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## Construction damages senior housing next door

By MARY SCHLEY

THE LARGE construction project at Dolores and Fifth that has languished since March has damaged The Carmel Foundation's low-cost senior apartments next door, according to executive director Holly Zoller, including cracks, settling and shifting walls. With construction of the expansive underground garage, commercial space, condos and apartments halted, and developer Leidig/Drapper Properties searching for someone to buy the land or finance the project, Zoller said this week she wants the issues at Haseltine Court, a former hotel that the foundation purchased in 1964, addressed before any money changes hands.

### 'Cracking and separating'

"I was just over there looking at everything," she said Thursday morning. Of greatest concern to her is the concrete cracking, separating and sinking at the back of the complex, apparently because the soil beneath it has washed away due to its being exposed by the demolition and excavation next door.

"There is an ever increasing gap," Zoller said. The broken section is "sagging toward the pit. That whole part is separating from the building. It's significantly different from the last time I looked at it, though I can't remember when that was."

Zoller also said an exterior post holding up part of an

upstairs apartment had to be shimmed because the concrete floor below it is dropping.

The construction next door also required an exterior staircase to an upper apartment at the back of the complex at Lincoln and Fifth to be narrowed and walled off

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PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

Supports and a retaining wall in the giant pit at Dolores and Fifth are not doing a good job supporting the adjacent, Carmel Foundation-owned apartments, according to the foundation's director.

## Consultant: Cal Am takeover would mean lower bills

### Water company disputes findings

By KELLY NIX

A GOVERNMENT takeover of California American Water's Monterey system appears to be economically feasible, and Monterey Peninsula customers would likely see lower monthly water bills after the acquisition, according to a long-awaited report released Wednesday that put the value of the system at \$513 million, about half of what Cal Am says it is.

A spokeswoman for Cal Am called the report "not serious" and warned that it grossly underestimates the costs of a takeover.

The "Preliminary Valuation and Cost of Service Analysis Report," prepared by Raftelis Financial Consultants and released by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, follows Peninsula voters' decision in November 2018 to acquire Cal Am if it was found to be financially feasible. The analysis indicates that it likely would be, assuming the company can be purchased for the amount put forth by the consultant.

"Based on the information and estimates summarized in this report, which are reasonable considering the currently available information, the acquisition of the Mon-

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## Coastal commission postpones desal vote

By KELLY NIX

IN A surprising move, the California Coastal Commission said it would not make a decision next week on Cal Am's proposal to build a desalination plant near Marina.

The commission, which meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Half Moon Bay, said it would probably consider the desal permit in early 2020.

On Wednesday, the coastal agency posted an update on its website indicating that the Nov. 14 meeting would still be held but that commissioners would only take testi-

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## COUNCIL WANTS TO SHUT ROYAL BEE SKINCARE SHOP

By MARY SCHLEY

A BUSINESS billing itself as a theme store selling bee and honey products but which was in fact peddling cosmetics and skin lotions is on track to lose its license after the city council unanimously voted Tuesday night to deny owner Erez Chen's request for a permit.

Royal Bee, located on Dolores south of Ocean, received a business license in February and opened in late May, planning director Marc Wiener told the council at its Nov. 5 meeting. Subsequently, a city inspector visited and found the shop was selling cosmetics and skincare products and had several makeup stations set up inside.

"And they were also standing by the doorway handing

out cosmetics," he said. Hawking products from the stoop or sidewalk and calling out to passersby is a common practice at three similar skincare stores on Ocean Avenue, and visitors and residents frequently complain about them to the city.

"It is standard business practice for cosmetic stores operating this way," Wiener continued. "It's really been a consistent code compliance issue in which they've been going out on the sidewalk, handing out merchandise, and calling out to people passing by. We've routinely had to monitor it."

### 'Detrimental to the city'

During his report, Wiener showed a photo taken in August by the city's code enforcement officer of a Royal Bee employee who chased after a shopper heading into a neighboring business and diverted the customer by offering samples.

Because the store has cosmetics and skincare products

See **SKINCARE** page 23A

## Next for historic preservation: Shopping center?

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CONSULTANT hired by the Carmel Valley Association is suggesting that the former Mid-Valley Center should be protected by state and local laws as an historic site, a move that would make it more difficult for its new owner to renovate it.

The opinion stands in contrast to a report by a county-approved historian that contends the site isn't historic, which could pave the way for the owner's renovation plans.

The contention that the center is historic was made by a consulting firm, Page & Turnbull, which submitted a letter Oct. 29.

"Page & Turnbull's preliminary opinion is that the Mid-Valley Shopping Center appears to possess sufficient significance and integrity to be eligible for listing in the California Register because of its architectural style and association with architect Olof Dahlstrand," the firm said in the letter.

The company also recommends "additional research and evaluation" to demonstrate the shopping center's eligibility for local and state historical designations.

But according to county-approved consultant Anthony Kirk, the center, which opened in 1966, should not be deemed historic.

In his report, which was released in September, Kirk said he evaluated the site for "architectural

significance under the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historical Resources and the Monterey County Local Register of Historical Resources."

"In my opinion, the property does not meet the criteria of any of these registers," Kirk wrote. "As such, it does not comprise a historical resource as defined by the California

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PHOTO/WALD, RUHNKE & DOST ARCHITECTS

This hardware store is part of an "historic" shopping center, according to a consultant hired by the Carmel Valley Association.

### First mention —

## Crooner worked his way from ads to news

By ELAINE HESSER

BING CROSBY'S name first appeared in The Pine Cone in February 1932 — long before he recorded "White Christmas." The mention was an ad for the Carmel Theatre (originally the Theatre of the Golden Bough) on Ocean Avenue near Monte Verde, which was showing "I Surrender Dear," a 1931 short subject in which Crosby sang the song of the same name.

Two years later, the young crooner made his first personal appearance in town, The Pine Cone reported, when Crosby and husband-and-wife actors Richard Arlen and Jobyna Ralston, "drove up from Hollywood for a brief holiday in and about Carmel."

Evidently, Crosby liked what he saw, because he became a regular visitor. In 1936, The Pine Cone said



Bing Crosby in the 1930s

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Fun-loving Fonzie

WHEN HIS daughter told him it was “name your price” day at the SPCA, he decided it wouldn’t hurt to look. He even thought a dog might add a little heart to his family’s Carmel Valley home.

By the time he got out to the shelter, the sky was turning dark and threatening rain, and only two adoptable dogs remained – a particularly large pit bull, and Dobby, a 2-year-old German shepherd-Labrador retriever mix.

Dobby seemed nervous, and so was Dad.

He spent five minutes with Dobby in the pen and fell in love. When he took him home, he replaced “Dobby” with “Fonzie.” Dad said the name better suits his cool character.

It took a couple of days for Fonzie to get used to his name, and his family to get used to him. But soon, they started to have fun.

“Fonzie is the most fun-loving dog,” his person said. “He’s also very loving, good-natured, sweet and, sometimes, kinda goofy.”

Fonzie can read people very well, his person said. If someone’s nervous, he’s all over them, trying to win them over. If he senses confidence, he relaxes.

Fonzie loves the beach and practically takes flight as he scorches down the shoreline. His only problem is that he’s a ball thief, his person said. Whenever he steals a ball, his person tells the victim, “Give me a few minutes, and you’ll get your ball back.”



Patience, a screeching whistle, and sometimes an all-out tackle in the waves get that ball back, a little wet, but otherwise intact.

“Fonzie’s such a great guy. He’s like my therapy dog,” his person said. “With him, I don’t need a therapist. I decided to adopt him because the moment I saw him, I felt our connection in my heart. I think he did, too.”

Upon my retirement from the practice of Clinical Psychology for 30 years, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the many colleagues, physicians, psychiatrists, and staff members who have supported and collaborated with me over the years.

To my patients, it has been a privilege to work with you, I am humbled by the trust you placed in me. I give a special heartfelt salute to the many military families I worked with, especially in those dark years after 9/11.

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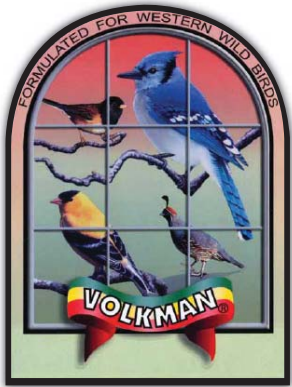
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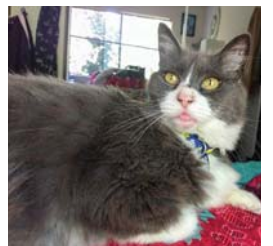
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# Sidewalk vending rules unchanged

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE ONE city council member argued Tuesday night that restrictions on sidewalk vending should be lifted so the city can see what happens, the majority voted to extend an “urgency ordinance” that strictly limits street sellers for another year.

A state law that took effect Jan. 1 requires cities to allow sidewalk vending and says street sellers can only be restricted based on threats to the public’s health, safety and welfare. In January, the council adopted the temporary ordinance capping the number of sidewalk vendors at 13, three of whom can only set up in Devendorf Park. They can’t occupy narrow pathways and sidewalks, or be near benches, public trashcans, doorways, corners and other features commonly found downtown. The law expires Dec. 20, and planning director Marc Wiener recommended extending it until Dec. 19, 2020, to “provide the city council and staff additional time to study the issue and make decisions on a future program.”

## Why’d they get them?

All 13 permits were issued soon after the ordinance took effect, but almost no one has used them. Only one, Alyson de Guigne, sold art from her cart for a few days downtown but hasn’t been seen here in several months.

Wiener also said the planning department received inquiries from 20 or 30 other people interested in selling products on

sidewalks downtown, but they were turned away since the permit cap was met.

No one from the public commented on the rules, and councilman Bobby Richards made the motion to do as Wiener recommended, with councilwoman Carrie This seconding it.

But councilman Jeff Baron objected.

“The ordinance we have before us has eliminated the ability of most vendors to operate on our narrow sidewalks,” he said.

Recalling the council’s discussion of the ordinance several months ago, Baron noted that one council member was concerned people would sit on their permits — which “has completely come true.” And another council member viewed the urgency ordinance as an experiment and an opportunity to get information on street vendors and their effects on the town.

“We have no data,” Baron said. “If we look back on the past year, unless our goal of this program is to eliminate sidewalk vending — and maybe that is our goal, though I’m not sure I’m OK with that — the program we’ve seen over the last 11 months has been a failure. So I’m at a loss at what to do.”

He suggested lifting the restrictions so that decision makers would be able to observe street vendors and be better informed on how to regulate them.

“If we don’t, we will be shooting in the dark,” he said.

But continuing to limit street vending was supported by the other council members, who voted 4-1 to extend the ordinance until Dec. 19, 2020.

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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## Maybe it was a pointy flashlight

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, OCTOBER 23

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Investigated a vehicle-vs.-pedestrian collision on Mission Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost women's wallet reported on Ocean Avenue.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject on Carpenter reported purchasing a sweater online and later found the website was fraudulent. The victim's bank was conducting an investigation and only requested the incident be documented.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citizen reporting a lost phone.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female subject, a 50-year-old realtor who lives in Carmel, was arrested at Junipero and Third for public intoxication. She was transported to county jail.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject was seen taking recyclables from recycle bins and city trash cans on Ocean Avenue. Subject warned.

**Pacific Grove:** Person reported missing/located while investigating.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle towed from Lighthouse Avenue due to an abandoned-vehicle complaint.

**Pacific Grove:** Family dispute on Arkwright Court reported as battery.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft of personal property on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a past-tense

non-injury collision on Lighthouse Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Conducted a vehicle stop on Sunset Drive at 2137 hours and determined the driver had a warrant for her arrest. The 43-year-old female driver was booked into Monterey County Jail.

**Carmel area:** Civil argument on Outlook Court.

**Carmel Valley:** Workplace civil issue on Carmel Valley Road.

**Carmel area:** Deputy was dispatched to a restraining order violation. Suspect was issued a citation.

**Carmel area:** Report of violation of a restraining order on Camino del Monte. A 44-year-old male was arrested.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject reported hearing a female adult in the area of Torres Street crying and asking for help. CPD units made contact with the female and checked her welfare. She stated she was upset but was OK. The female did not meet the criteria for a 72-hour hold. CPD provided resources and information to the female.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lincoln Street resident reported a neighbor had brandished a pair of shears at him on three occasions. The neighbor denied pointing shears at him. After a full investigation, it was found that the neighbor pointed a flashlight at the resident. This report is for info only.

See **POLICE LOG** page 11RE  
in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**Sept. 10** — Jose Reyes, age 24, was sentenced to four years and four months in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher and causing great bodily injury.

On Oct. 10, 2015, King City police officers responded to North Vanderhust Avenue for a traffic collision. When officers arrived on scene, they learned that the defendant's car had struck a 5-year-old who was playing on the sidewalk. The victim suffered numerous injuries including a broken leg and numerous lacerations. While talking to the defendant officers saw signs of intoxication and conducted a DUI investigation. The defendant was found to have a .13 BAC at the time of collision.

The defendant was originally granted an opportunity of felony probation. After finding that the defendant had violated probation by consuming alcohol, not reporting to probation and failing to participate in a treatment program, Judge Vazquez found the defendant was no longer suitable for probation and sentenced him to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

**Sept. 11** — Seaside resident Manuel Jesus Lopez Jarquin, 30, pled guilty to abuse of a

dependent adult and accessory after the fact to the 2017 murder of Courtney Ann Turney.

Lopez Jarquin is the former live-in boyfriend of Corrie Denise Arriaga, 44, who was arrested in May 2018 for Turney's death. On August 28, 2019, Arriaga pled guilty to the first-degree murder of Turney and admitted a special circumstance allegation that the murder was intentional and involved the infliction of torture. Arriaga will receive a sentence of life without parole when she is sentenced on December 13.

Turney, who attended special education classes following complications during her birth, moved to Monterey County from Oklahoma in 2008. That year, Turney began living with Arriaga in an apartment in Seaside. The investigation revealed that Arriaga began to physically abuse Turney, imprisoned her in the apartment, starved her and forced her to perform physical labor against her will. Arriaga also embezzled significant amounts of money that Turney received from the Comanche Nation. The investigation demonstrated that Turney was imprisoned in Arriaga's apartment up until her death on Aug. 4, 2017.

Turney's body was discovered on Aug. 5,

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# Police ramp up efforts to get people to move their parked cars

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER YEARS of only paying attention to abandoned cars when someone complained, police are actively searching for vehicles parked for too long and trying to get their owners to move them. Failing that, they'll be towed.

"We have always had a vehicle abatement program but are working on a regular monitoring schedule to help us stay ahead of complaints," Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi said Tuesday.

To accomplish that, parking officers are responsible for checking for cars that stay in the same parking space for longer than 48 hours.

But the police department is not being hard-edged about it, he said. "We are taking a very non-enforcement approach in an effort to work with the owners of any vehicles we find in violation of the 48-hour rule," he said. "Initially, we are just marking vehicles with the knowledge that most will move during a 48-hour period."

Any vehicle that isn't driven and parked elsewhere after another two days will be marked again, and police will make multiple efforts to reach the registered owner to ask that it be moved.

After that, "we will wait an additional five days after the second 48 hours before we tow any vehicles," Tomasi

said. That means that all told, an owner has as long as nine or 10 days to move a car that should be re-parked every other day.

"Our goal is more about education than enforcement,

See **ABANDONED** page 20A

# Hearing on restraining order delayed two weeks

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AN ATTEMPT by a resident of Outlook Drive to get a restraining order against a neighbor he says stabbed his dog 25 times during a dog fight last month was set to be heard by a judge Thursday but has been delayed to Nov. 21 at the request of the neighbor.

Larry Arthur's attorney filed paperwork with the Monterey County Superior Court Friday asking for the continuance but offering no explanation for the request.

Judge Vanessa Vallarta, whose judicial assignments include civil harassment restraining orders, signed off on the continuance Monday and also extended the temporary restraining order barring Arthur from going anywhere near Steve and Tracy Henderson's home. The temporary stay-away order was set to expire Nov. 7 but will now end Nov. 21. The hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. in Vallarta's courtroom in the Monterey courthouse on Aguajito Road.

Tracy Henderson, who is also an attorney, reported her wounded dog that had been in the custody of Monterey County Animal Services is now home.

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# Taxpayers shell out more than \$620K to cops due to payroll error

By MARY SCHLEY

MISTAKES IN calculating overtime for police officers that went on for years, even though the city's finance department was warned about the errors early on, resulted in a \$620,904 settlement paid out to more than two dozen current and former members of the Carmel Police Officers Association and the group's lawyer, city attorney Brian Pierik announced at the city council meeting Tuesday.

The payout is the consequence of the city failing to properly calculate hourly rates and overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act between Sept. 14, 2014, and Sept. 10 of this year, according to assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo. "Although a former POA president brought this to the attention of previous staff at the end of 2014, the matter was not addressed," said Gullo, who was hired by city administrator Chip Rerig in May 2016 a few months after his own arrival. In 2017, police and city officials finally started to address the problem, and after two years of discussions and negotiations, the groups managed

to reach a resolution without going to court, Gullo said.

The payments, which include damages and the amounts owed for the underpayment of overtime, range from just under \$1,000 to nearly \$56,000 — the amount due former longtime officer Chris Johnson, who left earlier this year to work for Marina P.D. Sgt. Ron Pflieger will get more than \$50,000, and more than a dozen officers will receive amounts ranging from just over \$20,000 to nearly \$43,000. The payouts to current and former police officers, dispatchers and other CPD staff total \$597,102, with the remaining \$23,800 or so going to the police association's lawyers, Adams Ferrone & Ferrone.

### Who's responsible?

Gullo did not say how the miscalculations occurred or who was responsible, though former employee Deanna Allen, who has been charged with stealing public funds and falsifying records, handled payroll for some of that time. The settlement means the city is not "admitting any fault, wrongdoing or liability," she said.

During discussions, Gullo also said the city took steps to avoid similar debacles in the future by performing "an extensive review of its payroll and overtime practices," and making changes. A year ago, the city implemented a new payroll system to assure overtime rates are calculated properly, and on Sept. 11, payroll practices were changed to improve management and better define overtime hours.

Finally, a new contract between the police and the city should reduce overtime pay in the future, according to Gullo. As a result of all the changes, the city is now complying with the Federal Labor Standards Act.

CPOA President Joe Martis thanked city officials for remedying the problems and his colleagues for their patience during negotiations. He said he's proud of the relationship CPOA has with the city's leadership.

## Survey, workshop to figure out what public wants for Scout House

By MARY SCHLEY

IT HAS been closed for more than 15 years because it's not ADA compliant, but city officials want to know how people might use the old Scout House at Mission and Eighth if they could. To that end, a survey was posted online, and the community activities commission will hold a workshop at city hall Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

"We need to move forward on our Scout House data gathering project," community activities director Ashlee Wright explained at last month's commission meeting, "since there are funds in this year's budget to look at re-opening the Scout House and all that would entail."

Constructed by M.J. Murphy in 1931 for use by the Boy Scouts and added to the city's list of historic buildings in 2002, the Scout House was shut down soon after due to fears of lawsuits over ADA access. Little work has been done there, except on the driveway and parking area, and the historic building has seen little love from the city over the years.

But the issue of what to do with the Scout House moved to the front burner when the city council in June adopted the 2019-2020 budget that includes \$75,000 for the "Scout House Use and Renovation Design."

"What are we going to use it for after we get it open?" Wright asked the community activities commissioners at their Oct. 8 meeting. "That's what we're looking to find out from the community."

### Survey and workshop

Wright said she hopes to get answers through a survey and a workshop. The short poll, which can be accessed through the city's home page ([ci.carmel.ca.us](http://ci.carmel.ca.us)) asks a few questions: "If it were open again, how do you envision the

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# Does paving project offer chance to underground power lines?

By CHRIS COUNTS

THERE'S LONG been talk about undergrounding utility lines in Big Sur, but with the increasing awareness that traditional power lines can spark wildfires — like the one last year that destroyed the town of Paradise and killed 85 people — some residents and at least one elected official say the time has come to turn the idea into a reality.

Partly driving the push for undergrounding is the news that Caltrans plans to start an ambitious paving project along 35 miles of Highway 1 in spring 2020, which some, including resident Carol Williams, say would create an opportunity to accomplish two tasks at once.

"It is the ideal time to simultaneously underground the

outdated, dangerous utility lines running beside the highway," Williams said. "Safe, reliable utilities are needed by everyone in the state, and this stretch of highway is long overdue. Bundling the projects together is efficient, common sense and prevents undue traffic delays."

## Kicked around for decades

Another proponent of putting the lines underground is Butch Kronlund, president of the Big Sur Community Association. "It's an idea that has been kicked around for decades, and it's long past the time when it should have been done," Kronlund said.

It's uncertain how much undergrounding 35 miles of lines would cost, and it will certainly be expensive. But Kronlund pointed out that power lines frequently trigger wildfires in Big Sur, and they can be very expensive to

extinguish.

Although a downed line didn't cause the 2016 Soberanes Fire, which burned 57 homes, \$260,000,000 was spent putting it out — illustrating the economic sense of investing in undergrounding lines.

While Kronlund supports the idea of putting the lines underground, he's not particularly hopeful it will happen any time soon due to "political and financial realities." He noted that one important partner, PG&E, is in bankruptcy. On the other hand, the California Legislature controls a budget running about \$215 billion a year.

"I want to be optimistic, but I'm a realist, too," he said. "It's certainly not impossible."

At a public meeting last week in Big Sur, Supervisor

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# Wildfire breaks out near Ventana, but fast response ends threat

By CHRIS COUNTS

DISASTER WAS averted Nov. 3 when fire crews quickly doused a wildfire that broke out at the Ventana Inn in Big Sur.

The fire erupted in a canyon on the north side of Ventana's employee housing complex at about 6:15 p.m. Aiding the response was the proximity of the Big Sur Fire Station, which is located across Highway 1 from resort. "Capt. Marcus Foster, who was doing a patrol, was on scene within minutes," Big Sur Fire Chief Matt Harris told The Pine Cone.

When firefighters arrived, some large redwoods were ablaze, but were quickly doused. "Crews initiated an attack on the fire and were quickly able to stop the forward progress," Harris said.

Some who live in the housing complex also helped out. "Kudos to several Ventana employees who stretched a fire hose from a nearby hydrant to protect the nearest structure," Harris said.

With the help of Monterey County Sheriff's deputies and state park rangers, employees and those staying in

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# Affordable housing debated in land gift from P.B. Co. to Monterey

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY City Council Tuesday night accepted a gift from the Pebble Beach Company of 135 acres across Highway 1 from Del Monte Center.

The property, which P.B. Co. founder S.F.B. Morse advocated using for the state capitol building, will become parkland, despite a debate over the possibility of building low-income housing there.

The Monterey council voted 4-1 to accept the undeveloped property, largely viewing the opportunity to acquire the large parcel owned by the company as something the city couldn't pass up. Dubbed the Old Capitol site, the property is home to a large pine forest, along with a short-term skilled-nursing facility, Westland House, which is owned by CHOMP.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors required the Pebble Beach Company to dedicate the Old Capitol site as parkland as part of the company's final buildout plan that was OK'd in 2012. Though the city council way back in 1993 approved the property acquisition, an agreement between Monterey and the Pebble Beach Company never went through.

"This is a unique opportunity for the

City of Monterey," community development director Kim Cole said in her report to the council.

Councilman Ed Smith called the Pebble Beach Company's offer "an immense opportunity to make something spectacular that is right up there with Window on the Bay," referring to the oceanfront park in Monterey that runs along Del Monte Avenue.

Monterey resident Mike Dawson agreed and said the city's residents will be "thrilled to have been part of creating this park for future generations."

However, councilman Tyller Williamson, who at 32 is by far the youngest member of the council, questioned the cost of maintaining the property, which could be several hundred thousand dollars annually, including expenses related to cleaning up numerous homeless encampments.

"I'm a little bit baffled by people who might identify themselves as fiscal hawks and want to make this decision when we are in such a budget deficit," said Williamson, the only council member to vote against the land transfer.

Cash-strapped Monterey is considering declaring a "fiscal emergency" and increasing the sales tax rate to generate

\$5 million to prevent cuts to city services. Council members may weigh the issues as soon as Nov. 19.

One woman called the acquisition an "irresponsible fiscal decision," while Susan Nine said taxpayers in Monterey would be on the hook for expenses related to the property, valued at \$1.97 million. The land, she said, would increasingly appeal to homeless people since transients in California are allowed, under a decision from the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal last year, to sleep on public property without being prosecuted.

## Another park?

Several residents advocated for setting aside a small portion of the 135 acres for the development of affordable housing, something a few council members considered.

Resident Dave Peterson said he and several friends, whom he characterized as "young professionals," are struggling on the Peninsula because of housing costs. Peterson said he sees the land as an opportunity to change that.

"The housing crisis is probably one of the biggest problems here," he said. "And this particular parcel of land fits into that somewhere. Yes, parks are nice, but we need some sort of balance. We need a way

so that the younger population can afford to live in this area."

Pat Benza said she envisions building workforce housing near Westland House because "many of the employees who work there are low paid and the housing should be close to them."

Williamson echoed the affordable housing sentiments.

"If we are not taking every opportunity that we can get to create more housing, especially affordable housing for our working class," he said, "we are going to push workers farther and farther away," which adds "to the climate warming issue by putting more car miles on the road."

However, Seth Bates, who said he grew up near the Old Capitol site, acknowledged the Peninsula's housing issue but said the solution "is not simply finding a piece of property and putting houses on it."

Councilman Alan Haffa said he spoke to the city attorney about using some of the parkland for multi-family affordable housing but that "it just doesn't seem possible," given legal challenges, which he did not specify.

"That's part of the reason I'm supporting the" decision to acquire the land as a park, Haffa said. "I just don't see how it's going to be legally possible" to provide housing on the site.



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# Vote on downtown STRs delayed

By MARY SCHLEY

ON THE verge of adopting an ordinance to regulate short-term rentals in apartment buildings and the commercial zone Tuesday, the city council abruptly changed course again and asked planning director Marc Wiener to figure out how to phase out legal vacation rentals without getting sued by the owners.

Based on feedback provided by the city council last month, Wiener presented a draft ordinance that would have allowed the property owners who hold permits for 38 short-term rentals to keep them forever — unless the building containing the rental is demolished or converted to another use — but would prohibit any new rentals in existing buildings.

But on Tuesday, after hearing testimony from more than a half-dozen people condemning the idea of allowing already-permitted short-term rentals to operate in perpetuity, council members decided the permits should expire in 20 or 30 years.

## Don't like 'forever'

Ten people spoke — eight who protested allowing any vacation rentals in town (they have been banned in the single-family-residential district for 30 years) and two landowners who defended their right to keep them.

Chamber of commerce CEO Jenny MacMurdo said the organization's government affairs committee was so concerned about the draft ordinance that it took the proposal to the full board of directors, which "voted not to support the language as it's written." Their main concerns, she said, were that the law would allow the three dozen short-term rentals to operate in perpetuity, in competition with hotels, and that the city would be "putting visitors ahead of locals" and shirking its "responsibility to provide housing for our local workforce."

Chamber board member Jessica

Schmidt, who works for Hahn Family Wines and will be board chair next year, said she is 32 and "part of a generation that could perhaps never own a home here in California." She lamented the paucity of reasonably priced rentals in town and worried allowing the 38 short-term rentals to be permanent would make the problem worse.

Resident George Mederos said he has "talked to several people who have been asked to vacate their homes because their owners want to short-term rent," including retirees and a nurse who lived and worked here for eight years but now has to leave. "We're just asking for the right to keep the homes we have," he said.

"I'm very concerned about giving something away in perpetuity when we know so little about the true impacts," resident Karen Ferlito commented.

## Renters aren't bad people

Kent Ipsen, who is developing a property on Lincoln between Fifth and Sixth with the intent of short-term renting the new apartments there, mentioned his "significant investment," and said vacationers would be beneficial.

"We want the kind of tenants who will come in and spend money in this community," he said.

And Vince Brigantino, who said he "took a piece of property that was not fit for anybody to live in and improved it for the purpose of short-term rentals," told the council his renters are carefully vetted, sign contracts and pay sizable deposits. His duplex is on Mission south of Seventh.

Both men pointed out they did not convert existing long-term housing into vacation rentals.

Mayor Dave Potter, who was in a rush to get to a Monterey City Council meeting to testify on a project he's been involved with for more than 30 years, suggested putting

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## New Laguna Seca contractor sought

By MARY SCHLEY

IN THEIR latest attempt to find someone to manage the county-owned Laguna Seca Recreation Area and its world-famous racetrack, Monterey County officials announced Oct. 15 they were soliciting proposals. But they offered no parameters and set an Oct. 31 deadline, giving anyone interested in applying less than three weeks to do so. Nonetheless, county spokeswoman Maia Carroll said Monday, the county received four proposals.

### What happened last time

The current operator, the Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula, has managed the raceway — which opened on federal land in 1957 and came into county ownership in 1974 — for decades. Several years ago, the county entered discussions with Florida-based International Speedway Corporation, one of the largest motorsports companies in North America, to take over.

After those talks fell flat, the county in 2015 solicited applications from other groups interested in running the racetrack and other facilities. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors fielded three proposals but failed to pick one, instead signing a three-year agreement with SCRAMP in January 2017 while negotiations continued. Ultimately, supervisors did not choose any of the proposals.

The 29-page contract with SCRAMP expires Dec. 31. Carroll said officials “had been expecting a proposal from SCRAMP but had not yet received one, and time was running short to begin work on a contract for Laguna Seca,” so in mid-October, they decided to ask others to apply.

The contract provides some funds for management and upkeep of Laguna Seca based on SCRAMP’s expenses, though significant infrastructure issues remain. The board of supervisors has to sign off on all

major outside contracts, such as with the racing organizations that compete there, and compensation to SCRAMP is based in part on Laguna Seca’s net income. The nonprofit submits profit and loss statements annually in April.

The county’s proposed 2019-2020 budget allocated \$18,748,000 for track expenses, mostly for services and supplies, and the total included \$3.2 million for capital work. It anticipated receiving \$15,548,000 from “use of money and property” there, with the remaining \$3.2 million coming from the general fund. The 2018-2019 budget called for spending more than \$24 million on the Laguna Seca Raceway Area, though actual expenses came in at just under \$22.3 million for that fiscal year.

### ‘See what we get’

Carroll said officials opted not to post a description of what they want a new contract to contain because, “we want to hear what others have to offer.” Those who inquired were given a copy of the current contract so they could see what the county expects.

The notice sent out by county administrative officer Charles McKee’s office Oct. 15 said the county was “seeking proposals for the future management of the business and facility from all interested parties, including the current manager,” and that the area to be managed “includes, but is not limited to, the racetrack, camping facilities, all buildings and grounds, marketing, event operations and event management.”

The main difference between the 2015 solicitation and this one, Carroll said, is that the county wants a manager, not a concessionaire.

“The terms are more specific to the county’s operational needs and how a group will meet those needs, as opposed to a concessionaire agreement, where a group would have to bring considerable capital to the deal,” she explained.

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# Veterans Day observances for all

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THIS YEAR'S Veterans Day observances will include traditional local events, plus a special observance that meets former troops in senior facilities and one put on by the kids at P.G. Middle School that seems to grow a bit every year.

The annual ceremony in Devendorf Park at Junipero and Ocean will begin Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. This year, opera singer Leberta Loral will sing the national anthem, a high school color guard will post the colors, and speeches will be given by members of American Legion Post 512 and city officials. In addition, Matt Dana from the California Department of Veterans Affairs will read a proclamation.

Following the roughly hour-long ceremony, the American Legion will hold its annual open house in the post on Dolores just south of Eighth. For more information, call (831) 620-2020 or email [communityactivities@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:communityactivities@ci.carmel.ca.us).

Mike Ward, commander of Seaside American Legion Post 591, said that a ceremony will be held at 10:30 at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery on Fort Ord. The program includes the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps color guard from Seaside High, a proclamation by the mayor of Seaside and a governor's proclamation read by the deputy mayor.

Cub Scout Pack 135 will assist in seating guests. The mayor of Sand City will also make remarks, and the guest speaker will be William Zeigler Jr., a former Army staff sergeant who worked at the Veterans Transition Center for 12 years and is now an artist. The ceremony is projected to last an hour or so.

Veterans in assisted living and nursing homes throughout Monterey County will be honored during ceremonies held onsite Nov. 9, 10 and 11, thanks to the Visiting Nurse Association and the Naval Postgraduate School. VNA will recognize more than 122 veterans at Carmel Hills

Care Center Skilled Nursing, Eden Valley Skilled Nursing, Forest Hill Manor Assisted Living, Merrill Gardens Assisted Living, Pacific Coast Center Skilled Nursing, Park Lane Assisted Living, Sunrise Monterey, Sunrise Villa Assisted Living and Windsor Ridge Skilled Nursing.

The observances will include presentations, a salute and a prayer, and NPS officers giving a pin to each veteran and awarding certificates honoring their "military service to America and for advancing the universal hope of freedom and liberty for all," according to organizers. For more information, call (831) 372-6668.

Pacific Grove Middle School's Brice Gamble, a history teacher, has once again marshalled his diminutive forces (including his 6-year-old twins, Scarlett and Calum) to sell commemorative poppies as a fundraiser for veterans' causes over the past few weeks, and to conduct a public ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 12, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Fountain Avenue, directly behind the school.

According to Gamble, "The school choir will sing, and we will have students who have family in the military give short speeches."

There will be free coffee and pastries for veterans and active duty military.

## Councilman hosts Happy Hour

CITY COUNCILMAN Jeff Baron will host a community happy hour Nov. 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Carmel Belle in the Doud Arcade on San Carlos Street.

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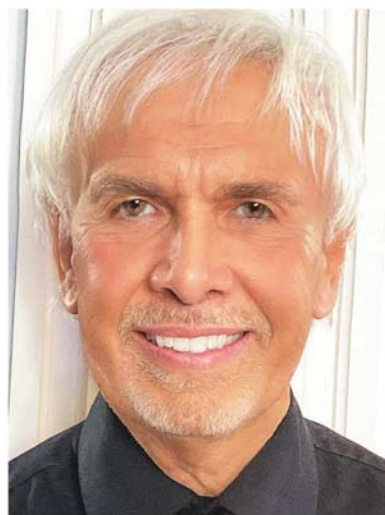
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# Monterey to mark big anniversary with ambitious abalone sculpture

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO COMMEMORATE the 250th anniversary of the city's founding in 1770, the Monterey City Council has chosen the design for a 15-foot ceramic tile sculpture of an abalone that will be installed at San Carlos Beach Park next to the Coast Guard Pier.

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Funded by private donations, the project is expected to cost about \$100,000. The work will be done by artists Cara Byrd, Lance Marshall Boen and John Mason, who say the completed piece will "glisten and shine with its metallic and pearlescent colors," and be a "backdrop for thousands of photos."

The completed piece will go on display in June 2020. "The unveiling of this public art will be a premier event during Monterey 250 celebrations," Mayor Clyde Robertson said.

The abalone theme was selected to pay tribute to the mollusk's rich local history. "It will serve as an enduring landmark for years to come, and honors our entire history, from Native Americans, to our fishing industry and conservation efforts," the mayor added.

Besides being an important food source for the region's earliest human inhabitants, abalone was farmed commercially in the area for many years, and the abalone steak was even developed here. In the wild the tasty mollusk is now protected by federal law, which lists it as an endangered species, but there's an abalone farm operating at Wharf No. 2.

### ■ Meet the artists-in-residence

Presenting an unusually interactive meet-and-greet, the Monterey Museum of Art's La Mirada Cultural Center hosts a "pop-up paint out" Sunday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.

Not only will the gathering give locals a chance to meet two new artists-in-residence, Aaron Zulpo and Johnny Defeo, but it will offer everyone an opportunity to join the artists for an afternoon of painting in the cultural center's rose garden and courtyards.

Zulpo and Defeo have been driving around the coun-

try in an RV and painting the scenery and sites along the way. They'll display pieces from their road trip at Sunday's event.

The museum's cultural center is located at 720 Via Mirada.

Also new at the Monterey Museum of Art is its 26th annual Miniatures Fundraising Exhibit, which opened last week at its main location at 559 Pacific St.

The display includes an impressive array of paintings, photographs, prints, sculpture and mixed media works — all donated by museum members.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each and are available through Dec. 15. The winners will be announced online by Dec. 18.

Proceeds benefit the museum's exhibits and programs.

## Mission's sing-along 'Messiah' is part of an egalitarian tradition

By ELAINE HESSER

IN WHAT has become a delightful annual gift to amateur vocalists, there will be a sing-it-yourself performance of portions of Handel's "Messiah" Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2:30 p.m. at the Carmel Mission. Suggested donation is \$10 per person, whether you come to listen or to sing.

Scott Seward, director of marketing and communications for the Carmel Bach Festival, which helps support the concert/performance, said it is headed by I Cantori di Carmel. The choral group's founder and longtime (now retired) conductor, Sal Ferrantelli, will be here to lead the event.

"We are so delighted that Sal will be here this year to conduct the sing-along," said I Cantori's assistant conductor, Susan Mehra. "His love of Handel's masterpiece will inspire all who come to perform under his enthusiastic direction. It's a great way to start the holiday season."

Seward explained that the singers "will be accompa-

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## Daniel W. Dobberpuhl

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Daniel W. Dobberpuhl quietly passed away Saturday October 26, at home in Monterey, CA after a lengthy illness and hospitalization. He is survived by his wife Carol, son Walter, daughter Christine, and Walter's two daughters, Katelyn and Nicole Dobberpuhl.

Dan was born to Walter W. and Dorothy (McDavitt) Dobberpuhl in Streator, Illinois on March 25, 1945. He lived and was educated in Streator, where his love of electronics blossomed from assembling Heathkit radio components in elementary school. At 18 he earned his FCC First Class Radio Engineer license and graduated from Streator High School in 1963. He installed the FM radio system at Streator radio station WIZZ during a summer job in 1965. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a BSEE in 1967, the same year he married Carol Higgins, and accepted a position at The National Security Agency, Ft. Meade Maryland, which began his over 50 year career in engineering, working with industry giants from Ken Olsen of Digital Equipment Corp to Apple's Steve Jobs.

Dan served on active duty in the United States Army from November 1968 to 1970, in Turkey and at Vint Hill Farms VA, followed by subsequent US Army Reserves service at Ft. Devens Massachusetts.

His career included employment at NSA, General Electric, Integrated Circuit Systems, and Digital Equipment Corporation. After retirement from DEC in 1998 he cofounded SiByte, Inc. which he subsequently sold to Broadcom and then cofounded P.A. Semi which he sold to Apple. Dan coauthored "The Design and Analysis of VLSI Circuits" with colleague Lance A. Glasser and was guest lecturer at MIT, Stanford University and the University of Illinois. He held 15 patents.

In 1996 Forbes ASAP cited Dan as one of the forces that would continue to expand the complexity and efficiency of microprocessors. Career design and development milestones included the DEC T-11, Micro VAX, ALPHA and Strong Arm processors. He led design of the first commercial Multi-Core System on a Chip at SiByte, Inc. with the most talented team in Silicon Valley and later at P.A. Semi led the design of the PWRficient architecture which was the underpinning for SOC processors used in Apple iPhones and iPads.

In 2003 Dan was awarded the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers prestigious Donald O. Pederson Award in Solid-State Circuits for pioneering design of high-speed and low-power microprocessors. He was elected to the National Academy Engineering in 2006. He was honored with a 2003 University of Illinois Distinguished Alumni Award, the U of I College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009, and inducted into the U of I College of Engineering Hall of Fame in 2016.

After retirement from Apple in 2009 Dan expanded his interests and involvement in the electronics industry, supporting numerous companies and start-ups. He particularly enjoyed working with and mentoring students and recent grads just beginning their engineering careers. He had great respect for all colleagues and was quick to point out what he learned from them.

A kind and gentle spirit, Dan was highly regarded and will be missed by all.

Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 at The Paul Mortuary, 390 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel Valley at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Capital Campaign, 9 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley 93924 or to a charity of one's choice.



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## RENTALS

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off a vote until next month. He also defended the council and its intent to stop new short-term rentals when people were implying the opposite.

Councilman Bobby Richards supported the ordinance as drafted, pointing out that allowing people with legal short-term rentals to keep them forever would mean they have no pressure to kick out long-term renters, even if they have no intent to short-term rent anytime soon, just to keep their permits active.

But councilman Jeff Baron said he would prefer "a 20-or-30-year time limit," after which the permits would expire.

"Is there some formulaic way to amortize the investments people have made, so it isn't Draconian so we don't have people who have bought something and are out of business in six months?" Potter asked Wiener.

The planning director said he would work on it for next month, and the council decided to delay voting until then.

## LETTERS

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in Carmel, and life. We should not allow this type of behavior to be tolerated, accepted, and/or justified in any way.

**Nathan Ramirez, Carmel**

### Mike is back

Dear Editor,

Following Randy Bispo's decision to step down as head varsity baseball coach at Carmel High after 12 dedicated and successful seasons, the school district has chosen Mike Kelly to fill the position. It could not have found a better person.

Mike was the head varsity baseball coach at Carmel High from 1996 through 2007. His teams won 342 games and lost 88, captured 12 consecutive league titles and won the Central Coast Section championship seven times.

But there are many more reasons than his teams' successes that make Mike the perfect selection. I have watched and admired how Mike has coached and how he

has worked with and led his players for many years. He treats them with respect, firmly and fairly and is a fine teacher. As the father of three children in school, one of whom he will coach in baseball during this school year, he understands that sports are just one aspect of an education.

Mike is a consummate student of the game and a quiet and fine mentor. If he disagreed with a call or a rules interpretation while I was umpiring, and, yes, we do make mistakes, he approached me and other umpires with respect and an even temperament, I have never heard him use a word of profanity.

His local roots run deep. Mike graduated in 1984 from Carmel High, where he played baseball, football and basketball. He is a 1988 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, where he played on both the baseball and football teams.

The main elements that young people should get out of playing a sport are to develop and improve, both as people and as athletes, to enjoy themselves, and to appreciate the value of teamwork and of their teammates of all abilities.

Congratulations to the Carmel Unified School District for bringing back Mike Kelly.

**Lewis Leader, Carmel Valley**

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## Mary Margaret Liskin

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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved, Mary Margaret Liskin.

Mary is predeceased by her parents, Joseph Pluth and Audrey Pluth. Mary is survived by her husband, David, and her siblings, Joanne Schuler, Martin Pluth, Greg Pluth and Robin McClelland, and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was born in Nashville, Tenn., the youngest of five children. Her mother, Audrey, referred to Mary as her little Magnolia Blossom.



Mary grew up in Danville, Ill., with her beagle, Bag Ears, and her horse, Betsy. Upon graduation from Schlarman High School she attended the University of Illinois where she received her B.S. in veterinary videography, a major she created.

As an equestrian, Mary showed hunter-jumpers competitively in the Midwest. Mary demonstrated a gift for music. With her beautiful voice and talent on keyboards, she led the touring band Wish across the country. She also worked in several veterinary clinics and had a love of animals that grew with each passing year.

In 1980 Mary moved to Florida where she met her husband, David. Both were working at the Nautilus Television Network. Mary worked as an on-screen personality and a videotape editor. Soon she was hired by ABC in Orlando where her TV series, "Off the Beaten Path," aired for many years.

In 1983 David started LMA, a production company that is still active today.

As the company prospered, they relocated to the Bay Area where LMA built its first studio. Mary was active at LMA till the couple moved to Carmel in 1994.

Mary spent the remainder of her life in the beachfront home, High Dune, overlooking a beautiful vista of the Pacific Ocean.

Her passion for animals was exemplified by the love of their three Dalmatians: Moxie, Paladin, Sky King and her rescue dog, Radar.

Mary loved to play golf as a member of Blackhawk Country Club, Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Tehama Golf Club and Big Horn Golf Club. She competed as part of the USSGA and won events at many wonderful clubs across the country. Locally she won the Ladies Club Championship at Tehama twice.

If one word could describe Mary it would be "indomitable." She had a strong will and always was an advocate for truth and decency.

Mary was loved by many and fought a courageous battle against the disease that ultimately took her life. She was surrounded by family and friends and finally passed in her home, free from pain and sorrow. She is at peace and her spirit is eternal. We are fortunate for the time she was on this planet and Mary will always be in our hearts. She lived a full life and will always be a beacon of life to all the lives she touched.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Salinas Animal Shelter, AFRP or POMDR.

**There will be a Memorial/Celebration of Mary's life**  
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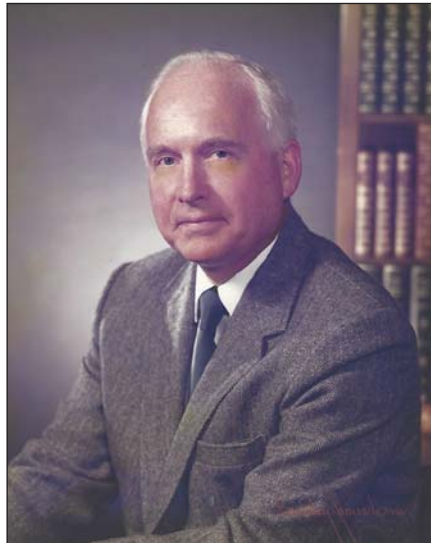
September 29, 1926 ❖ July 16, 2019

Robert Galbraith Chapman died peacefully on July 16, 2019, in Carmel, CA. He was 92. He was the oldest of three sons of Dr. Edward Chapman and Janet Chapman of Colorado Springs, CO, and Carmel, CA. His brothers, Edward Chapman, Jr. and Richard Chapman, predeceased him. He was born on September 29, 1926, and raised in Colorado Springs. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1944, from Yale College in 1947, and from Harvard Medical School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1955, as a First Lieutenant and then Captain in the Medical Corps, as a Flight Surgeon stationed at Lowry Air Force Base outside of Denver, CO.

Dr. Chapman married Virginia Potts of North Platte, NE, on July 6, 1956. In 1960, he joined the full-time faculty of the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver. He later moved into medical administration, and served as Chief of Staff at the Denver VA hospital and then as the Director of the Bonfils Blood Center (now Vitalant). He served on the Colorado Governor's Committees for Hemophilia, Sickle Cell Disease, and AIDS; was an honorary member of the Board of Colorado AIDS Project; and was a Trustee on the Research Board of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. His hobbies were wide-ranging, and included amateur radio; photography; computers; astronomy; bird watching; genealogy (his ancestor Robert Chapman was one of the original settlers of Old Saybrook, CT in 1635); investment management; music; and community service (he was an active member of the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee after he and Virginia moved there in 1991, as well as a member of the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula).

Dr. Chapman is survived by his wife Virginia; his daughter Lucia, her fiancée Geoff Preu, and her children, Andrew Chatzky, Laura Chatzky, and Elizabeth Chatzky; his daughter Sarah, her husband Barry Bohrer, and their children, Marissa Bohrer and her husband Josh Leffler, Jonathan Bohrer, and William Bohrer; his son Robert and his wife Laurie Chapman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dr. Chapman was laid to rest at Cypress Cemetery in Old Saybrook. Those wishing to honor him are asked to donate to the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, CT, [www.florencegriswoldmuseum.org](http://www.florencegriswoldmuseum.org), or the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, [www.fccol.org](http://www.fccol.org), where his grandfather served as minister.



## TAKEOVER

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terey water system appears to be economically feasible," according to the document.

"The team did a great job," Water district general manager Dave Stoldt said of the consultants who authored the report. "They are very professional, very well regarded in the industry and did a great job."

He also explained the consultant's use of "appears" relating to the feasibility of a government takeover of Cal Am.

The report says "appears" "because we have received no information" from Cal Am to help establish its value, Stoldt said.

While the value of Cal Am's Monterey system estimated in the consultant's report, \$513,384,000, is about half of Cal Am's \$1 billion estimate, it is more than double the \$225 million amount takeover advocate Public Water Now has said the system is worth.

### 'Lower bills'

The report claims that Peninsula water customers who now pay Cal Am every month would probably see some savings under a government-run water system. A chart in the analysis entitled "typical monthly water bill projections" includes estimates under continued Cal Am ownership, under water district ownership, and under a third scenario that envisions water district ownership of the system, but operation and maintenance by outside contractors.

For example, in 2025, with Cal Am operating the system, a customer would pay \$136.01 per month compared to \$117.48 under water district ownership — a savings of \$18.53 per month, or 15.77 percent.

If the district has to hire contractors to run the system, customers in that year would expect to pay \$121.40 per month, or a savings of 12.03 percent over Cal Am ownership, according to the study.

In 2040, a Cal Am customer paying \$175.50 per month would pay \$145.77 — a decrease of 16.94 percent — under water district ownership, the study contends.

"Economic feasibility was assessed by comparing the estimated revenue requirements of the water system under government ownership versus Cal Am ownership," the analysis said.

The report estimates the base value of the Monterey water system at \$359 million, including its pipelines, land, construction already underway, a portion of Cal Am's proposed desal plant near Marina and other assets.

The document also includes about \$155 million in unrecouped costs, such as the San Clemente Dam removal, that the water district could be forced to pay Cal Am as part of a takeover of the system. The valuation estimate does not take into consideration other assets Cal Am uses to justify its rates, but the report estimates those could be worth about \$20 million.

If a takeover is successful, the water district could also be on the hook for other court-ordered damages, which the report said are "somewhat difficult to evaluate and quantify."

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## JANICE CROSSMAN FINCH

June 27, 1937 ~ November 1, 2019  
Wilson, Wyoming

Janice "Jan" Crossman Finch passed away in Carmel, California, after a six-year battle with cancer with her husband and her daughter by her side. A third-generation Californian, she was born in Santa Maria. Jan spent her early years in the San Francisco Bay Area, was a graduate of Burlingame High School and studied Art at San Jose State.

Jan's first marriage resulted in the birth of her daughter, Karin, and son, Tim. She married her husband, Lawrence "Larry" Finch, in 1976 and began a 43-year adventure. The Finches lived in Atherton and San Francisco where Jan was active with the Peninsula Volunteers, Little House and Rosner House working with seniors. In San Francisco, she was President of The Little Jim Club, dedicated to aid to Children's Hospital. She was a supporter of UCSF, with particular interest in research involving Cancer and Neurology.

In 1995, the Finches moved to Wilson, Wyoming and Jan became active in and was a patron of the Grand Teton Music Festival. She served on the Board of the National Museum of Wildlife Art and the Community Safety Network. Active in sports, Jan enjoyed tennis, golf and fly-fishing. The Finches were members of the Saint Francis Yacht Club and sailed the world on their yacht "Janice of Wyoming."

Jan is survived by her husband, Larry; her daughter, Karin Bird of Woodside, CA; her stepchildren, Lawrence, Matthew and Kenneth Finch and Beth Charbeneau; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her son, Tim Bird, preceded her in death.

A Celebration of Jan's Life will take place in Wyoming next summer. Arrangements under the direction of The Paul Mortuary.

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While the report indicates the district could save about \$450,000 in annual expenses by eliminating four employee positions, cutting Cal Am's workforce from 81 people to 77, Stoldt said public employee pension costs under CalPERS would be "slightly higher."

Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman said the report was "not a serious, detailed cost analysis," and that the consultants the district hired to write it are "little more than the mouthpiece" for the agency. She also said the water district's proposal is risky and the study doesn't present Cal Am's true value.

"The district is proposing to burden customers with this massive risk — at least \$770 million, likely more than \$1 billion in debt — for savings that, based on the district's guesswork, would be \$10-\$13 per customer per month," Stedman said. "In fact, this proposed acquisition will end up costing customers millions of dollars every year in higher water bills and could jeopardize future water supply and the resilience of the system."

Raftelis' analysis also does not consider the risk, expense and time associated with civil litigation that would result from a takeover effort, something Stedman noted.

"It is certain the district will pay lawyers many millions of dollars and spend years of effort by its own staff if it launches the takeover attempt," she said. "The district should, at minimum, quantify the risks of this proposed litigation" and "be clear with the public about its chances of litigation success, and about the exposure it will have for payment of all legal expenses incurred by both sides, before it decides to file an eminent domain lawsuit."

Stoldt said it will be the water district's board of directors, who are all elected officials, to decide whether it's worth it to launch a takeover effort that could mean tens of millions of dollars in litigation and years of court battles in exchange for the potential customer savings outlined in the report.

He said the board in December will likely vote whether to authorize work toward the next steps in the process, which include an operations plan, formal appraisal, CEQA compliance, and other documents. After that work is completed in August or September of next year, the board could make a formal offer to purchase Cal Am, which the company says it would almost certainly reject. At that point, the board would decide whether using eminent domain to take over Cal Am is in the public's best interest. If it decided to proceed, the next steps would be in court, not only to determine if the takeover complied with state and federal laws for the taking of private property, but also to set Cal Am's value.

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mony and not consider approving or denying Cal Am's project. The decision, the commission said, came after the agency met with the state's Public Utilities Commission — which approved the project last year — to discuss the coastal commission staff's recommendation to deny it.

"The CPUC staff raised new technical questions regarding water supply and demand, groundwater impacts, and the Pure Water expansion alternative — all of which require investigation," the website said.

A hearing will be scheduled, possibly in Scotts Valley in March 2020, "where the public will again have ample opportunity to give testimony on the project before a final decision," the agency said.

The decision to postpone a vote on the desal plant follows a report released in September by the water district that said its own recycled water project could meet the Peninsula's long-term water needs.

"The coastal commission staff believes that it is essential to hear applicant, agency, and public comments and explore the key remaining technical questions before the commission considers voting on the project proposal," the commission said in the notice.

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**CROSBY**

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the magazine Game and Gossip, which was owned by S.F.B. Morse, had featured a layout showing Crosby and other celebrities "in moments of relaxation at the Hotel Del Monte or the Lodge," referring to what is now the main building at the Naval Postgraduate School and the Lodge at Pebble Beach.

Crosby's growing fondness for the area, and his kindness, were highlighted in a May 1937 item in The Pine Cone quoting his response to a Monterey High School student who sent him a copy of the school paper, the Galleon.

"I wish to compliment the students of Monterey Union High on the fine appearance and interesting content of the Galleon," he wrote to the unnamed young admirer.

He brought some of his racehorses to "the oval" at the Hotel Del Monte in 1937, when an attempt to bring the sport back to the area was lauded by The Pine Cone. The handsome young star — he'd just turned 34 — also chatted via shortwave radio from Hearst Castle with a couple of young girls in town, giving them quite a thrill.

**Performance and a party**

By 1939, he was here to play golf in a California amateur tournament, a pursuit that would lead to much bigger things after World War II. In 1941, he returned with his movie-making buddy, Bob Hope, to see pianist and raconteur Alec Templeton at the Sunset School auditorium. Then Crosby was invited to attend a party for Templeton and his wife "at the Robert Stantons," where the two were heard "cutting capers at the piano into the wee hours." There was no police log in the paper, so it's unknown whether the constabulary was summoned to quell the frivolity.

He was also mentioned as an invitee to Salvador Dali's famous (or infamous) 1941 party at the Hotel Del Monte.

Once the United States got into World War II, Crosby began performing in USO shows, and in July 1942, dropped into the organization's Carmel facility to serenade "several hundred soldiers who happened to be around."

After the war, a Sept. 13, 1946, blurb in The Pine Cone said, "Bob Hope thinks it would be great to live here for three or four months of the year and he hopes to play in the Bing Crosby tournament," which had moved to Pebble Beach from Southern California.

On Jan. 10, 1947, the first Crosby pro-am made the front page of the paper, mentioning Ben Hogan and Sam Snead among the professionals, and amateurs including Johnny Weismuller and Randolph Scott. And of course, you know the rest of that story.

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# DAMAGE

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with plywood — so much so that the unit was long left vacant, until a tenant wanted it so badly that she agreed to live there in spite of the issues.

Zoller said the foundation's board of directors also discussed the damage during a recent meeting. "We did address the fact that the property next door is up for sale and wanted to make sure the damage done to Haseltine by the project they have going on is addressed and fixed before any kind of sale has been completed," she said.

### Engineers will help

One of the partners in the project, Bob Leidig, told Zoller that a firm called Pacific Engineering is evaluating the issues at the senior-housing complex and will come up with a plan. The consultant is set to take measurements there Friday.

"Bob Leidig also left me a message saying that he was going to have an action plan put together at some point after the engineering team completes their survey," she said. "There are things happening to that building that we just hope will get fixed before any type of sale goes through."

Zoller said she regrets that the problems have become a point of tension, especially since the Leidig and Draper families have been such strong supporters of the foundation over the years and planned on having the nonprofit manage the low-income units in the new Dolores Street complexes.

"We value all that they have done for the foundation — they consistently support us at our gala, for instance — however, it is vital that we protect our property," she said. "I think they want to treat the foundation with respect, as well, so it's just kind of a hard situation that we're back to back on that property."

Leidig told The Pine Cone he is working with the foundation and will get the problems resolved.

"We have hired an engineer to make sure the existing neighboring buildings are secure and stable during this interim when construction has halted, and also to prepare the additional shoring designs which will be needed when construction continues and the form work for the new concrete podium and property-line retaining walls is done," he said.

"I have been in touch with The Carmel Foundation about Haseltine Court, and we are coordinating with them on any future work needed."

### Not up for sale yet

Meanwhile, preparations for the potential sale of the project, which features side-by-side, contemporary-style multistory buildings designed by local architect Erik Dyar, are underway. Realtor Tim Allen is handling the listing of the developments, named Del Dono Court 1 and Del Dono Court 2, and said he and his colleagues are gathering the information they need to prepare to offer the land and development for sale.

"We're still just completing our due diligence on the project: meeting with the owner, understanding the plans and permits and construction and the phase and whatnot — where it is now and where it will be," he said. "Probably in the next two weeks, we'll have it wrapped up and be able to have a clear path on how the owners will proceed."

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# MESSIAH

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nied by an orchestra of professional musicians from all around this area,” and, perhaps most attractive to shower virtuosos, all the solos will be sung en masse as well. “It’s not unusual to see sopranos and altos switch sides to sing the different arias,” he said.

“Any time a group of music lovers get together to perform a Baroque classic like the ‘Messiah,’ we want to support that effort,” he added. “This event celebrates the community and a work of genius.”

If you can’t seem to find your copy of the score lying around the house, Bookmark Music in Pacific Grove has them, you can find them free for downloading online, or you can borrow a copy at the performance.

Seward said that more than 300 people are expected for this year’s event, which he described as “a low-commitment, high-energy way to start the holiday.” And be encouraged — Handel wrote his piece to survive less-than-

amazing singing. Seward also noted that the Mission’s acoustics are quite friendly.

The whole performance is supposed to last about 90 minutes. Although the program hadn’t been finalized, Seward, a trumpet player, said he hopes that “The trumpet shall sound” will be among the afternoon’s selections. Regardless, he’s grateful for the opportunity to participate and for I Cantori’s leadership.

“I Cantori has been consistent in making this happen,” Seward said, and many of its members will be among the singers that afternoon.

Modern sing-alongs of Handel’s oratorio can be traced to the 1970s.

The Royal Albert Hall in London has opened its doors to the public for a wildly popular version of the event since 1974. Attracting upward of 3,000 singers annually, the concert has long since reached the point where performers outnumber audience members. At about the same time in the United States, groups began joining their voices in the often-jubilant portions of the “Messiah” associated with Christmas, usually ending with the “Hallelujah Chorus,” which is borrowed from the Easter section.

# SCOUT

From page 6A

Scout House being used in the future?” “Do you think that the community has enough spaces available for meetings, events and programs?” “Have you ever rented the Vista Lobos Community Room or a room at Sunset Center? And if yes, why?”

A catchall at the end encourages people to “share any other thoughts you have about how you think the community could use the Scout House in the future.”

The workshop, to be held in council chambers in city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean will seek similar information and feedback.

“Once the intended uses are identified, an architect will be hired to assess the current facility, design upgrades, ensure the design meets the current building code and ADA requirements, and prepare construction documents suitable for bidding the work as a public works project,” Wright explained in her report for the commission.

# ABANDONED

From page 5A

as our intent is not focused on towing vehicles,” he explained.

Their efforts have already proved fruitful. One parking officer discovered a car that had been parked in the area of Mission and Eighth and unregistered for 11 years. Police contacted the owner, who is in the process of registering the car. Because the person came out when officers were there, they opted not to tow it. The California Vehicle Code calls for towing vehicles with registration expired more than six months.

“If we do tow a vehicle, the owner can call or come by the police department, and we will work with them to get the vehicle out of storage,” Tomasi said. The owner is responsible for any fees charged by the hauler for towing and storage, as well as paying any citations police might have issued.



The Cosmic Bus, which has North Carolina plates and a temporary California plate that expired in September, routinely parks in town for days at a time. Vehicles have to be moved every 48 hours, a notice under the wiper warns.

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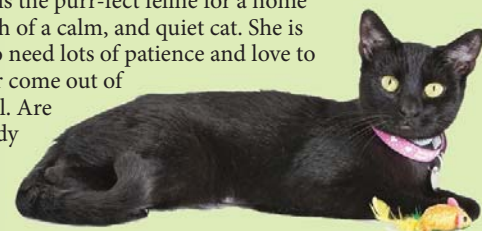
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## POWER

From page 7A

Mary Adams, who represents Big Sur, suggested that everybody in the room supported the idea of undergrounding lines — at least in concept.

This week, Adams told The Pine Cone that she supports undergrounding the lines not only due to public safety, but also because of aesthetics. She called them “an eyesore.”

A member of Sen. Bill Monning’s staff said he was unavailable for comment.

### And the price tag?

So how much would it cost to under-

ground 35 miles of lines? A study offers a starting point.

“A recent research study found that the cost of undergrounding utilities can be in the range of up to \$5 million per mile in urban areas,” reported Carla Yu of Caltrans, who is managing the project to repave the 35 miles of highway.

Presumably, undergrounding utilities in remote Big Sur would be much cheaper than it would be in an urban area.

The Big Sur Land Use Plan, which the California Coastal Commission certified in 1986, states that it is the county’s intent that utilities be installed underground.

“Poles will be placed in the least conspicuous locations out of public view, and where possible, private view,” the plan reads.

## FIRE

From page 7A

Ventana’s campground were evacuated as a safety precaution.

Harris said Monterey County Sheriff’s deputies, State Parks rangers and Highway Patrol officers were “instrumental in calmly evacuating residents and campers to safety.”

The fire chief also praised Cal Fire and the U.S. Forest Service for their efforts in containing and mopping up the fire, which burned about half an acre.

The weather helped out, too — while the humidity was very low, there was virtually no wind.

Nobody was injured during the incident. “I’d like to offer a big thank you from Big Sur Fire to all those who assisted, and a thank you to Mother Nature, too, for a calm and cool night,” Harris said.

While the cause of the fire is unknown, Big Sur Fire reported power lines are operating not far from where it began. The incident is still under investigation.

Along with helping to put out the fire at Ventana, Big Sur Fire was a major benefactor of two fundraising events in recent weeks, Nepenthe’s Bal Masque and the Big Sur River Run. The money will go toward the brigade’s general operating budget.

“Everybody’s donations are what keep us going,” Harris added. “That’s our lifeblood.”

## GAVEL

From page 4A

2017. Although Turney weighed approximately 230 pounds when she arrived in Monterey County in 2008, she weighed only 54 pounds at the time of her autopsy. The examination revealed that Turney had a fractured skull, both recent and healed rib fractures, pressure ulcers, and bruising and swelling consistent with blunt-force trauma.

While the investigation revealed that Arriaga physically abused Turney on a regular basis, one witness also described to police an incident in late 2015 or early 2016 where Lopez Jarquin joined Arriaga in beating Turney until she lost consciousness. For that incident, Lopez Jarquin pled guilty to abuse of a dependent adult and admitted that he personally inflicted great bodily injury on Turney.

The investigation revealed no evidence that Lopez Jarquin had any direct role in Turney’s murder. However, based on numerous false statements he made during police interviews to protect Arriaga, he pled guilty to accessory after the fact to the murder. He was arrested on Jan. 30.

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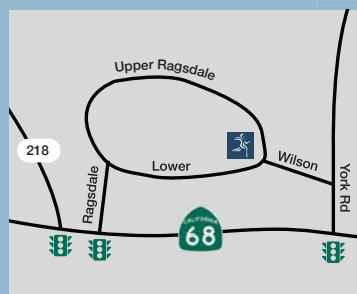
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# HISTORIC

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Environmental Quality Act.”

Kirk called the Safeway building “the most attractive and architecturally interesting shop” in the center, but he said its design is similar to other Safeways in California. He also noted that two of the shops have been “radically altered,” and questioned the importance of Dahlstrand’s work. “If Monterey County had felt that Dahlstrand was a significant architect, it would have required that the alterations cause minimal damage to the architect’s work,” he explained.

Commenting on the disagreement between the two consultants was owner Russ Stanley.

“We were required by the county to hire a historic consultant to determine whether the project was historic,” Stanley told The Pine Cone. “The county-approved historian determined it was not.”

Stanley noted that the report by Page & Turnbull “is not complete, and no findings can be made until the research is done and findings analyzed.”

The owner of the center said he simply followed the process the county laid out for him. He was also critical of the effort to bring another consultant into the mix.

“The process required under county law was put into place exactly to prevent such manipulation of third-party reports,” Stanley said. “When a third-party group seeks to bypass county procedure, land use laws and property rights become meaningless.”

**‘We can’t hold up the process just because someone in the public is doing a report’**

### Third presentation

The topic of the center’s historical relevance came up Nov. 7 at a well attended public meeting at the Palo Corona Regional Park headquarters. The gathering, which was moderated by 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams, marked the third time Stanley and architect Henry Ruhnke have given a presentation about their plans to update the site.

At the meeting, one speaker suggested that plans to renovate the center should be put on hold until the conflict between the two consultants is resolved, but county planning official Brandon Swanson said Stanley’s project can move forward.

“Right now, we have a report submitted by a county-approved historian that draws a conclusion,” Swanson said, while the letter from Page & Turnbull “offers an opinion, but no conclusion, and we can’t hold up the process just because someone in the public is doing a report.”

Besides talk about the center’s historical designation, Stanley and Ruhnke fielded questions and listened to comments from the public, many about the center’s proposed design. They also confirmed that they aren’t tied to the center’s new name — The Marketplace @ Carmel Valley Mid-Valley Center — which many have objected to, and said they are open to suggestions.

Next up for the project is a second hearing with the Carmel Land Use Advisory Committee, which will be followed by a hearing before the Monterey County Zoning Administrator, where a final decision could be made. No dates have been set.

Many residents have said they don’t want to see the center change, but Stanley contends it needs to be updated, in part because tenants are struggling. His plans include adding outdoor seating areas, a bocce ball court, and a fire pit. The work also includes removing a 1,638-square-foot breezeway, painting the exterior and other changes and additions.

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# SKINCARE

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and was conducting business that way, planners told Chen, who has an address in Temecula, that he had to apply for a special permit, and in August, the planning commission denied his request 3-1. As a result, Chen asked the city council to overturn that decision.

Wiener, however, recommended the council uphold the commission's vote, which was based on the fact that the store and its practice of street hawking are bad for the community, the business makes excessive demands on city resources because code enforcement has to deal with frequent complaints about peddling from the doorway and sidewalk, the employees bother "people who are minding their own business passing by," and it negatively impacts neighboring businesses.

## 'Being hunted'

While the store's owner has never appeared in person at city hall, Royal Bee's manager, who said his name is Sade, testified at Tuesday's hearing.

"I put almost all my life savings into this business," he

told the council, before saying he had talked to the planning department well before opening and was told it would be OK to sell cosmetics and that peddling was acceptable. He accused the city of changing the rules after he opened the store.

"They changed the definition," he said.

The manager also said he has corrected the issues of employees handing out samples and calling out to people on the sidewalk.

"They are only allowed to stand with a tray with samples, and they are allowed to smile," he said, adding that Royal Bee's goal is to "help the bee industry prosper."

In addition, he accused the city of giving photos of the store and its employees to The Pine Cone and said he lost two workers as a result.

"I feel like I'm being a little bit hunted," he said, and that his business is being treated unfairly.

(A photographer working for the newspaper took the photographs in question.)

While there may have been some initial confusion about what kind of permit the store required, Wiener commented after the manager was done speaking, no one at city hall would have ever told him that soliciting from the doorway is acceptable.

"The key about doing business in Carmel is under-

standing our charm and character — that's what makes us unique and that's what drives people to want to come here," councilwoman Carrie Theis said, and the rules are designed to protect those traits. "We are not a mall. We don't want to be a mall."

## 'Don't want to be approached'

No store or restaurant in town should have someone standing outside calling to passersby, Theis said, adding that she, like councilman Bobby Richards, had been addressed by a Royal Bee employee while walking down Dolores Street. "People don't want to be approached that way," she said.

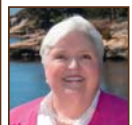
Councilman Jeff Baron agreed with Theis' desire to deny the permit. "The applicant applied for a specialty store permit and then operated a different kind of store," he said. "I think we should support the planning commission and the decision they made."

Richards said he felt there was deception from the start on Royal Bee's part and agreed with his colleagues. With councilwoman Jan Reimers recusing herself because her family owns a building within 500 feet and Mayor Dave Potter absent, the council voted 3-0 to deny the permit. The next step, Wiener said, is to begin the process of revoking the store's business license.

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# Editorial

## Difficult road ahead

IF YOU'RE one of the great many people on the Monterey Peninsula who are neither adamantly in favor of or opposed to a Cal Am takeover — and just want what's best for the community either way — you'll obviously need to read our front-page story about the takeover feasibility study released this week by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. But you also might want to familiarize yourself with the longer, complex and sometimes confounding history of public water system takeover bids over the last 90 years, and why they came to naught:

■ In 1930, the Del Monte Properties Co., headed by S.F.B. Morse, sold the Peninsula's water system to Chester H. Loveland on the stipulation that Del Monte Properties — developers of the hotels, golf courses and residential communities known as Pebble Beach — would get preferred rates for 50 years. In 1935, after Loveland raised the rates for everybody else, a local movement was born. Some residents, upset over the increased rates, organized a public takeover. But the proposal was defeated at the polls by a 2-to-1 margin on June 4, 1935.

■ For the next 20 years, there was no new movement to gain public control over the water system. During that time, however, significant events occurred, including sizeable water rate increases in 1948, 1950, 1952 and 1957.

Spurred by the increases, the Pacific Grove City Council proposed a renewed move toward public ownership, and in April 1958, a preliminary report found that public ownership of the water supply on the Peninsula could be profitable and estimated the takeover would cost \$12,200,000.

In June of that year, a water district committee gathered the 1,700 signatures needed to place a measure on the ballot, which finally happened in 1965.

But with no water rate increase since the late 1950s, voters evidently weren't as passionate about eminent domain in 1965 as they were in 1958, because they crushed the proposal by a 3-to-1 margin on election day.

■ Beginning in the 1970s, the environmental movement began to make "no growth" one of its top priorities, and as city councils and the board of supervisors continued to approve new development in various parts of the Monterey Peninsula, a strategy was developed to control growth regardless of decisions made via the normal democratic process — by limiting infrastructure, including water.

Compounded by lengthy droughts in the 1970s and early 1990s, and culminating in a 1995 order for the water company (which by then was Cal Am) to drastically cut pumping from the Carmel River, the "no growth" movement succeeded beyond anyone's imagination. Since the mid-1990s, a water permit moratorium has been in place on the Peninsula. Also, water rates have been raised repeatedly to promote conservation and to pay for a wide variety of programs to mitigate environmental damage to the river caused by pumping.

■ As rate increases continued, ballot measures were attempted in 2002, 2005 and 2014. After extensive public debates and discussions, all of them failed. Meanwhile, the water shortage continued with no end in sight, and an expensive desal plant was seen as the only option for solving it.

■ Finally, in November 2018, a group calling itself Public Water Now succeeded in passing a water company takeover ballot measure by promising "affordable water." The group is also pulling out all the stops to prevent construction of the desal plant.

After all that, you'd think it would be pretty clear to everybody what the pros and cons of a government takeover of our water system would be. But as the release of this week's report on the cost of a Cal Am takeover shows, things are right back where they were in 1958, with everybody arguing about the value of Cal Am and whether the government can run a water company more cheaply than a private business.

Meanwhile, the real elephant in the room — the water shortage — is still there.

Nobody could be blamed for suffering from Cal Am takeover fatigue, but with a consultant saying Cal Am could be purchased for \$513 million and Cal Am responding by calling the report "not serious," we obviously still have a long, long way to go.

## BEST of BATES



"I bet they could tell us where the Hog's Breath is."

## Letters to the Editor

### What about the roads?

Dear Editor,

Here we go again. Less than two years ago voters approved Senate Bill 1, which promised to make much needed money available for repairs to the state's crumbling roads and bridges. Our legislators also promised that the money would only go toward road safety improvements, filling potholes in local communities, and fixing local streets, tunnels and overpasses. At the time, many people opposed it because the state was already diverting gas tax and road repair revenue to other programs.

I urged support for the measure anyway, because I knew that our Legislature and then-governor would not change that — and at least this new money was promised to give us the funds to fix up our roads. Here in Monterey, we even passed an additional measure to raise local funds that would also be used for roads and bridges.

Well, both measures passed and, sure enough, after less than two years, the governor has put strings on the SB1 money and plans to divert it to the "train to nowhere" and other environmental pet projects — leaving our roads to decay even further. Actions such as this are why few people have faith or trust in California's government anymore.

I hope in the next election people ask their local candidates whether they think roads and road safety are more important than pet projects of politicians elsewhere

— and vote for politicians who keep their promises.

Rudy Fischer, Pacific Grove

### 'Unimaginably tragic'

Dear Editor,

The stabbing of Mochi is unimaginably tragic. To those who have never met him, I feel compelled to clarify some important details. I know Mochi well and understand him, having cared for him on multiple occasions. As an animal lover, and someone lucky enough to have this kind of lifelong companionship, I consider this case personal. My two dogs and cat immediately fell in love with Mochi. I must express how truly sweet he is. Mochi would sleep with me, our dogs and small cat.

I write to help this community feel safe and am saddened by the lack of understanding of the truth. There is zero reason to fear Mochi in any way. If he ever runs up to you, it is only an attempt at a greeting. He would never attack a person.

Many more of the Henderson's former neighbors will say the same. It is incredibly sad to see such a preventable problem play out in this manner anywhere, especially Carmel. I was at the emergency vet when they refused to give him to his family and watched the pain that caused.

I have seen the other dog's \$208 vet bill. Mochi's bill was nearly \$3,000. Mochi is the kindest of dogs, and how anyone could have gotten 25 stabs in or why someone would choose that response to a dog fight, considering the vet bills alone, is reprehensible. As a member of our wonderful area, it is incumbent upon me to express the truth. Peace, love, and happiness matter

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## Traveling far and wide, even though there's no place like home

JOE SHAMMAS, who has owned Pacific Grove Travel since 1979, was born in 1957 and raised in Pacific Grove. His father was an Iraqi who came to America to attend college at Franklin & Marshall in Pennsylvania, with plans to return to Baghdad and teach English. While on a double date, however, his father fell in love with his friend's date, a young woman from Lancaster, Penn., and the two eventually married.

Shammas said when his father was offered a job teaching Arabic at the Army Language School (now the Defense Language Institute), he moved here with his wife. After three girls — Beth, Anne and Nancy — Joe was born.

### Festive windows

He remembers all the idyllic vignettes Pacific Grove holds dear. There were summers watching fireworks during the Feast of Lanterns and winter afternoons on Beaumont Street, where his family had a home on Candy Cane Lane.

When he was about 18 years old, he got "talked into being chairman" of the neighborhood decorations. Sounds like fun, right? Not in the middle of the oil and gas crisis of the early 1970s.

"There was no energy. They didn't want you to use lights," he said, laughing but still incredulous at the memory. Instead, since Shammas had learned how to use colored tissue paper to turn ordinary windows into something resembling stained glass, he taught others how to do the same.

That way, he explained, the neighborhood still looked festive — as long as people had their indoor lights on. His own family's decorations were quite eclectic. One year they had characters from "The Simpsons," even as his mother said, "I think we should have something religious."

### Watch and wonder

She and Shammas' father were Catholics, and the children had a Catholic upbringing, attending school at St. Angela's in Pacific Grove until they finished eighth grade. Then Joe went to P.G. High, where he found his elementary school training served him well. He noted that while he liked some of the nuns more than others, they were never mean or nasty, and he appreciated the diversity of the student body at St. Angela's.

"About half the class was made up of the kids from DLI, so we had people from Vietnam, China, Mexico, Argentina and Poland," he said. But of all the things Shammas enjoyed

about growing up here, what he loved most were trips with his father to the airport or the train station, just to watch people come and go.

Planes took off and landed, and young Shammas would stare after them, wondering where each was going and "what its wings had seen below" as it had flown

## Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

here. He never imagined himself going anywhere in particular. He just took in what he still considers to be a miracle: You can leave California in the morning and be in New York by afternoon.

Summer train journeys to visit his Pennsylvania grandparents were high points for Shammas. His family boarded in Oakland, changed in Chicago and got off in Lancaster. "I would get so excited!" he said. "The summers were warm and we caught fireflies. It was just magical."

### Kenya

In high school, he took a part-time job with a local travel agent, back when plane tickets were written by hand after somebody consulted tomes of routes and fares and then called the airlines to secure reservations.

Although the lure of travel was strong, Shammas rarely doubted that P.G. was home.

Once, when he contemplated moving to a bigger city, he said "I was walking

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PHOTO/ELAINE HESSER

Joe Shammas is celebrating 40 years as the owner of Pacific Grove Travel, where he and his team help travelers bridge the gap between small-town living and the great, wide world.

## Her instincts inform her artwork

ABSTRACT ARTISTS are a courageous tribe, embracing the likelihood that much of what they create will appeal only to a small, open-minded segment of observers.

Lesley Anne Spowart, whose paintings will be showcased at Sunset Center through Nov. 29, lets her daily mood determine what happens in her studio and allows the painting to evolve and explain

marks you're going to make."

Like most abstract artists, Spowart relies heavily on instinct. She doesn't labor under preconceptions. The work on the canvas eventually will inform her, rather than the other way around.

Emotions can sometimes shape her art. Spowart remembers painting her canvases black at times when life was painful, but such moods also can have artistic value. "I think honesty is a really important part of art," she said.

Spowart grew up in a lower-income family in Falmouth, Mass., on Cape Cod, earning her own spending money alongside her identical twin, Wendy, from age

## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

12. itself, even to her.

"I know it's threatening to people if they can't identify something, but I really don't try to make my paintings look like anything. That's just how I'm wired, I guess," said Spowart, who also shows her work at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation gallery. "I'm really more about forms, shapes, color and line, mark-making. And right now, my art is all about energy."

### Working for cookies

She describes her paper and vellum show at Sunset Center, "The Color of Energy," as expressionistic, non-objective, non-representational and abstract.

"I feel like my art is becoming louder, darker, more primitive," Spowart said. "And I think that's the direction I want my work to go.

"I think being an abstract painter is very challenging," she added. "You don't come into the studio with a photo and work from that. Your mindset is very different from one day to the next when it comes to the colors you're going to use, what kind of

12.

"We worked the cash register at our uncle's gas station, mostly for the Pepsi and cookies," she said.

She worked three jobs to put herself through college at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, riding her bike 6 miles every morning at sunrise to wait tables at a diner, working every afternoon at the university art gallery, then waitressing again most nights at a fancy restaurant.

"It's always been important for me to feel like I'm earning my keep," she said.

Spowart remembers having little time to appreciate art until she got to the university, where one of her professors ignited a passion for art history.

"I liked going to museums and writing papers about what I was seeing," she said. "I tend to be really analytical. I enjoy interpreting, giving a voice to my perception of things."

In the summer of 1979, with an art history degree in hand, she rode coast to coast in her cousin's old Subaru, a two-week adventure to California. "She wouldn't let me drive," Spowart recalled with a laugh. "The car was uninsured."

She enrolled in graduate school at UC Davis, where she delved into exhibition design and museum studies, and assisted at the local museum, installing the work of Richard Fleisner, Sol Lewitt, Larry Bell, Beatrice Wood, Viola Frey and John Buck.

### Thirteen moves

Davis also is where she met her spouse, pre-med student Greg Spowart, who married her in 1981. Thirty-eight years later, her husband is a cardiothoracic surgeon at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

"We've moved 13 times since we were married," she said. "We lived in Southern California for a couple of years during his internship. Our first child, Sara, was born in Waterbury, Conn.,

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Abstract expressionist Lesley Anne Spowart will show her works in the Marjorie Evans Gallery at Sunset Center throughout this month. An artist reception is scheduled for Nov. 21.

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# When Carmel rallied for those who served

IN ONE of the most important meetings of the last century, military leaders from Europe met 101 years ago this weekend in a secret location in the forest near Compiègne in northern France. The result was that effective on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War I ended after Germany agreed to surrender. The day was dubbed Armistice Day.

It was later reported that on that day, the U.S. forces in France included 78,391 officers and 1,881,376 soldiers. Among them were several boys from Carmel — including J. Weaver Kitchen, Donald Hale and Lewis and Winsor

Josselyn.

Within days of the armistice, Congress was working

## History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

to declare November 11 a national holiday. Interestingly, while American Legion posts led community celebrations across the country on November 11 in 1919 and 1920, it wasn't until 1921, that President Harding signed a bill making Armistice Day a national holiday — for that one year — to commemorate the interment of an unknown soldier from World War I at Arlington Cemetery.

### Suitable ceremonies

On that first National Armistice Day, Carmel-by-the-Sea quickly pulled together a surprisingly elaborate celebration. The suggestion stemmed from an anonymous letter from an “Ex-Service Man” that ran on the front page of the Oct. 6, 1921, Carmel Pine Cone. The writer alluded to a rumor of “a memorial drinking fountain” planned on Ocean Avenue, a memorial that would “bear the names of the local men who served in the late war.” If

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On Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, a crowd gathered at the intersection of Ocean and San Carlos for the laying of the cornerstone of the Soldiers Memorial Fountain — today's Memorial Arch — commemorating “Those Who Served.”



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# SHAMMAS

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back to work on Fountain Avenue. It was a spring day, the mountains were glowing green across the bay and there was that blue water ... and I thought, 'Why would I want to leave?'"

He said he'd been to Baghdad to meet his father's family when he was 17, but five years later, his horizons expanded even more. At 22, he had the opportunity to buy an existing travel agency in town. His dad gave him half the money and Shamas supplied the rest from his savings.

"He told me, 'This is yours. I trust you,'" Shamas recalled with wonder. His older sisters had all gone to college and started working in education, and there he was, a business owner. He'd earned an AA in general studies from MPC, but most of his education was on the job.

And what an education it was. His "best trip ever" remains a tour in Kenya for business training when he was 21. "We flew to Nairobi for three days of learning about Africa and how to sell safaris," then he went to luxurious tented campgrounds amid roaming animals, with private planes flying them from place to place. Afterward,

he spent a few days with relatives in London before returning home.

In 2001, he moved the business from its location on Fountain to its current spot on Lighthouse Avenue, next to Juice & Java. After 40 years and the popularity of online booking, he still finds that people like a familiar face when getting ready for a special trip. His group tours have become a mainstay, and he enjoys meeting new people and taking them to the places he loves.

He said at work, "I couldn't do without my support team," his colleagues Mary (in the business for 30 years) and Laura ("she probably has as many years in travel as I have"). All took classes and became Certified Travel Consultants.

### To a land down under

Shamas' community activities include more than 25 years on the board of the P.G. Chamber, where he is now the treasurer and is also a past president. He's active in Rotary and volunteers at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Pacific Grove. He served on the board of the Feast of Lanterns and helped bring back the fireworks of his youth. He still orders the fireworks and gets the permits from NOAA, the Coast Guard, and the California Coastal Commission for each year's show.

His two sons, Coby and Robbie, are

painters). She also studied with abstract expressionist Norma Bhaskar.

"I've had some very wonderful mentors, and it's always good to work with a mentor," she said. "As an abstract artist, I find it's almost impossible to know when a painting is done. You have to learn to let go, and sometimes a mentor is very helpful with that."

A reception for Spowart's exhibit at Sunset Center is scheduled 5-7 p.m. on Nov. 21. Additional information, can be found at [laspowart.com](http://laspowart.com), or on the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation at [mpaf.org](http://mpaf.org).

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# SPOWART

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our second, Zachary, was born in Cleveland, and our youngest, Daniel, was born in Bakersfield. I'm happy wherever I am, as long as I'm with my husband."

Spowart didn't begin creating artwork of her own until they moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1988.

While the kids were in school, she took drawing classes from Susan Long (a modernist-leaning landscape and figurative artist), and learned printmaking from Tracey Adams and Tim Craighead (both abstract

gown and his first grandson, Jameson, arrived not too long ago, but when asked about retirement, Shamas asserted, "I think I've still got 10 more years in me." And even then, he probably won't stop working. "It'll just look different," he said.

In the meantime, the man who's seemingly been everywhere is planning his first trip to New Zealand and Australia, and

looking forward to a new adventure with the same excitement of a youngster boarding a cross-country train to see his grandparents.

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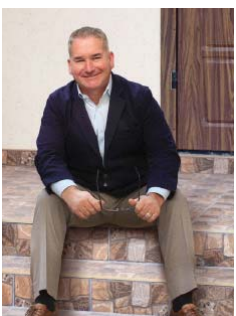


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## A career marked by ‘class, fairness and a great sense of humor’

**T**IME FLIES when you're helping others have fun — especially young people. That's the legacy Suzi Crary left behind on Nov. 1 when she worked for the final time as a high school sports official, a labor of love that spanned more than three decades.

As a member of Carmel High's Class of '60, Suzi Smith was a standout athlete in an era when girls were neither encouraged nor allowed to play interscholastic sports.

She played sandlot baseball with the boys, learned tennis from the legendary John Gardiner, and claims even today that she threw a football as well as her brother, the quarterback, when she got to high school.

### Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

"It was just time," said Crary, who will celebrate her 77th birthday next month. "I'm still physically able to do everything I've always been able to do, and I wanted to go out at the top of my game. I didn't want to be the old person on the field or the court who couldn't run anymore."

She did plenty of running last season. Crary officiated five varsity sports — basketball, soccer, lacrosse, water polo, and field hockey — working for Peninsula Sports Inc. (formerly Peninsula Sports Management), the company that provides all of the officials for the Monterey Bay area.

#### 'Any volunteers?'

It all began in 1984 when her daughter, Heather (a future Team USA water polo player), was a 7-year-old soccer player in Atherton. Somebody walked toward a gaggle of parents on the sidelines and said, "Hey, we need a father to ref. Any volunteers?"

When all of the dads sat mute, Crary grabbed the whistle.

In retrospect, it was no surprise.

Those athletic genes came from her father, Bill Smith, who, before he became proprietor of Kip's Market at Ocean and San Carlos, was an All-America football sensation at the University of Washington, a two-way starter who is now enshrined in the school's athletic hall of fame.

Suzi's older sister, Sandra (Class of '56), also got the genes, excelling as a youth swimmer, then racing cars as an adult.

Big brother Craig was a multi-sport jock at Carmel High (Class of '59), a left-handed quarterback for Coach George Mosolf's league championship team. As an adult he competed twice in the America's Cup yacht race, skippering the "Courageous."

Young Suzi looked up to her siblings, but wanted more.

#### Not heeding mom's advice

All of that was discouraged by her mom, who regularly admonished her: "It's not nice for girls to play sports," said Geraldine Smith, who served on Carmel's city council from 1950-52.

Crary's breakthrough as an athlete came at age 26, when she rediscovered competitive tennis after 10 years away from the sport. In 1988, she won the United States Tennis Association's national singles championship in her age division. She and Marilyn Oppenheimer lost a doubles

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Suzi Crary (right) was presented with a bouquet of flowers by fellow referee Tom Emery before officiating the final game of her 35-year career last week. "It was just time," said Suzy Crary, who, a month shy of her 77th birthday, still runs well enough to keep up with the kids — even on the field hockey teams, as she proved Friday in Pebble Beach when Stevenson beat Notra Dame to earn a CCS playoff berth (left).

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# SPORTS

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match in that same tournament against Billie Jean King and her partner. A month later, Crary also played three-time Wimbledon champ Maria Bueno at the National Clay Court Championships.

But her proudest contribution, no doubt, is becoming a champion for girls and women in sports.

Crary was a strong advocate for Title IX, the 1972 legislation that mandates equality for female athletes and protects people from discrimination based on gender in all education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance.

By 1996, daughter Heather was a 19-year-old water polo star — on her way to earning a spot on the U.S. National Team — so Crary added that sport to her officiating toolbox.

“I admire so much her courage and confidence, especially when she began refereeing boys high school water polo and basketball,” Heather Crary said. “Boys water polo in the San Francisco Bay area is among the most competitive in the country. Parents and coaches have extremely high expectations of the officials, and I was so proud of my mom for holding her own in that world.”

### Going to be OK

After moving back to Carmel in 2002, she approached Peninsula Sports Management and offered her services.

“Mark Risley [one of the company’s founders] had no

idea who I was, but took me right in,” she remembered. “He immediately assigned me to a game at Monte Vista Christian, which, at the time, had two 6-foot-8 centers.”

Risley showed up at the game, where he saw Crary slap a technical foul on players who had engaged in some rough play.

“Mark told me later that’s all he needed to see,” she remembered with a laugh. “After that, he knew I was going to be OK.”

And she was.

“Suzi has officiated all five sports at Santa Catalina over her career, and she’s been extremely competent in all of them,” said Paul Elliott, athletic director at Catalina. “More importantly, she did it with class, fairness, and a great sense of humor.”

### The fight continues

Since the frustrations of her high school days, Crary has had the best possible vantage point to watch the evolution of interscholastic athletics for girls and women, but she said the fight for equality continues.

“Hey, two years ago, Carmel High didn’t have a girls lacrosse team,” she said. “People kept saying, ‘Oh, we don’t have the money ... we don’t have the field,’ until the whole team showed up at a board of education meeting one day and spoke their piece. Now, they finally have a team.”

Common among good sports officials is a desire to remain virtually invisible during a game — if you barely notice the ref, there probably wasn’t much controversy — and Crary appropriately made her exit last week without fanfare. Her last hurrah was a girls field hockey game: Stevenson beat Notre Dame 2-1 at Pebble Beach to advance

to the Central Coast Section playoff bracket.

“The only people who knew it was my final game were my own kids, a couple of friends, the coaches on the field, and Tom Emery, the official who worked the game with me,” said Crary, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Emery. “Honestly, it wasn’t emotional. It was just like every other game I’ve ever worked: It was a beautiful day, I did the job, and that was it.”

Crary’s absence will leave a void on the local sports scene, said Stevenson field hockey coach Christine Winge, a member of the athletic hall of fame at her alma mater.

“She’s never short on smiles, smarts or sentimentality,” she said. “She loves to talk about her days as a player, and how different and exciting the game of field hockey is today, compared to when she played at Carmel. I’m going to miss seeing her walk onto the field, ready to ref.”

Crary doesn’t expect to have withdrawal pains as a retired official, but says she’ll miss her relationship with the athletes. The best part, for her, was seeing former female athletes return to coach a sport.

“Interacting with the kids was always the most rewarding part,” she said. “The other day, as players were shaking hands after a game, a little junior varsity girl walked up to me and said, ‘You’re my favorite referee!’ That’s the part I’m going to miss.”

### Looking ahead (Nov. 8-14)

**Cross country** — No events scheduled.

**Field hockey** — Saturday: CCS quarterfinals at Del Mar High (9:30 and 11:15 a.m., 1 and 2:45 p.m.). Wednesday: CCS semifinals at Saratoga High (4:30 and 6:15 p.m.)

**Football** — Saturday: Everett Alvarez at Carmel (2 p.m.); Stevenson vs. Pajaro Valley at Cabrillo College (7:30 p.m.).

**Girls golf** — No events scheduled.

**Sailing** — Saturday and Sunday: Stevenson at Anteat Regatta, Newport Beach Yacht Club (TBA).

**Girls tennis** — Monday: CCS Team Championships, first round, at high seed (2 p.m.); Tuesday: Monday: CCS Team Championships, second round, at high seed (2 p.m.). Thursday: CCS Team Championships, quarterfinals, at high seed (2 p.m.).

**Girls volleyball** — Saturday: CCS finals (site and time TBA).

**Boys water polo** — Saturday: CCS Division II quarterfinals: Saratoga vs. Stevenson (1 p.m.) and Mills vs. Carmel (2:30 p.m.) at Santa Teresa High. Tuesday or Wednesday: CCS Division II semifinals, site TBA (5:30 and 7 p.m.).

**Girls water polo** — Saturday: CCS Division II quarterfinals: Sobrato vs. Stevenson at Soquel High (2:30 p.m.). Tuesday or Wednesday: CCS Division II semifinals, site TBA (5:30 and 7 p.m.).

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# This Week

Live Music,  
Clubs and Events

## Awarding-winning singer with big voice opens new music series in C.V.

A PROMISING singer and pianist from Salinas who just won a regional songwriting contest, **Sej Miles** kicks off a new music series Friday at the Wine Bar in Carmel Valley.

One of Miles' original compositions, "Back Porch Gospel," was recently named Best Song of the Year by the Monterey Bay chapter of the West Coast Songwriters.

Originally from Texas and the granddaughter of a Pentecostal minister, Miles got her start singing in church at 3, which explains her affection for gospel music. But her sound has expanded to incorporate blues, soul, rock and other influences.

"Sej has a tremendous voice," music promotor **Sam Skemp** told The Pine Cone. "Her vocals are kind of reminiscent of Tracy Chapman. She also has soulfulness of Sam Cooke and the wailing intensity of Janis Joplin.

She also appreciates the instrumental explorations of the Grateful Dead."

The music begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The

### On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

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Next up in the music series is a performance Nov. 15 by the duo, **WuWu**, which includes two members of Valley Soul, singer and keyboardist **Kristen Gradwohl** and singer and guitarist **Tommy Howbert**.

### ■ Quartet makes local debut

The award-winning **Modigliani String Quartet** celebrates its 15th year with its first concert at Sunset Center Sunday, Nov. 10.

The Paris-based ensemble — which includes violinists **Amaury Coeytaux** and **Loïc Rio**, violist **Laurent Marfain** and cellist **François Kieffer** — won First Prize at the 2006 Young Concerts Artists International Auditions in New York City.

At Sunset, they will play Mozart's *Quartet in C Major, K.465*; Mendelssohn's *Capriccio in E Minor, Op.81, No.3*; and Brahms' *Quartet in A Minor, Op.51, No.2*.

Presented by the **Carmel Music Society**, concert starts

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"Jazz meets the Indian bamboo flute" when flutist Deepak Ram (above) shares the stage with Deepsteady Nov. 10 at East Village Coffee House in Monterey. Singer and pianist Sej Miles (right) performs Nov. 8 at the Wine Bar in Carmel Valley. Guitarists Johannes Möller and Laura Fraticelli play the same evening at The Lab in The Barnyard shopping center.



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on the Monterey Peninsula, with a handful of restaurants signed on to take part in the celebration. The companies work with local restaurants and chefs to feature Piedmont wines and white truffles from Alba — which can cost more than \$2,000 per pound — in order to provide “a memorable culinary experience during this special 10-day festival.”

The effort is inspired by the truffle fair each October and November in the City of Alba — an event regarded as one of the main showcases of high gastronomy and

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### Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

The fourth annual White Truffle Festival, organized by three Italian companies, Urbani Truffles, Prunotto Wines and San Pellegrino water, includes numerous events

of Alba — an event regarded as one of the main showcases of high gastronomy and



Highly sought white truffles from Italy's Alba region are Bernardus Lodge executive chef Cal Stamenov's plaything during his annual homage to the tuber at the resort's Lucia restaurant. A particularly decadent dinner in December celebrates truffles of both colors, too.

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Held in the city's convention center, the fair includes a market, a truffle show, culinary demonstrations and wine tasting. Cheese, pasta and pastries are offered too, of course, and guests, experts and the media discuss and debate about truffles, not just eat them.

## At Cantinetta Luca

From Nov. 9-19 at Cantinetta Luca on Dolores south of Ocean, the chef and crew will be offering a truffle-centric prix fixe dinner in honor of the truffle festival, with each dish paired with a wine from the Piedmont region.

The four-course menu, which runs \$150 per person, plus tax and service charge, begins with soft scrambled egg and sea urchin on crostini with white truffles, followed by Wagyu beef carpaccio with preserved white truffles, and then tagliatelle al tartufo bianco. (For an additional \$75, truffle fanatics can upgrade the pasta to risotto.) Finally, dessert is vanilla bean gelato with shaved white truffles.

Each course can also be ordered a la carte, and additional shavings of truffle cost \$38 for 4 grams and \$75 for 8 grams.

For more information or reservations, call (831) 625-6500 or visit [www.cantinetta-luca.com](http://www.cantinetta-luca.com).

## Chef Tamura's magic

And at Pèppoli in the Inn at Spanish Bay, chef de cuisine Angela Tamura has developed a few special dishes to be offered Nov. 8-17: Egg tagliolini with Alba white truffles, Reggiano cheese and organic butter, Kobe beef tenderloin tartare with shaved white truffles, and grilled veal chop topped with truffles, smoked mashed potatoes and red wine jus.

Beyond truffles (if such a thing could be said), Tamura has also introduced a few seasonal dishes inspired by recent travels, like braised lamb croquettes with salsa verde, similar to cuisine she had in Rome. The Tuscan tradition of biscotti and vin santo (an Italian dessert wine) as a digestivo inspired her milk chocolate and hazelnut custard with biscotti crumble crust, served with a glass of Antinori vin santo.

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## Others featuring truffles

According to truffle festival organizers, other local establishments taking part in the celebration include The C Restaurant at the InterContinental Hotel on Cannery Row, where executive chef Matt Bolton commands the kitchen, Casanova at Mission and Fifth, Grasing's at Mission and Sixth, Enzo on San Carlos south of Ocean, the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, and Roux

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Pèppoli chef de cuisine Angela Tamura and the restaurant's new manager, John Gehrman, are working together on several truffle-based dishes and new fall menu items at the restaurant located in the Inn at Spanish Bay.

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# FOOD & WINE

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and the Carmel Valley Chophouse, two Carmel Valley Village restaurants owned by chef Fabrice Roux and wife Jennifer.

## ■ Tartufo mania at Bernardus Lodge

Not an official partner in the festival but still saluting white truffles, executive chef Cal Stamenov at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley has embarked on a six-week celebration of “the Diamond of Alba” and said he will probably go through 10 pounds of the highly sought tuber by the time he’s done.

From Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, Stamenov is

shaving fresh truffles over venison with cured duck liver and gnocchi with roasted persimmon, ravioli with soft quail egg and purple artichoke in brown butter, and classic risotto with bone marrow and Parmigiano Reggiano. Fans of squid should like the squid ink fettucine, while game lovers will go for the braised guinea hen breast with agnolotti and root vegetables. An heirloom pear and white truffle dessert features caramel pot de crème, Meyer lemon madeleine and white truffle ice cream.

Even the bar is getting in on the truffle craze, with a handful of cocktails catering to diehard fans who are curious about truffle-infused WhistlePig rye whiskey or sipping a vodka cocktail garnished with shaved truffle. The Nog Blanc combines Armagnac, truffle cream, fresh nutmeg and

brown sugar syrup.

The indulgence culminates with Stamenov’s annual Pure Decadence Dinner Dec. 12. The gathering begins at 6:30 p.m. with Osetra caviar and a glass of champagne or black truffle martini and small bites in the resort’s kitchen. Black and white truffles are featured in numerous dishes paired with Burgundies, Barolos and other rare wines from around the world. The cost is \$350 per person.

For more information on truffle worship or to make reservations, visit [bernarduslodge.com](http://bernarduslodge.com). The lodge is located at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road at Los Laureles Grade.

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## ■ Parkinson’s event at Mission Ranch

On Nov. 10, Mission Ranch on Dolores Street at the south end of Carmel will host Power Up Together Against Parkinson’s, an evening of wining, dining and learning

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about Parkinson's, including the particulars of the disease and the specific needs of those diagnosed with it. Former NBA star Brian Grant will be the featured speaker.

Tickets are \$150 per person and include a sit-down dinner, and silent and live auctions. Proceeds from the event will be used to provide support services for locals living with Parkinson's, including specially designed exercise classes that are scientifically proved to slow the progression of the disease.

For more information and to register, visit [powerover-parkinsons.org/events.html](http://powerover-parkinsons.org/events.html).

**■ Vino for Veterans**

On Veterans Day Nov. 11 from 2 to 5 p.m., Jack Galante will host a fundraiser in his tasting room on Dolores south of Ocean to generate money for Honor Flight, a nonprofit organization that takes veterans to Washington D.C. so they can visit the memorials honoring those who gave their lives during wartime. Honor Flight fully funds the trips, and Galante said 15 percent of all wine sales received

during those three hours will be donated to the organization, about which more information can be found at [www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org).

A special winetasting — accompanied by hot dogs — will cost \$25 per person, some of which will also go to Honor Flight. Galante said donations will be collected at the tasting room throughout the weekend prior, too.

For more information about Galante, call (831) 624-3800 or visit [galantevineyards.com](http://galantevineyards.com).

**■ Turkey Day wines**

Grasing's restaurant's resident wine expert, Chris Edmonds, hosts his annual sampling of turkey-friendly wines Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., when a wide range of tastes will be available for sipping, and chef/owner Kurt Grasing will provide hors d'oeuvres to enjoy alongside them.

Edmonds said the lineup is set to include 2018 Whispering Angel rosé, 2011 B Deloud Enne Bordeaux, 2016 Louis Latour Burgundy, 2006 Hartley Ostini Hitching Post pinot noir, 2018 Henry Fesse Beaujolais Nouveau, 2015 Patrick Tranchand Beaujolais, 2011 Chateau Haut-Beause-

jeur Bordeaux and many others.

The cost is \$25 per person, including tax and tip, but the fee is waived with a minimum wine purchase of \$100. Anyone with questions can email [chris@grasings.com](mailto:chris@grasings.com), and to register, go to [form.jotform.com/92838055497168](http://form.jotform.com/92838055497168). The tasting will take place on the rooftop patio at the restaurant on the northwest corner of Sixth and Mission.

**■ Football at the Smokehouse**

The Big Sur Smokehouse at Ventana is open Thursday through Monday, providing a great spot down the coast for football watching and barbecue munching, especially with Happy Hour specials offered during every NFL game.

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And sweetening the deal, Monterey County residents with ID get 15 percent off.

The Smokehouse is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The

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# Welcome some of the newest members of the medical staff at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.



## Dr. Harsha Mittakanti Urology

Harsha R. Mittakanti, MD, is a urologist with Montage Medical Group and is medical director of the robotic surgery program that started in October at Community Hospital. He completed his residency at Stanford University and did a fellowship in robotic urologic surgery at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle with Dr. James Porter, one of the world's preeminent robotic surgeons. Dr. Mittakanti graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

## Dr. Michael O'Halleran Pediatrics

Michael O'Halleran, MD, joined Monterey Peninsula Pediatric Medical Group after completing a pediatric internship and residency at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. He received his medical degree at Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine.



## Dr. Shomir Banerjee Family medicine

Dr. Banerjee is board-certified in family medicine and practices with Monterey Concierge Medicine. Dr. Banerjee graduated from Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio, and completed an internship and residency at UC Davis, in family and community medicine.





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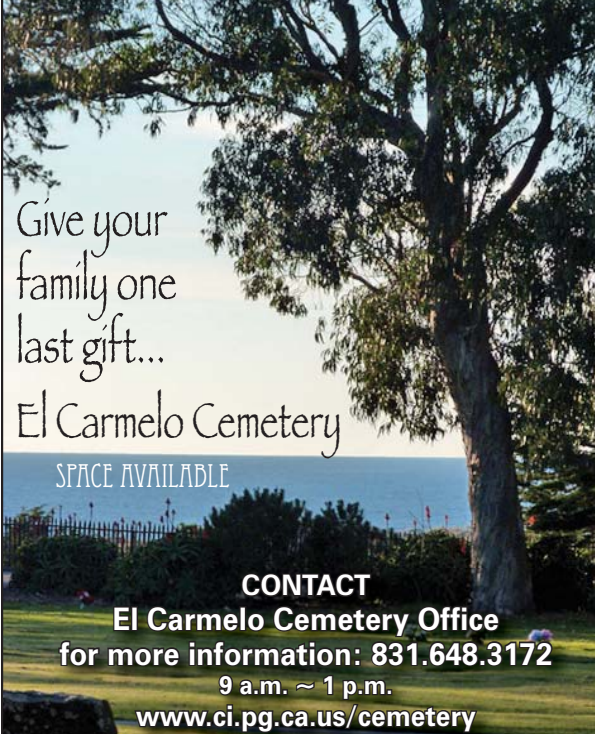


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## ■ Folktale family dinner

At the Nov. 13 Folktale Showcase Dinner, all the chefs employed by the group, which owns Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley, Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, Pacific Bowls and Rolls in Monterey, and the yet-to-open Rise + Roam pizzeria and bakery in Carmel Plaza, will prepare dishes to pair with Folktale wines. The prix-fixe dinner will take place at the 7D Steakhouse downtown from 6 to 10 p.m.

“This dinner is a showcase of our talented team’s craftsmanship and commitment to excellence in hospitality,” marketing director Savanna Leigh said. Chefs set to help cook that night include Tom Snyder, Bryan Copp and Adam Wulf from 7D; Danny Leach, Kyle Salcido and Eddie Martinez from Folktale, and Aaron Rayor from Rise + Roam. Folktale winemaker David Baird will be in charge of deciding what people drink.

Passed canapes will be followed by an appetizer of oyster mushroom and sweetbread croquette, then pasta with La Tur cheese and black truffle. The fish course will feature striped bass and fall vegetables, while beef tenderloin will be served with celery root purée and truffle sauce. Dessert will be chocolate cake with puff pastry, pastry creams of vanilla and pecan, and pecan brittle.

The cost is \$175 per person, and tickets are available through [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## ■ Sip and shop for Rancho Cielo

Susie Brusa, executive director of the Rancho Cielo Youth Campus in Salinas, has organized a holiday gathering and fundraiser at the J. McLaughlin clothing store on Ocean Avenue between Dolores and Lincoln. From 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 14, supporters will be invited for sips, hors d’oeuvres and holiday shopping, with 15 percent of sales going to the nonprofit organization that helps at-risk youth and young offenders learn useful trades to put them on track to leading productive lives and staying out of the criminal justice system.

## ■ Black & White Gala

Hartnell College’s 14th annual Black & White Gala for the Arts will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., with food, drinks, an extensive silent auction — and a special performance of “Evita” by the Western Stage. All proceeds from the gala will benefit the arts at Hartnell College.

The gala will take place in the STEM Center, Bldg. S, at 411 Central Ave. in Salinas, with the performance in the Mainstage Theater.

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## MUSIC

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at 3 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Tickets are \$45 to \$60. For details, call (831) 625-9938 or visit [carmelmusic.org](http://carmelmusic.org).

A second concert this week at Sunset — a tribute to the Bossa Nova by singers **Sergio Mendes** and **Bebel Gilberto** set for Nov. 14 — is sold out.

### Next best thing to Fab Four

While the Beatles once did visit Carmel Valley — and eat lunch at the former Plaza Linda restaurant — they never played there. But this Saturday at the Hidden Valley Theatre, you can hear the next best thing when **The White Album Ensemble** performs.

The Santa Cruz-based Beatles tribute band is guest of honor at the eighth annual Party in the Village, which raises money for the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee, which was started in 1978 to “preserve and enhance the rural lifestyle of the Village.” Most recently, the group paid for solar-powered speed warning signs to be installed along Carmel Valley Road.

The White Album Ensemble, meanwhile, focuses its repertoire on the music

the Fab Four made from 1966 (“Revolver”) to 1970 (“Let It Be”). The 7-piece group collaborates with local musicians, and has shared the stage with the Monterey Symphony among others.

Showtime is 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and include dinner by chef **Jerome Viel** of Carmel Valley Market. Hidden Valley is located at Carmel Valley and Ford Roads. [partyinthevillage.org](http://partyinthevillage.org)

Also at Hidden Valley this week is a concert by acclaimed Hungarian pianist **Peter Toth**, who will perform Nov. 11. For tickets, call (831) 624-4905.

### Soloists get chance to shine

Four soloists share the spotlight when **Ensemble Monterey** presents its second concert of the 2019-2020 season Saturday, Nov. 9, at First Presbyterian Church in Monterey.

Harpisichordist **Leah Zumberge** joins the ensemble when it plays Vittorio Rieti's *Partita*, while baritone **Burr Phillips** gets his chance to shine when it performs Samuel Barber's *Dover Beach*. Soprano **Lori Schulman** will be showcased on Handel's *Laudate pueri Dominum*, and oboist **Peter Lemberg** will be featured on Chaudoir's *Oboe Quartet*.

The music begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are

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Hungarian pianist Peter Toth performs Nov. 11 at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley. Toth will play music by Handel, Mozart, Schubert and others.

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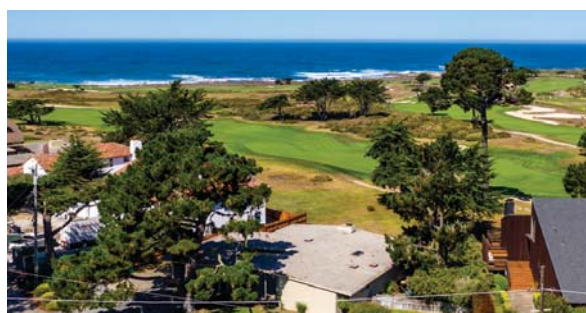


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