## Overgrown Scenic pathway to get makeover

- San Antonio and Fourth, too

By MARY SCHLEY

Thirty years after it was installed along with the walking path, the landscaping along Scenic Road has become overgrown and drab. The intersection of San Antonio and Fourth, meanwhile, is dangerous. And the sand from the dunes sometimes blows across the sidewalk and into the street near the volleyball courts.

Last week, the planning commission addressed all these issues, and others, when they approved coastal development permits for new landscaping along Scenic Road, and new curbs, a wall, and plantings on San Antonio.

## Scenic work

The three-quarter-mile stretch of pathway above Carmel Beach is "one of the most popular and well used parks in the
city," assistant city forester Matt Feisthamel told planning commissioners at their Jan. 11 meeting. The walkway was originally landscaped in 1985, but many of the drought-tolerant native and Mediterranean species planted at the time have since died. They haven't been replaced, and invasive species have moved in, some growing to block views and signs along the well traveled pathway.

The city hired landscape architect Scott Hall to remedy those problems, and he tackled five critical heavily used areas on the path, which he said has suffered " 30 years of neglect." The design calls for a lot of new plants and upgraded irrigation, according to Feisthamel. Parts of the pathway would also be widened.

Hall's proposal - which also includes a possible observation deck, an additional bench, better handicap access, and removal of iceplant - was reviewed by the forest and beach

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The pathway along
Scenic Road is
immensely popular with locals and visitors who appreciate the opportuity to wander its length while enioying views of the beach. But invasive
plants and weeds have plants and weeds have replaced some of the 30 years ago so the planning commission has approved an overhaul.

## CVA files suit to stop Rancho Cañada housing

- But residents fight back, say they'll hold group responsible for flood damage

By KELIY NIX

IN AN effort to stop the Rancho Cañada Village housing project from being built, the Carmel Valley Association filed suit against the developer and Monterey County over the Dec. 13 approval of the plan, which the group says violates county planning and zoning laws, and does not comply with

## Panetta will attend INAUGURATION AND WOMEN'S MARCH

By KELIY NIX

HE has some harsh words for President-elect Donald Trump, but Congressman Jimmy Panetta will not be joining dozens of his Democratic Party colleagues - including about 15 from California - in boycotting the presidential inauguration on Friday
Panetta said Tuesday that while he is "outraged" by many of Trump's statements, and called his recent remarks about Georgia Rep. John Lewis "reprehensible," he said he'll set aside his differences with the leader and attend the inauguration out of respect for the nation's highest office.
"I think Trump needs to realize that for someone like John Lewis, it takes a lot more than a tweet to keep him quiet," Panetta told The Pine Cone Tuesday while in Monterey. "John Lewis is someone who has been subjected to billy clubs and jail. A tweet is not going to work."

Last weekend, Trump said Lewis was "all talk" and "no action" when it came to issues like crime in his home district. The remarks came after Lewis said he didn't consider Trump

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However, an attorney representing a coalition of homeowners and businesses concerned that the lawsuit will also delay the creation of important Carmel River flood protection measures said Wednesday that he plans to put the group on notice that it will be held "liable" for any flood-related property damage.

The CVA complaint, filed Jan. 12 in Monterey County Superior Court, asks a judge to set aside the Monterey County Board of Supervisors' OK of the plan to subdivide 81.7 acres into 130 residential lots, along with certification of an EIR for the development, which is being pursued by Alan Williams and his company, Rancho Cañada Venture. The project, along with parkland, hiking trails, and flood protection measures, replaces a pair of golf courses which had been in operation since 1970.

The CVA lawsuit contends that the county's OK of the development sets a "dangerous precedent for the approval process for all future projects in the county."
The "CVA's major concern is that established land use decision-making practices and legal requirements were ignored in a rush to act on the project before 2017," according to a CVA press release. The group used similar language to oppose the development before it was approved.
The 2017 date is significant, since at the beginning of the year, Dave Potter and Fernando Armento were replaced on the board of supervisors by Mary Adams and Luis Alejo.

The complaint seeks a court-imposed injunction staying the county's approval of the development and certification of its environmental report. The case is headed to court in May.

## 'Disingenuous'

In an interview with The Pine Cone Tuesday, Williams called the complaint "disingenuous," and said the CVA has repeatedly refused to meet with him to discuss the project and its concerns. The group's goal, he said, is to stop all development in Carmel Valley, no matter what the cost.
"They don't want anything, that's what they want," said Williams, whose business Carmel Development Company is also named as a defendant. "They'd just as soon put a gate on

## PUC EIR: The

 desal plant is a goThe desalination plant proposed by cal Am for the Marina Dunes, coupled with a project to turn wastewater into drinking water, is the "environmentally superior" plan to deliver water to the Monterey Peninsula, according to an environmental impact report released by the state's Public Utilities Commission last week.

California American Water originally sought to build a 9.6 million-gallon-per-day desal plant but has since supported a smaller 6.4 million-gallon-per-day plant, paired with the water recycling project planned by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency.

The new EIR, released Jan. 12, identifies that combination as the Peninsula's preferred water solution.

The desal plant endorsed by the EIR will utilize the

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the environment slant well technology which has long been denounced, if not ridiculed, by water activists and proponents of competing desal proposals. But the EIR's conclusion means that the test slant well in operation in Marina since April 2015 has been a success and can now be scaled up for a desal plant to provide drinking water for the people of the Monterey Peninsula.
"There's no technical or factual foundation to question the feasibility of the slant wells," Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman told The Pine Cone. "Of course, the EIR review process is an opportunity for any member of the public to raise questions and concerns regarding the project's environmental impacts. We look forward to reading the comments when they are published and also attending the upcom-

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## Illinois superintendent picked to head CUSD

After interviews last week with finalists seeking to be superintendent, the Carmel Unified School District board of directors selected Dr. Barbara Dill-Varga, the district announced Wednesday. For the past eight years, she has been assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Maine Township High School District 207 in Park Ridge, Ill. - "one of America's 14 most innovative school districts," officials said - and could start her new job at CUSD this spring.
"We had five candidates that we selected for final interviews," said CUSD Board President John Ellison. "Every one of them either is or will be an excellent superintendent somewhere. These were really
 top-quality candidates that top-quality candidates
the search attracted."

But at the end of the day, the board picked Dill-Varga as superintendent, Stilwell said, in part due to her "extensive level of experience in a couple of different districts, across a spectrum of a couple of different kinds of schools." Specifically, he said, she has focused on professional devel-

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## Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Reciprocal rescue

SHE DIDN'T like dogs, didn't want a dog, didn't need a dog, until she met a dog - and then she did. Five years ago, she found herself feeling lonely. And she wondered what would it would be like to have the company of a dog. Now, she can't imagine her life without one.

Figuring she and the dog would rescue each other, she started by visiting the SPCA. But none of the animals she met there took an interest in her, staring, she said, at the sky. So, she went to the Salinas animal shelter. There, a tiny white dog, maybe a Maltese, and maybe 2 years old, looked into her soul with eyes that said, "I'm yours."

Soon after, she was listening to Mozart's Concerto No. 21 and recalled it had been the evocative theme song of the movie, "Elvira Madigan," a tragic tale of a tightrope walker in 1800s Denmark. Inspired by the

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music, she decided to name her dog Elvira Madigan "Ellie," for short. She also realized "Ellie" was what her father had fondly called her mother, Eleanor.
"I'm still a new dog owner," her person said. "At first, it was, 'What do I feed it, where does it sleep, will it come if I call?' I had to learn everything; I was in dog-owner kindergarten."

Ellie eats twice a day. She sleeps in her own bed, perched on the end of her person's bed, unless it gets very cold. Then she snuggles under the covers.
"Now, I am awed by the relationship between a person and her dog, between my Ellie and me," her person said. "It's amazing. This is unconditional love."

Ellie hasn't been to the beach much, but she keeps busy patrolling her mid-valley property for deer, her person says, so they don't intrude on the place she considers her home.

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## Wayward hiker rescued after being wooed by picturesque falls

## By MARY SCHLEY

THE PRISTINE beach and waterfalls at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park have long tempted people to venture off trail in their attempts to reach them, sometimes with fatal results. The familiar scenario unfolded again Monday when, between storms, an unnamed 24 -year-old man from Stockton decided to ignore the signs and attempt to access the beach, which is off-limits to the public.
"After slipping and sliding down a $300-$ foot slope, he realized he had made a terrible mistake," a Monterey County Sheriff's deputy reported. "He was unable to climb back up to the well maintained trail at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park."

As a result, members of the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Monterey County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team had to descend by ropes in order to rescue him, after which he was cited by a California State Parks ranger for violating the rules.

The signs posted there also advise visitors that if they enter a closed area and have to be
saved, they may be charged for the costs of their rescue, according to the deputy
"There are also barriers to deter people from attempting to climb down," he said. "This tourist was lucky. In the past, other visitors have fallen and died in attempts to get to the beach below.'

Matt Khalar, supervising ranger of the Big Sur Sector for California State Parks, said it's not unusual for someone to try to reach the beach - and it's not unusual for the county to bill someone after a rescue.
"That is always a possibility. It's kind of whether or not the D.A.'s office wants to seek restitution in those cases," he said. "I led a rescue there last April, and we got restitution on that one. What it comes down to is the people on scene have to keep track of who's there from which agencies, and for how long."
Those numbers can then be provided to the district attorney's office, which makes the decision whether to go after the person. Khalar said he believed last April's rescue cost a few thousand dollars.


Search and rescue crews, and volunteer firefighters, had to use ropes to rescue a man who slipped and slid 300 feet down a hillside while trying to get to while trying to get to
an off-limits beach.


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## Supervisors declare Local Emergency due to rain，wind storms

## By MARY SCHLEY

IN ORDER to tap into state and federal tax dollars，and to sidestep California envi－ ronmental laws and county planning，the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on Thursday adopted a proclamation declaring a local state of emergency because of recent storms．

The declaration listed infrastructure dam－ age from local flooding amid heavy rains and consecutive storms a week ago that flooded the Paso Hondo area of Carmel Valley Village，parts of Pajaro and else－ where，and caused landslides，road and cul－ vert failures，and other problems throughout the county．

It also mentioned damage to storm drains， and private and public utilities．
＂Until action is taken to address these
safety concerns，such damage will result in road closures，areas of isolation，loss of power and other critical infrastructure that will continue to impact public safety and repose，＂according to the proclamation．

Furthermore，the damage is so extensive that it will exceed the abilities of Monterey County to repair it，therefore requiring feder－ al and state assistance．

And＂staff considers the repairs necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency；there－ fore，the work is statutorily exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269（c），＂ according to the report prepared by emer－ gency services manager Gerry Malais and assistant county administrative officer Nick Chiulos．

The declaration authorizes the county to hire independent contractors and engineer－ ing services＂to complete all necessary work


A pine fell onto power lines at Dolores and First Wednesday night， causing a fire haz causing a fire haz ard．Crews were busy Thursday morn－ ing cutting limbs and trees hit by the storm＇s high winds．
to mitigate the effects of said local emer－ gency，＂without obtaining prior board approval of the plans，specifications and working details，and without putting the work out to bid．

The emergency proclamation will expire in 30 days，unless supervisors vote to extend

At the special meeting Thursday，county officials discussed the millions of dollars in damage due to the storms，and then voted to ratify the proclamation and make the repairs exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act．

Wednesday＇s storm
This week，the Peninsula experienced a wallop when a storm blew through Wednesday night and Thursday morning， bringing strong winds，torrents of rain，and thunder and lightning．But save for a few downed trees and limbs－including a pine at Dolores and First that landed on power lines and caught fire－and a few power out－ ages，damage reports were minimal．

The core commercial area of town was plunged into darkness around 8：20 p．m．，but Carmel Police Sgt．Chris Johnson said the
outage didn＇t last long．For the majority，he said，the power was out for about an hour， though small pockets in the city were still without power after midnight．

Palo Colorado resident Scott Bogen had not yet left his house to survey damage in the canyon，but he told The Pine Cone Thursday morning that he heard a lot of trees falling during the night．

I had just under 2 inches of rain from a．m．yesterday to 7 a．m．this morning，with many heavy downpours and thunderstorms，＂ he said．＂Last night＇s thunderstorms were intense，our entire house shook often from the thunder，which was deafening due to the close proximity of the frequent lightning strikes．I also was awoken several times by the sound of large trees coming down in the burn area behind my house．＂

Highway 1 remains closed in several locations due to landslides，and Palo Colorado Road is also closed，due to a sec－ tion of road collapsing as a result of flooding on Rocky Creek．The road requires signifi－ cant repairs，according to the county，and is closed to all vehicular traffic at the 3.3 －mile post，past the firehouse but before Long Ridge Road．

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## Rain means delays for Highway 68 roundabout construction

## By KELLY NIX

$\mathrm{T}_{\text {He }}$ soaking the Monterey Peninsula has gotten over the past month is affecting the construction of the Highway 68 roundabout and could delay the opening of the $\$ 10$ million project intended to smooth traffic flow through the busy intersection, an official said this week

Transportation Agency for Monterey County planner Grant Leonard said the agency was hoping that the roundabout which will eliminate traffic lights - would be open before Memorial Day weekend. However, that might not happen now.
"The exceptional amount of rain the Monterey Peninsula has been receiving has affected the construction schedule by limiting the number of days the construction crew can work," Leonard told The Pine Cone.

## Recover lost time

And when it rains, Leonard said, construction is not only shut down that day, but for one or two days after, to allow the site to dry out. Stormwater regulations, he said, also restrict work, because soil and mud are not allowed to enter storm drains.

To accommodate the weather, Leonard said the project's managers have developed construction phases to "recover some of the time lost due to rain."
"The team also checks the daily forecast
to identify opportunities to work nights, weekends, or extended hours to progress the project between rain events," he said.
Agencies managing the project are TAMC, the City of Monterey, Granite Construction, Pebble Beach Company, Caltrans, and Harris \& Associates.

While Leonard said it's uncertain if the roundabout will be operational by Memorial Day, construction crews will continue to do finishing work, such as landscaping, into the summer months.

## Work going smoothly

Other than the rain, Leonard said the construction has gone well, and the project is nearly 40 percent complete, and is on budget, and there have been no constructionrelated injuries.
"The most significant improvements to date include construction of two major retaining walls, most of the new storm drain systems, and rough grading," Leonard explained. "Concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters will be installed soon."
Most of the work will continue to be on the north side of Highway 68 through February, until crews begin work on the south side of Highway 68, including the southbound Highway 1 onramp and the gate to Pebble Beach.

While many dreaded the construction for the roundabout, fearing it would mean con-

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roundabout will be delayed, officials said this week.

stant traffic tie ups, crews have kept traffic flowing well in the intersection, with occasional delays and road closures.
"This is one of the key successes of the project so far," Leonard said. "The team has found ways to maintain all turn movements through the intersection and has made sever-
al adjustments to traffic staging and signal timing to minimize congestion coming into the intersection."

In fact, TAMC believes that the current wait times for drivers at the intersection are similar to or even better than wait times prior to construction.

## Water damage at P.G. landmark prompts lawsuit from previous owner

## By KELLY NIX

The former owner of the Holman Building in Pacific Grove has filed a lawsuit claiming his insurance company failed to pay $\$ 80,000$ for water damage to an elevator in the building more than two years ago.

In the complaint filed Jan. 13, Holman Building Associates - a company owned by developer Nader Agha - says that despite having two insurance policies from the Iowabased AMCO Insurance Company, the firm refused to pay for damages to the elevator.
"On April 13, 2016, [AMCO] sent to plaintiff a letter denying coverage," according to the lawsuit, filed for Holman Building Associates by Salinas attorney Paul Hart. "The denial was done in bad faith, as the damage to the elevator is a covered loss under the policies."

The monetary damage to the property was about $\$ 80,000$ "and more damages are
expected to be incurred," the suit says. The company alleges breach of contract.

Besides the money, the suit is seeking an injunction preventing the insurance company from "the practice of denying claims it knows are covered by its insurance policies," which the suit contends constitutes "unlawful, fraudulent, and/or unfair business practices." The claim was first submitted in 2014.

Holman Building Associates is seeking $\$ 80,000$ in general damages and "consequential damages in an amount to be determined." It's also seeking an undisclosed amount in punitive damages, which may be awarded in cases involving malice or fraud.
AMCO's "conduct was intentional, malicious and was done with a wanton disregard for plaintiff's rights," the suit says.

Several businessmen have since purchased the Holman Building and are in the process of renovating it into luxury condominiums.

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## Man convicted of elder abuse, theft

A PENINSULA resident who worked as a handyman - and bilked an elderly client out of more than $\$ 2,000$ - was convicted Jan. 11 of financial elder abuse and grand theft.

In the summer of 2015, James Kline, age 62 , undertook various home repairs for an 87-year-old Pacific Grove resident, according to Monterey County deputy district attorney Scott Donahue.
"He went with the victim to her credit union to assist her in obtaining an ATM card," he reported. "Over a period of several weeks, he unlawfully withdrew over $\$ 2,000$
using the ATM card he helped the victim obtain."
Donahue did not name the victim or her son, who was monitoring the woman's accounts and notified the credit union of the abnormal withdrawals. The credit union in turn told Pacific Grove police about the suspicious activity, which was investigated by Sgt. Rachel Beuttler.

Kline is scheduled to be sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler on Feb. 24. He faces a maximum of four years in county jail, due to state prison realignment.

## DA investigator graduates from FBI Academy in Quantico

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GARY CRAFT, chief investigator for the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., last month.

He was among the 221 men and women from law enforcement agencies in Washington D.C., 20 countries, five military organizations and eight federal civilian organizations who attended the 266th session of the National Academy, which is internationally known for its academic excellence in training the top 1 percent of law enforcement executives, according to the district attorney's office.

Craft earned his associate's degree in administration of justice from Monterey Peninsula College and his B.A. in management from St. Mary's College in Moraga. He also received a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University.

He has also been in law enforcement for more than 40 years. After serving as an officer with Pacific Grove Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, Craft joined the Monterey County District Attorney's Office in 1984 and has been chief investigator for nine years.

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## P.G. City Hall gets bullet-proof glass

THE CITY of Pacific Grove recently took extra steps to beef up security in its finance department. The city installed bullet-proof glass at the office, which is on the first floor.
"The department handles a lot of cash, mostly from parking meters, and the protection resulted from an audit recommendation, I believe," Mayor Bill Kampe told The Pine Cone.
Kampe didn't know how much it cost to install the security measure, which not only protects city employees working the counter but those in offices behind the counter


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## A giant makes like a tree



A towering pine tree near the Happy Landing Inn on Monte Verde Street was carefully dismantled last week by Donnie Nix lin the tree), with help from Iverson's tree service (controlling the crane). Assistant city forester Matt Feisthamel said he noticed decay in the base of the pine and notified the property owners, who commenced with getting permits to remove it.

## DAMAGE TO HOUSE BRINGS INSURANCE CO. LAWSUIT

## By KELLY NIX

AN INSURANCE company is seeking more than $\$ 100,000$ from the City of Pacific Grove, after a city-owned tree damaged a house covered by one of the company's policies.

In a lawsuit filed Jan. 3, Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company maintains that on Feb. 17, 2016, a tree fell onto a house on the 400 block of 17 Mile Drive owned by Sandra and Gary Ellis, who were insured by Hartford. The tree caused "significant damage" to the house, according to the complaint.

The City of Pacific Grove "acted or failed to act in a man-
ner which directly and/or indirectly disturbed [the Ellises] quiet enjoyment of their respective property, resulting in serious damage to the property," according to the lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court.
Hartford, which said it compensated the Ellises for the tree damage, alleges negligence and private nuisance on the part of the city and is seeking $\$ 117,473.74$ from P.G. as a result of the accident. The insurance carrier said that in August 2016 it submitted to the city a claim for damages.
The lawsuit does not say what kind of tree crashed into the house

City attorney Dave Laredo could not be reached for comment this week.


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## DESAL <br> From page 1A

ing meetings to hear what issues are raised."
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While the desal-plus-recycling approach would mean a larger "physical footprint" than a sole desal plant, it would result in reductions in energy usage, greenhouse gas emissions and groundwater pumping due to fewer slant wells, the EIR said.

Water district general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone he could not speak to the findings, because he and the district's engineer had not yet thoroughly read the document.

In October 2016, Cal Am signed a water purchase agreement with the water district and water pollution control agency for delivery of 3,500 acre-feet of highly purified drinking water to the Peninsula. The district has said the project will begin delivering water in 2018.

Stedman said Cal Am estimates it will be able to begin construction on the desal plant in the second or third quarter of 2018, and finish it in the fourth quarter of 2019 or first quarter of 2020 .

## Other options evaluated

Apart from Cal Am's smaller desal plant, the EIR evaluated other alternative proposals, including a project by DeepWater Desal that would produce 22 million gallons per day, and the "People's Moss Landing Water Desalination Project," proposed by Nader Agha, which would produce 12 million gallons per day.

The study found that the alternatives, which would use open ocean-intake systems to draw seawater, "would result in



Although local water activists constantly doubted its viability, Cal Am's desal test well in the Marina dunes (shown here in May 2016) is a success and its desal plan is preferred, plan is preferred, according to an EIR eleased this week by the California Public Utilities Commission.
impingement and entrainment of marine organisms, resulting in significant long-term direct and indirect effects on marine biological resources within [the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary]."

The DeepWater plan also includes a 150 -megawatt, colocated computer data center facility that would be cooled with seawater, which DeepWater has touted as being "among the most efficient" in the world "with respect to electrical power usage." The EIR found, though, that the project "may result in significant and unavoidable impacts from energy use from operation of the co-located data center, that would constrain local or regional supplies and require additional capacity."

DeepWater Desal spokesman David Armanasco said the company couldn't yet comment on the PUC report about the company's plan, which he said is "a regional project with memorandums to serve water districts and agencies in Santa

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As for the People's Project, the review concluded that the operation of the desal plant's pumping facilities "could result in long-term direct effects on coastal erosion" and "could expose adjacent properties to coastal flooding."

The project's intake pumping facilities "would result in impacts on the visual quality of the shoreline in Moss Landing and interrupt views of marine sanctuary resources, resulting in potentially significant impacts," the EIR said.

## Remaining issues

The review also identified areas of controversy with Cal Am's project that it said needs to be resolved, including whether Cal Am has the legal right to extract groundwater from the Salinas Valley, and whether the desal plant and wells would "exacerbate seawater intrusion."

It also said there were lingering questions over water demand, brine discharge, private versus public ownership of Cal Am's desalination plant, greenhouse gas emissions and coastal erosion.

The desal project also includes about 21 miles of water pipelines and storage facilities, and improvements to existing Seaside Groundwater Basin aquifer storage and recovery infrastructure.

On Feb. 15, there is a public meeting on the EIR at the Marina Public Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and another the same day at the Oldemeyer Center in Seaside from 6 to 8 p.m. A Feb. 16 public hearing at Sunset Center in Carmel from 4 to 8 p.m. will focus on receiving oral comments on the draft EIR.

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Proposals for each of these four types of On-Call Contractor Services will be publicly opened at Carmel City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 10, 2017. Proposers do not need to be present for the opening. However, no proposals received after the stat ed deadline will be opened or considered.
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## 底 City of Carmel-By-the-Sea ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS <br> Fourth Avenue Irrigation Meter Project <br> Carmelo and Fourth Avenue Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921 PROPOSALS DUE BY 2:00 p.m., February 27, 2017 <br> \section*{SUMMARY STATEMENT}

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## The deadline for submitting Bids is: 2:00 p.m., February 27, 2017

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## PANETTA <br> From page 1A

a "legitimate president" and announced he would boycott Trump's inauguration, just as he did the inauguration of George W. Bush in 2001. Lewis' comments drew criticism from both parties, but also emboldened many democratic lawmakers to join him in boycotting the inauguration.

Panetta said Trump's comments showed his "lack of knowledge" of the important work Lewis has done, and in a press release he said it was "long past" time for Trump to assume the responsibilities of the presidency "with the seriousness, wisdom and humility of his predecessors."

## 'Honored to represent'

However, Panetta, who was elected Nov. 8, called the peaceful transition of power "the foundation of American democracy," and said he is "honored to represent" voters "across the political spectrum."

Panetta, the representative for the 20th Congressional District, said constituents with opposing views have recently contacted him in regard to the inauguration.
"Some people say I should attend because it's a demonstration of our democracy and power," he said. "And of course, I have had people saying I shouldn’t attend because of Donald Trump.'

Among Panetta's California colleagues who are skipping the inauguration are Maxine Waters, Barbara Lee, Karen Bass, Judy Chu, Jerry McNerney, Mark Takano, Raul Ruiz and Zoe Lofgren. In all, nearly 70 Democratic members of Congress have said they won't attend the inauguration
"I respect the decision that my colleagues have made," Panetta said.

As of Thursday morning, not a single U.S. senator had pledged to boycott the inauguration, which means Sen. Dianne Feinstein and newly elected Sen. Kamala Harris will
be there, as well as 2016 presidential candidate Bernie Sanders.

On how boycotting the inauguration might somehow benefit the Democratic Party - which was soundly defeated at the polls in November - Panetta told The Pine Cone, "I can't speak to that, I just know that there are going to be issues when we will go toe-to-toe with the president-elect and the majority. But we hope we can work through that and work shoulder-to-shoulder to get things done."

## Busy inauguration day

Because he sits on the House Agriculture Committee and House Natural Resources Committee, Panetta said he's been invited to two bipartisan balls on the eve of inauguration day. The ag party promises "delicious food celebrating agriculture in America, camaraderie among the industry, and top notch entertainment," according to the ag event's website.

While he's unsure if he'll attend either gala, Panetta said that while in Washington, he plans to meet with members of the Salinas-based Dream Academy and join an estimated 200,000 people in the capital on Jan. 21 for what is largely regarded as an event to oppose Trump.
"The next day, we will be marching in the Women's March on Washington," he said. "I'm out there for the constituents, be it for high school students or for women marching in solidarity."

The Women's March, according to organizers, will draw women from all over to be "together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families - recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country."

There are many similar marches planned around the country, including at California State University Monterey Bay, the same day.

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## CUSD

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opment "and taking that spark that happens in the classroom, and making it better."

Dill-Varga began her career in education as a high school English teacher in Glen Ellyn, Ill. She then became associate principal for instruction, and later, assistant superintendent, for a high school district in the Glenview/Northbrook area. She moved to her current district in 2009 to take the assistant superintendent job, and is also an adjunct professor for Concordia University-Chicago. Dill-Varga holds a B.A. in English from Wheaton College, a master's in English from Northwestern University, and a doctorate degree in educational leadership and policy studies, with an emphasis in administration and supervision, from Loyola University. All three schools are located in Illinois.
"Her experience really meshed with a direction we've been moving in for the past few years," Ellison said. "She's ahead of us on some of these things, and that's what I think spoke to the board as a whole. She has walked down a path that we want to walk down, as well."

A 'passion for teaching'
In a statement distributed by CUSD Jan. 18, Dill-Varga said, "This district clearly is already focused on making sure all students are learning and achieving at high levels. I have learned, from years of working with our K-8 partner schools on curricular and instructional alignment, that student success in high school is absolutely dependent on the wonderfully positive educational experiences they encounter when they first walk in the door of their preschool or kindergarten."

She said she hopes "to contribute my passion for teaching and learning, my experience working with teachers on research-based instructional strategies, and my understanding of the important partnerships that exist between all of our schools, the family, and the community to continue and build upon Carmel's fine legacy of excellence."

Ellison said the strength of all the candidates - a group that presumably included interim superintendent Karen Hendricks - made the choice a tough one. CUSD's chief human resources officer, Hendricks took over as interim superintendent after Scott Laurence went out on medical leave in January 2016, six months after he was hired. His contract was terminated in June 2016, and during her time as interim, Hendricks has garnered the support of students, teachers, staff and other administrators. She was also favored by former board president Mark Stilwell, who said last fall, "To me, the best indication of how somebody's going to do

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But the board decided to do a nationwide search to identify other potential candidates - a search that led to the selection of Dill-Varga.
"She's an excellent person, and excellent candidate," Ellison said of Dill-Varga. "But that doesn't mean it wasn't a hard choice."
"While disappointed, I remain completely focused on and excited about - achieving our district goals of excellent and innovative instruction, student engagement and support, and ongoing professional learning for our staff, faculty and leadership team," Hendricks told The Pine Cone Thursday
morning. "My welcome and full support await our new superintendent. I look forward to our continued great work!" District spokesman Paul Behan said Dill-Varga's salary and other terms of her employment have yet to be negotiated. While a few members of the board will make the trip to Illinois to visit Dill-Varga's district and meet with her colleagues, a videoconference will be open to CUSD teachers, staff, administrators, parents, students and other community members, according to district officials. Following a positive site visit and successful contract negotiations, the board expects to formally offer her the job at its Feb. 15 board meeting.

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## Quilting meets nature at the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum

## By ELAINE HESSER

IT STARTED as a conversation at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. Nora Deans, president of the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild, said she was at the museum's Valentine's Day event last year.

She was chatting with the museum's director, Jeanette Kihs, who also has an interest in fabric and sewing, and the idea of an exhibit of quilts that depict the natural beauty of this area came up.
"I wanted to draw quilters to the museum and help museum visitors learn more about quilting," said Deans. She contributed a lovely teal piece that depicts the gray whales' migration, complete with beads to mark their route along the coast.

Fifty works of textile art, none larger than 24 inches wide, will soon be on display at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

The exhibit, called "Nature Through a Quilter's Eyes," opened Saturday, Jan. 14. Patrick Whitehurst, spokesman for the museum, said that "the size of the quilts was limited to allow visitors a chance to see the range of styles and designs among members [of the guild]."

Deans said that some of the quilts were specifically made for the show, including one that shows an interpretation of the museum's "Sands of the World" exhibit. Others were made for previous competitions, or just for the enjoyment of the quilter.

She noted that quilting is a nearly $\$ 4$ billion-a-year business in the United States, where more than 16 million people
participate in the craft. The Monterey guild is home to more than 150 quilters.
"We have a vibrant community of quilters," said Deans. "There's a stereotype of them being old, but many are quite young." The group meets monthly for lectures and discussion.

In preparation for the exhibit's opening last week, museum curator Paul Van de Carr was busily making custom wooden hangers for each of the quilts and hanging them on the museum's walls. "The quilts in this show are amazing," he said. "The craftsmanship behind every quilt I've seen while preparing this show has been remarkable.

Orange fish and blue sand dollars dotted the walls, along with a nautilus, a rather intense-looking owl and some

Among the quilts on display at the P.G. Museum is this one by Nora Deans, president of the quilters guild, which depicts local sea life, including gray whales and the route of their annual migration.
seabirds.
Whitehurst said that while the quilts are not for sale through the museum, it can provide would-be buyers with the artists' contact information. The exhibit will run through March. The museum is located at the corner of Forest and Central avenues. For more information, visit http://www.pgmuseum.org.


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## In MEMORY OF HIS FATHER'S DEDICATION, DENTIST STARTS SCHOLARSHIP

## By DENNIS TAYLOR

Ehsan rezvan, a Monterey Peninsula dentist with a history of community service, has established an annual scholarship - four years, worth up to $\$ 25,000$ per year - for a student whose story of ambition and need most closely resembles that of Rezvan's father.
He started the scholarship fund with $\$ 20,000$ of his own money, and is asking the public for help, not only by making donations at www.rezvanfoundation.com, but also by attending a $\$ 250$-per-person gala event on Feb. 4 to be emceed by Iranian comedian Maz Jobrani, a regular on the NPR radio show, "Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me," and a frequent performer on late-night television. The gala ( 6 p.m., Hotel Sofitel in Redwood City) will include a cocktail hour and a four-course dinner with wine pairing.

Ahmad Rezvan, Ehsan's dad, lost his father at the age of 14 in his home country of Iran. As the oldest surviving male in the family, the teenager was expected to quit school and find full-time work to support his mother and three siblings.
"My father did what was expected at that young age - he found a job. But what he kept secret the whole time is that he never quit going to school," said Rezvan, a periodontist with offices in downtown Monterey and Gilroy. "He'd attend classes all day, until about 3 p.m., and go straight to his job from school and work until 10 p.m. Then he'd come home and study under a lantern every
night until he fell asleep.'
Ahmad Rezvan graduated No. 1 in his high school, was admitted to the University of Tehran Medical School (Iran's version of Harvard), and went on to become one of the leading pathologists in his country.

My father was very humble. I never knew his full story until about four years ago, after he passed away very suddenly at the age of 75 . That's when I started asking my mother about him," said Rezvan, 45.
"Because of his devotion to education, my siblings and I also became educated" he said. "My brother Izad earned a master's degree in civil engineering. My sister Azadeh became a urogynocologist - a urologist for women. And I became a dentist.'

## A long journey

Rezvan credits his parents for motivating him and his siblings to achieve, despite a sometimes disjointed upbringing. His family emigrated from Iran after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, first settling in Turkey when he was 13. Four years later, thanks to his father's efforts, they were able to secure green cards and moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Rezvan finished high school and enrolled at Ohio State University.
"It was difficult, and it was culture shock," he said. "You're taking a kid from Iran to Ohio, where he barely speaks the language - doesn't really know how to read or write in English - putting him in a huge university, and saying, ‘OK, go! Swim!'
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times harder than the average kid to get through Ohio State," he said. "I graduated in four years, but afterward I was so burned out that I took three or four years off before I went back for dental school."

Candidates for the Rezvan Foundation Scholarship will include any student from Monterey County, as well San Benito County students, he said.
"I want to help kids who have stories that are similar to my dad's," he said. "They've grown up orphaned, or with a single parent, or as foster kids. They are exceptional students from poor families. And they have a strong ambition to continue with higher education, but need a helping hand to move forward."

The launch of the Rezvan Foundation isn't the first time the doctor has opted to give back to his community. In 2016, for the third straight year, he teamed up with a Gilroy dentist, Dr. Jernell Escobar, to provide free dental care on a Saturday to more than 100 migrant farm workers, half of whom had never been to a dentist. Both den-
tists and their staffs volunteered their time. "It's always challenging, but at the end of that Saturday, we feel blessed by our profession - that we have the ability to help people this way," Rezvan said. "I think we often take for granted what we do, and what we have. It's actually a very humbling experience to donate our time every year."

Rezvan, married five years (his GreekIranian wife, Elizabeth, designs high-end handbags), said the example set by his dad has helped him become a better father to his own children - daughters ages 4 and 20 months, and a $21 / 2$-year-old son.
"Now that I have children of my own, things are more clear to me why he was a certain way with us. I understand the rationale behind it," he said. "And since my father's passing, I feel a need to honor him by helping other kids achieve their goals, the same way my siblings and I were blessed to achieve ours."

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## Lester Hibbard

May 30, 1919 - Oct. 3, 2016

Resident of Carmel

Lester Tottenham Hibbard passed away peacefully surrounded by members of his loving family on October 3, 2016. A physician by profession, he was appreciated by all who knew him for his unique sense of humor and relish in telling a good story.

Born in Los Angeles to parents Kathleen and Hudson, Lester received his high school diploma from Harvard School in 1937 (where he was Valedictorian), his undergraduate degree (economics, with distinction) from Stanford University in 1941, and his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1944. After serving briefly as a Captain in the Army Medical Corp at the end of World War II, Lester returned to Los Angeles and established a private practice in obstetrics and gynecology. In his long and distinguished medical career, Lester served on numerous medical boards and committees; authored or co-authored many peer reviewed articles; wrote the chapter on caesarian section for Ob stetrics, Normal and Problem Pregnancies, still a standard reference in the field; and wrote scripts for nearly two dozen medical training films, some of which won awards at medical film competitions and festivals. He also taught obstetrics and gynecology for over three decades at the Keck School Medicine at the University of Southern California, where he became the Vice Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1979. As a teacher, he was much beloved. At his last lecture, his students honored him by all wearing red socks-his favorite, and only, sock color.

Lester retired from medical practice and teaching in 1986. The Lester T. Hibbard Award, established in his honor, is awarded annually to the outstanding senior resident at the Women's Hospital, Los Angeles Coun-ty-USC Medical Center.

Lester moved to Carmel, California shortly after he retired. In his later years, he enjoyed traveling to farflung destinations with his friends and he became an accomplished watercolorist. He leaves behind a collection of several hundred paintings, including an extensive series on the Saint George and the Dragon legend.

Preceded in death by his sister Carolyn and wife Betty Ann, Lester is survived by his four children, David (Jane), Cynthia, John (Andrea), and Peter; as well as his four grandchildren, Liana (Joshua), Beth, Alanna, and Cincinnatus; and his beloved great grandson, Axel.

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## PGHS fund for seniors

THE PACIFIC Grove High School Alumni Association last week voted to establish the Senior Support Fund, which

## Eileen Edith Silverie Whitney

## June 27, 1925 - January 11, 2017

Eileen Edith Silverie Whitney, a resident of $\mathrm{H}_{\text {acienda }}$ Carmel in Carmel, California, died at the age of 91. She was born June 27, 1925 to her parents, Sidney and Dorothy Barson, in Leicester, England. Her father was a $S_{\text {argent }} M_{\text {ajor }}$
 in the Coldstream Guard for England and Eileen followed by becoming a part of the Woman's Land Army at 18. During World War II, she married a US GI, Daniel Silverie, Jr. A fabulous seamstress and knitter, Eileen created her own wedding dress from parachute silk. As a war-bride, she traveled with her newborn son to the United $S_{\text {tates on the }}$ Queen Mary in 1946. Initially living in Pennsylvania, she finally arrived on the Monterey Peninsula and had her second son in 1950 .
A modern woman, Eileen managed several businesses eventually becoming an
electrical $\begin{array}{r}\text { an } \\ \text { contractor } \\ \text { and }\end{array}$ was a founding member of NAWIC National Association of Woman in Construction). After losing her first husband in the early $80^{\circ}$ 's, she married $\mathrm{C}_{\text {arl }}$ Whitney in 1989 and was with him until his death in 2010. Eileen was a member of the Carmel Foundation and was a parishioner/senior


Bible student at Carmel Presbyterian Church. True to her British upbringing, she was an amazing gardener, bridge player and baker.

Eileen leaves behind her sons, Daniel Silverie III (married to Patricia $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{lverie}$ ) and $\mathrm{H}_{\text {art }} \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{il}}$ verie, two stepchildren, six grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Eileen's's family will truly miss her, but feel blessed to have been a part of her life. They wish to thank Dr. Mike Galloway and Nurse Rose $A_{\text {ngel }}$ in $D_{r}$. Tiongco's office.

A service will be held at $C$ armel Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m.
will help cover "incidental expenses related to graduation," for students who can't afford them.

In the past, the PGHSAA has bought yearbooks for students who didn't have enough money to purchase their own, and the new fund "will extend this assistance to other senior year costs, such as participation in the senior breakfast and the senior banquet." The association's liaison to the high school will consult with staff there to identify recipients.

Donations support the scholarships and other moneys distributed by the association, which is a nonprofit that first formed in 1889. All who attended or graduated from PGHS are eligible for membership, as are those who attended other P.G. Unified School District schools. Dues are $\$ 20$ per year For more information, visit http://www.pgusd.org/alumni.


## Barbara Jean Hamilton

Barbara Jean Hamilton died at home in Pebble Beach on January 6, 2017. She was 91.
Barbara was born in Oakland, California in 1925, and grew up in Hayward and Burbank. She attended Stephens College in Missouri, and completed college at UCLA in 1947. At UCLA, she studied childhood education, and importantly, met the man who would be her husband for 65 years. Barbara and Gene enjoyed their journey together, and loved becoming part of the community of Monterey Peninsula.
Friends and family will always remember Barbara telling stories of her teaching adventures, and her home remodeling projects. She loved her garden. She had a wonderful, positive spirit, and believed that things always worked out for her. Her life was filled with laughter and love, family and friends. She will be missed.
Barbara is preceded in death by her husband, Eugene "Gene" Hamilton. She is survived by her son, Jim, his wife, lla, and her daughter, Robyn, one grandchild, two great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. The family is planning private services.

## Melvin Sory <br> May 1, 1939 * January 10, 2017

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Mel Sory on January 10, 2017 following a stroke he suffered on December 27, 2016. Mel was born in Merced on May 1, 1939 and shortly thereafter moved to Monterey. He attended local schools and graduated from Monterey High School in 1958. Mel was an outstanding athlete, earning All League honors in football and basketball. He was an avid sports fan, being faithful to the 49ers and Giants all his life, but his greatest love of sports was golf and he played every golf course in the immediate area and beyond with his golfing buddies for well over fifty years.


Mel worked in the wine and liquor industry for several years until he had to retire early due to serious health issues.
 After recovering from his heart problems, he resumed his love of chasing those little white balls on the golf courses, mostly at Old Del Monte Golf Course. Before his sudden illness, he was doing what he liked best, playing eighteen holes with the guys and ending the day around the table playing gin rummy.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ralph and Mamie Sory, his sisters, Vivian Pray, Geraldine Williams and Charlotte Corah and his brothers-in-law, Carlos Pray, Eugene Short, Marty Williams and Fred Long and his sister-in-law, Pat Mosolf Stevens and her husband, Jack Stevens.
Mel married the love of his life, Susie (nee Mosolf) and they spent the past thirty-five years together when they realized they had been meant for each other all along.

Mel is survived by Susie and his three daughters, Rachel (Dan) Shively of Washington, DC, Suzanne Porter (Doug) of Salem, Oregon and Tonya Berlin (Harold) of Brentwood, California. He also leaves his stepchildren, Sandra Hamilton of Clarksville, TN and Christopher Hanscom of Gilroy, California in addition to thirteen grandchildren and two great granddaughters. Also surviving are his brother, Ralph Sory, sisters, Carolyn Short, Virginia Long, Gloria (John) Crivello, Ruth (RG) Nutt, Yvonne (Roger) Burright, his brothers-in-law, Michael, Tim and Terry Mosolf and many nieces and nephews.

At his request, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date to honor this very special man who was so loved by his family and friends.

Condolences may be written to the family at www.bermudezfamilyfunerals.com

## SCENIC <br> From page 1A

commission, which "gave full support of the plan," Feisthamel said. A potential new stairwell near the 13th Avenue cove would require a separate permit, if the city decides to pursue it.

Chairman Don Goodhue wanted Hall to focus on the area south of the bathrooms at Scenic and Santa Lucia. "We invested $\$ 1$ million in those restrooms, and the treatment around them is just shabby, and it's never been corrected," he said.

And San Antonio Avenue resident Mary Liskin suggested the landscaping be done judiciously, so it doesn't interfere with residents' ability to enjoy their ocean views.
"I highly recommend we respect the views of people who live on Scenic," she said. "There's nothing criminal about wanting a view."

Public works director Rob Mullane said the $\$ 66,000$ allocated for the work will cover the first chunk of replanting and improvements, with others phased in as more tax dollars become available. "Let's demonstrate we can rejuvenate this beautiful landscaping before we do the entire length," he


Among the changes needed at San Antonio and Fourth (pictured), the planning commission said, are better signs and safer bump-outs. said.

Mullane also said he would look into getting the best price on the plants, which could be installed by his staff and volunteers. The irrigation system "is in good shape," though it might require some minor valve work, he added.

Finally, Mullane noted that long-range planning for maintenance and upkeep of the Scenic landscaping would be part of the upcoming budget discussions - something that hasn't occurred in the past.

Commissioner Gail Lehman made a motion to approve the coastal development permit, with the condition that Hall return with plans for the area around the restrooms and south along Scenic. It passed unanimously.

## San Antonio fixes

San Antonio Avenue north of Ocean serves as a gateway to the city for drivers entering from Pebble Beach, but the intersection at Fourth Avenue can be confusing. And it doesn't look great, especially after a delivery truck hit a cypress tree in the median more than a year ago.
"It's a gateway to the city - it should be beautiful," Mullane commented. "The way it is right now, in my view, is not acceptable."

Making matters worse, a triangular bump-out of curb meant to slow drivers as they proceed south on San Antonio is too abrupt and only partly successful, according to project manager Krista Brassfield. In fact, she called it a "traffic hazard," since drivers often hit it - sometimes flattening their tires in the process - and it doesn't look right, because the curbing doesn't match the cobbled style used throughout the rest of the city

The proposal described by Brassfield calls for new plants and signs in the median at San Antonio and Fourth, and getting rid of the trees on the southwest corner of the four-way intersection.

In the median, a new three-sided sign would make it easier for drivers to know which way to proceed to get to Pebble Beach, downtown or to the beach.
"Anything that lets the people coming from Pebble Beach know that San Antonio is their continuation point," said Liskin, who lives near the intersection. "Let's just get it to work well for the tourists who come here and are confused."

Heading south, the design by landscape architect Joni Janecki calls for building a new wall between the sand dunes and the path on the west side of the road, to prevent sand from drifting into the street. A little strip of plants that runs between the path and the street would be removed.

New fencing near the dunes would keep pedestrians away from sensitive plants, and Brassfield noted that if that didn't work, a 10-to-20-foot-long boardwalk could installed.

The work would take about two months, according to Brassfield.

The forest and beach commission reviewed the proposal in November 2016 and suggested including at least one oak, but not the boardwalk. Commissioners also said drivers could be slowed by installing a bump or a dip in the road.

Commissioner Julie Wendt said all of the aspects of the project are justified, and made a motion to approve the coastal development permit for all of it. It passed unanimously.

## SUZANNE MACK DEWAR

Resident of Pebble Beach
June 10, 1933 January 7, 2017

Suzanne passed away peacefully January 7 at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula after a progressive illness. Sue was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 10, 1933, the only child of Walter and Lillian Mack. After high school and two years as an art director, she entered the University of Wisconsin, as a fine arts major. In 1957 Sue and her former husband, Oliver Grannis moved to California where he attended The Army Language School called by Sue "spy school." In Monterey, Sue resumed her commercial art career as the art director and a partner of Tripp, Grannis and Smith, an advertising agency. A second marriage was to Al Wiseman a cartoonist who worked for Hank Ketcham, creator of Dennis the Menace.

Sue and Roderick Dewar, an attorney, married June 30, 1965. Early on in their marriage they imported modern rosewood Brazilian furniture and set up a shop, "Brazilian Interiors," located at the site of the present Carmel Plaza. The venture resulted in frequent trips to Brazil, where the Dewars roamed Rio de Janeiro, experienced Carnival, and danced the Bossa Nova.

Sue was extensively involved with charitable causes and was full of energy, intelligence, humor and concern for others. She was a creative artist with the unique ability to bring diverse personalities together. She was also a fearless fund-raiser and a staunch advocate for the arts. Sue served as the President of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras; President of the Boy Scout
 Council for Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties and President of the Monterey Symphony Guild. Board service included the Girl Scout Council for Central California; Legal Services for Seniors; Chartwell School; Western Opera Theater; Carmel Music Society and the American Federation of Arts (now the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art). Wherever she served she could be counted upon to offer unique, practical and often witty solutions.

Sue was an outstanding cook and had a collection of cookbooks, totaling over 500 volumes at last count. Sue used her skills to arrange over-the-top birthday parties as well as intimate celebrations with friends. She loved to have a good time and made sure the other guests were having one as well.

Sue is survived by her husband Roderick, and stepchildren Scott Dewar (Kathy\}, James Wiseman (Teresa) and Merrily Russo; step grandchildren Zachary Dewar and Whitney Rocha; and cousins Jean Williams, Robert Breest (Charlene) and Wendy Wetzel. Contributions in Sue's memory may be made to the Foundation of California State University, Monterey Bay; or to any favorite charity.

A celebration of Sue's life will be announced at a later date.

## Richard Alan Mayer

Richard Alan Mayer, a sculptor and former San Francisco Arts Commissioner noted for his advocacy of artists' rights, died of Parkinson's disease while in hospice care in Monterey. He was 81.

Mayer founded and for many years was the executive director of Arts Habitat, the Monterey non-profit community under construction at East Garrison on the former Fort Ord Army base, where artists will live and work in studios transformed from existing military buildings.

He was also noted for his success in advocating for pioneering measures to provide permanent legal protection for artists - now and in the future, both famous and unknown - who for centuries had seen their works altered, defaced or even destroyed by affluent collectors. In recent years, for example, noted artists such as painter Robert Rauschenberg and sculptors Alexander Calder and Robert Arneson had formerly
 proved powerless to prevent buyers of their works from altering or painting over them.

Mayer took up the cause against that desecration more than 40 years ago, and after years of lobbying in Sacramento and with the support of the national Artists Equity Association, he and his volunteer lawyers finally won passage of a 1979 California law barring owners of art works from altering them in any way without the artist's permission. That California Art Preservation Act was the first in the country, and became the model for a similar federal law passed by Congress in 1990.

Mayer and his wife, Margaret (Lee Jones Conley) Mayer, moved to Carmel Valley in 1989 at a time when rising real estate prices were making it difficult or impossible for most artists - including Mayer - to afford space for living and working.

And when the Defense Department announced in 1991 that Fort Ord would be closed, Mayer led a group of Monterey County artists and art supporters to propose a live-work project in part of the base that would ultimately become the mixed-use community of East Garrison along what is now Reservation Road there. After many years of complex negotiations, the project is now officially called Arts Habitat, and the development includes affordable housing and studios for artists.

Mayer was born in Chicago on February 23, 1935. He studied business and labor relations at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and moved to San Francisco in 1958. He studied at the San Francisco Art Institute and received his Master of Fine Arts there in 1971.

Working first as a carpenter and later as a bartender at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, he became an active organizer in the culinary workers' union while launching his career as a sculptor in steel and a painter in black and white tempera.

His artist's work led to one-man exhibitions at art galleries across the country and in dozens of group shows at galleries and museums throughout the Bay Area and Monterey. Critics called his works "astonishing" and praised their "bite and power." His brush drawings in an exhibit at the Richmond Art Center drew one critic's praise as "bold and assertive" while another saw "a kind of elegant poetry" in their shapes and sweep.

Mayer was a long-time member of Artist's Equity and served as president of its West Coast chapter as well as vice president of the national organization. He was also a member of Lawyers for the Arts. In 1979 he was appointed to the San Francisco Arts Commission by then mayor Diane Feinstein.

Mayer is survived by his wife Margaret, three step-children (Terry, Jim and Katherine Conley), three grandchildren and two great grandchildren as well as his brother Donald and wife Alice, two nephews and a niece (Dave, Steve, and Linda). A memorial service will be held at a later date.

If you'd like to honor Mayer's memory, please direct donations to Arts Habitat (artshabitat.org), 3785 Via Nona Marie, Carmel, CA 93923

## CVA

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Carmel Valley Road.
He also said the CVA's legal action will only delay the building of flood-protection measures along the river measures that many Carmel Valley residents whose homes are at risk of flooding would like to see put in place.
"I gave my word to that community that I was going to give them flood protection, and I will do that," he said.

## Pushing back

Days after the suit was filed, attorney Gerard Rose told The Pine Cone he's working on behalf of scores of residents and business owners at the mouth of Carmel Valley whose homes and businesses were flooded in 1995 and 1998, and are at risk of flooding again.
"I am going to send the CVA and its counsel a formal letter telling them that we are going to seek reimbursement for any property damage that occurs as a result of flooding," Rose told The Pine Cone Wednesday afternoon.

Rose said the notice would likely stand up in court in light of a 1998 appellate court ruling. In the 20-year-old case, Rose filed suit against Monterey County on behalf of Odello Brothers, alleging the county was legally liable after it intentionally breached a levee and flooded the Odello ranch. A Monterey County judge ruled in favor of the county, but appellate court justices in 1998 reversed the lower court's decision.
"The court made it clear that you can't ignore the rights of the people at the mouth of the Carmel Valley without incurring legal responsibility," Rose said.


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Rose, who called the CVA lawsuit "spurious," went on to say, "We are not talking about 15 homeowners who might get their carpet soiled. We are talking about hundreds of people in Mission Fields" and other areas at risk of flooding. "They stand to lose almost everything."

Charles Chrietzberg, who lives in a home on Rio Road, said the lawsuit will prevent the flood protection work that Williams had planned to begin soon and have completed by September, before the rainy season.

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The CVA "can’t just willy-nilly vote to do something that affects the mouth of the valley and other areas because they are out in the Village," Chrietzberg said. "The Village has some flooding, but this flood-control project won't benefit them."

Chrietzberg, president of Monterey County Bank, said that the coalition of residents and businesses intend to also hold the CVA's board members individually accountable.
"Our intent is to put not only the association, but each board member on notice, that they will be held liable" for any flood-related damage, said Chrietzberg, who said he was in the process of collecting addresses of the 13 board members.

Monterey County counsel Charles McKee didn't comment on the specifics of the lawsuit, but said the project has been thoroughly discussed in public hearings.
"Land use in Monterey County and in Carmel Valley, in particular, is vigorously debated, and that is appropriate," McKee said. "In the end, the ideal is to strike the right balance between appropriate growth and protection of the environment, and the important assets in Monterey County, and in this case, Carmel Valley."

County supervisors - minus Jane Parker, who was absent - voted 4-0 to approve the Rancho Cañada project and its EIR.

The CVA lawsuit, filed by attorney William P. Parkin of Santa Cruz, also argues that the project violates planning and zoning laws, and that the county is not in compliance with the general plan because it doesn't include enough affordable housing. The EIR, the CVA says, also fails to provide an adequate analysis of the development's environmental impacts, including water, flood control and traffic.

Williams said the group has no interest in creating affordable housing.
"These people don't want to a find solution, all they want to do is stop it," he said. "I'm not going away. There is too much value to the community to walk away from this."

## 'Different project'

The CVA and Williams have sparred over just how long the development has been in the works, and the lawsuit addresses the issue.
Williams maintains it is a scaled-back version of a much larger, 281-unit proposal by the late Nick Lombardo that was abandoned in 2008, three years after Lombardo died. The proposal was subject to provisions and policies of the 1982 general plan.

The CVA argues that the current proposal is a completely different project and is therefore subject to provisions of the 2010 general plan. Subsequently, the county's approval of this development as an "alternative" to the larger proposal is "unlawful," the group says.

Williams pointed to the 2012 settlement that the CVA entered with Monterey County in which the county agreed to limit the number of new housing units in the Carmel Valley Master Plan to 190. Williams later reduced the Rancho Cañada Village development to 130 units.

The CVA is "potentially in violation of its own settlement with the county," he said.

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## Singer-songwriters offer Bowie lovefest, prize-winning pianist plays Sunset

SHARING THE stage Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley, singer-songwriters Lillie Lemon, Casey Frazier, Razzvio, Fergus and Mark Governor pay tribute to the music of the late David Bowie.

The concert is the second in Governor's "Under the Influence" series, which pairs up-and-coming singer-songwriters with cover songs by an established artist. Each performer will cover songs by Bowie and play original music influenced by the singer, who died last year.
"He was always exploring new sounds, trailblazing new genres, and his lyrics could simultaneously be socially conscious and achingly personal," Governor said of Bowie. "The songs we've chosen for our concert cover many of his albums and incarnations and reflect the profound influence he had and is still having - on contemporary music, and definitely on all of us. As Bowie himself said, 'I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring.'"

Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets are $\$ 20$. The winery is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road. Call (831) 293-7500.

## Power and finesse

 and she's just 22The winner of the Carmel Music Society's 2016 Piano Competition, Manling Bai will perform a free concert Jan. 22 at Sunset Center.
A native of Taiwan and a student at Cal State Fullerton, Bai was selected from nearly three dozen entrees. She will play music by Schumann, Brahms, Chopin, Ravel and Kasputin, and present an improvisational piece. Just 22 , she's already earned praise for her power and finesse.
"Watching her perform, she has such a love for the piano," said Sato Terian of the Carmel Music Society. "I was blown away."

The music begins at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

## Old Souls in Big Sur

A Santa Cruz quartet with an affection for acoustic folk and blues, Marty O'Reilly and the Old Soul Orchestra return to one of their favorite places when they play Saturday, Jan. 21, at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.
"We fall under the Americana umbrella," bassist Ben Berry explained. He said the band's musical approach is reminiscent of Tom Waits' music, "but is a little bit darker and a little bit more emotionally complex."

An East Coast native, Berry said there's nothing like playing down the coast.
"I never imagined in my wildest dreams I'd be playing in Big Sur," he said. "It's a magical place. We've made some real good friends. It's always a fun night playing at Fernwood."

The group will be performing at $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tickets are $\$ 25$

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Acclaimed pianist Man-ling Bai (leff) will perform at Sunset Center Sunday Marty O'Reilly and the Old Soul Orchestra (above) will be at Fernwood Resort Saturday. And Lillie Lemon (right) will help pay tribute to David Bowie at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley on Wednesday.


Fernwood Resort in Big Sur - Woods, Range of Light Wilderness (psychedelic folk and pop, Friday at 9 p.m.); and Marty O'Reilly and the Old Soul Orchestra (folk and blues, Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 125 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley - The Jim Payne Unit (jazz, Friday at 4:30 p.m.); singer-songwriter Fergus (Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); The Pfeffers (pop and rock, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriters pay tribute to David Bowie (Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

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## Migratory fun coming to Science Saturday

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History's kidfriendly Science Saturday program for 2017 will kick off on Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The topic will be Migrations and will involve "the incredible migratory journeys of whales, birds and salmon." Many
of the species we see in and around Monterey Bay travel hundreds, if not thousands of miles annually

A salmon biologist will be there and the kids will learn how salmon "smell their way" home to spawn. There will also be a scavenger hunt.

Finally, in honor the birthday of Sandy, the gray whale that keeps watch over the museum's entrance, cake will be served on a first-come first-served basis - starting with the kids. Admission on Science Saturdays is free to all.


Photographer takes new look at 1,200-year-old Japanese temple

AN AWARD-WINNING photographer who has spent the last two decades capturing images of one of Japan's most treasured temples, Yoshimitsu Nagasaka will unveil a display of his work Saturday, Jan. 21, at Weston Gallery. The show continues through March 12. "Through his work, Nagasaka has given us a rare and intimate view of a place steeped in the ancient traditions of esoteric Buddhism," reads a description of his pictures.

The gallery, which will host a reception from 4 to $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., is located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln.

"Cherry Blossoms Blowing in the Wind," by Yoshimitsu Nagasaka.


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## New Turkish options in town, EcoFarm next week, and Fungus Face-Off winners

Artemis turkish restaurant quietly opened on Ocean Avenue last week, featuring a range of traditional mezes, soups and salads, and entrées, along with a wine list heavy with wines from the Aegean area.

## By MARY SCHLEY

## soup to nuts

restaurant called Tuba, and the food is prepared by the mother of Demir's partner in the restaurant. The menu features traditional fare, beginning with cold mezes, or appetizers, like dolma, hummus and cevizli ezme (a delicious blend of walnuts, Turkish red pepper paste, tomato paste, fresh garlic, olive oil and cumin). Prices are mostly $\$ 12$ apiece, while a selection of all can be had for $\$ 35$, with house-made bread.


Hot mezes include prawns sautéed with tomatoes and garlic in pepperoncini sauce; pan-fried bulgur stuffed with spicy ground beef with crushed walnuts; fillo dough stuffed with potatoes, feta cheese, parsley and black pepper; and falafel on a bed of hummus. The fillo, called sigara boregi, is Continues next page


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For those who can't choose just one lor two), the new Artemis Turkish restaurant on Ocean Avenue showcases all of its cold "mezes" on one mezes on one
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light and mild, served with a tasty yogurt-based dipping sauce.
A red lentil soup called mercimek corbasi is "the best in town," according to the menu, which also offers a couple of salads.

Lamb and eggplant are abundant ingredients among the entrées, with kuzu pirzola - lamb chops that have been marinated for three days and then flame broiled - skewers of lamb and chicken, and hunkar begendi, pureed eggplant with mozzarella cheese and garlic, topped with chunks of leg of lamb in red sauce. Kofte, or miniature beef patties seasoned with Turkish spices and then flame broiled, are nicely spiced, and while it may seem unusual to serve beef well done, in this case, it works. Many of the dishes come with rice and a small salad on the side, and a couple, like musakka, are vegetarian. Entrée prices run from $\$ 22$ to $\$ 29$.

Top among the four desserts would be the kunefe, which has two layers of shredded fillo dough filled with sweet cheese, baked, dusted with crumbled pistachio nuts and served with a homemade syrup, with ice cream on the side.

The wine list offers a somewhat staggering 30 wines by the glass, and includes many from Turkey. The few domestic bottles are from regions throughout the state, with, surprisingly, only one from Monterey County: Calista Pinot Noir. Per-bottle prices range from $\$ 39$ to $\$ 99$, with most falling in the \$45-\$49 range.
Considering the restaurant is barely two weeks old, Artemis is showing impressively well, with solid food and service. It's open nightly for dinner, though the owners have plans to eventually offer breakfast and lunch, too.

## EcoFarm focuses on diversity

Entering its 37 th year and set to draw more than 1,500 farmers, retailers, wholesalers, consumers, activists, ranchers, educators and researchers, the EcoFarm Conference is the oldest and largest organic farming event in the Western United States. Slated for Jan. 25-28 at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, this year's event, with the theme, Cultivating Diversity, is expected to include a lot of information sharing and generate more interest in sustainable agriculture and organic farming. It will include more than 70 workshops, keynote speakers, discussion groups, an

At center, chef Mark Ayers - who agreed to help Carmel Valley to help Carmel Valley Ranch execulive che Tim Wood with the chef's dinner at the Forager's Festival puts the finishing touches on an amuse bouche.

exhibitor marketplace, seed swap, live entertainment, mixers, and organic meals.
"While diversity is a fundamental feature of ecologically resilient farming, this year's theme goes beyond the farm, speaking to human diversity," according to organizers. "This year, we honor the diversity of the many different ways to grow, tend and care for our environment, as well as the unique and diverse individuals who do that work." Throughout the conference, workshops will be offered for farms of all sizes, with topics like recent science supporting organic farming, cover crops and green manures, the dynamics of restaurant-supported agriculture, and legal and financial advice for farming businesses.

Social gatherings will also be held throughout the confer ence, like a pop-up art show on opening night, and a seed swap. Cider, beer, wine and cheese tastings are planned, too.
For more information on EcoFarm, including how to register, visit http://www.eco-farm.org/conference.

## Few spots left for P.B. culinary getaway

Pebble Beach is hosting a new multiday culinary excursion Jan. 27-29, when some of the resort's culinary talent and wine experts will present demonstrations, discussions, dinners and after-parties in one of the most scenic spots on the planet.
"Whether you are an epicurean expert with an appreciation for fine foods, or an aspiring gourmet looking to add tricks to your repertoire, this one-of-a-kind weekend will leave you feeling inspired for your at-home culinary adventures while indulging in the Pebble Beach Resorts experience," the company boasts.

The getaway will begin with check-in at 4 p.m., a welcome reception at 6, and the Five Senses Dining Experience, which focuses on wine and food pairing, at 7. A fireside treat of hearty dessert wines like ports, tawnies and sherries paired with local and imported cheeses will follow around 9 .
On day two, several cooking demonstrations will be offered at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. at the Lodge at Pebble Beach, and at the Inn at Spanish Bay at 2:30 p.m., with lunch at Peppoli in the meantime, at noon.
Crafty Cocktails, featuring mixologist Gian Trinidad, will have people learning how to "blend, muddle and garnish" their way to "cocktail bliss," while pastry chef Anastasia Simpson will demonstrate how to make beautiful and ethere-

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al macarons, the traditional French sandwich cookie.

Popular Roy's executive chef Pablo Mellin will take guests through the process of making sushi, including rice type and preparation; fish, nori and vegetable options; and the best sauces and wasabis, as well as types and styles of sushi
"You Make My Greens Come True," led by chef Mike Nemec, will feature the best ways to prepare and enjoy the nutritious greens, including juicing, nutritious additives, natural sugar sources, creative food purees and plant-based proteins.

Stillwater Bar \& Grill chef Jeremy Tummel will guide guests through how to purchase and filet their catch of the day, and Bench chef Aaron Burns will share tips on how he makes his fantastic flatbreads, like how to mix the perfect dough, how to cook with various types of equipment, how to create basic sauces, and where to find the best ingredients.

Saturday will also include the Stave Wine Experience at 4:30 p.m., a craft cocktail reception at 6 , and the Flavors of Pebble Beach dinner at 7. That feast will be created by several resort chefs, who will "put their personal twist on locally grown produce, sustainably caught seafood and top quality meats." Afterward, a tasting of various Scotch whiskies and chocolates will round out the night.

The excursion will close Sunday with brunch and a Bloody Mary Extravaganza at 10 a.m.

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age includes a two-night stay at Casa Palmero, starting at $\$ 2,600$ per couple, or $\$ 1,700$ per single. Call (855) 378-0161 for more information and to sign up.
$\square$ Foragers Fest results
With its move this year from Big Sur to the Carmel Valley, since its usual host, Ventana, is under renovation, the Big Sur Foragers Festival over the weekend brought out friends and supporters of the nonprofit Big Sur Health Center, as well as plenty of lovers of food and wine, for several benefit dinners, the Fungus Face-Off and mushroom hunts.

At La Balena on Junipero Street, owners Emanuele and Anna Bartolini, and Carissa Chappellet of Chappellet family wines, hosted an intimate, sold-out dinner for 30 guests that featured wild mushrooms and black truffles, throughout several courses, like risotto with smoked black truffle and chanterelles, wild mushroom lasagna with béchamel, duck and steak. Each was paired with wines from Chappellet, including the tasty Chenin Blanc, and treats like the Cabernet Franc and Malbec, and Bernardus, including Sauvignon Blanc, Rosella's Chardonnay and Pinots from the highly regarded Garys' Vineyard and Pisoni Vineyard. Carissa is a Big Sur resident and a member of the board at the health center, and generously shares Chappellet wines during fundraising efforts to support it.

The headliner of the weekend, the Fungus Face-Off, had a respectable showing of chefs and wineries, and a panel of judges - as well as attendees - selected the best among the competition during a tasting in a large

## CALENDAR

Mark Shilstone-Laurent and Brady Shilstone will perform David Mamet's two-character play, "A Life in the Theatre," at Carmel's Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, January 20 through January 29, 7:30 p.m. Fridays/Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets $\$ 20$. Purchase tickets at TheatreMonterey.org.

Jan. 21 - Meet the Artists Ryuijie and Yoshimitsu Nagasaka, a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Weston Gallery, 6th Avenue between Dolores \& Lincoln, Carmel. For more information, please contact at www. westongallery.com or (831) 624-4453. Nagasaka is traveling from Japan and local artist Ryuijie will be here to showcase their exploration in nature through color photography.

Jan. 23 - Travel That Makes a Difference is the topic of the Monterey Hostel Travel Talk. Volunteering gives opportunities to enrich your travel experience. Locals and Hostel guests share their experiences. HI-Monterey Hostel, 778 Hawthorne at Irving, New Monterey. Optional potluck 6 p.m. Free program 6:45 p.m. Info: 869-0646. Hostel 649-0375.

## Jan. 26 - Learn to Play Bridge!

 The Monterey Bridge Foundation is offering (8) Easybridge! beginner lessons for $\$ 50$ tax-deductible donation. Lessons will be held on Thursdays from 4:306:30 p.m. at the Monterey Bridge Center at old Fort Ord beginning Jan. 26. No partner needed. For more info or to register contact Doug Halleen at (831) 917-2502 or email at Doug@Doug halleen.com.Jan. 28 - "Dim-Sum and DenSome" - Baum \& Blume's Chinese New Year Feast! Celebrate 2017, "The Year of The Rooster" with an authentic Chinoise meal, served family-style, at Baum \& Blume's Café. One seating: 6 p.m. Baum \& Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. For reservations and information call (831) 659-0400.

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

Jan. 31 - Gusto Italian Night No. 4, 6-9 p.m. One seating only; $\$ 49.95$. Select from our regular menu, Appetizer, Pizza, or Pasta and Desserts plus a glass of Limoncello (tax, gratuity, and additional beverages not included). Reservations only: (831) 899-5825. Credit card required to hold reservation. 24 hrs cancellation policy.

Feb. 11 - 2017 Valentine's Passport by River Road Wine Trail Association: The sweetheart of all wine tastings! Celebrate Valentine's Day in the romantic embrace of Monterey's most stunning vineyards. 1 day; 8 wineries; lots of wine; lots of love! Reserve ASAP. Event will sell out. www.riverroadwinetrail.com
tent at Carmel Valley Ranch, the festival's host property

The victors of the day were:

- Matt Glazer, who won Best Use of Foraged Ingredients (Savory) for his wild mushroom and wild boar chili, with black trumpet, chanterelle, hedgehog, hen of the woods and porcini mushrooms;
- Ventana Inn executive chef Paul Corsentino and pastry chef Saul Tejada, who received Best Use of Foraged Ingredients (Sweet) for their candy cap mushroom mousse cake, chanterelle crème Anglaise, candy cap honeycomb candy and satsuma marmalade, garnished with a striped white and dark chocolate mini straw;

Tarpy's Roadhouse executive chef Todd Fisher for Best of Show, with his Mushroom Upside Down Steak: roasted chanterelles, shiitake and oysters, shaved button mushrooms, sliced new york steak, cognac demi and whipped bone marrow; and

- Carmel Valley Ranch executive chef Tim Wood, who took the People's Choice award for his ragout of duck confit and Big Sur chanterelles with foie gras on roasted garlic crostini

New this year, participating wineries won awards, too, with the judges picking Di Tierra's dry Riesling and Chesebro's La Montagne Sauvage, a blend of Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre. The People's Choice award went to Chappellet, which was pouring Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Pinot

Noir
That night, the Grand Chef Dinner featured Wood and guest chef Rodney Worth, who took turns preparing courses to pair with Chappellet and sister label SonomaLoeb wines. Top among the six courses were the Central Coast sea bass with porcini purée and Swank Farms Brussels sprouts prepared by Wood, and the braised lamb shank with foraged mustard greens and polenta by Worth.

The fest is a key fundraiser for the health center, which provides comprehensive, personalized services to locals, visitors, firefighters and anyone else who needs it while passing through Big Sur. The center charges on a sliding scale, ensuring no one is turned away, and includes not just urgent care, but preventive care, dentistry, minor surgical procedures, basic labs, pharmaceuticals and other services.

## Il Fornaio hosts Joullian

Il Fornaio restaurant in the Pine Inn at Monte Verde and Ocean will present a wine dinner with Joullian Vineyards of Carmel Valley Thursday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m. Guest speakers Hal Ellison and Matt Piagari will talk about the winery, which the Joullian and Sias families operated in the Cachagua area for decades before selling it to Tom and Jane

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## Editorial

## 'Pugnacious' California leads resistance to Trump but who benefits?

THE VOTE totals tell a story that's quite familiar by now: On Nov. 8, Hillary Clinton carried California, Illinois and New York by almost 5.9 million votes, swamping the electorate in the rest of the country and giving her a 2.9 -millionvote margin of victory in the popular vote.

But because the Electoral College favors the smaller states, which mostly went for Donald Trump, it's Trump, not Clinton, who will be taking the oath of office on Friday.

The result, especially in California, has been outrage - ranging from demands that the Electoral College be abolished, to calls for California to secede from the union. Neither of those things is possible, of course, and lately, a more realistic approach has settled in. California, we now know from statements made by the governor right down to our own county supervisors, will do everything it can to resist the Trump agenda. The resistance will even be "pugnacious," the New York Times reported Thursday.

Whether it's providing sanctuaries for immigrants who crossed the border illegally, expanding free health care and other benefits for the poor, fighting climate change, or raising taxes on the rich, California intends to become a "laboratory of resistance" to Trump, the Times said.
"I am encouraging people to engage in any way they can to slow down anything that might come from the federal departments and Congress," influential Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl told the Times. "You can't just be a doormat when fascism is growing," she said.

For his part, Trump has threatened to withhold federal funds from states that refuse to allow enforcement of federal immigration laws, and he probably has a few other tricks up his sleeve to try to convince California to cooperate on all sorts of issues. It seems like a mighty political tug of war is about to ensue.

California's course is set. But why would Trump really want to bring the state to heel?

Over the last 30 years, California has transformed from a bastion of conservativism into not just a liberal state, but an extremely liberal one. And as it has moved farther and farther from the center, its political and cultural quirkiness has also become more and more of an object of derision in other parts of the country, which in many cases have grown more conservative.

The growing differences among the states have also become a demographic reality, not just a state of mind. As California steps up protection for undocumented immigrants, and provides them more generous benefits such as drivers licenses, food aid programs, college financial assistance and free medical care, and even protects them from deportation, more and more of the immigrants will choose to live here. Likewise, when other states continue to put in place policies which penalize or remove immigrants without legal status, they won't want to live there.

Similarly, as California raises taxes and increases business regulation, many businesses will continue to choose to avoid the state, preferring to operate in places with friendlier business climates.

Politically, such population and economic shifts will also surely make California even more Democratic than it is today, and other states more Republican - a trend that's already well underway, and was amply demonstrated in the results of the Trump vs. Clinton contest, but which is likely to become more dramatic in the future, especially if California resists Trump as vehemently as its officials say it will.

So Trump and his Republican allies might be wise to let California be California, for the simple reason that California's voters aren't very powerful when it comes to picking a president.

His election already demonstrated how weak the Democratic Party can be when most of its voters crowd into just a few states, and if he plays his cards right, in 2020, the Democrats might have an even bigger majority in the popular vote than they did this time, but lose by a landslide where it really counts.

## BEST of BATES



## $L \in \dagger t \in r s$ <br> to the Editor

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## Americans need

'benefits they can use

## Dear Editor,

The January 6 editorial on the "Two Sides of Obamacare" makes some good points; most specifically about a fact most of the general public seems to be ignoring - that the Affordable Care Act is simply a taxpayer donation to millions of Americans who qualify for low-income healthcare coverage subsidies. I think the most frustrating thing about this is that, as a taxpayer who is fortunate to have an employer-subsidized health plan, I am not only paying a premium for my own insurance - I am also paying the healthcare costs for those millions of Americans who are unable to afford their own coverage, and the amounts I have to pay keep going up! As a result, I now can't even afford to use my benefits because there is no money left to pay the out-of-pocket expenses for healthcare services after my paycheck is
decimated by state and federal taxes Meanwhile, no one seems to be mentioning the other serious problems with the ACA The lack of providers willing to accept ACA members is one (especially in the Monterey area). The massively high deductibles in most plans are another. The fact that many insurers are dropping out of the exchanges is a third - meaning that ACA members frequently have to change coverage, and are losing their chosen providers in the process. Which brings me to another glaring issue; when will the Obama Administration admit to the lies they told the public when the promised over and over and over again that people would be able to keep their insurance plans and providers if they liked them? It's no wonder that a large percentage of the population in this country considers the ACA to be a failure, and wants this legislation to be repealed!

Has the ACA helped some vulnerable Americans find coverage? Yes. But has it subjected the vast majority of the rapidly vanishing middle class and small business owners to huge financial losses? Definitely! Does the majority of the Act need to be scrapped in favor of legislation that provides people with actual health care benefits they can use? Absolutely!

Stef Pummell, Salinas

## 'Government fiat'

## Dear Editor,

I commend the Pine Cone for the very insightful and well reasoned editorial on the Affordable Care Act. Whereas I do not agree

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## Baking up a healthy mix of pork and charitable goodness

HE's seEmingly everywhere at once. He's on your television, plugging the Ove Glove oven mitt. He's the spokesman for a newish gadget called the Pogo Whisk. His artisanal bacon is at the meat counter at Bruno's and Jerome's Carmel Valley Market, and he's frequently seen dishing up plates or cooking competitively at fundraisers for worthy causes. That's all when executive chef Tony Baker's not at the helm of Montrio Bistro in Monterey, where he's worked for the last 20 years.

At 45, the energetic Las Palmas resident has racked up quite a few accomplishments. In 2008, he won the United Fresh Produce Association's award for "excellence in the use of fresh produce in the culinary arts."

He's appeared on San Francisco Bay area television, including "View from the Bay," and "The Rosy Chu Show." He's been the executive chef for Ocean Mist artichokes and he still works with the Artichoke Festival.

## Feeding Margaret Thatcher

All that's a long way from his native Cheddar, England. Yes, the place they named the cheese after. He grew up in a workingclass family - his dad was a plumber and his mom was a secretary who later ran her own liquor store. By Baker's account, she also made a mean kidney pie and a great curry.

At age 14, Baker was a Boy Scout working on what was the English equivalent of his Eagle Scout award. As part of a fundraiser, he helped produce thousands of donuts, and got hooked on cooking in the process. One of the adult troop leaders introduced him to baking, and he was intrigued.

He took jobs in pub kitchens and sandwich shops, and at 16 , when he had the option to be done with school, to work toward going to a university or to go two
more years to trade school, he chose the last. And because it was taxpayer-funded until he was 18 , he took two two-year tracks simultaneously, sometimes working in classrooms and the school's in-house kitchen from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

In addition to cooking, Baker learned to run a hotel - down to designing a room along with accounting and bookkeeping skills.

After graduating in 1989, Baker landed a gig at Lucknam Park Hotel, a luxury spot near Bristol and Bath. He worked all the kitchen stations, and said he spent a lot of

## Great Lives

## By ELAINE HESSER

time butchering and preparing fish.
He was there when trucks full of flowers pulled up for the wedding of Lady Raine Spencer, stepmother of Princess Diana. And he was there when former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher stayed for a week.
"She'd come into the hotel via the kitchen sometimes," he said. "There was the exprime minister of Britain while you were peeling taters."

He also did a turn at Hintlesham Hall, an elegant 16th-century manor house-turnedhotel and fine dining restaurant.

## High on the hog

In 1994, Baker decided to visit his uncle in Carmel Valley "for a few weeks." That turned into a few months, and well, time has just flown since then. But one thing eluded him.

Bacon.
He couldn't find the porcine goodness he remembered from England, so he finally decided to make his own. It wasn't supposed to be a national business, but his fellow chefs were taken with Baker's Bacon, and now it's served at restaurants in much of California - including Pebble Beach - as well as Arizona and Vegas. Oh, yeah, and Chicago. If you can sell California bacon to the folks from the hog butcher for the world, you're definitely doing something right.

All of that would be pretty cool on its own, but Baker has also made significant contributions to many local charities. "It's a blessing. The way I look at it, I may not have millions of dollars to donate, but if I can use my hands to help someone out, that's great," he said.
"I grew up in a church family, a religious family," he said, discussing the roots of his charitable inclinations. He's the chef coordinator for Salinas Rotary's annual Pigs, Pinot and More fundraiser. He also has cooked at Rancho Cielo, and has hired some of the program's graduates. Dorothy's Place has been a beneficiary of his efforts, as has the Fund for Homeless Women.

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## LETTERS <br> From previous page

wholeheartedly with the views expressed, I certainly feel that this piece represents the openness and civility that is necessary for a free people to discuss matters of contention.

Your point that this program is a direct benefit to the 20 million uncovered rather than an insurance is a truth that has been almost totally ignored by supporters of the program. The fact that our $\$ 20$ trillion (and climbing) national debt, which now exceeds our GDP, is, as the editorial points out, an enormous burden to be foisted on future generations. So much so that the "oppressions" so many decry today will seem fatuous and trivial to our progeny as they endure extreme hardship merely to secure food and shelter for their children and themselves.
The suggestion that many mandates attached to this program be dropped so that people could better tailor the program to their needs is a notion that I find meaningful in that it shows a willingness to find solutions. However, I feel that a return to the free market, as the medical industry existed prior to the Medicare Act of 1965, is the best solution of all. Let the doctors and hospitals provide affordable health care by competition rather than having the government, hand in hand with insurance companies, set unreasonably high minimum bases to medical costs. Also, by giving a free gift of medical care to these 20 million, the incentive to better their own lives is removed by government fiat.

## Richard S. Hellam,

## Improve, don't repeal

## Dear Editor,

Your editorial of Jan. 6 makes two main points. Firstly, many people are now receiving health coverage through Obamacare even though "they aren't paying anything, or very
little." Your second point is that health care costs have risen in response to health plans now required to meet "Obamacare mandates." Discussing these two points, and only these two points, in your editorial unfortunately links them together.

A fair discussion by the media of rising health care costs must go beyond simply stating that heath insurance premiums are rising. While some attribute all of this premium increase to Obamacare, others would say that the inevitable rise of health care costs over time have been significantly slowed or dampened by Obamacare and that premium increases would have been much worse without Obamacare. Eliminating mandates without reducing overall health care costs is not really a step forward as the consumer will likely now bear a greater proportion of the cost of any recommended care.

There are other options one might consider to lower health care costs and insurance premiums that you might mention. Hospital charges are excessive. A friend just had an uncomplicated hip replacement at one of our local hospitals and was charged over $\$ 100,000$. Over half of that charge was for the use of the operating room for two hours. Does anyone believe that this charge is reasonable and fair? Perhaps health care costs could also be decreased by reducing unnecessary testing and by not covering truly marginal and expensive drugs or therapies that are heavily marketed directly to consumers.

Perhaps implementing these options might allow us to contain costs while still covering low-income neighbors, fellow citizens, and their children. Implementing these options might also allow us to provide broad and comprehensive coverage rather than only catastrophic coverage for all of us.

Perhaps the sensible approach would be to modify and improve Obamacare, rather than repealing it and starting from scratch as some recommend.

Peter Deck M.D.,
Carmel Valley


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## LIVES <br> From previous page

Last spring, he and chefs Todd Fisher and Cy Yontz from sister restaurants Tarpy's and Rio Grill helped the kids at the Kinship Center plant a vegetable garden, and then showed them how to prepare the food they'd harvest. And the chefs cook at the center's annual White Party fundraiser.

Baker's work has helped the Jean and Ed Kelly Foundation in Watsonville, which has the mission of promoting "academics, the arts, athletics, the health and well-being of the youth in the Pajaro Valley." He's also lent a hand to Rising International, which works to empower girls and women internationally.

That last one is highly appropriate, since Baker's the proud dad of daughters Anika, 15, and Hayley, who'll turn 18
on Jan. 26. They and his wife, Tara, are accomplished equestriennes in eventing competitions - three-day contests that combine dressage, endurance/cross-country riding and show jumping.

Baker likes riding his own steed - a BMW motorcycle -and being part of a team racing a 1986 Ford Mustang in the firmly-tongue-in-cheek 24 Hours of LeMons and the ChumpCar series. "It's ugly," he said of the 'stang.

Next up in Baker's future is Obsession 17 - a food and wine event in England where he'll be cooking to a sold-out audience with Aubergine's Justin Cogley and pastry wizard Ben Spungin of Sierra Mar in early February. The veteran of Pebble Beach Food \& Wine is clearly excited about the event, and compared it to the Masters of Food and Wine from Highlands' days gone by.

After decades of bistro-style cooking, Baker said he had to "blow the dust off my fine dining skills." The Pine Cone has no doubt that he's up to the challenge.

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## Council accepts \$1K <br> from Carmel Woods

THE CARMEL Woods Neighborhood Association, perhaps best known for its loving care of the Junipero Serra statue carved by Jo Mora that marks the entrance to town at Camino del Monte and Serra, donated $\$ 1,000$ to the city this month for the maintenance of the World War I monument at month for the maintenance of the World War I monument at
Ocean and San Carlos. "As stated within the letter, the association requests the contribution assist in the repairs of the guard rails and lighting fixtures and stone work restoration," city administrator Chip Rerig explained to the council, which voted Jan. 3 to accept the gift.
Glen Mozingo, president of the association, said the group formed a quarter-century ago and now represents 625 families in the area just north of the city limits. The associa tion also handles maintenance of the medians, weed abatement, litter pickup and other beautification efforts in the area.
"As 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, we take great pride in contributing to the celebration of those who gave their lives in defense of our country, Mozingo wrote in his letter to Rerig about the donation.路

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## MUSIC <br> From page 19A

The Henry Miller Library in Big Sur -Singer-songwriters Michaut Perkins, Magali Michaut, Susan Marie Reeves, David Starr, Gabriel Davey, Tony Gwynne, Sten Flader, Kim Stuker, Birgitte Tirsvad and Burton Jespersen (Saturday at 7 p.m.). On Highway 128 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa - clarinetist Nik Bortolussi, bassist Joe Dolister and drummer David Morwood (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); and 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 Dodgion Trio (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening. 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 p.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

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

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

Terry's Lounge at the Cypress Inn singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r\&b, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist Gennady Loktionov and singer Debbie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.); Andrea's Fault (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); 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-songwriter Rose Merrill (Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter Robert Elmond Stone (country, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.



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## Chamber celebrates new location

THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce will hold a grand opening and ribbon cutting at its new location in Carmel Plaza Friday, Jan. 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The visitor's center opened on the Ocean Avenue level of the shopping center at Ocean and Junipero last October, and the new chamber offices opened on
the third floor, following an extensive remodel, last month. The opening party will be on the third floor.

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6175 Brookdale - \$1,285,000 Ded to James and Cynthia Shaw APN: 015-191-005

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## POLICE LOG <br> From page 4A

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Pacific Grove: Officers responded to an argument between mother and daughter at an Arkwright Court residence.

Pacific Grove: A 22-year-old male, was contacted on Sunset Drive at 0318 hours after officers responded to an unknown injury accident. Subject was the driver and was found to be under the influence of alcohol and prescription medications. Subject was taken for a blood draw and released to a responsible party with a notice to appear

Carmel area: Lost or stolen mail located on Aguajito Road and returned to the local agency.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found property on Scenic south of Ninth was turned in to police for safekeeping.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle struck another vehicle while

making a backing maneuver on Ocean Avenue
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported loss of a purse containing a wallet in the commercial district sometime between Dec. 24 and Dec. 26. The exact location of the loss is unknown.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police responded to the report of a transient male sleeping in the courtyard of the business at Lincoln and Seventh. Subject has been told by staff before not to sleep on the property. Per the caller, the subject is only allowed on the property to attend Sunday service. Subject was contacted by police. Report of clothing hanging on the welcome wall on Forest Avenue. Located a sweatshirt with writing, a ball cap, a small flag, and a bottle of iced tea on the wall. Photos taken. Items were disposed of in a nearby trash can.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to a welfare check on a transient on Lighthouse Avenue. Female subject was asleep behind a local gas station. Female was contacted, and she notified officers she was not feeling well and requested medical attention. Fire and EMS responded and transported the female subject to a local hospital.

Carmel Valley: Resident on East Carmel Valley Road reported an unknown suspect had stolen her wallet.

Carmel Valley: Civil dispute between employee/employer on Paso del Rio.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject jumped on a police car at Junipero and Sixth at 0003 hours, and was detained for mental health evaluation.

Pacific Grove: Officer was notified of an aggressive dog
attacking another dog on Sunset Drive. Person stated that on Dec. 17 a large bull mastiff bit their terrier. The person stated the bull mastiff ran from its owner directly toward their dog. The bull mastiff knocked down the person and grabbed the terrier, leaving wounds to its neck. The dog owner took the terrier to the veterinarian, where it received aid. The owner asked that animal control be notified and a report be made for informational purposes.

Pacific Grove: Thirteenth Street resident notified an officer that her neighbors consistently argue. The resident stated the neighbors yell at each other every day in front of their small child. The resident said she did not believe the male to be physically abusive, and wanted to make a report to document the situation.

Carmel area: Theft was reported on Fisher Drive.
Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to an ongoing neighbor dispute on Ocean Road.

Pebble Beach: Lost property was reported on 17 Mile Drive. Carmel Valley: Vandalism was reported on Loma Alta Road. Carmel area: Carmel resident reported his adult son as missing and possibly suicidal.

Carmel Valley: Female was transported to CHOMP for a 72hour crisis evaluation.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A property manager contacted the police department regarding concerns a tenant has with feral cats. The area on Monte Verde north of Seventh was checked, and traps were set. One adult and two kittens were captured and

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## Interesting and trivial information about Presidents on Inauguration Day

My parents were fDr Democrats, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt is the first president I can remember especially his death, which was a day of national mourning. I was confused and scared when my tearful mother delivered the news after I got home from school. Although I didn't understand the political consequences of his death, I knew something ominous had happened. As I child, I expected him to be president forever.
When Donald Trump takes the oath of office on Friday, it will be my 13th presidential inauguration. I do not remember the first two, and recall the third only because, due to World War II, there was no big celebration. Harry Truman's in 1949 was the first inauguration to be televised. John F. Kennedy's was the first to be televised in color.


John Tyler


William Harrison

At just 135 words, George Washington's inaugural address was the shortest. Washington was an ultra-successful liquor distributor. He made rye whiskey, apple brandy and peach brandy in his Mount Vernon distillery. (Source: Biography.com)

William Harrison took two hours to deliver his $10,000-$ word address. He spoke bareheaded during a snowstorm and died of pneumonia one month later. Perhaps he should have partaken of the warming qualities of President Washington's distillery.

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were close friends and correspondents, but they also had a bit of a rivalry. Adams' dying words were, "Thomas Jefferson survives" words he uttered unaware that Jefferson had died hours earli-
er. In another shocker, both died on July 4, 1826. (Source: PBS.org)

Andrew Jackson may have been involved in as many as 100 duels, most of which were fought to defend the honor of his wife, Rachel, probably because he married her before her

## Scenic Views

## By JERRY GERVASE

divorce from Lewis Robards became final. John Quincy Adams' presidential campaigns targeted Jackson's "passion and lack of self-control" in both 1824 and 1828, "making it central to the argument that he would devastate the integrity of the Republic and its institutions." Hmm. sound familiar? (Source: Reference.com)

John Tyler had 15 children, more than any other president. Proving how seriously Tyler took domestic relations. (Source: Sherwood Forest/Genealogy)

Get ready to rumble! Abraham Lincoln could throw down in the wrestling ring. As a young man, he was only defeated once out of approximately 300 matches. See, there is precedence for Jesse Ventura. Lincoln made it to the Wrestling Hall of Fame with the honor of "Outstanding American." (Source: History.com)

Ulysses S. Grant smoked a ton of cigars - at least 20 a day. After a great military victory at the Battle of Shiloh, citizens sent him more than 10,000 boxes of cigars in gratitude.

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## GERVASE <br> From page 7RE

Grant may have been responsible for history's first strategic smoke screen in a combat situation. He died of throat cancer in 1885. (Source: History.com)

During his presidency, John Quincy Adams enjoyed skinny-dipping in the Potomac River in the early mornings. He was also the first president to wear long pants. Fortunately he knew the difference between the Potomac and the White House. (Source: Huffingtonpost.com)

Chester A. Arthur was known for his impeccable attire, earning him the nickname "Elegant Arthur." On his last day in office, four women offered him their hands in marriage. Also, he owned 80 pairs of pants, which he kept on longer than President Tyler did. (Source: republicanpresidents.net)

While serving as sheriff of Erie County, N.Y., Grover Cleveland had to pull the lever that sprang the trap at a hanging on two occasions. This earned him the unflattering nickname "Buffalo Hangman." His opponents often accused him of pulling a fast one. (Source: History.com)

William Taft - also known as "Big Bill" - was the largest president in American history. He once got himself wedged into the White House bathtub and had to call his advisers for help getting out. For White House entertainment Taft's family often had him wear a white shirt so they could show movies on him. (Source: Randomhistory.com)

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was the last
president to wear a stovepipe hat to his inaugurations. JFK was a huge James Bond fan. He first met the author of the series, Ian Fleming, at a dinner party in 1960. They allegedly bounced around ideas about how to get rid of Fidel Castro Probably because Castro was famous for giving Kennedy the Goldfinger. (Source: io9.gizmodo.com)

Gerald Ford worked as a fashion model during college, appearing on the cover of Cosmopolitan. His modeling career was cut short because he kept tripping down the fashion runway. (Source: Cracked.com)

Ronald Reagan told this story at a White House dinner: He was at the Brown Derby one night with Bing Crosby and a comedian named Bishop who stuttered. There was a dwarf at the Brown Derby who was an objectionable little person. Well, this obnoxious dwarf presented himself at the Reagan-Crosby-Bishop gathering by placing his head on the table. The table was the right height, level to the dwarf's head. Thereupon Bishop asked, "Did some-some-someone order John-John-John the Baptist?" (Source: Author John Irving in his book "Saving Piggy Sneed")

Barack Obama's high school nickname on the basketball team was "Barry O'Bomber," which he earned due to his awesome jump shot. (Source: CBSNews.com)

I've attempted to cite original sources for most of the items in this column since there have been reports that a foreign government has been feeding me material. I can say with complete assurance that this foreign government's claim is fake news.
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## Who DOESN'T LOVE AN AWARD?

$\mathrm{R}_{\text {Eal estate awards are thick around }}$ here. With people buying and selling gorgeous million-dollar properties left and right, those folks who have to sell in lesser markets don't really have a chance of competing.
So, when the Insider heard from Ben Beesley at Keller Williams that he'd won an award, nobody was surprised. In addition to being great at his job, he's chaired the Carmel Chamber of Commerce's board, he's a charter member of the Monterey Pacific Rotary Club, emcees and is on the board of Taste of Carmel (yum!), and was Leukemia \& Lymphoma Man of the Year 2012.

What's the award? It's a little mysterious It's called the Carmel-by-the-Sea Award for Real Estate. It's given by a private, national organization that says it "identifies companies that [it believes] have achieved exceptional marketing success." The process is cloaked in secrecy, but a press release said that, "Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the
 Carmel-by-the-Sea and data provided by third parties."
It added, "These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community."

When it comes to Team Beesley Keller

## SHERIFF <br> From page 6RE

transported to the county animal shelter.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen at San Carlos and Seventh reported a lost cell phone. Report is for info only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found money at Junipero and Third was turned in to the police department for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A residential burglary was reported on Dolores south of 13th
Pacific Grove: Report from CHOMP regarding a possible battery.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to a reported hit-and-run on Ocean View Boulevard involving a bicyclist. Female stated she was

Williams, which includes Beesley, and his marketing strategist, Kristine Dugan, it's obvious they were deserving. So if you see Kristine or Ben, give 'em a hearty congratulations.

## Real Estate Insider

## By ELAINE HESSER

In other news, Alain Pinel Realtors' corporate office announced that sales for the eight Northern California counties where it operates - including Monterey - totaled $\$ 61$ billion for 2016, which was off the previous year by $\$ 100$ million. But the company's CFO, David Bellamy, said he still felt it was a good sales year.
"We had an exceptionally strong year in 2015 , followed by a normalization of the real estate market in 2016," he said.

He added that he attributed the sales to California's job growth, a "tech and innovation boom," and low interest rates. He also noted that Monterey County was the only one in which the number of homes and condominiums sold compared to 2015 increased.

Local Alaina Pinel powerhouse Judie Profeta, said, "We did not have a huge increase, but this area is generally pretty solid. The beginning of the year was strong."
She said she's looking forward to an even better 2017, noting that inventories have been dropping, home values have been rising and the number of days on the market for properties has also been decreasing.

We'll raise a glass to all of that! Don't forget to email the Insider about your latest and greatest achievements.
walking on the bike trail when a blond female bicyclist collided with her. She said that she and the bicyclist both fell to the ground and sustained minor injuries. She said she attempted to get information from the bicyclist, but she rode away. The female explained she wanted a report made for informational purposes, because she was seen at the hospital. She said she was treated for her injuries and released.

Pacific Grove: Bicycle found at a park on Ocean View by public works. Taken to the city yard for storage.

Pacific Grove: Grove Acre resident reported an altercation with her son. She did not want officers to contact her son or respond to her home. She said her son threatened to burn her home. She said she did not feel threatened by

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| \$1,048,000 3bd 3ba 214 Monterey Dunes David Lyng Real Estate | Sa 1-4 Su 12:30-3 Moss Landing 345-0503 |
| PACIFIC GROVE |  |
| \$605,000 2bd lba <br> 1141 Presidio Blv <br> KW Coastal Estates | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Su 1-4 } \\ \text { Pacific Grove } \\ 744.3955 \end{array}$ |
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| $\mathbf{\$ 7 3 5 , 0 0 0}$ 3bd 2ba 1316 Funston Avenue Sotheby's Int'I RE | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa Su 1-4 } \\ \text { Pacific Grove } \\ 601-2356 \end{array}$ |
| \$845,000 2bd 2ba <br> 311 Congress Avenue <br> Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa 1-4 } \\ \text { Pacific Grove } \\ 402-0432 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{\$ 8 7 5 , 0 0 0} \text { 2bd 2ba } \\ & 137 \text { 16th Street } \\ & \text { Sotheby's Int'I RE } \end{aligned}$ | Fr Sa Su 11-4 Pacific Grove $238-816 / 521-8508$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$1,040,000 2bd 2ba } \\ & \text { 156 19th Street } \\ & \text { Sotheby's Int'I RE } \end{aligned}$ | Sa Su 1-4 Pacific Grove $809-6636 / 915-2341$ |


| \$1,045,000 3bd 2ba <br> 512 6th Street <br> KW Coastal Estates | Fr 3-5 Sa 12-4 Su 1-4 <br> Pacific Grove 236-5545 / 809-0158 |
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| \$1,049,000 2bd 2ba <br> 825 Mermaid Ave <br> The Jones Group | Sa Su 1-3 Rain Cancels Pacific Grove 655-5050 |
| \$1,050,000 3bd 2ba <br> 657 Spazier Avenue <br> Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty | Sa Su 2-4 <br> Pacific Grove <br> $214-0105$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,195,000 \quad \text { 2bd 2ba } \\ & 136 \text { 19th St } \\ & \text { The Jones Group } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Sa Su 1-3 <br> Pacific Grove <br> $717-7555$ |
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| $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 7 9 5 , 0 0 0}$ 4bd 3ba 860 Crest Ave <br> The Jones Group | Sa Su 1-3 Rain Cancels Pacific Grove 655-5050 |
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| \$1,649,000 2bd 2ba 11571 Spur Rd The Jacobs Team | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa 1-3 } \\ \text { Pasadera } \\ 236-7976 \end{array}$ |
| PEBBLE BEACH |  |
| \$1,090,000 3bd 2ba 2877 Sloat Road Alain Pinel Realtors | Fr 2-4 Sa $\begin{gathered}\text { 11-2 Su 1-4 } \\ \text { Pebble Beach }\end{gathered}$ 622-1040 |
| $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 3 7 5 , 0 0 0}$ 4bd 2.5ba 3076 Larkin Road Montgomery Company RE | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Fr 12-3 Su 1-4 } \\ \text { Pebble Beach } \\ 601-9963 \end{array}$ |


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| \$1,695,000 3bd 3ba 1144 Arroyo Drive Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty | Su 12:30-2:30 Pebble Beach $241-4259$ |
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| \$3,475,000 6bd 5+ba 1284 Portola Road <br> Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa 1-4 } \\ \text { Pebble Beach } \\ 415-990-9150 \end{array}$ |
| \$4,800,000 5bd 5.5ba 1553 Riata Road Carmel Realty Company | Sa 12-3 Su 1-4 Rain Cancels Pebble Beach 601-4740 / 601-5991 |
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| \$11,600,000 5bd 3.5ba 1164 Signal Hill Road Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty | Sa 11-12 Pebble Beach $915-9726$ |
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| \$460,000 5bd 3ba <br> 1152 Eagle Drive <br> Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa } \mathbf{1 1 - 1 2} \\ \text { Salinas } \\ 238-5793 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
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| $\mathbf{\$ 7 2 9 , 0 0 0}$ 4bd 3ba 18530 Berta Ridge Place Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa 12-2 } \\ \text { Salinas } \\ 747-1514 \end{array}$ |
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| \$639,000 3bd 2ba <br> 565 Harcourt Avenue <br> Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sa 1-3 } \\ \text { Seaside } \\ 320-6382 \end{array}$ |
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## CALLS <br> From page 12RE

her son, because he suffers from a mental illness. She said she wanted this incident documented only, and denied any further investigation or contact.

Pacific Grove: Four juvenile females came to the police department to speak to an officer. The females reported that a friend of their father's has been showing up at their apartment on David Avenue when their father is not home They also reported that he has broken into their home two times. Father was contacted and did not feel his friend was a threat. The females were told to call 911 if the male returns.


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