run through Carmel and along the coast, finishing at the beach at the foot of Ocean Avenue.

Proceeds from the event will benefit

Just Run, the Big Sur International Marathon’s highly regarded youth fitness program.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.runinthenameoflove.org. Those running in honor of someone can submit text and photos for inclusion in the free online tribute book, too.



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Living a rich and rewarding life through helping others

SIQBHAN GREENE was born and raised smack-dab in the middle of Long Island, in a town she says nobody likes to acknowledge when they leave New York, at least not until singer Billy Joel did. But Hicksville, founded by Mr. Hicks, a potato farmer, is actually a large, busy suburban community — and when Greene grew up there, it was mostly Irish Catholic and Italian Catholic, where families with five to eight kids was the norm. Greene was the fifth of five, in her family.

A graduate of C.W. Post College, with a degree in recreation therapy, Greene went to work as a therapist for a psychiatric unit at a hospital on Long Island. But after a trip to San Francisco to attend a wedding, she decided she needed to move there.

Greene waited until after Christmas to break the news to her parents that she was moving to California. Her brother, Brian, flew in from Texas to drive his sister across the country. Three-and-a-half days later, she'd moved into a residence club on California Street.

Having waitressed during college, Greene walked into the legendary Tadich Grill in the Financial District to secure a job. They took one look at the little 20-something girl from Hicksville and said, "Women don't wait tables here."

The Chestnut Street Bar & Grill in the trendy Marina District gave Greene a job, though, and she worked there just long enough to get her bearings before returning to her field.

She got her first career job, filling in for a woman on maternity leave, at West Oakland Mental Health Center, and then went on to Villa Fairmont, a mental health rehabilitation center, which serves adults with a history of severe mental illness.

"A psychiatric sub-acute facility, it works with a rehabilitative model instead of sending patients off to the state hospital," said Greene. "We did tremendously interesting work."

Villa Fairmont is also where she met her husband, psychiatrist Dr. Joe Greene.

The couple were married at Robles del Rio Lodge in Carmel Valley, where, in 1987, they bought a little weekend house on Upper Circle.

Real neighbors

By that time, Greene had been working as director of activity therapy for what was then Alta Bates Herrick Hospital in Berkeley. In 1989, she went on maternity leave. That August, on the day of the foreshock tremor to the Loma Prieta Earthquake that would hit in October, Brigid Greene was born.

"Shaken by the quake, we came down to Carmel Valley with the baby for a couple of weeks, and found our house filled with balloons, and Champagne in the fridge," said Greene. "We had left our house in San Mateo

where we worked so much we hadn't gotten to know anyone, and walked into our weekend house to realize what home and community really felt like. It was a pivotal moment when we knew it was where we wanted to be."

By Christmas, the Greens had moved, with two grown dogs, a puppy and a baby, into their Carmel Valley cottage.

In 1992, Byron Greene was born. His mother took on a Gymboree franchise, but soon decided it was too much with two small children in tow. A regular at Chamisal Tennis and Fitness Club, Greene began teaching land and water aerobics classes at the club.

"I had gone from holding a pretty significant position at a major hospital, to being mother of two small children, teaching fitness, and I really enjoyed that time in my life," Greene recalled.

More meaningful

She later went to work in the development department at All Saints' Day School, where her children attended, but she decided she'd rather be involved there as a parent than as an employee. So, she accepted a position as marketing director at Four Sisters Inns. She enjoyed the marketing aspect but felt she needed something more meaningful in terms of community service.

That's when she found a tiny ad seeking a development director for CASA — the Court Appointed Special Advocates program, which serves as a voice for foster children in the county.

"I didn't know anything about CASA, but after I talked with the director about the program and what it does for children, I thought it was perfect," Greene said. "I gave them only one caveat, that I would always get my work done, but that I was a parent first. The



Siobhan Greene

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

director said, 'If this organization doesn't have that philosophy, I don't know who would.'"

Greene worked with CASA for 11 years, just over eight of which she served as executive director.

"CASA was work that needed to come from the heart. It was never going to be an easy day for me," said Greene. "The stories weren't easy. It was always challenging and complex, but it was always a job that felt like one of the most important ways I could devote my time to the community."

She wasn't looking for another job, but it found her. Three years ago, she received a call from a friend who recommended she consider becoming the CEO and President of the Hospice Giving Foundation.

"It was a very difficult decision to leave CASA," said Greene. "I talked with my sister Maureen, who said, 'What you've done for the kids is wonderful, but it's time to do something else.'"

Three years later, Greene seeks to educate the community about hospice care and to

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Breast cancer group hosts bowl-a-thon

THE BREAST Cancer Assistance Group, which helps women undergoing diagnosis, treatment or recovery from breast cancer meet basic living expenses, will team up with Pacific Grove High School to host the 15th annual Bowl-A-Thon at Monterey Lanes March 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event is held in honor of Isabelle McKay Giacolone, a PGHS graduate who had two young children when she died of breast cancer.

Participants can form their own teams of up to six players, or ask to join one, and the \$50-per-player fee is due the day of the bowl-a-thon. The cost covers two games, shoe rental and lunch.

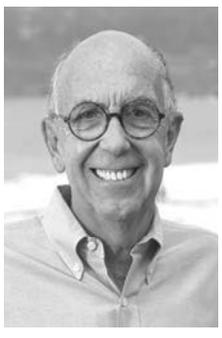
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Feb. 26 — Join Carmel Valley Chamber for the 5th Annual Night with The Stars at Quail Lodge & Golf Club. Event begins with a Big Sur Vineyard Red Carpet Reception at 4:30 p.m. followed by CV Business awards, three-course meal, Cima Collina and Bernardus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

Feb. 26 — Carmel Citizens of Year Celebration, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, Carmel Woman's Club. Outstanding citizens Melanie Billig and Mike Brown will be honored for their volunteer work in the Carmel community at a celebration hosted by the Carmel Residents Association. Free and open to all. Wine, appetizers and a tribute cake will be served following presentation of honorees by City Administrator, Chip Rerig.

March 4 — PacRep's "Rumble in the Jungle," a benefit for the School of Dramatic Arts, 6 p.m. at Corral de Tierra Country Club. Have a Wild Time feasting on sumptuous cuisine and Cima Collina wines

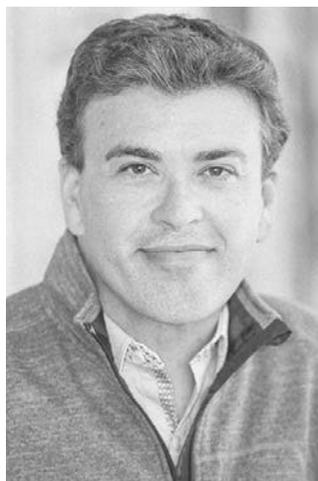
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March 4 — Carmel High School Sober Grad Night Rummage Sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Carmel High School Performing Arts Theatre Lobby. All proceeds will benefit Carmel High's Senior Class of 2017 Sober Grad Night on June 2. Donations of gently used sellable items will be accepted at the theater 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, March 3 and then again from 3:30-6p.m. Details: contact Boryana Griffin, chairwoman, at carmel-highsobergrad@gmail.com.

March 6 — "Tea With The Queen," a high tea in the English tradition will be presented by London-born Karen Anne Murray, proprietor of the Eddison & Melrose Tea Room, at the Carmel Woman's Club, 2 p.m. Monday, March 6. Although never personally invited to attend such an auspicious event at Buckingham Palace, Murray will demonstrate what Her Majesty's table might look like for the occasion. Members, free; guests \$10, includes tea and refreshments. Memberships available at the door. Contact (831) 624-2866 or fitsnyder@comcast.net.

March 9 — Pacific Home Reverse Mortgage Center in cooperation with the Monterey County Association of REALTORS (MCAR) is offering, at no charge, a Reverse Mortgage Seminar at 1:30 p.m. March 9 at MCAR (call for directions). Light refreshments served. To reserve a seat, call (831) 648-8080.

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help people prepare for end of life, not merely through estate planning, but in all the different aspects where, she says, the heartache comes for the family.

“Among my big goals,” she said, “is to become a model community where people know what their options and choices are, and have heartfelt conversations with friends, family and physicians, and to expand hospice care into pockets of the people in the

community that don't have as many resources.”

Last fall, Greene completed her year as President of Rotary Club Carmel-by-the-Sea, and stepped down after 10 years as Monterey County Juvenile Justice Commissioner.

This deep into a dynamic career devoted to helping others, what truly make her life complete, says Greene, are her children, her husband, and her dog, and the time she spends with them. “It has been a rich and rewarding career,” she said, “but nothing is as rewarding and lovely as my family.”

LETTERS

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'Nimrods' in government

Dear Editor,

Regarding the sanctuary proclamation of the board of supervisors for illegal immigrants. Love it, Love it, Love it! Apart from Sheriff Bernal and Supervisor Phillips, we see once again the caliber of Nimrods put in government positions. Protect those who have contributed nothing and tax those who have worked hard. How about a resolution requiring the board members take in two or three families and house and care for all their needs, at their own expense? The resounding silent response is what we have come to expect from politicians lacking in intelligent

governance. Their mendacity is so apparent.

M. Davis, Carmel Valley

Everybody at risk

Dear Editor,

The county supervisors' defiant resolution last week protecting immigrants, including criminals, looked less like a thoughtful decision than a peevish, “Nyah nyah,” to the feds, as in “We didn't vote for you, so you're not the boss of us.”

It's possible there are quite a few in the county who think that a childish get-even attitude puts all of us —including them — at greater risk. But these elected officials not only don't want to hear from the feds; they apparently don't want to hear from their constituents either.

Olivia Yates, Pebble Beach



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