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COLLINS MAKES PLEA DEAL, AVOIDS JAIL TIME

By KELLY NIX

THE FORMER county water board director charged with dozens of criminal counts for overbilling a Castroville artichoke grower and conflicts of interest related to the now-defunct \$400 million regional water project pleaded no contest to just three charges in a plea deal with prosecutors Tuesday.

In a court hearing in Salinas that lasted only 15 minutes, Steve Collins pleaded no contest, the same as a guilty plea, to two felony counts and one misdemeanor, which will mean he will be placed on three years' felony probation and likely won't serve any time in jail.

Before his hearing, Collins spoke casually to reporters outside the courtroom.

"At the end of the day," Collins said, "I felt like I was going to a gun-fight with a pocket knife, so I agreed to a plea deal."

Minutes later, Collins pleaded to a felony count of violating govern-

ment code section 1090, which precludes public officials being financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, and a felony count of grand theft by false pretenses for overbilling Ocean Mist Farms more than \$89,000 between Nov. 17, 2008, and May 13, 2011, for meetings he did not attend or that did not occur. Collins had originally been charged with more than 40 criminal counts.

"He will, as a consequence of the plea and conviction of Government Code Section 1090, be forever precluded from holding public office in the state of California," Monterey County Assistant District Attorney Stephanie Hulseley told Superior Court Judge Robert O'Farrell Tuesday.

Collins was ordered to pay \$89,754.26 in restitution to Ocean Mist Farms. If he doesn't pay the amount in full during the three years he's on felony probation, his proba-

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PG&E officials try to appease uneasy council

■ Gas explosion community meeting set for March 26

By MARY SCHLEY

PRELIMINARY RESULTS of an investigation into what caused a house at Guadalupe and Third to explode March 3 show that gas leaked from a PG&E main that was being worked on in the street and then accumulated inside the vacant house where it was sparked by the pilot light of a stove, PG&E Vice President Kevin Knapp told the Carmel City Council at a special meeting Tuesday.

He and other officials from the utility company will also talk about the accident and their plans for resuming work replacing gas mains in town at an open house set for Wednesday, March 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. in city hall.

The leak that led to the explosion occurred when a PG&E worker tapped into a gas main he thought was just steel, but it actually contained a plastic insert. As he worked on the line, gas leaked between the steel shell and the plastic lining and followed the main into the home.

"The area of space between the steel and the plastic allows gas to go anywhere," Knapp explained.

An independent consultant called Exponent is conducting an investigation for PG&E, and Knapp said it will be complete in another two or three weeks. Meanwhile, the California Public Utilities Commission is undertaking its own examination of the explosion that destroyed the house and damaged a couple of nearby homes but miraculously resulted in no injuries.

PG&E officials also told the council they have fielded 23 inquiries related to the accident, and that repairs to adjacent residences have been completed. The home that was destroyed is fenced off.

At the council meeting, Knapp said PG&E officials plan

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PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Steve Collins chats with reporters outside the Salinas courtroom where he pleaded 'no contest' to three charges this week, ending his case. KSBW reporter May Chow is in the background.

Mayors unanimously oppose Cal Am takeover bid

■ Activists bitterly denounce vote

By KELLY NIX

THE SIX Peninsula mayors last week took a firm stance against a water activist group's June ballot initiative that seeks a public takeover of California American Water's Monterey Peninsula system.

At a March 13 meeting at Monterey City Hall, the mayors unanimously opposed Measure O, an initiative sponsored by the group, Public Water Now, that will appear on the June 3 ballot. The measure calls for the public takeover of Cal Am's local system, if doing that would be financially feasible.

Though the agenda for last week's meeting asked the mayors to decide whether to commission a \$50,000 study of the Cal Am takeover initiative, the mayors instead opted to aban-

don a study in favor of taking a position against the measure.

Toward the end of the meeting, after numerous people spoke for and against the takeover initiative, the mayors' consensus was that pursuing the buyout of Cal Am now would not benefit the community, which has been ordered by the state to find a alternative water supply to the Carmel River by the beginning of 2017.

"What has been very striking to me in all of the passion that we have heard," Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe said of the Measure O supporters, "is not one person has said here's how it helps you get a new supply of water — better, faster, more reliably or with greater certainty. Nothing."

And, Kampe said, making the Peninsula's water supply

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A little privacy, please!



You think the city manager of Carmel is in hot water? His counterpart in Pacific Grove is in trouble for allowing a construction project to disturb mating Monarchs. See page 6A.

Cabins with wheels offer option for families, quandary for officials

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO PROVIDE vacationing families with a unique option for overnight accommodations, the owner of Saddle Mountain RV and Campground in Carmel Valley is hoping to one day replace RVs on his 90-acre property with "park model" cabins, which have wheels but resemble permanent cabins.

At least one of his neighbors, however, has voiced concerns about his plans and would like to see more oversight from Monterey County officials.

In response, a county planner told The Pine Cone that county officials are meeting with state officials to sort out how such structures might be permitted — and by what

See **CABINS** page 11A

Tavener gets \$55K; Burghardt, \$180K

■ 'Wonderspace' by another name?

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE SOME questioned whether Wonderspace founder Richard Tavener would be the best man for the job of destination marketing consultant, the Carmel City Council voted Tuesday night to approve his new \$55,000 contract, which will be covered by city tax dollars and a \$1 fee imposed on hotel guests.

Members also OK'd a new \$180,000 agreement with Burghardt + Doré, the PR and marketing agency that has worked for the city since 2006, though city administrator Jason Stilwell said the city will be seeking bids from other firms in the future. PR man Jeff Burghardt's contract covers the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, after which bids will be sought from all firms interested in marketing the city.

Tavener's mission, meanwhile, would be to increase

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Devoted to Daisy May

DAISY MAY wasn't doing so well. One of many victims in a animal hoarding case, she had landed at the SPCA, nearly deaf, mostly blind, and completely toothless. At likely 12 or 13, the little Shih Tzu – or something like it – was unlikely to be adopted.

But the folks at SPCA found her adorable and named her Daisy May. And the person who rescued her felt she was too sweet to suffer anymore without a permanent, loving home.

"When I heard about this little dog," her person says, "I told my husband about her and went right down to the SPCA to adopt her. Who else was going to? It's the best thing we've ever done. She is the most delightful, loving, heartwarming creature you'd ever want to be around."

On behalf of Daisy May, her person immediately found an ophthalmologist for animals. After two eye surgeries, the dog sees fairly well. Daisy May dines on steamed zucchini and poached chicken, pureed with supplements in the Cuisinart. She seems to have much more energy and spirit, which her person attributes to a healthier diet and a healthy dose of love and affection.



Because of her separation anxiety, Daisy May spends most of her day in the arms of her person. She loves to visit Carmel Beach, which she also experiences "up in arms." She mostly prefers to ride along the Scenic trail above the beach, where she can take in the salt sea air, which all feels fresh and familiar and safe.

Daisy May's person has a 5-year-old granddaughter with the same name, which confirmed for her that this adoption was meant to be. One of her favorite things is a photo of the double Daisy Mays, the little dog resting securely in the arms of her namesake.

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Budget forecast sees improvement, city to spend \$16.4M on capital projects

By MARY SCHLEY

THE ECONOMY will continue to improve slowly until 2017, when it will flatten for a couple of years, according to the five-year financial forecast submitted to the Carmel City Council Tuesday by administrative services director Susan Paul and finance manager Paul Wood. For the upcoming 2014/2015 fiscal year, they anticipate revenues and expenditures to be even at \$17.8 million.

“In general, this year’s five-year forecast is healthier than prior forecasts,” according to the report, mostly due to increases in revenue from the city’s hotel and sales taxes. “The five-year forecast shows a steady balance between revenues and expenditures.”

Retirement reforms, refinancing of debt, restructuring in city hall and the stronger tax revenues are all contributing to a balanced budget that also gives the city more money to spend.

In the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, property taxes are expected to increase 1.85 percent, hotel taxes to grow by 2.1 percent, and sales taxes by 2.44 percent above this year’s levels. Overall income is expected to increase an average of \$367,000 annually during the next five years.

On the expense side, the costs of running all city departments are expected to total \$13.2 million, capital investments would be \$2.27 million, and debt service would total \$1.48 million. With a few other items tossed in, total expenditures next year are expected to total \$17.8 million, up from \$16.6 million in the current year.

The council also received a five-year capital improvement plan totaling \$16.4 million for 72 projects ranked in importance from “critical,” to “future consideration.” In general, each project would cost at least \$10,000 and meet some or all of several criteria: eliminating hazards and reducing liability, replacing high-maintenance or inefficient infrastructure, improving or creating new services, fulfilling outside mandates, stimulating the economy or eliminating blight, complying with the general plan and preserving existing assets.

“This major investment in the city’s infrastructure represents a significant commitment to our community’s future and is made possible in great part from the community’s support of Measure D,” according to Paul and Wood, who reported the tax would provide \$6.7 million toward the completion of 27 projects during the next five years.

Items listed for the 2014/2015 fiscal year total an estimated \$3,435,530, \$193,000 of which is unfunded. Projects identified as “critical,” include:

- phase one of the IT strategic plan (\$307,000);
- lease purchase of a new fire engine (\$70,552);
- radios and encryption equipment for the police department (\$72,000);
- street and road projects (\$976,800);
- sidewalk repair (\$75,000);

- repairs of the public works roof/Carmel P.D. patio (\$75,000);
- Sunset Center roof repairs (\$75,352);
- Forest Theater renovation (\$180,000);

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Porta-potty arson

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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Carmel Valley: Resident found deceased at a Carmel Valley location. Case continues with the coroner's division.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A cell phone was found in the business district on Mission Street and brought to the station for safekeeping.
Pacific Grove: Unknown vehicle struck a parked vehicle on 17th Street. Driver did not stop or attempt to contact owner of vehicle.
Pacific Grove: Juveniles were contacted at a residence on Ocean View Boulevard where alcohol was being consumed. Resident fled scene upon police arrival.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Carmel area: Resident on Val Verde Drive reported that her home had been burglarized.
Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to an alarm activation. Upon arrival, contact was made with a former employee who admitted entering the business and taking items without permission.
Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to report of a structure fire in the 26000 block of Zdan Road. The residence was under construction or remodel. The residence was fully engulfed. Unknown cause. Fire personnel will investigate.

Pacific Grove: Eardley Avenue resident reported his 14-year-old son was fighting with him. PGPD arrived and contacted both parties. Son is low functioning mental patient who usually stays at a group home in Salinas. Resident brings him home on some weekends. Resident said the son is having medical problems that make his mental condition worse. Son is unable to speak. Son was allowed time to calm down and was driven away in the resident's vehicle from the scene. No medical attention sought.
Pacific Grove: Man and his wife returned to their car on Ocean View after visiting the aquarium with their child. In the car, the juvenile began to get upset and would not stay in the car. She unlocked the door and ran out in the middle of traffic, forcing the man to grab a hold of her and bring her to the sidewalk. Upon arrival, the officer saw the juvenile kicking and punching the air while the man held on to her. Attempts to calm the child were eventually successful, and she decided to stay inside the car while en route home. Man advised that the juvenile is diagnosed with a behavioral disorder and requested a report documenting today's incident.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person requested assistance due to a residential lockout at 0139 hours. After reviewing his options, the Junipero resident agreed to let the officers to break a small window to gain access.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Insurance agent reported a tree fell into his client's house on San Carlos Street, and it caused damage to the roof and chimney. Photographs were taken and attached to the report. All parties were contacted, and information was exchanged.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A home on Guadalupe Street was damaged by a gas explosion.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a domestic-violence incident on San Antonio Avenue. Victim did not want to prosecute or have the perpetrator contacted. Victim wanted the incident documented only.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found a dog at large on the beach and brought it to the station for safekeeping. The owner was located and advised she was in the area where she saw the dog being taken by the person, but that it was someone else's dog. The finder of the dog brought the dog back to the location of the owner, and the dog and owner were reunited.

Pacific Grove: Monterey Avenue resident reported the rear license plate of his vehicle fell off while driving due to being rusted and deteriorated. He will obtain a new plate from the DMV. CHP 180 completed and entered into CLETS. Nothing further.

Pacific Grove: Neighbors on Alder Street were in a dispute over their property line. One party stated the neighbor hit him with a hammer. Neighbor denied using a hammer and stated her neighbor punched her in the shoulder first.

Pacific Grove: Morse Drive resident listed a sofa for sale on an ad. The following day, the suspect told the person he was interested and mailed a check for three times more than the listed price. The resident felt it was suspicious. Bank confirmed the check was fraudulent.

Pacific Grove: Driver struck a parked car on Presidio Boulevard, causing damage. Driver continued on and struck another car, and then continued on without reporting.

Pacific Grove: Report of 288.2(b) PC, child pornography sent by email, at an Arkwright Court residence.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer observed a business owner on Dolores Street allowing his dog outside of his store off leash and unattended. Contacted and warned.

Pacific Grove: Man reported a rape that occurred two years ago which involved his ex-girlfriend. He believes the rape occurred out of town with a group of football players. He felt guilty for the rape because he installed an application in his former's girlfriend's cell phone without her knowledge. The application was able to record audios of the rape, and he stated he could clearly hear his ex-girlfriend getting raped. When the officer listened to the audios, officer only heard white noise. Man said nobody believed him during the time the rape occurred because he would hear voices. After completing rehab and now medically being treated, he said he can hear through the white noise of the audios the rape taking place.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed and cited for blocking a driveway on San Carlos Street.

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‘SPAWNING GRAVEL’ TO HELP TROUT IN CARMEL RIVER, BUT MAYBE NOT NOW

By KELLY NIX

STEELHEAD TROUT IN the Carmel River got a boost this week when Monterey Peninsula Water Management District directors approved spending \$170,000 for 1,500 tons of gravel intended to improve spawning habitat for the fish. The bad news is that because of the drought, it's unclear when the rocks can be used to help.

For 20 years, the water district has used gravel to make the river bed more egg-friendly to trout. But this year's program will be the biggest — if river flows are sufficient to allow the rock to be placed this summer.

The dry winter has left river levels low, and the gravel would likely not disperse downstream properly to be of use to spawning trout.

“The flow is so low that I may not be able to put the rock in this summer,” water district associate fisheries biologist Beverly Chaney told The Pine Cone. “If I don't put it in this summer, we will have to wait until next summer.”

There is a four-month window, from July to October, during which the district is allowed to place the rock.

“That's one of the requirements of the grant agreement,” Chaney said. “It protects the red-legged frog tadpoles and juvenile steelhead” from being harmed.

During spawning, a female trout digs a nest, or “redd,” into the gravel in order to lay eggs before a male fertilizes them. Once spawning is complete, the female covers the nest with loose gravel for protection.

While the district on at least one occasion used a helicopter to drop gravel at various spots in the river, which allowed for quick positioning of the rock instead of waiting for it to naturally migrate downstream, Chaney said that's not an option now.

“We would love to do that again,” she said, “but hiring helicopters costs way too much.”

When the district finally places the 1,500 tons of gravel into the Carmel River, it will mark the largest amount added to the river at one time.

The gravel pieces will range in size from about 1.5 inches to 4 inches, Chaney said.


The funds for the project are reimbursable through a taxpayer-funded grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; however, about 100 hours of staff time will be needed to oversee the project, according to the water district.

The district will enter into a \$133,000 contract with company Assured Aggregates for gravel from its Central Valley quarry, and a \$35,000 contract with Don Chapin Construction Company to place the gravel into the river.

The water district isn't the only agency using spawning gravel. Many other districts and organizations insert such rocks into waters to improve spawning habitat for steelhead fish and salmon.


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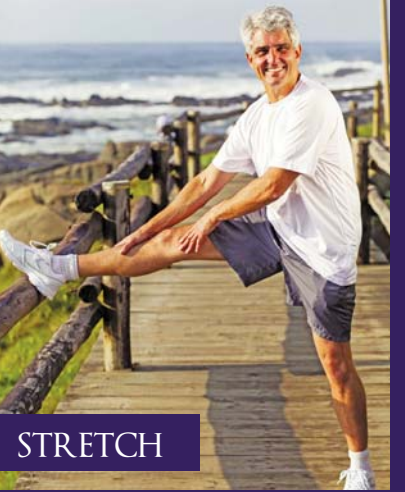


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P.G. city manager issues apology over construction at butterfly sanctuary

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE'S city manager last week apologized for not notifying monarch enthusiasts about the heavy construction at the butterfly sanctuary which some say was harmful to the city's favorite insects.

The city issued an emergency permit to the owners of the adjacent Butterfly Grove Inn so workers could fix leaky sewer pipes. Last week's construction involved crews digging trenches and replacing sewer lines in a prime monarch mating area.

Any construction at the butterfly sanctuary should wait until mating season is over at the end of April, naturalist Bob Pacelli told The Pine Cone. Just after last week's work began, Pacelli said he saw a worker disturb a pair of mating mon-

archs, which are prevalent in the sanctuary this time of year. "He was digging and not looking," Pacelli recalled. "He threw some dirt on some mating monarchs."

Two days later at a Pacific Grove City Council meeting, P.G. resident Frances Grate blasted the city for failing to notify residents of the construction work. She called it a "gross miscommunication," and said the city was "insensitive" to the butterfly sanctuary.

"Be proactive," Grate told the council. "If something needs to be done, let the public know; otherwise, we react the way we do and it hits the fan."

City manager Tom Frutchey said the work was necessary because there had recently been more than one sewer spill near the hotel. But he apologized for not notifying residents ahead of time about the construction, which was paid for by



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Naturalist Bob Pacelli points to an area above the trench where monarchs frequently mate at P.G. monarch sanctuary. The city manager apologized that the city didn't notify residents of the construction.

the inn. "It's very clear that more could have been done to alert people that this was taking place," Frutchey said.

Pacelli said the city should have not only notified the public about the work, but also informed workers of the sensitive nature of the monarch habitat so they could have been more careful. Last week, scores of monarchs could be seen mating in the sanctuary off of Lighthouse Avenue.

"Cleanup or construction at this time of year is very bad," butterfly enthusiast Sally Moore told The Pine Cone. "The monarchs are mating on the ground and easily destroyed or certainly disturbed by such activity."

Acting city public works superintendent Daniel Gho told The Pine Cone that the work was necessary to stop sewage from leaking into the streets, which he said was a public health hazard. Building official John Kuehl issued the emergency permit for the work.

"We work with [monarch butterfly enthusiasts] to better the sanctuary," Gho said. "And the city has always done that. But this was an incident that couldn't be avoided."

While Pacelli, Moore and resident Barbara Douglas told The Pine Cone they believe the construction was actually part of a larger plan by the city to enable the inn's sewer lines to connect with proposed public restrooms near the sanctu-

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Friend's death leads dad to install defibrillators at ballparks

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN CARMEL resident Tom Coppinger died of a heart attack a few days before Christmas, the loss reverberated through many circles — his family and friends, of course, but also the schools, non-profits and community groups that relied on his enthusiasm, personality and dedication for their fundraising efforts and support. His sudden death also made a fellow father realize that if someone at a Carmel Youth Baseball game has a heart attack, those nearby must have the means to save his life.

As a result, Graham Evans, a Monterey firefighter who also serves on the Carmel Youth Baseball board of directors, decided to stump for the funds to install automated external defibrillators at De Dampierre Park in Carmel Valley Village and Larson Field near the Mission.

"I always thought it would be hard to buy an AED in honor of someone who had a heart attack, but we were definitely thinking about him when we bought them," Evans said of Coppinger, whose son, Trey, he coached in water polo at Carmel High. "You hear every year of some kid getting hit with a baseball and going down, and I also think about having people come and watch the baseball games — people like Tom."

To help fill what he saw as a critical need, Evans first considered seeking a grant but decided to take his idea to Pebble Beach residents Mike and Chrissi Morgan.

"They're very generous, especially when it comes to things like that for the community," he said. The couple donated \$5,000.

Evans ordered two AEDs online for \$3,800, and the balance is being used for their maintenance, upkeep and replacement parts, like the pads and batteries. The machines came with outdoor storage boxes that are alarmed and have a light that shines

if someone opens the doors.

"We thought that was important," he said.

When the ballfields are empty, the AEDs are removed from their boxes and locked up, so no one steals them, and Evans checks them regularly to make sure they are functioning properly.

"The AEDs are not there unless there's a practice or a baseball game — they are locked away in storage," he said. "So every time a coach comes to have a practice or set up for a game, they have to put the AEDs out."

Evans said he hopes the machines will not only enable someone to save a life, if need be, but to offer peace of mind when the ballparks are packed with kids, parents and fans.

"I just want people to know that they're there — especially if they come to watch their kids play baseball," he said.



Tom Coppinger's death last December inspired a local firefighter to get AEDs installed at ballparks.

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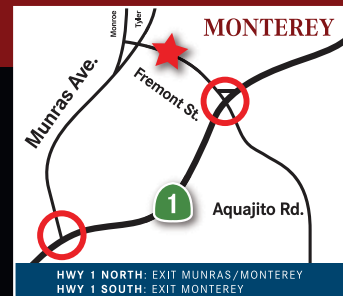
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P.G. City Council to put pension initiative on November ballot

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Council is set to comply with a judge's order to put on the November ballot a citizens' initiative that seeks to void a 2002 pension deal that gave police and firefighters sweetheart retirement plans, the city's mayor told The Pine Cone.

In a ruling released last week, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills ordered the city council to adopt a resolution putting the citizens' initiative on the Nov. 4 ballot within 30 days. Though the council didn't do that at a meeting last week, it is set to do that at the April 2 meeting, Mayor Bill Kampe said.

"That meeting falls within the required 30 days" of the judge's order, Kampe explained.

Backers of the initiative who sued the city last year after the council refused to enact it contend the 2002 council approved the

retirement plan without knowing the true costs to the city. The council wasn't allowed to view the actuary report showing that the plan would cost more than \$800,000 per year, supporters contend.

Meanwhile, the attorney for the three citizens who organized the initiative, Margaret Thum, served city councilmen Robert Huitt, who was also on the 2002 council, and Dan Miller with subpoenas so she could question them about the pension plan, which allows public safety workers to retire as early as age 50. Miller told The Pine Cone he gave his deposition this week.

On June 26, Wills will weigh a countersuit that the city filed challenging the legality of the initiative.

With the exception of Miller, the council has criticized the initiative and warned that, if it passes, it will spark costly lawsuits against the city by employees' unions.

Maryanna Haskins

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CARMEL - Maryanna Haskins, 81 years old, died peacefully in the company of her children on March 14, 2014. She was born in Hollywood, CA to Sam Haskins Jr. and Mary Stimson Haskins. A brother, Sam, followed two years later. The family moved from Pasadena to Sierra Madre in 1939 and lived there until 1956.



Maryanna went to Sierra Madre School through the 8th grade and then to high school at Anoakia. She attended Mt. Vernon Jr. College and graduated from USC with a degree in education in 1954. Maryanna met Gene Otsea at USC and married him in 1955.

Maryanna taught kindergarten in Seaside, CA when Gene was stationed at Fort Ord. Their four children, Mary Jo, Karen, Peter and Erik were born between 1956 and 1960. The family lived in Fullerton, CA from 1959 until they moved to Geneva, Switzerland in 1966 where the children all attended the International School of Geneva until each graduated from high school.

Maryanna and Gene were divorced in 1978 and Maryanna moved back to California to live in San Francisco. Maryanna helped out a friend, Bill West, with his new and, at the time, very small Zuni Cafe. She went on to become the daytime hostess there in the 1980s as the restaurant expanded and blossomed into one of San Francisco's most popular dining spots, as it still is today. Maryanna also volunteered for the San Francisco Aids Foundation and worked primarily with the Aids Hot Line. She received a merit award for her work and dedication to the foundation at a celebration where she was honored. This ceremony was attended by many of her close friends and family.

Maryanna lived in various places in San Francisco, including North Beach and Potrero Hill. She moved from Potrero Hill in 2002 to Carmel, where many of her extended family live. While unfailingly generous, Maryanna was a shark at the hearts table. She perfected emincé de veau and believed no t-bone should escape ungnawed. Her family will miss her sorely when they gather in Cayucos for the 36th summer.

Maryanna leaves her four children, six grandchildren, and brother. A private family celebration will take place later this year. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the San Francisco Aids Foundation, 1035 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Realty company, homeowner sued over 'sale' of Carmel Valley home

By KELLY NIX

A COMPLICATED lawsuit filed more than four years ago by a married couple alleging they were bilked out of their Carmel Valley dream home by a local real estate company will be scheduled for a trial soon.

In the suit, which dates to October 2009, Karl Anderson and his wife, Lori Bishop, allege that in June 2009, they entered into an agreement, handled by Sotheby's realtor Whiz Lindsey, to lease a house on Phelps Way with an option to purchase the \$1.2 million property by March 2010.

As part of the deal, the couple says they paid homeowner Glenn Cameron a total of \$38,200 — which included \$25,000 for the option to purchase the 4,000-square-foot home, rent of \$6,200, a security deposit of \$6,000 and \$1,000 for one-sixth of last month's rent.

But about two months after moving into the house, Anderson and Bishop — who relocated to Carmel Valley from Southern California with their four horses — got an unnerving knock at the door from a realtor who wanted to show the house to a prospective buyer.

"The realtor said 'Can I show this property? I have someone who wants to see your house,'" Bishop told The Pine Cone. "And we said 'This is ridiculous, this is our house.'"

The couple was taken aback again when the realtor said the property was in the early stages of foreclosure because the owner, Cameron, hadn't made his mortgage payments.

"We were defrauded, plain and true," Anderson said, because Cameron knew the foreclosure was on the way and never intended to sell them the house.

Sotheby's International Realty, also a named as a defendant, filed a countersuit against Anderson and Bishop alleging breach of contract related to the lease and sale of the home.

And then Cameron filed a countersuit of his own, claiming the couple was at fault for "intentionally not paying" him so the home would go into foreclosure, though it isn't clear why they would do that.

Lindsey and a Sotheby's manager for the company's Monterey Peninsula offices did not respond to messages seeking comment.

"The plaintiffs failed to abide by the terms of the purchase agreement, and instead, attempted to negotiate a better deal with the lenders and lived in the property rent free until it was foreclosed upon," Cameron alleges in his suit, which the couple denies.

The home was foreclosed in November 2009, and Anderson and Bishop moved into a friend's mobile home located on property they could tend to their horses. They later moved into a house in Hidden Hills, where they currently reside.

In their lawsuit, the couple contends that Cameron took the couple's money for the option and rent, but never intended to actually sell them the home.

"Cameron made representations with the intent to induce plaintiffs to unknowingly enter into the agreements and pay Cameron \$38,200," according to the lawsuit, "so as to unduly benefit Cameron."

Cameron, they say, also failed to obtain building permits he promised would have allowed them to make improvements to the property and that he was behind on property taxes, as well as the mortgage.

"On the day we signed the documents to begin the lease option," Anderson, a veterinarian at Animal Hospital at Mid Valley, said, "he was probably already seven or eight months behind in his mortgage, and he did not disclose that."

Furthermore, they say, Lindsey was aware of the issues on the property but intentionally withheld the information. Sotheby's is being sued because it's liable for Lindsey's actions, the couple says. Realtors and homeowners, by law, are required to disclose material facts affecting the value of a property or its title to prospective buyers.

"We hire real estate agents because they are supposed to be professional and supposed to know what they are doing and not conceal information just for commission," Anderson said.

Besides alleging breach of contract, fraud, negligent misrepresentation and other claims, Anderson and Bishop allege the defendants acted with "oppression, fraud and malice," which could entitle them to punitive damages.

Anderson and Bishop said they've spent their entire retirement savings, \$100,000, on attorney's fees in pursuing the lawsuit.

Robert D. Steinmetz

1930-2014

Robert (Bob) D. Steinmetz, 83, longtime Monterey Peninsula resident and retired pharmacist, died March 10, 2014 at St. Joseph Hospital, Denver, CO of Primary Amyloidosis.



Bob was born on April 23, 1930 in Pacific Grove. He was the grandson of pioneering Pacific Grove blacksmith Henry Steinmetz, who was known for his ornamental iron work.

Bob's interest in pharmacy began early, as a child, when he delivered prescriptions for Dyke's Pharmacy in Pacific Grove.

He graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1948. He attended University of California, Berkeley and University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy, where he met and married his wife Marjorie. He graduated from U.C.S.F. in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Field Service Corp and was discharged at Fort Ord as a 1st Lieutenant in 1957.

He and Marjorie settled in Carmel in 1956, where they raised their two daughters.

Bob was a member of the Pebble Beach Sports Car Club, the Del Monte Kennel Club, and had many hobbies including oil painting, woodworking, and classic cars. He was also a charter member of the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

He finished his career in pharmacy at the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula in 1990. In retirement, the Steinmetz's moved to Lakewood, CO. Bob continued to enjoy his many hobbies.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marjorie; two daughters, Laura Steinmetz-Malato (Larry) of Woodinville, WA and Lee Ann Prunty (Kurt) of Evergreen, CO and twin granddaughters, Jenna and Lauren Prunty.

At his request, no funeral services will be held. The family asks that any memorial contributions be made to the Monterey Bay Aquarium Memorial Fund.

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■ 98 years ago —
March 22, 1916

New School Certain

Without a dissenting vote, the electors of Carmelo school district last Friday authorized the board of trustees to issue bonds to the extent of \$2000 to erect and furnish a modern school building. The structure now in use is one of the oldest in the state, which should have been abandoned years ago. At the next meeting of the trustees, plans and specifications will be presented and adopted and bids advertised for, and construction will begin as soon as possible.

Harmony in Sight

One of the things most desired by many in Carmel who are interested in and devoted to the presentation of the annual Forest Theatre affairs is likely to be consummated. At a meeting of the council of the Forest Theatre Society late Friday evening, at which several members of the Western Drama Society were present, the proposition of the organizations uniting was taken up. The result was the appointment of a joint committee, the business of which will be the working out of a plan for consolidation.

For the first two years after its organization, the Forest Theatre Society, which had put on Miss Skinner's "David" and "Twelfth Night", was alone in the field, but in 1912 a disagreement arose in the society, which culminated in the formation of the Western Drama Society. Since that time both groups have been producing elaborate plays annually — and neither of them have done as well artistically or financially as they might have.

■ 75 years ago —
March 24, 1939

Quarantine Placed on Dogs

A strict state quarantine of dogs in the entire peninsula area from Carmel river north to Marina was imposed yesterday, according to Dr. Dwight M. Bissell, county health officer. Since March 1 there have been 13 cases of rabies and in the past nine months 24 persons have been under treatment. One positive case of rabies was reported on Wednesday from Pebble Beach, Earle Duclus, health inspector at Monterey, said yesterday.

All dogs must be kept on the premises and leashed, caged or in a paddock, to prevent them escaping by way of low fences or open doors. Any animals so escaping, however, may be redeemed by permit from Duclus.

■ 50 years ago —
March 26, 1964

Planners Fence About Parking

The Carmel City Planning Commission spent most of the time at its monthly meeting yesterday in parliamentary fencing. In mid-February, the City Council passed an ordinance which under certain circumstances requires that on-site, off-street parking be provided for before a building permit will be issued. The problem arises: when shall the law apply? Carmel Commercial Properties plans a development at the northwest corner of Mission and Seventh on a piece of property containing 16,000 square feet. Must they

provide parking?

The planning commission, apparently unwilling to go out on a long limb without company, put the decision off until after the joint committee on parking of the City Council and the Planning Commission meets again. It will come up again at the regular April meeting of the commission.

Plans for New Wing At Community Hospital

Plans to construct a new 32-bed patient wing to accommodate an additional 1,600 patients per year at Community Hospital were announced yesterday at the annual membership meeting by Vernon F. Hurd, who also was re-elected president of the Board of Trustees. He said the new two-story wing will be built at the northeastern corner of the hospital.

It will connect north and south nursing floors. The work and expansion of certain departments of the hospital will cost an estimated \$875,000. Completion of the project is anticipated in 1967 or 1968.

In discussing progress, Mr. Hurd said that in 1963 the hospital cared for 5,000 inpatients and 10,000 outpatients. This was a 50% increase over the previous year.

■ 25 years ago —
March 23, 1989

Is year-round school in books for Carmel kids?

Carmel Unified School District officials are rethinking the idea of a traditional school calendar, and are now considering the option of offering classes year-round. The notion is not to be confused with an extended number of school days, such as the recently instituted program at Briarcliff Academy where school is in session 215 days a year.

Instead, the CUSD would maintain its 180-day calendar, but would spread those days throughout the year. In a year-round calendar the traditional summer vacation is replaced with a series of shorter breaks throughout the 12 months.

Some 70, or 6 percent, of the state's 1,025 school districts have instituted some kind of year-round education plan at 387 different sites. Moreover, 40 other districts statewide are seriously studying the possibilities of year-round education for the future.

Benefits cited by proponents for a year-

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Tudor appeals denial of tasting room permit

By MARY SCHLEY

THE DAY after the Carmel Planning Commission rejected his permit for a tasting room because his wines aren't made in Monterey County, even though some of the grapes in them are grown here, Dan Tudor filed an appeal in order to plead his case before the city council.

Tudor hopes to open a tasting room and store in the small gazebo behind Anton & Michel Restaurant in the Court of the Fountains on Mission Street where artist and mayoral hopeful Vincenzo D'Amico currently proffers his artwork.

At the March 11 meeting, which Tudor did not attend, planning commissioners voted to deny his permit because his wines are made in Paso Robles, and their guidelines on tasting rooms heavily favor Monterey County wines. On March 12, he submitted a letter and the required \$295 fee to take the matter to the city council, which will hear it April 1.

Tudor, whose cousin, Christian, owns Tudor Wines, objected to being classified as an out-of-county winemaker

and pointed out all of his vintages since 2000, except for two Pinots Noir in 2006 and one in 2007, have been made with Santa Lucia Highlands grapes.

"All of our grapes and wines," he said, with the exception of the three vintages, "have been Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir, Riesling and Gewurztraminer since we started in 2000," he told The Pine Cone. "That's what we've been about since we started."

The fruit is trucked down to a winery in Paso Robles to be crushed, fermented, barreled and bottled, Tudor said, because his operation is too small to purchase its own winery, and there aren't other facilities here he can use.

"We need space that is set up for small-lot, high-quality wine production, and there just isn't very much of that, if any, really available in Monterey County," he said. "We don't want to have to truck our grapes down to Paso, but that was the closest we could find to bottle and store our wines."

He also argued that several other Santa Lucia Highlands and Monterey County wines are made and bottled at facilities

outside the county, and that unless someone is making 50,000 cases per year, it doesn't make sense to build a winery.

And since Tudor's wines are brought back north and sold locally, he said, the community is benefitting from the business.

Further, he questioned the city's Monterey County rule for wine-tasting rooms when no such restrictions are imposed on other goods or restaurants.

"They don't tell Coach they have to make their bags in Monterey County, and they don't tell restaurants they have to use all Monterey County produce," he said. "But we have all Monterey County grapes."

He also objected to Scott Caraccioli's allegations at the planning commission meeting that he didn't hold licenses or pay taxes on his wines when they were sold and offered for tasting at another Mission Street restaurant, Andre's Bouchée. There, he said, the owners purchased his wines to offer in their wine shop, and he would host educational tastings there occasionally.

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CABINS

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authority. Because the 400-square-foot wooden cabins have wheels on them, they aren't considered permanent structures and don't require building permits. They arrive completely assembled, and once they are surrounded by landscaping, their wheels can be easily hidden, enabling the tastefully designed cabins to blend in well with their surroundings.

So far, Howie Hugo has installed two cabins at his campground, which is located about five miles east of Highway 1 at 27625 Schulte Road.

The father of seven children, Hugo said he likes the cabins because they offer families a more inexpensive way to visit the Monterey Peninsula. "There are very few affordable accommodations for families here," he said.

Hugo said the two existing cabins — which rent for \$195 per night — is furnished with a queen bed and two smaller beds in a sleeping loft. Linens, blankets and towels are provided. The bathrooms feature a tub, and kitchens have a refrigerator, a stove, an oven, a microwave and an array of cooking and eating utensils. Each cabin also has a flat screen TVs and a deck with a propane BBQ.

"They are really cozy," Hugo told The Pine Cone. "They really fit in here."



PHOTO/SADDLE MOUNTAIN RV AND CAMPGROUND

The owner of a Carmel Valley campground wants to replace RV parking with 400-square-foot "park model cabins" (above).

Another cabin will be installed this spring — and if the demand is there — he hopes to add more. "We're bringing them in at a gradual pace," said Hugh, who envisions adding up to 25 cabins.

Ultimately, Hugo would like to see the cabins replace all the spaces at the RV-designate campground — which would keep the slow-moving vehicles out the residential neighborhood along Schulte Road. "We're taking 40-foot behemoth RVs off the road and we're replacing them with something that isn't coming in and out every day," he said. "If I lived on Schulte Road, I'd be thrilled."

While Hugo said many of his neighbors support his plans, one neighbor, Tracy Hopper, told The Pine Cone she has concerns about bringing more cabins into the campground. Hopper is particularly worried about erosion. She said her neighborhood is very vulnerable to mudslides — and two of her neighbors' homes have suffered damage as a result. She fears the grading of cabin sites could trigger a slide.

Hopper is also concerned about the traffic the cabins will generate along Schulte Road. "We have a sleepy community

and a one-lane country road," Hopper said. Hopper would like more oversight of Hugo's plans. Hopper once worked as a planner in Santa Barbara County, where "you couldn't build anything without some sort of environmental review." But Hugo said no work will be done until permits have been granted. "We very much have oversight from both the county and the state," he said. "Any new grading has to be approved by the state, and any new hookups for waste have to be approved by the county and the state. We are trying to be a good neighbor." For county officials trying to develop a permitting process for the growing short term rental industry, the cabins create another perplexing issue. When asked what the county's position is on "park model" cabins, planner John Ford said his department is currently working on developing a policy. "We don't have a definitive answer yet," Ford said. "It is unclear what the permitting authority is right now. It may very well be that both the county and state will have authority in the future."

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Shots fired in Palo Colorado canyon

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

POLICE OFFICERS from multiple law-enforcement agencies converged on Palo Colorado Canyon late Thursday afternoon, apparently in response to a someone in the canyon with a rifle, according to information dispatched over police radios.

Units from the Monterey County Sheriff's office and other departments warned medical personal to stay well away from the scene, and after a report of "shots fired," officers exchanged snippets of information about a suspect who had been shot after being pinned down, though details were hazy.

A CalSTAR helicopter that was summoned to airlift an injured patient was later canceled, with a dispatcher reporting a "DBF" — dead body found.

According to a reporter with KION, an assistant district attorney said that a Monterey County sheriff's deputy shot one suspect and another suspect was taken into custody.

In an email exchange among residents of the canyon it was reported that the man who was shot had been driving a U-haul truck.

Several Palo Colorado Canyon residents also told The Pine Cone they observed low flying aircraft in their neighborhood for hours throughout the afternoon.

CHS softballers dominate P.G., Seaside

AFTER CRUISING to an easy 16-0 win March 13 against Seaside High on the road in its final non-league tuneup, the Carmel High School softball team trounced its rival Pacific Grove High at home March 18, 17-1.

The last time the two teams played — April 30 last year — the Breakers came out on top, 3-1. But this week, the Padres' offense was firing on all cylinders, and **Maddi Randazzo** went the distance, yielding just one run.

For Carmel High, **Nicole Caoili** went two-for-two with a triple and three RBIs; **Lauren Salvati** singled, doubled and scored three runs; **Amber Clark** singled, doubled,

scored three runs and drove home three runs; and **Angie Savoldi** had a triple and scored two runs.

Against Seaside High last week, **Mari Fletcher** paced the Padres' offense with a bases-loaded triple, and Clark, **Baylee Nottenkamper**, and **Daisy Perault** each had multi-hit games. On the mound, **Quinn Bernal** and **Randazzo** combined to shut out the Spartans' offense.

Next up, Carmel High (5-2, 1-0) plays Soledad High March 25 on the road and Stevenson School March 27 on its home field at Carmel Middle School. Both games start at 4:30 p.m.

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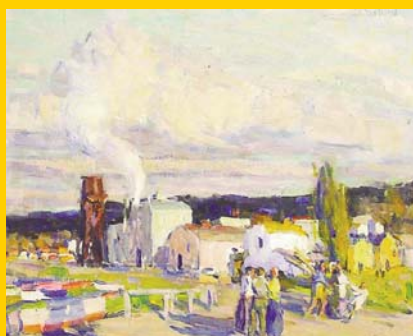
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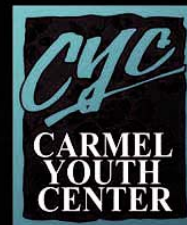
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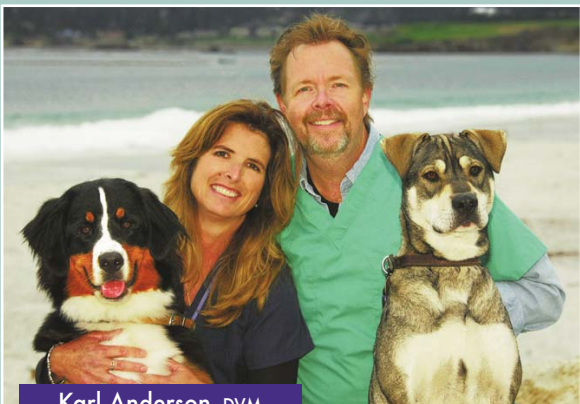
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'The Seniority' finds humor in growing old

By CHRIS COUNTS

TAKING A lighthearted look at the aging process, "The Seniority" opens Friday, March 21, at the Cherry Center for the Arts. Written by **Cindy Gum** of a Pebble Beach nonprofit, the Compassionate Care Alliance, the play tackles many of the most common issues seniors face today, such as where they will live as they grow older, how they will take care of themselves and who they will become dependent on if they can't.

"When three creative women turn a dilapidated sorority house into their own "seniority," it opens the door to fresh ways of living, connecting and staying independent in retirement," explains **Vicki Nelson**, executive director of the CCA, which is teaming up with the Community Foundation's Monterey Bay Village to present the play.

Directed by **Mary Spence**, "The Seniority" stars **Carol Daly, Judy Peiken, Nina Capriola** and **Chris Fitz** — each a familiar face on local stages.

Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m.,

while Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. The play continues through April 12. Tickets are \$25. A limited number of Opening Night Gala tickets are available for \$100. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Call (831) 655-9506.

'Dr. Doolittle, Jr.' stars cast of kids

Retelling Leslie Bricusse's endearing tale about an eccentric veterinarian and his menagerie of talking animals, "Dr. Doolittle, Jr." opens Friday at the Golden Bough Theatre.

Directed by **Gracie Poletti**, the musical stars **Brian Balistreri** as Dr. Doolittle. He'll share the stage with a cast of more than 50 youngsters. **Harrison Shields** is the narrator, while **Gloria Elber** is the choreographer. Friday and Sunday shows start at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 to \$20 with discounts available for seniors over 65, students, children, teachers, and active military. "Dr. Doolittle, Jr." continues through April 13. The Golden Bough is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. Call (831) 622-0100.

Physicist talks about book, raises money for festival

AN AUTHOR who explores the link between quantum physics and creativity, **Amit Goswami** presents a talk Tuesday, March 25, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Carmel Art Association. A book signing reception at Pilgrim's Way bookstore will follow. Released this month, the book, "Quantum Creativity," "explores the world of human creativity — the ultimate source of joy and fulfillment," its publisher says.

Goswami's work, which includes his contention that God's existence can be proved by quantum physics, has earned him both admirers and detractors. The author was interviewed for the 2004 documentary film, "What the Bleep Do We Know?" and its sequel, "Down the Rabbit Hole."

The Carmel Art Association and Pilgrim's Way are located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Tickets to the talk are \$12 and proceeds benefit Philip Glass' Days and Nights Festival. Call (831) 624-4955.

New book and free wieners

L.C. Wright signs copies of his new murder mystery set in Carmel Valley, "Connections — The Devil's Door," Saturday, March 22. He'll greet people from noon to 3 p.m. outside the Carmel Valley Business Service at 13766 Center St. in Carmel Valley Village, where a sidewalk fair will also feature live music, a raffle, wine, artwork by painter Cecilia Rosslee — and complimentary hot dogs.

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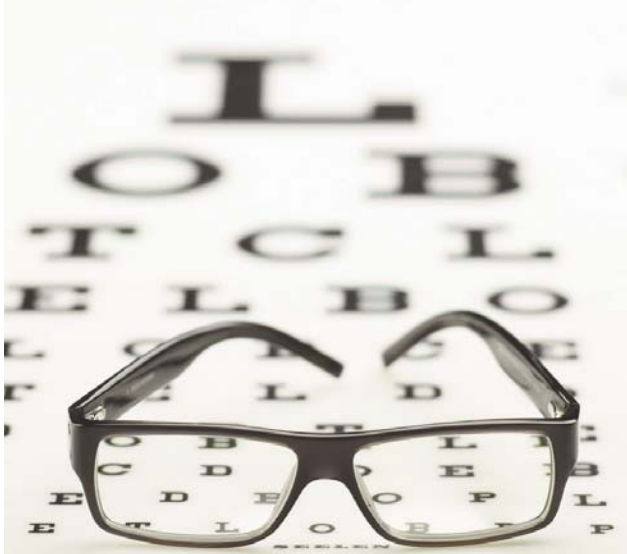
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Grammy Award-winning trumpeter aids local art and music students

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO HELP raise money for student artists and musicians, trumpeter **Chris Botti** will play two concerts Saturday, March 22, in the Hyatt Regency Monterey Ballroom.

The winner of a Grammy Award in 2013 for Best Pop Instrumental Album, Botti has shared the stage with Frank Sinatra, Paul Simon, Andrea Bocelli, Joni Mitchell, Paula Cole, Burt Bacharach, Diana Krall, Sting

and many others.

"We're really fortunate to have someone perform of his caliber," said **David Lee** of the Monterey Rotary Club, which is organizing the event. "He's one of the most popular instrumental musicians in the world, and he's flying in from Minneapolis with his band for the show. He's a wonderful performer. We're thrilled."

Part of the proceeds will benefit the Youth Arts Collective, a Monterey group that mentors student-artists from 14 to 22 years old. "It's incredible to see the work they do," Lee observed.

Also benefitting from the fundraiser will be music departments throughout the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. As a result of budget cuts, there are not enough musical instruments for every student who wants to play one. Lee is hoping the fundraiser helps solve that problem. "The school district is going to match whatever money we raise," he added.

The 6 p.m. show is sold out, but there are still tickets available for the 9 p.m. show. The cost is \$85 to \$150. The Hyatt Regency Monterey is located at 1 Old Golf Course Road. Call (925) 855-1736.

■ Cabaret for a good cause

Offering an intimate cabaret-style dinner concert in a distinctive setting, jazz singer **Paula West** performs a fundraiser Saturday at

The Hacienda in The Preserve.

Proceeds from the show benefit the Monterey Jazz Festival's music education programs.

"The idea for the event came from one of our new board members, **Howard Fisher**," explained **Andrew Sudol**, the development director of the jazz festival. "He suggested we have this event in his community and that we feature Paula, who is a well known jazz artist."

The money raised will help fund a program that brings jazz clinics to Monterey County schools. Also receiving funds will be the Next Generation Jazz Festival, which offers 77 student jazz ensembles a chance to compete for a slot at the Monterey Jazz Festival. And the proceeds will also aid three Monterey County all-star jazz ensembles comprised of middle school and high school students.

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and the music begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250. The Hacienda is located at 1 Rancho San Carlos Road in Carmel Valley. Call (831) 373-3366.

■ Bassoonist gets chance to shine

Two musical talents from the Iberian Peninsula will be showcased when the Monterey Symphony presents its fourth concert of the season Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23, at Sunset

Center.

Álvaro Cassuto of Portugal will serve as guest conductor, filling in for Max Bragado-Darman. And 22-year-old bassoonist **Soler Pérez** of Spain will be featured as a soloist when the symphony performs Mozart's *Bassoon Concerto, KV 191, Bb Major*.

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To help raise money for the Monterey Jazz Festival's music education programs, singer Paula West presents a cabaret-style dinner concert March 22 in Carmel Valley. West is known for her powerful voice and eclectic repertoire.



A master of the black and white image

By CHRIS COUNTS

HONORING A photographer with a keen eye for an extraordinary shot and a deep appreciation for the landscapes of the western United States, the Monterey Museum of Art's Pacific Street gallery hosts a reception Friday, March 21, for Bob Kolbrenner.

An exhibit of Kolbrenner's work, "In Real Time: Celebrating 50 Years of Photography," has been on display at the museum since Feb. 6. It continues through April 28.

Kolbrenner was working as a sports photographer in St. Louis in 1968 when he discovered Yosemite and Ansel Adams' iconic

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"Desert Fantasy" (above) was taken by photographer Bob Kolbrenner, whose images are on display at the Monterey Museum of Art and at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands Inn.

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Pasta Palate is 30, Red & White Gala, and drinking for the animals

By MARY SCHLEY

TUCKED AT the back of the Stonehouse Terrace courtyard on San Carlos Street, The Pasta Palate turns out fresh noodles, ravioli, custom-filled pastas and sauces that supply dozens of Monterey Peninsula restaurants and hotels. But the shop, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, also sells directly to the public — a fact many home cooks don't know.

"Here we are, after 30 years as The Pasta Palate, and for me, 12 years as owner," Noe Cano said this week, recalling the journey that brought him from Mexico as a teenager to become owner of a successful Carmel business.

The trek has been a compelling one for Cano, who came to work for pasta shop owner Joseph Stevens in 1989. By the time he landed that job, Cano had already endured a lot of challenges in his young life. He was

born in a small village in Oaxaca, Mexico, in 1971, and when he was 7, both his parents died — his father from a snakebite, and his mother due to injuries she sustained after falling into a fire. An orphan, he spent a year living with a woman who worked as a prostitute and then went to stay with a harsh and domineering uncle.

"I did my best, working on the farm. From morning until sunset, Monday through Sunday, I felt I did my best," he said. "That's when I left. My language was Zapoteco — I spoke no Spanish — and that's when all the adventures started. I was looking for a better future."

He ventured to Mexico City at the age of 15, learned to speak Spanish, and then decided to hop a bus to Tijuana after one last visit to his village. He was working in car washing and detailing when a letter from his brother suggested he try to find his fortune in the United States.

He crossed the border in 1989 and went to work for the Paris Bakery but was soon deported after INS agents contacted him as he was riding his bicycle near Red's Donuts in Seaside.

"I said I wouldn't go back to my village — I will never go back. No way," he said. "I didn't know how I was going to do it, but I was going to cross the border again. I came back after a month."

That year, he went to work for Stevens at The Pasta Palate, and 1990, he met Macrina, who became his wife the following year. Their son, Omar, was born in 1992, and daughter Viviana was born two years later.

His wife had her papers to live legally in the United States and urged Cano to do likewise, so in 1993, he applied for his first work permit. In 2000, he obtained permanent residency status, and in 2010, he became a U.S. citizen.

"I love this country," Cano said. "I feel like this is my home. I love the people."

He came to own the pasta shop after working 13 years for Stevens, who offered him a deal he couldn't refuse. Cano had just purchased a house and had no money or collateral for loans to purchase the business, but Stevens allowed him to take possession without a down payment, just by making monthly payments.

"He said he had 15 people who wanted to buy his business — rich people," he said. But Stevens and Cano had something in common: They were both orphans. And they had struggled a lot in life.

"He said, 'We've both had tough times here, and I know you're responsible, I know you're a good man, I know you came from nothing, and now you have a family, and you need something to support your family,'" Cano recalled.

Now, he's celebrating the 30th anniversary of his pasta business and a dozen years as its owner. In his small shop, he turns out a



PHOTO: MARY SCHLEY

Noe Cano, owner of Pasta Palate in Carmel, makes fresh pasta to sell wholesale and retail, including this roasted red pepper fettuccine.

dozen different types of pastas and raviolis, as well as pesto and marinara sauces, and sells grated Parmesan cheese, too. His one full-time worker, Isidro Cuevas, has been with him since he bought the business, and his son helps with deliveries.

"I love pasta. That's why I'm here. I love what I do," Cano said, adding that he eats pasta at least once a week and prefers angel hair, which cooks in about 30 seconds, with pesto. He and Omar cook together every day.

"It's been changing. There are tough times sometimes — people say they don't want to eat too much carbohydrates — but it's shifting back," he said. "I want to thank all my customers who have been supporting us all these years."

Tony Tollner's Rio Grill restaurant has been buying pasta from Cano since it opened a quarter-century ago, as has the Fishwife.

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Hyatt is one of The Pasta Palate's biggest clients, not to mention numerous downtown eateries like PortaBella and Grasing's. Some clients bring him custom fillings for special ravioli he makes and fills just for them.

"It's hard to mention all of them, but I would like to thank all of them," he said.

His fresh pastas sell for \$5.25 per pound and come in flavors like plain, lemon pepper, tomato basil, spinach, whole wheat, roasted red pepper and beet. He makes fettuccine, linguine, sheets, pappardelle and elbow noodles.

His ravioli offerings, available for \$7.25 for 12 ounces, include chicken, three cheese, mushroom, butternut squash, artichoke, smoked salmon and other flavors.

Pesto is \$6.25 for 8 ounces, and marinara is \$3.25, while grated Parmesan is \$4.25.

The Pasta Palate, located in the Stonehouse Terrace on the west side of San Carlos Street south of Seventh Avenue, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Call (831) 625-6508 for more information.

Red & White

A Red & White Tasting Gala Wednesday, March 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. will benefit the nonprofit Carmel Foundation, with Anton & Michel Restaurant on Mission Street south of Ocean hosting nearly a dozen local wineries offering tastes. Small bites prepared by chef Mark Simpson will complement the wines, and entertainment by Youth Music Monterey and door prizes will add to the fun.

The event will also celebrate the wrap up of the most recent "The Pinpoint Show" episodes featuring local wineries. The show produces four-minute segments telling the stories of businesses, organizations and individuals "through their eyes."

Wineries signed up to participate include Blair Estate Wines, Cima Collina Winery, Dawn's Dream Winery, De Tierra Vineyards, Galante Vineyards, Joulilian Vineyards, Manzoni Cellars, Otter Cove Wines, Pepe Winery, Silvestri Vineyards and Tudor Wines (which wants to open a tasting room in the small gazebo behind Anton & Michel in the Court of the Fountains).

Sponsored by the Carmel Wine Walk by-the-Sea, Monterey Wines, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and WiredIn Carmel, the event will help raise funds to support the programs and offerings of the Carmel Foundation, which serves members age 55 and older by providing classes, low-cost meals, housing, transportation, activities and other services.

Tickets are \$45 per person and are available at eventbrite.com, or by phone at (831) 663-2908 or email at events@carmelsbest.com.

Manzoni pours for POMDR

Local's Favorites Wine Fridays continue March 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Hofsas House Hotel, where Manzoni Wines will be offered for tasting during a gathering intended to raise funds for the nonprofit Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. Throughout the year, the hotel is holding monthly gatherings in its poolside meeting room, where participants can sip local wines, enjoy small bites and support POMDR, which finds supportive homes for older dogs.

The cost to attend is \$15 per person, which includes a glass of wine and treats. Additional glasses of wine are \$5

apiece. All of the proceeds will be donated to the Pacific Grove-based dog rescue group.

Reservations are required. Call (831) 624-2745 or email carrie@hofsashouse.com. Hofsas House is located on San Carlos Street north of Fourth Avenue, and is owned and operated by Carmel City Councilwoman Carrie Theis and her family. For more information, visit www.hofsashouse.com.

Great Taste of P.G.

The Great Taste of P.G., a major fundraiser for the P.G. PRIDE group that collects thousands of dollars for Pacific Grove public schools through donations and sponsorships, will take place Sunday, March 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach. The Great Taste of P.G. features cuisine from superb Monterey Peninsula restaurants, vintages from local wineries and a silent auction.

Food and wine tastings and the silent auction will start at 4 p.m., with Volunteer Service Awards given at 5, and the auction closing at 6.

Since 1982, P.G. PRIDE has supported Pacific Grove schools by allocating funds directly to classrooms and programs, raising more than \$1 million for enhancing curriculum and instruction.

Tickets are \$55 per person, and attendees must be at least 21 years old. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted at the door.

For more information, email info@supportpgpride.com.

Syrups and shrubs

Happy Girl Kitchen's March 25 class will focus on Syrups, Shrubs, Infusions and candied peels — all elements used in fancy drinks and cocktails these days.

"It is really fun to make fruit preserves that can later be used in all sorts of cordials and such. In this workshop, I will share many different things that you can do with fruit juices and peels of the citrus," reported HGK co-owner Jordan Champagne.

Students will also learn how to make syrups flavored with spices and herbs, as well as one of Champagne's newest favorite beverages — the "drinking shrub."

The word, "shrub" comes from the Arabic word "sherab," which means "to drink," according to Champagne, and the ancient beverage combines fruit juices with vinegar and herbs.

"They are the most refreshing drink I have ever had, and I think they can be quite therapeutic, because you can mix them with healing herbs and spices," she continued. The class will also include how to make a lemon shrub with jalapeños, rosemary and juniper berries that's sweetened with honey. That particular shrub is intended to be sipped blended with sparkling water or another type of beverage.

Attendees will make candied citrus peels, and each student will take home three jars of goodies "and a lot of knowledge." Of course, drinks and snacks will be enjoyed throughout the session, too.

The workshop costs \$95 per person to attend and will be held at Happy Girl Kitchen, 173 Central Ave. in Pacific Grove, from 5 to 8 p.m. Visit www.happygirlkitchen.com to reserve a spot, as well as to check out the lineup of other workshops and their locations.

Wine tasting at Valley Hills Deli

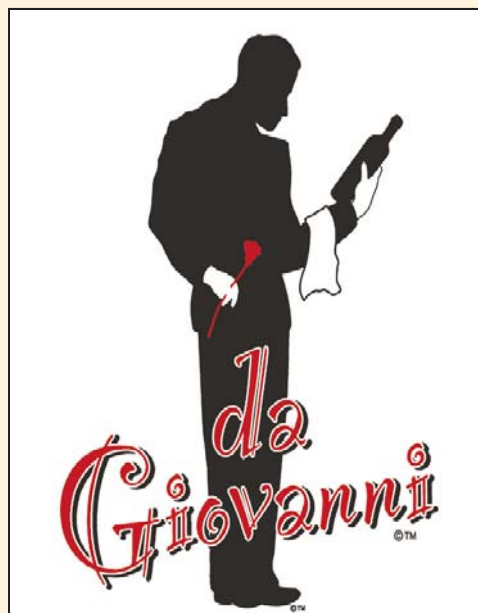
Valley Hills Deli & BBQ will host its inaugural monthly wine tasting and pairing Wednesday, March 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. The evening's tasting, which costs \$12 per person and will benefit the SPCA for Monterey County, is being hosted by Percheron-McFarland.

Stephanie McFarland, who founded Full Tilt, Mira Flora and J. McFarland wine brands with her late husband, Jerry, is a 12th generation Monterey County resident, according to deli operator Nora Jones. McFarland will be on hand to explain the complexities of the wines and discuss the "perfect food pairing" for each of the four being offered for tast-

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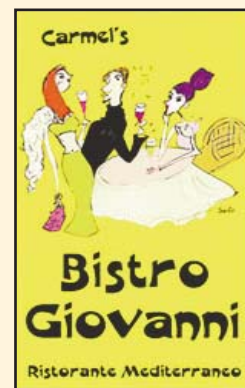


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ART

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images of the area.

"I was blown away," recalled Kolbrener, who has lived in the Carmel Highlands since 1996. "I realized I had no clue how to make a classic black and white landscape photograph."

Kolbrener's trip to Yosemite in 1968 was the first chapter of what would become an annual pilgrimage to the western U.S. Its dramatic topography and wide open spaces became his muse.

He started working with Adams, becoming his assistant and friend. He also taught darkroom techniques at the photographer's workshops.

Among the lessons Kolbrener learned from Adams, who died in 1984, was the importance of always being ready to capture a great photograph. He lives by the motto, 'chance favors the prepared mind.'

"I like to photograph quickly changing elements like lightning storms and rain-

bows," he told The Pine Cone. "You have to be very fast with your equipment. It's literally a race to set up your camera and decide what lens to use."

Like Adams, Kolbrener utilizes traditional darkroom methods and creates black and white images with intense, sharp focus. "A beautifully executed black and white photograph represents so much more than just seeing the world without color," he explained. "I haven't shot any color film in 20 years."

After working for decades as a commercial photographer in St. Louis, he developed an appreciation for a variety of subject matter. His show at the museum reflects this diversity.

"It's really a potpourri," he said. "There are nudes, portraits and old buildings. It's a tribute to a 50-year adventure."

Another exhibit of Kolbrener photographs, "Seeing The Sea," is on display at the Hyatt Carmel Highlands Inn.

The reception starts at 6 p.m. It's free for museum members and \$10 for non-members. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. Call (831) 372-5477.

■ Festival seeking artists

If you're interested in showcasing your artwork at the 10th annual Carmel Valley Art and Wine Festival on June 21, the deadline for submitting an application is April 15.

Carmel Valley Community Park is the site of the event. In addition to displaying the

work of more than 60 painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelers and other artists, the festival features food, wine and live music.

The cost is free for members and \$130 for non-members. Artists are responsible for obtaining a valid California resale permit. To apply, call 659-4000 or visit www.carmelvalleychamber.com.

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MUSIC
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“The bassoon is not often featured as a solo instrument,” explained **Michelle Lange**, a spokeswoman for the symphony. “Soler has won a number of music competitions. Max was part of a jury in Spain when he heard Soler perform. He thought he was fantastic and decided to bring him to the Monterey Peninsula.”

Also on the program are Ravel’s *Le Tombeau de Couperin*; and and Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 4, Bb Major, Op. 60*.

Written for the piano, Ravel’s surprisingly upbeat piece pays tribute to friends who died in World War I. Lange called Beethoven’s composition “an often forgotten and delightful piece with light movements.”

Saturday’s concert starts at 8 p.m., while Sunday’s matinee begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$40 to \$79. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 646-8511.

■ **Chorus springs forward**

Founded two years ago as “a family of sisters who celebrate life and each other by raising their voices in sweet song,” a local women’s choir, **Aria**, presents its spring concert Saturday at All Saints’ Episcopal Church and Sunday at Carmel Presbyterian Church.

The program includes “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” by Johannes Brahms, “I See The Heaven’s Glories



Portland-based singer-songwriter Raina Rose plays Thursday, March 27, at Evolution Studio in Pacific Grove.

Shine” by Andrea Ramsey, “I Am Not Yours” by David Childs and other popular choral works.

Saturday’s concert starts at 8 p.m., while Sunday’s matinee begins at 3 p.m. All Saints’ Episcopal Church is located at Dolores and Ninth, while Carmel Presbyterian Church is located at Ocean and Junipero.

■ **Layin’ it on the line**

Rambling south along the coast from her Portland, Oregon home, singer-songwriter **Raina Rose** takes the stage Thursday, March 27, at Evolution Studio in Pacific Grove.

Accompanied by an acoustic guitar, Rose serves up what she calls a “no-holds-barred, lay-it-on-the-line” brand of Americana. “I caught Raina’s show at the Alternative Cafe last year and was drawn in by her sweet voice, her unique songwriting and her authenticity,” said **Jennifer Haydu**, who owns Evolution Studio.

The music starts at 7 p.m. Evolution Studio is located in the American Tin Cannery at 125 Ocean View Blvd., Suite 211. Call (831) 601-0427.

■ **Live Music March 21-27**

Terry’s Lounge at Cypress Inn — pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist **Dick Whittington** and saxophonist **Andrew Speight** (a tribute to songwriter Cole Porter, Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer **Andrea Carter** (“folky jazz and jazzy folk,” Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singers **Lee Durley** and **Ray Paul** (pop and jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (pop and jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.); and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Jack London’s Bar and Grill — **The Matt Conable Band** (“rock ’n’ roll with a hint of sunburnt Americana,” Friday at 7:30 p.m.); and **The Vibe Tribe** (classic rock and pop, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, (831) 624-2336.

High Tide — **Sugar in the Gourd** with jazz singer **Nicole Dillenberg** (Americana, Sunday at 8 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **John Cruz** (Thursday at 8 p.m.). Next to Mundaka restaurant at San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 624-7400.

The Fuse Lounge at Carmel Mission Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz and blues, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road, (831) 624-6630.

Lugano Swiss Bistro — accordion player **Joe Domitrowich** (Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center, (831) 626-3779.

Bistro 211 — singer **Andrea Carter** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 211 Crossroads Blvd., (831) 625-3030.

Bahama Island Steakhouse — singer-songwriter **Rose Merrill** (folk, country and pop, Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m.). In the Barnyard shopping center, (831) 626-0430.

Pacific Grove Art Center — **Four Shillings Short** (Celtic, folk and world music, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 568 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 375-2208.

Julia’s restaurant in Pacific Grove — guitarist **Rick Chelew** and accordionist **Elise Leavy** (Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

The Inn at Spanish Bay — **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.), **The Don Roseff Trio** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). Also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach, (831) 647-7500.

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Martin Headman** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

Courtside Bistro at Chamisal Tennis and Fitness Club in Corral de Tierra — **Kiki Wow and Guitar Bob** (classic rock, Friday at 6 p.m.). 185 Robley Road, (831) 484-6000.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — singer-songwriter **Ellis Paul** (Sunday at 7 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **The Billy Martini band** (“1970s dance party,” Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE APRIL 8, 2014 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea on Tuesday, April 8, 2014,

1. there shall be two voting precincts.
2. that the polling places for the respective precincts shall be the places designated below and the language(s) other than English in which assistance will be provided.
3. that the persons named have been appointed officers of election for their respective voting precincts, as of 15 days prior to the election.
4. that the persons named actually served as officers of election for their respective voting precincts.

Precinct:	059301A- RED TABLE
Polling Place:	Carpenter Hall-The Sunset Center San Carlos & 9 th
Accessible to Handicapped:	Yes
Assistance will be provided in:	(Spanish upon request)
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Position	Name
Inspector	Dave Banks
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Precinct:	059302A- BLUE TABLE
Polling Place:	Carpenter Hall-The Sunset Center San Carlos & 9 th
Accessible to Handicapped:	Yes
Assistance will be provided in:	(Spanish upon request)
The Precinct Board is:	
Position	Name
Inspector	Dave Banks
Clerk	Don Kirk
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Clerk	Wendy Banks

The polls will be opened between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Publication date: March 21, 2014 (PC320)

DARYL A. BETANCUR, CMC
Acting City Clerk

Published: 3/18/2014

CIUDAD DE CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

NOTIFICACIÓN DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN Y FUNCIONARIOS ELECTORALES PARA LA ELECCIÓN DEL 8 DE ABRIL DEL 2014 ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL GENERAL

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que en la Elección Municipal General que se habrá de llevar a cabo en la ciudad de Carmel-by-the-Sea, el Martes 8 de Abril del 2014,

1. habrán dos distritos electorales.
2. que los lugares de votación para los respectivos precintos serán los lugares designados, y el idioma hablado por cada oficial electoral.
3. que las personas nombradas han sido designadas como funcionarios electorales para sus respectivos distritos electorales, 15 días antes de las elecciones.
4. que las personas nombradas actualmente sirvieron como funcionarios electorales para sus respectivos distritos electorales.

Distrito Electoral:	059301A- MESA ROJA
Lugar de votación:	Carpenter Hall-The Sunset Center San Carlos & 9 th
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Distrito Electoral:	059302A- MESA AZUL
Lugar de votación:	Carpenter Hall-The Sunset Center San Carlos & 9 th
Accesible par las personas discapacitadas:	Si
Assistance will be provided in:	(Idioma hablado; Español sobre solicitud)
The Precinct Board is:	
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Los centros electorales estaran abiertos entre las 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Publication date: March 21, 2014 (PC322)

DARYL A. BETANCUR, CMC
Actuando Como Secretario General

Fecha: 3/18/2014

PG&E

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to resume work on replacing the gas mains March 31. But after council members objected, asking him to delay until the investigation is complete and public officials have had a chance to review it, he agreed to postpone construction further.

The council also sought assurance safety measures and protocols would be in place to help prevent further accidents and explosions.

As soon as workers were aware of the problem with the gas line, they called for help. But repair and containment crews worked in 30 minutes — not soon enough.

“Fifteen minutes after the drilling, the house blew,” Knapp confirmed.

“I feel very insecure personally right now in my own house,” said councilwoman Victoria Beach, adding that the company should develop ways to ensure the equipment and people trained to use it can get on scene quickly enough.

Inaccurate maps

The other issue is the inaccuracy of maps of gas lines, and Knapp acknowledged the difficulties of transferring immense amounts of paper records into digital files, as well as testing the accuracy of the documents and drawings, some of which go back more than 100 years. Investigators still have not found documentation of the plastic insert placed in the steel main at Guadalupe and Third.

Burnett said he’s confident “a bunch of smart engineers” are going to create a means of safely drilling into gas lines, no matter their construction or materials, but “the harder problem to solve is the combination of the mapping records management and the protocols for [determining] the actual conditions versus the conditions you think are there,” he said after the meeting.

“The next problem PG&E encounters is going to be different than the problem we encountered here,” he said. “I’ve been encouraging people to have an expansive

view of this. It involves a full range of problems that can occur.”

Burnett and the council also decided Carmel Police Chief Mike Calhoun should be the point of contact for concerned residents and PG&E representatives, and that he should review the safety protocols and results of the investigation before work on the gas mains resumes.

“They’re going to provide assurances that they’re putting safety measures in place that will assure the citizens that they’re doing everything they can to prevent this from happening again,” Calhoun told The Pine Cone. “The second component is to review the information they provide me regarding the investigation, to assure that everything is being looked at and handled.”

Welding raises concern

Calhoun has been fielding calls from residents and has been in touch with PG&E officials, whom he said are working hard to be responsive. On Wednesday, for example, Calhoun received a report that PG&E workers were welding in the intersection near the exploded house, and he was able to determine they were merely repairing metal plates that had been loosened by a garbage truck. Calhoun notified utility company officials that a resident had reported the work, and that he had responded and determined the complaint of construction was unfounded.

“They are really concerned that this happened and want to continue to establish a positive working relationship to improve the trust within the citizens,” he said. “I’m very impressed how responsive they are. And they came forward from the very beginning.”

He also encouraged anyone with any questions to call him at the station — (831) 624-6403 — or to call PG&E representative Denise Fink at (408) 510-9452.

“She’s compiling all complaints, responding to them personally, and tracking them for resolution,” he said. “They can call her, or they can call me.”

They can also air their concerns and obtain information at the community open house set for 4 to 7 p.m. March 26 at city hall.

Tearing up the gridiron



PHOTO/KIM SPINDLER-WRIGHT

In the first step toward an overhaul of the football field and track at Carmel High School, the turf was ripped up Tuesday, allowing preparations to begin for a new facility that will not only be handicap accessible, but feature an all-weather track and synthetic field. A group called Operation Padre is trying to raise funds to add a new press box, bench seating, scoreboard and entry promenade. The first phase, which is being paid for with district funds, should be finished by the time school resumes in August.

**CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
SETTING THE RATE OF THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday March 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cypress Fire Protection District fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel, the Board of Directors will meet to make the required findings and to set the rate of the fire mitigation fee to be requested to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County by the District as specified by Section 10.80.160 of the Monterey County Code; Monterey County Ordinance Number 3602.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the time and place above designated for the meeting to set the rate of fire mitigation fees, any taxpayer may appear and be heard regarding this issue.

Theresa Volland, Secretary of the Board
Date: March 5, 2014

Publication dates: March 14, 21, 2014 (PC 310)

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SPEND

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the number of visitors spending the night in town midweek and off season.

“Mr. Tavener is an experienced marketing, communications, education and events professional,” Stilwell said in his report for the council March 18. “His media, education and entertainment contacts will be an asset to the city’s events planning and coordination, and valuable in meeting the city’s strategic planning priorities.” He would work with the city’s other “marketing partners” — the Carmel Chamber of Commerce/Hospitality Improvement District, Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Sunset Center and Burghardt + Doré.

Tavener has already received \$25,000 from taxpayers in a contract Stilwell signed

with him for a project called Wonderspace Carmel, plus more than \$20,000 in expense reimbursements related to a January event at La Playa Hotel that was something of a mystery. His lone public event was a kids’ art show, featuring students from his daughter’s Carmel Valley school. Tavener was poised to receive another \$60,000 for Wonderspace, but Stilwell pulled the contract proposal in February and reintroduced Tavener as the destination marketing candidate this month.

“I’m not trying to cast aspersions, but it doesn’t pass the smell test,” said resident Jonathan Sapp. “There was Wonderspace, and now all of a sudden he is the one candidate, the one bidder for this position to be filled, and it just doesn’t sound right. And since the city is so big on being transparent, it should be very careful on something like this.”

Former Mayor Charlotte Townsend read

Carmel Residents Association President Barbara Livingston’s March 4 letter into the record, as Livingston was absent from the meeting. In it, she stated the CRA board’s adamant opposition to hiring Tavener and said the city should instead use its money to take care of its forest, beach and other natural resources. The board also implored the city to put the position out to bid.

(In his presentation, Stilwell noted that “bidding is not required for professional services with individuals involving a specialization.”)

Resident Carolyn Hardy said hiring Tavener as a marketing consultant would be “and end around over public opposition to Wonderspace” which she characterized as an “uproar.”

“It’s a one-note song,” she said. “It is going to end up back around with what people didn’t really want to see happen. You cannot manage what you cannot measure.”

Forest and beach commissioner Karen Ferlito and Mission Trail park supporter Skip Lloyd pointed out that more visitors in town means more negative effects on the city’s streets and natural environment.

“We’ve got to put money on the other side of the equation as well,” Ferlito said. “Our visitors are going to come here and find it’s not as nice as in the article, when they have to throw something away in a filthy trash can.”

Mayor Jason Burnett reaffirmed the goal would be to increase overnight stays during slower periods.

“We really want the focus to be off-season, midweek, overnight visitors,” he said. “One more person during Concours Week is not actually helpful.”

Hofsas House Hotel owner and councilwoman Carrie Theis, who also sits on the board for the HID, said visitors and event planners simply need help coordinating stays in town. The HID, which is funded by an additional \$1-per-room-night fee imposed on hotel guests, voted to give Tavener \$30,000.

“For large events, there is nobody who helps them through the process,” she said. “We hand them a stack of paper and say, ‘Good luck.’”

Councilman Ken Talmage pointed out the city typically supports and assists outside entities that organize large-scale events in

town, such as the Concours on the Avenue and the film festival, rather than organizing and paying for such endeavors itself. Therefore, he proposed revising Tavener’s scope of work to eliminate a provision that he “develop high-quality cultural and education tourism packages tied to existing events,” instead saying he should “support existing and new events.”

Other work Tavener is expected to do includes working with community partners and others in coordinating and facilitating the city’s events, researching and visiting potential sites, and assisting with preparing budgets and progress reports. Talmage also wanted him to be responsible for ensuring the city gets high marks in customer service from outside organizers.

The council agreed to the changes in the scope of work that Talmage suggested, but councilman Steve Hillyard did not want to give Tavener the contract.

“The only thing I’ve seen that Mr. Tavener has presented was a complete disaster and had a lack of focus,” he said, after earlier noting the public’s lack of confidence in Tavener.

But he withdrew his objections after Theis adamantly defended the consultant and said the HID supported him “because they’ve seen what he’s done, [and] the sponsors he’s brought” to an upcoming event he is planning called MindDrive.

As a result, council members voted 4-1, with Hillyard dissenting, to approve Tavener’s contract, which stipulates he’ll receive \$25,000 from city taxpayers and \$30,000 from the HID. The council will review his job performance in several months, and the contract expires in March 2015.

One resident characterized opposition to ‘Wonderspace’ as an ‘uproar’

MONARCHS

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ary, Gho rejected the claim.

“This is not a city project,” he said last week. “The city has nothing to do with this project other than issuing the permit.”

There was no word whether the unidentified construction worker would be subject to the city’s 1939 ordinance that authorizes a \$1,000 fine for anybody “molesting a butterfly in any way.”

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COLLINS

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tion will be extended to five years “to allow him to pay the amount,” according to Hulsey.

Collins also pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code section 70, which prohibits public officials from receiving payment, not authorized by law, for “doing an official act.” That charge stemmed from Collins being paid about \$160,000 by RMC Consulting in 2010 for work on the company’s bid to help design the regional water project at the same time he was a director of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and advising the county whether the project should be built.

“A no-contest plea, for all practical purposes for sentencing and so on,” O’Farrell told Collins, “is the same as a guilty plea.”

Hulsey said Collins on Monday afternoon approached her about a plea deal, which states that he must waive all rights to appeal or to withdraw his plea. Felony probation can include one year in jail; however, it’s unlikely Collins, who has no prior criminal history, will serve time.

The county probation department will issue a pre-sentencing report before Collins is sentenced May 22. And a motion by Collins’ San Francisco attorney, Daniel Clymo, to dismiss the remaining criminal counts will remain under submission until

sentencing, O’Farrell said.

“We believe this is a resolution that is favorable to the people, favorable to the court and favorable, really, to all of the parties involved in this case,” Hulsey told the judge.

Collins’ deal came after his defense was struck a big setback Monday when O’Farrell, citing a California Supreme Court Case, precluded Collins from employing a defense theory involving his claims that other people, including county supervisors Lou Calcagno and Dave Potter, encouraged his conduct and told him it was lawful.

“The judge had a series of motions in front of him, on which he ruled,” Collins wrote in an email Wednesday to more than 100 people, including members of the press. “I lost, that is it. And I made a decision that business people make every day — what is the risk of continuing versus the inherent cost of accepting the decision as it stands?”

Collins said he will petition the court to reduce his felonies to misdemeanors after 18 months, a procedure he is afforded by law, although prosecutors can object.

In a press release Tuesday, District Attorney Dean Flippo said it was “gratifying to know that after nearly three years, Mr. Collins has acknowledged his wrongdoing, reflected by his admissions to two felony charges and one misdemeanor.”

Flippo also credited Hulsey for being “tireless in her efforts.” Her preparation in the case included combing through thou-

sands of pages of documents and conducting many hours of interviews “to prepare a cohesive presentation of this case,” he said. Jury selection for Collins’ trial was set to begin Wednesday.

Hulsey said the plea deal “holds Collins accountable.” The agreement also saves tens of thousands of dollars in taxpayers’ funds that would have been spent on a trial, which Hulsey estimated would have lasted from five to six weeks.

“There are significant court resources that certainly would have been expended to present this trial,” she said after the hearing.

District attorney investigators Tracey Spencer and John Coletti, and former county investigator Heather Hardee also worked on the Collins case, as did former supervising district attorney investigator Melanie Rogers.

Collins told The Pine Cone that he’s glad the criminal case is largely behind him and

that the possibility of facing many years behind bars is out of the picture.

“It is definitely a relief to be able to plan my path,” he said, “and I look forward to being a productive member of the community again.”

In his 1,100-word email message Wednesday, Collins also reflected on the criminal charges and his decision to make the plea deal, and he mentions Calcagno several times. “I spend far more hours thinking of the unconditional love from my grandchildren than I do Lou Calcagno,” he wrote.

Collins also indicated he would like to once again work in a water-related industry.

“As one door closes, another opens and I truly believe God has a plan,” he wrote. “I clearly do not see that plan right now but I will. I am also now free to go back to work, and while I am bit tarnished, I am still a valuable resource in the water world; starting to earn a living again would be nice.”

BUDGET

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■ restoration of the Park Branch library basement (\$75,000);

■ sidewalk replacement at the foot of Ocean Avenue (\$120,000); and

■ beach stair maintenance (\$24,000).

Christine Sandin, executive director of Sunset Center, said a higher priority for the center would be replacement of the theater’s lighting console and soundboard, which had been proposed for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. “There’s maybe a little more of a sense of urgency for replacement of those items,” she said.

Forest and beach commissioner Karen Ferlito cautioned the council to be careful about how projects involving right-of-way improvements are designed.

“If we don’t have standards, sometimes we might throw money at something but not accomplish what we set out to do,” she said. The San Antonio Avenue landscaping and

pathway was raised as an example of a flawed project.

Councilwoman Victoria Beach noted the city should seek more donations and offer naming rights.

“If I had a lot of money, it would be fun to have the chipper go around with my family name on the side,” she said. City administrator Jason Stilwell suggested she sponsor the beach rake, since it’s already named after her.

After voting to accept the five-year capital improvement plan, the council also reviewed and OK’d a list of performance measures designed to gauge the accomplishments and goals of each city department, from a 25 percent clearance rate for serious crimes by the police department, and never paying out money to a plaintiff in a lawsuit, to completing 95 percent of employee reviews on time, reviewing and responding to planning applications within 10 days, and getting 40 percent of all heart-attack patients to the hospital while they still have a pulse.

The council is set to hold its next special meeting on the budget May 6.



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OPPOSE

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public would do nothing to lower customers' water bills, which has been Public Water Now's primary selling point.

"In times of conservation, our water rates will go up, even if it's public ownership," Kampe said. "It's just going to happen that way."

The Public Water Now initiative calls for a feasibility analysis that includes an appraisal of Cal Am. If the analysis concludes purchasing the water company would be beneficial to ratepayers, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District would have to immediately begin the process of acquiring Cal Am's assets.

Activist George Riley, who is behind the Public Water Now effort, accused the mayors and its technical advisory committee, of which Riley is a member, of ignoring the data

supporting a public water system.

"You have made no effort to hear the presentation from Public Water Now," Riley said.

Carmel travel agent Dan Presser suggested that the mayors schedule a debate at the Monterey Convention Center so all parties could "duke it out" on the issues.

"At the end of that meeting at the convention center," Presser said, "you will find out that Public Water Now and Measure O is the way to go."

Besides citing the \$50,000 cost to study Measure O, Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Sala said even if the mayors commissioned a third-party study, it wouldn't likely be finished in time to have an impact on voters.

"I believe that by the time a study were to be completed we'd already have folks voting via absentee ballots in mid-May," he said.

Carmel Valley resident Larry Parrish urged the mayors support the Public Water Now initiative in order to "get rid of a company that thrives on incompetence and to save the 40,000 ratepayers millions and millions of dollars annually and eternally."

However, Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett said there is a level of consensus on the Monterey Peninsula for a water supply project that "we have not had for a generation." And while Burnett said he felt that community is on track to pursuing a project with great public oversight at the lowest pos-

sible cost, the initiative jeopardizes the progress that's been made.

"I'm very fearful that the greatest single risk of knocking us off that track is losing the consensus that this community has built over the past two years," Burnett said. "And I think it's this issue that has the potential to be that divisive issue that breaks apart the consensus we have created."

Burnett warned about the consequences of failing to meet the 70 percent cutback ordered by the state. While the mayors will eventually petition the state to extend the deadline, he said if an extension isn't granted and the order is imposed, whether or not the water system is public or not, there will be "basically no water for business."

"It doesn't matter how you will allocate it," Burnett said, "there is no water to be allocated."

In a letter to the Herald this week, Carmel resident Phil Wellman, who also spoke at the mayors' meeting, called Burnett the "ringleader" of those opposed to Public Water Now's initiative and had stinging words for the mayor.

"His pompous arrogance and obvious motivation for higher office was shocking," Wellman wrote. "We were appalled. If they were looking for a pitched battle, they can expect it in the weeks ahead. And we will win."

Because taking a position on Measure O wasn't on the agenda last week, the mayors will formally state their stance at an upcoming meeting as early as March 27.

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EATS

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ing. The wine is made from grapes grown in their River Road vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands, and McFarland is reportedly a direct descendant of Manuel Butron, the official horticulturist to the Spanish Crown in California. Butron is said to be the first person to plant vineyards and orchards in California — in 1770 at the Carmel Mission. McFarland has worked in wine and the culinary fields since 1983, when she handled marketing and sales for Smith & Hook Winery, which was sold to the Hahn family and was the first winery in the Santa Lucia Highlands.

At Wednesday's event, she'll present wines to pair with shrimp salad in lettuce cups, Thai sweet chili and Sriracha sauced pork slider topped with cole slaw, Stewart and Jasper's Honey Habañero BBQ Sauce on Roy's Swiss

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Go to market

During the first session of this year's Flavor Education Series at the Rio Grill in the Crossroads, chef Cy Yontz will show guests how to shop at farmers markets and create fabulous food using what they find.

On Saturday, March 29, at noon, students will gather at the restaurant for lunch prepared by Yontz, along with cocktails mixed up by general manager and expert bartender Joe Valencia. Then, they'll be invited to meet Yontz at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, to explore the farmers market. Organizers recommend bringing at least \$20 in cash and wearing comfortable shoes for the adventure, which will have Yontz talking to vendors, describing what he looks for and helping to develop a farmers market menu.

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WINES

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“We were under the same category as Nielsen’s and the Cheese Shop,” which are not tasting rooms, but stores that sell wine and offer samples, he said.

He also countered the objection that there would be no guarantee his wines would continue to contain Monterey County grapes just because they do now.

“There’s no guarantee anyone won’t get grapes from somewhere else,” he pointed out, but he said he’d “be happy to make that part of the use permit.”

Tudor has launched an online petition to garner support and is urging people to send letters to the City of Carmel.

The appeal will be heard at the council’s next meeting.

CENTURY

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round schedule include a continuous learning experience, more possibilities for vacations, and, for some schools, the idea of increased enrollment without expansion. Recent legislation encourages districts seeking state funds for school construction to enroll students in year-round programs, especially elementary school students.

Sewer backup raises stink with some Carmel residents

Carmel area residents have been put on alert: Beware the backup. On Saturday, Feb. 22 Marshall Hydorn, with relatives of prospective renters at his side, opened the door to his Carmel rental home, looked inside and immediately wondered what was on the floor. It was a mess and he could see all this “white stuff” scattered about. “I thought the ceiling had fallen in,” Hydorn said. The smell, however, tipped him off that something else was afoot. Hydorn quickly found out what the “white stuff” was. Toilet paper.

Both Hydorn’s and [neighbor Michael] Spector’s homes, along with one other house on the block, had been “invaded” by a sewage backup from the main lines running in the street. The homes, located on the west side of Lincoln Street between 10th and 11th avenues, had not had sewage overflow valves attached to the sewer line from the house. Sewer backups are happening more often, according to the Carmel Sanitary District General Manager Michael Zambory. “I don’t know if it is the drought and low-flow fixtures that are causing things to back up more or what it is,” Zambory said.

All three homes had to have all carpeting and padding removed, everything scrubbed and everything disinfected. Even inside the heater vents. Hydorn sent a claim to the CSD for \$5960 for all the work he had to have done to get his house in order, as did Roy Church, owner of Spector’s house. “There has been an ordinance in place since 1949 that all houses must be fitted with an overflow valve which is lower than the lowest plumbing fixture in the house,” Zambory explained. Both claims were denied by the CSD board.

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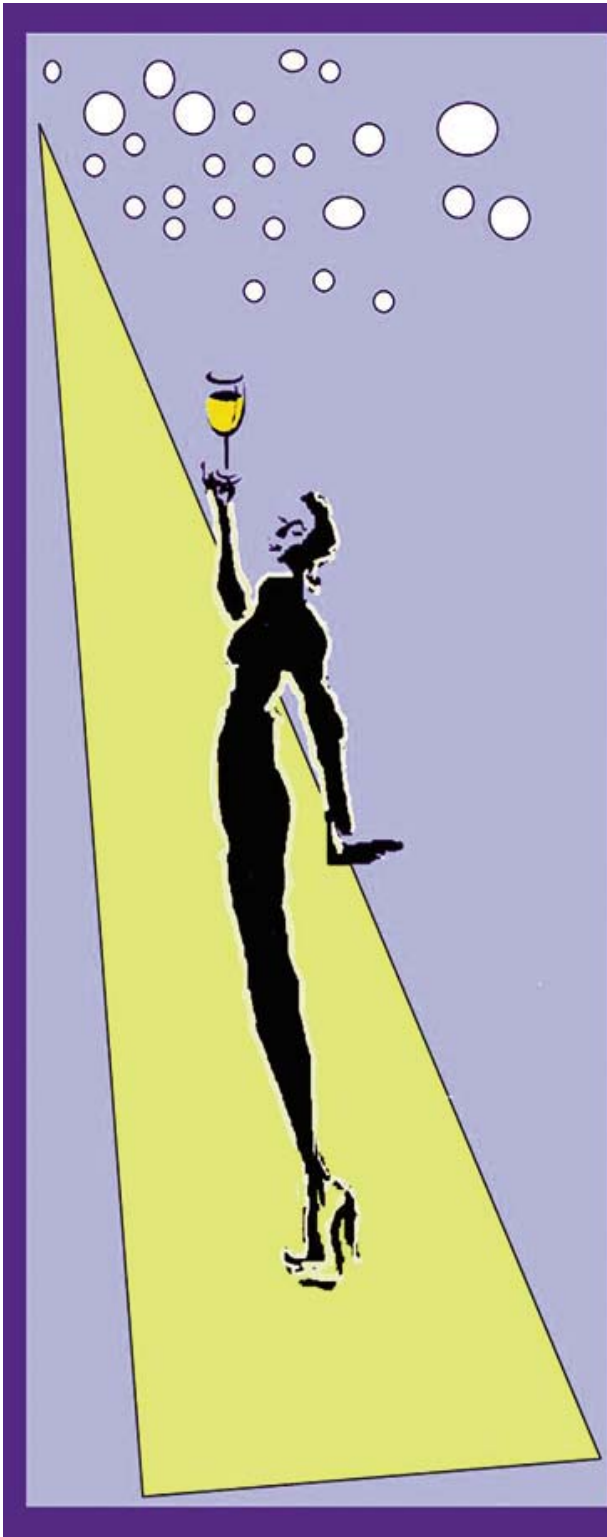
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Editorial

‘If you don’t agree with me, you must be corrupt’

THIS WEEK, the mayors of the six Monterey Peninsula cities made a very wise decision when they voted not even to bother with a study of the notorious Measure O, which is the latest attempt by local activists to take over Cal Am.

You’ll have the chance to vote, “No,” on this counterproductive ballot measure in June. It’s very important that you do, because if the measure passes, it will create a major stumbling block to the new water supply this community very badly needs in favor of something that is by no means needed now, or maybe even ever — namely, public ownership of the company that provides our water.

Even if a strong case could be made that government control of the water supply would benefit the public (which it can’t), there is no rational reason to force the issue now, when so many more important difficulties with our supply of water are at hand, namely, that we are desperately short of it, and are about to get a lot shorter.

Meanwhile, the pro-takeover folks are not only forcing this community to waste a lot of time, money and effort to dispose of their silly initiative, they are creating an ugly atmosphere as they try to get their way. Some of the criticisms they’ve leveled at the numerous public officials who oppose the takeover are truly shameful.

After this week’s meeting of the Monterey Peninsula mayors water group, when the mayors voted unanimously to oppose the takeover measure, the pro-takeover crowd literally embarrassed themselves with their overblown criticisms.

First, Ron Cohen, the “executive director” of the group backing the initiative, attacked the mayors for their vote, calling it a “purely political move.” We’re not sure what on earth could have been “political” about it, but one thing’s for sure: When Cohen made that comment, he was saying the mayors had ill motives for voting the way they did. It wasn’t just that, in Cohen’s opinion, they made the wrong decision. In his opinion, their vote was tainted.

A few days later, in a letter to the editor of the Herald, Cohen was topped by one of his group’s supporters, who lit into Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett as the “ringleader” of the opposition to the takeover initiative.

“His pompous arrogance and obvious motivation for higher office was shocking,” wrote Phil Wellman — thereby not only questioning Burnett’s motives, but attacking his personality.

And then Wellman promised a “pitched battle” over the ballot measure.

We don’t mind a little hyperbole once in awhile. But it is unacceptable to turn what should be a civil debate over an issue of public importance into a mud-slinging contest. The pro-takeover crowd apparently believes that anyone with a different point of view must be corrupt, which is, of course, ridiculous.

When you vote, “No,” on Measure O come June, you can not only send a message that this is the wrong time to pursue a takeover of Cal Am, you also don’t like the way the proponents of the takeover are behaving.

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‘A government of wolves’ Dear Editor,

Though I am a member of the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees, this opinion is entirely my own. I write in response to your article of March 14 concerning a city employee who holds both the title and responsibility of city finance specialist.

No one takes pleasure in hearing of the troublesome past of another, regardless of whether or not they are a city employee. However, it remains the public’s right to know of the criminal history of one who holds a fiduciary duty to the public. In this particular instance, the individual in question was charged with two felonies: financial fraud and perjury.

The factual account of these matters is not what I find troubling. It was reported in

the article that both Mayor Jason Burnett and City Administrator Jason Stilwell sprang to the defense of the employee, who apparently conducted this fraud starting in November 2009. Stilwell failed to address the fact that the conduct was not a single incident but an ongoing pattern that continued through March 2011. Stilwell also chastised the paper for revealing information that is publicly available regarding a city employee’s conviction for financial crimes, claiming that the reporting constituted “bullying” and that “the impact these types of stories have on families, in this case without cause, is devastating.”

One can only wonder where Stilwell’s compassion was when he authorized the placing of numerous city employees on paid administrative leave for yet-to-be charged or proven allegations against them. The most notable of which was almost a year ago when a much publicized search and seizure was conducted at an employee’s home in the presence of his spouse and various city employees. Where was the outcry that the newspaper should not have reported these instances of public humiliation? It would appear that the city administrator has a selective conscience when it comes to imposing disgrace or casting others in a false light prior to the time they are charged, or even given the opportunity to confront those accusing them of misconduct.

Perhaps equally disturbing is the reaction of the mayor. The mayor has publicly stated: “If the biggest mistake that somebody has made involves working to get food on your

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'THE COLLINS DEAL WORKED OUT SO WELL, WE SHOULD DO IT WITH EVERYBODY'

BREAKING NEWS: In light of this week's news that Steve Collins has pleaded no contest to charges arising from the botched regional desalination project, Monterey County revises its boilerplate consultancy contracts

LETTERS

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kids' table, frankly that's the sort of employee that we want." It has apparently escaped the mayor's attention that the charges for the financial crimes and a subsequent conviction occurred during the period of time that he was the Mayor of Carmel-by-the Sea.

Mayor Burnett has also missed the point that Carmel citizens look to their elected officials to monitor and protect the community against even the appearance of impropriety, which in this case they have clearly failed to do.

The most troubling issue raised by these events, however, is that public officials would suggest that such a story should not be run because it was not "necessary" and that such action was "bullying." This would appear to be a blatant attempt to interfere with the freedom of the press, a freedom so vital to the American way of life that it is protected by the United States Constitution. Any government that seeks to censor the press should be viewed with scrutiny.

We should be mindful of the warning offered by Edward R. Murrow in 1954 — "A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves."

G.R. Mazingo, Esq., Carmel

No confidence in city hall

Dear Editor,

I am so thankful that Mary Schley of The Carmel Pine Cone brought to light the financial problems of the finance specialist for the city. What I can't believe is that the mayor, Jason Burnett, stands behind her, even with her fraud charges. On Feb. 1, 2013, she pleaded no contest to defrauding the government to receive food stamps. Was not an employment check done on her, or a credit check done? I am sure they would have found that she had problems at previous jobs. I do not think the mayor's condoning this type of behavior will do him much good as he runs for re-election in April. Maybe it is time Carmel cleaned house. What The Pine Cone is doing is not bullying. It is called, "keeping our government transparent" and excellent reporting.

At the time of her fraud, she was receiving salary and benefits of \$75,000 per year. When someone has filed for bankruptcy three times in the last 14 years, and once while working for the city of Carmel, earn-

ing \$75,000 a year, it shows me that she does not take responsibility for her debts and files to avoid paying her creditors. Since she has shown irresponsibility with her own personal finances, how does one expect her to be responsible with the over \$30 million budget of Carmel?

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A very wise man once said, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." That man was Jesus.

Someone that earns \$75,000 a year should have a record that is as clean as a whistle. I sure don't have confidence in city hall anymore.

Karen Swanson, Carmel

'Lack of judgment'

Dear Editor,

Thank you, Carmel Pine Cone, for the clarity and objectivity in informing your readers of still another example of the failures of city hall. Jason Stillwell has further illustrated his incompetence and arrogance. Mayor Jason Burnett is, of course, revealing his lack of judgment and management weakness by endorsing his naive view of Deanna Allen. The mayor and council also continue to enable Stilwell to spend money on a bevy of "department heads" that would raise cost/benefit questions for a city four-times our size, two expenditures for a "consultant" for a project without definition or goals, and the treatment of the employees that you mentioned. As a lifelong resident, I also deeply resent the denial of citizens' wishes to dispose of the Flanders "mansion" in deference to a "cult" and their fantasies. Thank you for your consistent support for converting this fraudulent old heap into replenishing city reserves and adding to the property tax base.

Gene McFarland, Carmel

'Indefensible, preposterous'

Dear Editor,

Re: "The last thing I want is for my past mistakes to embarrass my co-workers."

At what point since March 2011 did Deanna Allen come to this realization?

As for Jason Stillwell's and Jason Burnett's comments pertaining to Ms. Allen's background: indefensible, preposterous and brazen.

Karen Williams, Carmel

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which is made an integral part of this Contract for three years commencing the date of signatures below, or until "Project" referred to in Appendix A ceases to be viable due to inevitable criminal complaints.

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In particular, Consultant agrees that Monterey County and its participating agency partners shall deny knowledge of the existence of this Contract.

Consultant shall not divulge the existence of this Contract. In the event that this Contract is made public, Consultant agrees to admit that he/she drew up this Contract on his/her own and tricked Monterey County and its participating agency partners into signing it.

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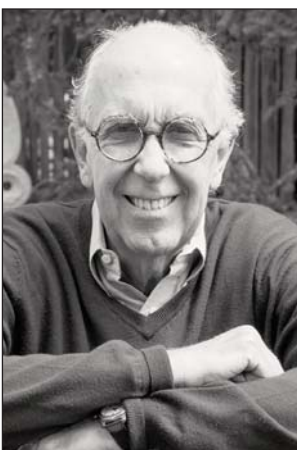
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Reflections on family, lacrosse and VWs from realtor extraordinaire Tim Allen

THE ENERGETIC Tim Allen seems to make friends wherever he goes. He's got the beach buddies he sees every morning when he takes his Cavalier King Charles Spaniel,

mated that for the last 10 years, he's been the company's top producer on the Monterey Peninsula. In fact, the firm recently announced his winning sales total for 2013 was \$87.6 million. It turns out he's either bad at math or trying to be modest — according to the announcement, he's been Coldwell's top agent in this area for the last 18 years. Rick Turley, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, described Allen as "one of the best in the business," with "a deep knowledge about the local market and unique marketing skills."

area resident raved about his family — wife Lynn, sons Logan, 24, and Tyler, 22, daughter Katie, 18 — and lacrosse. Turns out Allen loves the sport so much that he keeps a bunch of lacrosse sticks in the back of his car and gives them away — mostly to children he knows. Sometimes, though, he'll see kids on the beach and show them some moves. It's all for the love of the game he played at Stevenson and UC Santa Barbara — and still plays in alumni matches. He sponsors teams, going to games and running laps around the field while he watches, cheering and yelling advice.



Tim and Logan Allen

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

Teddy, for a run on the beach, and the coffee klatch at the Safeway Starbucks on the way to work. He also has 30 years' worth of real estate clients in town and beyond.

Allen spent the last 20 of those as a Coldwell Banker representative, and he esti-

Allen didn't much want to talk about any of that, though. Instead, the lifelong Carmel

"I can't sit still while I'm watching a game!" he told me. Both sons were All-Americans in high school lacrosse. "Coach Jeff Young at Stevenson was a great mentor to my boys," Allen said. In college, Logan played for Washington and Lee University, and Tyler's finishing his senior year playing for Colorado College.

And Katie? "Girls are way different," Allen laughed. She went to Stevenson for a year, then to Carmel High, and then took off for ACS Cobham, a boarding school outside of Surrey, England, where she'll graduate this spring. In the fall she starts college at the American University in Paris. Allen said that he and Lynn have been racking up frequent flier miles, as well as texting and Skyping. There's another British connection: Logan's engaged to be married in England this summer to a woman he met back when they both worked as camp counselors at Douglas Ranch Camp in Carmel Valley.

Allen has great memories of growing up in Carmel. His parents owned La Playa Hotel and the Sundial Lodge. "I never had an allowance, but I always had a job," he said. He worked his way up from the laundry room to the front desk, but didn't want to be in hospitality because it's a 24/7 business. He now finds that choice somewhat ironic. "Real estate is relentless," he said. He recalled taking his kids and their friends to lacrosse matches, cranking up the music and laughing along with them. "Then the phone

would ring with a business call and the whole car would go silent," he said. "They knew what to do. Then I'd hang up, and the music would blare!"

The constant busyness didn't intimidate Logan. With a degree in business with a specialization in real estate and a minor in communication, the younger Allen joined his dad at Coldwell Banker about six months ago. "Having your best friend and your son hang out with you all day — it's great!" Allen boasted. He added that the whole team makes him look good. "I surround myself with good, positive people," he affirmed. For his part, Logan's the mellow yin to his dad's frenetic yang. "It's not a bad place to be," he said. "A lot of my friends are spending 12 hours a day behind a computer. We're getting out, always doing something." At some point, the Allens told me, Logan will "step into his dad's sneakers."

Allen's not looking to retire anytime soon, but he has a hint for his clients: watch for the VW camper bus. One day, he dreams of purchasing a 1960s version of the van that exemplifies Zen. "When I drive it down to

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MORE LETTERS

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'Defamation and liability'

Dear Editor,

After a year or more, it is apparent that Jason Stilwell, Carmel's city administrator, is not on the editor of The Pine Cone's "best friend's list." Perhaps it relates to the fact that Stilwell attempts to follow proper statutory and/or regulatory procedure and does not release information whenever The Pine Cone requests. Pine Cone readers have already been overburdened on the editor's whining about the difficulty in receiving e-mail and other public record requests.

Whenever there is an issue concerning a Carmel issue, whether employee related, budgetary, or other, the editor of The Pine Cone finds it appropriate to publish an article that relates to Stilwell's role as city administrator. In other words, the implication is, "but for Jason Stilwell, this would not have happened."

Most recently the editor of The Pine Cone publishes a front page story on a woman responsible for Carmel's finance and payroll departments. The fact that she had previously been convicted of a misdemeanor results in a detailed published account of the individual and questions why Carmel would hire an employee in a responsible finance department position who had filed for bankruptcy. Although the city administrator and Mayor Jason Burnett defend the individual, the editor of The Pine Cone continues with the insinuation that the individual, because of her background, should be closely watched with the statement that "he'd (Jason Stilwell) want to reassure the public that steps are being taken to ensure Allen (the individual convicted of a misdemeanor) doesn't misuse funds at city hall."

Paul Miller, being editor of a weekly publication, certainly understands the significance of defamation and what reaches the public on a continuing basis. I am sure he further understands the liability issue when a person is publicly accused of a crime not committed by the individual. Although Miller has not crossed the line with his suggestion that the individual be closely watched, it is deeply humiliating to Allen and disappointing to some readers of The Pine Cone to see the editor take advantage of the "power of the press" because of what seems to be a continuing Miller v. Stilwell issue.

William J. Woska, Carmel

Firing wrong people?

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on the excellent article in the March 14 Pine Cone regarding the disclosure that the lady in charge of accounting and financing control at city hall has a spotted record. I can understand that many people had serious financial issues over the last few years and I don't judge anyone who has had to endure a bankruptcy situation — it happens and, in most circumstances, the person involved deserves sympathy and support.

However, reasonable questions should be asked regarding someone who has undergone three bankruptcies in less than 15 years. Perhaps there are satisfactory answers, but you would think that such a person would be put on at least administrative leave until the facts were obtained. And, at the very least, three bankruptcies give rise to a real concern that the person involved has not demonstrated an ability to use good judgment with his or her finances, and why would such a person be continued in a position where public funds are at stake?

Finally, fraud, including fraud continued during her employment with the city, is never an excuse. I am sure many people have the same concern as to why other employees whose records were slate-clean by comparison were abruptly fired, while this woman is supported publicly by the mayor and the city manager? Doesn't the city understand the danger of creating a perception of treating their employees differently without a clearly stated basis for so doing?

Bill Hood, Carmel

'Dallas will make good'

Dear Editor,

Local boy Steve Dallas will make good, if you elect him to the Carmel City Council. As

a third-generation Carmelite, he knows the stakes are high to preserve this unique village, its natural resources and tranquil residential life style.

Steve has served on the planning commission for three-and-a-half years. This commission is a valuable training ground and often indicative of future success as a member of the city council. As a matter of fact, three of our current council members also served on the planning commission. I have attended planning commission meetings for 14 years. I have witnessed, first hand, Steve's analytical approach and his determination to find a solution to each applicant's building project. He is both respectful to the owners and neighbors, yet insures that the project is compatible with our codes and guidelines. Notably, his advanced preparation, unique institutional knowledge, ability to listen, professional demeanor, and skillful expertise have helped produce countless measurable results that benefit the public, while still maintaining Carmel's inherent natural beauty, architectural diversity and storied history.

Make no mistake, Steve Dallas is ready, willing and able to become the newest member on the Carmel City Council. A vote for Steve is a vote for Carmel. And then this local boy makes good.

Roberta Miller, Carmel

'Impressive list of supporters'

Dear Editor,

Carmel-by-the-Sea is very fortunate that Steve Dallas has chosen to run and serve on the city council. He has the qualifications, enthusiasm and experience that will serve us well.

As was Dallas, we were born and raised in Carmel and have known him as a neighbor, friend and colleague for many years. He served well on the planning commission and has gained knowledge of the serious issues facing our region.

Steve Dallas will listen respectfully, be fair and make the tough decisions that respond to the needs of our residents, business community and visitors.

Like his impressive list of supporters, we are honored to recommend Steve Dallas for city council.

Lillian Hazdovac
Paula Hazdovac, Carmel

'Championing town's character'

Dear Editor,

Carmel's campaign season is in full swing with qualified candidates hoping to be elected to the city council. Steve Dallas has demonstrated his commitment to championing Carmel's character, preserving her heritage and protecting her future by serving on the planning commission. His interest in eradicating Mission Trail Nature Preserve of non-native invasive species, and restoring Carmel Beach's pristine white sands are both laudable goals. Being well versed in city rules and regulations puts him on the ground and ready to go as soon as he's sworn in. I hope the voters cast their votes for Steve Dallas for city council.

Cindy Lloyd, Carmel

'Warm and generous'

Dear Editor,

Our family has been visiting the Carmel area since 2007. We are charmed by the beauty of its beaches, natural resources and thriving downtown. For a number of years now, we have known Steve Dallas, who is running for city council. We have come to know Dallas as a man of his word and as a man who is committed passionately to making Carmel the best community it can be. Dallas (a third-generation resident) has the vision to support a vital, economically sound and livable future for Carmel. Personally, we know that he is a man of integrity, positive transparency and good stewardship. He is a warm and generous man who, with the support of his beautiful family, has always shown us the best of Carmel. We believe he is a wonderful representative for the best interests of Carmel. Please support Steve Dallas for city council.

Jeffrey Feger and Ina McArdle,
New Berlin, Penn.

Smart humans, not meters

Dear Editor:

The editorial "More smart meters, please," tried to give an argument for "smart meters," but the rationale is "so that you're

alerted right away if you have a leak." I think more important is a need for smarter humans in the loop, rather than more technology. Computers allow us to make mistakes more efficiently.

If a \$24,000 water bill appears, the water company should have noticed that there was something wrong. A human in the loop could avoid mistakes. The burden should not be placed on the customer to monitor everything constantly. There are enough other distractions in our lives.

Xavier Murayama, Pacific Grove

'So much more to this story'

Dear Editor,

I agree completely with your editorial stance on the so-called "dog park" in Carmel Valley. Some of your reasons for opposing the development were "almost unanimous opposition by those who live nearby" and the fact that the land was not zoned for that particular use. What I don't understand is your zealous support for the Pebble Beach Company bulldozing another 716 mature Monterey pines and coastal oaks to build a high-density apartment complex on a site that is zoned for single-family residences. Yet, when a majority of those who live nearby express many of the same concerns cited in your editorial (traffic, noise, loss of forest habitat), you dismiss them as "NIMBYs."

You also point out that financially, it doesn't make sense to pursue it further (unless some special treatment by the board of supervisors is anticipated). The same holds true of the PBC apartment complex. Why would the P.B. Co. give the county 145 acres of prime Monterey real estate for the privilege of building a low-income apartment complex? Do you think this provides undue influence over the supervisors' decisions? Do you suppose the P.B. Co's financial contributions to groups like LandWatch, League of Women Voters and Monterey Pine Forest Watch influenced them to support the project?

The Del Monte Forest Land Use Advisory Committee deemed the site inappropriate. So do a huge number of concerned neighbors. There is so much more to this story than any newspaper will report; I suspect pressure has been exerted by the P.B. Co. on them, too. But they can't shut us up. If Dave Potter and Jane Parker want to ram this project through, they may find themselves looking for a new job.

Peter Mathews, Pebble Beach

Editor's note: The Pebble Beach Company has exerted no pressure whatsoever on the editor of The Carmel Pine Cone, nor on anyone on the staff, to support the

company's affordable housing project. The decision to support that project in our editorials was entirely our own, based on what we believe the benefit will be to the community.

'The Rainbow Bridge'

Dear Editor,

In the past three weeks in the "Sandy Claws" column, the owners' grief upon losing a dog made them hesitate before finding a new companion.

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Some time ago I ran across a short story for people who have recently lost a pet entitled "The Rainbow Bridge." I sent it to friends who have lost a pet, and today I placed it with my ad representative at The Pine Cone for publication [see page 2A]. I urge everyone to send it to those who have lost a "family member" — it might make the loss a little less so.

John Caldwell, Carmel Valley

'Like reading a newspaper from another country'

Dear Editor,

I can't tell you enough how much I enjoy reading your paper. It's like reading a newspaper from another country, another world. I am especially attracted to the stories of human interest, animals and current events.

Thank you for allowing the people of other cities get a little piece of your wonderful town/area. I live in a suburb of Los Angeles and things here, well, they have become so convoluted, so diluted. I love the warmth The Carmel Pine Cone exudes.

I look forward to every issue, but I especially look forward to the day that I can grab a copy off the street and read it on a park bench.

GREAT LIVES

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the beach, I'll stay a little longer — I won't have to rush home to change and get to work." And he definitely plans to stick around. Although he lives in the valley — Lynn likes the warm weather — he loves Carmel's small-town atmosphere. "Petty stuff and disingenuous attitudes don't survive. And it's just beautiful." Who could ask for anything more?

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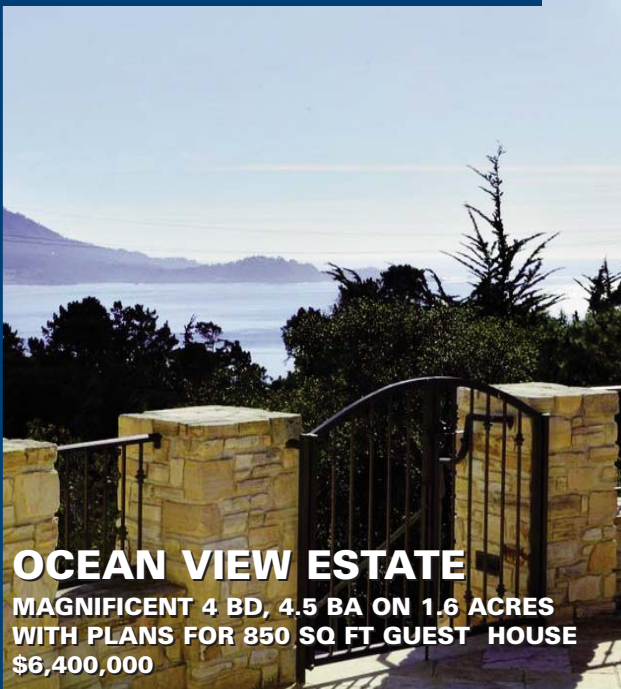
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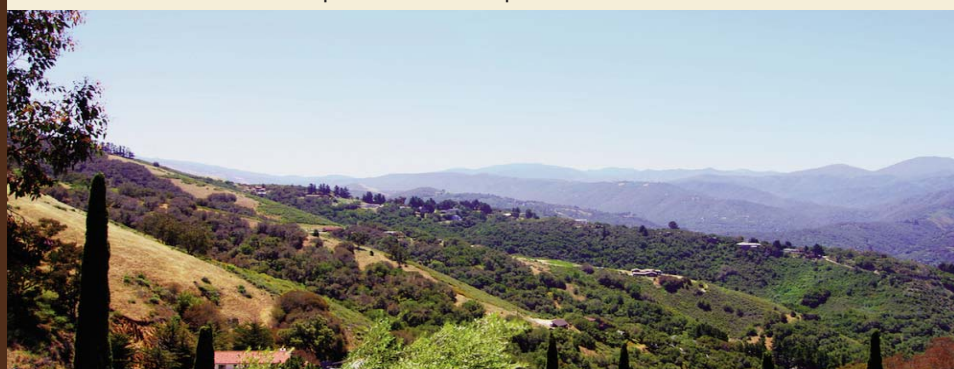
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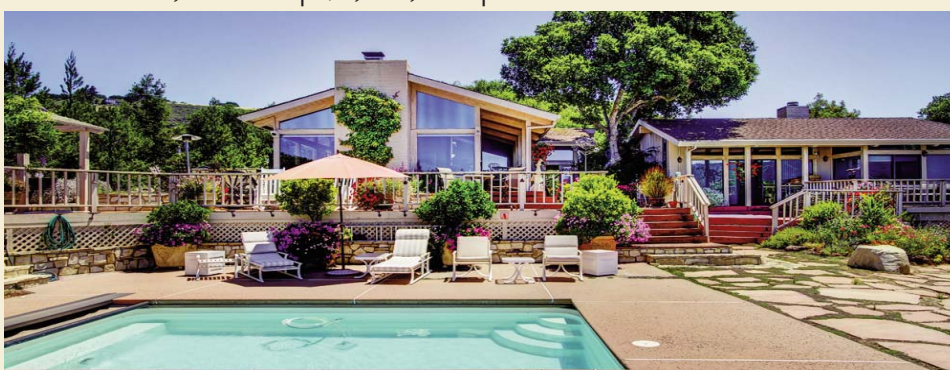
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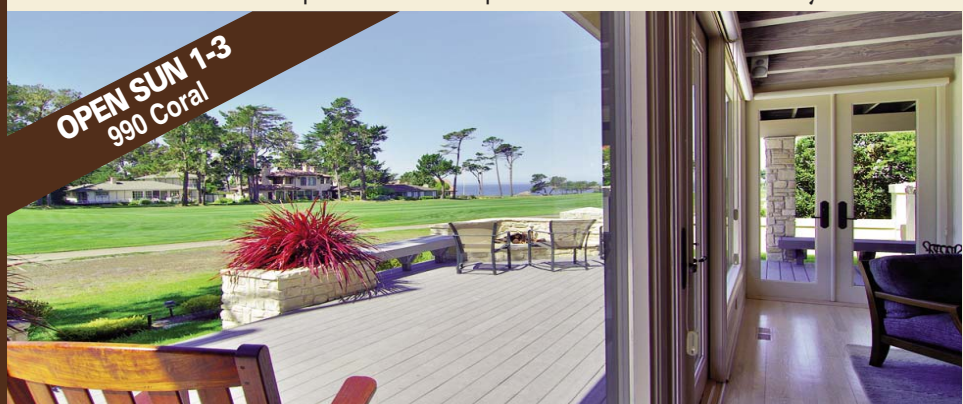
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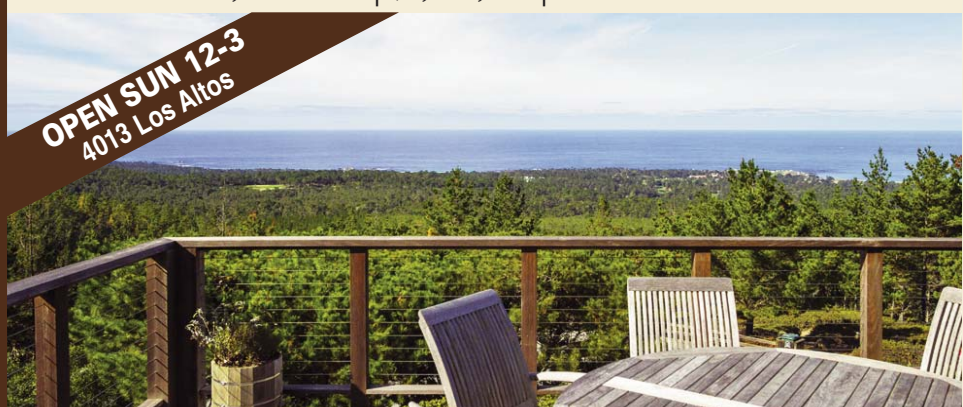
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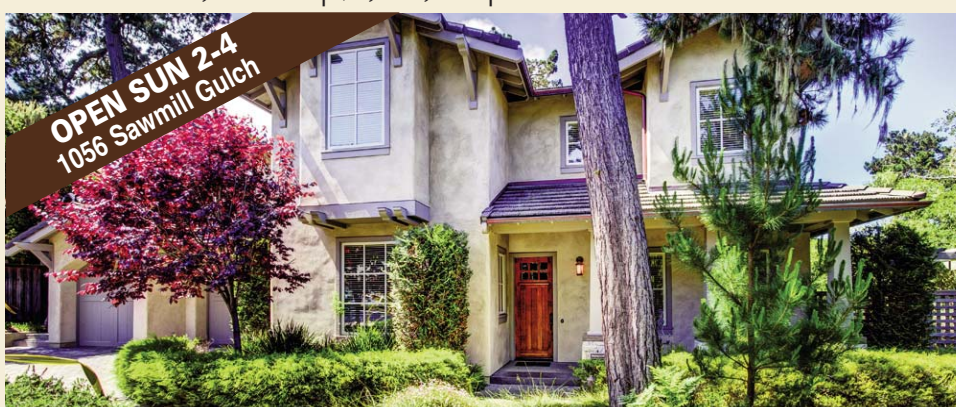
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SPECIAL SECTION

LURED INTO THE LANDSCAPE

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

AS THE fog whispers in along the coast, and the light shifts to something soft and low, a couple sits on a half-round concrete bench before a fire pit, watching the sun slip into the sea. The air is cool and getting cooler, but they are not. Their stone seat is heated, keeping them comfy and cozy and warm.

The heated-seat bench is one of landscape designer Michelle Comeau's favorite features, a signature solution designed to get people out into their gardens — even in the chilly climate of the Monterey Peninsula.

Comeau loves designing and creating, solving problems and making plans. Most of all, she loves to be outside, preferably in the garden. Yet there was a time when the award-winning licensed landscape contractor and owner of Comeau Design in Carmel had never imagined running a small boutique business in the backyard.

Raised along the coast, halfway between Boston and Cape Cod, Comeau came to the Monterey Peninsula in 1976 from the University of Grenoble in France to complete her international studies degree at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. The turning point in her career was the purchase of a small garden business whose proceeds, she projected, would pay her tuition.

"I have a minor in botany and have always found horticulture to be more fascinating than politics," says Comeau. "So I should have known. I always loved being out in the garden as a child, and I've followed that passion ever since. I have been working in the field, literally, since 1976."

Comeau's gardening proceeds did pay her way through school, despite her having bought the business during some very difficult drought years. This taught her the importance of designing landscapes that work with the environment and against drought.

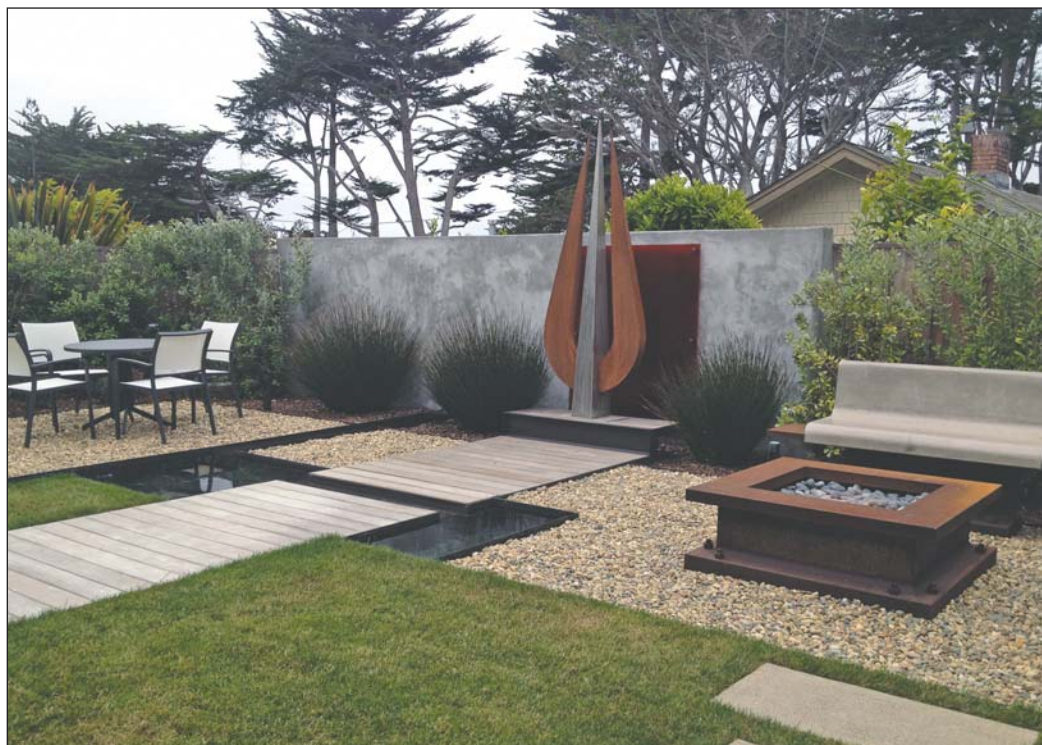
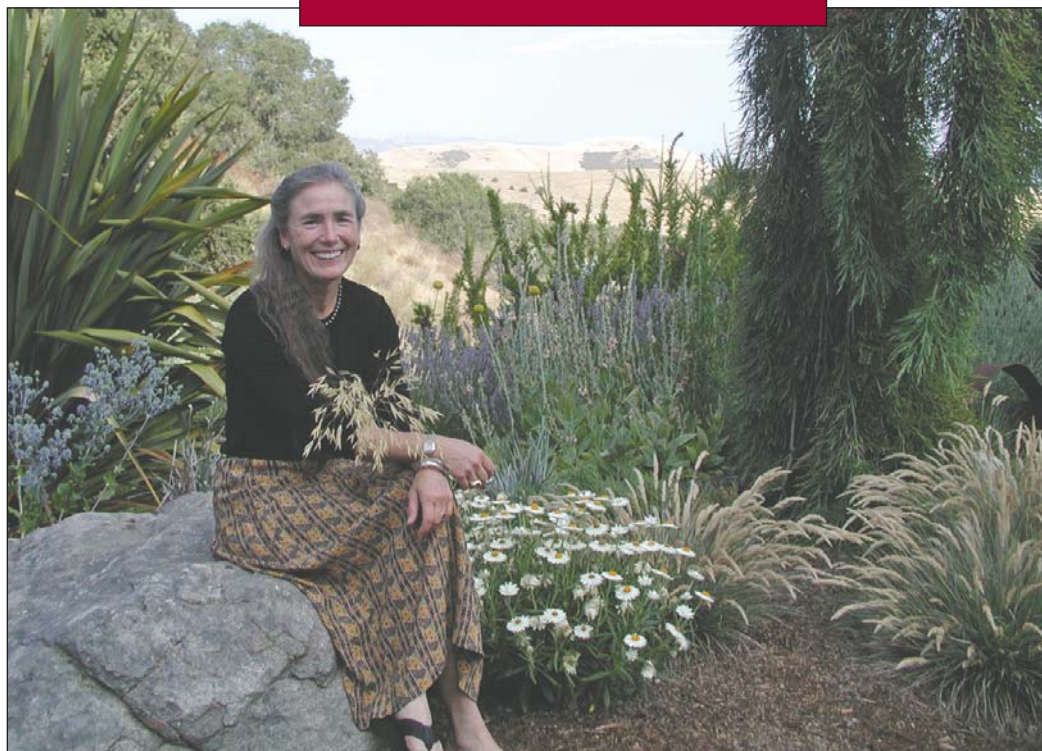
"I started my business when water was an issue," she says, "and have come full circle, as it is, once again, a big issue. I consider it very important to make sure we design gardens that will be lasting. Our projects, if properly hydro-zoned, will result in long-term successful gardens. This has been reinforced this last year with our water situation."

Comeau's life in the landscape is a true marriage of passionate pursuits.

"My love of designing and creating goes beyond just gardens for my clients," says Comeau. "My husband and I designed and built our own home and garden in Carmel Valley. I love the aesthetic of landscape design. I have a feeling for it, and it gives me great joy to see the right plant in the right place. Everything has balance. It's an intuitive

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Landscape designer Michelle Comeau (middle photo) poses in her own garden — a creation that embodies her philosophy of embracing the natural environment. She also specializes in luxurious features, such as this semi-circular, heated bench overlooking the sea (top), and a more formal garden that focusses on a modern sculpture (right).



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I N Y O U R D R E A M S

EVEN FOR COTTAGES, BEAUTY (OR THE LACK THEREOF) IS ONLY SKIN DEEP

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

AS SOON as they saw the cottage, they knew it was the one. Not just because of its location in a neighborhood just north of Ocean Avenue, or because the price was right, but because its state of disrepair promised potential. At least to a pair who could see it.

Mike Rachel first came to the Monterey Peninsula in 1967 from "Small Town" Minnesota to serve at Fort Ord. Just as Clint Eastwood did when he served at Fort Ord, Rachel promised himself he would one-day return to the area without a uniform. And, in 2000, he did. Ruth Rachel came to Carmel in 1990 on holiday from Minnesota and vowed, if she ever won the lottery, she would move to town. She and Mike met in Minnesota in 1978, at Honeywell International, where they both worked.

After a chance reunion at a party more than 20 years later, the two became inseparable and were married six months later, which returned Ruth to Carmel.

The couple closed escrow on their 1949 bungalow in March 2002. Despite the hit on the economy after the attacks of 9/11, housing prices were still climbing in the Monterey Peninsula, and the couple decided if they were ever going to own a house in the city by the sea, this was their moment.

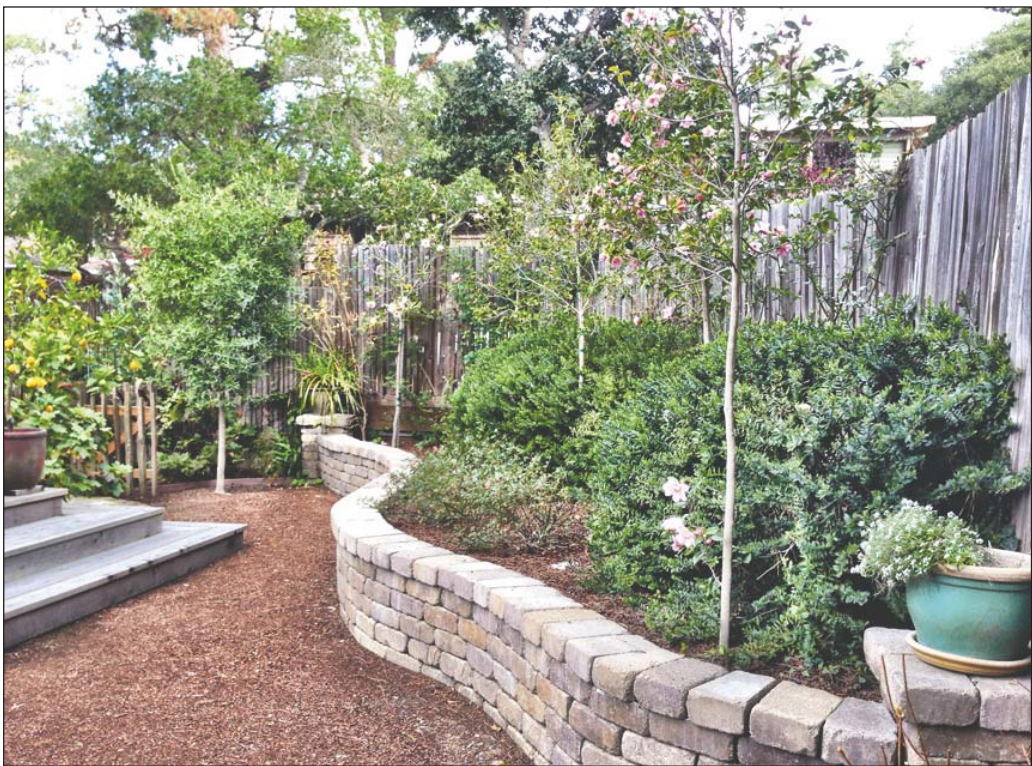
They looked past the green weathered-wood exterior and tangle of neglect in the garden, imagining, instead, a fresh coat of neutral paint, and a stone path wandering through a riot of perennials and native plantings. They stepped into the shadows of the gloomy living room, with its dark paneled walls, sooty stone fireplace and soiled wood floors, and admired the open-beam ceiling supported by iron collar ties likely crafted at

Carmel's Forge in the Forest back when it was a real forge and not a restaurant.

"The house was in a bereft state, a major fixer-upper," says Ruth, who has been a realtor with Preferred Properties in Carmel for eight years. "It was daunting, but we immediately saw the potential in the house. With the exception of a 1989 family room addition, it had never been updated. As with most remodels, we knew we couldn't do it all at once, so we planned to be patient, trusting it had the makings of a really lovely home."

Although it had the classic Carmel dearth of closet space, the house did have three bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths. It had the uncommon designated dining area and an inside laundry

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PHOTOS/PHILIP M. GEIGER (LEFT), MIKE RACHEL (ABOVE)

The elegant, peaceful garden of Mike and Ruth Rachel's Carmel home is quite a contrast today (left) from the dusty, unkempt space it was when they bought the house (above). The transformation was something they foresaw as soon as they saw the place, they say.



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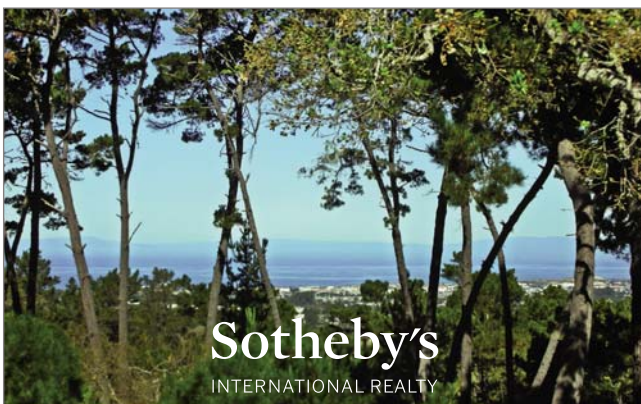
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Serra, Siri, sarcophagi, cenotaphs and who's not buried where we think he is

IF YOU ask iPhone's genie, Siri, "Who is buried in Grant's Tomb?" she replies, "Nobody, because you can't bury anyone in a tomb."

If you ask her who's buried in Junipero Serra's tomb, Siri gets confused because she cannot distinguish between Serra and Sarah. So you get led far afield. Siri leads you to a subterranean chamber located in the heart of Hebron where Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah and Rebecca are said to be buried.

However, I already knew the answer to who is buried in Serra's tomb. For that information I didn't need Siri. All I had to do was turn to my friend, Peter Hiller, who is the Jo Mora Trust Collection Curator. As we locals know, Jo Mora was the talented artist who

sculpted the exquisite Fr. Serra Cenotaph in the chapel in Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo. It is not a sarcophagus — the difference being that a sarcophagus contains a body. The Serra memorial we all know and love is empty.

"It was never intended that Serra be entombed in it," Hiller told me. "He died in 1784 and Jo Mora's memorial was not dedicated until 1924. Exhumation was never an option."

So, while many of the visitors to the Mission believe they are looking at the grave of the Founder of Modern California when they look at Mora's cenotaph for Serra, the padre, who was beatified by Pope John Paul during his visit to Carmel in September

1988, is actually buried a short distance away, inside the basilica.

It was Fr. Ramon Mestres, (1893 – 1930) pastor of San Carlos Church in Monterey, who generated interest in restoring the crumbling Carmel Mission and establishing a memorial to Serra. There is a dramatic thread that links the three main characters in this slice of history, Serra, Mestres, and Mora. Mestres and Serra were both Catalonians. Mora's father is from the same Spanish province. The Catalonian blood ran deep and was the common bond among these three men.

While he was a student in Spain, Mestres' association with a Serra family member triggered his interest in him. Following his ordi-

nation in the United States he was given parish duties at San Carlos Church in Monterey.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVAISE

Mestres contacted Mora after he had seen the artist's bust of Cervantes in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Mora became so enthusiastic about being involved in a project to memorialize Serra that he moved his family to the Monterey Peninsula in 1920. He

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police and fire units responded to a report of a medical emergency — fall on city property.

Carmel Valley: Person in the 7000 block of Valley Greens Drive reported a burglary that occurred sometime over the last five months.

Pacific Grove: Arson at a portable bathroom on 10th Street. The interior had been lit on fire with an accelerant and papers. No suspect info.

Pacific Grove: Annoying text messages. Sender contacted and advised to stop. He understood and agreed to stop.

Verde Street reported her left rear passenger window was broken by a tree branch. It was undetermined how the approximately 1-foot-by-3-inch branch struck the window.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle was stopped on Lincoln Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 32-year-old female, was found to be in possession of prescription medication without a prescription. She was arrested, the vehicle was towed, and she was later released with a citation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Establishment on San Carlos Street had live music without a permit. Officer made contact and the music ceased — warning issued.

Pacific Grove: A 23-year-old female was found to be in possession of narcotics during a vehicle check. She was arrested, booked at

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman on Monte

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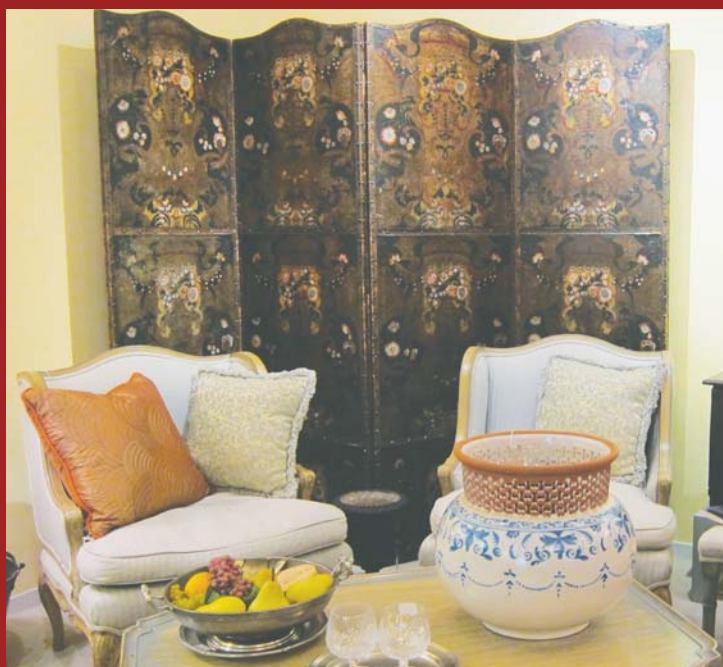
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GERVASE

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expressed his enthusiasm in a letter to one of his patrons, Senator James Phelan of San Francisco:

"I am here to settle up one of the most important and interesting commissions I have ever been given. It is to execute the Sarcophagus [he used the wrong word] for Father Junipero Serra and the three Franciscans buried beside him in the Carmel Mission. Could anything be grander for the sculptor who loves California — or fraught with any more romantic and sentimental possibilities? I'm girding my loins for the supreme professional effort in my life."

The vision that Mestres and Mora had for the memorial outgrew the original site for the cenotaph in the mission church. Since plans were underway to build a new chapel next to the church they decided the chapel would be the perfect location.

Mora sculpted Serra's body to comply with the priest's dying request. Serra is lying peacefully at rest on the cenotaph. His body is clothed in the Franciscan habit, with stole, crucifix, cord, and rosary, exactly as he was prepared for burial.

To gaze at Mora's masterpiece casually and walk away from it would be a grave mistake. It not only memorializes Serra, it also depicts several eras of the history of California. The three Franciscans sculpted along with Serra all have historical ties to the mission. Fr. Juan Crespi accompanied Captain Gaspar de Portola when he discovered San Francisco Bay in 1769. Fr. Fermin Francisco Lasuen succeeded Serra as president of the missions. The greatest development of the missions took place under his leadership. The third Friar, Julian Lopez, was a young priest stationed at the mission who died the year the original church was dedicated.

Some facts you should know: The

Monterey Bay Aquarium is the most visited site on the Monterey Peninsula. Do you know what site is second? Cannery Row? Pebble Beach? My column? It is the Carmel Mission. The mission is named for Saint Charles Borromeo, Archbishop of Milan. The Mission is at Rio Road and Lasuen Drive.

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HISTORIC STONE HOUSE WAS ONCE THE GATEWAY TO POINT LOBOS

By ELAINE HESSER

AROUND THE same time that the Methodists were establishing a religious retreat in Pacific Grove, Juan Leonardo, a whaler, set up housekeeping near Point Lobos, including a store and saloon for the less spiritually-minded. According to Mark Whisler, the original house's pier block foundation rested partly on whale vertebrae. He said that, "at one foot high and just a little bit wider, they were natural pier blocks." Now

that's some recycling! Whisler is the great-grandson of Alexander Allan — better known as A.M. Allan — who purchased the house and surrounding land in 1898, and eventually built what's now known as the Stone House.

Local historians agree that Allan's foresight is the main reason that Point Lobos State Natural Reserve exists today. Until Allan's purchase, the area had been used for whaling, fishing, abalone harvesting, and even coal mining — something nearly unimaginable to nature lovers who now hike the rolling hills

and wave-splashed boulders in the "crown jewel of the California Park System." When coal mining was no longer profitable, the Carmel Land and Coal Company subdivided the property into hundreds of residential lots, which meant that Pt. Lobos was about to be converted to a modest-sized town called Carmelito.

Enter Allan, who fell in love with the area on a business trip and bought Leonardo's ranch, which had changed hands several times by then. Whisler says the property reached

from the Carmel River to Point Lobos itself. Over a period spanning many years, Allan bought up Pt. Lobos. He and his wife, Satie, set up a toll booth, started charging admission and set some basic rules for visitors about camping (not allowed) and fires for picnics (only in certain areas) to preserve the area's natural beauty. Allan was an environmentalist in his time, but he was also a businessman, helping to establish an abalone cannery in

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The stone house at Pt. Lobos (left), along with its accompanying acreage, is one of the Monterey Peninsula's most historic properties. It also has an impressive view of Carmel Bay (above).

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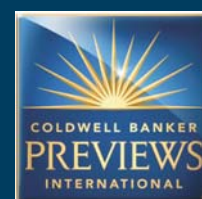


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process. I can walk onto project and say, 'That plant needs to be moved a foot and a half.' I have come to rely on that sense and commit to it."

Comeau also is committed to resource conservation and environmental protection. She is enchanted by the beauty and wonder of blending natural and designed landscapes. And her designs are a conscious attempt to get people to not just admire the aesthetic but also to get out and spend time in the garden. Hence, a heated-seat bench.

"I love to create designs that lure people out into the landscape," says Comeau. "Not just for a moment but to linger, create a lifestyle in the garden. With every project I am always trying to expand the boundaries in what I'm doing; it may be heat-

ed set benches, or re-circulating water features. Every new project should have something specific to it that's new and different."

An important part of Comeau's interaction in the garden is her relationship with her clients. She loves meeting people, hearing their stories, focusing on unique needs and expectations, and finding ways to groom a garden around that. She also


is committed to the community of Carmel, where she designed the median strips down Ocean Avenue, the 9/11 Memorial in Devendorf Park, and the new landscape at city hall.

Her assignment at city hall was to restore the gardens, using 90 percent native plantings, conform to ADA standards of


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This garden, at a private home adjacent to the Carmel River Lagoon, exemplifies the way a Comeau design can provide a seamless transition from landscaping to natural California habitat and vistas.



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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police and fire units responded to a report of a medical emergency — fall on city property.

Carmel Valley: Person in the 7000 block of Valley Greens Drive reported a burglary that occurred sometime over the last five months.

Pacific Grove: Arson at a portable bathroom on 10th Street. The interior had been lit on fire with an accelerant and papers.

Pacific Grove: Annoying text messages. Sender contacted and advised to stop. He understood and agreed to stop.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman on Monte Verde Street reported her left rear passenger window was broken by a tree branch. It was undetermined how the approximately 1-foot-by-3-inch branch struck the window.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle was stopped on Lincoln Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 32-year-old

female, was found to be in possession of prescription medication without a prescription. She was arrested, the vehicle was towed, and she was later released with a citation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Establishment on San Carlos Street had live music without a permit. Officer made contact and the music ceased — warning issued.

Pacific Grove: A 23-year-old female was found to be in possession of narcotics during a vehicle check. She was arrested, booked at PGPD and released on a cite.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a report of battery at an assisted care center on Congress Avenue. No charges filed; mentally challenged subjects.

Pacific Grove: Debit card and military ID were taken from a vehicle on David Avenue during the night.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile was being transported to a drug rehab clinic and was causing a disturbance while his parent was standing by trying to get him to go with staff members. The juvenile subject was not emancipated, and his parent had turned his son over for transport. The juvenile subject left with staff members. Juvenile's father turned over his son's phone that he purchased for him. He wanted the police to have his son's contact list (drug contacts). Officer booked the phone for safekeeping. No further action was taken.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man reported he accidentally backed his construction trailer into a gas meter on Monte Verde Street, causing a moderate gas leak. Fire and PG&E responded to the

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scene and were able to shut off the gas line.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man reported that a suspicious person was looking at his 9-year-old son while he walking to school on Rio Road. Person was checked and was clear of warrants.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD units responded to suspicious circumstances on Santa Rita involving possible tampering to a bed-

room door. An interior and exterior area check was conducted. There were no signs of forced entry or any property disturbed or removed from inside the residence. Resident advised of additional security measures to properly secure the door.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: iPad found lying in the middle of the street on Fifth Avenue. Officer looked through the iPad and the nylon sleeve it was contained in, and found a credit card. Officer researched TracNet and was able to find a contact phone number for the owner. The owner later came to the police department to retrieve his property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a juvenile driving his vehicle with no front license plate, in violation of CVC 5200(a), on

Mission Street. Juvenile had a provisional license and had two passengers in his vehicle, in violation of CVC 12814.6(b)(1). Juvenile was cited.

Pacific Grove: Resident on Todd Lane reported that a vehicle entered the cul de sac, and when the driver saw him, he exited and traveled west on Sinex and then turned around back tracking. He said he was unfamiliar with the vehicle. Officer contacted the subject and confirmed he was delivering newspapers.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Monte Verde Street resident reported an ongoing barking problem with a neighbor's dog. Dog was not barking upon arrival, but the resident said it was chronic. Forwarded to animal control for followup.

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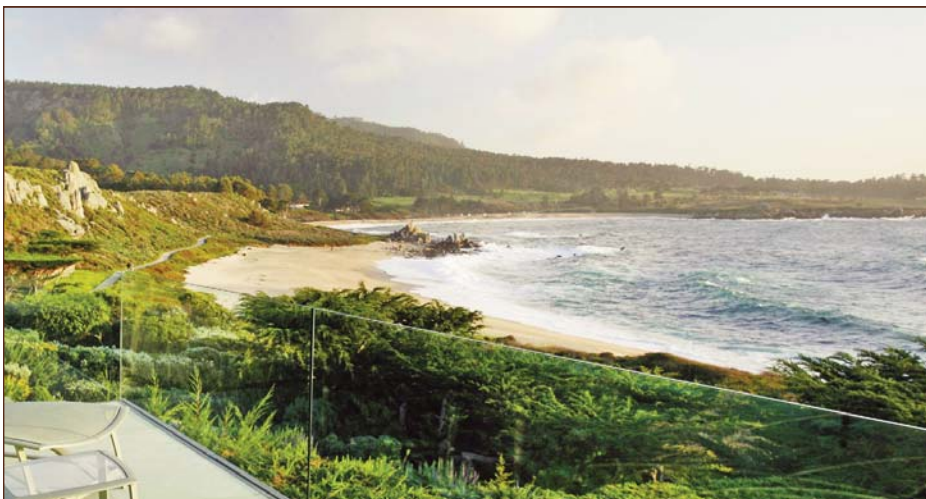
FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Dolores Street reported an altercation with a female driver over a non-injury traffic accident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman called to report losing her wallet while visiting Carmel beach. A description of the wallet was provided.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hazardous material spilled and pooled into the gutter on Dolores Street but did not leach into any storm drains. The material was properly cleaned up and disposed.

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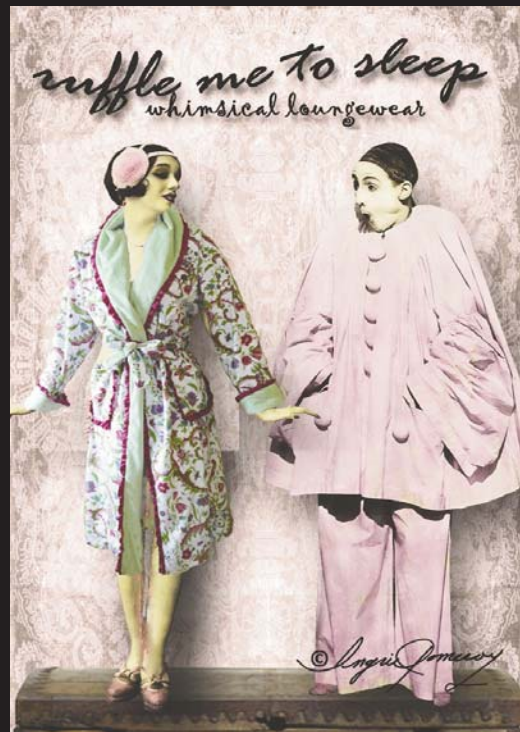
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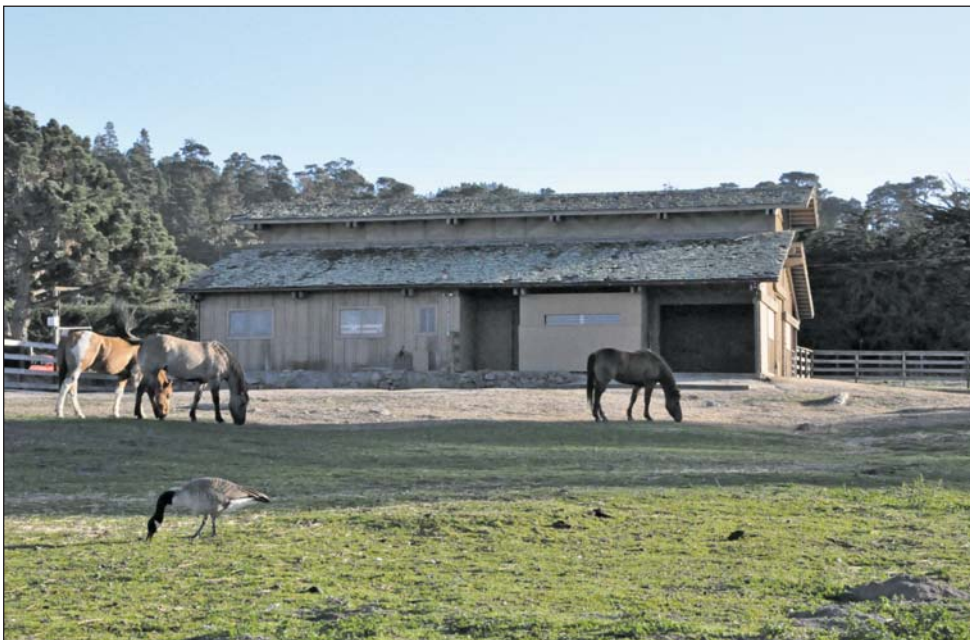


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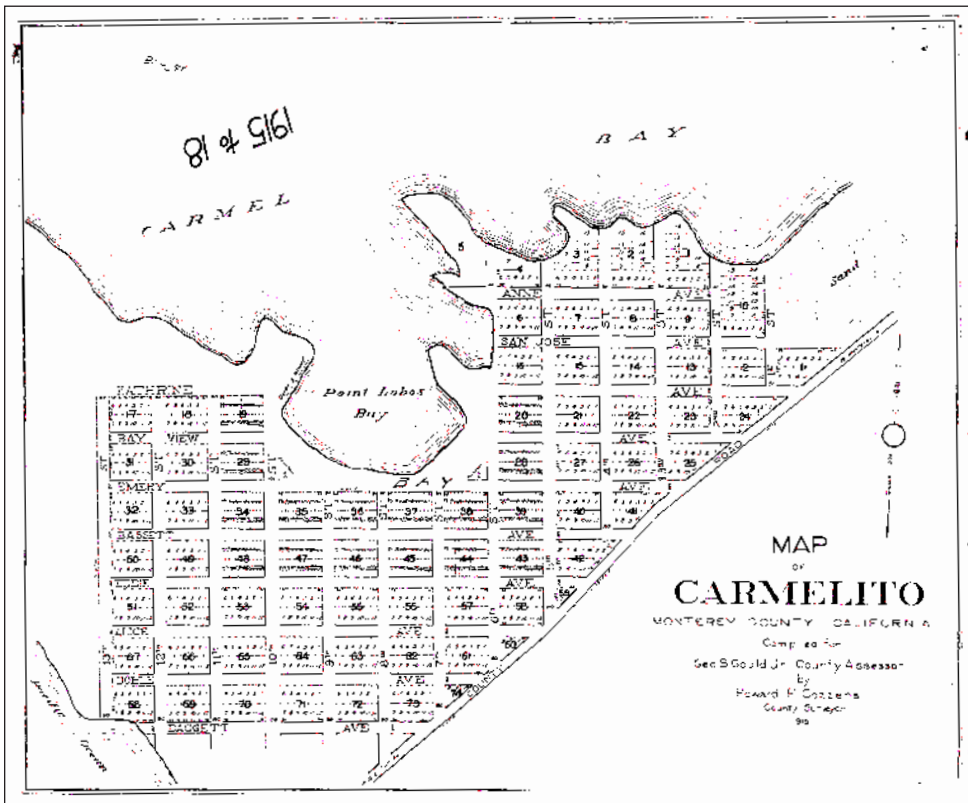
what is now the Whaler's Cove parking area of the reserve. In 1933, Allan's heirs sold Point Lobos to the state; according to the Point Lobos Foundation's web site, the family donated an additional 15 acres of "cypress-covered headlands" which were "dedicated as a memorial to Alexander and Satie Allan."

Whisler explained that as generations of Allan's heirs divided up the property, the size of his ranch gradually shrank, so today's property is a roomy-but-manageable 5.42 acres. Offered for sale for \$3.9 million by Sotheby's International and represented by agent David Bindel, the Stone House as it exists today was built in 1920. The 3,635 square foot home is visible on the east side of Highway 1, just past Monastery Beach if you're heading south. It includes the main house, a more modern one bedroom guest house with full bath and a small deck in the back, and a horse barn with an office, half bathroom and two car garage. The property also includes a stable and a

fenced yard.

The rustic and weathered two-story stone and stucco main house was designed in the style of an English farmhouse. It has four bedrooms and four bathrooms. There's a stone fireplace in the cozy living room and separate areas for a study or den and a library. In addition to being a unique and historical building, it has a western-facing sunroom with a gorgeous view of Monastery Beach and the Pacific Ocean. And of course, it's just steps from Point Lobos. Even as the traffic passes on Highway 1, the ranch has a peaceful, timeless feeling to it, as if Allan and his wife might step out any time to enjoy their beautiful view.

According to Bindel, the property could be converted to a 10-room bed and breakfast inn. He said the zoning would allow it, but while the California Coastal Commission approved the B&B concept in 1998, it would have to go back through that process for re-approval. Alternatively, the home and surrounding buildings could be given a little TLC and restored to their former glory, giving the new owners a link to Point Lobos' beginnings and the enjoyment of the fruit of A.M. Allan's investment for years to come.



In 1915, Pt. Lobos was subdivided into hundreds of home and commercial sites and was all set to become the town of Carmelito, as shown on this map provided by Monterey County Assessor Steve Vagnini, who still has the map in his files. Thanks to the intervention of visionaries such as A.M. Allen, Pt. Lobos remains an unspoiled, natural paradise. Even the small amount of development at Pt. Lobos Ranch presents a bucolic scene (above left).

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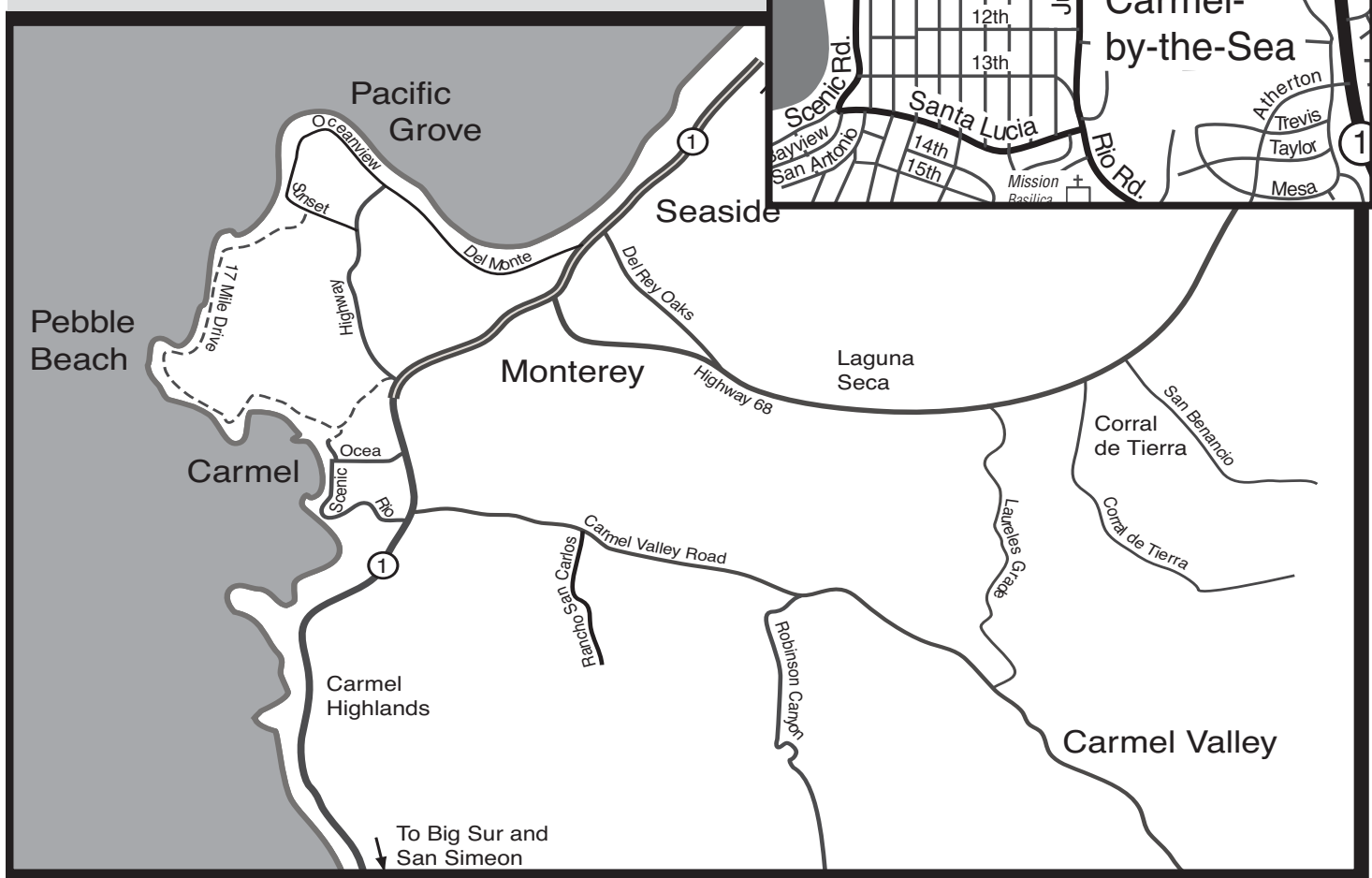
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\$625,000 10.9 acres **Sa 9-10**
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242 Del Mesa Carmel Carmel Valley
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460 Loma Lane Carmel Valley
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\$775,000 2bd 2ba **Su 2-4**
234 Del Mesa Carmel Carmel Valley
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\$785,000 4bd 3ba **Sa 1-3**
35370 Sky Ranch Road Carmel Valley
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\$799,000 3bd 2ba **Sa 2-4 Su 1-4**
16 Laurel Dr Carmel Valley
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\$995,000 3bd 3ba **Sa 1-3**
10472 Fairway Lane Carmel Valley
Carmel Realty Co. 595-4887

\$995,000 3bd 2.5ba **Sa 2-4**
90 Valle Vista Carmel Valley
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Torres 2 NW of 11th Carmel
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\$1,750,000 2bd 2ba **Sa 1-4**
Junipero 1 SW of 5th Carmel
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\$1,795,000 3bd 2ba **Sa 1-3**
Camino Real 3SW of 12th Avenue Carmel
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\$1,850,000 3bd 4ba **Su 1-4**
2927 Hillcrest Circle Carmel
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\$2,275,000 3bd 2ba **Sa 1-3**
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BEAUTY

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room. The kitchen, although decidedly dated, was larger than most. And, the house had a family room, a fireplace, and a garage. It also had a half-flight of stairs with a wrought-iron railing running up to a landing overlooking the living room, which they loved.

"This house has a bit of the Old Carmel charm," says Mike, who has been a home inspector for nine years. "I've seen a lot of these living room balconies, often with a half flight

up and a half flight down the other side of the landing. So we have a Carmel charmer. Also common to these houses is very little wasted space, so there are no hallways. One room opens into the next, which is the pro and the con. There is no easing into the room."

Throughout the house, the couple opened up walls, took out doors, widened doorways, and resurfaced rooms with sheetrock covered by bullnose skim-coat plaster for a light, smooth finish. But the biggest project creating the most important shift in function and form, was the custom kitchen remodel to suit the new chef in residence.



The interior of the Rachels' house has also been transformed, from its former rundown self, into a comfortable show-place, including a welcoming kitchen (left).

PHOTO/PHILIP M. GEIGER

"The driving force in the kitchen remodel," says Mike, "is that Ruth is an excellent cook and loves to entertain. Despite white cabinets, the kitchen was very dark, and very small, with very little counter space and no place to work or sit."

The first step was to gut the spare white space with stainless-steel sink, linoleum counters, dated appliances and red brick linoleum flooring, kept clean and shiny with Mop & Glo.

Working with Norman Naylor's Cabinet & Design Center, the Rachels introduced white beaded-front cabinets, which camouflaged the refrigerator and the microwave oven. They replaced the linoleum with a neutral Jerusalem stone, and worked with Mark Concrete to customize concrete countertops embedded with a trail of fossils, shells and stones. And they pushed out a wall just enough to create a breakfast nook.

"The kitchen remodel was a five-month project," says Ruth. "If a couple can survive that, we can survive anything. Neighbors would come by to ask how we were living through it. We just kept our eye on the prize."

It was easier to live through the landscape redesign, which included a river-rock fireplace with chimney. The couple updated the deck, rescued curvilinear retaining walls made of concrete pavers, and uprooted a tree, which opened up the space for barbecuing and entertaining.

"The garden was overgrown and the deck was rotten and largely unusable," says Mike. "The yard was too sloped to balance a lawn chair. But we had a vision for it, and Abbey Baker Design Build made it happen."

Now comfortable with the home they envisioned, the Rachels enjoy entertaining in their dining room or outside in their gracious garden, or eating dinner a deux in their custom kitchen.

"Remodeling is a process," Ruth says. "You need to decide what you really want and then have the vision and the patience to get there. Next on our list is a bathroom update. There's always something, but most important is to enjoy our home and be grateful all along the way. Living here, I know we both feel like we won the lottery."

GARDENS

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access, and design a memorial to former Carmel Garden Club member, the late Connie Ridder. In her eyes, it also had to be beautiful, unique, enticing and enduring.

"The Carmel Garden Club put out a request for proposals to restore the gardens," says club member Sarah Brown. "They all came in with great ideas about how to spruce up the garden, but Michelle was the one person who said there were infrastructure problems with the garden, and we shouldn't do anything if we couldn't correct them. We listened to that."

The result of Comeau's commentary was the formation of a public-private partnership, says Brown, where the City recognized the

deferred maintenance and put up the money to correct the problems, so Comeau could create a lasting garden.

"Michelle likes to create a garden that can be used," says Brown. "It was her vision to enhance the patio area, and she made it much nicer, more attractive, more comfortable. I see people sitting out there on a nice day, having a meeting or a cup of coffee. She really made a space where people can be in the garden and enjoy it. It's particularly nice for a public building."

A garden, says Comeau, is never done. It is an evolution. "When you finish building or remodeling a house and move in, everything is brand new and crisp and clean. And you look out the window to see a bunch of babies in the yard, which will grow and change as the garden matures. It's life."

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I N Y O U R D R E A M S

POLICE

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: An intoxicated subject fell, hit his head and lost consciousness at a business on San Carlos Street. Transported to CHOMP for further treatment.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man on Guadalupe Street reported finding a dog and securing it in his yard. Officer retrieved the dog and later found the owner. The dog was returned to the owner and warned.

Pacific Grove: Man entered the backyard of a Hillcrest residence armed with a handgun and confronted one of the residents, demanding money. Resident took him inside his home and told his family to cooperate. But the man racked the gun and accidentally dropped the magazine. Residents fled the location. (There have been prior calls at this residence.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported an intoxicated subject sitting on the bus stop bench on Mission Street. Subject contacted and found to be intoxicated but able to care for himself. Subject released via taxi for a ride home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sheriff's office responded to a report of someone at a construction site on Rio Road and Oliver Road at 0329 hours. The listed subject was contacted in the area of the Carmel Mission, and he advised he was walking home from work and not at the construction site.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported making a reservation and providing her credit card information to confirm the reservation at an Ocean Avenue hotel. The woman checked her account and saw no charges on her account from the hotel. She contacted the hotel, and they had no record of her reservation. She felt the hotel was running a fraud and began making irrational and bizarre comments before

hanging up on the officer. Contacted the hotel, which advised the woman did not make a reservation and even offered to book it, but then the woman refused and hung up. The hotel stated she was due to arrive on March 14 through March 15. The hotel confirmed no reservation was made and did not wish to hold or make the reservation for her.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Dolores Street reported a construction worker used a tractor to demolish a tree stump. In the process of removing the stump, the resident's building foundation began to shake. All parties were counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A city tree that appeared rotten fell through a number of power lines and blocked Lobos Street. When the tree fell and pulled on the power lines, it caused damage to a residence when the power lines pulled off the house. The house sustained damage to the wood fascia along the roofline. PG&E secured the power lines and Cal Fire removed the downed tree from the road.

Carmel area: Palo Colorado resident reported several items were stolen from his unlocked vehicle overnight.

Pebble Beach: A man on probation was found in possession of hydrocodone and a used meth pipe.

Carmel Valley: A 21-year-old male was arrested on Esquiline Road at 0103 hours for DUI by CHP.

Carmel Valley: Resident reported theft of jewelry from her residence. Total loss value: \$400.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Shoplifting from a store on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact was made with a transient on Dolores Street who had various personal items strewn across the post office floor space near the Fifth Avenue entrance/exit. The party was advised to police

the area of his belongings and vacate. Subject complied — warned.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to the reported theft of two bicycles from the rear bike rack of a vehicle on Fifth Street. Arrived and observed the lock/cable securing the bikes was cut with bolt cutters or a similar device. No evidence left at scene. Nothing further.

Pacific Grove: Dispatch advised an anonymous caller wanted to report a male who was "all method out" standing in the middle of the street on Funston acting very strange. One of the officers was able to determine who the subject was based on the description and location. Dispatch advised the subject is on probation with search and seizure. The subject was contacted. Subject did not appear to be under the influence, and no illegal substances were found.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a report of a

female down in an apartment on Grove Acre. Arrived on scene, and fire personnel forced entry into the apartment. Female was on the floor face down. Female pronounced dead at scene. Coroner released the body. Nothing further.

Carmel area: After a minor vehicle accident at Highway 1 and Rio Road, man was punched twice in the head by the other driver.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Dolores Street requested a report in case a labeling machine is turned in for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man reported the loss of his wallet and other personal items.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person requested a

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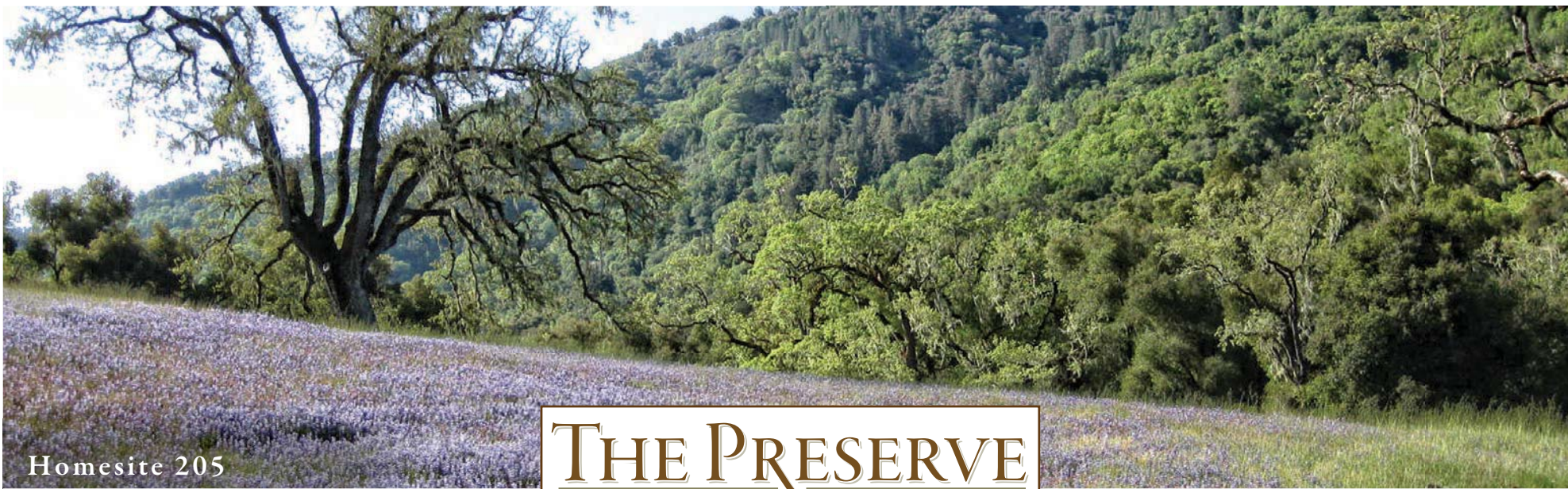
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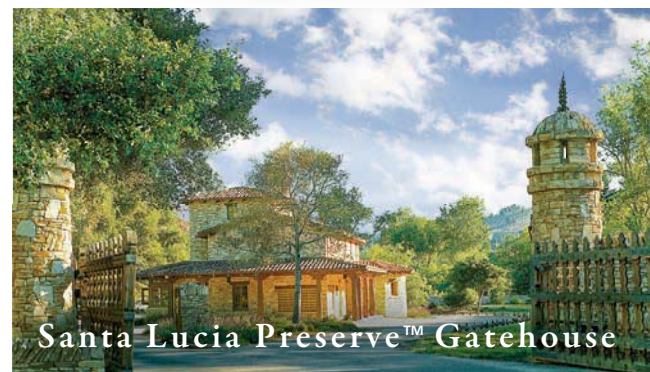
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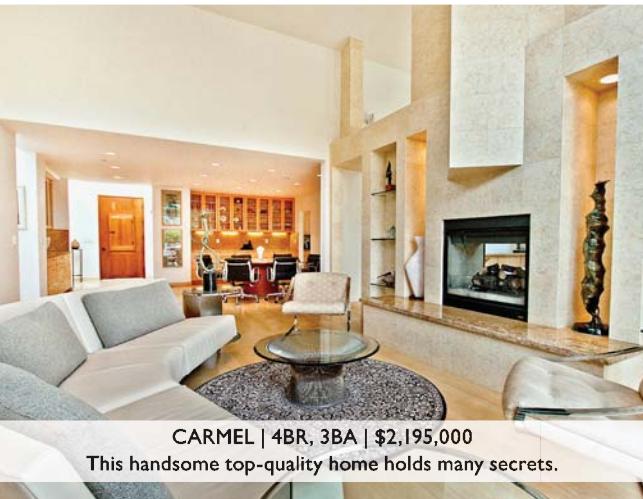
CARMEL | 3BR, 3+BA | \$3,095,000
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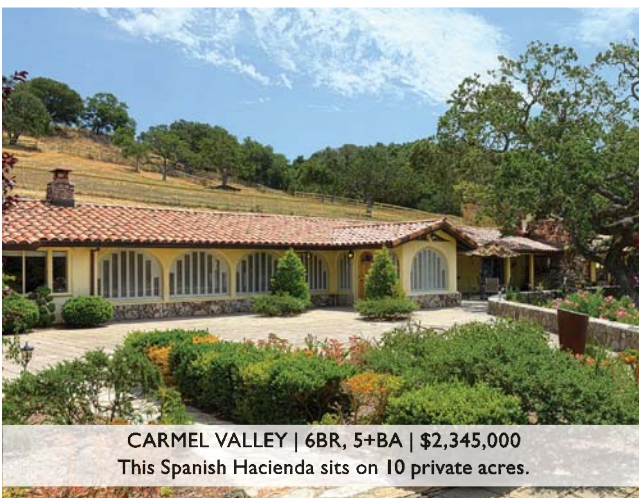
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