# As storms stack up, Big Sur residents prepare for the worst 

By CHRIS COUNTS

IF $T$ THE prediditions of weather foreasaters come truu, Big Sur could be buried in mud by this time next week.
That's because a strong Pineapple Express is headed this way - and it appears to have the Monterey County coast in its sights.
"By Saturday, moderate to heavy rainfall could return to Big Sur," said Matt Mehle, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service. "That's going to continue Sunday, and possibly, into Monday.'

Mehle told The Pine Cone that so far this season, Big Sur residents have been fortunate. With many of its hillsides stripped bare of vegetation by last summer's Soberanes Fire, the risk of mudslides is great.
"We've seen no major problems so far," Mehle reported. "We've had a few storms, but in grand scheme of things, we've been pretty lucky." But that could change if the next storm brings enough rain.
"The ground is saturated, and we're going to be putting a lot more rain on top of it," explained Mehle, who said 10 inches of rain was recorded over a 36 -hour period at a Big Sur weather station earlier this week.

So far, Big Sur residents have experienced fallen trees, falling rocks, clogged culverts, power outages, flooded parking areas and road closures as heavy rains battered the coast.
"There's either a train passing in Palo Colorado, or it's raining really hard," resident Jeremy Slate posted Jan. 4 on

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After a boulder landed on Highway 1 in Big Sur Wednesday, a tourist tried valiantly - but futilely - to move it. But more-experienced help soon arrived and the rock was dispatched. With more storms predicted, the rain of boulders will no doubt continue.

## Panetta sworn in, challenge of job begins

## REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON

W ITH HIS father, Leon, and two young daughters, Siri and Gia, by his side, Jimmy Panetta took the oath of office at the U.S. Capitol Tuesday, becoming the Monterey Peninsula's congressional representative and embarking on a two-year term that promises to be highly eventful as Republicans and Democrats jockey to advance their agendas with a very unpredictable President Donald Trump in the White House.

The 47 -year-old Panetta, an attorney and Democrat who handily defeated Republican Casey Lucius last November, succeeds Congressman Sam Farr, who retired after two dozen years in the role. In an interview with The Pine Cone in a very noisy corridor just outside the floor of the House of Representatives Tuesday afternoon, Panetta talked candidly about his first day as a lawmaker, and weighed in other topics, including the Affordable Care Act, Trump, immigration, and working with Republicans.

## A humbling moment

Panetta said being sworn in as a member of the 115th Congress - in the same chamber that has hosted some of the most momentous legislative events in the nation's history - was "humbling." His mother, Sylvia, wife, Carrie, and his in-laws also watched the ceremony.
"It was a proud moment individually, and it was a proud moment for my family, my father, and most of all, my daughters," who are 10 and 12 years old, Panetta told The Pine Cone. "What is amazing is you see them quickly learn and develop a knowledge about what is going on politically and party-wise."

No longer a "member-elect," Panetta - whose new office is in Room 228 of the Cannon Building next to the Capitol - said the realization he'll play a part in creating,

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(Top) New Congressman Jimmy Panetta poses for a photo outside his office in the Cannon Building in Washington Tuesday with his wife, Carrie, and daughters, Siri, 12, and Gia, 10. Earlier (above), CSPAN was broadcasting live when Leon Panetta introduced his son to House Speaker Paul Ryan.

## Tomasi, a 20-year veteran, becomes police chief

## Rio Road speeder damages five cars, lands in yard



These two cars had been parked on the side of Rio Road until a San Francisco man hit them while driving an estimated 60 mph down Rio Road Dec. 31. He was arrested for DUI.

## By MARY SCHLEY

A 44-YEAR-OLD San Francisco man was arrested for DUI early Saturday morning after he hit a parked car so hard that it landed upside-down on top of another vehicle about 70 feet away. The driver's BMW then crashed through a fence before coming to rest against a hedge in the front yard of a home on Rio Road. Police estimate Gautam Barua was driving between 50 and 60 mph when he missed a turn while heading eastbound toward Highway 1.
"When I first pulled up, I figured somebody was dead," said Carmel Police Sgt. Chris Johnson, who responded to the crash with Cpl. Rachelle Lightfoot a little after midnight Dec. 31.

Johnson said that when he arrived, he hadn't immediately realized there were more cars involved than the two crushed vehicles in the road. Then he found Barua, who showed him the mangled 2016 BMW M235i he'd been driving. He was the only person involved in the crash

University Monterey Bay and in Citrus Heights before being hired as a sergeant by Carmel in 2008. He was promoted to commander in January 2013, and when Calhoun was serving as interim city administrator following Doug Schmitz' retirement in October 2015, Tomasi was effectively running the police department. He also oversaw public works for several months, until Rob Mullane was tapped to run it.

At the ceremony, Tomasi said he described the "three pillars I follow for success," which he developed throughout his career.

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City administrator Chip Rerig congratulates Paul Tomasi, who became Carmel's 11 th police chief at a swearing-in ceremony in city hall Friday morning.

## Big baby

$Z_{\text {EPHYR }}$ IS a big, black German shepherdNewfoundland mix who has just turned 2. Since he is the same breed as the big, sweet, lovable family dog his person had before, when she brought home the little puppy with the cute face and big paws, she thought she would also be getting the same personality.

But Zephyr only looks similar to his predecessor. Now 80 pounds, he's strong and imposing, but also nervous, neurotic, skittish an scared.

Zephyr was adopted from a rescue organization in Southern California. His person picked him because she was preparing to move to a house in Monterey with a large yard and plenty of room to raise a big dog.
"At first, I wanted a dog whose temperament I could already tell, so I knew I could easily take him everywhere with me," she said. "And, when I saw Zephyr's picture, I absolutely fell in love with him."


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Zephyr, rescued from a breeding and hoarding situation, started out by hiding under a table when people came to visit. But she has taken him to a lot of training classes and has been slowly but surely working to reassure him and take him out of his fears.
Zephyr loves to go to Carmel and Asilomar beaches, and heads straight for the water upon arrival. He watches other dogs from afar and then, once he gets used to them, joins right in the fun. He's the same with people. Once they become familiar, his person said, he's just a big baby, all mushy and cuddly.
Most of all, Zephyr loves his person. Plus his security toy, a stuffed fish. So much so, his person bought him two. "I'm scared that if one goes missing, he'll just die," she said.

## Bee talk at Carpenter Hall

IF YOU'RE interested in helping out your friendly neighborhood honey bees, come on down to Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center on Wednesday, Jan. 11, for a talk by UC Berkeley biologist Gordon Frankie.

The lecture, titled "Bees and Blooms, A Guide for Gardeners and Naturalists," will address California's remarkable 1,600 species of wild bees, pollination and Colony Collapse Disorder - the mysterious demise of entire hives that scientists have been tracking since the early 2000s.
Frankie has been documenting bees and their behavior for more than 20 years. He's currently involved in five separate studies of bees and other insects that help with pollination, including one to develop information on planting bee-friendly gardens. He is also co-author of the book, "California Bees \& Blooms."

Proceeds from the event will benefit Carmel Public Library. It's free and open to the public, but a $\$ 10$ donation is suggested. For more information, call (831) 624-2811.

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## Council adopts new rules for permits

By MARY SCHLEY

The CITY council voted $4-1$ on Tuesday to make it more difficult for people to open cosmetic shops, liquor stores, tasting rooms, community centers and conference facilities in town. At the Jan. 3 meeting, council members decided to change those types of businesses from permitted uses which the city is obligated to allow - to conditional uses, meaning the planning commission has discretion over whether they can operate in town, and can impose certain requirements on them if they do.

The changes come in part as a response to complaints about the new skin care stores on Ocean Avenue, where sales people standing in doorways constantly offer samples to passersby and have also been known to step out onto the sidewalk - a violation of city rules - or to otherwise aggressively push their expensive wares. Previously, the city had to approve permits for such businesses, but with the change in the law, it will now have a say.
"The city is obligated to approve a permitted use through the business license process, so long as the business meets the zoning requirements and code definition of the use. The use is approved without a requirement to go before the planning commission, and special conditions cannot be applied," city planner Marc Wiener explained in his report to the council. "The majority of businesses in Carmel, such as clothing stores, art galleries, offices, etc., are classified as permitted uses."

But, he said, planners need to ensure a new business "will not conflict with the city's goal of achieving and maintaining a balanced mix of uses that serve the needs of both local and non-local populations.'

Last month, the planning commission voted to recommend the council change the requirements for cosmetic stores, tasting rooms and a few other categories, as well as amend the code to include bicycle rentals.

Bike shops weren't previously identified in the code, which complicated matters when Ryan and Jill Bell applied for a business license to open Carmel e-Bikes in the former Mail Mart space on Dolores Street in June. The planning commission generally supported the idea of a bike-rental business, but wanted a say in where and when and how.

Councilwoman Jan Reimers objected to the idea of allowing bicycle shops in the city. She admitted that seeing a "horrible accident" involving a cyclist on 17 Mile Drive colored her perspective, but regardless, she said, "I just feel I cannot vote for the right for someone, even with a conditional use permit, to come in en masse to ride bicycles."

Councilwoman Carrie Theis, who rides a bike, argued that people are also at risk when they're driving and walking
"I don't cross the street without looking at the whites of people's eyes," she said. "I personally would love to see a bicycle shop in Carmel, so we definitely have opposing view about this.'

Councilman Bobby Richards agreed with Theis, and also noted that Mayor Steve Dallas has been advocating for a path connecting Pebble Beach to the area south of the city limits.

Councilwoman Carolyn Hardy moved approval of the new permit requirements, as well as a new classification for temporary uses so businesses can host multi-day events, and a rule that three affirmative votes, not four, will be required for conditional use permits. The motion passed 4-1, with Reimers dissenting.

Codes and licenses
Also on Tuesday, the council approved state-required changes to the California Building Standards, which regulate fire, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and other building-related codes. Individual jurisdictions are allowed to make amendments to the

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## Council OKs \$\$\$ for chamber, events

- Hardy wants town to have scarecrow event

By MARY SCHLEY

The chamber of commerce on Tuesday finally received the second half of the $\$ 55,000$ in tax dollars the city council authorized in the 2016/2017 budget last summer - but not without a fight.

When the budget was being deliberated, council members voted to allocate the money, but not to let the chamber have it until they were satisfied with how it would be used. After a workshop in July 2016, the council released half the funds, "and directed staff to continue to work with the chamber on efforts that highlight the unique visitor and hospitality assets of Carmel-by-theSea," city administrator Chip Rerig said at the Jan. 3 meeting

Since then, the chamber has been working closely with council members Carrie Theis and Bobby Richards, with a goal of supporting all businesses in town, not just those who pay membership dues.

The relationship between the city and chamber continues to improve, and we are working in close partnership to celebrate the
attributes of the village and encourage visi tors to return," Rerig said. "We expect collaboration to continue, and for the relationship to continue to positively evolve."
He also noted the chamber board developed an extensive outline of actions it would take to better support business and tourism in town, including listing all businesses on its website, developing an information packet for new businesses, bolstering its volunteers at the visitors center in the Carmel Plaza and its ambassadors' outreach to downtown businesses, developing a sustainable tourism program in collaboration with the Carmel Residents Association, implementing a buy-local program, and continuing to host educational seminars.
As a result, Rerig recommended releasing the rest of the money. But councilwoman Carolyn Hardy was resistant.

First of all, she said, when the chamber requested the money last spring, it was to be used to run the visitors center. "And now, this discussion is revolving around all of these things that they should have done and should be doing - it's almost like the emphasis is shifting," she said.

Hardy also lamented the lackluster holi-
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## SPCA awaiting firstborn of 2017

By CHRIS COUNTS
W Hile so far no kitten, puppy, kid or foal has laid claim to being the first of its species to be born in the new year, a surprising number of animals entered the world over the holidays at the SPCA for Monterey County.

The most recent came Dec. 27, when a mama goat named Olga gave birth to a pair of youngsters, Smitty and Jamie.
"They're stinkin' adorable," declared Beth Brookhouser of the nonprofit animal welfare group. The mother, Brookhouser explained, "was rescued by humane officers from a long life of neglect."

Six days earlier, on Dec. 21, the SPCA staff delivered a litter of four kittens and another of three puppies. The shortest day of the year was a busy one at SPCA.

The animal welfare group constantly takes in stray and unwanted animals, and some of them are pregnant when they arrive. Last year alone, 62 kittens and 20 puppies were born at the facility on Highway 68.

Brookhouser said she doesn't anticipate any trouble finding homes for the new kittens and puppies. But people interested in adopting one will have to wait until they're eight weeks old.

The young are kept from the public's view during those eight weeks, in part for safety reasons. "Mamas can be a little protective when their babies are that little," Brookhouser explained. Delivering kittens and puppies isn't the primary mission of the SPCA, which is focused on finding homes for them. But Brookhouser said it's preferable that stray pets give birth to their young at the SPCA rather than on the streets and back alleys of the county. She said their survival rates - and the survival rates of their young - are much higher in captivity.

Besides goats, cats and dogs, a remarkable variety of animals pass through the SPCA. When asked what kinds of animals, Brookhouser responded with, "You name it."
"We have lots of parrots, some snakes, and quite a few exotic birds - if it's legal to own it in California, the chances are that we have it," she said. "We have 14 horses in our care,
 named Olga gave birth to a pair of kids over the holidays.

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## Foster families needed

The animal welfare group, of course, is always trying to find homes for pets, including ones in the care of volunteers.
"If people really want to help us out, they can sign up for our foster program," Brookhouser said.

The SPCA's staff will provide those who want to foster animals with the necessary training.
"We want to give people all the tools they need to be successful," she explained.
It should come as no surprise that a certain percentage of foster pet parents become permanent pet owners when they become attached to the animals they care for. But Brookhouser said that's a good thing, and she affectionately refers to such arrangements as a "foster failures."

For more about the SPCA's foster program, call (831) 373-2631 or visit http://www.spcamc.ory volunter.


## Flood work could get done in 2017, but only if subdivision moves forward

By CHRIS COUNTS
W ITH RAIN falling this week, and more on the way, residents in some of Carmel Valley's most flood-prone neighborhoods are again nervously watching the Carmel River which flooded homes in 1995 and 1998. But if all goes according to plan - and flood control measures promised by developer Alan Williams and his partner, Clint Eastwood, are implemented - their worries could become a thing of the past by this time next year.

As part of his plan to sell 130 unbuilt lots - including 25 reserved for affordable housing - on land in Carmel Valley where Rancho Cañada's West Course was once located, Williams proposed extending and building up a fire road that would serve as a barrier to keep floodwaters from coming down Rio Road.

Because there are so many restrictions on building in Carmel Valley, Williams faced an uphill battle getting his subdivision approved by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, although they finally OK'd it Dec. 14. Along the way, he found a surprising ally in resident Margaret Robbins, an outspoken opponent of development in the area.

## 'Rolling down Rio Road'

"I've been doing land use for 25 years, and this is the first project I've ever supported," Robbins told The Pine Cone. "Alan and I haven't always been on the same side of issues."

But Robbins backed Williams' Rancho Cañada proposal, in large part because of its flood control measures. Her home was nearly flooded in 1995. "The water came rolling down Rio Road, and it came within an inch of my dining room," she recalled.

It wasn't easy for Robbins to endorse a subdivision that the Carmel Valley Association opposed. A longtime member of the land use watchdog group, Robbins didn't go into details, but she did say she is no longer one of its board members.

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## Council OKs $\$ 180 \mathrm{~K}$ in extended contracts

## By MARY SCHLEY

Code ENFORCEMENT officer Al Fasulo will get another $\$ 32,000$ to make sure businesses and residents are following the rules, Wildan Engineering will be paid $\$ 74,800$ more to continue inspecting buildings and checking plans, and Viva International will get $\$ 37,000$ and Krista Brassfield will receive $\$ 36,000$ for continuing to manage public works projects. The extended contracts were approved by the city council at its Jan. 3 meeting.

This year's municipal budget includes money for an in-house code enforcement officer, but the city has never hired one. Meanwhile, Fasulo's previous contract expired Dec. 31, so planning director Marc Wiener recommended extending it for another six months and another $\$ 32,000$. It provides for an average of 25 hours of work per
week.
The city is also looking to hire a new building official, but in the meantime, Wiener recommended keeping Wildan on the job, doing "plan checks and inspections, reviews discretionary applications for compliance with construction codes, and compiles monthly reports to the state and other governmental agencies." The additional $\$ 74,800$ brings its total to $\$ 135,700$, including 24 hours of work per week until June 30. The revised contracts with Viva International and Brassfield will help address the backlog of capital projects, "and keep momentum on several projects initiated by the city's capital projects manager [Andy Vanderford] before his unanticipated departure," last summer, public works director Rob Mullane noted.

Viva's owner, Lisa Leo, is working on addressing heating and air conditioning
issues at the library buildings, and has helped with other issues like hiring tree service contractors. Her contract now totals $\$ 59,500$ and extends to the end of June.

Brassfield, meanwhile, has been helping with projects at Mission Trail park, the police department, Sunset Center, San Antonio Avenue and the beach, and Mullane said her contract should be upped to a total of $\$ 60,000$, and also extended to June 30.

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An Arroyo Carmel resident, Michael Boudreau, said he bought his home not long after the 1995 flood, and he was evacuated in the middle of the night during the 1998 event. Boudreau called the threat of flood, "a looming presence," and said he's thankful the Rancho Cañada subdivision was approved. He also predicted the project's flood control measures will be completed before the $\$ 25$ million Carmel River FREE project - which will offer additional flood protection in the area - gets built. The public project currently lacks the funding needed to complete it.

## Work to protect $\mathbf{4 0 0}$ homes

Williams, meanwhile, suggested residents today would be enjoying flood protection - if his development had been approved two years ago. "It's my goal, pending any delays, to have flood protection in place by this time next year," he said.

Before doing the work, Williams will first need to get county officials to sign off on it. Once the area dries out in the spring, he plans to reinforce the fire road so it can serve as a levy and prevent flood waters from coming down Rio

Road. A culvert that can be opened or closed will allow water to pass through the levy.

Besides building up the fire road, Williams wants to install an 84-inch that will take water from the north side of Carmel Valley Road across from Carmel Middle School and move that water to a place where it can be stored near the river.
"We're going to dig out the old fairways on the south side of the [former] West Course to create additional retention basins," Williams explained. "They'll be able to hold all of our runoff plus an additional three million cubic feet of water. They're like ponds. They'll fill up and dry up. They will also create habitat for red-legged frogs."

To meet his goal of completing the flood control work by next winter, Williams will need to avoid a lengthy court battle - which is no sure thing given how often people sue over local development - particularly in Carmel Valley.

If Williams does get sued over the subdivision and it gets delayed, the flood control work will also be postponed.
"It's all part of the same project," he said. "The overall project is funding the [flood control] improvements.'

Once completed, the flood control measures will make the community much safer, Williams said. "The bottom line is: 400 houses, 1,000 people and over 100 businesses would come out of the 100 -year flood plain."

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## PANETTA

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modifying and approving laws that will likely affect millions of Americans, has definitely set in.
"Each time I walk from Cannon to the Capitol building, and I see the dome, I feel like the weight of it is on my shoulders," Panetta said. "But that gives me the energy to continue walking up the steps to the House floor to do my job for the people of the Central Coast."

Panetta's Tuesday was intense, including multiple trips between his office and the

Capitol building, interspersed with things like a reception with sandwiches and cookies, squeezing in press queries, and other tasks. Later in the day, he posed with his family and friends, including Cannery Row businessman Ted Balestreri, for a mock swearing-in photograph with Republican congressman and newly elected Speaker of the House Paul Ryan from Wisconsin.

## Common ground

His first day on the floor of the House was also anything but mundane. Even before the 435 members of Congress took the oath of office, Democrats protested new rules intended to prevent them from taking pho-

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tographs and video on the floor. In June 2016, Democrats staged a day-long sit-in in the chamber to protest lack of action on gun control measures they wanted, and livestreamed photos and video to try to bolster their public support. The new rules were meant to stop them from doing it again.

During the largely symbolic vote for speaker, many Democrats announced their vote with the preamble, "Because the people's House should be ethical, accountable and open to free debate ... I vote for Nancy Pelosi!" Some Democratic Party leaders, including Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Rep. Maxine Waters, made more elaborate objections.

Republicans' response to the spectacle, at first, was disapproving boos, heckling and even a condescending, "Yeah, yeah, yeah." One GOP lawmaker - in casting his vote for incumbent speaker Ryan - responded with, "Because the people's House should be in order; Paul Ryan." Ryan, predictably, was reelected.

Panetta, however, didn't participate in the antics. While he didn't elaborate on the grandstanding by his colleagues, he explained his reason for not joining in.
"As a new member, I respect the institution, and I want to continue to show as much decorum as I can," he said. "I can't speak about the others."

In a deeply fragmented Washington, Panetta said repeatedly during his campaign that he intends to find common ground with Republicans, telling The Pine Cone in a previous interview that Ryan is someone he believes Democrats could "work with."
"I hear the dissatisfaction about the dysfunction," Panetta said Tuesday. "The most promising thing I can tell you is that every single Republican I've met and have heard from is saying the same thing: They have heard from constituents that it's time to reach
across the aisle and get things done. And I am here to get things done.

While skeptics might chalk up his bridge building remarks to the bright-eyed optimism of a freshman lawmaker, the connections Panetta's made through his father, Leon, the former CIA director, secretary of defense, and congressman, will undoubtedly help him find accord with opposing members. He's also charismatic, and whether he likes it or not, the most famous new member of the 115th Congress - factors that will only benefit him.

To that, Tuesday's interview with Panetta in the hallway was interrupted several times as exuberant Republicans and Democrats exiting the House chamber took time to greet Panetta with embraces, hand shakes and chit-chat. Even family members of representatives appeared excited to meet him.

Trump, Obama and immigration
But with a Trump administration getting underway in just two weeks, anything is possible. Many House and Senate members, lobbyists and others can't quite wrap their heads around the rebellious businessman leading the country, and are on pins and needles about the road ahead.

Panetta is no different, saying he doesn't know what Trump "stands for," and wondering about his party affiliation.
"I can't necessarily say he's Republican, and I can't necessarily say he's a Democrat," Panetta said. He also offered that Trump should avoid social media.
"Donald Trump will be president of the United States, and obviously, I respect that position and the fact that he will be the leader," Panetta said. "At the same time, he has to act like it. He basically needs to stop tweeting and start working."

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Trump will be sworn in on the Capitol's West Front Jan. 20, and some Democratic leaders, such as Waters, say they don't intend to work with him. Even New York Sen. Chuck Schumer said Tuesday that Democrats would fight any Supreme Court nominee who's out of the "mainstream."

Panetta also commented on the sanctions President Barack Obama recently imposed on Russia over what intelligence officials maintain was that country's hacking into email accounts at the Democratic National Committee.
"I think there had to have been a response to the hacking that we had evidence of based on our intelligence sources," said Panetta, a Bronze Star recipient who worked as an intelligence analyst with the United States Navy Reserve when he was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2007. "I understand why [Obama] did it, but I think it could have been done a little sooner."

## 'It just needs to be fixed'

And with a showdown imminent over changes to Obamacare, Panetta was adamant that provisions in the Affordable Care Act pertaining to existing conditions and mental health services should be retained. But, he conceded, the plan needs tweaking. Trump has also said the pre-existing condition provision should remain.
"The ACA shouldn't be repealed, but I do think it needs to repaired," Panetta said. "In the Central Coast, prices have gone up nearly 30 percent. It's getting ridiculously expensive. All in all, what it's done - given that 20 million people have gained insurance - is amazing. It should be kept; it just needs to be fixed."

As for immigration, perhaps the most contentious issue of

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them all, Panetta said he thinks the "border does need to be secured," but wouldn't say whether he thought a wall, like Trump has proposed, should be built. A wall, he said, isn't "immigration reform," and he has proposed changes in the visa process.
"It's our job to make sure we have immigration reform," he said.

Sleeping, eating and getting around
Panetta - like all newcomers to the maze-like Capitol building and the House and Senate offices connected via underground tunnels - has found the place to be something of a labyrinth. To pass through the security checkpoints, Panetta was issued a single congressional lapel pin that members use as a form of identification.

Because he'll be a transient lawmaker, bouncing back and forth between Washington and Carmel Valley, Panetta decided to lease an apartment off Capitol Hill with two other new congressional Democrats - Tom Suozzi of New York and Josh Gottheimer of New Jersey - to cut down costs.
"It's a two-bedroom, and someone gets the den," Panetta said. "I think Josh signed up for the den, but he pays a lower rent."

His dad had a similar arrangement with Schumer and former Congressman Marty Russo, who lived together in a townhouse on Capitol Hill owned by longtime California Congressman George Miller, who retired in 2015.
"I lived there for six months on the full-sized bed with my dad," Panetta said. "I saw the bond they all developed back then because they lived together."

Asked whether his father had recommended any noteworthy restaurants around Capitol Hill, Panetta again turned the conversation to party peacemaking.
"There is this Chinese food place on Independence Avenue my dad told me about," Panetta said. "He said the food wasn't that good, but it was the place where Democrats and Republicans would eat at night and get to know each other. I look forward to going."

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Actors Amy Treadwell, Bruce Wagner and Robert Chestnut review a tricky will in "Ghosts Galore: The Mystery of the Macawber Mansion." The play will raise money for the Monterey Symphony's Music for the Schools program.

While AWAY A WINTER'S EVENING AND PLAY DETECTIVE, ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE

## By ELAINE HESSER

IT'S THAT time again-time for another original whodunit by local psychiatrist, Frisbee enthusiast and author Stancil Johnson to hit the stages at the Portola Hotel and Hartnell College. Both performances will benefit Monterey Symphony's Music for the Schools program, which includes visits to classrooms by musicians, and full-orchestra concerts for children.
On Jan. 28, the Salinas performance at the Main Stage at Hartnell will begin with a reception featuring wine and small bites at $4: 15$ p.m., followed by the debut performance of "Ghosts Galore: The Mystery of the Macawber Mansion."

The following week, Feb. 4, a dinner theater version will be presented in the DeAnza Ballroom at the Portola Hotel, starting with a no-host cocktail hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the play at 7 p.m.

As always, the Salinas audience members will be on their honor not to share their answers with any of their Peninsula counterparts.

This is the eighth year that the Friends of the Monterey Symphony have hosted the mystery fundraiser, in which audience members vie for bottles of bubbly by trying to deduce details of the crime during the intermission.

This is Johnson's fifth original work for the occasion, including such memorable dramas as "Pshaw! on the Hawkshaw Society" and "The Penniless Pirate."

Event co-producer Marcia Hayes said "The cast has been furiously rehearsing three nights a week." She said the show was set in 1923, in Gross Pointe Shores, Mich., where a farm equipment manufacturer has become a millionaire during World War

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## Council revamps policy for handing out cash

By MARY SCHLEY

IN THE past, when it has come time for the council to discuss how the city should spend the public's money in the annual budget, local nonprofits have submitted requests and pleaded their cases during public meetings, arguing why they, perhaps to the exclusion of others, should receive some. But all that will change this year, the city council decided Tuesday, when it adopted a new, more formal, "discretionary funds grant program." Now, groups will have to adhere to certain guidelines.

According to the new policy, recipients must be nonprofits or schools, and provide descriptions of "how the funded activity will benefit the community." If they get the money, they then submit reports after the fact explaining how the cash was used to specifically benefit Carmel-by-the-Sea.
"The grant program creates a process that provides an equal opportunity for interested community services providers to request funds, uses evaluation criteria to assist in making funding decisions and to clearly identify the proposed community benefit associated with the receipt of city funds, demonstrates transparency and accountability in the use of public funds by requiring a written report on the expenditures of the grant funds, and uses a consistent approach to grant funding," community services director Janet Bombard said in her report.

While Bombard recommended the council hold a workshop on grant requests, Mayor Steve Dallas suggested a subcommittee of a couple of council members and a few others review the applications and then make recommendations to the full council. That process, he suggested, would be more expeditious and would avoid having the groups and all their advocates speaking at public meetings.

According to the timeline adopted by the council at its Jan. 3 meeting, the application period will open Jan. 20, they will be due March 3, and the requests will be considered by the committee thereafter. The council is set to have a budget workshop on May 1 and to possibly adopt it June 6.


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In addition to the prizes for solving the mystery, guests at the Portola event can bid on a custom mystery party for themselves and their friends, with some of the actors from the show and catering by a local chef.

Lucretia Butler will be directing the play for the fifth year
in a row, and the cast includes Peninsula favorites Theodore Balestreri Jr., Amy Treadwell, Doug Toby and Taylor Safina. Cameos by local notables like Bashar Sneeh, Sylvia Gardner and Maddox Haberdasher are sure to enliven the performance. Musical direction will be provided by Barney Hulse

Attendees at the Portola performance will enjoy a threecourse dinner, and dressing in 1920s attire "or as your favorite ghost," is highly encouraged. Menu options include a chili-rubbed beef filet, grilled chicken, salmon and a vegetarian Wellington. Dessert is something called "Mr. Boogedy's Fresh Fruit Tart."
Tickets for the Hartnell performance start at $\$ 25$, with discounts for active duty military and students. For the Monterey performance, they start at $\$ 125$. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.montereysypmphony.org/specialevents, or call (831) 646-8511.


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## CRASH <br> From page 1A

"He struck a garbage can that hit a parked car, and a mailbox that hit another parked car," and then crashed into a Hyundai that ended up crushed and overturned on a Toyota, Johnson said. "When all was said and done, he caused damage to five cars."

Remarkably, Barua, who had been at a wedding at Mission Ranch and was returning to his hotel, escaped with little more than a bloody nose and some facial scratches.

Two fire engines and an ambulance responded to the crash, as did the California Highway Patrol, which investigated the collision and evaluated Barua for DUI, since the wreck occurred just outside the city limits.

CHP public information officer Oscar Loza said Barua admitted he was the driver - a fact corroborated by witnesses who had seen him in the driver's seat of the BMW -
and was subsequently arrested for DUI. He was taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula by ambulance, where he was cleared of any injuries, and was then taken to Monterey County Jail.
"He was clearly intoxicated. I've been doing this job a pretty long time, when it comes to DUIs, and it was very quickly obvious," Johnson said. "I haven't seen a crash with that much destruction.... It looked like a grenade had gone off. There was debris everywhere."

The speed Barua is believed to have been driving is strikingly high for a residential road. Many residents in that area have long complained of people driving too fast as they enter and exit the city, and Johnson noted that he recently ticketed a woman driving a Mercedes after he clocked her at 52 mph .

The speed Barau was driving was "a very high rate of speed on a residential street that's posted at 25 mph ," Johnson said. "He's lucky he didn't kill himself."


Gautam Barua walked away from the wreckage that had been his 2016 BMW, after he BMWW, after he
totaled two parked totaled two parked
cars, damaged two more, and ended up in the front yard of a Rio Road home.

## Finalists in CUSD search to be interviewed

NEARLY 20 people applied for the position of Carmel Unified School District superintendent - a position that's been held by popular interim Karen Hendricks since Scott Lawrence left last spring after a very brief tenure - board President John Ellison told district parents last month. Leadership Associates, the firm that found Lawrence and agreed to conduct another search because he didn't work out, reported that 27 people requested applications, and 19 candidates submitted them. Of those, nine are women, and 10 are men, with three from outside California.
"The Carmel school board is looking forward to the rest of the process, which will include reviewing all of the applications, choosing and interviewing the finalists,
making a selection of the top candidate, and finally, a site visit to the top candidate's district/community," Ellison said. "Following the site visit, the board will approve the contract of employment and appoint the new superintendent at a regularly scheduled board meeting."

Trustees discussed the candidates with Peggy Lynch from Leadership Associates via phone during a closed session Wednesday, and according to the timeline the board adopted last September, finalists should be selected and interviewed Jan. 13 and 14. The top candidates are set to be interviewed the week of Jan. 23 , with the site visit and contract offer occurring in February. The new superintendent could start work as soon as the end of next month.



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## Artist gets everybody's attention, FEMALE PHOTOGRAPHERS LOOK AT MEN

A man who has been at the center of the dispute over Bruiser the pig, Ray Magsalay will unveil an exhibit, "Face of a Dreamer," Friday, Jan. 6, at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

The display will showcase Magsalay's unusual talent for creating three dimensional artwork from a vast array of objects - a creative genre known as "assemblages."

As an artist, Magsalay says has no intention of making

## Art Roundup

## By CHRIS COUNTS

something that blends into the background or simply complements other artwork.
"My art is controversial," his artist's statement reads. "If I don't get your attention, I'm not making art."

Magsalay certainly got attention when he complained that his neighbor's pet pig, Bruiser, was stinking up the neighborhood. He lodged a complaint with the city, which sided with him. As a result, Bruiser now lives in Castroville.

Magsalay has long marched to the beat of a different drummer. But he sees himself less as a rebel and more as an explorer.
"This is an exhibit of inventions, showing my passion for things that are different," he said. "In junior high I painted my shoes bright red. It is with this sense of exploration that I want the viewer to look closely at my work."

Also opening Jan. 6 are exhibits by The California Society of Printmakers ("Mirrored Images"), photographer Steve Zmak ("Expressions of Infinity"), painter Susann E. Cate Lynn ("Steps Along the Way") and the students of painter Julie Heilman, who teaches classes for children at the art center.

Lynn credited a recent trip to Spain with inspiring her most recent work.
"A year and a half ago, I went backpacking on the Camino de Santiago, in Spain," she explained. "The experience affected me deeply. Coming back from that trip, I started
painting with a fervor; it became a means for assimilating and processing the experience - and helping me appreciate and feel confidence in my style of artistic expression."

The art center, which will host a reception from 7 to 9 p.m., is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. The shows will continue through Feb. 23.

- Men and women trade places

While men have long used photography to capture the beauty of women, an exhibit opening this weekend looks at


## Composer named 'Champion of the Arts'

## By CHRIS COUNTS

A TWO-TIME Grammy Award-winning composer who owns a Carmel Valley winery, Alan Silvestri has been named one of seven new Monterey County Champions of the Arts.

The awards are handed out annually by the Arts Council for Monterey County. The recipients will be honored Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Portola Hotel and Spa in Monterey.

Silvestri has written the music for "Back to the Future," "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "Forrest Gump," "Captain America," "The Avengers" and many other television and film productions. He earned Grammys for his work with "Cast Away" in 2002 and "Polar Express in 2004. The composer has also won two Emmy Awards and has been nominated twice for Oscars.

The arts council is presenting Silvestri with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Also named Champions of the Arts were Melissa ChinParker, the South County Strings, Richard Bains, Xochitecpatl Victor Juarez, Peggy Carroll and Don and Lois Mayol. The Mayols are Carmel Valley residents.

See CHAMPIONS next page


Alan Silvestri


## Seaside singer-songwriter returns home, shares new record

Showcasing their new recording, a Chicagobased indie rock duo, Bernie and the Wolf, will present a CD release party Friday, Jan. 6, at the East Village Coffee House in Monterey.

Featuring singer-songwriter Bernadette Conant - a native of Seaside - and multi-instrumentalist Erik Lobo, the duo serves up an original mix of folk, rock and pop. The two musicians describe their sound "sweet and dangerous, like a molten toasted marshmallow." The record, "Catch Some," was released last month. To download its title track for free, visit http://www.bernieandthewolf.com/music.

Besides Bernie and the Wolf, the concert will highlight an impressive array of local talent, including The Beholder Band, and singer-songwriters Lillie Lemon and Kenny Chung.

Showtime is 7 p.m., and there's no cover. The East Village Coffee House is located at 498 Washington St. Call (831) 373-5601.

Live Music Jan. 6-12
Bay of Pines restaurant in Monterey - singer-songwriter Rusty Preston (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 150 Del Monte Ave., (831) 920-3560

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey - Victory Lane (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.); Pacific Groove (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.); singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); Andrea's Fault (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and The Ben Herod Trio (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 6498151.

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Fernwood Resort in Big Sur - Russian Money (rock and blues, Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 125 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley - singersongwriter Casey Frazier (pop and rock, Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); and singer and guitarist Fergus Shipman (pop and rock, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 2937500.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa bassist Billy Bosch, drummer David Morwood and friends (jazz, Friday at 7
p.m.); and clarinetist Nik Bartolussi, bassist Peter Lips, drummer David Norwood and friends (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach - The Jazz Trio featuring pianists Bob Phillips or Bill Spencer (jazz, in the lobby, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); and The Dottie

## On A High Note

## By CHRIS COUNTS

Dodgion Trio (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 270017 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Julia's restaurant in Pacific Grove - singer-songwriter Tiffany Decker (Monday at 6 p.m.); singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (Tuesday at 6 p.m.); mandolinist Dave Holodiloff (Wednesday at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.); and singer-songwriter Buddy Comfort (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

Lucia Restaurant + Bar at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley - pianist Martin Headman (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 6583400.

Mission Ranch - pianist Tom Gastineau (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist Maddaline Edstrom (jazz and pop, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 7 p.m.); pianist David Kempton (jazz,


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Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn - Andrea's Fault (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist Richard Devinck (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (pop and jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley - singer-songwriters Kiki Wow and Dan Frechette (Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

## CHAMPIONS

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Besides presenting the awards, the arts council provides art education to thousands of Monterey County children each year, many of whom are considered disadvantaged.
"The mission of the Arts Council is to improve the quality of life in our region through the arts," notes executive director Paulette Lynch. "In our 30 years of service, we have found over and over that the arts are the answer."

The awards, meanwhile, show examples of how people are using the arts to make their communities better.
"Their vision, talent, passion and dedication create a stronger, healthier and more vibrant community," Lynch added. "Their unique and powerful stories inspire us all to dig a little deeper and work a little harder for the next generation."

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## CALENDAR

Jan. 17 - David Shonman, coastal biologist, will present his illustrated talk relating to the future of the Carmel shoreline. His presentation will include a preview of how climate change could reshape the Carmel Beach and Carmel Bay. Begins 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center. The program, presented by the Carmel Residents Association, is free and open to the public. For more information, call 626-1610.

Jan. 20 - Is there more to life than this? Come explore life's big questions. Alpha begins Friday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner provided, registration required by Jan. 15. Carmel Presbyterian Church, corner of Ocean and Junipero Ave. RSVP to (831) 620-2593.

Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf Association's 7th Annual Whalefest Monterey 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 28 29. This free, fun and educational event for all ages includes a 2-day symposium, activities, live music and displays by national marine organizations that inspire, educate, explore and empower the public to protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. www.montereywharf.com

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Highlands' new bar, Folktale's

## fourth duel, and Philanthropic Foodies

An extensive revamp of the restaurants at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands - in celebration of the storied property's centennial - reached another milestone this week, with the reopening of the bar.

Located off the Sunset Lounge, the bar formerly had patrons sitting with their backs to the expansive ocean view that's visible through the large plate-glass windows.

But with the remodel, the bar was rotated 180 degrees and lowered, making the view the main attraction, not only at the bar itself, but at the adjacent tables.

Although food and beverage manager Bastiaan de Winter said new furniture and
ture and classic, as well as wines by the glass and bottle, and small bites and larger plates. Happy Hour happens daily from 4 to 6 p.m., with signature cocktails available for $\$ 8$, along with some special small bites.

The inn is located at 120 Highlands Drive, off of Highway 1 south of Carmel. For more information, visit https://highlandsinn.hyatt.com.
$\square$ The duel, round 4
Folktale Winery's monthly Chef Duel competition - hosted by Tarpy's chef Todd Fisher - continues with its fourth round Monday, Jan. 9, when two talented Pebble Beach chefs face off. Angela Tamura, the mastermind behind the menu at Peppoli in the Inn at Spanish Bay, will do her best to defeat the ever creative light fixtures have yet to be installed, the bar and energetic Johnny De Vivo, who runs the is now ready for customers, with a menu offering several cocktail options, both signa-


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kitchen at Porter's in the Forest at Poppy Hills Golf Course As usual, each chef will be provided with one protein and four common (but not necessarily basic) ingredients "to create a dish that will not just excite your palate, but earn your vote." The ideal dish not only tastes delicious, but incorporates all the ingredients in a way that makes each discernible, even though the result is cohesive. Chefs are not required to use all the additional ingredients, but receive more points in judging if they do. The People's Choice counts for 50 percent, while guest judges award the other 50 percent. In the case of a tie, the contestants have to perform a final task. (Last month, it was a game of giant Jenga.)

Their dishes will be paired with a Folktale wine and that of a guest winery, while KRML radio will be broadcasting live and providing the music. New this month, a food truck will be on hand to augment any and all appetites, as necessary. Tickets for this 21 -and-over event are $\$ 12$ and can be purchased online at http://cellarpass.com/folktale-winerys-chef-duel-competition-round-four-tickets-2051. Folktale is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

## Three Kings Day

Sweet Elena's bakery and café in Sand City will honor the annual Three Kings Day tradition Saturday, Jan. 7, by offering slices of the cake - for $\$ 5$ with hot cocoa for the kids, and for $\$ 10$ with a glass of Champagne for the grownups from 2 to 4 p.m.

The customer who finds a figurine of a baby in the piece of cake will win a prize, get to wear a crown, and pick the queen or king.

For more information, call (831) 393-2063. Sweet Elena's is located at 465 D Olympia Ave.

Playoff Bloodies
Peter B's Brewpub in the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey may be just the right place to take in the NFL playoffs this month. On Jan. 8, 15 and 22, the brewery and pub will set up a Bloody Mary Bar and invite
customers to make their own, just right. The base spirit is Tito's Handmade Vodka from Austin, Texas, and garnishes include peppers, celery, onions - and bacon, of course.

With 18 HD TVs installed throughout the restaurant, plenty of seating, lots of good beer, and an extensive menu, Peter B's is an attractive option for kicking back and catching a game.

The brewpub also has plans for the Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 2 p.m. to close. The 2nd Annual Pigskin Palooza will include special beer releases, and drink specials featuring Herradura Tequila, Tito's and Jack Daniel's, as well as raffle prizes for merchandise and a night's stay at the hotel. The admission price ( $\$ 45$ for Mug Club members and $\$ 60$ for everyone else) will include an all-you-can-eat buffet, tax and tip, but no drinks.
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## - Philanthropic Foodies

The nonprofit Carmel Foundation, which serves members age 55 and older by providing low-cost housing and meals, classes, field trips, a library, a computer lab, medical equipment rentals and other services, will hold its annual fundraiser, Philanthropic Foodies, Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m.

Executive chef Boris Ilabaca of La Playa Carmel will prepare "an exquisite gourmet dinner paired with fine wines," and the evening will begin with a Champagne reception.

The menu is set to include lobster bisque en croute with 2015 Blair Estate Pinot Gris, warm roasted wild mushroom salad with honey Jerez sherry vinaigrette paired with 2012 DiOrio Cellars Pinot Noir, roasted center Scotch beef filet with farro and root vegetables mélange served with 2013 Scheid Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, and dessert of chocolate pot de crème with ginger tuile.

The cost is $\$ 120$ per person, and reservations should be made by Jan. 6. Call (831) 620-8702 or visit http://www.carmelfoundation.org. La Playa Carmel is located at Camino Real and Eighth.

## Have coffee with the cops

HAVE ANY burning questions for law enforcement, like whether your neighbor is allowed to have a rooster, what to do when you see someone suspicious parked on your street, or how to protect yourself or your kids from crime? To counteract the belief that officers are too busy to answer such questions and discuss community issues, Seaside P.D. will host Coffee with a Cop Saturday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. shop at 880 Broadway Ave. Everyone is invited to attend, ask questions, voice concerns, learn more about the department and its officers, and meet the new chief, Robert Jackson.
"The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with our community," police officials observed. "Some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street, or are 'too busy to be bothered.' Coffee with a Cop breaks down those barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction."

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## The two sides of Obamacare

EvERY TIME President Barack Obama defends his administration's most cherished accomplishment, the Affordable Care Act, he does so by citing the 20 million people he says have gained "health insurance" because of the law. It's a claim Obama has publicly repeated dozens of times, and so have other leading Democrats.

Of course, what the vast majority of those 20 million people gained wasn't insurance, but free or low-cost health coverage. Insurance means joining a shared risk pool, which those 20 million certainly did not. Because they aren't paying anything at all, or very little, they aren't in a pool at all; instead, they are the recipients of a generous government benefit.

For them, getting that benefit is wonderful, just like any other government handout, and we're sure they are all very happy to receive it. Anybody would be - especially someone who is sick and can't afford a doctor.

Because getting free health care is such a wonderful thing, Obama prefers to focus on the recipients of his health care largesse, not only because they're the people he intended to help when he started his entire health care crusade, but because it's much more expedient to talk about the benefits of a government program than its costs.

Costs, however, are where Obamacare falls apart, and where it most needs to be fixed.

And we're not only talking about the direct costs of providing health care to the 20 million people Obama set out to help. Those costs are enormous, of course, and anybody who pays income taxes is feeling the bite. Meanwhile, future generations will be paying for them, too, since so much of the cost of Obamacare is simply added to the national debt - debt which has now climbed to $\$ 20$ trillion, after increasing by a full $\$ 1$ trillion in 2016 alone.

But beyond the cost to taxpayers of Obama's expansion of government health care benefits, there are also the colossal increases in insurance premiums that have hit participants in Obamacare-compliant private health plans. Right here on the Monterey Peninsula, small businesses have seen their premiums more than double, thanks to the cost of complying with Obamacare mandates. For one local company, premiums for covering children under a typical private plan actually tripled in late 2014, when the plan fell under the Obamacare umbrella.

If benefits for the 20 million recipients of free or low-cost government Obamacare are eroded at all, the media will scream bloody murder. Already Democrats have adopted the slogan, "Make America sick again," to deride any effort by Republicans to reduce those benefits. So it's probably better if any effort to reform Obamacare leaves the 20 million alone.

But private plans sold to people who actually pay for them can be made more affordable simply by eliminating many of the coverage mandates Obamacare piled on. In other words, let the people who buy health insurance decide what benefits they want, and how much they want to pay. A young person in good health, for example, might decide to buy an inexpensive plan that covers him only in case of a medical catastrophe; if a health insurance company wants to sell it to him, the government definitely shouldn't stand in the way.

"Hard to paint, huh?"

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## 'Blatant misstatements'

## Dear Editor,

I am an attorney for Project Bella, and I feel compelled to write concerning the blatant misstatements in last week's letter to the editor by Mike Crall. Although there were numerous misstatements, I will focus on two.

First, Mr. Crall contends that he asked General Wesley Clark, one of the co-managers of Project Bella, to investigate alleged financial improprieties, "to no avail." In fact, General Clark flew out to Monterey in September 2016 to have a sit down meeting with Mr. Crall and Grant Sedgwick, another member of the company. General Clark investigated the allegations, but found no merit to them. Mr. Crall's attorney then put those concerns in a detailed letter, which I investigated and likewise found lacking in merit. I asked for any additional information they might have, but nothing was provided.

Second, Mr. Crall has provided no evidence of any securities violations during the investment phase for Project Bella. He uses ominous terms like "intentional misrepresentations" and "unscrupulous issuers," but he has no basis whatsoever to make those allegations. Project Bella is not using unregistered brokers to solicit investments - it is using team management to solicit investments in a private placement offering for their own company. This is perfectly acceptable and is a recognized exception to the broker registration requirement. (See Exchange Act Rule 3a4-1.) In addition to the issuer exemption, it is critical to note that Domaine is using a private placement (i.e., not using general solicitation or advertising) to solicit investments from "accredited investors" - so Domaine is exempt from certain requirements by Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act and Rule 506(b) of Regulation D.

Putting aside the legal exemptions, I also reviewed the allegations to determine if any false statements of fact were made in the marketing materials. I couldn't find any. On two occasions, I asked Mr. Crall's attorney for any more information he might have to substantiate those claims. I never heard back from him with more information, leading me to conclude that, not only was there no fire, there was no smoke either.

Given that Mr. Crall is not an attorney, his misunderstanding of the securities laws and regulations was perhaps pardonable at first. But now that he is continuing to raise these unfounded claims, I think it is fair to question his motives.

David Balch, Salinas

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The Carmel Pine Cone

## Art, travel or volunteering this is one woman who's all in

'I JusT want to be usefull, said Judy Proud as she sat at a table in a Crossroads coffee shop. "I want to leave the place a little better than it was when I came in."

Although she and her husband, John, have been retired for more than 30 years, she's still working away at that goal. In fact, she recently accepted a spot on the board of
closed the business in 2005, she still draws and paints as hobbies. She also loves photography, especially when she and her husband travel. In the past 20 years, Proud figures they've visited 63 countries and have done a few trips around the world.

They've taken the Trans-Siberian Railway through Russia, traveled to Easter Island, gotten snowed in in Morocco, and camped in the Sahara Desert, where it can get surprisingly cold.
"We just kept putting on
By ELAINE HESSER more and more clothes every day," laughed Proud at the memory.
Her favorite recent trip, however, was an Honor Flight with her husband. The Honor Flight Network is a nonprofit organization that flies veterans to Washington, D.C., and takes them around to all the monuments.

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Judy Proud

## CHIEF <br> From page 1A

Trust, he said, is required in any relationship, and "as law enforcement officers, we have a responsibility to develop positive relationships based on trust with the community." Carmel has specific needs and expects a high level of service, he noted. "Understanding that level and being able to provide are critical to relationship building in our village."
Respect is essential, too, in that officers must "respect the authority that has been given to us by our community." He quoted Sir Robert Peel - "The police are the people, and the people are the police," - and said he is responsible for keeping the community safe.

Finally, love: "As a police officer, you had better love the community you serve," he said. "If you haven't bought into what your community expects of you, then you will have a hard time being successful."

When he was hired, Tomasi said he already knew he appreciated the charm of Carmel, but he had to work here to determine whether he was a good fit. "I found out right away that I was a fit and have loved this community since," he said. "I caution people not to take the word, 'love,' as meaning 'soft' or 'weak,' though. I firmly believe in tough love. Tough love is caring enough about the community, the organization and the people to tell them the truth of a situation and to

## STORMS

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## Facebook.

Another resident, Marcus Foster, told The Pine Cone that he's taking this weekend's storm seriously.
"The Big Sur River is dark brown, and it's the highest I've ever seen it," said Foster, who was living in Big Sur when storms in 1995 and 1998 wreaked havoc. "There's the potential for historic flooding and damage."

Nowhere is the threat of mudslides greater than along Palo Colorado Road, which in 1998 was rendered impassible for weeks after a big rain. The area lost 57
take action when needed.
"These three pillars provide a solid foundation for success at any level, whether it be personal, relationship, family or organization," Tomasi said. "These three pillars support positive relationships, which are formed as a result. If one of the three pillars is damaged, then so is the relationship."

Rerig asked the rest of the city staff and the public to welcome Tomasi "and provide him all of your trust and confidence."

A more formal ceremony will take place in council chambers at city hall Friday, Jan. 13, at 4 p.m., when Tomasi's parents will come from Michigan to celebrate with him, as will dignitaries and other local law enforcement chiefs.
Rerig encouraged Tomasi to "lead with wisdom and passion and heart.'

And he wished good luck to Calhoun, who, he said, "stood on the shoulders of the giants that preceded him, led those who are following him, and set the bar for all those in public service."

Also at the ceremony Friday, detective Jeff Watkins was promoted to the rank of corporal. A 13 -year veteran of Carmel P.D., Watkins has served as a field training officer and was also assigned to the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team, handling some high-profile drug and homicide cases. With the promotion, Watkins is now working on patrol during the days, overseeing the shifts and training new recruits.

Cpl. Rachelle Lightfoot, who formerly worked as the department's detective for several years, is taking on that role again.
homes in the Soberanes Fire, and because so much erosion-controlling vegetation was burned in the blaze, mudslides are a serious concern for those who live there.

The Mid-Coast Fire Brigade is using a social media website, Next Door, to keep Palo Colorado area residents informed about the weather and the dangers it could create. "Be vigilant, be prepared, and be safe," fire chief Cheryl Goetz urged her neighbors.

Mehle, meanwhile, encouraged residents to prepare for this weekend's rain although he suspects Big Sur locals won't need any prodding.
"Being prepared is something Big Sur residents do a great job of," he added. "They understand the weather and its impacts."
van pulled up," "said Proud.
Since then, "retirement" has included volunteering with Navy Relief at the Naval Postgraduate School, the American Heart Association, the Alzheimer's Association, the Pacific Grove Heritage Society, Monterey Bay Aquarium and Gentrain Society of Monterey Peninsula College.

And in 1987, she and John opened a business and ran it for nearly 20 years, kind of by accident. A friend asked if the couple could help her put together a dollhouse kit. They did, but things got a little out of hand not long afterward. The friend liked the dollhouse so much, she gave it to her granddaughter and requested another for herself. Then, when she saw that one, she gave it to her daughter and requested a third.

Proud added plenty of hand-painted details to the houses, and said she even sent off to San Francisco for miniature gold-plated chandeliers. Soon, the couple was building them for fundraisers at the P.G. Heritage Society and Watsonville Hospital.

It became a business called Proud Partners, which grew from building 94 dollhouses into an art and antique business, with Proud painting furniture and then murals for businesses. That's when she realized she loved creating art.
"It was what I was meant to do all my life," she said, adding that although they

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what happens when the roles are reversed
A dozen pioneering female photographers look at men in "She Loves Me, She Loves Me Not," which will be unveiled Jan 7., from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Center for Photographic Art.
"The center opens the new year with an exciting exhibition featuring a genre-defining selection of nationally and internationally renowned female photographers," reads an invitation.

Curated by Carol Henry of Carmel Visual Arts, the exhibit features images by Imogen Cunningham, Dorothea Lange, Mary Ellen Mark, Judy Dater, Joyce Tenneson, Martha Casanave, Edna Bullock, Flor Garduño, Adrienne Salinger, Jodi Cobb, Holly Roberts and Henry.

A panel discussion will precede the reception in Carpenter Hall at 4 p.m.

Three days later, Cunningham's granddaughter, Meg Partridge, will present a talk about the late photographer

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## Barbara Greenlee Gauld

Barbara Greenlee Gould died peacefully on October $4^{\text {th }}, 2016$, approaching her $98^{\text {th }}$ birthday.

Daughter of John Arthur Greenlee and Lulu (Corbin) Greenlee, Barbara was born in 1918 in Los Angeles, CA, where she grew up in the Hancock Park neighborhood. She excelled in sports, particularly tennis. She graduated from Occidental College in 1939 as an English major, and became a secretary at Lockheed. During World War II she met LeGrand "Lee" Gould, who was en route to the Pacific. They married six months later in 1945.

After living in the
 eastern U.S. for six years,
Barbara and Lee moved to the San Francisco Peninsula in 1952. Barbara focused on raising their two sons, Stephen and Christopher, while Lee earned a graduate degree at Stanford and became a stockbroker. They spent weekends and vacations in Pebble Beach, later making it their regular summer home, and eventually their permanent retirement residence in 1979.

Barbara was an accomplished seamstress and cook, though her real passion was golf. For several decades she was a regular in ladies' groups and tournaments at Monterey Peninsula Country Club. She actively played into her late 80's.

Lee and Barbara were married 62 years until his passing in 2007. They will reunite at El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove. Barbara was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She leaves two married sons: Stephen (Karen) and Christopher (Kathryn); five grandchildren: Whitney Topping (Henry), Christopher K. Gould (Aly), Nathaniel Gould (Regina), Jonathan Gould (Margot) and Michael Mendelsohn; and five great grandchildren: H. J. "Quincy" Topping, Robert D. Topping, Christopher G. Topping, Eleanor Greenlee Gould, Luca LeGrand Gould and Emily H. Gould.

A private memorial service will be held in the Spring.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the CPA gallery.
All events are free. The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 19. The Center for Photographic Art and Carpenter Hall are located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth.

## Auction to aid Sunset Center

The Marjorie Evans Gallery's 2nd annual fundraising art auction kicks off Monday, Jan 9. Participating artists include Simon Bull, Will Bullas, Christine Crozier, Thierry Thompson, Kim Weston, Matthew Olyphant, Patricia Qualls and others. The proceeds will benefit Sunset Center's many programs. The auction continues through Jan. 31, and the winners will be notified Feb. 2. For more details, call (831) 620-2053. The gallery is located inside Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth.

## New year offers great deals

The Carmel Art Association opens 2017 with "A New Beginning," a sale of bargain-priced artwork created by members of the nonprofit downtown art center. The show will feature oils, watercolors, acrylics and mixed media art. The sale will continue through the end of the month

The CAA is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-6176.

## George E. Bowery

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\author{

- Died -Carmel-by-the-Sea, Californía on December 22nd, 2016
}

A simple and kind gentleman who gave far more than he took.

## Phyllis Ann Drumm <br> 1927*2016

Phyllis Drumm, long-time resident of Carmel Valley, passed away on December 28, 2016 surrounded by her loving family.
Born and raised in Boone, Iowa, Phyllis traveled extensively and lived on both coasts. She ultimately decided the Valley was the place for her, and remained for 31 years.

Phyllis graduated
from Stephens College in


Missouri, then worked as a li-
brarian. Throughout her life, she
was active in various sports and social activities. However, Phyllis said that her greatest achievement was her family.

She was a devoted wife to Victor for nearly 66 years, until his passing in 2014. She and Vic raised three sons with kindness and patience and were ultimately blessed with three grandsons.
Phyllis was unwaveringly cheerful and optimistic, with a wonderful sense of humor. Her beautiful smile will be missed by all who loved her.

However, as we are engulfed in sorrow at her loss, Phyllis would have been quick to console us with a determined, "Well, onward and upward!"

Phyllis is survived by sons Christopher Drumm (Amy Garrett) Polk City, Iowa and Dave Drumm (Rebecca) Marietta, Georgia; grandsons Neil, Ryan and Dylan. She was preceded in death by husband Vic, son Larry, brother Phil, and parents Nick and Mabel.

## LIVES

## From previous page

First priority goes to World War II veterans, and John served in the Navy during that war.

Proud choked up a little as she described the reception they got beginning at San Francisco Airport, where the flight was announced and other travelers applauded as the 25 veterans and the people who accompanied them came through the terminal. A band played 1940s-era music, and the USO served coffee and donuts

The welcome in Washington was equally warm.
"It was three days of nonstop recognition," she said. "The veterans stood a little straighter.'

Needless to say, Honor Flight has become yet anothe organization Proud supports.

She also works with the Lions Club's Blind and Visually Impaired Center in P.G., helping with their annual car show, motorcycle show and country store event. Then there's Hope, Horses and Kids in Carmel Valley, which provides equine therapy for autistic kids, veterans and others in need.

In her spare time, Proud meets with a group of women weekly to practice and improve her Italian language skills.

She has no plan to stop any time soon, either.
"There's still so much to do," she said.
To suggest someone for this column, email elaine@carmelpinecone.com.

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codes to suit local circumstances, and the council accepted those, as well.

Finally, the council adopted changes to the code sections regulating licenses, fees and taxes for conducting business in the city.

Described as "housekeeping items," the changes include modifying how business license taxes are calculated for new businesses; basing administrative and application fees for business licenses, bingo games and filming on the costs of issuing those permits, not set amounts; and indicating that the community activities department, not the chief of police, is responsible for issuing film permits.

Those changes were approved without discussion.

## Actors, actresses sought for summer roles at Forest Theater

STILL SEEKING actors and actresses of all ages to fill a few roles in two summer productions, the Forest Theater Guild will again offer auditions for parts in "Pirate Booty" and "Big," Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Carmel Youth Center.

The Carmel-based theater group previously hosted auditions for "Pirate Booty" in November and "Big" in December.

Written and directed by Todd Weaver, "Pirate Booty" follows the adventures and antics of pirates and mermaids during a search for an elusive treasure. The play will be performed at Forest Theater in June.

A musical version of the 1988 Tom Hanks film, "Big" will open at the Forest Theater in late June and continue into July.

To schedule an audition, call (831) 626-1681. The youth center is located at Fourth and Torres.

Barbara H. Babcock
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A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday,
January 8, 2017
from $3-5 \mathrm{pm}$ at the
Sunset Center.

## MONEY

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day decorations downtown this year and suggested Carmel have a window-decorating contest during the holidays, as well as a scarecrow contest in the fall, like Cambria does.
"I'm proposing that we hold back some of that money as prize money to encourage activities in October and December to decorate the town," she said.

But Richards said the chamber is already undertaking to do "all these other things we've asked them to do," and said, "everything is moving forward now, and I would hate to stop that momentum"

Hardy said that if the council didn't agree to withholding some of the money and organizing the decorating contests, she would bring it up during budget discussions later this


Carolyn Hardy


Bobby Richards
year.
Reimers made the motion to disperse the funds, and it passed unanimously.
"It wasn't too surprising to have a council person suggest an activity or program, but it was very surprising that the council person would suggest withholding monies earmarked for that activity in order to force the chamber to do the project," chamber CEO Monta Potter commented after the meeting.
Potter said her board of directors and staff are very adept at coming up with programs and projects that "match our mission, are within the capacity of our small staff, and which are a good fit for Carmel."

## 'Grants' for winemaker fest, run

Also on Tuesday, the council approved a $\$ 4,000$ "grant" to offset fees for the Run in the Name of Love set for June, and a $\$ 3,000$ offset for the Winemakers' Celebration to be held in May, though Hardy questioned the wisdom of supporting the winetasting event.
"My concern is, what are they really doing to benefit the community, other than benefiting hospitality?" she asked.

Hardy inquired about issues regarding security and excessive drinking at last year's Winemakers' event, and Police Chief Paul Tomasi confirmed the department arrested four people - a 29-year-old who was so drunk he had to be taken to the hospital, a 28-year-old woman who was housed at Monterey P.D.'s jail until sober, a 39 -year-old male whose intoxication was also a probation violation that landed him in county jail, and a 21-year-old man who was found to be drunk after he refused to leave a nearby business.
"We have since had a meeting with organizers to discuss the need to have a police officer on duty and more security, so that we don't have that happen again," he said, adding that the organizers will pay for the security and police time.

Monterey County Vintners \& Growers Association CEO Kim Stemler defended the event, which she said "is not a moneymaker."
"I know you want it to be. I want it to be," she said. "This is really about community values. Do you want this to be a
community event that's fun and vibrant? Last year, we did have some problems that we didn't have before. Most of you have been and found it to be an upscale event."

## Budget questioned

Any revenues would benefit the organization's scholarships, but unforeseen expenses last year meant there wasn't any cash to share. More than 1,100 people attended, with 852 paying for tickets, which ranged from $\$ 65$ to $\$ 125$, but Stemler ended up having to pay for help after a large group of volunteers canceled at the last minute. She estimated rev-
enues of \$56,500 for this year's festival, with $\$ 45,000$ from ticket sales, and \$55,950 in expenses.

Hardy questioned the budget numbers and suggested kicking the request back, and Stemler seemed incredulous that she was quibbling over $\$ 3,000$.
Ultimately, though, the council unanimously approved the grant, after Hardy asked that the organizers survey attendees to see how many of them stay in town.

The council also authorized, without discussion, the $\$ 4,000$ grant for the Run in the Name of Love, which is organized by Susan Love and the Big Sur International Marathon.

## FAO

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Bowman said that the officers are mostly males, for reasons he doesn't fully understand. He said that in his current class of more than 60 people, only three are women.

While the service members can indicate a preference for where they're assigned, as is always the case in the military, everything depends on people's skills and abilities, and the needs of the armed forces worldwide.

For example, Bowman said that someone with a high score on the Defense Language Aptitude Battery - the tests that gauge someone's ability to learn another language would likely be assigned to one of the more difficult languages, like Chinese or Arabic. That assignment would deter-
mine where in the world this person was headed.
Bowman said interpersonal skills are key to success in the field, because the jobs always entail dealing with people of other cultures. For example, just as here, you know not to bring up beach fires unless you want a fight, it's important to know that in Russia, you don't shake hands over the threshold of a doorway.

The job's not without its upside - Bowman remembered doing a jump with a Ukrainian parachute team and the ambassador to Ukraine, who also had military parachuting experience from Vietnam. He also accompanied the commanding general of the Ukrainian army on a visit to the United States, which included tours of military bases and cultural sites.

If you encounter any of these fine officers and their families during their time here, make them welcome. And maybe warn them about the beach fire thing, OK?
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## BY AL SMITH

If you didn't know it was there, you might easily pass by the GREAT WALL OF CARMEL. It's a Carmel stone monument, $21 / 2$ feet wide and slightly higher than a man's head, that completely encloses an entire block. 4th and 5th Avenues are on north and south, Guadalupe on the east, Santa Rita on the west. All along the top of the wall are jagged stones set on edge, a distressingly sadistic touch. The wall dates from 1925 , when a man named Smith (from Southern California) caused it to be built by two stone masons who spent 3 years on the project. He planned a major estate on the property, but went no further than a caretaker's cottage, elaborate walks, patios, pools, and a giant BBQ pit before his interests led him to a farm in the lower Carmel Valley and his block was sold. He headed back south, and today there are many small lots and private homes inside the enclosure. A few gateways have been broken through, and here and there a growing pine tree is winning the war of the wall. Start at Guadalupe and 4th where you'll find the main gate, a forbidding iron structure with the initial "S" set in small stones beside it, then walk around this interesting block ... you'll enjoy it. You might even hear the hoof beats of the horse who haunts the great wall!

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APN: 015-501-021

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# A short list of people I'll miss as we head into the New Year 

A year ago, I wrote about not making resolutions that would surely vanish down a rabbit hole of unattainable goals. Instead of looking forward to a new year, I looked back at the old year to remember people I would miss that had passed on to glory. Though I didn't know them, their presence in the world brought me enjoyment or inspiration. The response to that column was heartening, as several readers told me about people they missed. And this year, I have even more to write about.

December was tragic, when a day apart Carrie Fisher and her mother, Debbie Reynolds, traveled to a galaxy far, far away. Carrie Fisher was noted for her role as Princess

## Scenic Views

## By JERRY GERVASE

Leia in "Star Wars." I admired her more for her writing than for her acting. After writing the screenplay version of her book "Postcards from the Edge," she became one of Hollywood's most sought-after script doctors.

At age 19, Debbie Reynolds learned to dance so well in only three months that she was able to match Gene Kelly and Donald O'Conner step for step in "Singing in the Rain" still my all-time favorite movie musical.

In 2016, we lost three people who were so well known they were recognizable by a single name, Prince, Ali and Arnie. I was never part of the Prince phenomenon. Raising a
family while earning a living took precedence over pop music. Yet I recognized his talent as a musician.
Muhammad Ali angered and irritated me through much of his career, and not just because he was a draft dodger, but his pure talent at his sport finally won me over, as it did much of the world. Simply put, he was the greatest.

Arnold Palmer impacted his sport more than any golfer. I saw him in person. Standing on a tee box he corkscrewed his backswing and uncoiled himself into a golf swing of such thunderous power you expected the ground around him to be scorched. The electricity emanating from him when he hitched up his pants and looked down the fairway could have lit up a metropolis. He was the king.

David Bowie created an alternative universe with some of his music. He populated it with the original "Major Tom," John Glenn, a hero who served his country in so many ways that he would get my vote for any Heroes Hall of Fame. In my mind, I see them irrevocably intertwined with Glenn being Major Tom "sitting in a tin can/far above the world/Planet Earth is blue/and there's nothing I can do." ''ll miss them both.

I saw my first National Hockey League game at the old Detroit Olympia Stadium on Grand River Avenue. Gordie Howe generated the same intrinsic electricity that Arnold Palmer did. He was bigger, stronger, faster, meaner and more talented than anyone else on the ice. At age 51, he played in all 80 games for the Hartford Whalers in the World Hockey Association. The Gordie Howe hat trick - one goal, one assist and one fight in a game - exemplified how he combined power and finesse. Number 9 was simply the best at what he
did.
If I had the talent to write the music and lyrics to just one song, it would be Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." There is no traditional religion in the lyrics of that song. Instead, they come from a place of great pain; from belief turned sour for anyone who has sat in a chair and glowered at God and asked, "How come you parted the Red Sea but didn't cure this one little person of cancer?" Cohen became part of the Hallelujah Chorus in 2016.
W.P. Kinsella wrote about baseball with the passion that Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote about love. His book, "Shoeless Joe," became the movie "Field of Dreams." I can be channel surfing and come upon this film and watch it to the end no matter where it is in the story. "If you build it, they will come," and, "Go the distance," have taken their places among Hollywood's most memorable movie lines. Kinsella, a Canadian, ended his life under Canada's assisted dying legislation.

Earl Hamner created "The Waltons" television program from his book "Spencer's Mountain." It was family entertainment that that didn't belittle any member of the family the way so many sit-coms of his era did. It was significant to me because it covered a time frame during the Great Depression and World War II that mirrored my own growing up years. Its signature sign off with the Walton family members saying "goodnight" to each other was repeated in millions of homes across the country.
J.M. Barrie said this about charm: "If you have it, you

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer requested a welfare check on dogs in a vehicle on Mission north of Sixth. Upon arrival, observed another vehicle with dogs inside and limited ventilation. Temperature readings inside the cars were at acceptable levels, and further observation showed no indication of continued or excessive, unprovoked barking. Person was contacted and advised.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Warned a door-to-
oor solicitor at Mission and 13th about municipal code violation, not having a permit. Last week, a solicitor from the same company was warned by the officer. Ongoing problem.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a reported residential burglary on Guadalupe south of Second. No signs of forced entry.

Pacific Grove: Driver went to a residence on Lobos to drop off a passenger at 0039 hours, and a resident of the house exited and punched the driver's car window.

Pacific Grove: Person on Crocker stated property was taken from his vehicle. No forced entry. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a package from a residence on Egan.

Pacific Grove: Bicycle vs. vehicle on


Ocean View Boulevard. Non-injury.
Pacific Grove: Non-injury DUI collision on Forest Avenue
Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a non-injury collision on Forest Avenue. Vehicle vs. building. A 37-year-old male was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Pacific Grove: David Avenue resident reported theft from a vehicle; no suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Resident reported theft of packages from a neighbor's porch on Junipero. Vague suspect and car description. No other leads.

Pacific Grove: Subject on McFarland called to report several individuals selling hot chocolate in the neighborhood. Subject contacted the individuals and stated they became confrontational. Upon police arrival, the subjects had left the area. Additional patrols were conducted in the area.

Pacific Grove: Citizen parked a vehicle on Central Avenue during the day and returned at night to find a window had been smashed.

Big Sur: Citizen fueled a vehicle at a station on Highway 1 and drove off without paying.

Carmel Valley: An 18-year-old male on Valley Greens Drive alleged he was robbed at gunpoint.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male, age 41, was arrested at 0040 hours for public intoxication. The Pebble Beach resident was transported to the police station for booking. Following the
booking, the male was transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pebble Beach: Theft of wallet from a golf bag at the Spanish Bay inn in Pebble Beach. Total loss value: $\$ 1,600$.

## GERVASE <br> From page 6RE

don't need to have anything else; and if you don't have it, it doesn't much matter what else you have." Surely he was speaking about Nancy Reagan, whose copious charm was combined with beauty, grace and devotion. She joined the Gipper in March.

Atticus Finch is one of my favorite fictional characters, both in books and movies. He was the creation of Harper Lee in "To Kill a Mockingbird." Her next novel wasn't well received. No matter. When you've written a masterpiece, who cares what anyone says?

Sadly, a couple of apples fell from my own family tree. I'll miss them both. Of course, I miss the many friends and family members who are gone - one in particular, whose death taught me that when you lose someone who is very close to you, you understand that love is forever. It is a hard way to learn an important lesson, but it's one that sooner or later comes to all of us.

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