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Deetjen's loses four units, Big Sur prays for propane

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE SUNNY skies and a sense of normalcy have returned to the Monterey Peninsula after this winter's major storms, the good weather has some Big Sur residents coming face to face with major problems — especially at places like Deetjen's Inn, where four units have been destroyed by falling redwoods.

A single tree fell on two units Feb. 20 at the inn, which is famous for its quirky charms and Old World ambiance.

"A big redwood tree went right through the Faraway and Stokes rooms," Doris Jolicoeur of Deetjen's told The Pine Cone. "Thankfully, nobody was there when it happened."

Just a month earlier, falling redwoods and mud destroyed Deetjen's Creek House, the site of two rooms, Upper Creek and Lower Creek.

Deetjen's isn't just a hotel — it's a nonprofit that operates to preserve its historic buildings and provide low-cost accommodations. And like other nonprofit

establishments that depend on overnight visitors for revenue — such as Esalen Institute and New Camaldoli Hermitage — Deetjen's is asking its supporters for financial help until it

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Just a half-mile south of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, a Caltrans crew works to clear Highway 1 of rocks. The slide is one of dozens that are making travel along the scenic route difficult.

Consultant says Harrison Memorial should become community center

■ Park Branch as sole library?

By MARY SCHLEY

HARRISON MEMORIAL Library, built in 1928, should be used as a community center and meeting space, while the Park Branch, a former bank at Mission and Sixth that was renovated and turned into a second library in 1989, should be overhauled to become the city's only library. A representative of the firm that came up with those conclusions, Group 4 Architecture, is set to present them to the city council March 7.

"We're working out of two very old buildings, and the biggest thing to improve customer service is to renovate and bring things up to speed," library director Janet Bombard said. "Every way people use the library is changing."

For one thing, she said, "They're not quiet anymore — they're public spaces."

21st century library

Bombard asked the architecture group to assess the libraries and make suggestions after she attended a couple of presentations on providing library services in the 21st century and hosted a community workshop in 2015 with a consultant. Based in South San Francisco, Group 4 has overseen a lot of library renovations, she said.

"We began a dialog with them to see what our libraries could look like with some renovation," she said. "Group 4's

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Lawsuit filed in death of bulldozer driver

By KELLY NIX

THE FAMILY of the 35-year-old bulldozer driver killed while battling the Soberanes Fire last year has filed a lawsuit against the State of California, alleging it was responsible for his death.

Robert Reagan, a married father of two young girls, died July 26, 2016, when the bulldozer he was operating at night in Palo Colorado Canyon flipped upside down on steep terrain during the fight against the massive blaze. He was working as an independent contractor with Cal Fire.

"Cal Fire negligently directed [Reagan] in the operation

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PHOTO/CAL FIRE

Bulldozer operator Robert Reagan, who fought the 2016 Soberanes Fire, died after the vehicle turned over in Palo Colorado Canyon.

True isolation turns out to be a problem for monks

By ELAINE HESSER

THE CAMALDOLESE Benedictine brothers at New Camaldoli Hermitage, just south of Lucia, live apart from the rest of the world. That's part of the definition of a hermitage, after all. But now they're more cut off than they'd intended, thanks to heavy rains that crippled not only Highway 1, but the winding road that ascends 1,300 feet to the retreat center.



On the best days, driving up or down the narrow driveway, with its tight turns and steep drop-offs, is not for the faint of heart. Now the road's cracked in places, and there are several slides. It can't be traversed safely by most vehicles.

The center, which is on the inland side of Highway 1 about 15 miles south of Esalen, has been closed to retreats because of storm damage since early January, and has canceled all reservations for March. It's bracing for the possibility it may remain inaccessible through April or May, losing hundreds of thousands of dollars in income it needs to cover its expenses.

Jill Marie Gisselere, the center's director of development, set up a GoFundMe page to raise money for the hermitage. Father Cyprian Consiglio, the prior, or leader of the center,

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Panetta rips Trump's speech to Congress, calls words 'dangerous'

By KELLY NIX

THOUGH PRESIDENT Donald Trump's address to a joint session of Congress Tuesday got a favorable reception from many American viewers — according to polls — it didn't impress many Democratic lawmakers, including U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta, who called his message "divisive and dangerous."

In an hour-long speech Tuesday, Trump talked about defeating terrorism, controlling illegal immigration, creating jobs, replacing Obamacare and rebuilding infrastructure. The address was a departure from the firebrand rhetoric he used during his campaign and largely seen as more tempered than his Jan. 20 inaugural speech.

"My administration wants to work with members in both parties to make childcare accessible and affordable, to help ensure new parents have paid family leave, to invest in

See **DANGEROUS** page 19A



The road leading to the New Camaldoli Hermitage is crumbling (top) and the visitors center (bottom) lacks visitors — a vital part of the monks' income.

Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Deliberate dog

JEMIMA IS a 6-year-old basset hound who came from Golden Gate Basset Hound Rescue in Petaluma, after living a sketchy life on the streets. She now lives a privileged life in Pacific Grove.

What her person likes most about the breed is its methodical movements and slow, deliberate processing of information. Jemima takes her time, sniffing everything, using scents as a way to evaluate what's around her before acting on it. In the yard, she carefully controls the area, keeping out cats and chasing

squirrels.

The basset, derived from the French word "bas," meaning low, is a hound intentionally bred for its short legs, which bring the dog closer to the ground to help catch rabbits and other small prey. Jemima has the hunting and hoarding instinct, as she collects the cattle bones her person brings her and hides them all over the house. One time she brought in a roadkill squirrel, and it took her person a long time to find it.

"I like Jemima's deep-set eyes, which give her a kind of sad look that draws you in," her person said. "But she's very happy patrolling the yard, peeking over the low fence to see what's going on, and letting any passing dog know that she's got this yard covered."

Jemima begins her day by waking her person with a good-



morning lick, which tells him it's time to get up and out into the neighborhood woodlands for a walk.

"She's been to the beach, but since she's so low to the ground, the sand isn't easy for her to navigate," her person said. "In the forest, she sniffs the duff for gophers or moles, and then digs a hole before inserting her long nose to try to get at her prey. She's been successful only once."

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MONNING: GOP SENATOR REMOVED FOR 'DENIGRATING A COLLEAGUE'

By KELLY NIX

SENATE MAJORITY Leader Bill Monning said Wednesday he was following protocol last week when he tried to silence a Republican colleague from criticizing the late Sen. Tom Hayden — comments that resulted in the removal of the GOP member from the Senate chamber.

On Feb. 23, two days after the State Senate adjourned in memory of Democratic senator and radical anti-Vietnam War activist Tom Hayden, who died in October, Republican Sen. Janet Nguyen told Senate members she wanted to offer another perspective about Hayden's activism against the conflict in Vietnam in the 1960s. After first addressing members in Vietnamese for about a minute, she then spoke in English.

"Members, today I recognize in memory the millions of Vietnamese and hundreds of thousands Vietnamese refugees who died seeking freedom and democracy. On Tuesday, you had an opportunity to honor Senator Tom Hayden. With all due respect, I would like to offer another historical perspective," Nguyen said just before her micro-

phone was shut off. While Nguyen continued without a mic, Monning objected, saying she was out of order because she was making the speech in a portion of the session reserved for memorials. After repeatedly telling Nguyen to take her seat, Presiding Senator Ricardo Lara told the sergeants-at-arms to escort her from the floor.

"Have her removed immediately," Lara said.

Nguyen, who more than once wiggled out of the clutches of the sergeants, continued with her statement before Monning reiterated she was out of order.

"It is disrespectful to the memory of a fellow senator who was memorialized two days ago," Monning said about Hayden, who was a friend. "And this is fully inappropriate. It denigrates the respect afforded to colleagues, particularly fallen colleagues of this house."

Nguyen — who was born in Saigon but fled as a young girl with her family and now represents a large Vietnamese population in Southern California — issued a statement

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Democratic Sen. Bill Monning objects to GOP Sen. Janet Nguyen's critical speech about the late Sen. Tom Hayden. Nguyen, who represents a large Vietnamese population in Southern California, was ejected from the Senate chamber last week.



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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Cops pose for her 92nd birthday

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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Pacific Grove: Criminal trespass on Presidio Boulevard. Subject was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Loud music complaint on Cedar Street. Possible elder abuse. Suspect information obtained.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a reported domestic violence incident. A 46-year-old male was arrested. Case continues with the deputy district attorney.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found earbuds unattended in the commercial district on San Carlos south of Seventh, and turned the property over to police for safekeeping. Property to be held in safekeeping pending identification of owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female at San Carlos and Fourth reported her wedding ring missing or stolen.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 30-year-old unemployed male from Paradise was arrested at Atherton and Mesa for possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on a suspended driver's license, driving without an interlock device, and DUI with priors. His vehicle was towed, and he was transported to county jail.

Carmel Valley: Victim reported an

unknown person had picked up his prescription.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female on Fifth east of Torres wanted to relinquish property. The property is being held for safekeeping

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended cellular phone was found in the commercial district at San Carlos and Eighth, and turned over to police for safekeeping. Property to be held pending return to owner. Property returned to owner at 1130 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog was found running in and out of traffic at Ocean and Junipero. The dog was brought to the police station for safekeeping. Owner was notified and retrieved the animal.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police responded to the report of a trash bag of transient items that were left in the bushes at Lincoln and Sixth. Officer took custody of the property and brought it back to the station for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism reported to a vehicle at Seventh and San Carlos. No current suspect(s) or leads.

Carmel area: Verbal dispute between a husband and wife.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male at San Carlos and Eighth reported an altercation with his female roommate and her boyfriend. He complained his roommate is constantly partying during the late hours of the night. He requested the boyfriend be removed from the apartment. It was explained to him the boyfriend could not be made to leave, because

he was a guest of a legal tenant. The resident requested documentation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police responded to the report of a grand theft at a residence at San Carlos and Eighth. The theft possibly occurred while friends of another tenant were over visiting.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A subject fell while exiting a business on Dolores north of Eighth and was transported to CHOMP via ambulance.

Pebble Beach: Construction equipment was stolen from a work site on Spyglass Hill Road.

Carmel area: Recurring medical issues with two elderly subjects on Dougherty Place.

Carmel area: Report of a suspicious person contacting a juvenile on Rio Road.

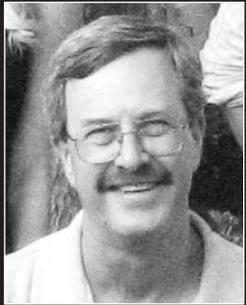
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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man who lives on Fourth Avenue east of Monte Verde reported at 0021 hours that large branches fell on his roof from a neighbor's tree. Police units were unable to determine if there was damage caused by the branches, because the roof was inaccessible. The residence with the tree appeared to be uninhabited. Civil matter: The resident stated he would find out who was responsible for the property and request removal of the branches.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a traffic collision on San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog found running at large on Ridgewood Road was picked up by the police department. Owners contacted, and the dog was returned.

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Cachagua man arrested by deputies in death of 3-month-old son

By MARY SCHLEY

DEPUTIES ARRESTED a Cachagua Road resident Wednesday, the day after his 3-month-old son was found dead in his home, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. John Thornburg. Arthur Fosso, 36, was booked into county jail on \$50,000 bail for a charge of felony child endangerment causing death.

"Yesterday at 10:30 in the morning, we got a 911 call from the Cachagua area about an unresponsive 3-month-old," Thornburg told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

An ambulance crew from the fire station at mid-valley, as well as Cachagua volunteer firefighters and sheriff's deputies, made their way to the log cabin located on a quarter-mile-long dirt road off Cachagua Road near Via Cielo. It took the ambulance about 45 minutes to get there.

"They located the baby and the father," Thornburg said. "They did try lifesaving measures with the baby for a very

long time, but unfortunately, the baby did not survive."

The ambulance remained at the property until the coroner arrived. "We have the body of the deceased in the ambulance and have been asked to not move the body," a crew member told the dispatcher at Monterey County Communications, explaining that the ambulance would remain at the scene indefinitely. "We're waiting for the coroner."

Thornburg said the child showed no signs of obvious trauma, and that an official cause of death will come after an autopsy.

Results, including toxicology, might not be available for several weeks.

"The deputies were out there for almost 24 hours processing the scene, looking at everything, and they ultimately did, based on



Arthur Fosso

everything they found, arrest the father," he said, adding that he doesn't know the details of what led them to charge Fosso with child endangerment.

"Ultimately, the DA's office will review the case and decide the best charge that fits the case," he said.

While Fosso was taken to county jail, the three other young children in his home — a 3-year-old girl, and two boys, ages 10 and 12 — were turned over to child protective services.

Thornburg said their mother is in the hospital, but he doesn't know why.

"There are other family members around that might be able to take custody of those kids, but for now, they're in the custody of CPS," he said.

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ROOF FIRE DAMAGES BUILDING ON OCEAN AVENUE

By MARY SCHLEY

FIREFIGHTERS HAD to peel back a gutter and cut through the thick shingled roof of a historic storybook-style building in the Court of the Golden Bough Wednesday night to put out a small fire.

As darkness fell around 6:16 p.m. March 1, someone called 911 to report smoke in the area of the Cottage of Sweets. Police officer Joe Boucher and firefighters from Carmel Fire Ambulance, Monterey Fire and Cal Fire responded to find smoke coming not from the candy store, but from the roof of the building next door that's home to a skincare shop. Using the stairway of a neighboring apartment to the west, fire crews climbed up and extinguished the smoldering spots. They then cut through the roof to ensure the fire had not spread underneath. It hadn't.

As the firefighters worked, a woman on the street argued with one of the men from the shop about whether employees there or the apartment's tenants might be to blame for the fire. She stridently denied that she or her boyfriend smoke cigarettes but said the shop workers do.

A cigarette?

On Thursday, Monterey Fire investigator David Reade said the firefighters' preliminary report at the scene showed the fire had started on the outside of the roof, and that they speculated a recklessly discarded cigarette could be the cause.

"The report says it most likely it started with smoking material. That was based on what people were saying on scene," Reade said. "It's an exterior fire on the roof, and if you look around, there are cigarette butts all over the place."

But he was unwilling to conclude a smoker had caused the fire and said he would be investigating it further. Reade estimated the damage at around \$2,000 for the damage to the gutter and the roof.



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

Firefighters ensured the small roof fire on an Ocean Avenue building was fully extinguished and had not spread.

Grant applications for events due Friday

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

APPLICATIONS FOR financial assistance from the City of Carmel for special events and community groups are due March 3.

"Community promotions fund grants" help offset costs for events "that have economic, charitable or community benefits while maintaining the values and unique character of the village."

Eligible events must take place within the city limits between July 1 of this year and June 30 of next year (the upcoming fiscal year).

Meanwhile, local organizations that "provide community, environmental and social services that benefit the city's community and enhance the well-being of its citizens," like habitat restoration projects and youth activities, can ask for money from the "city council discretionary fund" to help pay for them.

Both financial assistance programs are new. The city designed them to figure out a fair and equitable means of distributing funds for community projects and providing credits toward event fees.

For more about grants for events, or to receive an application packet, visit the city's website at www.ci.carmel.ca.us or contact community activities director Janet Bombard at (831) 624-1366 or jbombard@ci.carmel.ca.us.

The community activities and cultural commission reviews the applications and makes recommendations on funding to the city council, which approves the grants.

To learn more about the funds for community activities and projects, go online or contact city clerk Ashlee Wright at (831) 620-2016 or awright@ci.carmel.ca.us.

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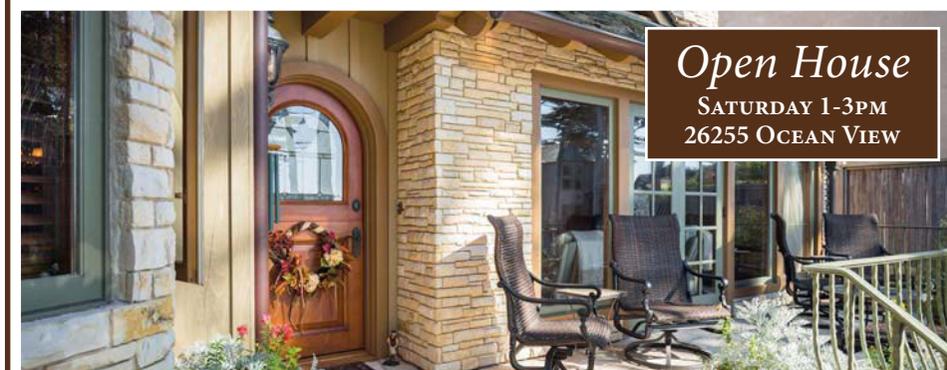
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Forest Friends' tree planting continues with oak at library, new campaign

By MARY SCHLEY

THROUGHOUT 2016, the Friends of Carmel Forest honored the city's 100th birthday by planting Centennial Trees in town. Sponsored and selected by donors, the cypress, Monterey pines and oaks were put in the ground with a pledge by the organization to continue their upkeep, and to install tags showing which trees were planted in honor of someone. On Saturday, the non-profit oversaw the planting of its final Centennial Tree — a 24-inch coast live oak donated by the Barnett Segal Charitable Trust and Bill Brodsley — in the garden at Harrison Memorial Library. Kept up by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club, the library garden lost a large pine during this winter's storms, and Brodsley said it's up to residents to continue replenishing the forest as its older trees fail.

And with that, the Forest Friends group decided to continue its tree-planting campaign, even though the centennial is over. In its place, the Commemorative Tree initiative will continue indefinitely, according to Maria Sutherland, president of the Friends of Carmel Forest board.

Sutherland observed that living in Carmel is like living in a park, particularly because

of its prolific trees and greenery. As some 2,000 trees have fallen due to disease, age, storms or construction over the years, she said, "there are many opportunities for indi-



PHOTO/COURTESY MARIA SUTHERLAND

The Friends of Carmel Forest planted a new coast live oak at Harrison Memorial Library Saturday.

viduals to commemorate an event or honor a loved one while restoring the beautiful forest canopy that attracts so many to our village."

The Centennial Tree campaign saw 82 trees planted within the city limits, and raised \$23,500 for the group's special fund with the Community Foundation for Monterey County. The money is earmarked for reforestation and educational projects, according to Sutherland.

She said the program was even more successful than the group had predicted, particularly when it came to people's desires to honor loved ones and special occasions. "Meeting the donors and seeing how moved they are has been more fulfilling than we could have imagined," she said.

With that success, the Forest Friends decided not to end their tree-planting campaign. And so, anyone wishing to contribute

between \$250 and \$10,000 can select a pine, cypress or coastal oak to be professionally planted in town, and monitored for five years. Each tree has a marker showing its number, year planted, and any personal dedication, and its location is included on an interactive map on the group's website, www.carmelforest.org. The larger the donation, the more prominent the location.

Founded in 1989, the Friends of Carmel Forest seeks to protect and enhance the town's trees by encouraging people to maintain, care for and plant them. It sponsors tree surveys and distributions of free seedlings, and undertakes other related projects. It's also an official support group of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Sutherland also mentioned that she and others are interviewing people to join their board.

Council to discuss restaurant rules, assistant city admin job, money

By MARY SCHLEY

SEVERAL CHANGES to the regulations governing restaurants are set to come before the city council at its regular meeting Tuesday, March 7.

While the crux of the issue was originally whether restaurants that take orders at a counter and allow people to pay before getting their food should be allowed in town, the planning commission decided last month that the city's codes should continue to only permit two kinds of eateries: "specialty," like coffee shops and ice cream parlors, and "full-line," the more typical formal type of dining, with table service.

But commissioners did vote to recommend a few changes, including reducing the minimum size and number of seats of coffee shops and the like, not allowing specialty restaurants to sell alcohol, allowing both specialty and full-line restaurants in the cen-

tral and outlying commercial areas, permitting outdoor cooking devices on private property at restaurants, and allowing markets to have some seating indoors or outdoors, and outdoor grills. Council members will decide whether they agree.

Also at the meeting, they will discuss the salary range for assistant city administrator, as well as current pay rates and ranges for other jobs, and will be asked to authorize a budget adjustment of \$12,200 to cover the new rates, which will be retroactive to Jan. 1.

Speaking of money, the council will consider mid-year budget adjustments to address expenses that were unanticipated or otherwise not included when the spending plan for fiscal year 2017-2018 was adopted last June.

On the consent agenda — and therefore not set for individual discussion and voting

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Repair crews and drivers dealing with pothole epidemic

By KELLY NIX

POTHLES. ALMOST every driver has hit one, especially after the heavy rain on the Monterey Peninsula this winter caused the little twerps to proliferate, frustrating motorists and the maintenance crews scrambling to patch them up.

Potholes are such a concern that the City of Monterey has a 1-minute video on its website explaining how to report them and how they're born.

"Natural forces and traffic create cracks which allow water under the pavement," the video says. "Water erodes the dirt underneath the roadway, causing the pavement to sag, collapse and crumble."

Assistant city manager Hans Uslar said Monterey is trying to get the word out through its website and social media that the city wants to hear from drivers about the holes.

"It really helps us when citizens report them to us, so we can repair them the same day," Uslar told The Pine Cone. "The number to call is (831) 646-3927."

Drivers in Monterey who encounter a pothole can also fill out an online request at monterey.org/services and click on the "submit an online service request" link.

Uslar said the work by its maintenance crew has minimized the number of potholes in the city, a "significant number" of which he said have been caused by California American Water's work to install a pipeline for its Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.

"Cal Am had to pot-hole streets to see where the utilities were located," he explained. "They have been diligent in fixing those potholes that reopen after the rains. Once the water main is constructed, this will no longer exacerbate the pothole problem."

Carmel public works superintendent Rob Culver said the city recently purchased cold mix asphalt — a mixture that hardens quickly and makes it easier to fill potholes.

"We do this in house with city employees," Culver said. "We probably spend around four to six hours a week repairing potholes."

Pacific Grove public works superintendent Daniel Gho said his crews, weather permitting, have also been out there filling them.

"We constantly fix our potholes, but with the continued wet weather, it has been more difficult," Gho said.

Local highways also have their challenges. Caltrans

spokesman Jim Shivers said crews have responded to many locations throughout the county to fix potholes and perform slide and guardrail repair, emergency tree removal and general highway maintenance. Workers Thursday morning were filling potholes on Highway 68 in front of the SFB Morse gate.

One notable rough patch is Highway 1 northbound just past Carpenter. Shivers said Monterey Caltrans crews plan to pave both lanes of the northbound stretch on March 3 and 4.

Help restore native plants Saturday

THE MEARTH Habitat Project next to Carmel Middle School is organizing volunteers to help with native plant restoration in the North Dunes area of Carmel Beach Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will be trained, and will also be taught how to help protect the California legless lizards that live in the dunes area and are protected.

All ages are welcome, though kids under 14 must come with an adult, and everyone should be dressed ready to work. Snacks and coffee will be provided.

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can open for business again.

“A consequence of our not-for-profit-mission to provide an affordable Big Sur experience has been that we have not built large financial reserves,” Jeanne Crowley of Deetjen’s posted on social media. “A donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated.”

The inn is hoping to keep some employees on site, and they’re not expecting to reopen any time soon.

“We intend to retain a skeleton staff for the anticipated 4- to 5-month closure, and in order to do so, we badly need your support,” Crowley added.

Crane to the rescue

Just two miles north of Deetjen’s, the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge is still standing, but it’s uncertain for how long. The cracks in the bridge were discovered Feb. 11, and its condition is getting worse by the day.

Drilling at the site began Feb. 23 and is expected to continue for about two weeks. Specifically, engineers are testing the soil, the slope and its stability as they plan for the new bridge.

Cruz said Caltrans plans to take the bridge down as soon as possible and get started on a replacement.

“There isn’t a date yet, but the equipment is coming next week,” she explained. “It’s a special crane that will be delivered in 11 separate loads. When it’s assembled, it will be 23 feet wide — almost the entire width of the road.”

For now, locals are being permitted to travel during the daytime only between Ragged Point and Limekiln Creek Bridge, and between the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge and Palo Colorado Road. The road is clear north of Palo Colorado Road, making Rocky Point restaurant the only Big Sur business that’s accessible to the public from the north.

Besides the trouble at the bridge, there are numerous active slides along the coast. Anyone entering a closed area must be driving a vehicle with adequate clearance, such as a truck or SUV.

Cruz said Caltrans crews are working “to regain as much access from the south as possible,” and “keep the roadway passable” between the bridge and Palo Colorado Road.

Trail around bridge gets OK

Meanwhile, a plan to build a trail so people can walk around the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge is moving forward, former Big Sur fire chief Frank Pinney reported Thursday afternoon.

Pinney met earlier in the day with state park officials, representatives of elected offi-

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Drilling at Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge (top) is helping engineers test the soil and plan for the construction of a new bridge. The existing bridge is failing fast, and work to take it down is expected to begin soon. A redwood tree took out two rooms at Deetjen’s Big Sur Inn Feb. 20, leaving a mess in its wake (above). The damage comes just a month after two other rooms were destroyed by falling trees and mud.

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Dermatologist has an angel on her shoulder and a shingle on her door

By DENNIS TAYLOR

DR. ROYA Javid breaks into a broad smile when she shares the nickname her husband playfully hung on her a long time ago, stolen from an episode of "Seinfeld."

"He calls me, 'the pimple-popper MD,'" said Javid, a dermatologist married to a man who knows better. Her husband is Dr. Richard Rupp, a Salinas-based radiologist.

Over the past year, usually while performing other routine procedures, Javid has discovered skin cancer on dozens of patients, including several cases of melanoma.

One had a dark spot on the bottom of his foot, something she only noticed because he wore flip-flops to her office that day. She found a lesion on the skin of another man who had merely stopped by to get a prescription updated. Yet another patient, brand new to her office, showed up with discoloration on his scalp that another dermatologist had routinely dismissed during annual exams. All were melanoma.

"I follow criteria, of course, to determine whether I should biopsy something, but sometimes it comes down to experience and instinct," she said. "And maybe there's angel on my shoulder telling me, 'You need to biopsy this.'"

Started from scratch

Since opening her practice in 2011 on Carmel Rancho Lane, Javid has built an impressive database of nearly 5,000 patients, almost entirely through word-of-mouth referrals.

"I'm hoping that's an indicator that people understand that I care about my patients and take each one of them seriously," she said. "I started this practice from scratch, with zero patients. Nobody knew me. None of the local doctors knew me. I just literally hung a shingle, the way doctors used to do it in the 1950s, even though a whole bunch of people told me it just couldn't be done that way anymore."

She treats everything from athlete's foot to malignancies, performing every procedure herself, and also specializes in many of the newest techniques. Those include Kybella (fat that causes a double chin is melted, rather than removed surgically) and Ultherapy (a nonsurgical method of lifting, tightening and toning skin, using ultrasound to stimulate the body's own collagen). Her latest purchase, a state-of-the-art laser, has enabled her to implement 10 brand-new therapies over the past several months, she said.

"She wanted to become a physician from the time she was 5 years old," said her father, Ahmad Javid, who earned a Ph.D. in engineering from UC Berkeley after emigrating from Iran, with borrowed money in his pocket, alongside his wife, Safoora, a school teacher. "To be honest, I was against it, and so was my wife. We thought it would be easier for a young lady to go into science and get a Ph.D., rather than become a medical doctor. But she was very determined."

A used Celica

Javid and her sister, Eela, were born in San Jose, where they also attended school. Roya not only got straight A's, but she completed most of her first-quarter studies at UC Berkeley while still in high school.

"The carrot my parents dangled was that they'd buy me a car if I graduated with straight A's," she remembered with a laugh. "I worked hard and did it, and they bought me a used Toyota Celica. But my little sister, Eela, didn't get straight A's and they bought her a brand-new Jeep. Go figure, huh?"

After graduating with honors from Berkeley, Javid earned a Master of Health Science degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore, then got her medical doctorate from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

She followed that with an internal medicine internship at the Washington Hospital Center, and completed her residency at the Advanced Dermatology Institute in San Diego.

As a student, Javid explored multiple different types of medicine, but gravitated toward dermatology because it was the right mix of medicine and art, and because it enabled her to practice short, very focused methods of surgery.

One of her specialties, Javid says, is Mohs surgery (creat-

ed by Dr. Frederick Mohs), a skin-cancer procedure that spares the skin while more effectively removing malignancies.

"Dermatology is fascinating to me because the skin shows what's going on inside the body. It manifests the disease process," she said. "You have to understand the internal body, and anatomy and physiology, and also how it can manifest into a skin condition."

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Usually it's science, but sometimes it's just plain intuition that leads to a good diagnosis. Dr. Roya Javid examines a patient's arm in her Carmel office.

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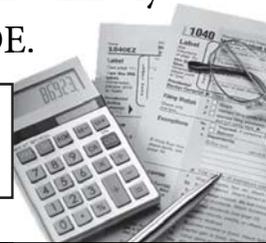
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Author wins big at Westminster — and not for the first time

By ELAINE HESSER

‘THEY CALL me “the Susan Lucci of Westminster,”’ said Pat Trotter. The dog show aficionado was referring to the longtime soap opera star who was nominated for an Emmy 18 times without winning. After years of competing, Trotter had won Best in Group with her Norwegian Elkhounds 10 times — reportedly the most wins at that level for anyone by far — but never the coveted Best in Show.

While Lucci finally won an Emmy in 1999, Trotter’s string of near-misses continued at this year’s Westminster Kennel Club show in New York. Trotter’s dog Duffy — also known as Grand Champion Vin-Melca’s Daggardwood Delight — took Best in Group, giving her an 11th win.

Trotter is familiar to many here as a retired teacher from Carmel Middle School. She’s been a dog owner since 1949, when she got her first hound in Virginia. And, believe it or not, Duffy is a direct descendent of that dog.

“She represents many generations from when I was a child,” Trotter said.

At dog shows, each breed is judged to determine Best in Breed, based on standards like height, weight and markings. Then, those winners are judged within their groups — hounds, hunting dogs, terriers, and so forth. The winners of each group compete for Best in Show. Titles like Grand Champion are determined by an almost Byzantine system of points based on the dog’s total victories.

Contestant and judge

During the show, dogs have handlers who are responsible for getting them through the judging process. They’re not often handled by their owners, but Trotter’s an exception. She gets in the ring with her dogs and jogs right alongside them. She says it keeps her young, just like all those “seniors walking their dogs along Scenic.”

At 81, Trotter not only still participates in the show ring, she judges numerous dog shows throughout the year. She did two in Florida after Westminster, and will be judging four more in the Midwest soon. She’s also the author of “Born to Win, Breed to Succeed,” an exhaustive reference book on showing dogs competitively.

Trotter definitely thinks people get as much from being dog owners as they give. “They give aging seniors a purpose.” Not that she sees herself in that category. And, like Susan Lucci’s Emmy, Trotter’s Best in Show may yet be within reach.



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Pat Trotter and her Norwegian elkhound, Duffy, in the ring at the Westminster Kennel Club’s annual dog show. Duffy brought home a remarkable 11th Best in Group award.



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SUSPECTED SERIAL SWINDLER MAKES OFF WITH TENANTS' RENT MONEY

By MARY SCHLEY

A WOMAN who rented a house on Rodeo Road in Pebble Beach and then allegedly fraudulently sublet it to several others has apparently skipped town with their rent money and deposits, leaving some of them short on cash, and one without a home at all.

The owner of the house, meanwhile, has filed suit against the woman, Donna McGuire (also known as Donna Amadeo) in hopes of recovering nearly \$14,000 in back rent.

"She rented a house in Pebble Beach, and her last rent payment was for November," said the homeowner's attorney, Michael Lykken. "She, without his knowledge or permission, was subletting rooms out and had an ad in Craigslist for rooms to rent," even as she was being served with an eviction notice for not paying her own.

Her monthly rent for the home near Monterey Peninsula Country Club was \$3,700 per month, and Lykken said she owes the homeowner, David Compton, \$13,845.

But she also allegedly owes money to the people she took in as tenants, including one who gave her a \$675 deposit for a room she never actually got to use. Diane Russell said

she met McGuire on Jan. 23 and gave her a cash deposit for the room, which was supposed to be available March 4.

"Last week, I got a text message from her saying the house has been contaminated with mold, and the owners were going to remodel and sell it, so the room was no longer available," Russell said. McGuire also mentioned needing to meet with Russell to return her deposit.

But that meeting has yet to happen, despite Russell's repeated attempts to facilitate it. "She couldn't, because her husband was in the hospital," she said. "Now, she's out of town. She never called or texts back. I called, and she never answers the phone."

Feeling she was scammed, Russell filed complaints with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and the district attorney.

Another renter, 77-year-old Glen Walker, said McGuire moved out last week, taking his \$700 deposit and an equal amount in rent money with her, along with \$1,000 from a woman who was also renting a room, and \$600 from another tenant.

"She pocketed the deposits and the rent," Walker said. "She hasn't given me the deposit back. She said she would."

Russell, meanwhile, is still looking for a place to live. She had been living in Marina,

but is self-employed and spends most of her time in Carmel Valley, so she wanted something closer, which led her to the P.B. house.

"I've got friends, so you'll never see me on the street, but I'm homeless," she said.

Moved to Santa Cruz

McGuire certainly can't be trusted, according to Lykken. "She claimed to my client that she repaid all the deposits [to her tenants], but my understanding is she hasn't done that," he said. "And she is claiming she doesn't owe rent because of mold."

She's currently renting a house in Santa Cruz, according to Lykken, who speculated she took the money from the others so she could move into that home.

Meanwhile, McGuire has filed legal papers responding to the suit regarding the Pebble Beach home by saying she refused to pay rent because of mold. She included an inspection report noting mold in a closet, bathroom and living room, as well as standing water in a crawlspace and under the kitchen sink, where there was a leak. The report identified high humidity and poor airflow as problems, and McGuire said in her answer to Compton's lawsuit that he "breached the warranty to provide habitable premises."

But Lykken said the mold in the house is mostly in the bedroom where she had been living since March of last year.

"She was really, really messy — it was a hoarding situation — and the housekeeper said there was moldy food," he said. What the inspector saw was "mold caused by poor housekeeping," Lykken said, and, according to the lease, she was responsible for the housekeeping, too.

He said her M.O. is to borrow or take money, and then refuse to pay it back.

"We're worried that if she loses in this case, she'll go and file bankruptcy like she has in the past," he said.

A history of unpaid bills

According to U.S. Bankruptcy Court records, McGuire has filed bankruptcy twice — in 1997, and again in 2011. The latter filing absolved her in several small claims cases that had been filed against her by various creditors, and addressed a complaint filed by a woman whom she convinced to loan her \$400,000 in 2007 by way of a convoluted scheme under the auspices of a mortgage broker.

Since that bankruptcy, others have sued her in hopes of recovering money owed. Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula sent her to collections, and she was sued by True North AR LLC in June 2015. Although the court issued a judgment against her, a year later, she still hadn't paid

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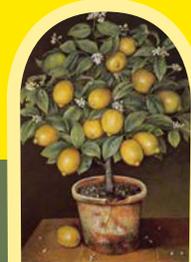



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the amount that by then totaled \$3,646.95, according to court records.

And last November, Sysco San Francisco sued her for \$12,004 in unpaid bills from the restaurant she had been operating at the Laguna Seca golf course under the corporate name, Bella Donna's, along with 18 percent annual interest, \$1,500 in bounced-check fees, and the costs of the suit.

McGuire has also been the plaintiff in a couple of suits. She filed for a restraining order in a workplace harassment suit against her partner in the restaurant, Kirsten Anderson, alleging Anderson was coming to work drunk on a regular basis and had threatened to shoot her. The court granted the restraining order, which Anderson then appealed, only later to withdraw her request for reconsideration.

In the other, McGuire sued a couple for \$10,000 for breach of contract, accusing them of going around her and another broker to do a real estate deal, even though she had the listing and a signed agreement. That suit was dismissed after the \$75 check McGuire wrote to the court for the filing fee bounced.

"I think she definitely has some problems with paying back people she borrows money from," Lykken said. "Whether it's criminal, that's for the DA to decide."

Calls to McGuire's numbers either did not go through, rang unanswered, or went to voicemail. Her mailbox was full.

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MONKS

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estimated that it's lost more than \$300,000 in revenue, not to mention the cost of between \$100,000 and \$250,000 to repair the road.

So far, hundreds of people have stepped up to donate more than \$137,000 toward the goal of \$300,000. Although that's less than what the hermitage really needs, Gisselere said she had a difficult time persuading the brothers to undertake the fundraising project at all, let alone to ask for more money.

"Our leader was hesitant to ask for too much. The monks are very humble, modest people," she said. Consiglio's most recent online update mentioned that the brothers were conserving as much as they could, and that that was something he said "the abstemious nature of monasticism has prepared us for."

Peace and quiet

The hermitage is probably the best bargain in Big Sur, with rates starting as low as \$129 per night, including meals, with a two-night minimum. Some of the accommodations are stand-alone, modular "houses" — spartan, but with terrific views and lots of peace and quiet.

For now, however, with no working phones, the monks and laymen who call the Hermitage home are relying on a network of employees — mainly administrative staff — who live "on the outside," like Gisselere, who lives in Palo Colorado Canyon and has been in touch with the monks via email. Their satellite internet connection continues to function.

She said there are 15 monks and 16 employees, including

maintenance men, who usually live on the property, although those numbers have been shrinking a bit. There's normally a professional chef on-site for the retreat center, but he's taken the month off and the prior wrote that the brothers were enjoying cooking for themselves.

Last week, one of the monks had a heart attack and broke his hip. He had to be taken to Highway 1 by a four-wheel drive vehicle, and then was picked up by a helicopter and flown to a hospital in Salinas. He's now recovering in a skilled nursing facility in Monterey. Gisselere said she believed it was the first time he's been away from the hermitage in 45 years.

Dwindling propane

According to an online post from Consiglio, the brothers expect to evacuate one of the elderly monks who's been in the infirmary, along with another monk and the hermitage's caregiver. While the center still has plenty of food, there are concerns about the dwindling propane and diesel supplies.

"They're going to have get the driveway fixed soon, because a truck couldn't get up there," said Gisselere. The hermitage is completely off the grid and relies on propane and diesel for heat and power.

The lack of mail delivery has been another problem, since the people there depend on it for everything from receiving prescriptions to being able to process donations and payments for fruitcake and granola, two of the Hermitage's other sources of income.

Gisselere said that Brendan Shave took his dirt bike over Nacimiento-Ferguson Road — a two-and-a-half-hour drive that's challenging even without storm damage — through Fort Hunter Liggett to King City, and met her and her fiancé, Tim, who picked up the mail in Monterey and drove it down south. They stuffed two weeks' worth of accumulated corre-

spondence into every available compartment on Shave's bike, and he took it back to the monastery.

Shave is the son of Big Sur Kate — Kate Novoa — who's become a much-appreciated online presence, providing people with regular updates and information on weather, flooding and roads via her Facebook page.

Gisselere was quick to note that "We know we're not the only people who are in this situation," and said morale was still high. She said that the monks were continuing with their daily routines of study, prayer and worship.

According to Consiglio, "We had an improvised Mardi Gras party Tuesday evening [Feb. 28], with lots of joy and laughter. As we begin the sober season of Lent, the monks are all using this time to deepen our monastic practice through silence, solitude and simplicity, feeling very grateful that we have each other and so many others to care for us."

To donate, go to www.gofundme.com/Newcamaldolirelief or to the hermitage's website at <https://contemplation.com>.

Free adoptions at SPCA March 18

THE BISSELL Pet Foundation has pledged to pay all adoption fees at more than 20 shelters throughout Northern California — including the SPCA for Monterey County on Highway 68 — during the nonprofit's Empty the Shelters event March 18.

Last year, the group helped place more than 2,800 cats and dogs during three separate similar events across the country.

Cathy Bissell, part of the family company that manufactures floor-cleaning machines, founded the pet foundation, and in Empty the Shelters, participating organizations must partner with other animal welfare groups to fill the empty cages that result from the adoption drive. "Nationwide, approximately 2.7 million pets are euthanized yearly because they are unable to find new homes," according to Bissell. But the March 18 effort will help reduce that number by increasing adoption rates and enticing people who have never done it before.

The SPCA for Monterey County will adhere to its standard adoption requirements, so those interested in taking new pets home should review them before heading to the shelter. For more information about the event, as well as a map of participating shelters throughout Northern California, visit <http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org>. The SPCA is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 1002 Monterey-Salinas Highway.

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BULLDOZER

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of his bulldozer to an unsafe place for a bulldozer to be,” according to the wrongful death lawsuit filed March 1 in Monterey County Superior Court. “Additionally, Cal Fire negligently acted as a spotter concerning the operation of [Reagan’s] bulldozer.”

The suit, filed by the Estate of Robert Reagan through Fresno attorney Russell D. Cook, names as plaintiffs Reagan’s wife, Morgan Kemple, and their daughters, Aubrey, 5, and Colbie, 2. The complaint, which alleges wage loss, hospital and medical expenses and loss of earning capacity, seeks an unspecified amount in damages exceeding \$25,000.

Cal Fire spokeswoman Scott McLean told The Pine Cone Thursday morning that the state agency had not been served with the lawsuit and could not comment.

According to a Cal Fire incident report, at about 11 p.m. the night of the accident, Reagan was trying to drive his bulldozer to

an area where a fire line was to be set. To get there, he had to maneuver around a fire engine that was blocking a roadway at the bottom of a steep incline. So he traveled along an upper road until he was past the fire engine and then turned to travel down the hill toward the lower road.

“The dozer proceeded slowly over the embankment in an effort to reach the lower road,” according to the report. “During this maneuver, the dozer rolled onto its left side and roof” and “the dozer operator was ejected from the cab and became pinned underneath the left sweep of the dozer.”

Fire personnel witnessed the accident, and a paramedic responded immediately and determined Reagan was dead, according to the report. Cal Fire also found that Reagan may not have been wearing a seatbelt, and evidence showed it is “likely” that the bulldozer’s door was left open.

The Soberanes Fire, which began in July 2016 and was fully contained in October of that year, burned 132,127 acres. Reagan was the only fatality in the fire, which investigators determined was sparked by an illegal campfire.

County wants info on storm damage

TO QUALIFY for aid from state and federal tax dollars, Monterey County has to provide information on “uninsured or underinsured” businesses, homes and other property that sustained significant damage during this winter’s storms.

Therefore, officials are urging owners who suffered damage to inform local government about the losses.

To help, the county developed residential and commercial damage surveys that will provide crucial data to the office of emergency services. The surveys — which are not

applications for assistance, but are just intended to gather information — are available on the county’s website, www.co.monterey.ca.us. The information will be used to justify the county’s requests for help from state and federal organizations, and if the money is forthcoming, people who have submitted surveys will be contacted and told how to apply for help.

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cial and current Big Sur fire chief Martha Karstens.

The route would travel from the south side of the failing bridge to an undetermined location in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. The path “would allow safe foot traffic access for locals and essential personnel to maintain the sustainability of the community to the greatest degree possible under the emergency circumstances,” Pinney said.

The plan calls using the California Conservation Corps for labor, which would be paid for by state parks. The agency would also cover the cost of materials.

The work is set to start March 15. State parks estimated the project could be completed by May 3, but others at the meeting wanted it finished earlier. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade would sponsor a volunteer crew, which would be supervised by state parks.

Running on empty

About four miles south of Deetjen’s on Partington Ridge, resident Linda Sonrisa Jones told The Pine Cone some of her neighbors are upset that they can’t get their propane tanks refilled — even though propane deliveries are happening in her neighborhood. Delta Liquid Energy has been able to make

deliveries on the ridge, while the company Jones uses, Dassel’s Petroleum, hasn’t. She wonders why Delta can’t simply fill up Dassel’s tanks.

But Pete Carpenedo of Dassel’s said liability and safety issues make it impossible for one company to fill another’s company’s tank. He said that’s standard practice in the industry.

T. Mac of Delta said he’s been in contact with Carpenedo, and confirmed what he said.

Carpenedo said it would be difficult for any company to carry enough propane up the ridge at this time to fill large tanks. Instead, he said his company is working on a plan to deliver 100-pound cylinders of propane to the ridge.

“We feel for everyone down there,” Carpenedo added. “As soon as Highway 1 opens, we’re going to do everything we can to get people gas.”

Not only do many Big Sur residents rely on propane for heating and cooking fuel, but some also have propane refrigerators because power outages are more common down the coast.

Esalen offers locals hot baths, fresh water

For Big Sur residents who do run out of propane, Esalen Institute is offering an enticing alternative.

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For now, the hot baths are open to locals every day from 2 to 5 p.m., but reservations are required.

“We’d ask that you call ahead to ensure the safety and welfare of all visitors as we can only support a limited group at a time,” Sheridan added. The phone number is (831) 667-3023.

Fresh drinking water is also available at Esalen for those

who bring their own containers.

Race to fix road

In Palo Colorado Canyon, a work crew is hoping to take advantage of a break in the weather this weekend to clear logjams and make repairs to the county road that provides access to hundreds of residents, Mid Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade chief Cheryl Goetz reported.

While Palo Colorado Road remains impassable to vehicles beyond the 3.3-mile mark — where a surging Rocky Creek destroyed a culvert — vehicles can still travel the first three miles, at least for now.

“We have 22 logjams along Palo Colorado Road,” Goetz reported. “And we’ve cleared twice that many.”

Besides the damage to Palo Colorado Road, “all of our dirt roads are a mess,” Goetz explained. “Green Ridge, Rocky Creek and Long Ridge roads are in bad shape,” she said. “Garrapatos Road is a wreck.”

While it might be tempting for some to see the damage up close, Goetz urged the public to stay out of the canyon so people don’t get in the way. “We’ve had tourists drive right past the ‘road closed’ sign,” she explained.

Just last week, a van filled with 30 hikers tried to drive all the way to a trailhead at Bottchers Gap — eight miles east of Highway 1. “You’ve got to be freaking kidding me,” the fire chief responded.

While it’s difficult to get around in “The Canyon” these days, Goetz said it would be much worse without the efforts of residents who are working hard to keep the road passable. In particular, she said Norm Cotton and Brian Patch have done wonders with heavy equipment, and they even replaced a critical culvert along the county road. She also noted that two other residents who have been a big help, Mike Caplin and Mike Doig, lost their homes in last summer’s Soberanes Fire.

The Palo Colorado area has been inundated with mudslides and debris flows before, but nothing like this in recent memory, in large part because hillsides were stripped bare of erosion-controlling vegetation by the Soberanes Fire, which also destroyed 57 homes.

“Remember El Niño in ‘98?” Goetz said, referring to the last time the area was hit hard with mudslides and debris flows. “This is worse.”

Virginia Woodward Stone

Virginia W. Stone (Ginny) passed away in her Carmel home November 17, 2016. She was a remarkable woman. Born in Portland, Oregon to Donald L. and Lillian Baker Woodward on February 1, 1927, she grew up in the family home she shared with her parents and two younger brothers. She attended schools in Portland and was given her lifelong love of English by a high school English teacher, a profession she pursued with great success after graduating from the University of Oregon.



After her first marriage she moved to the San Francisco Bay area where she worked in sales and eventually became a buyer for the iconic I. Magnin’s on Union square. Once, on leaving work, she shared the service elevator with Marilyn Monroe! Eventually she moved with her two small children to Moss Landing and then to Carmel where she lived with her mother Lillian Woodward, known for her column Moss Landing Footnotes, a column Virginia later took over when her mother’s eyesight failed. Virginia turned to teaching first in Aromas and Watsonville High School, then to Pacific Grove Middle School and finally to Pacific Grove High School. She touched many students’ lives. She instituted the first Advanced Placement class (English) in the 1970s, and created the popular honors English/ history class with Bob Russell in 1980. She established herself as an expert in Steinbeck. Her love of the local writer inspired many young students and her classes became the most popular at PGHS where she was known by students as “Mrs. Hummel.” During this time she found time to earn her master’s degree in English from San Jose College and teach part time at Monterey Peninsula College. There she developed a class called Steinbeck Country. She gave many lectures and classes in Doc Ricketts’s Lab and came to know several of Steinbeck’s personal friends. In 1978, she took a year long position at the American School in London. On her return she met the love of her life, Ben Stone, whom she married in 1983. They spent 25 glorious years together living in Carmel, traveling extensively to Europe, especially her beloved England, Africa and South America where Ben pursued his passion for fly fishing and Virginia for history and family genealogy. Both were involved in numerous community groups many of which Virginia continued after Ben’s death. These included her years at Tor House, her volunteer work for La Mirada, The Monterey Museum of Art, the Monterey County Symphony Society, Democratic Women of Monterey County, Carmel Public Library Association and La Casa. One of her major causes was OLAF, the Odello Land Acquisition Fund. She was an avid follower of politics and sports, especially her beloved Giants and 49ers. She was in several book clubs, writing and poetry groups. She will be missed for her grace, intelligence and insight.

She in predeceased by her two brothers Donald and Richard Woodward, her parents and husband. She is survived by her son Chip Hummel, daughter Chris Carpenter-Franken, son-in-law Evan Franken, his son and daughter and grandson, her sister- in laws Jackie Woodward of Carmel and Lynn Woodward of San Francisco, as well as her beloved cousins. She is also survived by stepsons Ben Stone, Jr. and Larry Stone, stepdaughter Mary Holford, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of her life, March 4, at her Carmel home from 1-4. In lieu of flowers memorial donations should be made in her honor to the charity of your choice. She was an elegant lady and she will be missed.

ANDREA LONG TWEEDT

Andrea Long Tweedt, 73, of Pebble Beach passed away February 21.

Andrea was the daughter of the late Col. Richard J. and Alice C. Long .

She was born in Boston and grew up living with her family on various Army posts in the U.S., Germany, France and Turkey.

She came to Monterey in 1962 when Col. Long became Commandant of the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio. At the time she was attending the University of Massachusetts and was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She completed her sophomore year at MPC and graduated in 1965 from U.C. Davis.

Andrea taught school for a year in Oakland before becoming Public Affairs Officer at the Naval Postgraduate School. She resigned that position in 1973 when she married Peter Tweedt.

Andrea was a faithful member of the San Carlos Cathedral.

She had a life long passion for rescue dogs and leaves behind four. She was also a serious antique collector and enjoyed driving her 12 cylinder Jaguar.

She was predeceased by her parents and her brother Richard J. (Mike) Long.

She is survived by husband Peter, step children Tracy Plant, Susan Blackburn, Robert and Peter Tweedt; her sister Felicity Hager, niece Chloe Hager and nephews Cole and Shane Hager; Burke, Nathaniel and Jeremy Long.

Those who wish to make a contribution are asked to consider the Alzheimer Assn. or the SPCA.

A graveside service will be held March 15, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the San Carlos Cemetery in Monterey.

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DANGEROUS

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women's health, and to promote clean air and clear water, and to rebuild our military and our infrastructure," Trump said.

A CNN poll found that most viewers of Trump's speech viewed it favorably, and about 7 in 10 said the speech made them feel more optimistic about the direction of the country.

However, the 20th Congressional District congressman told The Pine Cone that while Trump was "measured in his tone," the president "maintained the same divisive and dangerous message he used throughout his campaign."

"The president continued to rely on his destructive narrative that immigrants pose a threat to our communities," Panetta said. "The reality is that our community is stronger because of the contributions made by people willing to come to this country and contribute to our society."

Protecting workers?

Trump said that "protecting" American workers "also means reforming our system of legal immigration," which could include adopting a merit-based immigration system. The current method "depresses wages for our poorest workers, and puts great pressure on taxpayers."

"I believe that real and positive immigration reform is possible, as long as we focus on the following goals: to improve jobs and wages for Americans, to strengthen our nation's security, and to restore respect for our laws," Trump said.

Democrats groaned when Trump announced he'd directed the Department of Homeland security to create an office to serve American victims of crimes by immigrants. Several people whose family members were murdered by illegal immigrants were on hand at the speech.

Panetta, though, was apparently among the Democrats who gasped at the thought.

"The president's idea for a Victims of Immigrant Crime Engagement department instills fear in and encourages discrimination against immigrant communities," Panetta said. "Serious and violent criminals must be held accountable for their actions, but targeting peaceful, hardworking members of our communities is wrong."

'Hard work and compromise'

Trump also said he plans to send Congress a budget "that rebuilds the military, eliminates the defense sequester, and calls for one of the largest increases in national defense spending in American history." The budget will also increase funding for veterans.

Administration officials have said the plan would cost \$54 billion. Panetta also took issue with the idea, saying Trump didn't mention how it would be funded.

"Keeping our country safe is of the utmost importance," Panetta said. "However, increasing the defense budget at the expense of other crucial programs such as those that support education or protect our environment is damaging."

Pointing again to Trump's vagueness, the freshman congressman said he "made grand promises on healthcare, defense, and infrastructure, but failed to say how he was going to pay for those plans."

Trump talked about unity and both parties working together. When Panetta was asked if he believed that would happen he said, "I think that he's learning that he cannot govern solely through executive orders. Long lasting legislation that affects our nation takes hard work, compromise, and humility."

Similarly, Panetta said there was one thing he liked about Trump's address.

"I do agree with one thing he mentioned last night, and that is that it is long past time for Democrats and Republicans to work together to construct policy," he said.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 201701096

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

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

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: a married couple.

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

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

S/ Cecil Potter
Jan. 12, 2017

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

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

ORIGINAL FILING
Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC204)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 201702244

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

1. Rural Dispos-All Service, 2. Carmel Valley Disposal Service, 3. UWS of California, 11420 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA 95012, County of Monterey; Mailing Address: 1001 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77002

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

This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 02/15/2002

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

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

Renewal Filing
2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3/17

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CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170205

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

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

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

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

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

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

S/ Michael B. Calhoun

Jan. 25, 2017

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

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

ORIGINAL FILING
Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC207)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 201701070

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

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

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

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County

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

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

S/ Ava K. Havilland Spiering

Jan. 18, 2017

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

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing
Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC208)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 201701047

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

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

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

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

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

S/ Robert C. Barber
Jan. 17, 2017

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

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

NEW FILING with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing
Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170252

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

MC Squared, 1575 Plumas Ave., Seaside, CA 93955, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Joe Campo, 1575 Plumas Ave., Seaside, CA 93955

This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A

S/ Joe Campo

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

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CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170292

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

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

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

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: an individual.

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

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

S/ Ruben Covarrubias

Feb. 7, 2017

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

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

ORIGINAL FILING
Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170284

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

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

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

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

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by: an unincorporated association other than a partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 6, 2017.

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

S/ Katie Hoops, Molly Hill

Feb. 3, 2017

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

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

Professions Code).
ORIGINAL FILING
Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC212)

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: 16FL001910

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
JULIA RUIZ LUNA

You have been sued.
PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
JOSE CARDENAS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lic: LDA #5 of Monterey County
Date Filed: Sept. 28, 2016
(s) Teresa A. Risi, Clerk
by Mary robes, Deputy
Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC 214)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 17CV000525

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

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

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

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: April 7, 2017
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

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

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

(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 8, 2017
Clerk: Teresa A. Risi

Deputy: L. Cummings
Publication dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC215)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 17CV000556

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, TERRY ANNE MIHOK, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name:
TERRY ANNE MIHOK
Proposed name:
TERRY ANNE LOPEZ

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

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: April 14, 2017
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14

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

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

(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 8, 2017
Clerk: Teresa A. Risi

Deputy: L. Cummings
Publication dates: Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 2017. (PC216)

APN: 243-163-005-000 TS No: CA08006401-14-1 TO No: 95308185

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 19, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On March 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM, outside the main

entrance of the Monterey County Administration building located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on January 25, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007006824, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by MICHAEL R. BERUBE, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for ALLIANCE BANCORP as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: **AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST** The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". 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Publication dates: Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC213)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 17CV000574

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, MEGAN CLARICE WELLS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name:
MASON CHARLES MCGINNIS
Proposed name:
MASON CHARLES WELLS

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

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: April 14, 2017
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14

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

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

(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 10, 2017

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This Week

Live Music,
Clubs and Events

Bash offers a swingin' good time, Funkanauts get funky at Fernwood

TURNING BACK the clock to a time when jazz and popular music were the same thing, the 37th annual Jazz Bash by the Bay kicks off Friday, March 3, in Monterey.

More than 1,500 people attended the three-day festival last year, which celebrates the many musical styles that thrived during the golden age of jazz in the early 20th cen-

from as far away as the East Coast.

In contrast to today, jazz in the early 20th century was *the* music to dance to. Kids worked hard to master the moves of the Lindy Hop, the Balboa, the Collegiate Shag and other popular dances.

While young people are still outnumbered by those with silver hair at the Jazz Bash, the event is catching on with the next generation. Several of the festival's musical acts even visited classrooms this week in Monterey County, where they introduced kids to the joys of jazz.

"The kids love the music," said another volunteer, **Rebecca Fitch**. "It's becoming more and more prevalent in our schools."

Rogers called the festival "a magnet" for swing dancing clubs that cater to a younger crowd. She encouraged people to check out the action in the DeAnza Ballroom at Portola Hotel & Spa on Saturday afternoon when the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra takes the stage — and the dancers take the floor.

"They dress up," she added. "It's really fun to watch them."

All-event badges are available for \$105.

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On A High Note

By **CHRIS COUNTS**

ture.

"We have tremendous music," declared one of the festival's organizers, **Mary Jane Rogers**. "We have big band, swing, zydeco, ragtime and New Orleans jazz. It's feel-good music — you can't stop moving and tapping your toes."

The celebration features performances by more than a dozen acts at Golden State Theatre and Portola Hotel & Spa, including **The Royal Society Jazz Orchestra, The Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band, The High Sierra Jazz Band, The Blue Street Jazz Band, Crescent Katz, Big Mama Sue** and many others. Some of the musicians come

Singer-songwriter Rusty Preston will play an eclectic mix of blues, bluegrass, country and folk Saturday in Carmel Valley.



Nearly 90, Carmel Art Association revisits past and welcomes future

TWO SHOWS open Saturday, March 4, at the Carmel Art Association, including one that looks back at the nonprofit art center's early years, and another that calls attention to the talents of its contemporary members.

The gallery will be the site of a reception Saturday at 5 p.m. — one of several events this year commemorating its 90th birthday. The official birthday party is set for Aug. 5.

"Celebrating 90 Years," features over 200 pieces of art created by more than 50 different artists dating back to 1927. The artists include **S.C. Yuan, Armin Hansen, Ellwood Graham, Jeanette Maxfield Lewis, Howard E. Smith, Mary DeNeale Morgan** and many others. All the pieces have been consigned from private collections.

"This is a unique opportunity to view and purchase art created by our most notable members from the past," said **Sally Aberg** of

the Carmel Art Association. "Many of these works have rarely, if ever, been seen by the general public. And many have changed ownership hands only once or twice over the past 90 years."

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the nonprofit art center.

Art Roundup

By **CHRIS COUNTS**

"Toasting New Works" features works by more than 100 current members of the nonprofit art group. Included are works by **Miguel Domiguez, Sarah Healey, Mark Farina, Will Bullas, Peggy Olsen, Alicia Meheen** and many others.

Aberg said more than 600 artists have members of the group over the past nine

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A hand-colored photograph (left) shows **Viola Russ McBride** of the Carmel Art Association in 1950. That piece, as well as **Ferdinand Burgdorff's** painting, "Island" (above), are featured in a show opening Saturday.

Celebrating National Women's History Month, March 12th, 2017

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Vintage YWCA Poster by **Anita Parkhurst, c. 1920**



Most people associate **Julia Morgan** with Hearst Castle, that opulent estate in the hills above California's Central Coast, but **Julia Morgan's** career and significance is better understood as the product of the California Women's Movement. From her earliest architectural commissions to some of her last, **Julia Morgan** depended on and helped to design the dynamic landscape of organized womanhood in the early twentieth century.

March 12th Schedule of Activities at Asilomar:

12 noon - 2:30 p.m. - Self-guided tour of **Julia Morgan** buildings.

- 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - Docent guided walks .
- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - **Dr. Karen McNeill** presentation at Dodge Chapel. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.
- Lecture is Free but **RSVP needed!** Phone: (831) 646-6443 and leave call back number for reservation confirmation, or email: Asilomar.interp@parks.ca.gov.
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Saturday badges are \$60, while Friday and Sunday badges are \$45 each. Students 18 and under get in for free. Discounted rates are offered to college students and active military, who can buy day passes for \$10 or all-event passes for \$20.

For tickets or more details, call (831) 754-8786 or visit www.jazzbashmonterey.com.

Live Music March 3-9

Barmel — **The Love Dimension** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey — **The Thyme Bombs** (pop and rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 150 Del Monte Ave., (831) 920-3560.

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.); **No Water After Midnight** (r&b and pop, 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.

Colton Hall in Monterey — an a cappella chamber ensemble, **VOCI**, performs at Few Memorial Hall (choral music, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 580 Pacific St., (831) 646-5640.

Cooper's Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Stevie Heger** (Friday at 9 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Michael Annotti** (Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

Courtside Bistro at Chamisal Tennis and Fitness Club in Corral de Tierra — **The Kiki Wow Trio** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.). 185 Robley Road, (831) 484-6000.

East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey — **Sincerely, Allison** (singer-songwriter **Allison Ruiz**, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 498 Washington St., (831) 373-5601.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **The Funkanauts** (funk and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — guitarist **Whim Jingit** (blues, folk and rock, Friday at 4:30 p.m.); singer and guitarist **Mark Banks** (rock and soul, Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa — guitarist **Mike Lent**; bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); and trumpeter **Dave Hoffman**,



A local quartet with an affection for the acoustic pop and rock of the 1960s and 1970s, the Thyme Bombs play Saturday at Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey

guitarist **Gino Raugi**, bassist **Billy Bosch** and drummer **David Morwood** (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. sat 1-2

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

Mission Ranch — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday

and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 7 p.m.); pianist **David Kempton** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sunday at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

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

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

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — **Out of the Blue** ("soul rock," Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Rusty Preston** (country, Saturday at 6 p.m.) 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

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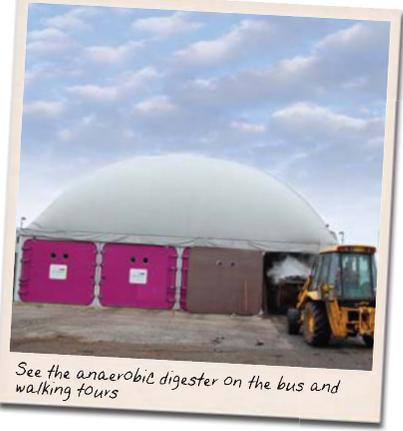
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Beer rich in the pour house, tours in the vines, and honey for hangovers

LAUREN AND Colin Hattersley have long enjoyed checking out the best and newest bars, restaurants and tasting rooms. But it was only recently that the young couple, who have been married nine years, thought about the fact they were always leaving their own city to do it.

“We went all over, and realized we never spent any time in Salinas, which is where we live,” said Lauren.

And that led to their decision to finally pursue the “wild idea we thought would never happen.”

Last June, the Hattersleys opened Farmers Union Pour House in a long-vacant building on Main Street, just up the street from the Taylor Farms building and the National Steinbeck Center.

“There were a lot of changes going on in town, so we thought, maybe this is the right time,” she said. “There is nothing like this. There are some great bars, and some just

serving beer, but none doing beer and wine together, so we just jumped in headlong.”

Their “pour house” offers a frequently rotating list of nearly two dozen beers and more than a dozen wines, all poured from taps along one long counter. Brick-walled and built with steel and wood fixtures, simple furnishings, and a few adornments, their narrow space is modern without being harsh, and clean without being sterile. A few flat-screen TVs are mounted on the wall behind the bar, along with the screen showing that day’s selections from a diverse collection of microbreweries and wineries.

“Our concept was a good fit for the landlord, and they thought it was a good fit for downtown, so we started doing improvements,” she said.

Her husband’s father is a general contractor, and his mother is an interior designer,

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Colin and Lauren Hattersley pursued their “wild idea we thought would never happen,” and opened the Farmers Union Pour House. People in Salinas and the Peninsula are glad they did.

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which meant they were able to do a lot of things themselves. "It was an all-hands-on-deck project on weekends for months," Lauren added.

Now, several months after the opening, things are operating smoothly, even on the busiest nights, and regulars who show up again and again always have plenty of new beers and wines to try.

"Colin does all of the ordering, and the idea is that it's a constantly rotating menu," Hattersley said. "Sometimes that means stuff isn't even on for a day, and sometimes it can be on for a week or more. It kind of depends on what's the hot drink at the moment."

Farmers Union doesn't serve food, other than some cheese and charcuterie, but patrons can call over to order something to eat — mostly pizzas — from Giorgio's next door at 201 Main.

items that they will actually deliver," she explained. "It's an amazing complement to our businesses, because we don't have food and don't intend on having food. It's worked out well for both of us."

The Hattersleys also have a good collection of menus from other local restaurants on hand, in case someone wants to order takeout and bring it back, and patrons are "welcome to bring in anything from any restaurant," Hattersley added.

The pour house is closed Mondays, open the rest of the week from 2 to 10 p.m. (until midnight Fridays and Saturdays), and Lauren and Colin can always be found behind the bar. "Usually, it's so busy that we are just passing each other," she said. "It's been really fun, and we are still talking, still married, and still happy. And most of the time, we agree on stuff."

Farmers Union Pour House is located at 217 Main St., and can be reached by calling (831) 975-4890. Their list of beers and wines is available at Taphunter.

■ **See Galante Vineyards**

Starting March 4, Galante Vineyards will be offering monthly tours of the winery and vineyards in Cachagua, complete with lunch — and plenty of wine, of course. Continuing through the spring, with April 1 and 29, May 13 and June 10 on the calendar, owner Jack Galante and his crew will open up their 700-acre property, with its vineyards, winery and caves, for tours, tastings — including barrel sampling — and picnic lunches.

The winery specializes in reds, offering several blends, Petite Sirah, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon in the lineup. It also produces a Sauvignon Blanc.

The cost is \$50 per person, and advanced reservations are required. Call (831) 624-3800 or email wine@galantevineyards.com.

■ **Flights and bites**

Allegro Gourmet Pizzeria in the Barnyard shopping center will host Flights & Bites, with five courses paired with the wines of Robert Mondavi, Saturday, March 4, at 6 p.m., all for \$60, including tax and tip.

The planned lineup for the evening includes 2013 Oakville Reserve Fumé Blanc with smoked salmon flatbread, 2013 Napa Chardonnay with grilled zucchini crostini, barbecued chicken pizza with 2013 Napa Merlot, and penne pasta and mushrooms with 2013 Carneros Pinot Noir.

For the main course, 2014 Napa Cabernet Sauvignon will complement marinated beef tenderloin. Call (831) 915-0362 for reservations.

■ **South of France**

Andre's Bouchée on Mission Street south of Ocean Avenue is switching things up for its next Supper Club night Monday, March 6.

Since the series was launched some time ago, each multicourse prix fixe offered every other Monday (or so) has focused on a particular ingredient or two, like citrus, oysters, foie gras, tomatoes, lamb, and the like.

"We are going to switch it up slightly and make our supper club theme 'South of France!' Lauren Petel said this week. Lauren works the front of the house, and her husband, Benoit, is the chef. "We don't give out menu details, but to give you an idea of what they eat in the south of France, think confit, foie gras, paella, etc."

Dinner will run \$46 per person, with an additional \$24 per person for those who want wine paired with each course. Corkage is free (maximum two bottles per table.) Reservations are available throughout the evening.

Visit www.andresbouchee.com or call (831) 626-7880.

■ **Mi Sueño at Grasing's**

Wine dinners at Grasing's restaurant, located at the corner of Mission and Sixth, continue with Mi Sueño of Napa Valley taking the stage Tuesday, March 14.

Owner and winemaker Rolando Herrera immigrated to the United States from Mexico when he was 15, and worked in restaurants as

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a dishwasher and then as a line cook before making the move to winemaking, which started with a decade at Stag's Leap. He was winemaker at Vine Cliff and then director of winemaking for Paul Hobbs before he founded Mi Sueño in 1997.

Since then, he has seen his wines served at the White House three times and distributed throughout a dozen states. He also works as a consulting winemaker for others.

At the dinner, his wines will be paired with various dishes created by chef/owner Kurt Grasing, including Salinas Valley asparagus with tomato, basil and burrata cheese; roasted scallop on short rib ravioli with wild mushrooms; prime New York steak with bleu cheese au gratin potatoes and broccolini, and an assortment of cheeses for dessert.

The evening will begin with a 6 p.m. reception, and guests will take their seats around 6:30. The price to attend is \$135 per person, inclusive. Call (831) 624-6562 for reservations.

■ **St. Pat's!**

Corned beef and cabbage. Green beer. Cocktails with unfortunate names. People wearing shamrocks on their heads and acting silly. St. Patrick's Day on March 17 — a Friday this year — is one of those holidays made for revelry and ram-bunctiousness, and local restaurants and bars will be ready.

Flanagan's at the Barnyards shopping center at the mouth of Carmel Valley always has plenty going on, as does the Britannia Arms in downtown Monterey on Alvarado Street. Considering its name, Brophy's in the Hotel Carmel at San Carlos and Fourth should, too.

At Peter B's BrewPub in the Portola Hotel near Custom House Plaza in Monterey, Songs Hotbox Harry Taught Us will be playing country and rock tunes from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and specials will be offered all night, including corned beef and cabbage for \$14.99, Brewer Justin's Irish Pints for \$6, Irish Mules (Tullamore Dew, ginger beer and fresh lime) for \$6, and Irish Car Bombs with Stout Resistance, Bailey's and Jameson for \$10.

At the Rio Grill in the Crossroads shopping center, executive chef Cy Yontz will have corned beef and cabbage available at lunch and dinner, with green beer poured throughout the day, and Tarp's Roadhouse at Highway 68 and Canyon del Rey will have Anchor Porter on draft for \$7, Upstanding Irishman cocktails (Jameson, Bailey's and Frangelico, chilled and served up) for \$10, and corned beef and cabbage at lunch and dinner, too.

■ **And the day after**

He's nowhere near old enough to drink, but Jake Reisdorf can apparently help cure that St. Pat's-induced hangover. "Honey is touted by natural health advocates and scientists alike for its ability to aid the body in quickly breaking down all the green beer and Irish whiskey you consumed on St.

Paddy's Day," according to the folks at Reisdorf's Carmel Honey Co.

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Over the past few years, Reisdorf has worked to educate himself on the art and science of beekeeping, and has turned his hobby into a thriving family business. He offers orange blossom, sage, wildflower and Meadowfoam varieties, and can be found at food-and-wine events all over the Monterey Peninsula and the county.

To learn more about his local honey and where to find it, visit www.carmelhoneycompany.com. St. Patrick's Day is still two weeks away, so there's time.

■ **Ratel's latest**

Bryan Laschiver spent years researching and experimenting to perfect his Ratel hard apple cider before he debuted it to much anticipation and appreciation almost a year ago. Since then, he's produced a second batch, and is now previewing two new creations: Bright, a "semi-dry, limited production apple and pear cider with broad appeal," and sour Hopped Apricot, "a favorite of ours for a long time."

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The two new Ratel ciders will officially launch April 3, but until then (or until they run out), they can be found for a limited time on draft. Mulligan Public House on Dolores Street south of Ocean Avenue has the Bright, while Melville Tavern at 484 Washington St. in Monterey has the Hopped Apricot.

Meanwhile, Laschiver's cider is showing up at more and more locations, both in bottle and on draft, including The Fish Hopper on Cannery Row, Porter's in the Forest at Poppy Hills in Pebble Beach, Bottles 'n' Bins on Lighthouse in New Monterey, The Wharf Marketplace on Del Monte, and Cost Plus World Market in Seaside.

■ **Symphony supper clubs**

Following the Monterey Symphony's matinee performance of "Romeo and Juliet & West Side Story" at Sunset Center Sunday, March 19, the Friends of the Monterey Symphony will hold a fundraising dinner at Anton & Michel, starting at 5:30 p.m. The dinner is one of the group's Supper Club series.

Located on Mission Street south of Ocean Avenue, the restaurant will serve a three-course dinner with select wines. "Enjoy the best of harmony for your ears, and flavor for your palate," organizers said.

The cost is \$70 per person, and the net proceeds benefit the Monterey Symphony. For a full lineup of concerts and special events, visit <http://www.montereysymphony.org>.

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CALENDAR

Ongoing: Friends of the Harrison Memorial Library are accepting book donations for their 45th Annual Big Book Sale to be held Aug. 10-12. Proceeds to benefit the Carmel Library. Book donations can be dropped off every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Friends Book Room at Sunset Center's Lower Level, 10th and San Carlos, Carmel. Information: Call (815) 224-4663.

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 carmelhighsobrigrad@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 ftsnyder@comcast.net.

March 9 — Monterey Public Library Friends present "WILD BIRD: The True Jazz Tale of Ruth Wightman Morris," lecture and reception with local author John A. Greenwald, Wave Street Studios, 4-6 p.m., 774 Wave St., Monterey. Tickets: \$25; purchase at www.mplfriends.com, in person at the library, or call (831) 646-5632.

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. at MCAR (call for directions). Light refreshments served. To reserve a seat, call (831) 648-8080.

March 12 — Free Women's History Month presentation at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds: 3-4 p.m. in Grace Dodge Chapel. PowerPoint Presentation with Dr. Karen McNeill, Julia Morgan historian, "Julia Morgan, Women's Clubs and the California Women's Movement." RSVP required: Email Asilomar.Interp@parks.ca.gov, or (831) 646-6443 and leave call back number for confirmation.

March 18 — "The Salisbury Cathedral Choir" will sing Evensong at 5 p.m. in the heart of Carmel - All Saints' Episcopal Church, Dolores and Ninth. Hear the glorious voices of these girls, boys, and accompanying adults sing Psalms and canticles in the English tradition of Evensong. Donations accepted. Questions? (831) 624-3883.

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ART

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decades, including many of California's most distinguished artists.

The Carmel Art Association is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. The exhibits continue through April 4. Call (831) 624-6176 or visit <http://www.carmelart.org>.

Student artists step up

Showcasing the many creative talents of Monterey County high school students, the Carl Cherry for the Arts's annual "Thinking Out Loud" art exhibit opens March 4.

More than 70 students from 13 different high schools are featured in this year's display.

"There is a freshness and innocence to the students' work that people respond to," said **Robert Reese**, the center's executive director. "It's unpretentious and unaffected by style or form."

The Cherry Center, which will be the site of a reception Saturday at 3 p.m., is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. The show continues through March 24. Call (831) 624-7491 or visit <http://carlcherrycenter.org>.

Painting groups turns 50

A local painting group steps into the spotlight when a juried show by its members opens March 3 at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Established in 1967, **The Central Coast Art Association** celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Nearly 90 artists belong to the group.

The same evening, painter and mixed media artist **Cherie Stock** presents a show of her work, "Intuitive Acts of Art." As she explains, her technique leaves a lot of room for spontaneity.

"Wearing a lab coat and gloves, I paint on flat tables because it's more conducive to accidents and experimentation with liquid mediums like alcohol inks," Stock explained. "I need to splatter, splash and create with abandon."

Also new at the art center will be exhibits by metal workers **Jose Santana** and the late **Ben Benson**, the late painter **Betty Orrett** and Pacific Grove high school students. The art center will also be the site of a memorial tea service for Orrett Saturday at 2 p.m.

Located at 568 Lighthouse Ave., the art center hosts a reception Friday at 7 p.m. **The Ben Anderson Trio** will play jazz and r&b at the event.

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Editorial

Fake news

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump certainly has an odd relationship with the truth, and seems to be constantly getting his facts wrong. Several noteworthy examples — just since he took office — were his insistence that the crowd at his inauguration was bigger than Barack Obama’s, his oft-repeated statement that only a few people were inconvenienced at airports during the rollout of his travel ban, and his claim that his margin of victory in the Electoral College was the biggest since Ronald Reagan.

All those statements were whoppers, and we certainly hope he stops telling them.

However, it is also true that some of the country’s most influential news companies tell whoppers — and their lies are not only bigger than Trump’s, they do a lot more damage because the media have a habit of keeping them up for years. This is especially true when it comes to the inflammatory topic of race.

Remember the 2006 Duke University “rape” case? That was a totally phony story which the big news media outlets — especially the New York Times — accepted as true from the outset and turned into a national crusade against something they like to call White Privilege.

The problem was that the allegations of rape against the students were totally fabricated by the “victim.”

Nevertheless, the news media’s months-long obsession with the story did everlasting damage to the university and the alleged perpetrators, not to mention relations between whites and blacks in the entire country.

Likewise, the 2014 case of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. — an incident that turned out to be nothing more than a petty criminal who shoplifted from a convenience store, roughed up the proprietor when he tried to stop him, and then was killed while assaulting a police officer who tried to question him.

According to overwhelming media coverage, however, Brown was a gentle bystander who was murdered because of the color of his skin — a scenario that was not only utterly false, but which fanned the flames of racial animosity across the country and even led to rioting.

When Trump tells a lie, it’s usually one that inflates his accomplishments or makes him sound more successful than he is — a pattern that betrays his excessive ego and deep-seated desire to win.

Likewise, when reporters tell a false story, they are giving away their innermost thoughts and beliefs — in the two examples just cited, that the United States is a place of savage racial inequality and even overt violence against minorities.

Racial prejudice is still a problem in this country, but it only makes things worse to exaggerate it beyond all connection with reality.

Polls show that Trump is mistrusted by many — a phenomenon that will only get worse if he doesn’t start getting his facts straight.

The same polls show that the media are trusted even less than the president. If they want to restore their credibility with the public, we suggest that this country’s most influential reporters and editors stop telling fairy tales.

BEST of BATES



“They say he’s the city attorney.”

Letters to the Editor

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Resolution won’t affect sheriff

Dear Editor,

The many hardworking undocumented immigrants in our community are critical to the foundation of our local economy and they deserve our respect.

The intent of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 17-042 “Resolution Designating Monterey County a Welcoming County for Immigrants and Refugees, and Declaring the County a Place of Trust and Safety for Local Immigrants,” introduced by District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo, was drafted to further our reputation as a county that recognizes the participation of all its residents in this time of uncertainty and fear.

I have heard from constituents who read The Pine Cone who are genuinely concerned

that violent and dangerous criminals will be released into our communities as a result of this resolution.

In Monterey County, anyone who commits a crime is arrested and processed through our established system of law and order.

Undocumented violent criminals serve their sentences, and often, based on their court sentences, are deported. In response to the various accusations I have encountered, I spoke with Sheriff Steve Bernal and he has confirmed that the resolution passed has not impacted his ability to keep criminals off our streets in any way, shape, or form.

I take the safety of our communities very seriously and want to make clear that nothing in this resolution limits the sheriff’s ability to do his job.

As always, your Fifth District team is here to answer any questions you may have on this matter, as is Sheriff Steve Bernal.

Please continue to call our office at (831) 647-7755 with your concerns or email me at district5@co.monterey.ca.us. We are here to serve you and your safety is a top priority.

Mary Adams, Supervisor
Monterey County 5th District

Remove them ASAP

Dear Editor,

The more I read in The Pine Cone about Monterey County’s supervisors (with the exception of John Phillips) trying to prevent

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Traveling is great, but coming home to build community is even better

AFRICA. GALAPAGOS. New Zealand, Peru, Spain and “Israel, of course.” Susan Greenbaum rattled off a list of places she loves to visit. She especially likes going to Hawaii with her husband, Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum of Congregation Beth Israel. “We can really relax there,” she said.

Relaxing isn’t Greenbaum’s strong suit, however. She’s usually in motion, going from one meeting to the next, sometimes accompanied by her dog, Mazik (Yiddish for “mischievous”), an affable and energetic little Havanese-Maltese mix.

Since retiring from a career that included working in development at Hebrew Union College in Southern California, as director of a Jewish student organization at Vanderbilt University in Tenn., as a part-time food broker who sold desserts to a major restaurant chain and as part of a merchants’ organization that helped businesses get set

was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her mother and brother both died of cancer, so when she survived it, she decided to get involved in the fight against it.

For the past three years, she’s been president of the Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County. “We’re all survivors, all volunteers and we run the whole show. We give grants to women who are financially struggling with breast cancer treatment and follow-up,” she explained.

Back to childhood

And somehow, during the Jewish film festival, she’s making time for the group’s annual fundraiser, a bowl-a-thon at Monterey Lanes on North Fremont Street. “You don’t have to be able to bowl,” she laughed. “We don’t put the bumpers in the gutters, but it’s a lot of fun.”

The organization gets a grant from

From Machu Picchu, Peru, to Mah Jongg, Susan Greenbaum finds creative ways to relax — when she’s not busy wearing one of her many volunteer hats.



up to take credit cards, Greenbaum said she’s busier than ever.

Starting March 4, she’ll be occupied with the seventh annual Carmel Jewish Film Festival, which she co-chairs.

“It started in my living room with a group of eight people who said, ‘we should do this,’” she said. The first year they showed five films, all at Congregation Beth Israel.

Exciting collaboration

The festival’s since grown to four different venues, and it lasts three weeks. Greenbaum puts her heart and considerable thought into it. “When choosing films, we try to do outreach with various other communities,” she said, citing this year’s “Rosenwald” as an example.

It’s a biopic about one of the owners of Sears-Roebuck in the 1920s, Julius Rosenwald, who established schools for African-American kids in rural areas throughout the South. There will be a discussion afterward with Dumisani Washington of the Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel.

That’s the sort of collaboration that gets Greenbaum really excited. “I like to do things to help to bring communities together,” she said. She also loves to cook and bake — she brought decadent homemade biscotti to The Pine Cone interview — and she started an annual barbecue with the neighbors on her street at the mouth of Carmel Valley.

“To have a happy neighborhood you need to know each other. And it’s a way to welcome new people, too,” she said.

But not every aspect of Greenbaum’s life has been so cheerful. Several years ago, she

Community Foundation that covers its overhead, so, Greenbaum’s proud to say, 100 percent of the funds it raises go to breast cancer patients.

It gives an average of \$1,500 to \$2,000 to each woman, to help with non-medical expenses, like rent, day care and gas cards. “Some of them live in King City, Bradley and Greenfield and have daily treatments in Monterey or Salinas,” Greenbaum said, so gas can be a big expense.

She’s also served on her home owners association board for four years and spearheaded a fire abatement program to remove dead trees and brush during the drought.

Greenbaum’s devotion to community and

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

volunteering goes back to her childhood. She grew up in Nashville, Tenn., the daughter of a CPA and a stay-at-home mom who was president of her synagogue’s sisterhood. Greenbaum was “very, very active,” in a Jewish youth organization, eventually serving at its regional and national levels. She said she still has friends from that group.

‘Very welcoming’

At the University of Tennessee, she wanted to devote herself to Jewish studies, but there was no major in Judaica. Well, there wasn’t, until she worked with faculty and administration to create one.

She met and married her husband 31

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LIBRARY

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idea is to move all the services to the Park Branch, because right now it’s difficult to provide services out of two buildings.”

In their site assessment, the architects concluded the main building “may be an architectural landmark in Carmel,” but “it no longer meets the functional requirements of a modern library.”

The consultants found the building designed by Bernard Maybeck is largely inaccessible to disabled patrons, needs a structural analysis and major upgrades, and is generally inadequate when it comes to having enough space for staff, patrons, storage, collections and programs.

“It would be better use of space if we brought everything over here,” to the Park Branch, Bombard said. “Then we would make the main library mostly a community space for people to have meetings and events and things like that.” As a result, the library and its main nonprofit supporter, the Carmel Public Library Foundation, would no longer have to hold their fundraisers and other events at Sunset Center, as they do now.

“It would be so nice to have everything in one building,” she said. “We’d actually have meeting rooms and community rooms, and spaces where people could have smaller group meetings, and other spaces where people could have lectures.”

The first phase would involve remodeling the Park Branch — which is more modern but still too small — to add a second story and vastly more square footage to accommodate all of the library’s collections and staff.

“They would basically only have a lobby and a large community space on the first floor, and the rest of that area would be dedicated to parking, so the rest of the library would go on the second floor,” she said.

These ideas are just at the concept phase, of course, and any significant changes to either building would require not only considerable fundraising, but detailed plans, extensive public discussion at multiple hear-

ings, permits and construction bids. The council will have its first look at the concept during its regular meeting, which will begin Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in city hall on Monte Verde Street south of Ocean Avenue.

“It’s really interesting, and if it’s feasible, it would be really exciting and certainly enhance public service,” Bombard said. “I think everyone would be really pleased.”

In the nearer term

While such an extensive overhaul is a long way off, the Park Branch will shut down for six to eight weeks to get new carpeting and paint, probably in mid-April.

“Part of the problem is we still don’t have firm dates,” she said, because the bids haven’t been awarded yet. “The carpet and paint are original to 1989, when the former bank was renovated into the library.”

Before the work begins, the people who work in that branch and their office furniture will move up to the city’s Vista Lobos building at Torres and Third, since the branch will be off-limits to everyone while work is underway.

“Anything that’s in shelves that are affixed to the walls will be shrink-wrapped and stay in place,” she explained, while the freestanding bookshelves and their contents, as well as computers, will be packed up and kept in portable units in the parking lot. Some materials will also be stored off site, since everything won’t fit in the onsite storage.

“It’s a big job,” Bombard said.

The vault, which is climate controlled, won’t be affected by the work, so much of the library’s historical collection will remain there, while the local history room’s furnishings, card catalog and other items will be taken offsite.

“We’re going to move as much as possible into the vault,” she said, while the rest will go to a storage space in Pacific Grove that the city has used since the Park Branch’s basement was sealed off due to water intrusion. “It’s not our true state-of-the-art technology like in the vault, but this is still climate controlled, so the city’s art and the rest of the local history materials will be out there.”

LETTERS

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the deportation of illegal aliens who commit even violent acts, the angrier I get.

Why do Mary Adams, Simon Salinas, Luis Alejo and Jane Parker support illegal alien murderers, gang members, drug dealers and rapists living among us?

The answer is political correctness, which the “Criminal Coddling Four” adhere to in knee-jerk fashion.

I said years ago that as a society we would eventually politically correct ourselves right into the grave, and it’s happening now, as evidenced by the murders around the United States committed by illegals.

I voted for Mary Adams, but never

again. In fact, I will do all I can to help defeat her in the next election on this issue alone.

She and the others have given the back of their hand to the law-abiding citizens of this county who deserve to be protected from those who would harm us. I wonder how these disgraceful “public servants” would feel if an illegal alien who should have been deported murdered one of their loved ones?

When one or more citizens becomes the victim of an illegal alien, Adams, Salinas, Alejo and Parker will have blood on their hands.

But at least they will be politically correct, and that seems to be all that matters anymore. It’s too bad they can’t be removed the way their initials line up: ASAP.

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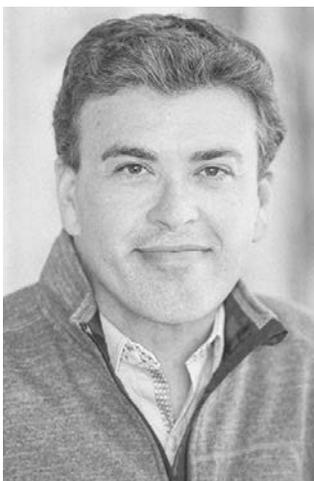
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Jewish film festival opens March 4 with flick about hoops heroes

By CHRIS COUNTS

CELEBRATING THE “power and artistry of cinema” — and taking on important issues that impact the Jewish community everywhere — the 7th annual Carmel Jewish Film Festival kicks off when the film, “On the Map,” is screened Saturday, March 4, at Congregation Beth Israel.

“On the Map” tells the story of how an underdog Israeli basketball team in 1977 defeated the Russians before going on to win the Euro Cup. Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. A reception precedes the screening at 6:30 p.m., and a Q&A follows with filmmaker **Dani Menkin**.

The following evening, March 5, “Rock in the Red Zone” plays at the Golden Bough Playhouse. A reception featuring Israeli food and local wine starts at 3 p.m., the film will be shown at 4 p.m., and a Q&A will follow. A musician featured in the film, **Avi Vaknin**, will perform.

Also featured in this year’s lineup of films are “Labyrinth of Lies” (March 11 at Congregation Beth Israel), “Once in a Lifetime” (March 12 at Lighthouse Cinemas), “Sabena Hijacking: My Version” (March 15 at Lighthouse Cinemas), “Rosenwald” (March 18 at Middlebury Institute), and “Frank vs. God” (March 19 at Congregation Beth Israel).

Festival co-chair **Susan Greenbaum** told The Pine Cone that the festival has grown every year.

“We are not only attracting people from the Jewish community, but from the broader community as well,” Greenbaum explained. “People seem to really love this event. It’s a way to educate the community about issues they might not otherwise be exposed to.”

Greenbaum noted that thousands of films “are out there, but we show just eight.” “We are very particular about the ones we choose — every one is an award-winning film that you wouldn’t be able to see in a local theater,” she added.

Tickets for individual films are \$12 for general admission and \$8 for students and active military. Tickets for this Sunday’s reception are \$20. For more details, call (831) 624-2015 or visit www.carmeljff.org.

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years ago, while he was attending school in Los Angeles to become a rabbi. She moved with him to Cincinnati, Ohio, to complete his education, and then they went to Denver, Colo., for his first job as an assistant rabbi. After several years there, he felt he was ready to head his own congregation, and they came to Carmel Valley.

“Everyone was very welcoming, very warm. People would call me and tell me where I should go grocery shopping and what doctors I should go to,” she remembered. “They’re like our extended family. I watched their kids growing up and now they have kids. I get to go to all the best parties — bar mitzvahs, and weddings!”

She also plays mah-jongg with her friends. She brought the American version of the Chinese tile game to Carmel Valley. “I’ve been playing since I was about 12, and when I got here, I taught about 14 women how to play. It’s really big now. We play every week,” she said.

The couple has raised three children, and, so far, there are no grandchildren. But she’s OK with that. “It lets us travel together,” she said. And get away. And maybe, now and then, really relax.

JAVID

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With her husband — who’s a Pittsburgh, Pa., native and former U.S. Navy officer — she lived and worked in Pittsburgh, Wheeling, W.Va., and Japan (where Roya taught English to Japanese students) before returning to California in 2010, and settling in Quail Meadows.

“My husband and I have talked about it, and neither of us is sure we’d encourage our two boys (Alexander, 13, and Nicholas, 10) to become doctors,” she said. “Medicine is a long haul that really begins in high school. If you don’t get fantastic grades in high school, you won’t get into a great college. If you don’t come from a great college, you can’t jump into a great medical school. And if you don’t do well in med school, you won’t get into an internship and residency. When I add it all up, I’ve been in school for almost 30 years.”

In fact, the homework never stops coming. Physicians need to keep abreast of the latest breakthroughs in medicine throughout their careers.

“I have patients come through my office every day with articles they found in magazines or newspapers, or something they heard from a friend, about a new procedure, or a new medicine,” she said. “So I read. I study. I go to conferences. Staying educated is a daily process. It’s always challenging, but it’s extremely rewarding to be able to implement the latest technologies to help my patients.”

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COUNCIL

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unless a council person or member of the public asks for it — are several other items involving revenues and expenses:

- authorization of city administrator Chip Rerig to sign contracts for on-call electrical, HVAC and plumbing services;

- an amendment to a contract with Technology Integration Group for \$159,617 for a new computer system;

- a budget adjustment of \$13,488 and the awarding of a new contract for \$30,492 to paint the Park Branch library;

- an amendment to a contract with Golden State Planning and Environmental Consulting Services for \$37,600; and

- an agreement with the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove and Salinas, and the Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District for the joint purchase of radios.

At the start of the meeting, Group 4 Architects will give a presentation on the future of the city’s libraries, the Carmel High School mock trial team will make an appearance, the council will appoint a committee to look at grant applications, and the mayor and mayor pro-tem will draft a letter “to request a one-lane bridge for Big Sur.”

The council is set to go into closed session at 3 p.m. to discuss litigation, property negotiations, labor and other private dealings, and then to return to council chambers for the regular meeting starting at 4:30 p.m. For more information and a full agenda packet, visit www.ci.carmel.ca.us. City hall is located on Monte Verde Street south of Ocean Avenue.

MONNING

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last week about the incident, saying the Senate leadership “silenced the voice” of the 960,000 residents in the 34th Senate District.

“Today, in a clear violation of my First Amendment rights, I was silenced and forcibly removed from the Senate floor during an adjournment in memory of Vietnamese and Vietnamese refugees which also offered another historic perspective on former Sen. Tom Hayden’s active support of North Vietnam’s communist regime during the Vietnam War,” Nguyen said in a statement released Feb. 24.

From Monning’s perspective, though, objecting to Nguyen’s comments was the right thing to do.

“My job was to enforce protocol and rules on the floor,” the senator from Carmel told The Pine Cone Wednesday. “Those were not followed. We were not able to get a ruling on a point of order I sought to raise.”

Monning went on to say that the rules of the Senate must be respected.

“She did not allow the presiding officer to rule on a point-of-order motion, and that is why the presiding officer [asked] sergeants to remove her,” he said. “It was an unfortunate circumstance that in my view was totally preventable.”

Monning said Nguyen was given the opportunity to speak at the earlier meeting when members memorialized Hayden, but Nguyen said she declined out of respect for Hayden’s family. She was also offered the opportunity to speak this week but declined again, Monning said.

A personal apology

Nguyen, who maintains she “followed protocol,” said she was “perplexed” by the actions against her because she had informed Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León of her intention to speak about the topic.

A spokesman for de León told The Pine Cone that he personally apologized to her last week for her removal.

“As the leader of this body, I take full responsibility for what transpired and for making sure it never happens again,” de León said in a statement. “So let me state clearly and unequivocally now: This is a House of the people that doesn’t just tolerate free expression — we celebrate it.”

De León also said that Democrats and Republicans alike should know the rules of the Senate. He agreed to an investigation of the incident by the Senate Rules Committee.

In a follow-up statement Monday, Nguyen said she was “still disappointed with the Senate majority leadership’s lack of acknowledgement of wrongdoing.”

“In addition, their continued attempts to mischaracterize this incident as a result of a lack of understanding of the rules is a quick jump to judgment and wrong,” she said. “I hope that never again, a sitting senator will go through the trauma of being forcibly removed from the Senate floor. Let us not forget that the chamber is the people’s house and that no dissenting voice should be silenced.”

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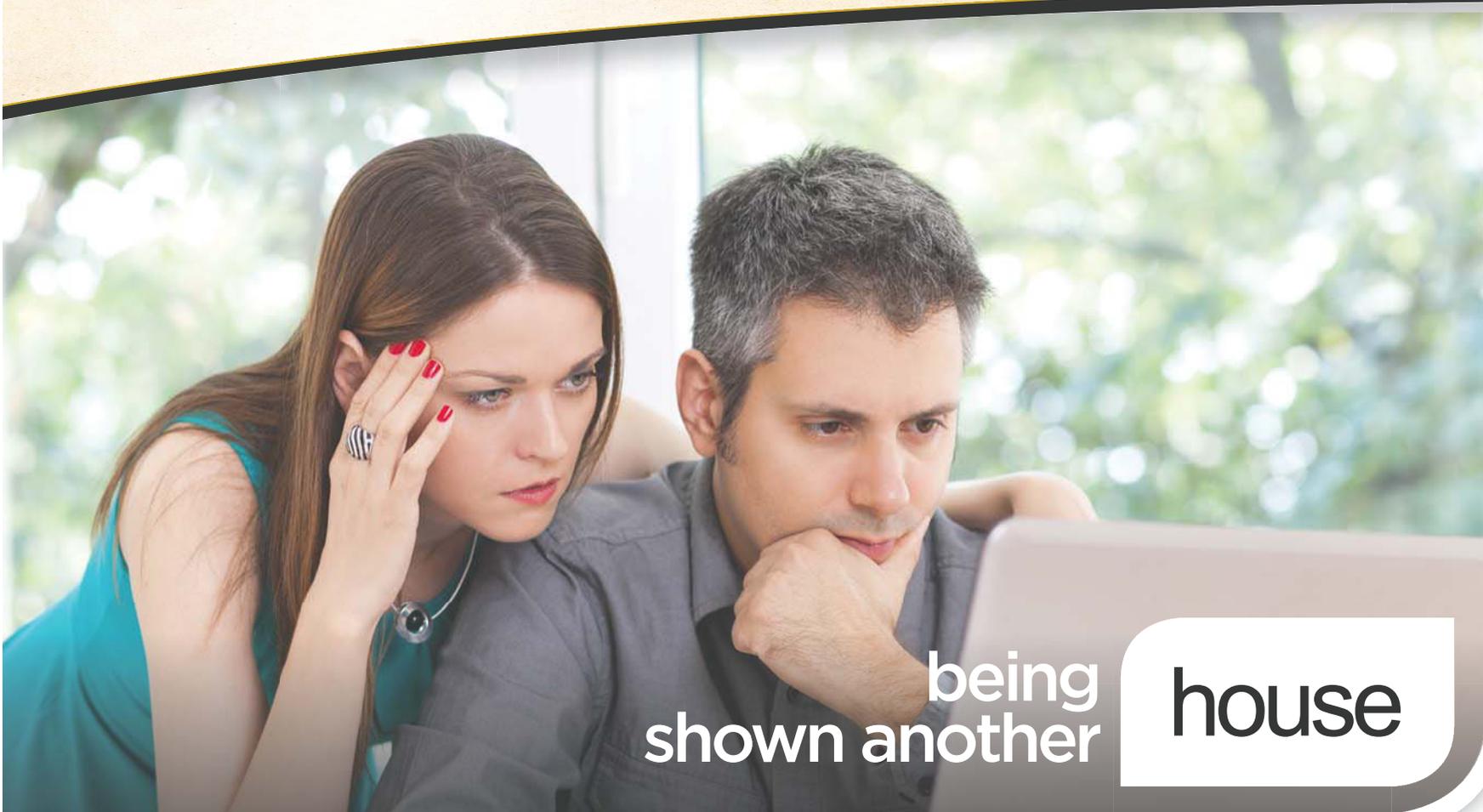
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