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## SERIOUSLY ILL FEMALE SEA OTTER FOUND ON BEACH

By MARY SCHLEY



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Specialists from the Monterey Bay Aquarium carefully moved a sick sea otter found on Carmel Beach Tuesday morning so they could take her in for care.

THE PERSON who found a sick sea otter curled up on the sand at the north end of Carmel Beach Tuesday morning did the right thing by leaving it alone and calling the police department, but the otter, sadly, was too ill to save.

When Carmel P.D. animal control officer Cindi Mitchell arrived shortly before 11 a.m. April 2, “some very good people were standing by helping to keep people’s dogs away,” she said. “The otter was just kind of lying there curled up, alive but not really responsive, not alert, and not vocalizing — and after a while, it seemed like it was shaking or seizing.”

Mitchell immediately called the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and sea otter field response coordinator Karl Mayer and one of his staff members arrived soon after. Mitchell helped them get their equipment down to the beach to retrieve the otter.

Mayer said Thursday that the adult female otter had just weaned or prematurely lost a pup and was suffering from “end-lactation syndrome,” including emaciation and mating injuries on her nose. He said she also had “significant neurologic impairment.”

“On the beach, she was minimally responsive to capture and handling, with tremors in her head and upper body,” he said.

Back at the Aquarium, the decision was made to euthanize her.

See **OTTER** page 13A

## Short-term rental ban put off due to conflicts

By MARY SCHLEY

ONE COUNCIL member owns a short-term rental, and two others run hotels that would benefit from banning them, which means only Mayor Dave Potter and councilman Jeff Baron don’t have conflicts of interest when it comes to prohibiting short stays in the city’s commercial and multifamily districts. Two of those council people with conflicts would have to be allowed to vote on a proposed emergency ban on the rentals — since it requires a four-fifths votes to pass — so, fearing that would get the city sued, interim city attorney Jon Giffen recommended the council take the ordinance off the agenda at Tuesday’s meeting.

### Drawing straws

State law “prohibits a public official such as a city council member from voting on or otherwise participating in any decision-making with respect to any matter in which he or she has a financial interest,” Giffen said at the April 2 meeting. And while an exception allows the council to “continue to function and not be paralyzed if a majority of the council members are faced with conflicts of interest,” Giffen said he was reluctant to use it to bring back two council members to vote on the

See **RENTALS** page 19A

## DRAGNET TO SEARCH FOR DANGEROUS PATHOGEN

By CHRIS COUNTS

THERE’S A killer loose in Carmel Valley and volunteers will set out Saturday to try find out how far it’s spread.

The culprit is a water mold, *Phytophthora ramorum*, which causes Sudden Oak Death, and it’s killed millions of trees throughout California since it was first reported more than two decades ago. Now it’s starting to affect trees in the Monterey Peninsula.

The local volunteers are part of nationwide effort to map the spread of the disease, which has devastated tanbark oaks in Big Sur and other forested parts of the coast. While the impact of Sudden Oak Death in Carmel Valley has been minimal, that could change — just last year, researchers announced they had found the pathogen in Carmel Valley Village and north of Carmel Valley Road for the first time.

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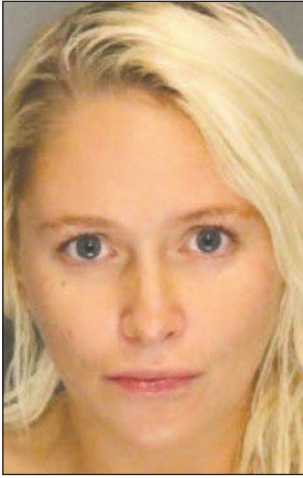
## Model arrested in gruesome death of psychiatrist

By KELLY NIX

A MODEL who has posed for Maxim and Italian Playboy was arrested last week on suspicion of murdering Thomas Burchard, 71, a longtime psychiatrist for Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula whose body was found stuffed in the trunk of an abandoned Mercedes outside Las Vegas.

Kelsey Nichole Turner, 25, was arrested on March 21 by the FBI in Stockton in coordination with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

The Clark County District Attorney’s Office charged Turner with “open murder,” a Nevada designation for murder that does not specify the degree, such as first- or second-degree murder.



Kelsey Turner

Turner, who used to live in Salinas and knew Burchard before moving to Las Vegas, is being held in the San Joaquin County Jail but is awaiting extradition to Clark County. Her next court date will be April 8 in a Stockton courtroom.

### ‘Foul odor’

A Las Vegas police arrest report released this week revealed chilling details in the case.

When police officers responded to a report of the abandoned 2017 Mercedes C300 about 30 miles outside Las Vegas, they opened the trunk to find it was filled with clothing and bedding.

“The patrol officers detected a foul odor,

See **ARREST** page 20A

## Morse memoirs: Taking charge of a railroad’s property — and buying it

Following the death of Collis Huntington (the last of California’s Big Four railroad barons) in 1900, the heirs sold the Central and Southern Pacific railroads to E.H. Harriman of Union Pacific but retained their interest in Pacific Improvement Company, which had vast real estate holdings associated with their railroad. The company had been unprofitable since the 1906 earthquake, and in 1915, having proved his financial acumen while managing the Crocker ranch in Merced, S.F.B. Morse was hired to oversee liquidation of the Pacific Improvement Company’s multimillion-dollar assets. Morse was just shy of his 30th birthday ...

### PART III

THE PACIFIC Improvement Company owned an amazing amount of property unrelated in any way to the operation of the railroad and unrelated to each other. There were 70 odd town-sites, in some cases nothing but

whistle stops, in some cases partially developed, and in other cases portions of prominent towns in the Central Valley, and a number of town-sites in Nevada. There were also some 15 ranches, three coal mines, including the Carbon Hill Coal Mine, an active operation, which I believe was the largest on the Pacific Coast.

There were a number of resorts, including Castle Crags, the Hope Ranch in Santa Barbara, and the Del Monte unit, which was the largest. There were industrial properties in San Francisco, quite valuable property in the city of Buffalo, N.Y., an interest in the Chevy Chase area outside Washington D.C., and the bonds of two railroads — one in Guatemala (the Guatemala Central), and the other the Pittsburgh, Shawmut, and the Northern. There was a coffee plantation in Guatemala. Also, the company owned what was known as the Alameda marsh in Alameda, almost 1,000 acres of marsh land on the estuary, and there were many other properties

See **MORSE** page 18A



The original Hotel Del Monte, built by the Big Four’s Pacific Improvement Co. as the Southern Pacific Railroad completed its branch line to Monterey in 1880. A young S.F.B. Morse was put in charge of most the railroad’s real estate holdings, including the hotel, in 1915.



# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Complaint child

AT JUST 1 year old, Finn is the most cooperative of all her charges. Her kids are teens who don't always come when they're called. But Finn does.

"When we go for walks on the beach, I let Finn off leash," his person said. "He's my only child who comes, even when he doesn't want to. And, when I say, 'Leave it,' he does, even though he doesn't want to do that, either. I think he likes hearing, 'Good boy!'"

When Finn does want something, he looks deeply into his person's eyes and then in the direction of what he wants. When his person says, "Okay, enough. I'm done," he curls up at her feet.

"When the dog behaves, it's a morale booster for parents," she said.

Finn is a rescue puppy on his way to becoming a dog, his person said. His mother is a corgi, and his father is some kind of terrier. Although, since none of the six puppies in the litter looked anything alike, it's hard to know for sure.

The family adopted Finn from Animal Friends Rescue Project in Pacific Grove. After a routine of dropping off their son at AFRP to play with dogs and cats while



their daughter went to dance class, Mom and Dad decided their boy should have a dog of his own.

"I'm the mama since I feed Finn, and I'm with him all day," his person said. "But he sleeps with our son, who is devoted to him. Finn's pretty much his dog."

Although the family lives in Oak Grove, that walkable neighborhood in Monterey, Finn spends a lot of time cavorting on Carmel Beach.

"Sometimes we walk from our house along Del Monte Beach toward the Wharf or toward Monterey Tides, which has a dog-friendly happy hour," she said. "When we're in Carmel, I guess I should take Finn to the Cypress Inn."



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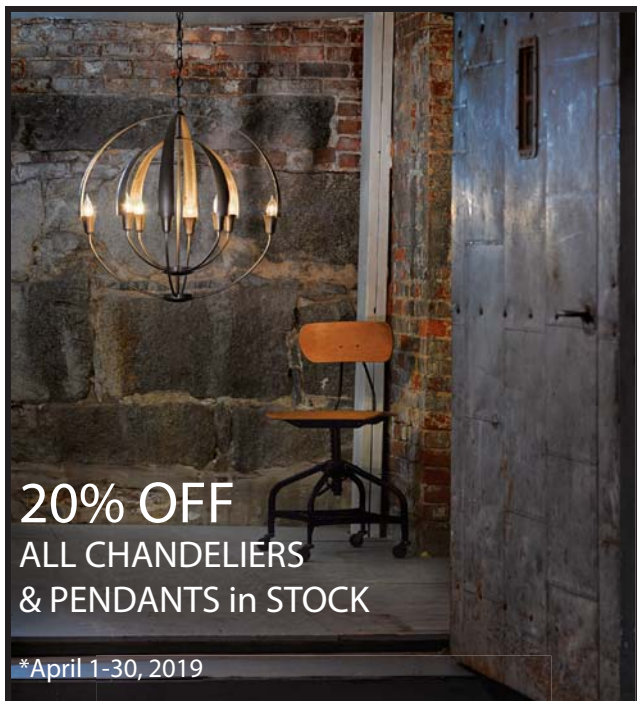
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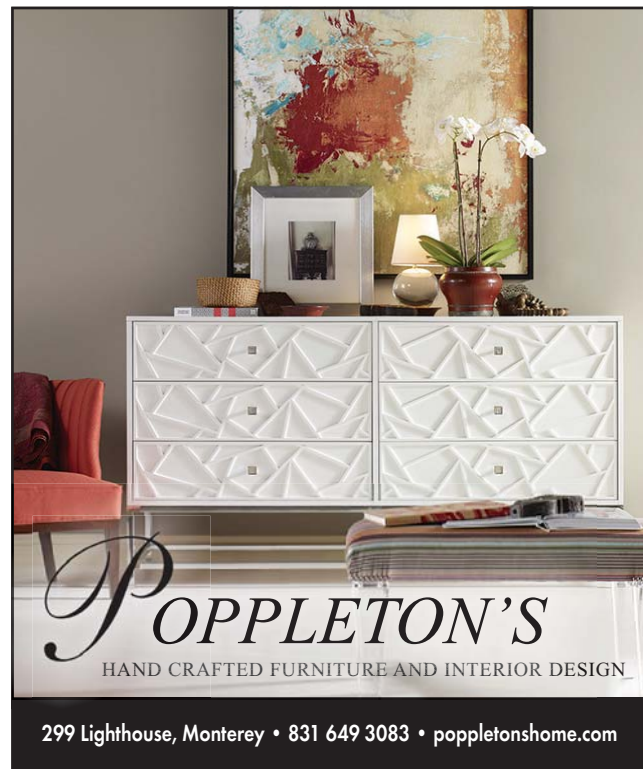


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# Panetta helps end kitten experiments

By KELLY NIX

THE TRUMP administration this week ended the decades-old U.S. Department of Agriculture practice of using cats as test subjects to study parasite infections not long after Congressman Jimmy Panetta and others introduced a bill that sought to do just that, the Democratic lawmaker said this week.

On Tuesday, the USDA announced it would no longer use cats for research of toxoplasmosis — a disease considered to be the leading cause of death from foodborne illnesses, especially in people with weak immune systems such as children and patients with HIV.

Since 1970, the USDA has infected kittens with the parasite *T. gondii* to perform toxoplasmosis research before “slaughtering and disposing” of the animals once they were no longer needed for testing, Panetta said.

The lawmaker commended the USDA’s decision to end the practice.

“This is an example of getting the system to actually work; Republicans and Democrats coming together to create change where needed, and an agency responding and doing good by changing its practice after getting feedback,” Panetta told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

The federal government was spending \$650,000 annually to use cats as test subjects in its Animal Parasitic Diseases Laboratory in Beltsville, Md. Panetta’s bill, formally called the Kittens in Traumatic Testing Ends Now (KITTEN) Act, would have required Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to end the use of cats in any USDA experiment that unnecessarily hurts the animals.

## ‘Killed and incinerated’

The federal lab bred up to 100 kittens per year. Once they were 2 months old, the kittens were fed parasite-infected raw meat. The animals’ excrement was collected, and parasitic eggs were harvested for use in other experiments. But once the eggs were collected, the 3-month-old kittens were “killed and incinerated,” according to Panetta.

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The USDA’s decision comes after Panetta and Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley from Oregon on March 7 rolled out the legislation that sought to end the practice.

Panetta took on the issue at the behest of former Congressman Mike Bishop, a Republican from Michigan who introduced a similar bill with Panetta in 2018 that failed to go to a vote in the House.

Toxoplasmosis infection usually occurs by eating undercooked contaminated meat, exposure from infected cat feces, or mother-to-child transmission during pregnancy, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Lab administrator Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young said in a statement that toxoplasmosis research is being “redirected to other food safety research of high priority for agriculture,” and that the use of cats as part of any study in the federal laboratory has been discontinued and will not be reinstated.

However, the doctor also said the research has had “undeniable results,” including helping to reduce the “prevalence of *T. gondii* by as much as 50 percent in the United States.”

## Some will be adopted

“After hearing the feedback of our customers and stakeholders” in May 2018, Jacobs-Young said the lab commissioned a review of the feasibility of allowing cats used in the research to be adopted instead of killed. In November of that year, a panel found that cats that had been intentionally infected with the pathogen should not be put up for adoption because of the risk to humans.

However, the panel also recommended that lab cats that were not infected should be made available for adoption.

The “USDA is in the process of adopting these 14 cats to USDA employees in accordance with regulatory guidelines,” the agency said.

No cats have been infected with toxoplasmosis pathogens or euthanized since September 2018, according to the USDA.

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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## Near miss with mountain lion

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unknown subject(s) smashed a window on Mission north of Eighth and stole items.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject on Ocean Avenue reported a verbal argument with a neighboring business. Both parties counseled.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Victim on Ocean Avenue reported the suspect made threats to him over text messages.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A pair of keys was found near the intersection of San Carlos Street and Seventh Avenue. A nearby vehicle matched the keys, and the owner was contacted. Owner of the vehicle was in possession of their keys and stated it was not their set of keys. Keys were stored in Carmel P.D. lost

and found.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of child pornography forwarded by Monterey County sheriff. GPS coordinates of the pornography indicated it came from within an address located in Pacific Grove on Gibson.

**Pacific Grove:** Informational report on a subject's mental health.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a suspicious person on Junipero at 1509 hours. It was determined the 47-year-old male was under the influence. He was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, violation of probation, DUI while being a driver for hire, trespassing, and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Monterey County Jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Mental health hold evaluation on Central.

**Pacific Grove:** Mutual combat between spouses on Sinex. No injuries. No complaint of pain.

See **POLICE LOG** page 9RE in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni

**Feb. 14** — Guadalupe Aguirre Espinoza pled guilty to two counts of brandishing a replica gun, and two counts of shoplifting.

On February 1, a Safeway grocery store employee caught Espinoza stealing a shopping cart full of alcohol. After restocking the merchandise, the employee noticed Espinoza staring at him from outside the store. When the employee approached to ask him to leave, Espinoza drew a gun from his waistband and started walking away.

A patron on his way into the store also observed the gun in Espinoza's hand and feared he would start shooting.

Believing the gun was real, the patron called 911. Before Espinoza left the store, surveillance video showed he also shoplifted a bag of chips.

The Salinas Police Department responded and spent several minutes ordering Espinoza in both English and Spanish to get on the ground near the Safeway. The standoff concluded when Espinoza suddenly drew the firearm and officers opened fire and shot Espinoza.

Upon closer inspection, police determined Espinoza's gun was in fact a realistic-looking airsoft gun. Furthermore, during a search of Espinoza's property, police found approximately four grams of methamphetamine.

At sentencing, Espinoza was placed on probation for three years and ordered to serve 120 days in the county jail. The terms of his probation include orders to stay away from the location where the incident occurred, and to not use or possess weapons, alcohol, or drugs.

**Feb. 19** — Judge Andrew Liu sentenced Regina Budiao, 44, of Salinas, to 12 years in state

prison for human trafficking. This was the maximum penalty authorized under the law. Liu also ordered Budiao to register as a sexual offender for the rest of her life.

Earlier this year, after a jury trial, Budiao was found guilty of the crime, which took place in March of 2018. As a 16-year-old runaway, the victim began living in Budiao's tent in a portion of Salinas known as "Chinatown." The victim was given drugs and alcohol and was encouraged to earn money to support her drug habit. While living in the tent, Budiao persuaded the victim to engage in a commercial sex act.

**Feb. 19** — Luis Solis, 36, a Seaside resident who owns a cannabis delivery service in Salinas, was sentenced to 3 years of probation for failing to carry workers' compensation insurance. Judge Mark Hood also ordered Solis to pay a \$2,500 fine. Solis faces up to 1-year in county jail and additional fines if he violates his probation.

Solis owns Compassionate Bay Delivery, Inc., and has as many as 8 employees. Since January 1, 2018, Solis' company has carried state and city licenses to deliver recreational and medicinal cannabis. Since he has employees, California law requires that he carry workers' compensation insurance.

On June 29, 2018, Monterey County District Attorney investigators asked Solis to provide verification that he had workers' compensation insurance. He admitted that he did not carry such insurance, which is a criminal violation of Labor Code section 3700.5. Subsequent to the filing of criminal charges Solis obtained workers compensation insurance.

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# Headleys, Albiols in the running for Flanders curatorship

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council held its second closed-door discussion about potential Flanders Mansion curators this week, and interim city attorney Jon Giffen announced at Tuesday’s meeting that council members had identified the two most viable candidates and dismissed the remaining six. The two finalists are the city’s former building official, Joe Headley, and his family, and Carmel residents Les and Trish Albiol, long-running proponents of curatorship.

Last October, the city asked people interested in moving into and fixing up Flanders Mansion to submit proposals detailing how they would repair and maintain the historic Tudor-style home, which was built in the 1920s and purchased by taxpayers along with several acres of what is now Mission Trail park in 1972. It’s listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has never been used by the public, even though the public owns it. In 2009, two-thirds of the voters in the city said they wanted to sell it, but efforts to off-load the mansion were thwarted by preservation activists in court battles.

Last year, the council decided a curatorship was the best option, since the mansion would be repaired and would be used as a house, but the city would still own it. The curator would have to commit to spending \$300,000 in the first five years to undertake major repairs, in-

cluding new heating, plumbing and electrical systems, hazardous-materials removal, installation of fire sprinklers and a host of other work. In return, the person or family would be able to live in the house for another 15 years without paying rent, though maintenance and upkeep would still be required.

### The other candidates

On Tuesday, the Headleys and the Albiols — both of whom have experience renovating old houses — emerged as the frontrunners among the eight who submitted proposals last December. The other candidates included a documentary filmmaker and his family, an artist, and a conservationist who was a curator and renovated a home and farmhouse in Georgetown from 2006 to 2016.

While city officials said this week they would release the names of all of the applicants, that information was still not available Thursday afternoon.

Before recommending the candidate they feel might be the best fit, budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen and public works director Bob Harary will have to analyze the potential curator’s ability to fund the project, the experience and capabilities of everyone who will be working on the renovation, the timeline for improvements, and other necessary information.

Once the top choice has been identified, negotiations will begin.

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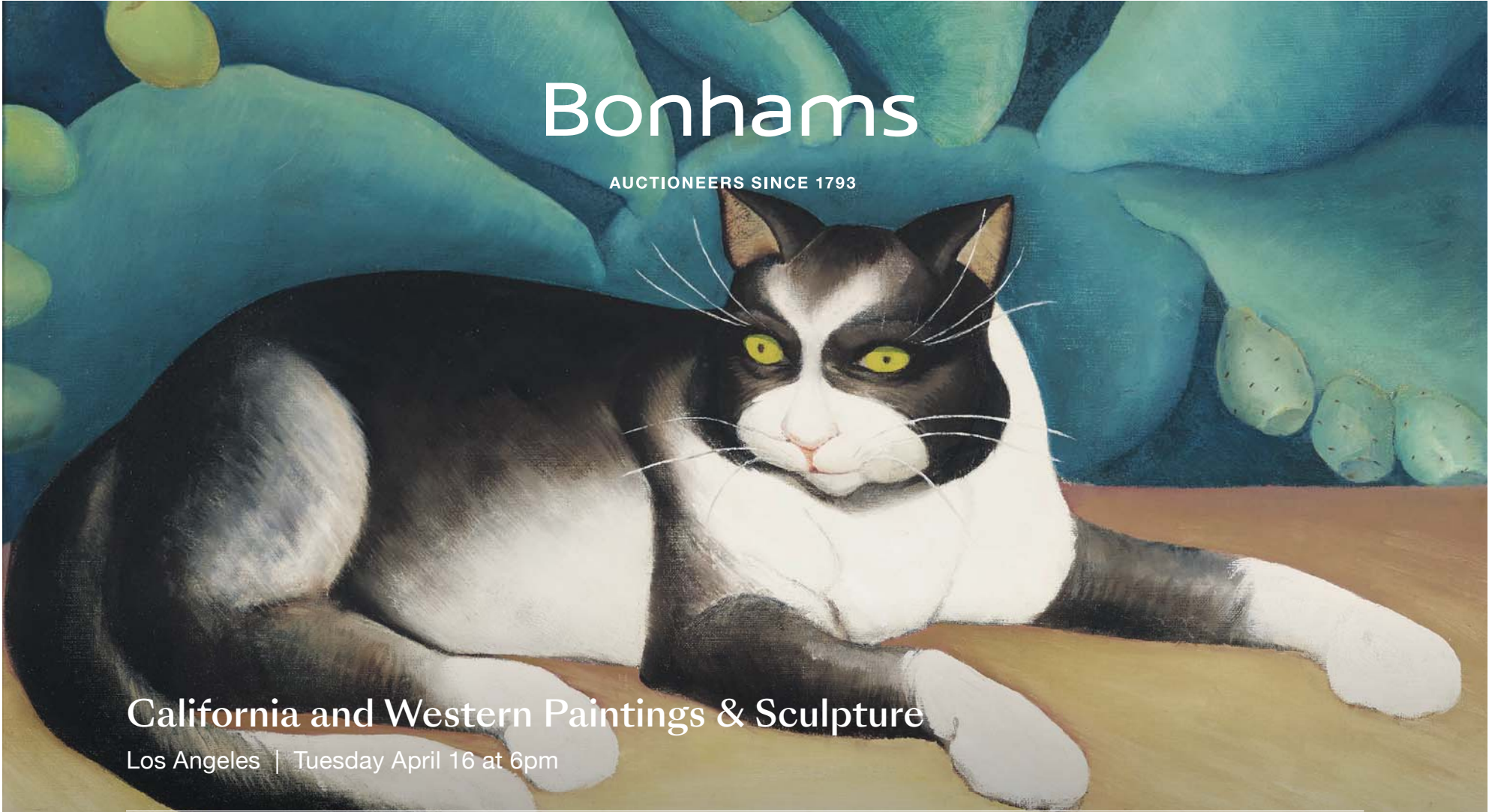
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# City seeks applications from potential city attorneys

By MARY SCHLEY

THE HUNT for a new city attorney to replace Glen Mozingo is on, with the posting this week of a request for applications from potential individuals and firms interested in

the job. They are due by 4 p.m. May 3.

In the meantime, Jon Giffen, a longtime local lawyer with experience in municipal law, and who served as Mozingo’s assistant city attorney, is filling the role.

The four-page document posted on the

city’s website this week describes “What the city council is looking for in its next city attorney,” and includes some background on the town, describes the scope of services, and lists the necessary qualifications.

With a few exceptions, it’s mostly identical to the request the council issued in February 2017 that drew 16 applicants and led to the decision to hire Mozingo.

“The selected firm or individual will have outstanding communications and interpersonal skills, and the ability to work with a wide variety of individuals,” states the job posting, which was written by city administrator Chip Rerig with input from all five council members, as well as budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen and assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo. “It is essential that the city’s selected firm or individual stays current in municipal law, is well versed in the ‘art of the possible,’ and is not risk averse in terms of problem solving or approaches to best meet the city’s needs.

“The selected firm or individual must also recognize the importance of retaining trust and confidence, and should be highly accessible,” it continues. “The selected firm/individual should have an appreciation of Carmel’s unique character, and/or a willingness to understand it.” (The 2017 document added that the candidate should also understand “its history and unique character, and its actively engaged citizens.”)

### Criminal prosecution?

Candidates are asked to describe their qualifications and experience, as well as training, overall capabilities, areas of expertise, scholastic honors and professional affiliations, and basic information like when they were admitted to the California Bar and how many years they’ve been in practice.

In addition to experience in the public sector and knowledge of municipal law, the council wants to know about successes and failures in the courtroom, knowledge of land use and environmental laws and issues, expe-

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Several residents have hand delivered letters to the city elected officials” on 3/25 and 3/26 which, as yet, have not garnered any responses (with the exception of council member Jeff Baron). Said letters expressed our concerns in regard to the speed and safety on our residential block.

On the other hand, wholehearted support - and funds - have been extended to a resident determined to bring about major changes to the long established main thoroughfare - San Carlos Street. To accomplish this endeavor of “traffic calming” there will be “tree median islands” and a proposed bike lane. All of which will effectively narrow the street, which was purposely designed/created decades ago to handle major north/south traffic movement in and out of the city for cars, buses and trucks. If “traffic calming” is successful, motorists may well decide to divert to Junipero. Definitely not a good outcome.

Our narrow village block is already overwhelmed by speeding motorists - albeit, without benefit of a sidewalk or “tree meridian islands” to mitigate the daily onslaught.

We wonder whatever happened to campaign promises of “transparency” plus “being responsive to all Carmel Residents.”



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# Discussion of beach fires put off as support for total ban increases

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THOSE who want an outright ban on wood fires seeming to gain some traction at city hall — and employees who clearly like the idea, too — the city council on Tuesday put off discussing the beach fire rules that three years ago put an end to the longstanding tradition of unlimited fires built directly on the sand south of 10th Avenue. The council was set to receive an update on the program but decided to let the planning commission and forest and beach commission weigh in on it first.

The current plan limits wood fires, which were once ubiquitous on warm evenings, to just a dozen city-owned pits placed on the sand south of 10th Avenue from spring through fall, and allows unlimited propane fires at least 25 feet from the bluffs, all between the hours of 4 and 10 p.m. Last year, the city started using smaller pits that produce less smoke than regular ones, and crews installed only nine.

Since it was implemented a few years ago, the program has accomplished its goals of keeping charcoal out of the sand and drastically reducing the amount of smoke in the air. Some nearby residents and others still vehemently object to having any fires at all on the beach, while others defend them as a longtime tradition and an inexpensive but pleasurable way to spend an evening.

Police and private security guards patrol the beach, ensuring people are following the rules, and the number of illegal fires has also dropped sharply, according to a report written by planning director Marc Wiener, from 172 in 2017 to 59 in 2018.

But cleaning the pits every day is expensive and time consuming, according to the report, because people fill them with sand and trash, burn things they shouldn't, and otherwise pollute them. The task takes eight hours a day when the beach is busy, which "impacts other job duties such as tree maintenance, watering and planting."

### Ban would save money, staff says

Furthermore, Wiener noted, between August 2017 and July 2018, police officers patrolling the beach cost \$27,000, private security cost \$30,000, and forestry staff cost \$24,377, with signs, advertising and other material costs totaling \$13,196.

"Managing and enforcing the pilot program costs the city approximately \$95,000 annually and requires a significant amount of staff time," he wrote. "Outright prohibiting beach fires or only allowing propane-gas fires would significantly reduce the management cost, but there would still be some cost

associated with enforcement." He also noted that monitors installed last summer indicated the fires did not raise the amount of particulate matter in the air to anywhere near dangerous levels, but people living nearby complain the smoke is "a persistent nuisance." "There are issues associated with the persistent smell of smoke during the beach fire season, and managing the program comes at a considerable expense to the city," he reiterated in his report.

The plan, which was adopted in 2016, also requires periodic updates to the city council. The council received an update in August 2017, and in February 2018, it made a few changes. In July 2018, the council voted to extend the program to November 2020.

While the council decided to get feedback from the low-

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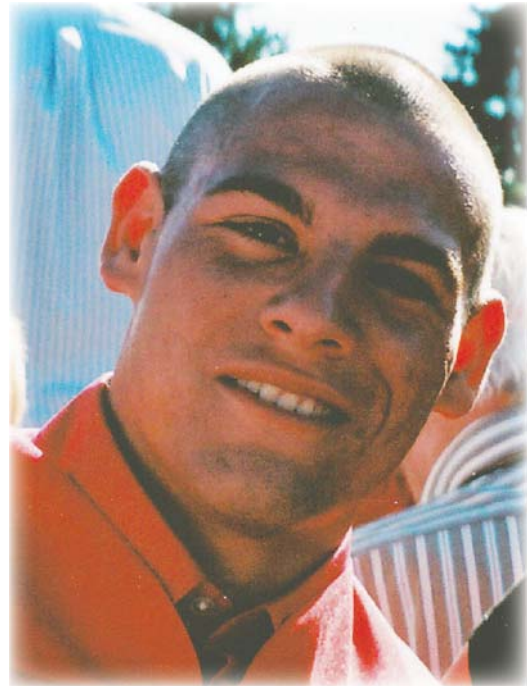
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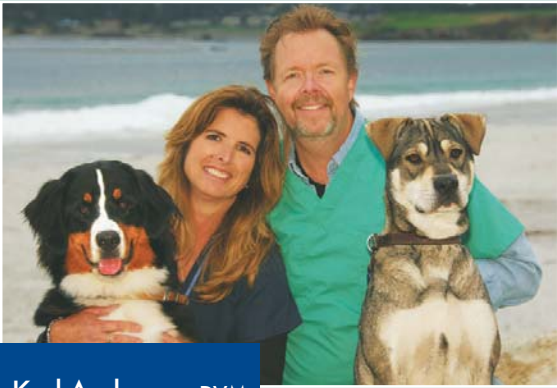
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# \$1 million allocated for more water reclamation

■ If desal is delayed, community may have to use more treated sewage

By KELLY NIX

THE GOVERNMENT agencies behind a project to turn wastewater into fresh will spend \$1 million toward expanding the project so it's a "ready-to-go" water source in case Cal Am's desalination plant in Marina can't be built, the board of one of the agencies decided last week.

On March 25, the board of directors for the wastewater treatment district — now called Monterey One Water — OK'd spending the funds to do additional work on the reclamation project, which is called Pure Water Monterey.

The project, which is expected to start treating water this


summer, was designed to produce 3,500 acre-feet per year and be a supplemental supply to California American Water's desal plant. But the water recycling project could be modified to provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet per year. Meanwhile, Cal Am's desal project has already been delayed many times and faces numerous legal challenges.

"Environmental, permitting and detailed design work" for the expanded reclamation project need to get started now, a report given to wastewater district directors last week said.

The first phase of Pure Water Monterey, which will transform wastewater and urban and agricultural runoff into potable water, is nearly finished and is expected to start producing water in July.

Monterey One will spend \$250,000 toward the expansion

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# RESIDENTS, HANG GLIDERS RALLY TO HELP FIX FOREST SERVICE ROADS

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN a dozen residents who live along three publicly owned dirt roads in Big Sur which are in bad shape have turned to internet crowdfunding to help fund repairs.

The roads — South Coast Ridge Road, Prewitt Ridge Road and Alm’s Ridge Road — are shared by about 15 homeowners and the general public, which can use them to access the Big Sur backcountry by car. The roads are owned by the United States Forest Service.

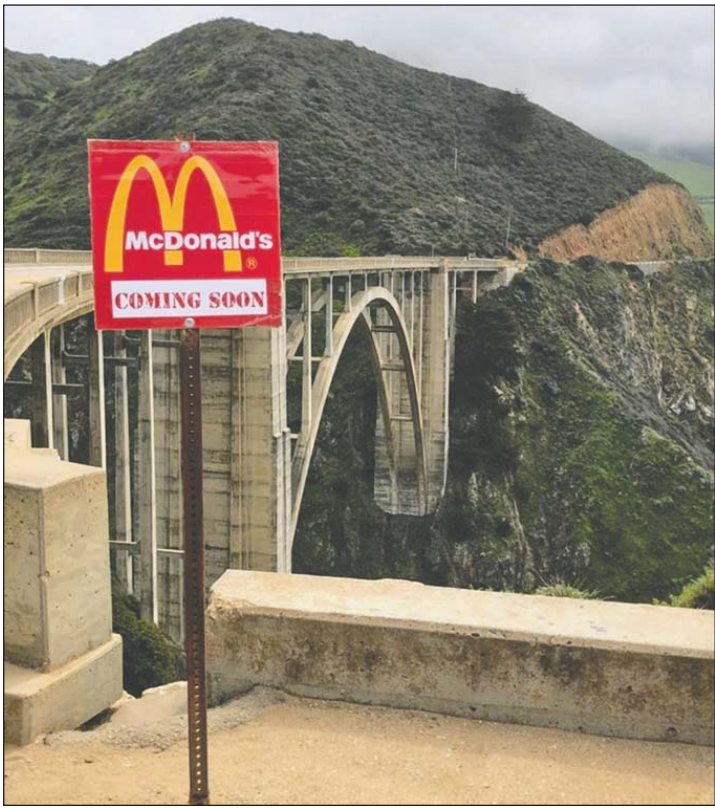
A resident told The Pine Cone that time and use have taken a toll on the roads.

“Severe damage has accumulated over the years to these roads from erosion, deferred maintenance and the onslaught of the new e-visitors,” Tom Collins said.

According to Collins, increased visitation has led to more people traveling along the road in two-wheel-drive vehicles, which he said causes extensive damage to it.

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## Would you like fries with your selfie?



Making the rounds on social media this week was a bemusing photo of a sign posted next to the Bixby Bridge in Big Sur announcing the impending arrival of a McDonald’s. It’s unclear whether the sign was an April Fool’s Day joke, a political statement about commercialism in Big Sur, a clever artistic statement on arches — or simply a Photoshop hoax.



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# Learn how to train high-energy dogs, keep them out of shelters

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NUMBER of Siberian huskies and similar breeds surrendered to a Salinas animal shelter nearly doubled, from

58 in 2015, to 113 last year, and Monterey County Animal Services and the SPCA for Monterey County reported seeing a 200 percent increase in those breeds at their shelters over the same time period, according to county animal control offi-

cials. Speculation is that — just as the number of Dalmatians in shelters increased after the film, “101 Dalmatians” was released — the popularity of “Game of Thrones” has led people to purchase and adopt huskies and similar wolf-like breeds, without having any idea of what such high-energy dogs need to live happy, healthy lives.

“In many cases, people are drawn to a particular breed’s looks but don’t fully understand the temperament, drive or exercise needs,” said the organizers of an April 6 class that aims to help pet owners better understand their dogs, with the goal of keeping them out of shelters.

“Huskies, while beautiful, are a unique breed that you should do your research on before you adopt or buy,” said Cindy Burnham, animal services administrator for Monterey County Animal Services. “They are not for everyone, “

Local animal shelters are co-hosting “High Energy Dog 101” from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the shelter at 160 Hitchcock Road in Salinas.

“The goal is to better educate pet owners of these breeds to reduce their chance of ending up in the shelter,” organizers explained. “In addition to the husky breeds, this workshop will talk about other high-energy dogs that end up in local shelters, including shepherds and pit bulls. These dogs require a lot of attention and if their temperament, drive and energy needs are not understood, it can lead to a difficult relationship for their owners and family.”

For more information on the workshop, call Monterey County Animal Services at (831) 769-8850. The workshop is intended for owners, prospective owners and other members of the public interested in high-energy breeds, and only humans — not dogs — can attend.

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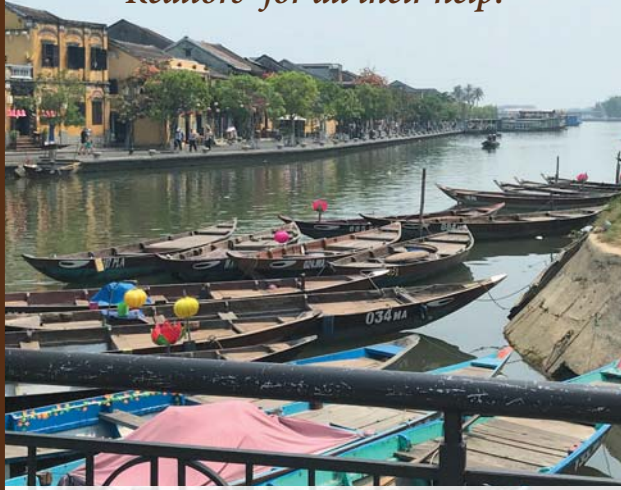
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# City gets \$120K grant for new trashcans

By MARY SCHLEY

A \$120,364 grant funded by consumers of beverages in recyclable containers will help pay for 50 new dual trash and recycling containers downtown, according to a March 19 decision by the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery, known as CalRecycle. The agency received 23 ap-

plications for \$6,452,222 in grants from the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund last year and decided to approve 10 in amounts ranging from \$104,980 to \$500,000 for various programs supporting the state's efforts to get the recycling rate up to 80 percent. While Carmel has long touted itself as an environmentally conscious city, and it has banned the use of non-recyclable food con-

tainers, plastic straws and utensils, and plastic shopping bags, it has been short on recycling bins, especially downtown. Last year, the city installed a dozen animal-proof dual trash-recycling bins near the beach and around the Del Mar parking lot at the foot of Ocean Avenue, and several teak dual cans in Devendorf Park. But other than that, the commercial area

lacks recycling bins. The state funds, which will arrive in August or September, will help pay for 50 more, according to environmental compliance manager Agnes Martelet, who wrote the grant proposal. In the meantime, public works officials will determine which container design to use, and where to put the cans.



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Monning wants warning labels on sugary drinks

By KELLY NIX

A BILL introduced by State Sen. Bill Monning that would require sugary beverages sold in California to contain health warning labels was approved by the Senate Committee on Health on a 5-1 vote, Monning said last week.

Specifically, SB 347 would require beverages with added sweeteners that are 75 calories or more per 12 ounces to have a safety-warning label that states “drinking beverages with added sugar(s) may contribute to obesity, type 2 diabetes and tooth decay.”

Consumer education through product labeling can have a direct impact on purchasing behavior, and SB 347, Monning said, would provide Californians information they need to make healthier choices for themselves and their families.

“Consumers have the right to know about the adverse

health impacts of the sugary beverages they purchase,” Monning said in a statement. “A health-warning label provides science-based information that will inform consumer choice and lead to better health outcomes for all Californians.”

“Comprehensive public health research,” according to Monning, has shown that sugar-sweetened beverages are one of the main drivers behind the skyrocketing rates of preventable health conditions like obesity and type-2 diabetes.

“Sugary drinks are unique contributors to the obesity epidemic, as they are the single largest source of added sugars in the American diet, and are a major source of excess calories that often provide no nutritional value,” Monning said.

Blocked by courts

A 2016 government study concluded that “Health-related warning labels on sugar-sweetened beverages improved adolescents’ recognition of the sugar content of such beverages and reduced hypothetical choices to buy sugar-sweetened beverages.”

A San Francisco ordinance passed in 2015 with the intent to reduce sugary drink consumption by including warning labels on containers was blocked in February by a federal appeals court over the size of the label.

And in 2014, when Monning was a state assemblyman, a similar bill he introduced failed to get past the health committee.

Monning said his new bill doesn’t prohibit sugary drinks, but “simply provides consumers with evidence-based health information similar to labels that have been affixed to alcohol and tobacco products for decades.”

The sugary drink bill is headed next to the state Senate Committee on Appropriations.

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# ATTORNEY

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rience in employment and labor law, knowledge about contracts and franchises, experience in drafting and reviewing ordinances and resolutions, familiarity with the Public Records Act and laws governing public meetings and elections, skills in negotiations, and — new in the 2019 document — experience in criminal prosecution.

Rerig could offer no real explanation for why the city attorney should have experience prosecuting criminals, since that's really the district attorney's job. "Glen suggested it, so councilwoman Jan Reimers had us add it," he said.

Candidates are also required to disclose any malpractice decisions or complaints against them filed with the bar.

The city attorney would be expected to attend all regular council meetings, as well as special council meetings and those of lower boards and commissions upon request. In addition to providing legal advice and consultation on routine matters, and writing and reviewing typical documents like ordinances and contracts, legal counsel would be expected to pursue charges against people who violate the Carmel Municipal Code, represent the city in lawsuits, use a wide variety of legal research methods in order to collect information to protect the city, advise the council on pending and potential litigation, keep on top of case law affecting local governments, supervise outside counsel, and provide guidance and feedback on a range of issues, including public access to information.

While the council intends to "develop a long term relationship with its legal services provider," the initial contract will run for a year, with a one-year extension subject to approval by the council.

Mozingo's agreement, which was approved last August and was set to run for five years, called for a \$30,000 monthly retainer, with hourly fees of \$195 for "general counsel services" and \$275 per hour for "extraordinary services."

# OTTER

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"She would have been an intensive care case with an extremely low probability of survival," he explained. "Based on these factors, she was humanely euthanized."

Mayer said a postmortem exam by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center "indicated that she may also have had some underlying trauma in her spinal area that was not externally obvious."

### Otter PR

While her story had a sad ending, over the years, the Aquarium has successfully nursed many sick and stranded otters back to health, and raised abandoned pups. Mayer has had a major hand in that, developing and refining the program that uses surrogate otter moms to raise stranded pups.

At the beach, Mitchell said, he took a little time to answer questions from passersby and provide information.

"Every time I go out on an otter call with him, he is so knowledgeable and caring about the otters, and so informative for people," she said.

She said those positive interactions encourage people to visit the Aquarium and learn more about the sea life here.

"And the more we learn about them and respect them, the more we can help ourselves by learning how we affect them and they affect us," she said.



PHOTO/CINDI MITCHELL

Monterey Bay Aquarium sea otter expert Karl Mayer and an assistant retrieved a sick otter from Carmel Beach Tuesday morning. The female otter was very ill and had to be euthanized.

# Carlton Gordon Reiley, M.D.

1933 ♦ 2019

Carlton Gordon Reiley, M.D., passed away at his home in Carmel, CA, with his wife by his side, on March 16, 2019. Carl was born on a snowy New Year's Eve in 1933 near Bellaire, Michigan. He was the third son of Harry A. Reiley and Aura Stanton Johnson Reiley.

As he grew up, he worked with his father and brothers in the woods cutting logs and learning a woodsman's skills. One of his many jobs was putting docks in the water as ice thawed in the lakes. He also learned construction, plumbing, and electrical work while helping build his brother Herb's house.

After graduating from Bellaire High School, Carl headed to Michigan State College, where he continued working many jobs to put himself through school. His favorite way to earn money was his life-long passion, playing Dixieland Jazz. His mother was a talented piano teacher, but Carl's interest was in the trombone and cornet, which he learned to play from his brother, Chuck. Although too young to even be in a bar, many nights he was up in front of crowds, with special permission, playing with the band.

Three years later, he started medical school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he was a member of Phi Chi medical fraternity. He earned money playing trombone with the Ann Arbor Alleycats, the Boll Weevil Band, and the Wolverine Stompers. His 4th year he was accepted into the Army Senior Medical Student Program. While in medical school he met Nancy Dreibelbies, a nursing student, who became his wife on June 17, 1957, in her hometown of Erie, Pennsylvania. After their marriage the couple headed for Denver, Colorado, where Carl interned for one year. They took up skiing and mountain hiking in his rare time off. Here their first daughter, Linda, was born.

In the summer of 1959, Carl went on active duty with the US Army. He became the Battle Group Surgeon for the 1st Battle Group, 20th Infantry, Fort Kobbe, Panama Canal Zone. Here he began his almost 50 year enjoyment of snorkeling. He continued his love of hiking, once even cutting his way through the jungle with his machete on the Las Cruces Trail. Their second daughter, Kathleen, was born during this time.

Upon return to the mainland, Carl completed a three year residency in Internal Medicine at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco. Here twin daughters, Debra and Karen, were born to complete the family. Wherever the Army sent their family, he and Nancy took their daughters out many weekends to explore the new area. They drove across country several times, Carl singing harmony to his four daughters' melody, and Nancy requesting songs while watching the map and planning stops for adventures along the way. Summers were always filled with hiking, camping, and more exploration.



After residency he was stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where he spent only 7 months before heading to the war in Vietnam. Carl was assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital in Nha Trang in 1966. Here he continued his interest in tropical medicine that began in Panama. He treated malaria, bubonic plague, and leptospirosis while also triaging soldiers off the battlefield as they arrived at the hospital. Upon his return home, he was first stationed at Ft. Ord, California, and then transferred to Tripler Army Hospital in Hawaii, where he was Assistant Chief of Medicine. Here the whole family enjoyed snorkeling and hiking together.

In 1970 Carl resigned from the Army to go into private practice at the Woodland Clinic in Woodland, California. That year he also became a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. During the winters the family skied at Sugar Bowl, where Carl was on the Doctors' Ski Patrol. Summers were spent camping and hiking with his family. He also performed multiple times at the Sacramento Jazz Festival with his brother Chuck's Alamo City Jazz Band from San Antonio, Texas. When the Gulf War began in 1990, Carl went from the Army Reserve to active duty once again at Ft. Ord Army Hospital. It was there that he finished his twenty-two years of service to his country as a lieutenant colonel. During his military career, he earned the National Defense Service Medal with the Bronze Star, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Unit Citation, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal, among other citations.

Retiring in Carmel, Carl was able to indulge even more in his love of Dixieland music, and his hobbies of making model train layouts, gunsmithing, genealogy, and reading about Western pioneer history. Carl and Nancy enjoyed seeing the world, eventually visiting 58 countries together. They combined their enjoyment of traveling and music by playing on many Jazz Sea Cruises. He played with the Bye Bye Blues Boys for many years at the Monterey Dixieland Jazz Festival. He also played with the Sweet Thursday Jazz Band, the Ragtime Stompers and, most recently, the Dixie Syncopators. He was a member of the Monterey Hot Jazz Society.

Carl leaves behind his wife of sixty-one years, Nancy, and four daughters: Linda (Colin) Clark of Larkspur, CO; Kathleen (Rich) Sternal of Naperville, IL; Debra (Bruce) Haley of Lake City, CA; Karen (Darrell) Schnabel of Folsom, CA. He also leaves grandchildren Connor (Brianne) Clark, Garrett (Sara) Clark, Meghan Sternal, Brent Sternal, Brendan Haley, Melissa Cook (Bogdan) Anton, and Courtney Cook (Joshua) Smith. In recent years, he was blessed with four great-grandchildren: Olivia, Jacob, and Rosalie Anton, and Hunter Smith. He also leaves his 99-year-old brother Herb (Florence) Reiley of Bellaire, MI, and his brother-in-law George Dreibelbies, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. His other brothers, Dr. Charles W. Reiley and "cousin-brother," Mr. Don Reiley Hill, predeceased him.

Services were held at Church of the Forest in Pebble Beach, followed by military burial with full honors at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA



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# ROADS

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Unfortunately, the forest service doesn't have money in its budget to pay for the materials necessary to fix the road. So residents have launched a fundraising drive, which includes a GoFundMe campaign.

The campaign has been successful — in part because of support from hang gliders, who rely on the South Coast Ridge Road to provide access to a popular launching spot.

On the GoFundMe page for the fundraiser, numerous hang gliders made donations and comments.

One called the area “one of the most magical spots” he’s experienced. “I’m only too happy to contribute toward this effort,” he posted, while another donor declared, “Pilots are good neighbors.”

Not only has the online campaign raised nearly \$7,000 in just three months, but a hang gliding group, the nonprofit Foundation for Free Flight, donated another \$6,000. The campaign is now just \$2,000 short of its \$15,000 goal.

While the residents have raised the money, they won't be doing the work — instead, they will simply supply the materials for the road. According to Collins, Fort Hunter Liggett Public Works “has provided an amazing array of equipment and expert personnel to do the work,” while the forest service “has provided guidance and engineering.”

A spokesperson for the forest service, An-

drew Madsen, said his agency appreciates the help.

“We are supportive of community-based efforts to assist with our road maintenance,” Madsen said. “There have been challenges with funding and staffing constraints that limit our capacity to respond. Our goal is to maintain our road system in a condition that allows for safe public use.”



An effort to raise money to help fund repairs along three remote public dirt roads in Big Sur received a big boost from hang gliding enthusiasts. In this photo, a hang glider soars over Sand Dollar Beach.

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## Peter Y. Pilat

July 18, 1939 - March 16, 2019

*“The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you truly are.” Carl Jung*

Peter Pilat was born in Ossining, New York and lived there until moving to Santa Paula, California during his high school years. He graduated with honors from University of California Santa Barbara earning a degree in Engineering before discovering and embracing his love of art and creative expression. Thus, he earned a Master of Art Degree from San Jose State College with an emphasis in ceramics. When a call for duty came, Peter joined the Army and was stationed at Fort Ord where he taught English. His temporary post on the Monterey Peninsula became more permanent after his military service when he established his own studio in Carmel Valley. From the fires of an 1898 bow-legged kiln, Peter's unique works emerged and were later displayed in a local shop as well as various other locations around the state. After teaching in Salinas, he joined the staff of Monterey Peninsula College where he was a ceramics instructor for many years. He ignited a spark of creativity in hundreds of students, and when it flourished, bequeathed a lifetime gift of artistic pleasure.

Probing mysteries of the inner life lead Peter to spearhead a Jungian Dream Group for over 15 years. As one participant remarked, “His recitation of poems opened our sessions as we shared and analyzed our dreams. Peter's insightful guidance was a great support on our journey dealing with many of life's obstacles. We are eternally grateful for his talent, patience and wisdom...”

Peter was fulfilled when using his extraordinary skills confronting the inferno of a pottery kiln or manipulating the magic of molten glass. His ceramics and blown glass creations have been shown all over California in exhibitions and museums as well as a museum in Kansas City. The parallels of an artistic family were highlighted at a Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art show entitled Two California Artists: Two Centuries, One Family celebrating Peter and his ancestors. On display were Peter's works and the well-known Early California artists, Thaddeus Welch and his wife, Peter's great aunt, Ludmilla Pilat Welch. Recently, Peter donated his extensive collection of their paintings to the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art and the Marin History Museum.

A celebration of life will be held privately to honor Peter.

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## Arthur Talley Montgomery, Jr.

October 31, 1936 • March 12, 2019

Arthur Talley Montgomery, Jr., 82, of 34 Aliso Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, passed away on March 12, 2019, at Westland House in Monterey, California following a lengthy illness.

Art was born on October 31, 1936 in Griffin, Georgia. He was the first born son of Laura Anne (Bartholomew) Montgomery and Arthur Talley Montgomery (both deceased), long-time residents of Griffin. His youngest brother, Joseph Scott Montgomery of Atlanta, CA, is also deceased. Art is survived by his wife, Gerry Montgomery, a brother, Dougald P. Montgomery, (wife, Deborah) of Sharpsburg, GA, and his brother-in-law, Forrest Higgs, of Carmel Valley, CA. He is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Arthur graduated from Griffin High School and attended University of Georgia in Atlanta prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army. On November 7, 1964 during his assignment as a training instructor at Fort Ord in Monterey, CA, he married Seaside High School teacher, Gerry Higgs. He was transferred to Fort Richardson, in Anchorage, Alaska, on January 2, 1965 for his overseas tour of duty. Upon completion of his tour there, he was honorably discharged from service. He and his wife returned to the central coast in August, 1966 and lived in Pacific Grove and Carmel Valley very happily for 54 years.

He was an avid collector of antique automobiles. He restored 27 such vehicles over the years. Known as “Art, the bus driver,” he worked as a school bus driver for 33 years for all three of the local school districts. The assignment he liked best was for Carmel Unified, driving down the coast road, Hwy 1, in the early morning and evening, to pick up those children and deliver them safely to school and back home again.

Art loved riding their many horses in Garland Park near their home with his wife and friends. They were both active members of the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club since 1975. A high point in their riding adventures was a week-long horseback ride from Monterey to San Francisco as part of the 1975-1976 De Anza Expedition wearing costumes of the Spanish soldiers traveling on the old mission trail. Art later collected cavalry tack and uniforms, donating most of his large collection to the developing museums at Fort Ord. He also enjoyed riding his horse or driving his restored WWII military jeep in costume in the local 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades.

A person who enjoyed all things western and cowboy, reading everything, seeing movies, traveling, and being with friends, Art will be missed. His ashes will be interred in his home town, Griffin, GA, in the Oak Hill Cemetery by Haisten McCullough Funeral Home on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at his home on 34 Aliso Road, Carmel Valley on Saturday afternoon, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m.

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# \$1 MILLION

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plans while the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the agency partnering on the Pure Water Monterey project, will pay \$750,000.

The State Water Resources Control Board has set a Dec. 31, 2021, deadline for Cal Am to stop pumping most of its water from the Carmel River, the Peninsula's primary water source. The water utility is trying to meet the deadline by building the Marina desal plant, but the project could be held up indefinitely because of lawsuits or other reasons.

Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman told The Pine Cone that the utility supports moving forward with an environmental review on expanding Pure Water Monterey, but

only as a backup to its desal plant.

"The California Public Utilities Commission said that desal would be required to serve our community sustainably into the future, even with a Pure Water Monterey expansion," Stedman said. "We have no reason to believe the desal project schedule will be delayed, but nevertheless believe there is value in exploring the expansion as an interim alternative."

Stoldt said that early estimates of the cost to augment Pure Water Monterey range from \$45.6 million to \$52.1 million.

Though the initial project would primarily purify sewage, agricultural drainage and storm runoff, he said the expansion would rely more on purifying traditional sewage instead of other source waters.

Pure Water Monterey is the only option that could provide a backup for Cal Am's desal plant and still meet the state's 2021 deadline, according to the public agencies.



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The Pure Water Monterey advanced water purification facility at the regional treatment plant in Marina will transform wastewater into drinking water when construction of the facility is complete this summer.

## JOHN EDWARD KENNEDY, JR.

1930 – 2019

John Edward Kennedy, Jr., age 88, formerly of Carmel-by-the-Sea, passed away March 10, 2019. Born in 1930 in New York state. He was a graduate of Boston College and Harvard Law School. A Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army, he served in the Korean War. Recipient of the Bronze Star and two Purple Heart medals.

He relocated his family to Los Angeles from Boston in the mid-1960s, then moved to Hawaii, and finally Carmel-by-the-Sea, which was his home for the last 40 years of his life. He enjoyed a second career as an art appraiser, and also served as the planning commission chairman for the planning commission of Carmel. Appointed by Clint Eastwood to the Library Commission. He is survived by his son, Gavin (Sherry) Kennedy of Agoura Hills, CA, daughter Amy (Michael) Rosato of Kailua Kona, HI, and three grandchildren.

The family would like to extend our gratitude to Cypress Ridge Care Center.

Memorials can be made to Meals on Wheels of Monterey ([www.mowmp.org](http://www.mowmp.org)) or the Hawaii State Junior Golf Association ([www.hsiga.org](http://www.hsiga.org)). Notes of condolences may be sent to [amy@kona.net](mailto:amy@kona.net)



## LEAH R. BERG

Dec. 28, 1921- March 2, 2019

Leah R. Berg (nee) Meisel, 97, of Delray Beach FL, formerly of Bayside, NY, East Meadow, NY and Carmel, CA, passed away in Boynton Beach, FL from natural causes on March 2, 2019.

She was the wife of the late Sol Dubins (Dubinsky) and the late Seymour Berg.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, she was the daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Baumstein) Meisel.

From 1963-67 she worked for the New York World's Fair Corp. (1964-65 World's Fair) assisting the Supervisor of Files. She lived in Israel for 3 years and then moved to California in 1972 for the next 41 years, more than half of which were in Carmel. Leah was a life member of Hadassah and belonged to the Monterey Peninsula - Salinas chapter.

She is survived by her children Arline Daniels Welch (Barry) of Delray Beach, FL and Enid Zangler of Henrico, VA; her grandchildren Shara Berkowitz Valte (Carlo), Brian Berkowitz (Emily), Todd Berkowitz (Aylin) and her great grandchildren Ean, Gabriel and Ray Valte, Violet Berkowitz, Amelia and Jacob Berkowitz and nieces Roberta LaMonaca and Donna Fournier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vitas Healthcare & Hospice Service in Delray Beach, FL, Hadassah, and Meals on Wheels in Pacific Grove, CA.



## George H. Corey

April 13, 1940 ~ March 23, 2019  
Monterey

George H. Corey, born in Nevada, grew up in San Jose and attended Foothill Junior College. He had a mathematics specialty and assisted in the operation and use of the telescope for the college's astronomy program.

George served in the US Army before working as a roofer with his father in Lancaster, CA. A local resident for over twenty years, he lived at Rippling River in Carmel Valley before moving to Cypress Ridge Care Center over two years ago.

An active member of Carmel Mission, George attended daily Mass at noon in the Mission's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. There he served as a lector and, following Mass, led the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 9:15 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Carmel Mission Basilica next Tuesday, April 9. Memorial donations are suggested to Junipero Serra School, 2992 Lasuen, Carmel, 93923.

Please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com) to sign George's guest book.

## John Francis Kelly

Dec. 28, 1930 - March 9, 2019

John Francis Kelly, age 88, passed away March 9, 2019, of heart failure at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. He was surrounded by a loving family that eased his passing with his favorite dance tunes, anecdotes of years gone by, and comforting words from his wife, four daughters, and 14 grandchildren.

The essence of this man can be summed up as loving and loved.

He was born in Rochester, Minnesota and grew up in St. Paul, graduating from Cretin High School, a Jesuit prep school renowned for academic excellence.

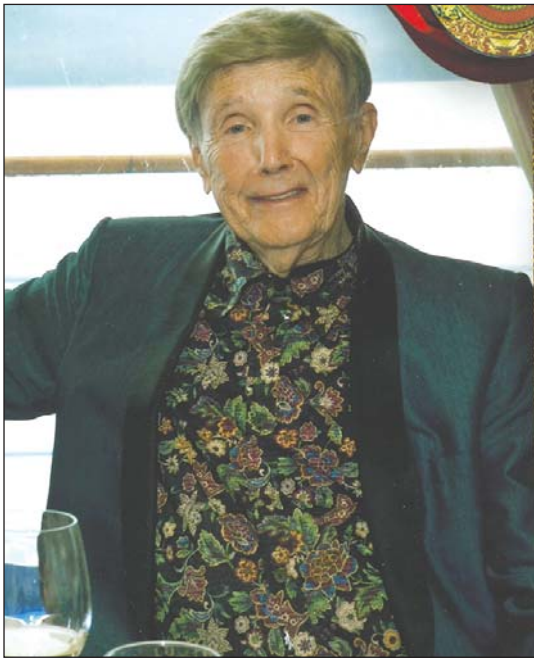
A renaissance man, John was a successful real estate entrepreneur, gifted artist and sculptor. A world traveler who toured 45 countries with his wife, Sara, this included several trips to Argentina and Chile to tango. He loved ballroom dancing, especially swing.

An Army veteran, he saw combat in Korea and was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and Korean Service Medal with 5 Bronze Stars. Following discharge in 1953, he enrolled at the University of Minnesota, majoring in Industrial Design. After graduation he was employed as a consultant for 3M and other manufacturing companies. In 1963 he moved to the San Jose area with his wife, Pauline, two daughters and his mother Elizabeth Stalwick, to began his career in real estate acquisition. Later, two more daughters were born. Pauline died in 2004.

John moved to Monterey in 2007 with his second wife, Sara Myers. He is survived by Sara, four daughters and three sons-in-law: Cynthia and Dennis Early, Loomis, Ca; Cassandra Kelly, Cameron Park, Ca; Cyrena and Joe Park, Brentwood, Ca; and Christina and Seiko Brown, Cameron Park, Ca.

His grandchildren include Michelle Early and husband Josh Halsey, Sacramento, Ca; Brian Early, Sacramento, Ca; Tiffany Richmond, Cameron Park, Ca; John Emory Richmond, Roseville, Ca; Felicity Suarez and husband Eric, Roseville, Ca; Tilly and husband Dustin Richmond, Pittsburg, Pa; Chenelle Brown, Maui, Hawaii; Chemisse Brown, Independence, Ohio; Ethan Brown, Cameron Park, Ca; Brennan Park, Conor Park and Riley Park, Brentwood, Ca; and three step-grandchildren, Edward Emig, Sacramento, Ca; Heather Bolton and Bud Bolton, Folsom, Ca. Great-grandchildren are Vincent Brown, Olivia and Skylar Park and North Richmond and Calvin Suarez, Roseville, Ca.

A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove on May 11th at 1 p.m.



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## SEARCH

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On Saturday, Big Sur resident and UC Davis researcher Kerri Frangioso will lead the latest Sudden Oak Death “blitz” to identify infected trees. The effort is one of 25 that will happen throughout the state. Volunteers will probe the parks and neighborhoods of Carmel Valley, and report their findings to researchers at UC Berkeley.

### The valley without oaks?

Carmel Valley is famous for its stands of live oaks, and Frangioso is worried the disease will take its toll on those trees. It can also kill rhododendrons.

“I can’t imagine Carmel Valley without oak trees,” she told The Pine Cone. “There’s a lot of people who live on north side of Carmel Valley Road. Without oaks, they wouldn’t have any shade — there would be a massive property value loss.”

Thankfully, live oaks aren’t as vulnerable to the disease as tanbarks are. The latter, unfortunately, could suffer the same fate as the American chestnut tree, which dominated forests in the Eastern United States before it was wiped out by a blight in the early 20th century.

“I don’t think we’ll ever see majestic tanbark oaks anywhere where the disease is,” Frangioso suggested. “We have not found a reliable way to protect tanbark oaks from it.”

While the pathogen can kill live oaks, the trees can also be treated successfully.

“I think we’ll see some mortality of live oaks in the coming years,” the researcher predicted. “But you can manage the disease well in the area by removing bay laurel trees in close proximity to oaks, especially the understory.”

Bay laurel trees spread the pathogen but aren’t killed by it. Frangioso said she received a spate of calls after a wet winter two years ago from residents concerned their bay trees were dying, but they were mistaken. The disease only caused them to lose their leaves. “Now they’re totally fine,” she said.

Fortunately, bay laurels are less numerous on the sunny north side of Carmel Valley Road, giving researchers more hope that the mortality can be minimized there.

### Making it worse

Frangioso’s immediate concern is warm wet weather, which creates ideal conditions for Sudden Oak Death to spread. She said the temperature has been too low during recent rains, but that’s about to change.

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# OAKS

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“It needs to be about 60 degrees and raining,” the researcher said. “There’s a storm coming Friday, and it could create perfect conditions for it to spread.”

Also of concern is a report that manzanita in Marin County have become infected by the pathogen, raising the possibly that the disease is becoming more accustomed to places with less moisture. So far, it hasn’t been found in the Sierra. “It has us all very nervous that it may be adapting to drier climates,” she said.

Researchers continue to learn more about Sudden Oak

Death, including that the pathogen in California is a single individual that has replicated itself millions of times.

“That is strong evidence that it was introduced here,” Frangioso explained.

More encouraging is the news that the disease has been found in the uplands of Vietnam, where varieties of oaks, bay laurels and rhododendrons exist — and seem to be immune to it.

“We hope to learn a lot by observing it in its likely native range,” she said. “This is huge news for us.”

Frangioso urged locals to participate in Saturday’s survey. “It’s an opportunity to go for a hike and be part of one of

the country’s largest citizen-run science projects,” she added. “We need to know where the mold that causes Sudden Oak Death is so we can take active measures.”

Volunteers are asked to gather in the meeting room at Garland Ranch Regional Park Saturday at 10 a.m., and after a brief introduction, they will be given all the materials necessary to collect evidence of Sudden Oak Death. The samples need to be turned in by Monday, and the results of the survey will be published in October.

The park is located at 700 W. Carmel Valley Road, about 9 miles east of Highway 1. For more details, call (530) 219-1575.



External bleeding on the surface of an oak tree reveals it’s been infected by Sudden Oak Death, which has ravaged forests in Big Sur.

# AUCTION

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# MORSE

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which I haven’t mentioned.

These properties had become top heavy. The operations were in the red and the company didn’t have enough income to pay its taxes. My job was to liquidate the Pacific Improvement Company and to turn all of its properties into cash. The appointment came through the fact that I had made a success of the Crocker operation [in Merced]. Ninety percent of the liquidation was accomplished in the first five or six years, but the package was not completely finished for 50 years.

As I’ve outlined, my job with the Pacific Improvement Company was to liquidate the holdings. We had placed a price on the Del Monte Unit and I had successfully interested a man of substantial means in New York who made an offer. The offer was predicated on my remaining as manager. The offer was below the price we had set on the property. I presented it to the directors and stated that I would not agree to stay as manager. I also told them that if they would do business with me, I would form a company and pay the price which had been placed on the property, which I considered reasonable. This the directors agreed to.

The details on how the company was formed are briefly as follows:

I had set down on paper a plan of bonds and preferred and common stock. I needed interim financing. Immediately after the meeting of the directors at which they approved of the sale to me, I contacted Mr. Crocker. I was at that time a director in the Crocker National Bank. Mr. Crocker was also interested in the sale because his family owned a quarter-interest in the Pacific Improvement Company. He considered it unethical for him to give me the interim loan that I needed. This was naturally a tremendous shock to me.

### A friend to the rescue

I had become very friendly with Herbert Fleishhacker in the few years I had been in San Francisco [where the Pacific Improvement Co. had its offices at that time]. I went down the street from the Crocker Bank and laid the whole plan before Herbert, who was president of the Anglo Bank. He went with me to Del Monte the next day and very promptly agreed to give me the financing I needed. He stated at the time that, while it was not a condition imposed with giving me the interim help, he would like very much to be a partner in the new company.

Practically all of the stock that was put on the market was purchased by myself and Blyth & Company [a stock broker],



Samuel F.B. Morse in 1951.

which gave it wide distribution. Herbert Fleishhacker was tremendously helpful not only in completing the formation of the Del Monte Properties Company, but also during all of the early years of its existence.

The story of my connection with the Monterey Peninsula started in April of 1915, when I became part of the Pacific Improvement Company. There was no break of any kind nor change in the personnel when the Del Monte Properties Company was formed in February 1919 and took over the property. Therefore, I will begin the story with April 1915.

When I took charge in 1915, one of the first things we did was to dispose of an unprofitable unit at Pacific Grove known as the Pacific Grove Hotel, and lay out and construct the Pebble Beach golf links, and in many other ways started the ball rolling, so that in a surprisingly short space of time, the operation became profitable and the prospects brighter.

At Pebble Beach in 1916, we also built what we called Cottage Row, connecting it with the old wooden lodge by the bridge which then spanned a creek running to the ocean. The old lodge had no bedrooms and was used solely for shore dinners and luncheons on the 17 Mile Drive.

At Christmas time in 1917, the old wooden lodge at Pebble Beach burned down.

We immediately employed Lewis Hobart, one of the best architects of the period, to do the new building, which is the still existing main building of our Lodge complex. It opened in 1919 [along with the new golf course] and is directly in front of the location of the old log cabin. At that time the entire Lodge consisted of Cottage Row and the main building, a total of some 30 rooms.

*This is the third installment of the serialization of the memoirs of Pebble Beach Company founder Samuel Finlay Brown Morse, which The Pine Cone is printing in connection with the company’s centennial. To learn more about him, read the book, “Boss,” written by his grandson, Charles Osborne.*



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### REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS


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- Architecture
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- Public Outreach
- Structural Engineering
- Traffic Engineering

When projects and programs become funded during this term, SOQs submitted in accordance with this request will be evaluated to select best qualified consultants to provide the required services. Upon selection, the scope of work, schedule, and fees for specific projects will be mutually agreed to, and the parties will enter into a Professional Services Agreement.

Firms interested in providing these services must complete a separate SOQ Submittal for each Service Area using forms contained in SOQ packets which may be downloaded from the City’s Website at <https://ci.carmel.ca.us> under “I want to submit a proposal” or by email from Yvette Oblander, Administrative Coordinator, at [yoblander@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:yoblander@ci.carmel.ca.us) Submittals will be accepted from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, until Friday, May 31, 2019.

Publication dates: April 5 and April 19, 2019 (PC405)



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that sealed proposals will be received by the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, P.O. Box 221428 Carmel, CA. 93922, until

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Specifications and proposal forms may be secured at no charge by emailing the District’s Principal Engineer at [lather@cawd.org](mailto:lather@cawd.org) and requesting the documents.

Publication dates: April 5, 12, 2019 (PC403)



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**RFQ #18-19-005**

The City of Carmel-by-the Sea requests qualifications-based proposals from individuals or firms to provide the City with legal direction of municipal affairs and provide a broad range of routine legal services.

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# RENTALS

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emergency law, since that could very well lead to a court battle the city might lose.

“The city has already received a threat of legal challenge to any attempt to re-seat two of the disqualified members needed for an urgency ordinance,” he explained.

A regular ordinance requires two readings and approval by three-fifths of the council, so only one of those conflicted council people would need to vote on the regular ordinance, which Giffen said would make the council’s action and decision less vulnerable in court, should the argument end up there. The third council person would be chosen in a random drawing.

“That approach has the additional benefit of minimizing the likelihood — and likelihood of success — of any legal challenge brought against the city on procedural grounds,” he told the council.

The council agreed to take the topic off the agenda, but Potter invited members of the public to comment on short-

term rentals, anyway.

Attorney Ralph Guenther said he believes the council members with conflicts should not be allowed to vote on the law, and he took issue with the ban itself, saying the city had failed to justify it.

For example, planning director Marc Wiener said the fact that lucrative short-term rentals cut into the availability of “the most affordable housing in the city,” apartments in multi-unit complexes, is one of the justifications for the ban, but Guenther said his report doesn’t provide any data that back up that statement.

**‘Stand up for our rights’**

Vince Brigantino, who bought a “rundown” two-story residential complex on Mission Street southwest of Seventh with his wife 15 months ago and is nearly done with an extensive remodel, told the council they purchased the property solely because they knew they could use it for vacation rentals.

“We did our due diligence to confirm it was a legal use and were told that indeed, it was,” he said. “We were selling some farm property and wanted to invest in more passive income

and something we could enjoy with our family. That seemed like the perfect investment, so we went ahead and did it.”

Just weeks away from completing the renovation, he said, they were dismayed to learn that the council was considering making short-term rentals illegal, especially in light of how much money they’d just spent.

“When we bought the property, it was OK for that use, and we should be able to sell it for that use,” Brigantino said. “Any change, and I have really no choice but to stand up for our rights.”

But Richard Kreitman said the ordinance would simply align the commercial and multifamily-residential districts with the single-family-residential district, where vacation rentals of less than 30 days have been illegal for 30 years.

“This does not keep the owners of these units from renting their units once a month,” he said.

The council is set to consider the ban on short-term rentals next month, when it will also presumably figure out how to deal with the conflict-of-interest issue.

## A hot topic is taken off the agenda but discussed anyway

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# ARREST

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moved the clothing and bedding to the side, and observed what appeared to be a human body part,” the March 15 report said.

On the right passenger seat, officers discovered several latex gloves and evidence of a small fire, while blood was found on the driver’s seat headrest and in the back seat. After getting a warrant to thoroughly search the vehicle, officers found Burchard’s partially clothed and bludgeoned body in the trunk.

“It appeared Burchard was struck multiple times with an unidentified object, which left a unique pattern,” the report says. “There were also apparent defensive wounds to

Burchard’s body.”

Police also found bloody latex gloves and clothing, Burchard’s vest and house keys, and cleaning supplies in the Mercedes. Blood evidence suggests that Burchard was attacked in the vehicle, although police said it’s unclear if the attack started there or outside the vehicle and continued inside.

His body seemed to have been moved from the passenger seat to the trunk, and a blue and white striped towel found in the trunk matched towels found in Turner’s home.

Burchard’s girlfriend, Judy Earp, told police that she reported him missing in early March after Burchard told her he had to go to Las Vegas to “take care of a few things.”

But Earp said she started getting text messages which “did not sound like” Burchard, and suspected that Turner and her boyfriend may have killed the psychiatrist — whom she said may have had been in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease.



Kelsey Turner, a suspect in the murder of CHOMP doctor Thomas Burchard, posed for Playboy Italia, according to this photo posted on her Facebook page.



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**Funding for suspect**

Turner’s Facebook account indicates she’s a “professional model.” Among the numerous photographs she’s posted include red carpet, bikini and modeling shots, among them an image she says was used for Italian Playboy, and pictures of her and her children.

The Clark County court website indicates the criminal complaint against Turner, which would likely reveal more details in the case, is sealed, meaning it’s not available to the public.

Meanwhile, one of Turner’s friends set up a “Kelsey Turner Legal Defense Fund” account on GoFundMe last week, but the page was quickly deleted from the crowdfunding site. A similar fundraising effort was established on a website called Funded Justice.

“Those of you that know Kelsey Turner know her as a loving mom, trusted friend and hard working young model,” the Funded Justice page says. “Now she needs our help. The media is trying her case in the court of public opinion while she waits for her day to tell her side of the story. By donating to her legal defense fund, we can help make sure that the world knows her truth.”

As of Thursday, the website had raised only \$240 toward its \$50,000 goal.

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# This Week

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## ‘Best guitar player alive’ brings blues to Sunset

A LIVING link to the heyday of Chicago blues in the 1950s and 1960s — and a big influence on Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and others — singer and guitarist **Buddy Guy** takes the stage Thursday, April 11, at Sunset Center.

As a session guitarist for Chess Records, Guy backed up

30 at Monterey Fairgrounds.

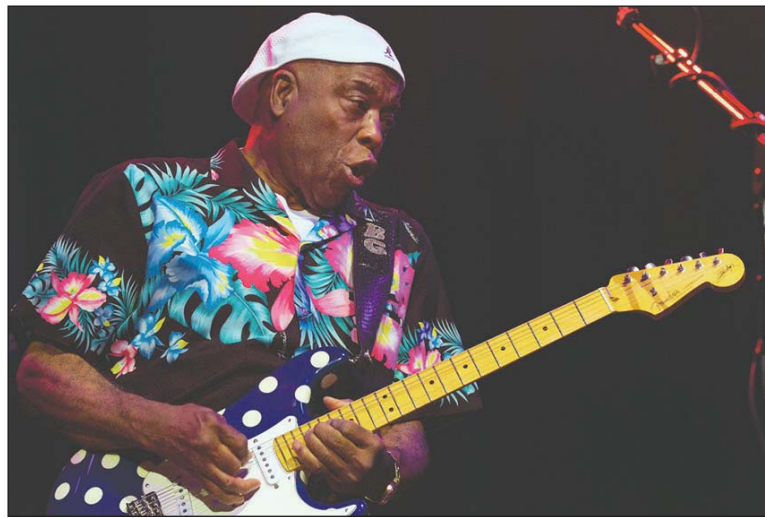
All performances are free. For a schedule, visit [www.montereyjazzfestival.org](http://www.montereyjazzfestival.org).

### ■ Piano trio offers grand finale

In the last concert of Chamber Music Monterey Bay’s 2018-19 season, **The Montrose Trio** performs Saturday, April 6, at Sunset Center.

Named for a Bordeaux wine that its members favor, the trio came together in 2013, when celebrated pianist **Jon Kimura Parker** teamed up with violinist **Martin Beaver** and cellist **Clive Greensmith** of the Tokyo String Quartet. Today,

See **MUSIC** page 26A



Legendary guitarist and 7-time Grammy Award winner Buddy Guy takes the stage April 11 at Sunset Center. Guy’s original take on the Chicago Blues has earned him the admiration of a generation of guitar players.

## Painting the wind and exploring ‘floating light’

TWO WOMEN with very different creative approaches celebrate landscapes this month at Carmel Art Association. Both show open Saturday, April 6.

In her display, “Mountains, Moods and Music,” painter Anne Downs uses watercolors to create striking abstracts that depict something nobody can see.

“I try to paint the invisible wind which can only be seen by its effect on the clouds, vegetation and bodies of water,” Downs explains.

Printmaker Kathryn Greenwald, meanwhile, presents “Floating Light,” a collection of monotype landscapes “in-

See **ART** page 25A



An owl-inspired quilt by Mary Ellen Parsons, “It’s a Hoot,” will be raffled off at this weekend’s Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild exhibit at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove.

## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

the biggest stars in blues music, including Muddy Waters, Howlin’ Wolf, Little Walter and many others. But his career didn’t really take off until the early 1990s when a live album by Clapton, “24 Nights,” showcased his guitar-playing. Clapton once called Guy, “the best guitar player alive.”

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$99 to \$109. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

### ■ What next in jazz?

More than 1,200 middle school, high school and college students from 11 states will compete for prizes and more in the 49th annual Next Generation Jazz Festival, which happens at a variety of sites in downtown Monterey this weekend.

The three-day festival kicks off Friday with a Judges Concert at the Monterey Conference Center, and the competition gets underway the following day. **The Carmel High School Jazz Ensemble** will be play Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in Portola Hotel.

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# Big local showing at PBFW, bartender finals, and sale at the salumeria

COMPLEMENTING THE star chefs and up-and-comers who will be arriving from the far reaches of the United States and beyond for next week's Pebble Beach Food & Wine will be an exceptional lineup of more than two dozen of the Monterey Peninsula's best set to cook alongside them and the P.B. Co.'s own impressive culinary teams.

The event, now in its 12th year, kicks off

## Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

April 11 with a golf tournament at the Pebble Beach Golf Links and Opening Night at Spanish Bay, and runs through April 14, wrapping up with the second of two Grand Tastings. Offered are more than 50 lunches, dinners, cooking demonstrations, wine tastings and after parties, and Peninsula chefs will be found at many of them.

PBFW regular Rob Baker, for instance, will bring his Me And the Hound Memphis-style barbecue to the tournament that has fortunate guests playing a round with celebrated chefs and other important figures in the culinary world.

### Opening Night party

That night at Spanish Bay, the local lineup includes the Matts — Bolton from the C, and Beaudin from the Aquarium — Colin Moody (freshly arrived at the Club at Pasadera), Paul Corsentino (who left Ventana to cook at Salt Wood in Marina), Todd Fisher from Folktale Winery, longtime Bernardus Lodge chef Cal Stamenov, and Cheese Shop owner Kent Torrey, whose elaborate displays and tastings are always a highlight of the larger PBFW events. Torrey will also share his knowledge — and cheese — at the Fantastic Fromage and Wine

demo Friday morning.

The Downtown Dining trio of chefs Tony Baker from Montrieo, Eduardo Coronel from the Rio Grill and Gabby Argeuelles from Tarpy's Roadhouse will be there, feeding the crowds at the Grand Tastings.

Those tastings — held in a large tent on the site of the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday — are where

much of the local talent shows up to hand out deftly made small bites to a few thousand guests.

Saturday's lineup of 30 chefs, for instance, includes new Hyatt Regency Monterey exec chef Dan Elinan, pastry chefs Kelsey Larson from Bernardus and Michelle Lee from the C, Stephen Paulson from the new Yeast of Eden restaurant and microbrewery in Carmel, new 7D Steakhouse executive chef Tom Snyder (formerly of Esteban), and Carmel Valley Ranch's inimitable Tim Wood, while Sunday's will see Brian Kearns from Quail Lodge, Danny Leach from Folktale, Obdiel Luna and Sebastian Nobile from La Bicyclette, and Fabrice Roux from Roux among the chefs under the big top.

Jason Balestrieri, cofounder of the Me-atery in Seaside with Kevin Hincks, will be at Friday night's "Big Cabs & Big Slabs" dinner, where chef Ben Spungin, who oversees the new Alta Bakery in the Cooper Molera building, will be cooking, too.

Locals who love Emanuele Bartolini and his La Balena and Il Grillo restaurants will



[Clockwise from left] Los Arribeños will perform authentic Californio music at the Mission Days, while at next week's Pebble Beach Food & Wine, Quail Lodge chef Brian Kearns and Pasadera chef Colin Moody will do their best to impress.

find him at Friday's Pranzo Italiano lunch, cooking alongside a few guest chefs and Peppoli chef Angela Tamura, while fans who would like to see what Cultura chef Michelle Estigoy and Kyle O'Dell, her counterpart at new sister restaurant Cult Taco in Monterey, are up to will have to show up at the After Hours Party Saturday.

For much more detail and information on this year's PBFW lineup, and to buy tickets, go to [www.pbfw.com](http://www.pbfw.com).

### ■ Mixed drinks showdown

The best bartender in the land will be crowned in the final round of the Mixology Throwdown at Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse April 8. For the final competition, 7D general manager Joe Valencia decided to bump the number of cocktails in the competition from two to three, and to include appetizers in the ticket price, which increased from \$20 to \$40. The event also starts an hour earlier, with the doors opening at 7 p.m. instead of 8.

"We are upping the ante," he said.

Olana Sullivan of Pour Girl mobile bartending and Cultura bartender Josh Perry were the winners of their initial rounds last year, and of their semifinal competitions in February and March. Each of those contests had the contenders preparing a cocktail using the same base spirit and a secret ingredient, followed by a creation of their choice. A panel of judges identified their winner, while guests also got to vote, and when there was a tie (which happened frequently) Valencia assigned another challenge — either a test of skill or an on-the-spot cocktail made from ingredients he chose.

The finals will have Perry and Sullivan each making three cocktails: the first with Hennessy Cognac, the second with Folktale Brut sparkling wine, and the third their own concoctions. Those efforts will be scrutinized by the judges and by the guests, and Valencia will give them a final challenge in the case of a tie.

Also new for the finals, the restaurant

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## Casino Night benefiting Rancho Cielo

Rancho Cielo, the nonprofit in Salinas that provides vocational training and other programs for at-risk youth — and has a great culinary academy headed by chef EJ Jimenez — will benefit from a Casino Night Friday, April 5, at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds in King City. The 5th annual event will run from 6 to 10 p.m., and will have food, wine, beer, and plenty of games.

According to spokeswoman Carly Mayberry, food will be buffet-style finger foods, and wine and beer will be sold separately.

The “gambling” opportunities will include Texas Hold ’Em and other well known casino games.

Tickets are \$75 per person and may be ordered online at [www.ranchocieloyc.org](http://www.ranchocieloyc.org) or by phone at (831) 444-3533.

## Twisted Roots release party

Josh and Julie Ruiz of Twisted Roots winery will celebrate the new releases of their 1918 — a zinfandel made from vines planted that year — at their tasting room in Carmel Valley Village Saturday, April 6, all day long.

“When our family settled in the Lodi area in the early 1900s, the first varietal they planted on the ‘Dairy’ Ranch was zinfandel,” they said. The new vintage of zinfandel represents a century of wine growing over three genera-

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To taste the new zin, as well as the other wines at Twisted Roots, drop by the tasting room at 12 Del Fino Place between noon and 5 p.m. Saturday.

Visit [www.twistedrootsvineyard.com](http://www.twistedrootsvineyard.com).

## Condo work closes Salumeria

Restaurateur David Fink and his partner, Janet Elarmo, plan to finally begin construction on their condo on top of Cantinetta Luca on Dolores Street soon, and preliminary work on the foundation and lower framing will begin this month in Salumeria Luca next door to the restaurant.

As a result, the deli and Italian foods shop will close April 7 for an unknown duration. A sale on everything except the cheeses, meats, gelato and other fresh items kicked off Monday, offering discounts of 25 percent to 75 percent off.

“Salumeria Luca is closing because we’re going to start preparing for construction of the condo,” Fink said. “This Sunday is the last day for the salumeria.” Fink and Elarmo had to navigate their way through numerous hearings at the planning commission and city

council in order to finally gain approval of the project, and have long been looking forward to getting started on it.

Business will continue as usual at Cantinetta Luca with dinner nightly, and lunch and dinner on weekends, since the restaurant won’t be affected by the work, according to Fink. For information, call (831) 625-0264.

## Mission Days Saturday

Mission San Antonio — the third oldest Spanish Mission, founded by St. Junipero Serra in 1771 — presents its annual Mission Days event April 6, with historic reenactors portraying soldiers and vaqueros, dancers and musicians, and authentic Mission-era food from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Traditional crafts and activities will be demonstrated, including weaving, blacksmithing, candle making, and tortilla pressing. Members of Los Arribeños de San Francisco will perform historical Californio music and dance from the period, and artists will display and sell their works.

The Mission is a state historical landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places, and remains an active Catholic parish and retreat center. It’s located off of Jolon Road at 1 Mission Road within Fort Hunter Liggett. Parking and admission are \$10 per car, and food will be sold for \$10 per plate. For more information, visit [www.missionsanantonio](http://www.missionsanantonio).

net or call (831) 385-4478 ext.17.

## Upcoming Aubergine dinner

Redefining Flavor, the lighter and less expensive dinner series offered at upscale Aubergine restaurant in L’Auberge Carmel hotel at Monte Verde and Seventh, will “celebrate the exotic flavors south of the border” Wednesday, April 10.

That evening, executive chef Justin Cogley, pastry chef Yulanda Santos and their team

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Josh Perry of Cultura worked his magic last month to make it to the final round of the 7D Mixology Throwdown.

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will “recreate the native cuisine of Tulum,” Mexico.

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The monthly series features four courses served with wine pairings, and is meant to offer “an approachable fine-dining experience in an abbreviated, two-hour service.” The theme changes each month.

The April 10 menu is set to include tropical cocktails in the courtyard, followed by ceviche, octopus tostadas, pibil (marinated milk-fed pork wrapped in banana leaves and barbecued) and dessert made with masa and raw honey.

The cost is \$125 per person, including wine. For reservations, call (831) 624-8578 or book through Open Table.

■ Fondue Day April 11

Celebrate National Fondue Day at home April 11 by dunk-

ing chunks of bread, fruit, veggies and other goodies into the molten mix of cheese and wine that’s one of the signature dishes of Switzerland. Lugano’s Swiss Bistro in the Barnyard serves excellent fondue, and owner Nargis Lengacher has shared the recipe for cooks to make at home:

- 1 C. dry white wine
- 1 T. butter
- 1 T. corn starch
- 1 clove garlic
- 7 oz. Gruyere cheese, grated
- 7 oz. Emmental cheese, grated
- 4 oz. Appenzeller cheese, grated
- 2 T. kirschwasser (clear cherry brandy)
- Dash Tabasco and pinch nutmeg

Bring the wine to a boil in a small saucepan. Melt the butter over medium-low heat in a ceramic or cast iron fondue pot. Whisk in the corn starch and a grated clove of garlic, and cook for five minutes, stirring constantly to avoid sticking. Stir the wine into the mixture slowly, and add all three cheeses. Continue stirring until the cheese is melted. Add kirschwasser, Tabasco and nutmeg. Keep warm over a low flame, and serve with cubed day-old bread, sliced apples and pears, veggies, boiled potatoes, or anything else worth dipping.

Good Old Days returns to P.G. this weekend

CARNIVAL RIDES, music, great food, retail vendors and a whole lot more will be in Pacific Grove this Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as part of the 62nd annual Good Old Days event.

Good Old Days kicks off Saturday morning with the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m. in Jewell Park. The P.G. Rotary Club’s Good Old Days parade will begin at 10 a.m. the same day and feature more than 100 entries.


Musical entertainment will be on five stages with more than 60 bands, performers and shows scheduled. Returning entertainers include Stu Heydon Blues Band, The Snarky Cats, Rayburn Brothers Band, and Rollin’ & Tumblin’, and “exciting new acts” such as the Pacific Brass Band, Dirty Cel-lo, and the Dead Ducks Band.

Family fun activities also include carnival rides, the fire department kids challenge, petting zoo, pie eating contest, pony rides, beer and wine garden, and YMCA fair.


For information, contact the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce at (831) 373-3304 or [www.pacificgrove.org](http://www.pacificgrove.org).

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**April 15 - “Singing Into Spring – A Musical Interlude”** will be presented at the Carmel Woman’s Club at 2 p.m. with arias, love songs and favorite melodies filing the air. The public is invited. Performances will feature the beloved voice of tenor Erasmo Aiello accompanied by noted pianist Pauline Troia. In addition to her songs, multit talented musicologist Elise Rotchford will perform on the flute in a duet with Troia. A coffee/tea reception immediately follows the program. Members, free; guests \$10, includes reception. (831) 624-2866 or 915-8184.

**April 17 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: Mediterranean Diet, a Community Connections Class.** Find out what makes the Mediterranean diet so healthy, AND so tasty! Event is free. 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Montage Wellness Center, 1910 N. Davis Road, Salinas. We ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2019](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2019)

**April 18 - “A TABLE AFFAIR-2019” will take place in the Main Ballroom, The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach,** 2 to 6 p.m. Invite friends and come enjoy seeing an intriguing array of table arrangements. Sip a cup of tea or

coffee, enjoy a cookie. There will also be a no-host bar for those wishing for a glass of wine. Purchase items from the “Fiddler’s’ Fayre” Boutique. There is no admission charge and reservations are not required. Donations (which are tax deductible) are respectfully requested at the event for Youth Music Monterey, this year’s beneficiary. For further information call Averil Nero at (831) 644-0833 or by e-mail: [acnero@comcast.net](mailto:acnero@comcast.net)

**April 20 -** Please join us for a **celebration of Arbor Day** and the **renovation of the North Dunes.** We’ll have refreshments, activities for kids, and the planting of a new City tree. 10 a.m. to noon, north side of Ocean Avenue between San Antonio and the beach, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

**April 23 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: Spring Clutter Busting, a Community Connections Class.** Easy tips for organizing your home. Join a professional organizer and receive uncomplicated tips to create spaces you’ll love. Event is free. 10 to 11:30 a.m. at SVMC Diabetes & Endocrine Center, 355 Abbott St., Suite 200, 2nd Floor, Salinas. We ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2019](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2019)

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# ART

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spired by the local scenery.” Greenwald employs a variety of tools and brushes — along with a few printmaking tricks — to produce “luminous, light filled landscapes.”

Also opening Saturday the Carmel Art Association are exhibits by painters Roianne Hart and Alicia Meheen. Hart shares floral, figurative and landscape paintings, while Meheen presents her latest California landscapes.

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

The gallery, which hosts a reception Saturday from 5 to 6 p.m., is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. The shows will be on display through April 30. Call (831) 624-6176.

### ■ Quilters unite at Good Old Days

More than 200 pieces of one-of-a-kind textile art will be displayed when the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild presents its annual show at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove April 5-7.

Titled “Quilts by the Bay,” the exhibit includes a wide mix of themes, sizes and styles. A particularly eye-catching and owl-inspired quilt by Mary Ellen Parsons, “It’s a Hoot,” will be raffled off, along with an assortment of mini-quilts. A Quilters Garage Sale, meanwhile, offers a “bonanza” of tools, materials and more for quilters — and those who would like to learn.

Proceeds from the show support efforts to promote or teach sewing. Dedicated to preserving an American folk art tradition, the guild celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

The show coincides with Pacific Grove’s annual Good Old



Alicia’s Meheen’s watercolor, “Yankee Point,” is included in a show opening Saturday at the Carmel Art Association.

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Days street fair.  
Chautauqua Hall is located at 16th and Central.

### ■ ‘Hot House’ blooms at Cherry Center

Just in time for spring, the Cherry Center for the Arts unveils “Hot House,” a display of botanical-themed paintings and drawings, Friday, April 5.

The exhibit — described as “a euphoric visual landscape of flora and fauna” — includes work by Kamille Corry, Stacy Frank, Frank Galuszka, Ken Hale, Andrea Johnson, Nancy Lawton and others.

There will be a reception for the artist April 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Cherry Center is located at Guadalupe and Fourth. The show continues through May 4.

### ■ Art museum subject of free talk

The executive director of the Monterey Museum of Art, Stuart Chase, presents a free talk about the history of the local museum Wednesday, April 10, at Carmel Foundation. Chase will talk about the museum’s past, present and future — and share stories about its collection of paintings, sculpture and photography. The museum celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

The talk starts at 2:30 p.m. Carmel Foundation is located at Eighth and Lincoln.

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THE AMERICAN Cancer Society’s annual fashion show is celebrating its silver anniversary this year, marking a quarter century of honoring those who have survived and thrived in spite of the disease, while raising

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All of the models who strut on the catwalk are survivors willing to share their stories and inspire people while raising awareness of cancer and its far-reaching effects. The disease strikes 1 in 3 Californians, according to the cancer society, which reports that “nearly 14.5 million cancer survivors in America will celebrate a birthday this year,” thanks in part to the nonprofit’s efforts toward outreach and research. This year’s Celebration of Life Honorees are the show’s founders, Jeri Olivas, Shirley Lavorato and Karen Fanoe, who are being recognized “for their longstanding and unwavering dedication to fighting cancer in our community.”

## MUSIC

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The ensemble is considered one of the world best piano trios. The program includes Haydn’s *Piano Trio in E Flat Major*, Shostakovich’s *Trio in E minor, Op. 67* and Anton Arensky’s *Trio No. 1, Op. 32*. A pre-concert talk by **Kai Christiansen** starts at 6:30 p.m., and the music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$64. Call (831) 625-2212.

### ■ Youth players showcased

Presenting its annual benefit concert — and calling attention to some of the region’s most gifted student-musicians — **The Youth Music Monterey County Chamber Players** perform Sunday, April 7, at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley. Led by director **Erica Horn**, the ensemble will play music by Schubert, Haydn, Bernard Hermann and David Popper. The concert stars at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. Hidden Valley is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for parents and seniors and free for students. Call (831) 375-1992.

Former KION TV sports and news anchor Hunter Finnell, who was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1977 and managed to prevail over the disease, will emcee the show. Local sponsors include the Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, Taylor Fresh Farms, RC Farms LLC, Sammut Brothers, Church Brothers Farms, and Salinas Valley Plastic Surgery Associates. The models will be flaunting the latest fashions from Catina Clothing, Debra C., Girl Lee Boutique, Macy’s, Parts Unknown, SHE, Sylvie Unique Boutique, and Khaki’s of Carmel. Tickets are \$110, and registration closes April 5. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [www.acscelebration.org](http://www.acscelebration.org).

### ■ Christian artist visits Monterey

One of the biggest stars in contemporary Christian music, five-time Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter **Steven Curtis Chapman** plays Friday, April 5, at Golden State Theatre in Monterey. Although he’s hardly a household name in the secular music world, Chapman is one of the best-selling artists in Christian music, and he’s won 7 Dove Awards, which honor the genre’s artist-of-the-year. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado Street. Tickets are \$26 to \$75. Call (831) 649-1070.

### ■ Good Old Days here again

Pacific Grove’s annual street fair, Good Old Days, returns this weekend for its 62nd year, offering performances by more than 60 musical acts on five downtown stages. The lineup includes many familiar local names, including **The Stu Heydon Blues Band**, **The Snarky Cats**, **Rollin’ & Tumblin’**, **Fields of Eden**, **Dirty Cello** and many others.

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# Track and field standouts are numerous — and so are their triumphs

“SLOW AND steady wins the race” was a strategy espoused by Robert Lloyd, an 18th century poet whose powdered wig probably would’ve flown right off his head if he had run like the greyhounds at Carmel High.

## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Most of the fleetest runners in the Mission Division of the Pacific Coast Athletic League, male and female, are Carmel Padres.

The three fastest times in the girls 100-meter dash belong to Carmel’s Kandace Kimes (13.42 seconds), Isabelle Silverie (13.59), and Sarah Graessley (13.62), and teammate Valerie Kraut (13.86) is fifth best.

Gianna Dalton (28.11), Silverie (28.28), Lauren Pritchard (28.33) and Kimes (28.52)

have the four quickest times of the year in the 200-meter dash, and Dalton’s 400-meter time (1:03.40) ranks second in the Mission Division.

Carmel also has the division’s top two high jumpers (Pritchard and Katherine Short), the division’s No. 2 triple jumper in sophomore Isabella Daste, four of the top five pole vaulters (Graessley, Ashley Gose, Kraut, and Logan Falkel), and one of the best all-around athletes in history on the central coast, senior Soana Lauloto, who ranks No. 1 in the shot put and No. 2 (by an inch) in the discus. Another senior, Colleen Lang, ranks No. 2 in the 3,200 — an event in which Sophia Davi and sophomore Rachel Suess (a league cross-country champ as a freshman) also are formidable contenders.

The guys team isn’t quite as loaded, but has its share of standouts. Although the top

100-meter sprinters in the Mission Division are from Monterey (Azjani McGill, 10.79, and Eris Hutchins, 11.19), with Seaside’s Jose Viscarra (11.43) ranking third, Carmel’s Benicio Cristofalo (11.44), Rashaan Ward (11.53), Nick Sloan (11.56) and Lavar Edwards (11.62) are right on their heels, ranking fourth through seventh.

Monterey’s McGill also tops the list in the 200 (22.06), but his three fastest competitors are Sloan (23.24), Cristofalo (23.35) and Ward (23.39).

**Lucky coach**

“I can’t remember the last time Carmel was pretty much the sprinting hot spot. I can’t believe how lucky I got, walking into this situation when I took this job,” said the Padres’ first-year head coach, Nick Cunningham, who knows something about sprinters.

In 2003, his senior year at Monterey High, Cunningham established school records in the

100 meters (10.90 seconds, a mark that fell to McGill on March 16) and the 200 (21.52).

He went on to become captain of the track team at Boise State University, then switched sports, competing for Team USA in bobsled in 2010, 2014 and 2018.

He was grooming McGill and other Monterey lightning bolts until Carmel athletic director Golden Anderson called last December to let him know the Padres’ head coaching job was open. Cunningham, who eventually wants a Division I college job, seized the opportunity to add head coaching to his resume, and couldn’t be happier with his decision.

“It’s been awesome here,” he said. “The kids are great, the parents have been great, the facilities are phenomenal, and I get excellent support from the administration.

“It would have been nice to watch Azjani McGill break all of my records at Monterey

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The stellar performers on the Carmel High School track and field squad include (from left) shot putter Soana Lauloto, sprinter Rashaan Ward, and long-distance runner Colleen Lang.



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# Editorial

## Where’s the fire?

A DECISION to ban short-term rentals or let them happen is something we’ve longed argued should be made through the local democratic process — which is to say that if the majority of a town’s citizens think it’s OK for homes and apartments to be rented out on a short-term basis, they should be legal. And if they don’t, they shouldn’t. Clean and simple.

The issue is similar to other land-use controversies, which are best settled by the people most affected. The Supreme Court may require that everybody be allowed to put their property to at least a minimal use that benefits them, but other than that, nothing is guaranteed. Rules for types of uses, height limitations, setbacks, etc., have long been adopted at the local level, which is where they should be.

Here in the People’s Republic of California, of course, things get very muddled whenever the state Legislature decides it has to impose rules from above, and land use is an area of government where they’ve been most active. Especially over the last 50 years, when laws like CEQA and the Coastal Act elevated environmental protection over almost every human activity, which also meant that any significant development project became very difficult to accomplish. The result, as anyone could have predicted, was a dire housing shortage, accompanied by dazzling gentrification along the coast as rich people outbid everyone else for the few homes that exist there. Predictably, the folks in Sacramento are beginning to reverse course, and are starting to forbid limits on development in the very same places where they previously required them. Well, nobody said they knew what they were doing.

But state government isn’t the only place where mistakes are made, and while land use controversies are best settled at the local level, that doesn’t mean city councils and boards of supervisors don’t make their share of mistakes.

An outstanding example was the Carmel City Council’s recent move toward banning short-term rentals in the city’s commercial and multifamily districts. The decision may have been the right one, but they made it in way too much of a hurry. What’s the emergency, anyway?

Short-term rentals have been allowed in downtown Carmel since the year dot, and even when the city council banned them in single-family zones in the 1980s, they allowed them to continue downtown. Last thing we noticed, the city hadn’t exactly been ruined by the move. In fact, it’s quite lovely.

Suddenly, however, with the popularity of short-term rentals increasing, the city council noticed its own possible oversight — and decided it had to be rectified as soon as possible.

Of course, the people who operate the few short-term rentals in the city’s commercial and multifamily buildings are appalled by the sudden move. STRs, as they are called, can be fabulously profitable, nowhere more so than in a vacation paradise like this one, and once someone gets one set up in their name, there’s a good chance they’ll hang on to it like a government employee and his pension.

We don’t know if short-term rentals should be banned downtown. But we do know there’s no big hurry.

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### How to control housing costs

**Dear Editor,**

To turn the oft-quoted Mark Twain line: “Everyone talks about the price of housing, but no one does anything about it.”

A local article was lamenting the plight of a tenant being asked to vacate her apartment and having to move far away to afford a new place.

The article went on to say that people were looking at why rents are so high. They don’t have to look very far. It is a simple example of supply and demand. There is not enough housing to balance the demand.

The article discussed how there should be some way to keep rents low, such as having landlords or management companies voluntarily not raise rents. Really? Why not build more apartments and houses? Why not con-

vert low-demand commercial space to housing?

Rent control is often a topic of discussion. If rents are fixed by statute, can costs of repairs and maintenance be fixed as well? No. Can property taxes and insurance be lowered? No. If market rents decline, the tenant will move to a lower rent. Where is the property owner’s incentive to properly maintain a property? The absolute incorrect change is to restrict property owners’ rights.

One of the most basic rules in real estate invokes what is commonly known as “highest and best use,” which addresses the most profitable use of land. Within these rules is a concept of “competent management,” which dictates a landlord of an income producing property, in order to maximize profit, should rent properties at market rate. Currently there is no monetary incentive for them to do otherwise.

If communities are sincere about lowering rents, and housing costs, we must set aside our NIMBY attitudes, demand that Gov. Gavin Newsom provide viable programs and incentives, and back off the CEQA requirements that have severely restricted residential development throughout California since 1970.

Demand will always be strong for properties along and near the California coast. However, we need to ensure that housing can be made available through less restrictive land use policies.

**Larry Tack, Salinas**

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# LETTERS

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## Carbon capture an option

Dear Editor,

Let's be clear — nothing in HR 109, a.k.a. The Green New Deal, refers to the “obsessions of the modern American left” mentioned in your recent editorial. It confirms the federal government's duty to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions via a fair and just transition that invests in infrastructure and industry, creates high-wage jobs, and promotes justice and equity. I regard these principles as a fundamentally American approach to solving the problem of climate change.

That said, I agree that we should not limit our options in reducing our emissions. The Green New Deal focuses on renewable energy, but carbon capture and sequestration would not be ruled out if feasible after substantial investment and testing.

Regarding nuclear power, I sincerely doubt that many people would be happy to have nuclear reactors or waste nearby, regardless of any assurances.

Although I believe we should prioritize energy storage technology so we can fully utilize renewable energy, there is no one-size-fits-all solution.

We need to consider any feasible options to protect the world we know and love from the serious consequences that nearly all scientists agree will result from unmitigated climate change.

Those who, like me, believe in a market-driven approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions should encourage our legislators to support HR 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. The EICDA is a bipartisan bill intended to reflect the true price of carbon dioxide emissions in our goods while protecting our domestic industries and middle and low-income Americans and avoiding bureaucratic expansion and additional regulation.

It is time to set aside our partisan differences and focus on protecting our country's natural beauty and economic opportunity for future generations.

John Stegman, Carmel Valley

## Riley's objectivity

Dear Editor,

Jerry Edelen raised two questions in his letter (March 22). The first question is why George Riley, former president of Public Water Now and a Measure J advocate, should, as a recently elected director to the water board, be allowed to participate in matters related to Measure J, the initiative to acquire Cal Am.

The reason is simple: Riley was comfortably elected to the board in November and made his support of J clear to the voters. As with others who run for office, the voters expect candidates they support to work toward achieving matters they support. The water board attorney and board directors are comfortable with Mr. Riley being active with all activities of the board.

Second, the letter maintains that Public Water Now is trying to kill the desal plant to keep these costs out of the cost to acquire the Cal Am operations. Not so. Setting aside legitimate reasons Marina has to stop the desal plant, many local residents question the need for the plant due to new lower cost water supply from Pure Water Monterey. Moreover, Cal Am's desal plant would cause our water rates to double or triple when Food and Water Watch says we already have the highest cost water in the United States.

Doug Wilhelm, Carmel

## Why Riley? Because ...

Dear Editor,

Jerry Edelen from Del Rey Oaks seems to need help in understanding why George Riley, a prominent participant in the public life of the Monterey Peninsula community, is qualified to be part of the deliberation process implementing the provisions of the Measure J which passed with full support of local voters.

Contrary to Edelen's implications of the imaginary conflict of interest, Riley is eminently qualified not only as a knowledgeable individual and a man of impeccable integrity, but especially as the voice of the citizens who overwhelmingly approved his leadership in the effort toward better stewardship over and potential reduction of the cost of water under public management as opposed to the documented predatory pricing under the monopolistic control of Cal Am.

Riley's willingness to continue contributing his energy, expertise and service to our community is very much appreciated.

Michael Lubic, Pacific Grove

## Bravo bipartisan efforts

Dear Editor,

It was nice to see The Pine Cone report about the great work our Congressman Jimmy Panetta is doing on behalf of hard working small business in recently introduced HR 1869. This is precisely what the legislative body needs to be concerned with: making government and legislation work in the ways they were designed.

Panetta tirelessly promotes this correct vision of the Legislature's raison d'être, and makes it happen. Reaching across the aisle

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# Inspired by her youthful freedom

MARYBETH RINEHART spent her youth in what she calls “a collaged city,” Oakland, home to people of virtually every race, creed, color, religion, sexual orientation and political persuasion.

All of that, she says, had an impact on the person and artist she became.

She was a free-range kid in the East Bay, with parents who didn't mind that their

was singing on top of the car alongside Mario Savio.”

She said she loved the racial and cultural diversity of the city where she grew up.

“I went to public schools, so I learned to get along with all different kinds, and that was a wonderful thing,” she said. “I couldn't have a pony, but other than that, I was a happy girl.”

The collages she creates today in her studio overlooking Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove reflect an artist who embraces the heterogeneity of life. Rinehart collects, clips, and pastes images that

conspire to tell a story, send a message, make a statement or suggestion, provoke thought or emotions — a process that typically requires a month or more of her time for each piece. Sometimes she enhances a collage with watercolors, inks, or colored pencils.

“I'm often inspired by my dreams,” she said. “I usually start with a title, then work backward. I try to get out of my own way and allow whatever wants to come out to come out. I also try not to be in control, because that's when some of the best stuff comes through.”

## A talented family

Rinehart remembers marveling at her father, a vice president at Standard Oil who spent his spare moments as a cartoonist, painter and pianist.

“He was so naturally talented, artistically,” she said. “He'd sit down at the piano and play by ear — Mozart, or Duke Ellington, or whoever. He'd always do it in an odd key, because when he taught himself to play, he noticed that there were fewer black keys than white, and he decided to use the whites as the sharps and flats.”

Rinehart fell in love with art in high school, and still grumbles today that she was regularly pulled out of art class to attend catechism class taught by a nun in the basement of an adjacent building.

She moved on to UC Santa

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## Carmel's artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

daughter explored, as long as she was home by 5:30 p.m.

“There was a lot of freedom in the 1950s and '60s, and it was great,” said Rinehart, a collage artist who celebrated her 70th birthday this week. “I saw Bob Dylan when I was 13 or 14. My first anti-war rally was at the 1964 Republican convention in San Francisco. I was in Berkeley for the beginnings of the Free Speech Movement, when Joan Baez



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Marybeth Rinehart creates her collages in a studio overlooking Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove.

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# SPORTS

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High, but he’s showing that he doesn’t need my help to do that,” Cunningham added. “He’s going to be just fine on his own.”

Both Carmel teams — girls and boys — came into the week unbeaten in dual meets, and feel good about their chances at the Mission Division Championships April 25.

“The guys have a tough challenge from Monterey and King City, but our women are in control of their own destiny,” Cunningham said. “Our women’s team is extremely young and extremely good, which are things that make a coach hurry to get to work every day.”

Kimes, Dalton and Silverie are all freshman in the earliest stages of discovering just how good they can become, he said.

“Kandace [Kimes] is a phenomenal athlete, but doesn’t have flawless running form yet, so she’s not even close to reaching her maximum potential,” Cunningham said. “With Gianna [Dalton], it’s just a matter of getting her to understand how good she can be if she sticks with this for the long haul. Isabelle [Silverie] was sick for a little bit, and is working her way back into the action. We’re very excited to discover what her potential is.”

Pritchard is a big scorer on meet days, capable of winning the high jump and placing in middle-distance races. She’s exceptionally valuable in relays: She teamed with Kimes, Graessley and Silverie to turn in the division’s

fastest 4x100-meter relay time, and with Dalton, Suess and Mazaud for the second-best 4x400 clocking.

Loalatu has been nearly unbeatable in the shot put since her freshman season and is Carmel’s school record-holder in the discus.

“Soana excels at every sport she touches, which is a blessing and a curse,” Cunningham said. “She had to leave our practice today because she’s playing in the all-star basketball game, and we also have to share her with volleyball. As a result, she hasn’t gotten close to what she can throw in the shot or discus.”

Sprinters are the deepest part of the boys squad, with Cristofano, Ward, Sloan and Edwards, a foursome that currently ranks No. 2 to Monterey in the 4x100 relay. Sloan, Edwards, Ward and Nathan Oros are fourth-fastest in the 4x400.

The other big scorers are in the field events, where junior Hunter Heger just set his personal record (6-0) in the high jump — the top mark in the division so far — and Michael Meheen, also a junior, ranks No. 1 in the pole vault (11-6).

Competing for team glory in the PCAL and the Central Coast Section is a less realistic venture for Carmel, a small school that spreads out its male athletes among five sports and its females among four.

“Enrollment is a huge factor in track, and we’re down in numbers from last year — we have roughly 60 athletes on our roster and, to put that in perspective, North Monterey County has more than 200,” Cunningham said.

Carmel, Stevenson and Santa Catalina are among 19 schools scheduled to compete at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Pacific Grove Rotary Invitational.

## ■ Stevenson sailors win silver

Stevenson’s sailing team won six of 14 races Saturday and Sunday to capture the Northern California Silver Division championship at Redwood City. The Pirates defeated seven other schools to take the division, which is designated for teams with less experience.

Seniors Taylor Lee and Marko Zaninovich, and junior Carl Ahrens competed in seven A Division races, while freshman Ryan Marquess and sophomore Schuyler Jones sailed in seven B Division contests.

## ■ Looking ahead (April 5-11)

**Baseball** — Friday: Carmel at Alisal (4 p.m.); Stevenson at Scotts Valley (4 p.m.). Tuesday: Carmel at King City (4 p.m.); Stevenson at Watsonville (6 p.m.). Thursday: King City at Carmel (4 p.m.); Pajaro Valley at Stevenson (4 p.m.).

**Boys golf** — Wednesday: Carmel vs. Aptos at Quail Lodge (3:30 p.m.). Thursday: Granite Bay vs. Stevenson at Spyglass Hill (4:30 p.m.).

**Boys lacrosse** — Friday: St. Francis at Carmel (3:15 p.m.). Saturday: West Ranch at Stevenson (11 a.m.) Monday: Stevenson at Carmel (3:15 p.m.). Wednesday: Carmel at Aptos (7:15 p.m.); Stevenson vs. Scotts Val-

ley at Aptos (5:15 p.m.).

**Girls lacrosse** — Friday: Stevenson at Monterey (4 p.m.). Monday: Notre Dame at Stevenson (4 p.m.). Wednesday: Salinas at Stevenson (4 p.m.) Thursday: Santa Catalina at Monterey (4 p.m.).

**Softball** — Friday: Carmel at North Salinas (4:30 p.m.). Tuesday: Carmel at Alvaréz (4:30 p.m.). Wednesday: Salinas at Santa Catalina (4 p.m.). Thursday; North County vs. Carmel at Carmel Middle School (4:30 p.m.); Stevenson at Seaside (6 p.m.).

**Swimming and diving** — Friday: Carmel girls at Santa Catalina (3:30 p.m.); Palma at Stevenson (3:15 p.m.). Wednesday: Santa Catalina vs. San Benito at Hollister (4:30 p.m.).

**Boys tennis** — Monday: Carmel vs. Palma at Hartnell College (4 p.m.). Tuesday: Carmel at Alvarez (4 p.m.); Salinas at Stevenson (4 p.m.). Thursday: Stevenson vs. Carmel at Mission Ranch (4 p.m.).

**Track and field** — Saturday: Carmel, Stevenson, Santa Catalina at Pacific Grove Rotary Invitational (10 a.m.). Wednesday: Santa Catalina at Watsonville (3:30 p.m.). Thursday: Seaside, Monterey at Carmel (3:30 p.m.); Stevenson at PCAL Cypress meet at Greenfield (3:30 p.m.).

**Boys volleyball** — Friday: Carmel at Bellarmine Invitational (5 p.m.). Saturday: Carmel at Bellarmine Invitational (8 a.m.). Monday: Stevenson at Alvarez (6:30 p.m.).

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# MORE LETTERS

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to Republican congresswoman Jackie Walorski remains a textbook example of what we should hope for from our representatives.

Relatedly, it was nice to see the Former Members of Congress association honor the Problem Solvers Caucus last week with their Statesmanship Award, which goes to “organizations who exemplify courage, commitment, passion for furthering democracy.”

# RINEHART

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Barbara, where she majored in English and minored in art. Then she became an educator in Santa Barbara and Pacific Grove, teaching special education before developing her own intervention program for children, kindergarten through fifth grade, who were struggling to read.

Rinehart took art classes at UC Berkeley and Santa Barbara City College, and started creating collages in 1989, with almost immediate success.

“I started getting commissions in the early 1990s, and I got to show a couple of my pieces fairly early at the Monterey Museum of Art,” she said. “All of that felt like validation: Somebody besides me liked my work.”

Since then, she has shown her work at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Pacific Grove Art Center, Seaside City Hall, Marjorie Evans Gallery, Grove Homescapes, Monterey County Fair, Santa Cruz Art League, Sunset Center, the Barnyard shopping center and multiple other venues.

“I actually haven’t done a lot of shows recently, partly because I have a half-dozen patrons/clients — some here, some in the San Francisco Bay area — who keep me pretty busy with commissions,” Rinehart said. “I don’t have a website anymore, so my sales

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come mostly by word of mouth.”

She credits her husband of 48 years, Kim Rinehart (a retired Carmel postal worker), for providing support and inspiration through the years.

“Kim is a renaissance man,” she said. “He dabbles in painting, he writes poetry, he plays chess, ping-pong and tennis, and he makes me laugh. We’re best friends.”

Their 37-year-old son, Alex, a PG&E employee, also has an artistic gene, moonlighting as a screenwriter.

Rinehart and her husband are volunteers with Nancy’s Project, delivering food to agricultural workers in South Monterey County — work that has inspired her to honor the workers in many of her recent collages.

“One of them, which I called ‘Chill Winds,’ shows stooped farmworkers toiling under dark clouds in the wind,” she said. “I consider it a privilege to volunteer for Nancy’s Project, and the issues today involving immigration and the border drive me crazy.”

Those collages will be part of a farmworker-themed show that opens May 3 at the CSU Monterey Bay Salinas Center for Arts and Culture (formerly the National Steinbeck Center).

Inquiries about Rinehart’s artwork can be made via email at zoomba49@aol.com, or by calling her at (831) 373-2451.

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## LOCAL WOMEN — REAL SUCCESS

April 5, 2019

### Crossroads GM sees strong future in brick-and-mortar retail

By MARY SCHLEY

“I LIVE a charmed life with this job,” Cynthia Buhl, general manager of the Crossroads Shopping Village, told The Pine Cone this week. “As hard as it is sometimes, I wouldn’t trade this job for anything.”

But when Buhl graduated from college, she had an entirely different career in mind. “I was going to take a job as a copywriter for an ad agency in San Francisco — that was my passion,” she said. But one day at work at the Pruneyard shopping center, the property’s general manager told her, ““You should think about getting into this business, because you’re gutsy,” and I was thinking, ‘What are you talking about?’”

#### Two different properties

Now, 30-plus years later, she finds herself well along in a successful career in managing commercial properties that began in the offices of the Pruneyard center’s owner, Fred Sahadi, in 1987. Over the next decade, she was recruited for similar positions in Silicon Valley and at one point managed two dozen different properties in the San Jose area. After she decided to return to the Peninsula in 1999, she ended up commuting back up there when she was again recruited. But finally, the company that owns the Crossroads recruited her to take over there in April 2004.

“This is the shopping center I used to hang out at, that I used to play at, where we used to have pizza at Straw Hat and go to the movies,” she recalled.

Much has changed since then, of course.

The movie theater was replaced by a Safeway and the entire back area of the shopping center underwent a major remodel, the pizza parlor is long gone, and there are no more chain stores.

And that’s what makes the Crossroads special, she said. Regional malls like Del Monte Center, which has a lot of national chains, lack the “personal element” present at a place like the Crossroads. “That’s not a bad thing — it just isn’t there,” she said. “Here, it is all mom-and-pop. This is their livelihood, and everything you do can impact them, so you really have a personal stake in helping them.”

That’s exactly the culture she wanted in her work.

“I really wanted to feel like I could make a difference and know it and see it, because this is my home and my community,” said Buhl, who was born in Marina, moved to Carmel with her family, enrolled at Carmel River School as a third grader in 1972, and made her way through Carmel Middle and Carmel High before going to San Jose State.

She said personal connections have grown even more important as retail has changed due to online commerce, discount warehouses and other trends.

“Retail is not at all like it was 15 years ago,” she said. When people shop, they “want a really good experience, they want a really good, touchy feely relationship with shop owners.”

Customers want aesthetics and comfort. They want their shopping centers to be beautiful, fun and inviting — as well as convenient and efficient. And they want everyone

they come in contact with to be personable and interested.

“You have to give them the whole package, because they’re spending their time, and their time is extremely valuable,” she said.

**‘Different every day’**

Striving to make all that happen is what makes Buhl’s days so varied. “It’s an exciting problem to have, because it’s challenging,” she said. “That’s what makes this job so interesting — and stressful too. It keeps you on your toes. My day is different every day.”

She acknowledged she can’t please everybody but always tries to do what’s best for the center as a whole. Vacancy there is at 7 percent, well below the industry average for malls these days. “If your occupancy is in the 90s, you’re doing very well, because the national average is in the 80s,” she said. And while some have predicted the death of brick-and-mortar retail in the era of Amazon and other online giants, she disagrees.

“People are afraid it’s going to be all online,” she said. “But it’s not. I think it’s going the other way.”

Buhl said she believes many people are growing tired of e-commerce and miss the experience of browsing, touching the merchandise, and interacting with sales people who actually care about what they’re looking for.

“They are buying,” she said of online customers. “They aren’t shopping.”

Buhl said she’s also seen changes in

the types of businesses and how they operate. When she started, “retail was pretty traditional,” she said. Outdoor displays and activities were nonexistent, the types of goods and services were pretty mainstream, and the storefronts looked pretty much the same.

Now, tenants are encouraged to set up out-

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Cynthia Buhl says retail shoppers these days want to have a “touchy feely” relationship with stores.

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## The chill wind that blew us some good

By ELAINE HESSER

LAURA ZEHRM likes to fly a Piper Cherokee in her spare time, taking short hops to the San Joaquin Valley, or just enjoying the local scenery from the air. Looking down on the Monterey Peninsula and its surroundings is a lot like looking at Zehm's life — when you get up close, you can see there's a lot more going on than was visible from afar.

Just one of her titles is a mouthful — she's senior vice president and chief financial officer for Montage Health, and she's also the chief executive officer for the organization's Aspire Health Plan. And, you realize, she's

involved in a lot of complex, acronym-laden organizations and assignments. Fortunately, she's darned good at explaining each and every one. And she's a gifted networker who can build alliances among all kinds of organizations.

But let's start at the beginning. Zehm earned her bachelor's in accounting at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill., a city about midway between Chicago and St. Louis. It's small enough that if you zoom out on the map to see either city, Macomb's little dot disappears, but the university gave the native Midwesterner and lover of numbers a solid background.

After college, she worked for Blue Cross of Chicago as a Medicare auditor, then went to work at a hospital in nearby Aurora, Ill., as the chief accountant.

**Insurance-speak**

She came to work at Community Hospital in 1981. She said she'd just endured a frigid "100-year winter" in Chicago, and it was "time to get out of Dodge." After a search, she said, "I was lucky enough to get the job at CHOMP," and started out as a reimbursement coordinator. That's a person who is fluent in insurance-speak, medical terminology and the arcane codes that determine who the insurance companies pay and how much. The best of them can even explain all of that to us civilians, for whom it's all pretty mysterious.

Zehm is one of the best. She made her way up the corporate ladder to director of financial services, then vice president and CFO, and finally to her position as senior vice president. She also picked up leadership of what start-



In her 38 years at the Community Hospital organization, Laura Zehm has worked her way up from "reimbursement coordinator" to vice president and CFO.

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# WOMEN IN BUSINESS

## Never a proponent of change — but always a champion of progress

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

VIVICA LOHR does not like change. It's part of the reason she has stayed in the same town, the same house and the same job for more than 30 years. All in Pacific Grove.

Yet, after 34 years, the executive director of Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula has begun to develop a succession plan to keep the essential organization strong upon her retirement later this year. She actually hopes and expects others will bring fresh eyes and new ideas to move Meals on Wheels along a relevant and meaningful path toward continued community service.

As much as she eschews change, Lohr is a champion of progress.

"The key to continued success is enough diversity of experience and ideas that the organization doesn't get into a rut," she said. "Meals on Wheels is at a point where it needs new perspectives. I'm old school, which has worked for a long time. But times are changing."

Lohr is only the second executive director to take the helm of the Peninsula's Meals on Wheels. She was preceded by founder Sally Judd Griffin who established the organization in 1972.

### How it all began

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Lohr moved to Los Angeles when a childhood friend suggested she follow him there. "It's the greatest place in the world," he said. Six months into her stay, when she was beginning to feel settled in Southern California, her friend moved to Monterey. "Come to Monterey — it's the greatest place in the world," he said.

Lohr said she'd follow him to the Peninsula if he'd make a commitment to her. So he asked her to marry him. She and Jim Lohr have been married for 34 years, during which they have raised sons Zach, 30, and Max, 28.

Over time, much of Lohr's family has migrated from Wisconsin to Monterey. Her

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As executive director of Meals on Wheels for more than 30 years, Vivica Lohr has seen the organization grow from a casual undertaking by a handful of volunteers into an essential and professional community organization.



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## Casting a wide net of caregiving

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

SADIE KVENILD’S life is a juggle. As a wife, mother to two young children, and co-owner of a successful senior home-care business, she spends most of her day tending to the needs of others. She wouldn’t have it any other way.

Since 2009, Kvenild and her mother, Peggy Heneks, have owned and operated Peggy’s Home Care in Carmel Valley. What began with a handful of certified caregivers now places, on a daily basis, some 75 caregivers in the homes of local senior citizens.

“As the story goes, Peggy was a caregiver, so highly sought after, she began working too much,” Kvenild said. “I decided to become a certified caregiver and work with her, help manage her schedule. After training a few good friends to work with us, my mother and I looked at each other and realized we had a business model.”

Kvenild went back to school to balance her business acumen with knowledge, and the mother-daughter duo estab-



When Sadie Kvenild (right) starting helping her mother Peggy Heneks (left) as a caregiver, they both realized they had developed the basics of a successful business.

lished “Peggy’s Home Care.”

“We called it by my name,” said Heneks, “because people knew my work and would be able to remember the name of our company, and find us.”

### Local Girl Does Good

Peggy Heneks wasn’t certain where her daughter’s life would go, but she sensed her charming child would do something special, something that would make a difference in other people’s lives. Sadie Kvenild was even less sure where her path would lead, but looking back, she’s not surprised where she ended up.

Growing up in the wilds of Carmel Valley, on Rana Creek Ranch, Kvenild was known for her free spirit and kind, outgoing personality. Neighbors and friends admired how easily she engaged people of all ages, her mother said.

After graduating from Carmel High, she spent some time in Oregon, where her family still enjoys vacationing. Once she returned, she got a job at the Phoenix Shop at Nepenthe, where she worked, in management, for five years.

That’s when she decided to help her mother and go into caregiving.

“I’m really glad I fell into this work,” Kvenild said. “I’ve always been compassionate, and I really enjoy helping people. Being of service to others gives me joy, particularly when I can help people have good outcomes.”

As their business developed, Kvenild evolved along with it. Starting as a caregiver in the community, she soon took on scheduling duties for their growing staff. Then, she became the office administrator, taking on the human resources role, as well and, ultimately, focusing on business development.

“As our company grew, every time our business needed a new department,” she said, “I got additional training and became that person. When it came time to further develop our company, I started taking courses and working with consulting companies. If a company is going to grow, we have to grow with it.”

### A Wider Reach

A big part of their growth has come from understanding the need for caregiving throughout Monterey County, and the shortage of certified caregivers to address that need.

“The California Health Department, noting that Monterey County is in a caregiving crisis, has offered kick-starter fund-

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# Three artists under one tiny roof

By MARY SCHLEY

FOR A quarter-century or so, sisters Pat and Paula Hazdovac — born and raised in Carmel — have sold their hand-made jewelry and accessories in their small shop, aptly named Two Sisters Designs, located at Monte Verde and Ocean in the Lobos Lodge complex. And several years ago, they added the paintings, photos and jewelry of Sam Hisey, Pat’s daughter.

Today, the three of them share the responsibilities of running the store, producing their art, and carefully selecting other merchandise to sell alongside their creations.

Their roots in Carmel run deep, and each of them has been interested in art since childhood.

“Our family first settled in Carmel-by-the-Sea in the 1890s,” Paula said. “We are descendants of master stonemason Ben Turner. Much of his work was influenced by the Carmel Mission and can be seen at La Playa Hotel and numerous structures in town.”

### Always creating

She said her love of arts and crafts started early in life. “I can’t remember a time when I wasn’t creating something,” she said. “When I attended Carmel Middle School, the craft shop was new and pristine, and I had the best crafts teacher in the world, Ken Wiese Sr. He remained a lifelong friend of ours and stopped by the store frequently.”

While Paula’s interests have always been in textiles — “crochet, knitting, sewing, beadwork — it’s endless,” she said — Pat’s have focused on making glass beads, and both women are largely self-taught.

And like her sister, Pat started creating when she was a kid. As a teen, she sold oil paintings of seascapes at Rocky Point restaurant, where her aunt was the hostess “and was my broker,” she said. One of them still hangs in their mother’s house in town.

Pat majored in art at San Jose State University and also obtained a teaching credential, though art, and beadmaking in particular, has always been her focus.

Prior to opening their store, the two sisters traveled to fes-

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Carole Strauch Heinrich was raised in Memphis, TN, in a large family with four siblings before she attended the University of Oklahoma. At the university she met her future husband Ben Heinrich and they later moved to Carmel with their son Grant in 1976. Here she worked as a stockbroker and subsequently as a mortgage Broker and in 1987 she achieved the designation Certified Financial Planner®, the highest designation among financial planners and built an extensive clientele with her easy-going manner and professional attitude. In 1990 Carole started her career as a licensed Realtor and together with her husband built a successful Real Estate business. Her team is consistently in the top 1% of Coldwell Banker Northern California Agents. Ben and Carole enjoy living in Carmel Valley with their rescue dog Puddin’, the Heinrich Team mascot.

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# Painters who own galleries juggle business and creativity

By CHRIS COUNTS

OWNING A brick-and-mortar business is an increasingly challenging endeavor in the 21st century, especially in downtown Carmel, where rent and other expenses pile up quickly. But that hasn’t stopped seven local women painters — Delia Bradford, Cyndra Bradford, Mary Titus, Lisa Bryan, Barbara Kreitman, Kathy Sharpe and Robin Winfield — from doing just that.

Three years ago, Delia Bradford opened Delia on Sixth between Dolores and San Carlos. Bradford told The Pine Cone

she had some reservations at the time about taking such a big leap of faith — and money.

“It was a scary thing for me,” Bradford said. “It was like a house payment. I was nervous about the large overhead.” But today, the artist said her gallery is thriving.

“It was the best thing I ever did,” she explained. “I love being part of this business community.”

For the gallery to succeed as a business, Bradford realized it needed be both a retail space and a painting studio.

“Without the studio, I couldn’t do it,” she said. “I need the creative space. I’m able to produce work, meet people and sell

my work at the same time. It’s worked out well.”

### ‘I need to paint’

Mary Titus has owned and operated her own gallery on San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth for nine years. But now, after nearly a decade of juggling the dual tasks of gallery owner and abstract painter, she’s selling the business.

But Titus isn’t going anywhere. Instead, the new owner of Titus Contemporary Gallery will keep the name — and rep-

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Cyndra Bradford (above) works on her latest piece at Galerie Plein Aire. Painters Barbara Kreitman (right) and Cyndra’s sister Delia Bradford (far right) also own galleries in downtown Carmel. All three galleries are showcased during the monthly Carmel Art Walk, which calls attention to the town’s artist-owned galleries.



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# Chef draws on diverse background to develop her unique cooking style

By KELLY NIX

**SARDA DESMOND** was 12 years old when she took a class that would change her life. A home economics course taught her how to cook — an undertaking that became a passion and eventually a career.

The owner of Carmel-based **Sarda's Fusion Catering**, Desmond was born in Britain of Indian heritage and moved to the United States as a child more than three decades ago. She uses the influences from the three cultures to create the food she prepares for her customers.

"My Indian-British heritage brings a lot of diversity to the table, and after living in America for over 30 years, my cooking style has been influenced by the cookery of many cultures," she said on her website.

Emphasizing hearty and flavorful, "yet uncomplicated" home-style cooking, Desmond says she uses fresh, local produce for private parties and other events.

Curry lamb rolls, ground turkey samosas and vegetable pakora — a crispy chickpea-flour dumpling with cauliflower, potatoes and onions — are just some of Desmond's appetizer offerings. Her main dishes include lamb kebobs, British-inspired shepherd's pie and a garbanzo masala — garbanzo beans, onions, ginger and tomatoes served on Indian naan bread and basmati rice.

Her varied desserts — key lime bars, Taylor's macaroons (named after her daughter), Sarda's coffee brownies, and fruit

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Chef Sarda Desmond capitalizes on her multi-cultural upbringing to make flavorful and eclectic food for her customers.

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tivals and fairs to sell their works. Pat said she realized that smaller was better when it came to peddling artwork on the road, and that revelation led her to jewelry.

“It’s small, it’s easy to transport, and it’s the biggest bang for the buck,” she said. But selling handmade jewelry is also highly competitive, especially when seeking a spot at an event like Carmel’s Homecrafters’ Marketplace, where a jury decides which artists and craftspeople get to participate.

She started hunting for the most interesting beads she could find and remembered being captivated by a string of glass ones at the old Nature Company store on Ocean Avenue. The beads were made of found and salvaged glass that had

been melted and shaped by the artist.

She set out to figure out how to make them, and at a Sea-side welding shop, she was initially intimidated but soon met some men who had been taught how to do glasswork, and they gave her tips on methods and equipment.

“They were encyclopedias on two legs,” she said.

Intriguing designs and colors

With her newfound knowledge, she taught herself how to make the “lampwork” beads that define her jewelry now. Lampwork beads are made by blowing and shaping molten glass over and through a torch, using tools and hand move-ments to shape them and create intriguing designs and color combinations. At Two Sisters, beads can be bought individu-ally, as well as in the necklaces, bracelets and suncatchers she makes.

“I started selling them on eBay in 1998 and sold them all



These handmade glass beads are not only for sale individually, they are used in much of the jewelry for sale at Two Sisters Designs.

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over the world,” she said, as well as at the store. “That makes us unique — no one else doing them.”

Hisey, meanwhile, has always tended more toward graph-ical art. In high school, she focused on large acrylic abstract paintings and charcoal drawings. “And then I started learning how to make little things for the store,” from her mother and aunt.

About a decade ago, she came across graffiti art — the style for which Banksy is famous — and taught herself how to cut stencils from photographs.

“That’s the thing I landed on, but it’s constantly changing,” she said.

Hisey’s artwork runs the gamut, from pop culture icons in black paint on solid backgrounds, to scenes, people and ob-jects stenciled over elaborate backgrounds created from old magazines, newsprint and painted patterns. They might be on pieces of salvaged or purchased wood, or on canvas. After teaching herself how to transfer photos and other images onto wood, she began stenciling over those — juxtaposing a vin-tage image of a diver in full gear with the stencil of an octopus or a mermaid, for instance — and then began playing around with old paint-by-number designs.

“I’m not the best at drawing, but I’m really good at design and knowing how I want something to look,” she said. “I still have to handcraft it, design it and cut it.”

Hisey is also an avid photographer, and some of those works hang in the shop for sale, too.

“That isn’t something I ever started out to do,” she said of the photography. But as she took photos and shared them, people responded.

Hisey makes jewelry, as well, sealing small images, usually with a theme, behind clear glass set against a backing. She makes earrings, bracelets, necklaces and zipper pulls bearing sports-related, Hollywood, animal, holiday and other images.

Large and loyal

All three also make suncatchers, each with a unique style, and their items are augmented with leather purses, necklaces, bracelets, scarves and a few other accessories they feel com-plement their offerings and fall in a similar, and reasonable, price range. Each handmade item has a tag indicating whether it was made by Sam, Pat or Paula.

“We make as much as we can, but we also handpick a lot of things to sell here,” Pat said.

Over the years, they’ve attracted and retained a large and loyal following of customers who often go to see what’s new and to find ideal gifts, whether for themselves or someone else. The three women pride themselves on having a shop where anyone can pop in for a last-minute present and walk away happy without having spent a mint.

“I don’t know of too many family-run businesses in Car-mel, especially run by women — who happen to be related,” Paula said. “We have kept it simple over the years, and our formula works. Each of us has our job to do, and we give each other space.”

They manage to keep their business going in a town where rents are famously high because they have a great relationship with their landlord and offer a lot of unique items visitors and locals won’t find anywhere else. Everything is also small, so it’s easy to pack — and easy to display on the walls in the tiny store.

“Having a business in downtown Carmel is challenging, and a blast. It can be like going to a party every day,” Pau-la said. “Our customers are fantastic, and we meet people from all over the world. People have been visiting us since we opened, and it is always fun to see them and watch their families grow.”

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resent Titus’ work.

“I’m thrilled,” Titus said. “Running a gallery takes too much time. I don’t get to paint when I’m in the gallery — and I need to paint.”

While Titus is looking forward to having more time to pursue her creativity, she will miss the day-to-day interactions with visitors. But she’s planning on making cameos for receptions, and she looks forward to staying in touch with those who collect her work.

“A guy called me the other day and told me he bought one



Titus Contemporary Gallery will soon have a new owner, but its sign — and Titus’ artwork — will remain.

# BUHL

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side and to offer customers somewhere to linger. They can get a little crazy with their paint schemes or merchandise. And they can take a few risks, knowing they have the support of their landlord.

Buhl said her bosses trust her because she is a Monterey Peninsula native who understands the local culture and has a personal interest in seeing small businesses thrive, so they’ve given her the ability to select tenants who might not have big bank accounts at the start, but have great potential.

“I don’t bring tenants here who will not work, and I fight for the ones who might not have a lot of money but will do well,” she said. The latest newcomers to the Crossroads include Crossroads BBQ and the soon-to-open Annex by Industry Outlaw, a beer and wine bar.

Buhl, who lives in Pacific Grove, is also heavily involved in the community. She is a board member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and a past chair, and now heads its government affairs committee. She was on the board for the Monterey County Hospitality Association and was past chair and board member of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. The center is also a member of the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

“I do that because I feel we have a responsibility to do that,” she said. “We’re a big stakeholder here, and we have to give back.”



Buhl says the “aesthetics” at the Crossroads are an essential part of the shopping experience many locals and visitors enjoy there.

of my paintings 45 years ago, and he wants another,” she said. “He paid \$170 for it. But my house payment at the time was only \$150, so that was a lot of money.”

Besides getting a new owner, the gallery is set to receive a big makeover in June. It will stay open during the work.

“The interior is going to be remodeled,” Titus added. “It’s going to gorgeous.”

In addition to Delia and Titus Contemporary Gallery, the following galleries are owned and operated by women who paint:

- Galerie Plein Aire — on Dolores between Ocean and Sixth — the gallery is co-owned by painter Delia Bradford’s sister, Cyndra, and her husband, Jeff Daniel Smith. Cyndra prefers large canvases, and her favorite topics include horses and the Big Sur coast, where she grew up.
- Lisa’s Studio — in the Court of the Fountains on Mission between Ocean and Seventh — painter Lisa Bryan’s

unique glass gazebo studio is a Carmel landmark, and her whimsical Carmel Treasure Map is a local institution.

- Gallery North — at Dolores and Sixth — founded 15 years ago by painter Barbara Kreitman, the gallery focuses on post-WWII abstract expressionism, and represents more than dozen contemporary artists.
- Kathy Sharpe Studio and Gallery — on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth — located in a courtyard off Dolores, the gallery is owned and operated by painter Kathy Sharpe, whose floral-inspired work includes oils, watercolors and silk scarves.
- Robin Winfield Studio and Gallery — off Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores — located in an alley behind the Carmel Coffee House, the studio and gallery is home to Robin Winfield’s many creations. Winfield’s work includes paintings, photographs and mixed media works, which reflect her fascination with architecture and urban landscapes.

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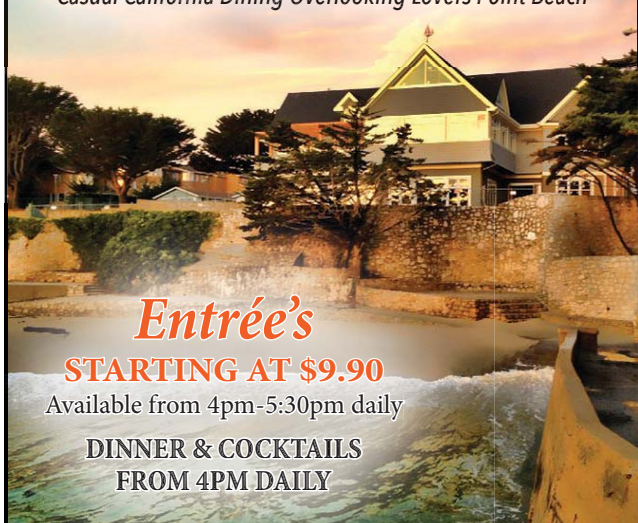
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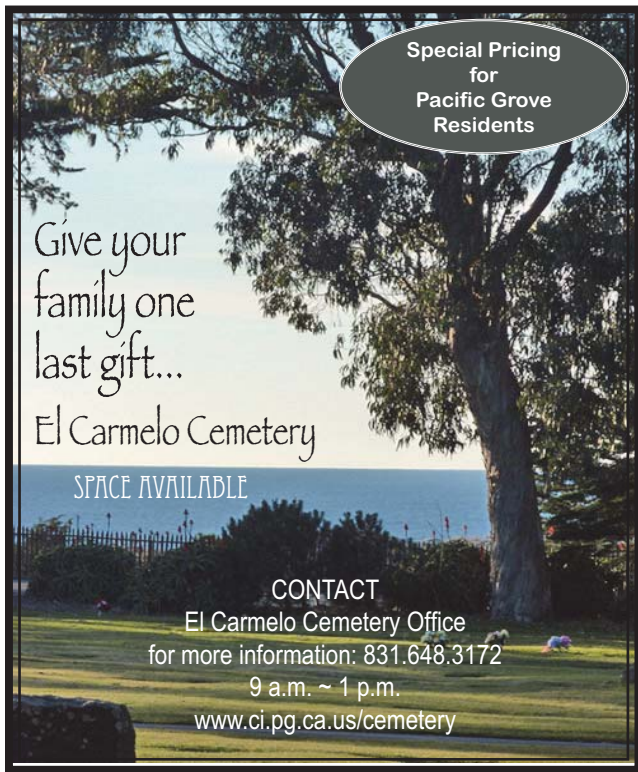
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## PEGGY’S

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ing to help develop enough certified caregivers,” Kvenild said. Kvenild’s own contribution to mitigate the shortage is the Caregiver Workforce Development Group, which she established a year ago. Its mission is to create scholarships, through fundraising, to support people who want to go into the caregiving field but don’t have the resources to take classes needed for training and certification.

“Taking new people, interested in this line of work, and shaping them into quality caregivers takes compassion, common sense, good customer service skills, anticipating and knowing what needs to be done, and doing it from the heart,” Kvenild said. “Even if you can’t make the best meatloaf, if you make it with heart, the client is going to appreciate it.”

### Scholarships, too

In addition to providing caregivers through Peggy’s Home Care, Kvenild’s scholarship program is working to increase the caregiver workforce.

“The more certified caregivers we can develop, the more seniors will be well cared for, improving safety and wellbeing, and reducing the risk of isolation and its related problems,” she said. “When caregivers go into the homes of seniors, we are able to care for them and to determine circumstances and care they may need beyond our scope of service.”

Kvenild also sits on the Senior Roundtable, a monthly gathering that offers education and networking opportunities within the senior care industry. The Roundtable rotates among different locations, to highlight the programs and services of various organizations. Kvenild considers this a perfect opportunity to become further immersed in her field and to participate in the senior community on a “macro” level.

“I am so proud of Sadie, so proud of what she’s doing, so proud she’s my daughter, which makes our work that much more special for me,” Heneks said. “Together, we’ve always had a passion for helping people in the community. But Sadie’s such a go-getter. She’s been able to elevate our company and our contribution well beyond what I ever imagined it would be.”

## ZEHM

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ed out as the Central Coast Community Insurance Company, now known as Aspire — a locally-run, all-in-one Medicare plan.

She’s particularly enthusiastic about some of the collaborations she’s put together with other local physicians and agencies, including Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System and Natividad Medical Center, where she was a board member for two years. In addition, she’s served on a variety of healthcare industry boards.

With all of that going on, you might think she barely has time to grab a bite to eat and sleeps in her office. But in fact, Zehm spent some time on the City of Carmel Mayor’s Task Force on Pension and Benefits from 2010-2011, where she drew on her expertise to find ways to minimize those costs in the future.

She became involved with the Monterey Jazz Festival because one of her colleagues at the hospital told her the group needed someone with a financial background on its board. “I didn’t know about jazz at the time, but I knew the organization was a lot about helping kids,” so she jumped in.

### Sunny home

She also served as treasurer for the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy, better known by its acronym, MIRA. “I had the opportunity to learn more about what that group did, and to be part of its work. Being part of a whole different world and hanging out with all the great scientists was definitely cool.”

Other community organizations she’s worked with included the Monterey County AIDS Project, the Women’s Community Center, and the Monterey Credit Union.

She shares a (presumably sunny and warm) home off Highway 68 with her wife, Paula, and a cute little Westie they adopted.

Her boss, Steven Packer, said, “Laura has been a trusted and valued member of Montage Health’s executive team for more than a quarter century. She is a dynamic, forthright, and insightful leader who is consistently dedicated to advancing our mission in the community. We are fortunate to have her as a colleague and are proud of all that she has accomplished.”

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## DIVERSE

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galette (a Monterey County Fair blue ribbon winner) — are influenced less by Indian cuisine and more by classic American and British sweets.

### Private chef, too

While Desmond offers catering for small parties to corporate events, she also offers a more personalized service: She’ll come to your house and cook for you.

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Desmond said some clients request that she bring her own ingredients and make meals at their homes, while others prefer her to make ready-to-eat meals for a week and deliver them.

“In either case, you won’t have to do your own shopping — that’s part of the chef’s job,” she said.

To get a better understanding of what each client needs, Desmond meets with them in person so she can come up with tailor-made meal plans.

While it was that home economics class that launched her interest in cooking, she got most of her experience by working in various jobs in restaurants, “from McDonalds to Casanova and everywhere in between,” said Desmond, who also owned a restaurant in Capitola.

“Food is not just a job for me, it’s who I am,” said the chef, who has been certified by Monterey Peninsula College in culinary arts and baking. “My enthusiasm means I am consistently expanding my skills and knowledge through ongoing training.”

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# LOHR

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grandmother and mother, both Holocaust survivors, came to Pacific Grove as Lohr’s sons were born. Her grandmother died two years ago, at 98. Lohr’s sister, Vainca, an artist, followed the family as well. She and Lohr meet at the Pebble Beach Stables to ride horseback every weekend. Lohr keeps a portrait of her pony, “Ziggy,” in her office.

### Contributing to community

Having been raised in a culture of community service by her father, Lohr began volunteering at Meals on Wheels to do something meaningful while looking for a post-graduate job. While earning her bachelor’s degree in cultural anthropology at the University of Wisconsin, she had worked in food service, so Meals on Wheels seemed a logical choice.

“A great way to introduce yourself to a new place is to contribute to it,” she said. “I saw volunteering for Meals on Wheels as a way to connect to the community and learn my way around. In 1985, I was hired on as the food service director, and got to work alongside and learn from Sally Griffin, a truly visionary and giving woman.”

At first, a handful of volunteers assembled meals in the Methodist Church kitchen, which they delivered around town, and served to those who could come, in the old recreation center in Pacific Grove.

Convinced Meals on Wheels needed a central location, and community members needed a place to gather, Griffin began developing a plan for a community center. Lohr worked with her on a capital campaign and, in 1989, the Sally Griffin Active Living Center opened its doors.

“Sally died within the year,” said Lohr, “but she lived long enough to see her vision come to fruition. I took over for her at that point, becoming executive director of Meals on Wheels. People tend to get confused about how our organization is structured. Meals on Wheels owns and operates the Sally Griffin Center. We are one agency. We own the building, and the City of Pacific Grove owns the land, which they lease to us.”

Looking back on her time at Meals on Wheels, what is most meaningful to Lohr is the number of “really good people” she’s met over the years. To be exposed every day to all

the volunteers, board members, benefactors and beneficiaries of the center is what truly has inspired her longevity.

“Meals on Wheels is one of the most fiscally responsible organizations, served by the most special people I’ve ever met,” said retired nurse Kathie Kandler, who has served on the board for 30 years. “Vivica has taken Meals on Wheels from a little ‘mom and pop’ organization to truly one of the most amazing agencies on the Peninsula. She does everything, from making sandwiches to making all the major decisions; we have been incredibly lucky to have her all these years.”

Raising children, attending to family, riding horses, and running an expansive nonprofit organization has kept Lohr’s life busy, and Meals on Wheels has kept her interested, two more reasons she has remained in her role so long. It has been her goal and her achievement to maintain the continuity of the organization as it has grown and developed. Yet, she predicts, it’s going to get a lot busier as more “New Age” seniors — active, pre-retirement seniors — join the Sally Griffin Center, and Meals on Wheels continues to deliver food to seniors at their homes.

### How to inspire longevity

Lohr’s challenge for those who succeed her is to generate additional support, and diversify the volunteers and encourage young people to get involved.

“I read somewhere that millennials remain in a job, on average, for two years,” she said. “The way to inspire longevity with an organization is to get them to

care about it. And inspiring younger people to help older people is good for everyone.”

Lohr’s slow exit from Meals on Wheels demonstrates her reluctance to change and her devotion to the organization. Her decision to retire reflects her commitment to the continued success of the program.

“I feel like I’ve built a successful agency on Sally Griffin’s coattails,” she said. “It is financially sound, rooted in the community, and doing really good work. It’s been a good ride.”



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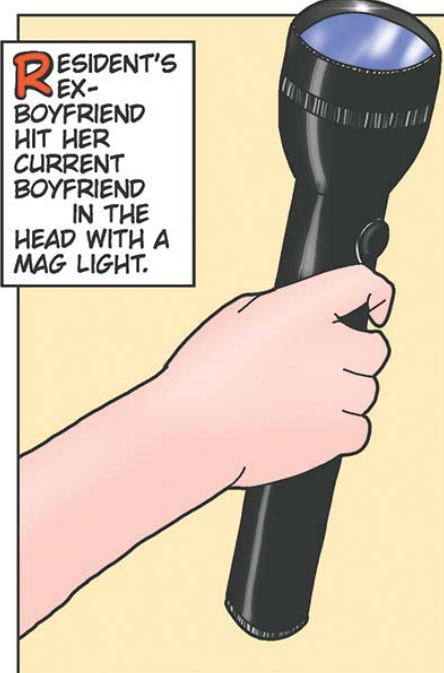
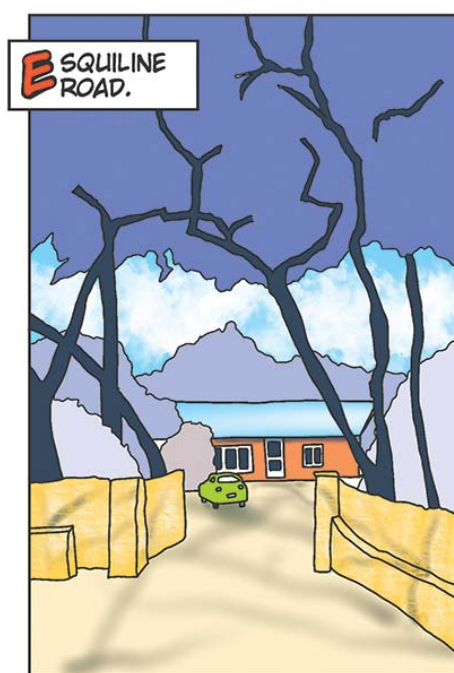
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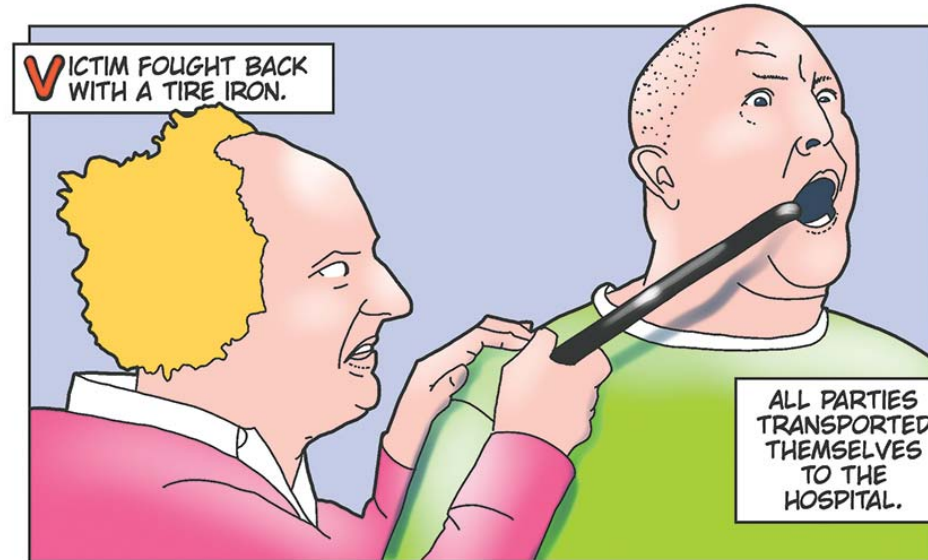
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