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CALTRANS: REBUILD HIGHWAY ACROSS HUGE SLIDE

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN two months after a massive slide dumped 5 million cubic yards of rock, dirt and debris on Highway 1 near Mud Creek, Caltrans officials announced this week that they've come up with a solution — and it's far simpler and cheaper than a couple alternatives they considered.

The new plan is to rebuild the highway pretty much where it was, while buttressing the new road with "a series of embankments, berms, rocks, netting, culverts and other stabilizing materials."

When it's completed, the new section of the scenic route will appear very much the way it did before the slide buried it May 20.

"It will look pretty much the same, just that it will be located slightly west of current highway," Caltrans spokesman Jim Shivers told The Pine Cone. "We want to be sensitive to overall geography and natural landscape, and try to develop a project that doesn't change historical features."

The colossal slide is located just south of Gorda near the Monterey County line, where Caltrans engineers used drones, soil samples and even motion-sensing radar in June and July to determine how stable the area is.

Officials say the decision to simply rebuild the road will save time and money over other alternatives, which could have included building a tunnel or a bridge.

Not enough bedrock

Shivers said a bridge isn't feasible because the site doesn't have enough bedrock to support the abutments it would need. There also isn't enough room, and the soil is too soft to support so much weight.

Also ruled out was a mile-long tunnel because it could take years to get the plans through the environmental review process — not only delaying the reopening of the scenic route, but adding considerable cost to taxpayers.

Building a tunnel or a bridge would require that more debris be pushed into the ocean — something Caltrans is trying to minimize.

It's unclear how much of the debris Caltrans plans to haul away. The slide buried one-quarter

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PHOTO/KYLE EVANS

A giant crane helps deliver a girder to the site of the Pfeiffer Creek bridge project this week. The deliveries will continue for about another week, and if all goes according to plan, the new bridge will open in late September. See page 13A.

'Secret weapon' to help city stop short-term rentals

By MARY SCHLEY

CITY OFFICIALS will soon be taking advantage of a service that should save hours of work time and be much more efficient at finding short-term rentals, which are illegal in the residential areas of town.

Host Compliance will be paid just under \$11,000 per year to search all websites advertising rentals shorter than 30 days and send monthly reports detailing active listings, including screen shots, addresses and contact information for each rental, according to the contract signed by planning director Marc Wiener July 18. The company will also set up a 24-hour hotline for neighbors to "report non-emergency problems" related to the rentals. They'll be documented and compiled in weekly reports detailing the number and types of complaints, as well as which properties were involved.

"This is the secret weapon that we were talking about a

year ago," when the most recent effort to enforce the city's ban on short stays got underway, city administrator Chip Rerig said this week.

According to the company's website, its mission is to help cities "struggling to come up with a fair and effective system for maximizing the benefits of home-sharing while mitigating any negative impact on neighbors and the community." Host Compliance also assists officials in understanding "the scale and scope of the short-term rental activity in their community and enact short-term rental regulations that minimize any noise, trash, parking and traffic problems, as well as impacts on housing and neighborhood character." In addition, the service helps enforce the rules, "so city staff can focus on higher value-added activities,"

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Panetta on trip to Middle East hotspots

Will meet with Netanyahu, Abbas and learn about desal

By KELLY NIX

CONGRESSMAN JIMMY Panetta is in Israel with other freshman members of the U.S. House of Representatives to get a better grasp on the convoluted and protracted Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which has flared up in the past few weeks with several violent outbreaks.

Panetta departed Tuesday for the weeklong trip — which includes meetings with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He's traveling with the other new Democratic and Republican members of Congress, who are being accompanied by House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland, and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy from Bakersfield.

Panetta told The Pine Cone the day before he left that he hopes to return with a better overall understanding of the region, including its enduring chal-

lenges.

"Having the opportunity to meet with leadership on both sides of the Palestinian issue, I hope to basically gain more insight when it comes to those issues and why [peace] has been so difficult," Panetta told The Pine Cone Monday. "It will help me to not only understand it, but hopefully come up with ways or ideas to focus on the solutions to the problems there."

The Congressional members are staying in Tel Aviv. Panetta said it's a bit of a whirlwind itinerary.

"They have us running around," he said of the Aug. 1 to Aug. 9 excursion. "Everybody says you are going to be exhausted because the schedule is jam-packed."

A lot to see

The delegation is expected to visit the Golan Heights, Gaza, the Syrian and Lebanese borders, Jewish, Christian and Islamic holy sites, and the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and museum.

The new members of Congress will also meet with "key Israeli and Palestinian leaders, including govern-

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Restaurants adding 2 percent charge to customers' bills

Trying to raise pay for kitchen workers

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN YOU leave a tip in a restaurant, it may go just to the waiter, or it might be shared with the busboy and the host, depending on the policy of the restaurant. But under California law, none of it can go to the staff in the kitchen — and the result is that cooks, pastry chefs, dishwashers and the people who make the salads are earning less than anyone who has direct contact with customers. And in pricey restaurants in places like Carmel and Pebble Beach, where servers can make more than \$100,000 a year, the discrepancy is becoming large enough to cause labor problems.

Meanwhile, restaurant owners say they can't just raise prices to pay their kitchen staff more, because their customers will just go elsewhere or decide to eat at home. Plus, raising prices just increases the tips that are the source of the discrepancy in the first place. So several owners of downtown restaurants are planning to add a 2 percent surcharge to bills — an amount that's turned into a de facto tip that goes to cooks, dishwashers and the like.

Luca leads charge

At a meeting of more than a dozen restaurateurs Wednesday morning, Cantinetta Luca owner David Fink announced the new charge is already in place there, and others said they plan to follow suit.

"It's no surprise to anyone that our biggest challenge has been labor and finding staff," Fink said at the start of the group's monthly meeting, held at Anton & Michel. Thirty percent of restaurants are fully staffed, while the rest don't have enough employees, usually in the kitchen.

Part of the problem is the pay gap. Wait staff at Luca, for instance, take in \$35 to \$55 an hour after tips, while workers in the kitchen earn \$13 to \$25 per hour. As a result, many cooks wonder why they should bother to work so hard for so little, he said, noting that some of the servers in his company, which includes the upscale L'Auberge Carmel hotel and its restaurant, Aubergine, "make six figures."

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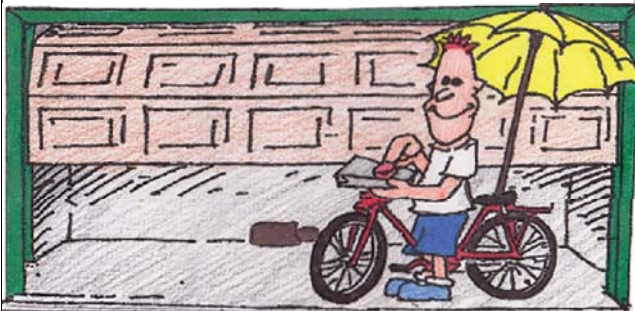
Dead humpback whale washes ashore at Bird Rock



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Tourists and locals flocked to Pebble Beach this week to see a dead whale that was caught on rocks just off 17 Mile Drive. The young humpback, estimated to be 35 feet long, was reported by a local marine biologist on Saturday. "That's a small one," said one onlooker who came to see the whale Wednesday. The mammal did not have any fishing nets around its body or show any obvious signs of trauma. As it decays, it will probably cause quite a stink, though it wasn't clear this week whether anybody would try to move it.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Something about Sophie

SOPHIE'S FATHER was a golden retriever and her mother was a white poodle, which makes Sophie a first-generation golden doodle – the real deal, her person says.

She and her husband pretty much thought they were done with dogs. But then a person whose golden retriever had sired a litter of golden doodles happened to tell them he was entitled to a puppy but wasn't going to take it, so they decided to contact the puppies' owner to "have a look."

When they did, they were very attracted to a little female, but thought it might be too taxing to raise a puppy, and so they left empty-handed.

"But when my husband went skiing with our daughter, I was home alone thinking about how darn cute that puppy was, and wondering how I could tell my husband I wanted her," said Sophie's person. "Instead



of telling him, I went back and got her."

Now comfortably settled into the family, Sophie divides her time between her homes in Danville and Carmel Woods.

Every time her family gets in the car to come to Carmel, they ask her if she wants to go to the beach, and the answer is always an enthusiastic, "Yes!"

"When she finally gets there, Sophie barks constantly, and we think it's because she's utterly happy," her person said. "She runs circles around us and then up and down the beach, chasing other dogs and having quite a time."

Now nearly 11, Sophie has slowed down a little, but she's still game for a good time along the shore or on the streets of Carmel.

The first time Sophie came to Carmel, her family could hardly make their way down to the sand, with all the people on the sidewalk and coming out of stores wanting to pet her.

"Once, we got to the beach, and a guy walked up and offered me \$1,000 for Sophie," said her person. "We've never loved a dog like we love her. There is no price."

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McGuire gets fine and probation for false legal advertising

■ Also in bankruptcy court this week

By MARY SCHLEY

DONNA MCGUIRE — the woman accused of fraudulently renting out rooms in a Pebble Beach house, engaging in shady real estate dealings, and not paying workers at a restaurant she was involved in — pleaded guilty in a Salinas courtroom last week to a misdemeanor charge of false advertising. According to Monterey County deputy district attorney John Hubanks, McGuire was sentenced to \$2,500 in fines, a suspended jail sentence, and three years' probation.

In June, Hubanks charged McGuire with three misdemeanors related to her misrepresenting herself as an attorney: false advertising,

unlawful practice of law, and filing false documents. In court July 26, she pleaded guilty to false advertising.

Since she does not have a license to practice law from the California Bar, the court required her to remove all references to her legal business and services from social media within a day, according to Hubanks. And one of her many businesses, Advocate Law Services, "is not a valid California corporation, so she was also told to remove any references to that company from her social media accounts."

McGuire will be on probation for three years, so if she were to repeat her claims to be able to provide legal assistance during that time, she could be sentenced up to six months in Monterey County Jail, the prosecutor said.

Hubanks wouldn't say whether future charges against McGuire (who also goes by her married name, Amadeo) would be forthcoming. "Obviously, the consumer complaints made with our office and with The Pine Cone led to our investigation," he said, so additional complaints from people who believe they have been defrauded or otherwise mistreated by her could conceivably lead to more.

Despite her legal troubles, McGuire still has her license with the California Board of Real Estate, though Hubanks said her misdemeanor conviction "could have consequences on her broker's license."

Bankruptcy

Earlier this week, a meeting was held for creditors listed on the Chapter 13 bankruptcy filed by McGuire and her husband, John Amadeo, June 13. Amadeo is the primary debtor in the case, while McGuire is the co-debtor, and

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Teen salad thief evades prosecution

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

TUESDAY, JULY 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel P.D. assisted with an information exchange involving a non-injury accident at Sixth and Junipero.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of grand theft from an unlocked vehicle at San Carlos and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A subject fell on city property at San Carlos and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult female at Carpenter and Fourth called to inquire about a possible violation of court order made by her ex-husband. She stated her ex-husband refused to provide her with his new residential address. She believed she was privy to his address per their court order, regarding his visitation rights with their son. She believed she was entitled to know where he was taking their son during his scheduled visitation. She did not have a copy of the court order.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Women's clutch found at Mission and Seventh and turned it in to the station.

Pacific Grove: Subject contacted for camping in a public place on Congress.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen on Dolores south of 12th found an unknown cat in her yard and called the police department. The cat matched the description of a cat that had been missing for four days. The officer responded and contacted the cat owner, and the

cat was returned to the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person placed a wallet on top of his car and then drove off eastbound on Ocean Avenue toward Highway 1. Report is for information, in case wallet turns up at the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A minor traffic collision at Scenic and 12th was viewed by a passing officer along the beachfront road. The driver responsible for the collision was contacted and provided his information. Owner of the other vehicle arrived and demanded cash for repairs to his front bumper. But this damage was not consistent with what happened during the collision. Owner of the hit vehicle became extremely agitated and refused to have a report taken. He then left without further incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a fall on city property on Fourth east of Junipero.

Pacific Grove: At 0130 hours, a walker was found outside a lobby on Pine. The walker was placed held for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Subject was contacted on Forest Avenue and found to have an active warrant, and to be in possession of a controlled substance. Suspect cited and released.

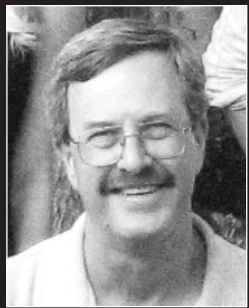
Pacific Grove: Building materials on Benito Avenue taken by an unknown person.

Pacific Grove: Advised a subject on Congress Avenue to stop using city-owned garbage containers for personal use.

Carmel area: A 56-year-old male on Eastfield Road reported that a contractor, a 61-year-old male, stole a large amount of money that was entrusted to him (audit is pending).

Carmel area: Two vehicles parked along Highway 1 near Point Lobos were burglarized.

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The gavel falls

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

June 13 — A jury of five women and seven men found Jerry Nickens Stringer, 28, of Seaside, guilty of two counts of human trafficking, two counts of pandering, two counts of possession of child pornography, one count of using a minor to perform commercial sex acts and two counts of sexual exploitation of a child.

In their testimony, the victims described events occurring June 9 through June 11, 2015. The two 17-year-old girls, then in Sacramento, accepted a ride from Stringer, "a friend of a friend," to go to the beach on the Monterey Peninsula and visit friends. However, Stringer instead drove the girls to East Market Street and Kern Avenue in Salinas and coerced them to walk the streets and offer sex for money. Stringer also transported the girls to his mother's apartment in Seaside where he posed and photographed the victims in sexual positions. Stringer then used these photographs to create advertisements soliciting for sex on a website. Stringer then rented a local Seaside motel room for the victims to exchange sex for money from persons responding to the ad.

Both victims, now 19 years old, told the jury how one young man answering the advertisement responded by buying them food and offering to help them get away. The following day, when Stringer transported the girls back to East Market Street area for further prostitution, the girls took the opportunity to call the young man. He advised them to walk to Hartnell College to hide among the student body until they could get help. Once at Hartnell College, a family friend accepted their call and agreed to pick them up.

The victims did not report to law enforcement until one of the girls confided to a counselor at Planned Parenthood one week

later. Stringer was arrested by the Seaside Police Department on August 16, 2015. Pornographic photos of both girls were discovered on his cell phone.

After the jury's verdicts, Judge Julie R. Culver found the defendant had a prior conviction for robbery committed on May 14, 2009, which constitutes a felony strike prior under the three strikes law.

Stringer faces a maximum sentence of 40 years eight months in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

June 16 — Lorena Rojas Mendoza, 42, of Greenfield, was sentenced to three years and four months in prison for first-degree residential burglary, identity theft, and petty theft, arising from three separate incidents in 2016.

On March 20, 2016, Mendoza was caught using a stolen debit card to make purchases at a gas station. The victim had been knocked unconscious during a robbery two days earlier, and woke up in the hospital to find his wallet had been stolen. Mendoza falsely identified herself as a relative of the victim and claimed that he had given her permission to use the card.

On June 13, 2016, Mendoza stole a UPS package off of a neighbor's porch. She was captured on the victim's private surveillance camera.

On June 27, 2016, a woman came home to find Mendoza in her attached garage, loading the victim's property into a baby stroller. She did not know Mendoza and did not give her permission to enter or take any items. Mendoza falsely claimed to have witnessed two men burglarizing the victim's home and said she was putting the items back when captured.

Mendoza was sentenced by Monterey Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta.

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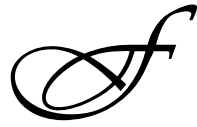
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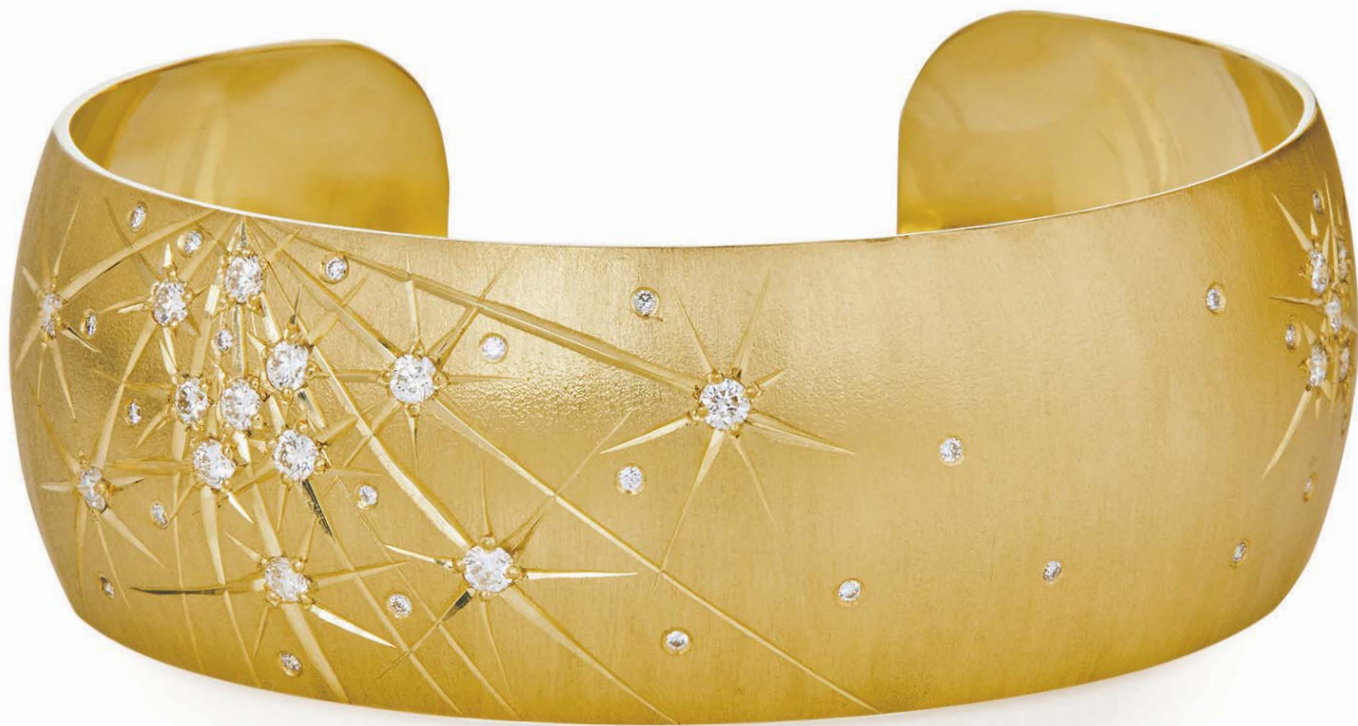
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Suspect nabbed in multiple break-ins

■ Police: Greenfield man hit unlocked cars

By MARY SCHLEY

A ROOKIE deputy's identification of a suspect in a car break-in on Ribera Road led to the arrest of a Greenfield resident who may also have committed a rash of similar crimes in Carmel and Pacific Grove last month. When officers from Carmel P.D. and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at the home of 25-year-old Jaime Dyer the morning of July 20, they found items that had been taken in at least 10 different thefts, according to authorities, along with more than a pound of marijuana destined for sale, and a 9 mm handgun that had been stolen from a Pacific Grove resident's unlocked car.

Over the course of just a few days between July 12 and July 14, someone ransacked and stole items from five cars — all of which had been left unlocked — in Carmel. The thefts took place in the areas of Lincoln and Fifth, Torres and Third, Santa Fe and Second, and Camino Real and Seventh, according to police reports, and Prada sunglasses, Louis Vuitton luggage, hats with vintage pins, several keys, a Costco card, a California driver's license, a birth certificate, and a striped bag were taken.

In Pacific Grove between July 10 and July 16, an equal number of similar crimes occurred, with a garage door opener taken from a car on Shell Avenue, a car on Hillcrest ransacked and items stolen, several sets of keys taken from the glovebox of a car on 19th Street, and a handgun stolen from

another vehicle on 19th, according to PGPD Cmdr. Rory Lakind. All of the victims had also left their cars unlocked.

But it wasn't until deputy Blaine Councilman was investigating a similar crime on Ribera Road off of Highway 1 just south of Carmel that there was a break in the case. He discovered Cpl. Jeff Watkins from Carmel P.D. had stopped his suspect, Dyer, in the middle of the night, according to deputy Mike Smith, so he reached out to Carmel police. "Detective Greg Johnson took the time to help Councilman with his first search warrant," Smith told The Pine Cone July 20. "Detective Rachelle Lightfoot served it with Councilman this morning. The teamwork was fantastic and cleared a large number of cases in P.G. and Carmel."

It also resolved one of Smith's cases later that day, when he contacted a victim on Carmel Rancho Boulevard after some of her property was found at Dyer's house. She had not even reported the theft, and her possessions were returned to her, according to Smith.

According to Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi, when police questioned Dyer at his home in Greenfield that morning, he confessed to committing several crimes here.

"Dyer took full responsibility for all the Carmel thefts except one," he said this week. "Other property recovered was a 9 mm handgun that was stolen from Pacific Grove on July 14. Additionally, 1.23 pounds of marijuana was found packaged for sales."

Tomasi said all of the stolen goods found in Dyer's house were taken to the sheriff's office in Monterey.

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More time to oppose — or support — Trump order on energy exploration

By KELLY NIX

FOLKS WHO shudder at the thought of oil rigs in Monterey Bay have even more time to express their contempt for the idea.

On July 28, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced it was extending the comment period on President Donald Trump's April 28 executive order, which requests a review of "all designations and expansions" of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and 13 other such sanctuaries in the United States to look at possible energy exploration in the areas.

The public comment period, which solicited more than 65,000 remarks, had originally been open for one month and closed last week. (Some of the more colorful remarks were outlined in a Pine Cone story last week.) But last week NOAA said an additional 15 days — from July 31 to Aug. 15 — would be open for comment.

NOAA announced the extension of the public comment period two days after Congressman Jimmy Panetta and 19 other Democratic lawmakers wrote a letter to Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross urging him to leave the designation and boundaries for the state's marine sanctuaries intact.

Of course, those who support the executive order can also comment. Regardless, an extra 15 days to weigh in is meaningful, Panetta said.

"Knowing constituents, especially here on the Central Coast, and how important the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is to them, I think it's definitely going to help people make their opinions known about how important the sanctuaries are, not just to the environment, but to our economy as well," Panetta told The Pine Cone Monday.

Panetta said constituents have not only emailed and called his office, but have "stopped me on the streets and let me know the consternation it's brought them in opening up the sanctuary to potential oil and mineral exploration."

"The California coastline is such a pristine treasure, and it is something that needs to be protected," he said.

Rescinding any marine sanctuary designation or decreasing any of the current boundaries to permit offshore oil drilling would "threaten marine resources that help sustain many commercial fisheries and local tourism, both of which are essential to California's economy," according to Democratic lawmakers.

The protected marine areas are vital to the state's \$1.9 trillion "coastal economy" and are "essential in protecting some of our nation's most treasured national resources," they said. As for the Monterey Bay sanctuary, they point to its "truly unique wildlife views."

"NOAA reports that total travel spending revenue in 2003 for the five counties adjacent to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in the Central Coast was \$5.9 billion," the letter to Ross says. "In addition, the sanctuary also supports the Monterey Bay Aquarium — which in 2009 saw 2 million visitors and produced \$71 million in direct spending."

Monterey County residents, including Ruth Greyraven from Oak Hills, took advantage of the extra comment period this week. Greyraven wrote Aug. 1 that it is her opinion that the "driving force" behind the executive order is "corporate greed."

"Any potential short-term economic benefit will not be sustainable, but the negative impacts will be with the

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Talbott announces sale of company

By MARY SCHLEY

ROBB TALBOTT — whose parents started their upscale clothing company in Carmel in 1950 — quietly sold the company to its president, Robert Corliss, last year. But now, he told The Pine Cone, it's time for everyone to know. “My family and I sold 100 percent of our interest almost a year ago, but we kept it quiet,” he said.

Hired in 2011 to run it, Corliss “has been breathing new life into our company,” Talbott said. “It was time.”

The company started in October 1950 on Monte Verde Street with hand-sewn ties.

“Other than Mom and Dad, all of the work was done by home workers,” such as the wives of Italian fishermen and Army spouses, Talbott said.

A year later, they moved out of Carmel, “because of the fog.” “We're sun people, so we moved to Carmel Valley, and the company followed,” he continued. “My parents ran it in their house until 1955.”

His father constructed the Talbott building in the middle of Carmel Valley Village soon after, and opened a store there, though most of the production was done in a Cannery Row shop that later burned down in an arson fire.

“In 1972, Pop put everything under one roof, when he built the tie shop” on Highway 68, Talbott said. “That was the year my pop told me to stop motorcycle racing and come back and help him.”

Talbott was living in Colorado at the time and gave up his life there to return to a family business he already knew well.

“I had started working for my dad at age 8, making tie boxes,” Talbott said. “He was a believer in a strong work ethic.”

By 12, the younger Talbott was cutting fabric, and by 15, he was selling in the company's shop on Ocean Avenue across from the Pine Inn that his father had built in 1957.

Now, decades later, the company's shirts, ties, accessories and other clothing are sold all over the country, with new stores opening all the time. “We're also coming out with a lot of new products,” Talbott said, falling into the habit of speaking of the company as if he were still involved. “So, today 80 to 90 percent of our customer base is on the East Coast. Obviously, people on the West Coast don't wear ties.”

He also said he feels the company's products have “never been better.” A previous president took some of the manufacturing to China, but that has changed. “That was a terrible mistake,” he said of the move into Asia, so most of the clothing is made in Europe, with some high-end items sewn here.

Now, Corliss and his family own the business, while the members of the Talbott family “are all following their own passions, including myself.” The family also sold Talbott Vineyards to Gallo in 2015.

At age 69, Talbott said he finds it “important to look back and reflect on one's accomplishments.”

“I also think it's important to look to the future, and for me, change is an important thing to embrace,” he said.

Talbott said he's also happiest when he's building and creating projects from scratch, and said he built the winery “with no instruction manual.” Still a motorcycle fanatic, he's already well into his next venture — a motorcycle museum in Carmel Valley.

“I firmly believe nothing is built in life or business without passion,” he continued. “I'm never going to retire. It's not my style.”

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Cachagua church backers say fluoride issues resolved, seek permit

By CHRIS COUNTS

SEVEN MONTHS after its first hearing on a plan to convert a private residence in Cachagua into a church, the Monterey County Planning Commission will again consider the project, which has drawn fire from neighbors who say they're concerned about traffic and noise, but also think the well that would provide the 20-member church with water is tainted with excessive amounts of fluoride.

The hearing is set for Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 9 a.m., in Salinas.

To address worries about the fluoride, the church says it will install a small water purification system to treat 117 gallons of water per day for the pastor's residence and 219 gallons per day for the church, which will take the place of an existing home and caretaker's unit. Monterey County Herald photographer Orville Myers would serve as pastor.

Supporters say the church would fill a need in a community that doesn't have one.

"I am looking forward to having a place

nearby that can offer me a sense of community, and a place my family can gather and worship with other families," resident Julie Nix Quevedo wrote in January. "It is very difficult living so rural and not having a place to meet."

Besides raising concerns about the water quality, opponents have also called attention to drainage issues, and say they are worried the church would attract people from outside the area, increasing traffic along Cachagua Road.

Last week, one resident called for a second Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee hearing on the plan. The LUAC reviewed the project and had a site visit Oct. 28, 2015.

"I see the establishment of an evangelical church as a first step in the overdevelopment of Cachagua," resident Don Bonsper wrote July 26. "I feel the community has not had a chance to discuss this issue and to consider its consequences. A second LUAC could determine just how much support or opposition there is from the residents, and not the proponents from outside the area."

Guilty verdict in brutal torture case

By MARY SCHLEY

A 23-YEAR-OLD Salinas man who stabbed, shot, beat and burned his victim "because he wanted to see what it felt like to kill a person" was convicted by a jury of murder and other charges after a six-day trial before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie Culver, the district attorney's office announced July 27.

According to the prosecutor in the case, Sulaiman Tokhi, Daniel Petty met his victim, Francisco Aguayo, age 52, through a Craigslist "man seeking man" ad Petty posted in late 2015.

The older man and Petty had gotten together on three previous occasions by the time the two agreed to rendezvous at the Lucky's store in Marina on Dec. 10, 2015.

Two days later, a hiker's dog discovered the victim's body off a trail near the beach in Marina. Johnson had been "shot, stabbed, severely beaten and burned," Tokhi said.

Marina police and deputies from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office immediately launched an investigation. The California Highway Patrol found the victim's

truck the same day in Chualar.

Monterey County coroner Dr. Venus Azar conducted an autopsy and concluded Aguayo had suffered all his injuries — except the burns — while he was alive.

By accessing Petty's cell phone and email records, investigators were able to piece together the day that ended with the brutal murder. Petty's last email to Aguayo before they met at Lucky's stated he was on his way from his girlfriend's house nearby.

Surveillance video showed Aguayo's truck arriving at the shopping center around 11:30 a.m. that day. His phone was silent until 1:30 p.m., when it was used to call a friend of Petty's in Salinas. Next, while Aguayo was lying dead where Petty had left him, the victim's phone made its way from Salinas, to Marina, back to Salinas, and then to Chualar, where his truck was also found.

Armed with their evidence, officers arrested Petty on Dec. 21, and he was interviewed by Minnig and Lt. Mike Bruno.

"Initially, Petty claimed he had met the victim for sex on the day of the murder, and

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Beach fires, Flanders, Sunset and Forest Theater on council agenda

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THE CITY Council will delve into a couple of age-old issues — beach fires and what the hell to do with Flanders Mansion — at its regular meeting Tuesday, Aug. 8, city administrator Chip Rerig said. Members will then “reaffirm” their decision to approve 15-year lease agreements with the nonprofit Sunset Cultural Center Inc. to operate Sunset Center and the Forest Theater.

The agreements are up for discussion because the city did not “properly notice” them when they were on the council’s agenda

in June, Rerig said. “We needed to have identified the specific properties in our notices, and we failed to do that,” he said. “We’re doing what we should have done originally.” The leases prompted former planning commissioner Ian Martin to file a complaint with the Fair Political Practices Commission, in part because few people knew Forest Theater was even up for discussion.

But before that, the council will receive an in-depth report on Flanders Mansion, the

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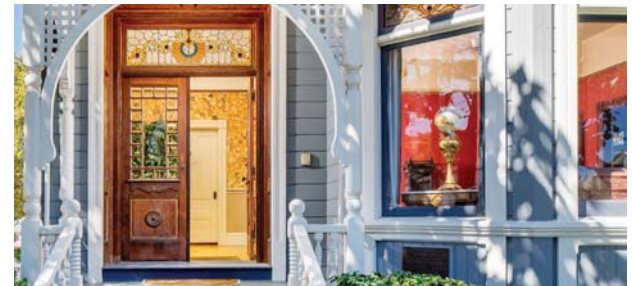
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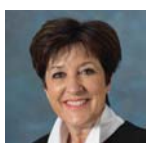
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P.G. POLICE STOP DRONE USE BEFORE COUNCIL APPROVES THEM FOR CAR WEEK

By KELLY NIX

A WEEK after Pacific Grove police shut down a drone operator who was filming a car show downtown, city council members voted to allow the same operator to use a drone during Car Week.

On Wednesday night, the council decided 5-1 to allow Paul Black with Black Sky Drone Imaging Company to use a drone to record video in Pacific Grove from Aug. 15-18 during Car Week.

It was the P.G. Chamber of Commerce that hired Black to video the event last week.

It was necessary for the council to approve the use of drones due to a 1986 ordinance making it “unlawful for any person to land any aircraft, including a helicopter, in the city, without first obtaining permission from the city council.” The law was written before drones were available to con-

sumers.

The council’s approval comes after Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Rory Lakind stopped Black from using a drone July 26 to record the vintage Volkswagen car show, pointing to the 1986 ordinance.

“I observed a drone that was landing at the VW show last week,” Lakind told The Pine Cone Wednesday. “I spoke with [Black] and showed him the code in regards to not being able to land aircraft in the city.”

After being informed of the city’s municipal code, Black kept the drone grounded and he was not issued a ticket, Lakind said.

Invasion of privacy?

At the council meeting, Councilman Ken Cuneo voted against allowing Black to operate the devices, saying they can cause property damage and are sometimes used to invade

people’s privacy.

“I let my colleagues vote the way they want, but I will not support this based on privacy,” Cuneo said.

Chamber president Moe Ammar praised the use of drones, and said they’ve been used for numerous videos to promote the city’s hotels, attractions and events.

“Drones take the best video because of their capability in capturing images at a unique angle,” he said.

Black has agreed to adhere to FAA and air traffic control regulations, and he’ll have to obtain a “Use of Public Areas Motion Picture Permit” from the city. According to the police department, a motion picture permit runs from \$2,087 to \$10,435 and a permit to take still photos costs \$522 to \$1,043.

It’s unclear if realtors, who regularly use drones in the city to capture still and video images of houses, will now be required to get permission from the city and pay for permits.

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'The Lieutenant's Speedster' among collectible autos at newest auction

By KELLY NIX

AMONG THE high-end automobiles offered at an inaugural auction on the 18th Fairway of the Pacific Grove Golf Links in August is a ruby red Porsche originally purchased by a young U.S. Air Force lieutenant stationed in Germany in the 1950s.

On Aug. 17 at 5 p.m., Indiana-based Worldwide Auctioneers is hosting The Pacific Grove Auction on the Monterey Peninsula, which will feature dozens of fine automobiles and a handful of vintage motorcycles. This week the company released the list of vehicles to go under the hammer, and it's bound to please most car aficionados.

Among the offerings is a one-owner, 1958 Porsche 356A Speedster that Air Force

Lt. Robert G. Dewey purchased from the Heilmeyer Porsche dealership in Munich. Dewey had the car shipped to the States when he and his wife, Nina, left Germany in early 1958.

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The Porsche was Dewey's daily driver for two decades, and went with him on moves to Air Force bases in New Jersey, Arizona, Georgia, Virginia, Ohio and New Jersey.

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Enormous girders arrive at Big Sur bridge site, will need 14,000 bolts

By CHRIS COUNTS

AT PFEIFFER Creek in Big Sur, a project to replace a bridge along Highway 1 continues as massive steel girders were delivered to the site this week.

Fabricated in Vallejo and measuring 62 feet long, the girders will continue to be transported to the site over the next week or so. Eventually, the girders will be bolted together — five lengthwise and three deep — to create the support for a single span, 310-foot bridge.

The girders will be held in place by plates and an estimated 14,000 bolts, confirmed Caltrans engineer Dave Garlarza.

Every bolt has to be carefully inventoried and tracked, and each will need a hole drilled for it. The steel shavings from those holes will weigh an estimated 6 tons.

To help support the weight of the bridge, thicker and wider girders will be placed toward the center of the it.

If all goes according to plan, the new bridge will open in late September.

Located just south of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, the bridge was demolished in March after cracks were discovered in it the previous month. The project to replace it will

cost about \$24 million.

Last month, a pedestrian trail around the bridge project was opened to the public, enabling tourists to walk along the trail for 30 to 40 minutes to reach the other side, where they can take a shuttle to Nepenthe restaurant or rent an electric bike. Shuttles will depart for Nepenthe every 15 minutes, and the cost to ride is \$5. Only cash is accepted, and children under 12 ride for free.

Shuttles are also available for those traveling between Pfeiffer Big Sur and Andrew Molera state parks.

LETTERS

From page 28A

for the health of our community and the environment.

Audrey Hall, Carmel

Scratching his head

Dear Editor,

Although I don't agree with the concept of transgender surgery, I do feel that all Americans should have the right to serve in our military and contribute toward our country's safety and liberty.

However, Jimmy Panetta's statement that taxpayers should pay for transgender surgery is beyond my comprehension. It's ludicrous! What is his rationale behind that position?

I've always admired the Panetta family, but this one really has me scratching my head and wondering about our congressman.

Paul Hoffman, Pebble Beach

Please stop helping

Dear Editor,

Over the past few years — including this week — several local citizens have called my family back East to say they are worried about my welfare. I appreciate their concern. However, their actions, albeit well-meaning, have had profoundly negative implications for me and my kin — especially my mother, given my father's recent, unexpected death.

Therefore, I am writing to implore them to stop. Please be assured I am in excellent health (as my latest, extensive medical exams indicate) and direct any future concerns to me.

Ginger Doyel, Carmel

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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY COUNTY
Registered Owner(s): SARAH ELIZABETH ANDERSON, 25605 Row Place, Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 26, 2017.
S/ Sarah Anderson
Aug. 1, 2017
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 1, 2017
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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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, August 23, 2017. The public hearings will be opened at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. For the items on the agenda, staff will present the project, then the applicant and all interested members of the public will be allowed to speak or offer written testimony before the Commission takes action. Decisions to approve or deny the project may be appealed to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the City Clerk within ten (10) working days following the date of action by the Planning Commission and paying the requisite appeal fee.

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

Note: The regular Wednesday, August 9, 2017 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled. A special Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

UP 17-242 (Olivier-by-the-sea)
Erich Klein, Business Owner
Ocean Ave, 4 NW of San Carlos St
Block: 71; Lot: 5
APN: 010-134-005
Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 17-242) application for a specialty food and retail store (Olivier-by-the-sea) specializing in the sale of dipping oils and other gourmet products located in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District.

UP 17-264 (Albatross Ridge)
Garrett Bowlus, Business Owner/Manager

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20171577
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AGS CONSTRUCTION, 10 Holmes Circle, Salinas, CA 93906**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY COUNTY
Registered Owner(s): ALEJANDRO GONZALEX SANDOVAL, 10 Holmes Circle, Salinas, CA 93906.
This business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 1, 2017.
S/ Alejandro G. Sandoval
Aug. 1, 2017
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Notice is hereby given that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at **12:45 a.m. on Thursday August 17th, 2017.** The property is stored at **Storage Pro - 9640 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel CA., 93923.** The items to be sold are generally described as follows:

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Publication date: Aug. 4, 11, 2017 (PC807)

Tourism group, Big Sur local launch efforts to promote more responsible visits

By CHRIS COUNTS

THERE'S BEEN a lot of talk in Big Sur about the negative impacts of too much tourism, and a surprising voice is joining the conversation — the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau, a group better known for bringing visitors to town.

The group even says it has been so successful, it has played a major role in driving tourism in Monterey County to “record levels of growth” in recent years. But this week, the MCCVB said it is urging visitors to be “respectful to the environment and communities,” and understand “how to travel responsibly.”

The MCCVB has also announced the creation of a “responsible tourism initiative” designed to help educate visitors “on the importance of protecting and preserving the destination’s incredible natural assets and pristine landscape.”

“It’s critical to us to ensure balance between growing our tourism economy and enhancing quality of life for our residents,” Tammy Blount, the nonprofit’s president and CEO, announced this week. “We need to make sure that the visitor today is equipped to leave the destination every bit as pristine as they found it for the visitor of the future.”

Echoing the sentiments of locals — many of whom are still reeling from the impacts of a devastating wildfire started

by illegal campers last summer — the nonprofit is asking tourists to be careful with fire, not camp along the roadside, keep pets on leashes, use proper restrooms, dispose of trash “in a safe and clean way,” stay on official trails, and avoid contact with wildlife.

Slow drivers pull over

Taking on the same subject is Big Sur resident Rayner Marx, who has created a website — www.bigsurvisitorsguide.com — that offers tourists tips on how to visit Big Sur without being a danger or nuisance to others.

The website covers a wide array of topics that fall under the umbrella of traveling in Big Sur. Marx not only provides useful information about driving, hiking, camping and lodging along the coast, but identifies where every single public restroom, passing lane and turnout is along the coast.

Among the subjects he covers is slow drivers. His tone is

polite but firm.

“Slow drivers who do not pull over to let traffic pass are a major cause of fatalities, injuries, delays and frustration on Highway 1,” Marx suggests. “Passing zones are scarce on Highway 1, but turnouts are numerous. Even if you’re traveling at the posted speed limit, consider using a turnout — when it is safe to do so — whenever traffic backs up behind you.”

Marx reminds visitors that many people who drive along the scenic route are locals who are simply trying to get to work. Motorists driving too slowly can also delay emergency personnel from reaching people in need — when every minute counts.

And for those who don’t speak English well enough to understand the details, the site can be translated into more than 100 languages with a simple click. “You can thank Google for that,” Marx added.

AUCTION

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“Through multiple postings over the following decades with the USAF, this 1958 Speedster was a beloved member of Mr. Dewey’s family until his eventual passing in July 2016 at age 87,” Worldwide Auctioneers said.

The Porsche is estimated to sell for \$375,000 to \$475,000.

Headlining the car auction is a 1939 Alfa Romeo 6C, which the auction house called an “extremely rare and beautifully restored coach-built legend from the immediate pre-war period, with outstanding performance as well as exceptional looks.”

One of only five examples built with an “SS” triple-carbureted engine, Worldwide estimates the black Alfa could fetch anywhere from \$1.8 million to \$2.4 million.

Another featured car at the auction will be a 1937 Delahaye Coupe, which is estimated to sell for \$1.7 million to \$2.1 million.

“We love the history of the car, and it is such a gorgeous example from every angle,” said Rod Egan, principal and auctioneer at Worldwide Auctioneers. “Some of the greatest automotive designs in history came about during the ’30s, and this Delahaye is a testament to the great coach builders of the period.”

Other automobiles up for auction include a multiple award-winning 1968 Chevrolet Corvette L-88 Sunray-DX race car, 2013 Lamborghini Gallardo Super Trofeo, and this writer’s pick: a 1979 Ferrari 308 GTS — an earlier example of the same model driven by Tom Selleck in Magnum P.I. — with an astonishingly low 1,600 original miles.

In other developments, the California Coastal Commission last week issued a coastal permit waiver so the auction could proceed, according to P.G. Chamber president Moe Ammar. And a July 28 letter to the P.G. City Council from attorney John Bridges requests that the council reconsider the event. Bridges, who represents homeowner John Troth, who opposed the expansion of the golf course club house, alleges that auction on the golf links violates a 2006 deed restriction.

Patricia Condren

March 7, 1926 ♦ June 13, 2017

Patricia Condren was born March 7, 1926 in Buffalo, New York, and passed away surrounded by her family in Carmel Valley, California on June 13, 2017.

While earning her Master’s Degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Pat met the love of her life, Don Condren. Upon graduation, they moved to southern California where Don worked in the aerospace industry, and Pat raised their three children, as well as campaigned for community open spaces.



On a trip up the coast in 1953, they stopped in Carmel Valley and couldn’t forget it. They realized their dream and moved to the valley in 1963, where they made their home.

Pat taught biology and chemistry at Alisal High School in Salinas for 24 years. She served on the Carmel Unified School District Board of Education from 1983 to 1999. Always trying to make the world a better place for children, when she heard that the Junior League was planning a youth museum in Monterey, she worked tirelessly to make it a reality, today’s MY Museum.

Pat will be missed as a loving wife, mother and community member. She was smart, kind, outspoken and fair. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Don Condren; brother, Jay Bramson; sister, Nancy Miller; children, Donna Scott (John), Leslie Long, and Gary (Stacey); grandchildren, Imana Rucker, Giovanni Montgomery, Brant Montgomery, Dan Scott, Alex Kiara Long, Austin Long, Levi Condren and Eden Condren; great-grandchildren, Nicolin, Cass, Cheyenne, Shane and Aylin Rucker; Allen and Aiden Scott. Along with her parents, Albert and Annette Bramson, she was predeceased by her brother, Guy; sister, Gonna Peltz, and son-in-law, Jeff Long.

A celebration of Pat’s life will take place at a later date. Please contact Leslie Condren Long for details at: lscondren@aol.com.

ELISABETH FOLGER ARMSTRONG SKOU

September 22, 1922 - July 18, 2017

Elisabeth Folger Armstrong Skou, a fourth-generation native of Sacramento, died peacefully on July 18 at Carmel Valley Manor. She was 94. The eldest child of Harry and Ardell Folger Armstrong, her heritage traces back to Peter Folger, who settled on Nantucket. Folger had married Mary Morill, and their daughter, Abiah Folger, married Josiah Franklin, whose son was Benjamin Franklin.

Liz Skou spent wonderful growing-up years in Sacramento, attending David Lubin Grammar School, Kit Carson Junior High School, and graduating from Sacramento High School in 1940. She went on to Oregon State University, where she joined the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, and met the love of her life, George Skou. She graduated in 1944, with a degree in Home Economics and returned to Sacramento to work in the personnel department at McClellan Air Force Base, while she awaited the end of the war.

Once George returned from service, the couple were married June 29, 1946, and returned to Oregon State, where George received his degree in Business Administration. The Skous settled in Sacramento, where Liz focused on raising their two sons, Richard and Gerald, and supporting George in his banking career. The couple spent 11 years in Sacramento, followed by 20 years in San Francisco, before retiring to Carmel in 1983.

Liz was active in the Junior League of Sacramento, San Francisco and Monterey County. She was a member of DAR, Colonial Dames, and the Mayflower Society, as well as Casa Abrego Women’s Club, and the Beach and Tennis Club. While she was preceded in death by her beloved husband George, son Richard and grandson Bobby, Liz leaves behind son Gerald Franklin Skou (Darlene), granddaughters April Skou Banuelos (Raul) and Courtney Skou Hendry (Michael), grandsons Niels Christian Skou and George Skou (Simone), and great-grandchildren, Victor, Celia, Anna, Elisabeth, Catherine, Desmond, Jordan and Jared. Plans for a celebration of life are pending.



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Elderly couple dead in murder-suicide

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A 90-YEAR-OLD man and an 88-year-old woman died in their El Potrero home in Carmel Valley Village Thursday morning in an apparent murder-suicide.

"She was in failing health — I don't know to what degree," said Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. John Thornburg, and while the husband seemed to have been in good health, they apparently decided to die together. He said they left a note explaining what they were going to do.

"This was their solution," he said.

In a rush to break the news, KSBW-TV reported shortly before 12:30 p.m. that there had been a "double homicide in Carmel Valley" and that there was a "killer at large."

"Two people were shot to death in a Carmel Valley home Thursday, and the killer remains at large," the report said.

A short while later, the station provided a more accurate description of the incident.

"There is no murderer on the loose," Thornburg confirmed. "There is no one with guns running around."

Thornburg did not release the names, pending notification of next of kin, if any.

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C.V. Fiesta Mountain Run Aug. 13

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ALTHOUGH IT happens a week after the rest of the Carmel Valley Fiesta activities, the Mountain Run is sure to draw its own crowds of athletes interested in testing their stamina during a 7.7-mile trail race — or, new this year, taking a shorter, flatter jaunt — in Garland Ranch Regional Park. The race was canceled last year due to the Soberanes Fire.

"The terrain is often rugged, steep, windy, rocky, dusty, narrow, challenging, and potentially hazardous and dangerous," organizers warn, regarding the longer route. "Poison oak, ticks, yellow jackets, and rattlesnakes are present in the park and may be encountered along the run-route."

But it's also a beautiful and satisfying way to start a Sunday morning.

Both runs begin at the park's visitors center. While the

shorter route follows the flat loop around the park, the Mountain Challenge Course takes runners along the loop and then up Fern Trail to Mesa, and on up the mountain, before circling back around for the descent. The route includes dryer, sunnier, more arid terrain, along with forested hills and canyons.

Prizes for completing the challenge include awards for the top three male and female finishers in each age group, goodie bags and other treats. Race-day check in and bib pickup will begin at 6:45 a.m., with the runs starting at 8 a.m. Finishers will need to be done by 11 a.m.

Pre-race registration on Active.com online is \$35; entry the day of the event costs \$40. All proceeds benefit the community. Garland Park is located at 700 West Carmel Valley Road.

Visit cvkclub.org for more information.

ANDREW KNIGHT VANDERFORD

June 27, 1959 ❖ July 21, 2017

Andrew Vanderford passed away July 21, 2017. Andy was born in Fresno, California on June 27, 1959 to Charles and Margaret "Pat" Vanderford. He graduated from Hoover High School, Fresno in 1977 and from California State University Fresno with a B.S. in Industrial Technology-Construction. Andy was Project Manager for the City of Fresno for 25 years. He later moved to Pebble Beach, CA and worked for the City of Carmel as Project Manager of Capital Improvement Projects for two years. Andy loved his children, church and golf and was a talented carpenter. He was active in the Catholic Church in and around Monterey helping the homeless and others less fortunate. Andy is survived by his beloved children Amelia and Nathan Vanderford, his mother Pat, sisters Lee Geranios and Patty Doris and many friends and relatives.

Services: Memorial Mass on Aug. 12, 2017 at 12:00 noon
Ft. Ord Military Chapel
4280 General Jim Moore Blvd.
Seaside, CA

FRANCES K. WRIGHT

Nov. 4, 1933-March 11, 2017

PHILIP L. WRIGHT

June 2, 1926-June 22, 2017

Phil and Frances started their story on Aug. 28, 1950 when they married in a small civil ceremony in Fresno, Ca. They moved from the San Joaquin Valley to the Monterey Peninsula in the 1950s. They moved to Carmel Valley in 1960 where they raised their family, and remained for the rest of their time.

They were active members in the community. Phil was in the Lions Club and Frances was a Lionette. They participated in many fundraisers and supported many youth activities.

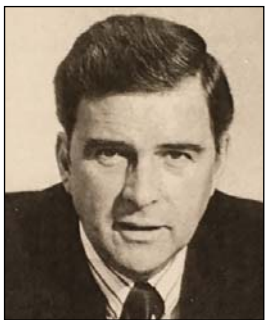
They were happily married for 66 years and were true soul mates. You rarely saw one without the other, and it stayed that way throughout their lives.

They were self-employed entrepreneurs. Phil owned and operated Phil Septic Tank Service and Frances owned and operated the iconic Chatterbox Restaurant in the village. Her family and restaurant were her life. Nothing gave her more joy and fulfillment than taking care of family, friends and patrons.

Please help us celebrate their lives at the Carmel Valley Community Center from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017.

JAMES (JIM) DONALD KOEHNEN

October 27, 1920 — July 11, 2017



James (Jim) Donald Koehnen passed away at his home surrounded by his family in Carmel on July 11, 2017 at the age of 96.

A proud member of the Greatest Generation, he lived the "American Dream". Jim was born on a dairy farm near Chaska, Minnesota on October 27, 1920, one of four siblings. He attended a one-room school until the eighth grade, then lived with his grandfather in town while attending Chaska High School. After graduating in 1937, Jim drove out West with a couple of his buddies, camping along the roadside until

they reached San Diego, where they found work hand-polishing cars, at 25 cents per car. Luckily, Jim landed a job at Consolidated Aircraft Company soon thereafter.

He served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II, and was stationed at the Royal Air Force base at Burtonwood, England. (After British army food, he never ate Brussels sprouts again!) He often recalled the surprise delivery to his department of cans of black and white paint and paintbrushes, which were later used to paint identifying stripes on the wings of the American and Allied planes in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, to prevent them being shot down by "our" side.

After the war, Jim settled in Seattle with a war buddy, where they attended Seattle University on the GI Bill. While there, he met and married a fellow student, Mary Ellen Moore. He graduated Cum Laude in 1950 with a BS degree in Commercial Science, completing the four-year course in just three years by attending the University year-round, meanwhile working part time. Jim and Mary Ellen were blessed with five daughters during their time in Seattle.

Jim enjoyed a successful career in the insurance industry, starting in Seattle as a state insurance examiner and later an insurance broker. In 1965 he joined American Re-Insurance Company as Vice President in charge of its West Coast office in San Francisco. In 1970 he moved to the company's Manhattan office and rose to the positions of President and CEO, which he held until he retired in 1982.

Jim and Mary Ellen chose Carmel as the perfect place to spend their golden years, and in 1983 they built their dream home in Carmel Meadows, where Jim resided until his death. Mary Ellen passed away in 1999.

Through mutual friends, Jim met Joan Arnese, a widow and resident of Pebble Beach, and in her he found the love and companionship that would sustain him for the remainder of his days. They were married at the Carmel Mission in 2001. His family appreciates the love and support she provided him, especially during the challenges of his last two years.

Jim enjoyed playing golf three times a week until he was 94, reading, crossword puzzles, and tinkering. He spent many hours combing the beach and his neighborhood for scraps of wood and other bits he used to build birdhouses and create decorative sculptures.

Jim was preceded by his first wife of 52 years, Mary Ellen, his brother, Earl, and his two sisters, Alice and Frances.

Jim is survived by Joan, his loving wife of 16 years, and by his daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Milt Taylor of Chimacum, WA; Christine and Rob Gnam of San Mateo, CA; Teresa and Frank Morgan of Pleasanton, CA; Donna and Jeff Medina of Veneta, OR; and Jennifer and David Lorenzen of Grants Pass, OR. Jim is also lovingly remembered by his three stepdaughters and son-in-law, Marlene Arnese and William Reiss of London, England; Caryl Arnese of Sutter Creek, CA; and Erin Arnese of Sterling, VA. Jim's family also includes eight grandchildren (James, Jordan, Anne Marie, Carl, Michael, Ben, Charlie, and Jake), two great-grandchildren (Millie and Joshua), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim was a devout Catholic. A requiem mass was held at the Carmel Mission Basilica on July 25th.

Please remember Jim with a toast to happy times you've shared!



JEFFREY ROBERT STRAIN

May 17, 1949 — June 23, 2017

Jeffrey Robert Strain, friend of Bill W., passed away on June 23, 2017, following complications of surgery for a subdural hematoma.

Born in Ohio on May 17, 1949 and raised in Ohio and Iowa, Jeff graduated from Newton High School in Newton, Iowa in 1967 and from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico in 1971. In Newton and in New Mexico, he was affectionately nicknamed "Stick" for his tall, lean body. While at Eastern, he was a member of their small college golf powerhouse team that often challenged or beat larger and better funded teams in competition. The game of golf was his skill, his passion and his livelihood for most of his life. His true grit was teaching the joy of golf to kids.

In 1995, Jeff courageously embraced Alcoholics Anonymous and recently celebrated 22 years of sobriety.

Jeff loved Hawaii, birds of paradise, New Mexico, green chilies, chiliburgers, the Denver Broncos and the Chicago Cubs. He had a soft spot in his heart for stray dogs, cats and people. He loved the art of conversation and debate and, of course, loved to win. He admired excellence, often admitting his own flaws. He usually rooted for the underdog.

Jeff dearly loved his friends, his family and the many people who had gone before him. He shared many life lessons learned from his own experiences with those who knew him. He is survived by his sister Gretchen, his brother Andrew and their families. A celebration of his life will be held Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bennett Valley Guild, 4145 Grange Road, Santa Rosa, California 95404. All are welcome.

Please contact his sister, Gretchen Strain at gscpep@comcast.net for details. Please help us honor his memory by helping those less fortunate.



SURCHARGE

From page 1A

Rich Pepe, who owns and operates Little Napoli and Vesuvio, called the gap “unfathomable.”

“I literally have freshmen in high school making more money than my top cook,” he said, with busboys taking home around \$23 per hour.

To help fill the gap, Fink and his partner, Luca manager Janet Elarmo, started collecting the additional 2 percent fee on Tuesday, and Elarmo said she had “zero feedback” from diners that night. The menu advises customers of the surcharge and says they can opt out of paying it.

“It will be interesting to see what the locals think,” she said. On the first night, “no one batted an eye.”

“This is driven by the discrepancy in the front and back of the house wages, and the competitive nature of the business,” Fink said. “And we love our kitchen staff and want to keep them happy.”

Some operators in large cities have been levying the extra charge for a few years, and a common complaint among consumers is that there’s no way to verify if the kitchen workers are actually benefiting.

But the charge “is the only legal way to do this,” Fink said, since owners cannot simply give their cooks and dishwashers part of the tips unless the servers decide to part with the money.

Servers didn’t like it

Pepe said he experimented with adding a second tip line to guest checks, but the servers didn’t like it, and many customers didn’t understand it.

“Eighty percent of the guests either didn’t notice, put zero there, or crossed it out,” he said. “The guest was confused.” A quarter of the people who used the second line split their tips between the servers and the kitchen, which made the wait staff unhappy.

“Our servers called a meeting and said, ‘We would rather go back to a traditional system,’” in which they “tip out” the kitchen staff at the end of the night. But that system relies on the generosity of the servers, and it also can’t be used as a hiring incentive, since it’s unpredictable.

“I like your 2 percent idea the best,” said Basil chef/owner Soerke Peters, who plans on adding it within the next couple of weeks.

“I just had a staff meeting a day or two ago and told them

I was going to go to the 2 percent,” said Ken Spilfogel, who runs Flaherty’s. “But first, I was talking to them about the system that Pepe was doing with the extra line. Hands down, the servers went nuts on that.”

While the whole group wouldn’t commit to the new fee, a handful of people at the meeting said they plan to begin levying it.

“We cannot stay in business if something doesn’t change,” said Tony Tollner, whose restaurant group includes the Rio Grill, Tarry’s and Montrio. “I hope it becomes more part of the public discourse. It’s critical that the public starts becoming aware of what’s happening and why some of these charges are coming up.”

Just the beginning

Restaurant operators are also worried about the state’s mandatory wage increases, which will take minimum hourly pay at businesses with more than 25 employees from the \$10.50 it is now to \$11 at the start of next year, and will increase by a dollar a year until it hits \$15 per hour in 2022. (Businesses with fewer employees have an extra year to implement the increases.) With that will come higher costs all around, since food and liquor suppliers will also be paying their workers more, and therefore charging more.

Those raises “are going to turn our income statements upside-down, because labor costs are going to go up exponentially in such a way that’s not going to be manageable at all,” said Magdy Ibrahim, owner of Patisserie Boissiere. Operators will have to figure out how to boost revenues by 40 percent to cover the costs, according to his calculations.

“We’re all fighting to stay alive, and this is a big wave coming,” Fink said. Some of the city’s 55 restaurants could fail as a result. “How many will still be here?” he asked.

Pepe said many owners “don’t want to rock the boat” by charging more or adding surcharges to their bills. “They are barely getting by and don’t want to change anything,” he said. “But some of us are trailblazers.”

Fink also said he’d like more support from city hall.

“Without the hotel and restaurant industry, Carmel would be a ghost town,” he said. Hotel taxes account for the single largest revenue source in the city’s nearly \$22 million budget, and are anticipated to exceed \$6.2 million this year.

“In Monterey County, we have only two industries: Ag is No. 1, and hospitality is not far behind,” he said, adding that he’d just mailed a \$43,000 check to the city for a couple of months’ worth of hostelry taxes from L’Auberge Carmel. “This is a great benefit for the people who live here. We don’t get that message across to the city council and mayor here.”

SECRET

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and can even aid in the collection of hostelry taxes from property owners with legal short-term rentals.

But in Carmel, it will mostly be used to find the people breaking the rules. Wiener said the service uses assessor’s parcel numbers to find short-term rental listings across 20 or so websites, not just the few major ones that city employees have been spending their time searching.

“In theory, it should be able to go on all those websites, identify short-term rentals, and create a list for us,” he said.

The information will not only be more thorough and neatly compiled, but the service will significantly reduce the time city employees spend combing through the sites themselves in search of the information. Wiener couldn’t say how much time, exactly.

“It’s going to save hours a week in staff time,” he said. “Once we have the list, we’re still going to have to verify, but at least we’re working off a premade list.”

He and company representatives are planning to meet at the end of the week to finalize the details, “and we’ll roll it out in a couple of weeks,” he said.

Subpoenas and lawsuits

In the meantime, Wiener said the number of illegal rentals in town has already dropped since the city ramped up its efforts to stop them. Many owners stopped advertising their properties after receiving initial warning letters. Further, the city’s attorneys have shown they mean business by getting the city council to authorize a legislative subpoena for records from VRBO.com and by suing one couple in Monterey County Superior Court to force them to cease advertising their short-term rental located on the north side of town.

On VRBO.com in particular, Wiener said, “we really focused on that website quite a bit, and I think we got it down to only three or four that were listed as short-term rentals.”

However, he admitted, “it’s constantly in flux.”

While other Monterey Peninsula cities and the county continue to grapple with the issue, including how and where to allow short-term rentals, Carmel’s ban on short stays in the town’s residential areas has withstood legal challenges in the state and federal courts.

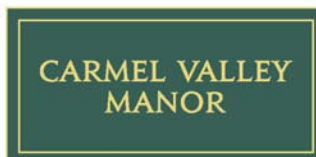
Houses and apartments located in the commercial districts, however, can be operated as short-term rentals, such as the large house on Lincoln Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues that once was a shop but is now let out for \$750 per night. The challenge there, Rerig said, is getting the owners to pay the transient occupancy taxes they owe on that income, just as hotels are required to pay. TOT is the single largest source of revenue for the general fund, and the 2017-2018 budget estimates the amount will exceed \$6.2 million out of total revenues of \$21.9 million by the time the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2018.



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Tuff and Faridany to perform

BARITONE PETER Tuff is returning to town for a concert, accompanied by pianist and Carmel Valley resident **Lucy Faridany**, well known to locals from her many years at the Bach Festival.

Tuff is coming from Colorado Springs, where he is executive director of the Colorado Springs Chorale, for the concert, which will take place on Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m., at All Saints' Church.

The program will feature works by Robert Schumann and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Suggested donations are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and under. Call (831) 512-2215 for more information.

COUNCIL

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historic Tudor-style home that's been owned by the public since the early 1970s but has never been put to use. It sits on the edge of Mission Trail park and has been the subject of multiple lawsuits. Residents voted in 2009 to sell it, but that effort was thwarted by a small group that wants to force the city to keep it.

They'll also talk about the beach fire pilot program, which the council implemented a year ago. "We'll review what's worked and what hasn't worked," Rerig said.

The council is set to meet at 4:30 p.m. in city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean. For a full packet, visit www.ci.carmel.ca.us.

A few days left to catch '20,000 Leagues' at MPC

THERE IS still time to see "20,000 Leagues Under the Seas" on the Morgan Stock Stage at Monterey Peninsula College before it closes Sunday, Aug. 6.

The MPC play is based on the original French novel, which was entitled "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas: An Underwater Tour of the World." The latter S in Seas, explains director David Kersnar, is not a typo.

The play runs at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 4-5, and on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, \$15 for Young Adults (16-21) and military, and \$10 for children 15 and under.

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PANETTA

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ment officials,” members of Knesset — Israel’s legislature, “military leaders, defense experts, journalists, and entrepreneurs,” indicated a press release from Florida Congressman Charlie Crist, who is also in Israel with the group.

Not taxpayer funded

Paying for the trip is the American Israel Education Foundation, the charitable wing of the pro-Israel lobby group, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which sponsors the journey every two years. Neither group responded to questions from The Pine Cone.

“These AIEF-sponsored trips help educate political leaders and influentials about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship through firsthand experiences in Israel, briefings by experts on Middle East affairs, and meetings with Israeli political elite,” the foundation’s website says.

Panetta has shown support for Israel. On June 22, he voted with 64 other House Democrats and 185 House Republicans in favor of H.R. 1697, the Israel Anti-Boycott Act, which amends a 1979 law that includes in its prohibition on boycotts against allies of the United States, boycotts against Israel fostered by international governmental organizations.

The bill, introduced in March by the House and Senate, was in response to a United Nations Human Rights Council resolution which urges countries to pressure their own companies to divest from, or break contracts with Israel, and calls for the creation of

a blacklist of companies “that either operate, or have business relations with entities that operate, beyond Israel’s 1949 Armistice lines, including East Jerusalem.”

While the United Nations council has long alleged human rights violations by Israel, the Trump Administration in June threatened to withdraw from the council because of its “chronic anti-Israel bias.”

Apart from getting briefings on one of the world’s longest-standing and complex conflicts, Panetta, will explore a topic that’s closer to home — water.

“I have let it be known that we also hope to learn a little about their water infrastructure there,” he explained. “I know that they’ve done a superior job in coming up with ways to recycle, as well as obtaining water through desalination plants. It will be interesting to see.”

Israel has five desalination plants, which meet about two-thirds of its domestic water needs, according to a February article in Haaretz. The country has 8.7 million people.

Drinking water in Palestine, which draws its supply from aquifers and other sources, is much less stable.

In January, Gaza’s largest desalination plant, backed by UNICEF, went online to produce water for 75,000 residents.

Panetta’s trip to Israel comes weeks after a bloody July, which included the fatal shooting of two Israeli-Druze police officers by Arab gunmen, the fatal stabbing of three members of an Israeli family by a 19-year-old Palestinian, and the fatal shooting of three Palestinians by Israeli security forces.

The congressman’s visit marks his first international trip since being elected to the 20th Congressional District.

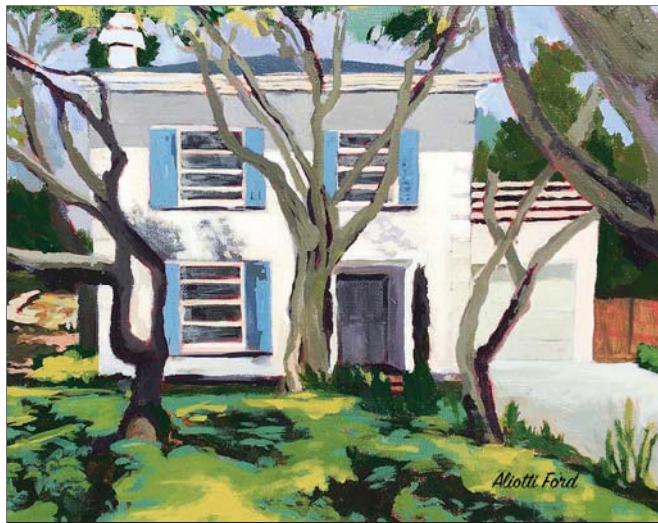
Freshmen members of Congress, including our own Jimmy Panetta, are on a tour of Israel, including meetings with political leaders and tours of important sites in the history of Judaism, Islam and Christianity. One of these, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, is believed to contain the locations where Jesus was crucified and buried.

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“Many other freshman [House] members already have taken trips abroad, but I chose to come back to the district on the week or longer breaks” members were afforded, he

said. When he returns, Panetta will be back in the district the rest of August while Congress is on break.



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THIEF

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"Carmel victims were notified and made arrangements to be reunited with their property," he said.

Dyer, meanwhile, was arrested and booked at Monterey County Jail on charges of possession of stolen property, petty theft, drug sales, credit card theft, possession of stolen property, and grand theft and possession of a stolen firearm, both of which are felonies. This week, he remained in jail on \$10,000 bail.

"Remember to keep your doors locked and not leave anything of value in your cars," the sheriff's office warned. "We can't stop all theft from happening, but we don't have to make it easy for the thief."



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More than a pound of marijuana packaged for sale, a stolen handgun and other stolen goods were found in the suspect's house.

VERDICT

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then parted ways," Tokhi said. "During the course of the interview, he admitted to killing the victim because he wanted to see what it felt like to kill a person. He described how it took 30 minutes for the victim to die during the course of his assault where he shot, stabbed, clubbed with the firearm and taunted the victim."

At the end of his trial last month, the jury convicted Petty not only of first degree murder, but of torture and vehicle theft.

"Enhancements," which allow for more severe punishment, included lying in wait and torture, and firing a gun to cause great bodily injury. Culver is set to sentence Petty — who could be sent to prison for life without the possibility of parole — on Aug. 29.

COMMENTS

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American people for many generations to come, if not permanently," Greyraven wrote on regulations.gov, the website that allows for public comment on the executive order.

The members of Congress cited the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill in which as many as 100,000 barrels of crude oil spilled into the Pacific Ocean, and the 2015 Refugio oil spill, which cost \$92 million to clean up.

"Our coastline and natural resources are renown and we should be good stewards in protecting our natural resources for future generations," they said.

MCGUIRE

From page 3A

it marks her third bankruptcy filing.

The 107-page document details money owed by the couple to dozens of creditors for back taxes, water and power, garbage service, cable, hospital and dental expenses, legal bills, groceries, court judgments, credit card debt, private personal loans, collections, homeowners association fees, membership dues, and other bills.

Overall, according to the filing, the couple has \$389,200 in assets — a \$360,000 piece of land in the Pasadera housing development, on which they owe \$395,000 to Idaho residents Joseph and Mae Lapham — and McGuire's 2011 Jaguar valued at \$21,700, on which she owes \$24,099.

Their liabilities, meanwhile, total \$709,855, including rulings against McGuire by the California Labor Commissioner totaling \$24,746, a \$31,000 personal loan, and unpaid bills at grocery stores. The Franchise Tax Board says she owes \$4,482 in taxes from 2011 to 2014, and the IRS is due \$2,138 from 2011.

Amadeo, meanwhile, owes the IRS \$54,000 in back taxes from 2010, \$22,000 in state taxes for the same year, and \$3,527 to the Nicklaus Club for membership dues, among other debts. They also owe property taxes on the lot in Pasadera.

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Stevenson grad brings jazz trio to restaurant, '90s band back on tour

AN UP and coming jazz musician with local roots who is on tour this summer, bassist **Kanoa Mendenhall** will play Saturday, Aug. 5, at Il Vecchio restaurant in Pacific Grove.

"I currently go to Columbia University and Juilliard School of Music in Manhattan, where I'm trying to soak up

the jazz scene in the city as much as possible," Mendenhall told The Pine Cone. "I'm bringing a wonderful trio from New York City during the first week of August, featuring **Ben Rosenblum** on piano and **Ben Zweig** on drums."

The trio will play music from the Great American Songbook and original compositions.

Born in Japan and raised in Monterey, Mendenhall started off playing the cello at 10, but switched to the upright bass two years later. A graduate of Pebble Beach's Stevenson School, she is the daughter of pianist **Eddie Mendenhall**.

The concert starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18. The restaurant is located at 110 Central Ave. Call (831) 521-5439.

■ Music at Fiesta in park

Besides serving up a feast of food and fun Aug. 5-6 in Carmel Valley Community Park, the Carmel Valley Fiesta will showcase a mix of local musicians. The lineup includes **The Carolyn Sills Combo** (swing, Saturday at 10 a.m.); **The Firefly Band** ("rock and soul classics," Saturday at 1:30 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Kiki Wow** and friends (pop and

rock, Sunday at 10 a.m.); **Blues at Eleven** (Sunday at 2:30 p.m.); and more.

The event is free, and the park is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads.

Presented by the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club, the fiesta kicks off Friday, Aug 4, at the Carmel Valley Saddle and Trail Club with the fundraising Hoopla Barbecue.

The event starts at 5:30 p.m., and features music by singer **Laurie Hofer-Romero** and **The Money Band**.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for kids. The saddle and trail club is located at 85 E. Garzas Road. Call (831) 298-0018.

■ Lineup still intact for enduring band

Named after a mythical Monty Python Band and famous for a string of hits in the early 1990s, Toad the Wet Sprocket takes the stage Friday, Aug. 4, at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Its four members — singer **Glen Phillips**, guitarist **Todd**

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Nichols, bassist **Dean Dinning** and drummer **Randy Guss** — have been together since meeting as high school students in Santa Barbara.

The band had a trio of Top 40 singles with "Walk on the Ocean," "All I Want" and "Fall Down."

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$33 to \$66. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit www.goldenstatetheatre.org.

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(Clockwise from top left) singer Seamus Kennedy plays Aug. 5 in Monterey; bassist Kanoa Mendenhall performs the same evening in Pacific Grove; singer and guitarist Kellen Coffis rocks Carmel Valley Aug. 10; and Toad the Wet Sprocket takes the stage Aug. 4 in Monterey.

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Aug. 6 — Please join Pioneer Made In California this Saturday from noon-4p.m. for fine porcelain piercing and carving demonstrations by noted artist Lynne Meade. Wine will be offered. The gallery is located in Carmel Square on San Carlos Street between Ocean Avenue and 7th, Carmel.

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Aug. 17 — Yoga Fun — Yoga does more than burn calories and tone muscles. It's a total workout that combines stretching poses with deep breathing and or meditation and relaxation. Join our low impact Yoga Fun and enhance your mind, body and spirit, 10 a.m.-noon at Montage Wellness Center, 1910 North Davis road, Salinas. Free! RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections

Sept. 22 — Save the Dates: Sept. 22 — Small Bites for Big Hunger — 5 p.m., \$50 fundraiser to fight hunger; **Sept. 24** — Clay Couri Organ Concert — 3 p.m., donations accepted; **Nov. 18** — Fine Arts & Crafts Fair — 9 a.m.-3 p.m., no fee at all Saints' Episcopal Church, Dolores & Ninth, Carmel. www.allsaintscarmel.org or call 831-624-3883

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Scottish treats galore, Reubens and burgers, and AIM for Mental Health

FOR A half-century, the Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival has celebrated the culture, traditions, athletics, entertainment — and food — of that part of the world and its people. The next fest is set for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-6, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Monterey fairgrounds, and it promises to provide ample entertainment, as well as plenty to eat and drink.

While the hallmark of the weekend is the athletic competition featuring kilted men and women throwing heavy objects, the festival also includes musical and dance performances, demonstrations, historical reenactments and an “avenue” of clans where people can learn about their family lineages. Vendors also sell Scottish attire, snarky T-shirts, Celtic jewelry and other items, while food stalls provide hot and fresh traditional fare, and bakers and confectioners peddle sweet treats to enjoy there or take home. Two whisky seminars also draw crowds.

Ministry of Food will be there again this year, serving British bangers, Celtic rolls and shepherd’s pies, while Heritage Meat Pies/Sunblest Foods will be selling assorted traditional Scottish meat pies, sausage rolls, shepherd’s pies, chicken pie and lamb curry pie, as well as haggis (for the brave), scones with strawberries. (Heritage Meat Pies/Sunblest owner Kevin Haggard has been preparing Scottish meat pies for more than 25 years and learned the art by working in bakeries in Australia and Victoria.) Taste of Britain will offer fish and chips, corned beef and cabbage,

and distinctly American food for the kids.

When it comes to sweets, it’s hard to beat Mrs. Morrison’s Shortbread, the Welsh Baker’s hand-griddled Welsh cakes, Brown’s English homemade toffees, and Celtic candies and cakes.

On each day, and with separate admission of \$30 per person, the always packed whisky tasting seminar will take place at 2:30 p.m., when participants will learn more about the history, distillation process and various tasting characteristics of fine single malt whiskies.

And, of course, there’s plenty of Guinness beer and other beverages to be had.

On Saturday evening, “A Piping Hot Dinner and Ceilidh Party” will be held at Britannia Arms, 444 Alvarado St. in Monterey, with bagpipe performances by members of the award-winning Monterey Bay Pipe Band from 7 to 9 p.m. People who attend the festival that day can bring in their programs or ticket stubs to receive 20 percent off their dinners at the Brit that night between 6 and 9:30 p.m.

Tickets run \$12 to \$20 in advance and \$15 to \$30 at the gate. Kids 8 and under are free. www.montereyscotgames.com.

■ Downtown lunch tip No. 1

A well made Reuben is a treat, especially considering how many soggy, lackluster iterations of that particular sandwich exist. And in Carmel, there’s no better place to tuck into one than at Flaherty’s Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar on Sixth

Avenue.

It may seem odd for a seafood restaurant to offer a Reuben, but there’s a story behind it. Ken Spilfogel, the Brooklyn transplant who runs the place, had a deli called Lenny’s in Carmel Plaza for two decades, and the sandwich is in some ways a holdover from there.

After the deli closed, “all of a sudden, I was getting all these calls from people saying, ‘We’re looking for sandwiches,’” he said.

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

Spilfogel opened a successful Jewish deli in Union City, but after the property changed hands, it closed. People who had eaten there sought him out in Carmel, he said, “so I started experimenting with pastrami.”

“We have our own recipe, here,” he told The Pine Cone. “We’ve really perfected the Katz’s style.”

The New York City deli is famous for its Reuben, and Spilfogel developed a recipe, which he keeps as a closely guarded secret, that rivals it. The pastrami is made from brisket or navel he buys from Del Monte Meat Co., and it takes several days to make.

The sandwich at Flaherty’s is only offered at lunchtime and includes a healthy portion of tender, well seasoned pastrami, sauerkraut, cheese and Russian dressing on swirled rye bread, buttered and crisped to perfection. It comes with French fries that are decadently crisp, too.

Flaherty’s is open every day. www.flahertysseafood.com

■ Downtown lunch tip No. 2

In a town with high rents, and therefore high prices to dine, a good deal can be hard to come by. But Greg Cellitti, longtime chef/owner of Friar Tuck’s at Dolores and Fifth, offers a remarkable bargain every day: A burger or cheeseburger and fries for just \$6. It’s a bare-bones rendition — those who also want bacon, avocado, sautéed onions and the like should plan on paying full price — but where else can you eat a good lunch for the price of a large froufrou espresso drink from your local corporate coffee outlet?

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FOOD & WINE

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Since 1978, Friar Tuck's has been a favorite among locals, as well as the visitors who happen across it, for breakfast and lunch. The burgers are freshly made daily with Angus beef. Call (831) 624-4274 or visit friartucksrestaurant.com.

Windy Oaks opens in C.V. Village

Family-owned and operated Windy Oaks Estate Winery & Vineyard quietly opened its new tasting room in Carmel Valley Village in the space previously occupied by Joyce, which moved up the street to the former Jan de Luz store and grounds following an extensive remodel there.

"Carmel Valley Village has an aggressive wine tourist program, and we're impressed with the wineries that are currently there, many of whom are friends and colleagues," Judy Schultze said. "When the opportunity presented itself to rent space in an already existing tasting room, we couldn't resist."

Schultze and her husband, Jim, undertook major interior work in the storefront in the East Carmel Valley Road block that also includes Chesebro, Parsonage and I Brand & Family wine tasting rooms, as well as the Tasting Experience, which offers craft beers and wines from throughout the state.

"We've done extensive interior cosmetic work with our interior designer, Mimi Snowden. The space is 1,200 square feet, in rustic modern style, and perhaps the most striking interior design element is a freshly cut oak tree (it was on an associate's property and had become old and dangerous, so was slated for removal)," she said. "We have incorporated some of the beautiful old branches into the beams to provide an inside-outside look and warmth to the space."

The tasting room held a soft opening the weekend of July 22 and is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The tasting lineup includes Windy Oaks' estate pinots, as well as wines from Monterey County vineyards. Carmel Valley native and wine expert Kerry Winslow is managing the tasting room

alongside the Schultzes' son, James, who had been running the Carmel tasting room since it opened three years ago.

"We will keep our downtown Carmel tasting room — it remains special to us, is a good income generator, and we enjoy being part of the Carmel-by-the-Sea business community," Schultze continued. "Our manager in Carmel, Jennifer Gray, is doing a great job, and has just passed her first level sommelier exam."

The new tasting room is located at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road and will hold a grand opening Sunday, Aug. 20. www.windyoaksestate.com

Morgan Winery at Sticks

Dan Morgan Lee, the man behind Morgan Winery, will be the featured guest during a dinner at Sticks at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach Tuesday, Aug. 8. Guests are invited to "enjoy a Spanish Bay sunset and bagpiper performance, all while

savoring a specially prepared three-course meal expertly paired with Morgan wines," for \$55, plus tax and tip (dinner only is \$35, while the flight of four Morgan wines costs \$20).

The planned lineup includes grilled octopus with white beans, paired with 2015 Double L Vineyard Chardonnay; roasted quail with Sonoma County foie gras and cherries, served with 2015 Double L Vineyard Pinot Noir; stuffed pasta of braised beef cheeks with mushrooms, paired with 2015 G17 Syrah; and a cheese course of Point Reyes blue and Carmel Honey Company honey, served with 2015 Double L Vineyard Riesling. Call (831) 647-7470.

AIM for Mental Health dinner Aug. 17

The 4th Annual AIM for the Cures Gala to support youth mental health will again be held as part of the Pebble Beach

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CAA serves birthday cake with 90 candles

THE TOWN'S oldest gallery and home to the work of more than 100 artists, the Carmel Art Association celebrates its 90th birthday Saturday.

The association was founded on August 8, 1927, by 19 artists who gathered at the home of Josephine Culbertson and Ida Johnson. The members sought "to advance art and cooperation among artists, secure a permanent exhibition space, and promote greater fellowship between artists and the public."

Ninety years later, the venture they created continues to prosper.

"We are the oldest continuously-operating art gallery on the central California coast," Sally Aberg of the CAA told The

Pine Cone. "We're the second oldest art non-profit in the United States. We've never closed our doors — we've offered what we set out to do back in 1927, which is to provide a place where local living artists can exhibit their work."

The gallery remains popular with locals and visitors — even after nine decades. "We're getting fifth-generation visitors here," said Aberg, who first came here as a 5-year-old in 1957.

Four longtime CAA members — **Eileen Auvil, Ron Grauer, Alex Gonzalez and Barbara Johnson** — will also be on hand Saturday to commemorate their own 90th birthdays.

Besides marking its birthday, serving "two big cakes," and providing a stage for a local jazz combo, the CAA will kick off its annual fundraising miniature show Saturday. All paintings in the exhibit have been done on 6-inch by 6-inch panels of birchwood, and each will be raffled off at the end of the month. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and the winners will be notified by phone. "You put a ticket in the box below a piece of art you would like to win and cross your fingers," Aberg explained.

The CAA will also unveil a retrospective show by Auvil, "A Life in Art," and new displays by oil painters **Peggy Jelmini and Daria Shachmut**. Jelmini presents a collection of large format abstracted landscapes, while Shachmut's work captures children playing on the beach.

The birthday party starts at 5 p.m. on August 5. The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-6176 or visit www.carmelart.org.



This painting by Daria Shachmut, like others in her exhibit now on display at the Carmel Art Association, captures children playing on the beach.

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MUSIC

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■ Celtic music at fairgrounds

The Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival celebrates its 50th anniversary this year Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-6, at the Monterey County Fairgrounds in Monterey.

In addition to athletic contests and drum and piping competitions, the festival features music by singer and multi-instrumentalist **Seamus Kennedy** (Saturday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and Sunday at noon and at 3 p.m.) and **The Sligo Rags** (Saturday at 1 and 4 p.m., and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.). The former is a charismatic performance from Ireland who brings together traditional music and comedy, while the latter is a Long Beach-based band that combines Celtic, folk and bluegrass influences.

The fairgrounds are located at 2004 Fairground Road. For more details, visit www.montereyscotgames.com.

■ Live Music Aug. 4-10

Barmel — **Fascinating Creatures** (surf rock instrumental, Friday at 7 p.m.); **Donald Beamon & the Spirit Molecules** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer **Reija Massey** (pop/alternative, Thursday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Baum & Blume's Biergarten in Carmel Valley — **Petty Cash** (folk, Saturday at 4 p.m.). 4 El Caminito, (831) 659-0400. **Big Sur River Inn** — **Andrea's Fault Quartet** with saxophonist **Ben Herod** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

Cafe Trieste in Monterey — singer-songwriters **Sofia Ekberg** and **Michael McNevin** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriters **Gary Blackburn** and **Kevin Taylor** (Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 409 Alvarado St.,

(831) 241-6064.

Cannery Row Brewing Co. in Monterey — **Skunkdub** (reggae, Friday at 9 p.m.); and **The Jack Mosbacher Band** ("San Francisco soul," Saturday at 9 p.m.). 95 Prescott Ave., (831) 643-2722.

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — **The Cover Brothers** (soul and r&b, Friday at 9 p.m.); singer **Bridget Marie** (soul and r&b, 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.

Cooper's Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Wade Egan** (Friday at 9 p.m.); and **The Thyme Bombs** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — **The Eddie Mendenhall Trio** (jazz, Friday at 4:30 p.m.); and **The Coffis Brothers** (rock, Thursday at 7 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.). 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

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

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

Pierce Ranch Vineyards in Monterey — singer **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.). 499 Wave St., (831) 372-8900.

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

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn — and singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and

r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.); and **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — **Out of the Blue** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.); and saxophonist **Roger Eddy** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

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SLIDE

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mile of the scenic highway and added an estimated 13 to 15 acres to the California coastline. "We don't get complete freedom in casting material, but rather have to show what we need to do and explain why we need to do it," Shivers added.

'Dawn to dusk'

Caltrans officials haven't said how much the project will cost or how long it will take. But they said they will release those details by the end of this

month.

"Our staff has been working hard to tackle the weather-related challenges faced by Highway 1, and our goal is to reconnect the areas impacted by the winter storms as quickly and safely as possible." Caltrans director Malcolm Dougherty explained. "Our emergency contractor continues working dawn to dusk every day and will continue until we can safely reopen the highway."

Until the slide is removed and the road is fixed, motorists can only access Big Sur by traveling south of Carmel along Highway 1, or by driving west of Highway 101 along Jolon and Nacimiento-Fergusson roads.

FOOD

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Concours d'Elegance this year. The party takes place Thursday, Aug. 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. in a large tent donated by Pebble Beach Company on the grounds of the equestrian center.

The evening will include a cocktail reception with "premium wines" and ice luges flowing with Ketel One martinis, as well as a gourmet dinner prepared by Pebble Beach Company chefs, wines from Grgich Wine Estates and Trincherro Estates, speakers and entertainment.

New York Times bestselling author and comedian Darrell Hammond, the longest-tenured cast member on "Saturday Night Live" and well known

for his impressions of Bill Clinton, Sean Connery, Donald Trump and others, will be the evening's featured guest. Hammond's act comes from a deep place: He was abused as a child, and by the time he was 5, he had "learned that doing voices made his perpetrator laugh, and even prevented abuse from occurring," organizer Susan Stilwell said. "His humility, honesty and wit show that you can recover and find hope."

Dr. Stephen Hinshaw, a professor of psychology and psychiatry, as well as a published author and a member of AIM's scientific advisory board, will discuss his new memoir, "Another Kind of Madness: A Journey through the Stigma and Hope of Mental Illness."

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Editorial

Why progress is called 'progress'

MAKING THINGS better used to be considered a good thing. Now, in California, a misguided and often self-serving insistence on making things perfect (or pretending to) is standing in the way of even minuscule progress on a whole host of important issues — including not only significant projects of major community benefit, but tiny things no sensible person could find the slightest reason to notice, much less complain about.

At the infinitesimal end of the spectrum is the proposal for a Baptist church in Cachagua, which promises to enhance that isolated community, but which is being attacked by a handful of neighbors as “inappropriate” because it will supposedly generate excessive traffic and noise.

The fact that the church only has 20 members should be enough to laugh those complaints right out of the first hearing where its permit is considered — and the neighbors know it. Which explains why they also started questioning the proposed church’s water supply.

It seems strange to have to point out, as we have done before, that churches are very important and beneficial institutions in any community. It is no exaggeration to say that this entire nation could not have evolved into the safe, prosperous and generally morally upright place it is without the religious underpinnings of our culture. Baptists — like adherents of other religions — may not have been 100 percent virtuous throughout history. But there are still children to raise, morals to teach, weddings to celebrate, and the dearly departed to bid farewell. Critics of the Cachagua church’s possible move make its proponents out to be just a bit better than strip mall developers. They should be ignored and the permit issued forthwith.

At the other end of the “what on earth are you complaining about?” spectrum is affordable housing, which is direly needed all over the Monterey Peninsula — even for people engaged in solidly middle-class professions such as firefighting and teaching.

This week, the Pacific Grove City Council discussed a plan to add some affordable housing to that town — which is a perfect place for it, of course. And if land already owned by the government is involved, which it was in the various proposals outlined at this week’s meeting, making the housing affordable should be easy to do, since the land costs will be zero.

Since the need is there and everybody knows it, and the availability of free land would make the financing and construction simple to pull off, there’s nothing standing in the way of affordable housing being built in Pacific Grove, right?

Wrong. Fear of opposition from neighbors is keeping the P.G. City Council’s ambitions to a minimum, so much so that the goal the city leaders announced this week was to build a measly 18 units over the next eight years. Puh-leeze.

Are you telling us that in the City of Pacific Grove, or in any other local town, there are people living across the street from a parking lot or a rundown unused school who would object to 30 or 40 nice apartments for schoolteachers being built in its place? If so, they also need to be ignored.

The familiar acronym NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) was invented 40 years ago to describe growing public opposition to power plants, landfills and other noxious facilities that everyone needs but which nobody wants next door. But successful battles against industrial-type projects led to an explosion of opposition to every sort of civic improvement or infrastructure enhancement. These days, when even universally beneficial projects are zealously opposed, NIMBY barely suffices.

Not too long ago, an article in the New York Times contained a collection of up-to-date acronyms to describe people who, for example, don’t want a church in their neighborhood.

NIABY (not in anybody’s backyard) was a good one. NOPE (not on planet Earth) was also appropriate. But BANANA said it best: build absolutely nothing anywhere near anybody.

BEST of BATES



“On second thought, Carmel doesn’t need a zoo.”

Letters to the Editor

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Move fires Dear Editor,

It is said that a good decision is reached when neither side is fully satisfied. Those of us who want no wood-fueled fires should be gratified that a reduced number of no more than 12 fire pits has been introduced into the pilot program. Those who want wood-fueled fires should be gratified that wood-fueled fires have not been banned entirely.

There is, of course, the problem of denying access between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. to the many people of all ages, who, for whatever reason, cannot tolerate smoke.

A solution is possible. If the fire rings were all moved north of Del Mar beach, the southern half and the beach bluff pathway would, once again, be accessible to everyone. This is a win-win solution which would make both sides very happy.

Barbara Livingston, Carmel

Ban fires Dear Editor,

As a Carmel homeowner for 25 years within blocks of the beach, I am very concerned about the continuation and possible expansion of the fire pit program and the impact on the health of our community as well as the environment.

It has come to my attention that the city council will be exploring the expansion of this program at a meeting on August 8. It is important to note that it has been very difficult for me and my family as well as our neighbors to breathe the air this summer during the beach fire pilot program.

In my research, I have learned wood smoke is more dangerous than cigarette smoke. There seems to be a direct conflict with the values of our leaders who banned cigarette smoking on the beach but are allowing this more dangerous health hazard to continue and possibly expand.

The American Lung Association, EPA and Bay Area Air Quality Management District all highlight the health risks of wood-burning smoke to all people, specifically children and seniors. Of 400 beaches on the California coastline, fewer than 10 allow beach fires. I am proud to live in a state that is a leader on protecting our redwoods, oceans and lakes from Eureka to San Diego.

I ask the mayor of Carmel and the city council to follow the leadership and dedication to the environment that our state elected officials have shown over the years. I ask that

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From vineyards and olive trees back to her roots in literature

AS A child, Hunter Lowder liked to build a makeshift tent from a towel and what back then seemed like a ginormous golf umbrella, and sit outside in the summer rain at her family's home in Birmingham, Ala. "I liked listening to the rain and smelling the earth's smell," she said of those stormy days.

Lowder recently stepped down from her position as CEO of Holman Ranch to slow her life back down to something closer to that pace. After 11 years at the destination wedding location, with its picturesque vineyards, winery and olive groves, along with Holman Ranch Tavern (formerly Will's Fargo), she is returning to her roots in literature, creative writing and foreign languages.

"Obviously, it's my baby and I'm not going to be completely gone," said Lowder of the ranch. It's a family business, and her husband, Nick Elliott, will continue to work there.



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Hunter Lowder, with husband Nick Elliott, ran Holman Ranch for 11 years.

Lowder said she never imagined she'd be part of the ranch. She graduated from a prep school in Alabama and decided to attend Haverford College in a suburb of Philadelphia, Pa. "I wanted to push my comfort zone," she said of the move up north.

After earning a bachelor's degree in sociology and Spanish, she came to Monterey to study French at the Monterey Institute for

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

International Studies. Then, she said, she decided to "indulge her creative side." She was already a published writer who had won statewide awards for her poetry back home, but this time her creativity took the form of hospitality.

She went back to Philadelphia to attend Walnut Hill College, where she earned a degree in restaurant management and met Elliott, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. In the meantime, her dad, who worked in commercial real estate, was looking for a place to retire.

A friend recommended the Carmel area, and he bought a home near Sunset Center. Lowder and Elliott, who married in 2004, were already in love with the area from previous visits, and bought their own home, eventually moving to Carmel Valley where they now live with son Max, age 8.

Lowder said that her father and mother loved wine, food and travel and wanted "a little vineyard" they could farm. In 2004, her mother, Jarman, was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease, and their search began in earnest.

She said her dad "said he wanted 'The Godfather' vineyard, where he could go out and prune a few acres and make some wine for friends and family."

In 2005, Lowder was managing the Rio Grill. Her sous chef got married at Holman Ranch and when she attended the wedding, Lowder learned that the previous owner, Dorothy McEwen, had planted

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The success of the 'second-worst' artist

WILDA NORTHROP says she was a sickly child who spent much of her youth bedridden, listening to the radio, fending off boredom making paper dolls and anything else her artistic mind could conjure.

"We couldn't wear pants and we couldn't have bare legs — stockings were required. Our hair couldn't be longer than shoulder-length. They had a lot of very rigid rules, and they definitely didn't want any hippies."

Carmel's artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

"I was only a so-so student, and I wasn't a good athlete, but I was always a maker of things — quilts, knitting, needlepoint, Christmas ornaments — so art became a very fun and wonderful thing for me as I was growing up," she said. "But my mother was infuriated that I wanted to become an artist. She told me it wasn't a good career plan."

Of course, that's all the rebellious teen — and a future member of the prestigious Carmel Art Association — needed to hear.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Northrop and a friend packed their bags, left Lake Forest, Ill., and headed to Southern California, where 19-year-old Wilda planned to soak up some sun, sow some wild oats, and live life her own way.

"I was attracted to the artist lifestyle. I wanted to wear jeans. I wanted to smoke. And I just wanted to get out of town and as far away from my mother as I possibly could," remembered the renowned California watercolorist, who today is 77.

She enrolled at Art Center College of Design, a well known commercial art academy in downtown L.A., where she quickly discovered that the free-wheeling, out-of-the-box, bohemian attitudes she craved weren't endorsed by the student manual.

"The Art Center was all-consuming, and it was very strict," she said.

She quickly made another disheartening discovery: She wasn't very good. Northrop remembers herself as "the second-worst artist at the art center," embarrassed to hang her work on the board alongside the art of more-talented classmates.

"It was a terrible feeling. I was working hard, but I wasn't good," she said. "So I got kicked out after six semesters for a bad attitude, which I probably had, because by then

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Her mother said it wasn't a good idea, but Wilda Northrop became an artist anyway.



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vineyards there. She died that year, and the property was up for sale.

So, Lowder alerted her father, who at first laughed at the prospect of a 400-acre ranch with a 6,000-square-foot historic hacienda. It was hardly his Don-Corleone-esque vision for retirement.

But, in 2006, he bought it and asked Lowder to run the events department. Elliott was a disc jockey for several years and knew more than a little bit about weddings, and both loved hospitality, so she figured they could make it work and dove in.

In the years that followed, Hunter, her family and Elliott completed a major renovation of the hacienda, continued cultivating the vineyards and planted 100 olive trees in a grove with beautiful views of the surround-

ing hills.

Under Lowder's leadership, the wedding business flourished and the ranch has won numerous national awards as an exceptional place to get hitched. The estate also has produced award-winning wines. Its first vintage was released in 2011, but sadly, Lowder's mother had died from complications of Alzheimer's and didn't live to see it.

Since then, Lowder and her family have donated proceeds from dozens of events to Alzheimer's research. Olive oil from the hill-top groves has been released for sale. A boutique wine label, Jarman, named for Lowder's mother was released and in 2014, the business acquired Will's Fargo, which was renovated and re-named.

Now, although she said it's difficult to step away, Lowder said she's ready for her second act. After years of "taking care of myself last," she started by attending a fitness camp, to learn how to get healthier and

stay that way. Next year, she hopes to enroll in a Master of Fine Arts program in literary translation. She'll also serve on the board of Chartwell, where Max goes to school.

She said she'd like to learn a fourth language. After Spanish and French, Italian seems like the easiest, but on the other hand, she thinks she might relish the challenge of something completely out of the Romance realm — maybe Russian.

Lowder would like to write more poetry and maybe publish a chapbook — a small paperback — of her work. She said she'll

miss the everyday operations of Holman, especially the weddings. "We're there at people's happiest occasions of their lives. It's immediate gratification," she said.

Other goals include traveling, including seeing all 50 states. She said she'd also enjoy taking Max to Spain for a summer to learn Spanish.

"I want him to have the opportunity to follow his dreams," she said. "I want him to be happy and do everything he wants to do. My life has been very happy, and I want his to be, too."

NORTHROP

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I really didn't want to be a commercial artist and I had no plan."

Discouraged but determined, she applied for admission to the Otis Art Institute, where she found her bliss and then some.

"The Otis Institute was a fine arts school, and it was wonderful," she said. "Looking back, I have to admit I was really bad at art at the time, but the urge was still there," she said. "It was a serious school, but it was also much looser, more artsy, and fun."

Otis Institute also is where Wilda met Lowell Northrop, whom she married after a three-year courtship. "We were best friends first, then it turned into a relationship. My mother had always told me I'd never meet anybody worthwhile in an art school, so she was wrong about that, too. We've been together for 52 years," she said with a laugh.

Though her mother never warmed to Wilda's career path, she provided \$300 a month in financial support, enough to keep a roof over her daughter's head and food on the table through her college years.

"I was a starving artist, for sure," Northrop said. "I drove an old car and lived in a scary neighborhood, but I didn't mind those things because I didn't have to work and I was able to focus on my art."

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Otis, then got her master's, ostensibly intending to become an art teacher. "That's what I always told people, but I was lying,"

she said. "It just seemed pretentious to say, 'I just want to make art.' I mean, how realistic is that?"

In Northrop's case, it turned out to be completely realistic. By the time she left Otis, her paintings were selling, and with influences from famed watercolorists Bob Peak, Mark Adams, Ben Venhuizen and others, she continued to improve.

In 1974, Wilda and Lowell purchased the century-old home in Pacific Grove where they raised their children and still live today.

'I got lucky'

Northrop was accepted as a member of CAA in 1983, has served on its board of directors 20 times, and was president of the association once.

"I only applied once and got lucky. They took me on my first try, and if they had rejected me, I think my pride would have been hurt so badly that I never would have tried again," said Northrop, who paints the things she loves, including odds and ends she obsessively collects from yard sales and antique shops. She is known today for colorful abstract paintings of still life, storefronts, gardens, koi, and pug dogs.

Northrop's paintings have been exhibited nationally and have won numerous awards, including three from International Artist Magazine. She is a Signature Artist Member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, and Watercolor West.

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ART

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■ Photographers take center stage

Nine downtown photography galleries will stay open until 7 p.m. Saturday for the monthly summertime Photowalk. Participants include **Weston Gallery, Gallery Sur, Photography West Gallery, Winfield Gallery, Robert Knight Gallery, Exposed, the Center for Photographic Art, Robin Winfield Gallery** and **Oficino Uno**.

At Gallery Sur, photographer **Winston Swift Boyer** will unveil a new series of images exploring one of his favorite subjects — the meeting of the ocean and sky.

Robin Winfield, meanwhile, presents a mixed media demonstration at her gallery.

And a reception at the Center for Photographic Art in Sunset Center follows the Photowalk at 7 p.m.

Book sale to benefit Harrison library

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE FRIENDS of Harrison Memorial Library's annual book sale will take place at Junipero Serra School on Rio Road next to Carmel Mission Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 10-12.

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The proceeds will help pay for materials and programs at the city's public libraries.

The sale will start with a preview for members on Thursday, Aug. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but anyone who's not already a member can join for \$10 at the door. On Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., it will be open to all. For more information, call (831) 224-4663.

■ Gallery turns 20, welcomes new artist

Also on Saturday, James J. Rieser Fine Art welcomes an exhibit by painter **Hiu Lai Chong**.

"Hiu Lai Chong is a new artist for my gallery, but well known throughout the country," gallery owner **James Rieser** explained. "I first met her through the Carmel Art Festival, and purchased one of her prize-winning paintings there in 2012."

Besides unveiling a new show, Rieser is celebrating his 20th year downtown with an Open House.

"Not many galleries make it 20 years in this town, especially in the same location," he added. "I just give thanks that enough people share my tastes in early California and contemporary art."

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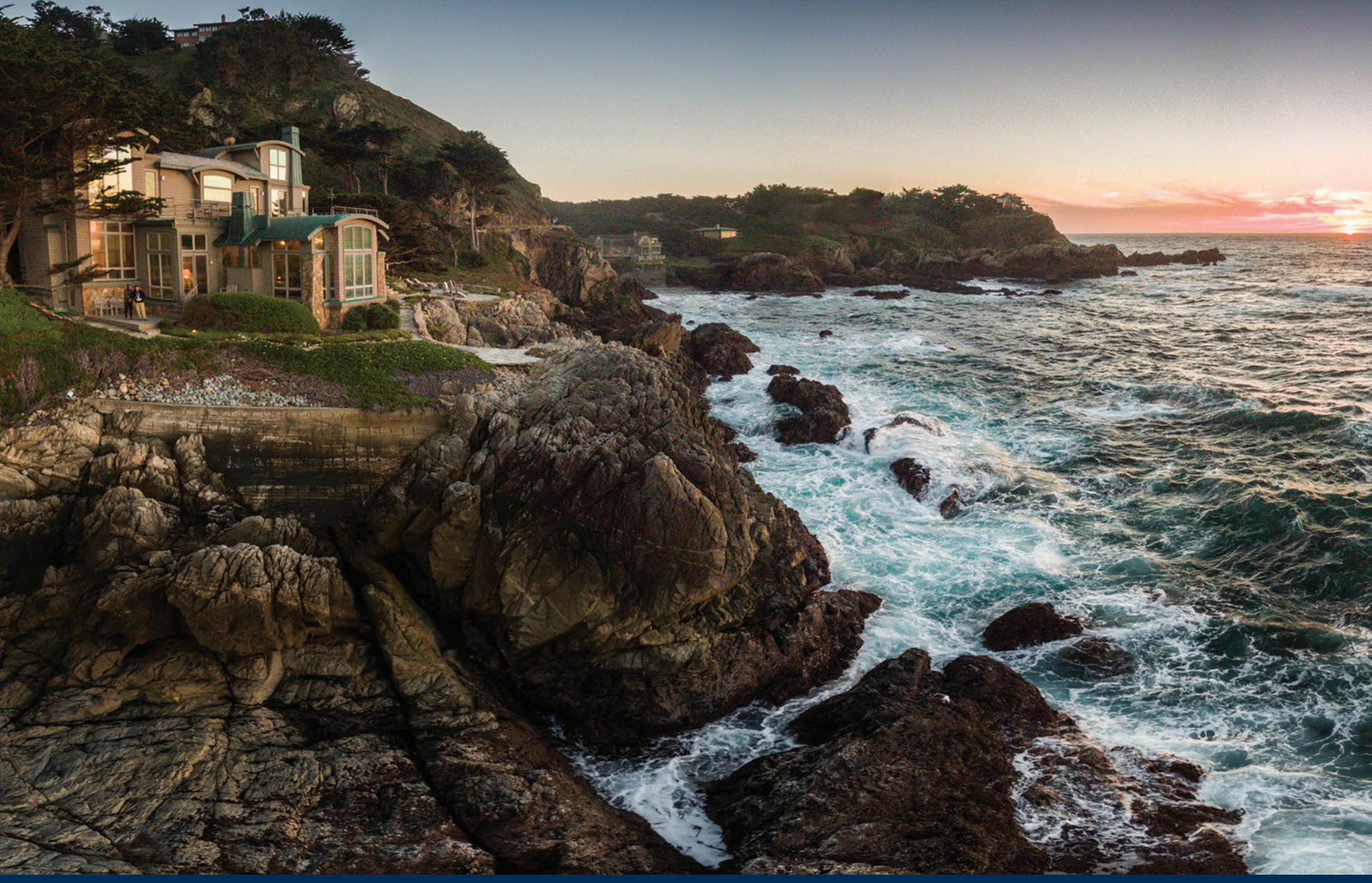


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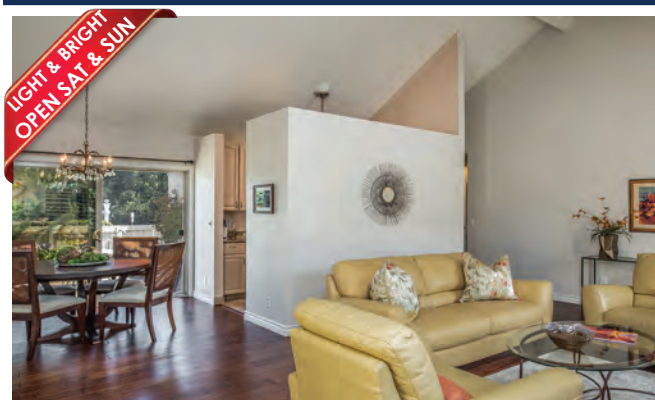


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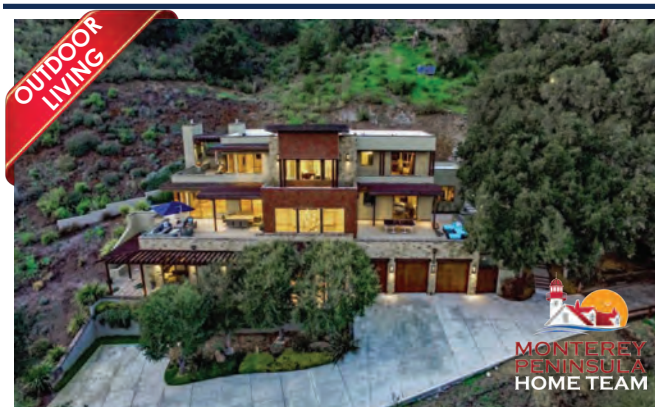
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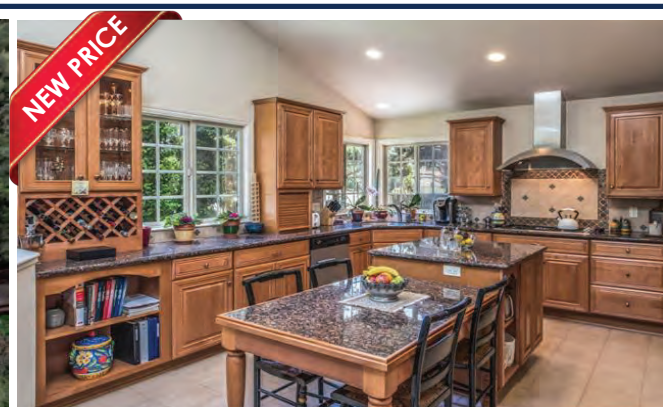
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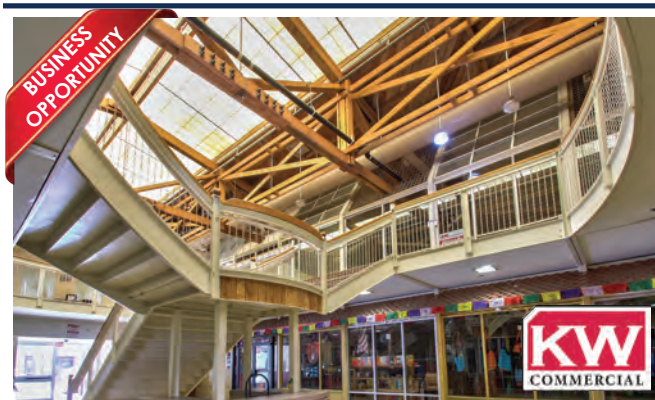
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EVEN THE slightest vindication of one's deeply held ideas can be cause for celebration. Two such occurrences in one week are enough to raise high the roof beams.

For years, I've objected to restaurants that serve water with a slice of lemon. It doesn't make the water taste better. No one's come up with anything better than cool, clear water, as the Sons of the Pioneers sang about when Evian was still a French puddle.

Besides, if the taste of the water needs to be disguised, you shouldn't be serving it.

Friends and family thought I just had a silly anti-lemon prejudice and laughed at me while they continued to insist upon the freshness of a slice of lemon in their water.

Now along comes a study to prove that, as usual, I am in the forefront of lucid thought. Science has proved there are more reasons than taste to insist on lemon-free water. Ann Grange, a microbiologist at no less than Passaic Community College in New Jersey, did a test on 21 restaurants.

"Although lemons have known antimicrobial properties, the results of our study indicate that a wide variety of microorganisms may survive on the flesh and the rind of a sliced lemon," Grange wrote. "Restaurant patrons should be aware that lemon slices added to beverages may include potentially pathogenic microbes."

The study found that 77 percent of the water contained disease-causing bacteria after the lemon slices were added. The very first glass of water she tested was loaded with (yuck) fecal bacteria.

The problem stems from bartenders and servers using their bare hands to place the wedges in the water. Using tongs would probably solve the problem, but how many bartenders are going to slow down enough to take the time to tong the

tidbit of lemon? I leave it to you. Enjoy lemon freshness at the risk of becoming a human Petri dish, or just say no to lemon-itis.

The second instance of vindication came in a New York Times article headlined, "Toothpaste a Hazard? Just ask the FDA."

For years I've been pointing out the warning on toothpaste tubes (hidden among the ingredients): "If you accidentally

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

swallow more than used for brushing, seek professional help or contact a poison control center immediately."

And the New York Times explains why that warning is there: "When fluoride is in the stomach, it can cause irritation leading to nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea."

The Times article goes on to state that, "Of the 4,453 cases of unintended 'fluoride exposure' reported to poison-control centers last year, 99 percent were minor and not one was life-threatening." But I still don't want my kid to go to the hospital from eating toothpaste.

Fluoride, after all, contains small amounts of lead, mercury, beryllium, and arsenic. And if fluoride is such a great deterrent to cavities, why do half of children aged six to eight suffer from tooth decay? *C.H. Shilboski, et al., "The association of early childhood caries and race/ethnicity among California preschool children," Journal of Public Health Dentistry 63 (1) (2003): 38-46.*

Still, mostly my good counsel has been met with derision, especially by persons who insist on loading up their drinking water with disease-ridden lemons.

Now, if I can only find documentation for my belief that broccoli and cucumbers are detrimental to your health, I will be completely vindicated. I am well on way to proving my theory. It has always been my belief that our first parents were evicted from Eden for eating broccoli, not an apple. Psalm 17: 8 reads, "Keep me as the apple of the eye; Hide me in the shadow of Your wings." It does not say, "keep me as the broccoli" Also, Steve Jobs didn't name his iconic computer the iBroc.

My father-in-law, who grew up on a farm in Kentucky, told me that pigs won't eat cucumbers. He wouldn't eat anything pigs wouldn't eat.

An unexpected whammy came at me while lunching at a restaurant in Cambria after a tour of Hearst Castle. The server brought me water with a cucumber slice in it. One taste, and I emptied it into the nearest flowerpot.

If pigs won't eat cucumbers, they certainly won't drink cucumber-flavored water.

While I'm at it ... I'm certain that I'll eventually be proven to be ahead of the curve on neckties, too. The first thing I did upon retirement was donate my ties to the Tower of London for their display of instruments of torture. I've read reports about how much time we spend doing mundane things. If a man lives to be 75, forty of those years will be spent tying his tie, and another 17 fidgeting with the knot.

And another thing — I know there must be research somewhere that will prove that pepperoni pizza with extra cheese is the perfect food.

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POLICE LOG

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THURSDAY, JULY 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Camino Real south of 12th lost a wallet while on a walk.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer at Junipero and Sixth located a Pfeiffer Canyon bypass trail card and placed it into found property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver backed a vehicle into another vehicle parked on San Antonio Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject at Dolores and

10th reported a bracelet was lost on June 16 and a ring on June 4.

Pacific Grove: Male on Central Avenue reported being defrauded via Craigslist.

Pacific Grove: Theft from an unlocked vehicle on Seaview.

Pacific Grove: Various items were taken from an unlocked vehicle on Sinex.

Carmel area: Theft victim on Carmel Rancho Boulevard was contacted after stolen property was found at search warrant location in Greenfield. Several items were stolen from the victim's unlocked vehicle last week, which went unreported in the Carmel area. Property was returned to the owner. Suspect is in custody for related charges.

Carmel area: Citizen on Highway 1 reported check fraud.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A dog owner was playing with her dog on Monte Verde south of 12th

when she was bitten.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 19-year-old male Carmel Valley resident was arrested at Junipero and Sixth for shoplifting and released on a citation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone was found on the beach Monday. A records search revealed

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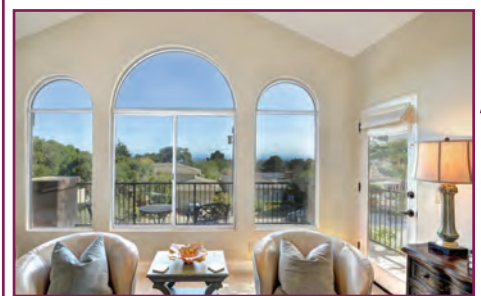
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a number, but the owner of that number changed his number six months ago.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone, keys and a vapor pen were found in the alleyway off Mission south of Ocean. Unable to locate the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 44-year-old male from Stockton was arrested at Monte Verde and Fourth at 1835 hours on a \$10,000 out-of-county felony warrant for false imprisonment issued by Santa Cruz County.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for blocking a driveway at San Carlos and 10th at 1938 hours.

Pacific Grove: A 65-year-old male admitted to being in possession of an open alcoholic beverage container. He was arrested on 15th Street at 0919 hours for violation of probation terms.

Pacific Grove: Driver on Grand Avenue

suffered a medical emergency, passed out, and collided with stationary objects. No additional involved vehicles or pedestrians.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle burglary by forced entry on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Theft from an open vehicle trunk on Divisadero.

Pacific Grove: A 76-year-old female on Paso Hondo was contacted for possession of marijuana.

Carmel Valley: A Cal Am well site in Garland Ranch Regional Park was vandalized and burglarized.

Carmel area: Resident on High Meadows Lane believes her wallet was stolen or lost.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to report that a woman on Cachagua Road was run over by her neighbor.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a

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Second quarter market — Robust? Healthy but not great? Average?

OUR LOCAL real estate market continues its forward march since the big 2008 crash. Here is a summary of what happened: First the dizzying plunge leading to foreclosures, short sales and bargain-priced bank sales; then a slow pick-up moving to an eventual uphill march with more vigor each year; then, in 2016, entering truly robust territory.



House Talk

By Paul Brocchini and Mark Ryan

But if last year was terrific, where are we now? The accompanying numbers still look good, along with some weakening signs in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the Carmel Area (zip code 93923). Still, there is nothing alarming going on, like there was before the Great Recession, when credit expansion became absolutely crazy.

Yet, those of us who have been hanging around the planet long enough know that ups are inevitably followed by downs, mild ones in the best cases, shocking ones during the worst scenarios.

One gets the feeling that things have been too good for too long to keep going much longer. But no one is good at predictions except for those who, in hindsight, happen to be right even though their previous predictions may have been wrong for years.

These musings aside, let's look first at Carmel-by-the-Sea and the surrounding Carmel Area. The major weaknesses are the Market Barometer. On July 1, Carmel-by-the-Sea had only 17 percent of its listings in escrow (11 out of 64). And on July 20, that had dropped a bit to 11 out of 70. That leaves a lot of

inventory on the market in a town of one square mile.

Also on July 20, the Carmel Area had 16 of 122 listings in escrow, a tiny bit higher than on July 1.

Inside the business, we are seeing the number of properties on broker tour growing as the lingering listings get put back on to remind agents they are there. Up markets eventually reach a point where buyers balk. Prices, in their view, just become too high. Are we there yet? Or is the resistance just around the corner? Or is it still way off in the distance?

With all of these issues in mind, let's take a look at what we learn from the accompanying charts.

Gross Dollar Volume: In comparison to the second quarter of last year, gross dollar volume was up 7 percent, surpassing \$406 million. Carmel-by-the-Sea had a substantial drop, from \$67 million to \$41 million. The only other market to go down was Carmel Valley.

Median Sales Prices: Prices were up in five of the markets and down only in Carmel-by-the-Sea, the Carmel Area and Carmel Valley.

Number of Closed Transactions: The number of sales mirrors what we have seen above; up everywhere except Carmel-by-the-Sea and Carmel Valley with a minute decline of one sale in Pacific Grove.

Distribution of Sales: As we have noted before, the Distribution of Sales chart clearly illustrates how expensive housing is in our area. Forty-eight percent of the sales in the second quarter were over \$1 million, and an amazing 12 percent were over \$2 million. At the other end of the spectrum, only 3 percent of sales were under \$400,000.

Our purpose is not to predict, but to elucidate, and we believe that none of the questions posed in our headline properly describes the present. What does is, "Healthy and still pretty great!" There is a pause or worse out there somewhere, but we do not know where it is.

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Median sales prices (dollars)			
	2016 (full year)	2016 (Q2)	2017 (Q2)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	1,595,000	1,800,000	1,600,000
Carmel Highlands	1,900,000	1,825,000	3,130,148
Carmel Area	1,350,000	1,650,000	1,406,900
Carmel Valley	997,500	1,250,000	972,500
Monterey	755,000	787,500	797,500
Pacific Grove	832,000	860,000	950,000
Pebble Beach	1,550,000	1,363,000	1,665,000
Seaside	445,000	427,000	505,000

Monterey Peninsula Home Sales Market Barometer		
Date	in escrow /listed	%
Carmel-by-the-Sea		
7/1/17	11/64	17%
4/1/17	16/57	28%
1/1/17	13/49	20%
10/1/16	13/64	20%
7/1/16	14/59	24%
Carmel Highlands		
7/1/17	3/27	11%
4/1/17	1/21	5%
1/1/17	3/23	13%
10/1/16	1/15	7%
Carmel area		
7/1/17	14/114	12%
4/1/17	25/103	24%
1/1/17	23/95	24%
10/1/16	27/144	19%
Carmel Valley		
7/1/17	15/62	24%
4/1/17	16/56	29%
1/1/17	6/45	13%
10/1/16	9/57	16%
Monterey		
7/1/17	30/101	30%
4/1/17	38/86	45%
1/1/17	26/69	38%
10/1/16	39/100	39%
Pacific Grove		
7/1/17	20/53	38%
4/1/17	24/51	47%
1/1/17	11/42	26%
10/1/16	15/60	25%
Pebble Beach		
7/1/17	20/97	21%
4/1/17	12/90	13%
1/1/17	8/67	14%
10/1/16	12/87	14%
7/1/16	14/84	17%
Seaside		
7/1/17	19/45	39%
4/1/17	31/57	54%
1/1/17	21/40	53%
10/1/16	32/57	56%

Distribution of home sales — 2nd quarter 2017							
	up to \$399	\$400-\$699	\$700-\$999	\$1M-\$1,499	\$1.5M-\$1,999	\$2M-\$2,999	\$3M and up
Carmel-by-the-Sea	0	0	4	6	10	4	1
Carmel Highlands	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Carmel area	0	1	5	27	6	7	7
Carmel Valley	1	4	11	11	1	2	0
Monterey	0	17	30	12	1	2	2
Pacific Grove	0	8	20	15	6	1	0
Pebble Beach	0	0	4	11	9	6	3
Seaside	10	48	9	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	78	83	82	35	23	16

Average days to sell		
	2016 (Q2)	2017 (Q2)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	67	86
Carmel Highlands	128	135
Carmel area	96	93
Carmel Valley	105	85
Monterey	44	50
Pacific Grove	51	41
Pebble Beach	100	82
Seaside	34	34

Gross dollar volume		
	2016 (Q2)	2017 (Q2)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	67,375,625	41,622,200
Carmel Highlands	5,518,000	20,397,796
Carmel area	93,139,801	101,153,400
Carmel Valley	45,235,220	32,802,888
Monterey	49,327,500	63,409,400
Pacific Grove	49,574,465	51,216,562
Pebble Beach	48,293,663	61,319,025
Seaside	20,608,839	34,876,400
Totals	379,073,113	406,797,671

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Number of real estate sales (by quarter)							
	2015 (Q4)	2016 (Q1)	2016 (Q2)	2016 (Q3)	2016 (Q4)	2017 (Q1)	2017 (Q2)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	28	25	31	25	21	27	25
Carmel Highlands	7	4	4	3	2	1	6
Carmel area	47	33	47	48	46	44	53
Carmel Valley	16	10	33	23	16	13	30
Monterey	62	41	54	60	51	42	64
Pacific Grove	34	28	51	39	30	38	50
Pebble Beach	37	26	30	35	26	18	33
Seaside	45	35	45	54	49	31	67
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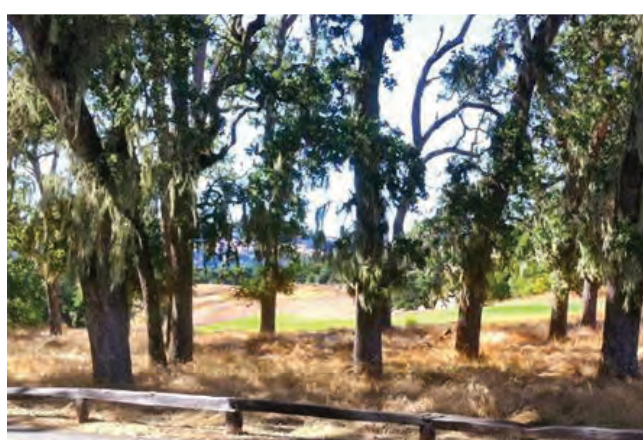
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