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## PG&E plans for gas pipeline meet resistance

By MARY SCHLEY

REPRESENTATIVES FROM the utility company that was fined millions of dollars for accidentally blowing up a house in Carmel four years ago didn't receive a warm reception Monday evening, when they presented plans to install

nearly a mile of new, 6-inch pipeline along busy and congested streets on the north side of town.

The "distribution line" would be buried in a 4,900-foot-long, 4-foot-deep trench dug along North San Antonio from the Pebble Beach Gate to Fourth Avenue, east on Fourth, and north on San Carlos and Camino del Monte to the city limits near the Junipero Serra statue. The new line, which would have no direct connections to properties in Carmel, would be installed a block at the time and take six months to complete.

Speaking for PG&E, Joe Foster explained the pipe will increase capacity in the gas system. "We looked at modeling over the last few years, looked at forecasting for the future, and our engineers determined a new 6-inch line needed to go in," he said. The line would follow the route of an existing steel gas pipe that will continue to operate. Foster described it as "the safest and least impactful route possible."

He noted the company has "had a lot of conversations about safety with the city," since the 2014 explosion that was blamed, in part, on PG&E's incomplete maps of gas lines and lack of critical records. "We go into this with safety being our No. 1 priority," he said.

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## Investigation: Dallas' behavior was bad, but not unlawful

Attorneys say they also found 'conspiracy' against mayor

By MARY SCHLEY

MAYOR STEVE Dallas made vulgar and boorish comments, and engaged in inappropriate behavior, according to a three-month investigation of 21 complaints of sexual harassment made by a half-dozen people. But he didn't do anything illegal, city attorney Glen Mozingo said during a packed meeting at city hall Wednesday morning.

And, in a bizarre twist, Mozingo reported Dallas was the victim of a conspiracy. "We were informed by not one, but two, individuals that there was a conspiracy to carry out an attack on the mayor," he said. "An individual from Salinas was brought into the City of Carmel, and was paid \$100" to start a fight with the mayor "while the others took photos."

The alleged assault occurred at Mission Ranch in February 2017, when a man walked up behind Dallas and pinned his arms. The mayor swung around, at which point someone separated them and escorted Dallas outside.

"When we conclude that we have enough evidence to present to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, that matter will be turned over for prosecution," Mozingo said.

### Reprimand, not resignation

Independent investigator Irma Moisa addressed 21 accusations in her 217-page report, and while some were substantiated, none constituted sexual harassment that would make the city criminally or civilly liable — the question Mozingo said the investigation set out to answer.

He dryly described seven incidents confirmed through accounts of the complainants, witnesses, and the mayor's own admissions. Among them, Moisa discovered he referred to a friend as a "fluffer," introduced a male friend by saying he only dates "attractive women," made comments with "potential sexual connotations," put his hands on a woman's shoulders while she was sitting at a table with others, asked another woman how her "love life" was, and pointed out a spill on her blouse. Dallas was also accused of leering at the woman's breasts, but Moisa concluded that her "animus for the mayor in all probability colored her impression of the

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

PG&E wants to carve up city streets to install a gas line — an idea the city council wasn't hot on at a hearing Monday. But the work tying up traffic on Ocean Avenue this week (above) is for a new sewer main. See the story on page 8A.

## Panetta, Monning and Stone criticize DOJ lawsuit

By KELLY NIX

A LAWSUIT filed by the United States Department of Justice Tuesday challenging three of California's immigration laws will help reduce crime and make citizens safer, according to United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions. But Congressman Jimmy Panetta and other legislators contend the opposite will happen, and the DOJ suit will actually

"undermine" the ability of police to "protect and serve."

The DOJ, which sued California Tuesday, says the state's sanctuary laws — including SB54, which prohibits use of state or local resources to help federal immigration authorities deport illegal immigrants — "intentionally obstruct and discriminate against" the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

"As a result, the Justice Department is seeking to permanently enjoin these state statutes, which are contrary to federal law and interfere with federal immigration authorities' ability to carry out their lawful duties," according to the DOJ.

### 'Political stunt'

Gov. Jerry Brown called the DOJ lawsuit a "political stunt," and said it amounts to "basically going to war" with California, a state he boasted is the "engine" of the American economy.

"At a time of unprecedented political turmoil, Jeff Sessions has come to California to further divide and polarize America," Brown told the press Tuesday in a news release. "Jeff, these political stunts may be the norm in Washington, but they don't work here."

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## FRESNO MAN SUES PINE CONE, KSBW, WEEKLY FOR LIBEL

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A MAN who is being sued by the California Attorney General for allegedly diverting money from two charities for personal use has filed his own \$20 million lawsuit against The Carmel Pine Cone for defamation and libel after the newspaper published an article about the attorney general's accusations.

Matthew G. Gregory is also suing KSBW-TV and Monterey County Weekly, which carried their own reports about claims from Attorney General Xavier Becerra that money donated to charities run by Gregory and his family was used for personal expenses, including shopping trips to Victoria's Secret.

Gregory, who operates the Wounded Warriors Support Group and Central Coast Equine Rescue and Retirement, contends in a Feb. 27 lawsuit filed in Fresno County Superior Court that The Pine Cone published a "false, defaming and misleading" article that caused "serious damage" to his reputation. The complaint also lists Pine Cone reporter Kelly Nix as a defendant.

Gregory is asking the court to require the newspaper to print a retraction, issue a public apology, remove an article published in April 2017 and all of its links from the internet, and pay him more than \$20 million. The Pine Cone's story included a summary of the attorney general's claims against Gregory and his charities, and extensively quoted Gregory's denials of those claims.

Gregory is being represented in the lawsuit against The Pine Cone by his daughter, attorney Gina D. Gregory, who is also a defendant in the attorney general's lawsuit, along with

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## Vacation renters booted from MCCVB

By KELLY NIX

A DECISION by Monterey County's tourism bureau to expel vacation rental agencies from its membership roster two months ago is "short sighted" and possibly "illegal," according to a spokeswoman for one of the local short-term rental agencies affected by the move.

In January, the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau decided to expel members that offer local vacation rentals. In response to the move, Debra Ryll with Monterey Bay Vacation Rentals, one of those businesses, wrote a terse letter this week to the tourism bureau's president and CEO, Tammy Blount.

"The board's decision is counterproductive and grossly unfair, if not illegal," Ryll said.

Such rentals are a big part of the local economy and generate millions of dollars a year in transient occu-

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## Diane Wolcott, painter of whimsy, dies at 87



Her folk-art style brought her many admirers — not only because of its child-like sense of wonder, but because Diane Wolcott almost always included a tiny nun in her paintings. Above, "Our Last Chance," painted in 2012. See obituary, page 9A.



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## Popular Pippa

HAVING DECIDED they wanted a dog, she and her husband had gone to the SPCA at least once a week, plus visits to the website, for months. Yet time and time again, someone had gotten there first, adopting the dog they wanted. Then, they saw Pippa's picture, posted online. Completely taken with the 8-week-old terrier-Dachshund-Corgi mix, they called the SPCA, relentlessly, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., when they finally got through. Someone else had just put Pippa on hold.

"We drove out to the SPCA and asked to speak to the supervisor, who told us there was nothing we could do," she said. "We were the runners-up. We knew it wasn't going to happen for us because she was so cute."

Turns out Pippa wasn't the type of dog the others were looking for, so she got her the next day.

"She was the dog we'd been waiting for all along," she said.

Now a year old, Pippa has become a celebrity in the neighborhood, as the resident shop dog in her family's Pacific Grove clothing store.

"Pippa has a little bed in the store, but she likes to lie by the window and watch everyone pass by," her person said. "She's quite a draw into the store; it's a busier day when Pippa's there, welcoming everyone in."

Some people come in to shop, and others, particularly kids, come just to pet Pippa.

"Most people greet Pippa before they do me," her person said. "She still has that energetic puppy person-

By Lisa Crawford Watson



ality, but in the store, she's mellow and calm. Customers say she has an old soul."

On her days off, Pippa likes to go on walks throughout her Pacific Grove neighborhood, and down to the beach at Asilomar. "It's pretty much a big-dog beach," her person said, "but she holds her own with the huskies and labs."

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# Council OKs new home despite neighbor's privacy concerns

By MARY SCHLEY

**BUILDER JERRY** Stepanek and his wife can demolish their little house on Guadalupe north of Third and replace it with an 1,800-square-foot home, city council members unanimously decided Tuesday night, when they turned aside complaints from neighbors Mo and Fay Massoudi. The Massoudis challenged the planning commission's January approval of the Stepaneks' plans — particularly the side yard, which is situated to take advantage of the sunlight and be close to the kitchen, but faces the couple's bedroom, though it will be separated by a heavy fence.

"Privacy, as we know, is an important issue, and we want to preserve that in our little house," Mo Massoudi said. "But in our case, Mr. Stepanek's design appears to have no respect for our personal privacy."

Massoudi, a member of the forest and beach commission, said Stepanek's home will be sold to someone else as soon as it's completed, while he and his wife will continue living in the home they've occupied for 16 years.

"Have as many parties as you want, just not next to my bedroom windows," he said. "Mr. Stepanek wants to enjoy the sunshine on the south side. Why should I pay for that?"

Massoudi drew up an alternate layout of the Stepaneks' house with the patio to the rear of the lot and suggested the city require them to use that design, instead.

"Any late evening outdoor activities will definitely disturb our privacy," he said, and the couple worried that smoke from the Stepaneks' barbecue would bother them, too. "We believe a side yard should not even be permitted on a 40-by-100 lot-size property."

## Sweat and tears

Jerry Stepanek said he and his wife, Janna, bought the 840-square-foot house "with many termites" in 2006 and had permits to demolish it and build a new one in 2009. But the Great Recession stalled those plans, and last

year they submitted new ones, which the planning commission approved in January after the Stepaneks made some changes to address the Massoudis' concerns, including reducing window sizes and installing a double fence. The Stepaneks also agreed to install soundproof windows in their neighbors' home, but that offer was declined.

At Tuesday's meeting, senior planner Marnie Waffle recommended the council uphold the planning commission's approval of the Stepaneks' project.

He said the patio will be in the same location as the current home's, though it will be smaller, and that it simply can't be shifted to the rear of the lot, which is dark and dominated by a large cypress tree. He also noted his design has to satisfy six neighbors.

"I put my sweat and tears into this project and design," added architect Jeff Crockett. "Privacy is always an issue" on small lots. He also stated that side yards are not all that unusual in Carmel and confirmed his plans meet all requirements for setbacks and other restrictions.

Resident Barbara Livingston observed that the Massoudis' property is below the Stepaneks', so noise isn't likely to be much of an issue.

"I think the planning commission really worked this out quite well," she said. "Nobody can ever be satisfied, but as the applicant said, it's awfully hard to please everyone when you're on a 40-by-100-foot lot."

Builder Al Saroyan, who sits on the forest and beach commission with Massoudi and has done work at his home over the years, said that since the Stepaneks are planning to tear down the old house, the location of the existing side yard isn't relevant.

"It's not a remodel, where we have to live with constraints," he said. "I think this is an opportunity that should go back to the planning commission, and should be properly designed

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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## His mom had to come and get him

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.

referral on Village Drive.

**Carmel Valley:** A 50-year-old female Rancho Fiesta Road resident was the victim of identity theft.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury collision on Dolores Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Documented a harassment incident at San Carlos and Sixth.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched to a business on Forest Avenue for a subject soliciting.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched to Pacific Grove High School after report of a theft.

**Carmel Valley:** Juvenile placed on a 72-hour evaluation.

**Carmel area:** A 55-year-old female on Carmel Rancho Boulevard was the victim of burglary.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**Pacific Grove:** Dog bite on Park Street. Dog vs. dog. Info report taken and forwarded to animal control.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a rape on Mermaid Lane involving a drugged victim. Suspect, a 56-year-old male, was arrested.

See **POLICE LOG** page 14RE in the Real Estate Section

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citizen turned in a debit card found at Mission and Seventh. Records check for owner produced negative results.

**Pacific Grove:** A 69-year-old male refused to leave a business on Forest Avenue at 0016 hours and was arrested for public intoxication, violating his probation, and making criminal threats.

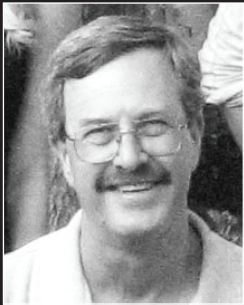
**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle was stopped on David Avenue for vehicle code violations, and it was determined the 64-year-old male driver did not have a valid license. The male was cited and released at the scene.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Central Avenue was found to have expired registration. Vehicle was towed.

**Pacific Grove:** Contacted a subject on Heather Lane who had a credit card opened falsely under her name. It was determined she was not responsible for the charges and was not out any money. Contacted the company, and they did not want to be a victim of the fraud. Report for info.

**Pacific Grove:** Fraudulent internet scam — information only.

**Carmel Valley:** Adult Protective Services



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## The gavel falls

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

**Dec. 6** — Abel Juan Perez, 19, was sentenced to five years in prison for domestic violence and stalking.

On July 31, 2016, Perez went to the house of the victim, who he was dating at the time. He told her to get into his car and promised that later he would return her to her residence. If she failed to obey his demand, he told her he would harm her and her family. Out of fear, the victim got into the car. He then told her he was going to take her out of town. During the drive, he slapped her on the left side of her face, grabbed her face and shook her head. Perez's actions scared the victim so much that she jumped out of the vehicle while it was traveling approximately 55 mph. After this incident, Perez called Jane Doe 132 times, leaving numerous threatening voicemails and text messages. He also attempted to dissuade her from reporting the crime to the police.

Ultimately, Perez was arrested and on March 28, 2017, he pled guilty to criminal threats, dissuading a witness, and false imprisonment. He was placed on felony probation in May 2017 and a criminal protective order was issued prohibiting him from having any contact with the victim.

In June, less than one month after his sentencing, Perez began to contact the victim despite the no contact order. He sent her numerous threatening text messages and left notes and flowers on her car. This again put the victim in fear for her safety. He was eventually rearrested, and in November 2017, he pled guilty to charges of stalking.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie R. Culver sentenced Perez to five years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

**Dec. 7** — Soledad resident Rudy Revillas, Jr., 36, was found guilty after a two-week court trial of 28 charges related to domestic violence, including stalking, felony vandalism, dissuading witnesses, and violating a domestic violence restraining order. Revillas was also found guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Following their 2013 break up, Revillas began a pattern of intimidation and harassment that left Jane Doe and her family living in a constant state of fear. Over the following four years Revillas vandalized Doe's vehicle, threatened to kill her and her family numerous times, and

followed Doe to gas stations, local restaurants, their child's school, and even to her job. Revillas was publicly violent on at least two occasions, monitored Doe's daily activities and contacts with third parties, threatened to have Child Protective Services remove her child, and became obsessed with Doe's potential romantic partners. In 2016, Revillas began to hide outside of Doe's home and watched her movements.

A domestic violence restraining order was issued on October 27, 2016, preventing Revillas from contacting Doe, her sister, or her mother. Revillas was not deterred. On Valentine's Day, February 14, 2017, Revillas wrongly suspected Doe of having been on a date and uninvited entered her home screaming obscenities. When Doe tried to call 911, he ripped her cell phone out of her hand and threw it on a neighbor's roof. A judge issued two criminal protective orders the next day, but Revillas's behavior continued to escalate.

On May 31, 2017, at 1:45 a.m., after again wrongly suspecting Doe had a male visitor, Revillas became enraged and tried to break down Doe's front door. Doe and her sister, who were home alone with their two young children and elderly mother, desperately tried to shepherd the sleeping children to a back room and lock the doors. Revillas can be heard screaming on the 911 call as the women repeatedly beg him to leave. Soledad police arrived and arrested Revillas before he gained entry to the home.

While in custody, Revillas continued to threaten, harass, intimidate, and emotionally manipulate Jane Doe by calling her, sending her letters, and having their young child ask Doe not to testify.

Cell phone records revealed an enormous number of restraining order violations: Revillas called Doe 844 times and sent her 1,036 text messages in the first three months of 2017. Further, a search warrant served on Revillas' home revealed a stolen handgun concealed in his bedroom.

After a two-week court trial, Judge Robert A. Burlison found Revillas guilty on 28 counts. Judge Burlison noted that Doe's testimony was "highly credible," and that Revillas's behavior was "threatening, vulgar, repeated, unwanted, intimidating and relentless." Revillas will be sentenced to a minimum of five years and a maximum of eight years in state prison.

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## PRIVATE PARTY IN DEVENDORF GETS THUMBS DOWN FROM COUNCIL

By MARY SCHLEY

A SACRAMENTO automotive company run by part-time Carmel residents was denied permission to hold a party in Devendorf Park on the Saturday of Concours Week. At the end of a lengthy meeting Tuesday night, the city council quickly dispatched its ruling after two company representatives pleaded their case.

Marketing director Summer Wright told the council March 7 that the company has held client parties during Concours Weekend for a decade. Previous venues included a home near Ocean Avenue, Mission Ranch, La Playa Carmel, the courtyard behind Anton & Michel, the rooftop deck at Vesuvio, and the beach. This year, executives Martin Camsey and Rick Niello, who both have homes here, wanted to throw their private cocktail party in Devendorf Park from 5 to 7 p.m., which would have the park off-limits between 1 p.m. and 10 p.m., including setup and cleanup.

But because the council previously decided to cap the number of Car Week events in town at two — and then, with the approval of Prancing Ponies last year, at three — city administrator Chip Rerig and community activities director Ashlee Wright denied their request. The company opted to ask the council to overrule that decision.

"We time the event in a cocktail-type hour so that afterward, all of our guests dine in Carmel-by-the-Sea, and hopefully stay the night," Wright said. "We are always looking for places to hold our beautiful events, and we are just here to say, 'Thank you,' for your possible reconsideration. We're a reputable company and

have been doing this for a long time, and would make you very proud."

Resident Barbara Livingston, however, warned the council it would be "making a mockery" of its limit on Concours Week events if it approved the party.

"You've already added a third, and that has expanded," she said, referring to the Prancing Ponies 2018 show extending onto Sixth Avenue from its venue on two blocks of Dolores last year. "If you add a fourth, I think that is really stretching your credibility."

### 'Just no way'

Councilman Bobby Richards said he and his colleagues had promised residents and employees no more events would be added to the already busy week.

"There's just no way that I could possibly allow for a fourth event," he said.

"It's not only our community that gets impacted, but our staff," agreed councilwoman Jan Reimers. "Everyone does."

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy noted the park is only supposed to be used for "educational cultural and city stuff," as opposed to private events. The exception, she said, is the catered lunch for drivers and VIPs during the Concours Tour d'Elegance the Thursday of Car Week, when 100 vintage and collector cars are parked on Ocean Avenue. "That's a big public event, and these people have to go somewhere to eat," she observed.

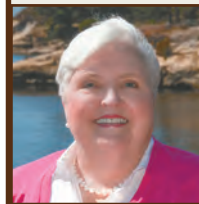
Hardy suggested organizers consider the Carmel Plaza, which is undergoing a comprehensive remodel that should be completed soon and will offer plenty of space.



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# Sewer line replacement ties up busiest street

By MARY SCHLEY

THE INSTALLATION of a 185-foot-long sewer line has made driving through the center of town even more of a challenge than usual, but Barbara Buikema, general manager of the Carmel Area Wastewater District, said the job at San Carlos and Ocean should be completed soon.

Video inspection of the sewer line over the past decade revealed several “defects” in the pipe, according to Buikema. While it’s “in no imminent danger of failure,” she said, the flaws could lead to backups, which means more frequent cleanings in order to avoid big messes. An upcoming city paving project prompted the sewer district to address the problem sooner rather than later, because the cutting and patching in the road will soon be covered with new asphalt.

The board voted in February to award the contract to Monterey Peninsula Engineering, the lowest qualified bidder, for \$94,600. That amount was 34 percent higher than the engineer’s estimate of \$70,000, according to Buikema. “The abundance of work in the county, combined with other factors such as the location, unknowns of underground utilities in Carmel, the relatively small project size, and complexity of traffic in the City of Carmel, contributed to the higher bids.”

Given all those factors, along with the desire to get the job done prior to the start of the city’s repaving work — which will also be done by Monterey Peninsula Engineering, incidentally — drove the board to proceed, rather than put it off to seek more bids. “We anticipated the job will take 10 days,” she said, though rain delays have slowed the progress some.

# Lincoln Street restaurant to close at end of month

By MARY SCHLEY

CHRISTOPHER’S RESTAURANT is shutting its doors at the end of March after 15 years in operation and more than four decades in the restaurant business.

The decision came after owner Christopher Caul received a letter from the Lincoln Court complex’s new owners, Yvette and Kent Ipsan, advising him everyone would have to move out by the end of May.

The Ipsans purchased the complex, which also contains an art gallery and a few other shops, in July 2017. As of January, it was valued at \$3,325,000, according to the Monterey County Assessor’s Office. Some spaces are already vacant.

“We got a letter in the mail last Friday that they’re doing major construction and wish they could leave the tenants where they are until construction is over, but they can’t,” Caul told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

The decision is bittersweet for Caul, who, at nearly 60, is in chronic pain due to a foot injury and is about to undergo a fourth back surgery.

“I used to love coming in here and cranking the music and cooking, and now, being in pain, you see the produce order come in and think, ‘I have to lug everything in,’” he said. “I’ve been a one-man show forever, so when orders come, I’m the one lifting the boxes and taking them into the walk-in.”

A native New Yorker, Caul got into the restaurant business when he was 12 and bought his first place while in his 20s. He moved between the coasts a few times before settling here, and the 15th anniversary of Christopher’s would have been in April. The space has been used as a restaurant since the 1950s, being the location of Sans Souci, Lincoln Court and others.

Now, Caul — famous for, among other things, the seasonal

soft-shell crabs he has flown in from back East each year, good cocktails, and a reasonably priced wine list loaded with Monterey County offerings — is looking at his final few weeks in operation and trying to figure out what to do with the contents of the restaurant, from the refrigerators and nearly brand new dishwasher, to the tables and chairs.

He said he hopes all his staff will stay through the end of the month, rather than leaving to take jobs elsewhere, and that someone will simply come and buy everything after the doors close.

“If I were younger, I would go do something else,” he said. But now, moving to Santa Barbara with his wife, realtor Catherine Caul, to be closer to family there “might happen sooner than we thought.”

## DALLAS

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event.”

The city isn’t legally on the hook for the mayor’s behavior, Mazingo said, even though his conduct and comments might have been unprofessional.

Meeting in closed session with Mazingo and his assistant and deputy attorneys, Jon Giffen and Gerard Rose, for “10 to 12 hours” over the course of three days, Vice Mayor Carrie Theis and councilwomen Carolyn Hardy and Jan Reimers decided what should be done about Dallas. They read a statement signed by the three women, all of whom wore red at the March 7 meeting.

“If there is a human failing here, it is the mayor’s lack of insight and self-awareness as to how his conduct and comments in social settings are perceived by others,” Theis said. “He exhibited behavior that clearly does not represent the professional conduct the community should expect at all times from our elected officials.”

While they considered asking Dallas to resign, Theis said they unanimously decided to reprimand him in closed session and ask that he “demonstrate respect for and sensitivity of others, with an understanding and appreciation of appropriate boundaries,” “work on self-awareness of how his actions and words affect other people,” and “comport himself in a professional manner at all times that dignifies the office he holds.”

This said Dallas “desires to issue a formal public apology for inappropriate and unprofessional behavior.”

Reimers said a reprimand was “less disruptive than more severe measures.”

“His future behavior I think will be a testimony to how seriously he and we have taken this situation,” Reimers said.

Hardy defended Dallas as a leader who “deeply cares about this community.”

“I have no doubt that he will deliver,” she said.

Tearful at times, Theis said it saddened her to see the city “in such turmoil.”

“I think everybody in this community realizes that we all need to respect each other, and that’s how we want to move forward,” she said.

### Threats not addressed

After the official part of the proceedings, the public was invited to ask questions, and several speakers said they were unhappy the investigation focused on sexual harassment and excluded other allegations, such as invading his tenants’ privacy and threatening people.

“If any of you have taken any courses in harassment training, you know that sexual, discrimination or hostile harassment go hand in hand,” said restaurateur Rich Pepe, who has claimed the mayor used threatening language toward him. When Theis pressed him for a question, since that’s what the mic was open for, he snapped, “Please don’t butt in,” but eventually asked what people who were threatened should do.

Mazingo suggested they contact the city’s HR director and their own attorneys.

“I can assure you there will be another investigation,” Pepe said.

Hardy openly doubted some of the claims against Dallas.

“Because of some of the sources, I think some of those accusations are being ginned up because there’s a political agenda, and I just don’t think the mayor is of the kind to threaten any-

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# Wolcott: ‘All of a sudden, I couldn’t paint fast enough’

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE OF Carmel most distinctive and respected artists, painter Diane Wolcott passed away March 1 at her home in Carmel. She was 87. “She went as peacefully as can be,” her niece, Wendy Wolcott, told The Pine Cone.

A professional artist for more than half a century — and a member of the Carmel Art Association for 34 years — Wolcott was well known for her charming primitive-style paintings, which led many to believe she had no formal art training, like the famous folk artist, Grandma Moses. But the assumption couldn’t be farther from the truth.

“She was one of the most highly trained of all artists we represent,” Sally Aberg of the Carmel Art Association told The Pine Cone. The artist and Aberg collaborated on a book, “World of Wonder: The Art of Diane Wolcott,” which came out in 2015. “She was a much beloved and much collected artist.”

Wolcott was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1930, moved to Southern California when she was eight, and sold her first painting at 14. After high school, she returned to Kansas City to study art, only to move back to California when her education was completed.

In Southern California, her career as a painter took off after the Los Angeles Times wrote about her art.

“All of a sudden, the bomb went off,” Wolcott said in a 2015 interview that can viewed

on YouTube. “I couldn’t paint fast enough. I was going until 2 a.m.”

Suddenly, Wolcott’s art was the rage in Hollywood. “Her work was in the collections of every major musician and actor,” Aberg explained.

Besides her trademark primitive style, Wolcott was also known for placing a nun somewhere in each of her paintings. Aberg said the artist converted to Catholicism when she was in her early twenties, and one of her close friends during that time was a nun.

“Almost every painting she did — and her paintings number in the thousands — has at least one nun in it,” Aberg said.

Wolcott moved to Carmel in 1972, and her work was displayed for many years at Zantman Art Galleries.

The artist was also a familiar face around town — along with the company she kept.

“She had three miniature poodles,” Aberg explained. “Her dogs were almost as famous as she was.”

Although she was in ill health during the last six months of her life, Wolcott continued to paint. Two of her pieces were included in a December show at the Carmel Art Association.

Wolcott, who never married or had children, leaves behind two nieces, Wendy Wolcott and Tracy Wolcott, and two grand-nephews, Tony Ramirez and Ricky Ramirez.



Diane Wolcott

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# DOJ

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Reaction from other Democratic Party lawmakers was also strong. Panetta, in criticizing the lawsuit, said the DOJ complaint could result in the withholding of federal resources from state and local law enforcement.

“The Department of Justice’s lawsuit undermines our local law enforcement’s ability to protect and serve,” Panetta said. “The federal government should not threaten public safety by taking personnel funding away from our state, counties, or cities because we prioritize protecting all members of our community.”

And State Sen. Bill Monning, another Democrat from the Monterey Peninsula, called

the DOJ lawsuit, “an insult to those of us who have worked so hard to make our communities safer.”

The “sanctuary state” laws, the senator said, “merely state” that local law enforcement officials cannot ask the immigration status of people during routine interactions, and prohibits them from doing the work of federal immigration agents.

“Local law enforcement should continue to safeguard our neighborhoods and not be seen as adversaries by those who may need their assistance,” Monning said.

In a speech to the California Peace Officers Association Wednesday, Sessions said California has repeatedly tried to hamper efforts by federal authorities to crack down on illegal immigration.

“California, absolutely it appears to me, is using every power it has, powers it doesn’t have, to frustrate federal law enforcement,” Sessions told the group. “So you can be sure I’m going to use every power I have to stop that.”

The Justice Department lawsuit also targets a California law that prohibits private employers from voluntarily cooperating with federal immigration officials, including those conducting worksite enforcement efforts and operations, and another bill that “imposes a state-run inspection and review scheme” of the federal detention of illegal immigrants held in facilities pursuant to federal contracts.

The suit, filed in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, seeks an injunction barring the three laws from being enforced in California.

Less vocal were those who support the DOJ lawsuit. However, Eric Early, a Republican candidate for California Attorney General, accused “politicians like” Attorney General

Xavier Becerra of “recklessly interfering with federal law enforcement.”

“They’re abusing their power to promote sanctuary state policies that protect a group of illegal immigrants suspected of committing crimes, and endanger law enforcement and the law-abiding public,” Early said in a release.

Democratic state Assemblyman Mark Stone, whose district includes the Monterey Peninsula, said there’s no federal law requiring local law enforcement officials to assist in federal immigration enforcement efforts.

“The federal Administration’s lawsuit is a sign of its desperation to use any tool it can think of to score political points,” Stone told The Pine Cone. “I’m confident that California’s laws will stand up in court.”

## Jewish festival offers three films

SERVING UP three films, the Carmel Jewish Film Festival continues this week.

A mishap at a Jerusalem synagogue causes a big rift in “The Women’s Balcony,” which screens March 10, 7:30 p.m., at the Golden Bough Playhouse. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. The theater is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth.

Next up is “1945,” which plays March 11, 3:30 p.m., at Lighthouse Cinemas, 525 Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove.

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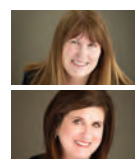
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# RENTERS

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pancy tax for local cities. Ryll said she believes the visitors bureau suspended her group's membership at the behest of hotels, which view vacation rentals as formidable competition.



**DIANNE ROBERTA LORMANS**  
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Dianne Roberta Lormans passed away on March 1, 2018 at home, Grass Valley, CA, after battling 27+ years of an illness.

Dianne and her husband John met and lived in Carmel, CA many years. They moved their family to Grass Valley in 1979. Dianne worked as a bus driver in Carmel, and then as a technician at Grass Valley Group.

John and Dianne were married 44 years. They are now dancing in heaven. She leaves behind 4 sons, 3 daughters, 16 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

In response to questions from The Pine Cone about Ryll's letter, Blount said the bureau's primary goal is to drive business growth by increasing overnight visitation at lodging properties that collect and remit taxes.

The bureau, Blount said, consulted with its legal counsel before it changed the bylaws — "as we always do when making edits to that document."

"Owners, operators, and promoters of vacation rentals, condos, single-family homes, individual apartment units, or any lodging facility or activity not authorized by local ordinance or state statute are not eligible for regular non-voting membership with the MCCVB," she said of the bureau's new stance.

The organization has contacted five companies that don't fall in line with its mission and offered refunds for membership dues that have already been paid, Blount said. Ryll said Monterey Bay Vacation Rentals has not yet been refunded.

The bureau's position on vacation rentals follows a wave of local opposition against such rentals, which have long been banned in residential parts of Carmel. Pacific Grove allows them with conditions, although the P.G. Chamber of Commerce opposes them, and there is a petition to qualify an initiative that seeks to "preserve and protect Pacific Grove's residential character" by banning and phasing out existing short-term rentals in residential districts, except those in the city's coastal zone.

More than 60 percent of Monterey Bay Vacation Rentals' 100-plus furnished rentals are monthly rentals "which don't compete with hotels, inns" and bed and breakfasts, maintained Ryll, who added that many of its guests have said they wouldn't stay in the Monterey area at all if vacation rentals weren't an option.

"Short-term vacation rentals offer a choice that is sometimes preferred by families and groups of friends who want the comfort of a home, and a kitchen where they can cook some of their meals," she said.

The visitors bureau also kicked out the Monterey County

Vacation Rental Alliance. President Jan Leasure said the "vast majority" of its rentals are for 30 days or more, "so I fail to see how that interferes with anybody's business."

Asked whether the organization is considering suing the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Leasure said, "We are not there yet."

"We found [the MCCVB's] actions inexplicable; that an organization whose mission it is to bring visitors to the county would want to drop members who do that exact thing," she said.

## Wharf Marketplace to close after just five years

AFTER OPENING in 2013 to much fanfare, the Wharf Marketplace underwent several changes, including expanding its wine offerings and replacing its fresh seafood counter with ready-to-eat salad offerings. The fresh produce came from Tanimura and Antle, which operates the shop — at least until March 15, when it's going to close permanently, according to a posting on its Facebook page March 8.

The posting said simply, "Thank you for your business and loyalty," and then gave the closing date, along with a 20-percent-off coupon. When it first launched, it was envisioned as something approximating the Ferry Terminal market in San Francisco — albeit on a much smaller scale — showcasing local producers like Acme Coffee and Schoch cheese.

The shop is located in a historic Southern Pacific Train station near Wharf No. 2. The Pine Cone emailed Tanimura and Antle to find out why the shop was closing but did not receive a response Thursday afternoon.

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# PIPE

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During construction, PG&E would operate a 24/7 hotline, have traffic control and detours as necessary, and coordinate with city staff, especially fire and police officials, on the construction schedule, which would be suspended during busy Concours Week. He said the quality of the pavement would be the same or better after the work is done, and that crews would bore holes first to check for other utility lines.

We'd like to start in May," Foster said.

"Right through the busiest part of our year," observed councilwoman Carrie Theis, whose family operates a hotel on the proposed route. She wondered how the company would mitigate the impacts on streets that many drivers use entering and leaving town — especially in the summer months.

### 'Take a deep breath'

"Everyone, take a deep breath," Mayor Steve Dallas said. "Remember, we're not approving your project tonight."

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy noted that the line wouldn't directly serve the city, just pass through it, and Foster responded that work in any location affects the entire system.

Given the impacts on properties here, councilwoman Jan Reimers said she'd like to hear other options.

Dallas expressed concerns about the fact that the new gas line will supply another part of the Peninsula, and after an engineer said the route had been chosen in part because it was the least expensive option, he said he didn't like that, either, because having the least impact on the city should be a higher priority than saving money.

Hardy asked PG&E officials what they would do if they didn't receive the city's permission to do the work.

"I think you're hearing some concerns about, 'Why do we have to put up with this?'" she said. "I don't feel our community sees the benefit."

A company "liaison" suggested that if the pipe isn't installed, gas pressure could drop in the system and some residents' gas-powered appliances, like heaters and stoves, could fail.

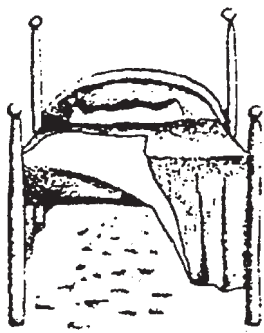
"There might not be service laterals coming off this specific line itself, but it's feeding into the larger system," he said. He also said summertime construction is ideal because the project could be done before gas use peaks in the winter.

Dallas suggested officials find a route that would avoid the busy sections of Fourth Avenue, San Carlos and Camino del Monte.

"I would urge you to look at all different alternatives," he said. "I think this council is quite concerned, and I don't want to see this project die" because engineers can't come up with a solution.

Foster thanked the mayor and council for the feedback.

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# PRIVACY

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Councilwoman Jan Reimers said she didn't think the Mas-soudis' alternative was viable.

“There are other houses adjacent to what would be the back patio, along with a large tree that would have to come out,” she said.

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy said changing the floor plan would simply make the patio someone else's problem.

“I don't have a problem with the patio where it is,” she said. “The fence they're proposing — I think that's helpful.”

Further, regarding privacy and the location of the patio and fence near the Massoudis' bedroom windows, she said, “I don't see it as as much of an issue as I think they anticipate it would be.”

Councilman Bobby Richards said he could find no reason not to approve the house, and councilwoman Carrie Theis observed that the Stepaneks took steps to try to appease their neighbors.

“The bottom line is we do all have to be respectful, and I

hope that's what takes place here,” she said.

She made a motion to approve the permit for the house, and the rest of the council — minus Mayor Steve Dallas, who owns property nearby and therefore had to recuse himself — agreed.

# LIBEL

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Gregory's mother, Danella J. Gregory, and brother, Matthew J. Gregory. Becerra says the Gregorys — “all of whom” run the two charities — diverted money that was supposed to go to the charities for “personal use,” including “paying off personal credit card debt,” and traveling and dining.

The AG's lawsuit seeks to recover “hundreds of thousands of dollars,” along with imposing general damages, civil penalties, the involuntary dissolution of both charities, an appointment of a receiver to the oversee dissolution and distribution of recoverable assets, and an order preventing the Gregorys from operating a charity in California.

The defendants have denied all the allegations in the attorney general's lawsuit, and are arguing that it wasn't filed in a timely manner.

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After studying architecture at the University of Arizona, Steve earned his B.A. and M.F.A. in Sculpture at U.C. Berkeley. His facility in sculpture gave him a deep understanding of three-dimensionality which contributed much to his architecture. He continued designing to the end and leaves many satisfied clients in Carmel, Pebble Beach, and elsewhere.

SW loved travel and adventure. He was the one-thousandth recruit to the Peace Corps and headed the group posted to Jamaica. He traveled extensively in Europe and the Middle East and joined his wife Rain in an adventurous trip around the world "on a shoestring." They traveled through Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Thailand, Japan, and later even trekked to Siberia. He was inspired by new destinations throughout his life.

But the central passion and pleasure of Steve's life (aside from his family) was his artwork. At the University of Hawaii in Manoa he built a bronze foundry and taught sculpture. He designed and built a unique tetrahedral house in Maui that was recognized as an artwork by the head of the National Endowment of the Arts. Over the years, he made sculpture in every possible medium, then turned to painting. His artwork explored the inter-relationship of 2-D and 3-D, and increasingly focused on his discovery of the "morphohedron." Through years of representing and manipulating the Platonic Solids he had the insight that in fact they were not separate, discrete shapes but phases of one universal shape he called the morphohedron. The transitions from one shape to the next are always based on the golden ratio and he came to believe that the golden ratio is the central truth of geometrical form and life. To view examples of his beautiful artwork, please visit his website [morphohedron.com](http://morphohedron.com) and search "morphohedron" on YouTube.

Steve passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family. He leaves his devoted wife Rain, daughter Robin, grandchildren Liam and Mei; his sister Cathy, brothers Howard and Jim and several cousins. We would like to thank Doctors Jerry Rubin, John Hausdorf, and Zach Koontz at Pacific Cancer Care, as well as the Doctors and Nurses of CHOMP for their skilled and compassionate care.

Steve was a unique individual — "who can ever be who he was?" — and he will be greatly missed.



### Thomas Francis Quilty III (Frank)

Carmel Valley Village

March 30, 1946 — February 26, 2018

Frank Quilty was born in Naperville, Ill., the son of Helen (Wagner) Quilty and Thomas Francis Quilty II. He passed away peacefully after a long battle with multiple health issues.

**Survived by:** Wife and business partner of 35 years: Sidney Sue Slade. Sons: Brian (Shinil) Quilty and Scott (Kristen) Quilty. Grandchildren: Amanda, Dalton, and Hayden Quilty. Sister: Junie (Quilty) Henderson.

**Early Years:** Frank grew up in Illinois, where he attended boarding schools, and later moved to California where he graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory in 1964. He married Joann (Silviera) Quilty and welcomed their sons Brian (1966) and Scott (1972). Frank joined the Army in 1966 and was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War, intercepting enemy transmissions. After his service Frank settled in the San Jose area, graduated San Jose State with a degree in Accounting and began working as a Certified Public Accountant. Frank's career included controllership of various corporations and ownership of an alternative energy retailer. Later Frank owned a small public accounting practice in Carmel Valley Village, and was a partner with Sidney in owning and operating Wills Fargo restaurant.

**Interests:** Frank was an active outdoors type, enjoying backpacking, camping and running marathons. He and Sidney explored the Sierras, Los Padres National Forest, and the Napali Coast. They also traveled extensively throughout the United States and internationally. Frank thrived on giving back to his communities, coaching his sons' sports teams and volunteering to various local organizations; spending 30 years participating in the Carmel Valley Kiwanis. As a Kiwanis member Frank helped establish the annual Carmel Valley Fiesta, served as treasurer for many years and received the Good Egg Award.

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## STANLEY M. CASSAN, M.D.

November 3, 1936 ❖ February 27, 2018

Stanley M. Cassan, 81, died peacefully on February 27th with his wife Debi by his side at their home in Carmel, CA.

Stan was born on November 3, 1936, an only child, to Louis and Annie Cassan of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Stan graduated with his M.D. from McGill University in Montreal in 1962. In 1963, he became a citizen of the United States and entered private practice in Flint, MI where he practiced medicine for 3 years. In 1969, he graduated as a resident in internal medicine from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. In 1970, he obtained his Ph.D. in respiratory medicine and pathology from the University of Minnesota and Mayo Graduate School. He then completed his fellowship in Pulmonary Diseases at Mayo Clinic in 1971 and finished a NIH research fellowship at Stanford in 1972. He served as an associate professor of medicine and director of the respiratory and medical intensive care units at UCLA from 1972 to 1979. In 1980, he entered private practice in pulmonary diseases in Santa Monica, CA and, in 1989, moved to Carmel, CA. He then pursued other opportunities for practicing medicine in Monterey, CA and at the local VA clinic. He also served as ships' physician for 30 years on many cruise lines, where he and his wife enjoyed many interesting and exciting adventures traveling the world.



Stan loved being a doctor. Among his other passions, were his love of music, travel and running. In music, he attended the McGill Conservatory of Music in violin and performed in the Flint Symphony Orchestra. He participated in the Youth Leadership from Abroad Program in Israel as a teenager and many subsequent visits there cemented his love for Israel. He was a lifelong runner with four marathon finishes after the age of 65.

Stan will always be loved and remembered for his intellect, his integrity, his gentleness and his compassion. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Debi (together 41 years). His family is grateful for the love and support of friends and the excellent, compassionate care of the doctors and nurses of Pacific Cancer Center and Hospice of the Central Coast. At his request, no service will be held.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180486

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County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Name of Corporation of LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: TDTCM, INC., 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd. Suite F200, Carmel, CA 93923.

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 March 25, 2015.

S/ Mark Von Kaenel, President

Jan. 19, 2018

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 2018.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180315  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PANADERIA CASA OAXACA, 1569 N. Sanborn Rd., Salinas, CA 93905.**  
Registered Owner(s): ALBERTO MENDEZ SANCHEZ, 1539 El Dorado Dr., Salinas, CA 93906.  
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 Feb. 9, 2018.  
S/ Alberto Mendez Sanchez  
Feb. 9, 2018

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

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 18CV000574  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, MEGAN REBECCA STARKS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A. Present name:** MADELEINE NICOLE SPENCER  
**Proposed name:** MADELEINE NICOLE STARKS  
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: April 6, 2018  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
DEPT: 14  
The address of the court is 1200 Aguijito 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: Feb. 13, 2018  
Publication dates: Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2018. (PC239)

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KIMBALL K. BANKER, also known as KIM K. BANKER

**Case Number 18PR000077**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KIMBALL K. BANKER, also known as KIM K. BANKER.  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BONNIE M. SMITH** in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.  
The Petition for Probate requests that BONNIE M. SMITH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
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: May 2, 2018  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Dept.: 13  
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguijito 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 58(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**

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## 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:  
ROBERT E. WILLIAMS  
215 W. Franklin St., Suite 219  
Monterey, CA 93940  
(831) 372-8053  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 15, 2018.  
Publication dates: Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 2018. (PC240)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EVELYN J. AMBERG**  
**Case Number 18PR000076**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EVELYN J. AMBERG.  
**A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SCOTT AMBERG** in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.  
The Petition for Probate requests that SCOTT AMBERG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
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.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 15, 2018.  
Publication dates: Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 2018. (PC241)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180333  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SPYGLASS REALTY COMPANY, 4047 Costado Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.**  
Registered Owner(s): MARK HENRY WILSON, 4047 Costado Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/ Mark H. Wilson  
Feb. 13, 2018

**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) [B&P Code 17913]. **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 13, 2018  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2018. (PC242)

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** TS No. CA-17-785478-JB Order No.: 170420393-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/8/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty,

expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): STEVEN HUITT AND CARMEN HUITT HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 4/16/2004 as Instrument No. 2004036410 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California; Date of Sale: 4/9/2018 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$438,975.95 The purported property address is: 24571 PORTOLA ROAD, CARMEL, CA 93923 Assessor's Parcel No.: 009-052-018-000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-17-785478-JB. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previ-

ously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON-SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext. 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-17-785478-JB IDSPub #0137646 3/9/2018 3/16/2018 3/23/2018 Publication dates: March 9, 16, 23, 2018. (PC301)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20180411  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BAYVIEW WATER FUND, 60 Bayview Rd., Castroville, CA 95012.**  
Registered Owner(s): EVETTE MARIE LECCE, 60 Bayview Rd., Castroville, CA 95012.  
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 Feb. 26, 2018.  
S/ Evette Marie Lecce  
Feb. 26, 2018

**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) [B&P Code 17913]. **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 26, 2018  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018. (PC303)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20180317  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MONTEREY MINI MAKERS, 3599 Eastfield Court, Carmel, CA 93923.**  
Registered Owner(s): MELANIE BACKLUND KLAUMANN, 3599 Eastfield Court, Carmel, CA 93923.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/ Melanie Klaumann  
Feb. 6, 2018

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 9, 2018  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
Publication dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018. (PC306)

**LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 4:30 PM**  
**Call Irma (831) 274-8645**  
**irma@carmelpinecone.com**

## CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 • 6:00 p.m.

The City of Pacific Grove City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Pacific Grove City Hall Council Chambers, 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, 93950 to consider the following:

**PROJECT TITLE:** PG&E LED Streetlights Upgrade Project  
**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Pacific Grove  
**OWNER/APPLICANT:** PG&E  
**PROJECT LOCATION:** Public right-of-ways throughout city.  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project is part of an energy efficiency incentive program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the California Public Utilities Commission. The project would replace approximately 514 of the City's existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlights with energy-efficient Light-Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures. The purpose of the project is to reduce energy consumption, which would also result in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants from non-renewable electrical generating facilities. Since LED fixtures use less energy and have a longer life, operational costs would also be reduced. LED technology also avoids the use of toxic substances, such as mercury and lead, which are contained in some other types of light fixtures. In addition, LED fixtures may be specifically aimed down to illuminate defined areas on the ground. The lights are also proposed to include shielding as needed in order to reduce glare on adjacent properties. No ground disturbance or new construction would occur because only the existing light fixtures will be retrofitted. No new light poles are proposed.  
**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** March 7, 2018 through April 6, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

**Address Where Written Comments Should be Sent:**  
Wendy Lao, Associate Planner  
City of Pacific Grove  
300 Forest Ave. Pacific Grove, CA. 93950  
Email: [wlao@cityofpacificgrove.org](mailto:wlao@cityofpacificgrove.org)

**Address Where Copy of Initial Study is Available for Public Review:**  
City of Pacific Grove, City Hall  
Community Economic Development Dept.  
300 Forest Ave. Pacific Grove, CA. 93950

Pacific Grove Public Library  
550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA. 93950  
City's website at [www.cityofpacificgrove.org/ceqa](http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/ceqa)

Staff Contact: Daniel Gho, Public Works Director, and Wendy Lao, Associate Planner

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
Notice is hereby given that the project described above has been reviewed in accordance with the State of California Public Resources Code, the California Environmental Quality Act, the Pacific Grove General Plan, and Title 23 (Zoning) of the Pacific Grove Municipal Code. Based on this review, a Proposed MITIGATED Negative Declaration is hereby made on this project. The reason for this determination is that, as mitigated, the project will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment. The Proposed MITIGATED Negative Declaration including mitigation measures and Initial Study are on file at the Community Development Department, 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California, 93950.

If you have any questions about this item, please call the staff contact listed above at the Community and Economic Development Department (831) 648-3190. Please note that Section 65009(b)(2) of the California Government Code provides that legal challenges to the City's action on this project may be limited to only those issues raised in testimony during the public hearing process. The City of Pacific Grove does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. The Pacific Grove Civic Center is an accessible facility. A limited number of devices are available to assist those who are hearing impaired. If you would like to use one of these devices, please contact the Community Development Department at (831) 648-3190.

Publication dates: March 9, 2018 (PC315)

## AUCTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED INTENDS TO SELL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 217-21716 OF THE BUSINESS & I PROFESSIONS CODE, SECTION 2328 OF THE UCC, SECTION 535 OF THE PENAL CODE AND PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL CODE.

**MONTEREY MILLERS SELF STORAGE**  
THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING AT 12:15 P.M. ON TUESDAY, **MARCH 20, 2018 LOCATED AT MILLERS SELF STORAGE, 302 RAMONA AVE, MONTEREY, CA, COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE FOLLOWING:**

- FLOYD DEPEW.....TOOL BOXES, CHARGERS, TOTES
- FLOYD DEPEW.....TOOLS, HELMET, TOOL BAGS, BOXES
- FLOYD DEPEW.....STEREO/SPEAKERS, ROD & REEL, DUFFLE BAG, BOXES
- CYNTHIA TRUITT.....BOXES, DUFFLE BAG, PICTURES
- SONIA OCHOA.....TABLE, BOXES, SHELVES, BED, REFRIGERATOR
- INDAR PRASAD.....BOXES, KITCHEN ITEMS, BAGS, TOYS, PORTABLE TV
- CYNTHIA MARTINEZ.....LUGGAGE, SLEEPING BAGS, BOXES
- CHRISTOPHER GRISWOLD.....TOOLS, TOOL BAG, TOOLBOX, TOTES
- KATHERINE SCHNURR.....MISC. ITEMS
- CYNTHIA BYRUM.....SCOOTERS, BIKE PARTS, FURNITURE
- LOUIS MONTGOMERY.....MISC. ITEMS
- ELECIA SHORT.....LUGGAGE, ICE CHEST, BAGS
- MARK RUSCA.....TOOLS, TOTES
- IRENE PALMIERI.....FURNITURE, WICKER ITEMS, CHAIRS, TOTES

**CARMEL VALLEY MILLERS SELF STORAGE**  
THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING AT 1:15 PM ON TUESDAY, **MARCH 20, 2018 LOCATED AT MILLERS SELF STORAGE, 15 DELFINO PLACE, CARMEL VALLEY, CA, COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE FOLLOWING:**  
JOSH WHELAN.....FURNITURE, STAINLESS KITCHEN ITEMS  
JESS ARIAS.....SOFA, HELMET, FISHING POLES, TOOLBOXES  
STEVE TAYMOR.....GOLF CLUBS, BOXES, BAGS  
LAUREL JOHNSON.....TOTES, BOXES, CRATES, HOLIDAY ITEMS

PURCHASES MUST BE PAID FOR AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE IN CASH ONLY. ALL PURCHASED ITEMS SOLD "AS IS, WHERE IS," AND MUST BE REMOVED AT THE TIME OF SALE. SALE IS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION IN THE EVENT OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND OBLIGATED PARTIES.  
JOE WARD BOND # 7580952  
408-891-6108  
Publication date: March 9, 16, 2018 (PC311)

## City of Carmel-By-the-Sea NOTICE INVITING BIDS for Fifth Avenue and Carpenter Street Storm Drainage Improvements Project

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting bids from qualified Contractors for work including: installation of storm drain pipeline, catch basins, manholes, rock-lined drainage swale, street restoration, pavement overlay, thermoplastic pavement markings and all other work shown on the Plans.

**There will be a Non-Mandatory Pre-bid Conference and Site Tour on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 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 or a C-34 Pipeline Contractor License in the state of California. For excavations greater than five (5) feet, the Contractor must provide evidence of a current T1 Annual Trench/Evacuation Permit at the time of bidding. Questions regarding this solicitation are to be directed to Rob Culver, Superintendent of Public Works, at [rculver@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:rculver@ci.carmel.ca.us). **All questions must be in writing, submitted via email by March 19, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Responses will be posted on the City website at <http://ci.carmel.ca.us/carmel> on March 21, 2018 by 5:00 PM.**

**Sealed Bids shall be received no later than 11:00 AM on Monday, March 26, 2018** and shall be submitted to the attention of the City Clerk with the envelope clearly labeled "**Fifth Avenue and Carpenter Street Storm Drainage Improvements Project, Invitation for Bids 17-18-004**" and showing the name of the Contractor.

Bid Proposals may be hand delivered or mailed as follows:  
**US Post Office**  
City of Carmel-By-the-Sea  
Attention: City Clerk  
City Hall, P.O. Box CC  
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

**OR**  
**FedEx/UPS/ Courier Service or Hand Delivery**  
City of Carmel-By-the-Sea  
Attention: City Clerk  
East side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean & 7th Avenues  
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

**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 Monday, March 26, 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

Publication date: March 2, 9, 2018 (PC309)

Food & Wine  
Galleries and Art

# This Week

Live Music,  
Clubs and Events

## Next generation of jazz stars meets in Monterey, more than 1,200 expected

PROVIDING A stage for up-and-coming jazz musicians, the 48th annual Next Generation Jazz Festival kicks off Friday, March 9, at Monterey Conference Center.

For the first time in three years, the event will stage all its events in the conference center, which recently underwent a

The gathering, which is presented by the Monterey Jazz Festival, brings together middle school, high school and college jazz ensembles and soloists from as far away as New York and Florida. More than 1,200 students-musicians are expected to play — including many from Monterey County.

A panel of judges from colleges across the country will award cash prizes, and the winners will be invited to perform at the 61st annual Monterey Jazz Festival, which is set for September 21-23.

The event is free. The conference center is located at 1 Portola Plaza. For more details, visit [www.montereyjazzfestival.org](http://www.montereyjazzfestival.org).

one that revisits the sad circumstances that led millions of Irish to immigrate to America and Canada in the 19th century to escape poverty and famine.

At Sunset Center March 9, Celtic Nights presents “Oceans of Hope.” The show uses music and dance to tell the story of the mass exodus from Ireland. Although the program is new, Celtic Nights has played in more than 30 different countries since forming in 1997.

According to **Michael Durkan**, who serves as executive producer for the show, the performance “captures the very essence of who the Irish are and where they came from with their dreams of a finding their freedom in new lands.”

“It’s the story of the Irish diaspora in America, Australia, Canada and New Zealand,” Durkan explained. “It’s the story of people moving across oceans to free themselves from hunger, war and religious persecution to start anew.”

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$39 to \$59. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For more details, call (831) 620-2048 or visit [www.sunsetcenter.com](http://www.sunsetcenter.com).

## On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

big makeover. The festival continues through Sunday.

“We’re really glad to be in the spanking new facility,” **Timothy Orr** of the Monterey Jazz Festival told The Pine Cone. “From what I’ve heard of the sound test, it sounds great.”

### ■ Celtic Nights visits Sunset

Getting into the spirit of St. Patrick’s Day, two acts call attention the music of the Emerald Isle this week, including

### ■ Irish composer remembered

An award-winning harpist, **Shelley Phillips**, is teaming up with one of the Monterey County’s most beloved stage performers, **Taelen Thomas**, to pay tribute to the music of Turlough O’Carolan Sunday, March 11 at The Lab. One of the pillars of the

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Singer-songwriter Katie Elkin (left) takes the stage March 15 at Barmel. Student-musicians (above) from all over the country will compete at the Next Generation Jazz Festival March 9-11. The Black Donnellys play March 9 at Folktales Winery.



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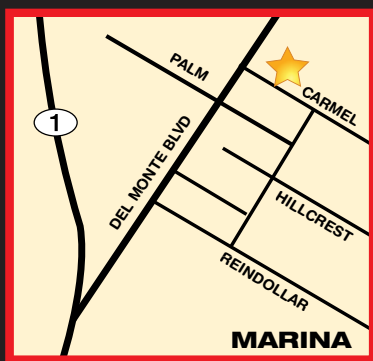


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# FOOD & WINE

## PBFW No. 11 around the corner, Boardwalk Subs 2, and Francesco Illy

THE 11TH annual Pebble Beach Food & Wine will kick off the Thursday after Easter (April 5) with the traditional golf tournament for star chefs, winemakers and VIPs, and the Opening Night celebration.

Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove. Dorothy Maras, culinary event manager and “chef whisperer,” said the shift came about after the fest’s offsite events outgrew the InterContinental hotel on Cannery Row.

Instead, Asilomar will host Friday night’s “Coastal Grillin’,” with nine BBQ experts (among them Jerry Register from the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Matt Beaudin from the Aquarium), and Saturday night’s “Taco Takedown” with a half-dozen chefs (including Michelle Estigoy from Cultura in Carmel).

“Those will be neat — different, casual, and more geared toward locals,” Maras said. “Hopefully we’ll have great sunsets, and we can put the grills out there and not worry about smoking out the guests.”

Plenty of surprises are planned for both nights. “They will be very fun and very dif-

ferent — as usual, because we do shoot for that,” she added.

The weekend’s biggest star will be luminary Jeremiah Tower, who will host a cooking demo Friday morning, as well as a dinner Saturday night with two former protégés from his Stars restaurant: Mark Gaier and Clark Frazier. “You think you’re going to maybe see some throwback dishes, but from what I’m hearing from Jeremiah, he keeps it very current,” Maras said.

### Capital talent

Maras’ PBFW colleague, Hollie Jackson, said another highlight will be the Farm-to-Fork All Stars, which will bring a boatload of talent from Sacramento.

“We’re trying to shine a light on emerging markets” where many new chefs are getting their start, Jackson said, because culinary destinations like Napa and San Francisco have priced them out. Jackson also noted the culture among chefs in such places is different, because they’re more collaborative than competitive.

“They all help each other out,” she said. “They share information and resources.” That familial relationship should also come in handy when all nine of them are in the kitchen together in Pebble Beach.

“We’ve been to all of their restaurants, and I don’t think we’ve had a bad time anywhere,” Maras added.

Women feature prominently, too. Friday’s Lexus Chef’s Table Luncheon, A Cut Above, has

Angie Mar from The Beatrice Inn in New York City and Naomi Pomeroy from Beast in Portland, Ore. — “Two really badass women who are animal specialists,” Maras said.

“When I talked to Angie, she said, ‘If you guys want me to make vegetables or fish,

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## soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

Following will be two solid days of wine tastings, cooking demos, lunches, dinners and after parties before the fest concludes Sunday with morning seminars and the second of two Grand Tastings.

After pulling out all the stops last year to celebrate the decade milestone, organizers this year are changing things up with a few low-key events outside the Del Monte Forest gates in a new location: Asilomar



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Chefs accustomed to presiding over their own kitchens come together to cook for Pebble Beach Food & Wine each year.

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# FOOD & WINE

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don't ask. It's not my jam."

Other offerings dominated by women include "The Future is Female" wine tasting with all female vintners, the "America's Test Kitchen" demo with Julia Collins-Davison and Bridget Lancaster, and the interactive dinner with chef Alex Guarnaschelli, who will lead guests as they help with the cooking, assisted by guest chefs.

PBFW has dozens of wine tastings, cooking demos, lunches and dinners, as well as the Grand Tastings that take place midday Saturday and Sunday, with 30 chefs and more than 300 wineries featured at each. For a full lineup and tickets, visit [www.pebble-beachfoodandwine.com](http://www.pebble-beachfoodandwine.com).

**Grasing's brings Laird**

Laird Family Estate's wines will be the focus of a dinner at Grasing's Coastal Cuisine, Mission and Sixth, Tuesday, March 13, starting with a reception at 6 p.m. GM Rebecca Laird will be at the restaurant to discuss the wines, while chef and proprietor Kurt Grasing prepares dishes to match.

"Enjoy amazing food and wonderfully paired wine with great company," wine director Chris Edmonds said.

The reception will include polenta with burrata and truffle, duck prosciutto and beet risotto, followed by a first course of seabass with fava beans, second course of roasted quail and green garlic, third course of grilled filet mignon with bleu cheese macaroni and shallot confit, and a final course of strawberries with balsamic and fennel crème brûlée.

The cost is \$135 per person, including tax and tip. Call (831) 624-6562 or email [chris@grasings.com](mailto:chris@grasings.com).

**Subs in Salinas**

A noon tax appointment with my favorite CPA (Amy Parker, Personalized Tax Service) in Salinas afforded the perfect opportunity for me to check out the new location of Boardwalk Sub Shop, which Terry Teplitzky and his brothers opened at 1220 South Main a couple of weeks ago.

The sandwich joint hearkens back to their Atlantic City days and features fantastic hot subs — including several cheesesteak variations, meatball, Italian sausage, tuna melt and The Cubano — as well as cold subs packed with quality meats and cheeses. Calzones, soups, salads and sides are offered, too, along with a selection of French Fries, from plain "wit" sea salt, to duck fries with truffle oil.

The perfect post-tax-session lunch just might be Old Bay fries, hot and crispy with plenty of the famous Baltimore seasoning, and a chicken cacciatore sub with melted provolone, mozzarella, onions, peppers, mushrooms and marinara sauce.

Clearly, the Teplitzkys filled a need, because their Monterey shop on Alvarado Street has done well enough to justify the second location in Salinas, and because the new place is already jam-packed throughout the day, sometimes with a line out the door. Both spots offer delivery, too, for customers with late-night cravings or who are simply too busy (or too comfortable at home) to get themselves over to either location. Visit [www.boardwalksubshop.com](http://www.boardwalksubshop.com) to learn more.

**La Balena hosts Podere Le Ripi**

Anna and Emanuele Bertolini will host Italian coffee icon Francesco Illy while pre-

sending the wines of Podere Le Ripi, home of his Bonsai Vineyard and the Golden Cellar in Montalcino, Italy, March 12 at 6 p.m.

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**March 3-24 - 8th Annual Carmel Jewish Film Festival.** Eight international films and four short films on universal topics to engage the mind and create dialogue on current topics. Events include Q & A's with film directors, panels, and receptions. For tickets and details about the festival, go to [www.carmeljff.org](http://www.carmeljff.org). Everyone welcome. Who knew?

**Opening March 9** — at the Cherry, Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel. **"The Meaning of Life and Other Stuff."** A new play about love, life, and laughter written and directed by Carmel's Tom Parks. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sunday matinées. Bookings: 717-7373 or [ticketguys.com](http://ticketguys.com)

**March 9 - 2018 Lenten Dinner at Our Lady of Mount Carmel,** 9 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. Salmon! Pasta! Salad! \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids. More info? Call Patricia 809-4057. Come and enjoy!



**March 13 - Alliance on Aging Volunteer Open House,** 10 to 11 a.m., 247 Main St., Salinas. Want to make a difference in the lives of local seniors? Come learn about exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunities at our open house. Light refreshments will be served. Call 831-655-7563 or visit [www.allianceonaging.org](http://www.allianceonaging.org)

**March 14 - Rasputin: Faith, Power & the Twilight of the Romanovs,** 7 p.m. in Carpenter Hall - Sunset Center, Ninth Avenue and Mission. Douglas Smith, acclaimed author and historian, presents Rasputin in a fascinating new light! Hosted by Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: free and open to all, seating 1st come 1st serve. \$10 suggested contribution. Questions? [afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](mailto:afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) or (831) 624-2811.

**March 17 - Annual St. Patrick's Day Feast at O'Baum & O'Blume Café** served noon to 8 p.m. Live music by Petty Cash Duo. Enjoy gourmet corned beef + all the trimmings! Other Irish specialties & housemade baked goods too! Full take-out available. View menu at [www.baumandblume.com](http://www.baumandblume.com) Reservations suggested. (831) 659-0400; 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley.

**March 19 - "The Way of the Samurai,"** a presentation by lecturer and scholar Taum Dell'Armo, will be held at the Carmel Woman's Club at 2 p.m. Included in the presentation

will be a display of the exquisitely crafted antique samurai sword fittings and a talk on the history of the meticulous workmanship that made the ancient sword one of the most treasured pieces of art. Speaker will demonstrate "laido" (e-eye-dough), a rare Japanese martial arts form that seeks to combine Zen movement-meditation with the wielding of the elegant weapon. Members, free; guests: \$10, includes tea and refreshments. Memberships available. (831) 624-2866 or 915-81-84

**March 20 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: Age Well, Drive Smart, a Community Connections Class.** Ensure your safety and seniors in the community with sensible tips for safe driving. This event is free, and we ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections). 10 to 11:30 a.m., Crazy Horse Restaurant, 1425 Munras Ave., Monterey.

**March 21 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: Stiff and Sore Muscles No More, a Community Connections Class.** Learn techniques to reduce daily muscle soreness and improve range of motion. This event is free, and we ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections). 10 to 11:30 a.m., Montage Wellness Center, 2920 2nd Ave., Marina.

**March 22 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: Maintain a Healthy Brain, a Community Connections Class.** Get tips on memory improvement and stress management; live smart and stay sharp at any age. This event is free, and we ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections). 10 to 11:30 a.m., Montage Wellness Center, 1910 North Davis Road, Salinas

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**April 3 - 13th Annual Women's Fund Luncheon,** 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Monterey, 1 Old Golf Course Road, hosted by the Community Foundation for Monterey County. Tickets:[www.cfmco.org/womensfund](http://www.cfmco.org/womensfund) or for information call Jan McAlister (831) 375-9712.

## FOOD

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The evening promises to feature some interesting and delicious wines paired with four courses prepared by Balena's chefs, including bruschetta, pasta with wild boar, polenta with mushrooms, and pork with arugula, fennel and onion.

The cost is \$120 per person, plus tax and gratuity. La Balena is located on Junipero between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Call (831) 250-6295.

### Locals' Tuesdays and Twisted Roots at Highlands

Hyatt Carmel Highlands is bringing back Locals' Tuesdays, when all food at its restaurant, California Market at Pacific's Edge, is 25 percent off.

Diners with Monterey County zip codes can get their discount March 13, 20 and 27, affording them the chance to check out the cooking of new executive chef Chris Vacca, a New York City native who trained at the Culinary Institute of America and has worked at multiple venues in various capacities over the past 20 years. His local stints include the Big Sur Bakery and Cantinetta Luca.

Also at the inn, Twisted Roots winery, which has a tasting room in Carmel Valley Village and is presided over by Josh and Julie Ruiz, will be featured at the next Forks Corks Action wine dinner there Thursday, March 15, at 6 p.m.

Vacca and his culinary team will prepare a four-course menu to complement Twisted Roots' portfolio, which includes Old Vine Zin, Petite Sirah, Cabernet and Chardonnay, as well as a non-vintage sparkling wine, and hard cider.

The winemaker series intends to "bring guests closer to the producers and personalities that craft the wines we love." Upcoming sessions in the restaurant's wine room include New Mexico's Gruet (best known for its sparkling wines), Keenan, and ZD Wines.

Dinner costs \$120 per person, including tax and tip, and reservations are available through [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). The inn is located at 120 Highlands Drive off of Highway 1 south of Carmel.

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# Carmel Art Association unveils 'catalog' show, seeks new members

A GROUP exhibit including work by more than 50 artists will be unveiled Saturday, March 10, at the Carmel Art Association — and along with it, a free catalog.

The "2018 Spring Catalog Exhibition" features 100 paintings and sculpture "in a

wide array of styles and mediums." Participants include Pamela Carroll, Miguel Dominguez, Mark Farina, Will Bullas, Jan Wagstaff, Richard Tette, Peggy Jelmini and many others. The show continues through April 3.

Besides welcoming a new show and publishing a catalog, the art center is also seeking new members. To be eligible to apply, artists must have lived within 35 miles of Carmel for at least one year, entered their work in at least one juried competitive show and displayed in at least one gallery. The deadline is March 27. For more information, visit [www.onlinejuriedshows.com](http://www.onlinejuriedshows.com).

The nonprofit gallery, which will be the site of a reception Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m., is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-6176 or visit [www.carmelart.org](http://www.carmelart.org).

## ■ Congressional art contest open to entries

High school students in California's 20th District have until April 25 to enter up to five

pieces of work in the 2018 Congressional Art Competition. The U.S. House of Representatives presents this contest each spring to honor talented young artists.

The winning entry will be displayed inside the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., for a year. The winner and a family member will also be invited to attend a ceremony.

"We have many talented young artists living on the central coast of California," Congressman Jimmy Panetta said. "The Congressional Art Competition gives our students a unique opportunity to showcase their skill and creativity."

For more details, call (831) 424-2229 or visit [www.panetta.house.gov](http://www.panetta.house.gov).

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

### ■ Carrying on a legacy

The Carmel Art Walk returns March 10 when 18 different downtown galleries stay open until 8 p.m. The monthly event showcases artist-owned galleries. "Meet the local artists who carry on the Carmel art colony legacy," reads an invitation.

The participants include Steven Whyte Sculpture, Joaquin Turner Gallery, Delia, Galerie Plein Aire, Gallery Sur and many

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A display of photographs by Tiffany Lucero, which includes the image above, opened last week in Pacific Grove.

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# MUSIC

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California folk music scene, Phillips was named Santa Cruz County's Artist of the Year in 2017 — no small feat in a county that's filled with creative talent.

Best known for his commanding stage presence and melodious voice, Thomas has impersonated many historical and literary figures in local venues, including John Steinbeck, Dylan Thomas and Mark Twain.

Blinded as a young man by small pox, O'Carolan nevertheless spent much of his life in the late 17th and early 18th centuries traveling throughout Ireland and playing his music. Today he is considered by many to be Ireland's greatest composer.

The music starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. The Lab is located in The Barnyard shopping center, above the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co.

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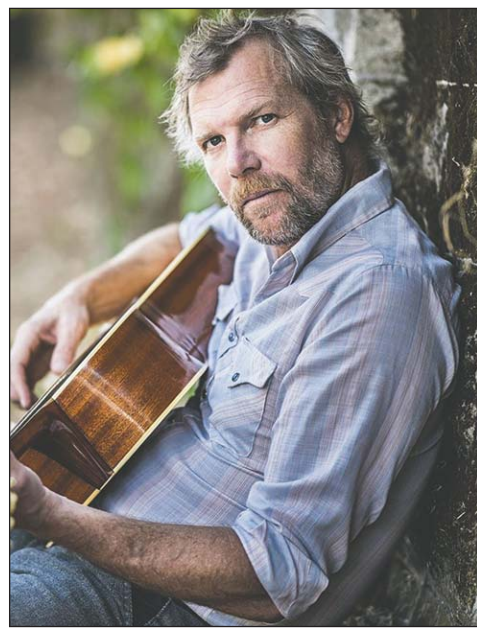
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**Mission Ranch** — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday



Singer-songwriter Tim Bluhm performs March 9 in Big Sur.

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.

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**The Trailside Cafe** in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Boscoe's Brood** (Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Kiki Wow** and friends (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

## ART

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others. Maps are available at each gallery, and blue lights will make them easy to find. For more details, visit www.carmelart.org.

## Fine art and tasty food

In the latest example of a restaurant that embraces local art, an exhibit by photographer Tiffany Lucero is now on display at La Piccola Casa in Pacific Grove.

"The photographs chosen for this eclectic show exemplify my desire for curiosity, solitude, memory, mystery, emotion, liberation, love and art," Lucero explained.

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# ONCE THESE BOYS GET FIRED UP, THERE WILL BE NO STOPPING THEM

COACHING IS an inexact science — there's no universal formula for success — but no team reaches its potential without the right chemistry, which is what the Carmel High coaching staff is trying to develop right now in the early days of the 2018 boys volleyball season.

Just about everything else is in place for head coach Israel Ricardez and his varsity assistants, Chuck Pugh and Ian

## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Crosno, who are grooming their 11-man squad for a run at a third-consecutive championship in the Gabilan Division of the Monterey Bay League.

There are hopeful signs that this year's team has a chance to emerge as Carmel's best ever, which is saying plenty, considering the 2016 and 2017 squads were unbeaten in league play. Those teams left this year's squad a 26-game winning streak — along with all the pressure that comes with protecting and extending that legacy.

"We had some pretty good talent in the past, but I would say this group stacks up with those teams," Ricardez said.

The Padres lost their season opener to powerhouse Pacific Collegiate (NorCal's Division II runner-up last year), but only had a partial squad for that match since multiple athletes

were still playing winter sports.

Friday at Auburn, they rebounded with a two-set sweep of Placer High, a school that went 28-9 last year and reached the Northern California Division II semifinals. And on Saturday, they won three out of four in a talent-stacked 16-school tournament they played without the services of Chase McCrystal, a 6-foot-3 outside hitter who is expected to be an impact player for the Padres. They also played their final two tournament matches (a win and a loss) without setter Charlie DeLapa, the player in charge of running the Padres' offense.

"We really had only had two practices with our full squad before going to that tournament, so we've been learning on the fly, getting to know each other during our games, but what we got from our guys was a relentless approach, and we saw a lot of talent," Ricardez said. "What we're still trying to figure out, at this point, is who is going to step up and become that vocal leader on the court, and set an example through production and work ethic."

### Skywalker

The Padres aren't lacking in ability. Keegan Forrester, a 6-footer, was a first-team all-league outside hitter with 229 kills, 13 blocks, and 38 service aces as a junior. Cole Dickman (99 kills, 110 digs, 17 blocks), a 6-4 middle hitter, and Ben Airola (62 kills, 139 digs), a skywalking 6-foot outside hitter, joined McCrystal as second-team All-MBL. Another middle hitter, Aiden Westerman, stands 6-3, is expected to be a force in the middle. DeLapa, a lefty,

amassed 334 assists at setter last season. Defensive specialists Palmer Bajari and Joaquin Buenrostro have combined for 38 digs so far this season while sharing the libero position.

### 'Fired up'

Backup setter Robbie Anderson gained valuable experience Saturday when DeLapa was unavailable. Ryan Stannard and Blue West (this year's only varsity sophomore) are expected to become valuable role players as the season progresses.

"The one issue I've had is that these guys, so far, have been a bit introverted. It's been way too quiet on the court a lot of the time," Ricardez said.

"During our final game in pool play at the tournament, the ref made a call that I strongly disagreed with. I had kept my mouth shut all day long, but I fought over that call because I was trying to get my kids fired up," he said. "Right after that, a couple of players came up to me and said, 'Coach, don't worry. We've got your back. We're going to get this next point.' After that, they showed the same kind of raw energy and passion we saw all year season from last year's team, and that was encouraging."

The MBL's Gabilan Division may well be tougher and more balanced than it's been in recent seasons. Top challengers to the Padres are expected to be Salinas High, which graduated nobody from a team that was 13-8 a year ago and

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(Right) Charlie DeLapa sets up a kill for middle hitter Aiden Westerman during a tournament at Auburn on Saturday. (Far right) Outside hitter Ben Airola spikes against Placer High during the Padres' March 2 victory at Auburn.

PHOTOS/MIKE DELAPA



## INVESTIGATE

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body," she said, arousing a general outcry from the room.

"Are you are calling me a liar?" Pepe responded.

Later in the meeting, Hardy spoke about retaliation and threats.

"The mayor only has one vote. To insinuate that the council is so weak-minded that one person can divert a decision on a project is insulting to our integrity and intelligence as women who sit on the council," she said. "It implies that as women, we do not have the ability for independent thinking."

### Richards, Stemler respond

Councilman Bobby Richards, who was excluded because he reported an incident between Dallas and a close friend, told The Pine Cone he was sorry he couldn't participate.

"This has been a trying few months with much speculation, accusation and blame, all of this at the expense of our citizens. I am hopeful we will start to rebuild the trust that has been challenged," Richards told The Pine Cone after the meeting. "It is imperative we move forward in a dignified manner, with grace, honesty and hope. Our village deserves this from all of us."

He said he hopes Dallas' promise of an apology indicates "he now recognizes the impact words and actions can have," and that he trusts that his colleagues' reprimand will ensure "this behavior will not take place in our village again."

Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association executive director Kim Stemler, whose complaints sparked the investigation, said she initially had no interest in making

the matter public.

And regardless of the investigation's conclusion, "nothing exonerates Dallas from the truth of those who have experienced inappropriate behavior, sexual and physical harassment, threats, voyeurism, rental housing violations, and all the other terrible things that have been reported and those that have not been reported because of fear of retribution by Dallas," Stemler said.

She also said she plans to ask state legislators to "develop a law to protect people who are not employees of a public entity from inappropriate behavior and misconduct by elected officials and other public employees," and to "require a transparent process of reporting complaints and the preferred use of a third party to receive and investigate claims."

### No apology yet

Dallas was not at the meeting and has so far remained quiet. It's unknown whether he will wait until the next regular council meeting in April to issue his "public apology" or will do so earlier.

After the meeting, in response to questions from The Pine Cone, he said, "I am glad this investigation is over and that we can put this behind us. I intend to work hard with my fellow council members on continuing our good work for the village, and we are going to heal this community. I am looking forward to reaching out to all our constituents that we serve."

As recently as last week, he was reportedly telling people in town he plans to run for reelection in November.

Thursday, however, he said he hadn't decided. "I think it is premature to make any announcement one way or another," he said. "If I do choose to run, I know I have my family's support 100 percent."



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# Editorial

## Voters should decide mayor's fate

IF THIS week's investigation into the behavior of Mayor Steve Dallas had uncovered anything illegal, or anything that bordered on it, we would be calling for his resignation right now.

And even with the findings announced this week by city attorney Glen Mazingo, if Dallas had a permanent job, or a lot of time left in his term, we would be recommending he resign for the good of the city.

But Dallas is nearing the end of his two-year term as mayor, and we think it should be the voters who decide, come November, whether they want to retain him.

That doesn't mean we think he's been exonerated — far from it. Just the things he allegedly said to Kim Stemler (comments he has never denied making) are enough to make anyone cringe. More than that, his crude behavior has been a very serious distraction to the city, and an expense. A mayor is supposed to help solve problems, not cause them, and he's definitely not supposed to be making taxpayers spend money investigating what he's said or done to members of the opposite sex.

Still, in many respects, Dallas has been a good mayor, and it's true that the council has accomplished a lot since he was elected. It has also operated as a cooperative and constructive group of decision makers under his leadership — something that hasn't always existed in the city council chambers. It's also true that voters knew Steve Dallas wasn't exactly a finishing school honor student when they picked him for mayor two years ago, so he can't exactly be drummed out of office because he turned out to be as advertised. But is the city really better off with him at the helm?

Similar considerations led us to call for the resignation of city administrator Rich Guillen back in 2010 after he faced accusations of inappropriate behavior toward the city's HR manager. While those accusations were as flimsy as a daily newspaper, Guillen's presence at city hall had become counterproductive because of all the hullabaloo. And when any organization would be better off if the leader stepped down, he should do so — especially if the organization is supposed to serve the public.

But Guillen was an employee who served indefinitely, and whose resignation was the only easy way for the controversy around him to conclude. Dallas, on the other hand, is an elected official whose worthiness to serve is vouchsafed by the people who voted for him — and who can easily decide to elect somebody else in just eight months.

We hope Steve Dallas has learned his lesson, and will henceforth be a model of rectitude. So far, he has shown very little contrition or remorse, which makes one wonder whether he has resolved to change, much less be able to.

If he doesn't change, we are confident the voters will know what to do come November.

## BEST of BATES



“Fourth tree NE of Carmelo and Eleventh ... four pine cones on ground, bark missing on two sides, one cracked lower limb ....”

## Letters to the Editor

### The women in red

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to commend the three women on the Carmel-by-the-Sea city council — Carrie Theis, Jan Reimers and Carolyn Hardy — for their stalwart, professional and competent performance at Wednesday's special meeting at city hall.

It was not difficult to see the irony that was on display at a meeting that was held under trying circumstances. While the subject of inappropriate behavior was being discussed, one member of the audience decided to exhibit behavior that was completely inexcusable. His lack of self-control and rudeness (as he brushed past a woman who was awaiting her turn to speak at the podium) will be something Carmelites will remember for a long time — well past November.

While I know that Wednesday's event was the last place that any of these three women wanted to be, I do believe that they will be remembered for having risen to the occasion in a composed, authoritative and highly capable manner.

Well done to the women in red!

Georgina Armstrong, Carmel

### Dallas 'an asset'

Dear Editor,

In my experience as president of Friends

of Carmel Forest, Mayor Steve Dallas has always been above board and professional. He is a straight shooter — even if the results of projects are not always ideal. This is preferable to the deceptive tactics I have experienced when dealing with the city.

The mayor is also a great networker who has created a community with events such as the weekly mayor's breakfast at Il Fornaio. There is a feeling of community and responsiveness in which everyone has a seat at the table — from the janitorial staff to visiting diplomats. In short, I believe Mayor Dallas has been an asset to Carmel. His sense of levity has lightened the sometimes overly serious mood that can be pervasive when dealing with city politics.

Maria Sutherland, Carmel

### Panetta and gun control

Dear Editor,

I read with great interest the article last week about gun control and Congressman Jimmy Panetta. Let's get down to the bare bones of it. While I respect and admire his service in Afghanistan (I was there in 2008-2009, just after he left), I think he veers off into Pelosi land when he calls the AR-15 a weapon of war. It is however, a fantastic deer hunting rifle, hog hunting rifle and small game hunting rifle. As a subsistence hunter, I carry something a little bigger, but it has an application outside this scary "weapons of war" garbage and I believe him to be better than his statement portrays.

I think the mental health aspect is some-

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# Avoid the buttered popcorn, but stay for all the credits

YOU CAN be pretty sure that Ralph Haven Wolfe — a film maven par excellence — was riveted to the Oscars last week, even though he didn't relate to some of the films. "The Shape of Water," for example, left him cold.

His favorite movie ever is "Gone with the Wind," during which he said he fell in love with Vivian Leigh.

Wolfe, who now lives near the south end of Junipero Street, was born in 1931 and says he was all of maybe 10 years old by the time GWTW made its way to his small town of North Baltimore, Ohio, about 40 miles south of Toledo. His school coordinated with the local movie theater (admission 12 cents) for a special showing. He asked his dad — who delivered milk from his dairy cows on the family farm to town every afternoon — if he would pick him up at his oldest sister's house after the show.

### Kick in the pants

His dad told him "no," and that he was to take the school bus home. Instead, Wolfe spent his lunch money on the movie and went to his sister's house, where he stood out in the backyard, waiting to face the music when his father stopped by with the moo juice.

"He came out back and told me to turn around, and then he kicked me in the pants," said Wolfe. "It was totally worth it."

Wolfe's father went into the restaurant business and moved the family away from the farm and into North Baltimore. His business was right over the movie theater.

"I was in heaven," Wolfe said. He went to the movies four times a week, every time the films changed.

"Sunday and Monday were bank nights," he recalled, when the theater had a drawing for a cash prize. "My father always went," he said, noting that the kid who drew the winning ticket would also get a free pass to the next film. The movie changed again Wednesday, and then Thursday through Saturday was a double feature, and one of them was always a Western.

"I saw them all," he said.

Later in life, as a professor of film and literature at nearby Bowling Green State University, Wolfe kept feeding an unfortunate taste for buttered popcorn. He said he put a whole stick of butter on every bowl, and ate that at night for dinner. A quadruple bypass put an end to that habit.

On a happier note, Wolfe met Ed and Harriet Daniels and their son, in 1953. Ed was also a professor at Bowling Green who retired to Carmel in 1980, because Harriet's family was from California.

Wolfe came out to visit them after he retired from teaching in 1995 — after 43

## Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

years — because Harriet always talked about how much she loved the Monterey Peninsula. She died in 1994, but Wolfe and Ed traveled and spent time together until Ed's death in 2010. Now he shares their home with the couple's son.

In 1991, Wolfe remembered, he wanted to meet actress Jean Arthur, and Ed said, "I know where she lives." They walked to her house, and the door was ajar, so Wolfe knocked and Arthur came outside. "I said, 'We teach "Shane" in my class,' and that I wanted her autograph.

"She said, 'I don't give autographs, but let us sit in the garden and talk.'" In the course of the conversation, she told him, "I'm going to have to burn all my things. I don't have anyone to leave them to." Wolfe immediately offered to archive them at Bowling Green after Arthur passed away, and she agreed. He later got her an honorary degree from Bowling Green.

### Hasn't met Clint

He's also largely responsible for the establishment of the Gish Theater at Bowling Green, named for Ohioans Dorothy and Lillian Gish. Additionally, he nominated Doris Day — who is from Cincinnati — for

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Ralph Haven Wolfe likes to volunteer at the Carmel Foundation, but he's also the Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English and Gish Professor of Film Studies at Bowling Green State in Ohio. Ask him about the time he saw "Gone with the Wind."

PHOTO/ELAINE HESSER

# Meeting at the corner of love and art

THE COASTLINE of Monterey County has long been a perfect incubator for burgeoning artists, who refine their skills attempting to capture the drama and grandeur of its waves and mountains.

Jeff Daniel Smith, who had migrated north from Torrance the previous year, conspired in 1995 with Mark Farina, Richmond Woodson, and Johnny Apodaca to come out of their studios and experiment with outdoor art — plein air painting — challenging themselves to complete a piece quickly, before the sunlight waned or the weather changed.

"At first I was thinking, 'Oh, this will be fun — a piece of cake!'" Smith said. "But with all of the factors that go with painting plein air, we all started to realize what we didn't know, and we had to re-learn. My stuff was really pretty bad."

In later months, Cyndra Bradford (who, by then, had become Smith's roommate) and Barry John Raybould expanded the group. Gerard Martin followed. Ron Grauer later became an occasional participant.

"We started calling ourselves 'the Informalists' — Johnny came up with that — and, looking back, it's kind of cool because every one of us is a professional artist today. We all make our living as artists, and all of us are members of the Carmel Art Association," said Bradford, who was just 24 when she was juried into the CAA — the first of the Informalists to be accepted into the gallery.

### A place to grow

In 1998, Bradford convinced the others to pitch in and rent a 500-square-foot space that doubled as a studio and gallery for the next 18 years. That little building near the art association was torn down last week, but not before each of the Informalists had earned some measure of success and acclaim.

Smith and Bradford are husband and wife today — together 22 years — and co-owners of Galerie Plein Aire Fine Art. Their gallery at Dolores Street and Sixth Avenue is a showcase for both plein air art and large studio pieces, mostly landscapes and seascapes, in eye-popping color. Both artists use palette knives to create thick-textured oil paintings.

Bradford, now 66, was born into Big Sur's bohemian art scene, one of six children of Howard Bradford and Dorothy Bowman, both acclaimed painters and printmakers.

Howard Bradford, who was a Carmel Art Association member, is represented in the Library of Congress, the Dallas Museum of Fine Art, the Los Angeles County Museum, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, the New York Public

Library, the Philadelphia Museum, the Metropolitan Museum, le Bibliotheque Nationale de France, and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Dorothy Bowman's work is in the collections of the Los Angeles County Museum, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and the Smithsonian Institution.

"My parents moved us from Pismo Beach to Big Sur, where they bought a really small cabin for about \$10,000," Cyndra reminisced.

"The mailboxes were where the social

## Carmel's artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

part of their day happened, and my mom made it her mission to meet Henry Miller. My mother painted with him, and he became friends with our family. We actually lived in his house for about a year while he was in L.A.," she said. "He had these wonderful ponds full of pollywogs, so I was in heaven."

She remembers making vinegar and oil salad dressing as a 10-year-old when Miller came to her family's cabin for dinner, watching him taste her creation, then recoiling at his reaction: "This is battery acid!" declared the iconic author.

"We still call Cyndra's salad dressing 'battery acid' at our house to this day," Smith confided.

She also remembers an idyllic childhood, running unfettered and carefree, all day long, through the forest with siblings and friends.

"All of our parents were busy with their

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Cyndra Bradford and Jeff Daniel Smith, both Carmel Art Association members, part of the history of the local art scene.

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# INFORMALISTS

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work, and us kids would head out the door, and they'd be like, 'OK, whatever ... bye!'" she said.

With no TV reception in Big Sur, children were left to

# LETTERS

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thing that is not given enough credence in the arena of gun control. Look at the mental health history and the failure to recognize said history and act accordingly, or as the news calls it, "in time."

Another failure, in regards to Sutherland Springs (about an hour from me), was the admitted fact that the U.S. Air Force failed to let the ATF know that the shooter was not allowed to have guns, based on the nature of his court martial, which would have prevented him from legally owning any type of firearm, short of a slingshot.

Our mental health system is failing, our agencies are not communicating with each other, and when people are notifying the proper authorities about concerns, they are not doing their due diligence with that information. The foundation of the problem is the person, their mental health and the failure to act on information.

Jon Nunemaker, San Antonio, Tex.

their own creative devices, and the Bradford kids gravitated toward art, learning mostly by watching their parents. Sister Delia, who has her own Carmel gallery, and brother Tal also became painters. Brother Brock is a professional photographer and musician.

When "The Sandpiper" was being filmed in Big Sur, director Vincente Minnelli paid a visit to the family studio to talk to Dorothy about playing a role.

"Mom didn't get the part, but while he was there, he saw a bunch of really horrible drawings my siblings and I had done — rats with knives in them, my sister with boogers ... stuff like that," Cyndra recounted with a laugh. "He needed kids' drawings for his film, because a character in 'The Sandpiper' was a very disturbed boy who drew weird pictures. So, those are our drawings in the movie. When the credits roll, you can see that he thanks 'The Bradford kids,' and we each got paid \$100 for our drawings."

By the time she was 18, Cyndra was a professional artist represented by multiple agents. Six years later, she was juried into the Carmel Art Association as a printmaker, and she later was accepted as a painter.

Jeff Smith, now 62, was forging his own path in Southern California, developing his talent into commercial art, specializing first in paintings and murals for commercial spaces, and later creating large backdrops for photography and film.

"In 1994, my boss decided to move the business to Monterey so she could live in Big Sur," he said. "She said, 'Who wants to go?' and I said, 'I do!'"

Two years later, he became reacquainted with Cyndra,

whose family he knew through business connections, and who by then was a single mom. They became roommates and were married 10 years later.

Smith was juried into the art association in 1998, and has since served as a board member and president.

Their gallery on Dolores Street has been a successful labor of love, but Smith and Bradford also lament that running the business truncates the time they can spend as artists.

"We're the only employees of the gallery," Bradford said. "I try to paint in the gallery, but I'm constantly being pulled away. Jeff and I paint on our days off, but during the summer, we're open seven days a week."

More information about Bradford, Smith, and their gallery can be found online at [galeriepleinaire.com](http://galeriepleinaire.com).

# WOLFE

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an honorary degree, but she was unable to travel to receive it, and university policy at the time said recipients had to receive the award in person.

Of recent movies, Wolfe said that he found the ending of "La La Land" "painful," but that he loved "Mamma Mia," and pretty much anything with Meryl Streep. He also enjoyed "Darkest Hour." And though he's never met the former mayor, he finds Clint Eastwood's movies particularly relatable, including "Sully" and "Gran Torino."

Here and back at his parents' home in North Baltimore, Wolfe eschews glamor for service. He volunteers serving meals at The Carmel Foundation, and as a donor, has become a "Pillar of the Foundation." He sweeps the streets around his house in the early morning hours every day. He said he considers it a form of exercise. "I don't like exercising for its own sake. I think it's boring," he said.

He also doesn't have a car when he stays here. "I can walk to everything," he said with delight. And he gets to the movies with friends or watches at home. He always stays for the credits.

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# SPORTS

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more balanced than it's been in recent seasons. Top challengers to the Padres are expected to be Salinas High, which graduated nobody from a team that was 13-8 a year ago and has an all-senior roster, and Christopher, 15-14, which has all of its key players back.

"We want to win our league again — that's one of our goals — but we're also hoping to be challenged," said Ricardez, whose team went 36-1 in sets a year ago against MBL opponents. "We want to be pushed at the right time, so if we do make the playoffs we can feel like we've been tested before we get there."

## Looking ahead (March 9-15)

**Baseball** — Friday: Carmel at Marina, 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday: Palma at Carmel, 4 p.m. Wednesday: Carmel at Greenfield, 4 p.m.

**Boys golf** — Tuesday: Carmel vs. Pacific Grove at Pacific

Grove Municipal Golf Links, 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Carmel vs. Salinas at Corral de Tierra Country Club, 3:30 p.m.; Thursday: Stevenson vs. Carmel at Quail Lodge, 3:30 p.m.

**Boys lacrosse** — Saturday: Carmel at Aptos, TBA; Monday: Carmel vs. Hollister at Christopher High, 5:15 p.m.; Wednesday: Carmel at Stevenson, 3:15 p.m.

**Girls lacrosse** — No games scheduled.

**Softball** — Carmel at Live Oak Tournament, Salinas Sports Complex, TBA; Tuesday: Salinas at Carmel, 4:30

p.m.; Wednesday: Carmel at Soledad, 4:30 p.m.

**Swimming** — Friday: Carmel vs. Pacific Collegiate, Santa Cruz High, 4 p.m.

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

**Track and field** — Carmel at MTAL Peninsula Time Trial, Pacific Grove High, 3:30 p.m.

**Boys volleyball** — Saturday: Carmel at Aptos tournament, 8 a.m.; Tuesday: Harbor at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

# County seeks advice on where to spend pot tax proceeds

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WHILE IT'S still too early to say how much revenue Monterey County will receive from taxes on legal marijuana sales — and how much will be left over once the county covers its costs for regulating the burgeoning industry — residents will soon get a chance to say where the money should be spent.

County officials announced this week that a series of five public hearings on the topic have been scheduled. The first is set for Friday, March 16, at the CHOMP Outpatient Campus at Ryan Ranch in Monterey. The hearing starts at 3 p.m. at 2 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite D-230.

It's unclear how much — if any — tax money will be available to be spent in the coming years. "There may be excess revenue above program operating costs from the tax this year, or in the future, which could be spent on local programs," reads a notice sent out by the county this week.

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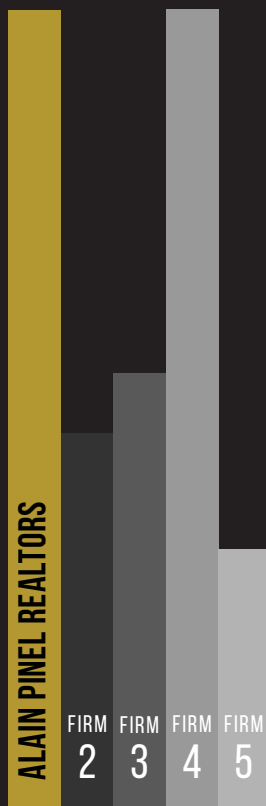


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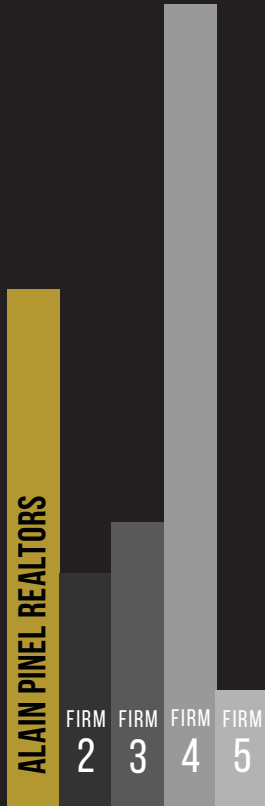
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