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## Panetta travels to Israel, Jordan and Afghanistan

By KELLY NIX

IN A trip shrouded in secrecy because of concerns over security, Congressman Jimmy Panetta and other members of a Democratic congressional delegation this week traveled to Afghanistan to talk to officials about a host of issues, including the United States' ongoing role in the country and ways to convince the Taliban to come to the negotiating table.

The roughly 24-hour visit to Afghanistan — from Wednesday to Thursday — was part of whirlwind trip to the Middle East led by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi that began March 25 and included stops in Israel and Jordan to meet with high-level officials and others to discuss national security, economic and social development, regional peace, and refugee and humanitarian issues.

But it was the delegation's excursion into Afghanistan that was kept quiet until Thursday, after the Democrats had left the volatile country and flown back to Israel. While in Jerusalem, Panetta gave a 10-minute interview to The Pine Cone about the March 25-29 trip, including the Afghanistan leg.

"We had briefings in Afghanistan all day," Panetta said. "Then we went to the presidential palace in Kabul and met with President Ashraf Ghani."

During the meeting with Ghani and Afghan Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, the delegation of 11 congressional members stressed the urgency of reducing corruption in the country and holding free and fair parliamentary and presidential elections.

The congressional members, which included Southern California Representative Adam Schiff, stressed the importance of not allowing the Taliban use Afghanistan to carry out terrorism,

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In Jordan this week during a Middle East fact-finding tour, Congressman Jimmy Panetta (far right) and other congressional representatives visited Dahiet Al Ameer School, which was built with funds provided by United States taxpayers in 2011 and serves Syrian refugee children.

## Hikers worry historic Big Sur trail may close

By CHRIS COUNTS

A GATE that marks the start of Big Sur's Little Sur Trail — which has been used by hikers for more than a half century — now has a "No Trespassing" sign on it, leading to speculation that the owner of the property it crosses, El Sur Ranch, intends to permanently close access to it from Old Coast Road.

A publicist who represents El Sur Ranch said owner Jim Hill was unavailable for comment, but Hill's attorney, Pam

Silkwood, said the closure is a direct response to the poor condition of the trail. "The concern is the liability and the potential for someone to sue," Silkwood told The Pine Cone.

Silkwood said she doesn't know Hill's longterm plans for allowing public access across his land.

The Little Sur Trail starts about 4 miles from the south end of the Old Coast Road. From there, the path travels east, winding its way through a lush redwood forest before climbing above the trees and offering sweeping views up and down a canyon carved by the Little Sur River's South Fork.

Not only does the trail connect to many others in the backcountry, but it passes through an area that was site of extensive mining during the late 19th century, and some remnants of that activity can still be seen along the way. The path also

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The owner of this property in Big Sur has posted a sign closing a hiking trail that crosses his land. Jim Hill's attorney said he posted the sign because the trail is unsafe, but some worry the closure might be permanent.

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## Plan to reduce trees on North Dunes headed to coastal commission

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER THE city council authorized the removal of up to 31 trees from the sand dunes on the north side of Ocean Avenue above Carmel Beach, Maria Sutherland, president of the Friends of Carmel Forest group, has asked the California Coastal Commission to overrule the city's March 6 decision.

Sutherland said this week she filed the appeal "not to hold up the project, but to make it better."

According to the permit approved by the planning commission in September 2016, the goal of the North Dunes Habitat Restoration Project is to get rid of non-native plants, restore the native scrub that grows on the dunes, and increase the number of Tidestrom's lupine and black legless lizards. It also calls for marked trails to keep beach goers from trampling the plants.

### Restoring the habitat

Initially, the permit allowed for the removal of up to five live trees, but in her recent assessment of the dunes, biologist Joey Canepa identified more trees that should be cut down for the sake of restoring the dunes habitat, where more than 100 are growing now, according to her count.

The forest and beach commission reviewed the plan in January and supported her recommendation to remove up to 20 trees in various areas of the dunes, along with up to 10 more smaller trees as necessary. The following month, the planning commission weighed in, recommending the removal of up to 20 trees and not replanting any.

After that, planning and forestry staff worked with Canepa to slightly revise the number to 21 — 17 Monterey cypress and four Monterey pines. "These trees are proposed for removal because they impede the growth of native dunes plants such as Tidestrom's lupine, which is listed as an endangered

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## ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE, WAR, AND OPPOSING THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR?

By MARY SCHLEY

ROBIN SCATTINI, hired as the city's finance manager in January, is learning firsthand about the trials and tribulations of trying to build a house here.

She and her husband, Greg, received unanimous approval from the planning commission March 14 to build an 1,800-square-foot, two-story house on a vacant corner lot at Guadalupe and First. But this week, the woman who owns the cottage next door filed paperwork asking the city council to overturn that approval, arguing the house will block out light from the cottage's living room window, and demanding environmental review because the lot should be considered an "environmentally sensitive habitat area."

After receiving preliminary approval from the planning commission last month, but being asked to work with neighbor, Laura Spiegelman, to address her concerns, designer Claudio Ortiz shifted the house 18 inches. Spiegelman, who lives elsewhere in town and bought the cottage for her parents to use as a retirement home, had asked him to move it 5 feet 6 inches, so someone looking out the living room window could see across the Scattinis' property instead of looking at the house next door.

"I understand Laura's concern, but is it a significant view that she has? Is it a real hardship to her in her home?" Ortiz

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His person learned of Tuco and his littermates in a newspaper ad for a dozen Labrador Retriever puppies, most of them black. He was the first one there, at 7:30 a.m., to check out the 7-week-old Labs. When one scampered over to sniff his shoe, he told the owner that one would do.

"I put dot of white correction fluid on the top of his head to tag him, because I wanted him to spend a few more weeks with his siblings and mother," his person said. "But I named him right then — Tuco Benedicto Pacifico Juan Maria Ramirez — Eli Wallach's character in, 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.'"

Tuco, for short. And not that he's bad — or ugly.

Two weeks after he met his soon-to-be companion, he called to see how many puppies were left. Just Tuco. He drove right over and collected the little dog. For the next two months, Tuco was never more than a few feet from his person. He never was scolded, never heard a raised voice, and was always praised when he did something worthwhile.

"Tuco, who will be 5 in April, is the most well adjusted dog I've ever known," his person said.

When Tuco wants to go for a walk, he retrieves his person's shoes. He fetches the morning newspaper from the driveway. The only time he barks is in request of a little ice cream before bed.

By Lisa Crawford Watson



"Tuco loves Carmel Beach and the ocean. He loves Garland Park and the river. He loves his Salinas home and swimming pool. He loves meeting new people," his person said, "and draws a crowd wherever he goes because he is so handsome."



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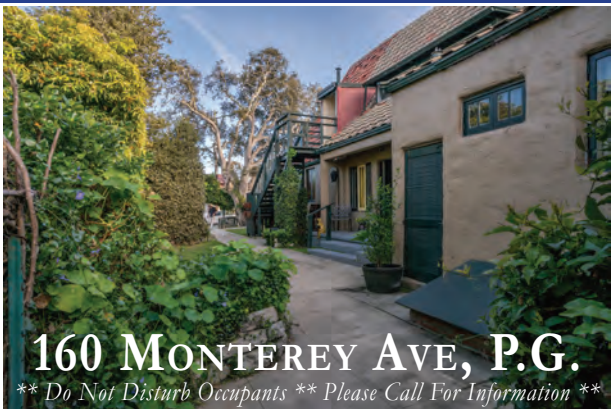


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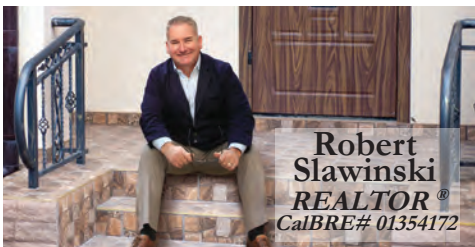
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# EIR: Smaller desal plant best to replace Carmel River water

By KELLY NIX

AFTER YEARS of delay, the final version of the environmental impact report for California American Water’s proposed desalination plant in Moss Landing was released this week by the state’s Public Utilities Commission.

The voluminous document, which analyzes potential environmental impacts of the Cal Am project and its alternatives, says Cal Am’s smaller, 6.4 million-gallon-per-day desal plant, combined with a 3,500 acre-foot-per-year recycled water project, would be the best way to supply water to the Monterey Peninsula while minimizing potential damage to the environment — the same conclusion that was in the draft version of the document.

The proposal includes an agreement in which Cal Am would purchase water from the recycled water project, Pure Water Monterey, which is being developed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency.

### ‘Fact-based analysis’

Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman said Wednesday that after more than five years of examination, “this independent team of experts has affirmed our project can solve our water problems without harming the environment.”

She said the EIR provides a “fact-based analysis of many of the concerns raised about this project over the years,” and concludes that it is “feasible, will satisfy the terms of current restraints on our water supply, and is environmentally sustainable.”

Although Cal Am’s desal plant combined with the recycled water project would result in a larger physical footprint than Cal Am’s plant alone, pairing them would mean less energy usage, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and reduced effects on groundwater lev-

els, since it would use fewer wells and pump less water than the utility’s larger, 9.6 million-gallon-per-day desal proposal — a project that might be needed if the recycled water plant didn’t exist.

In addition, the EIR noted that the recycled water project would benefit the Salinas Valley groundwater basin.

Areas of controversy identified by the PUC include impacts on groundwater supply, water rights, water demand, private-versus-public ownership of the desal plant, and the feasibility of the slant-well technology Cal Am has proposed using to draw feedwater for the plant.

### Less harm to groundwater?

The document compares Cal Am’s desal proposals to several alternatives. A “no project alternative,” meaning building no water project at all, would avoid construction impacts, the report found, but would “adversely affect the region’s economic vitality.” It also would provide no solution to overpumping of the Carmel River.

The review also found that while proposals by DeepWater Desal and People’s Moss Landing Water Desalination Project would reduce or avoid several potential impacts on groundwater because they would not employ slant wells for their source water like Cal Am, they would cause “new significant impacts on marine biological resources.”

“Operation of screened open-water intakes for all three alternatives would result in impingement and entrainment of marine organisms, resulting in significant long-term direct and indirect effects on marine biological resources within Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, even with implementation of mitigation measures,” according to the final report.

DeepWater, however, maintains that its

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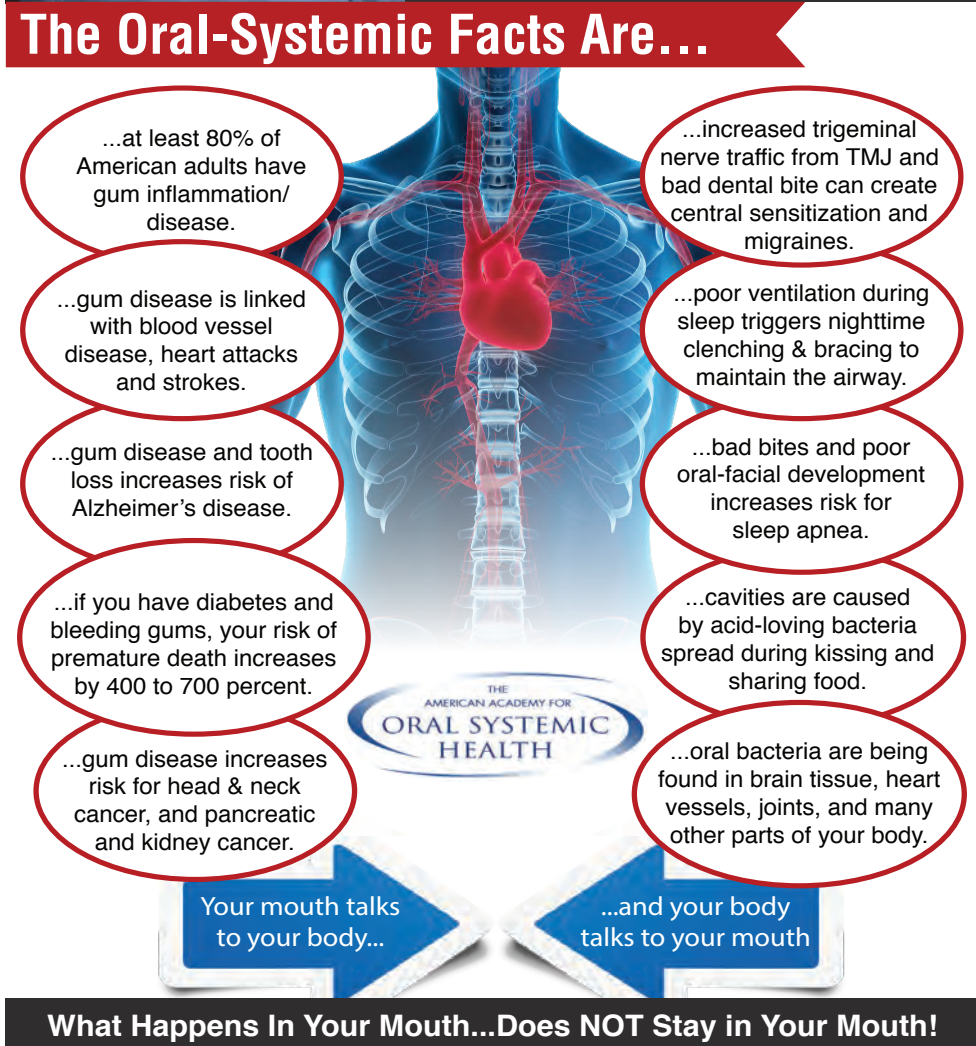
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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## DUI, and open container to boot

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, MARCH 14

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Investigated vehicle burglary on Sixth Avenue. No witnesses, suspects or surveillance cameras.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Window-smash vehicle burglary reported on Torres Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found driver’s license in Mission Trail park. Owner contacted and retrieved his license.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Suspicious driver on Junipero offered a girl a ride to school. The girl declined the offer and completed her walk to school without incident. She was advised of pedestrian safety tips, to include awareness of unusual circumstances and safe routes to take. She was also advised to contact the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, as the incident occurred outside of city limits.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citizen at Del Mar reported a lost wallet.

**Pacific Grove:** Ongoing neighbor dispute on David Avenue which involved one subject following the other subject in a vehicle through town. Report for informational purposes only.

**Pacific Grove:** Granite Street resident reported the theft of her license plate from her vehicle.

**Pacific Grove:** Non-injury accident vs. parked vehicle on Fountain Avenue. Information exchange only.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to a possible bicycle theft on 19th Street. The person followed one of the suspects and officers contacted her. Officers could not determine if the person stopped had been associated with the crime at that time. Info only.

**Pacific Grove:** Two bicycles were stolen out of a carport.

**Pebble Beach:** Unknown person(s) on Spanish Bay Road tagged a vehicle window with surf wax.

**Big Sur:** Person requested a welfare check on their friend on Highway 1 for posting suicidal messages on social media and for sending suicidal text messages.

**Carmel area:** Report of several vehicle burglaries on Carmel Rancho Lane.

**Carmel Valley:** Resident on Calle de la Ventana reported that an unwanted female came to her residence.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Monterey County Sheriff’s Office requested assistance for a possibly armed subject on Rio Road. Subject later placed on a 72-hour hold.

**Pacific Grove:** Damage to a vehicle on 17th Street. No suspect information.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citizen on Ocean Avenue reported a lost earring in the area.

**Pacific Grove:** Female reported that she was yelled at by another student at Pacific Grove High School.

See **POLICE LOG** page 12RE in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo

**Jan. 12** — Hai Long Tran, 46, of Seaside, entered a guilty plea to the charge of murder in the second degree for the killing of Hong Ngoc Nguyen, who was the mother of his two children, ages 15 and 18.

On April 14, 2016, Seaside Police Officers responded to an address on Kenneth Street in the city of Seaside to find Nguyen’s body in an upstairs bedroom with severe head wounds that appeared to be caused from being bludgeoned with a lamp.

The Monterey County Coroner determined the victim was strangled as well as had suffered twenty-one blows to the head causing several skull fractures.

The investigation determined that earlier in the day of her death, Nguyen had been at the Monterey County Courthouse applying for a restraining order. In her request, she stated that Tran was stalking her daily and she feared for her life.

Nguyen also contacted a family law lawyer in San Jose on April 1, 2016 to assist her with a restraining order and on April 9, 2016, Nguyen took her vehicle to a local service center where the technician found a GPS device which Nguyen took directly to the Seaside Police Department.

After her murder, investigators found a second GPS device on Nguyen’s vehicle as well as two video surveillance cameras in victim’s bedroom which she shared with her daughter. Evidence was found on Tran’s cell phone to prove he was tracking the victim’s whereabouts.

Tran will be sentenced to 15 years-to-life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

**Jan. 17** — Lynnea Leticia Hernandez, 21, of Cedar Park, Texas, pled guilty to one count of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence for the death of Nikolas Malliarodakis, one count of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence for the death of Lillian Scott, and two counts of reckless driving causing injury to her passengers Sydney Beyer, Guadalupe Valdez and Morgan Benninger.

On March 21, 2016, Hernandez and her friends who were on spring break, decided to

leave Santa Cruz for a day trip to Big Sur. The seven friends loaded into Hernandez’s Lexus SUV and headed down Highway 1 at approximately noon. During their road trip the girls are seen on snapchat, a popular social media network, dancing raucously, singing and passing around a marijuana pipe. Hernandez, at one point, is seen looking and singing into the video, taking her eyes off the road and not paying attention to driving.

At approximately 12:12 p.m., Hernandez crosses into oncoming traffic and hits a vehicle driven by Nikolas Malliarodakis, killing him instantly. Lillian Scott was seated in the middle backseat and also killed instantly. The other passengers in Hernandez’s vehicle sustained major injuries as a result of the collision.

Malliarodakis, 24, was a resident of Monterey. On the day of the incident he had driven home from his job in Watsonville to have lunch with his fiancée who had just gotten off the nightshift. He was headed back to work when Hernandez collided into his car. His family was present in court when she entered her guilty plea.

Hernandez will be sentenced to 6 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

**Jan. 17** — Seaside resident Donald Wayne Vierra, 64, was sentenced by Judge Julie Culver to 4 years, 6 months prison for possession of nunchucks and a methamphetamine pipe.

The incident occurred in March 2017 on Fremont Boulevard and Francis Avenue. Vierra was stumbling in traffic, crossing Fremont Boulevard. An officer on routine patrol observed this and decided to contact Vierra. As Vierra approached the officer, he was holding a 6.25-inch kitchen knife in his hand. He was stopped and searched. The officer found nunchucks wrapped in a Hustler magazine up Vierra’s left jacket sleeve. The officer also found a methamphetamine pipe in Vierra’s vest pocket.

During a court trial, Vierra admitted to a prior strike conviction as well as four prior prison terms. Vierra was sentenced to 2 years, doubled for the prior strike conviction, for the nunchucks and 6 months for the methamphetamine pipe.



# Burglary, car theft suspect arrested in Salinas after another crime spree

By MARY SCHLEY

A MAN suspected of committing a strong-arm robbery at Del Monte Center, trying to break into a Salinas house, and numerous other crimes was arrested last Thursday in Salinas, where he and two other suspects were found with a car that was stolen from Pebble Beach, several stolen shotguns, and drug paraphernalia, according to police.

During their investigation, officers also linked Christopher Watts, 51, to break-ins in Carmel Woods and a car theft in Carmel earlier this year, according to Monterey County Sheriff's detective Mike Smith.

Smith investigated the break-ins in January, when a thief took tools and other valuables from a couple of garages in the area, and around the same time, a resident just inside the city reported his red Jeep Cherokee had been stolen. Carmel police found the Jeep parked in town the next morning.

While Watts' arrest this week was unrelated to those crimes, Smith said, police "obtained a statement during their investigation" linking Watts to the two burglary cases.

And the California Highway Patrol "will be seeking a complaint for the vehicle theft which occurred the same night," he said. After Carmel police found the Jeep, officers canvassed the area and were able to review surveillance video identifying Watts as the culprit.

### Arrested after another spree

Watts, who lives in Salinas, was arrested March 22 with two other suspects after police linked him to numerous crimes, Monterey Po-

lice reported.

On Feb. 26, Watts fought with security guards when he was caught stealing merchandise at Macy's, according to MPD Lt. Ethan Andrews, but he managed to escape. "Witnesses observed the suspect fleeing in a BMW SUV which had been previously reported stolen out of Monterey on Feb. 16," he said. The store's surveillance video showed Watts was the suspect.

A couple of weeks later, sheriff's deputies were called to investigate a prowler on Ranchito del Rio Drive in Salinas, and again, video surveillance revealed Watts trying to break into the home at around midnight, according to MPD.

Then, last Thursday morning, police from a regional task force, Salinas SWAT and Monterey P.D. converged on two residences on Plaza Circle in Salinas to serve search warrants. Officers "recovered a vehicle which had been reported stolen out of Pebble Beach on March 20, five shotguns which are believed to be stolen, drug paraphernalia, and a license plate stolen out of Salinas," Andrews said.

Watts was arrested for robbery, conspiracy, attempted burglary, possession of stolen property, and being a felon in possession of a firearm, and his bail was set \$87,500. Rickey Dinola, a 35-year-old resident of Salinas, was booked for conspiracy, possession of stolen property, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He also had a warrant for a parole violation, and was therefore held without bail.

Ha Tran, 51, and also a Salinas resident, was arrested for conspiracy, attempted burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bail was set at \$80,000.



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## Second Carmel Rancho pot shop still in limbo, rules loosened for Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

A WOMAN who wants to establish a business that sells medical marijuana in the Carmel Rancho shopping area will have to wait a little longer to learn her fate after the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously March 20 to put off making a decision on eliminating a setback requirement.

Valentia Piccinini wants to open Synchronicity Holistic at 26390 Carmel Rancho Blvd. But county rules prohibit a shop that sells marijuana to be located within 1,500 feet of another — and one such business, Big Sur Cannabotanicals, is just a few hundred feet away.

After a lengthy discussion on the topic — which included comments from several people opposing the removal of the setback requirement — supervisors asked a committee to further study the issue.

Piccinini owns the building where her business would be located. But a group of neighbors don’t want another dispensary in their neighborhood.

Representing the Carmel Rancho Merchants Association, attorney Pam Silkwood urged supervisors to maintain the 1,500-foot setback, despite county staff’s recommendation to eliminate it.

“That recommendation is inconsistent with your own experts,” Silkwood explained. “Your very own health department is extremely concerned. Our expert says the setback is essential to limiting exposure to youth populations.”

Also chiming in was Richard Catlin, another owner of a building at the shopping center. “We already have one dispensary and we don’t want another,” Catlin said.

Piccinini spoke at the hearing, describing

herself as a philanthropist who also uses medical marijuana to alleviate the symptoms of her multiple sclerosis. She didn’t address the setback issue.

“It’s been life-changing for me,” she said of cannabis. “I’m not doing this for the money.”

After public comments, supervisors Luis Alejo, Simon Salinas and John Phillips expressed reservations about removing the 1,500-foot setback.

“I think this would be good issue for the [cannabis] ad hoc committee,” Salinas suggested.

Alejo agreed. “That gives us an opportunity to think this through,” he added. “It’s a big change.”

### Lots of parkland

While the supervisors decided not to take action on the 1,500-foot setback this week, they did unanimously agree to eliminate a rule that required any cannabis-related business to be located at least 600 feet from a public park.

That could make it possible for someone to open a dispensary in Big Sur, where just about every potential retail space is a short distance from parkland.

A group of Big Sur residents continues to lobby county officials for permission to grow a relatively small amount of marijuana to sell on the commercial market.

Attorney Michael Linder has spoken up on the topic at a number of public hearings, and he said he’s hopeful the county will agree to allow Big Sur farmers to grow up to 50 plants for resale.

Linder said many were legally growing medical marijuana in Big Sur before California voters agreed to allow sales of recreational marijuana.

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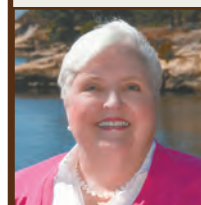
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# WeatherTech commits \$5M for right to name Laguna Seca raceway

By MARY SCHLEY

AS OF April 1, the county-owned racetrack that opened in 1957 will be named “WeatherTech Raceway at Laguna Seca,” according to a \$5 million, five-year contract approved by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors last week. WeatherTech replaces Mazda, which has been the track’s title sponsor for 17 years. Prior to that, it was simply Laguna Seca Raceway.

Mazda’s contract ends March 31, but the new name is already being used in social media, and the nonprofit Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula, which runs the track, issued a press release announcing the change less than an hour after the board unanimously voted to approve it.

“The swiftness of an agreement is testament to the facility’s stature in the world of motorsports,” spokesman Brad Littlefield said.

Dewayne Woods, assistant county administrative officer, told supervisors March 20 that the sponsorship will help pay for much-needed infrastructure improvements at the track, which is part of a county park.

### Not a car manufacturer

WeatherTech is an American company owned by David MacNeil, an avid automobile enthusiast who has a house in the Monterey Peninsula. The company sells bed and cargo liners for vehicles, along with many other automotive products. WeatherTech does not manufacture cars, however, and that was a big plus, according to Woods.

“Our goal was to secure a naming sponsor that does not conflict with other automobile companies,” he said, noting that having Mazda’s name on the track discouraged other automobile companies from also contributing money to the track.

Steve Fields, who represented SCRAMP at the meeting, agreed “We struggled with Mazda, because no one from Porsche would ever buy one of our items that had ‘Mazda’ on it,” Fields said.

While Mazda’s contract was for \$1.5 million annually, it gave the company not just naming rights, but a suite, track days and other benefits. Providing those benefits costs quite a bit of money, while WeatherTech’s \$1 million-per-year contract only calls for signage and logo changes.

“There are no track days, no corporate hospitality, no exclusion of competing sponsors,” said Fields.

Executives and board members from the Monterey County Hospitality Association, the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of

Commerce and the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau all favored the deal, and a number of people in the audience stood to show their support. No one opposed it.

Fifth District Supervisors Mary Adams said she’s been at-

tending races at Laguna since the 1960s and feels “a connection to it.”

“We’re so honored to have Laguna Seca in our community,” she said. The board unanimously approved the contract.

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# P.G. HOTEL FACES PUSHBACK BUT WILL GET PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove architectural panel Tuesday recommended that the developer of a proposed 125-room, four-story hotel on Central Avenue in Pacific Grove redesign the building to reduce its bulk.

Members of the city’s architectural review board decided that the hotel, which would be behind the Holman Building, should be handed over to the planning commission for review, but it had one primary suggestion regarding its design — “reduce the bulk and mass of the structure,” according to Pacific Grove community and economic development director Mark Brodeur.

Hotel Durell, proposed by businessman Nader Agha, would require the demolition of a 17,500-square-foot, single-story building occupied by a Mexican restaurant, martial arts studio, and retail shops.

Agha’s son, Laith Agha, project director

for Hotel Durell, said he’s pleased the ARB voted to move the project to the planning commission for consideration.

“Pacific Grove is one step closer to bringing a badly needed anchor business to downtown,” he told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

In addition to guest rooms, the hotel plan includes a swimming pool, landscaped courtyard, meeting rooms, restaurant and gym. Vehicles would enter from Grand Avenue and exit onto Fountain Avenue.

Most of those who addressed the ARB spoke out against the hotel, citing increased traffic, parking and water as concerns. The hotel, if approved, would be placed on the city’s water waiting list, and a building permit wouldn’t be issued until water is available.

Steve Kane, a visually impaired man who said he’s lived in Pacific Grove for 30 years, said the hotel would increase traffic, which would put pedestrians in danger. Kane said there have been numerous instances when

he’s been nearly hit by cars. The hotel, he said, is also too large for P.G.

“This is not San Francisco. We don’t need a big hotel here,” Kane said.

Jeff Becom, a former member of the ARB, cited parking and the building’s size as issues. He was among those who said the building should be redesigned.

“It would be great if we could not just push the hotel a few feet back from the street, but also step the floors back,” he said.

**Economic benefits?**

Reid Norris, director of Everyone’s Harvest, the organization that puts on the Pacific Grove farmers market on Central Avenue, said he’s heard concerns from customers, “particularly about how the entrance and exit” for vehicles “would affect the safety and health of the market.”

Three people, including Tom McMahon, chair of the downtown business improvement district, spoke in favor of the development.

Victor Montgomery with RRM Design Group, the architect for the hotel, touted the economic benefits of the proposal.

“The project is a significant step forward in improving the economy of the city,” Mont-

gomery said.

Montgomery said that for every \$100 guests spend on lodging, they spend about \$220 more in goods and services.

Besides the creation of dozens of jobs and more tourists visiting the city, the hotel would also bring in about \$500,000 in transient occupancy taxes per year.

Despite residents’ concerns over traffic, the environmental review for the hotel found that traffic would decrease.

“This project, because of the type of use it is and the time that it produces traffic, actually will produce less traffic during the peak period than the existing building does,” Brodeur said.

The hotel would meet the city’s parking requirements with a total of 83 valet parking spaces.

The review also addressed the hotel’s “visual character,” which some residents expressed concern about.

“Although current regulations prohibit hotels and severely limit condominium development in the downtown area, limited hotel and condominium use downtown would stimulate and enhance commerce and commercial growth in that area,” the review said.

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An architect’s rendering of the proposed Hotel Durell on Central Avenue in Pacific Grove.

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# Director of special needs charity stole nearly \$700K from nonprofit, DA says

By KELLY NIX

THE EXECUTIVE director of a Monterey charity whose mission is to provide services to children with special needs was arrested last week for embezzling \$675,000 from the organization over three years, according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.

District attorney investigators on March 19 arrested Lolita Garcia, the longtime head of Central Coast Kids & Families, on suspicion of money laundering, embezzlement and tax evasion charges. Garcia lives in Santa Cruz.

“From 2013 through 2015, while Central Coast Kids & Families was a nonprofit charity, Lolita Garcia allegedly embezzled over \$675,000 of the charity’s funds,” according to a press release by deputy district attorney Emily Hickok.

The nonprofit, its website says, also helps families, “educates communities and enhances school programs by providing instructional support staff.” Additionally, it offers in-home respite care, prosecutors said.

The DA’s office said that it obtained a temporary restraining order, which froze assets owned and controlled by Garcia, “and preserves such assets for purposes of fines and restitution during the pendency of legal proceedings.”

The group’s 990 tax return from 2012 — the most recent one available — lists Central Coast Kids & Families’ revenue as \$1,080,069 and expenses as \$1,032,290.

“The organization provided support for 434 special needs and medically fragile students in the community, schools and

homes,” according to the tax document signed by Garcia.

Garcia’s compensation that year was \$88,400, while vice president and director Linda Bell was paid \$30,489, the tax form shows. Neither woman responded to questions from The Pine Cone.

After being arrested, Garcia was booked into Santa Cruz

County Jail but was released on bail the same day, the DA’s office said. She’s scheduled to be arraigned in a Salinas courtroom April 19.

The DA’s office wants people employed by the nonprofit from 2013 to 2015 to come forward. Contact district attorney investigator Jackie Meroney at (831) 647-7706.

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EMILIE S. WELLES  
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Emilie S. Welles (or “Goonie” as she was affectionately called by her grandchildren) passed away on March 14th in Concord, MA. Born on August 7th, 1933, Emilie was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Scott Welles and Edward Kenneth Welles. She grew up in Lake Forrest, IL with her three late brothers Ken, Scott, and David. She attended Vassar College and remained very involved in the College as a proud alumna and generous donor after graduating in 1955. Emilie is the beloved mother of Cameron E. Scott of Concord, MA, Mark L. Hofmann (Brandy) of Sedona AZ, David H. Hofmann of Wellington, FL, and Scott C. Hofmann of Essex, CT.



Emilie was extremely kind, loyal, and generous, but is perhaps best known for her infectious smile and sense of humor. She was a long-time yoga teacher as well as a passionate environmentalist and philanthropist. Emilie always had a special place in her heart for Desbarats, Canada, where she would spend her summers with family, and was well known for her skills as a sailor and on the tennis court. Desbarats was also a place where Emilie’s keen eye and skill as a photographer flourished, and her breathtaking landscapes of the lake were always prominent in her homes and local galleries.

Emilie is also survived by her sister-in-law and widow of her brother, David, Georgia E. Welles, her cousin, James Welles, six grandchildren, one step grandson, and three great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her first husband Hans Hofmann, her second husband Erl Lagerholm, and her beloved dog Satchmo.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Emilie on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 3:00 pm at the Concord Country Club, 246 Old Road to Nine Acre Corner, Concord, MA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to one of the following listed organizations or to one of your own choosing that you feel is meaningful: **The Kensington Conservancy**, 736 N. Western Avenue, PMB 346, Lake Forest, IL 60045, [www.kensingtonconservancy.org](http://www.kensingtonconservancy.org) **Student Conservation Association**, by mail to National Conservation Center, 689 River Road, Charlestown, NH 03603, [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org) **Alzheimer’s Association**, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 or on-line at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

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Supes expand health care services for illegal immigrants

By KELLY NIX

A \$2 million-per-year Monterey County program to offer health care services to low-income residents who are in the country illegally will now serve more people, the county board of supervisors decided last week.

In a unanimous decision March 20, supervisors increased the allowed enrollment of the Natividad Medical Center-backed program — called Esperanza Care — from 2,500 to 3,500.

The plan, which is financed by the county hospital’s “Enterprise Fund,” offers primary and specialty care, lab work and pharmacy services for those who are ineligible for treatment through the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid or Medicare. Its funding comes from Natividad’s various sources of revenue.

Esperanza Care started as a pilot program in 2015 to serve 2,000 people utilizing \$500,000 from the county’s general fund. In May 2017, though, supervisors expanded the program by offering more services and increasing funding to \$2 million.

Last week’s decision to offer the program to 1,000 more people still leaves most illegal immigrants in the county without health care.

“There are up to 60,000 individuals in Monterey County who, unfortunately because of their documentation status, remain ineligible for [government-funded] health care services,” Natividad Medical Center director of health Elsa Jimenez told the supervisors during an overview of the program.

In August 2017, the county began contracting with third-party administrator Pacific Health Alliance for the program, and collaborates with a nonprofit for outreach and education. “These services are really going a long way to help the most critical needs of our local residents,” Monterey County Supervisor Luis Alejo said.

County resident Alfonso Ramirez, who told the supervisors he’s been the United States for more than eight years, said he believes he has Type 2 diabetes but has never been treated for it.

“Thanks to this program, I will have access to get the benefits,” Ramirez said in Spanish.

Fifth District Supervisor Mary Adams was impressed with the program.

“I’m interested in expanding this,” she said. “I mean, it’s just wonderful, and I thank all of you.”



Virginia ‘Gin’ Wilder Hayes  
1922 ♦ 2018

Virginia “Gin” Wilder Hayes, 96, died peacefully in her home in Carmel, California on March 12, 2018. She was born on January 28, 1922, in Blaine, Washington to C.V. and Ella (McFarland) Wilder.

After growing up in Bellingham, Gin attended Mills College in Oakland, California and then the University of Washington, where she was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority. She had a keen eye for art, being an accomplished painter herself. Gardening was a lifelong hobby she enjoyed, as well as traveling the world, which she continued to do so well into her 80’s. Gin was an astute investor in the stock market, meticulously researching her trades, just like she meticulously researched all of her endeavors in life. She was a smart, independent woman who was always interesting to be around.

Gin is survived by her son Gordy (Sarah) of Bellingham, grandchildren Nicole (Chip), Tab (Jennifer), Christy (Mark), Cari (Chuck), Cami (Marty), Craig, Jr. (Sara) and Calvin (Elizabeth) and 7 great-grandchildren. She will be missed dearly by them all.

She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings L.K. “Bud” Wilder, Anita Sorrel, and Chuck Wilder, Jr., and her son Craig Hayes.

A private service for immediate family members was held in Carmel.

Donald Thomas

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For all who had the pleasure to know him, Donald Thomas was one of the most honorable and compassionate gentleman anyone could meet. His humble and kind demeanor was evident to all, whether to those who knew him personally, or professionally as a Municipal Court Judge. He enjoyed a rare popularity in every segment of the legal community, and, in the view of many lawyers, epitomized what a judge should be: fair, hard-working, conscientious, and thoughtful — a model of judicial temperament, legendary in local legal circles. After celebrating his 90th birthday, he declined in health, passing into the presence of his Savior on March 21, 2018.



Don was born in Montana in 1927 and was raised in the northern California farming country, graduating from Orland High School, Chico State College, and UC Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. He served the last months of WW II on the USS Flambeau (IX-192). In remembering those times he liked to proudly say, I earned the rank of “Store Keeper Third Class”! He met his beloved first wife of over 56 years, Shirley, as a law student studying in the Public Library where she was a librarian. Don was an altar boy in his local Catholic parish, an athlete in football and track in high school, a president of the Catholic Newman Club and a member of the Chi Tau Fraternity at Chico State. Later, he was a counselor at the Hanna Boys Center in Sonoma, a Grand Knight in his parish’s Knights of Columbus chapter, and a church lector.

During the 11 years Don and Shirley spent in Orland, CA while raising their family, Don enjoyed sailboat racing, golf, pheasant hunting and fishing, as well as listening to opera, attending symphony concerts, and playing chess. He was in private law practice for ten years (1955-1965), serving four years of that period as a justice court judge, a position he resigned in 1963 upon his election as District Attorney of Glenn County. He left the Sacramento Valley for Carmel-by-the-Sea in 1965 to be Deputy District Attorney at the courthouses in Salinas and Monterey. Before being appointed to the bench as Monterey County Municipal Court Judge by Governor Ronald Reagan in 1973, he was in private law practice with partners Joseph R. and Leon E. Panetta, and Ralph W. Thompson III.

Don found time to continue his sailboat racing, was a Commodore of the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, was an active member of the Sherlock Holmes Diogenes Club, and president of Beacon House recovery center. Upon his retirement in 1989, Don continued his golf, and varied cultural interests, especially reading and worldwide travel with Shirley. He also relished his monthly lunch with his friends in the “Romeos” — Retired Old Men Eating Out.

Two years after Shirley died, after a long, courageous battle with cancer in 2012, Don married the other love of his life, the beautiful and devout Joan Brophy, who had previously ministered to Shirley as their church’s Eucharist Minister for the homebound. Don and Joan enjoyed four years of marriage before his passing. Don would often say, “I have spent a lifetime correcting my faults because I never wanted them to come out when I was on the Bench.” His humor and quick wit remained keen to the end. Don’s life touched and inspired the lives of many, including even those who appeared before him as defendants. Don will be greatly missed by many, especially his beloved wife, Joan, and his three children, daughters, Pam and Terri, and son, Don Jr.; sons-in-law Andy Miller and Alex Kent; and three grandchildren, Abby, Ian, and Fiona; sister and brother-in-law Suzie and Daryl Gleason; brother Jim; sister Barbara; and preceding in death, brother Jack; many dear nephews and nieces; and stepchildren, Richard, Khasy, and Mark and their children.

A Visitation Hour took place at 6:00 PM with the Rosary following at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 27 at the Mission Mortuary, 450 Camino El Estero in Monterey. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at Carmel Mission Basilica on Wednesday, March 28 at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Loretto Carmelite Monastery, where granddaughter Fiona resides (P.O. Box 57 Loretto, PA 15940-0057 or online: [lorettocarmel.org](http://lorettocarmel.org)) or The Carmelite Monastery (27951 Hwy 1, Carmel, CA 93923).





### Madeline McDowell Smith Carver

After having dinner with family and friends, Madeline McDowell Smith Carver died peacefully in her sleep on March 1, 2018. She was 94.

Madeline, affectionately known to her friends as “Bubbles,” was born on June 28, 1923 in St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco. She grew up in Woodside, California with her parents; Harold McDowell Smith from Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, and Loumattie Burgess Bell Smith from Baltimore, Maryland.

She attended the Castilleja School in Palo Alto, and Dominican Convent in San Raphael. During the war she was a nurse’s aide at Stanford Hospital and later worked for Standard Oil of California.

She was introduced to a young Naval Officer, Clifford M. Carver by his older brother, Army Lt. John A. H. Carver. They were engaged within 10 days but had to wait a year and a half for his return from the War in the Pacific, before they married in Woodside. While honeymooning at Carmel’s Pine Inn, V.E. day was declared. Madeline and Clifford then transferred East to the Navy’s Underwater Sound Laboratory in New London, Connecticut., where Clifford assisted in developing a Top Secret new technology — SONAR.

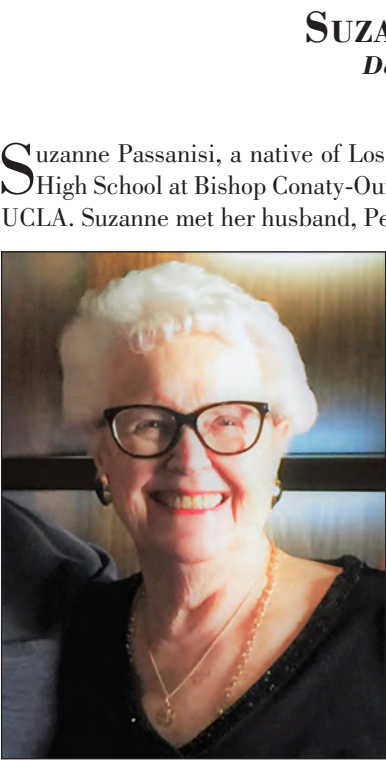
At the end of the war, they moved to a Park Avenue apartment in NYC. Then in 1954 they bought a beautiful Victorian home on Duck Pond Road, in Glen Cove, NY., where they raised their family. Madeline was an active member of the Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club, The Glen Cove Boys Club, The Long Island Visiting Nurses Association and The North Country Garden Club. Madeline was also a director of the Humes Foundation of New York. In 2004, Madeline returned to her native California, living at Del Mesa Carmel.

Madeline’s devotion to nature kept her busy at the Monterey Historic Garden League. Around her home she tended to a jungle of plants, and fed the bunnies and birds everyday. Her sense of humor was dry and often unexpected. When asked if she used the fitness facilities at Del Mesa, she replied, “No, that is for people who need to exercise.”

An ambassador of her generation, wool suits and feathered fedoras were her signature style. Madeline never smoked, drank, or wore pants a day in her life.

She is survived by her four sons Clifford Harold, of Reading, PA., Peter Maxwell, of Jakarta Indonesia, Robert McDowell, of Carmel, CA., and Douglas Grenfell, of Greenville, S.C., four grandsons, one granddaughter, and two great grandsons. Memorial Services will be planned in Carmel this Spring and Searsport, Maine this Summer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Monterey County SPCA or to the Historic Garden League of Monterey.



### SUZANNE BOUSQUET PASSANISI

December 4, 1934 ~ March 19, 2018

Pacific Grove

Suzanne Passanisi, a native of Los Angeles, passed away at her home surrounded by her family. She attended High School at Bishop Conaty-Our Lady of Loretto in Los Angeles and received her BA Degree in English from UCLA. Suzanne met her husband, Peter Passanisi, while at UCLA and also joined Delta Gamma Sorority.

Suzanne has lived locally for the past nineteen years coming from Fremont, California. She enjoyed reading, traveling and entertaining and served as a docent at Mission San Jose in Fremont and at Mission San Carlos Borromeo Del Carmelo.

Suzanne is survived by her husband, Peter, whom she married on July 7, 1956; her daughters, Pamela Elizabeth Passanisi, Therese Marie Passanisi (Gregory) Olberg, Annette Marie Passanisi, Denise Marie Passanisi and Paulette Therese (Stephan) MacLaren; Her grandchildren, Brie Bousquet Flyge, Jeffrey Peter and Andrew Christian Hutcheson, Phillip Tyler Chaney and Molly Jean and Daniel Peter MacLaren and her great-grandchildren, Maya Amber And Samara Hendrix Flyge. She was predeceased by her parents, Dolores Marie Villandre Bousquet and Henry Emmanuel Bousquet and her brother, Paul Henry Bousquet.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Pacific Grove on Friday, March 23.

Suzanne’s family wishes to extend their gratitude to VNA Hospice Care Services in Monterey, especially to caregivers Rosa, Keyla, Maria and Lupe. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, STE 1150, Chicago, IL, 60601.

Please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com) to sign Suzanne’s guest book and leave messages for her family.

### Bette (Beth) L. Wright

1929 - 2018

Beth Wright, a Carmel resident since the 1950s and avid traveler, took her last flight on February 17, 2018. Awaiting Beth’s arrival are welcoming family and friends — her devoted husband of 52 years and former Carmel City Councilman, Jim Wright, her only sister and Carmel local, Sue Roberts, her beloved parents, brothers Nolan, Jay and Doyle with their wonderful wives, and dear nephews, cousins, a great-great nephew and great niece.

She is survived by her daughters Kym Wright Youngdale of Yosemite and Susan Wright Pollara of Hawaii, sons-in-law Steve Youngdale and Paul Pollara, her grandson and the light of her life, Jimmy Pollara, a host of adored nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends.

Beth spent most of her childhood and adult life as a California resident. At just 18, she worked for the Sears Robuck Company as one of their youngest personnel managers, helping to develop their location in Modesto and to open other locations throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Beth was accepted to Radcliffe (Harvard’s sister college) in her early twenties, having saved up for her tuition from her time with Sears. Yet as fate would have it, an advertisement in the local newspaper about a trip around the world — for the same amount — caught her eye. So she enrolled in adventure, and a travel bug was born that would stay with her throughout her life.

She would later return to the academic world, attending San Jose State with a major in journalism where she pursued her talent for writing stories. Yet she had so enjoyed her first around-the-world adventure that, upon graduation, she convinced her sister Sue to come with her on the next one. They took the trip together, and then both girls lived in Madrid for two years while working for the State Department.

Upon returning from Spain, the sisters located to the Monterey Bay. Beth studied French at the Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies and worked in Pebble Beach for Alexander Victor (known for the company that produced the Victrola) to write his memoirs while Sue studied art. Both sisters also appropriately worked in the travel industry, and would go on to hold lengthy careers as respected travel agents.

Then Beth met Jim — a dashing U.S. Naval Postgraduate School student — at the Mission Ranch in the early 1960s.

The rest is romance history. Family, travel and the beauty of Carmel was also a mutual attraction.

When Jim retired from his military career in 1977, they returned to their cottage in Carmel with their two daughters and began a labor of love remodeling, creating room for a family. Beth was soon offered a position with the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation as the first curator for the famed poet’s foundation outside of the family — a position she held for several years while assisting the organization in its pursuit to put Tor House on the Historic Register.

In the eighties, Beth returned to the travel business — working for Ashely Travel, then Carmel Travel and ending her career with Pacific Grove Travel. Through her more than two decades in the industry, Beth and Jim traveled extensively and enjoyed circumnavigating the world and filling their passports with stamps from the wondrous countries they visited. Yet they always looked forward to returning to the home they’d built together by the sea.

Both Beth and Jim were passionate about the Carmel community, with Beth serving as President of the Carmel Residents Association and Board member into the 2000s. Yet of all the things that Beth celebrated in her lifetime, becoming a grandmother was the icing on top of her multi-layered cake.

Beth knew the rare art of the thank you note, the value of friendships and the taste of adventure. She will be loved “much and more” by all who had the pleasure of experiencing her creative mind, easy laughter and beautiful heart. Bon Voyage...

A private memorial is planned. The Wright Family requests that those wanting to honor Beth’s memory make a donation in her name to My Museum in Monterey (a treasured space shared with Jimmy), the Carmel Foundation, The Forest Theatre or the Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice.



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# POLICE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR HONORED FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

By MARY SCHLEY

A POLICE officer who tracked down murderers and jailed gang members for a task force, and who traced stolen high-end merchandise to a band of thieves in Los Angeles, was honored as the Carmel’s Officer of the Year at the Monterey County Peace Officers Association’s annual dinner March 10.

Officer Greg Johnson was recognized alongside more than two dozen officers who were selected by the association and their own agencies to receive the honors, as was Pacific Grove Police officer Michael Gonzalez, who helped save a kayaker’s life on his first solo day on the job.

Officers and staff at CPD chose Johnson for the significant cases he handled, mostly as the city’s representative on the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team, and for his willingness to fill vacant shifts, according to Chief Paul Tomasi.

As the lead investigator on a Cannery Row homicide in November 2016, Johnson helped track down 21-year-old Jorge Mendoza, who had fled to Mexico. Working with the U.S. Marshals, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office and Mexican authorities, he wrote the warrant used to arrest the man, an American citizen, in Mexico in March 2017. Johnson took custody of Mendoza in Southern California and brought him back to Monterey County, where he is now facing a sentence of 75 years to life, according to Tomasi.

The following month, thieves broke into Bottega Veneta, a high-end store at Carmel Plaza, and made off with nearly \$200,000 worth of purses and other leather goods in less than a minute.

Johnson traced some of the stolen items through eBay

to Southern California and worked with authorities there to serve warrants, arrest two suspects and recover more than a half-dozen expensive pieces. The investigation led to a ring of smash-and-grab burglars who had also hit stores in Beverly Hills and Las Vegas.

Finally, after task force members came across a YouTube music video in which Seaside gang members were firing guns and making threats against rivals, Johnson figured out where the video was shot on the former Fort Ord, and discovered spent rounds of ammunition matching the calibers of the guns seen in the video.

From that, five search warrants turned up significant evidence, including firearms used by the gang members, seven of whom were arrested on weapons charges, Tomasi said.

“This year, Greg Johnson had an impressive year both at PRVNT and in our department,” he said. “His willingness to help the department showed when he, without hesitation, offered to come back to the department two months early to help fill open shifts.”

Tomasi plans to recognize Johnson at the April 3 city council meeting.

### Rescue, citations

PGPD detective Ami Lonsinger said she and her fellow officers selected Michael Gonzalez as their department’s Officer of the Year for his quick thinking during an ocean rescue and his willingness to help his fellow officers.

Last April, Gonzalez was eating lunch during his first solo day on the job when reports came in of someone face down in the water off of Ocean View Boulevard. He rushed to the scene, where he asked a bystander to climb down with him to where two other civilians were trying to rescue the woman, whose tandem kayak had overturned in rough surf.

As someone held onto him, Gonzalez got in the water up to his waist in order to grab the unconscious kayaker, and the group managed to get her to shore, where he started CPR. Together, they carried her up the rocks to the waiting ambu-

lance. Efforts to resuscitate her continued, and she recovered at the hospital.

“In addition to that, he leads the department in the number of citations issued for the year,” Lonsinger said. “But more importantly, Officer Gonzalez is a dedicated, compassionate employee. He always presents with a positive attitude and is always willing to help his fellow officers.”

She said Gonzalez “truly cares about the citizens of Pacific Grove and has worked his cases thoroughly to help obtain justice for victims,” and that the department and the community are fortunate to have him working for them.

Other Officers of the Year honored at the March 10 dinner include:

■ Salinas Police Officer Robert Durst for Large Agency Monterey County Peace Officer of the Year;

■ Seaside officers Gabriel Anderson, Matthew Blackmon, David Rice, Sgt. Jorge Enriquez, and Monterey Sgt. Jeremiah Ruttschow for Small Agency Monterey County Peace Officer of the Year;

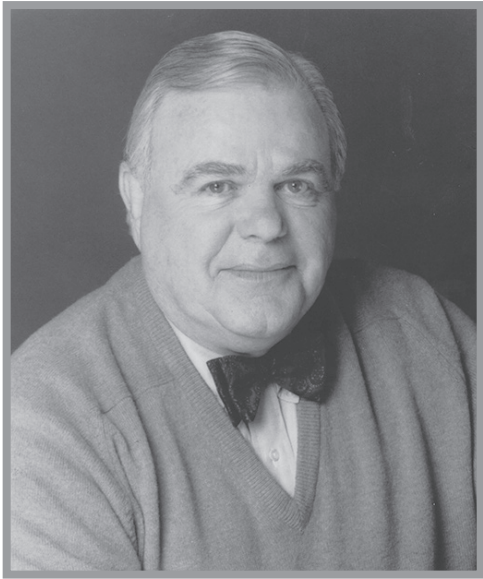
■ CHP officers Brandon Smith and Nicholas Marzullo;

■ California Department of Corrections Lt. Edward O. Brown, Lt. Eduardo A. Mazariegos and Sgt. Angel Hernandez;

■ Greenfield P.D. officer Justin Mattke;  
■ King City P.D. detective Josh Partida;  
■ Marina P.D. officer Carolyn Peliova;  
■ Monterey County District Attorney’s investigator Tracey Spencer;

■ Monterey County Probation officer Tiffany Falahati;  
■ Monterey County Sheriff’s deputies Oscar Leon and Sonia Angelo;

■ Monterey P.D. officer Aaron Gray;  
■ Presidio of Monterey P.D. officer Casey Murphy;  
■ Salinas P.D. officer Robert Miller;  
■ Sand City P.D. officer Matthew Blackmon;  
■ Seaside P.D. field training officer Joseph Rogish; and  
■ Soledad P.D. Cpl. Kevin McArthur.



**Franklin Pierce Conlan II  
‘Hank’**

*July 3, 1934 ~ March 12, 2018*

Family and friends mourn the loss of Hank, who passed away at his home in Carmel on March 12, 2018.

Hank had a wonderful sense of humor and a quick wit. He was a curious soul, who loved to travel and had a special place in his heart for Paris. His passions included supporting artists, enjoying fine cuisine, settling in with a good book and staying current on world events.

Hank Conlan was born in Boston, MA, the son of Sally and Joe Conlan and was one of six children. He attended The Groton School and Yale University. While at Yale, Hank shared his wonderful tenor singing voice as part of the Whiffenpoofs. After college, he served as an officer in the Navy.

Hank and Gretchen “Getty” Conlan (1936-2008) married in 1961 and moved from the East Coast to Palo Alto, where Hank joined the budding high tech industry in its infancy and started a variety of companies. After raising five children together, they retired to Carmel.

He spent many decades giving back to people in recovery and assisting them with their spiritual journey.

In 2012, Hank married Rika Cornwall and they split their time between Carmel and their farm in Pennsylvania. Hank enjoyed bringing the Conlan and Cornwall clans together for family events. He is survived by his wife, Rika; his daughter Betsy; sons, Bill, Peter, Dave and Ben; daughters-in-law, Heather and Marilyn and grandchildren Blair and Ryan (soon to be born). Additionally Hank leaves his brother, Joe, and many loving extended family and friends. We will all miss him very much!

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# HOUSE

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asked commissioners at their March 14 meeting. “And I don’t see it, but the project is in front of you to make your decision.”

Ortiz noted that planner Matthew Sundt recommended approval, and that the design meets all the city’s codes and guidelines.

But Spiegelman’s lawyer, Christine Kemp, told commissioners her client wasn’t satisfied and said Ortiz made no real effort to address her concerns. Spiegelman probably should have asked for 8 feet, to “clear the living room window,” she said.

And after city staff pointed out that moving the design might negatively impact some of the trees in the area, Kemp hired an arborist and a biologist to look at the vacant lot. “He finds the lot probably qualifies as environmentally sensitive habitat area because of the pine forest nature of it, and because of the manzanita,” she said.

The biologist also listed several endangered and threatened species found “within a 1-mile radius” of the lot, which could trigger expensive and time-consuming review under California environmental laws. Kemp asked the commission to delay the hearing until the studies could be done and the house re-designed to better accommodate her client.

Spiegelman also spoke, as did both her parents. She hired her own architect to design the Scattinis’ house in a way that

would address her concerns.

“I think you had the opportunity to see how important that window is,” she told commissioners. “It’s a very small space, and every window is important.”

Her father, Paul Spiegelman, said the “rather large structure being proposed will have a significant impact” on their life in the cottage. He told commissioners his 75th birthday was coming up. “Please give me a birthday present and let my retirement home be that I can look out at the view and not have to stare at an out-of-character monstrosity,” he said.

Three other speakers also asked the commission to require the Scattinis to change their design to accommodate Spiegelman and her parents.

“As you’re building these larger homes next to cottages, it is really changing the quality of life for people living in these cottages,” Georgina Armstrong commented.

### ‘In shock’

After Ortiz pointed out a few issues with the other architect’s design, commissioners weighed in, all of them siding with the Scattinis.

Commissioner Julie Wendt mentioned the roughly 14-foot distance between the proposed house and the cottage, and doubted the new structure would interfere with sunlight into the little house. She pointed out that its first and second stories are 3 to 4 feet below the maximum heights allowed in the code, and described Ortiz’ design as “very nice.”

“I think the neighbor would prefer not to have anything

there,” she said. “This property owner has rights, as well, and the overall design has been sensitive to the Spiegelman house.”

Commissioner Gail Lehman agreed that having a house built on a long-vacant lot can be shocking to those living adjacent to it, and she also praised the plans. Lehman said she was “in shock” at Kemp’s demand for environmental review. “Carmel is only 1 mile square, so if we start demanding this, we’ve got to demand this for every single lot in the city or every single addition or every single alteration, and I think it’s out of line,” she said. “I don’t feel like we can go that far.”

Chair Michael LePage acknowledged that the code calls for protecting and respecting “significant views,” but, he said, “This is not a situation where we have a significant view.”

If the Spiegelmans really didn’t want anything to interfere with the views from inside the cottage, he said, they should have bought the vacant lot.

“Yes, they will see a house, but that was going to happen someday,” he said.

Planning commissioners unanimously approved the Scattinis’ plans, with an additional condition that a section of the fence separating the two properties be only 4 feet high, instead of 6.

Late the afternoon of March 29, shortly before the deadline, Spiegelman filed a 30-page appeal contesting the planning commission’s approval, arguing that it violates city codes and that the staff report was inaccurate, and asking the city council to require the revisions she requested.



CLAUDIO ORTIZ DESIGN GROUP

Claudio Ortiz designed this home for the city’s new finance manager and her husband, and it was approved by the planning commission, but their future neighbors are asking the city council to overturn it.



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#### Good Friday – March 30th

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:00 pm  
Tenebrae 7:30 pm Basilica

#### Holy Saturday – March 31st

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

#### Easter Sunday – April 1st

7:30 am Easter Mass at the Dawning  
9:15 am Easter Mass  
11:00 am Easter Mass  
12:45 pm Easter Mass  
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#### Easter Sunday – April 1st

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# Teen arrested for home invasion robbery

By MARY SCHLEY

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy who lives on Dolores Street just outside the city limits was arrested March 20 for a home-invasion robbery in Monterey in which he and two other teens threatened the residents with a knife, poked one with the blade, and beat another, according to Monterey Police Lt. Ethan Andrews. One of the other suspects, 18-year-old Nikolos Swendseid, was also arrested at the Dolores Street house but lives in Monterey, and the third is still on the loose.

The teens broke into the Van Buren Street residence around 1:25 p.m. March 17 to steal valuables. “When the victims protested, one of the suspects threatened them with a knife and poked one of the victims with the knife, causing a minor injury,” Andrews said. “The other victim was then battered by the suspects with hands and feet, and received moderate injuries.”

The suspects, described as two black males and a white male, all in their teens, fled, according to Andrews. The vic-

tims sought medical attention for their injuries on their own. Officers soon identified two suspects, and the following day, they served a search warrant at Swendseid’s home on Glenwood Circle. He wasn’t there, but police found items that had been stolen during a strong-arm robbery at Del Monte Shopping Center Feb. 17. In that incident, an elderly woman was walking in the shopping center at around 12:25 p.m. when someone came up from behind and grabbed her purse, according to Andrews.

“The suspect forcefully pulled the purse from the victim, knocking her to the ground,” he said. The suspect later identified as Swendseid and another black male ran away. The woman later required medical treatment. When officers went to the Carmel house March 20, they found the two suspects there. Swendseid was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$150,000 bail for possession of stolen property, robbery, burglary and conspiracy. The 16-year-old went to juvenile hall for the Van Buren robbery.

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# DOWNING

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“Sam led the organization through tremendous growth and achievement — taking it from a small, rural hospital, to a healthcare system that has earned national recognition for excellence,” Delgado said.

In a 2004 interview with the hospital’s magazine, Downing — who was awarded a full scholarship to UCLA and graduated with a master’s in public health — said the university helped him realize that health care administration was an area where he could “effect change.”

“I wanted to run a hospital, build an organization and see patients get better,” he said.

In 2009, Downing was named Salinas Citizen of the Year. “Sam’s professional and personal achievements are a clear testament to his expertise, tenacity and his leadership qualities,” the proclamation read. “This community has benefited tremendously from Sam’s vision, his belief in community and his compassion.”

### ‘Always so humble’

While Craig’s tenure as a city councilwoman overlapped Downing’s career only briefly, since she was first elected in 2010 and he retired in 2011, she had known him since she was a child. Their families both attended Carmel Presbyterian Church.

“After I moved to Salinas and took on a role with the city, I realized the significance of his role at Salinas Valley Memorial,” she said. “I didn’t know that — he was just always so humble.”

Craig said she appreciated Downing’s continued support. “Just being in the public eye, not a lot of people could relate to that, and Sam could,” she said. “He would come up and give me a hug and tell me, ‘Keep at it. I believe in you.’ He was such a man of encouragement.”

His niece, Colleen Duke, described him as “one of the warmest, most honest, straightforward, decent, happy guys I know.”

“And I have never seen someone so happy to be drowning in grandkids,” she added. Married for decades to wife Paula, Downing had two sons, Michael and Zach, a daughter, Brittany, and five grandchildren.

Duke said Downing’s desire to “help anyone with anything” permeated his professional and personal lives.

“He had so much energy — it was part of who he was, that he was going to leave everybody better for having known him,” she said.

“And he did, more than he’ll ever know. He had such a network of people who he inspired and helped.”

A longtime Carmel resident, Downing died at home from a self-inflicted gunshot, according to the Monterey County

Sheriff’s Office.

Family members have said he was suffering from “serotonin syndrome” due to a medication interaction, and that he was not himself.

“It’s wrong to think he would have done anything to himself in his right mind,” Duke said. “Understanding it as an accident fits it better.”

She said the family appreciates the outpouring of support from people in the community.

# PANETTA

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and including women in reconciliation talks with the group.

“Clearly there is still a lot of work to do, and it’s going to take the Afghans and regional partners to make sure the Taliban is pressured to come to the table and negotiate some sort of peace plan,” Panetta said.

Panetta said Ghani expressed his gratitude for the sacrifices that American military men and women have made to help stabilize the country.

Ghani “said he ‘would not forget the sacrifice of Americans, and that is going to lead to a long partnership,’” Panetta said.

### More than just military

The group also met with U.S. Army four-star Gen. John W. Nicholson, Jr., commander of the NATO-led troops in the country, while other senior military leaders briefed the delegation on the mission. The group talked to U.S. troops, members of the State Department and Afghan civilians.

“One of the things I asked them was ‘What are your feelings about American being here?’” Panetta said. “And all of them were very thankful and very pleased that America has made the sacrifice.”

However, the group “made it clear” that military effort alone would not achieve the objectives in Afghanistan, and that a regional approach with a focus on diplomacy and eco-

“People have been so amazingly kind,” she said. “The food and the flowers have just been overwhelming.”

And they are spending a lot of time together, processing the shock.

“He was such an anchor, and we all feel a little free-floating right now, like we’re just drifting,” she said. “A big piece of us is missing.”

A memorial will be held at the south end of Carmel Beach during the afternoon of Sunday, May 6.

conomic development, along with bolstering the Afghan security forces, is critical to achieving a stable and secure Afghanistan and “the safe return of U.S. troops,” Pelosi said.

The delegation met Afghans “leading the way to empower women and girls, advance human and journalist rights, educate and empower youth and advance entrepreneurship and public-private partnerships.”

Panetta said the 24-hour visit to Afghanistan — where he was stationed in 2007 while in the United States Navy Reserve — left him feeling optimistic about where the country is headed.

In Jordan, at the first stop on the trip, the delegation met with King Abdullah II to discuss “critical regional and economic security, and cooperation issues,” and with the Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ayman Safadi, to talk about regional security and diplomatic efforts.

The delegation participated in briefings led by staff with the U.S. Embassy Amman and were greeted by the U.S. Marine detachment at the embassy.

Panetta said the Democrats got a snapshot of the myriad challenges facing the country, including its high unemployment rate and lack of natural resources.

“Yet, it is one of the stable countries in that area,” Panetta said.

Minister of Education Omar Razzaz gave the Democrats a tour of Dahiet Al Ameer School, a facility built by government agency USAID in 2011 that serves child refugees from Syria.

### ‘A trip I will not forget’

While in Israel, the delegation met with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and with Opposition leader Isaac Herzog in Tel Aviv. The trip to Israel was Panetta’s second to the country as a congressman.

The Middle East trip was paid for by taxpayers, not a private organization like Panetta’s first visit to Israel last year. Panetta was set to fly back to Washington with the rest of the group on March 30.

“It was clearly a trip I will not forget, and will use the information I learned not only on the Armed Services Committee, but in my role in the Democratic Caucus National Security Task Force,” he said.

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The event is always held the day before Easter, and the 22nd annual celebration will feature a festive breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee presided over by “Mr. Bunny,” who will be available for photos afterward. Children’s games, face painting and other activities also follow, in Bunnyland.

Several hundred people attend the bunny breakfast — one of the major gatherings hosted by the Carmel Host Lions Club — each

year. Additional groups helping with the set-up, operations and cleanup include Carmel High School, the City of Carmel-by-the Sea, the Little Swiss Café, Lugano Swiss Bistro, and Carmel Bakery. Opportunity drawings will be held every 30 minutes between 9 a.m. and noon, with chances to win a child’s bicycle and more than 30 other prizes.

The cost of breakfast is \$5 for kids 12 years and under, \$8 for adults, and \$23 for a family of two adults and two kids. To participate in the games and face painting and such, children and adults need “Bunnyland Passports,” which cost \$5 apiece. Tickets can be purchased on site that day. If it’s raining, the event will be held at the youth center.

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leads to a primitive campground in a picturesque setting.

Some say the public has a right to hike on the trail.

"I think proscriptive rights are established by its use," hiker and activist Noel Mapstead said. "I've been using the trail since I was 12 [in the early 1960s], and it's been around since the Forest Service has been around."

Monterey County Planning Commissioner Keith Vandevere said "it's hard to imagine a clearer case of a public easement established by historic use."

The trail is popular not only for its scenic attributes, but because it offers access to other trails deeper in the wilderness, and is easily accessible from the Monterey Peninsula.

When asked about the public's right to cross the El Sur Ranch to reach the trail, United States Forest Service spokesman Andrew Madsen conceded his agency has no paperwork establishing such a right. "We do not have a record of an easement across private

land to get across Jim Hill's property to access the forest boundaries," he said.

Madsen confirmed the trail is in poor shape, but he said limited staffing and higher priorities have kept his agency from assessing the damage. But he said it's an important issue that needs to be addressed.

"We want to work in tandem with the community and adjacent landowners," Madsen explained. "Access to the national forest is an important one, and we want to do everything we can to allow the people access to public land," he added.

The trail's closure comes at a time when

hikers have limited options in Big Sur. The region's most popular route, the Pine Ridge Trail, is closed indefinitely due to a large slide. And the well-traveled Rocky Ridge Trail remains closed for repairs, as does the upper part of Palo Colorado Road, which provides access to a couple of lengthy trails.

But hikers have also received some good news — the view-blessed East Molera Trail is now open, and family-friendly Soberanes Creek Trail soon will be.

The Old Coast Road, meanwhile, remains closed to motorists due to storm damage, but it is accessible to hikers and bicyclists.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the public hearing, the Commission will visit some or all of the project sites as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. For the items on the agenda, staff will present the project, then the applicant and all interested members of the public will be allowed to speak or offer written testimony before the Commission takes action. Decisions to approve or deny the project may be appealed to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the City Clerk within ten (10) working days following the date of action by the Planning Commission and paying the requisite appeal fee.**

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

DS 18-043 (Yohanan)  
Cheryl Heyermann, Agent  
Camino Real, 6 SE of 8th Avenue  
Block: 1; Lot: 14  
APN: 010-263-012

Consideration of Final Design Study (DS 18-043), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing residence and construction of a new 1,800 square-foot two-story residence with attached garage, located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 17-459 (Rezai)  
John Mandurrago, Agent  
Northeast Corner of Forest and 8th Ave.  
Block: 3; Lot: 11  
APN: 009-202-015  
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 17-459) and associated Coastal Development Permit for construction of a 929 square-foot addition to a 1,511 square-foot historic residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.  
DS 17-386 (Lampert)

Eliza DeCiantis/Agent  
Mission Street, 5 SE of 10th  
Block: 118  
Lot: South 37' of 12 and north 10' of 14  
APN: 010-075-022  
Consideration of a Combined Concept and

Final Design Study (DS 17-386) and associated Coastal Development Permit for construction of a 200 square-foot detached garage in the front yard setback, located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.  
DS 18-066 (Lombardo)

Susan Lombardo, property owner  
Lincoln Street, 2 southwest of 5th  
Block: 54; Lot: 5  
APN: 010-212-020  
Consideration of a Concept Design Study (DS 18-066) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new, two-story, 2,042 square-foot single-family residence with basement and attached garage on a vacant lot, located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 18-091 (Atkinson)  
Jennifer Atkinson  
San Carlos Street, 5 SW of 12th  
Block: 137; Lot: 9  
APN: 010-164-023  
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 18-091) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a one-story, 1,698 square-foot single-family residence that replaces a residence that was destroyed by fire, and construction of a 204 square-foot detached garage, located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DR 18-108 (Paseo San Carlos)  
Richard N. Clark, Owner  
San Carlos, 3 NW of 7th  
Block: 76; Lots: 13 & 15  
APN: 010-146-003  
Consideration of a Design Review (DR 18-108) for year-round exterior string lighting on a commercial building at Paseo San Carlos located in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District.

DR 18-109 (Bell Tower Court)  
Richard N. Clark, Owner  
SE Corner of San Carlos & 7th Ave  
Block: 90; Lots: 2 & 4  
APN: 010-142-012  
Consideration of a Design Review (DR 18-109) for year-round exterior string lighting on a commercial building at Bell Tower Court located in the Service Commercial (SC) Zoning District.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea  
Marc Wiener, AICP, Community Planning and Building Director  
Publication dates: March 30, 2018. (PC336)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180499

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **AIELLO AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, 1648 Del Monte Blvd., Seaside, CA 93955.**  
Registered Owner(s): DANIEL RUSSELL AIELLO, 3371 Greenbrook Pl, Seaside, CA 93955.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

terey  
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/ Daniel Aiello  
March 7, 2018

**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) (B&P Code 17913). **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 7, 2018  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2018. (PC339)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180672

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LIFEFORCE DEVELOPMENT, 987 Ransford Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**  
Registered Owner(s): MARK A HANES, 987 Ransford Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
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S/ Mark Hanes  
March 28, 2018

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 28, 2018  
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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2018. (PC340)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180638

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CYPRESS COAST INVESTMENTS, 105 17th Street, Suite 4, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**

**Mailing address: P.O. Box 4055, Monterey, CA 93942.**

Registered Owner(s): SEAN STEVEN SPOWART, 25651 Ryan Place, Carmel, CA 93923.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 12, 2009.  
S/ Sean Spowart  
March 19, 2018

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Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing  
Publication dates: March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2018. (PC342)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180626

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LIVING STORY CONSULTING, 26465 Camel Rancho Blvd, Suite 2, Carmel, CA 93923.**

**Mailing address: P.O. Box 3698, Carmel, CA 93921.**

Registered Owner(s): DEBORAH JACROUX, 25 El Caminito Del Norte, Monterey, CA 93940.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 13, 2012.  
S/ Deborah Jacroux  
March 22, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2018. (PC343)

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform the general public that the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the replacement of sewer pipeline over the Carmel Lagoon and intends to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project:

**Project Title:** Calle la Cruz Pipeline Replacement Project  
**Project Location:** 26900 State Route Highway 1, APN# 243-021-007-000  
March 30, 2018 to April 30, 2018  
**Comment Period:** Mr. Drew Lander, Principal Engineer  
**Contact Person:** Carmel Area Wastewater District  
3945 Rio Road  
PO Box 221428  
Carmel, CA 93922  
[lander@cawd.org](mailto:lander@cawd.org)

CAWD proposes to replace an existing aboveground, 24-inch diameter by 330-foot long treated wastewater outfall and a temporary 6-inch diameter by 330-foot long sewage force main that currently span the Carmel River Lagoon. The portions of the pipelines spanning the lagoon would be replaced with a buried 24-inch outfall pipeline and an 8-inch sewage force main pipeline. The Proposed project is required to ensure the safety of the community. The modifications will only occur within the California State Park property over which CAWD has legal easement, and as proposed will have no unmitigated impact on the fish, wildlife, or human beings. The incremental modifications contained in the Project will not change the cumulative existing impact of the pipeline on the environment.

The IS/MND, as well as all plans and specifications for construction, and technical memoranda shall be made available for public review at the CAWD website at [www.cawd.org](http://www.cawd.org) and at the following location:

Carmel Area Wastewater District  
Administrative Offices  
3945 Rio Road  
Carmel, CA 93923

Please submit any comments on the IS/MND to Attn: Drew Lander via email, hand delivery or postal carrier to the above noted Contact before 5:00 PM on April 30, 2018.

A public hearing to approve said IS/MND before the CAWD Board has been scheduled for 9:00am on May 24, 2018 at the CAWD Board Chambers located at 3945 Rio Road, Carmel CA 93923

Publication date: March 30, April 13, 2018 (PC341)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 4:30 pm

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO:

D068 - Erika Santos  
F117 - Destiny Keelinmedina  
G046 - Daniel Magana  
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The contents of the storage spaces rented by the listed parties will be sold to satisfy the storage lien pursuant to section 21700-217500 of the California Self Storage Facility Act. The sale will be held at Ustor Self Storage, 441 Espinosa Rd, Salinas, CA 93907 on Tuesday, April 12th at 10:30AM. Contents of purchased units must be removed on the day of the sale and are sold as is.

Publication date: March 30, April 6, 2018 (PC338)

### CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

#### Notice of Unscheduled Forest & Beach Commission Vacancy (1)

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting applications to fill one unexpected vacancy for a term ending September 30, 2018.

#### FOREST & BEACH COMMISSION

The commission meets the SECOND THURSDAY of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The Forest & Beach Commission consists of five members. A two-thirds majority of the Commission shall be residents of the City, and the remainder may be residents of the City's Sphere of Influence. Applicants should have an interest in, or familiarity with, the City's parks and open space.

A description of the duties and responsibilities of the Forest & Beach Commission is on file in the City Clerk's office, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. City Hall is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Applications will be accepted through 5:00 PM, Friday, April 13, 2018. Applications are available on the City's webpage, and at the City Clerk's reception desk in City Hall. Interviews will be held on a date to be determined. For further information, please contact Tom Graves, City Clerk at (831) 620-2016 or [tgraves@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:tgraves@ci.carmel.ca.us), or [cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us), or at 831-970-1511.

Publication dates: March 30, 2018 (PC337)

### AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at **11:15 AM on April 12, 2018.** The property is stored at **Leonard's Lockers – 816 Elvee Dr. Salinas CA., 93901.** The items to be sold are generally described as follows:

NAME OF TENANT .....	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GOODS
Virginia Sophia Meza .....	Collectables, Toiletries, clothes, shoes 3 totes
Jose Urdialez .....	Collectables, Dining Chairs, Dining Table, Television Big screen, clothes shoes, Toiletries 4 totes
Sergio Martinez.....	1 box, Speakers/ Radio, 2 Totes headboard/Footboard
Oscar Infante .....	Toys, Hobby Equipment, Collectables, dishes, pans, Clothing/Shoes, Toiletries, clothing shoes , 4+ totes, scooter
Karen Jean Pherigo .....	Cleaners, collectables, clothing/ shoes 10+ totes
Josefina Guzman Granillo.....	Toys, Exercise equip., vehicle jack, 2 totes, clothing/shoes, television
Benjamin Acosta .....	Toys, Collectables, appliances, lamp, sofa/love seat, toaster, bedroom furniture, clothing/shoes, dresser, night stands
Linda Gonzalez .....	4 boxes, television, headboards/ footboards, rugs, frames, computer, T.V stand
Raul Gonzalez.....	Tool Box, Tools, collectables, pans/utensils, totes clothing/shoes, bike parts
Christina Alvarado .....	Suitcase, clothing/shoes, baby carrier, 20+ bags, books,
Patricia Urena .....	Tool box, tools, collectables, dishes/utensils, lamp, radio, vacuum, office supplies 10+ crates
Julie Carter.....	Toys, Collectables, Lamps, Bedroom Furniture, Clothing/Shoes, Dresser, BBQ, sports hobby equipment,80+ boxes, fishing rods, night stands, office supplies, safe, stools
Vanessa Agama Pinon.....	Tool Box/Tools, Suitcases, Collectables, Appliances, Refrigerator, Freezer, Sofa, Love Seat, Clothing/Shoes, Mattress, Box Spring

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq of the Business & Professions Code of the State of California. Nor Cal Storage Auctions, Inc. Bond #7900390179

Publication date: March 23, 30, 2018 (PC330)

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## Exploring the common ground between classical and folk, duo visits winery

SERVING UP an eclectic mix of acoustic music from several continents, violinist **Edwin Huizinga** and guitarist **William Coulter** share the stage Friday, March 30, at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley.

The two musicians — who have each established themselves as solo performers — play together under the banner of **Fire & Grace**.

A native of Canada and a resident of Toronto, Huizinga is a familiar face on the Monterey Peninsula. Not only is he a regular performer at the annual Carmel Bach Festival, but he is artistic director for the Big Sur Land Trust’s summer camp for kids.

A music teacher at UC Santa Cruz, Coulter has released 11 albums, and he’s played on about two dozen others. He won a Grammy Award in 2005 for contribution to a Henry Mancini tribute album, “The Pink Guitar.”

The two musicians met about four years ago.

“I was in Cleveland, and I was looking for a guitarist,” Huizinga told The Pine Cone. “The director of the festival I was playing at introduced me to William. We had an incredible time working together, and we’ve never looked back.”

For Huizinga, a classical trained musician with some experience playing rock music, the partnership marked his introduction to folk music. Coulter, by the way, is also a classically-trained musician, but he’s been playing folk and Celtic music for decades.

“It’s a really interesting combination,” he said of the duo. “It gives us an opportunity to arrange some harmonically-challenging things.”

The duo’s repertoire spans the musical genres from “Bach to Vivaldi, tango to Celtic tunes, and traditional Bulgarian folk music to American fiddle tunes and waltzes.”

When they are not performing together, Huizinga and Coulter are busy creating a film. They’ve traveled extensively

throughout Ireland to make it, recording classical compositions in churches and abbeys, while recording folk tunes in cafes and pubs.

At Folktale Winery Friday, the duo will be joined by mandolinist **Ashley Broder**, a gifted instrumentalist from Santa

## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Barbara. “We’re going to invite her up for a few pieces,” Huizinga added. “I think she’s going to bring a really unique sound to our music.”

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Singer-songwriter Benny Bassett (left) plays March 31 in Monterey. Fire and Grace (above), a duo showcasing the talents of violinist Edwin Huizinga and guitarist William Coulter, take the stage March 30 at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley. Singer-songwriter Ace de la Vergne performs March 31 at the same venue.

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# Locals at PBFW, 7D chefs’ James Beard dinner, and Jacks’ new brunch

AS IS always the case, the list of more than 100 chefs who will be cooking over the course of Pebble Beach Food & Wine April 5-8 includes a lot of local culinary talent. Along with the requisite team from the Pebble Beach Resort properties that host the festival’s tastings, lunches, dinners, parties and cooking demonstrations are some of the Monterey Peninsula’s best and brightest.

## Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

“I have 28 locals this year,” said Dorothy Maras, manager of culinary events for PBFW, adding that the support of Monterey Peninsula chefs is critical for the event’s success, and that contingent is even stronger than usual. “They’ve been involved all along — and I hope our event has shown some spotlight on them, as well,” she said.

Some return year after year. Rob Baker brings his Me and the Hound Memphis-style barbecue to the celebrity chef/winemaker golf tournament annually, and will also be at the inaugural tournament at Spanish Bay Friday. Cal Stamenov from Bernardus Lodge, Tim Wood from Carmel Valley Ranch, Todd Fisher from Seventh & Dolores, Tony Baker from Montrieo/Baker’s Bacon, Matt Bolton and Michelle Lee from the InterContinental, and Emanuele Bartolini from La Balena are all PBFW veterans, to name a few. This year, Bartolini will join three other chefs, including Peppoli’s Angela Tamura, for “Fatta a Mano, the Art of Handmade Pasta” lunch at Spanish Bay Friday.

Kent Torrey, owner of the Cheese Shop in Carmel Plaza, always sets up an elaborate and edible display with dozens of impressive cheeses, many of them cut into teeny tiny pieces for easy tasting by the crowds that show up at Opening Night Thursday and the

weekend’s Grand Tastings. “We take as much of our store as I can fit into my SUV,” he said. “This normally equates to 75-plus large wheels and another 30-plus soft cheeses to showcase over 100 different varieties.”

During the Grand Tastings, setup takes three hours, the event is three hours, and breakdown is an hour, making for a long day. “But it takes us many more hours to make the awesome display that we are known for,” he said, including purchasing the cheeses, sometimes months in advance, checking them, prepping and cutting them, and then boxing all the cheese, utensils, boards and other tools for the event.

Fabrice Roux, chef/owner of Roux in Carmel Valley Village and the newly opened C.V. Chophouse, as well as the new owner of Fifi’s, will be there with wife, Jennifer, for the Grand Tasting Saturday, as well as Thursday.

Obdiel Luna and Sebastian Nobile from La Bicyclette in Carmel are making their Pebble Beach Food & Wine debut, serving their creations at Thursday’s golf tournament and at Sunday’s Grand Tasting. “I’m a little nervous,” Luna admitted. He and Nobile decided the golfers should “experience something a little different,” so they opted for French omelets with sea lettuce and caviar, and Black Benedict with squid-ink hollandaise and poached lobster. The Grand Tasting will feature their house-made sauerkraut and sausage made from a Carmel Valley pig.

The affable Brian Kearns of Quail Lodge will be among the dozens of chefs churning out small bites at the Grand Tasting Saturday, as will Soerke Peters of Lafayette and the Vil-

lage Corner.

Maras said she keeps a long list of chefs who are interested in participating each year, and she receives emails daily from chefs and vendors seeking spots. In selecting each year’s lineup, she said, “We look at Michelin, James Beard, Best New Chefs, who’s up and coming, and then you have to pay homage to those who made them, as well. There’s a great deal of respect involved, while also wanting to bring somebody up and in.”

She also tries to add newcomers, and sometimes chefs don’t understand why they weren’t invited back. “We can’t have the same people every year,” she explained. “You don’t want to offend anybody, but it’s a business.”

To see who’s cooking, and when and where, visit [www.pbfw.com](http://www.pbfw.com).

## Brunching at Jacks

Executive chef Danny Abbruzzese of Jacks Monterey restaurant in Monterey likes to keep an ear out for customers’ thoughts and feedback on his menus, so he was making the rounds Sunday morning during brunch, which debuted March 18, and already, he’s tweaked the menu to accommodate people’s requests, like serving toast with the house-made corned beef hash and two eggs any style.

In the airy concourse of the Portola Hotel, the restaurant and bar serve food and cocktails all day long, and the brunch is a nice addition, with live piano music adding to the atmosphere of relaxed but lively late-morning

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CALENDAR

**March 30 and 31 — A Festive Pre-Easter Dinner at Baum & Blume Café!**  
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**April 2 — Jeff Dayton-Johnson, dean of the prestigious Middlebury Institute of International Affairs at Monterey,** brings his view of current world affairs to the Carmel Woman’s Club, at 2 p.m. The distinguished speaker will discuss how Middlebury is leading the way on many international fronts from nonproliferation to the environment and its influence on how the world sees us. The Middlebury Institute’s goal

is to promote international understanding through the study of language and culture. Members, free; guests \$10, includes tea and refreshments immediately following the program. (831) 624-2866 or 915-8184.

**April 2 – American Legion Monthly Meeting** 7pm at the Legion Hall located on Dolores, South of 8th Ave. Come be a part of your post for the monthly meeting. We are growing and doing more every month! See old friends and make new ones!

**April 4 — Dr. John Hausdorff, board-certified oncologist,** will give a free talk on medications for when prostate cancer spreads/returns as well as the ins and outs of cancer clinical trials, 5 p.m. at the Westland House in Monterey, 100 Barnet Segal Lane. Info: (831) 915-6466.

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dining complemented by cocktails and Mimosas. Speaking of cocktails, the Bloody Marys are practically a meal unto themselves, made with a special mix and Grande Elyx vodka, and garnished with bacon, pickled asparagus, pickled green beans, celery, limes, lemons, wax peppers and other veggies. Other breakfast cocktails are a Screwdriver and a Tequila Sunrise, and Mimosas are available with splits of Moet bubbly. And for the non-drinker, Jacks has several delicious “Zero Proof” drinks blending sparkling water and other



Guests who brunch at Jacks Monterey can have over-the-top Bloody Marys mixed and garnished table-side, thanks to the Booze Buggy.

ingredients, like fresh mango juice, cucumber and ginger. The menu reflects Abbruzzese’s fondness for approachable, unpretentious but distinctive dishes. The Eggs Benedict, either classic or California style (turkey and avocado instead of ham), are complemented with nicely tangy hollandaise sauce, while the herb-battered fried chicken and waffle come with a side of country gravy. Huevos Rancheros are assembled over crispy corn tortillas and topped with pork carnitas, making an often ho-hum dish well worth ordering. More healthful or veggie options include sustainable smoked salmon with a bagel and all the traditional accouterments, house-made granola and fresh fruit in a yogurt parfait, and Quiche Florentine with goat cheese and spinach, served with apple salad. Those craving something sweet should be satisfied with the brioche French toast with berries and maple syrup, or the ricotta cheese blintzes with buttered pears. All of the prices are approachable, too, with items priced between \$7 and \$19. Brunch is available from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays, and locals can take advantage of free self-parking or valet service when they dine there. Visit [www.jacksmonterey.com](http://www.jacksmonterey.com) for more information.

■ James Beard Experience at 7D

Inspired by their trip to New York earlier this month to demonstrate their skills at the James Beard House, the chefs at Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse will be recreating the meal they offered there in their Carmel restaurant Wednesday (April 4), starting with a reception and passed appetizers at 6 p.m., with diners sitting down to enjoy seven courses around 6:45. Todd Fisher, Jeremiah Tydeman, Daniel Leach and Adam Wulf teamed up to create their special dinner in New York, and are saying next week’s dinner, which they are calling Carmel by Land & Sea, will be “like no other food and

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wine experience.”

Each course will be paired with Folktale wines, including some not available to the public. While the menu is too extensive and elaborate to list in detail, highlights include caviar on brioche with burrata, apple fritter with whipped foie gras, a “California Veggie Wedgie” with ingredients like avocado and kale, Niman Ranch Brown Bottom Raviolo with lamb cheek rillettes, roasted Monterey Bay red abalone, dry-aged Niman Ranch strip loin, and “Love of My Life Carrot Cake.”

The cost is \$155 per person, plus tax and tip. Call (831) 293-7600 or go to Eventbrite.com to reserve. For more information, visit [www.7dsteakhouse.com](http://www.7dsteakhouse.com).

Mission Days

To celebrate a bygone era, Mission San Antonio — the third oldest Spanish mission in California, founded by Saint Junipero Serra in 1771 — will host its annual Mission Days event April 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Historical reenactors will be dressed as soldiers, artisans, vaqueros, musicians and dancers to lend verisimilitude to the fiesta, and guests will see how to weave, make rope and candles, and form tortillas, among other activities. Los Arribeños de San Francisco will be performing historical Californio music and dance.

And, of course, authentic mission-era food will be available for \$10 per plate. Harris Stage Lines is donating free rides in a horse-drawn wagon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., too.

Parking/admission is \$10 per car. Mission San Antonio is surrounded by Fort Hunter Liggett, and is located off Jolon Road at 1 Mission Road. Visit [www.missionsanantonio.net](http://www.missionsanantonio.net) or call (831) 385-4478 ext.17.

Twisted Roots grand reopening

After being closed for an extensive remodel and upgrades, the Twisted Roots tasting room will hold a Grand Opening Party April 8 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Josh and Julie Ruiz plan to celebrate their

new tasting room — and their winery’s 100th anniversary — by sipping wine, grooving to the live tunes of Mark Banks, and enjoying small bites. The cost to join them in the fun is \$20 (\$10 for wine club members), with tickets available at [www.twistedrootsvineyard.com](http://www.twistedrootsvineyard.com). The tasting room is located at 12 Del Fino Pl. in Carmel Valley Village.

■ Springtime in Paris

The Carmel Valley Women’s Club’s annual fashion show, this year themed “Springtime in Paris,” will take place at Spanish Bay April 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The show’s models will be showing off

the latest fashions from Sylvie, White House Black Market, Epiphany Bridal Boutique, Chico’s. J. McLaughlin, Patrick James and La Boutique Quiantrelle, and a raffle will be held for an Inn at Spanish Bay spa experience.

The live auction will include trips to Disneyland, Maui, and “a night on the town in Carmel.”

According to the women’s club, guests’ “participation and support make it possible for scores of young ladies to attend the college of their choice, and local not-for-profits to better deliver their special services.”

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‘Lives Well Lived’ opens at Osio, highlights inspirational seniors

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN AWARD-WINNING documentary film that examines the lives of extraordinary seniors opens Friday, March 30, at Osio Theater in Monterey.

Titled “Lives Well Lived,” the film marks the debut of filmmaker Sky Bergman, who teaches photography and videography at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The film was screened at last year’s Carmel International Film Festival.

It was Bergman’s grandmother who inspired her to make the documentary, the filmmaker told The Pine Cone.

“When Grandma was about to turn 100, I thought I better film her because nobody was going to believe that at age 99, she’s still working out,” Bergman explained. “I asked her, ‘Do you have a few words of wisdom for me?’ And that was the beginning of this project.”

Bergman said making the film revealed to her how important it is to stay close to our elders.

“We might say we honor our elders, but

we’re often separated from them and deprived of their experience and wisdom,” she said. “They all have a story to tell, if you just take the time to listen.”

To make the film, Bergman met with 40 seniors between 75 and 100. Each shared with her “secrets and insights” for living a meaningful life — and staying upbeat under difficult circumstances.

“I’m 52, and I’m looking for roles models of people who are aging and doing what I aspire to do,” she explained. “Some of these people have been through terribly difficult times, and yet they still have a very positive attitude about life.”

Bergman has been astounded by the reception the film has received. It’s won awards at 10 festivals, and it opens in 52 cities this spring.

Showtime is 7 p.m., and a Q&A with Bergman will follow. Tickets are \$10.50 for general admission, \$8.50 for students and active military, and \$7.50 for seniors and children. The theater is located at 350 Alvarado St. Call (831) 901-3119 or visit [www.osiotheater.com](http://www.osiotheater.com).

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## ■ Live Music March 30-April 5

**Barmel** — **Songs Hotbox Harry Taught Us** (“Big Sur country,” Friday at 7 p.m.); **Tom Faia & The Juice** (rock, Sunday at 7 p.m.); and **The Andrew Sheppard Band** (country rock, Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

**Cibo Ristorante Italiano** in Monterey — **Issac & The Haze** (hip-hop, r&b and pop, Friday at 9 p.m.); **The Beach Cowboys** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.); singer **Dizzy Burnett** (jazz and swing, Sunday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

**Cafe Trieste** in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Dan Frechette** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Kiki Wow** (Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 409 Alvarado St., (831) 241-6064.

**Cooper's Pub & Restaurant** in Monte-

rey — singer-songwriter **Paul Espinoza** of Golden Bough, a Santa Cruz-based trio that's been together since 1980 (Celtic, Friday at 9 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Robert Elmond Stone** (country, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

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

**Fernwood Resort in Big Sur** — **Hen Hat Club** (gypsy jazz from Hungary, Saturday at 10 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

**Fireplace Lounge** in the **Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel** — saxophonist **Paul Tarantino**, guitarist **Steve Ezzo**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); and **The Tearin' T-Notes** with saxophonist **Paul Tarantino**, guitarist **Gino Raugi**, bassist **Billy Bosch** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

**Folktale Winery** in Carmel Valley — guitarist **William Coulter** and violinist **Edwin Huizinga** (classical and folk, Friday at 6 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Ace de la Vergne** (Saturday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Alex Lucero** (Sunday at 6 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

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

**Julia's** vegetarian restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Buddy Comfort** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.); and singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

**La Playa Hotel** — flutist **Kenny Stahl** and guitarist **Bob Burnett** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). Camino Real and 8th Ave., (831) 624-6476.

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

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

Drive, (831) 620-1234.

**Terry's Lounge** at Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.); and

singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

**The Trailside Cafe** in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Robert Elmond Stone** (country, Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Scott Fenton** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

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Saxophonist Paul Tarantino will be showcased March 30-31 when the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel hosts its weekend jazz jams. Tarantino, who also plays flute and clarinet, is a member of Along Came Betty and the Monterey Bay All-Stars.



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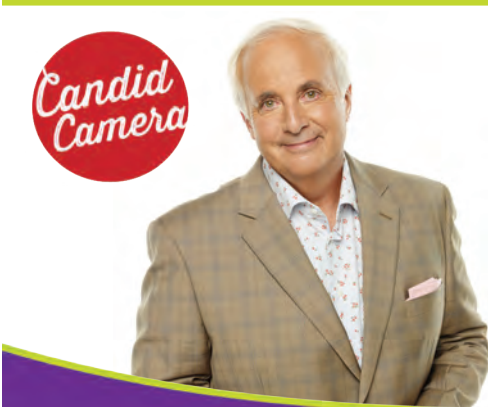


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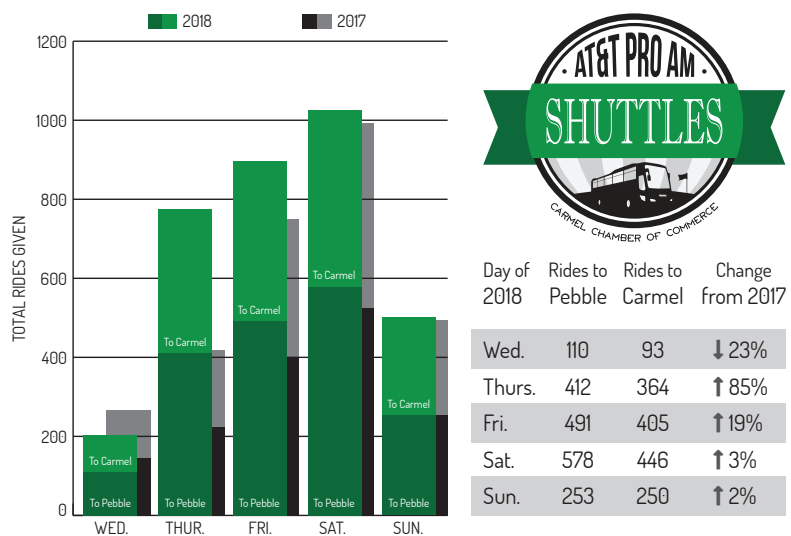
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# Carmel High golf team tees up dreams of MTAL championship

WITH MULTIPLE battle-tested varsity veterans (including defending league champion George McNeely) and a couple of talented freshmen on this year’s boys golf team, there’s no reason the Carmel Padres shouldn’t be dreaming of winning the Mission Trail Athletic League title this spring.

Well, OK ... there might be a few reasons.

## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Pretty good ones, actually.

Start with the fact that the Stevenson Pirates have won the MTAL nine years in a row — a streak that dates back to when today’s seniors were third graders.

Next, consider that this year’s Stevenson roster features three players — senior Wayne Lin, and juniors Charles Alliston and Ji Woo Park — who have been on the team since they were freshmen.

Then there’s Robert You, who made the 2017 All-MTAL team as a ninth-grader.

And you can mark these next two guys down in the “That’s Not Even Fair” column: Stevenson newcomer Martin Gutierrez, a junior who grew up playing golf in Miami, got this season off to a great start in March by finishing in third place (and leading Stevenson to the team crown) at the De La Salle Invitational in Diablo. That tournament was loaded with 30 schools, including many of the top teams and best golfers in Northern California. And just last week, Nat Schulhof shot one of the best rounds in recent school history at Spyglass Hill, three under par in a nine-hole round. Schulhof, a junior, is currently the Pirates’ No. 7 player in a sport that only allows six to play on varsity.

**‘Deepest squad we’ve had’**

But hope springs eternal at Carmel High.

“This is the deepest squad we’ve had in years,” said Padres golf coach Ross Kroeker, an instructor at the Pebble Beach Golf Academy. “You look at it on paper at the beginning of every season, and it always looks like we could beat Stevenson. But they’re always one of the top teams in the state, and they’re tough to take down. We’ve come close, though, and I think it’s going to be close again this year, too.”

McNeely, who won the MTAL’s 18-hole championship tournament a year ago, is Carmel’s No. 1 player and team leader, thanks to

vast experience on the American Junior Golf Association circuit, happy hunting grounds for college recruiters. He reintroduced himself this spring by shooting a 72 to win the 18-hole Dave Bonetti Classic at Crazy Horse Country Club in Salinas (where the Padres beat 10 other schools for the team trophy).

Caleb Barstad, a freshman, took third place that day, and then was co-medalist with McNeely in a nine-hole event at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, where both shot 37.

Nate Blakely, a sophomore in his second varsity season, was medalist this month at events in matches at Quail Lodge and Corral de Tierra.

Tyler Bianchi, another freshman, shot 38 (two strokes behind Blakely) at that Corral de Tierra match on March 14, and carded a 41 at Spyglass, one of America’s tougher golf courses.

The only senior on Carmel’s team, Filip Zacek, and sophomore Maxton Michi, saw action on both the varsity and jayvee teams a year ago, and both look improved enough to potentially make an impact this year.

Then there’s junior Scott Tracy, an All-MTAL soccer star who has worked hard on his game since last season.

“He came out a little bit late this spring, so he needs to get a few rounds under his belt, but I fully expect him to shine once we get a little deeper into the season,” Kroeker said. “Scott also is a kid who brings a lot of leadership with him from soccer, and that’s important when you take an individual sport like golf and make it into a team game.”

**A big roster**

The Carmel High program also got a boost this year when enough players signed up to justify the hiring of a full-time junior varsity coach, Chris Little (CHS Class of ’98), to join a staff that already includes Kroeker and volunteer assistant Donel Geisen.

None of that will intimidate Stevenson.

Alliston, the Pirates’ No. 1 player, shot four under par in February to win a junior tournament in San Jose, and looks forward to a breakout season. Gutierrez, whose parents live in Brazil, played extensively in Central America during the off-season. Both have the potential to play Division I college golf, if

they make that choice.

Lin, Stevenson’s only senior, committed last week to play college golf at Emery University in Atlanta. Alexander Iniakov, a freshman, shot three over par at the De La Salle tournament — a spectacular high school debut. You, the sophomore, was Stevenson’s hottest golfer going into last year’s CCS finals, but missed the tournament after slicing his thumb while dissecting a frog in biology class.

“We’re going to try to keep all of our guys away from sharp objects and dangerous situations as we get closer to CCS this year,” Stevenson coach Justin Bates joked. “But I really do feel like this team potentially stacks up with some of the best we’ve had. They’ve all worked on their games, and we have a lot of guys who are capable of having an amazing round.”

Kroeker feels the same way about his Padres, and, in team golf, a couple of hot-handed players can make the difference — particularly in a nine-hole competition.

Players from both teams already know

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(Left) Stevenson’s Charles Alliston, a junior, is the No. 1 player on one of Northern California’s best teams. (Above) Carmel sophomore Nate Blakely, a second-year varsity player, already has won medals this season in events at Quail Lodge and Corral de Tierra.

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# Editorial

## You’re not such a dinosaur, after all

WE DON’T blame Pine Cone readers if they have a Facebook page. After all, the site innocently started as a place to keep in touch with old friends, make new ones and post pictures of your kids.

But now we know that Facebook is much more than a “social media” site — it’s a behemoth that has been keeping track of where you go, what you do and who you know, and has been saving mountains of data about even your most personal affairs, packaging it and offering it to people who would like to sell you something or influence how you vote.

Facebook’s founder and CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, has become so powerful, he makes the railroad barons and steel magnates of the 19th century look like pretenders. And, time was, the business model Facebook shares with outfits like Google and Amazon was deemed so irresistible and inevitable, those of us in the old-fashioned newspaper business were declared dead and buried.

But then, this week happened. Millions of Facebook users were so horrified to learn what the company knew about them and was doing with that information, they began deleting their accounts, and the company’s stock plunged. Zuckerberg knew he had to act.

So, on Monday, he apologized. And how did he do it? By running ads in newspapers.

The implications of that make the mind reel.

Newspapers are dead, irrelevant and laughably obsolete, right? Everybody gets their news online, correct? In the 21st century, the www is not only where everyone gets their information about current events, its where their opinions, and even their very personalities, are formed. Are we wrong about all this?

Then why didn’t Mark Zuckerberg just post his apology on Facebook, which has billions of users, instead of in the Monday print edition the New York Times, which circulates fewer than 600,000 copies?

We’ll tell you why: Because all that internet communicating is highly flawed, and people are really starting to understand it and put their faith in more authoritative and less intrusive sources of information. Online, there’s an avalanche of news and opinion, and much of it is quite worthwhile, but a great deal of it is fake, or exaggerated, or offensive, or just plain dumb — and annoying “pop-up” ads and paywalls are constantly getting in your way.

And while you’re being exposed to all of that, the internet companies are watching everything you do.

In your favorite newspaper, on the other hand, you get information that’s much more reliable, nobody screams their idiot opinions at you, the ads are presented in a much more civilized fashion, and nobody has any idea what you read. Sounds heavenly, doesn’t it?

And it is. Newspapers are wonderful, and many people still read them, and that especially includes people around the world who are smart, powerful or influential.

And that’s why Zuckerberg put his ad in the New York Times and other big newspapers in the United States and Britain — because he knew the people he wanted to reach would see it there, and maybe even take notice.

Which also explains why, here at The Pine Cone, we haven’t changed our reporting or our presentation one iota in the last 20 years. We knew that if we kept doing things the same way we always had, and kept the same values, the people of the Monterey Peninsula who really cared would keep reading us. And you have.

It’s a lesson that even Mark Zuckerberg is apparently starting to learn.

## BEST of BATES



“See, The Pine Cone has a comic strip. It’s called the Police Log.”

## Letters to the Editor

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### Most expensive water?

Dear Editor,

The Pine Cone’s ideological love affair with Cal Am certainly reflects just how out of touch this paper is with its readership. Trying to play gotcha with Public Water Now instead of looking at the facts doesn’t serve this community.

In 2015 Food & Water Watch conducted the largest study ever done comparing the cost of water under public ownership versus private ownership. They found that the average cost of publicly owned water across the country was \$315 a year, while the annual average for privately owned water was \$500. In their 2017 update F&WW found that the Peninsula’s annual cost was \$1,202!

Most journalists would take these facts into serious consideration before supporting

Cal Am’s baseless claim that publicly-owned water will cost more than what we pay now.

The Peninsula does have the most expensive water in the country, according to consumer watchdog Food & Water Watch. Their study was based on a moderate water use of 5,000 gallons monthly. That’s a Tier 2 bill under Cal Am. No one looking at the facts could call that “extraordinarily high consumption levels.”

The PWN initiative does not raise water costs and it does not raise property taxes. Read the initiative at publicwaternow.org.

Melodie Chrislock, Carmel

### Ban cars first

Dear Editor,

I’m a bit perplexed at the notion that unleashing 20 bicycles on our village streets would be too dangerous. And the idea of banning bicycles entirely from Carmel by the Sea ... really?

I’ve lived in town for more than 30 years now, biking the streets to and fro from my home, doing errands and getting exercise, never once hitting or being hit by a dog, a person, a car, or a tree. What are we afraid of here?! Let’s ban cars before bicycles for goodness sake!

Ann Hougham, Carmel

### ‘Put dogs on leash’

Dear Editor,

The most beautiful part of Carmel is its

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# A modern-day American dream

IT WAS a non-linear — and not easy — path that brought Firuza Khaytenova to the Monterey Peninsula, and to be the owner of two local businesses.

She was born in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, the daughter of a village-turned-police-chief and a multilingual urbanite. She describes her childhood as “waiting in lines,” since Uzbekistan was part of the Soviet Union then, and consumer goods were distributed by the government, in long, long lines.

Khaytenova became a lawyer and got married and had two children. She was serving as

By the end of her first month at the senior center, she was able to rent her own apartment in Carmel Valley. But Khaytenova remained troubled by some of what she had seen on the job.

“In Uzbekistan we respect our elders, they live with us and we care for them,” she said. “You have to treat them with dignity.”

Later, Khaytenova was asked to work part-time in the human resources office at the senior center.

“I would work in the kitchen from early in the morning until the afternoon, hair in a net and everything,” she recalled. “And then I would go to the car and change to look professional for HR.”

On July 4, 2013, Khaytenova became a citizen, and she proudly shows off her naturalization certificate, saying, “Sam Farr gave me this at Gilroy Gardens!”

Another opportunity was thrown Khaytenova’s way when the HR manager at Carmel Hills told her the son of the owner would be branching off to start his own company and needed help. And that’s how she ended up helping launch a Medicare-certified home care agency. Within six months, her salary was doubled, and she moved her family into a house in Carmel Valley Village.

## ‘Is it just you?’

But Khaytenova wanted more. A self-proclaimed free spirit, she aspired to open her own home health care company. In November, 2013 she gave her notice to quit and by February of the following year, Khaytenova launched her company, Reach Out Home Health Care, but it wasn’t easy. “Working in a small community is hard, breaking in and earning trust isn’t easy. I had people come in that door and ask, ‘Is it just you running this agency?’ When I would say yes, they would walk out. Just like that,” she said.

Around the same time, Khaytenova’s fa-

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From taking people to Big Sur and Carmel Valley to escape the day’s cares, to taking care of the aging and becoming president-elect of Carmel Valley Rotary, Firuza Khaytenova is living the American dream.

# Making space — and time — for her art

DENESE SANDERS founded Open Ground Studios in 2013 as a bohemian oasis — an art co-op where artists of all genres could rent a workspace, and find equipment, camaraderie, expertise, and support they needed to feed their passions and advance their careers.

But a debilitating thing happened to its proprietor over the next four years: As Sand-

— which she opted to spend alone in Big Sur.

“I just didn’t feel like being with anybody. I went to Big Sur by myself because I wanted to think, and draw, and take pictures, and sort through my feelings,” Sanders said.

“I didn’t really figure anything out that day, but I spent most of last year soul searching, wondering how I was going to switch things up for myself and get back to creating art.

“At the same time, I was trying to hold onto a dream that I still have a passion for, which is maintaining a place for artists that is sustainable, connected, and raises people’s artistic levels higher, which is

what we do. We have a really robust group of artists working at our studio, and a lot of them really need this place.”

The solution, Sanders and her Open Ground artists decided, was to remodel the studio and build seven dedicated spaces to be rented as permanent workstations, while still providing shared spaces for co-op artists.

That new model not only paid the bills, it also provided Sanders with a private space where she could rediscover her own creativity.

“That was so important to me. As an artist, I was beginning to feel dead inside, wondering how I was ever going to get back into the meaning of what I’m doing,” she said. “I had been preaching it for five years, helping everybody else find that voice they’ve been looking for. Over the past three months, since our remodel, I’ve finally been able to carve out some time for myself and say, ‘This is more important to me than anything else.’”

Sanders’ reawakening is a slow and challenging process, in part because she is surrounded with options at Open Ground. Her facility is a Disneyland for printmakers, calligraphers, graphic designers, or almost any other kind of artist. Everything they need is in the building.

Sanders has dabbled in all of those things — often to the point of distraction, she says — but she is currently sinking into portrait art, debuting with a pensive-looking rendition of her 18-year-old stepdaughter, Sophia.

While that painting is clearly a labor of love, she feels like it might also represent the beginnings of a new artistic voice for her.

“I’ve never been a political artist — that isn’t my cup of tea — but I want my work to mean something,” said Sanders, whose father, Bill Sanders, is a nationally syndicated political cartoonist. “There’s an incredible, innate complexity in the power of women, and right now, with the current political climate, I’m feeling like it’s the right time for me to go there.”

Her plan for 2018, she said, is to devote a year to

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## Carmel’s artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ers was helping others hone their skills and find their bliss, she lost her own muse. It was an unpleasant epiphany for Sanders, who has spent most of her life chasing the fine art dream.

“It takes a lifetime to come up with what makes sense to you, what art form is going to work for you,” she said. “I took every art class I could in high school, and then I went to college to become an artist. I never had a doubt that that’s what I wanted, and I’ve been working hard at it ever since.”

Sanders graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison as an art major and then, at 23, went by herself to Paris to train at Atelier 17, a historic printmakers studio. In her mid-30s, she pursued a graduate degree at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Running her own business and mentoring others in Seaside proved rewarding and exhilarating — Open Ground filled a void for free-range artists in the Monterey area — but Sanders progressively became aware that she was finding less time to feed her own artistic hunger.

That emptiness reached an emotional peak on January 2, 2017 — Sanders’ 55th birthday



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Denese Sanders, founder of Open Ground Studios art co-op, is carving out time once again to pursue her own art. She said that she feels the beginnings of a new artistic voice for herself.

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# DUNES

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species by the State of California and the U.S. Government,” planning director Marc Wiener wrote in a report for the city council. “The council may consider revising this condition to allow for the removal of up to 10 additional smaller trees (less than 8 inches in diameter) in areas necessary for native dune restoration, as recommended by forest and beach commission.”

In her report, Canepa pointed out the removal of 21 trees would bring the density to 50 trees, which falls within the recommended range of 40 to 60 trees. “The recommended tree removals, protective fencing, and removal of acacia and ice plant in the pristine dune areas will promote successful native plant recruitment and establishment,” she said.

### Tree fight

Advocates for removing the trees, as well as those arguing to keep them, weighed in at the March 6 council meeting. Niels Reimers, who started a group that advocates for the restoration of the dunes, said the trees’ litter and

shade negatively affect the plants and sand. “That’s a scientific fact that’s made clear,” he said. He has also argued that historic photos of the sand dunes show them with little or no vegetation.

Council members complimented Canepa for her work.

“This has been a long process, and you’ve been marvelous in guiding us,” commented councilwoman Jan Reimers, who is married to Niels.

Councilman Bobby Richards wanted assurance cypress trees will always be part of the coastal scenery at the foot of Ocean Avenue, and councilwoman Carrie Theis similarly called for a “succession” plan to ensure cypress continue to grow there.

“But we do need to thin the cypress out,” Theis said. “I agree with what the planning commission and the forest and beach commission have said.”

Ultimately, the council voted to authorize the removal of the trees, but replant up to three.

This week, Sutherland said she filed an objection with the coastal commission regarding the tree removals. Specifically, she worried about the large cypress trees she said

were planted by one of the city’s founding fathers, Frank Devendorf, more than a century ago. She was also concerned about the stumps of cut trees being left.

“Aesthetics and public safety need to be a high priority,” she said.

She may find support at the coastal commission. Before the council meeting, coastal planner Mike Watson sent an email to the city advocating for a different take on the North Dunes altogether. He said the area should be divided into zones, each of which can be managed according to an appropriate plan.

“This zoning system would eliminate the constant debate about retaining or removing individual trees. Trees outside of the forest zone would be removed. Trees in the forest zone would be managed, and additional trees would be planted to enhance this area’s aesthetic and habitat values,” he explained in the email. “I believe this to be more effective than the current piecemeal approach of debating which tree to remove every five years.”

Sutherland said she hopes her plea to the coastal commission “will ultimately give this important project the funding and long-term planning it deserves.”

# EIR

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screened intakes, located at a depth of 130 feet, would minimize the impact to marine life, unlike traditional open-ocean intakes that kill fish and other organisms.

The PUC first released a draft version of the environmental review in 2015, but the document had to be revised to address questions about the accuracy and credibility of the groundwater modeling work on the project that was the subject of potential conflict of interest involving a hydrologist.

A revised version was released in January 2017 with an expected release date of September 2017. But in August of that year, the PUC announced the completed document would see another six-month delay.

The State Water Resources Control Board — in its order compelling Cal Am to cut back diversions from the Carmel River — has said the utility has until the end of September to obtain a permit for a replacement project from the PUC.

# SANDERS

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creating a meaningful body of work — probably a combination of printmaking, drawing, and painting.

Meanwhile, she remains dedicated to Open Ground Studios, which is thriving in its new configuration. Anyone interested in renting shared space to create art, or participating in upcoming workshops or lessons, is encouraged to visit the website at [opengroundstudios.com](http://opengroundstudios.com), or visit the location at 1230 Fremont Blvd. in Seaside.

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# SPORTS

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each other well — MTAL golfers compete against each other often, not only during the high school season, but also in junior golf. Stevenson bested Carmel by 17 strokes in an MTAL meet Tuesday at Old Del Monte, led by Alliston, who won medalist honors with a 35, Park, who scored 36, and Gutierrez, who carded 40. McNeely and Barstad both shot 40 for Carmel, and Bianchi scored 41. The young golfers will test each other Wednesday (3:30 p.m. at Quail Lodge) when the Padres host the Pirates, along with Chaminade College Prep (West Hills), in a nine-hole event.

## Looking ahead (March 30 through April 5)

**Baseball** — Tuesday: Carmel at Christopher, 4 p.m.; Wednesday: St. Francis CCC at Carmel, 4 p.m.

**Boys golf** — Tuesday: Loyola vs. Carmel at Quail Lodge, 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Stevenson and Chaminade College Prep vs. Carmel at Quail Lodge, 3:30 p.m.

**Boys lacrosse** — No events scheduled.

**Girls lacrosse** — Monday: Monterey at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Carmel at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.

**Softball** — No events scheduled.

**Swimming and diving** — Monday: Pacific Grove at Carmel (diving only), 4 p.m.; Tuesday: Carmel at Pacific Grove, 4 p.m.; Friday: York at Carmel, 4 p.m.

**Boys tennis** — Monday: Stevenson at Carmel, 4 p.m.; Thursday: Carmel at Palma, 4 p.m.

**Track and field** — Carmel at Pacific Grove Cluster Meet, 3:30 p.m.; Saturday: Carmel at Pacific Grove Invitational, 10 a.m.

**Boys volleyball** — Tuesday: Carmel at Seaside, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday: Carmel at Pajaro Valley, 6:30 p.m.

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# FIRUZA

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ther died and she needed to escape to her favorite place in the county — Big Sur. “It’s my rehab place,” she said.

But she realized she couldn’t simply run away from her life and her business, and that’s how the idea for her second company was born: She wanted to take people to Big Sur or Carmel Valley to get away for the day, so she started DreamCasters Sightseeing Tours.

In addition to running two successful businesses, Khaytenova is president-elect of the Carmel Valley branch of the Rotary Club, where she stays busy with community service projects.

Reflecting on her path, the words of her son years before, when they moved into their first home in the Village, ring repeatedly in her ears, “Mom! We’ve made it!”



As part of the North Dunes Habitat Restoration Project, large dead cypress trees were removed, and their stumps pulled out. A plan to cut down 21 live trees in the area was approved this month by the city council, but a resident has asked the coastal commission to overturn it.

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# LETTERS

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beach, and yet the way it is treated is unsanitary and completely unacceptable.

Through the many years in Carmel, as a mother, I’ve had to put up with dogs urinating on my chair, defecating in the sand, jumping on me and my children, and knocking things over such as food, toys and sandcastles.

If we are going to allow dogs on the beach, why shouldn’t they be on a leash? It would eliminate a lot of problems. Throughout the years, I’ve seen so many unfortunate occurrences, which could have been avoided if the dog was on a leash. Just to cite a few:

- Dogs peeing on just about everything from blankets to buckets, etc.
- A dog fight between a Rottweiler and a German shepard, which I hope I never have to see again.
- Dogs jumping on adults and children.
- Dogs defecating on the sand, in seaweed, and in that big hole your child just dug.

When did we decide that the beautiful beach is for dogs and not our children? I love dogs; I’ve had great dogs. My last dog was too afraid to go to the beach because the big dogs scared him, so I had to walk him on the path. Unfortunately, I never know what I’ll step in when walking onto that white sand. Just recently my friends from New York were gazing at the sunset when a dog defecated on the beach and his owner covered it up with sand! A huge no-no! That won’t be too good for that unsuspecting person who ends up walking in it. Of course we all know it’s not the dogs’ fault, but the rude owners who have no restraint with their dogs. Now that I have a grandchild, I’m disturbed all over again. I have to hold my grandchild at the beach because she is too afraid to be put down! This is crazy. Let’s use common sense and put the dogs on a leash! I’d appreciate it and I’m sure lots of other people would, too.

Beth Cope,  
Carmel

## ‘Appalled by this travesty’

Dear Editor,  
Regarding the Martins Beach controversy, the smell from this pony show permeates any attempt to follow the law or to honor any concept of justice.

Every time Khosla’s name appears in the local press, it is preceded by the word, “billionaire.” If the land owner were a one-legged, Catholic, widowed, poor Eskimo woman, I hesitate to wonder if these factors would fairly interest the public or a court of law. Khosla is vilified because he has been successful.

The facts: Khosla bought the coastside acreage in good faith. The property had a gated road that led to Martins Beach. Over the years, previous property owners permitted members of the public visit the beach, but only if the visitors paid a fee for that privilege. Permitting the public to use one’s lands has never created an easement. There was never an easement created, and none was proved at the trial.

Problem No. 1 for the beach bums that instigated this lawsuit: If there is no easement over Khosla’s land, how do they

(strangers) gain a right to traverse private land to get to the beach? Khosla closed the gate and locked it to maintain his privacy. The plaintiffs invented a solution that it was able to sell to the weak trial court and the appellate court. Their reasoning went like this: Khosla did not apply to the coastal commission to close the gate. The courts ruled that his failure to ask for permission to close the gate to his property was contrary to the rules of the coastal commission, and he therefore could not lawfully close the gate.

Suppose a bakery in Half Moon Bay for financial reasons decided to quit, would it be necessary to apply to the Coastal Commission and seek its approval before the baker could close its door for good? This reasoning is utter nonsense. Anyone should be able to protect their property without first seeking governmental permission. There is nothing in the coastal commission rules that suggests that a landowner loses part of his property if he fails to abide by its regulations.

So, the case ends up with an insane conclusion — that a landowner who fails to seek permission of a governmental agency to close the gate to his property has to permit the public to trespass on that property.

As a lawyer with over 50 years’ experience, I am appalled by this travesty.

Lee Osborne,  
Belmont

## Beach pondering

Dear Editor,  
Forgoing any arguments regarding who’s right or wrong on the water supply issue, here’s a poem for you:

One day, while lying on the beach,  
I thought the waves were out of reach  
But then, a big one came too close  
And rendered me very comatose

When I woke up, I rued my fault  
To have a mouth filled up with salt  
But having been so very frightened  
The lesson made me so enlightened —

That the next time I’ll dare test a wave  
I will be smart and not so brave  
For if I hope to remain alive  
I’ll just watch from Scenic Drive

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