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SPCA embraces hungry owls, fawns and loons

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They're comfy now, but these two baby barn owls were taken to the SPCA Wildlife Center after they were found on their own in the wild.

By KELLY NIX

A PARLIAMENT of barn owls, a passel of possums, a half-dozen squirrels and something called a dark-eyed junco are among the 107 eclectic animals the SPCA for Monterey County is caring for.

The SPCA's Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center off Highway 68 has been inundated with scores of wild animals requiring care, many of which have been injured. While spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said that having 107 wild critters isn't unheard of for this time of year — baby animal season — taking care of them is a task. A big one.

"On average, baby birds need to be fed every 30 minutes from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and baby mammals are fed every two to three hours a day, adding up to over 500 feedings each day," Brookhouser said.

The center employs eight full- and part-time staff members and has 50 volunteers to help with the animals, of which the current bunch is quite diverse, Brookhouser said.

"The wildlife center is currently open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and we are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week for emergencies, like animals hit by cars," she said.

While they don't have a partridge in a pear tree, the SPCA is caring for two fawns, one jackrabbit, a brush rabbit, a gopher, six ground squirrels, seven raccoons, 22 opossums, six crows, 16 barn owls, a blackbird, a California gull, nine scrub jays, a California Towhee, a Eurasian collared dove, three great horned owls, a house finch, eight house sparrows,

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Disintegrating 'resort' may be replaced with houses

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A town where hotel rooms often command hundreds of dollars per night, an inn that takes up nearly an entire city blocks sits languishing, with piles of rubbish strewn throughout the cracked parking lot, boarded-up buildings — including one that caught fire last fall — overturned furniture, and weeds growing wild.

During the past several months, the owner of the Carmel Resort Inn, Pebble Beach resident Tong Kim, has received stern warnings from the city for various issues, as well as from the air district for ignoring federal rules regarding asbestos.

Meanwhile, a group of investors represented by Jonathan Sapp has been trying to purchase the property, possibly to clear it and sell off its 16 individual lots for new homes.

In February — the month Sapp said the inn officially went out of business, though it had already been looking drab for several months — Carmel code enforcement officer Al

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PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

No one has stayed at the Carmel Resort Inn in months – unless they were squatting. The rundown inn covers almost an entire city block and has sparked numerous complaints.

Study: courthouse poses 'very high' earthquake risk

■ Retrofit could cost $28M

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County courthouse on Aguajito Road is at "very high risk" of substantial structural damage and partial collapse in the event of a large earthquake, according to an alarming new study, but county officials say there are no plans to make the building safer.

The Judicial Council of California released a report this week identifying the "seismic risk rating" of 145 courthouses throughout the state. Of those, only 12 — including the Monterey courthouse — were found to be at "very high risk," which the report defines as buildings recommended "as the highest priority for mitigation of risk."

About 200 court and county employees and others work in the 57,300-square-foot building at 1200 Aguajito Road, and hundreds of people visit the courthouse every day for hearings and other matters.

"During a large seismic event, there would be a high risk of substantial structural damage and partial collapse, and repair may not be cost effective," according to the Judicial Council of California. The report also includes an "estimation of risk of significant injury or loss of life" in California court buildings.

Monterey County Public Works architectural services manager Don Searle said the county assessed the condition

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'Mindfulness' is focus of new marketing plan

By MARY SCHLEY

ART, FITNESS and "mindfulness" will be used to draw more tourists to town, according to a presentation earlier this month from the city's hospitality improvement district.

"The new initiatives fall under the broader spectrum of 'wellness tourism,' a continually rising trend in the past several years," said Amy Herzog, executive director, and Amy Johnson, chairperson of the hospitality district, which is now officially called "Visit Carmel."

"Wellness tourism essentially means visitors desire a more proactive and immersive experience in a destination, and want that experience to enhance quality of life and improve well being, both physically and mentally," Herzog and Johnson said in the group's annual report.

Created by the city council and hotel operators in January 2016, Visit Carmel is funded by a 1 percent tax on hotels' gross revenues. The group's mission is to draw more off-season visitors and develop ways to entice them to stay longer and spend more money here. Its 2017 budget anticipates $862,759 in revenues (including $255,368 left over from the

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HIGHWAY 1 TO REOPEN ONE STRETCH AT A TIME

By CHRIS COUNTS

MONTHS AFTER the last big storm hit, Highway 1 through Big Sur remains closed in three places: at Pfeiffer Canyon (just south of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, where a bridge failed in February), at Paul's Slide near Limekiln State Park, and at Mud Creek near the San Luis Obispo County line.

According to a Caltrans official, the first to reopen will be the middle one, at Paul's Slide, where tons of rock and mud covered the highway three months ago.

"We're still doing slope stabilization and working on getting material out of the roadway," Caltrans spokesperson Susana Cruz told The Pine Cone. "We expect it to be open by mid to late June."

But with the road still closed to the north and south, reopening an isolated stretch of Highway 1 in the middle of Big Sur could create problems of its own, suggested Magnus Toren, the executive director of the Henry Miller Library, which has been inaccessible to the public since February. He's worried Nacimiento-Fergusson Road could be inundated by motorists trying to get to what would be, in effect, an island of Big Sur — including iconic places such as Esalen, Nepenthe, Deetjen's, the Post Ranch, Ventana Inn and the renowned waterfall at Julie Pfeiffer Burns State Park.

"If Paul's Slide opens up, it's going to be interesting to see how Nacimiento-Fergusson Road is going to be able to handle that kind of traffic," Toren said. "We're talking about thousands of cars — it could very quickly be overwhelmed."

Toren is in a tight spot because that same access would make it possible for people to visit the Henry Miller Library again.

"I'm not saying it's good thing or a bad thing," he added. "I'm fascinated by the conundrum."

Meanwhile, the rock and mudslide at Mud Creek near the San Luis Obispo County line

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Caltrans workers bringing in rebar for the south abutment of the new Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge last Friday. The work on the bridge is on schedule, they say.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

A way with Westies

IT ALL began with a hamster. When her kids were young, she took them to the pet store to get more hamster bedding, and came home with the bedding and a little West Highland white terrier. That was the first of now six Westies the family has had, so far.

But not all at once.

The second came home after she went to the pet store to buy a gift for a friend's Westie, and came upon a list of dogs for sale, which included a Westie for $75. Turns out it was the saddest, most bedraggled thing she'd ever seen, so she had to have it.

Next, her veterinarian alerted her that the local shelter was getting a Westie rescue. "You can think about it," he said, "but I already put your name on it."

Her daughter, now grown, was fostering Westies in Wisconsin, including a puppy named Lenny. Mom and Dad fell in love with Lenny, so he came home to Salinas. No. 4.

A friend of hers who had a Westie puppy passed away. At the memorial service, the family said, "When can you pick him up?" No. 5. After more than a year of working with him, the Westie just didn't work out. So, he went to live with the neighbor.

Last year, the family adopted No. 6, a lovely little Westie, who became very ill. So, they are left with Lenny, now 11.

"What I love about Westies," said his person, "is their size and that they're smart little characters, who just work their way into your heart. They're attentive, they mind, and they're very good with people."

Lenny is also good with other Westies. On the second Saturday of the month, he joins 15 or 20 for the "Westie Walk" on Carmel Beach. "It's priceless to see so many all at once," his person said. "We hardly know which one is ours."

Correction

The property at the center of a dispute over property taxes between Nader Agha's company Holman Building Associates and Carmel restaurateur David Fink is Andre's Bouchée, not 400º. An article last week identified the wrong business. The Pine Cone apologizes for the error.

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Modern home planned for beachfront

By MARY SCHLEY

UNLIKE THE last new home proposed for the small beach-side neighborhood west of Scenic Road that provoked ire among neighbors and multiple appeals to the city council, plans to demolish a Mediterranean-style house and replace it with a modern glass, steel and stone residence faced no resistance last week, when the planning commission discussed preliminary plans submitted by owners Venky Harinarayan and Sudha Neelakantan.

The owners want to tear down a nearly 3,000-square-foot home on the 11,000-square-foot lot located in the Carmel Beach dunes between Ocean and Eighth avenues, and replace it with a 3,450-square-foot house "that includes straight, clean vertical and horizontal lines," with weathered steel, travertine stone pavers and interior floors, polished retaining walls, reclaimed wood siding and metal edging on the roof, according to planner Matthew Sundt's report. It would have several skylights and solar panels, as well as large windows facing west, and rammed-earth walls that will be constructed in the Sonoma area and then trucked here. The garage would contain a lift so it can accommodate two cars.

In response to planning commissioner Julie Wendt's concerns about the skylights polluting the night sky, architect Jess Field of Field Architecture in Palo Alto said they will have photosensitive glass and/or motorized shades triggered by darkness to ensure no light escapes. "The photovoltaics have been kept to a minimum," he also said. "We're just preparing for a net zero future in California." Field designed the house in conformance with the state's standards for green buildings.

Privacy no problem

Sundt said he didn't identify any privacy or view impacts, and he determined that the "modern design of the proposed structure fits well on the parcel and adequately relates to other homes in the area."

Because their property is located at the beach, the owners were required to commission archaeological and biological studies, neither of which turned up any significant issues, according to Sundt. The coastal biologist recommended removing some vegetation by hand while a biologist is present to keep an eye out for black legless lizards, and

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A rendering from Field Architecture shows the modern-style home proposed for a beachfront property west of Scenic Road. Planning commissioners said they like the design.

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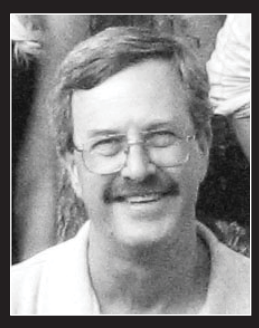

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Two litters of kittens rescued

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a loose dog on the roadway and secured it on a leash until officer's arrival. During area check on the beach, the owner was located at Scenic and Ninth, and the dog was returned with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog found on Carpenter Street brought into the station. The dog had no tags, collar or chip. Monterey County Animal Services picked up the dog.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male, age 42, was cited at Second and Guadalupe for driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance, and a broken stop lamp. His wife came and legally parked the vehicle, to be recovered by them later. Male was cited and released from the scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Abandoned bike found in the bushes at Lincoln and Eighth.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to a report of trespassing on Hillcrest Avenue at 0830 hours. A 35-year-old male was contacted and given a trespassing admonishment.

Carmel Valley: Female reported an attempted burglary on Cachagua Road.

Carmel Valley: Cachagua Road resident reported items were taken from her unlocked vehicle during the night.

Carmel area: Male on Ocean Avenue reported his 13-year-old as a runaway. Several hours later, she returned.

See **POLICE LOG** *page 7RE in the Real Estate Section*

The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by The Monterey County District Attorney

ON **APRIL 14**, Samuel Ejaz, 51, of Garden Grove was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie Culver to two life terms without the possibility of parole, plus four additional life terms for the two murders and two attempted murders occurring at the Social Security office in Salinas, all with the use of a semi-automatic handgun.

On Aug. 27, 2015, Mr. Ejaz, a naturalized citizen from Pakistan, shot and killed his estranged wife's aunt and uncle, and attempted to kill his wife and her cousin, severely injuring them both. This shooting arose out of an ongoing marital dispute between Ejaz and his wife, age 27, who immigrated from the Philippines just months before they were married in March 2015.

According to Jane Doe, the disputes centered on Ejaz attempting to control every aspect of Jane Doe's life, including the type of job she could have, freedom to leave and return to the home as she pleased, and the manner of greeting him when he came home from work. At one point during the months of tension, Jane Doe escaped to a women's shelter. Following her return home, Ejaz made implied threats of buying a gun to kill her, so she abruptly left and enlisted in the United States Navy.

Jane Doe's enlistment in the Navy enraged Ejaz. He began a plot to kill her. He purchased a 9mm handgun, and stalked her as she worked her way through boot camp and technical training. Eventually, Ejaz was able to learn from Navy personnel that she was scheduled for a two-week furlough on Aug. 25, 2015, and he guessed, correctly, that she would visit her aunt and uncle in Salinas.

The night before the murders, Ejaz checked into a motel two blocks from the aunt and uncle's house. He drove by the house, conducting surveillance by taking pictures of their home and car. The next morning, he waited and watched from a distance until all four victims emerged from the house and got into the aunt's car to go the to the Salinas Social Security office for an appointment. Ejaz followed the aunt's car to the Social Security parking lot, pulling in behind the victims, blocking them from leaving.

He then retrieved his 9mm handgun from the trunk of his car and pointed it at his wife, who had gotten out of the car to try to talk with him. She began begging him not to shoot her. She immediately saw the futility of her attempt, and began to run. He shot at her twice, hitting her once in the back.

Ejaz then turned toward the car and saw the aunt, who was apparently getting out of the car to help Jane Doe. He fired at her three times, killing her instantly. He then walked up to the car, shot twice at the uncle, killing him where he sat, and then shot the cousin once before he ran out of ammunition.

Ejaz was immediately arrested without a struggle, and provided law enforcement with a full confession. He said that he killed the aunt and uncle, and tried to kill the cousin, because they helped his wife "get away from him."

Ejaz was charged with double first degree murder, and murder while lying in wait. These charges made this case eligible for the death penalty. The Monterey County District Attorney's Office agreed not to pursue the death penalty.

This decision took into consideration the surviving victim's wishes for Ejaz to spend the rest of his life in prison, his plea of guilty to all charges and Ejaz's waiver of his appellate rights, thereby bringing permanent closure for the family.

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Renegade pruners hack away at trees

By MARY SCHLEY

PRESUMABLY DRIVEN by a desire to see more of the ocean, someone chopped down a bunch of Acacias on Scenic Road near Eighth Avenue twice during the past few weeks, leaving a big mess behind. And a couple of months ago, limbs were sloppily cut off a few of the Monterey cypress trees near 13th Avenue. All the trees were on public property and were cut illegally, city forester Mike Branson told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

"The trees are on public property, so they belong to the city and the people — not to one person," Branson said.

The unlawful pruning on Scenic and elsewhere in the city has sparked complaints from several residents. Friends of the Forest member Steve Brooks said he noticed the 200-square-foot patch of Acacia that had been cut and was alarmed to learn the city had not done the work, and Donia Rocco said she has heard of similar cases throughout town.

Forest and beach commissioner Karen Ferlito asked the city council last week to investigate.

"I'm quite disturbed there have been a number of illegal prunings and hack-job prunings on city trees over the last several months," she said. "I would encourage you as council members to ask that these illegal prunings be investigated — that questions be asked of neighbors if they have seen anything."

She mentioned the Acacia chopping that also topped a small cypress, the limb cutting at 13th, and the topping of five oaks near Ocean and San Antonio.

"This seems to be something that's proliferating — something that may be being done by landscape services at the behest of owners," she said. "So there should be some sort of follow-up with people doing business in the city that this is not OK, and acquaint them with the rules."

Branson said the Acacias were actually slated for pruning as part of the Scenic Road landscaping project, but the people who hacked them not only did a poor job, but left the debris all over the place, which created more

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Someone took matters into his own hands and chopped down several Acacia bushes on Scenic Road. Officials are decrying the rising amount of illegal pruning in town.

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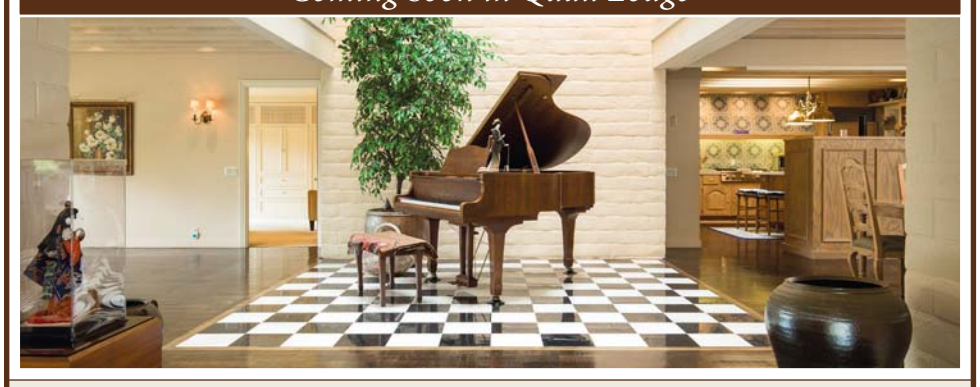

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Motorcyclist blames Highway 68 crash on Sea Otter Classic, Caltrans, etc.

By KELLY NIX

A MOTORCYCLIST who had to have a leg amputated after a crash in front of Laguna Seca last year has filed a lawsuit against the organizers of the Sea Otter Classic and numerous county and state agencies, contending they're responsible for the accident.

In a lawsuit filed May 5, Richard Beach said he was riding a motorcycle westbound on Highway 68 on April 17, 2016, at about 4:30 p.m. when Chris Chance — who was exiting the Sea Otter Classic bike races — drove his vehicle into Beach's path on Highway 68, forcing Beach to collide with the automobile.

"Following impact, Beach was thrown some distance in the air and landed on the side of the road," the lawsuit says. He "was immediately taken to the hospital, but despite multiple surgeries, the doctors were eventually required to amputate Beach's leg just below the knee."

Beach said he had a "compound right ankle injury," but that "complications" required amputation.

Chance failed to yield proper right of way and was therefore "negligent and careless," according to the suit, filed for Beach by attorneys Robert E. Rosenthal, David W. Balch and Nevin P. Miller.

Besides Chance, also named as defendants in the lawsuit are the Sea Otter Classic, the State of California, California Highway Patrol, the state's Department of Justice, the Department of Transportation, Monterey County, and its parks department and sheriff's office.

Chance could not be reached for comment. Sea Otter Classic attorney Andy Swartz said his client was served with the lawsuit late Wednesday.

"However, as we understand the facts, this is a collision between two vehicles on Highway 68, and the cause of the accident has absolutely nothing to do with the Sea Otter Classic," Swartz told The Pine Cone. The Sea Otter Classic "will vigorously defend itself and move for a summary judgment."

County counsel Charles McKee told The Pine Cone that the county "takes safety at public events seriously." He also said the Sea Otter Classic "has had many decades of presenting safe, outstanding and successful events."

Beach said he's incurred more than $650,000 in medical expenses, and his motorcycle had more than $3,000 in damage. He alleges negligence, dangerous condition, defective traffic control and other claims, and is seeking monetary damages, past and future medical and incidental expenses, and attorneys' fees.

While traffic control for large events at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca is usually routed through Gen. Jim Moore Boulevard and South Boundary Road to avoid traffic problems on Highway 68, the organizers of the 2016 bicycling event allowed traffic to "improperly" exit from B Road at Laguna Seca onto Highway 68, the lawsuit says.

"Given the traffic volume, travelers westbound on

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P.G. drawing up contract for car auction on golf course

■ Chamber to hold meeting with auction company reps

By KELLY NIX

THE CITY of Pacific Grove has already started working on a contract with the backers of an upscale car auction on the Pacific Grove Golf Links in August that city council members say would make it more involved in Car Week and bring big money, but which is also drawing opposition from a few residents.

City manager Ben Harvey told The Pine Cone that the contract with Indiana-based Worldwide Auctioneers would ensure that the auction company indemnifies Pacific Grove against any damage that might result from the event, reimburses the city for its expenses, and agrees to other requirements.

With little public review, the city council voted 5-2 earlier this month to allow high-end Aug. 17 auction to be held on the 18th Fairway of the city's municipal gof course.

"We are very motivated to try to really minimize the impact on the community while deriving as much benefit as possible" from the car auction, Harvey said.

While Harvey said car auctions on the golf course are "a recognized ancillary use," the city would "comply with whatever the requirements are," including, if necessary, obtaining a coastal development permit from the California Coastal Commission.

"I'm very excited about it," he said of the auction. "I wouldn't propose this type of event unless I thought it was in the city's best interest and I thought it would be successful."

Meanwhile, the upscale vintage car auction is drawing a mix of reactions. Some residents contend it's time P.G. gets a big-ticket Car Week event, while others say it's another step toward "commercializing" the golf course.

See **AUCTION** *page 17A*

The lush 18th Fairway of the Pacific Grove Golf Links will be the site of a swanky vintage car auction in August, according to an agreement being hammered out between city officials and an auction company.

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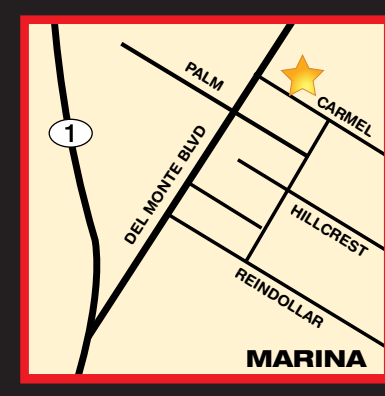

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Sharp leaves planning commission

By MARY SCHLEY

LESS THAN six months after she joined the planning commission for the second time, Karen Sharp has resigned.

"David and I will be traveling too much for me to give our community issues the time I feel is necessary," she told The Pine Cone Monday, the day her resignation took effect.

The city council appointed Sharp to the planning commission last December, but it was not her first time in public office.

A trained nurse and former director of surgical services for a large medical center, Sharp joined the Carmel Design Review Board in 2004 and the planning commission in 2007, but she only served with that group for a short time before moving to the city council, where she replaced Mike Cunningham. She was appointed to that body in August 2007 and then served another four years after being elected in 2008. She chose not to run for reelection in 2012.

Sharp has had a house in town since 1992 and moved here full-time with her husband, David, in 2000.

"It has been an honor to serve and to work with the impressive volunteers, staff and elected officials of our community not only recently, but also in the past years," she said this week.

City clerk Ashlee Wright said she plans to advertise the vacancy in Friday's Pine Cone, and applications will be due by the end of day Friday, May 26. The commission usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month and contends with issues like updating the general plan, reviewing major commercial and residential projects, and making recommendations to the city council regarding changes to the law and new ordinances.

Commissioners serve four-year terms.

COURTHOUSE

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of the Monterey courthouse in 2004 and 2015, but seismic assessments were not included in either study. The building has three floors and a basement.

In any case, retrofitting the Monterey courthouse to current seismic safety standards — which the Judicial Council of California report estimates would cost a low of $21,980,00 to a high of $27,800,000 — isn't going to happen anytime soon.

"The county does not have any costs associated for any seismic upgrades or improvements," Searle told The Pine Cone. "No plans have been proposed for a full building renovation at this time."

The 1969 precast concrete building was designed by Monterey architectural firm Wallace Holm & Associates, and was built according to that era's codes.

Besides Monterey, 11 other courthouses and administrative buildings in Santa Barbara, Alameda, Los Angeles, Napa and elsewhere were identified as those with the highest priority for retrofitting. The report indicates it would cost taxpayers as much as $406,560,000 to retrofit just those 12 buildings.

Monterey County Superior Court spokeswoman Nona Medina said the court is a tenant of the building, which is owned by Monterey County.

Court executive officer Chris Ruhl said the "seismic deficiency issues" at the Monterey courthouse are not new, but "it is essential that the state find a way to address these facility issues."

"Monterey and other trial courts statewide continue to endure situations involving court facilities that have accessibility, safety, and security concerns," Ruhl said.

The Monterey courthouse, he said, has "tremendous" foot traffic, from those who attend family law, civil and probate hearings, to those seeking assistance at the legal self-help center. Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams and her staff, Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs and the Monterey County Probation Department also share the building.

The South Monterey County courthouse in King City had been slated for renovation after the state deemed it a priority because of accessibility, safety and security concerns, but the project was halted by the state in 2012 when lawmakers decided to use the funds for other purposes.

The South Monterey County courthouse "was one of several urgent facility projects placed on indefinite delay," Ruhl said. "Additionally, the state continues to grapple with balancing the need to update or replace court facilities statewide and the lack of funding available to do it."

The State of California's annual budget is more than $120 billion per year.

Scores of people visit the Monterey Courthouse every day, and nearly 200 employees work there, but the 1969 building is one of the most dangerous courthouses in the state, according to a new seismic safety report.

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Two pot shops could be too many

By CHRIS COUNTS

THERE MAY be room for only one medical marijuana dispensary on Carmel Rancho Boulevard, a prospective business owner learned May 16 at a Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee hearing.

Valentia Piccinini wants to establish Synchronicity Holistic at 26390 Carmel Rancho Blvd. But she was told this week that the LUAC recommended last month that another business, Big Sur Cannabotanicals, be granted approval to open a dispensary nearby at 26352 Carmel Rancho Lane. Piccinini said the news was a surprise to her.

LUAC chair Janet Brennan told Piccinini that a county ordinance requires that the two businesses be at least 1,500 feet apart, which they're not.

More than 50 people — many of them supporters of Piccinini — packed the meeting room at St. Philip's Lutheran Church for the hearing. Several of them praised the Pebble Beach woman and her business model, which caters only to seniors and those who are using cannabis for medical purposes.

But Brennan reminded them that the sticking point here is a land use issue — not the merits of Piccinini's business and character.

Another topic that came up during the hearing was the concern that parking spaces nearby will become harder to find. "It's difficult right now to get a parking space," Brennan said.

But others, including Piccinini, countered that the heavy visitation observed at Monterey Bay Alternative Medicine in Del Rey Oaks will likely dissipate once other dispensaries are allowed to open in the area. And Piccinini said there's plenty of empty parking near the site.

Representatives from two shopping centers in the area expressed resistance to Piccinini's plans. Marilyn Schultz of The Barnyard said some of her tenants oppose the dispensary over worries about parking and concerns the that business won't be family-friendly.

County planner Craig Spencer said there are two options available that might make it possible for both dispensaries to operate in the same area. He said "a variance for a setback" could be considered, and the general development plan for Carmel Rancho "could create special setbacks to support two dispensaries."

'I've been working on this site since 2015. I'm not quitting.'

LUAC member John Anzini asked Piccinini if she would be willing to move her business, but she responded by saying she has $2.2 million invested in the site, which closed escrow in January.

Another LUAC member, Charles Franklin, suggested approving Piccinini's plan anyway. "The planning commission will have to find a way out of this or make a 'beauty contest' decision," Franklin said.

'Stunned'

At the suggestion of Piccinini's attorney, Jason Reitter, the LUAC voted unanimously to support the project if the application by Big Sur Cannabotanicals is denied.

Piccinini said she was "stunned" by the news that she now appears to be waiting in line behind another dispensary — but she insisted she's not giving up on her plans.

"This came out of nowhere," added Piccinini, who credits medical marijuana with relieving the symptoms of multiple sclerosis and dramatically improving her quality of life. "I've been working on this site since 2015. I'm not quitting."

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Rep. Panetta knows Trump-Russia investigator, has faith he'll do a good job

By KELLY NIX

CONGRESSMAN JIMMY Panetta said Thursday he has the highest confidence in former FBI director Robert S. Mueller overseeing the investigation into possible links between President Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and Russia.

Amid calls by Congressional Democrats and some Republicans to launch an independent investigation into the possible ties, justice department deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein Wednesday appointed Mueller, a Republican, for the job. Panetta said he met Mueller — who is widely respected by members of both parties — when he spoke at a Panetta Institute for Public Policy lecture in 2014.

"I think director Mueller is the right person for the job based on my personal relationship with him," Panetta told The Pine Cone. "I have the utmost confidence in his ability to determine what happened, seek the truth and make a determination based on that."

Panetta met Mueller while he was in Monterey with journalist Barton Gellman and former CIA deputy director Michael Morell for a talk entitled, "Security Versus Freedom — Sedition to Internment to Surveillance." Panetta's father, Leon, moderated the lecture.

"I was able to talk to him and spend time with him," the 20th Congressional District representative explained.

Drug investigations in the 1990s

Early Wednesday — before Rosenstein had announced Mueller's appointment — Panetta joined his Democratic colleagues in signing a petition to ask the House of Representatives to vote on legislation establishing an independent outside commission to investigate the Trump campaign. House Republicans had blocked the effort.

However, Panetta said he's satisfied with the decision to allow Mueller to lead the inquiry.

His impression of Mueller goes back to the late 1990s when Panetta worked in Alameda County as a prosecutor. At that same time, Mueller was U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California, and some of the investigations Mueller's office was undertaking also involved Alameda County prosecutors.

"We were conducting major narcotics investigations," Panetta said.

While Panetta did not meet Mueller at the time, he got to know some of the attorneys who worked for him.

"They spoke very highly of him and his ability to lead that office," Panetta said. "He's a good guy. He's solid. And he's a straight shooter; when you ask him a question, he's going to answer it and explain it."

Republican President George W. Bush appointed Mueller as FBI director in 2001, while President Barack Obama in 2011 kept him as director for another two years past Mueller's 10-year term.

Despite calls from a few House Democrats, including Maxine Waters, for Trump to be impeached — even before a finding that Trump or his campaign have done anything wrong — Panetta, a former Monterey County Deputy District Attorney, said he would wait until passing judgment.

"As a prosecutor, I have learned you base the case on the facts," Panetta said. "And right now we are trying to gather the facts … and then we can make the determination as to what needs to happen after that."

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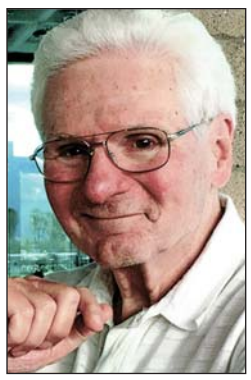

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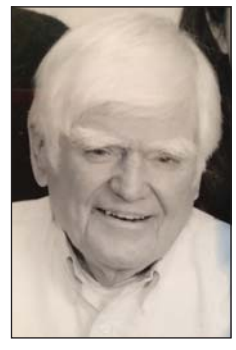
Herbert L. Eggleston, Jr.

Herbert L. Eggleston, Jr. passed away peacefully, Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the age of 94, at his home in Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA. An engineer who loved numbers and facts, he would have enjoyed doing the calculations to point out that this meant he had been alive exactly 2,964,384,000 seconds!



Raised in Southern California, by loving parents with a younger sister and older brother, Herb enjoyed an ideal childhood, forging lifelong friendships with neighborhood members of 'The Cumberland Road Gang'. During World War II he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and was a pilot in the 492nd Fighter Squadron. Flying the P-47 Thunderbolt was a thrilling and unforgettable experience; he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service. Herb returned from the war to continue at Stanford University and graduated as an Electrical Engineer. It was at Stanford that he met Dana Fore. As fate would have it, the two had unknowingly grown up just a block from each other on Cumberland Road in Glendale, California. After winning Dana over, the two married in 1949, and Herb used his engineering and management skills to run Goldak, the family business started by Dana's father. He ran the company until he retired in 1995.

Dana and Herb moved to Carmel after retirement. For the last 24 years Herb engaged in things he loved. His woodworking projects were many, and he was a terrific wood turner. His homemade jigsaw puzzles were clever and challenging. Herb's baking skills were legion, and no recipe was too difficult – homemade marshmallows and his famous popovers were favorites of the many friends and family that visited frequently. Herb was a musician who loved jazz, started with the trombone and saxophone. Later in life, Herb took up the bassoon, and the beautiful tones he made are greatly missed. He also played bassoon for the Watsonville Concert Band. Herb loved all things flying and was an active member of the Society for Aviation History.

Herb was an avid golfer and a fan of watching sports: he rarely lost hope in a return to glory for Phil Mickelson and could be counted on to remember the minutiae of Stanford's recent sporting endeavors. Herb was a man of the greatest integrity, and had quick sense of humor that never left him. Many of his interests and musical talents were passed on to and are shared by his family.

Herb is survived by his wife of 67 years, Dana Eggleston of Carmel-by-the-Sea, his three children, Herb Eggleston III of Carmel, Robert Eggleston of Carmel Valley and Amy Gaddis (Byron Gaddis), of Lake Oswego Oregon, as well as six grandchildren: Rushad (Lauren) Eggleston, Zubin (Cameron) Eggleston, Zarosh (Brooke) Eggleston, Forrest (Margo) Eggleston, Vivian and Emily Gaddis.

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Shoplifter swipes spendy purses from Coach — twice

By MARY SCHLEY

A MAN who walked into the upscale Coach store at Ocean and San Carlos in late April and walked out with three bags worth $1,700 did the same thing again on May 9, when he grabbed four purses valued at $1,800 off a display table just inside the door and ran out to an awaiting getaway car, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Chris Johnson.

"It's definitely the same suspect, because the employees recognized him," he said.

In the first case, which occurred around 3 p.m. April 29, the male swiped two leather duffel bags and a backpack, and in the second, which happened at 6:15 p.m. last Tuesday, he took four purses — two pink, and two tan, according to Johnson.

"We have some good witnesses who provided some good information for investigatory leads," he said Thursday.

Unlike in many shoplifting cases, where the perpetrator either isn't spotted or gets away quickly, "there are actually some good leads that we can follow," Johnson added.

Police also have a description of the getaway car, though Johnson didn't want to share the details, other than it had a paper plate, rather than a license plate.

Unfortunately for investigators, the store does not have any surveillance cameras aimed at the door, he said.

Johnson noted that the timing was "interesting," considering the thefts occurred not too long after the April 24 early-morning break-in at Bottega Veneta in the Carmel Plaza.

In that case, six burglars, none of whom have been identieid, stole more than a quarter-million dollars' worth of purses and other merchandise in 55 seconds after prying open the door.

Thieves continue to hit parking meters

By MARY SCHLEY

VANDALS HAVE broken into the coin boxes in 30 parking meters in Pacific Grove during the past few months, according to Pacific Grove Police Department administrative assistant Jocelyn Francis. And while they've only managed to steal about $250 in coins, the damage has cost taxpayers around $5,000 to repair.

The meters are located along Ocean View Boulevard, as well as on Sloat, Eardley and Dewey avenues, and on the portion of Wave Street that's in Pacific Grove. The city council in 2003 approved the installation of 100 of them along those stretches near the American Tin Cannery and Cannery Row.

But Francis said only recently have vandals begun targeting them.

"This is the first time it's happened to P.G.; however, it's not uncommon for a lot of other cities," she said. "Particularly in larger cities, it's a daily occurrence."

She's not sure when the crimes are taking place but said the results are mostly discovered by officers working the night shifts.

"It's hard to determine the time of day that they drill out the locks and take the coin canisters, but generally, our officers will come across the meters at night because they're more closely patrolling that area," she said. Of course, a parking officer monitoring the meters during the daytime will also report one from time to time.

Unfortunately, the outlet mall doesn't have any good security cameras that might help identify the culprits, according to Francis, so for now, the police department is simply stepping up its patrols of the area, including having officers out on foot, rather than just cruising by in their cars.

She also observed that the culprits aren't getting much for all their efforts.

"In the big scheme of things, it's really not that much coin that they're getting," she said. "Now that we've started accepting credit cards, the amount of coins we collect is much less" — about 23 percent of the take.

But they are costly to repair, and police officials are contemplating long-term solutions to the meter-raiding problem, including asking their counterparts in other cities how they have dealt with it, attending regional meetings on parking, and talking to vendors about more secure options.

"I don't think there's any solution where nobody would be able to get into a meter or pay station," she said. "But there are other options we're looking at."

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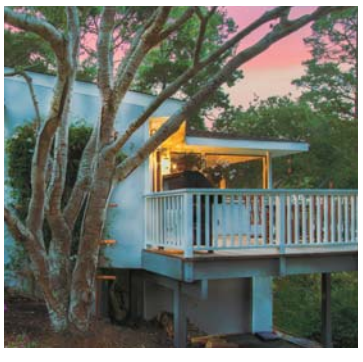

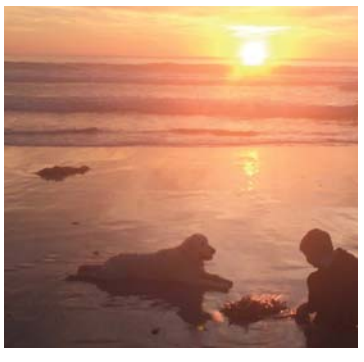

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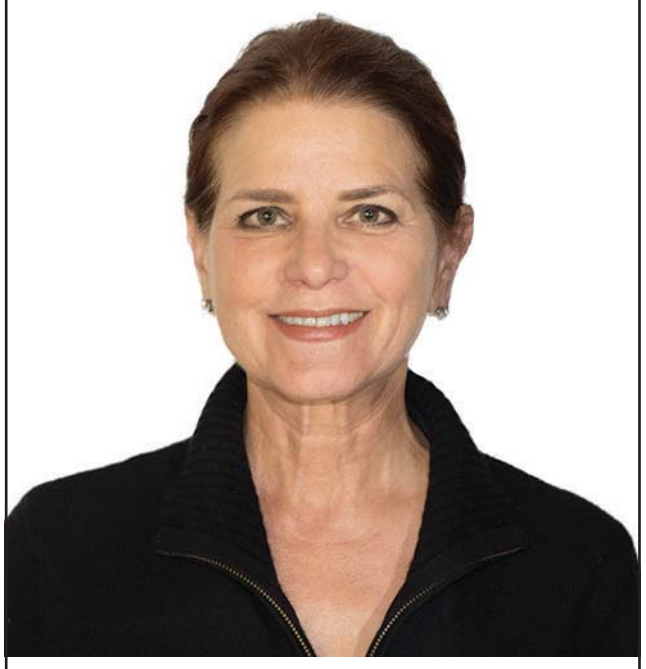

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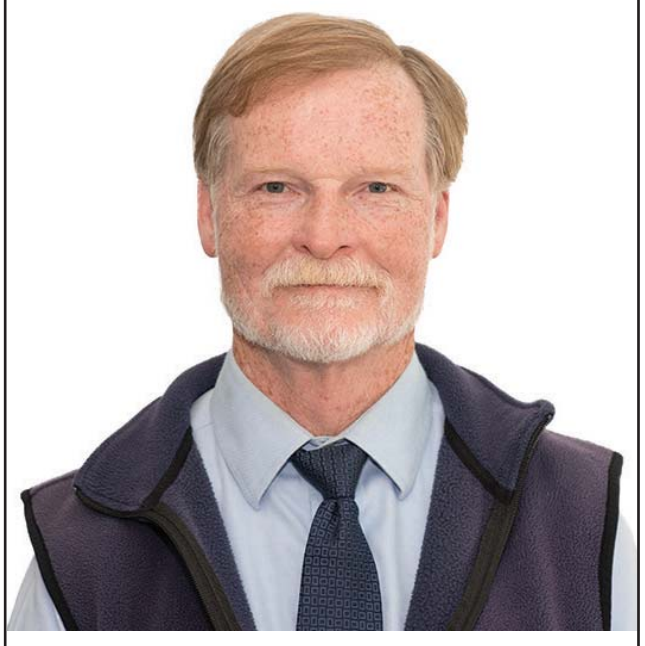

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Pfeiffer Big Sur park reopens, businesses rejoice

By CHRIS COUNTS

CLOSED SINCE February due to mudslides and storm damage, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park will partially reopen its campground May 19.

With its iconic river frontage, stands of redwoods, spectacular vistas, and more campsites than any other park along the Big Sur coast, Pfeiffer Big Sur is one of the area's busiest tourist destinations.

"We will be opening about 50 campsites," supervising ranger Matt Khalar told The Pine Cone.

The campsites will be available on a first-come, first-served basis until July 1, when reservations will again be accepted. But Khaler noted that the park is "pretty booked up" with reservations that were made before it closed.

Besides welcoming campers back to the state park, three relatively short and level hiking trails will be available for the public to use.

Unfortunately, some of the state park's most popular hiking routes — including the Oak Grove, Pfeiffer Falls and Valley View trails — will remain closed until repairs to them can be made. "The Pfeiffer Falls Trail will be closed for a very long time," Khalar explained. "We lost a big portion of trail."

Also off-limits are two major hiking routes that begin in the state park, the Mount Manuel and Pine Ridge trails, and access to a popular swimming hole up the Big Sur River Gorge. In each case, slides, downed trees and overgrown brush make foot travel unsafe.

Despite the trail closures, visitors will still be able to splash around a bit and catch a few rays. "The entire stretch of river between the kiosk and the campground is open," Khalar observed.

The state park's softball field is still closed, although it is expected to open soon. The Big Sur Softball League has been given the go-ahead to play there on Monday evenings beginning in mid-June.

The reopening of the state park is cause for celebration in the Big Sur business community, which has seen a big drop in visitors since road troubles began this past winter.

"The Big Sur business community has really been struggling," said Stan Russell, the executive director of the Big Sur Chamber of Commerce.

"The state parks are key — people want to go hiking when they come to Big Sur. When they're not available, it minimizes the reasons for coming here," he said.

A number of businesses north of the failed Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge are open, including the River Inn, Glen Oaks, Fernwood Resort and Big Sur Campground and Cabins.

After being closed for months due to damage from last winter's storms, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park will partially reopen this weekend.

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HIGHWAY

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continues to perplex Caltrans workers — and could keep the scenic route to the south closed for the summer.

"Mud Creek has taken a turn for the worse," Cruz told The Pine Cone.

She said workers are still trying to find out what they are up against.

"We're still drilling to see how deep the slide is," Cruz reported. "There's water coming out of the hillside, and the slide is still moving. It needs to stop before work commences."

Besides the rocks and debris that continue to pour down on it, the highway at the site is missing part of a lane.

To ensure passage through the area, Caltrans officials are considering an ambitious project. "The preliminary plan would be to build a couple of viaducts," Cruz said.

Cruz conceded that any solution might take longer than this summer to complete. "There's no time frame," she added.

There currently is no access through the site, not even for locals and delivery vehicles.

■ Pfeiffer bridge in the works

To the north, at the site of the $24 million Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge project, work is proceeding on time.

"Pfeiffer Canyon is doing really well," Cruz reported.

Cruz said 15 steel girders — each measuring 62 feet long — are being fabricated at a plant in Vallejo.

"They're going to get shipped off to Stockton, where they will get painted, and then they'll be trucked over to Big Sur," she said.

Once they all arrive on site, the girders will be bolted together — five lengthwise and three deep — to create the support for a single-span, 310-foot bridge.

The bridge is expected to be operable by mid-to-late September. "It's all coming together," Cruz added. "We're on schedule."

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previous year) and $800,252 in expenses, with the balance kept as "planned surplus." $683,790 would be used for sales, marketing and PR, with the bulk spent on marketing, including a website and social media, $155,000 on TV ads, $11,030 for ads in an airline magazine, and $106,582 for internet services like TripAdvisor.com, Google and Facebook.

Visit Carmel has hired Burghardt+Doré and Hunter Public Relations to develop and implement its campaigns, and they came up with three areas of "wellness tourism" to attract more people to Carmel: art immersion, fitness travel and mindfulness.

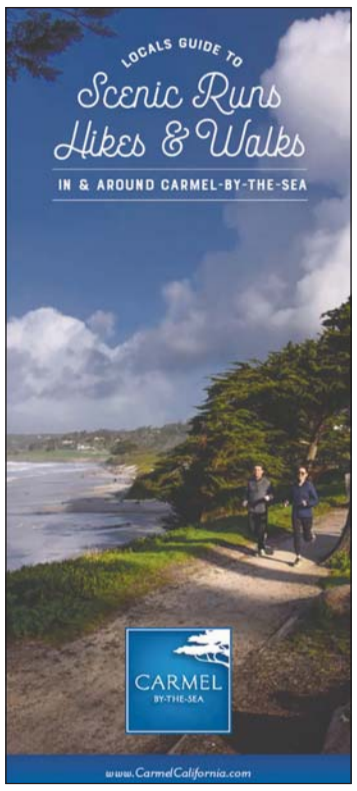
"All of these visitor experiences follow the trend toward a more experiential traveler, while at the same time differentiating Carmel from competing destinations, attracting visitors likely to be respectful and appreciative of the natural beauty, providing visitors a reason to stay longer or repeat visit, and giving the media and travel writers a new angle to tell about Carmel," they wrote in their report.

"Art Immersion" would promote local artists, art-related events and hands-on activities. "Visitors really want to experience art, they want to get their hands dirty, they want to meet the artists — they want to do more than just look in galleries," Nicole Doré said at the May 1 council workshop on marketing and tourism.

"Fitness Focus" would "brand Carmel as a premier destination for travelers seeking ways to discover and connect with a destination while being active," including creating and managing running and fitness retreats, and producing and distributing guides about local scenic runs, hikes and walks.

Doré told council members the local run/hike/walk brochure is unique.

"It's only available to Carmel hotel guests, so it's a great bonus for people staying only in Carmel hotels," she said. In addition, several fitness retreats with running coach and past Olympian Jeff Galloway are scheduled for the coming fall and winter.



If you want to get your hands on this brochure about runs, hikes and walks in and around town, you'll have to stay in a Carmel hotel.

"Mindfulness Discovery," meanwhile, would "zero in on the mental well being of visitors, and leverage this rising trend so that Carmel becomes 'top of mind' as the place to find peace and balance."

Burghardt said the campaign will focus on retreats. "The tech industry has really embraced mindfulness as a way to change their corporate cultures and create a much deeper level of satisfaction in the way we operate in the world," he explained.

'Another level'

At the end of the workshop, which also included a report from the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau, council members praised the marketing groups for working together to come up with creative angles.

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy called the fitness and mindfulness tourism efforts "great campaigns," while councilman Bobby Richards thanked them for doing more than just developing "marketing pieces."

"You've taken it to another level, and it's great to see that," he said.

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Fasulo discovered workers digging up a sewer line on the property. According to documents provided by the city, he red-tagged the project, since they had no plans or permits for the work, had not checked for underground lines before digging, and had not notified the Carmel Area Wastewater District. He also cited three workers for doing construction without a permit.

In March, officers from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District repeatedly attempted to contact Kim regarding federal requirements that buildings be surveyed for possible asbestos contamination before any construction work is done — including cleanup and repairs after a fire. In a series of emails with Fasulo, the district's code enforcement officers expressed increasing frustration with Kim's lack of response to their calls and mailed notices of noncompliance.

This week, Amy Clymo, engineering and compliance manager for the air district, said the "investigation pertaining to asbestos" remains active — and Kim still hasn't responded. "We haven't gotten the surveys and information we're supposed to get from the property owner," she said.

If he doesn't provide the asbestos study, Kim could be cited and fined.

In an April 4 letter, Fasulo advised Kim of "numerous health violations, which include standing water in the pond, hot tub and buckets" that were "breeding grounds for mosquitoes" — and which also sparked a warning from the Monterey County health department. He demanded they be emptied.

Fasulo went on to note "several safety issues on the property which need to be mitigated immediately," including boarding up the unit that caught fire last September after a mattress was left leaning against a heater, filling the hole that Kim's workers dug to expose the sewer line, getting rid of weeds and dead tree limbs that pose fire hazards, dealing with an old hot water heater and other debris, and securing unlocked doors throughout the property.

Fasulo reminded Kim that they'd talked on the phone two weeks prior about those same issues, and that Kim had promised to take care of them and had said "to not worry about it."

"Failure to correct these problems will result in a misdemeanor citation issued to you for each and every day these violations continue," Fasulo warned.

And if they went unresolved, the city would do the work and send Kim a bill.

The letter apparently got the owner's attention, at least, because this week, Fasulo said most of the problems had been resolved.

"The owner has done 98 percent of what I asked him to do," he said.

What's next?

Sapp, who went to the planning commission more than three years ago with a proposal to demolish the old inn and build homes on its 16 legal lots, said this week that he is still representing a group of investors who have been in escrow with Kim since December 2013.

The 2014 proposal fell flat with commissioners, and in January 2015, Kim faxed a handwritten note to the planning department revoking Sapp's authority and asking that the project, which was set for another hearing, be withdrawn.

"As part of the deal, I had a power of attorney from his LLC in order to work with the city, MPWMD, and Cal Am," Sapp said.

"Tong tried to cancel the deal and negated my power of attorney," Sapp said. "We had to sue him in order to force him to comply with the contract."

That suit, filed by investor Hui Li in December 2015, remains active, with a hearing set for the fall, according to Monterey County Superior Court records, but Sapp said his group and Kim were able to reach a settlement.

"We expect to finally close escrow in 30 to 60 days," he said Wednesday. The group "doesn't have a formal name yet" and involves four investors.

Planning director Marc Wiener said no formal proposals have come in since 2014.

"However, I have spoken to several people interested in purchasing the property and who want to turn it into residential properties," he said. "What they want to do is demolish all the buildings, clear the entire site, and then sell off the lots individually."

Although taking that route would do away with the planning commission's concerns that the houses described in the 2014 proposal wouldn't have enough diversity in style, Wiener said it runs into a couple of zoning and general plan issues.

"The zoning code says you have to have an approved design before we allow the demolition of a building," he said. "But I'm not sure the code envisioned a situation like this."

'Lots of inquiries'

People have apparently noticed the abandoned property, since it's prominently located along one of the busiest routes into town, because Wiener said he's had "a lot of inquiries and discussions over the past year."

"I've had other interested prospective buyers that I've met with, but lately, it's back to Jonathan Sapp's group," he told The Pine Cone. "But I'm not moving forward with anything until the property owner signs off."

Fasulo said he talked to several people at the property a week or two ago who wanted to know what work would be needed to reopen the inn, even if just in the interim.

"Some places may not be habitable, because it's been closed a long time, and the doors were left unlocked," Fasulo said, adding that in addition to a lot of cleanup, smoke detectors, ADA issues and other problems would have to be addressed first.

Although the hotel has appeared run down for quite some time, city finance specialist Anna Aubuchon said Kim "reported income in January 2017 and some in February 2017," but that hotel tax revenues for March and April aren't due until May 31.

"I spoke to the bookkeeper from Carmel Resort Inn, and she was sending me info on when Carmel Resort Inn actually closed, so we can cease their business license," she said. "I am waiting for that as well."

Jean Montmorency

(Thelma) Jean Montmorency (nee McCarthy) passed away peacefully at home April 25, 2017 in her beloved Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 8 days shy of her 106th birthday. Born May 4, 1911 in Berkeley, CA to Newcomb C. McCarthy, a local realtor and businessman, and Agnes M. Vergon, who attended UC Berkeley and was well known in local society, Jean fondly remembered her 4 years in Berkeley before the family moved to Paradise, CA and became orchardists. In 1926, her mother chose to have her daughter experience life besides farming, and Jean and her grandmother moved to Carmel, living with her aunt Edna Richards on San Antonio Avenue. She is the last surviving member of the Monterey High School class of 1929. Except for 1950-1954, Jean lived in Carmel for the next 9 decades.

Jean married Stuart Montmorency in Carmel in 1931. Riding horses, swimming in the ocean, gardening, flying with Stuart, and gardening fulfilled her before their children were born. She worked at the Carmel Public Library, accessioning new books, handwriting the Dewey decimal number on the spine, affixing the checkout card pocket inside, and encouraging patrons to read. She vividly described the care with which each new book was first opened — by her, page by page, readying it to be checked out.

Jean was a founding and active member of the Monterey Museum of Art's Festival of Trees fundraising event for many years. Jean and Stuart joined the Aviation Country Club of California, flying in their airplane to visit other parts of the state with the group. She was a long-time member of the Carmel Foundation and enjoyed many of the group's trips. She traveled worldwide until she was 90; the English countryside was a favorite.

Living in the foothills and being outdoors daily nourished Jean's love of gardening. Her green thumb flourished throughout her life. Being outside among her flowers or looking at them through the windows made her smile every day. Those lucky enough to garden with her might discover their green thumb flourishing, too.

Jean is survived by her three children Suzanne Mucha (Harry) of Monterey, John Montmorency (Tege) of Napa, CA, and Gerald Montmorency (Patricia) of Oakland, CA; and 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and niece Diane Gatchell. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting a donation to the Carmel Public Library Foundation (Harrison Memorial).

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a killdeer, seven mallards, three mourning doves, a mockingbird, a Pacific loon, a red-shouldered hawk, two rock pigeons, two Western gulls, and a white-tailed kite.

The curiously named dark-eyed junco, it turns out, is a type of a sparrow that's common in many parts of North America.

"The dark-eyed junco fell from a nest in Seaside and suffered head trauma, lacerations and bruises," Brookhouser told The Pine Cone. "We treated it with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. It was just a hatchling, approximately 1 week old. This happened on May 10, and it is now gaping and vocalizing well."

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This kite, a bird of prey, is one of many animals being treated by SPCA officials at the organization's wildlife center off Highway 68.

A replacement nest

In addition, 30 baby animals that arrived to the center as orphans, including fawns and nestling owls, were given emergency medical treatment and were later reunited with their mothers.

"For fawns, that means driving to the area and playing a [prerecorded] fawn distress call and waiting for the mother to appear," Brookhouser explained. "For owls, it means constructing a safe replacement nest, placing it as close as possible to where the nestlings were found, and waiting to see if the parents return to care for them."

If you come across an injured wild animal, the SPCA recommends you call the nonprofit at (831) 264-5427. Because taking care of wild animals is expensive, the SPCA — which does not get federal, state or local government funding — is encouraging donations.

"I think it is surprising to people in our community that we even operate a wildlife center, much less care for this many rescued animals," Brookhouser said. "The wide variety is also surprising — our staff and volunteers need to know a lot about a wide range of animals in order to provide such skilled emergency care."

Despite all the attention and care the animals are getting, Brookhouser said she's not sure how many of the more than 100 will survive.

"Especially with adult animals, if they are able to be captured, they are usually in extremely critical condition," she said. "Often the most humane option is to provide euthanasia services to end their suffering. But if we can fix them, the goal is to do everything we can to ensure they can be safely released back into the wild to live long, happy lives."

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Rotarians dole out $33K in scholarships to accomplished teens

By MARY SCHLEY

IF YOU ever need to put your ego in check, attend the annual Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary Club's Education Day luncheon, when the organization awards tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to a couple dozen high school kids whose efforts and accomplishments will make most of the adults you know look downright lazy.

At Rancho Cañada on Wednesday, local business leaders, educators and school administrators gathered to recognize the hardworking students who earned the service organization's honors, and the parents who helped them get there. The club awarded $33,000 — much of it funded by the estate of the late music composer Richard LaSalle, who had no heirs and therefore left everything he had to the club — in academic, technical vocational, and memorial scholarships. Two students received the Interact scholarship for their participation in the high school version of Rotary.

That's a lot!

One by one, the graduating seniors were called forward to receive their scholarships, which ranged from $1,000, to a $5,000-per-year gift good for four years of higher education. The presenters described just some of their accomplishments — multiple AP classes, academic honors, four-year varsity letters in various sports, volunteer work at the youth center, tutoring, community service and internships — to the extent that they seemed almost common, though of course, they aren't.

Take Diego Almarez, who managed to compete in various track and field sports, take AP calculus and chemistry, contribute to the national robotics competition and get admitted to San Jose State University, where he plans to major in

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A group of talented graduating seniors from Carmel High School and York received generous scholarships and praise at the Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary's Education Luncheon Wednesday.

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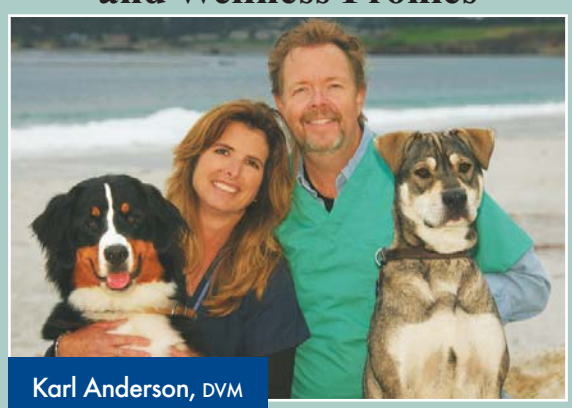

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AUCTION

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When Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce Moe Ammar said he mentioned the auction to members of the Pacific Grove Rotary during a May 9 luncheon, he received nothing but support.

"All 50 Rotary members cheered," Ammar told The Pine Cone. They all "stated that it is about time" the city hosts such an event.

Peake, Huitt and councilwoman Cynthia Garfield told The Pine Cone they have receive comments from those for and against the auction. "I've gotten people who are happy to hear there is going to be a car auction and others who are not so happy," Peake said.

"I've received one phone call thanking me for objecting to the procedural inadequacies, two or three emails unhappy with the council's decision, and a couple of emails expressing appreciation for the council's decision," Huitt said.

Garfield said that while she's gotten "a couple of oppositional emails," the conversations she's had with residents about the car auction "have been positive."

Mayor Bill Kampe said he's heard some of those who don't want the auction, but told The Pine Cone that it would have a "very modest impact."

"The benefits to PG and the golf course could be very positive," he said. "Let's see how it works out."

A few residents have publicly complained that an auction on the golf course doesn't conform to the area's zoning and the general character of the neighborhood — arguments some of the same citizens made when the city built a new clubhouse and made other changes about six years ago.

Resident Lee Willoughby opposes the auction, saying it would have a "great impact on the surrounding neighborhood in terms of traffic, noise, parking, etc."

John Bridges, an attorney who lives in Pacific Grove and represents homeowner John Troth, said the auction is proposed in an area of the city that is zoned open space.

"I'm all for economic health and commercial activities," Bridges said, "but they belong in the downtown."

His client, Troth, also opposed expanding the hours of the golf course restaurant in 2011, claiming it would harm the neighborhood.

Attorney and former P.G. city councilwoman Susan Goldbeck said the golf course is a "very special place" that shouldn't be the site of a car event, and called the council's decision to approve it "hasty."

"Call me crazy, but I want this area to be preserved and appreciated for all to enjoy," Goldbeck said.

However, resident and former P.G. city councilman Alan Cohen said the should get "the most out of the golf course, rather than just golf."

"I think it's time that Pacific Grove gets into that car weekend," Cohen said. "This will put us on the map and get us some good exposure. This is a quality event."

He acknowledged that traffic and parking need to be mitigated, but is confident that can be done.

Meanwhile, the chamber on June 7 will host a private reception with representatives from Worldwide Auctioneers to allow local business leaders to meet the team, ask questions and offer feedback, and inspire the company to hire and contract with local vendors for the event, Ammar said.

ROTARY

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industrial design, all while dealing with being displaced by last summer's fires, this winter's floods and a broken bridge, since he lives in Big Sur.

Or Madeleine Fontenay, the lead witness on the world championship-winning mock trial team who has also played water polo for all four years of high school, volunteers in the National Charity League with her mother, and tutors students in several academic disciplines. She's planning to study English and history at Holy Cross next year.

Ashley Reed, who sang two songs at the luncheon, received the Richard LaSalle Memorial Music Scholarship, which will provide $5,000 per year toward her college education. She's been a member of the CCS Honor Choir for all three years of middle school and all four years of high school, been named an Outstanding Vocalist, and has many other honors to her name. She's going to Monterey Peninsula College and will move on to San Jose State, where she'll study music education.

At the luncheon, CHS athletic director Golden Anderson recognized several student's who received athletic scholarships, and he noted that of the school's 800-plus students, 554 participate in sports, including most of the recipients honored that day.

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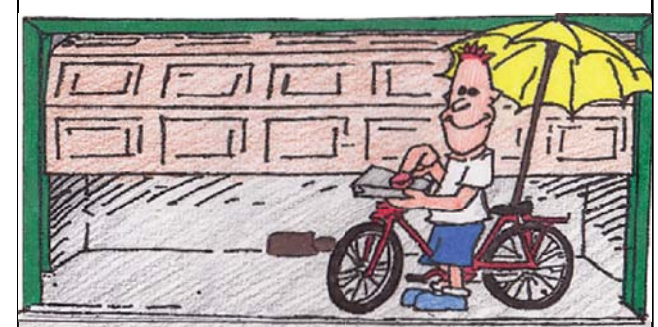
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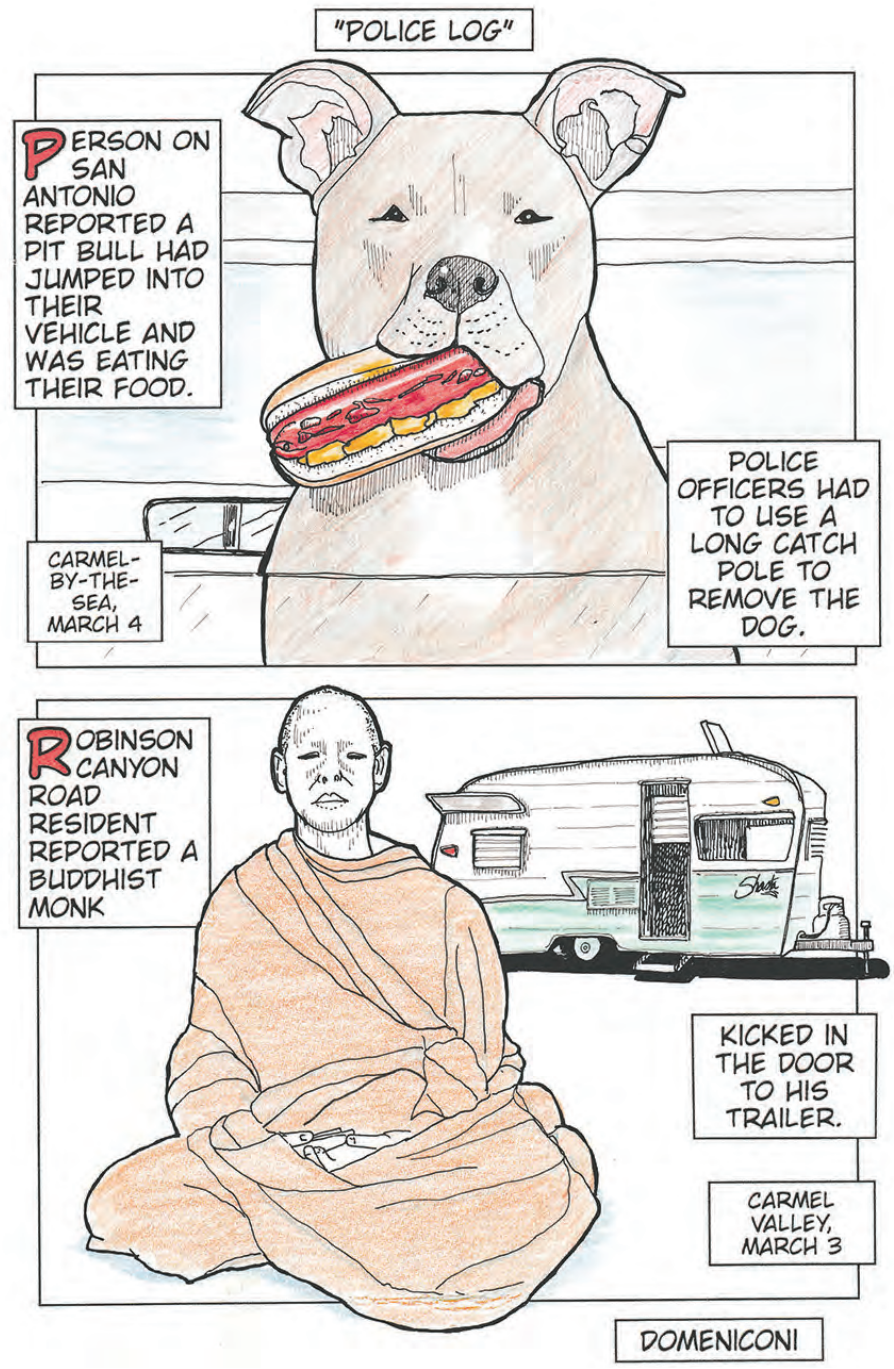

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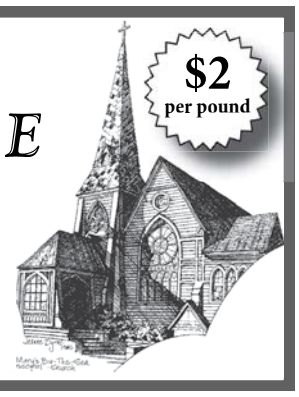

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170962
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **A. J. HOUSTON FINANCIAL SERVICES, 225 Cannery Row, Suite G, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY COUNTY
Registered Owner(s):
ALBERT J. HOUSTON, 881 Bayview Avenue, 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 October 2007.
S/ Albert J. Houston
May 2, 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 May 4, 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: RENEWAL FILING - filed within 40 days of the expiration date and no CHANGE(S) from the previous filing
Publication dates: May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2017. (PC509)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170913
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **10TH STREET LIQUORS, 1291 10th St, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY COUNTY
Registered Owner(s):
LLORIN RYAN MERDITH, 3017 Parson Cir, Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by: an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 27, 2017.
S/ Ryan Llorin
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 April 27, 2017
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Filing type: FBN FILING
Publication dates: May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2017. (PC510)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20170927
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SUMMIT ACADEMY, 3300 Irvine Avenue, Suite 330, Newport Beach, CA 92000.**
County of Principal Place of Business: ORANGE COUNTY
Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
UPLIFT CALIFORNIA CHARTER SCHOOL, 711 17TH STREET, UNIT E8, COSTA MESA, CA 92627.
State of Inc/Org/Reg: CA
This business is conducted by: a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Richard Nguyen, Treasurer
April 24, 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 April 28, 2017
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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2017. (PC514)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20171055
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY CLEANING SERVICE, 15 Plumas Way, Salinas, CA 93906.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY COUNTY
Registered Owner(s):
ANGELIA CLARA VASQUEZ, 15 PLUMAS WAY, SALINAS, CA 93906.
This business is conducted by: an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 15, 2017.
S/ Angelia Clara Vasquez
May 15, 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).***
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Filing type: FBN FILING
Publication dates: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2017. (PC517)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: 17FL000748

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
MICHELLE D. NELSON
You are being sued.
PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
FLOYD S. NELSON

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

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

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

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

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

The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY
1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, CA 93940
The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
FLOYD S. NELSON
116 Montecito Street
Monterey, CA 93940
383-6758
Ronald D. Lance
11 W. Laurel Dr., Ste 215
Salinas, CA 93906
(831) 443-6509
Lic: LDA #5 of Monterey County
Date Filed: April 26, 2017
Publication Dates: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2017. (PC 520)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: 17FL000749

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
ISIDRO V. CHAVEZ
You are being sued.
PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
BERTHA A. PAREDES-SANCHEZ

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1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, CA 93940
The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
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Salinas, CA 93905
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Lic: LDA #5 of Monterey County
Date Filed: April 26, 2017
Publication Dates: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2017. (PC 521)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
Notice of Unscheduled Commission/Board Vacancy (1)

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting applications to fill one unexpected vacancy.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The Planning Commission consists of five members. All members of the Planning Commission shall be residents and electors of the City and have particular interest in, and familiarity with, planning matters.

Applications will be accepted through 5:00PM, Friday, May 26, 2017. Applications are available on the City's webpage. Interviews will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2017. For further information, please contact the City Clerk Ashlee Wright at (831) 620-2016 or awright@ci.carmel.ca.us .

Publication dates: May 19, 2017 (PC518)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
Notice of Board of Appeals Recruitment

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting applications to fill positions on the Board of Appeals. The Board of appeals shall be the "local appeals board", the "housing appeals board", and "board of appeals" as those phrases are defined in the California Building Code. The Board of Appeals shall hear appeals from all decisions of the Building Official, including items related to compliance with ADA requirements, the denial of a variance from the provisions of the Construction and Building codes, and requests for variances.

The Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and will be composed of three core members, and two disabled access members, with disabled access members attending the Board of Appeals meeting only for appeals that relate to access to public accommodations by physically disabled persons. The three core members shall be qualified as follows: one architect or one licensed engineer, one general contractor, and one other who may have expertise in the construction or building field or who may be a layperson. At least three members of the Board shall be residents of the City.

The Board meets on an as-needed basis, and shall hear appeals from decisions of the Building Official, including items related to compliance with ADA requirements and requests for variances from any provision of the Building Code.

Applications will be accepted through 5:00PM, Friday, June 23, 2017.
Applications are available on the City's webpage. For further information, please contact the City Clerk Ashlee Wright at (831) 620-2016 or awright@ci.carmel.ca.us .

Publication dates: May 19, 2017 (PC519)

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA
STORM DRAIN REPAIR
JUNIPERO & FIFTH AVENUES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will receive sealed bids at City Hall, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues until 1:30 P.M. on Friday, May 26, 2017, at which time bids will be opened for the Storm Drain Repair project, Junipero & Fifth Avenues. Sealed bids shall be submitted to the attention of the City Clerk located at Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall.

This work consists of installation of new storm drain, storm drain manholes, catch basin modification, filling storm drain pipe and manhole to be abandoned with slurry cement, excavation for relocation of cable TV conduits and cables by others, trench restoration, reconstruction of curb ramp and all other work shown on the plans.

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

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

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

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

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

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ashlee Wright, City Clerk
Dates of Publication:

Publication date: May 12, 19, 2017 (PC515)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 4:30 pm

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Prize-winning pianist joins symphony for season finale

THE GRAND Prize winner of the Carmel Music Society's 2013 piano competition, **Michael Noble** will accompany **The Monterey Symphony** when it presents its last concert of the season Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21, at Sunset Center.

Noble will play with the symphony when it performs Antonin Dvorak's Piano Concerto in G Minor, Op. 33.

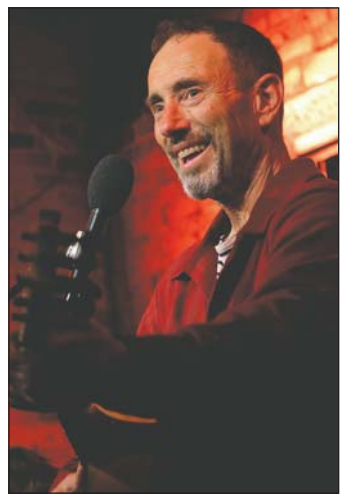
"Our conductor, Max Bragado-Darman, was a judge at the piano competition, and after hearing Michael play, he said, 'I want to get this man to play with the symphony,'" musicologist **Todd Samra** told The Pine Cone.

The Dvorak piece is not one of the composer's best known works, but Samra called it, "just a really beautiful piece of music with a lot of color in it." "Here's an opportunity to hear a lesser performed concerto by an up-and-coming artist," he said.

The program also includes Otto Nicolai's *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and Cesar Franck's *Symphony in D Minor*. The former is an overture that will open the concert, while the latter showcases a composer who Samra said deserves more acclaim

"'Franck' is not a household name, but he was definitely a master composer," Samra explained. "Organists all know him. His music has a fresh and romantic sound that harkens back to Bach. It's the perfect blend of old styles and new trends, being true to the French sound while taking the best of what was coming from Germany."

Tickets are $28 to $77. Samra presents a free pre-concert talk an hour before each performance. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 646-8511 or visit www.montereysymphony.org.



Sherita Perez (top left) performs Friday at Folktale Winery, while Jade Jackson (bottom) will be there Wednesday. Jonathan Richman will be onstage Sunday at the Henry Miller Library's temporary location at The Barnyard.

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

■ Punk pioneer plays The Barnyard

An influential singer-songwriter who has been called "The Godfather of Punk," **Jonathan Richman** will play May 21 at the Henry Miller Library's new site in The Barnyard shopping center. Richman will be accompanied by drummer **Tommy Larkins**.

In the early 1970s, Richman formed the Modern Lovers. The band never achieved commercial success, but like another legendary East Coast band, the Velvet Underground, its sound helped shape the next generation of rockers.

According the library's executive director, **Magnus Toren**, Richman will "test out the acoustics of our new space." "It's hard to imagine anything better," Toren said.

The music starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are $30. The library is located at 3728 The Barnyard, Suite G-23.

■ MPC Orchestra offers free show

Directed by **David Dally** — who has long played a key role in producing PacRep's rock 'n' roll tribute concerts — **The Monterey Peninsula College Orchestra** presents a

See **MUSIC** *next page*

Let the guessing game begin: Whyte brings sculpture event to park

REVIVING A public art event that hasn't happened in three years, **Steven Whyte** will create a life-sized sculpture of somebody famous this weekend in Devendorf Park.

The "Sculpture in the Park" event is part of the 24th annual Carmel Art Festival, which continues through May 21.

Noted for his large commissions that adorn many public spaces, Whyte said he's thrilled the event has returned to the park, where he plans to work Friday, Saturday and Sunday from about 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I'm very happy to be back," Whyte told The Pine Cone. "I'm pleased the town and the mayor decided it's worth giving the art festival the park at no charge. I think it's important that the town stays focused on the arts. I've enjoyed every session that I've done at the park."

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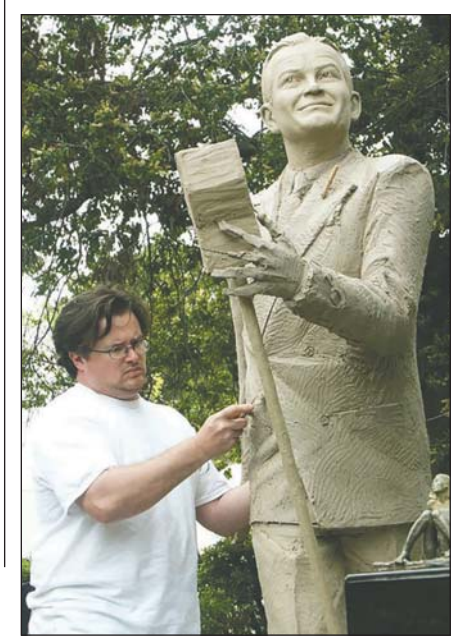
Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS



When Steven Whyte starts shaping clay in Devendorf Park during the Carmel Art Festival, you never know who will be revealed as he progresses. Here, he scuplts Bob Hope in the park in 2005.

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. Donations can be dropped off at the Friends Book Room every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at Sunset Center's Lower Level, 10th and San Carlos, Carmel. For information call (831) 224-4663

May 19 — Experience WWII Flying History! The Wings of Freedom Tour – Landing at Monterey Airport. Tour through and fly in the rare WWII B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator and B-25 Mitchell bombers or experience the thrill of flight training in the legendary P-51 Mustang fighter. For tour times, directions and flight reservations visit www.cfdn.org or call (800) 568-8924.

May 20 — Carmel Valley History Center presents the opening exhibit of Robles del Rio Subdivision, the first in Carmel Valley developed in 1927. Photographs and memorabilia of the Robles del Rio Lodge and country club, Rosie's Cracker Barrel, stories of the famous and not-so-famous, and much more. Talk with lifetime residents who wrote the story. 77 W. Carmel Valley Road. Reception: 2

May 21 – 1-3 p.m. River House Books, Meet Ron Wormser author of "A Dogs Tale". A charming, heartwarming story of the life of a miniature schnauzer named Pepper, told from his vantage point 6 inches off the ground. River House Books 208 Crossroads Blvd, Carmel. to 4 p.m.

May 22 — "Authors and Editors: Holding Hands or Butting Heads?" 6 to 7 p.m., at Old Capitol Books (559 Tyler, Monterey). Presented by Laurie Gibson, editor. Overview of editing levels and importance of each, best practices for selecting an independent editor, tips and tricks for preventing bloopers. $10. (831) 646-4507

May 22 — Travel to the Romantic Castles of the Loire Valley Comfortably and Inexpensively. Experienced photographer Elfi Kluck tells us how. Free program presented at HI-Monterey Hostel, 778 Hawthorne, Monterey. Public invited. Potluck: 6 pm; free program at 6:45 p.m. Info (831) 372-5762. Hostel info: (831) 649-0375.

May 27 – Baum & Blume's Summer Biergarten/Wine Lounge Re-Opening Party! Saturday, May 27th, 3-8pm. A new menu of artisan small plates and craft beers, vermouth cocktails & worldly wines. PLUS: live music, social games, and fun-in-the-sun on the patio! Baum & Blume Café, 4 El Caminito Rd, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400.

June 3 — 86th Annual La Merienda Celebration: City of Monterey's 247th birthday party will feature a Barbecue Buffet Extravaganza by the Old Fisherman's Grotto Chefs and the Merienda Barbecue Committee featuring steak, chicken, sausage, shrimp scampi, salmon, fruit, pasta and mixed green salads, sweet corn, chili beans, salsa, and garlic bread, a 75-lb rose-adorned birthday cake, wine, beer, soft drinks, and entertainment by Mike Marotta Jr. & Special Guests, mariachis, and folklorico dancers, gallant dons and donas, and lovely senoritas.www.montereyhistoryandart.org

June 10 — Community Yard Sale, Carmel Valley – Set up your yard by 9 a.m. and place a sign or balloon at the end of your street. This is a community event 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate including businesses in the village. Spread the word!

To advertise, email anne@carmelpinecone.com • $0.50 per word ($25 min. charge)

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MUSIC

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free concert May 22 at the college's Music Hall.

The program includes Verdi's "Nabucco" Overture; the first movement of Saint-Saens' Cello Concerto, Opus 33; Guilmant's Morceau Symphonique, Opus 88; and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 in G Major, Opus 88. Cellist **Michael Blackburn** will be featured as a soloist. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

The college is located at 980 Fremont St.

■ Live Music May 19-25

The Carmel Art Festival in Devendorf Park — **The Nick Williams Trio** (jazz, Friday at 2:30 p.m.); **The Stu Heydon Blues Band** (Saturday at 11 a.m.) and **The Rollin' & Tumblin' Band** (Saturday at 2:30 p.m.); and **The Rotary Club Blues Band** (Sunday at noon). Ocean and Junipero.

Barmel — **Danger Bang!** (funky synth rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Big Sur River Inn — **James Henry & the Hands on Fire Band** (jazz and world beat, Sunday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts — guitarist **Bruce Forman** presents "The Red Guitar: A Jazz Libretto" (Saturday at 6 p.m.). Guadalupe and Fourth, (831) 624-7491.

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Whyte won't say precisely whom he is sculpting, but he did offer a few hints — it's a famous person in Carmel's history, and it's a woman whom Whyte's mother greatly admires.

"She is a big fan," said Whyte, who has a studio and gallery on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

Besides "Sculpture in the Park," the Carmel Art Festival features a busy slate of events and activities May 19-21, including a plein air exhibit, a Quick Draw contest, activities for kids, the opening of live and silent auctions, and live blues and jazz.

The park is located at Ocean and Junipero. Visit www.carmelartfestivalcalifornia.com for more details.

■ CHS artist wins honor, trip

A sophomore at Carmel High School, **Korenna Fife** took first place in a regional Congressional Art Competition, Congressman Jimmy Panetta announced May 11 at a reception in Hollister.

Fife's piece, titled "La Vieja," will be displayed inside the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. Fife and her family will attend a ceremony there in June.

"I am impressed by the artistic talent that these high school students displayed," Panetta said. "I commend everyone who participated in this competition, and thank their family members, teachers, and mentors for supporting these budding artists."

■ From Russia to P.G.

A show now on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center calls attention to a talented family of artists from Russia who now live on the Monterey Peninsula.

Titled "Joie de Vivre," the display includes paintings by **Vladimir Mukhin**, his wife, **Olga**, and his son, **Fedor**. All three paint subjects and scenes with bright colors and thick brushstrokes.

The elder Mukhin is widely recognized in Russia for his skill as a painter, and when his travels led him to Carmel about two years ago, he discovered nearby Pacific Grove and decided to call it home.

"We found Pacific Grove beautiful and inspiring," Fedor Mukhin explained. "We decided, why not?"

The younger Mukhin has quickly learned to speak English, and he's looking to set is own course as an artist.

"I'm trying to find my own style, and trying to paint subjects in different ways and with different techniques," he added. "I'm trying to find myself right now."

Also on display at the art center are exhibits by painter **Ed Penniman** and multimedia artists **Zoya Scholis** and **Vera Tchikovani**.

The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. The shows continue through June 29. Call (831) 375-2208 or visit www.pgartcenter.org.

■ Art center seeks treasures

To help raise money for its many exhibit and programs, the Pacific Grove Art Center is seeking donations for its 2017 Tiny Treasures show.

Featuring pieces of art no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches — including the frame — the show opens July 7.

"Tiny Treasures is one of the nonprofit art center's most playful and lively annual fundraisers, and it generates income to help us continue to serve the community," executive director **Teresa Brown** said. "Each miniature will be displayed with a voting box where patrons will deposit their purchased raffle tickets. At the close of the show, one winning ticket will be drawn for each piece of art."

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Heart run needs volunteers

The Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System's Heart and Sole Race needs volunteers for its 10K run and 5K run/walk Saturday, May 20, at the hospital campus at 420 E. Romie Lane in Salinas. The event relies on volunteers and needs more than 100 people to help with registration, food tents, course safety, setup and cleanup.

All volunteers receive a commemorative shirt, refreshments and a letter of recognition.

Last year, more than 800 runners participated in the Heart and Sole event, which benefits the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Children's Miracle Network.

Each entrant receives a commemorative T-shirt, post-race refreshments, chip timing by Synergy Race Timing, and is eligible to win prizes from local businesses. Registration costs $45 for adults and $20 for runners under the age of 17. The Just Run race for kids ages 5 to 12 costs $10, and the Tot Trot for the littlest kids is free. To run or to volunteer, call (831) 759-1890 or visit www.svmh.com/heartandsole.

Hospital offers seminar on elder scams

SALINAS VALLEY Memorial Healthcare System on Thursday, May 25, is offering a presentation on how seniors can avoid becoming the victim of scams and financial exploitation.

The seminar, led by attorney Steve M. Mudd from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will provide examples of the most common types of scams perpetrated against the elderly.

"The best way to help prevent financial exploitation is by keeping our seniors and their caregivers well informed," hospital spokeswoman Karina Rusk told The Pine Cone.

SVMHS is at 450 E. Romie Lane. The presentation will be in the Downing Resource Center Conference Room A, located in the lower level of the hospital parking structure on Wilgart Way in Salinas. Free parking is available in the garage.

To register for the seminar, call (831) 759-1890.

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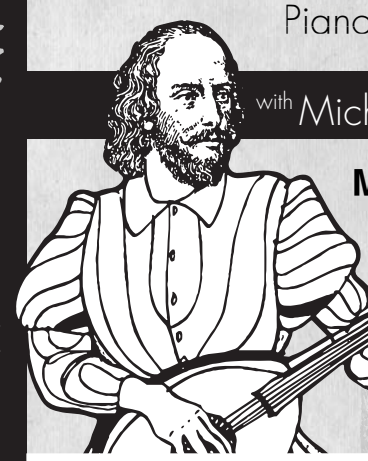

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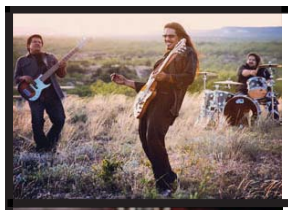
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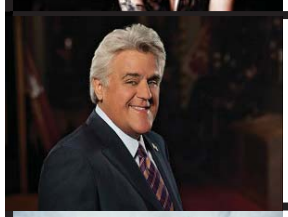
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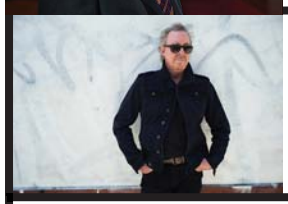
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Little farmers markets that could, the Rio's rebirth, and Blair plans a move

A LOT of people are aware of the farmers markets at Monterey Peninsula College on Fridays, on Alvarado Street in downtown Monterey on Tuesdays, and elsewhere around the Peninsula. But they might not have a couple of smaller (one tiny, actually) on their radar screens.

Downtown Carmel's farmers market, held Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., offers a petite but high-quality selection of fresh produce, plants and flowers, nuts, bread, fresh local cheese and other items. It's organized by Cipponeri Family farm, which is based in Turlock and brings citrus fruits and other seasonal produce to the stalls on Sixth Avenue between Mission and Junipero streets. If you're looking for a loaf of Beckmann's bread, a little tarragon plant to add to your herb garden, a bag of roasted or toffee almonds, some leafy greens or fruit, the Carmel-by-the-Sea market is worth a stop for its ease of access and casual atmosphere, not to mention live music.

Then, take a stroll around town, stop in at the Carmel Coffee House for an espresso or a cup of coffee made with organic beans roasted onsite, or grab lunch at any of the many ideal spots, from A.W. Shucks (oysters, burger, tuna melt, Caesar salad and fried shrimp and chips, not to mention Bloody Marys and one of the best booze lists around), to La Bicyclette, with its French country/Mediterranean fare and wood-fired pizzas.

Even more off the radar is the diminutive farm stand set up next to the rear parking lot of the Carmel Mission on Sundays. Operating from morning until she runs out, Maria Luz sells produce from her farm, La Milpa, which is located in Chualar and is operated by Luz, husband Florentino Collazo and their children. She founded the farm in 2005, while he joined her efforts in 2008, and they farm 5 acres in Salinas and 10 acres near Lake San Antonio.

All of their produce is organic, and at the Mission market, it's remarkably inexpensive — like the three-packs of super-sweet strawberries for $7. At the moment, she's offering asparagus, leafy greens like lettuce and chard, fennel, carrots, strawberries and a few other items. While people attending Mass at the Mission often stop by to purchase, anyone is welcome. Just park in the back lot accessible from Lasuen off Rio Road or Dolores Street (if coming through town) and look for her van and pop-up tent.

■ Blair plans move to Plaza

Having outgrown the space they have shared since 2012, Blair Vineyards and Shale Canyon wineries are planning to part ways, with Shale Canyon taking over the small tasting room on San Carlos Street near Basil restaurant, and Blair relocating to the Carmel Plaza. Last week, the planning commission approved proprietor Jeffrey Blair's request for permission to move his tasting room to the shopping center.

The two wineries started out sharing a room because they were "both very, very small," Blair explained at the May 10 meeting, adding that they needed to share the expenses and combine other efforts to open and maintain a tasting room in a high-rent town.

"Today, we've both outgrown ourselves," he said.

His new room in the Plaza will be 700 square feet and include a large table that's been part of Blair's family for generations, a bar with six seats, and a lounge area with two seats and a sofa.

"We're trying to make a very tasteful, upscale kind of a tasting room that will basi-

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The Thursday farmers market in downtown Carmel offers a nice, if small, selection of produce, nuts, fresh cheeses, live plants and other goodies. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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cally go along with the character of Carmel," he said. "When you come to Carmel, you expect fine dining and fine galleries and everything else, so we're going to put a lot of effort into this room."

Plaza general manager Gayle Speare supported the move, and she read glowing letters from the owners of Wrath Wines, the Cheese Shop and Khaki's, all of which are located in the shopping center. They praised Blair for the quality of his wines and his willingness to help others in the industry.

"This tasting room has a good track record with the city," planning director Marc Wiener told commissioners, when he recommended they approve the move.

Commissioner Karen Sharp said she was "impressed" with Blair's plans, and commissioner Michael LePage said he supported the proposal, which was subsequently unanimously approved by the commission.

■ Rio rebirth

The Rio Grill closed for a couple of days to prepare for the reopening/re-freshing of its bar and menus this week. The wine list and menus will have an entirely new look and a lot of new items, though some of the classics, like smoked chicken, the turkey sandwich, buffalo carpaccio and the Chinese chicken salad, will remain.

A trio of key bartenders came up with new concoctions for the cocktail list. Jason Ghan created the refreshing but not-too-sweet Strawberry-Basil Rita, while Brian Curtis came up with his own smooth twist on a Manhattan called the Rio Rye, with Michter's Rye, Carpana Antica vermouth, St. Germain elderflower liqueur and a Luxardo cherry. Proprietor Tony Tollner said he was excited to look to his bartenders for their input on the lineup, while executive chef Cy Yontz was tasked with giving the menu some new twists.

Also gone are the iPads used for the restaurant's wine lists. Tollner said the technology was a fun idea but didn't work out very well, since it wasn't very user friendly. The new list is casual and fun, with random wine-related facts and humor, and the wines separated out by style to make it easier for someone looking for a light and crisp white or a fruity red to find the right wine.

To see what's new at the Rio, stop in any day of the week between 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. It's located at the Crossroads shopping center. www.riogrill.com

■ Library tasting at Galante

Galante Vineyards' tasting room on Dolores south of Ocean will host a tasting of select older Cabernet Sauvignons Friday, May 19, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Set to be poured are three 1997 wines and two 1999 vintages from three different Galante vineyards.

And on June 8, from 4 to 7 p.m., the tasting room will host Flights & Bites, with a lineup that includes Sauvignon Blanc with prosciutto and melon, a red blend with Italian sausage flatbread, Malbec with pulled pork sliders, and Cabernet with meatballs and tri-tip.

The cost to attend each event is $25 ($15 for club members). RSVP by calling (831) 624-3800 or emailing danielle@galantevineyards.com.

■ Pre-symphony soiree

The Friends of the Monterey Symphony will hold a party hosted by Maddox as a run-up to the evening's performance Saturday, May 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the upper terrace at Sunset Center.

Dametra Café will provide the food, Twisted Roots will bring the wine, and DJ Syence and electric violinist Nicola Reilly will provide the music.

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■ Wine tasting at Nielsen Bros.

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The first session will feature Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec, each of which will be described by Jim Knight, who works with the Henry Wine Group.

The following week's tasting will focus on sparkling wines from a few different regions in France and will be hosted by Tim Riley from Wine Warehouse.

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While the city was founded in 1770, Casa Munras was built in 1824 by a Spanish diplomat, and though much of it has changed over the years, some of the adobe walls from the original structure can still be seen in the hotel.

Also inspired by the town's history is Estéban Restaurant's Spanish cuisine, prepared by executive chef Tom Snyder. It's located at 700 Munras Ave.

■ ACF President's Gala

Tickets are on sale now for the American Culinary Federation's 43rd Annual President's Gala & Chef of the Year fundraising dinner set for Saturday, June 10, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the InterContinental Hotel on Cannery Row.

The night will begin with registration, hors d'oeuvres and wine at 5 p.m., followed by a four-course dinner with specially selected wines at 6:30. ACF Chef of the Year Arlene Mead and Purveyor of the Year Bill Cox of U.S. Foods will be honored, and live and silent auctions will help raise funds for the MEarth habitat project and The Marc H. Vedrines Scholarship Fund.

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LETTERS

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for the public one supposedly serves. It will never be different with government unless human nature changes, and it does not. But we seem to love this in California regardless of its effectiveness and certainly with no regard to costs — both direct and indirect.

Larry Walker, *Pacific Grove*

'Abuses and conflicts'

Dear Editor,

The article by Neil Shapiro in the May 12 Pine Cone was spot on. The article mentions that there are various laws in place to help prevent the abuse of power through the "conflict of interest" clause. Problem is, there really seems to be no accountability with our elected officials. Look at the example by State Sen. Leland Yee. Mr. Yee was caught trafficking weapons while serving as a state senator. What kind of punishment, if any, did he receive?

Things got so bad up at the state Capitol after the Yee incident that the chair for the state Assembly made all its members retake their required ethics training. It must not have really sunk it that deeply, though. Look at the example set by our resources secretary, John Laird, who hosted a fundraiser at a private residence in Pebble Beach in December 2015 for an outfit called Project Coyote. Our resources secretary is supposed to stay neutral on resource management issues. Now Monterey County is facing a lawsuit brought on by Project Coyote for maintaining a contract with the USDA Wildlife Services. Think our resources secretary possibly could have been paving the way for a lawsuit against Monterey County? One has to wonder.

I could keep writing about more examples of abuses and conflicts by our state officials. However, there is not enough room here for that.

So yes, Mr. Shapiro, things are not going very well at our state capital. Where is the Fair Political Practices Commission while these things are going on? Out to lunch?

Kevin Kreyenhagen, *Carmel Valley*

Unfair competition for homes

Dear Editor,

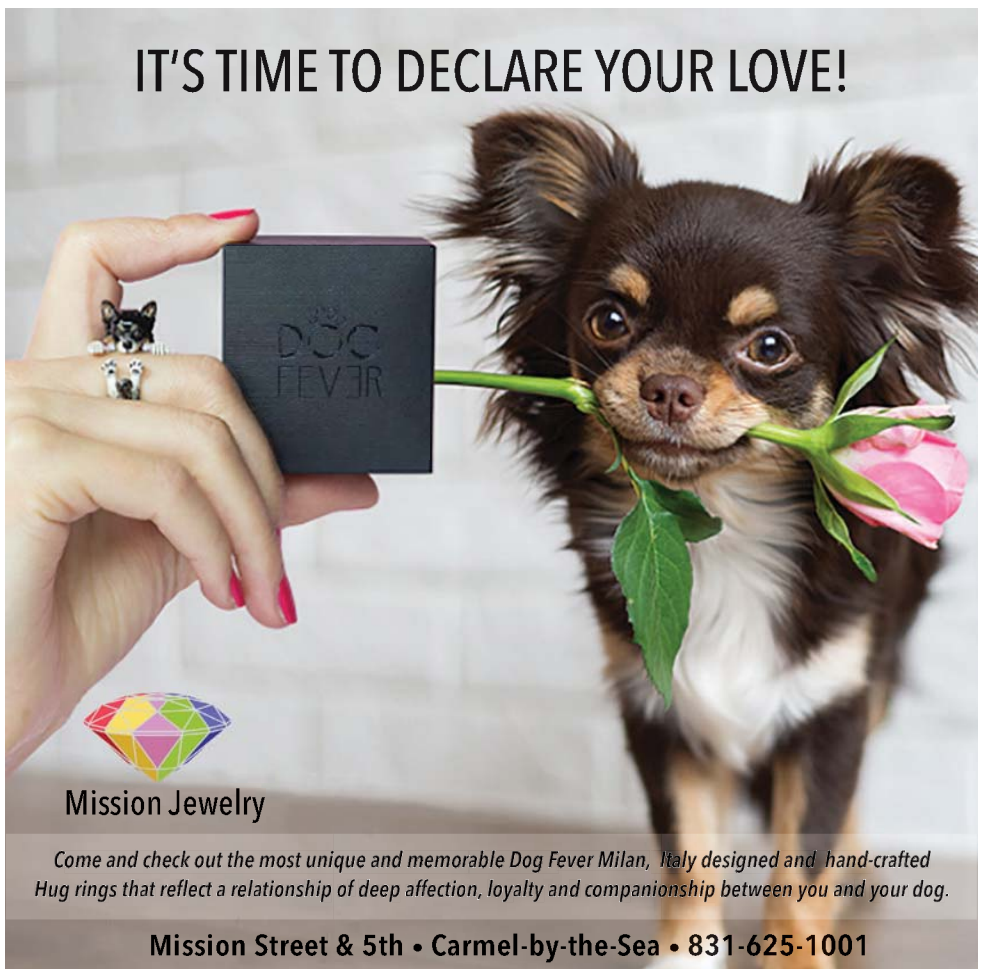
My family and I moved to Pacific Grove a year-and-a-half ago. We would like to settle down in P.G. for the long term, but we have had a difficult time finding affordable housing. Our local issues of housing availability and cost seem to be affected by several factors, including military stipends, desirability as a vacation destination, Prop 13, proximity to the San Francisco Bay area, and short-term rentals.

Having the option to have your second home as a short-term rental incentivizes some people to buy a second home here, and thus removes it from the residential market. When I make an offer on a home, I'm competing with people from the San Francisco area who like the idea of having a second home here, but maybe can only afford the mortgage if they can rent it out. Can I prove that that's affecting the market? No. But is it a reasonable scenario? Absolutely. The mere existence of a short-term program enables further outside investment in our local market and limits my options as a long-term resident.

I am heartened that the city is proposing changes to the short-term program. There are still two major issues to consider: First, short-term rentals in residential zones are a clear violation of the city plan, and second, will costs associated with the operation and enforcement of the program leave any revenue for the city?

I've often heard lately that people should be able to do whatever they want with their homes. This assertion is patently ridiculous. City zoning exists for the good of the community, and clearly defines what's allowed. I can't operate a restaurant or a goat farm at my home; you can't operate a hotel out of yours.

Amanda L. Whitmire, *Pacific Grove*



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Editorial

Marketing paradise

WHEN A young child laughs at a joke, is it because his parents taught him that he's supposed to laugh, or because he just naturally thinks certain things are funny?

What about a sunset? Is it conditioning that makes us think they're beautiful, or something that's there when we're born? Do we enjoy being hugged by a loved one because we're taught to, or because we just do?

Even the most ardent fans of John Locke and John-Jacques Rousseau and their "tabula rasa" theories of human nature would have to agree that certain aspects of our personalities are inherent. Nobody has to teach you, for example, that you like to win, or that you feel more comfortable around likeminded friends than you do around hostile strangers.

And if you're planning to open a business, the one thing that will guarantee success is if you're offering something many people deeply and ardently want — especially something they're born to want.

Perhaps the best example of making money by appealing to people's most deeply held desires is professional sports. When the Golden State Warriors take the floor against an opponent from Cleveland or San Antonio, what transpires isn't just a bunch of oversized humans trying to pass a ball through an elevated hoop — it's a competition between tribes of fans that offers the chance for one side to win. And, oh, how they want to! So much so that Dubs fans, for example, will part with sizable sums of money (or sit through countless commercials) for the chance to see Steph Curry beat LeBron James at the 3-point line, or for Draymond Green to make Kawhi Leonard look like a fool under the basket.

So much money is involved in ticket sales, merchandise and TV contracts that players and owners, not only in the NBA, but in other professional leagues, can become very rich — and they do it simply by appealing to their fans' competitive instincts.

The trick is to find something a lot of people want so much they'll be willing to pay for the chance to experience it.

Sometimes, these things have to be developed with years of experimentation and research. Other times, they fall right into your lap, and all you have to do is protect them and market them.

Which brings us to Carmel and its worthwhile desire to attract more visitors during the off-season and mid-week, when many hotel rooms and seats in restaurants are empty.

According to a presentation by marketing experts May 1, the way to do that is to tap into rich people's desire to be fit, and give overworked visitors a chance to become "mindful," and, therefore, relaxed and calm.

That may work. But we think there's something about this place that's bound to be even more appealing to the deeply held desires of the average human.

Never mind fitness, or art, or mindfulness. Just tell them, "Carmel is the most beautiful place on earth," and before you know it, it'll be crowded around here.

BEST of BATES

"Good idea, but I don't think it's going to work."

Letters to the Editor

What one person can do

Dear Editor,

Earlier this year, the city hired a local engineering firm to repave Torres Street between Eighth and 10th avenues. The result was a disaster when the winter storms arrived: Instead of the water flowing down the middle of the street and draining properly, it now spilled over walkways into multiple homes, causing thousands of dollars in damage.

One of the affected neighbors, Katrina Edwards, took on the role of community organizer and arranged a meeting between residents of the neighborhood and city officials on site to get a first-hand look at the problem.

The mayor promised the 20 or so residents that the matter would be addressed. Within six weeks, he made good on his word.

There are two take-aways from this. First, one person can make a difference, particularly when building a sense of community and enlisting the support of others. And, city hall does listen and can act in a timely manner to address a problem. On behalf of my neighbors, thank you, Katrina and Mayor Steve Dallas.

Joseph A. Braun,
Carmel

Caring for the land

Dear Editor,

I read last week's article about how debris accumulated on the Big Sur River in Andrew Molera State Park and forced its course to change. This wiped out the campground area. The park is now closed "indefinitely" and the cost to restore the damaged areas will be more than $100,000. It caused me to reflect on public employees and public lands versus private land.

I own a cabin that is part of a group of cabins in this county. A large creek running through our property, too, brought debris — it always does, but especially so after the major Soberanes Fire. No surprises here. The logs and branches began to accumulate at two bridges — one auto, one pedestrian. The creek continued to rise behind them. If left unchecked, it would have caused us to lose both structures. But therein lies the difference. Unlike the public employees who are "custodians" of our parks, we were vigilant and did not stand idly by and watch this happen. We removed the debris and saved our structures and prevented the collateral damage that would have occurred as the creek rose and re-routed itself. We continued to monitor the area as subsequent heavy rains hit.

This isn't rocket science, but I guess if one has no personal liability, responsibility or cost, there is little motivation to monitor things and if necessary take action to prevent costly damage and the loss of use of a park

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Banter, bagpipes and bears — you name it, she's probably worked with it

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

SHE GREW up in Los Angeles and went to college in Berkeley, so it's not surprising that publicist Wendy Brickman is a bit of a music and movie junkie. She still recalls seeing The Who when she was in high school, and catching Jimi Hendrix at a music festival in Northridge in 1969.

"I like all kinds of music," she said, offering as evidence her undying love of bagpipes — she took five years of lessons at one point, and is an avid fan of the Monterey Scottish Games, which is also one of the many events she promotes.

In fact, her extensive client list reflects her widely varying interests. She's endlessly curious about the world around her. "My parents raised me to believe in lifelong learning," she said. Her mother, who studied psychology and drama, started what Brickman called "Monday Night School."

"She'd go around to all the colleges and universities and find the best teachers," and then she and Brickman's father — a dentist — and their friends would take turns meeting with the instructors at each other's homes on Monday nights. "They would have an hour of lecture, an hour of discussion and then an hour of dinner," Brickman said. The tradition lasted for more than 20 years.

Blockbuster

After graduating from Berkeley with a degree in English, she went on to earn her master's in broadcast journalism from USC, and an MBA in marketing and management from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Fascinated by the movie business, she considered a career making documentaries, but instead ended up selling them as part of the management team at Paramount Home Movies. She marketed VCR tapes and later DVDs to 25,000 video stores like Blockbuster, as well as mom-and-pop outlets. Along with Paramount's films, she also sold independently made movies that the firm had purchased.

She said she loved working on the lot at the fabled studio. "You'd be walking along, and you'd never know who you were going to see," she said, still sounding a bit star struck decades later.

She also worked for Michael Nesmith, best known for his role in the television show, "The Monkees."

"He's a visionary," she said. He had licensed a number of movies — especially documentaries — to sell to home viewers, before that became popular.

One of them was a biography of Jacques Cousteau, and Brickman had the idea to sell it through a chain called The Nature Company, which was based in Berkeley and sold scientific gizmos and toys, along with fossils and other such items. "We sold thousands and thousands of (the videos) that way," she said.

Brickman threw herself into the video world with characteristic enthusiasm. Back in the 1970s, during college, she was amazed to learn that the entire Encyclopedia Britannica fit on what was then a large video disk and wrote a paper on the subject. Even her wedding shower in 1984 had a theme of "audio/video," which was changed by her slightly perplexed wedding party to "sights and sounds."

And she got what was then a $1,200 video cassette player from Montgomery Ward for a wedding gift.

In 1988, she and her husband, an attorney, came to Spanish Bay. They spent several days walking on Fisherman's Wharf, visiting the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and soaking in the beauty of the area. They moved to Monterey in 1990.

An homage

Since she didn't know anyone, she decided to volunteer as a way to meet her new community. "People naturally associate how you do your volunteer work with how you do your business," she said, and in October, 1990 she opened Brickman Marketing.

Meanwhile, she was building an impressive volunteer resume, starting with the Monterey Chamber, where she served on several committees. She's also served on the boards of the Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation, Shelter Outreach Plus, Monterey Celtic Arts Academy, Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival and many other organizations.

In an homage to her mom's Monday Night School, she started a series of "Brown Bag" monthly lunch programs through the chamber, bringing in experts to lecture on a variety of business topics. She also sees the "Pasta, Pizza and Professionals" series of talks she's organized in partnership with Cibo restaurant

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Hanging out with Smokey Bear at a community safety event is just another day at the office for Wendy Brickman.

After years of practicality, she's following her heart

Carmel's artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

KATHRYN GREENWALD probably became an artist as a teenager, on the day she visited an Oakland art museum and saw a painting by Richard Diebenkorn, a San Francisco Bay area abstract expressionist whose work she had been studying in a color and design class at Monterey Peninsula College.

"We had been assigned to copy another artist's work as a way to do value studies and learn about color," she remembered. "I had studied a painting by Diebenkorn, and when I walked into the museum, there it was, hanging on the wall in front of me."

The unexpected encounter was a very powerful experience, she said.

"I guess I felt very intimate with that painting because I had been looking at it so carefully — but, of course, I'd been studying a reproduction," she recalled. "And now, there it was, this huge canvas, and the colors and layering that were so rich. It was very impactful."

Paying the bills

Greenwald says she probably knew at that moment that she would pursue art as a career, an instinct that ultimately served her well. Today, the Monterey-born painter and monotype printmaker is one of about 100 artists who have been accepted into the storied Carmel Art Association, a 90-year-old gallery that includes some of the legendary artists in American history: Salvador Dali, Armin Hansen, Percy Gray, Edgar Payne, William Ritschel, E. Charlton Fortune … the list goes on.

But her instincts as an artist never really had a commercial motivation, which is why she deferred to her practical side for most of her adult life. She paid her bills for 30 years as an art teacher, creating art in her spare moments as she raised her children (Ben Gordon, an attorney, and Joanna Casey, currently studying for her Ph.D.), first in rural Utah, then in Flagstaff, Ariz.

"For a lot of reasons, I've always gone in the direction that I've been led, rather than in a commercial direction," said Greenwald, whose creations are being featured at the CAA gallery (Dolores Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues) throughout May in a showcase that also includes the work of another CAA printmaker, Pamela Takigawa.

"I'm fortunate that a do sell a lot of my artwork, but it's never been a livelihood for me," Greenwald said. "I'm just fortunate today that I have other resources — a pension from teaching, for example — that help defray my expenses while I work on my art."

Greenwald remembers appreciating art as early as elementary school, and identifying it as her probable college major as she attended Monterey High with the Class of '70.

She earned her bachelor's degree in art, graduating with honors from UC Santa Cruz, earned a master's from Humboldt State, and got a teaching certification at Northern Arizona University.

She moved with her first husband to northern Utah, where she became a mother and began painting watercolor landscapes and evolving as an artist.

"I look at a particular space or scene, then abstract from that, focusing on the color and the light," she said. "I push the colors. If I see a whisper of red, I'll push the whisper. I think I started to become more intentional about color when I was in grad school."

She says she felt isolated and culturally misplaced living in a tiny Utah farming community — she took refuge, she says, in her artwork and NPR — but also experienced an encouraging professional breakthrough when one of her paintings was purchased by the state of Utah for a traveling art exhibition.

She was much happier in Arizona, where in 1998 she married her current husband, John Heyl, now a teacher at Gavilan Early College Academy. In 2010 they moved back to her home on the Monterey Peninsula.

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For artist Kathryn Greenwald, pushing the color envelope and focusing on the light have been an important part of her evolution.

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BRICKMAN

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in Monterey as an extension of that.

Her television show, "Brickman Banter," on Access Monterey Peninsula's community television channel, features interviews with interesting local people, and she's taught various courses at CSUMB and Golden Gate University.

Brickman's tireless work has paid off in a laundry list of awards, including multiple business excellence awards from the Monterey chamber, being selected as Woman of the Year by the Professional Women's Network of the Monterey Peninsula and one of the Top Women in Monterey County by the Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women.

Asked what she'd like to do on a rare day or evening off, she said she'd probably go to a movie, or a concert — which she frequently does as part of her job representing clients like the Golden State Theatre and other performance venues.

"I think it's important for business people to add a little culture to their lives," she said. Even though she works "eight days a week," (as shown by the number of emails in many reporters' in boxes), she said it doesn't feel like work because she enjoys throwing herself into the details of the businesses or events she's promoting.

She's particularly looking forward to Monterey's upcoming birthday party, La Merienda, where she can dress in costume and enjoy a great lunch from the Shake family. With an endless appetite for learning new things and seemingly boundless energy, you can be sure you'll see her at events here for many years to come.

GREENWALD

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"I found the local art community to be very welcoming, and I think a lot of it had to do with the MPC Print Club, which is a mixture of novice printmakers who have never done art in their lives and people who have been doing it for years," she said. "And being accepted into the Carmel Art Association was such an honor. We were vacationing, ignoring the phone, when it happened, but when I finally got the news it was a huge thrill.

"It means a lot to me to be in that kind of company, although I can only aspire to be on the same level as some of the great artists who have been members," said Greenwald, who has severed a term on the association's board of directors.

Though she still does plein air art on occasion, she says her main passion is creating monotype prints on her own press in the spacious garage studio in her Carmel Valley home, or at the MPC lab.

"Printmaking is always full of surprises, because you never really know what you're going to get when you take it off the press," she said. "You feel like you have a pretty good sense of what's going to happen when you lay on the ink. Sometimes it just doesn't work, and sometimes it's far better than anything you could have planned for. So that peel — the moment you lift the paper off the press — is always very fun and exciting."

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Memorial Day ceremony May 29

THE CITY of Carmel and the local American Legion Post will hold the annual Memorial Day Ceremony in Devendorf Park, Ocean Avenue and Junipero Street, Monday, May 29, at 11 a.m.

The occasion will include remarks by local dignitaries, and a group of Monterey High School Junior Navy ROTC Cadets will provide the Color Guard.

If it rains, the ceremony will be moved indoors to the American Legion Post 512, located on Dolores Street south of Eighth Avenue.

An Open House will be held at the post hall after the ceremony, regardless of the weather.

Ed Ricketts' birthday, tours of lab

ON SATURDAY, May 20, the Cannery Row Foundation will celebrate Ed Ricketts' birthday with tours of the Pacific Biological Laboratories on Cannery Row. Ricketts, born May 14, 1897, was of course the model for Doc Ricketts in several of John Steinbeck's books.

The foundation said in an email that the tours will include "new red-hot research" into the lab's history.

The tours will each be two hours long, and will commence at 10 a.m. They'll be led by Robin Rodriguez Aeschliman, whose family sold the building to Ricketts in 1928. They're $15, and reservations can be made by emailing tours@canneryrow.org or calling (831) 236-2990. The 2 p.m. tour is already sold out.

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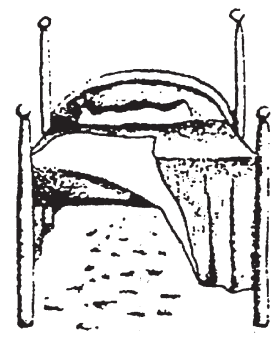

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There will be a complimentary barbecue lunch and snacks, and vendors and service agencies will share "information of interest" to retirees, according to the Presidio.

There will be free dental exams and blood pressure checks, as well.

The community center is located at 4260 Gigling Road. Contact Preston Young at (831)242-4986 for more information.

CRASH

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Highway 68 were placed in the imminent danger of exiting vehicles stopping in the middle of the road on Highway 68 waiting for an opening in the eastbound traffic," Beach contends.

Because there had been previous accidents at the exit location, the defendants "should have known" it was dangerous, according to the complaint. They also failed to implement "sufficient traffic controls," such as rerouting traffic, the use of traffic cones and other safety measures to warn drivers.

Beach also contends that Caltrans has failed to update the intersection where the accident occurred, which he says is a dangerous one.

"The design of the intersection between Highway 68 and B Road is no longer in conformity with a plan or design or a standard which reasonably could be approved by the legislative body or other body or employee," the complaint says.

The Sea Otter Classic, which began in 1991 with 350 athletes and 150 spectators and under a different name, now hosts more than 10,000 athletes and 71,000 fans, the lawsuit says.

PRUNERS

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work for city staff.

"Nobody saw it happen or reported it," he said, adding that he's asked police to keep an eye out for people working on public trees along Scenic. "It's disappointing that nobody called it in. Of course, if it was at night, it's understandable nobody saw it."

Someone caught illegally pruning city trees can be cited for an infraction or a misdemeanor, according to Branson, though he doesn't believe the city has ever pursued the harsher penalty.

"If it dies, you can assess the value of the tree, and they have to pay for that," he added. Recently, a tree service over-thinned five city oak trees at a construction site on Forest without a permit, according to Branson. He evaluated the trees' health, and the tree service pledged to set aside some money for a year, in case any of them died. "The forest and beach commission wanted the company's license suspended for a month," he said. License suspensions must be imposed by the planning commission, but the tree company's owner volunteered to not take any jobs in town for a month, instead.

"He was very conciliatory and wanted to work with the city," Branson said.

Branson encouraged people who have problems with city trees to contact the forestry department to see if the issues can be addressed legally and in ways that are not as harmful, instead of taking matters into their own hands.

"It's not rampant, but when it happens, it's a little discouraging, and you wish people would work with us," he said.

HOME

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said local nurseries should be used to supply the native dune plants called for in the landscape plan, "to avoid gene pool contamination."

The only neighbor to comment on the application, John Dilks, simply sought assurance the stone wall built around the property in the 1920s would be protected.

"It's not collapsing — it's just old," contractor David Stocker of Stocker and Allaire responded. "It looks like I feel."

Commissioners also had no complaints.

Gail Lehman said she looks forward to seeing the rammed-earth walls installed and that she is "enthused to have the diversity" of architecture in Carmel.

"The quality of the materials is beautiful," Wendt commented.

"It's really a sensitively designed house, and this is really the kind of approach we really want to see," commissioner Michael LePage said. "And I'm also very happy they're going to try to restore that landscaping in the back," so it's more in keeping with the natural beach look.

"It's a very serious design, and I would support any effort to restore that beachfront landscaping all the way out," chair Don Goodhue agreed. "I compliment the architect and owners for a very distinguished design."

They unanimously approved the preliminary plans, though the commission will get another look at the project when the detailed drawings are submitted for final review at a future hearing.

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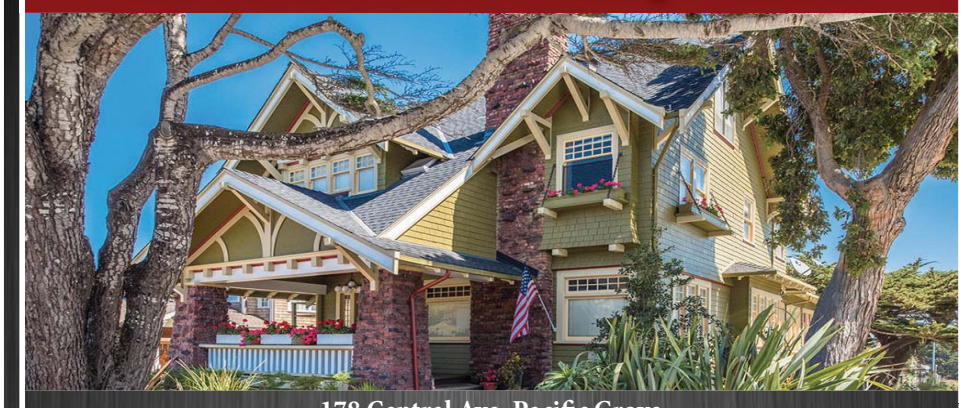

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