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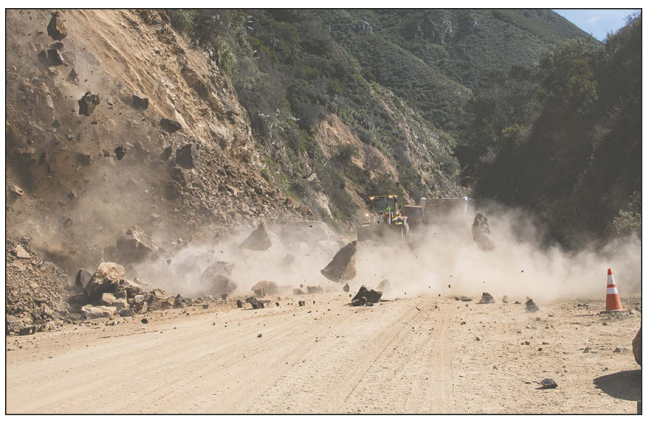
Wrecking ball on its way to demolish failed bridge



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This week, workers cleared fallen trees and debris (top) along Palo Colorado Road, while on Highway 1, just south of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park (middle), workers dodged falling rocks while waiting to clear the roadway. And at the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge, a close up shows how the concrete is crumbling and the rebar is bending as the bridge slowly gives way.

■ Replacement could take a year; temporary access sought

By CHRIS COUNTS

CALTRANS OFFICIALS say it could be nine months to a year before a replacement is built for the doomed Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge — which means it will also be that long before Highway 1 is accessible for people who want to drive all the way through.

But Kirk Gafill, general manager of Nepenthe restaurant, is warning that the local tourism industry would take a massive hit from such a delay, and that the impact would be felt statewide. Gafill says he's holding out hope that a temporary one-lane bridge can be installed in the near future so tourists can again travel freely up and down the coast.

Meanwhile, the failing bridge will be demolished early next week. Cracks were discovered in it Feb. 12, and it's been slowly falling apart ever since. Located just south of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, the bridge crosses a tributary of the Big Sur River.

Caltrans very doubtful

While Gafill and others are calling for the installation of a temporary bridge, Caltrans spokesperson Susana Cruz said she doesn't believe it's possible — and will only delay the completion of a permanent bridge.

"How would we work on the bridge and leave room for a lane?" she asked. "It's nothing we're entertaining — it's not a feasible fix."

For now, workers are drilling at the site, where an active

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Monk who broke hip dies of heart failure

By ELAINE HESSER

BROTHER EMMANUEL Wasinger, who broke his hip at New Camaldoli Hermitage Feb. 23 and was airlifted to Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, died Monday of heart problems discovered when he reached the hospital.

Despite the heart trouble, Wasinger underwent surgery for his hip soon after being evacuated and was then moved to Windsor Monterey Care, a skilled nursing facility, for rehabilitation.

Several visitors who saw him after the surgery said he seemed "fine," and that his only wish was for "peace and joy." But on the morning of March 6, he died of heart failure, at the age of 89. He had rarely left the hermitage for 45 years.

Jill Gisselere, director of development for the hermitage and a friend of Brother Emmanuel, remembered him as "a cheerful person," who was very curious about the afterlife.

"He wanted to know what heaven was like, and whether there were dogs there," she said with a smile.

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PHOTO/KAYLEIGH MEYERS

Brother Emmanuel, who regularly blessed bulldozers and other equipment at the Camoldoli Hermitage, died March 6.

Carmel Belle in a pickle after council says, 'No'

By MARY SCHLEY

JAY AND Chloe Dolata will have to figure out how to make their restaurant in the Doud Arcade comply with the law, since the city council decided Tuesday not to add a new category of restaurant that would accommodate counter service.

City regulations allow two types of eatery — sit-down, like we're all used to, and "specialty," which includes coffee shops and ice cream parlors. After Carmel Belle expanded a few years ago, decision makers were tasked with developing regulations that would allow it and others where customers walk up, order and pay for food at a counter before eating.

No major change to city's strict restaurant rules

But after several planning commission meetings — preceded by prolonged discussions by a subcommittee that started with two planning commissioners and grew to include several restaurateurs and a member of the Carmel Residents Association — city officials opted this week for no change.

Instead, the Dolatas will have to use the area they expanded into in the Doud Arcade only for table service, or not at all, while still being allowed to take orders at the counter in the original footprint of the restaurant, which is a "legal nonconformity," because counter service has been offered there for more than six decades, well before the current rules were established. They have until November to figure out how they

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Mayor derides 'spending like drunken sailors'

By MARY SCHLEY

THE IDEA of paying a "construction project manager" almost $5,000 to oversee repainting the interior of the library's Park Branch raised hackles among city council members Tuesday, when they were considering the painting contract. But it wasn't the first time the issue rankled them: Last month, the council complained about taxpayers having to cover nearly $56,000 in fees for project management.

In general, a project manager prepares requests for proposals and contracts, oversees their implementation, reviews plans and related documents, creates and monitors schedules, works with developers and contractors, assists with grants, and prepares and presents staff reports to decision-makers. They help ensure contractors are not over-billing the city for their work, too. Carmel had one on staff, but he quit, and efforts are underway to hire his replacement.

In the meantime, outside contractors are doing the job, and their invoices have raised questions.

$8,100 to oversee a railing

At their February meeting, council members railed against Eagle Project Management, which has been paid to oversee several city projects, including the new railing at Sunset Center they were considering at the time.

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy said that what should have been a fairly simple project — replacing the metal railing along the ramp on the north side of the cultural center — has been made overly complicated.

While the project, which she said could have been handled by a metal fabricator, was initially estimated at around $30,000, its costs had risen to $61,000, including $8,100 for

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LAGERHOLM ESTATE SPREADS LARGESSE THROUGHOUT CITY

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN ERL Lagerholm died in February 2016 at the age of 93, he left behind a legacy that's now finding its place among the dozens of nonprofits and other groups he supported throughout his long and interesting life. On Tuesday, the Carmel City Council voted to officially accept a donation of $31,000 from Lagerholm — and the city is not the only entity to benefit from his generosity.

All told, 63 organizations, largely concentrated in the Monterey Peninsula and in his former East Coast territory, with a smattering of others throughout California and elsewhere, were designated to receive between six-tenths of a percent and 4.4 percent of his estate, which was worth about $5.2 million, according legal documents associated with his will.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Canine commitment

JUST BECAUSE she'd had German shepherds before didnt mean she knew what to expect with this one.

After her beloved dog died at age 12, she contacted his breeder and, eight weeks later, she brought home a beautiful purebred puppy. Yet one morning, she awoke to find the dog had died from what she later learned was a massive heart attack. He was 13 months old.

"My husband said, 'no more dogs,' but I've always had dogs," she said. "Besides, I'd already ordered another German shepherd from a different breeder, a reputable organization in Chicago."

Eight weeks and $4,000 later, she put the puppy on her lap and flew home.

She named him Baron. Now 11 months old, Baron is small for his age. He is high-strung, nervous, easily distracted and insecure. And he's even become a spinner, relentlessly chasing his tail. He's also mouthy, biting harder than is puppylike or playful.

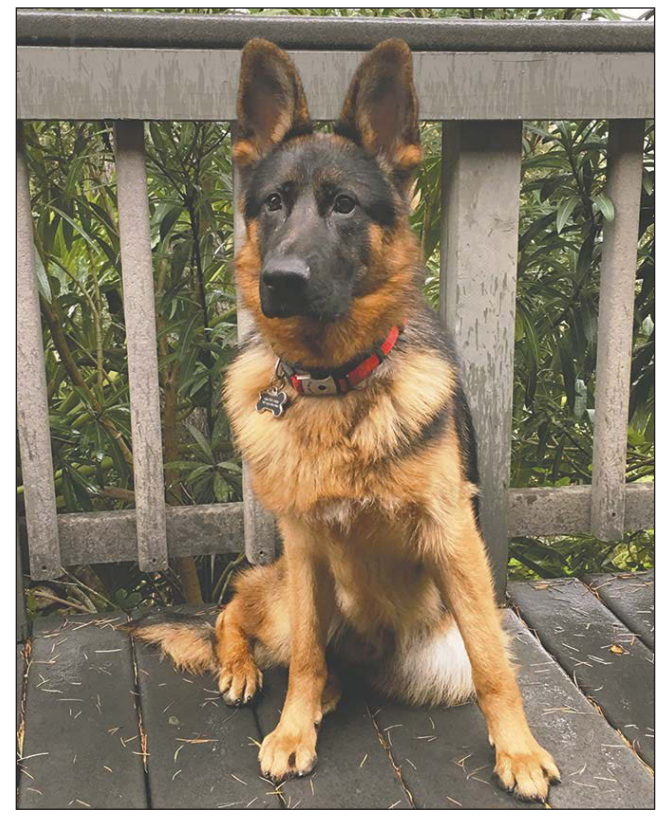
To solve these problems, she contacted a trainer. But when he told her to give the dog back to the breeder, she hired someone else.

"If I sent Baron back, they'd probably put him down," she said. "And I made a commitment when I brought him home."

With training, Baron's getting better. He follows commands and calms down. She sends him to his place, a mat on the floor, when he needs to regroup. He spends his days in a doggie daycare while she works, which has helped him learn to socialize with other dogs — a big bonus at the beach.

When the Monrovia resident brings Baron there, he runs along the shore with abandon, splashing through the waves, and playing with other dogs.

"Baron's a bit of a silver-spoon child," his person said. "I never leave him alone, and he gets constant attention. We're making progress. I'm a determined person. I'm not giving up on Baron."



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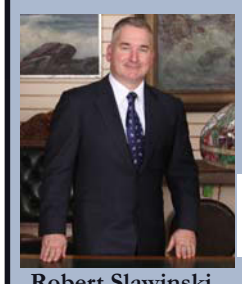

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Commission OKs mezzanine for Seventh & Dolores

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH RELATIVELY little drama, the planning commission on Wednesday approved a mezzanine proposed for the restaurant that will soon be open at the former bank building and event center at Dolores and Seventh. The 649-square foot, second-level addition would be set 3 feet from the large windows on the north side and would accommodate three dozen seats.

Owner Fred Kern is buying water credits from Clint Eastwood's Malpaso Water Co. in order to increase the restaurant's occupancy to 136 seats inside, and 42 outside, according to planning director Marc Wiener, who recommended the commission approve the mezzanine designed by architect Adam Jeselnick.

"In staff's opinion, the proposed mezzanine would not have an adverse impact on the aesthetic or character of the building," he said.

Jeselnick told commissioners he and Kern explored a half-dozen different options for the mezzanine before settling on the final design. "The floor is set back 3 feet from the window. I don't see it as being a view impact from the street," Jeselnick said. "It's a very narrow structural element set back from the glass."

Kern also noted that it could be removed "after I'm dead and gone," if a future owner desires it. And while resident Barbara Livingston said the building is "significant" and argued the mezzanine would affect its appearance from the outside and from the interior, Kern noted that the former bank designed by Walter Burde was never officially declared historic or otherwise significant, and he successfully fought in court to keep it that way.

Commissioners embraced the proposal.

"I love it. I think it revitalizes the downtown," commissioner Julie Wendt said. "I think it's beautiful."

In addition to being pleased by the prospect of having another breakfast place in

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Planning commissioners decided a mezzanine can be installed inside the Seventh & Dolores building, which will soon have a new restaurant operating there.

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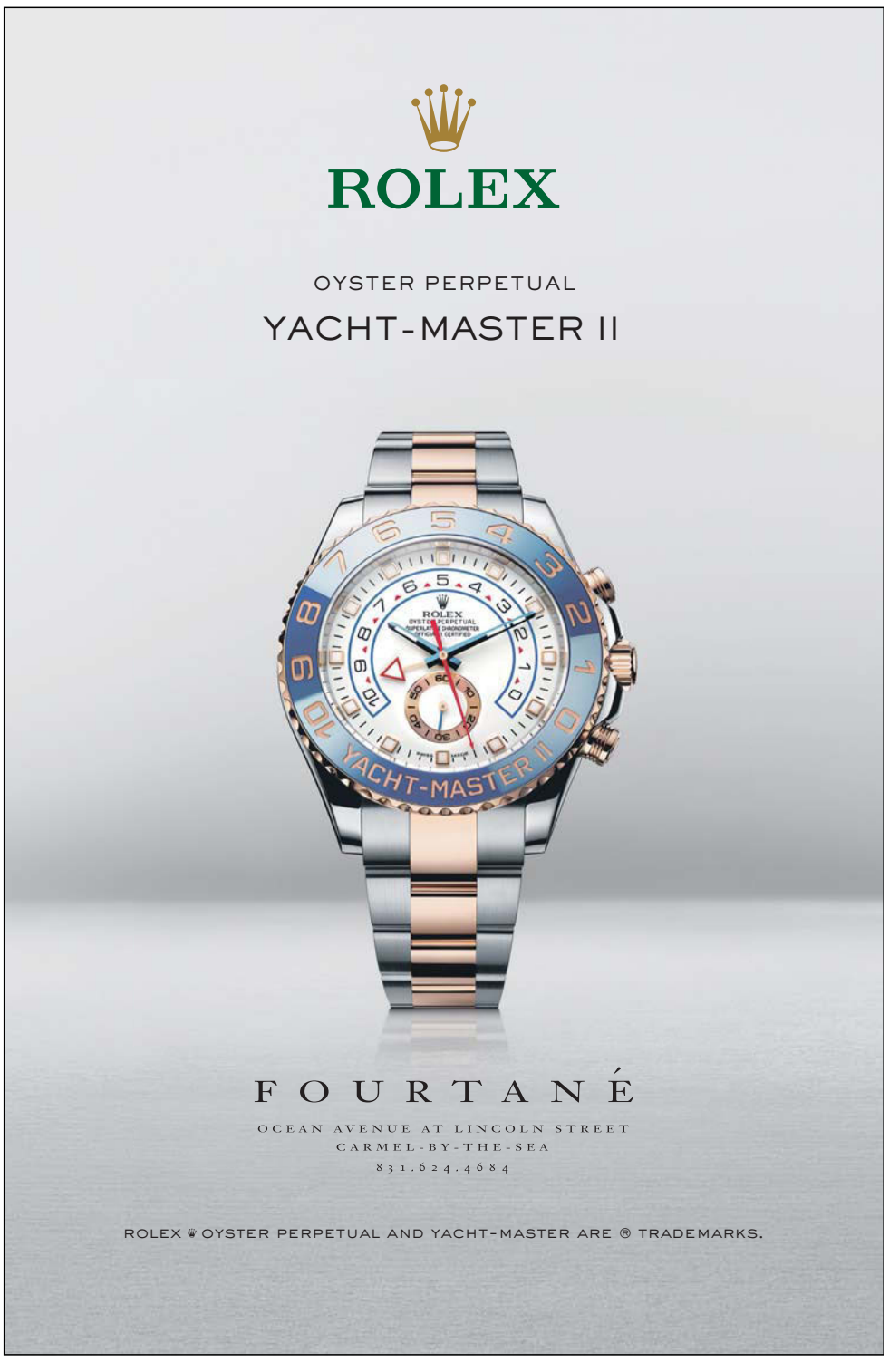

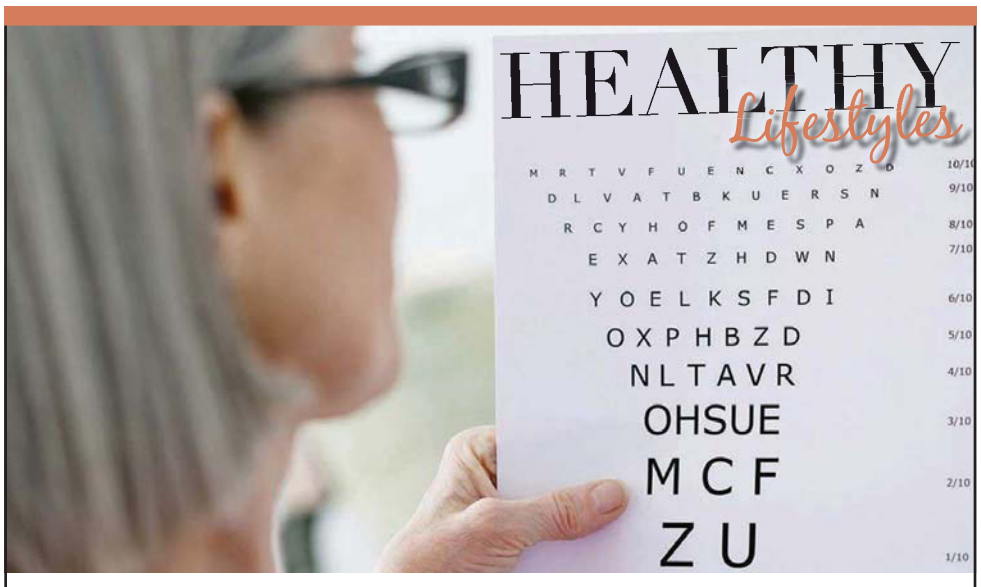

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Unconscious on the porch

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 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of a wallet with contents while patronizing shops in the commercial district in the area of Lincoln and Seventh.

Pacific Grove: Resident was at home on Moreland when a window was broken at 0146 hours. Unknown weapon was used. No suspect descriptions.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle was seen speeding on Ocean View Boulevard at 0300 hours. During a traffic stop, the driver was determined to be underage and unlicensed. Driver cited and vehicle released to its owner.

Carmel Valley: Medical call on Woodside Drive.

Pebble Beach: Hospital staff reported a rape victim in the ER; however, the victim refused to make a police report.

Big Sur: A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle on Highway 1, and the driver, a 31-year-old male, was found to have a suspended license.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of her driver's license while patronizing shops in the commercial district.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult female at Dolores and Sixth reported two iPhones were stolen while she was visiting stores downtown. The female did not know exactly when or where she was when the phones were stolen. The next day, the female called the station to report she had located the phones. Case closed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on San Carlos south of Vista reported a dog escaped from a residence, and shortly afterward, a citizen reported finding the dog. Arrangements were made by both parties, and the dog was returned to its rightful owner.

Pacific Grove: Officer responded to Forest Avenue for a vehicle that was stuck on a small embankment located inside of a private parking lot. The driver said he might have been using his cell phone. He appeared slightly confused. A female witness said she noticed the driver using his cell phone and then driving down the embankment. Officers have made several contacts with the driver on past vehicle collisions.

Pacific Grove: An intoxicated male was located on the front lawn of a Lincoln Avenue residence. The male was placed under arrest and transported to county jail for public intoxication.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported the theft of a lacrosse goal at the middle school.

Pacific Grove: Assisted Monterey police in the recovery of a stolen vehicle on Spruce.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A dog was found running loose in the commercial district at Mission and Fourth, and was captured and brought to the police station for safekeeping. The finder called the number on the collar to advise the owner to pick up the dog. Dog was returned to its owner at 1120 hours.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to the same subject bothering employees of two different businesses at Country Club Gate. The male was found in the public lot of the shopping center intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested for being drunk in public. The man, age 55, was transported for sobering and later released on a written promise to appear.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to Country Club Gate on a report of trespassing. The caller stated a male adult was inside of the business and refusing to leave. Police officers had responded earlier in the day for the same issue. The subject was contacted and asked to leave. He was also provided with a trespass admonishment and told not to return to the business. Subject left without further incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A large pine tree on Carmel Way broke approximately 30 feet from the base and fell to the ground, damaging a private fence and blocking the roadway. The roadway is private and maintained by the residents. The tree was located on Pebble Beach property. Forestry was notified and spoke with the homeowner. Tree service responded to remove the tree.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A large city pine tree uprooted and fell into a residence on Junipero near 10th, causing damage to the front of the residence. Two parked vehicles were also damaged.

Pacific Grove: Ninth Street resident reported credit card applications were opened without his knowledge.

Pacific Grove: Female stated her son was unconscious on the front porch of her residence on Gibson. Suspect was in possession of a controlled substance. The subject was evaluated by paramedics and taken to the hospital.

Pacific Grove: Sexual assault on 17th Street involving an unconscious victim.

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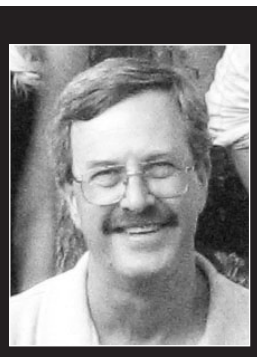

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Retired chief suing for bigger pension

By KELLY NIX

THE FORMER fire chief of Monterey, Carmel and Pacific Grove is suing the City of Monterey, alleging it erroneously assured him that extra pay he earned while managing a fire department merger in 2012 would be calculated in his CalPERS retirement benefits — an oversight he said will mean a loss of more than $350,000 in pension benefits over his lifetime.

Andrew Miller

In a March 3 lawsuit, Andrew Miller, who retired as fire chief in 2013 when was 54 years old, said he was asked by Monterey officials in 2012 to lead a fire services merger between the city and the Monterey Regional Airport Fire District.

For the extra work, Miller was given the title of interim assistant city manager and 7 percent in "special assignment pay" — money the city assured him would be included in his final compensation for the purpose of calculating his retirement benefits.

But after 13 months in that role, Miller, now 57, decided to retire, only to discover that his substantial monthly pension wouldn't be as hefty as he had been promised.

Miller "was shocked to learn that CalPERS determined that the [7 percent pay] he received did not constitute special compensation as defined by the Public Employees' Retirement Law," and therefore the funds would not be factored into Miller's monthly retirement check, according to the lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court.

The City of Monterey appealed CalPERS' decision, but in 2016, an administrative law judge determined that the state agency that manages pension and health benefits for public employees and retirees "properly excluded" Miller's 7 percent special pay from his retirement allowance calculation.

Miller "faces a reduction in his monthly retirement allowance for the remainder of his lifetime, which is directly attributable to the negligence, inefficiency, and/or unlawful conduct" of the city, according to his lawsuit, filed for Miller by Fresno attorney Katwyn T. DeLaRosa.

The former fire chief alleges that former city manager Fred Meurer and human resources director Michelle Maloney were the employees who assured him that the extra 7 percent pay would be calculated as part of his retirement benefits. Monterey city manager Mike McCarthy said Wednesday that the city couldn't comment since it has yet to be served with the complaint.

Miller, who lives in Pebble Beach, contends that Monterey's oversight has meant a loss of about $850 per month from his retirement checks. He said he's already lost $29,104 since his retirement.

"The reduction, calculated over the course of the next 25 years, amounts to an additional loss of approximately $326,400 including annual [cost of living adjustments,], which amounts to a combined total estimated loss of $355,504."

The reduction, the lawsuit says, "causes great concern" for Miller, who retired "at a time he could have continued working."

A website that discloses public employees' salaries and pensions indicates that Miller's pension is about $160,000 per year.

P.G. to step up fire prevention inspections

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MONTEREY Fire Department will resume conducting fire inspections in the City of Pacific Grove, now that it has three new part-time inspectors on the payroll. The inspectors will check out apartment buildings and housing complexes, schools, care facilities and businesses for compliance with fire and life safety codes.

"Emphasis will initially be on the residential buildings, as those pose the greatest risk to the safety of people," according to fire officials. The inspections pertain only to public areas of the apartment buildings and other complexes, not private residential spaces.

The fire department stopped doing routine inspections in P.G. five years ago after then-city manager Tom Frutchey decided to look at other options, though officials still conducted them on a complaint basis. In addition, new projects have continued to be subject to plan review and inspections when construction is underway.

Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer said his agency's top priority is "life safety," and that "an important part of achieving that is to conduct regular inspections of occupancies." He said it's important to work cooperatively with the owners of businesses and other properties, and to educate them so they can ensure their properties are safe and comply with fire and safety codes.

Ben Harvey, the current city manager, set a goal of having the public spaces at all apartment buildings and condo complexes in the city inspected by the end of next year. The effort is beginning at the multifamily residential buildings this month, with inspections at other buildings starting sometime in May.

Pacific Grove contains 258 structures that are subject to the inspections, which are not imposed on private homes, though residents can request them.

Anyone with questions regarding the inspections or who wants to schedule one, can contact the fire department at (831) 646-3900.

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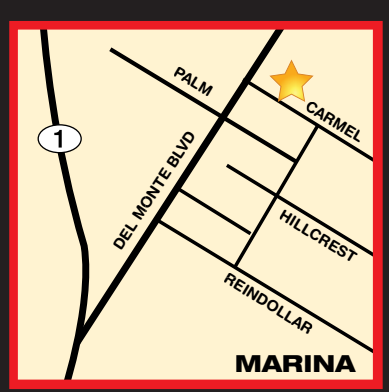

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Modern house gets unanimous OK

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING ITS third hearing before the planning commission Wednesday, a modern-style house proposed for a vacant lot at Monte Verde and Ninth received unanimous approval, despite lingering complaints from one neighbor and a recommendation from the planning director that more changes be made to reduce impacts on views from the house to the east.

"It is the last house on the block, and becomes the bad boy on the block, and I don't think it should suffer any more for this," commissioner Gail Lehman said of the home, which was designed by Adam Jeselnick for Michael and Frances Henkel

Chairman Don Goodhue agreed. "I think we're in danger of making a classic mistake, which is watering down a very good design that's already been watered down," he said.

"I think the architect and Mr. and Mrs. Henkel have made a lot of concessions in all directions," said commissioner Julie Wendt, including scaling down the size and shifting the home to better protect eight trees on the lot and other people's views. "So now, it comes down to the eastern neighbor, Mr. Corrigan, and his views. The Henkels want an ocean view. We all want our little peek of the ocean."

Jeselnick's design, which is being made possible with a purchase of water credits from Clint Eastwood's Malpaso Water Co., calls for a 1,010-square-foot first floor, a 400-square-foot second floor, a 400-square-foot basement, and a 240-square-foot garage. The commission considered it at hearings in October and December 2016, requesting changes at each meeting to appease the surrounding neighbors.

'Considerable mass'

"While the applicant has made several design changes, in staff's opinion, the proposed residence would still significantly impact the eastern neighbor's view and present considerable building mass to their west-facing windows," planning director Marc Wiener said in his report at the March 8 meeting. "It is recognized that there will be some level of impact to the eastern neighbor with essentially any new building constructed on this vacant lot; however, the commission should consider whether the impact created by the proposed design exceeds the threshold of what is acceptable and is in violation of the aforementioned residential design guidelines."

The house could be made to have a flat roof, Wiener suggested.

But Jeselnick countered that replacing the slightly pitched standing-seam metal roof with a flat one would be unattractive. "I don't think my clients would be happy

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Woman denies taking tenants' money

By MARY SCHLEY

DONNA MCGUIRE, who sublet rooms in a Pebble Beach house while she was in the process of being evicted and was subsequently accused of taking the peoples' rents and deposits, and of owing her landlord nearly $14,000 in back rent, said she has paid back the tenants, that she had let out the rooms with her landlord's permission, and that she stopped paying rent because the house contains mold.

"All of the tenants were given their money back and the checks are clearing my account just fine," she said this week. "I am not sure why there was an allegation that I didn't return their deposits, so it's very odd."

Last week, Diane Russell, who gave McGuire $675 to secure a room in the Rodeo Road residence but never even got a chance to move in, since McGuire later told her the room was no longer available due to mold, reported McGuire was avoiding returning the money. On Thursday, she confirmed she had since received and deposited the check, but that the bank advised her the funds were subject to a 14-day hold to assure the check will clear.

'Direction and approval'

As for her subletting rooms to three other tenants — which violated the terms of the lease, according to owner David Compton's attorney, Michael Lykken — McGuire said she only did so on his "direction and approval."

"He said, 'That's what this house was made for, my mother always did that,'" she said. "He met some of the tenants and had no objection whatsoever."

She said he told her he was "happy to let you out of the lease," and she said she advised him he needed to address the mold problems that were primarily in her room.

"All facts were disclosed to all parties," she said, though none of them were dealt with in writing. "The conversation took place in the hallway in the house with my husband and I present the same day he brought the realtor by with an investor who may want to buy the house."

Regardless, Compton has sued McGuire for unlawful detainer to evict her and recover the back rent she owes him. She moved out last month and has since relocated to a home in Santa Cruz, according to Lykken.

McGuire also defended the second of the two bankruptcies she's filed over the years, saying she lost her own Pebble Beach home in the economic downturn and that there was nothing nefarious about the private loans she'd taken out. At the time she filed, their sum was more than the property was worth, and one of the lenders sued her in an effort to be repaid.

"Quite a bit of it was very, very off," she said of last week's story, which detailed the complaints against her by several people, numerous small claims cases and her bankruptcies in 1997 and 2011. "I lost my home, and that was the reason for the second bankruptcy."

This week, a chef at the restaurant McGuire helped operate said she walked out with thousands of dollars in catering fees, leaving employees and vendors unpaid.

Last November, Sysco San Francisco sued her and the restaurant business for unpaid bills totaling just over $12,000.

McGuire countered that the restaurant failed because it was "shut down by the health department for a cockroach problem he had for over 10 years."

"Employees called the health department because they were getting sick," she said.

On Monday, another small claims case was filed against her in Monterey County by Martha Botero, who is suing her to recover an amount between $1,501 and $5,000. Lykken said Thursday that Botero's claim also involves a deposit that hasn't been returned, and that she complained to the sheriff's office and district attorney's office about it, as Russell did last week.

McGuire said Botero "had her deposit returned."

Lykken also said he contacted her landlord in Santa Cruz. "I spoke with her new landlord, and as of Monday, he hadn't been paid her rent." Lykken added. "He was looking into giving her a three-day notice, but I don't know if that happened.

"Other than that, the eviction case is still proceeding," he continued. "She told me that I would be contacted by an attorney as of Wednesday, but I've only heard crickets."

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Baron complains about Pine Cone access to council agendas

By MARY SCHLEY

Former forest and beach commissioner Jeff Baron, who also applied for appointment to the city council when Steve Dallas was elected mayor last April, complained to the council Tuesday about the city's practice of sending The Pine Cone draft agendas for public meetings so the information can be included in the paper. Baron said it was unfair for the newspaper to receive the information before it's available to the rest of the public.

For years, news coverage of upcoming city council meetings was frequently missing in The Pine Cone because agendas usually weren't ready in time. But to increase public awareness about what was coming up at council meetings, former Mayor Jason Burnett made it a priority to start getting the agendas to the newspaper before its 5 p.m. Thursday deadlines so they could be written up when the newspaper appeared online at 9 p.m. that night, and in the print edition the next morning. The practice of getting a draft version of the agenda to The Pine Cone on Thursday afternoons has continued under Mayor Steve Dallas and city administrator Chip Rerig.

"I was a little surprised to see the city council's agenda reported in The Pine Cone the Thursday night of this week when I didn't get mine until Friday," he said. "If you guys have an agenda that's ready for somebody to see, I don't see why the public can't see it."

Not enough time?

Generally, the agendas for the following week's council meeting appear on the city's website the Friday prior. But that's not enough time for someone who's interested in a particular issue to ask questions of city staff in advance of the meeting, Baron said. "And it becomes difficult for people to marshal their forces."

He noted that the "difference between a Thursday publication and a Friday publication is pretty significant."

"I don't think it's fair that The Pine Cone gets any idea of what's on the agenda before the public does," he said, because city officials' obligations should be to the public, not the media.

"You should purchase an ad to publish the agenda and not let The Pine Cone decide what's important enough for The Pine Cone to tell us about and what's not," Baron said.

Although he did not complain about The Pine Cone's regular and thorough coverage of city council meetings themselves, he wanted assurance that the city is fair and provides agendas to other publications and political blogs, too. However, no other media outlet regularly covers the Carmel City Council, planning commission and other meetings.

Applications for city attorney due March 10

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CITY has extended the deadline for people to apply to be the next city attorney by a week, to March 10 at 4 p.m. After more than three decades as its lawyer, Don Freeman is leaving the City of Carmel, though he will continue to work for his other municipal and private clients.

After Freeman announced his impending retirement last month, council members drafted a list of requirements and wishes they'd like to see in his replacement, and appointed an ad hoc committee of councilwomen Carolyn Hardy and Jan Reimers to review the candidates.

At the March 7 meeting, Hardy said she and Reimers decided to move the due date, "because we felt we needed that extra time."

"We're looking forward to finding out from staff next week what's come in," she said.

City administrator Chip Rerig said local bar associations, as well as other groups and individuals, have received the city's request for applications. He plans to use a "blind matrix," in which the applicants are identified by numbers instead of names, so that committee members will not know who, specifically, they are evaluating.

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P.G. to require EIR for hotel plan because there is opposition

By KELLY NIX

A HOTEL proposed off Central Avenue that would require the demolition of an existing building must be subject to a full environmental review, City of Pacific Grove officials have decided.

Businessman Nader Agha wants to build the 125-room hotel at Grand and Fountain avenues that would also include a 509 square-foot swimming pool and a 2,921 square-foot restaurant. While a Monterey consultant determined that a lesser review of the project would be OK, Pacific Grove's planning staff decided an environmental impact report is necessary since there is some opposition to the proposal.

"It was felt that it was important to prepare a full EIR in order to have a bulletproof CEQA process, and to thoroughly review each and every possible environmental circumstance," Pacific Grove community and economic development director Mark Brodeur told The Pine Cone.

Brodeur said that while the city is confident the hotel proposal is consistent with the zoning of the site, which allows for a hotel, he pointed to opposition by resident John Moore and "one or two" others who have sent letters opposing it.

Agha has agreed to pay for an EIR, and the city is "retooling the CEQA process" in preparation for the review, Brodeur said.

Moore, who advocated for an EIR over a less exhaustive review, has said he believes the development is too dense for the neighborhood and would substantially impact traffic. Other than Moore, though, Brodeur said "only one or two" others who have sent letters to the city opposing the development.

A hotel on the site doesn't need any variances or concessions, and the city's downtown business improvement district and the chamber of commerce endorsed the project, Brodeur said

The hotel — at the intersection of Central, Fountain and Grand avenues, and one block north of Lighthouse — would be on a site occupied by a Mexican restaurant, charity shop, karate studio and other businesses. The footprint of the new hotel would be the same as the buildings are now, and would cover about 73 percent of the total site. The proposal is located on property adjacent to the Holman Building, which Agha owned but sold to a group of investors who are building condominiums.

The hotel would be divided into two wings, with buildings located along Fountain Avenue and Grand Avenue, but would be separated by a lap pool, the spa, fire pit, and other hotel amenities, according to the Monterey consultant.

Agha's biggest hurdle is the lack of water

'll be placed on the water waiting list after Pacific Grove's planning commission and architectural review board give the development the OK.

Cannery Row demolition

On Wednesday, the Monterey Bay Aquarium completed demolition of a former retail building at 625 Cannery Row to make way for a $50 million, 13,000-square-foot student education center. Aquarium spokesman Hank Armstrong said extra caution was taken to demolish the structure so the building next door was not damaged. Construction of the new center is expected to begin soon.

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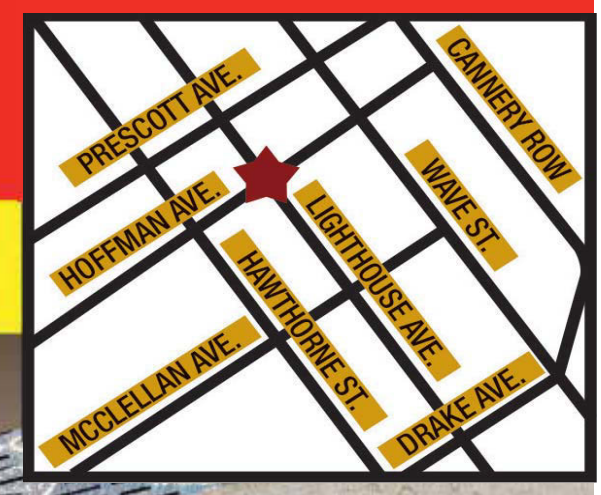

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Longtime prosecutor who helped send child killer to death row remembered

By KELLY NIX

A VETERAN Monterey County deputy district attorney who successfully prosecuted a man for the 1998 slaying of an 11-year-old Salinas girl has died after a lengthy illness.

Marie Aronson, who worked as a prosecutor in Monterey County from 1984 until December 2016, passed away Feb. 13.

"She was an extraordinary individual, and it's a big loss for us, and obviously, her family," Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo told The Pine Cone Monday.

Aronson graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology from University of California, Berkeley in 1977 and got her law degree from the University of Colorado Law School in 1982 before launching her career as a prosecutor.

"She came in as a young attorney and worked all the way up to a senior attorney," Flippo said. "She was the type of prosecutor that was bright, soft-spoken, but so thorough in her preparation."

Before retiring in December, Aronson had been assigned to the filing division where she was responsible for deciding which cases should be prosecuted, a job Flippo said she excelled at.

"If there were special cases where I wondered, 'where are we going to go with this?' I would often go to Marie and get her judgment on it," he said.

Monterey County Assistant District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, who became Aronson's close friend after meeting her in 1992, said she was prepared and organized, "and her perceptive evaluation of cases and knowledge of the law assisted her in the pursuit of her responsibilities." Pacioni also said she "was naturally talented as a supervisor."

"Marie has handled almost every type of case including murder, manslaughter, attempted murder, vehicular manslaughter, burglary, robbery, rape, arson, major fraud and embezzlement," Pacioni said.

She also worked in the writs and appeals division for many years, an assignment Flippo said "requires tedious examination of records of trial" to "uphold convictions in the appellate court." She was instrumental in forming and organizing the child abduction unit within the district attorney's office.

Awaiting execution

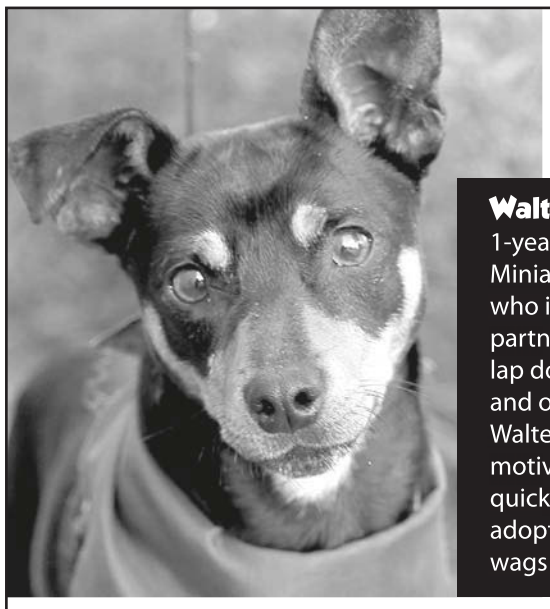
Among Aronson's most notable accomplishments was the prosecution of Ronald Wayne Moore, who during a 1998 burglary and robbery of his neighbor's home in Salinas, repeatedly beat 11-year-old Nicole Carnahan on her head and face before slashing her neck. A jury convicted Moore, 66, and a judge sentenced him to death. He's awaiting execution at San Quentin State Prison.

And in a 2012 case that garnered international attention, Aronson prosecuted a Seaside mother and daughter after SPCA for Monterey County officers discovered 51 cats living in terrible conditions and 113 dead kittens in their home.

Aronson's colleague Elaine McCleaf, also a deputy district attorney, said, "Marie's outlook on life in and outside the criminal justice system was an example for us all — be fair, honest and care about one another. She was a profound resource professionally and personally to everyone she met."

Pacioni said Aronson had a "beautiful and loving relationship" with her husband Garry, whom she often painted with, and their two adult children. She loved music, but Pacioni said her biggest interest outside work was her family.

"She was an amazing mother, wife and friend," Pacioni said. "She is missed."



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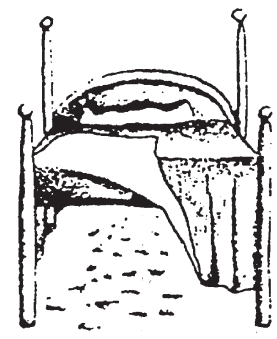

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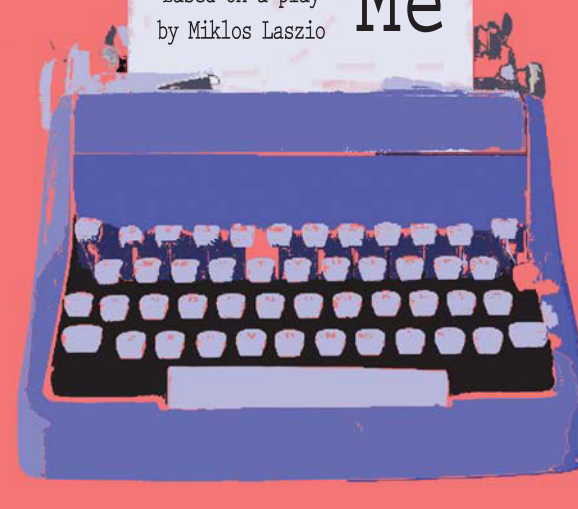

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slide exists, so they can determine how far down they have to go to find stable earth. That task is due to be completed by March 17.

While Gafill conceded Cruz could be right, he said he's optimistic about the prospects for a temporary single lane bridge.

"Until it's ruled out, I'd like to see all ideas explored," he told The Pine Cone. "What are the full array of options?"

Among the questions that will need to be answered is how much of a traffic bottleneck a single-lane bridge would create, he said.

But Gafill said it's essential for California's tourism industry to open the highway as soon as possible.

"There is a severe economic impact from the closures," Gafill explained. "That impact is growing daily as we approach the summer. There are people coming to California simply to drive Highway 1. It's the All-American Highway."

Meanwhile, demolition of the old bridge will be done by a massive crane that's being delivered to the site in 11 loads. When assembled on the north side of the bridge, it will be 23 feet wide — nearly as wide as Highway 1.

However, "it's not going to be like the movies," Cruz said. "We're going to use a wrecking ball and do vertical drops. We can't swing the wrecking ball because of power lines."

And while it could be months before locals can drive their vehicles along Highway 1 between Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park and the Big Sur Post Office, in three weeks, they may be able to walk between the two destinations.

That's because a plan to open a pedestrian trail between the post office and the park is moving forward.

"A hiking trail around the bridge through the state park should be in place in the next three weeks, allowing Big Sur residents and employees to be able to hike in and out of Big Sur," Mike Freed of Post Ranch Inn reported.

Empty tanks to get refills soon

About eight miles south of the bridge on Partington Ridge, some residents who depend on propane for heating and cooking fuel have been without it for weeks because of poor road conditions. But if all goes according to plan, their gas will be delivered by the middle of next week.

Pete Carpenedo of Dassel's Petroleum in Hollister said his company is hoping to make propane deliveries along Highway 1 south of the bridge Monday, then do the same on Partington Ridge Wednesday with a smaller truck that can get up its steep access road.

"We'd like to thank everybody for their patience," Carpenedo told his Big Sur customers. "We know it's been frustrating. We're not forgetting anybody down there."

'Homework' takes on new meaning

The road troubles down the coast have also made it difficult for children who live there to get to school. But next week, school is coming to at least some of them.

"The Carmel Unified School District has a plan to bring a teacher to the Post Ranch March 11-13 to assist students with their school work," Paul Behan of the Carmel Unified School District announced.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet the teacher a few days earlier.

"We are conducting a meeting for parents at the Post Ranch yurt on March 9 from 11 a.m. to noon," Behan said. "At the meeting we will introduce the teacher, share the planned schedule, and listen to needs and concerns about the children's education during the bridge outage."

Access slowly is improving

In addition to the broken bridge that's in the way, a 60-mile stretch of Highway 1 is closed (between Ragged Point in San Luis Obispo County and just south of Palo Colorado Road) because of multiple landslides, and even locals have only limited access. But that is changing March 10, when locals traveling from the south will be able to drive as far as the Big Sur Post Office.

Delivery trucks will also be permitted to drive from Ragged Point as far north as the post office — as long as they have an escort. Escorts will be offered March 10 at 10 a.m. — and again March 13, March 15 and March 17, also at 10 a.m. An escort isn't required for the return trip to the south. Trucks must be less than 30 feet long and can't weigh more than 35,000 pounds.

The highway is clear north of Palo Colorado Road, making Rocky Point restaurant the only Big Sur business that's currently accessible to the public, although Big Sur residents can travel south of the Palo Colorado checkpoint and get as far as the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge.

Anyone traveling in the closed areas must have a vehicle with adequate clearance, such as a truck or SUV.

County road comes back to life

Since late January, residents who live east of the 3.3-mile marker on Palo Colorado Road have had great difficulty reaching their homes because a culvert collapsed where the road meets Rocky Creek.

But a temporary vehicle bridge has been installed, and beginning March 8, locals were able to drive over the creek, Mid Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade chief Cheryl Goetz said.

Goetz said access beyond the bridge is only available to those who live there, and she urged them to be careful since there are more hazards just beyond the site, including a large hole in the pavement.

Palo Colorado Road is now clear from Highway 1 to the bridge — due in part to a successful work party March 4.

"Thirty people showed up," Goetz said. "It was amazing."

Now the work will turn to improving access along the many private roads that branch off Palo Colorado Road.

While things are looking up in the Palo Colorado area, Goetz encouraged her neighbors to stay vigilant. She also warned that more wet weather could be in store.

"Don't let your guard down," she added. "Stay prepared until storms aren't threatening the coast any longer. There's still a lot of movement on the hillsides. Let's pray to the rain gods to be nice to us."

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City seeks to help neighbors to the south

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce is offering free online job listings for nonmembers, in hope of helping workers displaced by the storm-related destruction throughout Big Sur and along Highway 1 to at least find temporary employment.

And the city council on Tuesday approved a letter to Gov. Jerry Brown "imploring you to facilitate and expedite a temporary solution by installing a single-lane bridge," in place of the failing Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge, which could take more than a year to replace.

"We received a call from one of our team leaders here in the village who said, 'Have you reached out to our neighbors to the south?', and embarrassingly, we hadn't done that, yet," city administrator Chip Rerig said at Tuesday's city council meeting.

That question led the local mayors council to discuss the economic impacts of the road closures and to contemplate what they could do. They settled on sending the letter to Brown.

Meanwhile, chamber CEO Monta Potter announced that job postings at www.carmelchamber.org for displaced workers can be submitted by clicking on the member login and entering "jobsforbigsurcommunity" as the username, and the "hireme123" for the password.

"While job postings are generally an exclusive chamber member benefit, we have set up a general login so any business can post jobs on our website to help provide immediate support to those who need work," chamber officials said. Postings for new jobs appear on the website and in the chamber's weekly update.

Anyone who is looking for work should simply check out the listings on the chamber's website.

Those wishing to support Big Sur victims can donate to them via the Community Foundation for Monterey County at www.cfmco.org/BigSurReliefFund, and those who want to help or are in need should check out the resources available at https://montereyco.recovers.org.

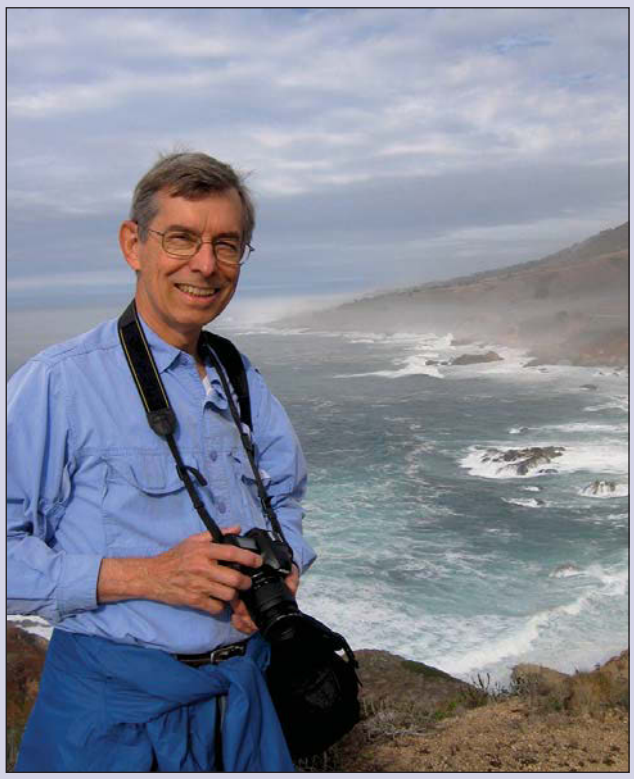
That particular group recently provided chainsaws to residents.

Mike Freed of Passport Resorts, which owns the Post Ranch Inn, said he's been communicating with the statewide tourism group, Visit California.

The group bases "much of their international marketing promoting the central coast and the drive between Carmel and San Luis Obispo along Highway 1," he said.

"I have impressed upon Visit California the need to continue to promote the Carmel/Monterey/Big Sur area. Also, Highway 1 from the south should reopen to public vehicular traffic hopefully by April 1, assuming no more major slides," he said in an email.

He also thanked supporters "for your effort to raise whatever you can to help the families and employees who either live or work in Big Sur and are in need of help."



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William C. Edwards

Sept. 9, 1928 ❖ Feb. 19, 2017

William C. Edwards, a wonderful husband, father and friend, passed away peacefully at his home in Atherton, California on Sunday, February 19, 2017, where he lived for 61 years. Bill was born on September 9, 1928, to Leland and Katherine Edwards in Los Angeles and raised in Long Beach, California. He attended local public schools until leaving home at 15 to attend the New Mexico Military Institute. After high school Bill enrolled at Stanford University, joined the Beta house and graduated with a BS in Petroleum Engineering. He completed his education at Harvard University in 1953, receiving a graduate degree with distinction from Harvard Business School.

He returned to Southern California and took a position at Standard Oil of California, a decision that led to his transfer to Northern California and the start of a career change. In 1959, after a short time with Lionel D. Edie & Co., Bill joined close friend John Bryan to form Bryan & Edwards, a private venture capital investment firm that played an important role in the launching of the venture capital industry.

Over the next 50 years Bill helped entrepreneurs start and manage many of Silicon Valley's great companies. He served on several corporate boards including Boole & Babbage, Hambrecht & Quist, Trust Company of the West, Western Atlas and Octel Communications.

Bill's life passion was to protect our freedoms, which he pursued as a member of the Executive Committee of the Hoover Institution, a group he strongly believed in. He served as Trustee-emeritus of Deerfield Academy and Scripps College. He supported the San Francisco Symphony as a member of their Board of Governors, served as President of the Western Association of Venture Capitalists and sat on the board of the National Venture Capital Association. He served several years as Director and Treasurer of Population Action International and was a member of the Advisory Board and the Associates Committee of the Center for Economic Policy Research at Stanford University. He was a founding Director of Opportunity Capital Corporation, a minority small business investment company.

Bill was an avid golfer and loved playing with his friends and family. He was a charter member of the Spyglass Hills Golf Course, an active member of the Menlo Country Club, the Cypress Point Golf Club where he served four years as Club President and the San Francisco Golf Club. He also enjoyed the Palo Alto Club, The Bohemian Club and his Hillbillie campmates at the Bohemian Grove.

Along with his exciting professional career, Bill was equally active with family and friends. In 1954 Bill married Bette Cree Edwards. They raised four children: Will, Cree (Jennifer), Paul (Silvia) and Kathy until Bette's passing in 1978. In 1983, Bill married Barbara Haag Edwards and they raised two daughters, Kristin Gray and Dr. Kate Gray (David Pyle). He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara, his children, 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Bill's brother, Paul, died in 1944 while serving in the U.S. Navy.

Bill was a passionate patriot and a man of the highest integrity who loved his family dearly. We miss him. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, the Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula, or any charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Diana Madeleine Hardy

August 14, 1933 — March 4, 2017

Diana Madeleine Hardy passed away peacefully in her Carmel Valley home on March 4, 2017.

Diana was born in Arlington Massachusetts on August 14, 1933 to her late parents Sherman and Vera Hardy. Diana and her family spent her early years in the Boston area and then went to Houston, Texas before heading to California where she finished her education at USC. Diana and her parents settled in Carmel Valley and there she started her teaching career. Diana taught at Santa Catalina and then at Carmel High schools.

Per her request, there will be no services, in lieu of flowers memorial donations should be made in her honor to the charity of your choice.

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LAGERHOLM

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"He won't be forgotten for his love for Carmel," commented councilwoman Carolyn Hardy, who suggested using the money for prominent landscaping projects, as Lagerholm had requested the funds be dedicated to "landscape improvements." She also said it would be appropriate to plant a tree in his honor.

Councilwoman Jan Reimers suggested the North Dunes restoration work be added to the list of projects that could be undertaken with Lagerholm's gift. "He did care a great deal about Carmel in many, many ways," she said.

Resident Carl Iverson talked about serving with Lagerholm on the board at the Carmel Heritage Society, which received an estimated $56,833 from his estate.

"He led in a quiet way and was very giving of himself," he said. "We have lost a superb individual."

Lagerholm, who was not married and had no children, appointed former Mayor Ken White as his trustee. Local organizations receiving an estimated $227,333 from his estate are the Big Sur Land Trust, the Carmel Public Library Foundation, Chartwell School and the Monterey Symphony. The only other recipient of such a large gift was his alma mater, the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he received his degree in civil engineering in 1944.

A long list

Gifts of around $113,666 are going locally to The Carmel Foundation, the Hospice Foundation, the Church in the Forest, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, First Night Monterey, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Monterey History & Art Association, Ave Maria Convalescent Hospital, the local chapter of the American Red Cross, the Carmel Art Association, the Monterey Museum of Art, the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation, the Pacific Grove Adult Education Center, Pacific Repertory Theatre, and The Salvation Army in Seaside.

In addition to the city, other $31,000 gifts distributed in the Monterey Peninsula went to the Alliance on Aging, CSUMB, Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, the Carmel Youth Center, Colleagues of the Arts, the Forest Theater Guild, Friends of Sunset Foundation, Legal Services for Seniors, Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, the Carmel Residents Association and Yes for Carmel.

He also left gifts to four individuals.

Lagerholm was born on Oct. 4, 1922, in Attleboro, Mass. After earning his undergraduate degree, he undertook graduate studies at New York University and Harvard, according to the obituary that ran in the Boston Globe shortly after his passing. After a stint in the Navy, he joined Standard Oil Development Co. (which would become Exxon) in 1947. In 1952, he joined the American Appraisal Co., and 1959, he went to work for Cabot, Cabot & Forbes Co. of Boston, a real estate investment and development firm, where he was V.P. of it and its subsidiary, Ritz-Carlton. (Among other accomplishments, he implemented the lion logo.) He retired in 1982 and moved with his then-wife, Emilie Welles, to Carmel in 1988.

In his retirement, Lagerholm not only served numerous service clubs and nonprofits — including several years on the city's historic resources board — he also climbed the 65 highest peaks in New England, did a transatlantic crossing in a 50-foot sloop, hiked the Chilkoot Trail in Alaska and British Columbia, traveled the Milford Track in New Zealand, and walked the Inca Trail in Peru, according to his obituary. He also climbed one of the three great pyramids in Egypt and Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. In California on his 86th birthday, he did a tandem skydive from 18,000 feet. During his lifetime, Lagerholm visited nearly 100 countries, stepping foot on every continent except Antarctica.

"He really appreciated a fine sense of humor. He loved to hear people laugh," his obituary said. "He was always ready with a bon mot or a merry quip or a colorful vignette related to the subject of conversation."

COSTS

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project management and $3,800 for an architect.

"I don't see the evidence to approve the project manager's bills," she said, including a charge of $65 to review a two-line, $345 invoice from the architect. "There are some real issues I have with how this project is being managed."

All told, Eagle Project Management received $55,965 between Sept. 22, 2016, and Feb. 2 of this year for overseeing construction work at the Forest Theater, the repainting of the Scout House, and various other public works projects. The invoices included small items, like, "Scout House follow-up text for Corrie," or invoice review at a cost of $65 — the minimum billable amount — as well as preparation of purchase orders, attendance at meetings, site reviews and bids. The company charges $130 per hour.

At last month's meeting, council members opted not to approve the $50,000 contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering for the railing, as public works director Rob Mullane had recommended, instead sending it back for more work on getting the costs down.

"If you had seen some of these invoices, you would be pretty hot under the collar, also," Mayor Steve Dallas said, adding that he would appoint a committee to review Eagle Project Management's bills. "This is similar to what we've seen in the previous administration, where things have gotten out of control. I will not be putting up with any of this under this administration."

'Your own money'

And on Tuesday, they held a similar discussion when considering the $30,492 contract with A Plus Painting for the work at the library, which will be closed for six to eight weeks to get new carpets and paint.

"I do a lot of painting at my place, and it's not that complicated," commented councilwoman Carrie Theis, who owns and runs a hotel on San Carlos Street with her family. "All the other costs here, we can understand, but project management — I think that's where people are getting hung up, because it's a painting project, so it's not complicated."

Dallas said the city is spending the public's money "like drunken sailors."

"This is absolutely not acceptable, and I don't know how much more I can say," he said. "You have to spend this as you would your own money. We're making too much of a big deal out of simple paint jobs."

Nonetheless, with the work needing to get done, and half of that money for project management already spent on bid documents and other aspects of the project, the council decided to approve the painting contract.

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Sarah (Fiske) McInturf

Sarah (Fiske) McInturf, age 55, was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, and dear friend. She passed away surrounded by family and friends on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Sarah is preceded in death by her mother Germaine (Jimmie) Fiske. She is survived by her father Ernest (Ernie) Fiske; her siblings Katherine Campos, Sue Olson, Debbie Renee, Ellen Martin, Rebecca Fiske, Michael Fiske and their families; as well as her loving husband of 27 years, Dale, and their two daughters, Ryann and Maddy.

Sarah was born June 16, 1961 at CHOMP and raised in Del Rey Oaks. She graduated from Monterey High in 1979. Sarah started working at Carmel Insurance Agency in 1981, where she continued to work for the next 35 years.

Sarah enjoyed spending time outdoors, hiking trails, exploring beaches, and attending SF Giants games. Sarah also enjoyed creating beautiful jewelry and mosaics, reading, and listening to a wide variety of music. She enjoyed the semi-rural life in Carmel Valley and the camaraderie of their close knit community. But most of all, she cherished time well-spent with family and friends.

Sarah was a wonderful and generous person; the heavens gained an angel. She was much loved and will be missed by many.

Sarah's family would like to thank Dr. Zach Koontz and staff at Pacific Cancer Care for their support and dedication to helping Sarah to the best of their abilities.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday March 25, 2017 from 2:00-6:00 pm at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, 104 W. Carmel Valley Rd., in Carmel Valley. For further information regarding the celebration, please contact Cathy at (831) 659-8132 or visit http://evite.me/ZbhZzwgYjn

If you would like honor Sarah, please enjoy some time outdoors with your loved ones. If you would like to make a donation in Sarah's honor, please consider supporting www.pancan.org.

Lester Elliott Carr III

Les was born on February 4, 1955 to Lester Carr Jr. and Joyce Carr (nee Greshel) at Beale AF Base in Marysville, California. When he was just an infant the family moved to Columbus, Ohio, his mother's home town, where he spent his childhood. He graduated from Whitehall High School with honors in 1973 and applied to, and was accepted into, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He graduated in 1977 from the Academy fifth in his class overall, and first in the Electrical Engineering Department.

After leaving the Naval Academy he went to flight school in Florida, where he qualified as a helicopter pilot. His duty stations in the helicopter community were all in San Diego, California where he eventually met and married Terann Medcalf, a costume designer for Lamb's Players Theatre. Since he wasn't interested in "flying a desk", he decided to further his education at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, earning his PHD in Meteorology in 1989. His thesis was in tropical cyclone motion, and his first assignment in that field took the family to Guam. By this time there were two children. Hilary, born in San Diego, and Jeremy, born in Monterey.

Instead of taking a career enhancing job on a carrier, Les chose to pursue a teaching position at the Naval Postgraduate School. This assignment was secured, and the family moved back to Monterey. The school welcomed him back gladly. In his time at the school he taught in both the Meteorology and Applied Mathematics Departments. He was well respected by both faculty and students. He enjoyed a seamless transition to civilian life in 1997 as he retired and stayed at NPS to continue teaching.

When transitioning from the Meteorology Department to the Applied Mathematics Department, Les taught Physics and Math courses for Calvary Chapel High School, now known as Trinity High School. A man of many interests he enjoyed the pursuit of knowledge in many areas; from science, mathematics, astronomy, music and even the Greek language. A man of integrity, a faithful follower of Jesus Christ his Lord, devoted and loving husband, father and, just recently, a grandfather. His insight, knowledge, encouragement and moral example will be treasured by his family and so many others his life touched.

Les passed from this life to the next quietly on March 1, 2017. He is survived by Terann, his wife of thirty-three years; daughter Hilary, her husband Aaron Carr, and grandson Matthew; son Jeremy and his wife Grace; his father Lester Jr., brother Jon and wife Lori; sister Mindy and husband Herb Rose; several nieces, nephews and extended family.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Sanctuary Bible Church, 8340 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 10:00 am.

The family wishes that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Sanctuary Bible Church for their ministry in Cachagua.

Condolences may be written to the family at www.bermudezfamilyfunerals.com

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BELLE

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are going to comply.

At the meeting, Jay Dolata made an impassioned plea for the council to amend its laws.

"Our restaurants, our city need to adapt to the changes. Otherwise, we become irrelevant, and I do not want to do business in a city that's outdated and irrelevant," he said, adding that he doesn't believe allowing a few restaurants like his would damage the character of the city.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said she hopes restaurant owners here will come up with a way to solve the problem.

"I'm really disappointed in the subcommittee — I'm disappointed they weren't creative," she said, adding that the trend of "fast casual restaurants" is here to stay and needs to be addressed.

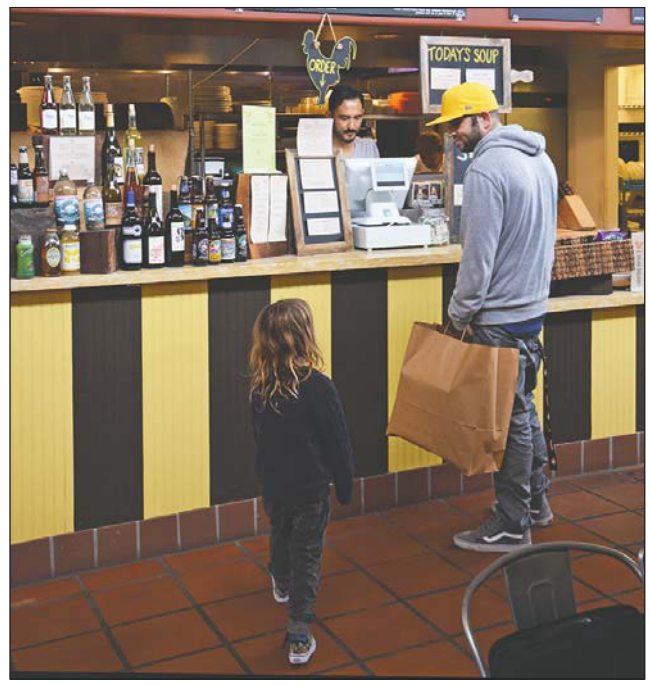
"That is the way that food is evolving," she said, and rules could be written to help such establishments fit in with Carmel's character and culture.

Maybe in the future

"We're talking about high-quality food that has a different way of serving it that people are looking for," she said. "We need to keep looking at this issue, because it's not going to go away. I would like the restaurants to come together and figure this out, because I think it's in their best interest, frankly."

Councilman Bobby Richards said he wants the city to "stay relevant," but that full-service restaurants might have a hard time competing with their more casual counterparts, which could operate with fewer employees and lower costs.

"And then we open up to a new kind of restaurant and we're relevant, but at what expense?" he asked.



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Carmel Belle will still have counter service, but questions remain about how the rest of the recently expanded restaurant will operate.

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy said she had no interest in pursuing the issue. "There may be a time and place in the future to revisit this, but I'm not going to propel it forward at this time," she said.

And Mayor Steve Dallas observed that when the subject initially arose, many restaurant operators were opposed to the idea of relaxing the city's rules.

"I'm not comfortable starting a new third category," he said. "We'll see, in next two or three or four years down the road."

After the meeting, Jay Dolata said he and Chloe were disappointed by the council's decision and that he didn't believe members listened to what the public wants.

"We really feel like we've been left in a lurch," he said. "The future of Carmel Belle is uncertain, and that is a huge concern to me."

The Dolatas have been meeting with planning director Marc Wiener in hope of finding a way to keep operating their popular restaurant as it is.

"However, after last night's decision, I'm not sure what direction council is headed," he said. "We were led to believe that the town and the city wanted to change the codes to allow for counter service in Carmel Belle. We never thought the city would take a step backward. It just doesn't make sense."

He said the restaurant's popularity with visitors, residents, workers, and even council members shows it's providing a service "that's missing in Carmel," and that converting part of the restaurant to table service is unrealistic.

"Hopefully they are willing to help us figure out a way for us to continue operating with counter service," he said. "Otherwise, we just can't do this anymore."

Most other changes OK

With a few tweaks, and one exception, the council approved other changes recommended by the planning commission.

Specifically, a specialty restaurant will be defined as being a "coffee shop, ice cream parlor, etc.," and could be a minimum size of 400 square feet with at least 14 seats, which is smaller than the current code states. They will also be expressly prohibited from selling alcohol.

In addition, grocery stores and markets will be able to have a dozen seats for diners inside and/or outside, as well as outdoor grills.

But the council did not approve changes that would allow specialty restaurants to have outdoor cooking devices and to open in the outlying commercial area. Council members asked why a coffee shop or ice cream parlor would need to cook outdoors, and also said those businesses, which are more busy and have more turnover than sit-down restaurants, could interrupt the more quiet nature of the commercial area that contains more residences.

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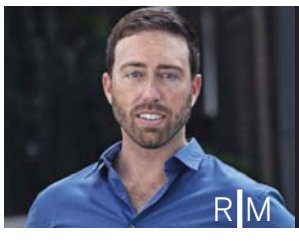

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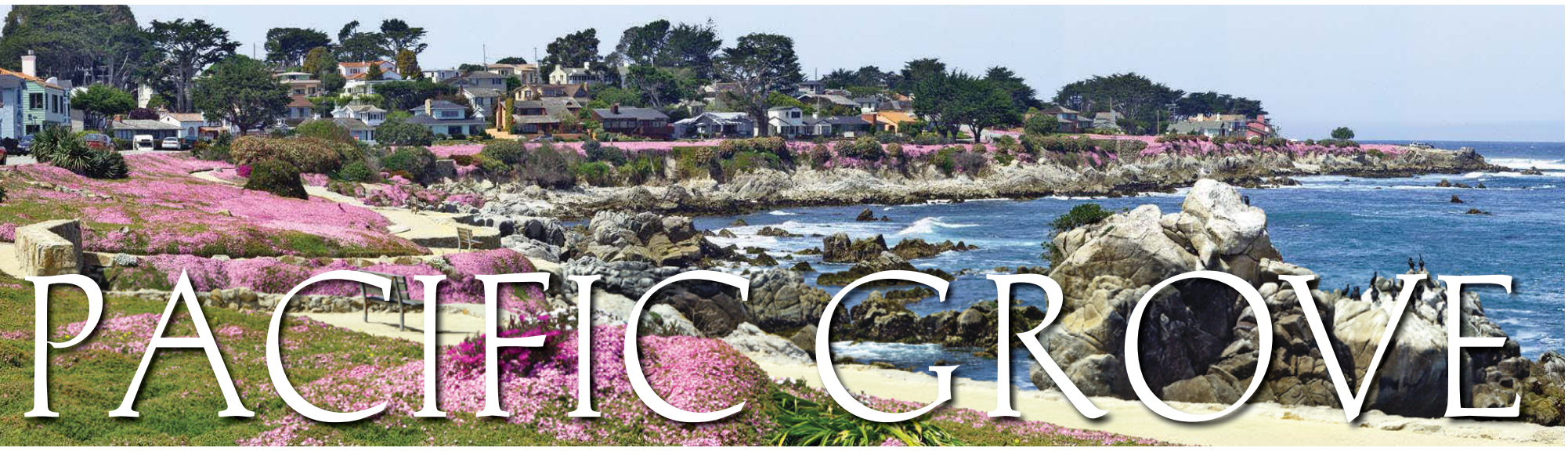

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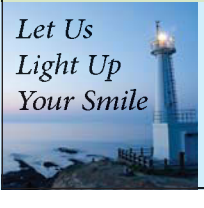

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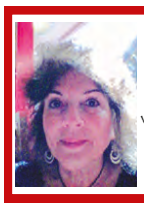

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Panetta opposes plan to replace Obamacare

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A REPUBLICAN plan to repeal and replace Obamacare does not appeal to Democratic Congressman Jimmy Panetta, who this week said the alternative healthcare bill would cost more and "leave millions of Americans uninsured."

Following the unveiling of the replacement healthcare plan, called the American Health Care Act, by House of Representatives leaders Monday, Panetta said it would make insurance more expensive and "leave hard-working Americans without quality care options."

"The American Health Care Act will shorten the life of the Medicare Trust, reduce Medicaid, and deny coverage to individuals with pre-existing conditions if they do not maintain continuous coverage," Panetta said in a statement.

'Already protecting'

Panetta also defended Obama's Affordable Care Act, which has been widely criticized for skyrocketing premiums and the huge cost of the expansion of free health care programs for the poor. Panetta said the Republican bill "attempts to terminate a health care plan that is already protecting so many Americans."

The 20th Congressional District representative also said a new plan shouldn't be made in "haste," and congressional committees need to "take time to properly vet this legislation."

"Additionally, before this legislation advances, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office must provide a thorough analysis as to who and how many people will be impacted," according to Panetta. "Americans deserve to know how their health care and lives will be affected by this bill."

While the plan, backed by President Donald Trump, has received unanimous criticism from Democrats in both houses, some Republicans have also taken aim at the bill.

The first of two House of Representatives committees considering the legislation approved it before dawn Thursday on a party-line vote, according to a Reuters news article. The plan cleared the second committee Thursday afternoon.

Unconscious diver taken to hospital

FIREFIGHTERS AND police responded to Carmel River State Beach late Thursday morning after someone dialed 911 to report a diver in distress near the mouth of the river, according to Cal Fire spokesman John Spooner. The man's two diving partners had found him unconscious and unresponsive in the water.

Two Cal Fire rescue swimmers and two California State Parks lifeguards entered the sea under sunny skies and contacted the three divers, while the Carmel Highlands fire station launched its inflatable rescue boat from Whalers Cove in Point Lobos. They all helped bring the unconscious diver, a 61-year-old Sanger resident who was said to have extensive diving experience, to shore.

From there, the patient was taken by ambulance to a local hospital, but Spooner had no information on his condition.

Spooner said rescue swimmers from Cal Fire's ocean rescue program have already responded to three incidents this year.

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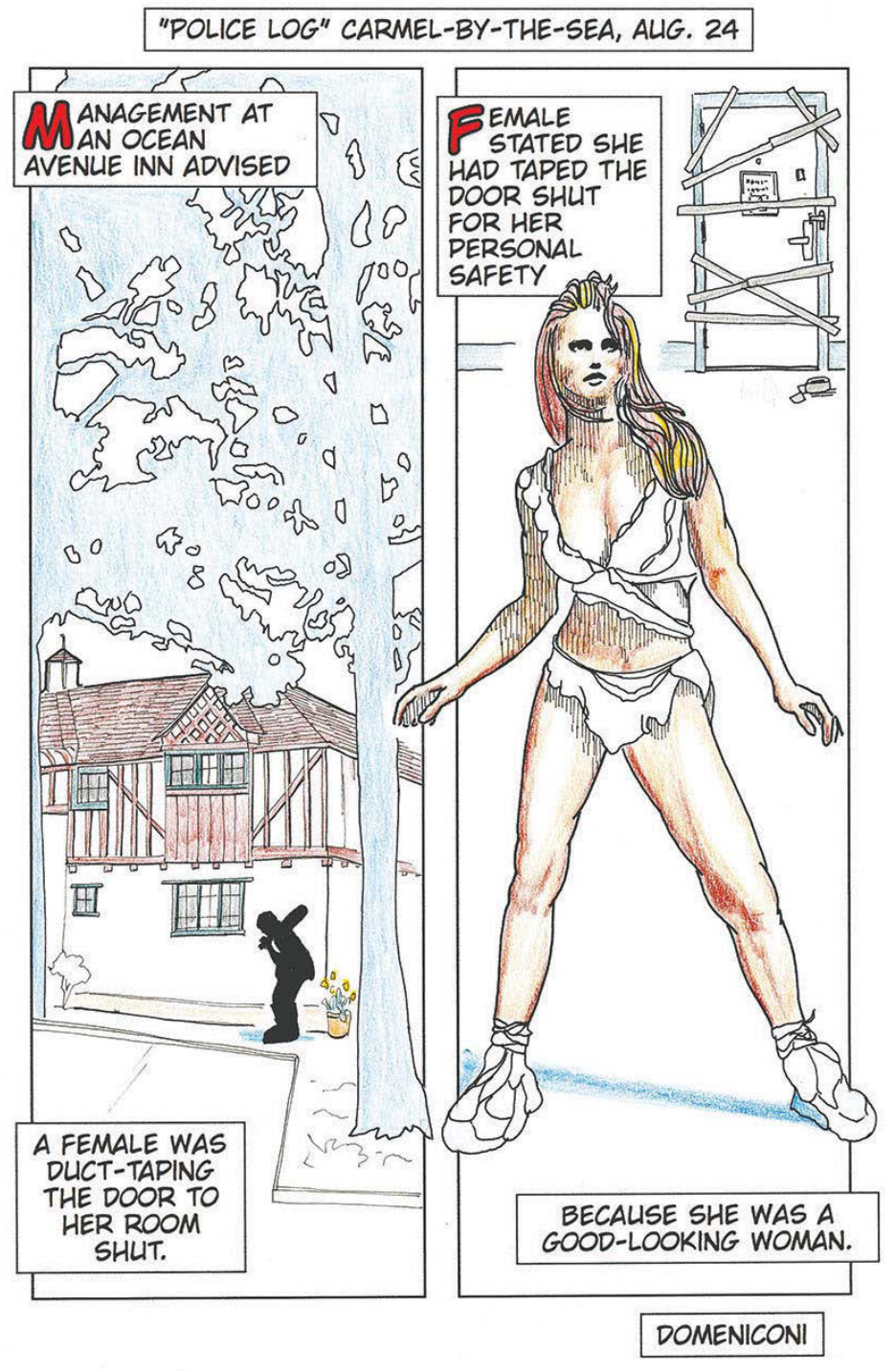

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MONK

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She had written a brief biography of him last year, in which she noted he was born in Kansas, one of eight children of a wheat farmer and his wife. He entered the Benedictine order as a novice, or apprentice, in Colorado in 1957 and heard about New Camaldoli in Big Sur from a relative who was studying for the priesthood.

In 1967, Brother Emmanuel took his vows as a Benedictine monk at the hermitage. Of particular interest to him, Gisselere said, was the functioning of all of the equipment there. He was known to bless everything from bulldozers to generators — including Gisselere's cars. She remembered how he sprinkled holy water on her new Jeep. "He'd always ask me how the car was," she said.

Father Robert Hale, a former prior, or leader, of the brothers at the hermitage, wrote that Brother Emmanuel was always "warm and friendly," and that he "delighted in taking care of our generators, planting corn, and keeping our roads clear."

"He was quite content at the hermitage," Gisselere said. And now, the brothers need to find a way to bring him home. The monks are traditionally buried on the hermitage's grounds when they die, in a service that Gisselere characterized as "joyful" and "community-oriented."

Ironically, one of the newest buildings at the hermitage is an infirmary, built so that the brothers could spend the ends of their days in the place they love most. But because of limited resources — not to mention the lack of access to medical professionals and medications — the facility has been forced to close until the roads are restored.

After consulting with a mortician, Gisselere said Brother Emmanuel's body will be driven back to the hermitage via Nacimiento-Fergusson Road.

She said that the facilities and maintenance men who live at the hermitage have also worked on its driveway to make it "mostly passable," but that it's not yet safe to open to the public.

"It's patched, not repaired," she said. Because of the lack of access, a public viewing will be held Friday, March 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Mission Mortuary, 450 Camino El Estero in Monterey, with a rosary at 6:45 and a Wake Service at 7 p.m.

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Jan. 12, 2017
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Publication Dates: Feb. 10, 17, 24. March 3, 2017. (PC204)

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. Wills
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)

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:
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MASON CHARLES WELLS

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of ROBERT NOEL NEWSOM
Case Number 17PR000066

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT NOEL NEWSOM, ROBERT N. NEWSOM, ROBERT NEWSOM.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SCOTT NEWSOM in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that SCOTT NEWSOM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: April 12, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13

Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
ROBERT J. HOOY, ESQ.,
WILLIAM J. HOOY, ESQ.
3125 Clayton Road, Second Floor
Concord, CA 94519
(925) 798-0426

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 14, 2017.

Publication dates: Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC220)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of KAREN A. MALLORY
Case Number 16PR000428

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KAREN A. MALLORY, aka KAREN PENNINGTON.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GINA ABRAMS in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that GINA ABRAMS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: March 8, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13

Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
JOHN B. MERZON
140 7th St.
Templeton, CA 93465
(805) 242-4414

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 6, 2016.

Publication dates: Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 2017. (PC222)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170318

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Trusted TSG, 304 Belladera Court, Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Trusted Technical Services Group, LLC, 304 Belladera Court, Monterey, CA 93940; California
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Geoffrey S. Arnold, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 9, 2017
Original
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17/17
CNS-2975477#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Feb. 24, March 3 10, 17, 2017. (PC223)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170344

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Trini's Plumbing, 990 Prado Dr., Soledad, CA 93960, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Trinidad Zavala, 990 Prado Dr., Soledad, CA 93960
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 06/30/2016
S/ Trinidad Zavala
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 14, 2017
Original Filing
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17/17
CNS-2959112#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Feb. 24, March 3 10, 17, 2017. (PC224)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170404

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THRIVING LOVING RELATIONSHIPS, 335 ELDORADO ST., SUITE 10A, MONTEREY, CA 93940.
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): KIMBERLY ANN VONBERG, 1033 Alameda St., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by: an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 4, 2014
S/ Kimberly VonBerg
Feb. 22, 2017
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000) (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all Information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 27, 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).
Filing type: ORIGINAL Filing
Publication dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017. (PC302)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170377

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **Sequential, 1 Work Circle, Salinas, CA 93901,** County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Encore Oils LLC, 3333 NW 35th Av, Bldg C, Portland, OR 97210; Oregon
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business ame listed above on April 1st, 2016.
S/ Tyson Keever, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 21, 2017.
3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31/17
CNS-2978048#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017. (PC303)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 17CV000781

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, JANETTE P. YHIP, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name:
LAUREN BRENNA WAHL
Proposed name:
LAUREN BRENNA YHIP
B.Present name:
JAMES ALEXANDER WAHL
Proposed name:
JAMES ALEXANDER YHIP

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 28, 2017
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

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

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

(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 3, 2017
Clerk: Teresa A. Risi
Deputy: L. Cummings
Publication dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017. (PC304)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170391

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CONQUEST LASER TAG, 9320 Los Prados Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): CHARLES EDWARD KNIGHT, JR., 9320 Los Prados Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by: an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2017.
S/ Charles E. Knight, Jr.
Feb. 10, 2017
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000) (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all Information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 22, 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).
Filing type: ORIGINAL Filing
Publication dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017. (PC305)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170439

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
F/V SAN GIOVANNI LLC, 698 Prescott Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): F/V SAN GIOVANNI LLC, 698 Prescott Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by: an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 27, 2017.
S/ Elizabeth Pennisi-Nozicka, member
Feb. 27, 2017
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000) (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all Information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 27, 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).
Filing type: ORIGINAL Filing
Publication dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017. (PC306)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170496

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MINA, 54 Pearl St, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): JOJGAN BEHBAHANI, 835 Pedersen, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
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
S/ Mojgan Behbahani
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000) (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all Information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 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).
Filing type: ORIGINAL Filing
Publication dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017. (PC307)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Proposers are required to submit:

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

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall
Chip Rerig, City Administrator
P O Box CC
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

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

Publication dates: March 10, 2017(PC 307)

CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
SETTING THE RATE OF THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday March 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cypress Fire Protection District fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel, the Board of Directors will meet to make the required findings and to set the rate of the fire mitigation fee to be requested to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County by the District as specified by Section 10.80.160 of the Monterey County Code; Monterey County Ordinance Number 3602.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the time and place above designated for the meeting to set the rate of fire mitigation fees, any taxpayer may appear and be heard regarding this issue.

Theresa Volland, Secretary of the Board DATED: March 1, 2017

Publication date: March 10, 17, 2017 (PC301)

Food & Wine
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This Week

Live Music,
Clubs and Events

Acclaimed pianist revisits Chopin

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE second time in nearly four decades, one of France's most revered pianists, **Jean-Philippe Collard**, visits the Monterey Peninsula.

Collard, who last played here in the late 1970s, takes the stage Sunday, March 12, at Sunset Center.

"He's probably one of the best pianists in the world," suggested Anne Thorp of the Carmel Music Society. "This is a very special concert for us because he's coming from so far to play with us — he's flying in from Paris on Friday, and going back on Monday."

The program includes Schumann's *Arabesque op. 18* and *Fantaisie op.17*; and Chopin's *Sonata no. 2 in B flat Minor*, *Nocturne op 48 no.1* and *Ballade no. 4*.

"When he first became famous, he stopped playing Chopin [who was Polish] for 33 years because he was focusing on French composers," Thorp explained. "He recently started playing Chopin's music again."

The concert starts at 3 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Tickets are $45 to $60. Discounts are available for students accompanied by an adult. Call (831) 620-2048 for tickets or visit www.carmelmusic.org for more details.

■ Beach Boys play Monterey

Featuring two members from its heyday — singers **Mike Love** and **Bruce Johnston** — **The Beach Boys** take the stage March 10 at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

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Mike Love (above) brings the latest incarnation of the Beach Boys to Monterey March 10. Guitarist A.C. Myles (top right) plays March 10 at Barmel, while singer-songwriter Kris Angelis (right) performs there March 16.

MOBILE ART TAKES FLIGHT

CREATING DELICATE forms that hang suspended in the air, mobile artist **Laurent Davidson** takes center stage this month at Galerie Plein Aire.

The downtown gallery will unveil an exhibit of Davidson's work Saturday, March 11, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Born in New York City, Davidson moved to France as a boy, and it was there that he met Alexander Calder, the inventor of the mobile. The father-in-law of Calder's uncle, the famous artist became Davidson's mentor.

A longtime resident of the Monterey Peninsula, Davidson creates colorful sculptures that appear to float on the breeze.

"Mobiles give me a set of tools to seek harmony in form and shape," Davidson explained. "There are lightness and motion, color and rhythm composed very much like a poem or a song. Structured in movements and periods, the shapes of the mobiles flow from each other and find their place in space to a harmonious effect."

"Loop Hopper" by mobile artist Laurent Davidson is featured in a show opening March 11 at Galerie Plein Aire.

Jeff Daniel Smith of Galerie Plein Aire said it's easy to appreciate the beauty of Davidson's creations, which cast subtle shadows across the room as they gently turn.

"Laurent takes the mobile and puts his spin on it," Smith said, no pun intended. "His use of color and shapes definitely adds a presence to the room."

The display continues through April 1. The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 277-6165 or visit https://galeriepleinaire.com.

Galerie Plein Aire is just one of 21 downtown artist-owned galleries that will open late Saturday for the monthly Carmel Art Walk. Also participating are the Robin Winfield Gallery, Gallery North, the Joaquin Turner Gallery, the Kathy Sharpe Gallery, Gallery Delia and many others.

"It gives the public a chance to meet and socialize with the local artists who carry on the Carmel art colony legacy," Turner told

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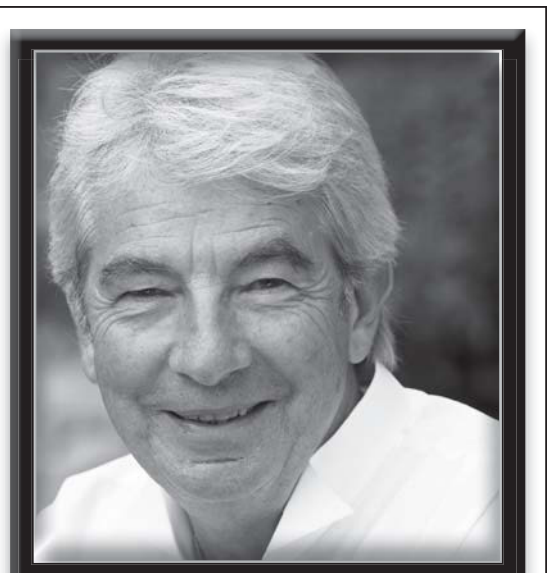
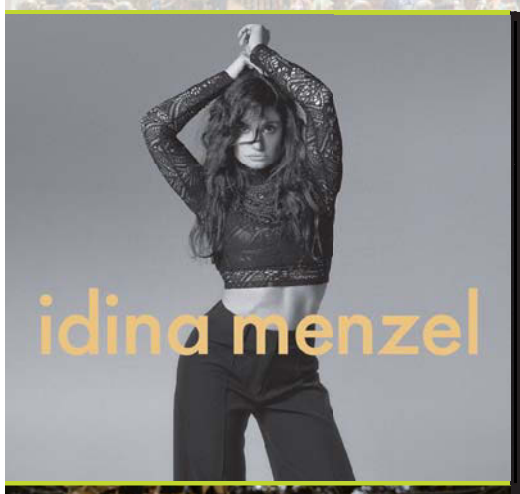
90th season
CARMEL MUSIC SOCIETY
Program of works by Schumann and Chopin
"...quiet authority, extraordinary strength.."
~Los Angeles Times



Jean-Philippe COLLARD piano
Sunday/3:00pm/March 12

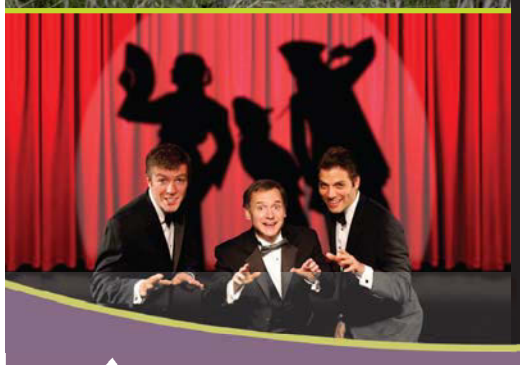
ARTS COUNCIL for MONTEREY COUNTY
With support from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Sunset Center, Carmel Tickets: $60/$53/$45*
SUNSET CENTER
* Tickets are available on-line at **www.carmelmusic.org** or by calling **831.625.9938** until noon on Friday 10 March. After that tickets will only be available from Sunset Center, **831.620. 2048**.

SUNSET PRESENTS
COMING UP AT SUNSET CENTER



IDINA MENZEL
Tuesday, March 21 at 8PM
Tony® Award-winning icon Idina Menzel has a diverse career that traverses stage, film, television, and music. She is the incredible voice behind the smash hit "Let It Go" and the star of *Frozen*, *Wicked*, *Rent* and *Glee*. Join us for an exclusive and intimate engagement with the Broadway superstar!

BÉLA FLECK AND ABIGAIL WASHBURN
Sunday, March 26 at 7PM
The husband -and-wife banjo virtuosi have mastered the deceptively intricate art of the duet, with Washburn's beguiling playing and singing blended with 15-time Grammy® winner Fleck's riveting, boundary-breaking musicianship.



NEW YORK GILBERT & SULLIVAN PLAYERS: *I've Got a Little Twist*
Friday, March 31 at 8PM
Celebrating the legacy of Gilbert & Sullivan in American musical theater, featuring favorites from Rodgers & Hammerstein, Bernstein, Sondheim, Lerner & Loewe, Meredith Willson, and Jerry Herman.

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MUSIC

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A founding member of the famous group, Love sang lead vocals on many of the band's more upbeat hits, such as "Surfin' USA," "I Get Around" and "Fun, Fun, Fun." While his cousin, Brian Wilson, was the Beach Boys' chief songwriter, Love helped him pen "California Girls," "Good Vibrations" and other best-selling singles.

Johnston has played with the Beach Boys off and on for more than 50 years — often in a touring role — although he is best known for composing Barry Manilow's "I Write the Songs," a No. 1 hit that won a Grammy Award in 1977 for Best Song.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $56 to $108. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit www.goldenstatetheatre.com.

■ Showcase offers voices

The sweet sound of voices harmonizing will fill air when **The Monterey Bay Belles' Women's Barbershop Chorus** presents its fourth annual A Cappella Showcase March 11 at Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula in Carmel Valley.

Featuring vocal ensembles "from near and far," the celebration will include performances by The Monterey Peninsula Gospel Choir, The Cypressaires, The Franklin Street Singers and many others — including a choir from Spreckels Elementary School.

Jeffrey Thompson of Jeffrey's Grill and Catering will serve as emcee — and serve bites at a reception that follows the music.

The event begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for students and seniors, and free for kids under 18. The church is located at 4590 Carmel Valley Road.

■ Live Music March 10-16

Barmel — singer, songwriter and guitarist **A.C. Myles** (blues and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Kris Angelis** (Thursday at 8 p.m.);. San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Henry Warde** and singer and fiddler **Ella Warde** (country and bluegrass, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 150 Del Monte Ave., (831) 920-3560.

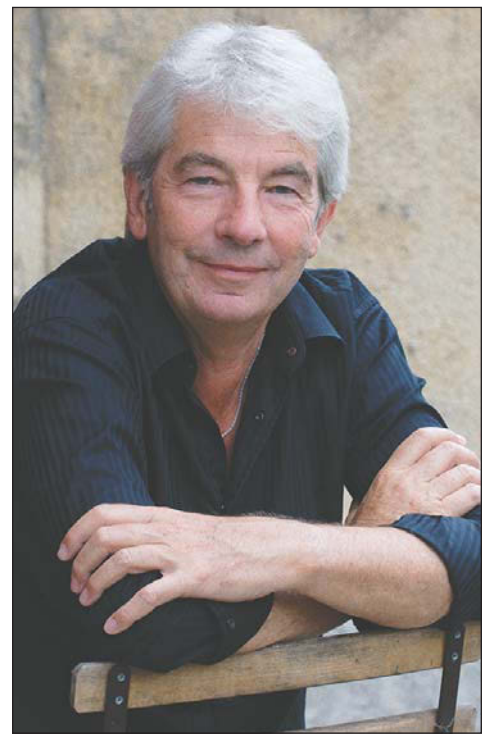
Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — **The Kimball Hooker Dance Band** (r&b, Saturday at 9 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Cooper's Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer **Troy O'Shann** (rock and blues, Friday at 9 p.m.); and guitarist **Joe Lucido** (jazz, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Gaby Castro** (Friday at 7 p.m.). 498 Washington St., (831) 373-5601.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **The Black Donnellys** (Celtic), singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Friday at 6 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Fergus** (Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa — singer **Scotty Wright**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); and guitarist **Bob Basa**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **David Morwood** (Brazilian jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.



Widely recognized as a world-class pianist, Jean-Philippe Collard performs March 12 at Sunset Center.

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. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

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 Pacific Grove Art Center — The art center present its latest Hootenany (Saturday at 7 p.m.). Everyone is welcomed at the community sing-along and open jam session. 568 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 375-2208.

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.

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

Actor serves up one-man show to benefit Cherry Center

TELLING THE story of his life, actor Len Perry presents a one-man show, "The Mirror Left Behind," March 10-11 at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

Perry describes the performance as "part comedy, part drama and part philosophy. "I want to touch people's hearts, and make them laugh, cry and think," the actor said.

Proceeds from the performance will benefit the Cherry Center's many exhibits and programs.

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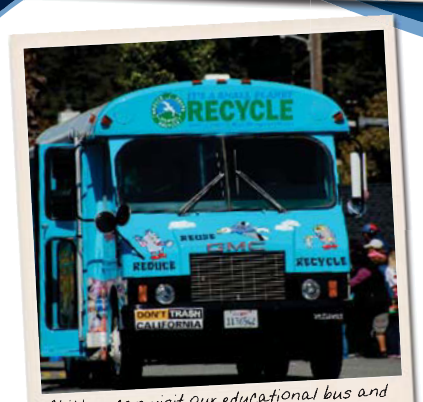

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Pancho's plant-based menu, Chesebro's new wines, and Golden Bear Bitters

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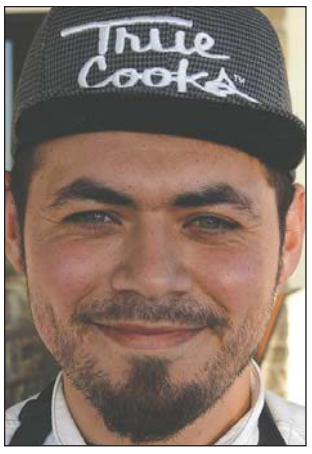
Pancho Castellón, one of the chefs in the kitchen at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands, is capitalizing on the freshness of produce brought to him directly from local farms while applying his unique, creative culinary skills to produce an impressive lineup dishes that doesn't leave even the most ardent meat-eater wanting.



Pancho Costellón

Castellón started working with Savor the Local — a company that delivers from local farms directly to restaurants — around the time the hotel's two restaurants merged to become California Market at Pacific's Edge a few months ago. With the shift came greater emphasis on using local ingredients, and Castellón said the produce Savor the Local offers doesn't get any fresher.

"The vegetables are inspiring. I get something from the box, I try it, and it tastes like I just picked it from my own garden — like when I get a tomato and it tastes like it has been sitting in the sun on the vine all day," said Castellón, who hails from Chile and has been a vegetarian for a dozen years, and a vegan for the past five.

"I never liked eating meat when I was a kid," he explained, adding that in Chile, it was particularly unusual. "My mom took me to the nutritionist, because she hoped they were going to tell me I was going to die if I didn't eat meat. In the beginning, she would sneak meat into my food."

But culinary school introduced Castellón to a wide range of cooking, and after graduating, he went to work for El Huerto, one of the oldest vegetarian restaurants in South America. So, it makes sense he's in charge of the inn's new five-course vegan tasting menu. Its dishes are lovely to look at and creatively conceived, with deceptively delicious ingredients like the almond yogurt he serves with root vegetables and pistachio granola, and the nut-based "cheeses" that are tough to distinguished from the real, dairy-based thing.

In vegetarian dishes at other restaurants around the Peninsula, "you see the same things everywhere, with the same components," he said. "And this is something unique. Nobody else out there is doing smoked cashew cheese!"

In the menu that debuted Monday evening, Castellón also took inspiration from scallops and presented smoked king trumpets that were cut like scallops, tender and firm, and slightly seared. He served them with roasted heirloom cauliflower and romesco sauce, along with pickled mustard seeds. Another course featured charred vegetables and local mushrooms, around which a winter squash and coconut milk "broth," which was more like a purée, was poured.

"Here at the Highlands Inn, it has always been a very important culinary scene," he said, as the inn is celebrating its centennial this year. "We're cooking for the future

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— for the next hundred years. We do everything 100 percent plant based. There are no faux meats or fake cheeses."

So far, he's received mostly positive feedback. "I understand you can't please everyone, but it makes me happy that 99 percent of people like it — even the people who are hardcore meat eaters. They call me over and they want to ask me questions," because they're surprised.

The dinner menu at the California Market at Pacific's Edge has plenty of meat, poultry and seafood offerings — like short ribs, duck, oysters, filet, tuna, salmon, scallops, octopus and abalone, to name some, all expertly prepared — but the vegan menu is the only part that's "100 percent my food," Castellón said.

"I have a really close relationship with all my cooks, so they understand it's like my baby," he said. And Hyatt Carmel Highlands management understands the importance of the ingredients he uses.

The new restaurant and its sophisticated cuisine, along with a new glass-walled dining deck, are key elements of an extensive remodel to mark the inn's 100th year, according to general manager Mel Bettcher.

The new space is being "received really well," he said, although people looking for the old California Market are sometimes dismayed when they discover it is now offices. "They look all sad, and you can tell they're missing something, and then when you take them out on the deck and let them know they can get breakfast and lunch and dinner with these views, they are happy," he said.

Bettcher said planning is underway for the property's birthday celebration July 28.

"We have some things that should be pretty fun, but they're still secret right now," he said, though he hinted some elements might harken back to the days when the property hosted the Masters of Food & Wine, which it did for more than two decades until a little over 10 years ago.

Most of the remodel work, like the new sales offices and the bar that now allows patrons to face the ocean while they sip their cocktails, is complete. The lobby, which is the oldest part of the building, is getting a sprucing up, with new furnishings and other improvements that will be done in the next couple of weeks.

"Everyone seems to be happy about it," he said. "We haven't had anybody say, 'You shouldn't have done that.'"

Locally grown carrots, beets and radishes balance out smooth and creamy house-made almond yogurt created by chef Pancho Castellón as part of the Hyatt Carmel Highlands' plant-based tasting menu.

PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

■ Big Sur Pop Over

Displaced from their kitchens by the numerous landslides, failing roads and the slumping Pfeiffer bridge, Sierra Mar pastry chef Ben Spungin, along with pastry chef Michelle Rizzolo and chef Matt Somerville of the Big Sur Bakery, "are popping over" to Salumeria Luca on Dolores Street in Carmel to offer delectable and delightful baked goods Saturday and Sunday, March 11-12, from 10 a.m. "until we sell out." "Some proceeds will be donated to Big Sur to help our tiny community through these very rough times," Rizzolo said. "Matt and I are making our famous morning pastries, croissants, bacon bow-ties, ginger scones and sourdough loaves. Ben is making an array of his fine chocolates and ice creams. We've even talked a few favorite baristas into pulling some shots."

And, Rizzolo added, "It's the only time I've baked this far north on the coast."

■ Golden Bear at Jerome's

Katie Shea of Golden Bear Bitters Co. will be at Jerome's Carmel Valley Market Friday, March 10, from 3 to 6 p.m., to offer a tasting of her "wildcrafted" bitters and tonics. She'll demonstrate and share a few recipes, as well as discuss the health and dietary benefits of including bitters in your beverages on a daily basis.

It's free to sample and chat, so stop by the market on Chambers Lane behind Will's Fargo restaurant on Carmel Valley Road in the Village. Owned by chef Jerome Viel and his family, the market offers a compelling selection of local wines, cheeses, produce, meats, prepared foods and other necessities.

■ O'Baum & O'Blume

Deb Wenzler announced this year's lineup of Irish-inspired goodies at Baum & Blume, the diminutive establishment she owns and

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operates on El Caminito in Carmel Valley Village. After celebrating Chinese New Year, and hosting a South of France Valentine's Dinner and a Tuscan dinner party that doubled as a cooking class for an online singles group, siblings Deb and Deric Wenzler are returning "to our motherland, shall we say!" for their annual St. Patrick's Day feast, which will run two days this year.

"This isn't your run-of-the-mill, tavern-style Irish food — this is a bit more gourmet!" she said. "We even make our own red wine mustard to slather on our extra-lean corned beef" made from round, not brisket.

From noon to 8 p.m. March 17-18, Baum & Blume will offer a wide range of inspired bites, from "Devil-May-Kerry" eggs and Mussels Filey Bay, to Dubliner Beer Cheese and "The Works," which include Ballymaloe Cooking School's cauliflower soup, whole wheat soda bread and Deric's Famous Corned Beef, and "champ," which is baked mashed potatoes with scallions and butter, along with braised cabbage, and key lime tart for dessert.

Several other mains, sides and sweets will be served throughout the two days of festivities, too, and all are available for dining in or taking home.

"We're celebrating 30 years in Carmel Valley this year," she added. "Hey, we must be doing something right! And we're having a heck of a lot of fun too!"

Call (831) 659-0400 for more details.

■ Trio welcomes Odonata

Trio Carmel, located on Dolores Street south of Ocean Avenue, is celebrating the addition of Odonata Wines to its tasting and sales lineup with a special celebration March 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Owned and operated by winemaker Denis Hoey, and based on River Road in the Santa Lucia Highlands, Odonata produces several wines from grapes grown in Monterey County and elsewhere. Odonata is replacing Ian Brand's wines in the lineup, since Brand and wife Heather opened a tasting room in Carmel Valley.

At the March 17 event, store owner Karl Empey said, "Guests will have the opportunity to meet Denis in person, taste some of his newly released wines, and hear him talk about his approach to winemaking." They'll also get to enjoy some live music, and snacks, too.

After graduating from UC Santa Cruz, Hoey worked for Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyards, where he was production manager, in 2004. The following year, Odonata Wines was formed, and Hoey continued working in the vineyards alongside veteran grape grower Rick Anzalone. Hoey now manages Falcon Hill and Machado Creek vineyards, which produce the fruit he uses in his estate wines. He purchased the former Marilyn Remark Winery on River Road in 2014, and Odonata's operations are based there.

The event is free for members of Trio's wine club and their guests, and $10 per person for everyone else. Registration is available online at http://triocarmel.com/events or by calling (831) 250-7714.

■ Chesebro new release party

Chesebro Wines in Carmel Valley will throw a party to celebrate its new releases March 18 from 4 to 6 p.m.

"We are pleased to announce the new release of four very special wines, including two highly anticipated single-vineyard 2013 Pinot Noirs, as well as two of our favorite whites, the Sauvignon Blanc and customer favorite Vermentino," the Chesebros announced. Made from grapes grown on the family's vineyards in Carmel Valley and Arroyo Seco, the wines are created by father and son, Mark and Will Chesebro.

The party will include live music and hors d'oeuvres, along with tastings of the four new wines: 2013 Pinots from the Cedar Lane and Mission vineyards in Arroyo Seco, 2015 Cedar Lane Sauvignon Blanc, and 2015 Cedar Lane Vermentino.

The tasting room is located at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road in the Village. For more about the wines and other information, visit www.chesebrowines.com.

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■ Twisted Roots water fundraiser

Twisted Roots wines in Carmel Valley Village will host a fundraiser for Wine to Water in honor of annual World Water Day held every March 22. A nonprofit founded in 2003, Wine to Water helps provide clean water to those in need, and on March 18, Twisted Roots will donate 20 percent of its sales from all wines by the glass and bottle to the group. Wine to Water will also receive $50 for every new wine club member to join between March 17 and March 19.

New club members who sign up during the event will go home with a bottle of the special Wine to Water Zinfandel. Raffles will be held, too. Tastings run $8 per person and include four wines: a Chablis-style Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, and 1918 Old Vine Zinfandel.

The tasting room is located in the LyonsHead Gallery at 23 Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley. For more information or reservations, call (831) 594-8282.

■ Food bank fundraiser

Owned by city councilwoman Carrie Theis, Hofsas House Hotel on San Carlos near Fourth will host its 7th annual fundraiser for the Food Bank for Monterey County March 23 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For $50 per person — all of which will go to the food bank — guests will have the chance to savor appetizers from local chefs Steve Johnson of TusCA Ristorante, Annie Hobbs from A Taste of Elegance catering, Terry Teplitzky from Wild Thyme and Michael's Catering, Soerke Peters of Basil, and Brandon Miller of Mundaka. They'll also get to enjoy chocolates from Lula's, cookies from Sweet Elena's, and local wines or Mad Otter Ale. Terrence Ferrell will perform.

Reservations are required. Call Theis at (831) 624-2745.

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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.

Through March 19 — Carmel Jewish Film Festival. Eight films from 6 countries, five receptions, and speakers. Tickets and event information: www.carmeljff.org/ or call (800) 838-3006.

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 13 — Tai Chi Chuan for Health and Fitness with Dr. Stephanie Taylor, MD, PhD, free lecture, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific St., Monterey. RSVP requested: (831) 646-5632 or thongchu@monterey.org

March 15 — Meeting of The Monterey Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group will be held 10:30 a.m. to noon at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 501 E. El Dorado, Monterey. Guest speaker will be Sophia Mineyev, clinical hypnotherapist: "Healing as a Mystical Experience." The meeting is free and open to all. Details: call (831) 625-3407. www.pnhelp.org

March 17 — Brilliant, young Hungarian pianist Péter Tóth at All Saints' Church in Carmel, Dolores and 9th, 7:30 p.m. Tickets at Bookmark Music in Pacific Grove, at the door, or call 624-4905 for reservations or more info. Adults: $20, students: $10.

March 17 & 18 "Annual St. Patrick's Day Feast" at O'Baum & O'Blume! Get Yer Irish Up! Available noon-8pm. Dine in or take-out. "The Works" – Corned Beef, cabbage & "champ", cauliflower soup, soda bread, & key lime tart: $26.50. A la carte menu also available. Baum & Blume Café, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400.

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.

March 20 — Chef Tony Baker, the London-trained and internationally known Bacon King of Montrio Bistro in Monterey gives a royal address to the Carmel Woman's Club Monday, March 20 at 2 p.m., Ninth & San Carlos. The public is invited. Members free; guests $10, includes tea and refreshments; memberships available at the door. Contact (831) 624-2866 or ftsnyder@comcast.net

March 23 — "How to build a Carmel tourism business that is environmentally economically sustainable." Stakeholders, including residents and representatives of the tourist industry, will present Part II of the Carmel Residents Association 2017 "Moving Forward Series." The program is open to the public with no charge; Carpenter Hall, Mission Street south of Eighth Avenue. The program begins at 5 p.m. Wine and social hour will follow.

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Editorial

Taxation with good representation

IS THERE a Nobel Prize for Trying Not to Waste the Public's Money? If there is, the Carmel City Council should be nominated.

Recently the council, led by Steve Dallas, Carolyn Hardy and Carrie Theis, showed wisdom that is rarely exhibited by government officials — so rarely that when we first heard about it, we had a hard time believing it.

As we report this week on page 7A, at city council meetings this month and last, the three council members caused some trouble after learning it was going to cost $61,000 to install a simple metal railing at Sunset Center, and $30,492 to do some painting at the library.

According to the bids the city received, the metal railing couldn't just be installed by someone who installs metal railings — it also needed to be supervised by someone who supervises people who install metal railings. And the supervisor was to be paid $8,100.

"I have some real problems with how this project is being managed," said Hardy, pointing out the absurdity of being charged $65 for review of a two-line invoice, and $130 to update a list.

"If you saw some of these invoices, you would be pretty hot under the collar," Dallas added. "Things have gotten out of control."

Meanwhile, Theis, who gets a lot of painting done at her family's inn without hiring a single "project manager" to oversee it, said there's no reason why the city couldn't accomplish the same thing.

"A painting project is not that complicated," she said.

The city is spending money "like drunken sailors," Dallas summed up. City officials should only spend the taxpayers' money "as if it were your own," he emphasized.

He's absolutely right, of course, and not only for the most obvious reason — that money taken by force of law from hardworking citizens shouldn't be spent on anything that's not absolutely necessary. The person who earned it owns it, after all, and according to the Bible, the U.S. Constitution, and many federal, state and local laws — not to mention hundreds of years of ethical, cultural and social traditions — nobody should be forced to give their money to someone else, including the government, except for a very important reason.

In addition to all that, there's a fundamental economic principle involved — one that isn't mentioned very often, but which provides the basis for our entire economy and even gives the dollar its value.

When someone earns money, whether by effort, ingenuity, or investment, he does so because, in exchange, he has created an equal value of productivity — productivity that provides the foundation not only for the earner's income, but for everybody else's as well. And so does his spending, but only if he spends his money on goods and services that are worth it.

However, the equilibrium of money and productivity that underpins the whole country's wealth falls apart if lots of people start getting money without working, or spending their money without demanding something of equal value.

Fortunately, there are still lots of working people around — people who know how hard it is to get money, and are therefore very careful to spend it wisely.

The government, however, has perfected the art of getting money without earning it, and then spending it wastefully. The taxpayers put up with this because they know that some government functions are necessary, and because the economy has somehow managed to stay robust enough to withstand the downward pressure of taxation and wasteful spending that is an everyday occurrence in Washington, all the state capitals, and local government buildings everywhere.

However, the American economy is already suffering because government taxing and spending has grown so much, and it is by no means certain that the success of the American economy will continue. Indeed, history is replete with examples of countries that were ruined — resulting in massive hardship and suffering among their people — because the government taxed and spent irresponsibly. The USSR is the paramount example, and Venezuela is the most recent.

So thank you, Carmel City Council, for showing the wisdom to understand that money taken from the citizens must not be wasted. Spending it wisely is not only the right thing to do, it is the essential thing.

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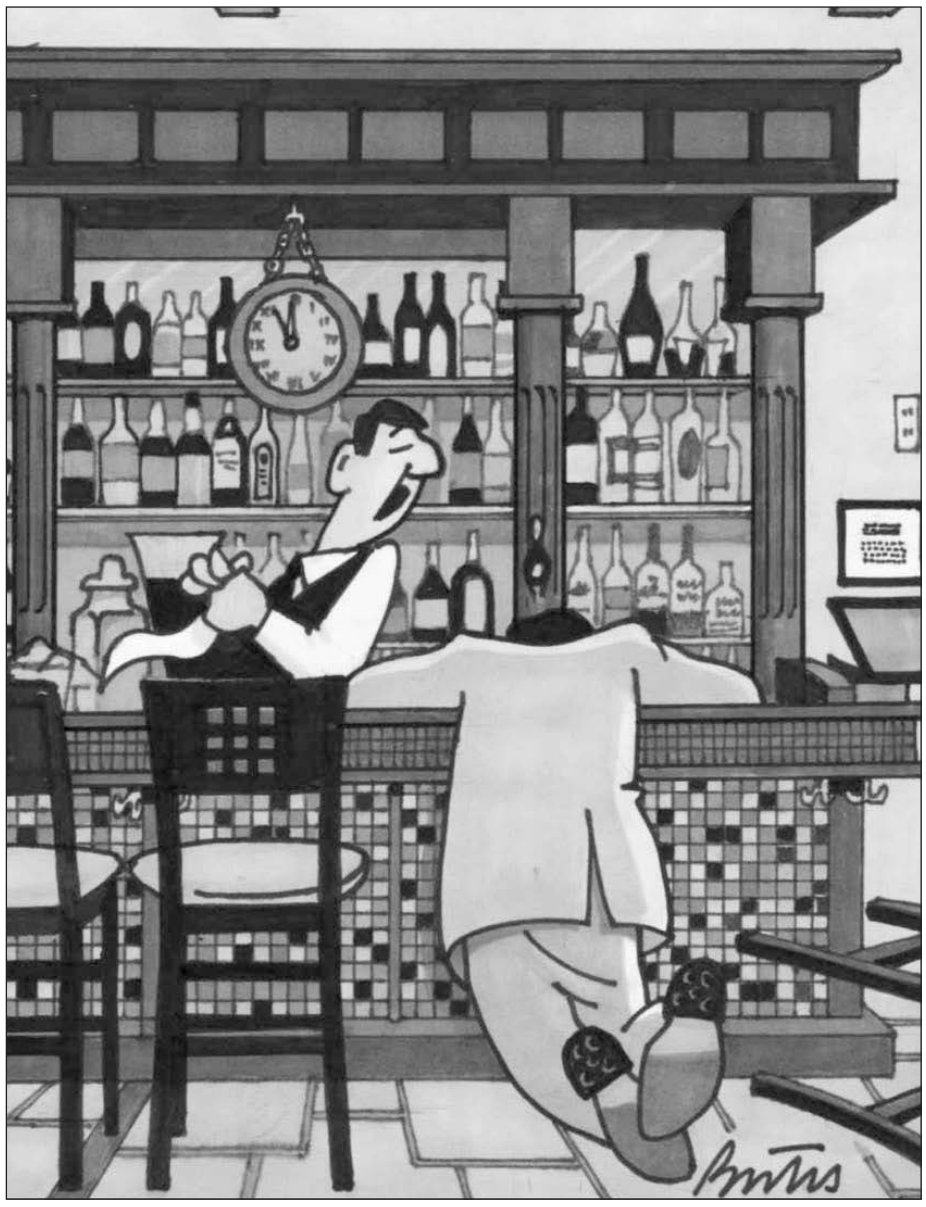

"Taxi or ambulance?"

Letters to the Editor

About fake news

Dear Editor,

I always enjoy reading the editorial in this paper; sometimes I agree and, even when I don't, I always see your point. This time, I really don't. If, say, the New York Times or Anderson Cooper report blatantly inaccurate news, I just change paper or change channel. But if POTUS does, I cannot switch POTUS. This really worries me, since I have a deep respect for the presidency of this country, regardless of political party.

Apart from the fact that all this makes headlines news in foreign newspapers (I read daily the Italian and French press), this attitude toward facts is also accompanied with unsubstantiated allegations against people and institutions as we see repeatedly, almost daily.

It gets worse. This is accompanied by promises, such as, "I can fix everything in this country (infrastructure, debt, military, health care, you name it) and it will be paying by itself," without any indication of how these things will be accomplished.

Meanwhile, the stock market keeps going up, which could be another case of "irrational exuberance."

And this brings me to my last point about this sort of attitude. If, at the end of his term, expectations have not been met, I am sure that someone else will be blamed, including the media, the other parties, the Europeans, the Chinese, the Secret Services, NATO ….

I really hope I am wrong, but I doubt it.

Roberto Cristi, *Pebble Beach*

Pine Cone's 'fairy tales'

Dear Editor,

I find your editorials to frequently be misleading, and you did it again with this latest one comparing Trump's outright lies to what you describe as equally disturbing false reporting and "fairy tales" by the media. In the Duke University rape case, the media was following a story based on what can only be called misleading information and a very messed up school with their out-of-hand sports fraternities and divided town. It wasn't, as you call it, a "totally phony story." Likewise, the Michael Brown shooting by a policeman in Ferguson was not the simple account that you make it sound like, and the reporting was not an effort to "fan the flames of racial animosity across the country and even led to rioting."

The difference between Trump and the media is that Trump consistently lies, not just for his own ego as you described it, but also to try to deflect questioning and investigation into what appear to be illegal involvements and from other lies. And he repeatedly tries to blame others for what he convinces his followers are attacks on him and on them as well. He has been systematically trying to destroy any faith in the real media, while supporting the tabloids and Breitbart. He is

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New cities, new beginnings, and new looks add up to a jolie life

Great Lives

By DENNIS TAYLOR

WITH ONLY the slightest hint of a blush, Fatima Assar confesses that she was "very spoiled" as a child, the only daughter of well-to-do parents.

Her father, Masoud, was a military general under the shah of Iran until the regime was overthrown in 1979. Her mother, Zohreh, doted on her, and took her shopping for whatever she wanted.

"Even as a little girl, I liked unique, different clothing," said Assar, who lives in Monterey and owns Jolie by the Sea, a women's fashion boutique on Ocean Avenue. "I loved quality, and the latest look, and my mother was happy to dress me up in whatever the newest thing happened to be."

That love for fashion, coupled with an international upbringing, helped create the professional woman she would eventually become.

Assar was educated in London, where she learned to speak English, along with her native Farsi. She lived briefly in Turkey, an experience she remembers fondly. She moved to Madrid, where she became conversational in Spanish and sampled other styles of clothing.

When she and her brother were teenagers, they moved with their mother to Manhattan, where Assar found work in a high-end boutique on Broadway, and fell in love with the fashion industry.

"My father wasn't able to come with us to New York because he couldn't get a visa at that time, so he went to Montreal," she said. "Eventually, my mom decided she couldn't take it anymore, trying to raise two teenagers by herself in New York, and she took us to Montreal, so we could be together again as a family."

She remembers the day they left New York as one of the saddest of her life, but she quickly discovered that Montreal was also a wonderful city.

"It's gorgeous. It's amazing. It's a very fun and interesting place," Assar said. "I found a job managing another little boutique on Notre-Dame Street, a touristy clothing area, a lot like Carmel.

"The only issue for me was that, once again, I had to deal with a new language: In Montreal, they speak the Quebecois dialect of French — the locals didn't want to talk to me in English. I got so confused that my sentences were a couple of words of this, and a couple of words of that."

The family moved to Toronto, also a cosmopolitan, multicultural fashion hub, where Assar was employed in a small, stylish shop at Eaton Centre, the largest mall downtown.

That's where friends introduced her to her future husband, Iraj Rezai, a fellow Persian whose travels mirrored her own.

"He had left Iran at 14 and had lived in all of the same countries," Assar said. "As soon as I met him, I immediately thought, 'Oh, my God … this is the guy!' The energy and connection we had were magical."

Assar was 22 when she married 26-year-old Rezai, a vice president at Tollman and Walker Insurance. They honeymooned in Monterey.

"Even before we visited Monterey, I told Iraj I wanted to move here," she said. "I had never even seen California at the time — I'd only heard about it — but that was like a dream to me.

"The Monterey Peninsula was a little shocking at first because it felt so small. But I gave it a chance, and found Carmel, and thought, 'What a charming little place this is!'"

Need a new look? Fatima Assar of Jolie by the Sea is ready to help.

Their first son, Ali (now 24 and studying in San Jose to become an accountant), came along in 1992, and his brother, Eman (studying marketing in San Diego) was born four years later.

Assar worked briefly as a hairdresser, but said she always had fashion on her mind. After traveling to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York to meet with vendors carrying European fashion lines, she opened Jolie by the Sea in 2013 on Lincoln Street, next to the Cypress Inn. She relocated almost two years ago to Ocean Avenue.

"The fashion centers of Europe are France, Italy and Germany. They're just very well put together," she said. "It's very important over there for people to look good, smell good, and be proper when they come out in public, and it's the same way for Persians. It's part of our culture — a show of respect toward the people we encounter — to look well put together."

Among the more than 20 world-class designers found at Jolie are Adventure des Toiles, Alembika, Beate Heymann, Cigno Nero Lamb Leather, Deca, Mc Planet, Ronen Chen, Inzio, Christina Gavioli, Indies, European Culture, Petit Pois and Zzan.

"I remake my store every week. There probably isn't a day when I don't change things around a little bit," she said. "I love looking at things with a fresh eye."

Even more rewarding, said Assar, is the process of introducing customers to looks they might never have previously considered for themselves.

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also doing an excellent job of dividing the country into political camps, races and religions while spreading fear and paranoia in the country. We consider The Pine Cone to be the media as well, and I would suggest that you are the one spreading "fairy tales" and are supporting Trump in his efforts when you publish editorials like this one.

Doane Hoag, *Carmel*

'Obvious bias'

Dear Editor,

Up until now, your obvious Republican bias has not interfered with my appreciation of my favorite newspaper, The Pine Cone.

However, your editorial that attempts to "explain away" outrageous, outright lies by the President of the United States as simple bragging by an egomaniac is astounding! Further, you attempt to minimize his deeply flawed character and behavior by comparing it to "fake news" by the media. Are you suggesting that because it is so obvious that our president is himself the source of "fake news" by repeatedly lying, making up "facts," usually at full volume, to whomever is willing to listen, that all of this is normal? Are you dismissing his lies as "whoppers" as if he were a mere grade school child? Admittedly, it might be humorous to watch Donald Trump, the narcissistic egomaniac, lie, manipulate and bully his way through life, were he simply a Reality TV character. But, in reality, he is carrying on in such a fundamentally flawed, and cringeworthy undignified manner while holding the office of the President of the United States of America!

Please do not attempt to normalize or minimize the affront of repeated lying to the American public by our president.

Susan Layne,
Carmel

'False equivalence'

Dear Editor,

The logic of your editorial "Fake News" (March 3) fails on the grounds of false equivalence. Donald Trump repeatedly says things that simply are not true: my inaugural crowd was larger than Obama's, millions of illegal votes were cast for Hillary Clinton, etc., etc.

By contrast, your examples of "whoppers" and "fairy tales" by the news media were not lies but errors. The reporting on the Duke "rape" case was in error and was admitted as such by the media.

The mainstream media never argued that Michael Brown was merely "a gentle bystander." Indeed, the major television networks broadcast video of Brown roughing up the storeowner. The issue as presented by the media was that Brown, like many other young African-American males, was gunned down by police without adequate justification.

Editorials like "Fake News" serve only to feed the Trump administration's dangerous policy of attacking and discrediting a free press whose job it is to call those with power to constitutional and democratic account.

Geoffrey Cocks,
Carmel

HOUSE

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with it, and I don't think it would be the right design decision for the house," which he pointed out is already 3 feet below the maximum building height of 24 feet.

In a letter to the commission, the Henkels reiterated the changes they have made in response to the neighbors' complaints. In addition to reducing the mass of the building and revising the design to mitigate view impacts after the October meeting, the Henkels lowered the house by 6 inches, moved it north by 6 inches, reduced the size of the garage and changed its roof from hipped to flat, reduced the size of the master bedroom on the second floor and increased the setback from the first floor on the south side, reduced the eaves on the second floor, shifted the garage in order to provide the most separation from Corrigan's property, and set the second story more than 20 feet back from his home.

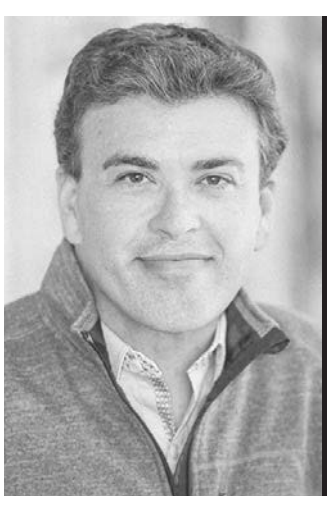
"The submitted revised plans are the best compromise available that still allows us to enjoy the partial ocean view to the southwest from the second floor master of our home and provide view sharing with Mr. Corrigan," they said. "We have spent considerable time and effort to design a home that fits within the city guidelines, accommodates neighbors, fits the lot, provides view sharing, and does not interfere with the significant trees."

Attorney Anthony Lombardo showed numerous photos illustrating which views Corrigan would retain after the house is built, and commented that the ordinance protecting views involves "sharing," not "excluding" them.

Of the five neighbors who complained about the design at its initial hearing last October, only Corrigan returned to oppose it further at Wednesday's meeting. He called the design changes made on his behalf "an insult," and said his "view is going to go away" if the commission didn't demand more changes.

Commissioners, however, were satisfied with the adjustments and praised Jeselnick's design, which they said would add to the neighborhood, not detract from it.

"The creation of a new look in that area is a positive thing, and ultimately, they will look at it as such," commissioner Karen Sharp commented before the 4-0 vote for approval. Commissioner Michael LePage was absent.



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Jewish film fest kicks off week two of three

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE SEVENTH annual Carmel Jewish Film Festival continues this week when the film, "Labyrinth of Lies," is screened Saturday, March 11, at Congregation Beth Israel.

In "Labyrinth," a young prosecutor in post-war West Germany discovers that many prominent public figures had ties to the Nazis during or before the conflict — and a massive conspiracy is keeping that knowledge from hidden from the public. Showtime is 7 p.m., and dessert will be served at a reception that follows.

The following day, "Once in a Lifetime" plays at Lighthouse Cinemas in Pacific Grove. In the film, a history teacher in contemporary France tries to motivate students by teaching lessons learned from the Holocaust. The curtain rises at 3:30 p.m., and a talk by UC Santa Cruz historian Rachel Deblinger follows.

A fast-paced docudrama that examines the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, "Sabena Hijacking: My Version," will be shown March 15, at Lighthouse Cinemas. Showtime is 7 p.m.

The three-week festival continues through March 19.

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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town, since the restaurant's approved hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., commissioner Gail Lehman said she is looking forward to having "something new."

She also said she thought the late philanthropist Barney Segal would appreciate the latest iteration of his former savings and loan.

"I think he'd be delighted, personally, that there's a viable business in the building," she said, adding that if early-morning diners are loud, as commissioner Karen Sharp worried, the commission could address any complaints in the future.

Chair Don Goodhue, who reminded everyone of his fondness for that particular buildings, was also OK with the mezzanine, since it's not up against the glass and is reversible.

"I can support this one," he said.

The commission — minus Michael LePage, who was absent — unanimously approved the addition.

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"Clothing is not only about covering the body, it's about feeling your energy, feeling the mood you're in, what time of life you're in … clothing completes you in that way," she said. "I try to create that look that they never had in mind, a look they never imagined they might be able to wear."

Assar says she plans to visit Europe next year for a closer look at the newest styles. She also hopes to expand Jolie, and perhaps add a line of men's fashions.

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ART

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The Pine Cone. "Attendees can be expect artist demonstrations, refreshments and hor d'oeuvres, live music, new work receptions, and even a private after party for those who complete the walk."

Maps are available at participating galleries, and at www.carmelartwalk.com.

■ Homeward bound in Monterey

While most homeless people continue to be men, a rising number of those without a place to live are women. An exhibit of photographs opening March 16 at the Monterey Museum of Art, "What We See: Photographs by Women Without Shelter," calls attention to the topic.

The images were captured by 11 homeless Monterey County women.

"As artists, their photography is bold and captivating, gritty and uplifting," reads a description of the show. "What visitors will see through these women's photographs, are images of optimism, faith, and reality."

The show will be on display at the museum through Sept. 4.

An opening reception will take place Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. The reception is free for museum members and $10 for others. Visit www.montereyart.org.

■ Whyte is back in fashion

The 24th annual Carmel Art Festival is set for May 19-21, and one of its more eye-catching attractions is back after a hiatus. Downtown gallery owner **Steven Whyte** will return to Devendorf Park, where he will create a sculpture of somebody famous. Exactly who Whyte plans to bring to life is a mystery, and the sculpture's identity will likely remain a secret until somebody else figures it out.

Whyte said he's looking forward to being in the park again — and away from the hustle and bustle of operating a studio/gallery on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. "I like having three days in row where I can sit and sculpt all day," the sculptor added.

For more about the festival, visit www.carmelartfestivalcalifornia.com.

■ Arts council unveils venture

Best known for bringing arts education to local schools, The Arts Council for Monterey County celebrates the grand opening of Art Works @ Pacific Grove March 10 in the American Tin Cannery.

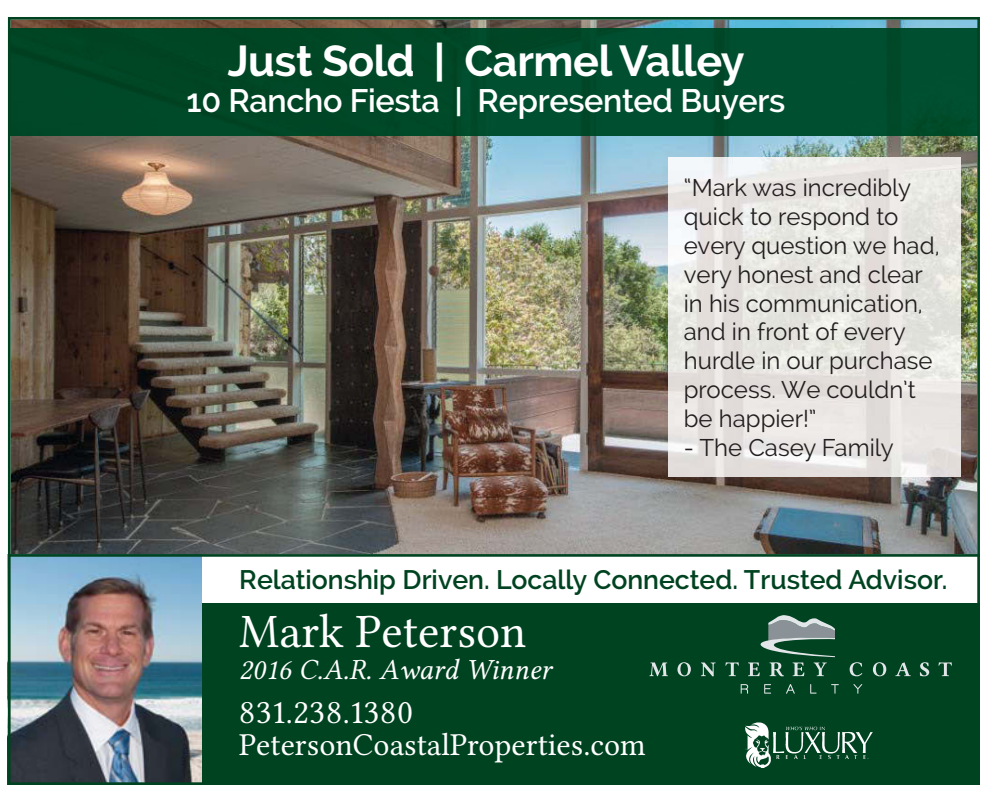
Art Works will feature gallery and studio for Monterey County artists. So far, 15 artists are leasing space in the venture, including painters, sculptors, jewelers and photographers. Studios will be open to the public Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

"We are excited to provide this great opportunity to our local art community," said **Paulette Lynch**, executive director of the nonprofit group, which is based in Carmel. "These artists now have a safe, affordable place to cultivate their talent and grow their business."

Art Works will be the site of a reception Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. The American Tin Cannery is located at 125 Oceanview Blvd., and the studio/gallery occupies suites 209 and 210.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS



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