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## ‘15:17 to Paris’ debuts February 9 with extraordinary ordinary cast

■ Heroes play themselves in Eastwood’s new film

By PAUL MILLER

THE NAMES Spencer Stone, Anthony Sadler and Alek Skarlatos haven’t been in the news much lately, but that’s going to change big time on Wednesday, when the three young men head out on a big-city media tour geared to the

Feb. 9 launch of Clint Eastwood’s new movie, “The 15:17 to Paris.”

It’s a film that promises to spellbind audiences with its story of everyday Americans and the remarkable courage they showed when they stopped a terrorist attack on a crowded high-speed train in France. And it does it in a way that’s unprecedented for a major Hollywood picture: The heroes play themselves, and so do many of the other important characters in the life-or-death drama that played out two years ago in the French countryside.

The highly unusual casting decision was one Eastwood made last summer even after he had already started working on the movie, which tells the story of Stone, Skarlatos and Sadler and the 2015 backpacking trip around Europe that landed them in the same railcar as a heavily armed Moroccan man, Ayub El-Khazzani, who was getting ready to commit mass murder. And El-Khazzani would have, if Stone hadn’t tackled him, and Skarlatos and Sadler hadn’t fought with him until he could be subdued.

All three men were injured during the fight on the train — especially Stone, whose thumb was nearly severed — but dozens, and perhaps hundreds, of lives were saved. El-Khazzani was arrested and remains in a French prison.

“I had been looking at various actors for the film, and a lot of them

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(From left) Spencer Stone, Anthony Sadler and Clint Eastwood in Paris last summer during filming of “The 15:17 to Paris,” which tells the story of how Stone, Sadler and their friend, Alek Skarlatos, thwarted a terrorist attack on a high-speed train in 2015, and uses them to tell it.

## Panetta optimistic about immigration deal

■ ‘Dreamers’ a priority, but border wall needed in some places, congressman says

By KELLY NIX

CONGRESSMAN JIMMY Panetta said he’s optimistic that the extraordinary meeting President Donald Trump convened at the White House with Republican and Democratic leaders Tuesday over the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program will soon lead to a resolution, which the Democrat from Carmel Valley said could include some sort of a wall on the southern border.

Panetta said he was encouraged by the discussion in which Trump seemed to be open to an agreement that would offer a pathway to citizenship for the estimated 800,000 illegal immigrant children brought to this country by their parents. So-called Dreamers, who now range in age from 16 to 35, number about 20,000 in Monterey County and 200,000 in California.

“If we can keep it to a reasonable discussion about border security, as well as uphold the principles of the Dream Act, I’m very hopeful we can come up with a solution to our Dreamers in a short amount of time,” Panetta told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

While Panetta had previously said that he would not be in favor of providing funding for a border wall as a condition of providing amnesty to DACA recipients — saying it amounted to “bargaining the lives” of those who came to the country illegally — he now concedes that a wall, at least on parts of the United States and Mexico border, is feasible.

“I’m willing to talk about a reasonable wall,” Panetta said Wednesday. “I just got off the house floor talking to [Democratic Congressman Henry Cuellar] from Texas, who basically said, ‘Yeah, there are areas in his district where a wall would be reasonable.’”

Any wall fortification, though, should be “evidence based,” meaning input from residents who live on the border, officials from the Department of Homeland Security and

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## Big Sur weathers first big storm of 2018

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE FIRST big storm of the year dumped nearly 10 inches of rain at high elevations in Big Sur, but after the dark clouds cleared, Highway 1 had sustained little damage.

At Mud Creek — where one of the largest slides in California’s history dumped 5 million cubic yards of rock, dirt and debris on the scenic route in May 2017 — construction was slowed only briefly. “The rain messed up work for a day and brought some material down, but it’s back to normal now,” Susanna Cruz of Caltrans reported.

The highway at Mud Creek is expected to remain closed until late summer — unless the weather takes an unexpected turn for the worse. Fixing it is expected to cost \$40 million.

“The forecast is for a mild winter,” Cruz explained. “But if it’s like last year, all bets are off. If we have an extreme winter, we will have to reassess the timeline.”

Last week’s rains only caused a problem at one site along the scenic route.

“There was an overnight closure at mile marker 42.2, but it was cleared the next morning” said Cruz of a small slide that temporarily blocked the highway just south of Deetjen’s

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## Business owners report strong December

By MARY SCHLEY

HOTELS WERE full, sidewalks were crowded, parking was hard to come by — and several shops and restaurants reported record sales — last month. While the sales tax and hotel tax numbers aren’t in yet, several business owners said their own receipts were up over previous years, speculating that fires in Wine Country and Southern California, poor snow in Tahoe, and other factors drew more people than usual to town.

“This week has been crazy! Lots of new faces — first-time visitors,” Anna Bartolini, owner of La Balena and Il Grillo restaurants with her husband, Emanuele, said of the week between Christmas and New Year’s. “I’ve probably had to turn away more people than during Concours Week.”

Rich Pepe, owner of Little Napoli, Vino Napoli, Carmel Bakery and Vesuvio, said December is typically “a lackluster month” in Carmel, since people do so much of their shopping online or at the mall. But not in 2017.

“Maybe because of the glorious weather, the healthy state of the growing economy, and hotel occupancy at a 10-year high, many of the retailers and restaurant owners I have spoken with told me that this December has been one of the best in recent years,” he said. “I have high hopes for a fantastic 2018.”

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## Council wants somebody to move into Flanders

■ But they’ll also have to restore it

By MARY SCHLEY

A DIVIDED city council voted Tuesday night to seek proposals from tenants who might want to live in Flanders Mansion and fix it up. The arrangement would either be a “curatorship” — in which someone restores an old building while living there without paying rent, often for the rest of his life — or a ground lease, in which the city would sell the house but keep the land and lease it to the homeowner.

In both scenarios, the tenant/owner would be required to restore the mansion, and do it according to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Built in the 1920s and bought in 1972 by taxpayers along with the surrounding land that became Mission Trail park, the house is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. For the past 45 years, elected officials have struggled to find a use for the old house, which has occasionally been occupied by public employees and groups.

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Pretty pair

BEFORE SHE had children, she had St. Bernards. But since one of the dogs had been aggressive, she decided she'd never have that breed with children – never mind that “Nana,” the nursemaid dog in Disney’s adaptation of Peter Pan, was a St. Bernard. She just couldn’t risk it. Back when she was in college, a friend of hers had a golden retriever which, she observed, was a beautiful, sweet, gentle dog that seemed great with kids – with everybody, actually.

So when her three children were small, she decided they were ready for a golden retriever, and she got Butternut and then Buttercup, and eventually Ginger, Nutmeg, and then Sunny. Later, she and her daughter even started raising guide-dog puppies.



Nearly four years ago, the family brought home Nalle Bjorn or “Teddy Bear” – so named for his fluffy fur, and his person’s Swedish heritage – from Gold Rush Kennels in Princeton, N.J. After a ride in a car, bus, train and plane, the 8-week-old pup was at home in Pacific Grove.

“Bjorn is very lively, not aggressive, but so excited, particularly when he sees people,” his person said. “We’ve practiced ‘sit’ a million times, and he’s getting it, even if he doesn’t want to. I don’t let him run free on the beach; I’m afraid he’d knock people over, including me.”

A year after Bjorn came home, the family welcomed Buttermilk Biscuit with Honey, now 3.

“Buttermilk is a natural therapy dog. When we walk around Pacific Grove to Lovers Point or along the Rec Trail,” her person said, “she sits and waits for people to pet her. She really uplifts people. She has soothed children, and opens people up to their own dog stories.”

Buttermilk and Bjorn are so beautiful, they are frequently photographed by passersby. Bjorn also serves as the poster dog in the Orvis Dog Book catalog, and for the Morris Animal Foundation, which raises money for canine cancer research.

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# CHOMP sees record number of emergency room patients

By KELLY NIX

THE COMMUNITY Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula saw a record number of patients in its emergency room last week — a figure largely attributed to an influx of people seeking treatment for the flu, a CHOMP spokeswoman told The Pine Cone this week.

On Jan. 2, doctors and nurses in CHOMP's emergency room treated 234 people, which spokeswoman Monica Sciuto said marked the largest number of patients treated in the hospital's ER in a single day. For perspective, the daily average of patients who sought treatment in the CHOMP ER in 2017 was 154.

The flood of patients led the hospital to issue a press release last week urging patients with non-emergency symptoms to go to their physician or urgent care for treatment to free up space in the ER.

"At the peak of the visits, wait times were up to 3 to 5 hours for those with minor illness, but those have now stabilized back to around 1 hour or less," Sciuto said Monday.

To deal with the influx, the hospital set up a medical tent in its garage area to screen overflow patients; asked staff to add or extend their shifts; and brought its mobile medical clinic to the hospital.

"We have been and are currently staffed appropriately to care for the patients we have admitted and seen in the emergency department," Sciuto said. "We are thankful to the staff who have volunteered to work extra shifts in order to cover for the increased patient volumes and/or staff sick calls."

The good news is that the number of patients dipped dramatically last weekend, with the number of ER visits on Jan. 7 at 143 — which is below the 2017 average. Sciuto said the number of patients in the ER on Monday was 160.

Still, Sciuto said there is a long way to go until the flu goes away.

"We would still like to reiterate that flu

season is not over and that there is still time to get vaccinated," she said. "Even though there are rumors that the flu vaccine this year is less effective, it may still help in decreasing the length and/or the severity of the flu."

Sciuto said tests were performed on most patients who exhibited signs of flu, and of 276 tests, 64 patients tested positive for influenza A, while 55 were positive for influenza B.

CHOMP urged those with non-emergency flu symptoms to see their doctors.

"If, however, you have an emergency, call 911," the hospital said. "In addition, if you are experiencing urgent medical needs or flu symptoms such as high fever that doesn't improve with medication, difficulty breathing, dizziness or faintness, please come to the emergency department."

Besides getting the flu vaccine, CHOMP recommends that you keep your hands clean, avoid touching your eyes and nose, and keep your distance — at least 6 feet — from people with flu-like illnesses.

## CRA water talk moved to Vista Lobos

THE CARMEL Residents Association's Jan. 25 program on "The Shape of Water on the Monterey Peninsula," has been moved from Sunset Center to the Vista Lobos community room located in the building adjacent to the city parking lot on Third Avenue between Torres and Junipero. The talk will have representatives from Cal Am Water, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, and the Cal Am takeover group, Public Water Now. The free program will start at 5 p.m. and will include wine and socializing.

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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## Chased twice, but escaped anyway

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A male was cited at Ocean and Highway 1 at 0357 hours for driving on a suspended driver's license.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A domestic rabbit was found in the bushes on Ocean west of San Carlos. The rabbit was transported to the police station and later to Monterey County Animal Services.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A vehicle was towed from Scenic and Eighth for having expired registration.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A loose dog was found at Guadalupe and Second, and brought to the Carmel P.D. for safe keeping. The owner and person in charge of the dog were found. The dog was returned to the person in charge, and the owner was notified.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Investigated a dog bite

on San Carlos north of 11th.

**Pacific Grove:** Conducted a vehicle stop on Lighthouse Avenue for various vehicle code violations. It was determined the suspects were in possession of drug paraphernalia, and one of them had warrants for his arrest. One suspect was booked into Monterey County Jail for the drug paraphernalia and warrants. The other suspect was cited and released for drug paraphernalia. The suspects were a 34-year-old male and a 42-year-old female.

**Pacific Grove:** Personal property taken while the owner was at work on Forest Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Female was waiting for her boyfriend to get off work in her vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue at 2256 hours. A group of juveniles kicked her door and yelled at her. She did not have any suspect information.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

**Carmel Valley:** A male was placed on a psychiatric hold after assaulting his father.

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in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**Oct. 25** — Lauro Valenzuela, 32, was sentenced to two years in prison for possessing a loaded firearm and a controlled substance.

On October 23, 2016, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Greenfield police officers were on routine patrol near the intersection of San Antonio Drive and Oak Avenue and observed a pickup truck being driven without its headlights illuminated. The officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop for the observed vehicle code violation. Upon contacting the driver, Valenzuela, the officers noticed an open 24-ounce can of Budweiser in the center console and proceeded to search his car.

Valenzuela, who was on parole for a narcotics-related offense, had a loaded, stolen .357 magnum revolver concealed directly underneath the driver's seat and 6.5 grams of methamphetamine hidden inside of a Marlboro cigarette box. In the back-passenger area of the pickup truck, officers found his semi-automatic, 12-gauge, sawed-off shotgun. They also found marijuana, a marijuana smoking pipe, and four cell phones in the car.

**Oct. 25** — Ricardo Balli, 24, a resident of Gonzalez, was found guilty following a jury trial of five felony charges including battery causing serious bodily injury, assault by means likely to cause great bodily injury, domestic violence, and vandalism.

On May 13, 2016, Jane Doe No. 1 was attending the Salinas Valley Fair at the King City Fairgrounds with friends. She was socializing throughout the evening with a group of men, including Balli. At the end of the night, she and her friend left the fair and Balli and his friends followed. They invited Jane Doe No. 1 and her friends to a party of which they declined. Balli became angry and grabbed Jane Doe No. 1's keys to prevent her from leaving. As she ran to

get her keys back from Balli, he turned around and struck her in the face with a closed fist. Balli immediately fled the scene. He hit the victim with such force that she fell straight to the ground and lost consciousness. She suffered a concussion, and a laceration to her forehead that required 8 stitches, and her teeth were also chipped because of the attack.

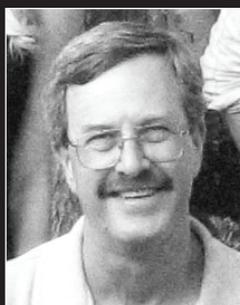
On September 24, 2016, Balli had his then-girlfriend of two years, Jane Doe No. 2, pick him up from a friend's house in Gonzalez. She drove Balli from Gonzalez to the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital because she was having stomach pains. She was three months pregnant at the time. At the hospital, Balli became upset and did not want to go into the hospital with her.

An argument began and he threw a full can of beer at her face. He then grabbed her by the neck and began to punch her in the head, chest, and stomach numerous times. She was able to kick Balli off of her, and ran from the scene.

When Jane Doe No. 2 returned home that evening, she found that Balli had destroyed the inside of her apartment. The floor had been ripped, dresser had been broken, and TV was smashed among other things. Balli called her that evening bragging about the damage he had caused.

On November 27, 2016, Balli was with his newest girlfriend, Jane Doe No. 3, and her sister at the Pizza Factory in Salinas. When dinner was over, the couple walked to the car in the parking lot. An argument began between the two that lasted until they got in the car. Once in the car, Balli grabbed Jane Doe No. 3 by the hair and began to punch her in the head repeatedly until her sister yelled for Balli to stop.

Balli faces up to nine years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.



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# Food truck sets up shop at Bixby, locals worry new trend on the way

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN BIG Sur — where scenic turnouts can become gridlocked by camera-toting tourists — the arrival Jan. 6 of a food truck in a busy parking area just north of the Bixby Bridge was greeted with astonishment by a resident who was driving by.

"There were people in line getting food," Ken Ekelund told The Pine Cone. "I don't think anybody's seen this before. This is brazen."

Ekelund stopped to take a few photos of the truck, which can be seen occupying at least two parking spaces. Painted on the truck was a phone number.

A man named Otmar responded to a call from The Pine Cone, and he said he only set up his truck in the turnout for a day, and later decided it wasn't worth the effort. Otmar mentioned "he has all the permits" required to operate the business, but he has no plans to sell food in Big Sur again.

While Otmar insisted what he did is legal, officer Oscar Loza of the California Highway Patrol said the California Vehicle Code "states that the solicitation for money is prohibited" at roadside rest stops and scenic vistas. The turnout at Bixby Bridge undoubtedly falls in the second category.

It's unclear if the food truck could park

along the Old Coast Road, which meets Highway 1 just north of the bridge. Loza did say vehicles can be parked along the county-owned dirt road for one hour only. "The reason for the time limit is that if you let people park longer, there would need to be public restrooms, which there aren't," Loza explained.

Loza also noted that any food truck operator needs a county inspection and permit.

Ekelund, meanwhile, said he's concerned more food trucks will come.

"It's only a matter of time," he predicted. "These things will continue to happen. People will continue to push the envelope."

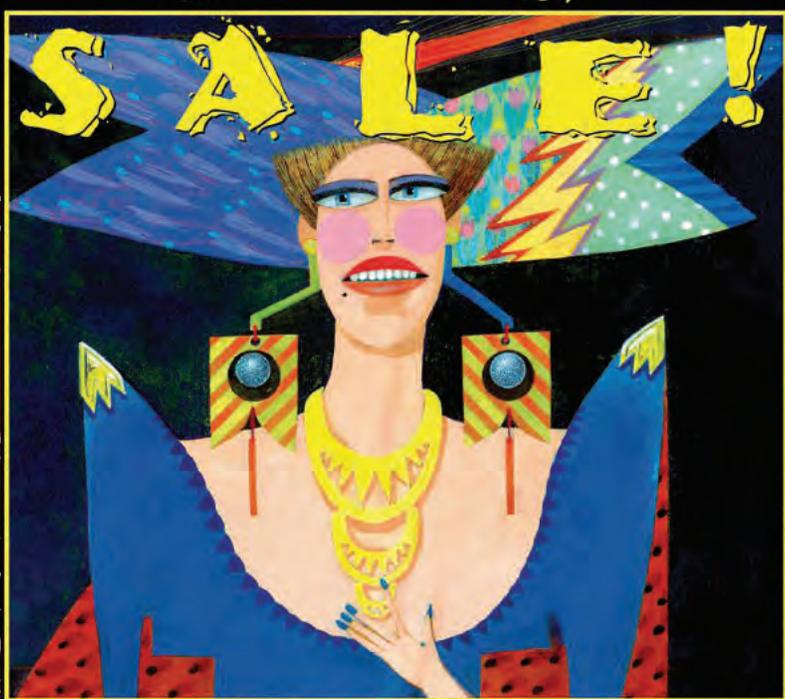
In recent years, the volume of tourist traffic has skyrocketed in Big Sur, and Ekelund said he's never seen more cars on the scenic route than he did during the recent holiday season. Traffic regularly snarls along the highway near the Bixby Bridge, Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park and other popular sites. Three years ago, a tourist was killed in a parking accident at the state park.

Despite the concerns, Otmar wasn't the first to set up a food shop at the Bixby Bridge turnout. In the 1940s, a restaurant alternately known as Gallatin's and the Crocodile's Tail occupied the site, and was once the scene of a grisly murder that happened during a late-night card game.



After a food truck served customers Jan. 6 in a turnout just north of Bixby Bridge, residents expressed surprise and concern. But is the practice legal?

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# SCRAMP, COUNTY AND MAZDA WIN LAWSUIT OVER LAGUNA SECA CRASH

By KELLY NIX

A SAN Francisco motorcyclist who filed a lawsuit in 2016 a year after he suffered a bad crash at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca has lost his case against Monterey County, the Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula and Mazda, the company that sponsors the racetrack.

In his suit, Daniel Kim alleged that the accident at Turn 5 and the injuries he sustained were the result of the “grossly negligent and reckless placement” of a group of unmarked sandbags on the track.

On Dec. 19, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas W. Wills ruled that there was no evidence to show that the placement of the sandbags amounted to gross negligence on the part of SCRAMP. Wills also found that

Monterey County and Mazda were not liable for the March 2015 accident.

“By expressly assuming the risk of high-speed motorcycle racing,” Kim essentially waived his right to sue SCRAMP, the county and Mazda for general negligence, SCRAMP attorney Andy Swartz told The Pine Cone. “Therefore, [Kim’s attorney] had to concoct a theory that SCRAMP was ‘grossly negligent.’”

Despite throwing out Mazda, the county and SCRAMP as defendants, Wills allowed Kim to proceed with the lawsuit against Keigwins at the Track — the company that organizes track days at Laguna Seca in which Kim had been participating. That trial is set for May.

Kim signed a waiver before taking part in the track day — in which amateur motorcyclists

ride around the track — and was “recreationally riding a motorcycle on a race track, at speed,” Wills wrote in the ruling in which he granted motions for summary judgment in the case.

Wills said Kim didn’t meet the burden of proof to show Mazda was liable because he didn’t offer evidence that it controlled the placement of the sandbags.

### No other accidents

For more than 30 years, sandbags have been used in the offseason to prevent water and debris from erosion from entering the track.

While Wills said Kim did produce evidence that a French drain could have been installed inexpensively as an alternative solution to preventing runoff, the judge also noted

that there have been no other accidents related to sandbags at Laguna Seca.

“The act of placing the sandbags was intended to reduce the risk of injury to an activity which carries with it inherent risk of injury to the participants,” Wills said.

The day of the crash, Swartz said Kim was “one of the faster, if not the fastest,” amateurs riding on the day of his crash. Kim, he said, could have avoided the accident by remaining on the track, but instead he opted to pass a slower rider by riding off the track into the runoff area — a “no man’s land” where SCRAMP had placed the sandbags.

Besides a motorcycle hobbyist, Kim is an entrepreneur who invented a “self-balancing” motorbike. However, the day of the crash, he was riding a 2013 Ducati motorcycle, not the one he invented.

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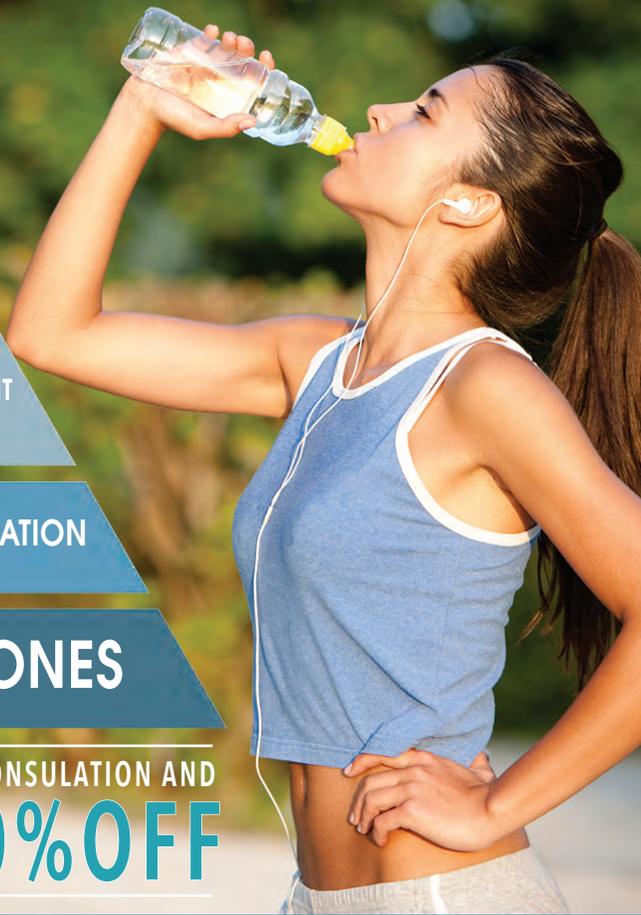
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# Expanded Prancing Ponies show during Concours Week gets past first hurdle

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH NO hue and cry from residents opposed to the addition of any more cars on downtown streets during Concours Week — and at the suggestion of the city's community activities department — the Prancing Ponies car show that debuted in 2017 is expanding this year to include two blocks of Sixth Avenue and almost twice as many vehicles. At a meeting that lasted less than 10 minutes Tuesday morning, the community activities and cultural commission unanimously voted to recommend the city council approve the show's new layout.

When the council authorized Prancing Ponies founder Chanterria McGilbra's show of female-owned cars last year, some were surprised that public officials would support adding another event to an already crowded and traffic-plagued week that many residents complain about annually. The show was held on Dolores Street between Fifth and Ocean, but Sixth remained open, with police stationed at the intersection to direct vehicles and pedestrians through it.

In her June 9 report for the commission, library and com-

munity activities director Ashlee Wright said her department recommended the show expand to include a two-block stretch of Sixth this year, so no traffic control would be needed.

That setup "would provide a safer environment for spectators and participants," she explained. "It would also reduce the staffing burden on the police department."

There was no discussion of the effect of having more cars in the show or shutting down another typically busy street.

Heavy trucks parked at the event's boundaries would protect people from being run down by a terrorist, Wright said.

And McGilbra has already arranged with the contractor constructing the new commercial/residential building at Dolores and Fifth to not work that day.

Portable toilets will be placed somewhere within the show's boundaries. "Event organizers will secure permission from the businesses in front of which the restrooms will be placed to set them up in that location," Wright said.

If the council approves McGilbra's request to expand the venue, she plans to display up to 80 cars, according to her application. The inaugural Prancing Ponies show last year

brought out woman-owned Ferraris and other sports cars, as well as a few vintage rides, and many of the entrants were dressed to match their cars.

The application states that participants pay a \$300 entry fee, while "Guest VIP Paddock Access" goes for \$100 per person. Funds benefit the Prancing Ponies Foundation, the nonprofit McGilbra established in 2017 with the mission of "creating women leaders one girl at a time."

Community activities assistant Margi Perotti said McGilbra submitted her application well in advance of her event and complied with everything the city requested. The fees McGilbra will pay the city for use of the streets, police officers, barricades and other public property were estimated at \$3,603, though they might change, according to new rates approved by the council this week. It's unknown whether she will ask the city for any discounts.

Members of the commission praised the thoroughness of her paperwork and planning before unanimously voting to recommend the city council approve the Prancing Ponies event with its additional street closures.

# In annual ritual, county bulldozers prevent flooding, cut channel in sandbar

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE Carmel River Lagoon swollen from recent rains, Monterey County Public Works used bulldozers Monday to cut a channel through the southern part of Carmel River State Beach to drain water from the lagoon.

To protect homes along the lagoon from flooding, the work is an annual affair, typically happening in December. "This is a little late in the season," noted Monterey County official Melanie Beretti.

Under gray skies and light rain, a pair of bulldozers pushed an estimated 300 cubic yards of sand away from the channel, allowing excess water from the lagoon to snake its way across the sandbar to the sea.

Beretti told The Pine Cone that county workers had been keeping a close eye for days on the height of the sandbar and the water level in the lagoon.

"We looked at all forecasts on Friday, and we realized there would be enough precipitation to generate enough flows for the lagoon to start filling up quickly," Beretti recall.

When the height of the lagoon reached 12.75 feet above sea level, the public works department swung into action.

"We had most of the permits, and the thing we were waiting for on Monday morning was a final signature from the Army Corps of Engineers," Beretti said. "We mobilized, and waited for the final permit, which we received around noon."

Instead of breaching the sandbar by carving a deep channel, workers cut what Beretti described as a "gentle pilot channel," which she said makes it easier for nature to do most of the work. By the next morning, the river was flowing easily out to sea — and nearby residents, if they were paying attention, breathed a sigh of relief.

"The lagoon is dropping slowly as the water flows," she reported.

When the water drains slowly, young steelhead are less likely to be swept into the ocean before they are mature enough to survive.

"If they're not ready to go out to sea, this gives them time to find a refuge," Beretti added.

For the past decade, public works has cut the channel at the southern end of the beach. Previously, steelhead advocates urged officials to carve the channel farther to the north, but attempts to do so caused erosion that threatened Scenic Road and the parking lot at Carmel River State Beach.



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County workers used bulldozers this week to cut a channel along the south end of the Carmel River Lagoon sandbar. The annual task helps prevent flooding in nearby neighborhoods.

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# Woman arrested for DUI after worried market employees call police

By MARY SCHLEY

A 37-YEAR-OLD woman was arrested for DUI Christmas Eve morning after employees at a downtown market noticed she was drunk and called police, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Chris Johnson. Testing showed that the driver, Lindsey Chochola, had a blood alcohol concentration more than four times the legal limit of .08 percent.

At around 9:15 a.m. on Dec. 24, Chochola stopped at Bruno's Market at Junipero and Sixth to buy liquor, Johnson said, but the clerk realized she was drunk and refused to sell any to her.

"The employees did everything perfectly by not selling to her, because it is against the law to sell to an obviously intoxicated person," he said.

The workers thought someone else was driving her, but when Chochola walked out and got into the driver's seat of a Lexus and prepared to leave, they went out into the parking lot and tried to delay her. "They did everything they could to

stop her — they had already called us to report an obviously intoxicated person," Johnson said.

But when she realized what they were doing, she "slammed the door and tried to drive away," he said.

At that moment, however, Carmel P.D. detective Rachelle Lightfoot was pulling into the parking lot, and the drunk woman "pulled into a parking spot real quick," Johnson said.

It was too late, though, since Lightfoot and the store employees had seen her driving, and she admitted as much, according to Johnson.

He also said that when she was given a breathalyzer test, Chochola had a blood alcohol concentration of a staggering .33 percent — a level high enough to cause "complete unconsciousness, depressed or absent reflex-

es, subnormal body temperature, incontinence, and impairment of circulation and respiration," according to an online resource for information on substance abuse.

Upon checking her records, police also learned Chochola has two prior convictions for DUI and an outstanding \$50,000 warrant for a third DUI conviction in San Mateo County. She said she lives on Ridgewood, off of Rio Road across from the Mission.

In addition, she was driving on a suspended or revoked driver's license and was using a car without an ignition interlock device. The Lexus, it turned out, belonged to a friend.

"She went to jail," Johnson said of Chochola.

The car she was driving was towed, and her friend had to pay to get it back.



Lindsey Chochola

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# Need a break from all that's fake? This group's got just the thing.

By ELAINE HESSER

IT WAS a tough room, and the speakers knew it going in. Last Saturday, Monterey County Skeptics — yes, that's a real group — held its fourth annual SkeptiCamp in Seaside.

The organization describes itself as “A group for scientific skeptics and free thinkers” in the Monterey area, and “a place for debunking conspiracy theories, investigating paranormal claims or simply a place to discuss the world with like-minded people.”

I come from a pretty scienc-y family (Mom was a chemist for the Navy, and her dad taught chemistry), but still follow the traditions from my religious upbringing, so I was both stoked about the conference and a little fearful of religion-bashing.

It didn't help matters when the first thing I heard as I came through the door was, “Religion is for people who don't understand science.” Retorts abounded in my mind, but remained unsaid.

Things got better from there, with abundant good cheer and acceptance of a wide

range of ideas — as long as you could either back them up with evidence or admit you couldn't. That explained why anyone who said, “I don't know,” garnered a smattering of applause.

### Flawed memories

Presenters came armed with facts, charts, source material and statistics, completely up to the challenge of facing a group whose unofficial motto is “Citation Needed.” And the group's sense of humor was delightful.

To get things started, Arlen Grossman (who wrote a column on famous quotations for the Herald) quizzed the audience on whether a series of quotes attributed to Mark Twain were things he really said or wrote.

Apparently, Twain didn't say half the things we think he said, including, “The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco.”

Next, Jill Yamashita, who has a doctorate in psychology and teaches at CSUMB, explained why having an eyewitness testimony about a crime can be the worst — but the most popular — evidence ever.

“Juries love this stuff,” she said of testi-

mony from those who witness a crime, even though there are a lot of things that can go wrong with their memories — without them realizing it. She described distortions that occur when witnesses discuss what they saw with each other, for example.

While she didn't mention age, the grayer heads in the room nodded sagely along as she discussed how the brain cheerfully supplies missing details that fit people's expectations, describing an experiment in which participants were left alone in what they were told was “a professor's office” to wait for someone.

When asked to describe the room's contents later, a lot of people remembered books that weren't there. Not one volume was in the room, but because it belonged to a professor, it just had to have books.

Then, because making you doubt your own memories wasn't bad enough, Glenn Church, a businessman from Royal Oaks, decided to emphasize why your vote against (or for) the guy in the White House didn't count much.

“If you're going out to vote in a presidential election, your chances of dying in a car crash are better than the chances of your vote making a difference,” he said. He asked everyone who voted in the last election to raise a hand. Then, he asked everyone who knew their senators' names to keep their hands raised.

He drilled down to the House of Representatives (seriously, how can you not know Jimmy Panetta is your congress-

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Deeply admired and loved by his family and friends – both near and far – Lee lived a life full of boundless energy sharing kindness and compassion. With his hallmark twinkly blue eyes, big beautiful smile and pleasant demeanor, Lee was an incredibly caring person who went out of his way to make sure that no one felt excluded from any conversation, activity or gathering. He cared deeply for his fellow man, his community and his nation. Moreover, he was never one to say an ill-word about anyone, believing instead in the power of positive thinking.

Aside from being a successful real estate investor and developer Lee wrote two books: "The Captive American", which helped to spark political term limits in forty-seven states. He also wrote "The Dawn of Darkness," a novel about the Bataan Death March and the treatment of our prisoners in their prison camps in Manchuria, during the Second World War. He co-produced with William Crain: "The Kid From Not So Big", shown on HBO on Christmas Day, 1989. His latest project is a screenplay he has been researching and writing. He invented the "immobile home", a concept that gave mobile home owners a private patio, gardens and garages.

With wife Diane, he was a prolific philanthropist. Lee will be forever remembered for his unparalleled energy in all that he did, all while singing his favorite songs or telling his favorite stories and jokes along the way. Lee and Diane were beautiful partners in life, recently celebrating their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and to celebrate his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, Lee threw out the first pitch at the San Jose Giant's baseball game in June 2017.

Lee was born on June 8, 1930 in New York, New York to parents Jessie (Sokolski) and Melford Brandenburg. He had one sister, Barbara (Goldberg) who pre-deceased him. Lee grew up in New York in the 1930's and 40's and experienced first-hand the effects of our nation's Depression on his family, friends and neighborhood. It taught him a thing or two about the value of a buck and about humanity for others. In the late 1940's, Lee followed his mom and dad to California. Lee attended San Jose State University where he became a member of the ROTC as well as the Sigma Nu Fraternity and graduated in 1952 a proud Spartan. He would meet Diane Struble while at SJS and in Lee fashion, actively wooed her to become his bride.

It was also at this time that Lee shipped off to Augusta, GA to obtain his officers, O.C.S. training at Camp Gordon. He then was stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco. He reached rank of First Lieutenant in the United States Army and he was always proud of his service in the US military.

In the mid-50's, after discharge, he decided to open a used car lot on West San Carlos Street known as The Private Owners Auto Exchange. He often laughed when recalling that he repainted damaged cars with a stick in lieu of a brush. Times were different back then, he'd remark with a chuckle.

Lee became a salesperson with the local San Jose realty firm of Stone & Schulte. After a few years of selling residential lots and earning between \$125 and \$175 commission per lot, Lee formed Empire Realty Company as his own real estate brokerage company as well as forming Brandenburg-Naylor, a development company intent on creating his own residential subdivisions. Some of Lee's subdivisions included the city of Saratoga's Subdivision No. 1, Country Squire Estates, as well as Argonaut Glen, portions of Mulberry Lane, Sweetbrier, and Briarwood in San Jose's Willow Glen area, Wooded Hills of Almaden, Lynn Oaks in West San Jose, and so many others.

During this time Lee also branched out into small office buildings, multi-family residential, and commercial retail - both strip centers and neighborhood shopping centers such as Park Victoria, the first center in the City of Milpitas, and Irvington Plaza, an early retail center in Fremont.

In the late 1960's Lee recognized an opportunity in the market to provide low cost housing in a private atmosphere with luxurious recreational facilities and embarked on developing adult mobile home communities in the South Bay.

He formed Brandenburg-Staedler in 1968 with Rudy Staedler to pursue these ventures and John V. Moore joined the team as a partner in 1972 to make it Brandenburg, Staedler & Moore. Together they built 17 communities in six cities comprising almost 4000 spaces, which most the firm still owns, operates, and manages today.

In 1978, Lee was joined by his son Eric to form "Brandenburg Properties" and in 1983, was joined by Bill Baron, and in 1986 by Chuck Butters.

This team went on to acquire and develop over 15,000 acres of property in 6 states and in British Columbia, Canada. Notable achievements over the course of this partnership include the nationally-acclaimed Cinnabar Hills Golf Club, a high-end public 27-hole golf club located in the heart of San Jose with the largest, most accurate historical golf memorabilia museum west of the Mississippi. The team also obtained approvals for an over 1,500 residential/golf community known as Silver Creek Valley Country Club in San Jose, re-claimed a 104-acre quarry on Capitol Expressway into a thriving retail and residential development and assembled 5.5 acres in downtown San Jose destined to become home to 1,500 residential units. Countless other projects and investments located in northern and southern California, Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida kept Lee busy. And he loved every minute of staying busy.

Lee thought creatively and "beyond" most – as it was his passion to think, think hard and then think even harder. He was never afraid to ask a question, and he encouraged others to ask as well. He regularly encouraged others to think outside the box and to ask "why" when an answer wasn't feeling quite right. He was determined to achieve what he set out to accomplish. If he didn't have the skill, he'd learn it. If he didn't know the answer, he'd study up. He was just one of those guys that was always right in the middle of it all, and as a result, he learned valuable lessons along his life's journey.

Lee, and Diane, have been recognized with a number of prestigious awards over the years due in part to their incredibly generous community spirit, including the San Jose Medical Center Foundation Legacy Award, San Jose State University Tower Award, San Jose Legacy Award, Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame, Glenn George Heart of Philanthropy Award, Boy Scouts Character Award, and San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Community Volunteer Award.

Well known as his public gifts were, though, not as well-known was his generosity to strangers, friends, employees, and partners. A \$100 tip to a restaurant wait person would not be unusual, or financial assistance to a down and out friend for monthly expenses, or staff, he helped in buying a much-needed car or even a house, or partners he financed into new projects - all were bettered because of his altruistic and giving approach to life.

Lee was regularly known to enter a room full of strangers and exit the same room full of friends as he was curious and always interested in chatting with and learning about others. He had an expansive, inquisitive mind that allowed him to easily converse and was also regularly prepared to share stories of his own experiences.

He enjoyed traveling and in the process, would learn all there was to learn about his destinations and those he encountered along the way – most of whom became friends. Clearly, all who had the good fortune to encounter Lee came away with a story or two, songs in their heart and mind, and also came away a better person as a result.

In addition to travelling, Lee loved games, including Gin Rummy, but his true passion was golf. He loved the principles of the game: honesty, integrity, respect for history, and of course, the fellowship. He was a founding member of the Spyglass Hill Golf Club and had golf memberships during his life, including: Almaden Country Club, La Rinconada Golf Club, the Vintage Club, Sharon Heights and The Preserve. His most favorite, of course, would be Cinnabar Hills.

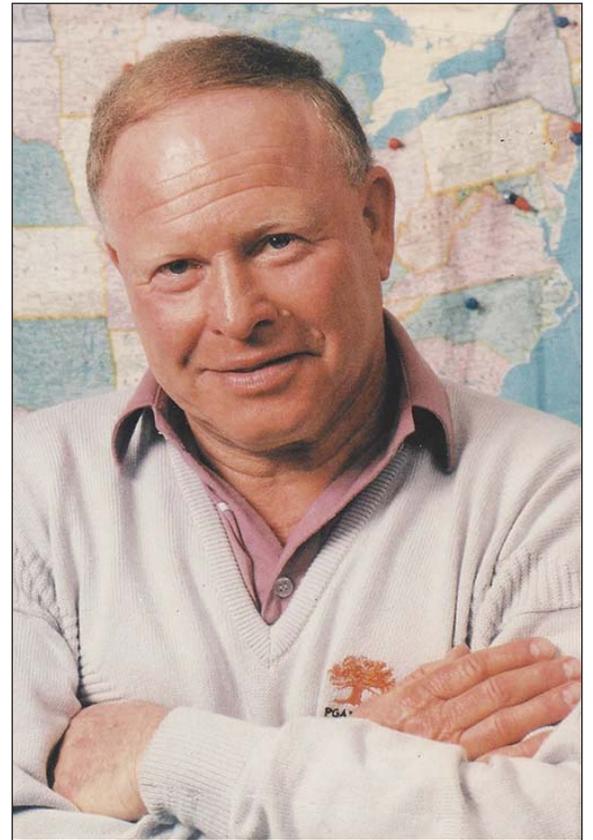
He was a regular attendee at The Masters Golf Tournament, and was a consistent amateur player in many televised golf tournaments, including the Bob Hope Desert Classic, the Sinatra Invitational and the famed Crosby Clambake. At the latter, year after year Lee and Diane would regularly host house guests at their home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway at Pebble Beach, including Glen Campbell, Johnny Bench, Jack Lemmon, Foster Brooks, Arnold Palmer, Chip Beck and many, many others. There was always a party going on at the Brandenburg's – and everyone (and we really do mean everyone) was regularly welcomed with open arms.

By any measure, Lee lived a full and complete life – some would say more – without any reservations or holdbacks whatsoever. In late March 2017, however, Lee and Diane's eldest son Eric passed away from a sudden heart attack and as a result, both parent's hearts were broken. Lee would acknowledge that he was never quite the same in the aftermath. Through his transition, Lee now joins hands with Eric in heaven, together with Lee's beloved mom Jessie, who had a very special bond with both men. Lee also joins his father Melford and in-laws Dr. Homer and Adelaide Struble.

Who knows what Lee and Eric are up to high above us...but take a moment to chuckle knowing that God certainly has his hands full!

Lee is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Diane (who he lovingly called "Muffin" or "GiGi" – embraceable terms for the caring soulmate Lee so enjoyed in his life) and their three living children Karen, Gary and Bill. He is also leaves behind his four grandchildren Diana Lane (Jason), Brenten Brandenburg, Taylor Brandenburg and Jackson Brandenburg, his two great grandchildren, Bella Grace Lane and Aiden Lane, his two favorite cats, Scamp and Miss Muffit and an office full of dedicated business partners and team members. He is also survived by many cousins and second cousins located in the northeast.

A Celebration of Lee's Life – well, he wanted a "big-ass party" and we'd be remiss if we didn't share it that way – will be held in the coming months for friends and family to enjoy. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you take a moment to reach out and express a random act of kindness to family, friends or strangers alike. After all, Lee believed that if only our world could be a little kinder with a bit more shared empathy among us, we'd certainly be better off. And only if your spirit is inclined to do so, you are welcome to contribute to The Silicon Valley Children's Fund, The Forgotten International, The Tibet Fund or a non-profit organization you care about in honor of Lee Brandenburg and his incredible life of selflessly giving to others. Lee will be missed, though never, ever forgotten.



## ANN PERCIVAL TROUT

1936 ❖ 2017

Ann Percival Trout passed away peacefully at home, December 22, 2017, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her devoted husband of 59 years, Donald W. Trout DDS, and her two children, Juli Trout and Thomas Trout.

Ann was born in Nebraska in 1936 and grew up in Scottsbluff, Nebraska as an only child. She attended Scottsbluff First Presbyterian Church. At Scottsbluff High School she played the flute in the orchestra and band and sang in the choir. She was also an accomplished pianist. After graduation she attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where Ann joined Alpha Phi Sorority. She graduated in 1958 with a BS in Medical Technology. She and Don were married in the summer of 1958.



In 1963, she and Don moved to Monterey where they felt predestined to be. Ann and Don joined First Presbyterian Church Monterey and began singing in the choir. She was honored to sing for Choir Director, Dick Veduin, with a high point being singing Handel's *Israel in Egypt*. Ann continued her incredible singing experience performing with I Cantori di Carmel and the Carmel Bach Festival Chorus, including masterworks like the Bach's Mass in B minor, the Requiem by Mozart, and Vivaldi's Gloria.

Ann also took pride in her garden over the years growing hydrangeas, rhododendrons, scented geraniums, and roses.

Always proud of her English heritage, she shared stories of her Great-grandfather, William Percival from Manchester, England. Mr. Percival immigrated to New Orleans around 1860. Her Great-grandfather fought in the civil war for the South, was captured then repatriated and joined the North. Following the war he worked for Union Pacific and helped build the railroad to Promontory Point, His family settled in Eastern Nebraska.

Ann planned two extensive driving trips in England based on MPC Gentrain lectures. In 1977 she and Don toured Northern England, and in 1984 they toured Southern England.

In 2007, because Ann suffered from Peripheral Neuropathy, Ann and Don started a support group in Monterey for The Pacific Chapter of the Neuropathy Association. This group still meets at FPC Monterey on the third Wednesday of each odd month.

The family wishes to thank her dedicated care givers, Giuliana, Hilda, and Voneta, the VNA Hospice, and Rev. Mark Peake for his spiritual guidance.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, January 28 at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Monterey. Donations in memory of Ann may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Monterey.

To offer online condolences visit - [www.missionmortuary.com](http://www.missionmortuary.com)



## Alexander Wilson

1931 - 2017

It is with great sadness that the family of Alexander James Wilson announces his passing after a brief illness, on Monday, December 18th, 2017, at the age of 86 years. Originally from Detroit, MI, Alex appreciated the cool ocean breezes and warm community of Carmel for 21 years. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Carol, his children, John and Rob Wilson, stepdaughters, Jennifer Fehr and Erin Ruckman, five grandchildren and his loyal bichon-poodle companion, Maxwell.

Condolences may be written to the family at [www.bermudezfamilyfunerals.com](http://www.bermudezfamilyfunerals.com)



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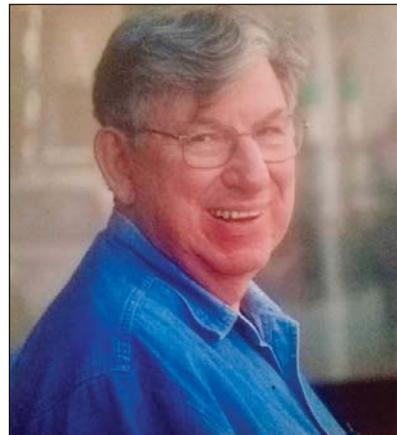
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## JERRY IRWIN HOFFMAN, DDS, COL., US ARMY RET.

November 20, 1935 ~ December 29, 2017  
Pebble Beach, California

A Chicago native, Jerry Irwin Hoffman, DDS, Colonel, US Army Retired, was born November 20, 1935 and passed away peacefully at home on December 29, following a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

Jerry graduated from DePaul, Roosevelt and Loyola University, School of Dentistry. He served in the U.S. Army as a dentist and an administrator from 1964 to 1981 and retired with the rank of colonel. Following his military career, Jerry served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Chief of Clinics and Chief of the General Dentistry program at Loyola University's School of Dentistry. He ended his career as Director of Scientific Programs at the Chicago Dental Society. Jerry and his wife retired to Pebble Beach, CA in 2003.



Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Irwin and Luba (Fox) Hoffman and his sister, Marilyn (Alan) Mills. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Sharon (Seaman) Hoffman; sister, Arlene (Charles) Klinenberg; loving children, Steven (Jason Brunz) Hoffman and Rachel (Steven) Rosen; granddaughters, Jocelyn and Danielle Rosen and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.



The family wishes to thank Jerry's doctors, Richard King, Alejandro Centurion and Chadwick Christine III and his wonderful caregivers, Lizzy Ortiz, Mele Lolomanaia, Central Coast Senior Services and Visionary Healthcare Services.

Burial has taken place. Donations in Jerry's memory may be sent to: Central Coast Quality of Life programs, 519 Hartnell, Ste. B, Monterey, CA, 93940; Point Lobos Foundation, PO Box 221789, Carmel, CA, 93922; National Parkinson Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Ste. 800, Miami, FL, 33131.

Please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com) to sign Jerry's guest book and leave messages for his family.

## PAULA GOODMAN-COHEN

October 11, 1933 - December 20, 2017

Paula Goodman-Cohen passed away December 20, 2017 at Community Hospital of The Monterey Peninsula due to complications from pneumonia.

Born in Cambridge, MA to Samuel and Hannah Goodman, she moved with her family to Los Angeles, CA as a teenager graduating from Los Angeles High School in 1951.

After raising three kids, she toured the country for two years as the traveling controller for the Ice Capades. Once that was over she temporarily moved to Anchorage, AK to be close to her oldest daughter and first grandchild. In October 1985, she decided to move down to the Monterey Peninsula where her other two children resided and more grandchildren were on the way.

After family, community service/volunteering was her passion. Starting in her teens she was active in helping where she felt help was needed. Over the years she was involved with Valley Aid for Cancer (an organization she helped create in the San Fernando Valley after her older sister was diagnosed with breast cancer in the mid-60s), Special Olympics, Steinbeck House, CHOMP Auxiliary, Friends of The Harrison Library, American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, Joining Hands, and other organizations and causes.

She leaves behind her three kids: Debranna Ray, David Cohen (Rainie), and Jana Saunders (John); her seven grandchildren: Sarita Ray-Loutzenheiser (Troy), Jesse, Sam, and Dillon Saunders, and Nathan, Rachael, and Jacob Cohen; and her five great grandchildren: Kayla, Aubrey, and Tyler Loutzenheiser, and Cash and Lane Saunders.

A Celebration of Life for family and friends is planned for the near future.

Any memorial contributions can be made to Leukemia Society, Friends of The Harrison Library, or a non-profit of the donor's choice.

Our family would like to thank the great nurses, assistants, therapists, and other personnel at CHOMP for their passion, concern, and assistance in our mother's final days.

Funeral Arrangements  
by *Struve and Laporte Funeral Home.*  
Online condolences to  
[www.struveandlaporte.com](http://www.struveandlaporte.com)



# Stolen Jeep ditched not far from its home

By MARY SCHLEY

A RED Jeep Cherokee that was left unlocked with the keys inside was stolen around 3:30 a.m. on Jan. 5 near the intersection of Serra Avenue and Camino del Monte, but was found by Carmel Police Sgt. Chris Johnson the next day in front of a pub just a short distance away.

“The homeowner witnessed the car being stolen — he saw it going out of the driveway,” Johnson said Wednesday. “He called 911, but officers weren’t able to get there in time to do anything about it.”

Around 36 hours later, however, Johnson was driving downtown when he noticed a Jeep matching the description of the stolen vehicle parked in front of Brophy’s Tavern at San Carlos and Fourth. “I just happened to be driving down the street at San Carlos and Fourth, saw it parked, and remembered the license plate number,” he said.

Johnson handed the investigation over to the MADCAT unit — the Multi-Agency Detail for Commercial Auto Theft task force — operated by the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office and the California Highway Patrol.

Sheriff’s deputy Mike Smith said he thinks the thief stole the Jeep so he could pick up tools and other items he’d taken from garages in the Carmel Woods area during a brief crime spree and piled up by the road.

“I believe the suspect found the keys in the car and planned to pick up the loot,” said Smith, who investigated a few burglaries of garages and thefts from cars in the same area the day the Jeep was stolen.

Once Carmel officers and sheriff’s deputies “swarmed the area,” after the victim reported seeing his Jeep being driven away, Smith speculated, “he had to get rid of the stolen car,” instead of using it to pick up the stuff he’d stolen.

After Johnson found the Jeep shortly before 4 p.m. Jan. 6, he was able to obtain surveillance video from the pub.

“The footage revealed the suspect’s identity, and he is being sought,” Smith said.

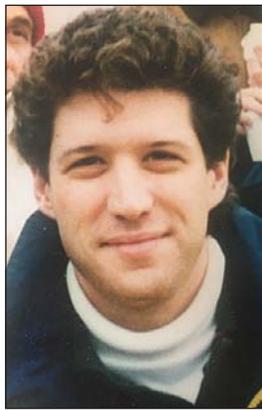
Because the Jeep had been left unlocked with the keys inside, Johnson reminded people not to let themselves be such easy victims.

“Make sure you can lock up your stuff,” he said. “It can definitely help to deter crime.”

## SEAN ROSS FONTENAY

May 21, 1965 • January 8, 2018  
Carmel, California

It is with great sadness that the family of Sean Ross Fontenay announces Sean’s passing on Monday, January 8th, at the age of 52 following a valiant battle with cancer. Sean, beloved husband, father, uncle, and friend passed peacefully with his wife Spencer and adored children Madeleine and Thomas by his side.



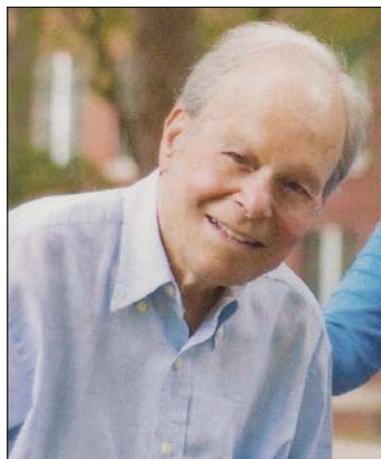
Originally from San Francisco, Sean attended Town School For Boys, The Branson School and put himself through Columbia University receiving his BA in Art History. His career started in New York City and eventually brought his family to California in 2001 where he was a real estate management consultant at Deloitte & Touche.

Sean will forever be lovingly remembered by his wife, children, family and friends. His way of doing things was to make things better, to be inclusive and make sure people’s preferences were always considered.

Sean will be remembered for the joyful moments he created with his steady demeanor, love of history, art, and travel, his strength of thoughtfulness and character, quick sense of humor and love for and commitment to his family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 2 p.m. at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 9th & Dolores, Carmel.

To sign Sean’s guest book and leave messages for his family, please visit [www.bermudezfamilyfunerals.com](http://www.bermudezfamilyfunerals.com)



## STEPHAN U. GASSMAN, AIA

Steve died peacefully at home on Jan. 5, at the age of 86. Predeceased by parents Drs. Frank and Kaethe. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Myra and their daughter Royce, both residing in Charlotte, NC, and son, Grant, living in Denver, CO. Steve graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from University of Southern California, then acted as apprentice to renowned architect, Richard Neutra and practiced architecture for more than 50 years in L.A.

Born in Berlin, Germany in 1931, Steve was a proud naturalized American since 1936. Previous to moving to Charlotte in 2011, Steve resided in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Carmel, CA.

No services will be held as per the deceased’s wishes.

The family may be contacted at [www.mcewenpinevillechapel.com](http://www.mcewenpinevillechapel.com).



## Sheila Desiree Garcia

1970 – 2017  
Seaside

Sheila passed on Dec. 31, 2017, at the age of 47, at the Carmel Hills Care Center. Sheila contracted a very rare disease called Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Sheila is survived by a daughter, Karis Ann Erickson, and an adopted daughter, Lamley Garcia. Also surviving are her grandparents, Wayne and Pauline Ahrenstorff, her aunt, Elizabeth Ahrenstorff, and many cousins. Preceding her in death were her mother, Linda Garcia, her aunt, Robin Gaston, and uncle, Mark Ahrenstorff.

There will be a private service for family only.

## Barbara W. Armstrong

1926 – 2017

On November 29, 2017, Barbara W. Armstrong quietly passed away. In 1926, Barbara was the second daughter born to a career Army officer, and began her worldwide travels at a young age. Following her graduation from the Philadelphia Museum School of Industrial Arts, she met and married a West Point graduate, David Armstrong, continuing her nomadic life as an Army wife. They had 4 daughters and made many moves to new duty stations, crossing the US and Europe many times in 23 years. She always made every duty station feel like home. In each new community Barbara used her artistic talents to design and sew clothes and costumes for her children, create set designs and costumes for community theater groups, or paint murals for elementary classrooms. An accomplished knitter, Barbara joined a quilting group and became an accomplished quilter. She always made every duty station feel like home, and when David did tours of duty in conflict zones, she “held down the fort” at home. David and Barbara retired to Carmel, California in 1972, where they finally put down roots and enjoyed the many benefits of living on the Monterey Peninsula for 27 years. In 1999, they made the difficult decision to leave Carmel, make one more move back to the east coast near their daughters, and settle in Williamsburg, Virginia. After 59 years together, David passed away in 2008.

Barbara enjoyed excellent health, and was only hospitalized to have her appendix removed as a teenager, and giving birth to her children. Her memory faded away slowly and gently over the years, but at 91 she still knew her family members and laughed at the jokes. She was happy, cheerful and a favorite with everyone she met. In 2014 Barbara moved to Northern Virginia to be as close as possible to her daughters. Shortly after entering hospice this year, Barbara slipped away with her daughter, Susan, holding her hand.

Barbara was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Patricia, her husband, her sister, and her parents. She is survived by her daughter Diane Lipsey, (James Phillips); her daughter Susan Capps (Benton Capps); and her daughter Jeanne Podracky, (CDR (ret) Dean Podracky) all of Northern VA. She is remembered with love by 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, as well as her 5 nieces and nephews. Barbara will join David at Arlington National Cemetery.

## Jo-Ann Fantino Ruffolo

May 10, 1942 ♦ December 18, 2017

*I LOST MY LOVE OF MY LIFE WHEN HER HAND SLIPPED FROM MINE TO “TOUCH THE FACE OF GOD.”*

Jo-Ann was the eldest child of Elizabeth de Francisci and Eugene Fantino who moved their growing family from the Bronx, NY to Southern California. She attended elementary, high school and university in the San Fernando Valley graduating with a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and various credentials from Cal State Northridge. She spent most of her life in public education culminating after she earned a Doctorate in Education from La Verne University.



Upon graduating she went to work for UCLA and then Caltech developing and delivering career development programs for international Doctor of Philosophy students, Post Doctoral Scholars and scientists and engineers at JPL/NASA before “retiring” to Carmel to sell real estate for Coldwell Banker.

Life in Carmel has been filled with Joy. We have been blessed with wonderful friends who share our interests: wild beach parties, lovely dinners and recipe exchanges, conversations about books, television shows, enjoyable Italian classes and bocci parties in the pines of Pebble Beach, exchanges in care for our kitties Fred, Ginger, Chiara and Raider, visits with Fr. Noel Barber whose international perspective on American politics stimulated conversations.

Jo-Ann is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Richard; her beloved sister Lisa Stamper and her wonderful family; brother Frank, his wife Sandra and their wonderful family. Their children have filled our lives with great joy. A sadness is that she did not live to see what they became.

Special friends, Connie Snowden and Haydee Vitacolona must be acknowledged for their kindness and “Kitty care” while Jo-Ann was being treated at Stanford. Their assistance made the stress so much less. To be recognized is Diane Reid, who is truly an Angel in a Chef’s Hat. She dedicated these last many months to being sure we had freshly prepared, wholesome meals after each treatment set. Something we so dearly appreciated.

A Memorial Mass at the Carmel Mission where Jo-Ann served as a docent with be held January 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Reception to follow at Crespi Hall.

Donations may be made in Jo-Ann’s name to: The Daughters of St. Paul, 50 Saint Paul Ave., Jamaica Plains, MA 02130



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County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.  
Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: STB NORTH AMERICA, LLC, 1209 Surf Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/ Matthew J. Clark, Manager  
Dec. 21, 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 Dec. 21, 2017  
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ment 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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### CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA

#### NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS

##### COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS FUND GRANTS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is inviting nonprofit organizations to apply for Community Promotions Fund program grant funding for special events that promote the City.

The City supports and encourages events that have economic, charitable or community benefits while maintaining the values and unique character of the village. To that end, the Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council has allocated grant funding, which will take the form of credits toward event fees.

The event must take place within the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and occur between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

To be considered for funding, an applicant must demonstrate the following criteria:

- The date, time and location of the event have been determined.
- The event is not financially dependent on receiving City support.
- The event directly or indirectly benefits the community by supporting its schools, cause-related or nonprofit organizations.
- The applicant has no outstanding debt to the City.
- The event is accessible to the community/public, but need not be free of charge
- Participation in the organization requesting funding may not be predicated on a person's race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation, disability or medical condition.

The deadline to apply for a Community Promotions Fund grant is Monday, **March 2, 2018** by 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the program and/or to receive an application packet contact Community Activities Director Ashlee Wright at (831) 624-1366 or awright@ci.carmel.ca.us.

Publication dates: Jan. 12, 2018 [PC116]

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

#### NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS

##### CITY COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS GRANT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is inviting nonprofit organizations to apply for City Council Discretionary grant funding for nonprofit organizations or schools that provide programs or services that benefit the Carmel-by-the-Sea community.

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## FLANDERS

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Residents in the Hatton Road area have objected to any public use of the mansion, since it would increase traffic and parking in the neighborhood.

The city council has also voted several times to sell the old home, and in 2009, more than 60 percent of the city's voters agreed that getting rid of it was a good idea, but the Flanders Foundation used a CEQA lawsuit to stop the transaction.

Deciding to focus on more pressing city business, the council a few years continued to maintain the mansion but not improve it. Last summer, council members put Flanders back on the front burner and received presentations from budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen on the options.

### Curatorship and ground lease

Most members of the public who spoke Tuesday night favored finding someone to occupy the house under a curatorship. Under those circumstances, the occupant would have to restore the mansion within the first five to seven years, but be able to live there the rest of his life. While he would fund the expensive restoration work himself, and be responsible for monthly utilities, he wouldn't have to pay rent.

The advantages of such an arrangement, Friedrichsen noted, include that Flanders would once again be occupied as a single-family residence, causing minimal disruption to the neighborhood, and the city wouldn't have to pay to restore the house, but would still own it. The downside would be that no rental income would be received. Another factor would be that a curator is usually required to allow public tours of a historic building several times a year.

Selling the house and leasing the ground under it would bring the city some rental income and ensure continued public access to the grounds, while reducing or eliminating maintenance and repair costs for the building. Friedrichsen said possible drawbacks include the complexity of a ground lease agreement, and no guarantee the tenant would restore the house in a timely manner.

Carmel resident Les Albiol — who has spoken at many Flanders meetings over the years and once had a curatorship arrangement for a 17th-century house in Maryland — reiterated his willingness to occupy Flanders Mansion as a curator himself.

"We believe this is the right solution to restore Flanders Mansion and benefit the cit-

izens of Carmel at no cost to the city," he said. "While the curator would be allowed to live in the house, first and foremost, the purpose is to restore and maintain the house for public property."

Bertie Bialek Elliot, one of the Monterey Peninsula's most generous benefactors, said she has lived "right on the edge of Mission Trail park" for almost 50 years and is "happy to hear about the idea of a curator living in it as a single-family residence, because that would be great for the neighborhood." She wanted assurance, however, that people visiting the mansion wouldn't start parking on park land or clogging up Hatton Road, which is "narrow and winding and full of kids and dogs and old people walking around, and not appropriate for parking."

"Flanders is important, but the park is No. 1," she said.

Resident Skip Lloyd said that whatever the arrangement, it should meet the requirements of the Coastal Development Permit that governs projects in the park, including that the driveway continue to be the only paved access, "no physical barriers or boundaries" exist between the mansion and the park, and invasive species be removed.

Melanie Billig, whose activist group has twice sued the city over the proposed sale of the mansion, said the council and others should read the old environmental impact reports, including their extensive "mitigation monitoring programs." She implied the curator, or anyone else occupying the mansion, would have to meet those requirements.

### 'Path of least resistance'

Councilman Bobby Richards said he was leaning toward a curatorship, but he also likes the idea of eventually being able to sell the mansion and "take it off our books" while leasing the land underneath it.

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy said she favors "the path of least resistance," which she suspects is the curatorship, anticipating more legal battles if the city were to try to do a ground lease. Councilwoman Carrie Theis said she supports a curatorship. "We actually have somebody interested" in doing it, she said, referring to Albiol.

"The goal is to get this house used some way," Mayor Steve Dallas said, wanting both options researched side by side. "After how many councils and how many council meetings and how many lawsuits, I just think we need to go down two paths."

His motion to ask for proposals from potential curators and from those interested in the ground-lease option passed 3-2, with Theis and Hardy dissenting.

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# Friends mourn P.G. mom, PTA volunteer

By KELLY NIX

**F**RIENDS OF a Pacific Grove woman who died Jan. 6 at the age of 50 after suffering a heart attack said she was a devoted mom and loyal friend who was always there to help others.

Casey Ricciardi-Yeager passed away after being taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. She is survived by a daughter and husband.

“Today we lost a beautiful spirit here on Earth and we will never forget you, Casey Ricciardi-Yeager,” says a GoFundMe page established by friend Kirsten Parrish-Stember. “She was an amazing mother to Isabella, who just turned 12 years old,” and “soulmate to her husband, Armin Yeager, whom she married 17 years ago.”

The GoFundMe page, as of Thursday, had raised \$10,050 toward a \$25,000 goal.

Pacific Grove resident Sheryll Hahn met Ricciardi-Yeager seven years ago after their daughters were in the same Robert Down Elementary School kindergarten class. The girls became quick friends and so did she and Yeager.

“Casey gave generously with unflinching kindness that was so authentic you couldn’t help loving her,” Hahn said.

An avid gardener, chef, and someone who Hahn said “knew her way around an auction,” Yeager attended Santa Catalina School before going to college in Southern California. She was secretary of the P.G. Middle PTA.

“Her life was filled with funny anecdotes like birthing a cow by herself, to meeting Robert Redford while in college, to winning a championship in her hometown of Reno in skeet shooting,” Hahn said.

Hahn said Ricciardi-Yeager’s daughter Isabella was the “light of her life,” and she called her the “most amazing mother.”

Friend Joey Houde, who also volunteers for the PTA, said Ricciardi-Yeager was “one of the sweetest” women she’d ever met.

To make a donation in Ricciardi-Yeager’s name, go to [www.gofundme.com/yeager-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/yeager-fund).

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## SEWAGE PLANT UNVEILS MAKEOVER

By CHRIS COUNTS

**EIGHTEEN MONTHS** after launching a \$14 million project to modernize the Carmel Area Wastewater District's sewage treatment plant alongside the Carmel River, its general manager, Barbara Buikema, declared the project was a rousing success.

Hidden by trees and located just west of Highway 1 and south of the Carmel River, the plant was the site of a dedication ceremony Jan. 11. Along with Buikema, the people in attendance included Carmel city councilwomen Carrie Theis, Jan Reimers and Carolyn Hardy.

Buikema said the improvements will make the plant more secure and efficient.

"We have a little gem sitting at the mouth of the Carmel River that is serving the community and will do so for many years," Buikema told The Pine Cone. "We provide a very important function, and this project was essential for the public. I'm really excited about it."

The project included installing a second digester. With just one digester, the plant was vulnerable if it broke down. The extra digester will also be used for storage, which is in short supply at the site. "Without a digester, we would have to haul wet sludge to a facility that has one," she explained. "It's heavy and incredibly expensive."

The project added a storm water pump station to the site. "Previously, storm water would hit our facility and run off into the lagoon," Buikema said. But now it can be captured, treated and reused.

Also new at the plant will be the use of sodium hypochlorite as a disinfectant. The plant previously relied on chlorine gas, which Buikema said is more dangerous.

Not only is Buikema happy about the project, but she said she's proud of how efficiently the plant used the public's money. She noted that the project was completed without any significant cost overruns, and the plant incurred no debt.

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# Strong work ethic, technique and discipline benefit Padres wrestlers

**PHYSICAL STRENGTH** and superior conditioning are necessary ingredients for success for a high school wrestler.

But technique, discipline, and intelligence on the mat can be the equalizers, and those are areas in which Carmel coach Russell Shugars is seeing rapid growth from a team that is both young (just two seniors) and small (only eight kids in the wrestling room).

“What I’ve been discovering since the

division, where he was ranked No. 5 in the section.

“Kurt is actually a small 160-pounder, and Berry was a full head taller. He was just the bigger, stronger guy out there, and Kurt got out-muscled — simple as that,” Shugars said.

Wrestling at the optimum weight is another key to the sport — something Carmel’s freshman- and sophomore-dominated team is learning.

“None of our kids are cutting weight very hard right now, and they’re feeling it when they get on the mat and discover that their opponents are bigger and stronger than they are,” Shugars said. “I

don’t ask them to cut — I let them make that decision on their own, because it’s a personal journey to watch your weight seven days a week. So they’re learning about that. I think they’re still having their cheat days, and they’re probably not running as much on the weekends.”

## Brain over brawn

Still, rapid progress is noticeable, he said. Sophomore Olandes Mathes placed seventh at 182 pounds at the Watsonville tournament, mostly using brain over brawn, since his physical strength is still developing.

Another sophomore, Satchel Sherman, got an eighth-place medal at 220 pounds by posting his first two varsity wins of the season.

“Satchel’s first match was actually the high point of the tournament for me, because he used a lateral drop [a takedown technique] to throw his opponent from his feet onto his back, and then he pinned him,” Shugars said. “The kid was pushing him around before that, and Satchel used his opponent’s energy to put him on his back.”

Kurt Brophy (12-4 this year) is Carmel’s most-likely candidate for a top three placement at CCS this season — which would earn him a spot at the state tournament — but Michael Meheen is another wrestler with a high ceiling.

“He’s a kid who put his head down and works extremely hard in practice, and he gets better every day because of that work ethic. He’s also extremely intelligent,” Shugars said of the straight-A student, who will drop from the 138-pound weight division to 132 soon. Meheen qualified for CCS a year ago as a freshman.

The Padres travel Saturday to Independence High in San Jose for the Bert Mar Invitational (9 a.m. starting time), a tournament where Shugars expects his team to encounter “mid-level competition.”

“A few of our kids have yet to get their

first varsity wins, and this is a place where that could happen,” he said. “It should be a good tournament to prepare us for our league matches.”

The first of those, scheduled at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24, will be Carmel’s only home meet of the season — a four-team event in which the Padres will wrestle against Pacific Grove, Soledad, and Gonzales.

Another dual meet is scheduled Feb. 7 at Greenfield, with the MTAL Championships set Feb. 15 at Pacific Grove.

“Between now and then we’ll be feeling out our competition, scouting the guys we need to beat in our league, and at CCS, so we can qualify and move forward,” the coach said. “We’ll also continue to work in practice on areas where we need to get better, one of which is improving our ability to flow from move to move against an opponent without

stopping. We want to work toward the idea of a constant chain of action in our matches.”

## Looking ahead (Jan. 12-18)

**Boys basketball** — Wednesday: Carmel at Pacific Grove, 7:30 p.m.

**Girls basketball** — Wednesday: Carmel at Pacific Grove, 6 p.m.

**Boys soccer** — Tuesday: Carmel at Greenfield, 5:30 p.m.; Thursday: Stevenson at Carmel, 3:30 p.m.

**Girls soccer** — Tuesday: Greenfield at Carmel, 3:30 p.m.; Thursday: Carmel at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

**Wrestling** — Saturday: Carmel at Bert Mar Invitational, Independence High in San Jose, 9 a.m.

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## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

first day of practice is that we’ve got good, solid, hard-working, and intelligent kids, which is why they’re doing well,” he said. “I’ve found the holes in their technique, and that’s what we’re working on. From there, it just becomes a process of building on what they know, and on what works for each of them.”

As the Padres approach Mission Trail Athletic League competition, it helps to be talking to kids who are both bright and motivated. Nobody on the team has a grade-point average under 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale), and six of Shugars’ wrestlers are at 3.8 or higher.

Four members of the team — Will Gafill, Claude Rees, and brothers Kurt and Hunter Brophy — have aspirations to attend military academies after the graduate from Carmel High.

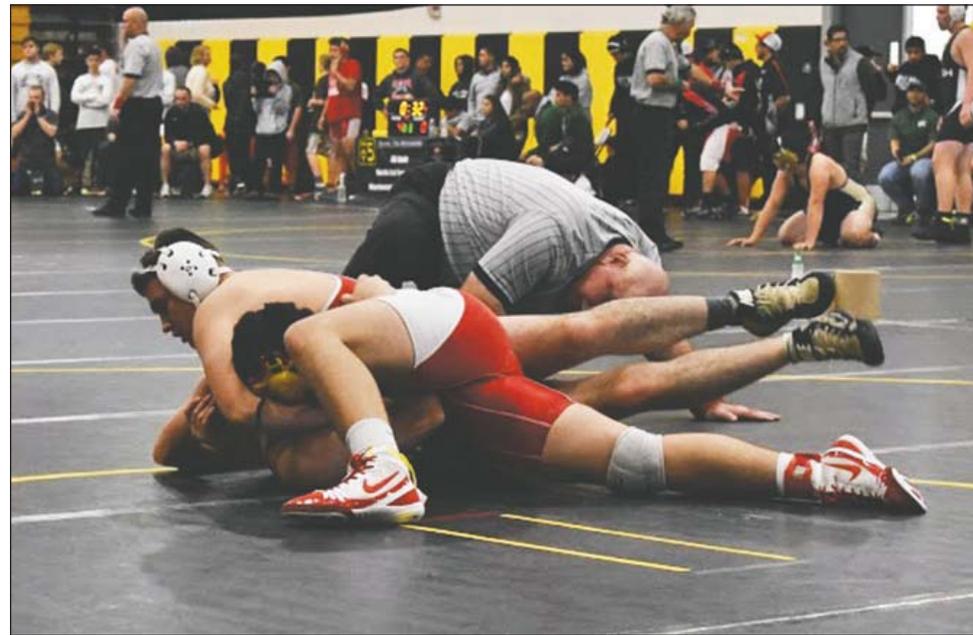
“That gives you an idea of the kind of work ethic these kids have, and where their heads are right now,” the coach said.

## Already had the background

Kurt Brophy, a junior co-captain, and little brother Hunter, a freshman, are sons of U.S. Naval Academy alumnus Mark Brophy (CHS, Class of ’92), who moved the family back to Carmel from Oklahoma after retiring from the military.

“The fact that the Brophys grew up in Oklahoma helped a lot, because that’s a very good wrestling state,” Shugars said. “They had a good wrestling background when they got here.”

The older Brophy is currently ranked No. 8 in the Central Coast Section at 160 pounds, and has been a consistent place-winner in tournaments so far this year. On Saturday, he earned a fifth-place medal at the Apple Cider Classic, a 20-team tournament at Watsonville High that was loaded with CCS-ranked wrestlers. Brophy’s only loss there came in the semifinal round to Jesse Berry of San Lorenzo Valley, who, until last week, had been wrestling in the 170-pound weight



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Olandes Mathes, a sophomore for the Padres, pins Nick Franklin of Pacific Grove on his way to a seventh-place medal at the Apple Cider Classic at Watsonville High.

## Red Cross supporter to host blood drive

By MARY SCHLEY

A LOCAL insurance company that donated \$70,000 to the American Red Cross to purchase an emergency response vehicle that can take critical supplies to treacherous places during disasters will also host a blood drive Jan. 26, in light of a critical shortage, according to Jim Burns, communications manager for the nonprofit’s Northern California Coastal Region.

The shortage is due to the severe weather in recent weeks that required the cancellation of more than 150 blood and platelet drives in hard-hit areas of the country, leaving 5,500 donations uncollected, Burns said.

Although blood storage and distribution technology have improved to the point where Community Hospital turned its former Bloodmobile into a mobile health clinic for the homeless last year, Burns said, “Right now, blood and platelet donations are being distributed to hospitals as fast as they come in, and more donations are urgently needed in the coming days so that patients can continue to receive the lifesaving treatments they need.”

While all blood types are needed, the Red Cross is seeking out donors who can give platelets, Type O negative (known as the universal donor), Type B negative, and Type AB. To help, Capital Insurance Group, located

at 2300 Garden Road in Monterey, will hold a blood drive Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People who can’t make that drive or want to plan farther down the line can visit <http://www.redcross.org/give-blood> to find one close by.

## The ERV

Burns also praised CIG for its \$70,000 donation toward the purchase of the new emergency response vehicle, which he said is “a staple of the organization’s ability to support individuals, communities, and first responders during disasters.”

While shelters provide food, water and other vital necessities, ERVs help get critical supplies to neighborhoods and sites affected by disaster.

In addition to CIG’s support, the Robert and Virginia Stanton Endowment of the Community Foundation for Monterey County gave \$33,500, PG&E donated \$10,000, and an anonymous donor contributed \$10,000.

The new vehicle will primarily be used during Red Cross responses to local disasters, but it might also respond to large-scale disasters outside the area, according to Burns. It will replace a 25-year-old ERV in the Red Cross fleet that serves Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties, and will take nine to 12 months to build.



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# Editorial

## A raise for Paul

IF YOU'VE looked at the Yahoo Finance website lately, you know that the number of large companies that have announced bonuses or wage increases is up to 81 — everything from \$1,000 bonuses for 200,000 employees at AT&T, to a \$500 contribution to the 401(k) for every employee at Aflac, to an increase in the starting wage at Walmart to \$11 an hour.

These pro-worker changes in the economic landscape are happening, of course, because of the Trump tax cuts. So why did Nancy Pelosi call them “Armageddon” for the middle class?

It can't be because of the cap of the deduction for state and local taxes. Hardly any “middle class” people pay more than \$10,000 a year in state and local taxes, which is what the deduction is now capped at. Only wealthy and upper income earners pay that much. Since Democrats are always claiming “the rich” don't pay their “fair share,” she couldn't be against that part of the tax bill, could she?

Or maybe it's the huge cut in the corporate tax rate. Sure, she's against that, because Democrats never want to cut taxes on anybody — but why would the cut in the corporate tax rate be bad for the middle class? As we have just explained, employees of many of the big companies affected by the tax cut are seeing immediate benefits, with more around the corner. Corporations, after all, are where many middle class people work.

Or maybe her objection is to the fact that the overall reduction in tax rates mainly benefits folks in the upper income brackets — which they do, for the simple reason that when you cut tax rates, people who pay the most also save the most. But the middle class is still getting a tax cut, and the rich will still pay by far the most taxes, so where's the catastrophe?

She could be pointing out that some of the tax cuts in the bill expire in 2027. But all she has to do to solve that little problem is make sure her party eventually votes to make them permanent.

Or could it be that Nancy Pelosi has suddenly become a deficit hawk? Don't make us laugh.

No, the real reason Pelosi doesn't like the Trump tax cuts, and calls them an assault on the middle class, is that these tax cuts take control of a small part of the nation's wealth away from the government and return it to the people who earned it — and that's something Democrats simply hate to do.

Take wages. Among the companies that have announced worker benefits since the Trump tax cuts became law are quite a few that have raised hourly and salaried pay scales. But liberals don't like it when wages rise because companies are doing better and can afford to pay more. They only like people getting raises if they happen because of government mandates, such as increases in the minimum wage. And even better than that, in their view, is a government program that takes money from a disfavored group — “the rich” — and gives it to a favored one, such as the unemployed or uneducated. According to them, that kind of thing is really “fair.”

The problem for Pelosi is that what economists call “wealth transfers” (i.e., robbing Peter to pay Paul) are inherently a drag on the economy, because Paul doesn't have to do anything to get the money. What's much better is for Peter to pay Paul because Paul hands over something in return, such as an hour of work, or something valuable he made.

In other words, the measure of a society isn't how it takes care of the least among them, it's how many of its people have productive jobs.

By giving companies and their workers the opportunity to create more such jobs, and for people who have them to make more money, the Trump tax cuts promise to be a boon to the economy in this country, and perhaps around the world. In fact, they already are.

## BEST of BATES



“But what do you do for a living?”

## Letters to the Editor

### Biased pot coverage

Dear Editor,

I have some concerns about your coverage last week on the ever changing landscape around the legalization of marijuana. The latest article that was run in The Carmel Pine Cone was, to put it mildly, incredibly inaccurate.

“Once the target of a decades-long eradication effort — which continues throughout much of the United States ....”

In reality, much of the United States (30 states at this point, not including the District of Columbia) have some form of medical marijuana or legal marijuana program, and efforts to “eradicate” the substance have been incredibly de-emphasized for more important issues, such as methamphetamines and opioid abuse.

With regards to the dispensary's selection being “overwhelming,” they have far fewer varieties of consumables than your average corner liquor store. One could only imagine that if someone were to be overwhelmed by maybe 10 different products, they would most likely lose their mind when walking into any of the four different liquor stores, and uncountable tasting rooms.

“For those who have been out of touch with the industry in recent years, practically

nobody smokes marijuana leaves anymore because they are far less potent.”

This was most likely the most inaccurate statement of the entire article. The vast majority of customers at a dispensary will buy regular marijuana buds or leaves. The people buying the concentrates are still very much in the minority, and it's somewhat telling from this statement that some very cursory research was done on the subject matter.

As someone whose family has been damaged by a scourge of legal and acceptable highs (tobacco, alcohol) I find this coverage on marijuana to be very biased and centered on 20-30 years' prior thinking regarding the substance.

Ian Nico, Carmel

### Time to 'overcome fear'

Dear Editor,

As a Carmel homeowner, as a part-time Californian, and as a full-time admirer of the Hollywood and other women who are calling out harassment and intimidation, I am disturbed by your story of the investigation of Mayor Steve Dallas. Your reporter states that, in addition to two published accounts of the mayor's alleged inappropriateness, others have come forward, but they are not willing to speak publicly because of “fear of retribution or confrontation.” If they won't talk to The Carmel Pine Cone, will they also be afraid to talk to the lawyer appointed to investigate this case?

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## HOW MERRY GOT TO BE THAT WAY

UNTIL SHE was 21, the designing woman who's behind (among other things) many of the banners you see hanging around during Car Week, and some of the promotions for Sunset Center, was Mary Trucksis. Then, she became Merry Trucksis. How and why is quite a story.

When she was 19, the Chicago native was visiting with her boyfriend and his friends and family at a lakefront house near Matoon, Ill. It was an August day, and she had a stomachache, but not like any she'd ever experienced before.

"I didn't know what a premonition was," she said. "My dad explained it to me later." At first, she dreaded that something had happened to her family, but when she phoned them, all four brothers and sisters and her parents were just fine.

She wanted to pack her car and leave, but everyone prevailed on her to at least stay for lunch. "I was out by the fire pit, grilling the burgers," she recalled, when the birds went silent. "And I thought, 'hunh, the birds aren't singing.' Then the wind stopped blowing." As a Midwesterner, she knew what that meant.

By the time she made it to the screen door to shout a warning into the house, the tornado hit, slamming her and several of her friends into a wall. She lost consciousness, and she said that if tornadoes have a saving grace, it's that they suck all of the air out of you, so at least you're not aware you're being battered.

Many of the people at that house — and many throughout the neighborhood — were killed. Trucksis and some others loaded bodies and the injured people into the few remaining cars and drove to the fire station. "The whole neighborhood was gone. The cornfields were gone. All that was left was mud."

The whole thing happened so fast, she said, that the firefighters weren't even aware that a tornado had touched down.

She went to the hospital to help identify the dead, and then was treated herself for extensive injuries. She was hospitalized for a while and her body recovered, but her psyche was another matter.

### Bonding over trauma

As it happened, her father was unusually qualified to help her cope. He was 17 and stationed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. On that morning, he was trying to decide whether to go to church or just get breakfast when he heard the rumbling of Japanese planes. He hustled to his station to find one of his buddies shot dead behind an anti-aircraft gun. He moved the body to one side, and started firing at the enemy, taking out

two planes.

When Trucksis came home, she asked him to tell her about that day, which he did. And he helped her learn how to cope with her own trauma, and her questions about why she survived while others didn't.

"We bonded over it," she said. She worked at a nightclub in Chicago, and whenever her dad would call and ask for her, it caused some confusion because there were four Marys who worked there.

"He'd say, 'I want to talk to merry Mary,'" because she'd decided to be happy, saying, "I am not going to let a day get wasted." Two years after she went through the tornado, her father died at 52 from complications after surgery, leaving behind a textile business he'd built from the ground up.

### Time to move

"I think it was at the funeral when I heard him say, 'Hey Kid, I have an opportunity for you that could change your life.' At the cemetery, I thought, 'I can't shake this,'" so she asked her mom if it was OK if she took on the business to keep her father's memory alive, since it was named for him.

Her mother agreed. And in her father's honor, she legally changed her name to Merry. As Trucksis took her first hard look at the business, where her dad had brokered upholstery, banners, pennants for used cars lots and so on, she found she was most interested in the marketing materials.

She realized that if she was going to emphasize that aspect of the business, she would have to move, as there were already three major companies in Chicago that had been doing the same thing for two or three generations.

In 1985, Trucksis packed up and went to Salt Lake City, determined to maintain her father's sense of integrity and values. Many of his clients stuck with her and some pro-

vided mentoring. "It was humbling," she said.

Several ski resorts hired her to design custom textiles like pennants and banners, and in 1986, she was awarded a contract to provide downhill ski flags for the Winter Olympics.

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Merry Trucksis

## Building layers and creating perspective while drawing on life

MULTIPLE LAYERS of oil paints have been applied to many of the enormous works hanging in Paul Seftel's gymnasium-sized art studio on the second floor of the American Tin Cannery, a depth the artist has in many cases applied over a period of weeks, sometimes months.

Those layers may be a metaphor for the experiences he has absorbed during a wandering, seeking lifestyle that, for the 44-year-old Seftel, began as a teenager. Before he turned 21, he had explored Europe, Southeast Asia, North Africa, Central America and North America, often on his own. He met lamas (teachers) on mountaintops, sat in sweat lodges with Native Americans, felt the vibe of Buddhist temples, danced with Gypsies. He trekked, hitchhiked, rode buses and trains, and found his way to Monterey nearly three years ago.

How long will he stay? Seftel doesn't have an answer to that question. He loves what he sees when he opens a door in his studio that overlooks Monterey Bay, but his eyes have forever been fixed on the horizon.

"Most people are trees. They're just born and grow where they are," Seftel said. "I'm very fortunate to be able to steal my freedom and make this work somehow."

"Part of my process in making my paintings is really about deep-looking," he said. "I find a lack of perspective in the world because we're really not looking very deeply. When you stop looking, you really stop seeing."

### 'No such thing as normal'

Seftel grew up in London, where, literally from childhood, he became a caregiver to an autistic older brother and a dedicated member of community groups composed of people supporting their own mentally challenged family members.

"I was given that kind of responsibility from a really young age, and my sense of normal was that there's no such thing as nor-

mal," he said. "I saw the full spectrum of mental, physical, emotional and behavioral issues. The sensitivity I developed from being around people with disabilities made me a conscientious objector to a society I didn't see helping those who actually should be helped."

His American-born mother is a knitwear designer ("a quiet talent," he says.) His British father gave up an acting dream as a

## Carmel's artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

young man to support his family as an accountant, and later as an independent business owner.

Seftel was well-educated in his youth at London's University College School, a private academy that took art seriously, funded it well, and encouraged those with ambition.

"I learned to sculpt and paint, perspective and life drawing ... all of those things at 13 or 14 years old," he said. "At 18, I bought a one-way ticket to New York (where he had extended family) and traveled all over North America by myself. I kept sketchbooks, and I painted murals across the country."

Seftel returned to the United Kingdom to study art at the university level, but left before graduating.

"I didn't feel like the studio time was the kind of inspiration I wanted, so I came back to the States looking for a more-worldly education," he said. "And I found otherworldly inspiration in meeting Native Americans in northern New Mexico. I think that type of thing was really my further education in art."

Seftel's wanderings have left him with strong opinions about life, people, and politics ("I tend to be strong-headed and bloody-minded," he declares), philosophies that find their way into his art.

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## Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

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Artist Paul Seftel is seen here working with one of his large landscapes in his studio at the American Tin Cannery.

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# Our ancestors knew it: You can't judge the past by the standards of the present

THE #METOO phenomenon that swept the country after the myriad complaints of misconduct against Harvey Weinstein — covering the full spectrum, from objectionable statements, to rape — was long overdue. Such conduct, particularly by people with power over others, should not be tolerated in a society that professes that all people, regardless of race, religion, gender or social status, have the right to equal treatment.

But in a matter of months, dozens of leading figures in the

## In Any Case

By NEIL SHAPIRO

social, entertainment, professional, governmental and business worlds have also been accused of a variety of offenses — some committed more than 30 years ago — and have suffered the consequent loss of careers, recognitions, and much more.

I do not excuse their conduct, but it does seem to me that society's judgments of acts occurring ages ago in a largely different society by using current social values or attitudes as the standard is unfair. Indeed, it contravenes one of the most important philosophical cornerstones of our legal system —

the right to know the consequences of one's actions before that conduct is undertaken.

The United States Constitution expressly bars the enactment of any *ex post facto* law. Article I, section nine, clause three provides that “no *ex post facto* law shall be passed” by Congress, and Article 10 directs that no “state shall pass any *ex post facto* law.” An *ex post facto* law is one that changes retroactively the legal consequences of actions that were committed before the enactment of the law. One example would be a law that imposes criminal charges for acts that took place before the law was enacted — which would be not unlike changing the rules for a sporting event, and consequently the winner, after the game has been played.

### Instrument of tyranny?

As Thomas Jefferson wrote to Isaac McPherson on Aug. 13, 1813, the “sentiment that *ex post facto* laws are against natural right is so strong in the United States, that few, if any, of the state constitutions have failed to proscribe them.” During the Constitutional Convention, opposition to *ex post facto* laws was a bedrock principle among the Framers. In *The Federalist No. 78*, Alexander Hamilton noted that “the subjecting of men to punishment for things which, when they were done, were breaches of no law” is among “the favorite and most formidable instruments of tyranny.”

Subjecting another to harassment, once or continuously,

sexual or otherwise, is not acceptable behavior under our current sense of social order. By today's standards, it's just plain wrong, and it is easy to understand the desire for the imposition of some appropriate consequence. But who determines what consequence is appropriate? The vast majority of the incidents recently publicized, whether contemporary or historic, will never see the inside of a courtroom and never benefit from the orderly, reasoned and deliberate form of justice in which the “punishment fits the crime.”

### An iffy proposition

Rather, the sad reality is that the only available forum to address these issues is the so-called “court of public opinion,” which lacks rules, standards, procedures or guidelines, is subject to emotional manipulation, fickle and sometimes resembles an unruly mob in its haste to punish those whose conduct has offended. Getting justice there is an iffy proposition, at best.

Bobbing in the wake of the #MeToo campaign are many men who deserve to be there, and some who do not. I support without reservation the goals of #MeToo, but am troubled by seeing men my age destroyed by the revelation of a long-ago act that offends us now, but that largely was tolerated or even accepted by society at the time it occurred. Our conduct should be judged by the standards of our time, not the standards of someone else's time. To do otherwise is to disregard such core American values as the prohibition against *ex post facto* laws.

## SKEPTICS

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man??), then county supervisor. He went in for the kill with, “How many of you can name one member of your local school board?” Six hands remained raised, and according to one woman, they were all political activists.

His point, of course, was that local elections affect day-to-day life more than the big races for most voters, but they spend little time researching them. Several awkward moments ensued for reporters in the room during Church's Q&A, as local newspapers took a bit of a bashing, not wholly unwarranted. A columnist for the *Californian* joined the battle, insisting that if you don't pay for a subscription to the paper, you can't bitch about it.

The Pine Cone remained above the fray.

The talk on atheism and skepticism was entertaining, although it stretched the limits of my self-control when one skeptic said he liked atheism because “truth matters.” The 800-pound gorilla in the room was that you can't prove, empirically, God doesn't exist any more than you can prove he or she does. The Unitarian next to me concurred.

When the scent of delivery pizza heralded the arrival of lunch, I decided to vamoose. The afternoon sessions sounded interesting, but no matter what else I believe, the fat in that much mozzarella is a non-negotiable fact.



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## BUSINESS

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Pepe reported his guest count was up by around 15 percent at both restaurants, and that people spent about 5 percent more than they did last year. Sales at the bakery were

up roughly 12 percent over the previous December.

At Grasing's Coastal Cuisine, chef/owner Kurt Grasing said the fires elsewhere and great weather here drew visitors, who were further emboldened by a strong economy.

"I personally think these factors will drive the first quarter, as well," he said.

## EASTWOOD

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were quite good for the roles," Eastwood told The Pine Cone this week from his home near Carmel. "But then I had a meeting with the guys, and I was looking at their faces, and listening to them talk, and I just said, 'Do you want to do it?'"

When the three friends went to Eastwood's offices at Warner Bros. last June, "We all thought we were just going to be meeting with the actors," Stone said in an interview Tuesday. They were already thrilled with the idea that Eastwood would be directing a movie about them, and were doing all they could to offer advice about the script, costumes and locations. But they had no clue that one of the most famous men in Hollywood was about to ask if it was OK if he turned them into movie stars.

"At first, we didn't really understand," Stone recalled. "Clint said, 'What do you think about recreating things for us?' and we said, 'Sure, we'd love to create things for the actors, to make sure they get it right.' But he said, 'No, no no ...' and after that, I don't remember much, because when we realized he was asking us to play ourselves, it was like my brain started buzzing."

### Advice from a pro

What followed was several months of what Stone called "the funnest time of my life" — one that, surprisingly, didn't start with acting classes.

"The thing is not to act, but just to be," Eastwood said he told his neophyte cast members. "A lot of people like to intellectualize it, but acting is not a real intellectual medium, it's an emotional thing, and you ruin it by thinking."

Through weeks of shooting in many locations, including Rome, Venice, Paris, Belgium, and on a high-speed train hurtling through the Flanders countryside, Eastwood coached the three men through their scenes — basically by encouraging them to be themselves, but also to pay attention.

"The key is to listen to the other people in a scene, ingest the intent of their words, and put yourself in that spot," Eastwood said.

"The whole secret of acting is your ability to listen, and let your body and mind react off of that."

He also said much of the filming involved improvisation, and that he used an occasional trick so the actors wouldn't be self-conscious.

"A lot of times, I had the camera on when they didn't know it," the former Carmel mayor said.

### Gaining the confidence

Stone said that when filming got underway and he was working with a professional actor for the first time, with Eastwood and 30 or 40 crew members looking on, he was very nervous at the outset, and admits he did a terrible job.

"We were at a Jamba Juice in Atlanta, and I knew I was just bombing," Stone said "But then I looked around, and there were all these people on the set, and everybody had been working so hard, and I was thinking that somebody had put up millions of dollars to make a movie about me, and I just snapped out of it."

Not only did he end up doing that scene well, he said his acting got better and better as production continued, to the point where he felt very relaxed about the complex process.

Eastwood described filming under such unusual circumstances as "a lot of fun and quite surprising" — and he wasn't just talking about the three Americans who stopped the attack.

"In the film, we also have the Frenchman who was shot by the terrorist and would have died if Spencer Stone hadn't been there to stop the bleeding, and we have his wife, and the first nurse who was on the train, and all the detectives," Eastwood said. "A lot of people play themselves."

A heart-stopping trailer for the film is running in theaters and is available on YouTube, and "The 15:17 to Paris" seems certain to find a big audience, not only in the United States, but in Europe and around the world. Eastwood, however, is making no predictions.

"I've learned over the years never to expect things," he said. "I just do a project, and put it out there, and eventually it takes on a life of its own."

Todd Tice, owner of The Club stores on Ocean Avenue, called it "an incredible December" and noted it was "our best ever." Sales were up at the high-end clothing business 43.4 percent over December 2016.

Tice observed that the second week of December is usually the slowest week of the year at The Club, but because of the horrible fires in Ventura County, 2017 was different. "We had eight different customers come in on that Monday and Tuesday that were from Montecito and Santa Barbara who made significant purchases," he said. The same phenomenon occurred a few months ago, when sales were up 32 percent over October 2016.

Tice noted his business is doing so well that he's opening two new shops — Luciano Barbera Club and Club di Lusso — in La Rambla, the historic Spanish-style building on Lincoln, on Feb. 1.

### 'A beautiful thing'

At Cultura restaurant, which opened in August 2016, managing partner Sarah Kabat-Marcy said business was up 25 to 30 percent last month, compared with December 2016. She noted that the increase could in part be due to the restaurant's hours changing, and that it's simply been around a little longer at this point.

"We can absolutely say December was an incredible end to an already amazing year," she said. "We are beyond grateful to all of our Carmel neighbors for their support and patronage."

Hotels were busy, too, according to city councilwoman Carrie Theis, whose family owns and runs Hofsas House. In October and December, the inns in town saw increased

income and occupancy as people fled the fire zones or changed their travel plans to avoid them.

"Besides the impact from the fires, I do think it was a busier December," she said. "Hofsas House was up 8 to 10 percent from last year."

And Cynthia Buhl, who manages the Crossroads shopping center and is the new chair of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce board, said she doesn't have sales reports from her tenants, yet, "but I think the numbers will be solid and up."

"I can also tell you that we saw a consistent stream of traffic throughout the month. Even at the beginning of the week, our parking lots were pretty full, and that's a beautiful thing to see," she said. "And because of the time of year, we know it's mostly our loyal, local shopper who supports the importance of buying in their own community, especially during the holiday season when it can be make-or-break time for a lot of our independent retailers."

Chamber CEO Jenny MacMurdo didn't have sales numbers, either, but noted that the visitors center was far busier than in December 2016. Last month saw 2,190 walk-ins, compared with 1,719 the previous year. Room nights booked by the chamber numbered 40 last month, far more than the seven a year ago.

"I noticed, as did others, that most of the bustle came the week between Christmas and New Year's," she said. "I spoke with a few retailers who saw an uptick in gift card redemptions that week, which I speculate is an example of the rise in popularity of the gift-card trend."

## IMMIGRATION

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border agents should be considered.

"We need to basically get input as to what exactly is needed and where it's needed," he said.

What's not necessary and something Panetta would not support is a wall that spans all 2,000 miles of the southern border with Mexico, an idea that even Trump — who said he wants \$18 billion for a wall — has dismissed.

"We don't want a solid wall all along the border; that is completely unreasonable," Panetta said. "What we are talking about is that there are areas where a wall may be necessary, but there may be other areas in border security that we must be looking at."

The congressman said other border security measures, such as additional border patrol agents, air and marine operations, beefed-up infrastructure, and better technology should also be considered.

Ever since the Trump announced last Spring that he would revoke President Barack Obama's 2013 DACA program, and asked Congress to come up with a replacement, Panetta has had ongoing discussions with the Congressional "Problem Solvers" group, a bipartisan caucus.

The group talks about a wide range of immigration issues, including ways to secure the border through relatively simple solutions.

"We have gone as far as to talk about eradication of carrizo cane and salt cedar, which is basically the thick brush that is down there that makes it difficult" for border agents to see people crossing from Mexico into the United States, he said.

Through those talks, Panetta said he's gotten an earful from Republican members — including those whose districts don't have

as many illegal immigrant workers as Panetta's — about their take on DACA. However, he said some of Trump's ideas for reforming immigration go too far.

"I do believe that once you start talking about [ending] chain migration and the visa lottery program, and instituting merit-based immigration, you should also be talking about comprehensive immigration reform," Panetta said. "I'm open to talking about those things, but it must be part of a larger package."

## STORM

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Big Sur Inn.

Anna Schneider of the National Weather Service's Monterey office reported that 9.68 inches of rain was recorded on Mining Ridge in Big Sur. That number might seem impressive, but the ridge is more than 3,000 feet high, and its rain totals are typically twice as high as those recorded along the highway, where residents and businesses are located.

More accurately reflecting conditions in Big Sur was a reading from Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, which showed that 4.76 inches fell.

In Carmel Valley, 2.2 inches of rain was recorded, while in Monterey, 1.98 inches fell.

Schneider said more rain is on the way. "We're expecting some more rain Monday and Tuesday, but mostly north of Santa Cruz," she added. "The next best chance is Thursday and Friday, when a more widespread system is coming in."

## TRUCKSIS

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was like to live there, and the store's employees talked up the town. They directed her to Lovers Point to eat lunch, and she was hooked.

Now a resident of Del Rey Oaks with a short commute to her business office on Garden Road, Trucksis provides marketing and graphic services not only for Car Week events, but for organizations across the country and around the world. She supports numerous charities, and her firm has done filming at the Sea Otter Classic, P.G.'s Good Old Days, and Champions of the Arts.

She's expanded her business into social media and can explain how to get yourself to the top of everyone's Facebook feed, if that's what you want. And yes, with a ready laugh and an excellent sense of humor, she really is Merry.

## LETTERS

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Don't they see that fear is exactly what let Harvey Weinstein and other workplace abusers and bullies continue their reigns of terror for so long? Are they willing to let the mayor potentially bully others because of their own fear? Are they willing to allow the reputation of Carmel to become more tarnished the longer an alleged harasser continues in office? Isn't it time to overcome fear and speak up?

Marcie Brogan, Carmel



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## Acclaimed trio returns to Sunset, rising star plays two gigs in Big Sur

AN AWARD-WINNING ensemble whose members met two decades ago as students at the prestigious Juilliard School in New York City, **The Claremont Trio** performs Saturday, Jan. 13, at Sunset Center.

Presented by Chamber Music Monterey Bay, the performance marks the first local classical music concert of the new year.

The trio includes violinist **Emily Bruskin**, her twin sister, cellist **Julia Bruskin**, and pianist **Andrea Lam**. Just two years after its debut, the ensemble was named a Young Concert Artists International Auditions winner in 2001 — the first time a piano trio was so honored. Later, the trio received another sought-after award, and Chamber Music Monterey Bay played a role in it.

“Almost 12 years ago, we first presented the Claremont

Trio as a part to their presentation tour for being the very first winners of the then newly launched and internationally-important Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Prize for a Piano Trio,” CMMB artistic director **Erica Horn** told *The Pine Cone*. “Chamber Music Monterey Bay was a part of the formation of the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson prize, as we were co-sponsors of the competition in its first year and we were able to present the Claremont Trio during their very first national tour. We feel a special kinship to them with our participation in the beginning of their career.”

When the trio performs at Sunset Center, the program will include Gabriela Lena Frank’s “Four Folk Songs,” Bedrich Smetana’s *Trio in G Minor* and Beethoven’s *Trio in B-flat Major, op. 97, Archduke*.

The concert starts at 8 p.m., and will be preceded by a free

talk by musicologist **Kai Christiansen**. Tickets are \$15 to \$52. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-2212. [www.chambermusic-montereybay.org](http://www.chambermusic-montereybay.org).

### On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

#### ■ Small venue, big talent

On any given day, there are countless singer-songwriters you’ve never heard of traversing the highways and back roads of America as they seek their next audience. Few will likely ever make a hit record or see their names in lights, but many make music that’s worth seeking out, and for a select few, stardom beckons. Hopefully, **Ryley Walker** lands in the latter category.

Walker, who makes two stops in Big Sur this week — Jan. 13 at Fernwood Resort and Jan. 14 at the Henry Miller Library — serves up a rich mix of folk, blues, jazz and psychedelia.

His warm voice and exquisite finger-picking guitar work is reminiscent of Jose Gonzalez and the late Nick Drake, while his music — backed by an assortment of gifted musicians on his records — has drawn comparisons to Van Morrison’s “Astral Weeks,” which is no small feat.

Walker will serve as the opening act for **Marty O’Reilly & The Old Soul Orchestra** at Fernwood. The show starts at 9 p.m. The next

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The Claremont Trio (left), which performs at Sunset Center Jan. 13, showcases the talents of twin sisters Emily and Julia Bruskin, and Andrea Lam. Up-and-coming singer, songwriter and guitarist Ryley Walker (right) plays two shows in Big Sur this week.

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# Club Del Monte, Pisoni at the Sur House, and Fun & Games at the museums

SINCE IT'S home to the Naval Postgraduate School, the historic former Hotel Del Monte in Monterey isn't on most people's radar when it comes to enjoying a cocktail or brunch. You have to show identification at the gate, and it's hard to miss the fact you're entering a military institution, not a resort.

But once inside the gates, you're winding along the curving drive to the luxurious hotel that was originally built in 1880 by the Southern Pacific Railroad to promote tourism to the Monterey Peninsula, rebuilt after a fire in 1926, and then requisitioned by the Navy in World War II. The Hotel Del Monte's Spanish-style architecture and surrounding gardens, including a pool, harken back to an earlier era, and inside, its ballrooms, bar (The Trident Room) and other

spaces reflect its history.

While the hall is the site of the annual NPS Foundation Grand Winter Ball and other major events, it's also home to Club Del Monte — described as “an art deco jewel set amongst sprawling lawns dotted with oak, cypress and pines.” Tastings, meals, and special events offer outsiders a chance to glimpse the inside.

Once a month, for instance, Corks & Forks focuses on a particular wine or other libation, and guests sip the featured beverage and munch on appetizers while taking a walking tour of the historic hotel. The next one focuses on Japanese food and drink, and is set to take place Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person, and attendance is limited to 50. Corks & Forks sessions in February and March will

Located in the former Hotel Del Monte on the grounds of the Naval Postgraduate School, Club Del Monte is open to the public for monthly wine tastings and walking tours, brunch on the last Sunday of the month, and special events, including Valentine's Day dinner.



focus on wine.

The club also hosts brunch one Sunday a month — next on the calendar is Jan. 28, with reservations by civilians due by 4 p.m. Jan. 19.

Next month, the hall will be gussied up for a special Valentine's dinner on Feb. 14, with one seating at 5 p.m., and the general public must reserve by Jan. 31, at a cost of \$55 per person. The lineup includes shrimp cocktail; Cypress Point Salad with arugula, butter lettuce, goat cheese and poached pears with Champagne dressing; entrée choices of herb-crusted slow-roasted rack of pork, filet mignon with Bearnaise sauce, or stuffed wild Gulf shrimp with Dungeness crab in a beurre rouge; Yukon gold potatoes and sautéed veggies; and Grand Marnier chocolate mousse. With a glass of Champagne, of course.

For reservations, email [mwrcatering@nps.org](mailto:mwrcatering@nps.org) or call (831) 656-7512.

## ■ Bubbly start to the year

Quail Lodge is celebrating the arrival of 2018 with Champagne-inspired specials all month. In addition to bubble bath in the rooms, bubble wrap for popping on National Bubble Wrap Day (Jan. 29), and specials in the pro shop, the lodge will host a strolling Champagne tasting with gourmet food pairings and small bites Friday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m., for \$110 per person, not including tax and tip. Reservations are available by calling (831) 620-8866.

At the Waypoint Bar & Deck in the lodge, the Bubbles and Birdies special

— Champagne and fried chicken — is being offered all month for \$29.

Speaking of Waypoint, the bar will also host a “grand re-imagining” Jan. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. That evening, Waypoint's new menu will be released, and locals will be invited to enjoy a cocktail on the house when they show ID with a Monterey County address. The Happy Hour menu will be available until 8 p.m., along with tastes of dishes from the new menu, and ongoing weekly specials and theme nights will be announced.

The Waypoint is open from 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday for cocktails, beer, wine, small bites and appetizers.

The hotel is located on Valley Greens Drive off of Carmel Valley Road. Visit [www.quailodge.com](http://www.quailodge.com) for more.

## ■ The Sur House hosts Pisoni

People attending the Foragers Festival Fungus Face-Off Jan. 13 at the recently remodeled Ventana Big Sur will have a chance to see the brand-new Sur House restaurant, headed by executive chef Paul Corsentino, too. Capitalizing on the beauty indoors and out with its elevated and expanded ocean-view terrace and fire pits, the restaurant also has brand new menus and signature cocktails, a 10,000-bottle cellar of local wines, and a hillside organic garden. It's open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch.

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And, on Thursday, Jan. 25, the Sur House will present its first winemakers dinner, featuring the coveted wines of Pisoni. Corsentino is planning a special six-course dinner to pair with Pisoni's standout wines, and dinner is set to run from 6 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$250 per person and can be purchased through Eventbrite.com. Ventana Big Sur is located at 48123 Highway 1. Call (831) 667-2331.

**■ Farm Stand closed for rehab**

Earthbound's Farm Stand on Carmel Valley Road closed Sunday for important repairs and renovations that will probably take until springtime, according to the company. For decades, the stand has been a go-to place on the valley road for fresh produce, baked goods and freshly made items at its deli, as well as for workshops led by chefs, gardeners and craftspeople.

"We are so excited to be moving forward with some much-needed repairs to the Farm Stand," the company that owns Earthbound Farm said. "We will miss you all and look forward to welcoming you all back in the spring."

Earthbound was founded by Drew and Myra Goodman at the site of the farm stand in the Valley. It became one of the biggest organic produce companies in the country and was bought by WhiteWave Foods in 2013 for \$600 million.

**■ Fun & Games at the museum**

MY Museum, the youth museum at 425 Washington St. in Monterey, is holding a game night for grownups Jan. 20 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. "We loved this event last year, so we have decided to do it again," organizers said.

Supporters are encouraged to bring their family and friends for a rowdy night of playing board games while indulging in tasty food, wine, beer and other treats. A DJ will keep the music going all evening, too.

The cost is \$30 per person. Visit [www.mymuseum.org](http://www.mymuseum.org).

**■ Chamber business breakfast**

Want to learn about new laws over a plate of eggs and bacon? The Carmel Chamber of Commerce is holding a Business Beat Breakfast at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands Thursday, Jan. 25, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Christopher Panetta from Fenton & Keller law firm will talk about this year's new laws and how they affect local businesses: marijuana in the workplace, leave for new parents, and limits on criminal background checks. Panetta's practice focuses on civil litigation, including labor and employment law and general business litigation.

The cost is \$35 per person, which includes a breakfast buffet of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, croissants, fresh fruit, granola and yogurt, juice, coffee, tea and decaf.

The hotel is located at 120 Highlands

Drive off of Highway 1. To reserve a spot, go to [www.carmelcalifornia.org](http://www.carmelcalifornia.org).

**■ Local favs at Hofsas House**

Hofsas House hotel will hold its first wine-centric fundraiser of the year Friday, Jan. 26, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Owned by city councilwoman Carrie Theis and her family,

the hotel is located on San Carlos north of Fourth Avenue, and it regularly hosts fundraisers for local nonprofits, including a monthly wine tasting for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

This month's gathering will feature Carmel Road wines, which will be served

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The recently remodeled Sur House restaurant at Ventana offers breakfast with a view, as well as over-hauled menus, elevated decks and an outdoor bar.





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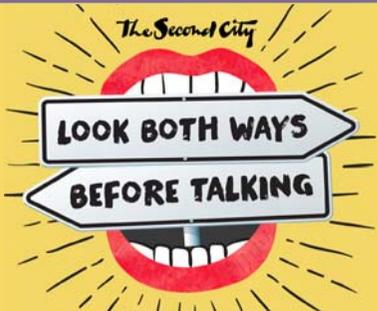
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alongside small bites for \$15 per person, with additional glasses available for \$5 apiece. POMDR focuses on taking care of dogs whose elderly owners can no longer provide for them, and finding forever homes for older dogs, and all of the evening's proceeds will go toward those efforts.

Space is limited to 40 guests, and reservations are required. Call (831) 624-2745 or email [carrie@hofsashouse.com](mailto:carrie@hofsashouse.com).

### ■ Mesa del Sol at Artemis

Artemis Turkish restaurant on Ocean Avenue between San Carlos and Mission will have its first winemaker dinner of the year Thursday, Feb. 1, when Ann Hougham's Mesa Del Sol wines from Arroyo Seco are featured, including Grenache, Syrah, a red blend called Prima Rosso, and a dessert wine made from Zinfandel.

Dinner will start at 6 p.m., and the cost is \$75 per person, including tax and tip. Call (831) 574-8991 to reserve.

### ■ Cioppino & Vino

The Rotary Club of Monterey Pacific will present its Cioppino & Vino fundraiser at the Moose Lodge in Del Rey Oaks, 555 Canyon del Rey Blvd., Saturday, Jan. 27, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Expertly prepared cioppino — the Italian red-sauce-based seafood stew that has its origins on the docks of San Francisco — will be accompanied by bread from Palermo's Bakery, fresh green salad, and plenty of wine. Music and live and silent auctions will round out the celebration.

Funds raised that evening will help pay for local and international service projects supported by the Rotary Club of Monterey Pacific: the free flu vaccine clinic at Seaside High School, the Gateway residents ball, Food Bank for Monterey County, the reforestation project at Washington Park, Gathering for Women shelter, and Nicaragua music school and orphanage outreach, to name a few.

The cost is \$75 per person, and tickets are available via [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

### ■ Scheid now distributed by Young's

Young's Market Co., a major liquor and wine distributor, has added all of the Scheid wines to its sales lineup for California. Previously distributed in the state by Epic, Scheid's full portfolio of wines — including Scheid Vineyards, District 7, Metz Road, Ranch 32, VDR, Stokes' Ghost, GIFFT and Ryder Estate — is now sold by Young's in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Hawaii and Alaska.

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# County art champions named; gala on Feb. 3

A MAN who has dedicated much of his life to the local theater scene, Walt DeFaria, and a woman who has organized First Night celebrations in Monterey for more than a decade, Ellen Martin, have been named Monterey County Champions of the Arts — along with five other recipients.

DeFaria, a director and producer whose resume includes work with Forest Theater Guild, Monterey Symphony, PacRep Theatre, Monterey Peninsula College, Dance Kids of Monterey County and the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award when the nonprofit Arts Council for Monterey County presents its annual gala Feb. 3 at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey.

Martin, who has served as executive director for the New Year's Eve gathering in Downtown Monterey, will receive a Luminary Award.

Also set to be honored are volunteer leader Ramón Silva Ruelas, philanthropist Reg Huston, educator Angelica Muro, professional artist Andrew Jackson, and the nonprofit arts group, Sol Treasures.

Arts council executive director Paulette Lynch said she hopes the awards will inspire others to see the value of the arts.

“Our mission is to improve the quality of life for everyone in Monterey County through the arts,” Lynch explained. “Each year we find more and more scientific studies that show us the arts are the answer — from helping youth, veterans and others find new pathways toward greater health, to helping businesses and business districts find new ways to become more vibrant and welcoming.”

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# CALENDAR

**Jan. 12 — Sunset Center Benefit Art Silent Auction:** Artists who have exhibited at the Marjorie Evans Gallery at Sunset Center, Carmel, have donated a piece of art to support the center, a non-profit organization. Artists' reception is 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel. Art, food & wine. Silent auction continues to Jan. 31.

**Jan. 17 — Cannabis: Gateway to Health?** The 10:30 a.m. meeting of the Monterey Peripheral Neuropathy Support will be held at Monterey First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 501 El Dorado, Monterey. Karen Mankens, R.N., will speak on the use of Medical Marijuana in the control of Neuropathic pain. Meeting is free and open to the public. Call 625 3407 or check: [www.pnhelp.org](http://www.pnhelp.org) for more information.

**Jan. 15 — Shape up in the new year** Monday at 2 p.m. when the Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos & 9th, presents fitness guru Neil Herron in "Age Specific, Look Terrific, With All The Right Moves." An expert in exercise science, Herron is a personal trainer certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Along with live demonstrations, a printed handout of age appropriate exercise and diet tips will be distributed to attendees. Members, free; guests \$10, includes refreshments and tea following the program. Memberships available. (831) 624-2866 or 915-8184.

**Jan. 16 — Aspire Health Plan Presents: Exploring the Mediterranean Diet** - 8 Simple steps to a healthy lifestyle, a Community Connections class. Does healthy eating, including fruits, veggies, fish, whole grains, a splash of flavorful olive oil and maybe even a glass of red wine sound good? Join us for this free class 10-11:30 a.m. and learn how a Mediterranean diet can support your healthy lifestyle. Crazy Horse Restaurant, 1425 Munras Ave., Monterey. This event is free, and we ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections)

**Jan. 17 — Aspire Health Plan Presents: Speaking "Doctor Talk" - Tips for a successful**

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**Jan. 17 — Women and the Veil in the Muslim World: Oppression or Empowerment?**, 7 p.m. Carpenter Hall - Sunset Center, 9th Ave. & Mission. Hosted by Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: free and open to the public, seating 1st come 1st serve. \$10 suggested contribution. Questions? [afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](mailto:afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) or (831) 624-2811.

**Jan. 18 — Aspire Health Plan Presents: Sugar Scoop- Discover hidden facts about sugar and how it affects your overall health.** This event, set for 10-11:30 a.m., is free, and we ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections); Montage Wellness Center, 1910 North Davis Road, Salinas.

**Jan. 25 — "The Shape of Water on the Monterey Peninsula"** is the title of this program hosted by the Carmel Residents Association. Speakers will be Dave Stoldt, Monterey Water Management District; George Riley, Public Water Now and Kevin Tilden, Cal-Am. Speakers will answer written questions submitted by members of the audience. Vista Lobos Community Room, 3rd Avenue between Junipero and Torres Streets, Carmel, 5 p.m. Wine and social hour before and following the program. The meeting is free and open to the public. Information: 626-1610

**Feb. 5-26 — Good Grief for Kids** 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays. This age based supportive-educational program is designed to let kids and teens know they are not alone and to give their grief a voice through play, art, and storytelling. Each session is professionally led by therapists with expertise in children's grief. Dinner is provided. 824 Munras Ave., Suite K and L, Monterey. To register, call (831) 320-1188 or email [helen@papillon-center.org](mailto:helen@papillon-center.org).

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# P.G. art center welcomes mural, gallery fundraiser offers 'hidden beauty'

JUST ONE week after receiving an unexpected and much needed \$100,000 holiday gift from an anonymous donor, the Pacific Grove Art Center unveils four exhibits Friday, Jan. 12.

In one of the shows, the art center's 16 studio artists have

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

pooled their talents to present a group display. The center's mission includes providing affordable studio space for local artists.

In her show, "Looking In, Looking Out," painter **Kathryn Stotler** explores the beauty of rocks.

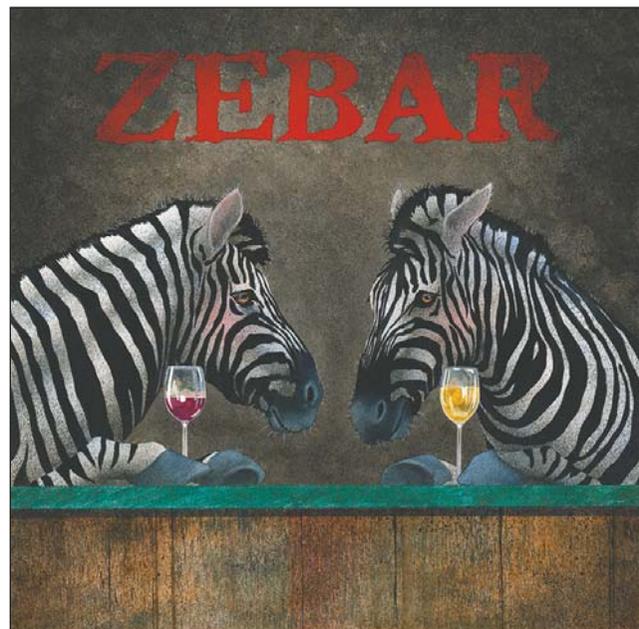
"I have looked out at rock-studded scenes for years, but

since I have been looking at them closely, I feel there is no other landscape," Stotler explained. "I do not paint this landscape in its pure form, but take the elements that thrill me and record them on canvas."

Also new at the art center will be a group show of photographs by members of **The Padre Trails Camera Club** titled "Point of View." Billed by its members as "the oldest continuously active camera club on the Monterey Peninsula," the group has been around since 1948.

And for something outside the box, the art center is offering its Dyck Gallery as a site for a "massive" indoor mural project that will "evolve" over the course of the year "to include visions of local events that occur throughout the county."

The art center, which will be the site of a reception Friday from 7 to 9 p.m., is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. The shows will continue through Feb. 23. Call (831) 375-2208 or visit [pgartcenter.org](http://pgartcenter.org).



This piece by illustrator Will Bullas is featured in Sunset Center's annual fundraising art auction, which kicked off this week and continues through the end of the month.

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Fine art photography takes center stage when "Through Beginner's Eyes" opens Jan. 12 at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

In the show, **Blaine Ellis, Chester Ng, William Giles, Brad Cole, Jeff Nixon, Viktor Klinger** and others share photographs that "describe the world in subtle and unexpected ways."

"Contemplative photography is a method of seeing and photographing the world in ways that reveal a richness and beauty that is often hidden from view," reads a description of the exhibit's theme.

The Cherry Center, which will be the site of a reception from 5 to 7 p.m., is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Call (831) 624-7491 or visit [www.carlcherrycenter.org](http://www.carlcherrycenter.org).

### ■ Artists aid Sunset with auction

Sunset Center's Marjorie Evans Gallery kicked off its third annual fundraising art auction this week.

The participating artists include **Will Bullas, Simon Bull, Kathy Sharpe, Jacquelyn Coleman, Thierry Thompson, Zoya Scholis, Cheryl Kampe** and many others — all of whom have donated their work. Each artist has had their work featured in the gallery — or soon will.

Silent auction bid forms are available in the gallery, while bids can be placed in person or by phone. The deadline for placing bids is Jan. 31, and the winners will be notified Feb. 2. For more details, call (831) 620-2053.

The gallery hosts a reception Jan. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. Proceeds support Sunset Center's many programs. The center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

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# SEFTEL

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their way into his art.

"I've been very dedicated for the past decade to creating a body of work that would be lasting, worth doing, worth leaving," he said.

His stamp project is a series of works he is creating from 200,000 vintage postage stamps (a gift from a collector), all with cancellation marks that, in many cases, are dripping with irony. A stamp honoring America's petroleum industry, issued during the Iraq war, is cancelled with the message, "Pray for peace." A stamp celebrating the American Chemical Society is cancelled with "Strike back at cancer."

"I had this ridiculous dream that we elected Donald Trump as our president, and it was so depressing that I had to somehow make sense of this American Muppet show," said Seftel, who pieced together hundreds of stamps to create a larger stamp of Elmo, the Muppet, wearing a Trump-like wig. In the rest of the picture, two tiny hands are made of stamps honoring an apprenticeship program. Bozo the Clown stamps were used to form the

piece's 45-cent price label. The background is composed of Navajo jewelry stamps covered in oil, his statement on the way corporations have defaced native ground. "Essentially, it's a poster of the American political monster," he said.

Part of his stamp series will be displayed in Carmel at the Winfield Gallery (Dolores Street, between Ocean and Seventh avenues). Seftel currently is authoring a companion book that also will be available there.

His other book, "The Comet's Tale" (published in 2014), was Seftel's attempt to make sense of "a lot of kind of incomprehensible mysticism and magic that happened during a very intense period of my life, moving around, meeting native peoples, having near-death experiences in travels from the Far East to New Mexico."

Thanks to an invitation from his friend, sculptor Hector Dionicio Mendoza, Seftel's art will be part of Mendoza's showcase this month at Monterey Museum of Art (559 Pacific Street, Monterey).

His work also can be seen at his studio in the American Tin Cannery (125 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove), at Big Sur Canna Botanicals (26352 Carmel Rancho Lane), or online at paulseftel.com.

# Kids show off creative talent

FOR A glimpse into the future of the local art scene, an exhibit opening Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Seaside Branch Library showcases the talents of youngsters who belong to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County.

Named for a Seaside artist who died six years ago, the 2018 Marti Mulford Youth Arts Exhibit includes pieces by artists as young as 6.

According to Marissa Serna of the Boys & Girls Clubs, the show "celebrates our kids' artistic achievements while simultaneously showing them they have another community resource ready to support their educational interests."

The library, which will host a reception and awards ceremony from 6 to 8 p.m., is located at 550 Harcourt Ave. Call (831) 394-5171.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172408  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Marc A. Dialysis, 930 2nd Avenue, Marina, CA 93933 - 6009**  
County of MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
Marsaille Dialysis, LLC, 2000 16th Street, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver, CO 80202  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/20/17.  
Marsaille Dialysis, LLC  
S/ Arturo Sida, Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/07/2017.  
12/22, 12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12/18  
**CNS-3076108#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1218)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172411  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Soledad Dialysis Center, 901 Los Cochones Drive, Soledad, CA 93960 - 2995**  
County of MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
Soledad Dialysis Center, LLC, 2000 16th Street, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver, CO 80202  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/10/17.  
Soledad Dialysis Center, LLC  
S/ Arturo Sida, Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/07/2017.  
12/22, 12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12/18  
**CNS-3076063#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1219)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172412  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Laurel Meadows Home Training, 3 Rossi Circle, Suite B, Salinas, CA 93907 - 2356**  
County of MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
Total Renal Care, Inc., 2000 16th Street, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver, CO 80202  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/20/17.  
Total Renal Care, Inc.  
S/ Arturo Sida, Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/07/2017.  
12/22, 12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12/18  
**CNS-3076095#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1220)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172409  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Salinas Valley Dialysis Center, 955 Blanca Circle, Suite C, Salinas, CA 93901 - 4452**  
County of MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
Total Renal Care, Inc., 2000 16th Street, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver, CO 80202  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/20/17.  
Total Renal Care, Inc.  
S/ Arturo Sida, Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/07/2017.  
12/22, 12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12/18  
**CNS-3076102#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1221)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172456  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**1. SANTA LUCIA PROPERTY  
2. BORROME LAND COMPANY  
360 Via Paraíso, Monterey, CA 93940.**  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 221535, Carmel, CA 93922.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: LA TIERRA, INC., 360 Via Paraíso, Monterey, CA 93940.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/ Lisa J. Guthrie, President  
Dec. 13, 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 Dec. 13, 2017  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1226)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172454  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ARTISAN PICKUPS, 706 Redwood Lane, Pacific Grove, California 93950.**  
Registered Owner(s):  
MARC ALEXANDER, 706 Redwood Lane, Pacific Grove, California 93950.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 12, 2017.  
S/ Marc Alexander  
Dec. 14, 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 Dec. 13, 2017  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1226)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172444  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ARTISAN PICKUPS, 706 Redwood Lane, Pacific Grove, California 93950.**  
Registered Owner(s):  
MARC ALEXANDER, 706 Redwood Lane, Pacific Grove, California 93950.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 12, 2017.  
S/ Marc Alexander  
Dec. 14, 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 Dec. 13, 2017  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1226)

### FORMATION 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 Dec. 14, 2017  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1227)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172426  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Starrs Home Loans, 1368 S Main St, Ste B, Salinas, CA 93901**  
County of MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
Starrs Lending, LLC, 4 Hutton Centre Dr, 10th Fl, Santa Ana, CA 92707  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/ Lorann Ventura, Vice President  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/11/2017.  
12/22, 12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12/18  
**CNS-3081273#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1228)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172420  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Rich Habit, 937 San Miguel, Soledad, CA 93960**, County of Monterey  
Registered Owner(s):  
Richard Hidalgo, 937 San Miguel, Soledad, CA 93960  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.  
S/ Richard Hidalgo  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on December 8, 2017.  
12/22, 12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12/18  
**CNS-3078715#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1229)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172414  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**L. Lira, 2954 Bird Rock Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953**, County of Monterey  
Registered Owner(s):  
Christina Taylor Longway, 2954 Bird Rock Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.  
S/ Christina Taylor Longway  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on December 8, 2017.  
12/22, 12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12/18  
**CNS-3079154#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1230)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172410  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Laurel Meadows Dialysis, 3 Rossi Circle, Suite A, Salinas, CA 93907 - 2356**  
County of MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
Connolly Dialysis, LLC, 2000 16th Street, Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver, CO 80202  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/17/2017.  
Connolly Dialysis, LLC  
S/ Arturo Sida, Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/07/2017.  
12/22, 12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12/18  
**CNS-3076077#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1231)

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case No. 17CV004557  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, JENNIFER LYNNE PEERY, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A Present name: JENNIFER LYNNE PEERY  
Proposed name: JENNIFER LYNNE TAYLOR PEERY**  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
DATE: February 16, 2018  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
DEPT: 15  
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel, CA.  
(s) Thomas W. Willis  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: Dec. 19, 2017  
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1232)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172484  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MIKE DONNELLY CONSTRUCTION, SE Corner of Santa Fe & 3rd Street, Carmel, CA 93922.**  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 223052, Carmel, CA 93922.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: WMD III INC., SE Corner of Santa Fe & 3rd Street, Carmel, CA 93922.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/ William M. Donnelly, President  
Dec. 18, 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 Dec. 18, 2017  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: Dec. 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2018. (PC1234)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172448  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**CVS/pharmacy #16200, 1640 N Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906**, County of Monterey; **Mailing Address: One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895**  
Registered Owner(s):  
Garfield Beach CVS, L.L.C., One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895; CA  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 12/16/2015.  
S/ Melanie K. Luker, Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on December 13, 2017.  
12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19/18  
**CNS-3080158#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2018. (PC1235)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172448  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**CVS/pharmacy #16200, 1640 N Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906**, County of Monterey; **Mailing Address: One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895**  
Registered Owner(s):  
Garfield Beach CVS, L.L.C., One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895; CA  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 12/16/2015.  
S/ Melanie K. Luker, Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on December 13, 2017.  
12/29/17, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19/18  
**CNS-3080158#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: Dec. 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2018. (PC1235)

### T.S. No. 059202-CA APN: 103-051-024-000. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/18/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 1/24/2018 AT 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/26/2006, as Instrument No. 2006084071, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: DENVER DUDLEY STANTON DALE AND TRICIA ELLIS MARKUSEN, AS TRUSTEES OF THE DALE-MARKUSEN LIVING TRUST DTD 3/22/2000 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: In front of the main entrance of the Monterey County Administration building located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 24005 FAIRFIELD PLACE CARMEL, CALIFORNIA 93923 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of

the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,982,509.80 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 866-826-1670 or visit the Internet Web site WWW.HUDSONANDMARSHALL.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 059202-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: 866-826-1670 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117  
Publication dates: Dec. 29, 2017, Jan. 5, 12, 2018. (PC1236)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172528  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JUNIE'S KITCHEN, 104 San Benancio Road, Salinas, CA 93908.**  
Registered Owner(s):  
EDRIK ETHAN SYX, 104 San Benancio Road, Salinas, CA 93908.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/ Edrik E. Syx  
Nov. 7, 2017  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 26, 2017  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018. (PC102)

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Probate Code Section 19040(b), 19052)  
Department: Probate Room: 13  
Case Number 18PR000003  
In re the  
**NOEL ALAN PERRY and SUZETTE S. PERRY REVOCABLE TRUST Created September 16, 2002 by SUZETTE S. PERRY, Decedent**  
Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to NOEL ALAN PERRY, as Trustee of the Trust Dated September 16, 2002 wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at San Carlos Street, 3 NW of Eighth Street, P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four (4) months after January 5, 2018, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code Section 11903.  
A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are en-

couraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.  
DATED: January 2, 2018  
UTE M. ISBILL WILLIAMS  
Attorney for the Trustee of the NOEL ALAN PERRY and SUZETTE S. PERRY REVOCABLE TRUST, dtd September 16, 2002  
Publication dates: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2018. (PC103)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172497  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CENTRAL COAST PROPERTY CARE, 27880 Dorris Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.**  
Mailing address: 314 Mid Valley Cir. Suite 306, Carmel, CA 93923  
Registered Owner(s):  
S. A. BELLEVANCE LLC, 27880 Dorris Dr., Carmel, CA 93923  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 20, 2013.  
S/ S. A. Bellevance, President  
Dec. 9, 2017  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 19, 2017  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing  
Publication dates: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018. (PC104)

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case No. 18CV000022  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, REBECCA ANNE NAMNIEK, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A Present name: REBECCA ANNE NAMNIEK  
Proposed name: RIVKA ZANNIA REVIVIO**  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING:

DATE: March 2, 2018  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
DEPT: 14  
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel, CA.  
(s) Susan J. Maticham  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: Jan. 3, 2018  
Publication dates: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018. (PC105)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172522  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PUTTER PROPERTIES 25334 Carmel Knolls Drive, Carmel, CA 93923-8836**  
Mailing address: 23820 Putter Way, Los Altos, CA 94024-6317.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: KLINE FAMILY BY-PASS TRUST, 23820 Putter Way, Los Altos, CA 94024-6317.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a trust.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 4, 2017.  
S/ Charles Kline, Trustee  
Dec. 21, 2017  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 26, 2017  
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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018. (PC106)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172504  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CVS/pharmacy #17374, 133 General Stilwell Drive, Marina, CA 93933**, County of Monterey; **Mailing Address: One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895**  
Registered Owner(s):  
Garfield Beach CVS, L.L.C., One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 4, 2017.  
S/ Frank Owen Chiorozzi, Vice President  
Jan. 5, 2018  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) [B&P Code 17913]. **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6**

# MORE MUSIC

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**David Morwood** (Bossa nova, samba and swing, Friday at 7 p.m.); saxophonist **Mark Lewis**, organist **Eddie Mendenhall**, guitarist **Robert Papaccica** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer **Lee Durley**, guitarist **Mike Lent**, bassist **Billy Bosch** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

**Folktales Winery** in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist **John Vicino** (Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Lukas Nelson** (rock, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

**Henry Miller Library** in Big Sur — singer-songwriter **Ryley Walker** (folk and blues, Sunday at 7:30 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574. www.henrymiller.org

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

**The Lab** — **Microclouds** ("electric noise pop," Saturday at 7 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center above the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. www.thelabarts.com.

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

**Pacific Grove Art Center** — **Servo 7** (acoustic folk, Friday at 7 p.m.); and a "Hootenany" acoustic jam and sing-along (all are welcome, Saturday at 7 p.m.). (831) 375-2208, www.pgartcenter.org.

**Pierce Ranch Vineyards Tasting Room** in Monterey — **The Stu Reynolds Saxtet** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.). 499 Wave Street, (831) 372-8900.

**The Sunset Lounge** at Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer **Neal Banks** and guitarist **Steve Ezzo** (pop and rock, Friday



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

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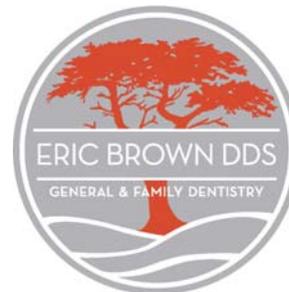
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