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Light at the end of the landslide



A Caltrans crew prepares to install a 24-inch culvert at the south end of the massive Mud Creek Slide, which buried Highway 1 near the Monterey-San Luis Obispo county line in May 2017. Despite recent wet weather, the \$40 million project to clear the slide remains on schedule, and Caltrans says the work is expected to be completed by late summer.

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Panetta one of few Democrats in House to read top-secret memo

By KELLY NIX

THE SECRET memorandum Republicans say contains “jaw-dropping” evidence of surveillance abuses by the FBI and Department of Justice during the Obama Administration has been read by Congressman Jimmy Panetta, who is one of a small number of Democrats to have seen it.

The classified four-page memo drafted by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes, a Republican Congressman from Tulare County, has been all the buzz inside the Beltway, where some lawmakers are calling for it to be released to the public. Panetta said his constituents are also highly interested in the document.

“We had more calls about releasing the memo than we did about the federal shutdown,” Panetta said Wednesday afternoon.

And fascination about the memo ramped up immediately following the conclusion of an episode of conservative commentator Sean Hannity’s show on Fox News.

“We started getting calls right after that,” said Panetta, who added that the number of constituent calls his offices received about the memo compared to the government shutdown was 5 to 1.

Justification for spying?

The memo reportedly claims that the FBI relied on information contained in the sensational and unproven “Trump dossier” to obtain a federal warrant to spy on the Trump campaign for possible collusion with Russia.

Although mostly House Republicans have viewed the memo, very few other people have, and Panetta said he and fel-

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COMMISSION OKS FOUR DEMOLITIONS, NEW HOUSES

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A town that years ago deemed a significant chunk of its homes as historically significant, a vote during a single public hearing that four homes can be torn down is unusual, to say the least. But on Jan. 10, the planning commission said the owners of houses on Casanova, Guadalupe, Oak Knoll Way, and Camino Real can demolish them and build new ones.

And in every case, the new homes will be larger than the ones that exist now.

Designed by architect Greg Klein, Janet Ayres’ proposed house on Casanova south of 10th will be 1,800 square feet and two stories, including a detached garage. It will be built of wood and stone, with exposed rafter tails and pitched roofs. At the meeting, the commission approved the project without discussion, since it had been the subject of two prior hearings as Ayres and Klein worked out issues with a neighbor who mostly objected to the location of the garage.

Concern about noise

Jeraslav and Janna Stepanek plan to tear down the old house on their lot on Guadalupe Street (north of Third) and replace it with an 1,800-square-foot, single-story home designed by Jeff Crockett. The house will have cement siding and board-and-batten wainscoting.

Neighbor Mo Massoudi, a forest and beach commissioner, said he was concerned about noise from the patio that will be located near his bedroom windows. The Stepaneks proposed building a denser, taller fence between the two properties, and offered to install sound-proof windows in

Massoudi’s home.

“Are we going to be calling the police every time there is a noise? I really beg you to reconsider this,” Massoudi said. “There is an option where he doesn’t have to put his backyard or side yard near our windows.” He also said he wasn’t interested in having the sound-proof windows installed.

Commissioners, however, decided the Stepaneks made plenty of concessions, and approved the plan, but Massoudi filed paperwork Thursday to send it to the city council.

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Rancho Cañada could get golf again — sort of

By CHRIS COUNTS

GOLF HASN’T been played at Rancho Cañada in Carmel Valley since December 2016, and the site where its East Course was located will soon be part of Palo Corona Regional Park. But if local disc golf enthusiasts are successful in their efforts, a version of the game that relies on flying discs instead of golf balls will be played on the former course.

A disc golf club with more than 200 members who mostly live in Monterey County, the Stinging Jellies are urging the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District to create a course at Rancho Cañada.

Club member Shawn Adams told The Pine Cone disc golf is gaining new players each day, and the new site would “help keep up with the demand” for courses to accommodate them.

“All the stats are showing that disc golf is rapidly growing,” Adams said. “More discs are being sold and more players are participating in tournaments.”

Drawing more players

Adams called Rancho Cañada “a beautiful piece of land,” and said it would be ideal for an 18-hole course.

“The more championship-level disc golf we have, the more championship-level players we can draw to the area,” explained Adams, who estimated that the course would take up about five acres.

Besides having a negligible impact on the land,

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Brief tsunami scare puts plan to the test

By MARY SCHLEY

NOT LONG after a 7.9-magnitude earthquake hit near Kodiak on the Alaskan coast around 1:30 a.m. Pacific Time Tuesday, Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi was notified that a tsunami watch was in effect for the city. While the alert was canceled at 4:20 a.m., the preceding three hours marked the first time public officials used the plan that earned the city “Tsunami Ready” certification from the National Weather Service in 2016.

Steps for ensuring residents and visitors are safe during a tidal wave are covered in the “tsunami playbook” issued by Monterey County. Tuesday’s events started with the dispatcher on duty phoning Cmdr. Luke Powell, who then called Tomasi at around 2:30 a.m., an hour after the quake triggered tsunami sirens in Alaska.

“With an earthquake happening off of Alaska, you have very little time,” Tomasi said. “The wave was supposed to hit

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River Kids on enviro tour



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Nearly two dozen River School fifth-graders spent Tuesday talking to downtown restaurants about the city’s recently passed ban on plastic straws and single-use food containers. Each kid “adopted” a restaurant and gave a two-minute talk on the new law and the benefits of reducing plastic waste — 9 million tons of which enter the ocean each year, they said. Students also suggested ways to replace the straws, and encouraged composting of food scraps.



Mark and Shari Lasher got permission to tear down their “decrepit” house on Camino Real and replace it with this one designed by Holdren + Litzke Architecture.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

A dog with skills

THE WOMAN was holding a casting call for canines on behalf of a Carmel calendar she and her partner were creating when she noticed an English setter named Arlo. A retired show dog, he was the most beautiful dog she'd ever seen. As she looked into his soulful eyes, she vowed, if she and her partner ever shared a home or married, they would get an English setter.

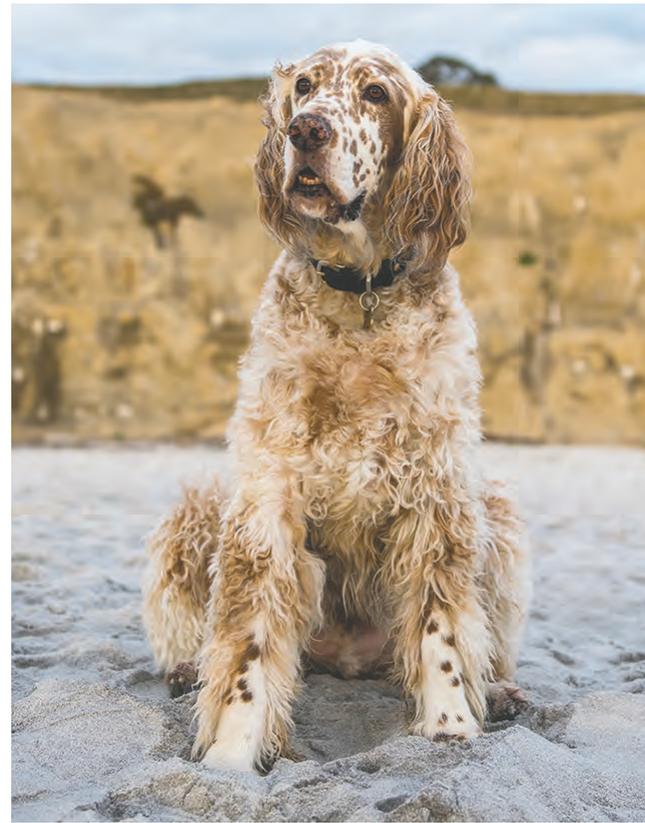
Ten years later, when she and the man who was by then her husband were visiting a breeder in San Luis Obispo to collect their 10-week-old English setter, they told the story of meeting Arlo, and learned he'd come from the same breeder.

"The dog we picked is an orange belton setter, which refers to the color and speckled pattern of his coat. His eyes convey a soft expression and reflect his sweet soul," said his person. "I call him, 'my ginger baby.'"

They named him Garwood, after their favorite Tahoe bar – Gar Woods Grill & Pier on Carmelian Bay – to which they often took their pup when they had a home nearby. Nowadays, Garwood, who lives with his couple just south of Ocean Avenue, is part of the canine community at the Cypress Inn, and he spends a lot of time at his couple's office, where he has been named Chief Morale Officer.

"His favorite people-food treat is cheese and croissants," said his person, "which, I'm afraid, reflects on us."

Garwood thoroughly enjoys Carmel Beach, where



he delights in chasing after birds and balls. "But he's a horrible retriever," his person said.

The English setter was bred to accompany his master on the hunt for birds. His job was to locate the bird and then "set" to indicate a bird was in the bush. Garwood, as he walks around town, is good at setting each time he encounters a shop with dog treats.



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Council OKs \$214K spending increase

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH INCOME tracking higher than expected, the city council this month had little trouble deciding to increase spending in the \$23.4 million 2017/2018 budget by \$214,246 to cover unexpected costs. The council reviewed the mid-year budget numbers at its Jan. 9 meeting.

So far, \$10,823,600 — just under 50 percent of estimated budget revenues of \$21.9 million — have come in, according to budget and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen.

Property, sales and hotel taxes make up 80 percent of the city's revenue, and property tax income, budgeted at \$6.1 million for the year ending June 30, was up 7 percent over last year as of the end of December, with \$3,510,500 collected so far.

As a result, Friedrichsen recommended increasing the anticipated property tax income by \$100,000.

Sales taxes are also stronger than the anticipated \$5,203,400, but business license tax and hotel tax are trending lower, according to her report.

The budget anticipates \$6,212,500 in hotel tax for the year, but is about \$62,500 behind so far, and she speculated the estimated \$585,000 in business license tax for the year will be short by around \$30,000.

Friedrichsen didn't recommend adjusting any of the budget numbers to reflect those shortfalls, but she listed \$214,246 in increased expenditures, with higher revenue in other areas to offset it, including the rise in anticipated property tax, an increase of \$56,000 in estimated income from parking stall permit fees, and a \$23,196 bump in estimated plan check fees.

The added spending includes \$20,000 for the "pavement management plan" the city needs in order to get its share of the new countywide transportation tax, and a \$59,196 increase in the fire budget to cover the "true up" with the City of Monterey, which provides fire service for the city.

The true-up reconciles the projected bud-

get with the actual costs incurred during the year, and Friedrichsen said the primary reason for the overrun is staffing and overtime, mostly due to a 4 percent pay increase firefighters obtained after the start of the current fiscal year.

Overtime has also put the ambulance over budget, and Friedrichsen recommended adding \$50,000 to cover the rest of the year, bringing the total overtime budget to \$140,000. Public works is getting another \$10,000 to fix and maintain the ambulance, a 2010 Ford that has about 70,000 miles on it, and she said next year's budget might include money for a new ambulance.

Public works is also getting an additional \$40,000 for tree work, including cutting down more than 60 dead trees and removing stumps.

Donations accumulate

Friedrichsen noted that various donations to the police department have accumulated in several funds over the years. She recommended consolidating them in the general fund and then authorizing the total — \$15,050 — to be spent on "bikes and other purchases related to the bike program, DARE program, and RX Drop Box program."

Finally, she suggested shifting money from the Forest Theater Fund to pay Sunset Cultural Center Inc. \$20,000 to manage the Forest Theater. The amount wasn't included in the original budget because contract negotiations were underway at the time.

The council agreed to the adjustments without much discussion. Members also decided to dedicate \$20,000 to grants for non-profits doing projects in town, and designated councilwomen Jan Reimers and Carolyn Hardy as the two who will go through the proposals and decide how much to distribute, and to whom.

"We're looking at a 1 percent change," councilwoman Carrie Theis commented, referring to the \$214,246 in new spending. "And in a budget of \$24 million, that's pretty darned good."



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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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was towed from Second and Carpenter.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found an unattended cell phone lying in the street at Carmelo and 11th. Person brought the phone to the station for safekeeping. No owner information could be located. Phone was placed into a temporary evidence locker.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was towed from Dolores south of Ninth.

Pacific Grove: A male on Lighthouse Avenue reported that he attempted to purchase a vehicle online and never received the vehicle.

Pacific Grove: A collision occurred between a parked vehicle and another vehicle on Eardley Avenue. The driver of the vehicle left the scene of the collision without the proper exchange of documentation.

Pacific Grove: A male on Holman Highway was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Pacific Grove: Father called to report that his child was bitten in the face by their cat. The cat is to be quarantined in the home on Buena Vista for a period of 10 days. Further pending release of quarantine.

Carmel area: An unknown person stole tools from a garage on Camino del Monte during the overnight hours.

Carmel area: A disabled placard was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Portola Avenue overnight.

Pebble Beach: An elderly man on Pine Meadows Place passed away overnight.

Carmel area: An unknown person entered an unlocked garage on Portola Avenue with the intent to steal tools.

Carmel area: A firearm was brandished from a vehicle on Carmel Hills Drive. Suspect is a 19-year-old male.

Carmel Valley: An elderly woman was found to be gravely disabled and unable to care for her own safety. Ambulance transported her to CHOMP for a mental health evaluation.

Carmel Valley: Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle on Marquard Road and stole a wallet and purse.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a report of an unattended loose dog on Ocean at Del Mar. Officer observed a dog that matched the description and looked for an owner. As the officer attempted to capture the dog, a male subject approached and was identified. The dog owner was educated and warned on the violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject walked in to report the theft of the 2018 registration tab from their license plate while parked on Mission south of Third.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Recovered a stolen vehicle on San Carlos north of Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was placed on a mental health hold for making suicidal statements.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury accident involving a city vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Suspect contacted a person in violation of a served restraining order on Sinex.

Pacific Grove: Person on Asilomar and was determined to be drunk in public, which was a violation of the terms of his release from custody on his own recognizance.

Carmel area: Carpenter Street resident reported a family member might have stolen a family album two years ago.

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The gavel falls

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Oct. 27 — Brandon Conner, 32, a resident of Greenfield, was found guilty of possessing and distributing child pornography.

Between March 12, 2015, and March 16, 2015, Mr. Conner used peer-to-peer file sharing software to upload and share numerous videos containing child pornography. During an initial search of Mr. Conner's home computer, no child pornography was found; however, a subsequent forensic review of the hard drive revealed evidence directly linking Mr. Conner to the illegal child pornographic file sharing. He faces a maximum of three years and 8 months in prison.

Nov. 1 — Juan Rojas, 33, was sentenced on October 26, 2017, to nine years in prison after pleading guilty to committing domestic violence, making criminal threats, manufacturing "pruno" while incarcerated, and resisting arrest.

On January 1, 2016, at approximately 8:23 a.m. Rojas, who was on probation for assaulting a different woman, became enraged when his probation officer went to his mother's house and told her there was a warrant for his arrest. Rojas believed his new girlfriend was involved and punched her in the face in retaliation. Later that day, he punched her again, this time in front of her 4-year-old child. When Jane Doe tried to call 911, he broke her cell phone. He then threw her to the floor, kicked her, and threatened to kill her. Jane Doe was visibly injured in the attack; her mouth was cut and still bleeding when officers arrived.

On May 21, 2016, Greenfield Police Officer Christopher Webb observed Rojas riding a bicycle at approximately 10:36 p.m. Officer Webb immediately recognized Rojas, knew he had two felony warrants for his arrest, and knew Rojas was considered armed and dangerous. When Officer Webb attempted to detain Rojas, Rojas dropped the bike and fled. Officer Webb initiated a foot pursuit, during which Rojas tossed

his jacket and an unidentified black metal object. Rojas was finally apprehended after he ran onto the front lawn of a residence and then began to circle behind a vehicle. Fearing Rojas had a weapon, Officer Webb deployed his Taser and safely apprehended Rojas. Officers later retraced Rojas's route and did not locate the bike, jacket or metal object.

While Rojas was in custody at the Monterey County Jail, deputies located 2.5 gallons of "pruno," a jail-made alcoholic beverage, inside a trash bag concealed in Rojas' jail cell toilet.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert A. Burlison sentenced Rojas to nine years in state prison and issued a criminal protective order to prohibit Rojas from contacting Doe for the next 10 years. Rojas's sentence was enhanced due to a prior prison commitment and a prior "strike" conviction under California's Three Strikes Law. Judge Burlison also imposed five years and eight months, to run concurrently, for a separate domestic violence conviction Rojas sustained in 2014.

Nov. 2 — Seaside resident Donald Wayne Vierra, 64, was convicted by a jury of possession of nunchucks and a methamphetamine pipe.

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

During a court trial, Vierra admitted to a prior strike conviction as well as four prior prison terms. Sentencing is scheduled before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie Culver.

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CRA opposes location of Holman Ranch tasting room

By MARY SCHLEY

THE BOARD of directors of the Carmel Residents Association, led by former city councilwoman Barbara Livingston, is demanding that the city council review the planning commission's approval of a tasting room for Holman Ranch at the southwest corner of San Carlos and Seventh. In an appeal filed Jan. 24, the board says it opposes the approval because it violates city policy on new tasting rooms.

CRA members "have indicated overwhelmingly that the proliferation of wine tasting rooms is detrimental to the safety, welfare and character of the village of Carmel-by-the-Sea," according to the paperwork Livingston submitted.

She said the group's appeal was based on the planning commission's "ignoring city guidelines in approving another wine tasting room south of Ocean Avenue."

'Policies are discretionary'

When commissioners considered the Holman Ranch application last month, assistant planner Catherine Tarone recommended denial, because the city's "wine tasting policy" for approving tasting rooms "strongly encourages" locations north of Ocean. In the past, planning commissioners have cited the policy — which also limits square footage, the amount of space that can be taken up by a bar and seating, and how many rooms can be within a block of each other — as their reason for rejecting other applications.

But after Holman Ranch manager Liz Bolar explained that monthly rents in suitable vacant spaces north of the city's main street were several thousand dollars higher than the

location the winery owners want to occupy, planning commissioners sympathized. According to Bolar, vacant spaces on Dolores, San Carlos and elsewhere were \$6,000 per month, \$5,500 per month, and \$7,300 per month, while the rent for the Seventh and San Carlos location is \$2,855 per month.

Several supporters, including other winery owners and would-be landlord Jody LeTowt, spoke in support of Holman Ranch, which is based in Carmel Valley, at the commission's meeting December.

"I think this is an example of almost all the things the wine tasting policy wants," commissioner Michael LePage said at the time. "It's been stated that the policies are discretionary." He said the commission "shouldn't stand in the way" of allowing Holman Ranch to open, given its credentials and standing in the community.

Commissioner Gail Lehman said at the same meeting that she was "blown away by the differences of rent." Even though the commission is not supposed to take financial burdens or costs into account when making decisions, she said, "I'd like to support it" — which the commission did.

'Straw poll'

But earlier this month, Livingston announced that the "first ever" straw poll of CRA members indicated that "90.38 percent oppose adding more wine tasting rooms to the mix of downtown businesses."

She said 94 people said they are against tasting rooms, and 10 people said they support them.

As a result, the board decided to pay the \$989 fee to challenge the commission's decision. The council is set to consider it March 6.

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City: Builder only killed one tree

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN THE forest and beach commission fined Lewis Builders \$2,510 last month for the illegal removal of an oak after the tree fell over at a construction site at Lopez and Second, commissioners also asked city forester Mike Branson to evaluate three other trees that seemed to be suffering on the steeply sloped and deeply excavated lot.

But at this month's meeting, Branson said the two oaks and a redwood had been damaged by previous construction there nearly 70 years ago, and that they should be fine.

Property owner LB Homebuyers is replacing the old home, which was built in 1949 and has since been torn down, with a 2,480-square-foot, two-story, contemporary-style residence on the sloping 7,908-square-foot lot. The planning commission reviewed and approved the plans in February and March of last year.

In late November 2017, the owner sought permission to cut down two oaks, a 30-inch-diameter tree, and a smaller one. The larger tree was decaying and was therefore cleared to be taken out, but the smaller oak was healthy and not approved for removal. Work around it later caused the oak to fall into the street, Branson said last month, which led to the fine and requirement that the tree be replaced.

But that was an isolated incident, Branson said at the Jan. 11 meeting, and the builders have not caused any damage to the other trees. After he and assistant city forester Matt Feisthamel examined the oaks and redwood, Branson said they found that while the roots appeared damaged, they had in fact grown that way, due to the construction decades ago. One 4-inch root on the redwood was cut, but Branson said that didn't worry him.

"There was already a driveway cut in there, so that was not virgin territory," he said, and the trees' roots were exposed when contractors removed old retaining walls and other old construction. "Even though it looks drastic — it looks pretty bad — honestly, the damage that this contractor did was not as bad or as significant as what you saw," he said. "They were young trees. They've grown and adapted."

Ideally, he said, workers will get the roots covered and supported again, "but it's going to take awhile."

Commissioners were generally satisfied with Branson's assessment, as was neighbor Jeff Baron, who had expressed similar concerns at the previous hearing.

"As it stands for now, I'm comfortable letting it ride and keeping an eye on the situation," Branson said.

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Scenic Road to close to cars for five days

By MARY SCHLEY

A HOUSE being built at Scenic Road and Ninth needs a new sewer line, so workers with Don Chapin Co. will shut down the popular oceanfront road to vehicle traffic for a week, starting Monday. The work was originally slated to begin Jan. 24, according to Jeff Manely, superintendent for the construction company, but city officials asked him to move it to Monday partly due to rain in the forecast, and partly so the task could be done during the work week, rather than broken up over this week and next.

The job entails digging a 9.5-foot-deep trench, exposing the sewer main, cutting it to connect a new lateral leading to the house, refilling the trench, and paving over it, according to Manely.

"I have it scheduled to take five days," he said. Work hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During that time, people who live on Scenic between Eighth and Ninth will be able to get past the flagger at Eighth, and those who live on Scenic below Ninth will be allowed to drive in from 13th Avenue, against the normal flow of traffic for the one-way street. Everyone else will simply have to skip Scenic between Eighth and 13th altogether, rejoining it there and continuing southbound.

Considering it's one of the most highly traveled streets in Carmel — by visitors wanting to take in the coastline's stunning beauty, residents who never tire of the view, and surfers who can be found riding waves there most days — the closure is sure to be disruptive.

But anyone who wants to stroll on the path or get to the beach from one of its many stairways will be able to do so on foot, Manely said.

"Everybody will be able to get to the beach and pathway — the dog walkers and all that," he said.

Shield shuts down second restaurant

By MARY SCHLEY

FIROK SHIELD shuttered his longtime Lincoln Street restaurant, Da Giovanni, a few months ago after losing his lease. Last week, he shut down another of his establishments, Bistro Beaujolais, citing a changing business climate and ongoing construction at Carmel Plaza.

"Our last day was Jan. 15," he told The Pine Cone this week.

"I think they're taking Carmel out of the Plaza," he said of the changes at the small shopping center.

But those changes, which have been underway for months, with a brief break in December, are just the latest blow for Shield. In May 2015, a water heater in a shop on the floor above failed — twice — flooding Shield's restaurant and other nearby businesses.

"We were closed for six months," he said, while repairs were made.

Last year, work on the Plaza's remodel started, with the unavoidable noise, dust and barricades disrupting business at Bistro

Beaujolais and nearby shops, and eliminating the outdoor seating area that was a popular draw for his customers.

"Then they gave us a reprieve for three-and-a-half weeks in December, and then they started up again Jan. 1," he said.

The restaurant regained some outdoor seating, but because it is no longer sectioned off from the rest of the courtyard, "we can't serve alcohol out there anymore" — another dampener.

Taking into account all those factors, he said, the nearly \$12,000-per-month rent was hard to cover.

"And it's a lunchtime place," he said. "Nighttime, we tried everything possible to draw people. We did OK when they had music there."

The Plaza's summer music series would draw crowds during Friday evenings but

wasn't held last year due to construction.

While Shield said he got into the restaurant business more to take care of people than to make money, Bistro Beaujolais simply



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Pharmacy burglars may be linked to rash of break-ins

By MARY SCHLEY

THE THREE people who broke into Central Avenue Pharmacy in Pacific Grove around 2 a.m. Monday and stole narcotics may be the same suspects who committed similar crimes in Salinas and Santa Cruz, according to PGPD Sgt. Jeff Fenton. Police are hoping someone can identify the culprits from the grainy surveillance images captured in the store.

The break-in triggered the pharmacy's burglar alarm, and though officers arrived within three minutes of getting the call, the thieves were already gone. "We got there, and you could tell from standing across the street that the front door was ajar," Fenton said. "And there was no sign of anything: No cars driving off, nobody running away, nobody inside."

After officers discovered the thieves had pried open the door, they searched the business and discovered it had been burglarized. Owner Dana Gordon arrived and provided officers "a very rough idea of what was taken," Fenton said — items related to opioids.

"To the best of my knowledge, that's the only thing they took," he said. "I don't think they were in there just for a free-

for-all — they were looking for certain things."

It was only when Gordon started looking through the surveillance footage that police realized three people were involved. Later, at his computer, Gordon provided more footage from the store's several cameras.

After putting out the information and photos in search of leads, officers heard a similar trio had possibly raided pharmacies in Salinas and Santa Cruz, according to Fenton.

"We're going to try to work with Salinas to determine if it was the same people," he said. "We have an investigator now, so he's the one who's been in touch with Santa Cruz and Salinas."

Fenton is confident the break-in was planned.

"Not that they knew what they were looking for or where to look," he said. "But it definitely wasn't just driving down the street, and going, 'Do you want to burglarize the knitting store or the pharmacy?'"

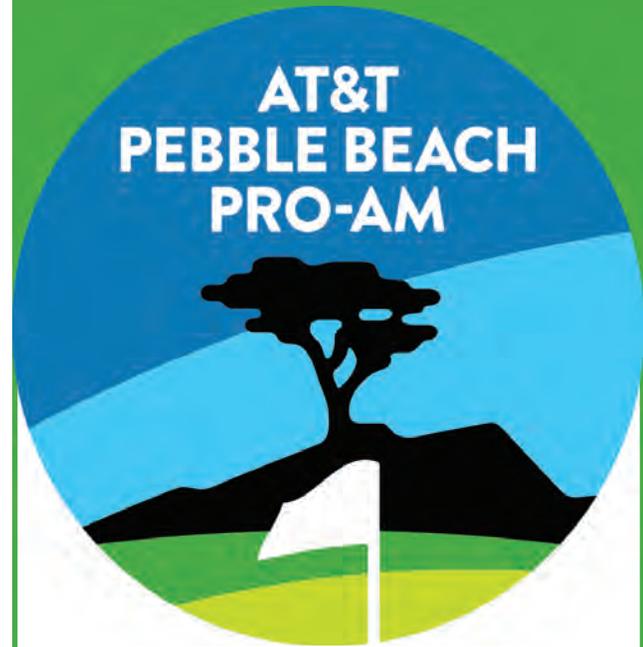
Fenton said he hasn't seen a final tally of what was taken and how much money the drugs were worth. Anyone with any information that might be helpful is asked to call PGPD at (831) 648-3143.



Wearing hoodies to conceal as many of their identifying features as possible, three people broke into Central Avenue Pharmacy early Monday morning and stole drugs. They were gone by the time police arrived, but officers hope someone will recognize them.

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STROKE ABOARD MONTEREY WHALE-WATCHING TRIP PROMPTS LAWSUIT

■ But attorney says plaintiff's story is bogus

By KELLY NIX

A MICHIGAN tourist who said she suffered a stroke during a whale-watching trip in Monterey Bay has filed suit against the boat company for refusing to return to shore when she started feeling ill, and an ambulance service for blaming her symptoms on "seasickness" and not properly treating her. But an attorney for the whale-watching business said her client believes the woman made up the story.

In a Jan. 17 complaint, Jordan Prouty maintains that after embarking on an Oct. 19, 2016, tour of the bay offered by Monterey Bay Whale Watch, she started to feel numbness on her left side, was clumsy, and could not sit down.

Suspecting she might be having a stroke, her husband, Seth, "begged" the crew to turn the boat around so his wife could get medical attention, according to the lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court by Newhall attorneys Mindy S. Bish and Stacey R. Cutting.

"Shortly after getting out to sea, Ms. Prouty and her husband both noticed that she was seriously ill with stroke-like symptoms," Cutting told The Pine Cone. "Her condition was so serious that they asked that the boat be turned around. The response they received was that the [whale watch] company would 'not turn around for anyone.'"

The boat crew did, however, help lay Prouty down on the floor of the boat and put a bucket next to her "just in case she got seasick." The visitor from Michigan would have to wait another four hours before the boat returned to shore.

Fabricated story?

However, Monterey Bay Whale Watch attorney Jeanette Witten said this week that the company has a policy of returning to port if any customer has medical issues — even for something as minor as a headache.

"For more serious medical matters, [Monterey Bay Whale Watch] immediately contacts the U.S. Coast Guard for pas-

senger assistance when out at sea with passengers," Witten told The Pine Cone. "The captains keep detailed incident and accident logs, as required by law."

The incident involving Prouty was not witnessed by any of the ship's crew members or reported by passengers, Witten said, and Prouty didn't contact Monterey Bay Whale Watch until more than a year after the alleged incident occurred, at which point her attorney sent the company what Witten called a "shakedown letter."

"It is my client's position that the plaintiff has fabricated the incident," according to Witten, who also said Prouty initially did not claim she'd had a stroke.

"The alleged facts have grown some wings in the past couple months," Witten said.

Cutting — who said in an email message to The Pine Cone that Prouty and her family boarded the ship expecting to have a "delightful time" — called the company's assertion "shameful and dangerous."

"The Proutys are extremely upset and saddened that Monterey Bay Whale Watch continues to demonstrate a complete lack of concern or care for their family," Cutting said.

Once the four-hour trip was over and the boat returned to Monterey harbor, emergency medical technicians with American Medical Response were waiting for Prouty, and her hus-

band reiterated that he suspected she was having a stroke.

But the suit maintains that the EMTs told Prouty that she "was only experiencing seasickness" and "would be fine." She was released without treatment.

"The EMTs completely discounted Prouty's complaints and symptoms ... and did not perform any tests or assessments to determine if Prouty was having a stroke," the complaint says.

A trip to the emergency room

The next day, Prouty felt worse than she had the day before and decided to go to the emergency room. Physicians in the ER confirmed that Prouty, 37 years old at the time, was having a stroke, and they admitted her to the hospital, where she spent the next 10 days.

The Proutys allege professional and gross negligence. Monterey Bay Whale Watch's "refusal to turn the boat" after being told that Prouty could be having a stroke, and American Medical Response's "refusal to perform" any tests on Prouty, represent "extreme and outrageous conduct," according to the complaint, which seeks an unspecified amount in monetary damages exceeding \$25,000.

A spokeswoman for American Medical Response declined to comment on the litigation.

Company says its policy is to return to port for even minor medical issues

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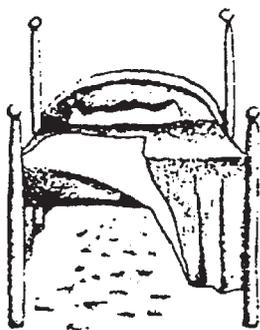
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No charges for cameras installed in school restrooms

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE PACIFIC Grove Police Department will not pursue criminal charges against staff of the Monterey Bay Charter School in Pacific Grove for installing surveillance cameras in the student restrooms, a police spokesman said Thursday.

School principal Cassandra Bridge told The Pine Cone last week that the school installed the cameras in the boys' and girls' bathrooms in 2013 to prevent vandalism.

While there's a law on the books stating it's a crime to place a camera inside a bath-

room or other area where occupants have a reasonable expectation of privacy, police did not find that the charter school's installation of the cameras rose to the level of a crime.

"After an investigation was conducted, the department is not going to file charges in the case," P.G. Police Cmdr. Rory Lakind told The Pine Cone Thursday morning.

The cameras were only recently made public when a couple of parents were upset to find a surveillance camera in the girls' bathroom.

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at 5:30 a.m."

By the time he arrived in town, officers were already posting signs at the beach along Scenic Road warning people to stay away, and "one went down on the ATV to make sure no one was camping down there," Tomasi added.

According to the "tsunami playbook," most of Carmel is safe from a tidal wave, due to the fact the city is on a hillside, but those living in the 100 homes along Scenic Road would be at risk of some "splash effect," and the area near Carmel Mission would need to be evacuated if the tsunami measured 17 feet or higher.

The playbook also designates routes out of town, and those that should be avoided, like Rio Road and areas south of the city limits.

"The amount of area in Carmel that would need to be evacuated is very small, and any route that leads a block or two inland from Scenic Road is sufficient for evacuation," according to the playbook. "This could be done just as easily on foot as it could be in a vehicle."

Carmel High School is the designated meeting point, if needed.

While officers ensured no one was at the beach in the early morning hours Tuesday, Tomasi logged onto the online emergency operations center to monitor the information Monterey County was disseminating. But data on surf levels were missing.

"I was waiting for updates on any kind of wave height, and there wasn't anything,"

Tomasi said. When he checked the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association/National Weather Service site, a notice advised him that due to the federal government shutdown, the website wasn't being updated.

And at 4:20 a.m., a little more than an hour before the wave was anticipated to hit Carmel Beach, the watch was canceled.

"We left the signs up until the time it was anticipated to hit," just in case, he said. Officers also had barricades ready to close certain roads, if needed. "We were prepared, but luckily, it wasn't bad."

Taking 'necessary steps'

In general, Tomasi said, Carmel is at a low risk of inundation. "We're pretty well protected here," he said. "Santa Cruz and Crescent City get hit really hard because of their shape and angle."

He recalled the tsunami that hit Santa Cruz after a major earthquake in Japan killed nearly 20,000 people and triggered the wave in 2011. The tsunami traveled more than 5,100 miles in 14 hours to reach the shoreline, where it caused an estimated \$10 million in damage in the Santa Cruz Harbor.

Here, the size of the beach, its orientation, and the seawall help shelter it from tidal waves. "But obviously, if it was going to be really big, we would evacuate," Tomasi said. "Our concern would be more around the Point and 14th, 15th and 16th avenues, which are more low lying. We would end up notifying people along Scenic."

While none of that was necessary early Tuesday morning, he said, "I want people to feel secure in knowing we were here. We were taking the necessary steps."

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GOLF

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disc golfers are known for taking care of their courses so public employees don't have to. Adams pointed to the county's most popular course at Ryan Ranch as an example.

"You will see no litter or no graffiti at Ryan Ranch," he said. "Disc golfers maintain the course and report problems to authorities. Because discs get lost in tall grass, club members do a great job of lowering the grass in the fairway, which reduces the fire hazard. The City of Monterey, which owns it, doesn't have to devote resource to take care of it."

While disc golf resembles traditional golf in many ways, Adams noted there's a huge difference in how much it costs to play the two games — and how much it costs to maintain the courses.

"Traditional golf requires a lot of water and maintenance," he added. "But disc golf has a super low impact on the environment. We don't need water — all we need are tee boxes and

baskets. We'll take the vegetation in its natural state, and we can play in a wooded environment."

The park district, meanwhile, continues its efforts to identify suitable uses for the former golf course, which was acquired in 2016 for the park district by the nonprofit Trust for Public Land, which paid about \$11 million.

Park district general manager Rafael Payan confirmed that disc golf is one of a number of uses that have been suggest-

ed for the property, which will become part of Palo Corona Regional Park. Other proposed uses include a dog park and a science camp.

To get more feedback about potential uses for the acquisition, and listen to concerns about those uses, the park district will host public workshops Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Oldemeyer Center in Seaside, and Thursday, Feb. 8, at Rancho Cañada. Both gatherings start at 6 p.m.



A disc golf player in action on a course at Ryan Ranch.



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Panetta wants visas for crime victims and witnesses

By KELLY NIX

CONGRESSMAN JIMMY Panetta on Thursday said he will introduce a bill next week that seeks to further protect illegal immigrants who are victims and witnesses of crimes.

The Immigrant Victim Protection Act, as it's called, would increase the number of visas that are handed out each year for undocumented-immigrant witnesses and victims of violent crimes and human trafficking who are cooperating with law enforcement and living in the United States.

Many applications

The bill, Panetta said, would prevent those illegal immigrants from being deported while awaiting the determination and processing of their visas, and allow them to be issued work authorization permits within a statutory timeline.

"After coming forward to play a key role in our criminal justice system, [undocumented immigrants] should not have

to live in fear that they will be punished for their testimony," Panetta told reporters in Salinas Thursday. "They shouldn't have to retreat back into the shadows."

While a law providing federal visas for illegal immigrant victims of crimes has been in place since 2000, there's a cap of the number of visas handed annually. Panetta's bill would lift the cap.

Currently, there's a statutory cap of 10,000 U visas for victims and witnesses of violent crimes, while there were more than 110,000 such visa applications pending with the Department of Homeland Security as of June 2017. There's about a 3-year backlog in processing the visas.

The visa program was originally intended to protect illegal immigrant women who were victims of domestic violence.

Panetta was joined in the press conference by Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo, Salinas Police Chief Adele Fresé and elected officials, who lauded the proposed legislation.

Panetta said he wasn't particularly surprised by its contents, but is also calling for the release of the intel that prompted the memo.

"I believe the [Democrats] have called for the evidence that was reviewed to make that memo," he said. "I think that's the appropriate next step."

'Extraordinarily reckless'

In a letter to Nunes Wednesday, Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General Stephen E. Boyd said it would be "extraordinarily reckless" to release the memo to the public without giving the FBI and DOJ a chance to review it and advise members of a House intelligence committee of "the risk of harm to national security and to ongoing investigations that could come from public release."

Panetta said he decided to review the memo after receiving the outpouring of calls about it.

"It's my job as a Congress member, when I receive constituent calls about a certain item, to do my job and my due diligence to follow up," he said.

Raccoons raid city hall attic

By MARY SCHLEY

A HOTEL guest at L'Auberge Carmel sounded the alarm two weeks ago after looking out his window and seeing masked bandits breaking into city hall.

The bandits, of course, were raccoons, and city administrator Chip Rerig said he was very grateful to the guest for alerting him. This week, the public works department was busy seeking bids from contractors interested in fixing the damage the animals caused.

"They got all the way through, but they did not set up a nest inside," public works director Bob Harary told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

But they did manage to claw through layers of wood shingles, paper and plywood. The hole was large enough to let plenty of daylight into the attic and leak rainwater through the ceiling to the planning department below, where it soaked some ceiling tiles, according to Harary.

"Our roofing contractor is going to cut out the damaged plywood and put on new wood, paper, flashing and shingles," he said. "There are layers. They'll have to remove the damaged areas and reconstruct a whole new section of roof."

So far, he's received one estimate, but he didn't want to say what it is, since he's waiting for others to come in.

In the meantime, plastic is covering the hole, so it's not getting any worse or letting in more rain.

Raccoons are not an uncommon problem in town, where they have been known to attack pets and people, damage homes, and set up latrines in yards. They also carry parasites which can cause serious diseases in humans.

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MEMO

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low Democratic Representative Josh Gottheimer from New Jersey read it together. "We were numbers 13 and 14 of the Democrats who have viewed it," Panetta said.

On Monday, the two congressmen made their way to a secure room called a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility used by members of Congress to view classified documents. Members must sign in, check their phones and other electronic devices before entering, and are barred from taking notes.

"There is a SCIF where the House Intelligence Committee meets, and it was one of their side rooms," Panetta said.

The Democrat from Carmel Valley said it took him and Gottheimer about 15 minutes to look over the memo, which he's prohibited by law from talking about in detail.

Though House Republicans have called the memo "worse than Watergate," Democrats have downplayed its significance.



JEFFREY GLENN HOLBROOK

January 28, 1955 – January 17, 2018

On the morning of January 17th, Jeffrey Glenn Holbrook was called home by the Lord unexpectedly while doing what he loved. Jeff was born and raised in Carmel, graduating from Carmel High in 1973.

He moved to Nine Mile Falls, WA in 1981, where he married his wife, the apple of his eye, and they raised 5 children.

He is survived by his wife Tina, children Erik, Judy, Kim, Bill and Travis and their spouses, seven grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, brother Mark Holbrook (Jo Ann) of Carmel, sisters Salli Hebert (Salinas) and Ellen Dierix (Rodger) (Casper, WY), nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

His infectious smile and outgoing personality brought smiles to the faces of his friends and family, especially his grandchildren.

A service will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Nine Mile Falls, WA on January 27th.

He will forever and always be in our hearts.

NORMA LEE MEYER

June 26, 1927 ♦ December 10, 2017

Surrounded by her family at home, Norma Lee Meyer passed away on the evening of December 10, 2017.

Norma Lee was born in Checotah, OK on June 26, 1927. She was the only child of Dr. Pleas and Hazel Nichols Sizemore. All of her life, Norma was inspired by both her paternal and maternal grandparents. Her grandmother, Lottie Sizemore, was an accomplished midwife in Blue Mountain, AR, and the Nicholoses had a proud heritage recognized by First Families of the Twin Territories. Grandparents Lee and Melissa Ann Ashford Nichols were married and lived in the Choctaw National Indian Territory beginning in April, 1891. So many of Norma's ancestral lines conjure colorful stories of American pioneers.



Norma's family moved to Denver, CO when she was eight years old. Always a good student, she was valedictorian of her 8th grade graduating class. When WWII broke out, Norma's father enlisted in the Navy. He was stationed at Treasure Island and provided medical training for soldiers in preparation for their deployment to the South Pacific. Meanwhile, Norma and her mother returned to Shawnee, joining family and friends for the duration of the war.

Norma graduated from Shawnee High School. Friendly and socially engaging, she was football queen her senior year. After high school, Norma attended Oklahoma Baptist University. It was at this time she met and married Ensign Arthur John Handel Jr, who was stationed at the naval base near the college. At the end of the war, the couple moved to Lodi, where Norma worked as a decorator for Newfield and Son's Furniture.

In 1967, Norma moved with her two youngest children to Carmel. Norma pursued her passion for decorating for several years until she began her career in real estate at Lois Renk and eventually Carmel Realty. It was in Carmel where she met and married her husband, Herbert G. Meyer, who passed away in 2016.

Norma's passion for travel and culture brought her to explore Western and Eastern Europe, Great Britain, Scandinavia, North and South America, Australia, and Asia. Norma's love of the Mexican people and culture inspired her to create a part-time home in Manzanillo for years, where she developed wonderful friendships.

Norma enjoyed an active social life, a treasure of lifetime friendships, and membership at The Beach Club and Casa Abrego. Norma and Herb celebrated the wonderful work accomplished by their community philanthropic organizations and were generous patrons of the SPCA, Ventana Wildlife Society, Carmel Sunset Center, Monterey Symphony, and CHOMP, among others.

Norma had a passion for cooking and entertaining with great style. She studied cooking in Napa, CA, Tuscany, Italy and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Given her natural talent for creating memorable tablescapes and for entertaining beautifully, Norma's home was always open to friends and family. Norma also enjoyed playing bridge and golf and caring for her amazing garden. She will be remembered for sharing her fragrant ginger lilies in bloom.

Norma's family and close friends brought her such joy during her long, productive life. Norma is survived by her children: Pamela Lee Handel Armbruster (Tom) of Fort Wayne, IN, John Handel of Carmel Valley, Stanley Lockwood of Ozone, AR and Lisa Ponzio (Leonard) of Hollister, and her stepchildren: Stephen Meyer (Teri), and Robert Meyer, (Kathleen). She is also survived by loving grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

To offer condolences online, please visit www.missionmortuary.com. A celebration of Norma's life will be held at Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27th, 2018.

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After slide, Cachagua Grade set to reopen Feb. 5

By MARY SCHLEY

REPAIRS TO the section of Cachagua Road that collapsed almost a year ago should be completed by Feb. 5 — a week later than the original target deadline — but construction crews are “moving right along,” Christine Poe, management analyst for the Monterey County Resources Management Agency, told The Pine Cone Thursday.

The one-week delay was caused by rain earlier in the month.

After moving and compacting the soil to reach the desired road height earlier this month, crews graded the surface and laid the asphalt this week, according to Poe.

“They’re installing guardrails either tomorrow or next week,” she said.

The road slid during the torrential rainstorms last winter, but was temporarily reopened with a single lane in April 2017.

The road, which is narrow and winding, but also well traveled, closed again for permanent repairs six months later, forcing residents in the area to again travel down Cachagua Road, along Tassajara Road, and back up Carmel Valley Road to get to the Village and elsewhere on the Monterey Peninsula.

Road conditions in Upper Carmel Valley are notoriously bad, and residents have long complained of too much traffic and unsafe driving while everyone is forced to use the sole route in and out of the area.

Therefore, they’ve been closely watching the progress at the site, which is a little more

than a mile from Carmel Valley Road — and are looking forward to throwing a party when it reopens — according to frequent comments and postings on a webpage dedicated to the project.

Granite is doing the work, having won the \$1,736,000 contract with the county in a competitive bidding process. The tax dollars paying for it are coming from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, California State Office of Emergency Services, and the county.

County officials acknowledged the residents’ desire to be able to use the road again as soon as possible, and Poe said it’s been gratifying to watch the project come together. “It’s pretty amazing having been able to watch the progress,” she said.

Book looks at protecting Big Sur

SHELLEY ALDEN Brooks will sign copies of “Big Sur, The Making of A Prized California Landscape” Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Big Sur Grange Hall in Big Sur, and Sunday, Jan. 28., at The Lab in The Barnyard shopping center.

The book looks at the history of land use in Big Sur, and chronicles the effort to protect its natural and aesthetic qualities.

“This is an important book that reminds the people that we need to take the lead in protecting Big Sur,” said Magnus Toren of the Henry Miller Library. “When I first heard about this book, I read it immediately.”

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From page 1A

Bob and Consuelo Purvis plan to tear down a 1940s-era home on Oak Knoll Way near Forest and replace it with a modern-style, mostly glass house designed by Case + Abst Architects of Jenner. The commission reviewed the preliminary plans calling for a 2,306-square-foot, single-story home and detached garage on the 5,490-square-foot lot, which is larger than the typical Carmel parcel. The house would have plaster siding, windows clad with bronze, stone veneer, and several skylights. Because the architectural styles and building materials of other homes in the neighborhood vary widely, planners said the proposed design would be appropriate.

“I love the design,” commissioner Gail Lehman said. “It fits well on the lot.”

Locke agreed, describing it as “really beautiful,” and she

recommended solar shades to prevent the skylights from polluting the dark night sky.

“Normally I would object to 10 skylights, but I think they’re needed,” Wendt said, because the area is heavily forested with oak trees.

Commissioners unanimously OK’d the design, which they’ll see again for final review of the details at a future meeting.

Finally, Mark and Shari Lasher asked the commission for preliminary approval of their plans for a two-story, 1,800-square-foot house with detached garage in place of the single-story, 909-square-foot home that currently sits on their Camino Real property. Designed by Holdren + Litzke Architecture, the house would have stucco siding and traditional pitched roofs, wood windows and doors, and a slate roof. Planning staff concluded the design is “visually interesting and complements the neighborhood.”

Commissioners’ discussion was brief. They liked the

design in general, with Wendt commenting that she appreciated how the architect “worked it in between those trees” on the lot.

“It’s going to be beautiful,” she said.

A couple focused on the state of the house being demolished.

“As much as I like saving the old houses in Carmel, I haven’t seen one this decrepit in a while,” Lehman said. “It really is a fire trap. I’m glad it’s going away.”

LePage agreed. “I don’t think there’s any chance of saving this patient,” he said.

He also complimented Craig Holdren on the design, saying he “represents the ability and integrity of architects we have in this community.”

“It acknowledges our past but also represents the future,” Le Page said of the proposed home.

Commissioners unanimously approved the preliminary design, which they will also see once more for final approval.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180024
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **TERRI'S CLEANING SERVICES, 915 Sunset, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Mailing address: P.O. Box 2183, Monterey, CA 93942**
Registered Owner(s): ZERRA RHAEE VAUGHAN, 915 Sunset, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
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 Jan. 3, 2018.
S/ Zerra Vaughan
Jan. 3, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2018. [PC119]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180078
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **DOCTOR LEAK DETECTION, 27493 Schulte Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. Mailing address: P.O. Box 222925, Carmel, CA 93922**
Registered Owner(s): FERNANDO SANCHEZ, 27493 Schulte Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
Business: Monterey
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S/ Fernando Sanchez
Jan. 9, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2018. [PC120]

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW CASE NUMBER: 16FLO00171

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

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Publication Dates: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2018. [PC 221]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180040
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOLLY'S LIGHTHOUSE CAFE, 602 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA. 93950. County of MONTEREY**
Registrant(s): **AMY MARIE HANMER, 239 Cypress Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA. 93950.**
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/31/2016.
AMY HANMER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/18/2018.

Publication dates: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2018. [PC126]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20172515
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FIF'S BISTRO, 1188 forest Ave, Pacific Grove, California 93950. Mailing address: 6 Pilot Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **VARIETY CUISINE, 6 Pilot Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
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 Dec. 22, 2017.
S/ Jennifer Roux, Vice President
Dec. 22, 2017

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 22, 2017.
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Publication dates: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2018. [PC127]

CALENDAR

Jan. 27-28 — Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf Association is holding the **8th Annual Whalefest Monterey** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. This free, fun and educational interactive event for all ages includes a 2-day symposium, live music, activities and displays by national marine organizations. www.montereywharf.com

Jan. 30 — Parent & Teacher Lecture: "The Mask You Live In," film presents boys and young men as they struggle to navigate the road to manhood, as well as an illuminating view of societal issues regarding how we are raising our boys. In partnership with Carmel Unified School District & Carmel Public Library Foundation, 6:30 p.m. at Carmel High School Performing Arts Center, 3600 Ocean Ave., at the intersection of Highway 1 & Ocean Avenue in Carmel. \$10 suggested contribution. Questions: afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811.

Feb. 1 — Enjoy an authentic Kosher-Style Pastrami or Corned Beef Sandwich Thursday at Temple Beth El in Salinas, or come to our pick-up locations in Monterey and Carmel Valley. \$13 buys you a gigantic sandwich on rye, cole slaw, pickle and home baked cake. There's also a bake sale. Tickets available in advance or at the door. For

pick up on the Peninsula, please order and pay for your sandwiches by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30. Information: Call 424-9151, or click on templebethelsalinas.org.

Feb. 5 — A Special Valentine from the Carmel Woman's Club! February is Women's Heart-Health Awareness Month but the Carmel Woman's Club welcomes men along with members and guests to an important talk by noted heart specialist Dr. Jeanne Phillips at 2 p.m. The board certified cardiologist is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and has completed studies in advanced heart failure and imaging training. At the conclusion of her presentation Dr. Phillips will take audience questions. Members, free; guests \$10, includes refreshments and tea following the program. Memberships available. Reservations not necessary. (831) 624-2866 or 915-8184

Feb. 7 — Clinical psychologist & prostate cancer survivor Dr. Larry Lachman and medical urologist Dr. J. Anthony Shaheen will facilitate a peer support session for prostate cancer patients and their spouses. Event, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Westland House Monterey, 100 Barnet Segal Lane, hosted by the Prostate Cancer Self-Help Group. For information contact, (831) 915-6466.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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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 January 12, 2018
1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/18
CNS-3089252#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2018. [PC128]

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 18CV000250
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, LENAI B. BEGUE, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: ALANA EVELYN SMITH
Proposed name: ALANA EVELYN BEGUE

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: March 16, 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.
S/ Susan J. Matcham
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Jan. 19, 2018
Publication dates: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2018. [PC129]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180084
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **Rite Aid Pharmacy #6769, 499 Alvarado**

Street, Monterey, CA 93940

Registered Owner(s): Thrifty Payless, Inc., 30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011
This business is conducted by a corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/29/2016
S/ Joseph J. Notarianni, Vice President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on January 10, 2018
1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/18
CNS-2967360#
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Publication dates: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2018. [PC130]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180104
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE, 623 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Mailing address: 1713 Goodwin St., Seaside, CA 93955.**
Registered Owner(s): DAVID KEITH HARPER, 1713 Goodwin St., Seaside, CA 93955.
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 Jan. 2, 2018.
S/ David Harper
Jan. 2, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2018. [PC131]

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of J RITCHIE DUNN

Case Number 18PR000031
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of J. RITCHIE DUNN, JOHN R. DUNN

and JOHN RITCHIE DUNN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. and JAMES L. DUNN in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. and JAMES L. DUNN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: April 18, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13

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

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 581(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
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City of Carmel-By-the-Sea, California

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

FY 2017/2018 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting Bids from qualified Paving Contractors for work consisting of, but not limited to, pavement rehabilitation for various City streets; including pavement grinding, patching, reconstruction, asphalt concrete overlays, leveling courses, rolled asphalt concrete berms, drainage swale repaving, replacement of curb, gutter, sidewalk and curb ramps, construction and reconstruction of storm drainage facilities, raising manholes, cleanouts, and valve boxes to new finished grade, thermoplastic pavement markings and all other work shown on the plans.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference and Site Tour on Tuesday, January 30, at 10:00 AM for all interested contractors. The tour will meet at Vista Lobos Parking Lot on the corner of Torres Street and 3rd Avenue and will leave promptly at 10:00 AM.

The Invitation for Bids is available at <http://ci.carmel.ca.us/carmel> (under the tab "Requests for Proposals") or by contacting Carmel Public Works Department at 831-620-2070. At the time of the Bid opening, the contractor must possess a valid type A contractor's license in the state of California. Questions regarding this solicitation are to be directed to Rob Culver, Superintendent of Public Works, at rculver@ci.carmel.ca.us. All questions must be in writing, submitted via email by February 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Responses will be posted on the City website at <http://ci.carmel.ca.us/carmel> on February 9, 2018 by 5:00 PM.

Sealed Bids shall be received no later than 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and shall be submitted to the attention of the City Clerk with the envelope clearly labeled "FY 2017/2018 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM, Invitation for Bids 17-18-002" and showing the name of the contractor.

Bid may be hand delivered or mailed as follows:

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Bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the eastside of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues, at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Bids received after the stated deadline will be returned unopened.

Bids must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check payable to "City of Carmel-by-the-Sea." Bid bonds shall be in original form (no fax or photocopy) and executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety. Bids shall be in accordance with the prevailing hourly rate of per diem wages for this locality and project as determined by the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, pursuant to California Labor Code Sections 1770, 1773, and 1782.

Per Sections 1725.5, 1771.1, 1771.3, and 1771.4 of the Labor Code, this project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. All contractors and subcontractors shall be listed in the bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, and shall be currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code.

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This Week

Live Music,
Clubs and Events

Pianist takes on epic challenge, Hiatt visits Sunset

JUST AS avant garde composer John Cage did when he created the piece more than 60 years ago, **Jeffrey Trevino** will insert 45 everyday objects — ranging from screws and erasers, to nuts and bolts — in between the strings of a piano before he plays *Sonatas and Interludes* Friday, Jan. 26, at The Lab in The Barnyard.

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Trevino was studying music in college when he was introduced to the piece, and he was immediately smitten.

“I needed to play this,” recalled Trevino, who is an assistant professor of music at Cal State Monterey Bay. “It was one of the most beautiful things I had ever heard.”

But learning how to perform the composition was no small

challenge. “I spent a year learning to play the piece,” Trevino told *The Pine Cone*. “It’s 70 minutes long, and it’s composed of 15 different parts. It’s essentially 15 pieces without stopping. It requires careful study.”

Before playing the piece, Trevino has to “prepare” the piano — precisely according to detailed instructions left behind by Cage, who died in 1992. By placing objects between the strings of a piano, Cage was able to alter the instrument’s sound to play the music he imagined, creating what has been described as “a vivid sonic universe of gongs, bells, and drums.”

An accomplished pianist, Trevino was once an orchestral tuba player who performed at Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House and on other world class stages.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. The Lab is located in the Barnyard shopping center, above the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. www.thelabarts.com.

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Supes ask artists for ideas for county flag

TO DESIGN a flag that represents Monterey County, government officials are turning to one of the region’s greatest resources for inspiration — its artists.

According to those officials, only 24 California counties have their own flags, including Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara counties.

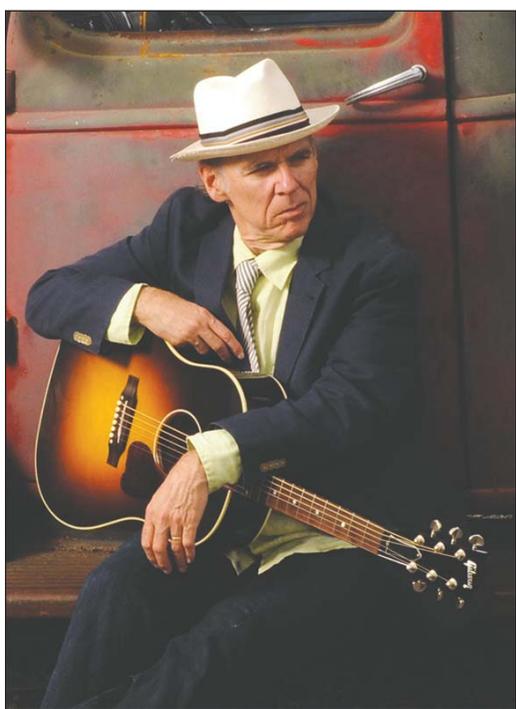
Artists must be residents of Monterey County to submit a design, and the deadline is Jan. 30 — which is just days away. A county official said the deadline might be extended.

The winning flag design will showcase the county’s scenic qualities.

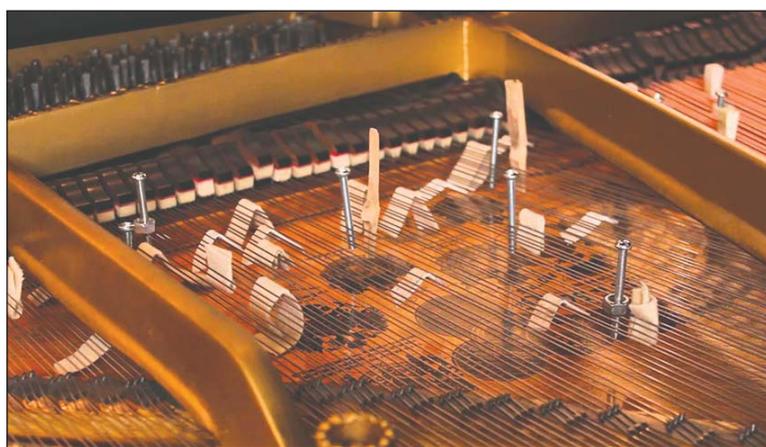
“Art designs for the flag emblem are needed,” reads a description of the guidelines. “They should embody the his-

See ART page 26A

Painter and illustrator Erin Hunter, whose works capture flora and fauna, unveils a show, “Cross-Pollination – Art and Nature,” Jan. 26.



Singer-songwriter John Hiatt (above) takes the stage Jan. 29 at Sunset Center. A Jan. 26 concert at The Lab showcases a “prepared” piano (top right). The same evening, Hungary’s Taraf de Akáca (right) visits Monterey.



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EcoFarm in town, footraces in Pebble Beach, new ramen, and lunch with a supe

THE ECOFARM Conference held at Asilomar Conference Grounds each year began this week with field trips and demonstrations, and continues Friday and Saturday

to the Peninsula for several days. This year marks the 38th conference, and the theme is "Sow Good." Friday morning begins with the popular keynote talk by successful organic farmers discussing how and why they do what they do, followed by a full day of workshops covering everything, from ethics, pest control, and regulations, to marketing, livestock, tools and labor. The sessions continue Saturday morning and end with another keynote talk, this one by activist and author Winona LaDuke, who will present, "Honoring Land, Food Systems, and Community." Interspersed with all the education is

plenty of fun, in the form of gatherings like the beer and cheese tasting Friday, hike in the Asilomar Dunes, Women in Food & Ag Mixer, and the EcoFarm Awards Banquet & Ceremony, followed by a dance party that runs until 12:30 a.m. Saturday will have a morning yoga session and a "Closing Circle." The conference is open to all, and while online registration is closed since it's already underway, anyone who wants to can walk in and sign up between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, and 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday, in the Surf & Sand Room. Prices for Friday are \$240 with meals and \$160 without, and Saturday is \$80 with lunch and \$50 without. For a complete schedule and other information, visit <https://eco-farm.org/conference>.

■ Half marathon at P.B.
As guests of Pebble Beach's Culinary Getaway are enjoying breakfast and honing their skills at hands-on cooking demonstrations, several hundred athletes will be taking to nearby 17 Mile Drive for 5K, 10K and 13.1-mile runs during the Vineyard Vines Half Marathon at Pebble Beach. Organized by a company called Resort Races and sponsored by clothing company Vineyard Vines, which has a shop in Carmel Plaza, the event — being billed as "the first race to run exclusively on 17 Mile Drive since it was first opened in 1881 — will culminate with a deluxe brunch at Spanish Bay. "You will run along one of the most scenic drives in the world where dramatic

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soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

with numerous panel discussions and workshops, as well as plenty of opportunities for eating, drinking and socializing. Hosted by the Ecological Farming Association, the conference draws farmers, chefs, nutritionists, scientists and others in various related fields

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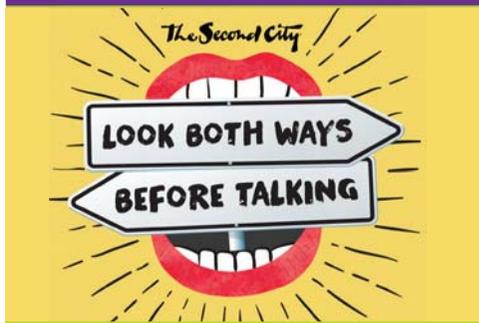
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FOOD

From pag 20A

coastal cliffs, snow-white beaches, mystical forests, and iconic golf courses will greet you along the way," the announcement reads. "Celebrate with a bottomless Vineyard Vines Champagne Brunch and party in fitting Pebble Beach style at The Inn at Spanish Bay," which is also offering special room rates for participants.

In addition to a finisher's medal and other goodies, a lavish brunch will be the reward at the finish line.

Event registration for the run and brunch is \$199 per person, with extra brunch tickets available for \$99 apiece. Room rates at Spanish Bay start at \$839, which includes one race entry and brunch ticket.

Go to <https://resortraces.com/races/half-marathon-at-pebble-beach> for more information. The Resort Races Collection also

includes races at Pinehurst in North Carolina, and the Greenbrier in West Virginia.

And several weeks from now, Poppy Hills will host a race on its course on St. Patrick's Day that will reward runners with breakfast and green beer. Run Fore the Green will include "an amazing 4-mile run," that will start at the clubhouse on Lopez Road and take runners along cart paths through the undulating course. The \$50 race fee includes food and drink, and will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Entry also includes the "helicopter ball drop." Each runner's bib number will be printed on a golf ball, and after they are dropped from a helicopter, the ball closest to the hole will win the runner a prize package. To register, visit <https://info.poppyhillsgolf.com/poppy-hills-run-fore-the-green>.

■ **Ramen grand opening**

Toribashi, the new ramen restaurant in the

Alvarado Street storefront that recently housed another ramen restaurant, a chocolate shop, and a store selling French trinkets and accessories, is celebrating its grand opening Feb. 8 with free, family-style dinners at 5:30 and 7 p.m. All people need to do to get seats is to RSVP.

The new restaurant serves lunch and dinner daily, except Mondays, and specializes in "simple, slow-cooked, delicious ramen dishes drawn from chef and founder Sam Park's 30 years of experience in the United States and Tokyo."

It is "fast casual — just like the Monterey lifestyle," and just like the immensely popular Poke Lab a few doors away. Guests order at the counter and can then dine in or take their ramen bowls to go.

Park learned to cook while serving in the U.S. Army, and in 1993, he opened his own sushi restaurant in the San Francisco area. His new Monterey restaurant emphasizes "the authenticity and quality of our ingredients and cooking methods," including slow cooking in traditional Japanese fashion, but serving it up quickly.

On the first Friday of each month, Toribashi donates 20 percent of its proceeds to the Special Operations Warriors Foundation, and the restaurant will always offer a 10 percent discount to students with current ID from DLI, NPS, MIIS, MPC and CSUMB.

Toribashi is located at 478 Alvarado St. in Monterey. For more information or to grab a spot at the grand opening, visit <https://toribashi.com>.

■ **C.V. Women's Club luncheon with Mary Adams**

Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams will be the featured guest at a luncheon organized by the Carmel Valley Women's Club Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Quail Lodge. "Mary will share her knowledge of what the county is up

to, and you can take the opportunity to ask the big questions affecting you and your neighbors," organizers said.

Guests can choose from either roasted chicken salad or roasted vegetable salad when they sign up for the lunch, which costs \$50 per person, with proceeds going to the club's annual scholarship and community nonprofit fund.

To register, visit www.carmelvalleywomensclub.org and follow the links, or call event coordinator Penny Wood at (831) 624-3081. Quail Lodge is located on Valley Greens Drive off of Carmel Valley Road.

■ **D'Arrigo adds more solar**

D'Arrigo California — the ag company that's been growing and shipping produce in the Salinas Valley for nearly a century — announced the third phase of construction of "the county's largest privately owned solar project" has come online, bringing its total power capacity to 3.3 megawatts. A fourth phase adding another 2.2 megawatts is set to go live later this year. The whole project was designed by CalCom Solar.

John D'Arrigo, president and CEO, said sustainability has always been "a core business practice" of the company. "We run on solar not only because of its sustainability benefits, which are significant, but because solar energy is fundamentally a smart business decision," he said.

The solar power will replace traditional electrical power on 14 of the 17 meters active on 1,139 acres of ranch property. In addition to the financial savings, the use of solar energy will reduce carbon-dioxide emissions by the equivalent of 8,750 cars over the next quarter century, according to the company, which was founded by two Sicilian brothers in 1920 and sells produce under the Andy Boy label.

Another significant Salinas Valley ag business, Scheid, uses wind power to run its winery operations.

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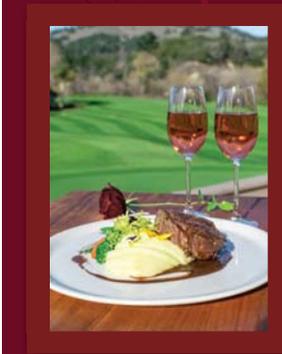

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Padres girls soccer season is a tale of learning — sometimes the hard way

A REALITY every serious athlete learns is that the road to success is a long, uphill climb that can be exhilarating, but is also fraught with humbling setbacks.

Carmel's girls soccer team has been processing that lesson in recent days, briefly breathing the rarified air of a title contender with a thrilling 1-0 upset victory over Greenfield on Jan. 16, followed six days later by a deflating 2-0 loss to Pacific Grove — a game the team almost certainly expected to win.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

That old cliché, “back to the drawing board,” probably applies to the 20 players on a young varsity roster — 14 are underclassmen — but Coach Mucho Pefok knew beforehand that success can be fleeting and momentum can pivot in a heartbeat.

Fundamentals and teamwork might improve incrementally with each practice and game, and confidence can skyrocket after a big victory like the one over Greenfield, but staying focused from opening kickoff to final whistle is a much harder skill to master. That proverbial “drawing board” is a place good coaches never really leave.

Despite this week's setback against P.G., the Padres have good reason to look forward to the rest of the season, the second half of which is dead ahead. Going into Thursday's game against capable King City, they ranked third among the eight teams in the Mission Trail Athletic League with a 4-2 record, trailing Pacific Collegiate (4-0-1, 6-3-3 overall) and Greenfield (5-1, 9-2).

Expected tough games

What should be considered when examining Carmel's 5-6 overall record is that the Padres started the year by losing four of their first five, all non-league games against larger schools.

“I expected tough games at the beginning of the year. We were playing Watsonville, Scotts Valley, San Lorenzo Valley ... schools that have a bigger, better pool of players to select from,” Pefok said. “But I really don't care if we lose 4-0, or even 8-0, as long as our players show me the desire to win their individual battles and compete. After our fourth loss (2-0 to Monterey), when we came out really flat, I felt like it was time to give our team some tough love.”

The coach's postgame message to the Padres that evening was that they weren't expending enough energy, weren't competing hard enough and weren't yet good enough to win. And he knew he was rolling the dice, at least in terms of his players' responses.

“At a talk like that, things can go either direction,” he said. “You can lose some players — some might go downhill mentally and you can't get them back up, and sometimes they'll start to value other things and stop training as hard.”

The other possibility — and the one that resulted — was that his players would respond, stick together, push each other and show a desire to improve.

A lot of growing to do

What Pefok has five weeks later is a team whose potential has a very high ceiling. Dillan Chiewpanich, a junior and first-year varsity starter, has emerged as one of the best goalkeepers in the county, averaging more than seven saves per game. Liuyi Yang, a sophomore, has peppered opposing goals with 29 shots in 11 games. Jessica Purdom, a senior co-captain, is the team's most complete player, a midfielder who can attack the goal, drop back to defend, or control the center of the pitch.

“As a player, myself, it's always great to know I have a goalkeeper behind me who is going to put herself on the line,” he said of Chiewpanich. “That assures me that I can she's going to be back there to cover me. What's quite exciting for me as a coach is that Dillan still has a lot of growing to do. Two-thirds of goalkeeping is positioning and communication, and that's where we're headed with her.”

Purdom, says Pefok, is “our heart and soul right now. She's dynamic; she goes from box to box, affecting the play — attacking, defending, changing the flow of the attack.”

Yang, says the coach, is a special talent with a brilliant future, limited only by inexperience. She still relies heavily on her ample natural gifts as she learns the more cerebral intricacies of the game.

Junior Serena Valdez, last year's goalkeeper, moved to midfield this year to play next to Purdom, where she brings dual skills of defending and attacking. “She's an unsung leader on this team,” Pefok said.

Cosima Cristofalo, a freshman defender, is the player whose growth has been “most stratospheric,” says the coach,

thanks to attitude, focus, work ethic, and a competitive nature.

Wall-to-wall competition

The Greenfield victory was a coming-out party for the Padres — the Bruins arrived that day unbeaten in the MTAL, with a 7-1 overall record, and encountered a Carmel squad that was waiting to shine. The Padres competed wall to wall, broke the scoreless tie with Purdom's goal at the 35-minute mark, and whitewashed a talented opponent with the help of 19 saves by Chiewpanich.

“Other schools score more goals than we do, and we need to get better at attacking, but I take a lot of pride in putting up the zeros on defense and defending a lead,” Pefok said. “In the last 10 minutes against Soledad (a 2-0 Carmel victory), they threw everything they had at us, and we responded. Greenfield was the same kind of thing. Our kids showed in those games that they have that mentality. They know how to grind. That's fantastic to see.”

Carmel will begin the second half of its season Monday with a 3 p.m. road game against Santa Catalina (0-5, 1-7), followed on Wednesday by a 3:30 p.m. home-field showdown with league-leading Pacific Collegiate (Santa Cruz), a

team that beat the Padres 2-0 on Jan. 9.

“I think we've grown quite a lot since we played them the first time,” Pefok said. “Pacific Collegiate is a good team. They move the ball quick. They have an idea of what they want to do. I think our first game against them kind of opened our eyes to see that the things we do in training can help us become as fluid and cohesive as Pacific Collegiate was against us that day.”

Looking ahead (Jan. 26-Feb. 1)

Boys basketball — Monday: King City at Carmel, 7 p.m.; Wednesday: Stevenson at Carmel, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball — Monday: Carmel at King City, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Carmel at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Boys soccer — Monday: Marina at Carmel, 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Carmel at Gonzales, 5:30 p.m.

Girls soccer — Monday: Carmel at Santa Catalina, 3 p.m.; Pacific Collegiate at Carmel, 3:30 p.m.

Wrestling — Saturday: Carmel at Colt Invitational, El Camino High, South San Francisco, 9 a.m.

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Goalkeeper Dillan Chiewpanich (left), flanked by teammates Serena Valdez (9) and Jessica Bartlett (11), blocks a shot by Pacific Grove's Jada Ware (20). Liuya Yang (right), a sophomore, has been Carmel's most aggressive attacker this season.



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CARMEL VALLEY photographer Doug Steakley enjoys international recognition for his architecture, nature and wild-animal photography because of the keen eye with which he perceives and interprets his images, as well as the worldwide destinations that inspire his work.

Steakley can hardly remember a time in his life when he didn't take pictures, but he followed a circuitous path to actually

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

become a photographer. Born into a military family, he grew up all over the East Coast and spent four years in Germany, where his brother still lives.

In 1966, Steakley earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio's Bowling Green State University in liberal arts and American studies, and was accepted to Georgetown Law School. Yet, after a semester, he decided he was on the wrong path.

"I'm sort of surprised to this day that I didn't pursue law. I believe it would have created an interesting career. But, I have no need to look back with regret; I just look back and wonder," said Steakley.

He was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps during school, and wanted to become a military pilot and fly those "Ferraris with wings." But he distanced himself from it all during the Vietnam War. A decade later, he became a licensed private pilot.

Instead of his "best-laid plans," Steakley became a self-described hippie and started making jewelry. His parents, he says, were "freaking out." But Steakley fell in love with the arts and wanted to develop his skills.

Not professorial

In 1974, he enrolled in a Master of Fine Arts program in jewelry design and metal-smithing at Indiana University. In his very first semester, he landed a job as a teaching assistant in a painting class.

"I'd never even taken an art class and didn't know what complementary colors were, so the students and I learned together," he said. "But, we had fun."

Steakley's MFA classmates were all positioning themselves to become professors, but he wanted to open an art gallery. First, he wanted to refine his craft. He moved to Denmark, where he apprenticed for six months, learning the technique of hollowware — making metal vessels and jewelry of significant depth and volume.

The result was Steakley's signature

strong, clean lines with depth yet simplicity, an economy of style and a whole lot of polish. It also resulted in jewelry fit for an art gallery. In 1976, he and Jackie, his wife of now 41 years, opened Concepts, just off Sixth, and later on Ocean. It was a gallery where his custom line set a precedent for jewelry as fine art.

"Concepts was unique," said Steakley, "in that we were representing jewelry by artists and presenting it in lit cases as if it were an art gallery. And so, it was. The jewelry had to be crafted, distinct, with something about it that made the artist recognizable, like a Weston or Ansel Adams photograph, where they are known by their work."

Steakley, who had always enjoyed taking pictures, and who took all the photographs that hung in Concepts, got deeper into the art form as he traveled the world, taking in the natural landscapes of India, Africa and countries in Central and South America. He usually traveled on foot, as he mountain-climbed and hiked his way through each destination.

"In 1993, a group of friends wanted to climb Kilimanjaro," Steakley said. "I bought a new Nikon and went with them. By the time I got back, I realized I liked making photographs more than making jewelry. And I knew it was to become my new profession."

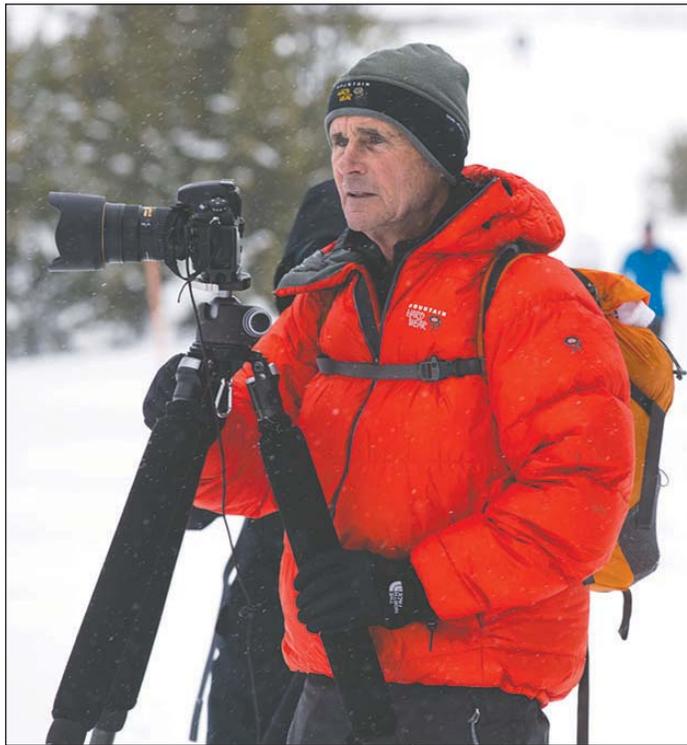
Taking a risk

Steakley took five or six photography workshops with legendary wilderness photographer and mountain climber Galen Rowell before his death in a plane crash in 2002.

"Galen had a big influence on my photography," Steakley said. "He was such an outdoor person with such a keen eye."

Steakley called his accountant and told him he was pursuing a new career and that he would have a lot of losses in the first five years, but not to worry — he'd make it up. In

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Never one to back down from an adventure, Doug Steakley has taken pictures of wild animals, gone on long hikes with his equipment and published several books of photos from our own backyard.

Finding what you love and doing it

THE FINEST of fine art has been known to bubble up from hot springs of great emotion — most often pain — which is where Carmel artist Kim Campbell met her muse.

She was living in Redwood City in 2000, scabbing up from the breakup of a toxic first marriage, when she boldly packed up her 5-year-old son, Conor, and moved to the Monterey Peninsula as a single mom.

"I was making a good living, but the Bay Area was just a suburban sprawl that didn't feel right for me. I didn't have many close

friends, didn't feel very connected," said Campbell, 58. "I felt like I had lost a piece of myself during my marriage, and leaving that relationship was a big moment of self-discovery."

dent she met a teacher from India who sparked her interest in meditation. "I left Ball State University [in Indiana] and went to live in an ashram in the Catskills [in New York], then went to India, and eventually came to an ashram in L.A.," she said. "I was there for three years, and then it was time to go. You learn meditation techniques, and you use them for the rest of your life."

In 1986, Campbell discovered the Gale Laurence Decorative Arts School in San Francisco, where her artistic dabbings were transformed into a career plan.

"I think within my first hour there, I was already thinking, 'OK, this is it — this is how I want to make my living,'" said Campbell, who, at 27, bought a small van and some painting materials. She jumped with both feet into self-employment as a faux finisher, making plain surfaces look like marble, wood or other materials.

Within a year she had a five-person, all-

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Carmel's artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

What she discovered here was a warm, energetic, supportive community teeming with artists and art appreciators, a place to become inspired and follow dreams that had been dormant for too many years.

At age 40, Campbell embraced a lifelong craving and became a fine artist, a decision that has nourished her soul ever since. "Waterfall" is a 10-foot-high, three-piece exhibit on display at the Monterey Museum of Art (559 Pacific St.). The work, she said, is a personal statement about her own journey.

"The waterfall is freefalling, powerful, beyond our control. It is constantly changing and re-emerging, as is the human spirit," she said of the piece. "If we allow the process of the forging and the healing to emerge, we can find the true power of our voice. This is what I hope for all women who seek change."

The ashram

As a younger woman, she often followed a Bohemian heart. She grew up in Indianapolis, playing hockey with her brothers on frozen ponds with dreams of becoming a figure skater or dancer, but as a college stu-



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

After 13 years as a decorative artist, Kim Campbell embraced her true love — producing museum-worthy fine art.

SHIELD

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didn't make sense anymore.

"For someone to make it in there, you have to cut corners," like buying cheap ingredients, he said — something he didn't want to do.

So, now he's down to one restaurant — Carmel's Bistro Giovanni on San Carlos

Street south of Fifth — and he's happy with what's happening there. Former customers of Da Giovanni have made their way there, and he expects Bistro Beaujolais' regulars will, too.

"We're doing great," he said. "Everyone from Da Giovanni is coming here. And we have a full bar."

He also likes the landlords and said he's content to focus his efforts on one location.

"We're doing very well there, and I'll concentrate on that one," he said.



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MUSIC

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■ It was 30 years ago today

When singer-songwriter and 11-time Grammy Award nominee **John Hiatt** takes the stage Jan. 29 at Sunset Center, he will revisit a record that is still popular decades after its release.

The show will mark the 30th anniversary of Hiatt's "Slow Turning" album, which not only earned him critical acclaim, but outsold any of his other records.

At Sunset Center, Hiatt will be backed by **The Goners**, who members include slide guitarist **Sonny Landreth**. The latter's skill at playing his instrument, along his affection for Cajun music, have earned him the title, "King of the Slydeco."

Hiatt is better known as a songwriter than a singer — his songs have been covered by Bob Dylan, Bonnie Raitt, Emmylou Harris, the Neville Brothers, Willie Nelson and many others. Rosanne Cash had a No. 1 country hit with Hiatt's "The Way We Make A Broken Heart."

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$51 to \$93. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit www.sunsetcenter.org.

■ Live Music Jan. 26-Feb. 1

Barmel — **C the Circus** (indie rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and **Devine & Co.** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Fireplace Lounge in the **Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel** — saxophonist **Ben Herod**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **David Morwood** ("Brazilian to bebop and beyond," Friday at 7 p.m.); and organist **Eddie Mendenhall**, guitarist **Gino Raugi** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

Folkale Winery in Carmel Valley — **The Charged Particles** (Latin Jazz, Friday at 4:30 p.m.); **The Julie Capili Duo** (jazz, Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Moshe Vilozny** and bassist **Dan Robbins** (Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

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

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.

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

Monterey United Methodist Church — **Matt & George & the Pleasant Valley Boys** (bluegrass, Saturday at 7 p.m.), 1 Soledad Drive.

St. James Episcopal Church in Monterey — **Taraf de Akáca** (Eastern European folk music, Friday at 7 p.m.). 381 High St., (831) 236-9138.

ART

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tory of Monterey County, and consider color schemes and elements from various parts of the county such as historical landmarks and local wildlife, agriculture, coastline and rivers, and mountain ranges."

Monterey County Supervisor Luis Alejo called the flag "a symbol of civic pride," and he urged local artists to be part of an "historical process."

For more details, call (831) 755-5840.

■ Open house at Open Ground Studios

Unveiling a sparkling makeover and introducing an artist who draws inspiration from the natural world, Open Grounds Studio in Seaside will be the site of a reception Jan. 26 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The nonprofit's 2,000-square-foot building at 1230 Fremont Blvd. was renovated in late December and early January, and it now includes seven dedicated studios for artists. The work was paid in part by a grant from the Arts Council for Monterey County, and addresses a shortage of workspace for local artists.

"It's pretty amazing," executive director Denese Sanders said of the makeover. "Our printmaking studio is more open, our painting studio has a lot of light, and every single one of

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

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.); and and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

The Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Dan Frechette** (Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Andy Fuhrman** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

our studios is filled with artists who are beside themselves with joy."

Also new at OGS is a show by painter and illustrator Erin Hunter, "Cross-Pollination — Art and Nature." In her display, Hunter explores the the relationships between flowering plants and their animal visitors. The exhibit continues through Feb. 24.

"Erin is a master," Sanders told The Pine Cone. "Her paintings are exquisite. Her commitment to her artwork — and her ability to look closely at nature and share it — are phenomenal. She's a local treasure."

Go to www.opengroundstudios.com or call (831) 241-6919.

■ Talk kicks off 'Year of the Woman' theme

The Monterey Museum of Art presents a talk, "Musically Speaking, Leadership in the Arts," by Monterey Symphony executive director Nicola Samra Monday, Jan. 29.

In her talk, Samra will explore the role of women in arts management, and discuss the challenges and opportunities they face. She will also retrace the path that led her to becoming a leader of a local nonprofit arts group.

The museum has declared 2018, "The Year of the Woman," and will offer a variety of events focused on the theme.

The talk starts at 1 p.m., and is free for museum members. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. www.montereyart.org.



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CAMPBELL

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female crew that worked on scaffolds, painting large walls and ceilings in fancy San Francisco Bay Area homes. Business was brisk.

"I'd come home from a day of work and have 15 messages on my answering machine, which was exciting," she said. "I got some referrals through some of my brother's contractor friends, and the rest just happened

through word of mouth."

But her desire to learn more about fine art became more intense, and in 1990, at 31, she took six months to study art history and learn sculpture through an American extension school in Florence, Italy.

"By that time I already had met my first husband [Kelly McCormick]. His wife had died of cancer, leaving two children, Cameron and Veda, who were 7 and 11," she said. "I fell in love with the children first, then fell in love with their father a few months later."

Her marriage to McCormick, a journalist,

took her to Greece, Turkey, and Cyprus, where, as a family of four, they lived on a boat. That's also where Conor was conceived.

When his newspaper gig ended, they returned to the United States, where their relationship deteriorated and eventually ended.

Not long after moving with Conor to the Peninsula, Campbell met the love of her life, Bill Lutz, a builder and a fundraising specialist whose own children (Nico, now 28, and Lillian, 24) were Conor's schoolmates. Hours-long telephone conversations led to a date, and 13 years ago they were married.

They live in New Monterey.

Campbell creates her artwork in a second-floor studio at Carmel Plaza and supplements her income as a part-time employee at the Carmel Art Association. (She is not a member.)

"It was a huge thrill to be invited to share my work at the museum," said Campbell, whose "Waterfall" will be on display at Monterey Museum of Art through April.

"These pieces are very large and I feel like they need to be in a public place. I do want to make a living with my art — but sharing the work is more important to me than selling it."

STEAKLEY

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2000, he published his first book, "Pacific Light, Images of the Monterey Peninsula," to wide acclaim, followed in 2001, by "Big Sur and Beyond, The Legacy of the Big Sur Land Trust." In 2005, he published "A Photographer's Guide to The California Coast."

In 2006, he and Jackie sold Concepts. He sometimes looks back, but never with regret.

Steakley has since held numerous photography workshops, locally and around the world. In 2011, he published "Photographing

Big Sur" and, in 2017, he released a large-format book, "Big Sur Revealed."

In 2003, the past member of the board of trustees for the Center for Photographic Art received the Ansel Adams Award from the Sierra Club, for his conservation photography, one of many distinctions and awards in his portfolio.

He's most gratified when someone is moved by his work. "We all have seen photographs that speak to our hearts, images that provoke a strong and lasting emotional reaction," Steakley said. "I know I have a strong image when someone who has seen it can easily recall it and comment on it much later."

Panetta says these illegal aliens have faced hurdles in life, so the country needs to do more for them. No. If the country needs to do more for anyone who faces hurdles in life, it needs to be done for American citizens and legal residents. I can think of 13 children, native-born Americans, just rescued from a living hell in Southern California who are now facing a multitude of hurdles in their lives, and need all the help they can get.

All I ask of these "dreamers" is to get in line and follow the same process millions of legal immigrants have followed to reach their American dream — nothing more, nothing less.

Michael Markovitch, *Marina*

LETTERS

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most moving things you'll ever see: People voluntarily giving up their allegiance to their countries of birth to become citizens of the United States of America.

However, I don't agree with Congressman Jimmy Panetta wanting to reward a group of illegal aliens with eventual American citizenship. While the congressman says these people are "our best and brightest," I can assure him that there are many, many more American citizens and legal residents who are our best and brightest.

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