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KIOSK AT SAND DOLLAR BEACH GOES UP IN FLAMES

By CHRIS COUNTS



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A kiosk that welcomes visitors to Sand Dollar Beach in Big Sur burned to the ground May 11, and two other sites in the area were vandalized.

A GATE shack at a popular beach in Big Sur went up in flames shortly before midnight May 11, and arson is the likely cause.

Sand Dollar Beach, which is located 5 miles south of the intersection of Highway 1 and Nacimiento-Fergusson Road, belongs to the U.S. Forest Service, which charges \$10 for parking. Last week, not only was the kiosk burned down, signs notifying users about entrance fees were cut down and carried away, while other signs posted with safety information were ignored, suggesting that whoever did it had an issue with the fees. A year ago, boxes for self-paying fees were destroyed at two of the sites shortly after they were installed.

The beach was closed for a few days, but reopened this week, according to Parks Management Co., which operates Sand Dollar Beach for the forest service.

The beach is located across Highway 1 from Pacific Valley School, where administrative assistant Susan Perry was working late. At 11:30 p.m., she looked outside a window and “saw huge, tall flames just to the right.”

When Perry went to investigate, she said she was “able to see that it was across the highway and appeared to be right by the entrance to the Sand Dollar parking area.”

When Perry got closer, she could see that the gate shack was engulfed in flames. But no vegetation appeared to be on fire.

Another school employee called 911. Soon arriving at the scene were employees from Parks Management Co., two United States Forest Service staff members, and a fire engine from

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Cachagua man, dog die in single-car crash

■ Patrol car randomly catches fire at scene

By MARY SCHLEY

A LONGTIME Carmel Valley resident died Monday morning after hitting a tree while driving his truck on Carmel Valley Road, and his brother was among the firefighters who rushed to the tragic accident, according to Cachagua Fire.

Just after 10:30 a.m. May 14, Kenneth Klein, 67, was heading westbound on Carmel Valley Road just west of Tasajara Road in his grey 1987 Toyota pickup truck when, for unknown reasons, he ran off the road and hit a tree, according to California Highway Patrol public information officer Jessica Madueno.

People in the area dialed 911 and performed CPR on the unconscious Klein until Cachagua Fire and other rescuers arrived. One firefighter requested a helicopter to take Klein to a trauma center, but the flight was canceled when medics learned he couldn’t be saved.

Not long after the deadly collision, fire officials posted

about Klein and his family: “Kenny was a big part of our Cachagua Fire family. Both his brother (Kevin) and nephew

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PHOTO/CACHAGUA FIRE

Firefighters doused a Monterey County Sheriff’s patrol car that spontaneously burst into flames while the deputy was helping at the scene of a fatal accident on Carmel Valley Road Monday.

Panetta advocates legal status for Dreamers who serve

By KELLY NIX

CONGRESSMAN JIMMY Panetta last week proposed that Dreamers who successfully serve in one of the five branches of United States military should be given legal status, including the possibility of eventual citizenship.

While debating the National Defense Authorization Act — which authorizes military spending for fiscal year 2019 — Panetta proposed an amendment that would give immigrants whose parents brought them to the country illegally a chance for permanent residency and possible citizenship if they serve in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard.

“After honorably completing the terms of their enlistment, these individuals would be eligible to legally adjust their status in the United States,” Panetta, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, told other lawmakers during a

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CHS volleyball team serves up one for the ages

By DENNIS TAYLOR

IF YOU’RE a sports fan, you’ve grown up with fantasies. You steal home in the ninth inning to win the seventh game of the World Series. You return a kickoff 109 yards to win the Super Bowl as time runs out. You hit a 25-foot jump shot at the buzzer to win the state championship for your school. Go ahead and admit it ... you’ve been interviewed by ESPN in your bathroom mirror.

Each of those dreams registers as a 10 on a scale of 10. What the Carmel Padres did last week in the finals of the Central Coast Section boys volleyball championships — that’s an 11.

Carmel lost the first two games of a best-of-five match Saturday night in San Jose, then rallied to beat the Harker Eagles three times in a row to win the first

Council gets first look at \$25.5M budget

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY of Carmel’s budget for 2018/2019 would increase spending over last year by \$2 million, including spending \$2.7 million in revenue left over from this year and previous years, instead of putting that money into reserves or using it to pay down debt, according to a plan presented to the city council Tuesday.

With housing prices rising, property taxes should increase 5 percent in the coming fiscal year, according to budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen, to \$6.37 million, edging out hotel tax, which historically provides the most revenue and is expected to rise by 3 percent this year to \$6.35 million. Sales taxes, also predicted to increase by 3 percent, are estimated at \$5.52 million.

The \$25,467,110 spending plan anticipates \$20.1 million in operating costs — more than half of which goes to salaries and benefits — \$1.24 million in debt servicing, and \$4.1 million for capital projects, including \$1.9 million for remodeling and expanding the police station.

Police, fire, ambulance

As is typically the case, public safety (police, fire and ambulance) takes up the largest chunk of the budget, coming in at \$7.94 million, or around 31 percent combined, while public works is second, at \$3.37 million.

The plan allocates \$460,000 for the city attorney’s office, and \$1.2 million for planning and building. The administrative offices at city hall have a budget of \$2.24 million for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Despite those large numbers, the bulk of the discussion at the May 15 meeting focused on \$183,000 earmarked for the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau as part of the city’s \$1.1 million marketing budget.

The Carmel Residents Association has repeatedly crit-

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Plant thieves run amok

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MONTH after state wildlife officials busted a ring of thieves of native succulents in Humboldt and Mendocino counties, a Carmel Valley woman confronted two people she said were doing the same thing at Garrapata State Park in Big Sur earlier this month.

Some plants found along the California coast, like many varieties of *Dudleya*, are worth big bucks in Asia, according to the Mercury News.

The Big Sur incident happened May 5 just before 3 p.m. Jade Davis was in a car with others, and they pulled into a turnout north of Soberanes Point just in time to see the alleged thieves in action. “When we first saw them, they had three bags that were quite heavy,” Davis told The Pine Cone.

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PHOTO/ROBBY FABRY

After being down two games to none in the best-of-five CCS finals, the Padres celebrate their dramatic comeback against the Harker Eagles.



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Buckley is no exception. He loves to snuggle up to his person — he's the only dog who's ever been allowed on her couch — and to chase after birds and

By Lisa Crawford Watson



squirrels and anything else that will challenge him.

Born in Florida, Buckley joined his family soon after they moved there and decided to get a little dog for their daughter. The day they picked him up, it was raining buckets and a hurricane was on the way, but they persevered and brought him into the family.

"Thinking of cavaliers as royal dogs, we tried to come up with an English name for ours," his person said. "Buckley seemed to fit, and since we lived on Keats Street, he became Sir Buckley Keats. It sounded regal to us and definitely suits him. Buckley knows comfort and has always liked to sit on a cushion and enjoy a squeaky toy."

Buckley's family eventually moved to California, where Buckley began enjoying life in the bucolic Mid-Valley.

Buckley, now 9, has recently gone deaf, so he's lost a little interest in his squeak toy. Still, the dog loves to get outside and wander the trails, looking for game.

"Buckley still pulls me up the hill at Garland Park, and his little legs try so hard to catch up with squirrels and other dogs," his person said. "He's still got a lot of pep in him."

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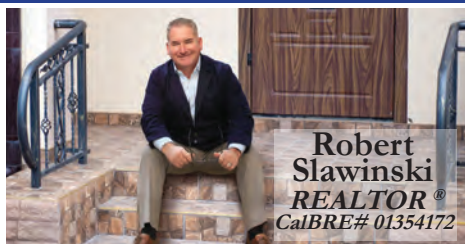
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Home lost in fire can be rebuilt

By MARY SCHLEY

JENIFER AND Thom Atkinson — whose home burned down in October 2016, killing their dog and scaring their cat away — received permission from the planning commission last week to build a new house on their property on San Carlos south of 12th.

The 1,490-square-foot, one-story house will be built on the footprint of their original home, which burned in a suspected electrical fire during the middle of a rainstorm.

Jenifer’s father drew the plans for its replacement, according to planning director Marc Wiener, with horizontal wood siding and wood windows, and a 240-square-foot garage near the street.

Wiener noted the front of the house might seem fairly tall, at 16 feet, because it’s being built on an existing foundation. He said two decks on the side would have to be made smaller, because they extend into the property’s side-yard setback, and a proposed fence will have to be lowered to 4 feet in the front in order to comply with the codes. With those changes, he recommended approval.

“I wanted to thank Marc for helping us to

get this through,” Thom Atkinson said at the May 9 meeting. “We lost everything — our home, our pets — so it’s really important to us.”

The Atkinsons have continued paying the mortgage on their destroyed property while living elsewhere and have spent about \$90,000 just to clean up the lot and prepare it for new construction. At one point, the property was listed for sale.

“It’s been rough for us,” he said. “Hopefully we can move this along, and if you have concerns, we’ll address them.”

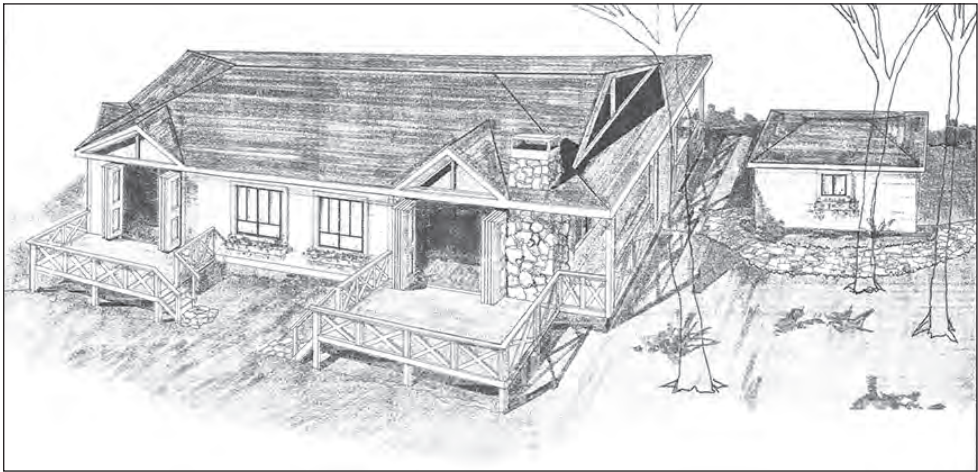
‘A cottage in the forest’

Barbara Livingston, who lives nearby, said she looks forward to the couple being able to rebuild.

“I’m thrilled this will be a cottage in the forest,” she said, encouraging commissioners to support the Atkinsons. “They really deserve to get on with their lives.”

Wiener and members of the planning commission took issue with the proposed garage door, which was modern in design and

See COTTAGE page 30A



Thom and Jenifer Atkinson received permission last week to build a new house in place of their home on San Carlos Street that burned in an October 2016 fire that also killed their dog and scared their cat away. Commissioners required only a few changes, including making the south-facing decks smaller.



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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A dog owner came to the station to report a dog vs. dog incident in Mission Trail park. After returning home, the dog owner found a small bite mark on the dog. Other dog owner was later contacted, and educational information about prevention was discussed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female at San Carlos and Fifth wanted advice after experiencing unusual behavior from a taxi driver. She was counseled regarding potential resolutions in the future.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an attempted

theft of a purse at a business at Dolores and Seventh. Both the possible victim and the witnesses were gone upon arrival. Staff provided video clips of the suspects. No theft actually occurred.

Pacific Grove: Female reported that an unknown party has been renting out her rental property on Laurel Avenue online. No suspect information available.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a reported shoplifting at a retail store on San Carlos north of Seventh. The unknown female and crime were captured by surveillance camera footage.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was towed from Eighth west of Junipero for blocking a driveway.

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The gavel falls

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

March 2 — Hai Long Tran, 46, of Seaside, was sentenced to a term of 15 years-to-life for the second-degree murder of Hong Ngoc Nguyen, who was the mother of his two children, ages 15 and 18.

On April 14, 2016, police officers responded to an address on Kenneth Street in Seaside to find Nguyen's body in an upstairs bedroom with severe head wounds that appeared to be caused from being bludgeoned with a lamp. The Monterey County Coroner determined the victim was strangled as well as had suffered 21 blows to the head causing several skull fractures.

The investigation determined that earlier on the day of her death, Nguyen had been at the Monterey County Courthouse applying for a restraining order prohibiting contact by the defendant. In her request, she stated that Tran was stalking her daily and she feared for her life. Police investigation determined that Tran had installed a GPS device on her vehicle and a video surveillance camera in her bedroom.

During sentencing, the teenage daughter of the victim and defendant bravely addressed the court and described the impact of the death of her mother and the incarceration of her father have had on her life, and the effect the loss of both parents will have on her and her brother for the rest of their lives.

March 2 — A jury found 36-year-old Duane Joseph Jefferson — aka Joe Jeff, a member of the Nuestra Familia prison gang and one of the highest-ranking gang members in Monterey County — guilty of possession of heroin and methamphetamine for sale while armed with a firearm, and being a felon in possession of a firearm, all for the benefit of, in association with, or at the direction of the Norteño criminal street gang.

On September 25, 2016, Jefferson was wanted for cutting his GPS ankle monitor when he was spotted by the Salinas Police Department's Violence Suppression Unit. Jefferson and Robert Campos, another known Norteño gang member, fled from police, with

both discarding loaded and operable firearms as they fled. Officers apprehended them, and a search of their vehicle revealed more than two pounds of pure, uncut methamphetamine and over 350 grams of uncut heroin, which amounted to approximately \$100,000 of narcotics for sale.

Jefferson has a lengthy gang-related criminal history dating back to the 1990s. By 2016, he was known to be a member of Nuestra Familia, the leadership of the Norteño criminal street gang.

At the time of this crime, he was the regimental commander for Monterey County, meaning he oversaw the gang's Monterey County regiment.

March 2 — Jimmy Alexander was sentenced to 175 years-to-life by Judge Andrew G. Liu, who presided over his trial. Alexander had been found guilty by a jury on November 7, 2017, of multiple counts of sexual assault including rape, sodomy and oral copulation all by force. He was also convicted of kidnapping and robbery.

On April 15 and 16, 2017, Jane Doe was in an area of Salinas known as Chinatown when the defendant got into her car and ordered her to drive away. He ordered her to drive to several different locations over an eight-hour period of time and sexually assaulted her. Jane Doe finally convinced him to get out of her car.

Dr. Mindy Mechanic, an expert on trauma and victim behavior testified that victims often behave in ways that are counterintuitive to how we expect them to behave. For example, studies show that victims of sexual assault physically resist their assailants in less than 20 percent of cases.

Dr. Mechanic also talked about how victims will often comply out of a desire to survive, but that such compliance is not consent. Victims of sexual assault are often hesitant to report these crimes because they feel embarrassed or that they are somehow to blame. No person should ever force another person to engage in any sexual acts.

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Trees can be cut for house and police station, but not for duplex and sidewalk

■ Forest and beach commission likes two out of three

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FOREST and beach commission last week downgraded a “significant” oak on a Lincoln Street lot so it could be cut down, authorized the city to remove 11 trees to make way for the remodel and expansion of the police station, and denied an Eighth Avenue property owner’s request to remove 13 trees to develop a small lot with two condos and build a public sidewalk.

In a May 10 meeting that lasted nearly three hours — most of it taken up by the third item — three commissioners tackled the three applications.

Church lot to become house

Land-use attorney Anthony Lombardo owns a vacant lot

on Lincoln Street that formerly served as part of the Christian Science Reading Room’s parking lot, and is planning to build a two-story home designed by Eric Miller.

He requested permission to remove several limbs from a Monterey pine and an oak, and to move another oak elsewhere on the property.

City forester Mike Branson said all three trees are “significant,” due to their size, which means the city’s zoning code doesn’t allow them to be cut down.

He recommended approving Lombardo’s request, which prompted no comments from the public, but during their discussion, commissioners said it would make more sense to cut down the oak instead of transplanting it, and then require a new tree to be planted on the property instead.

“I think we could find that that oak is not significant, and we could allow the removal,” commissioner Mike Caddell said, suggesting a new oak at least 12 feet tall be planted elsewhere on the lot. The other two commissioners agreed, and all three voted to approve Lombardo’s application.

Trees to make way for new CPD

Plans are underway to expand the 50-year-old Carmel Police Station at Junipero and Fourth, and initial drawings supported by the city council call for expanding the building on two sides, including all the way to the Junipero Street property line. The remodel will provide a new emergency operations center, property room, dispatch area, offices, an ADA bathroom and other improvements.

Public works director Bob Harary said the expansion will require the removal of 11 trees. In exchange, three new trees would be planted in new cutouts in the sidewalk, one in the new patio area, and one in a no-parking zone on Fourth Avenue just off the northwest corner of the police station’s lot.

“The existing building is hardly the most charming, aesthetically pleasing architecture in Carmel, so this actually may be an improvement,” Caddell said. “But you definitely need some trees on Junipero.”

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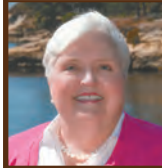
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Zad Leavy, 87, founder of Big Sur Land Trust

By CHRIS COUNTS

A KEY figure in the founding of the Big Sur Land Trust and the expansion of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, Zad Leavy died May 1 at his home in Carmel. He was 87.

Leavy — along with a handful of Big Sur residents, including his wife Laela — formed the Big Sur Land Trust in 1978 to purchase private property and maintain it as open space. Relying on a mix of private and public funding, the nonprofit has also transferred thousands of acres to park agencies over the past 40 years. An attorney who studied law at USC and UCLA, Leavy served for many years as the land trust's general counsel, and as executive director from 1997 to 2000.

The land trust's president, Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis, said she's thankful she had an opportunity to spend time with Leavy recently.

"We feel so fortunate that just last month, Zad and Laela Leavy, along with other founders and former trustees of Big Sur Land Trust gathered at Glen Deven Ranch [in Big Sur] for a potluck lunch," Tuitele-Lewis said. "It was a festive reunion filled with great stories and lots of laughter. Zad dedicated much of his life to conserving one of the most beautiful places on earth. As we honor Zad, we recognize the extraordinary commitment he and his family have made since Big Sur Land Trust was founded in 1978 — a commitment that has led to the conservation of over 40,000 acres throughout Monterey County."

In 1981, Leavy was elected to the board of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, where he served for 21 years, including five terms as president.

"Zad was instrumental in the development of the district's park portfolio, which was during a time of much growth and land acquisition," park district board President Kelly Sorenson said. "We are forever grateful for his service."

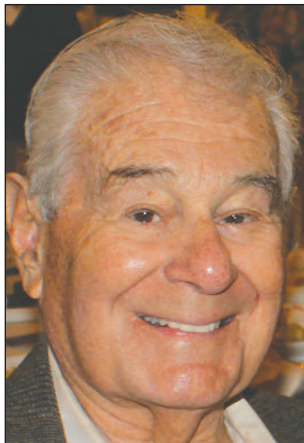
More than two decades later, in 2004, Leavy helped his children create a Carmel-based nonprofit group, Harmony at Home, that provides services to children in need.

Leavy was born in Santa Monica and raised in Venice. After completing his education, Leavy worked as a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles from 1959 to 1961. It was during this time that he took a leave of absence to attend the trial of Adolf Eichmann, an infamous Nazi war criminal captured and extradited to Israel. The young attorney covered the trial for the Hearst Wire Service and the Los Angeles Examiner.

Besides his work as an attorney, Levy enjoyed folk dancing, which he pursued into his early 80s, and swimming, which he continued to do until very recently.

A celebration of Leavy's life is being planned, and details will be announced at a later date.

Leavy leaves behind his wife of 57 years; his children, Michael and Julianne; and five grandchildren: Elise Leavy, Helen Galvin, Charles Knight, Ryan Knight and Estella Leavy.



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Officers, deputy honored for preventing ‘suicide by cop’

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MONTEREY County Peace Officers Association presented the Award of Merit to Carmel Police Cmdr. Luke Powell, Cpl. Jeff Watkins, Officer Greg Johnson and Monterey County Sheriff’s Deputy Dave Warden May 9 for their combined efforts in subduing a man they suspected was trying to provoke them into shooting him.

At around 6:30 a.m. March 15, someone reported seeing a man with a gun near a car by the Carmel Mission Inn on Rio Road. There, officers found Charles Mejia, a 74-year-old Salinas resident who repeatedly refused their requests to stop reaching into his car and to step away from it. After giving the orders in English and Spanish for nearly five minutes, Powell hit him with two beanbag rounds from his shotgun, which knocked Mejia to the ground, where officers were able to cuff him. Inside Mejia’s car were a crossbow and two darts, police said at the time.

An ambulance crew checked Mejia for injuries, and he was taken to Community Hospital, where he was found to have only superficial bruising but was kept on a mental-health hold. Police said at the time that they believed Mejia made the call about a man with a gun himself, in order to draw them to his location.

Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi said he was proud of the way his officers handled the incident, which could have resulted in serious injury, so he applied to the police officers asso-

ciation for a letter of commendation on their behalf. Instead, the group’s board voted to bestow a higher honor, the Award of Merit.

“My understanding is that’s because it was a collective effort by the police to resolve an incident involving a mentally ill subject with the least amount of force necessary,” Tomasi said. “Police are being scrutinized for the amount of force being used, especially with the use of firearms.”

‘A very difficult job’

Tomasi said the way the incident was handled also highlights the problems that could result from a bill pending in the state Legislature that would limit how officers respond to potentially dangerous situations.

The bill, AB 931, would “limit the use of deadly force by a peace officer to those situations where it is necessary to prevent imminent and serious bodily injury or death to the officer or to a third party,” and would “prohibit the use of deadly force by a peace officer in a situation where an individual poses a

risk only to himself or herself.”

It would also forbid police from using deadly force against someone who’s running away, unless “the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed, or intends to commit, a felony involving serious bodily injury or death, and there is an imminent risk of serious bodily injury or death to the officer or to another person if the subject is not immediately apprehended.”

The Assembly voted 77-0 in favor of the bill May 11, and it will next be considered by Senate committees.

Tomasi said if the bill becomes law, it will “greatly impact how police respond to critical incidents,” while the Mejia situation should be “recognized as one of hundreds of incidents that take place regularly across America where police do make decisions that are reasonable.”

He also said that, “Given time, experience and training, officers do make great decisions. People forget that this is a very difficult job, and subjects put the officers in situations that require difficult decisions.”

CHP safety class for teens

THE CALIFORNIA Highway Patrol’s free Start Smart class to help make teenagers safer drivers, will be held at the office at 960 East Blanco Road in Salinas May 22 at 6 p.m.

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Judge: \$20 million defamation suit against
Pine Cone will probably be tossed

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A FRESNO County Superior Court judge has issued a tentative ruling that would dismiss a \$20 million defamation suit filed against The Carmel Pine Cone and reporter Kelly Nix by a Fresno businessman who was accused by the California Attorney General of running scam charities.

In April 2017, the AG sued the businessman, Matthew Gregory, and several members of his family, alleging that they used donations to their charities, Wounded Warriors Support Group and Central Coast Equine Rescue and Retirement, for personal expenses instead of to help veterans, as the charities promised.

Even though Gregory lives in Fresno, the charities used a Carmel post office as their mailing address.

A few days after the AG announced his lawsuit, The Pine Cone reported the suit's allegations, as well as Gregory's response, including denials that he did anything wrong.

But according to a lawsuit filed in February in Fresno County court, when The Pine Cone reported what the AG said, it defamed Gregory and his family. They asked for \$20 million in damages.

The Pine Cone responded in April by filing an anti-SLAPP motion, which asked a judge to throw out the suit. California's anti-SLAPP law allows quick dismissal of lawsuits filed against someone who makes public statements, including news reports, about issues of public importance.

Wednesday, Fresno County judge Kimberly Gaab said she agreed with The Pine Cone, which was represented by Carmel attorney Neil Shapiro, and would grant the newspaper's motion to dismiss the suit.

During a hearing on the tentative ruling late Thursday, Gaab said she would issue a final ruling in the coming days.

Gregory also has lawsuits pending against KSBW-TV and Monterey County Weekly for their stories about the attorney general's claims against the family.

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East end of Pine Ridge Trail gets fixed, west end still needs work

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE A major section of Big Sur’s most popular hiking route, the Pine Ridge Trail, is still closed for repairs, the easternmost 8 miles of the same path are now open, thanks to a major rehabilitation effort that was completed last week.

The project reestablished access to some of Monterey County’s most rugged, remote and scenic terrain. For the first time since the start the Soberanes Fire in July 2016, hikers can now walk from China Camp to Pine Ridge Camp. With many Big Sur trails still closed from the fire and the mudslides that followed, the completion of the work is a boon for hikers.

“It’s a milestone,” Rich Popchak of the nonprofit Ventana Wilderness Alliance told The Pine Cone. “It’s something to celebrate.”

The trail repair project was in its planning stages when the Soberanes Fire erupted in July 2016. A month earlier, the outdoor gear retailer, REI, gave the Ventana Wilderness Alliance \$20,000 to get started.

“They contacted us and invited us to apply for a grant,” Popchak explained. “The \$20,000 was double what we asked for.”

Wider, too

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and the National Forest Foundation contributed taxpayers’ money, and the Ventana Wilderness Alliance made a donation, too. A trail crew from American Conservation Experience did much of the work. The crew was led by a volunteer, VWA stewardship program coordinator Trevor Willits, and other key volunteers included Tom Skinner and Greg Martin of Carmel Valley, who packed in supplies. Nearly 50 volunteers took part, contributing more than 800 hours of labor, Popchak reported.

The total cost of the project was about \$110,000. Not only was the trail repaired, but it was made wide enough to accommodate pack animals. Now, trail workers will be able to haul more equipment deeper into the backcountry, where they plan to rehabilitate other trails. “This opens up all sorts of new opportunities to venture even further into the wilderness,” Popchak added.

The east end of the Pine Ridge Trail starts at China Camp along Tassajara Road, and heads west. At 4,300 feet, the pub-

lic campground is the highest place in Monterey County the public can reach by vehicle. From there, the trail winds its way down into verdant Pine Valley before vaulting Pine Ridge and arriving at Pine Ridge Camp, which is located at 4,100 feet above the sea.

To get to the trailhead at China Camp, follow Carmel Val-

ley Road west of Highway 1 for 23 miles. Next, turn right at Tassajara Road and follow it 11 miles to China Camp. The westernmost 15 miles of the Pine Ridge Trail — which is by far the most traveled trail in Big Sur — remains closed for repairs.



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Judge rejects vacation owners’ bid for injunction against city rules

By KELLY NIX

A GROUP of Pacific Grove landlords lost a bid in a Monterey courtroom last week

to stop the city from imposing new restrictions on short-term rentals. On May 11, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Marla O. Anderson denied

Short-Term Rental Owners Neighborhood Group of Pacific Grove’s request for an injunction against the city’s imposition of various enforcement measures, including implementing a lottery system designed to restrict the number of vacation rentals.

Members of the pro-vacation rental group — Joy Colangelo, Kevin Delaney, William Harder, Alka Joshi and Spencer Tall — filed suit in April against the city over its cap on the number of properties eligible for vacation rentals and the lottery system to pick who could offer them.

The city’s rules, the group’s complaint contends, “unlawfully violate, deny, and impair the fundamental vested rights of the petitioners and others lawfully using their properties for short-term occupancy and rentals.”

Last week’s ruling is only temporary, and the parties will be back in court in later this year for a trial on the merits of the group’s complaint. In July, Anderson is expected to set a date for the trial.

Joshi told The Pine Cone that Anderson’s decision will impact Pacific Grove homeowners and tenants who benefit from vacation rentals, some of whom the group profiled on its website in several videos.

“While Short-Term Rental Owners Neighborhood Group of Pacific Grove respects the judge’s ruling, we are sad for the housekeeper who depends on vacation rentals to keep

her son at P.G. High School, the P.G. mother with lung cancer who needs rental income for her medical treatments, and the recent widow using vacation-rental proceeds to hold onto the P.G. house her children grew up in,” Joshi said.

She also took issue with the city’s lottery system. “The city claims the lottery will control short-term rental density, but has never produced evidence of a connection between density and disturbance/noise/parking issues,” she said.

During the 90-minute hearing in Monterey, Pacific Grove city attorney David Laredo said the judge emphasized that city governments have a right to impose land-use regulations, and that property owners’ rights are “subordinated to the rights of society.”

Meanwhile, an anti-vacation rental group, Pacific Grove Neighbors United, which launched an initiative to phase out vacation rentals over 18 months, lauded Anderson’s decision.

“Pacific Grove Neighbors United supports the court’s decision,” spokesman Luke Coletti said. “We have always believed there is no vested right which prevents the city from limiting short-term vacation rentals.”

The group’s ballot measure, which was turned in to the county registrar on May 3, had twice as many signatures as were needed, the group said.

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Accused rapist arrested for multiple marijuana violations headed to court

By MARY SCHLEY

A 27-YEAR-OLD Pebble Beach man who has been arrested multiple times for carrying large amounts of marijuana, and who is also accused of raping his girlfriend — against whom he subsequently sought a restraining order — is set to appear in a Salinas courtroom next week.

According to court records, William Rising has had multiple run-ins with the law, including many traffic tickets, and has four cases pending against him, the most significant of which is the alleged forcible sodomy of his girlfriend. In that incident, deputies were sent to a Morse Drive location around 2:20 a.m. Dec. 16, 2017, to investigate the rape of a 22-year-old woman. They arrested Rising for the crime.

Pot busts

While he was out on bail, Rising was again arrested, this time by Pacific Grove P.D. officers, early on the morning of Dec. 26, after he and a teenager ran from them on Arkwright Court, according to reports filed with the court. Officers found

more than an ounce of marijuana on him and arrested for him for possession with the intent to sell.

The next day, a Monterey police officer pulled up behind Rising’s illegally parked 2003 black Corvette on Via Del Rey, and noticed it had expired registration and unlawfully tinted windows.

When the officer got to the car, he could smell marijuana and asked Rising, who was inside the vehicle, about it, according to the MPD report filed in the case. Rising reportedly said he had about 4 oz. and was legally allowed to use it, put couldn’t provide the medical permission he said he had.

A search of the car, however, revealed 101 glass vials, each containing a joint, as well as bags of pot, cannabis oil and edibles. The total came to more than 2 pounds, and while Rising tried to convince the officer he had the individually packaged joints and a scale so he could measure out correct doses for himself, he couldn’t provide the name of his doctor and wouldn’t turn over the two cell phones in his possession. As a result, he was arrested, again, for possession of marijuana for sale.

When the officer ran Rising’s name in a law enforcement database, he found other open cases against him — including a similar charge filed in the county in September 2017 — and notes indicating he had told police he was operating a mobile dispensary, though he didn’t tell the Monterey officer that.

Both drug cases were filed against Rising in March.

Complaint against victim

On Jan. 2, Rising asked a judge to issue a temporary restraining order against the woman he is accused of raping, and when Monterey County Superior Court Judge Susan Mat-cham denied it, he filed for a domestic violence restraining order against his former girlfriend.

In an altercation he alleged happened on Christmas Day, he wrote, as the couple drove down Prescott Avenue, she “grabbed my steering wheel with both hands with the intent to crash and severely injure both of us.”

“I had to take extreme evasive action. My truck nearly

See **CHARGES** page 17A

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180928
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

1. BARREL HEIST WINES
2. TOASTED BARREL WINES
1010 Industrial Way, King City, CA 93930.

Mailing address: 612 W. University Dr., Rochester, MI 48307.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: AMERICAN VINTNERS, LLC, 612 W. University Dr., Rochester, MI 48307.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: _____
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/ Jon Gerstenschlager, President

May 2, 2018

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 2, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2018. (PC521)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180954
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LOVE ALWAYS PRODUCTIONS, 14914 Breckinridge Ave., East Garrison, CA 93933.**

Mailing address: 6302 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego, CA 92108.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Registered Owner(s): ZENAIDA BRENDA

TIA, 6302 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego, CA 92108.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 7, 2018.

S/ Zenaida Tia

May 7, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2018. (PC523)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180949

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LPF MANAGEMENT, 900 CHERRY AVENUE, GREENFIELD, CA 93927**

County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s): GREENFIELD ORGANIX, 900 CHERRY AVENUE, GREENFIELD, CA 93927

This business is conducted by a Corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04.01.2018.

GREENFIELD ORGANIX

S/ JOHN COCHRAN, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/07/2018.

5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8/18

CNS-3128235#

CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2018. (PC524)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180965
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **COASTAL EBIKE CONNECTION, 680 Lighthouse Avenue #544, Pacific Grove, California 93950.**

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Registered Owner(s): CARLOS MARTIN LEY, VA, 416 7th Street, Pacific Grove, California 93950.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 7, 2018.

S/ Zenaida Tia

May 7, 2018

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2018. (PC525)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW

CASE NUMBER: 17FL001770

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

ADRIANA BRAMBILA

You have been sued.

PETITIONER’S NAME IS:

LUIS A. Q. REYNOSO

You have **30 CALENDAR DAYS** after this *Summons* and *Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call , or court appearance will

not protect you.

If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE — THE RESTRAINING ORDERS ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

SEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and address of the court is:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY

1200 Aguajito Road

Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner’s attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:

RONALD D. LANCE

11 W. Laurel Dr., Ste 215

Salinas, CA 93906

(831) 443-6509

Lic: LDA #5 of Monterey County

LUIS A. Q. REYNOSO

625 Roosevelt Street

Salinas, CA 9390_

998-6838

Date Filed: Nov. 29, 2017

Publication Dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 2018.

(PC 526)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20181023

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **DAVE’S MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE, 119-A Abbott St., Salinas, CA 93901.**

Mailing address: 19851 Pesante Rd., Salinas, CA 93907.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Registered Owner(s): DAVID ALLAN LONG, 19851 Pesante Rd., Salinas, CA 93907.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 15, 2018.

S/ David Long

May 15, 2018

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 16, 2018

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from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law [See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code].

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing

Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2018. (PC527)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20180904

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ISLAND IACO, 211 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.**

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: RG BURGERS, INC., 201 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: _____

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 2017.

S/ Nabeel M. Bahu, President

April 11, 2018

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 27, 2018

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Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing

Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2018. (PC528)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERTA G. BRAINERD Case Number 18PR000215

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERTA G. BRAINERD.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERTA BRAINERD in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that ROBERTA BRAINERD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: July 25, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dept.: 13

Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Julie King, Esq., PIERCE KING, P.C. 2600 Garden Road, Suite 410 Monterey, CA 93940 (831) 275-1002

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on May 2, 2018.

Publication dates: May 18, 25, June 1, 2018. (PC529)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Revised Paving Schedule

Paving Rehabilitation Project

Street Segment	MAY						
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1st Ave-Mission to Lincoln	Paving					N	
2nd Ave-Mission to lincoln		Paving				o	
Lincoln-4th Ave to 3rd Ave		Paving Original	Paving Revised			W	
5th Ave-Dolores to Monte Verde		Paving Original	Paving Revised			e	
12th Ave-San Carlos to Monte Verde	Grinding		Paving Original	Paving Revised		e	
13th Ave-Monte Verde to Camino Real	Grinding			Paving		n	
San Carlos-13th to Santa Lucia		Grinding	Paving Original		Paving Revised	W	
Dolores-Franciscan to Santa Lucia		Grinding		Paving Original	Paving Revised	o	
Rio Rd-Santa Lucia to Junipero		Grinding		Paving Original		k	Paving Revised

MAY						
21	22	23	24	25	19	20
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Raise Manhole Covers and Water Valve Lids					No Work	
MAY				JUNE		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Raise Manhole Covers and Water Valve Lids					No Work	

Various Newly Paved Streets

Revised Paving Schedule 5-15-18 Publication dates: May 18, 25, 2018 (PC530)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

FY 2017/18 Paving Rehabilitation Program

OCEAN AVE - 2 WEEK WORKING SCHEDULE

MAY	Mon	21	Install Pavers at Curb Ramps					
	Tue	22						
	Wed	23						
	Thu	24						
	Fri	25						

Ocean Ave South Side														
SW Ramp At Mission St		SW Ramp At San Carlos St		SW Ramp At Lincoln St		SW Ramp At Monte Verde St		SE Ramp At Mission St		SE Ramp At San Carlos St		SE Ramp At Lincoln St		
MAY	Mon	14	<div>Tree Root Exposed</div> <div>Pour Concrete</div> <div>Open SW</div>						Demo		Demo			
	Tue	15							Demo		Demo			
	Wed	16							Open SW		Open SW			
	Thu	17							Open SW		Open SW			
	Fri	18	WEEKEND NO WORK						Pour Concrete		Pour Concrete			
	Sat	19							Open SW		Open SW			
Sun	20													
Mon	21	Install Pavers at Curb Ramps												
Tue	22													
Wed	23													
Thu	24													
Fri	25													

OCEAN AVE -SIDEWALK, ROAD WORK, GRIDING AND PAVING													
WILL RESUME AFTER LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 10,2018													

Pauline “Toddy” Sebree Olow

March 20, 1931 ~ April 30, 2018

Carmel

Pauline “Toddy” Sebree Olow passed away peacefully after a short illness at the age of 87. She was born in Olney, Illinois to Major General Edmund B. Sebree and Pauline Weber Sebree. Toddy was a military daughter, wife and loving mother. Throughout her life, she lived in many different countries in Europe, Central America and Asia as well as the United States where she was stationed with her husband until they retired to Carmel in 1972.

Toddy was a philanthropist everywhere she lived, performing a variety of volunteer work from being the team mom for her children’s activities to teaching English to Chinese children in Taiwan. Her kindness and smile were warmly received and will always be remembered. Toddy was a docent at Point Lobos State Park and was later employed as a California State Parks Guide in the Monterey Adobes. The Stevenson House, with her friend the ghost, was her favorite. She was an active member of the Carmel Valley Garden Club and the Carmello Book Club.

Toddy married Lt. Col. John L. Olow, III, on May 12, 1950 in Munich, Germany. They were married for 52 years until his death in 2002. She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth “Ibby” Brennan; her nephew, Paul S. Brennan of Carmel; her children, John L. (Fran) Olow, IV of Woodbine, MD; Sebree O. (Jim) Baltimore of Powder Springs, GA; Christopher P. (JoAnn) Olow of Carmel Valley and Alexander S. Olow of Fresno. Toddy adored her nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren who all knew her as Granny. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Martha “Marty” McAlister of Bedford, MA.

At her request, there will be no services. Any donations in memory of Toddy may be sent to: D.I.G.S, Autism, PO Box 1053, Rome, GA, 30162 or Easter Seals, 16403 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA, 95006. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Toddy’s guest book and leave messages for her family.



Two men get caught

in surf in Big Sur,

one may not survive

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE latest sad chapter of people getting too close to the ocean along the Big Sur coast, two men were taken away by medical personnel after they became caught in the surf May 17 — and one was in bad shape, Mid-Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade Chief Cheryl Goetz told The Pine Cone.

Goetz got a call at 8:44 a.m. that there was a possible drowning victim a few miles south of Garrapata Beach.

“We arrived at the same time as Cal Fire,” the fire chief said. “But nobody was there to meet us, and we couldn’t locate the victim. So we all started searching, going different ways. People must have thought we had lost our minds.”

Thankfully, a couple of hikers pointed the rescue workers in the right direction, and soon they discovered there were actually two victims. “One was on a rock, and the other was lying facedown in the water.”

Goetz speculated that one man gone into the water to try and save the other.

Besides Mid-Coast volunteers and Cal Fire personnel, a state parks lifeguard, a Cal Fire inflatable rescue boat and a California Highway Patrol helicopter soon arrived.

The lifeguard, along with Mid-Coast’s volunteer rescue swimmer Brian Gorrell, went in to the water to retrieve one of the men. Placing him on Gorrell’s board, they moved him to the rescue boat, which transported him to Garrapata Beach.

A third man who knew the other two, meanwhile, turned up on scene. Goetz said he spoke little English.

The two injured men were transported to a hospital by ambulance, and Goetz said things didn’t look good for one of them. “CPR had been in progress for about 20 minutes, and they were still performing CPR when the ambulance left the scene,” Goetz added.

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Shots fired under bridge

A MAN was arrested May 11 after he was caught shooting a semi-automatic pistol at a hillside under the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge in Big Sur. The site is near Big Sur’s busiest campground at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

According to a report by the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, Joseph Cool-Tomasi, 19, was contacted by a deputy shortly after shots were fired and law enforcement was alerted.

“The Big Sur deputy was parked at the post office and observed Cool-Tomasi and a friend walking away from the area,” the sheriff’s office reported. “They were contacted and Cool-Tomasi admitted to target shooting under the bridge and being in possession of the handgun. The firearm was concealed in Cool-Tomasi’s backpack and he could not explain how he legally came into possession of the handgun.”

The man was arrested for illegally possessing a concealable weapon and negligent discharge of a firearm, and booked into Monterey County Jail.

ZAD LEAVY

Zad Leavy died peacefully at home on May 1, 2018, at the age of 87. Zad leaves behind his wife of 57 years, Laela Leavy; children Michael and Julianne Leavy and their spouses, Susan Galvin and Charles Knight; and grandchildren Elise Leavy, Helen Galvin, Charles (Eddie) Knight, Ryan Knight, and Estella Leavy.

Zad was born to Ethyl and Zadoc Leavy in Santa Monica, California, on June 16, 1930, and grew up in Venice, California. He served as an Officer in the Navy on a minesweeper during the Korean Conflict. In 1960, Zad married Laela, and in 1962 they moved to Manhattan Beach, California.



Zad served law at UCLA and USC, served as Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles from 1959-61, was a partner in a law practice in Los Angeles until he left the area in 1974, and later established a law practice in Carmel. Zad loved his work, and did not retire from the practice of law until the age of 80.

During his time as Deputy District Attorney, Zad took a leave of absence to cover the trial of Adolf Eichmann, an infamous Nazi war criminal captured and extradited to Israel for trial. Eichmann was found guilty and hanged, the only person ever executed in Israel to date. Zad covered the trial for the Hearst Wire Service as well as the Los Angeles Examiner, American Bar Journal, California Bar Journal, and a number of other journals. The wide media coverage of the trial is credited as having dramatically increased global public awareness about the details of the Holocaust.

In 1969 and 1971, Zad represented deans of medical schools and other physicians in two cases before the California Supreme Court which established “choice” for California women, and set the stage for the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade.

In 1974 Zad and Laela moved their family to Big Sur, having fallen in love with the area after a number of family camping trips. They bought a lot in the hills above the newly opened Ventana Resort, and built a house over a period of five years (it was

a family effort, driven by Zad).

Once settled in Big Sur, Zad got involved in the land conservation movement, joining the Central Coast Regional California Coastal Commission as a Commissioner from 1977-81 and participating in the development of the Coastal Plan that still controls development on the Central California Coast to this day.

In 1978 Zad worked with a few other individuals to form the Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT), and served as General Counsel for many years and as Executive Director from 1997-2000. Zad was instrumental in crafting complex and innovative transactions for BSLT to purchase and conserve privately held land. The formation of the Big Sur Land Trust and its legacy of preservation is one of Zad’s proudest achievements.

In 1981 Zad was elected to the board of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, and served on that board for 21 years, serving five terms as President over that period.

One of Zad’s greatest legacies is having been a role model and inspiration to his children and others. In 2004 Zad helped his children Julianne and Michael form Harmony at Home, a Monterey County non-profit that provides programs for children in need. He worked with his son-in-law Charles to provide legal support, provided the initial financial backing, and has been a strong overall supporter of the now prominent organization since its inception.

On a personal note, Zad was passionate about folk dancing, which he pursued into his early 80s, and swimming, which he pursued until the end of his life.

Being around Zad, you could not help but be inspired by his strong work ethic, his commitment to community service, and the strong sense of pride in everything he did. He had a calm, kind demeanor, a warm smile, and a “twinkle in his eye.”

Zad will be sorely missed.

Zad’s family is planning a Celebration of Life sometime in the next few months, time and venue to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please leave a donation to either Big Sur Land Trust, Harmony at Home, or Congregation Beth Israel Carmel.

To leave condolences for the family please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com

Madaline Edith Carter Caswell

Madaline was born on the farm in Michigan January 31, 1921 and passed away February 7, 2018, in Angels Camp, Ca.

Mom left the farm in 1940 with her high school buddy and lifelong friend Eula Dalton. Together they boarded a train in Chicago and headed for San Francisco to work for the phone company.

While there Mom met and married Frank Ross, a merchant marine. The ceremony was officiated by Judge George Ross her new father-in-law and the last judge of Carmel at his home at Lincoln and Third.

Mom continued to work for the phone company while raising her four children. In 1970, while living in Los Angeles, she transferred to Carmel to be back home. She would retire from AT&T after 40 years service.

In 1984, Mom married Albert Caswell on the island of Maui and together they enjoyed living between the two paradises for over 20 years. On Maui Mom loved her sunrise swims with her sewing circle or “stitch and bitch” as they preferred to be called!

Volunteering was important to Mom from blood drives in WWII to Maui Memorial and CHOMP.

She is preceded in death by her husband Albert Caswell and son Steven Ross. She is survived by daughters Jinnie Ross Welsh of Lowell MA; Julie Ross Davison of Murphy CA; and son Stuart Ross of Carmel CA as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

BUDGET

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icized the city for sending tax dollars to the tourism agency, insisting that Carmel is already well known and well loved, and is already visited by enough people.

Instead, Barbara Livingston said, that money should be added to the amount spent on trees, including replacing the large pines at the Forest Theater.

Representatives of the chamber of commerce and the hospitality industry urged the council to keep the funding in place, considering the bureau helps drive business to Carmel. In 2005, the cities of Carmel and Pacific Grove disappeared from the MCCVB’s maps and guides because those cities had never paid membership fees.

Carmel and P.G. soon after re-joined, and Carmel now pays about \$183,000 a year to the organization, based on 3 percent of TOT.

Mayor Steve Dallas observed that arguments over money for the MCCVB and the chamber always arise at budget time,

even though they account for such a tiny share of the city’s overall expenses.

Council members Jan Reimers and Bobby Richards said the relationship with the MCCVB benefits the city, and that the efforts to market it to visitors who will stay longer and spend more money are coordinated and effective.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis spoke passionately on the topic. “Decreasing the marketing budget is kind of like biting the hand that feeds you,” she said. “If you don’t have tourists here that stay in our inns, you’re not going to have the budget we have to pay for things like trees and public safety and beaches.”

She suggested looking into the money spent on overtime for the ambulance, which in 2017/2018 totaled \$182,550, instead of taking money away from marketing.

Council members agreed overall with the proposed budget and will discuss it in further detail at their June 5 meeting, when city administrator Chip Rerig and others will answer questions submitted by them and the public. Questions are due to city hall by May 25, and a copy of the full budget can be found at ci.carmel.ca.us/finance.

FLORENCE LOUISE WHITE

September 27, 1921 – April, 18, 2018

After a brief illness, Florence Louise White, moved into her “condo in the sky,” as she was so fond of saying, on April 18, 2018, at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

She lived a long and adventurous life and, even at age 96, had a flawless memory, which gave her the distinction of being the family historian, storyteller, and central information point for an extended clan. She handled these roles with elegance and humor and shared her wisdom well, especially with the children in her life.



Born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on September 27, 1921, to Frank and Leila Mullins, Louise attended grade school and high school in Tuscaloosa and went on to graduate with a B.A. in Home Economics from the University of Alabama in 1942. In 1943, she joined the Women's Army Corps and began basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. After basic, she was selected to attend Officers Candidate School. Upon graduation in 1943, she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

From Ft. Oglethorpe, Louise was transferred to Fort Ord, CA and assigned to the Ft. Ord Regional Hospital as a Mess Officer. Later, as a 1st Lieutenant, she was promoted to Assistant Executive Officer of Medical Service at the hospital. In 1945, she met Captain Kent White, who had just returned from war service in New Guinea. They were married later that year in Carmel.

As newlyweds, they rented an apartment on the corner of Dolores & 5th, now the location of the Carmel Post Office. They also lived for a short time at the Mack Ranch, now the site of Santa Catalina School.

Louise was honorably discharged in 1946. Once back in the states from tours in France, Germany, and Japan, where she was secretary to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command Japan, she worked for a prominent attorney in Carmel. Captain White remained in the army for the next 25 years retiring in 1971 as a Lt. Colonel.

In 1973, they bought a cabin, called Zella's Grocery, a former general store for the logging camp in Palo Colorado Canyon near the Big Sur coast.

They made the house their home and began to enjoy the rhythm of life in the redwoods. Louise created a beautiful garden and planted new flowers every spring.

After her husband died in 1984, she kept a weekly routine of driving herself to town to shop at Trader Joe's and to get her hair done and returning home to relax with The Voice, Dancing with the Stars, sports, and politics.

She met every challenge that nature sent her way, including mudslides, forest fires, and floods. She steadfastly endured the many canyon evacuations, always looking forward to returning to her beautiful garden haven, where she never met a weed she didn't pull, and treasured every flower that bloomed. She had the red clay of Alabama in her blood—which made her strong, feisty, and independent.

Louise is survived by her son, Kent White, four grandchildren, Erin Hart, Ryan White, Dante White and Hilary Stubbs; and two great-grandchildren, Madison Hart and Lucas Turnbull. Brian White, her youngest son, preceded her in death in 2011.

Louise didn't want anyone “fussin’” over her after passing, so if you were fortunate enough to have known her, remember her in your own way.



Peter Bartowick, Jr
March 4, 1931-April 28, 2018

Peter was born in Carmel, CA on March 4, 1931, to Anna and Peter Bartowick, Sr. He graduated from Monterey High School and Monterey Peninsula College. He served in the Marine Corps as a helicopter pilot and enjoyed his station in Hawaii. He later was employed as an insurance agent with Brown Spaulding Insurance Company along with working for Carmel Properties for over 45 years.

Peter had 2 sisters: Mary Askew (Bill) and Toddy Harner (Bob) and one brother, John Bartowick (Gretchen); 6 nieces and nephews and 5 great nieces and nephews.

Peter married his beautiful wife Eunice in 1965 and he was a great dad to his three step-daughters: Lynn Booth-Scanlon, Leslie Cuomo (deceased), Connie Dulay (deceased). He was loved by his 3 grandchildren: Kristen, Christopher and Lisa who were the light of his life as well as his sons-in-law Tom Scanlon and Mark Cuomo.

Peter enjoyed hunting and trips to Big Sur with his beloved dog Casey. We will miss his smile, his great sense of humor, his infamous jokes and trips to San Francisco for Niners and SF Giants games.

At Peter's request, no services will be held.

Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com for condolences and guest book.

Margaret Marks Grasso

April 4, 1932 – March 16, 2018

Marge Grasso passed away peacefully March 16th at Chomp Hospital in Monterey. She was an energetic 85 years old.

Marge is survived by her husband of 63 years, George Grasso; son Mark, daughter Michele and grandchildren Sean, Marin, George, Grace and son-in-law Dean Dennis.

Born in Los Angeles on a family vacation, she spent all her life in Northern California. Marge had a career as a teacher and later as a producer/director of corporate television. She was a graduate of San Jose State, an active member of Delta Gamma and San Francisco Junior League with a passion for books and book clubs.



With a joy for life, Marge enjoyed entertaining, gardening, and reading books. Friendships meant the world to her! She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

To celebrate her life, the Grasso family encourages a donation to:

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KIOSK

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the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade. But by then, the building was a total loss.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the forest service. But arson is likely.

Adding to the mystery of how the fire started, another local reported hearing gunfire. And an American flag that had been locked up inside the kiosk earlier that evening was found safe nearby.

"It was taken out and put inside a traffic cone," said Debbie Waggoner, operations manager for Parks Management Co.

Forest service spokesman Andrew Madsen said the vandalism doesn't just hurt the company that manages the day use area, but the

public as well.

"Something like this is an expensive fix, and will likely take away from money that could have been used for improvements," Madsen told The Pine Cone. "It's a loss for everyone."

Waggoner ruled out a bad electrical system as a cause for the blaze because the shack had no power, and she said she was saddened by its loss.

"It's a gut punch," she said. "It's been there forever. That kiosk was a landmark."

Gina Iorillo-Corrales of the Parks Management Co. shared in the disappointment over the fire.

"I'm heartbroken," Iorillo-Corrales said. "But at least nobody was hurt."

Waggoner, meanwhile, insisted the business will continue to serve visitors in Big Sur from near and far.

"We're still going to be here," she added.



The kiosk at Sand Dollar Beach day use area in Big Sur was nothing but a pile of ashes the morning after it went up in flames. The site was closed for a few days, but reopened this week.

CRASH

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(Jeff) are active firefighters in Cachagua Fire. Kevin was part of our response today and had to say goodbye to his brother at the scene of the accident. All of us at Cachagua Fire are hurting — many of us have known Kenny for decades."

Klein's dog, Cooper, was in the truck with him and also died, according to the fire department. "It was a very tough day for our Cachagua Fire family. Kenny adored his dog, Cooper, and they were together until the very last moment."

According to Madueno, Klein was not wearing a seatbelt — a fact that contributed to his death. CHP investigators don't know what caused him to run off the road and are

investigating, as well as awaiting toxicology results from the coroner's office. It's unknown if drugs or alcohol were a factor.

The accident comes on the heels of another fatality on Carmel Valley Road near Carmel Rancho Boulevard. On May 2 at around 9:30 p.m., Carmel resident Jean Michele, 69, struck a tree while driving and died at the scene. Madueno didn't have any additional information on the cause of that crash, either, and investigators are awaiting toxicology results for Michele, as well.

■ Sheriff's car catches fire

Unrelated to the crash, a Monterey County Sheriff's Office patrol car parked on Carmel Valley Road near the crash site caught fire while the deputy was helping at the scene. Nobody was inside it at the time, and the sheriff's office is investigating the cause.

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Community Education for Aging Adults, Family Caregivers and the Professionals who serve them

Rotarians deliver \$60K in scholarships to CHS, York seniors

By MARY SCHLEY

PUTTING THEIR money where their mouths are when it comes to supporting the next generation, Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotarians awarded a whopping \$60,000 in scholarships at their annual Education Day luncheon at Rancho Cañada Wednesday. The amount

was nearly double the awards given last year, with a dozen students receiving \$3,000 scholarships, several more getting \$1,000 and \$2,000 awards, and a single talented musician being given a renewable \$5,000 scholarship good for four years of education.

More than 20 Carmel High School students and two York School students, along

with their parents, educators and school administrators, were honored at the luncheon organized by local business leaders. Rotarian Jim Agan, who taught at Carmel High for decades before retiring, coached the boys' swim team for a quarter-century and started its boys' water polo team, was the master of ceremonies.

Students received academic scholarships, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) scholarships, memorial awards, and special scholarships for their participation in the high school version of Rotary. The largest gift, a music scholarship of \$5,000 per year for four years, is funded by the estate of the late composer Richard LaSalle, who had no heirs and therefore left everything he had to

the club. Noah Kirsch won that scholarship this year and plans to study jazz at Sacramento State.

The winners honored Wednesday were Chantal Gonzalez, Erika Gonzalez, Noah Gorman, Maria Martinez, Abelardo Ramirez, Jordan Thompson, Aleecia Wheeler, Cameron Clark, Dylan Houpt, Quincy Hendricks, Sophia Supica, West Whittaker, Filip Zacek, Tarik Ramlawi, Madison Brothers, Luke Depalatis, Annalisa Olson, Diego Cabrera, Carson Coppinger, Joe Johnsson, Niki Panahizadeh, Adriana Sandoval, Jessica Small, Jenifer Solano, and Amy Cho and Henry Blaul, both from York.

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CHARGES

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swerved into a house and could have killed both of us and the people in the home," he continued. "I believe this was purposeful."

He said she punched him in the face after he regained control of the truck.

Rising also claimed to have received death threats from other people on her behalf.

The hearing was set for Jan. 25, but when neither side showed up, the judge dismissed the case.

Warrant for arrest

On Jan. 9, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office filed the rape case against Rising, accusing him of felony forcible sodomy and domestic violence. He appeared in

court without an attorney, was appointed a public defender, and pleaded not guilty.

Rising was supposed to be in court again Jan. 30 but failed to show up, so the judge issued a warrant for his arrest.

The judge also reviewed relevant medical records received from Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and Sexual Assault Response Team coordinator Sheree Goldman, and issued an order that Rising could not see the records except under the direct supervision of his attorney, investigator or expert witness.

"At the conclusion of this matter, all materials and copies shall be destroyed," the judge ordered.

A preliminary hearing, where the prosecution must show there is enough evidence against Rising to take the case to trial, is tentatively set for May 24. Rising remains free on bail.



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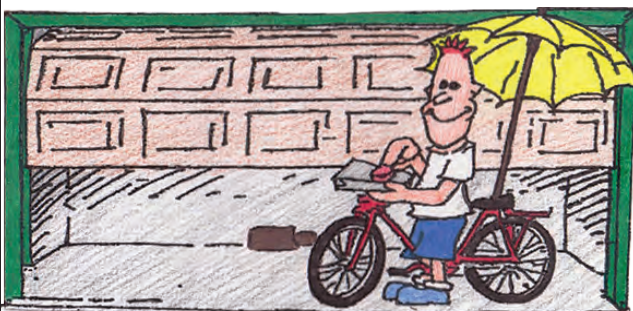


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THIEVES

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The woman continued to keep an eye on a man and a woman as they moved soil from one bag to another. Then she saw a glimpse of what she believed was a *Dudleya farinosa*, an attractive and hardy succulent that’s relatively common in Big Sur, but prized in Asia, where individual plants are sold for up to \$50 each.

“I watched until I caught sight of the plants, at which time I approached them,” she reported. “When I confronted them, I asked them if they were stealing native plants and they both nodded their heads,” Davis recounted. “I asked as I took their photo if they knew this was illegal, and they both said that they did.”

Lucky to arrive

After Davis photographed the license plate of their car, the man and women quickly packed up and drove away.

“At that time we turned around to head north and get cell phone reception,” she explained. “I contacted both the sheriff and Big Sur Kate Novoa [a popular Big Sur blogger] so she could have local people keep an eye out for them.”

Davis said she was lucky to arrive at the turnout when she did. “I’m very thankful that fate put us there at the right time,” she said. “I don’t think people understand how harmful the removal of plants like these can be. I also hope that people see that if they witness something going on, they can report it and make a difference.”

Brian LeNeve of the local chapter of the California Na-

tive Plant Society said the group recently discussed the issue, and he called the theft of *Dudleya* of various species a “huge problem.”

Often found close to the coast in Big Sur — which makes them an easy target — the striking pale blue-green plants are small and squat, with rose-tipped leaves. When they bloom, a stalk rises and erupts with a bloom of small yellow flowers.

According to the Mercury News, native plant enthusiasts first became aware of the scope of the theft last year when a trailer in Mexico was found with more than 4,000 specimens of a rare variety — stripped from the only island where they are found.

Investigators got a break in December when a woman called from the Mendocino post office to report that she was standing in line behind a man who was trying to ship 60 packages to China. The boxes were X-rayed, and succulents were discovered.

Two more tips came in, and 50 plants were confiscated in Point Arena, and more than 2,000 succulents were found in a van along the Mendocino coast.

Then last month, news broke that Chinese and Korean nationals were arrested at three sites in Northern California with about 2,300 succulents.

The report also noted that more than 2,000 of the confiscated plants have been replanted by volunteers.



An example of *Dudleya farinosa*, which is commonly found along the coast in California and is being targeted by plant thieves.

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DREAMERS

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14-plus hour debate on Capitol Hill May 9.

Similar incentives have been included in other Dreamer-related congressional bills, including the Dream Act and Enlist Act, but none of those bills passed.

Attaching the amendment to a major piece of legislation gives it a better chance of getting through, although there’s no guarantee. And if it fails this time, Panetta said he won’t give up.

“I will continue to author and submit this type bipartisan

legislation so that those who came here to live the American dream can serve and give back to the country,” Panetta told The Pine Cone Wednesday night. “This includes legislation that provides those who are undocumented and serve in our military the chance to earn a pathway to citizenship.”

Recruits under the proposal, Panetta said, would provide the military with an “expanded talent pool” because they possess “strategically valuable language and cultural skills.”

The 20th Congressional District representative also insisted that the country wouldn’t be “giving” legal status to Dreamers, and that they would need to “earn it” by fulfilling the terms of their enlistment. They would also be subject to the background and security checks like other United States citizen military enlistees.

“Eligible immigrants who wish to patriotically serve the only country that they have ever known and contribute to the United States, I believe, are vital to the interests of the United States,” Panetta said.

The proposal would only apply to Dreamers — not immigrants who were adults when they crossed the border into the United States unlawfully.

‘Our country should be willing’

Two Democrats spoke in support of Panetta’s proposal, including New Jersey Congressman Donald Norcross, who explained that his daughter-in-law — a Mexican citizen who was brought to the country illegally by her parents, but served in the U.S. Army — was nearly deported after having been found to be undocumented.

“If you are willing to give your life to our country, our country should be willing for you to become a citizen,” said Norcross, who explained that his daughter-in-law is now a United States citizen.

Panetta was successful in getting other amendments added to the \$716 billion military spending bill, including one that will determine how the Department of Defense can integrate new technology.

The committee adopted the bill last week, and it will go to the House floor for a vote in the coming weeks. Lawmakers are expected to decide on Panetta’s Dreamer amendment Monday, his office told The Pine Cone.



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This Week

Live Music,
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The ‘year of the piano’ takes final bow at Sunset — but ends with a bang

PROVIDING A fitting finale to a season dedicated to the instrument he plays, award-winning pianist **Phillipe Bianconi** joins **The Monterey Symphony** Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, at Sunset Center.

The Silver Medalist at the prestigious Van Cliburn Competition in 1985, Bianconi made a triumphant debut at Carnegie Hall two years later. Since then, he’s established himself as one of the world’s finest pianists.

“He’s sensitive and mature, and his playing style is perfect,” musicologist **Todd Samra** told The Pine Cone.

Bianconi will be featured as a soloist on Liszt’s *Piano Concerto No. 2* and Manuel de Falla’s *Noches en los Jardines de España*, G. 49.

Samra described the Liszt concerto as “a fascinating and innovative” piece that “expresses the melody in six different ways,” while he noted the piece by Falla requires “much interaction between the pianist and the orchestra.”

“Phillipe is a good listener, which is required on it,” he said.

The program also includes Prokofiev’s *Symphony No. 1*,

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Op. 25; and Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture,” Op. 49. The latter is one of the most familiar pieces of music ever played.

“Everyone knows it — even if they don’t think they know it,” Samra explained. “It’s part of Americana, even though it was written by a Russian about Napoleon’s defeat.”

The overture’s dramatic finale famously emulates — or accompanies — cannon fire, often at Independence Day celebrations.

“My little joke is that we’re going to end the season with a bang,” Samra added.

Titled “Concert Grand,” the symphony’s 2017-18 season kicked off in October, and features “celebrated pianists” performing “iconic works.”

Saturday’s concert starts at 8 p.m., while Sunday’s matinee begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$31 to \$81. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 646-8511 or visit www.montereysymphony.org.

■ Live Music May 18-24

Barmel — **J.W. & The Wranglers** (country, Friday at 7 p.m.); **Jive Machine** (“funk rock,” Sunday at 7 p.m.); and

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Singer-songwriter and alt-country pioneer Jay Farrar (left) takes the stage May 20 at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur. Singer-songwriter Kaye Bohler (above) brings her soulful sound to Cibo restaurant in Monterey May 18. Award-winning pianist Phillipe Bianconi (right) joins The Monterey Symphony May 19-20 at Sunset Center.

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Fog or sunshine, plein air painters take to the streets for annual contest

WHILE MAY brings flowers and warmer weather to most places, it brings fog and plein air painters to Carmel. Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, the Carmel Art Festival returns Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 18-20, and with it comes its popular plein air competition, which this year



Artist Sheryl Knight, who plans to attend at a reception May 19 at the Nancy Dodds Gallery, paints a scene south of Point Lobos.

will feature 60 contestants from near and far, including **Maria Boisvert, Delia Bradford, Mark Farina, Rolf Lygren, Lilli-Anne Price, Joaquin Turner** and other local artists. The artists will be easy to recognize Friday, with their easels set up at scenic vistas along the coast. Most will be prepared for the elements.

“Whatever the weather is doing, you will see it in their paintings,” art festival president **Tammi Tharp** told The Pine Cone.

An exhibit of contest entries will go on display at Ocean and Mission Saturday at 10 a.m., and the public can place silent bids on any piece. An awards ceremony is set for 5 p.m., and a live auction will follow at 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, Tharp and other volunteers keep the festival running smoothly.

“The artists put on the show, and we just create the backdrop,” Tharp said. “But there’s a lot of hard work that goes into it.”

If you are interested in volunteering, the festival needs set-up help at Mission and Ocean Friday at 10 a.m.

The festival continues through Sunday, with a variety of arts- and music-related events scheduled in Devendorf Park. Just as he did last year, **Steven Whyte** will create a sculpture of somebody famous — but he won’t say who, so you’ll have to guess as the piece takes shape.

The park is located at Ocean and Junipero.

Just as she does each year, **Nancy Dodds** will celebrate the return of the art festival with a reception at her gallery Saturday at 5 p.m. Five of the artists she represents — **Cindy Wilbur, Paul Kratter, Larry Cannon, Wayne McKenzie** and **Sheryl Knight** — will mingle with guests and talk about their work.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

“Please join us for a glass of good cheer,” the gallery owner suggested.

The Nancy Dodds Gallery is located at Seventh and San Carlos. Call (831) 624-0346 or visit www.nancydoddsgallery.com.

Also coinciding with the art festival is Carmel’s first Photowalk of the year. Eight downtown photography galleries will stay open until 7 p.m. Saturday, including **Weston Gallery, Gallery Sur, Photography West Gallery, Robert Knight Gallery, Exposed, Center for Photographic Art, Robin Winfield Gallery** and **Oficino Uno**.

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A Table Affair, rosé on the rooftop, pizza with purpose, and detour specials

FIFTEEN YEARS ago, Pebble Beach resident Averil Nero said she “couldn’t sell the idea” of having people come and decorate tables for a fundraiser that didn’t actually include dining at them. But now, A Table Affair has grown from a handful of decorated tables and curious guests that first year, to 50 eye-catching tables when it’s held in the main ballroom at the Inn at Spanish Bay from 2 to 6 p.m. May 31.

The event has benefited a number of different charities since its inception, and this year will raise money for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. “The dogs are always a winner,” said Nero, who has also helped generate donations for search dogs

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

and service dogs.

Many people and groups return year after year to decorate tables. “After the curtain came down last May, within a week, I had 90 percent of the tables filled for this year,” she said.

She’s excited to see Don Livermore’s table for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue dubbed, “Indiana Bones & the Raiders of the Lost Bark.” “He’s always very witty and clever, and always does a marvelous presentation,” she said. “I have many regulars, and that’s the delight.”

Jackie Craghead, who had an art gallery in Carmel with husband Don and is locally famous for wearing fantastic hats, will have a table called, “Butterfly Mania!”, while other promising entries include “Notes From A Broad,” “The Unreal Housewives of China Falls,” and “Swan’s Night Out,” among dozens of others.

“A lot of them put a lot of effort and money into it,” Nero



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To see over-the-top tables and help find older dogs good homes, head to A Table Affair at Spanish Bay May 31. The free event will raise donations for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

said. “I’m looking forward to it being a happy occasion. We have a lot of nonprofit organizations doing tables, and that, I’m very happy about, because it makes it more of a community outreach.”

A Bow Wow Boutique will sell wine, gourmet food and other goodies, with those proceeds also benefiting POMDR, which finds homes for older dogs and takes over care of pets from people who are no longer able to provide it themselves. “They are all donated items, so it’s all gravy,” she said.

Nero raises money on the side for the setup and expenses, so the featured charity at A Table Affair each year gets all of the funds donated that afternoon. It’s free, with coffee and cookies, and a no-host bar. People are invited to browse among the impressive tables and donate whatever amount they wish — which she hopes is a lot.

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■ Rosé all day

“Real men drink pink,” Grasing’s wine director Chris Ed-

monds said. And so do women, for that matter. Lovers of the dry rosés of Europe and America will be happy to hear the restaurant at Mission and Sixth is holding a “pop-up” rosé tasting in its rooftop patio May 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

“We will be serving French sparkling wine from Provence and Burgundy, as well as Sancerre rosé of pinot noir, and wine from Bandol and Corsica,” he said, along with some “domestic favorites,” too.

Alice Cormery of Planet Wine will be pouring and discussing several of the featured wines, while chef/owner Kurt Grasing will prepare appetizers that show “rosé’s true versatility with food.”

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■ ‘Dinner series for everyone’

Aubergine executive chef Justin Cogley and pastry chef Yulanda Santos will prepare one of their Redefining Flavor dinners May 23, with reservations available between 6 and 9 p.m. While the exclusive restaurant in the upscale boutique hotel at Monte Verde and Seventh is known for its elaborate, lengthy and expensive dining experiences, the Redefining Flavor series as billed as being “for everyone,” with a two-hour service and more reasonable price tag. The menu for Wednesday’s dinner is set to include foie gras with English peas and mint, fish baked in pastry or dry-aged beef, and sweets created from either elderflower, milk and honey, or chocolate and spruce. Dinner, with wine pairings, costs \$115 per person, plus tax and service charge. To reserve, call (831) 624-8578.

Also at Aubergine, for the summer,

Thursdays in the Courtyard are back, with Champagne (and other beverages) and oysters served al fresco from 4 to 6 p.m. The next is set for May 24, and guests get two oysters with each drink purchase. No reservations are necessary. Visit www.auberginecarmel.com for more information.

■ Mixer at Tally Ho, Pine Inn

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce is organizing a mixer at the Tally Ho Inn and the Pine Inn, located across the street from each other at Monte Verde and Ocean, and both managed by John Lloyd, May 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each venue will have drinks and food for guests, as well as staff available for room tours. The cost is \$10 for chamber members and \$20 for others. To learn more, visit www.carmelchamber.org.

■ Eat pizza with purpose

California Pizza Kitchen at Del Monte Center in Monterey will donate 20 percent

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Culinary luminary Jeremiah Tower (left) was in town for PBFW, where new Hyatt Monterey Regency chef Paul Blackerby (right) enjoyed working with him. Blackerby has added cioppino to the menu.

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of its proceeds May 23 to BirchBark when customers mention they are there to help raise money for the nonprofit that helps pay vet bills for those who can’t afford critical care for their pets. Eligible purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and all drinks, and customers who want to bring their pups with them can eat on the dog-friendly patio there.

■ Drivers still needed

Meals on Wheels held its annual Women Who Care luncheon earlier this month, when Cheryl Warner was named Woman of the Year. Warner worked for McIntyre Vineyards for a decade and for the last 14 has helped gather wine donations for Meals on Wheels events and other charitable efforts. At the annual lunch in Monterey, longtime supporters and board members discussed the organization’s need for help providing fresh, high-quality meals to people who are too frail, elderly or disabled to shop and cook for themselves. In 2017, the group delivered 101,142 meals, and volunteer drivers covered 113,229 miles. The Pacific Grove-based organization is always in need of more drivers — even those who can only pinch hit every now and then. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Cathleen Hughes at (831) 375-4454. For more information about the nonprofit in general, visit www.mowmp.org.

■ Rio detour specials

Businesses at the Crossroads shopping center are feeling the effects of the traffic nightmare at Highway 1 and Rio Road, as Caltrans and the county are working on multiple projects there, and the Rio Grill is providing incentive to people to take the Carmel Valley Road/Carmel Rancho Boulevard detour, or deal with the traffic, by offering lunch and dinner specials, as well as an extended Happy Hour. Monday through Friday during lunch, the Rio offers a \$12 special that changes daily. Monday, for instance, features pasta with clams, chorizo, leeks, peas and tomatoes, while Tuesday has grilled salmon tacos, Wednesday has smoked chicken enchiladas, Thursday offers fish and chips, and Friday features

a beef sandwich with pepper-Jack cheese. Dinner specials, \$18, run Sunday through Thursday, and also have a featured dish each night. Sunday’s is a quinoa-stuffed poblano pepper, Monday’s is the Rio’s beloved Chinese chicken salad, Tuesday’s is its equally famous smoked chicken and artichoke hearts, Wednesday’s is baby back ribs, and Thursday’s is Southwestern paella. Further sweetening the deal, Happy Hour is now 4 to 6:30 Sunday through Thursday, rather than the usual 4 to 6 p.m. The construction project is expected to run through the end of August. For more information, call (831) 625-5436 or go to www.riogrill.com.

■ New chef making his impression

It’s been a few months since Paul Blackerby became chef at the Hyatt Regency Monterey, where he’s overseeing the kitchen at TusCA, the Fireplace Lounge and other culinary operations at the expansive property, and his influences are beginning to show on the menus there. For several years before coming to Monterey, Blackerby worked as the executive chef at other properties in owner Davidson Hotels & Resorts’ portfolio, including Hyatt, Hilton, Sheraton and DoubleTree hotels in major cities like Denver, Atlanta and Memphis. His CV includes stints at several other venues over the course of his career, along with awards and high praise from critics. He credits his success in hospitality and restaurants to “creativity, early trial and error, and perseverance,” and said he likes to create food to “wow” his guests. On his revamped menus in Monterey, Blackerby said he’s particularly fond of the tuna poke nachos on wonton chips with sriracha aioli and wasabi, avocado and burrata arugula salad, Mary’s chicken prepared in the kitchen’s wood-fired oven with potatoes and butternut squash, fresh seafood cioppino with tomato and fennel, and the market fish, which changes daily, according to his liking. He frequently works with local purveyor Robbie’s Ocean Fresh Seafood. Blackerby is also looking forward to getting to know the community more, and has already made appearances at several charitable events. He’ll be cooking at the artichoke festival in June, the P.G. Natural History Museum’s 135th annual celebration in October, and the Big Sur Foragers Festival early

next year. ■ **Bernardus at IlFo** Il Fornaio restaurant in the Pine Inn at Monte Verde and Ocean will present a dinner showcasing the wines of Bernardus May 24 at 6 p.m. for \$80 per person. Vineyard manager Matt Shea is set to discuss the winery’s highly regarded Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, which will be paired with several courses, including deep-fried vegetables, prawn skewers, grilled polenta with various toppings, eggplant melanzane, shrimp and crab risotto, roasted wild seabass or rib-eye steak, and warm almond-hazelnut chocolate cake. For reservations, call (831) 622-5100.

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May 17 to 31 — “Keys to Interpreting Violence in the Bible,” Thursday evening lecture series in May with the Rev. Paul Wrightman. Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel. Details at www.ccmp.org or (831) 624-8595.

May 18-20 — Thomas Kinkade Plein Air works: Thomas Kinkade’s first gallery, Studio in the Garden, will be exhibiting a special collection of his plein air works. Thomas Kinkade was passionate about his plein air paintings. His ability to capture light and his love of nature transferred unto the canvas in a powerful work of art. “The Painter of Light” captured the visual beauty of Carmel in stunning paintings for collectors to enjoy forever! We look forward to seeing you during the Carmel Art Festival! Studio in the Garden, Ocean Ave, Der Ling Lane, btwn Lincoln & Dolores 624-3633; TK of Monterey, 381 Cannery Row, Monterey Plaza 747-2834; www.ThomasKinkadeCA.com



May 20 – “Celebrate Buddha’s Birthday” with religious ceremony, music, lite vegetarian food, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at Carmel Sambosa Buddhist Temple, 28110 Robinson Cyn. Road, Carmel. For more information leave message at (831) 624-3686 or email carmelsambosa@gmail.com. Carmel Sambosa remains open to those in search of connecting back to their true nature by walking a path of meditation

May 21 — “Bodie: Good Times and Bad,” the recently released book photographed by innovative photographer Will Furman, will be featured in a Power Point presentation at the Carmel Woman’s Club at 2 p.m. The famed mining town, described as both a “fearfully and wonderfully bad place” by Mark Twain, will be seen through haunting and evocative images created by Furman’s unique “Inside-Out” photographic technique. Members, free; guests \$10, includes coffee/tea and refreshments following the program. (831) 624-2866 or 915-8184.

May 21 — “A Taste of New England,” travel program at Monterey Hostel. Richard Forster, travel expert and avid photographer, will highlight Boston, Plymouth Plantation, Martha’s Vineyard and Cape Cod, Newport Mansions, and Mystic Seaport. Everyone welcome! Free program 6:45 p.m., Monterey HI Hostel, 778 Hawthorne at Irving, New Monterey. For program call 649-0375.

May 22 — Aspire Health Plan Presents: Recipe Makeover, a Community Connections Class, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at

Montage Wellness Center, 2920 2nd Ave., Marina. Small changes for a healthier menu. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections

May 24 — Aspire Health Plan Presents: Speaking “Doctor Talk”, a Community Connections Class. Tips for a successful visit. Light lunch will be served, noon to 1:30 p.m. at Montage Wellness Center, 1910 North Davis Road, Salinas. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections

May 24 — Aspire Health Plan Presents: Medicare Options Simplified. Join our health plan advisor, and Dr. Kenneth Gjeltema, to discuss your Medicare options. Plus hear healthy tips about retiring into Medicare, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Montage Wellness Center, 2920 2nd Ave., Marina. Event is free, and we ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 273-1606, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/options

May 26, 27 & 28 — The Annual “Friends of the Big Sur Library “ Book and Bake Sale, 10-4 each day at the Big Sur Library located at the Ripplewood Resort on Highway 1 in Big Sur. Drive down the coast and support the Big Sur Library. Peruse a huge selection of donated/used books and sample delicious homemade baked goods fresh from the ovens of Big Sur pastry maestros. All book sale proceeds go to supporting the operation of Monterey County’s only free library in Big Sur. All Bake sale proceeds support the Big Sur Grange.

Through May 27 — “My Mother’s Keeper” takes place within the memories of four generations of women in a show business family looking through the lens of the mother-daughter relationship dynamic. Staged 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Fourth & Guadalupe, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Tickets are \$20; \$18 group rate (part of 10 or more). Info at: carlcherrycenter.org/events (831)-920-4257. For tickets: www.ticketguys.com

May 31 — “A Table Affair” from 2 to 6 p.m. at The Main Ballroom, The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach. Come and enjoy 50 beautifully decorated tables created by local individuals and non-profit organizations. No reservations are required and there is no admission charge. Visitors to the event are respectfully requested to donate to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, the beneficiary of the 2018 “A Table Affair.” A donation table will be located in the Gallery outside the Main Ballroom. For more information, please contact Averil Nero at (831) 644-0833 or be e-mail: acnero@comcast.net

June 25-29 — Join Catalyst Soccer for a World Cup summer @ Carmel Middle School! Offering two great programs for boys & girls — the Superfundamentals camp, ages 6-13, from 9 a.m. to noon & the Little Skillsbuilder camp, ages 4-6, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$145 & \$95 respectively. Early Bird Special of \$10 off if registered before June 1st. Visit catalystsoccer.com to register or more info, call (831) 419-0347.

June 30 — Free lecture on Aging Happily Alive — Seize Your Life! noon to 1 p.m. at Rosalinda O’Neill’s Gr8ness Building Carmel-by-the-Sea office at Mission and Fourth, SW corner. To attend, please RSVP email rosalinda@ceolifementor.com or call (831) 620-2912.

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singer-songwriter **Robert Elmond Stone** (Americana, Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Big Sur River Inn — **Paige Two** (jazz, Sunday at noon). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

Cafe Trieste in Monterey — flutist **Kenny Stahl** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 409 Alvarado St., (831) 241-6064.

Carmel Youth Center — fiddler **Audrey Knuth** & friends (folk dancing, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). Fourth and Torres, www.montereycontradance.org

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Kaye Bohler** (soul, funk and blues, Friday at 9 p.m.); **The Chicano All-Stars** (blues, funk and soul, Saturday at 9 p.m.); singer **Dizzy Burnett** (jazz and swing, Sunday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Cooper's Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Scott Fenton** (Friday at 9 p.m.); and guitarist **Terry Strickland** (Latin and contemporary, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

Courtside Bistro at Chamisal Tennis and Fitness Club in Corral de Tierra — singer-songwriter **Kiki Wow** and friends

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Devendorf Park (all performances are part of the Carmel Art Festival and are free) — **The Nick Williams Trio** (jazz, Friday at 2:30 p.m.); **The Stu Heydon Blues Band** (Saturday at 11 a.m.); **Rollin' & Tumblin'** (blues, Saturday at 2:30 p.m.); **The Rotary Club Blues Band** (Sunday at noon). Ocean and Junipero. www.carmelartfestivalcalifornia.com

East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey — **Jacob and the Ghost Train** (folk, Friday at 7 p.m.). 498 Washington St.

Fireplace Lounge in the **Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel** — saxophonist **Ben Herod**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); and saxophonist **Paul Tarrantino**, guitarist **Gino Raugi** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Ace de la Vergne** (Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); singer-songwriter **John Vicino** (Sunday at 4:30 p.m.); **Sur, American Trash-bird** (rock, Tuesday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Casey Frazier** (Thursday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — **The Jay Farrar Duo** (alt-country, Sunday at 6:30 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

Hidden Valley Music Seminars — **The Carmel Valley Singers** present a free concert (choral, Sunday at 4 p.m.). Carmel Valley and Ford roads, (831) 659-3115.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Jazz Trio** featuring pianists **Bob Phillips** or **Bill Spencer** (jazz,

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Julia's vegetarian restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Buddy Comfort** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.); and singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

Mission Ranch — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **Madd-aline 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** (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 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.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.); and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

The Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Robert Elmond Stone** (Americana, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Two jade fests are better than one

BIG SUR has had a jade festival since 1990, and now Monterey is getting in on the action.

The first-ever Monterey Bay Jade Festival is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 18-20, at Custom House Plaza in downtown Monterey.

Like the annual Big Sur Jade Festival, the new festival will provide a marketplace for jade vendors — who will bring specimens of the blue-green stone in every imaginable shape and size — and local painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelers and other artisans. The festival will also feature live jazz.

“This show is meant to complement the Big Sur Jade Festival rather than compete with it,” said Kenny Comello, the founder of the Big Sur festival and a board member for the group that’s putting on the Monterey festival. “Our vendor response has been great, and we sold out 90 percent of our booth space in the first two weeks.”

Proceeds from the festival will benefit the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum.

The festival hours are Friday from 1 to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more details, visit www.montereybayjadefestival.org.

Laguna presents Spring Classic races May 18-20

VINTAGE RACECARS, historic motorcycles and dragsters will be at Laguna Seca Raceway this week and organizers say it will be “a celebration of motorsports like no other.”

Racing is set to begin at 8 a.m. each day, with historic Can-Am, Trans-Am, stock cars, Formula Atlantic and several other classes of cars that have kept motorsports fan riveted over the years. Historic motorcycle exhibitions will take place around noon each day, and more than 40 dragsters will fire up in the paddock, which is sure to alarm the neighbors.

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CCS title in school history, the first section championship by a Monterey County boys volleyball team in more than 20 years.

It was a next-to-impossible comeback, especially considering that the Padres’ confi-

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

dence and poise were in tatters as they trudged back to the bench trailing 0-2, on the brink of defeat. They weren’t accustomed to this level of disrespect from an opponent.

Consider that the Padres were 29-3 (22-0 since March 10) when they took the court against Harker (23-5), and had lost just eight sets all year (none since April 19).

But the Eagles weren’t impressed and had their own fantasies to fulfill. Trailing by two points in the opening set, they cashed in on an uncharacteristic string of unforced errors by Carmel to squeak out a 25-23 victory.

“When that happened, we started showing some frustration, which normally isn’t the way we react,” said coach Israel Ricardez. “And then, in the second set, the wheels started to fall off.”

Facing extinction

The Padres fell behind again, got rattled, and started pointing fingers at each other on the court. Ricardez called timeout and put a question to his team: “What changes do you guys think we can make to get back in this game?”

“What I got back was the most negative talk I’ve ever heard from any team I’ve ever coached,” he revealed. “A couple of our guys were so upset with each other that I actually had to separate them. And we went back out there and got destroyed (25-16).”

Facing extinction, the demoralized Padres returned to the huddle for a last-ditch pep talk from the coach: “We got here because we’ve cared about each other all season long. Calm down, relax, play your game,” he said.

Outside hitter Ben Airola, a junior for the Padres, said he can pinpoint the exact instant

when he felt the momentum turn. Midway through the third game, middle hitter Cole Dickman made a strong defensive play, passing to setter Charlie DeLapa, who then hung the ball above the net for Dickman to spike. Dickman’s shot ricocheted off the knees of Harker’s best defender.

“That play totally flipped the energy,” Airola said. “Right after that, Keegan (Forrester) went on a 5-point serving streak, and everybody’s energy turned positive again.”

Carmel won the third set 25-22, and the vibe on the court also had reversed. Harker was in panic mode, grousing angrily at each other, and got steamrolled 25-18 in Game Four.

Suddenly it was all tied up, two victories each, all the marbles on the table in the final set — a 15-point finale (as opposed to 25 points), with a mandatory 2-point margin required for victory.

‘Keep punching’

When Carmel bolted to a 7-3 lead, and Harker had already burned both of its timeouts, it looked like all would be settled soon. But the Eagles roared back to a 12-7 advantage, forcing Ricardez to use his final timeout.

“This whole season has been a fistfight, and right now I need you to keep punching until we win,” he told his team. “All I’m asking is that you go back out there and leave everything on the court for your brothers.”

The Padres fought back to a 12-12 tie. The score was tied again at 13, 14, 15, and 16. Carmel won the next point for a 17-16 edge — 1 point from victory — and had its best rotation of players on the court against what looked like a vulnerable lineup on Harker’s side of the net.

DeLapa executed a strong serve deep into a corner of Harker’s side of the court. The Eagles set up their 6-foot-6 hitter for a spike, but Carmel blocked it.

“They picked it up again, set him up again, and we blocked him again,” Ricardez said. “They set up one more time, his hit went off the hands of Aidan (Westerman), who then popped it over to Charlie DeLapa.”

DeLapa scrambled from an awkward

position to make an improbably perfect set for Airola, who scored the kill that won the tournament. The final score was 18-16.

The wild celebration that ensued on the court, and continued afterward in Carmel’s locker room, was straight out of a Hollywood movie.

But this “Hoosiers” story was real.

“It was the moment of a lifetime — maybe the greatest comeback I’ve ever seen, let alone been a part of,” said Ricardez, who said the victory ranks No. 1 in his book of thrills. “As coaches, we told the guys, ‘Not only did you give us this experience, but you gave yourselves a story you might tell to your own kids and grandchildren someday.’”

And the story isn’t over. Carmel’s will compete May 26 at Independence High in San Jose at the Northern California Championships, a tournament loaded with champions and runners-up from six different sections. Brackets will be announced Sunday night, and if the Padres are given a high seed, they’ll get at least one home match — and possibly three, if they go all the way to the finals.

“I feel like we grew tremendously from what happened against Harker,” said Airola.

“I think we learned a lot about mental toughness, and I think we’re going to feel very confident going into NorCals.”

Brackets will be posted at www.cifstate.org.

Looking ahead (May 18-24)

Baseball — Saturday: Central Coast Section Division III quarterfinals: Carmel at Saint Thomas More at St. Francis High School in Mountain View (2 p.m.).

Boys golf — Monday: Carmel’s George McNeely at Northern California Championships, Sierra View Country Club, Roseville, 7 a.m.

Softball — Saturday: CCS Division II quarterfinals: Pacific Grove vs. Carmel at Salinas Sports Complex (12:15 p.m.).

Track and field — Saturday: Carmel at Central Coast Section semifinals at Gilroy High (10 a.m. field events, 11 a.m. track events); Finals are May 25 at Gilroy High (4 p.m. field events, 6 p.m. track events).

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Carmel’s Cole Dickman spikes the ball during the Central Coast Section Division volleyball championships May 8. The Padres defeated St. Ignatius, Pacific Collegiate and Harker to win Carmel’s first-ever sectional championship.

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Editorial

‘Don’t pave’ movement comes back to life

IF YOU weren’t there, you may not have realized the importance of a decision made by the forest and beach commission last week.

This is the group that famously told one homeowner not too long ago to remodel his garage instead of cutting down a tree that was lifting its foundation. And refused to allow the eucalyptus trees that were taking over the north end of Carmel Beach to be controlled. And has time and time again protected old pine trees that have the people who live below them trembling in fear every time the wind blows above 20 mph. Etc., etc., etc.

Trees are very important to Carmel and add a serene touch to the city’s street-scape. But they are not sacred and should be treated as a resource to be protected and managed, not worshiped.

Meanwhile, despite the legendary advocacy of former Mayor Perry Newberry not to pave main street, Ocean Avenue, Junipero, Scenic Road and all the main streets in town *were* paved, and nobody wants them turned back into dirt roads now. Likewise, the town’s homes, schools, municipal buildings and shops — most of those were built on cleared lots, and have wood as an essential structural material — and nobody wants them all torn down so the forest can be restored. The question of whether it’s OK to cut down trees to suit human purposes has already been unanimously settled, if not by the sentiments of people, then by their actions.

Meanwhile, while everybody seems to think Carmel should stay just the way it was when they fell in love with it, the truth is that this town is a little bit different every year than it was the year before. Some years, the changes have been great — such as throughout the 1920s and 1950s, when lots of homes were built — while in other epochs — such as the present — change has come very slowly. But it is still there, and produced the lovely town we have today.

Which brings us back to the forest and beach commission meeting last week. On its agenda was a proposal for the city to swap a small piece of land on the north side of Eighth Avenue between Junipero and Mission in exchange for the owner of a lot on that block to build an expensive sidewalk on public land, not only in front of his lot, but along the entire block. It’s a stretch that not only has no sidewalk now, but is so dusty and hilly, hardly any pedestrians want to walk there. Which means they walk in the street — and it’s a busy street, too, leading from one main thoroughfare to another. And because a ballet school is located on one corner, plenty of children happen to walk in that neighborhood.

A sidewalk would be an obvious and substantial benefit, and it would cost the private property owner more than \$250,000 to build. But the forest and beach commission turned it down — why? Because it would involve the removal of a few trees.

We think this decision is a big mistake. Obviously, not every street in town would be suitable for sidewalks. Most of them are residential and quiet, and are places where it’s usually safe for pedestrians to use the road. But Eighth Avenue between Junipero and Mission is downtown, where sidewalks are not only appropriate, they’re a necessity of public safety and convenience.

Perry Newberry may have been an advocate of keeping Carmel natural, but he also lived in a home, rode on trains, drove a car, worked for a rice milling company in San Francisco, and became editor of The Pine Cone — all things which required a great deal of tree-cutting and development. Which is to say that, even for him, questions of development were ones of costs and benefits.

We think the benefits of a new sidewalk on Eighth Avenue would be much greater than its costs, and we hope the city council will overrule the forest and beach commission and let this particular sidewalk be built.

BEST of BATES



“To hell with the house. Save the trees!”

Letters to the Editor

Teen asks for upgrades

Dear Editor,

Carmel is arguably one of the most beautiful places a person can live. It has scenic views, public beaches, quaint hotels, and restaurants. However, from a teen point of view, these aspects do not necessarily “wow” the younger audience.

Sure, most teenagers love the beach, and sure we love to eat in the restaurants and coffee shops downtown, but I have to say, that is about it. Carmel was not designed to appeal to the younger crowd, but when you have a high school about a five-minute walk from the downtown area, you might think the city would use it as a business opportunity.

I find that when my friends and I plan an activity, we end up going to Monterey to see a movie, Pacific Grove to eat at Poke Time, or even Santa Cruz to go shopping because few attractions bring the teen population to the streets of Carmel.

I am not saying that we need to change the entire culture of Carmel; the quaint aspects make our community unique, and people travel across the globe to experience it. I appreciate what our community has to offer, but it would be nice to introduce a few upgrades that might appeal to the teenage audience.

Eva Reed, Carmel High School senior

A doctor’s skills

Dear Editor,

My deepest gratitude to The Pine Cone for focusing a well deserved spotlight on Dr. David Craig Wright in the “Great Lives” column on May 11.

Medical detective. Vintage jazz singer. Infectious disease specialist. Compassionate, caring physician. Worthy candidate for a MacArthur Fellows program “Genius Grant.” Dr. Wright deserves all of these titles and more, for his work on the front lines of the AIDS epidemic and the drug cocktail used around the world that allows HIV-positive people to maintain quality of life.

Since then, Dr. Wright has turned his attention to developing successful protocols on behalf of “The Next Epidemic: Tick-Borne Infections,” as well as infusion therapy for patients with multiple sclerosis, leukemia, and difficult bone infections.

After I contracted two tick-borne infections in 2002, I slowly lost my mobility, my ability to speak and think clearly, and my hope for a future. I wasn’t expected to live more than a few more months when Dr. Wright opened his local clinic in 2010. Lucky me, I was his patient No. 12, and he was my miracle worker.

He knew exactly what was ailing me and most importantly, how to treat me. He saved my life.

The Monterey Peninsula is especially fortunate to have his brilliant mind at work for all of us, seven days a week.

Sally Aberg,
Carmel Valley

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Music on the Mississippi, in Boggstown, and finally, by the sea

‘WHEN MY parents asked me what I wanted for my 5th birthday, I didn’t hesitate in saying ‘piano lessons.’” Mark Allen Jones was born in Alhambra, in Southern California. He was never into sports but had an intense passion for piano. When he was 4 years old, his father took him to see Victor Borge, the Danish-American piano player and humorist, and he was hooked. It wasn’t just the music, but the whole show that mesmerized

fied with his work life when he landed a job playing piano at the North Woods Inn in San Gabriel.

After 13 years, his marriage fell apart, and he said, “The only thing I had going for me was my music.” He decided to pursue it full-time, and his career gained momentum. He began getting more and more gigs, at Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and private parties in L.A.

At one such gig, he joined the Hot Frogs Jumping Jazz, a Dixieland band. “At that point there was a jazz show every weekend somewhere in the United States. We traveled the country playing for four

years.”

One day, he got a call from the Delta Queen Steamboat Company — how would he feel about playing piano while moseying up and down the Mississippi River?

It sounded more like a vacation than work, so sure. “That was the best year of my life. It was so nice to get out of the hustle and bustle of L.A. and change gears to moving up and down the river at 4 mph. And the people are charming!”

But life in showbiz can be tough. At one point, the managers wanted Jones to play until 4 a.m. and then play again at 8 later that morning.

That schedule didn’t fit well with the slow river lifestyle he had fallen in love with — and the desire to sleep. So after a year, he was without a job.

Women in flapper dresses

When you play piano like Jones does, it doesn’t take long to find work, and within a couple months, he had a call from a man in Indiana. “He had a cabaret in Boggstown in the middle of cornfields. It was ragtime, there were women in flapper dresses, it was alive!” He lived above the restaurant for a year. They were doing so well that the owner moved the show to Branson, Mo.

Jones did that for a year until he went to Atlantic City for a two-week gig, “just a throwaway with a banjo player.” When he finished they asked him to stay ... “Sure!”

For a half a year or so after, Jones played in the lobby of the Showboat Casino, but he felt that the job was unstable, and so he put together a band of his own — Hot Jazz Pie — auditioned, and won a contract to play at the casino for the next five years.

In 1999, the casino was sold at the same time Jones’ mother, who lived in Carmel Highlands, fell ill. Jones moved here to take care of her, and played music around town, from Mission Ranch to the Sandbar and other venues. His reputation only grew with the passage of time, and he was honored by the Monterey Jazz Bash by the Bay as its 2018 Musician of the Year.

Jones doesn’t miss a Wednesday, playing in the evenings at Stirrup Cup Pizza in Carmel Valley Village. Watching his hands on the keyboard is exhilarating. “There’s an energy that’s exchanged when I play music. It makes me feel alive,” he said.

Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

him, and he wanted to be a part of it. “The piano was my only friend; my parents didn’t even have to tell me to practice. I did it on my own.”

Five years later, Jones was tired of “Mary Had a Little Lamb” and “Chopsticks.” He craved ragtime, but his teacher couldn’t help him with that, so she quit. He didn’t take another piano lesson until college, eight years later. But he kept at it at home on the family’s old Cable player piano.

Jones went to USC and studied music. It was during the thick of the Vietnam War and, “I wanted to serve my country but I didn’t deal with the stress of going to war well.” He dropped out of college and struggled for a few years until he realized he needed to work for a living. “I sold furniture, went door to door, flipped burgers, and played piano on the side.” But he never gave up the piano.

At 23, Jones married a woman who had two children from a previous marriage, and the couple had two more boys, who became Jones’ pride and joy. He felt somewhat satis-



Mark Allen Jones has known he wanted to be a piano player since he was a 4-year-old in Southern California, fascinated by Victor Borge’s live performance.

Dancing in the rain, but always with joy

THIRTY YEARS ago in Andalusia, Spain, Boban Bursac befriended a Spanish Gypsy who would sometimes step into the pouring rain and spontaneously dance the Flamenco.

“It is raining ... why do you celebrate?” Bursac asked.

“Because the rain must stop one day,” the man explained.

Carmel’s artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

The unbridled passion and power of the dance is depicted in a pair of large paintings that hang on the back wall of Ex-tempore, Bursac’s gallery on Dolores Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues. And the Gypsy’s philosophy inspired other paintings — a series Bursac calls “Rainy Days” — displayed on an adjoining wall.

“We all go through trouble, but after bad weather, we see a better day. We see hope,” Bursac said. “The rain must stop one day, and the sky will be sunny again. This is life. When you don’t think positive, you remain stuck in bad weather.”

Metaphors and symbolism

That’s an attitude Bursac undoubtedly began developing as a much younger man in his native country, the former Yugoslavia, which from 1991 to 1995 was ravaged by a civil war for independence. He had two homes there that were burned, along with all of his early artwork and so many memories. “Emotion is to lose small stuff,” he said.

Bursac, 64, who gained residency in this

country via what he calls an “Einstein visa,” pours emotion, opinion, philosophy, metaphors and symbolism into his art. A wild-haired, barefoot fiddler in tattered clothes, head cocked, eyes closed, is lost in his music ... a lonely looking woman peers through the back of the inverted chair in a work entitled “Missing You” ... a nude man tumbles in a painting called “Free Fall” ... a person, shoulders bowed, uses his umbrella like a shield, fending off a driving storm, in one of the “Rainy Days” works ...

Ask him to tell you the story of a painting, and Bursac will demur. No story, he’ll say

— only a moment that inspired a revelation, exposing an otherwise-private piece of himself.

“A piece of art is the artist. An artist is a human being who has emotion and an opinion. When I look at art, I want to see how an artist feels at that moment,” he said.

Bursac is a purist, an idealist, an old-school artist who lacks respect for colleagues whose motivation is purely commercial. When a painting is created only for the purpose of a sale, it is already junk, he says.

“A nice flower is just a nice flower,” he said. “Georgia O’Keefe tells something with her flower.”

Same goes for gallery owners who are purely in it for the business. If they’re nudging an artist toward a certain subject matter — whatever seems to be trending with buyers — they are doing a disservice to the artist and the purpose of art itself.

Bursac, who has owned Ex-tempore in Carmel for 15 years, is madly in love with Carmel-by-the-Sea — its beauty and its spirit — albeit with reservations, beginning with the aforementioned opinion that the vast majority of galleries in the city are intensely focused on profit, as opposed to fine art.

“Some galleries would be better to call themselves souvenir shops,” he said.

‘Spirit doesn’t exist’

He also lamented that few artists can afford to live here, that none of the local media outlets employ an authentic art critic, and he groused that an artist must travel all the way to San Francisco to find what he calls “a serious art-supply store.”

“I feel the spirit of the artist community that Carmel once was — I’ve read about it, and I’ve heard about it, but it doesn’t exist anymore,” he said. “Carmel today is more of a business community than an artist community. You have to earn the right to be called an art community.”

Indeed, the vast majority of Bursac’s art income comes from worldwide collectors, not from the foot traffic at

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Boban Bursac, a native of the former Yugoslavia, poses with his dog, Una, and paintings of Spanish Gypsies he once knew.

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ART

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A reception at the Center for Photographic Art follows the Photowalk at 7 p.m. The gallery is located in Sunset Center at San Carlos



Big Sur artist Edmund Kara is pictured here in the mid-1960s with a wood sculpture he carved of Elizabeth Taylor. An exhibit and a play about Kara’s life open this week.

and Ninth. www.photography.org.

■ Exhibit, play pay tribute to sculptor

A display of sculpture by one of Big Sur’s most distinctive artists, the late **Edmund Kara**, will be unveiled Friday, May 18, at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

During the 1950s, Kara designed clothes for Hollywood stars, but he left the fashion industry behind and moved to Big Sur in 1962 to become an artist. Two of his pieces have become famous — a sculpture of Elizabeth Taylor he created for the film, “The Sandpiper,” and the iconic “Phoenix” sculpture that welcomes diners at Nepenthe restaurant.

The sculptor lived for many years in a studio that hung precariously over a beach. He died in 2001.

“He left a good career to become a recluse in Big Sur,” his friend, **Glen Cheda**, told The Pine Cone. “When he started making sculpture, it was only for his own pleasure.”

But even his self-imposed exile and the remoteness of Big Sur couldn’t keep his talent from being discovered.

A reception starts at 5 p.m., and will include a poetry reading by friend and neighbor Carolyn Kleefeld. The show will be on display through June 16.

Also at Cherry Center, a play about

Kara’s life, “The Fire in the Wood,” opens Friday, June 1. Presented by the Unicorn Theatre, the play was written by **Peter Thabit Jones**, is directed by **Carey Crockett**, and stars **Skip Kadish** as the artist’s ghost, and **Robert Blaine Yeats** as a young Edmund.

Tickets are \$20. The play continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through June 10. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m.

Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Call (831) 624-7491 or visit www.carlcherrycenter.org.

■ Artists share their secrets

Painter **Heidi Hybl** and printmaker **Kathryn Greenwald** will greet guests and share details about their creative techniques Saturday, May 19, at the Carmel Art Association. The talk starts at 3 p.m.

The two artists “capture the ephemeral quality of light” in their exhibit, “Transitory Light.” The show is on display at the nonprofit gallery, which is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

Painter **Mark Farina**, whose work is featured in the current exhibit, “California Scenes,” will present a landscape oil painting demonstration the following day, Sunday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. The events are free. Call (831) 624-6176 or visit www.carmelart.org.

COTTAGE

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had semi-opaque glass that would let light through. Atkinson said he would be happy to come up with another option that would please the city.

They also mentioned the large gable with glass windows facing the street. Atkinson said it was included because the neighbor to the south didn’t want skylights, but the tall Monterey pines make the property fairly dark. There are two skylights on the north side.

“I really sympathize with you about the loss of your house,” commissioner Gail Lehman said. “I’m glad you are rebuilding and can stay here.”

The vote to approve the house was unanimous, with the changes requested by Wiener.

BURSAC

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Ex-tempore. Sometimes he’ll close up shop and go into his studio to paint. He also dedicates a long block of time each day to Una, his 4-year-old female sheltie, who comes to work with him every morning to greet every visitor. “A lot of people on our walk don’t know my name, but everyone knows Una,” he said.

His proudest moment

Bursac’s work is so personal that he is sometimes reluctant to sell a painting to a customer who doesn’t seem to have an emotional connection with the piece.

“If a guy is looking at my art, but doesn’t seem to get it, I don’t like selling the painting to him. I have a hard time letting my painting go to a person who doesn’t appreciate it. This is my stubborn artist way,” he said. “At the same time, I am often crazy-willing to (adjust) the price for a person who honestly feels the painting. I am not a very good businessman.”

In addition to his gallery in Carmel, Bursac has artwork featured at various exhibits throughout Europe, including in Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Zurich, Milano and Venice.

His proudest moment as an artist was an exhibition of his work in his native country 10 years after the Yugoslavian war. The show, which was entitled “Emotion,” was held in the bombed-out, charred husk of what was once a concert hall and library — a building with a still beautiful exterior, but incinerated inside. It was also roofless.

“More than 2,500 people came through the exhibition in one day, and it was the first time people from different sides of the war had come together,” he said.

Restored to glory

None of his art was for sale at the exhibit (the same paintings were displayed later in Toronto and Vienna), but the show inspired donors to contribute to the renovation of the cultural house, which now has been restored to its former glory.

“To me, that is the power of art,” he said. “Art brings people together.”

Bursac’s work can be seen at Ex-tempore Gallery, and also can be viewed online at ex-temporegallery.com.

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ROTARY

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Also at the luncheon, CHS athletic director Golden Anderson recognized coaches and students who achieved great heights throughout the year, including winning league championships and setting records.

Carmel River School principal Jay Marden succeeded in his nomination of third-grade teacher Janice Fletcher for the Harris A. Taylor Excellence in Teaching Award, calling her a “true blessing to River School.”

TREES

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Branson said a complete landscape plan will be developed when the remodel proposal is further along in the process, but he asked commissioners if the proposal was “satisfactory.”

“If those trees were not there now, that building would be uglier, and more people would complain about it,” Branson said. “This new design is more aesthetically pleasing, but we need something to break up the profile that you see from the street.”

Commissioners unanimously OK’d the proposal but asked to review the detailed landscape plan when it’s ready.

Eighth Ave project hits snag

Thomas Fountain, who owns a house at Junipero and Eighth, received support from the city council in February for a proposal to build a duplex with underground parking on the neighboring 2,000-square-foot lot that he also owns.

He also proposed building a sidewalk in the city right-of-way along Eighth Avenue — at a cost of \$280,000 — in exchange for a strip of land he could use for retaining walls.

The block, which tends to be busy with kids walking from Junipero to the ballet academy at Mission and Eighth, has no sidewalk now.

The plan also calls for cutting down 13 trees — four pines, eight oaks and one Acacia — all on the public property that would become private if the project is approved. Ten of the trees would have to go for the sidewalk, and three for his duplex. He proposed replacing them with 21 new trees and submitted a full landscape plan, and Branson recommended

The event wrapped up with a teary Agan receiving an award himself, when he was given the club’s highest honor — the J.O. Handley Community Service Award, named for the late longtime Rotarian who founded the Carmel Business Association (now the chamber) and was cofounder of the Carmel Youth Center with Bing Crosby, among many other accomplishments.

“Carmel Unified was good to me, good to my kids, and good to the community,” Agan said when he received the award. “We need to support the youth of the community to assure they do well.

“This year’s scholarships totaled \$60,000, and we hope to increase that next year,” he added.

approval.

Project opponents, however, condemned the proposal as a gift of public land, and said the sidewalk isn’t necessary, since there’s a pathway on the other side of the street.

But since Fountain would pay to build the public sidewalk, attorney Anthony Lombardo argued, “It’s more like a gift to the public, I’d say.”

Several members of the Carmel Residents Association and their lawyer, Pam Silkwood, objected.

“This is the last block in the commercial district that’s reminiscent of old Carmel,” Georgina Armstrong said. She recommended posting signs to encourage pedestrians to use the pathway on the south side of the street.

Barbara Livingston described Fountain’s proposal as “a poster child for everything the city does not stand for.”

And John Thompson, who grew up across the street, said it would amount to a “visual loss” that would be “devastating.”

Forest and beach chairman David Refuerzo said he agreed with the criticism.

“We’re being asked to take out quite a few trees, [but] the need for a sidewalk hasn’t been demonstrated to me,” Refuerzo said.

“That block epitomizes what Carmel is all about — a natural native forest coexisting with buildings and people,” added commissioner Al Saroyan, a builder who himself has been criticized for projects involving retaining walls. “To change that to put a sidewalk and retaining walls — which are really foreign to Carmel city — I think would really be a travesty.”

Caddell said the project would look too manicured and urban, more like a residential area of New York than Carmel.

The commissioners unanimously voted to deny Fountain’s application. He can appeal it to the city council, which has already indicated it favors the sidewalk plan.

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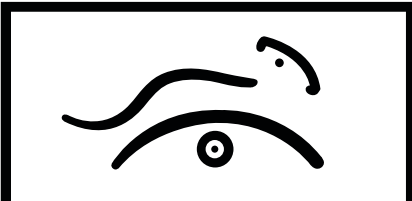
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