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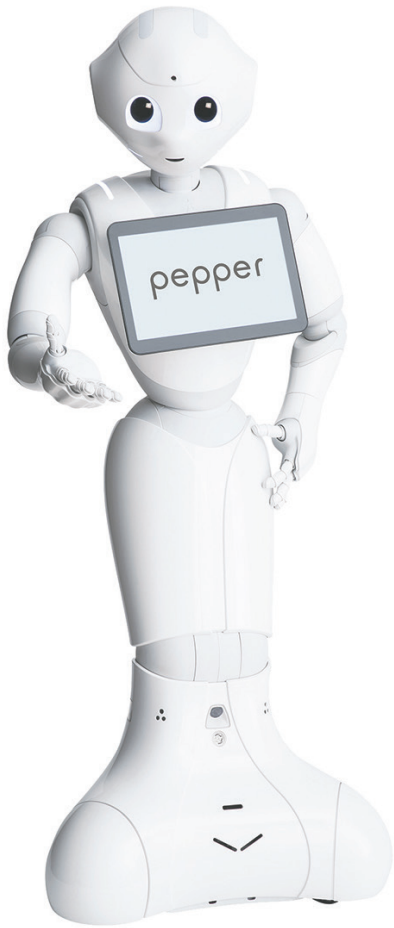
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‘I’m Pepper. Welcome to Carmel.’

■ Chamber raising \$25K for robot

By MARY SCHLEY



AMID THE pleas on GoFundMe.com for money to help families dealing with cancer and people injured in brutal accidents is a \$25,000 wish by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce: to buy a robot to greet people at the visitor center at Carmel Plaza.

“The Carmel Visitor Center wants to bring Pepper the Robot to Carmel to be our Official Carmel Concierge! She’s interactive, fun, and programmable for visitors of all ages and cultures,” the plea reads. “The Carmel Visitor Center had 32,202 visitor walk-ins in 2017 alone. Imagine the enhanced experience of meeting Pepper the Carmel Concierge on their visit!”

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Chamber officials want to raise enough money to get the robot in time for this year’s holiday season. “We would be incredibly grateful for your help in giving Pepper a new home,” they said.

Divided commission scuttles shop’s plans to rent bikes

By MARY SCHLEY

A SPLIT planning commission rejected a couple’s request Wednesday night to rent bicycles at their new shop, Mad Dogs & Englishmen, located on Mission Street south of Ocean Avenue. While the bulk of their business would focus on sales of bikes and related gear, Jennifer Blevins and Martin Watson had hoped to rent 20 conventional and electric-assist bicycles at their store, but two planning commissioners decided the city is simply too dangerous to turn tourists loose on bikes.

The bike shop is located near the city’s designated bike route on San Carlos Street, and the owners plan to carry several premium American and European brands and styles of bicycles ranging in price from \$500 to \$8,000. Mad Dogs would be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the summer season, with shorter hours in the winter.

Nobody else rents

While most of the business would focus on sales and service, Blevins and Watson proposed renting out a small number of bicycles. Several other area shops, though none in Carmel-by-the-Sea, rent bikes to visitors, they noted. Senior planner Marnie Waffle recommended commissioners approve the

business, including the rentals.

“I think it’s fabulous, the bikes are fabulous — they almost have a retro feel to them which fits in well with Carmel’s atmosphere,” commissioner Julie Wendt said, adding that the store’s location is ideal for that type of shop, too.

“I have safety concerns,” countered commissioner Stephanie Locke, because many of the streets here are narrow and prone to congestion, especially in the busy summer months when cars, people and dogs are in abundance. She also noted that many cyclists don’t obey the rules of the road, riding two or three abreast, running stop signs — and even talking on cell phones while riding.

“For all those reasons, I can’t support the rentals,” she said.

Commissioner Gail Lehman felt similarly. “Our streets are not made for bicycles,” she said. “I don’t even think they should be in Carmel at all.”

Chair Mike LePage sided with Wendt and also noted that the city council authorized bicycle rentals as an approved type of business in town.

“I’ve cycled for 40 years,” he said. “I understand the safety issue, but I also feel that this is a nice alternative for transportation in the city.”

The argument that bikes aren’t safe

See **BIKES** page 17A

Developer pulls project after height complaints

■ May resubmit without affordable units

By KELLY NIX

A 40,000-square-foot building proposed for Lighthouse Avenue that would have featured market-rate townhomes, affordable housing, a restaurant and retail shops was withdrawn last week by the developer even though city officials liked it, the Pacific Grove economic development director told The Pine Cone. And if the developer decides to submit a revised application, affordable housing might not be part of it, he said.

Gerald Leigh Properties had proposed tearing down the decrepit 3,472-square-foot building at 522 Lighthouse Ave. and building a four-story, 43,912-square-foot structure with 14 market-rate townhomes, workforce townhomes, retail shops, a restaurant and an underground parking garage with 32 spaces. The current building houses Goodies deli and retail store Marina Patina.

See **DEVELOPER** page 18A

Bomb scare shuts library

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PERSON who left a well-worn leather briefcase containing self-help cassette and VHS tapes on the library’s front steps Monday morning no doubt thought he was doing a good deed, but the bag looked suspicious enough that it prompted police to shut down the library and call in the bomb squad.

The bag had been left by the front door before Harrison Memorial Library opened for the day, and when it was still there several hours later, a patron pointed it out to one of the employees, who notified police, according to Sgt. Ron Pflieger.

Pflieger and officer Mike Bruno responded to check out the large leather briefcase but decided opening it wouldn’t be worth the risk, so they evacuated the library, strung police tape along the bordering sidewalks of Lincoln Street and Ocean Avenue, and blocked off Lincoln with their patrol cars while awaiting the arrival of the Monterey County Sheriff’s Bomb Squad.

While a Monterey Fire division chief suggested expanding the evacuation area to include businesses on Lincoln and part

See **SCARE** page 19A

Bar fight over a girl, conspiracy — or both?

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN NEWS broke last week of an investigation into an alleged conspiracy in which a Salinas man was paid \$100 to start a fight with Mayor Steve Dallas at Mission Ranch so that onlookers could photograph the incident to make Dallas look like a drunken brawler, Monterey Peninsula resident Kelley Taylor wondered if city attorney Glen Mozingo was referring to a run-in that included her and another man.

“I can’t imagine Steve Dallas was involved in more than one bar brawl at Mission Ranch,” Taylor told The Pine Cone this week. And if it is the same incident, “there’s been some sort of weird misunderstanding,” she said.

During the AT&T Pro-Am week more than a year ago, Taylor was at Mission Ranch with a date, David Petersen, and they were dancing, she recalled. Dallas was there, too, and she said he knew she had recently broken up with her fiancé.

“When we came off the dance floor, Steve grabbed my arm, and was saying, ‘I want you to meet these guys, I want you to meet these guys,’” she said.

“Steve walked over and grabbed her by the hand and then yanked her in his direction like a caveman would,” said Petersen, who lives in Omaha, Neb.

‘You don’t let that slide’

At that moment, a shoving match ensued between the two men. “When someone disrespects a lady, you don’t let that slide — you confront him,” Peterson said.

But when he did, Dallas “immediately turned, got me by my throat, and pushed me back up against the bar,” according to Peterson. He said he pushed Dallas’ hands away, but the mayor again took him by the throat. Other than that, Peterson claimed he did not touch Dallas. The confrontation ended when onlookers separated them.

Petersen said he didn’t report the altercation to police, thinking that all involved were probably intoxicated and might end up in jail.

At the time, after hearing about the alleged fight, Pine Cone reporter Kelly Nix asked Dallas what had happened at the bar, but the mayor told him “nothing,” and denied being escorted out of the bar.

Dallas also told Nix, “People like starting

problems, that’s why I have security with me all the time.”

When asked about the security, Dallas said they’re “his buddies.”

On Thursday, Dallas confirmed the incident happened, and said, “I downplayed the attack against me at the time and didn’t realize the significance of it. I did not know who the assailant was. I was just lucky there was private security guy who intervened and whisked me away.”

Didn’t talk to investigator

A few months ago, after sexual-harassment allegations were made against the mayor, Petersen and Taylor could have told the investigator about the run-in, but didn’t.

“David and I both declined to talk to the investigator about this particular incident, because I didn’t feel it had to do any-

See **SCUFFLE** page 17A

Another slide blocks Highway 1



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Big Sur hasn’t had much rain this year, but recent storms triggered a slide March 13 near Limekiln State Park that dumped large boulders on Highway 1, closing it for more than 24 hours. The scenic route was cleared and repaired by noon the following day.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Gregarious goldendoodle

BUDDY IS a first-generation goldendoodle, the product of a white standard poodle and a copper-colored golden retriever. Now 14, he's spent his years enjoying his San Francisco and Carmel communities.

If Buddy ever got loose from his home near the Forest Theater, his family would find him at one of two places: The Cheese Shop or Carmel Beach. When his person visits Carmel Plaza with Buddy, he pulls against his leash toward the enticing aroma of cheese.

"Buddy has the food drive of a retriever," his person said. "He's stolen a lot of things off counters. I once made hors d'oeuvres and came downstairs to find them completely gone. My husband bought a half pound of cheese from The Cheese Shop, and Buddy ate the whole thing."

When Buddy's person takes him to Carmel Beach, they take a very fast walk down to the sand, and a very slow walk back up the hill.

"Buddy never wants to leave the beach," his person said. "He loves to chase after balls, run along the shore, swim in the shallows, and explore. When he found a dead sea lion washed up on shore, he climbed all over it, fascinated. 'That's a real dog's dog,' said a man walking by with his German shepherd."

Buddy and his person tend to head to the beach early in the morning, when people are scarce – since he's never met a picnic to which he thought he wasn't invited.

"Buddy's extremely social and smart. I grew up with



a standard poodle, and I think it's the poodle in him," his person said. "He understands a lot of words and always contributes to the conversation and the decision. He's a fantastic presence in our lives, a really special dog and so much fun."



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DRIVER ARRESTED AFTER HITTING MAN, THEN CLAIMING HE WAS THE VICTIM

By MARY SCHLEY

A CARMEL man who allegedly hit a pedestrian with his Porsche — twice — stuck his tongue out at the victim, and then drove away is set to be arraigned in Monterey County Superior Court March 21 on felony hit-and-run and assault-with-a-deadly-weapon charges. But the night of the collision, the driver, Robert Budden, went to the police department to claim he, in fact, had been the victim of an assault, according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Luke Powell.

The man who reported the hit-and-run to police on Feb. 17 shortly before 6 p.m. said he had been helping his wife into their car on Mission near Ocean when he was struck by a passing car.

The man, whose identity has not been made public, then “yelled out to the driver of the Porsche, ‘Hey stop!’ and ‘What are you doing?’” Powell said. “The driver yelled out the window in response, ‘Get out of the middle of the road, asshole!’” and kept driving. The man who was struck told police it was a white Porsche with California license plate number 7CIG742.

‘I’m calling police’

The driver, later identified as Budden, age 69, got slowed by traffic at the Ocean Avenue intersection, which allowed the other man, who had chased after him, to catch up to the car. The man used his cell phone to photograph the car’s rear license plate, and to video record his conversation with the driver.

“He said, ‘Hey, you just hit me, I’m calling police,’” Powell said. “The driver’s response was to stick his tongue out” before repeating that the man had been “in the middle of the street.”

The man then stood in front of the Porsche to try to prevent Budden from leaving again, but Budden kept nudging the car forward, according to Powell. The man realized Budden wasn’t going to stop and had started to step out of the way when “the driver of the Porsche accelerated into the victim,” Powell said, striking his left side and “causing him to roll over the

left front corner of the hood.”

In addition to obtaining the victim’s account, the photos and video, another Carmel police officer located seven witnesses and took their statements, according to Powell.

Monterey Fire and Carmel Fire Ambulance personnel treated the twice-struck man at the scene, after which he chose to have family members to take him to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, police said.

He said, he said

From all the information, police were able to identify the car owner and possible driver as Budden, who subsequently walked into the station with his wife shortly after 7:30 p.m. to report he was the victim of an assault on Mission Street after he tried to squeeze his car past a person in the street and an oncoming vehicle, Powell said.

According to Budden’s story, the man he’d accidentally hit “screamed obscenities and acted extremely hostile,” while another man approached from the other side and yelled at him as well. He was afraid, so he tried to drive away, but one of them punched him in the mouth, giving him a bloody lip. He then got away and parked so he could tend to his injury, he reportedly told police. Budden denied hitting anyone with his car.

When asked why he waited two hours to report the altercation, Budden told police he was “pretty shaken up,” and that it took him a while to calm down, Powell said.

He and his wife had gone to dinner at a nearby restaurant before arriving at the station, according to police.

Officers searched Budden’s Porsche and the area around it, and while they found no evidence of his injury, they discovered marks on the car that corroborated the other man’s account, according to Powell.

As a result, Budden was arrested for hit-and-run causing injury and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, and was booked and posted bail. The Monterey County District Attorney’s Office filed the felony case against him March 14, and he’s set to be arraigned March 21.



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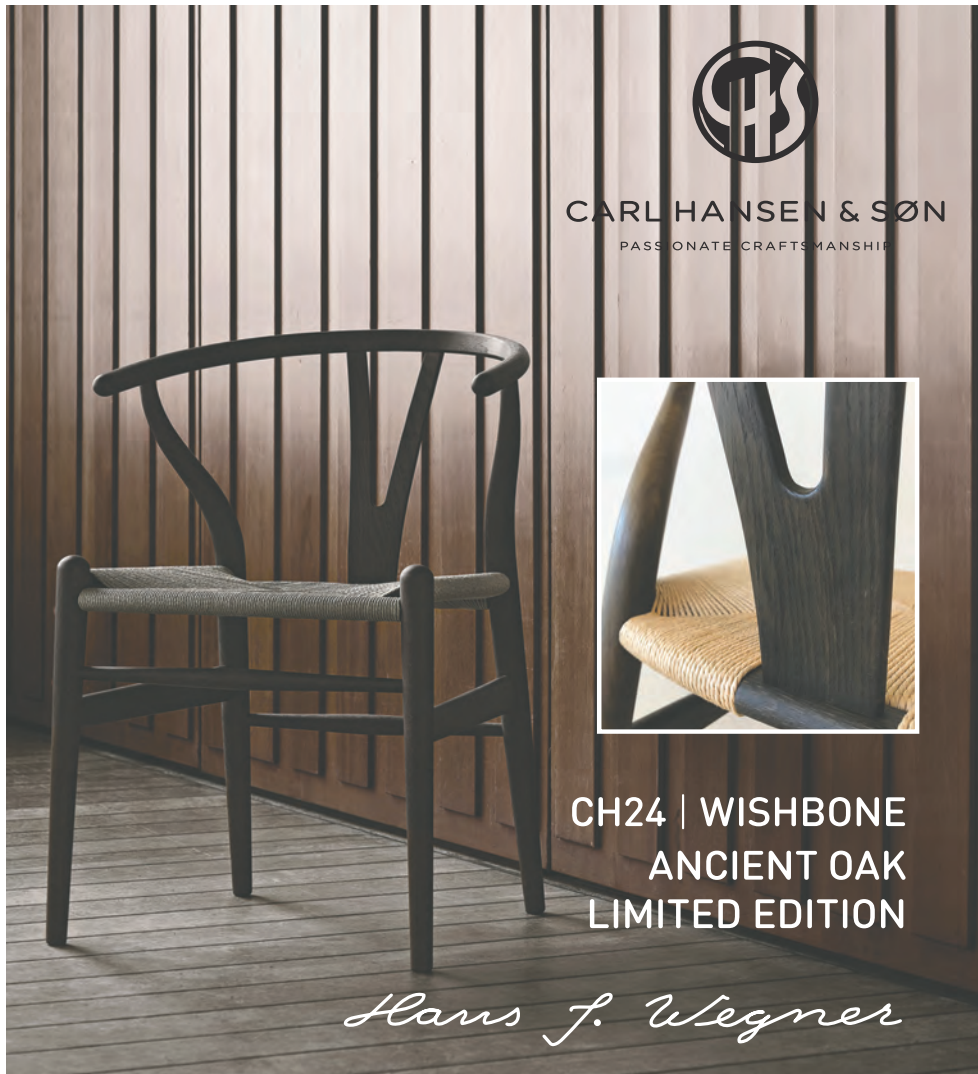
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

What was he doing on a mountain?

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.

Carmel area: Unknown person stole tools from a carport on Ryan Place.
Carmel Valley: CPS request for assistance on Schulte Road.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop conducted at Pico and Santa Fe at 0008 hours for vehicle code violations. Driver, a 55-year-old female dog trainer, was arrested for DUI.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog found running in the area of Ocean Avenue and Junipero and brought to the station for safekeeping. Dog was subsequently returned to its owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A loose dog was found in the business district at San Carlos and Ocean and was brought to the station for safekeeping. The dog owner shortly after came to the station, and the dog was returned with a warning.

Pacific Grove: A male and a female were contacted on the beach on Ocean View after midnight. Both were under the age of 21 and had alcohol in their possession. The male was cited for the alcohol, and both parties were picked up by sober drivers.

Pacific Grove: Burglary on Fountain. No leads at this time.

Pacific Grove: Business reported that someone passed a check which was later determined to be fraudulent and related to a previous burglary case.

Pacific Grove: Unknown person(s) used the citizen's identity to open multiple bank/credit card accounts in her name. The woman, a 17 Mile Drive resident, requested a case number only for restoring credit and did not request further investigation.

See **POLICE LOG** page 14RE in the Real Estate Section

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a battery on Chambers Lane. A 38-year-old male was arrested. Victim was a 46-year-old male.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report was taken at Dolores and Ocean for a lost driver's license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A wallet left behind at a business on Ocean west of San Carlos was turned over to the police department for safekeeping pending owner notification.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a dirt bike that was found 200 feet from a residence on Crocker. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Injury accident on Sinex. Vehicle towed from the scene.

Pacific Grove: Theft of boots on Central Avenue. No suspect information.

Carmel area: Unknown person(s) burglarized several vehicles and carports in the area of Carmel Knolls Drive.

Carmel Valley: A truck on Village Drive was stripped of its rims, tires and doors while the owner was away.

Carmel Valley: A 38-year-old male on Tassajara Road reported that social media accounts had been hacked. Suspect identified as a 32-year-old female.

Carmel area: Deputies conducted a welfare check on a 16-year-old boy.

Carmel area: Burglary on Ryan Place.



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The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by The Monterey County District Attorney

Dec. 8 — Ernesto Hernandez, 30, of Soledad, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the first degree murder of 19-year-old Abigail Gasca-Chavez, the mother of his child.

In October, a jury found Hernandez guilty of murder and residential burglary with use of a firearm. The jury also found true the special allegation that Hernandez committed the murder while lying in wait, which made him eligible for a sentence of life without the possibility of parole. Hernandez has two prior strike convictions from 2005 for attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon. The jury's verdict followed a two-and-a-half-week trial before the Honorable Pamela L. Butler.

On the afternoon of March 29, 2016, family members found Abigail Gasca-Chavez, age 19, dead in her home from seven gunshot wounds to her head and face. Evidence from home surveillance cameras throughout Greenfield showed Hernandez pursuing Gasca-Chavez by car during the morning, and then caught Hernandez confronting the victim outside her home.

Video later showed him driving past her house when Gasca-Chavez was gone and entering through an unlocked door, where he waited approximately 16 minutes until she and her 2-year-old entered the house.

Less than a minute later, he ran from the home. Family members discovered her body approximately 25 minutes later after a neighbor found her child alone and crying outside.

That same day cell phone and video evidence demonstrated that Hernandez left Monterey County and drove to a bus station in Los Angeles, where he left his car and bought a one-way ticket to McAllen, Texas. From there, he crossed into Mexico, where he was later arrested and de-

ported to the United States to face charges.

The case was investigated by the Greenfield Police Department, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, and the United States Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders and Fugitive Task Force.

Dec. 12 — Julian Rangel Gasca, 30, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced by Judge Carrie M. Panetta to 13 years and 4 months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation prison for robbing two gas stations and attempting to rob a third.

On August 2, 2016, Gasca entered the minimart of a Valero Station in Greenfield and pulled what appeared to be a firearm on the clerk working at the front counter. Gasca demanded all the cash in the register and made off with approximately \$500.

On August 6, 2016, Gasca turned his sights to another Valero Station located in Gonzalez. Gasca was captured on video tape wearing distinctive clothing that matched the previous robbery in Greenfield. Gasca again demanded money from the clerk on duty and he took \$1,400 from the station.

Finally, on August 15, 2016, Gasca attempted to rob an Alliance Gas Station located in the City of Monterey, however, he was unable to take any money from the store, because he could not get the cash register to open. Gasca was again captured on video tape wearing clothing that matched the previous two robberies.


On August 19, 2017, police officers set up surveillance on an address associated with Gasca. They were able to spot him lying down in the back of a car that his girlfriend was driving. The car was searched and in the trunk there were several clothing items that matched what was worn in the during the robberies.

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DeepWater says study shows open ocean intake won't hurt sea life

By KELLY NIX

THE COMPANY proposing to build a desalination plant in Moss Landing has released the findings of a study it says confirms that the seawater intake technology it wants to employ for the plant would have little impact on marine life.

DeepWater Desal wants to use screened seawater intakes located at a depth of 130 feet to draw in ocean water that would then be treated to drinking-water standards. The technology, it contends, would minimize the impact to marine life, unlike traditional open-ocean intakes that operate in shallower water and can kill fish and other organisms.

Company spokesman David Armanasco said that the results of a study on the biological habitat near the intake and discharge locations confirms that sea life wouldn't be significantly affected by the intakes, largely because of where they're positioned.

"At 130 feet in the ocean, it's not dark, but it's not conducive to providing food-chain items that life depends on," Armanasco told

The Pine Cone. "That is why we have located the intake at that depth."

The study, performed by consultant Tena Environmental Group, is part of a much larger review that will be used to evaluate potential environmental impacts of DeepWater's proposal, officially called the Monterey Bay Regional Water Project.

The company contracted with a firm that used a remote-control undersea vehicle to survey the habitat. The vehicle didn't detect any rocky reef habitat that might support "diverse or abundant communities of organisms" that could be harmed by the desal technology, according to Armanasco.

"We continue to believe science is the basis for an environmentally responsible project" utilizing open ocean intakes, DeepWater general manager Kim Adamson said.

While the California Coastal Commission, Surfrider and other environmental groups don't want to see any more intakes placed in the Pacific Ocean, DeepWater maintains its proposal is superior than intakes that have been commonly used at power plants and other fa-

cilities up and down the coast.

DeepWater hopes to produce 25,000 acre-feet of potable water per year. Armanasco said the water would be much less expensive than other water-supply proposals, such as California American Water's proposed desal plant in Marina, where slant wells that draw water from sand beneath the ocean floor will be utilized

instead of open-ocean intakes. The Cal Am slant wells were installed at the insistence of the coastal commission and other regulatory agencies.

"We have the water down to \$2,000 an acre-foot," Armanasco said. The estimate is about \$500 less than DeepWater had previously figured.

Bowl-a-thon to fight breast cancer

THE BREAST Cancer Assistance Group and Pacific Grove High School are collaborating on the 16th Annual Bowl-a-Thon to help victims of breast cancer and their families March 24 from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Monterey Lanes, 2162 N. Fremont Ave. The event is held in memory of Isabelle McKay Giacolone, a PGHS graduate and mother of two young children when she died of breast cancer.

Bowlers can form their own teams of up to six players, or join one. The \$50-per-person fee covers two games, shoe rental and lunch. Individuals, teams or businesses who would like

to sponsor a lane for \$250 will have a 4-foot banner displayed above the lane.

Players 18 and up will also be eligible for the Pink Pin Strike Contest, which offers a chance to win \$500.

Organizers are seeking items for the silent auction and raffle, and donations are being accepted at the PGHS office, 615 Sunset Drive. The auction and raffle will include "retired" bowling pins that have been decorated by students from local high schools.

To register, visit www.bowlathon.net/event/breast-cancer-assistance-group-2018.

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Council OKs \$2.2 million paving contract for Ocean Ave., numerous others

By MARY SCHLEY

CITY COUNCIL members had differing opinions on how extensive a proposed city repaving project should be, but in the end voted to go for it all.

At its March 6 meeting, the council approved a \$2,180,000 contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering to repave sections of 16 streets, as well as part of Ocean Avenue.

Public works director Bob Harary presented the package of projects, explaining that contractors had been invited to submit proposals for the “base bid,” which includes the 10 streets in most dire need of repaving, as well as “additive 1,” which is Ocean Avenue between Monte Verde and Junipero streets, and “additive 2,” an additional five streets in need of repair.

“We got four responsive and responsible

bids,” Harary said. “That’s an awesome thing that doesn’t happen very often.”

Monterey Peninsula Engineering, Granite, Teichert Construction, and Graniterock submitted bids ranging from \$1,981,820 to \$2,711,295.

The first phase of repaving includes projects on:

- First Avenue between Lincoln and Mission;
- Fifth between Monte Verde and Dolores;
- segments of Sixth;
- Eighth between Scenic and Carmelo, and between Forest and the city limits;
- Dolores between Santa Lucia and Franciscan Way;
- Mountain View between Torres and Forest;
- Oak Knoll Way between Forest and the

city limits; and

- Scenic between Eighth and 11th; and

The second stage would be Ocean Avenue, followed by five additional streets, including Second between Lincoln and Mission, 12th between Monte Verde and San Carlos, 13th between Camino Real and Monte Verde, Rio between Junipero and Santa Lucia, and San Carlos between 13th and Santa Lucia.

There will also be a “safety project” in the cul-de-sac at Lincoln and Third, where residents have complained about drivers entering the dead-end street too quickly.

‘Going for it’

“Staff is recommending everything,” Harary told the council. “We have some catching up to do, and this is the mechanism to do it.”

Awarding the full contract with all three components would require \$865,600 from Measure D sales tax reserves, leaving a balance of \$1,314,400. Voters approved Measure D, a 1 percent increase in sales tax in the city, in 2012, in large part to pay for capital projects. Harary noted some other work planned for the year will probably require reserve funds, too.

Alternatively, approving the base bid and the Ocean Avenue work would require \$387,810 from reserves, and doing the base plus the additional five streets would need \$99,718 from reserves. Doing just the base bid wouldn’t require any draw from savings.

“The other extreme is to reject all bids, and then I’ll cry and be very sad,” he said.

Residents Georgina Armstrong and Barbara Livingston urged the council to do the paving work, with Livingston also seeking assurance the contractor would honor Carmel’s

age-old standards for “handmade roads” with berms that are “hand rolled.”

Ben Beesley from the Carmel Chamber of Commerce said the group’s new government affairs committee supports any city efforts “to identify and properly implement necessary projects that will enhance quality of life for residents who live within the city limits and will also best serve the shops, galleries, service retailers, inns and restaurants located along Ocean Avenue and throughout Carmel-by-the-Sea and all customers, locals and visitors alike, who utilize them.”

Mayor Steve Dallas said he wanted to repave the 15 street segments but delay Ocean Avenue, because that would draw less from reserves, leaving more funds for other projects like drainage repairs and the expansion of the police station. He also wasn’t sure how the new ADA-required sidewalk ramps would look.

And councilwoman Carolyn Hardy said taking \$865,000 from reserves “makes me nervous.”

“I’m a little gun shy to pull the trigger on all of this,” she said, and would therefore support putting off the Ocean Avenue repairs.

But councilman Bobby Richards said he would vote for doing it all, “because it gets so much more expensive to repair” when the work is delayed. “And I don’t want to make Bob sad,” he added.

Convinced, Hardy made a motion to approve all of the work, and therefore, the \$2.18 million contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering.

“You’re right: Measure D is meant for just this kind of project,” she said, and the rest of the council unanimously agreed.




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PGPD support group offers \$1,000 for info on shooting threats

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MESSAGES SCRIBBLED in questionable English in the girls' bathroom at Pacific Grove High School threatening a shooting on "Walkout Wednesday" were found last week, and police so far have been unable to identify the culprit.

Hoping to change that, on Friday, the Pacific Grove Police Department announced a \$1,000 reward "for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the threats terrorizing our community."

The messages read, "Imma shoot up this school just wait on it... my shooter, he already got a plan," and "bang bang like Florida on

#walkoutday."

While the investigation is ongoing, PGPD officials said they "continue to hear from parents their children are afraid to attend school due to the threats."

"We know once the responsible person(s) are located, a sense of security and safety will be restored on the campus," police said.

Chief Amy Christey said she is certain someone knows the identity of the writer of the threats, and is hopeful the person will come forward with the critical information.

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City prevails in lawsuit over farmers market

By KELLY NIX

THE BAKER from Stanislaus County who sued the City of Carmel in 2014 for its rules prohibiting out-of-town business owners from selling their wares at the city's farmers market has lost his case.

Gerit Sand, whose business, Cobblestone Bakery, is based in Stanislaus County, sued Carmel for allegedly violating an oral contract he had with the organizer of the market that he could participate, despite the city's policy that only vendors from Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties could offer goods for sale.

But Cobblestone and Sand lost the case Feb. 23 when Monterey County Superior Court Judge Susan J. Matcham, at the request of Carmel attorney Rachel Ostrander, granted the city summary judgment — a ruling issued prior to trial.

Sand, who sold his baked goods at the market at Sixth and Mission before the city changed its policy for out-of-town vendors, claimed the city discriminated against him and his business in favor of local businesses, and he lost sales revenue as a result. He said he had a verbal agreement with the West Coast Farmers Market Association — the company that formerly contracted with Carmel to operate the market — to sell there. He paid a \$50 fee to the market to rent a space each week, plus a \$741 one-time fee to the Monterey County Health Department for a health permit.

However, Matcham concluded that an individual cannot make an oral contact with a municipality.

Other changes the council made to the farmers market included banning crafts and changing its operating hours, but it revised the policy a few months later to allow vendors from outside the Monterey Bay area, with the caveat that preference be given to vendors from the three nearest counties.

Sand was seeking an unspecified amount in damages exceeding \$25,000 and a court order barring Carmel from excluding outside vendors at the market. His attorney, Lindsey Berg-James with Salinas law firm Noland Hamerly Etienne & Hoss, did not return a message seeking comment.

Cellist plays benefit for storm-damaged Deetjen's

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE YEAR after winter storms badly damaged Deetjen's Big Sur Inn, a prize-winning cellist will perform a benefit concert to raise money for the popular getaway down the coast.

A soloist, chamber musician, recording artist and professor at the prestigious Royal Academy of the Arts in London, Colin Carr will play the music of Johann Sebastian Bach March 22 at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

The choice of classic music for the fundraiser is not surprising. The inn's founder, Helmuth Deetjen, loved classical music — and in particular, Bach. As a tribute to Deetjen, the inn exclusively plays classical music for its guests.

The money raised from the event will help prepare the property for reconstruction.

Heavy rains in February 2017 triggered mudslides and downed redwoods that destroyed several of the inn's guest cottages, and caused extensive damage to the inn's access road.

"There's lots of work to do," Deetjen's general manager Matt Glazer told The Pine Cone. "We're still in the final stages of cleanup, and we haven't broken ground on construction."

The inn reopened in September, but the loss of the cottages, along with being closed for more than six months, has put a serious dent in its coffers. The inn operates as a nonprofit.

Titled "Deetjen's Best: Bach and Buffet," the fundraiser starts at 6 p.m. Carr will perform at 6:30 p.m., and a dinner prepared by Chef Domingo Santamaria will be served at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$125. Hidden Valley is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads. www.brownpapertickets.com.



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Unmarked intersections pose unusual hazards

By KELLY NIX

IT WAS 1:30 a.m. in Pacific Grove, few cars were on the road, and yet drivers of two vehicles entering the intersection of Cedar and Short streets — neither of which have stop or yield signs — happened to be at same place at the same time, and boom: a Toyota pickup truck slammed hard into a Volkswagen sedan.

The pickup T-boned the side of the VW, but the young female driver's side airbag deployed, and neither she nor her

friend were injured. Police said alcohol and drugs weren't to blame for the March 7 accident, which also left the driver of the Toyota driver uninjured.

But the collision brings up the question of what drivers should do at unmarked four-way intersections — of which there are many in Pacific Grove where two cars proceeding at the speed limit can easily find themselves in a dangerous collision.

While Pacific Grove police maintain that vehicles traveling on the city's "larger" streets have the right of way, most residents — and certainly out-of-towners — would have no way of knowing which streets those are.

However, the Department of Motor Vehicles is clear on what drivers must do at unmarked intersections, such as Cedar and Short.

"At intersections without 'STOP' or 'YIELD' signs, slow down and be ready to stop," the DMV states. "Yield to traffic and pedestrians already in the intersection or just entering the intersection. Also, yield to the vehicle or bicycle that arrives first, or to the vehicle or bicycle on your right if it reaches the intersection at the same time as you."

The state agency, in its general right-of-way rules, offers another important guideline.

"Never assume other drivers will give you the right of way," the DMV contends. "Yield your right of way when it helps to prevent collisions."

Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Rory Lakind agreed.

"Everyone has to be cautious whenever they're approaching an intersection," he said.

See HAZARD page 15A



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This vehicle accident, at one of P.G.'s many unmarked intersections, woke up several residents. Fortunately, nobody was injured in the crash.

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Mobile home park residents sue Marina Coast over 'excessive' water fees

By KELLY NIX

A MOBILE home park at Fort Ord and three of its residents have filed a lawsuit alleging that the Marina Coast Water District for years has overcharged hundreds of water users.

In a complaint filed in Monterey County Superior Court against Marina Coast and its board of directors, Bay View Community residents Bryan Taylor, Greg Carter and Brooke Bilyeu allege that the water agency has excessively charged the park and its residents, sometimes doubling the fees. The mobile home park has 223 units and more than 500 residents.

"Marina Coast Water District unlawfully requires Bay View and Bay View residents to overpay for water," the lawsuit, filed by attorney Andy Swartz, alleges.

In 2001, after the U.S. Army transferred Fort Ord land to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, the agency selected Marina Coast to provide water to the mobile home park. According to the agreement, Bay View residents were to be charged the same as other users for similar services, the suit says.

However, the complaint contends that Marina Coast is unfairly charging them for "non-revenue water" — water that is naturally lost in a water system — even though the Marina water agency already recovers its

losses in its rates, which amounts to double charging.

Bay View and its residents "have been financially harmed by [this] unlawful double recovery" of charges, the suit says.

The lawsuit also contends that state law requires public water agencies to calculate "the actual costs of providing water service," including tiered rates which increase with the amount of water consumed.

"While Marina Coast Water District has a three-tier rate structure, it did not even attempt to calculate the cost of providing water service at each tier level," according to the suit.

Instead, the residents say that the Marina water agency established tiers on "predetermined usage budgets."

The lawsuit says Marina Coast hasn't justified its tiered rates, which Bay View says makes the rates illegal.

In September, Bay View got a tax bill from Monterey County that included a \$464,824 tax lien for being "delinquent" in paying its water bills, which has damaged the mobile home park, according to the complaint.

Monterey County is also named as a defendant "because of a court of appeal decision that requires it to be a necessary party," Swartz told The Pine Cone.

Bay View is seeking, in part, a court order directing Marina Coast to rescind the "unlawful" charges and refund water charges that Bay View paid in excess. It also wants to a judge to declare that the water agency's tiered rates are invalid.

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City tries to discourage pedestrians from pathfinding Ocean Ave medians

By MARY SCHLEY

FOR DECADES, pedestrians have been cutting through the five little midblock pathways in Ocean Avenue's center median, but a couple of weeks ago, city officials declared that

"jaywalking is dangerous," and installed potted plants in the paths to try to discourage the behavior.

"Pedestrians who cross at these passageways are jaywalking, and there have been recent reports of people stepping out into traffic causing near accidents with passing automobiles,"

city administrator Chip Rerig said.

While he has no specific numbers to back Rerig's assertion of recent reports of people and cars having near misses, Carmel Police Cmdr. Luke Powell said he's been aware of the problem, especially when downtown's main street is busy.

"When you identify a potential problem, it's probably best if you correct the problem before someone does get hurt," he said.

And, of course, according to the California Vehicle Code, jaywalking is illegal.

"The vehicle code is very clear about the rules for jaywalking," he said.

Several hit by cars

Rerig said the large potted plants — which were recycled from prior use in Piccadilly Park — "are meant to discourage pedestrians from using these passages and cross at the crosswalks located at each intersection," though people can still easily walk around the pots.

Powell also noted that even when they have the right of way, pedestrians are responsible for looking both ways to ensure it's safe to cross the street.

Over the years, several people have been hit by cars while using crosswalks in town, including Rebecca Tarumoto, who died after being struck while crossing Junipero and Ocean in October 2007, and former design review board member Keith Paterson and his wife, who were hit by a sun-blinded driver while crossing Ocean in November 2009.

LETTERS

From page 28A

their taxes if they didn't agree with the decisions made by those governments? If this were done there would be a total collapse. Now you know why unions are being singled out?

Ron Chesshire, Monterey/Santa Cruz Counties Building & Construction Trades Council, Castroville

Reporting safely

Dear Editor,

With regard to "Panetta, Monning & Stone criticize DOJ lawsuit" (March 2). These officials are simply pandering to their constituents by demonizing the DOJ and claiming that illegal immigrants are afraid to cooperate with law enforcement — a claim that is completely unsubstantiated since the data regarding a crime-reporting person's citizenship status is not available. But for the sake of argument, let's assume that the claim is true — have none of these politicians ever heard of the anonymous tip line available at all law enforcement agencies for citizens and non-citizens alike? Please inform your constituents of this electronic wonder so that we may all feel safe again.

Stephen Ross, Monterey

Save the bookstore!

Dear Editor,

I just heard that the wonderful River House Books located in the Carmel Crossroads will be closing their doors on March 31 unless someone steps up to purchase it. Many of us in Carmel love to read...in fact, find it necessary, in order to escape into a world of fiction, learn something new and interesting in a non-fiction book, and read a biography about someone we admire. Books open up the world to everyone, no matter

their age or demographics or ability to travel further than their armchair.

We, as adults, need to instill the love of reading into the younger generation. Losing our bookstore will impact so many of us. I am sometimes in there twice a week...to browse, to buy, to look for the book I loved and want to share with a friend. Books are often my gifts of choice for friends and their children. There are many other people in there wandering the aisles, doing the same thing. We have so many wine tasting bars, art galleries and jewelry stores. Can't we find a place for a book store in the community that was first founded by artists, writers and poets? I'm certain that I'm not the only person hoping someone will purchase River Books and keep it thriving.

It might be too late to save River Books by March 31st, but please, let all all of us who love books and love reading, patronize the store and show our support for the written word.

Carol Dellecker, Carmel

No guns, no injuries

Dear Editor,

Earlier this week, a teacher brought a gun to Seaside High School to teach the kids about gun safety. He accidentally pulled the trigger and the bullet ricocheted off the ceiling and fragments lodged into a boy's neck.

This teacher is also a Seaside City Council member and has been a reserve police officer for the past 11 years. I have no doubt that he is careful, caring and has more gun safety expertise than 99.9 percent of all teachers. Arming teachers is a bad idea. This problem needs to be solved upstream: Restrict the sale of guns, especially repeating rifles.

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PRICEY NEW METER MAID SYSTEM DOESN'T WORK, OFFICERS STILL USING CHALK

By KELLY NIX

WHEN THE City of Pacific Grove City last fall outfitted one of its electric parking enforcement vehicles with impressive new technology that was said to make the old method of chalking tires obsolete, it expected the system would quickly be up and running.

But six months after its debut, the \$60,000 license plate recognition system called AutoChalk — which uses cameras, GPS and other technology to determine how long vehicles have been parked in a space — isn't working.

"Each week we talk with the vendor, they make adjustments, and we test for improvement with those adjustments," police department administrative manager Jocelyn Francis told The Pine Cone. "We want to be confident in the system, before relying on it solely."

The issue, Francis said, is that the system isn't properly alerting parking enforcement officers when a vehicle has been

in a timed space too long and is in violation — which is the purpose of the parking technology.

While Francis said that the city is working with the company to improve the accuracy of the equipment, it's decided to withhold a final payment of \$11,800 for the machines until the system "consistently meets our standards." The system was supposed to replace the chalk method, but P.G. parking officers are still marking tires.

"We have been utilizing both the traditional chalk and AutoChalk method in order to measure accuracy between the two, as we continue testing the system," she said of the equipment, which the city purchased from Canada-based Tannery Creek Systems.

When it's working, the system's software is supposed to log a vehicle's license plate number, image, location and date and time of where a car is parked. When the parking enforcement officer returns to the location, the plates are scanned again and an alarm notifies the officer of a violation. The officer reviews

the image from the first pass through to confirm the vehicle's plate number before writing a citation.

Apart from logging overtime violations, AutoChalk is also supposed to inform officers of vehicles parked in restricted areas, vehicles that have expired registration or have been reported stolen, and vehicles with five or more unpaid parking citations.

The system "will allow staff to become much more efficient in completing their routes and prevent injury caused by manual chalking," according to a write-up about the technology on Pacific Grove's website.

Runners rally for Rachael at Palo Corona

RUNNERS AND hikers will head for the hills Sunday, March 25, at Palo Corona Regional Park to raise money for fine art photographer and gallery owner Rachael Short, who was paralyzed in a car accident in 2010.

Presented by the Treadmill in the Crossroads shopping center, the "Fun Run for Rachael" starts at 8:30 a.m. and is free. Participants will meet at the Treadmill before the race and walk to the park's entrance, which is located nearby.

The event also calls attention to a group of Short's friends who run the Big Sur International Marathon as a relay team each year in her honor — and who have raised more than \$100,000.

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Carmel High dancers to perform at L.A. Forum

By MARY SCHLEY

A MOVING and beautiful poem written by Carmel High School student Grace Heidtke about body image, "Letter to my Future Daughter," that was choreographed by fellow student Natalie Lobo for a school dance performance last spring was so compelling that the students have been invited to perform it in front of 16,000 people at WE Day in Los Angeles next month. The CHS dancers who will be on stage there are raising money for the trip, according to dance teacher Kristine Tarozzi.

"The poem was about body image and loving yourself, as well as mental illness and lessons girls learn as they grow up," she explained. "It was a piece not be missed at the dance show, and we are so excited to be invited to share this message to more students at WE Day."

WE Day honors youths who have helped make the world a better place, either locally or globally, according to Tarozzi. "You can imagine how excited we were to have a group of our students selected to bring their message of positive body image and loving yourself to the WE Day stage," she said. "We will also be volunteering at various organizations around Los Angeles while we are there," including making 100 lunches for the homeless, sorting donations, and doing other good works.

The group has raised about \$10,000 but needs at least another \$2,000 to help cover lodging, transportation, and other expenses.

Donors can pitch in by going to www.youcaring.com/WEday.

In addition, CHS teacher Leigh Cambra, who advises a CHS student group called This Club Saves Lives and takes kids to WE Day each year, said the school will host a "Celebration of WE" March 30 at 11:45 a.m. in the performing arts center. The event will be a dress rehearsal for the dancers, and will include speakers and other performers, all "sharing their passion for helping others."

The original performance of "Letter to My Future Daughter" can be found on the www.carmelunified.org website.



PHOTO/COURTESY LEIGH CAMBRA

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Sandra Lee Swisher-Curry

Sandra Lee Swisher-Curry passed away March 10, 2018 in Pebble Beach, CA. She leaves behind her dear husband Lanny Curry of Haleiwa, HI, mother Catherine Swisher of Pebble Beach, CA, brother James Swisher of Woodstock, GA, brother David Swisher and sister-in-law Barbara of Grass Valley, CA, step-daughter Denise Derosé and step-granddaughter Taylor Rachelle of Henderson, NV, three nieces and two nephews and five grandnieces and grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her father Oliver Lee Swisher.

She was recently retired from Hawaiian Airlines after 28 years as Flight Attendant/Flt Attendant Supervisor and trainer. She earlier worked for United Airlines and South Pacific Island Airways.

Sandra was an avid pet owner and jewelry crafts person. She enjoyed music and traveling the world by airplane and ship touring Europe, England, Asia, Middle East and the South Pacific Islands.

Coming from a military family, she was proud to lend her services to National Defense. Her involvement with troop movement led to the United States Air Force awarding her the Civilian Desert Shield and Desert Storm Medal.

No services will be held. Sandra's final resting place will be on the island of Oahu, Hawaii.

Donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org)

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JOYCE STEWART

1928 ♦ 2018

Joyce was born July 22, 1928, in Los Angeles to Ernest James and Catherine Ursula Mulrooney; she died at home in Folsom, California, February 8, 2018, from natural causes. She attended UCSB

and UCLA, and in 1949 married Robert M. Cardozo, a gifted tenor and pianist; they had 4 children. The family moved to Sacramento in 1959 where she lived for 26 years and taught elementary school for 20. They divorced in 1972, and in 1974 she married Carl F. Stewart, a Pearl Harbor survivor and Cal Trans engineer. She and Carl retired to Carmel Valley in 1985 where Joyce was a resident for 30 years before moving back to the Sacramento area in 2014.

Joyce had a beautiful, caring, and generous spirit, and a smile for all she met. She had been a member of the Carmel Valley Garden Association, a volunteer at the MPVS thrift shop in Seaside and at CHOMP, and a generous supporter of the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She was an excellent cook and gracious host for many dinner

parties with friends and her beloved family, and had a passion for books, roses and native plants.

Preceded in death by her two husbands, her eldest son, Timothy, and her parents; she is survived by her children Michael Cardozo (Karen), Catherine and Peter Cardozo, and daughter-in-law Karla; 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; and her brother, Keith Mulrooney, two nieces and a nephew.

A service will be held for her at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, on April 21, 2018, at 11:00.



Rex E. Reade

June 29, 1924 ~ March 6, 2018
Carmel

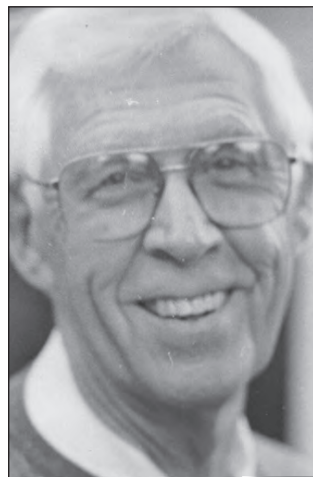
Rex Reade passed away peacefully with his wife, Joan, and his son, Scott, at his side. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a B25 pilot flying 51 combat missions and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross as well as the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Rex graduated from the University of Denver with a BS in Business Administration and earned his CPA degree from the University of Illinois. He worked for Arthur Anderson Accounting before beginning his career at Rust-Oleum Corp. where he rose to President, CEO and Chairman of the Board. After retiring in 1987, he moved to Monterey where he enjoyed playing golf, tennis and dominoes. He was a member of OCC, Monterey Peninsula Country Club, The Beach and Tennis Club and Stillwater Yacht Club, serving s Commodore in 2008.

Rex is survived by his loving wife, Joan and their little dog, Gracie; sons, Scott (Ginger) and Rex, Jr. (Jennifer); grandchildren, Rex III, Matthew and Katie; his sister, Bonnie; his brothers, Radean and William and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be at Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road in Carmel on Friday, March 23 at 10:30 AM. The family would like to thank VNA & Hospice of the Central Coast for all their assistance, comfort and nursing skills and request any memorial gift be directed to them at P.O. Box 2480, Monterey, CA, 93942.

To sign Rex's guest book and leave messages for his family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.



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A cyclist barreling down Short Street was struck by a motorist driving northbound on Locust Street a few years ago and was injured.

Last year, at the same intersection, a driver had to stop abruptly to avoid hitting a cyclist who was crossing Short at a high rate of speed, according to residents who live in that neighborhood.

Lakind said that the officer who responded to the March 7 crash determined that the driver of the Toyota was at fault for the accident, but “used his discretion” in deciding to not cite the man.

A police log entry for the same time and place of the March 7 crash indicates that police placed a person on a “mental health evaluation hold,” although it does not indicate if that person was the truck driver. Police would not release the names of the drivers, their ages or their places of residence.

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Col. Arvid Paul Croonquist, Jr. (Ret.)

February 1920 • March 2018
Pebble Beach

Born in 1920 in Virginia, Paul’s early life as an Army brat was filled with travel and adventure. A graduate of Rutgers Prep and West Point, Class of January ‘43, he had a distinguished 30 year military career retiring in Monterey.

Being a man of many talents, Paul enjoyed retirement to the fullest. He pursued creative endeavors including art, sports, theater and dancing with his beautiful wife. He was a dedicated volunteer working with Meals on Wheels, the Monterey Museum of Art, 30 years at the Monterey Bay Aquarium (Thursday, 1st shift) as well as several other organizations.

Family came first, never missing a game or a swim meet, Paul was our number one fan. He was compassionate, loyal, fun-loving, inquisitive, mindful, philanthropic and generous with a heart of gold. A close friend described Paul as “one of the best cadets, best officers and most outstanding person” he ever knew; an officer and a gentleman, he embodied the true spirit of the greatest generation.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Arvid and Marguerite; his daughter, Ann; brother, Turner and nephew, Michael. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Phoebe; his children, Bliss, Brookes, Paul, Kristina, Catherine; their significant others and spouses, Jim, Ashley, Gerard, and Danny and his grandchildren, Jack, Danielle (Igor), Brendan, Mike and Brad.



A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 am at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Pacific Grove. At Paul’s request, any memorial donations can be given to the donor’s favorite charity. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Paul’s guest book and leave messages for his family.

Go Army, Beat Navy!



GLORIA RITTMASER

March 27, 1927 - March 12, 2018

Gloria Rasmussen Rittmaster, formerly of Carmel, passed from this life just before dawn on March 12, 2018, in Salinas, California.

She was born to Bernard A. and Gladys Rasmussen on March 27, 1927, in Midvale, Utah. She graduated from Jordan High School and attended the University of Utah before her marriage to Earl Veldon Larson in 1948. After Veldon’s death, Gloria and her two children moved to Salt Lake City where she met Richard Rittmaster. They married in March 1956, in Denver, Colorado where the new family lived until their move to San Mateo, California in 1960. Daughter, Jennifer, was born in 1961.

Gloria and Richard moved to Carmel, California in 1970 and began their long and successful retail clothing career. They owned and operated Rittmaster Ltd. at several Ocean Avenue locations until 2012.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; her son, Gregory; and her husband, Richard. She is survived by daughters Bernalei Peterson (Kenneth) of Phoenix, Arizona; Jennifer Prager (Steven) of Salinas; grandson Ethan Geiger (father Philip Geiger); and step-granddaughters Jackie and Tori Prager.

Gloria requested there be no services. The family suggests a contribution to the donor’s favorite charity for those who wish to honor her memory.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Sunrise Villa Salinas Terrace Club and the Hospice of the Central Coast for their professional and loving care of Gloria.

Gloria was known and will be remembered for her style and elegance. Those who knew and loved her will celebrate her long life. We will always remember her laugh and beautiful smile and know we were blessed.



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

THEODORE AUGUSTIN HARTMAN

1928 - 2018

Ted Hartman passed away at home on February 24, 2018, in the loving arms of his wife Marty.

Theodore Augustin Hartman was born in Chicago on May 26, 1928, to Theodore Augustin Hartman Senior and Mary Jean Hartman. He spent his childhood years in Elmhurst, Illinois, moving with his family to Monroe, Wisconsin, as a teenager. He was a nature lover from his earliest years, and spent as much time as possible in the woods. After a two year peace-time stint in the army, he attended Iowa State University on the GI bill where as a member of Theta Chi earned a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and met Martha Barton (Alpha Gam), the love of his life.

Upon graduation, Ted and his bride moved to Longview, Washington, where he took a position in R & D for Long Bell Lumber Company. Ted soon realized plywood composition was not his life’s purpose, and when his father, an architect weary of his own job, suggested they go in together and buy a resort in a remote



coastal area of California, site unseen, he jumped at the chance. With Marty and their 6-month old daughter, Maya, they arrived at Ripplewood Resort in Big Sur on March 5, 1955, moving into a one bedroom cabin which would be their home for the next ten years. Their family was completed two years later by the birth of their second and third daughters, Leigh and Carol.

Out of necessity, Ted, a naturally talented craftsman, learned maintenance skills to keep the rustic resort in good repair. His flexible schedule allowed him plenty of time outdoors hiking, hunting, and fishing the Santa Lucia Mountains of the Big Sur Coast.

As a young social couple, Ted and Marty joined the Big Sur Grange and participated in whist parties, bingo, and square dancing. Sharing the limelight with the legendary Trotter brothers, Walter and Frank, and the lovely Eve Miller Ross, Ted delighted audiences with his hilarious comic panache in Big Sur Potluck Revues. Ted was also a member of the first Big Sur Red Cross volunteer ambulance crew and in later years helped out with the annual Big Sur River Run.

In 1965, after ten years of resort operation, Ted and Marty leased the running of Ripplewood Resort to others, and he went to work as a carpenter for Big Sur Construction whose first major project was building a spacious new home for Ted and Marty.

Ted kept the family property in ship-shape, fixing this, painting that, planting many trees, and felling a few as well. In his fifties, he took up snow skiing and was known for his long graceful turns on black diamond runs. An avid fisherman, he tied his own flies and angled with buddies in rivers, streams, and lakes from Alaska to Chile. Ted and Marty took many road trips in their RV and traveled to other countries, often with family members or close friends. He was well read and could turn a good phrase, as Big Sur Round-Up readers of yore would attest.

Ted was known for his quick good-natured wit and quiet unassuming manner. He had a deep awareness of the human condition, treating everyone with due respect and congeniality. In turn, he was revered, admired, and adored throughout the community. His kind and gentle blue eyes “seemed to show the whole sky.”

Ted was preceded in death by his sisters Virginia Baker and Catherine Storey, and is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Marty, daughters Maya H. Rizzo (Gene), Leigh H. Toldi (Francis), Carol H. Shadwell (Carl), granddaughter Alicia Toldi and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, family suggests making a donation to the charity of one’s choice. A celebration of Ted’s life will be announced at a later date.



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Another pot shop at the mouth of valley?

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MAKING IT more likely that another cannabis retailer will move into the Carmel Rancho shopping center, the Monterey County Planning Commission voted 7-2 Feb. 14 to recommend eliminating the requirement that marijuana shops be located at least 1,500 feet from each another.

The item now moves forward to the county's board of supervisors, who plan to weigh in on it at their next meeting in Salinas March 20.

The planning commission's recommendation is good news for Valentia Piccinini, who is seeking to establish Synchronicity Holistic at 26390 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Unit 18. The county's existing cannabis rules make it impossible for Piccinini to use the space because it's within 1,500 feet of another marijuana dispensary, Big Sur Cannobotanicals.

SCUFFLE

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thing with sexual harassment," she said. "It's just an embarrassing, unfortunate incident."

Petersen agreed it was nothing more than "two stupid kids fighting over a girl in a bar."

"There is no conspiracy theory," he said. "And I certainly wasn't paid."

So far, details are sparse regarding the alleged conspiracy to set up Dallas, though it took place at Mission Ranch around the same time. At a meeting at city hall last week, city attorney Glen Mozingo said two people had come forward during the investigation into Dallas' behavior and told him a Salinas man had been paid \$100 to start a fight with the mayor so that on-lookers could photograph it.

"When we conclude that we have enough evidence to present to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, that matter will be turned over for prosecution," Mozingo said at the March 7 meeting.

BIKES

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can be made anywhere, LePage added. "The safety issue is one that really has no limits," he said. "It's an argument that would not allow any cycles anywhere."

LePage moved approval of the bike shop and rental business, but the commission, which is missing a member, split 2-2, so the permit was denied. The owners' next recourse is to take their request to the city council, which can overrule the commission's decision.

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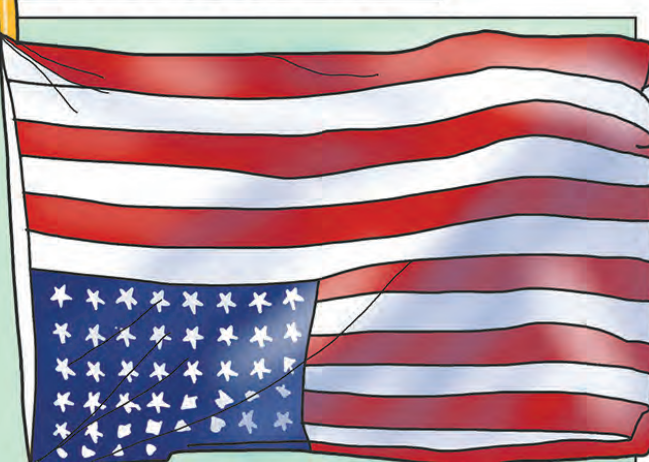
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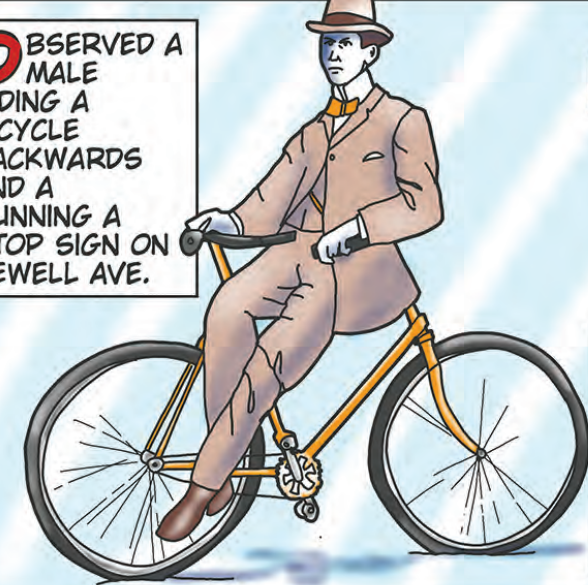
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DEVELOPER

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But the owner surprisingly withdrew the development proposal last week — less than two months after an architectural review board meeting in January where several residents complained about the building's height, which is proposed to be taller than the 40-foot maximum in the downtown area.

However, the building must be taller to accommodate three workforce housing units that the city recommended the developer include, Pacific Grove economic and development director Mark Brodeur told The Pine Cone.

No story poles?

While the city could have granted an exception for the building's height, the idea of an increase upset a few residents, including an attorney representing a homeowner who lives in a house to the rear of the proposed building.

The "ARB should not be considering this project when there are no story poles on the site to provide the community an opportunity to evaluate the full-size impact" of the building, resident Lisa Ciani said at the Jan. 23 ARB meeting.

Traffic, noise, air and water quality, privacy and "community character" were also cited by the few opponents as potential problems. The project is also on the city's water waiting list.

But worries over the building's proposed height apparent-

ly spooked the property owner into withdrawing the proposal, which had been set to go before city planning commissioners on March 22 for consideration.

"Our suspicions are that the applicant is going to go back to his original proposal" which does not contain any affordable townhomes, Brodeur said.

The developer's decision is disappointing, said Brodeur, who, at the behest of the city's planning commission, encouraged him to add such housing. The last affordable housing built in Pacific Grove was the Vista Point apartment complex — senior housing near Lovers Point that opened 12 years ago.

"I'm trying to get affordable housing built in this city, and the best place to provide that is close to jobs, close to transit," Brodeur said.

Brodeur expressed some regret that the city, when it gave developers the OK to transform the historic Holman Building into luxury condominiums, didn't insist they also include some affordable units. The Holman Building is adjacent to 522 Lighthouse.

While Pacific Grove officials and residents have said that lower income housing is high on their list of goals, little has been done in a long time. In fact, the P.G. City Council

several years ago opposed a 24-unit affordable housing project in Pebble Beach that backs up to a P.G. neighborhood. The county approved the project unanimously and it's under construction.

People who earn between \$45,000 and \$70,000 — depending on the size of their household — would likely qualify for the type of workforce housing proposed for the 522 Lighthouse development, Brodeur said.



This rendering depicts a contemporary mixed-use building on Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove with townhomes, retail shops and a restaurant. But the developer withdrew the project over complaints from citizens about its proposed height, which would have allowed several affordable townhomes to be built alongside market-rate townhomes.

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SCARE

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of Ocean, members of the bomb squad said that could wait until a deputy X-rayed the bag to determine its contents. The hand-held scanner revealed the briefcase was filled with cassettes and VHS tapes. He opened the bag to reveal sets of tapes entitled, "How to Buy Your First Home or Investment Property with No Down Payment," by Carleton H. Sheets.

Shortly after that revelation, the bomb squad packed up its trailer, officers removed their police tape and cones, the fire chief left, and the sidewalks and street were reopened.

Nothing blown up this time

The city has been the scene of similar scares due to suspicious bags or objects on several occasions.

In February 2016, a member of the nighttime cleaning crew at Il Fornaio restaurant left behind a homemade flashlight. The next morning, when an employee found the device — basically a black box with wires sticking out of it — officers were called in to help.

The hotel and surrounding businesses were evacuated, and a bomb squad technician donned a blast-proof suit in order to X-ray the device. While the deputy didn't take such precautions this week, police said at that incident that the act of X-raying has a remote chance of triggering an explosive device.

And in February 2015, the squad was called in after a man left his camouflage backpack in a Mission Street office, said he'd be back in 10 or 15 minutes, and then didn't return. In



The "suspicious package" that brought out the bomb squad to the library Monday contained an apparent donation — or some very overdue cassettes and VHS tapes.

that instance, nearby Casanova Restaurant — which was busy with dinner service, since it was the week of the AT&T Pro-Am golf tournament — was emptied, along with a hotel and other nearby businesses within 150 feet of the bag. After deputies determined the satchel was a potential threat, they blew it up. The backpack, which had been left by a transient, had contained clothing and a laptop.

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WHEN THE Monterey Symphony presents its fourth concert of the season Saturday and Sunday, March 17-18, at Sunset Center, the genius of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart will take center stage — along with two young men with bright futures in classical music.

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Dedicated exclusively to the music of Mozart, the program will start off with the overture from perhaps his most famous opera, *Don Giovanni*. Also included will be the first symphony Mozart composed, when he was a mere 8 eight years old,

Symphony No. 1, KV 16, and his last, *Symphony No. 41, KV 551*.

“It’s going to be a fantastic show,” Musicologist **Todd Samra** told *The Pine Cone*. Samra presents a free talk before each symphony concert. “It will knock you out of your seat when you hear what an 8-year-old wrote.”

The concert also showcases the talents of guest conductor **Conner Gray Covington**, 29, and pianist **Michael Davidman**, 20.

Commenting on Covington, Samra noted that leading an orchestra “while still in your twenties is no easy feat.” As for Davidman, he called the young pianist’s talent “something very special.”

Besides performing at Sunset Center Saturday and Sunday, the symphony — along with its two guests — will play two concerts at Sunset Center March 19 for more than 1,400 Mon-

terey County students.

“Kids and Mozart are a really good fit,” Samra added. “The music is light, it’s fun, and it holds their attention.”

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

Deadheads rejoice

The Grateful Dead never played in Carmel, but the news that **The Dark Star Orchestra** will perform at Sunset Center June 24 is the next best thing.

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From left, James Garner covers Johnny Cash March 17 at CSUMB; The Glenn Miller Orchestra visits Pacific Grove the same day; The Nell and Jim Band performs March 18 at the Lab; and trumpeter and keyboardist Akili Bradley plays jazz March 16 in Monterey.

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Steakhouse social hour, Rio Brunch re-imagined, and Irish pub grub at Quail

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From 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, the restaurant (which is named for its address) will serve a few more affordable bites, along with some limited-edition offerings.

The Two-Buck Shuck will feature two of

beef chili, topped with Baker’s Bacon and a fried oyster.

Drinks specials will be \$6 Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, \$8 sparkling brut, \$8 Tito’s vodka “your way,” and a signature Tito’s cocktail, also for \$8. While he’ll be drawing from Folktale Winery’s portfolio, as Folktale is the operator of the restaurant, Valencia said he may feature some other wines by glass.

Opened last summer in a former bank building, Seventh & Dolores, also known as 7D, features dry-aged beef cuts, top-notch steak tartare and other dishes, some classic, and some with a twist, as

well as high-end cocktails. Tydeman runs the kitchen, while Folktale culinary director Todd Fisher is executive chef and provides creative input. Visit www.7dsteakhouse.com.

■ Rio’s new brunch lineup

Executive chef Eduardo Coronel unveiled a five brunch items this week, offering new reasons to drop in at the Rio Grill on a week-

end for some late-morning indulgence.

“I wanted to have something for everyone,” he said Tuesday.

The cleverly named What Came First sandwich, for instance, features fried chicken and a sunny-side-up egg with bacon jam, arugula, tomato and chipotle aioli. Served on a brioche bun, the sandwich is best eaten with a knife and fork, unless you have a wet towel handy, because it’s messy. The traditional steak-and-eggs combo is kicked up with spicy (mild to medium) green chilaquiles, a traditional Mexican breakfast or brunch dish made with corn tortillas simmered with salsa, topped with two fried eggs and lime sour cream. A

Spanish chorizo frittata with Southwest ratatouille combines hearty eggs and chewy bits of spicy sausage with a Mexican-style ratatouille of black beans, grilled corn, squash, mushrooms, poblano chili and bell peppers that he slow-roasts in the oven. And for those with a sweet tooth, brioche French toast is kicked up with blueberry compote, whipped cream, candied pecans, maple syrup and a bruléed half a banana.

Bar manager Kasey Shirk developed a trio of daytime cocktails to complement the new dishes. Lime in the Coconut includes a bal-

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Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

whatever oysters are in season for \$2, while the Five-Buck Cluck is a \$5 fried chicken sandwich with lemon poppy seed jalapeño slaw and chopped pickle mayo. For the more hungry Social Hour visitor, a limited number of prime rib sandwiches with crispy onions, horseradish cream and thick-cut Belgium fries will be offered for \$24 apiece.

Also new to the menu is executive sous chef Jeremiah Tydeman’s award-winning all-



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The Rio Grill’s new Lime in the Coconut, with Bacardi Silver, Malibu and peach schnapps, is a lightly sweet brunch cocktail to pair with “What Came First,” a fried-chicken sandwich with a fried egg and bacon jam.

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The Rio Grill is located at the Crossroads shopping center off Rio Road and is open daily at 11:30 a.m., with brunch served Saturdays and Sundays. www.riogrill.com

Irish Pub Pop-Up

The Covey restaurant, located at Quail Lodge next to the Waypoint Bar, will be the place to go for a full Irish pub experience on St. Patrick's Day Saturday. The Irish Pub Pop-Up Dinner is inspired by executive chef Brian Kearns' travels to Emerald Isle, and he plans on cooking up all kinds of tasty items, like Irish potato soup, steamed mussels, braised cabbage, Irish bacon and potato purée in a parsley cream sauce, Guinness and beef stew, rainbow trout with sautéed broccoli and roast potatoes, and sweet apple pie with fresh whipped cream for dessert.

Dinner will start at 6 p.m., and costs \$45 per person (\$35 per Quail Lodge member) plus tax and tip. The lodge is located at 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

For reservations, call (831) 620-8910.



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Dr. Stephen Brabeck (center) may be gone, but his legacy – and passion for heart-healthy olive oil – live on at The Quail & Olive, the shop he started in Carmel Valley Village several years ago.

Bach and Buffet fundraiser

Deetjen's Big Sur Inn, devastated by last year's fierce storms, will benefit from a fundraiser at Hidden Valley in Carmel Valley Village March 22. The event will begin with wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., followed by a classical concert at 6:30, and dinner at 7:15.

"Deetjen's Best: Bach and Buffet" will help raise money for the ongoing rehabilitation of the inn, which is on the National Register of Historic Places and was damaged by mudslides and falling trees during the storms that also destroyed the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge, shutting off the inn from travelers to the north. The inn reopened shortly after the bridge did last fall, but repairs, estimated at \$1 million, are ongoing.

The event is inspired by "Grandpa" Helmut Deetjen's two great loves: classical music and great food. Deetjen's chef Domingo Santamaria will prepare a buffet of the restaurant's classics, while award-winning British Bach cellist Colin Carr

will perform two "sublime suites for solo cello." Hidden Valley is donating the venue.

Tickets are \$125 per person, and guests must be 21 or older. For reservations, visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3323093. RSVP by March 17. Hidden Valley is located near the intersection of Carmel Valley and Ford roads.

Hofsas House food bank fundraiser

The Hofsas House Hotel on San Carlos north of Fourth will hold its annual fundraiser for the Food Bank for Monterey County Thursday, March 22, with chefs preparing appetizers, local wineries pouring tastes, and other fun. Participating chefs include Steve Johnson from TusCA Ristorante at the Hyatt Regency Monterey, Annie Hobbs from A Taste of Elegance, Soerke Peters from Village Corner, and Terry

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tribute to the Grateful Dead, few are more popular or respected than the Dark Star Orchestra. Over the years, the band has played thousands of shows, including many that featured guest appearances by former members of the Grateful Dead, which stopped touring and recording after guitarist and leader Jerry Garcia died in 1995.

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Big Sur Vineyards Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Tom Faia** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 652-3020.

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — **Vybe** (blues, Friday at 9 p.m.); **Wild Card** (rock and r&b, Saturday at 9 p.m.); singer **Dizzy Burnett** (jazz and swing, Sunday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (swing and jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cafe Trieste in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Hannah Cooper** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.);

The Proudest Monkeys (rock, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 409 Alvarado St., (831) 241-6064.

Cooper's Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Vince Naccarato** (Friday at 9 p.m.); and **The Wild Turkeys** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **The Charles Mack Band** (blues and r&b, Saturday at 10 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422. **Fireplace Lounge** in the **Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel** — trumpeter and keyboardist **Akili Bradley**, bassist **Aaron Georis** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); singer **Janice Perl Marotta**, guitarist **Robert Papaccica**, bassist **Aaron Georis** and drummer **David Morwood** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — violinist **Razzvio** (rock, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — singer-songwriters **Pat Hull** and **Kelly Koval** (Friday at 7:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Jim White** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574. www.henrymiller.org

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Jazz Trio** featuring pianists **Bob Phillips** or **Bill Spencer** (jazz, in the lobby, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); and **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening at sunset. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

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

The Lab — **Howe Now** (blues, jazz and funk, Friday at 7 p.m.); mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (Irish, Saturday at 2 p.m.); and **The Nell and Jim Band** ("folkabilly," Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center, above the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co.

Mission Ranch — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 7 p.m.); pianist **David Kempton** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sun-



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day at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

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The Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — **Out of the Blue** ("soul rock," Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer and guitarist **Mark Shilstone** and drummer **Rod Wilson** (classic rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.



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A year after opening artist studios in mall, arts council seeks to expand

HOME TO the studios of nearly two dozen local artists, Artworks in Pacific Grove celebrates its first anniversary Friday, March 16, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

Supported by the Arts Council for Monterey County and located in the American Tin Cannery, Artworks offers budget-priced studio space for artists — something that's very difficult to find on the Monterey Peninsula. And if all goes according to plan, venture will soon have company.

"We know that many talented artists struggle to find an affordable place to work, and so many buildings are vacant and in danger of deteriorating," said Paulette Lynch, executive director for the non-profit arts council. "We find over and over that the arts are the answer — this project is a powerful example. We are eager to find more opportunities throughout the county."

The studio artists include painters, sculptors, photographers, mixed media artists and jewelers. They pay as little as 50 cents per square foot, which is made possible by the generosity of the owners of the American Tin Cannery. The studios

are open to the public Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Johnny Tsunami and the Shoulder Hopper will perform March 16, while the Bulldog British Pub will serve refreshments.

Artworks is located at the American Tin Cannery shopping center. www.arts4mc.org.



This painting by Esther Bruton went on display this week at the Monterey Museum of Art.

■ Sculptor visits C.V. gallery

The Carmel Valley Art Association this week shines a spotlight on sculptor Rob Holt, who will greet guests Saturday, March 17. The gallery will be the site of a reception from 2 to 6 p.m.

A world traveler who is also a dancer and a designer, Holt has been sculpting for more than four decades — and he's learned a few tricks along the way. "I create each bronze sculpture one at a time using my own multi-layered techniques blow torch, beginning with

direct-welding bronze with a torch," Holt explained.

The gallery, which represents more than 40 local artists, is located at 2 Chambers Lane. Call (831) 659-2241 or visit www.carmelvalleyartassociation.com.

■ Tasting room welcomes printmaker

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Through March 25 — at the Cherry, Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel. "The Meaning of Life and Other Stuff." A new play about love, life, and laughter written and directed by Carmel's Tom Parks. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sunday matinees. Bookings: 717-7373 or ticketguys.com

March 17 — Annual St. Patrick's Day Feast at O'Baum & O'Blume Café served noon to 8 p.m. Live music by Petty Cash Duo. Enjoy gourmet corned beef + all the trimmings! Other Irish specialties & housemade baked goods too! Full take-out available. View menu at www.baumandblume.com Reservations suggested. (831) 659-0400; 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley.

March 19 — "The Way of the Samurai," a presentation by lecturer and scholar Taum Dell'Armo, will be held at the Carmel Woman's Club at 2 p.m. Included in the presentation will be a display of the exquisitely crafted antique samurai sword fittings and a talk on the history of the meticulous workmanship that made the ancient sword one of the most treasured pieces of art. Speaker will demonstrate "laido" (e-eye-dough), a rare Japanese martial arts form that seeks to combine Zen movement-meditation with the wielding of the elegant weapon. Members, free; guests: \$10, includes tea and refreshments. Memberships available. (831) 624-2866 or 915-81-84

March 20 — Aspire Health Plan Presents: Age Well, Drive Smart, a Community Connections Class. Ensure your safety and seniors in the community with sensible tips for safe driving. This event is free, and we ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections. 10 to 11:30 a.m., Crazy Horse Restaurant, 1425 Munras Ave., Monterey.

March 21 — Monterey Neuropathy Support Group, 10:30-noon, Jody Hutchinson, Certified Massage Sports Therapist, will speak on "Massage — Myths and Truths. Can it help with neuropathy pain?" Meeting is at First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, 501 Eldorado, Monterey. Free. For more information, call 831 625 3407 or check www.pnhelp.com.

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March 22 — "Book Publishing 1-2-3." 6 to 7 p.m. at The Lab (3728 The Barnyard, Suite G-23, Carmel). Lively, popular class features tips for finding literary agents, editors, and publishers; writing prompts to stretch creativity; promotion ideas; handout; sample edit; Q&A. \$20. Presenter: Laurie Gibson, editor. (831) 346-4662 /eaglet5223@mypacks.net.

March 22 — Aspire Health Plan Presents: Medicare Options Simplified. Join our health plan advisor, and Montage Medical Group's Dr. David Straface to discuss your Medicare options. Plus hear healthy tips about retiring into Medicare. Attend this free seminar to get the answers you need. This event is free, and we ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 273-1606, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/options; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Montage Wellness Center, 2920 2nd Ave., Marina

March 29 — "North Korea, What's Next?" is the title of this program sponsored by the Carmel Residents Association in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center at 5 p.m. Speaker is Dr. Wade Huntley, who's leading areas of expertise are listed as nuclear weapons proliferation, cyber security, and East Asian regional security. Program is free. Come early, sip a glass of wine before and after the meeting. Carpenter Hall is on Mission St., south of 8th Avenue.

April 3 — 13th Annual Women's Fund Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Monterey, 1 Old Golf Course Road, hosted by the Community Foundation for Monterey County. Tickets:www.cfmco.org/womensfund or for information call Jan McAlister (831) 375-9712.



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FOOD

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Teplitzky from Wild Thyme Deli & Café, along with Artemis restaurant, Carmel Honey Co., and Lula's Chocolates. Carmel Road will provide wine, and Mad Otter Ale will bring the beer. Terrence Ferrell will play guitar. The event will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and costs \$55 per person, with all proceeds going to the food bank. Call (831) 624-2745 to reserve.

■ A Gem of an Evening

Access Monterey Peninsula, the local nonprofit television station that operates five channels — including the ones showing government meetings — will hold a fundraiser, A Gem of an Evening, in the restaurant at Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside March 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. The evening will include dinner and wine, live music, dancing, and a no-host bar. In an interesting fundraising twist, risk takers will be invited to pick from 100 "mystery boxes," half of which will contain prizes valued from \$50 to \$1,800.

The golf course restaurant is located at 1 McClure Way, off Gen. Jim Moore Boulevard, in Seaside. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$125 per couple and can be purchased at www.ampmedia.org.

■ Taste of Spain

Estéban Restaurant's occasional Taste of Spain, in which executive chef Tom Snyder makes a big batch of paella on the patio and shares loads of other delicious small bites with Spanish flavors and flair, is set to take place again March 22 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Madeleine Wines, made by Damien Georis, will be poured alongside Spanish offerings and a variety of North Coast beers, all complemented by house-made red and white sangrias, and Estéban's famous Boss Anna Margarita. Local classical Spanish guitarist Catherine Broz will perform, and Azahar Flamenco will dance — and instruct anyone interested in learning a few steps — all evening.

Tickets are \$65 per person, plus tax and tip, and can be purchased by calling (831) 324-6773. Since the restaurant is located in Casa Munras Garden Hotel & Spa, diners are also invited to take advantage of the Taste of Spain dinner package, with rooms starting at \$276, by calling (800) 222-2446. Estéban is located at 700 Munras Ave. in Monterey.

■ Quail & Olive lives on

Dr. Stephen Brabeck, founder and owner of the Quail & Olive, died recently, but he left the business he founded after retiring from cardiology in 2012 in good hands. Daughter

Annelise Wilford has been involved in the business from the outset and is well equipped to take the helm.

"His vision for Quail & Olive was the culmination of his many years as a physician, during which he was known for his exceptional dedication to the holistic health of his patients," his family explained, though they declined to discuss the circumstances of his death. "He wanted to parlay the skills which he had developed during 40 years of medical practice into a service which would introduce community members to the benefits which he knew they would derive from heart-healthy food preparation ingredients and techniques at affordable prices."

The Carmel Valley Village store offers California-grown and produced olive oils and vinegars, and is located at 14 Del Fino Place. www.quailandolive.com

■ Remembering Nicky Hahn

Nicky Hahn, founder of Hahn Family Wines and the driving force behind the formation of the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA in

1991, died March 2 at his home in Switzerland at the age of 81.

Before venturing into the world of wine-making and grape growing after arriving in Monterey County in the 1970s, Hahn was a successful businessman in Paris, New York and London. In 1979, he purchased the Smith and Hook vineyards, planted with Cabernet Sauvignon at the time.

He went on to spend the next four decades working to build the reputation of the region, which he recognized as a unique winemaking area. In 1988, he rallied neighboring grape growers on the eastern slopes of the Santa Lucia Mountains to create the American Viticultural Area that's now recognized nationally, especially for its fine Pinot Noir grapes. Hahn converted his own vineyards from Cabernet to Pinot Noir in the early 2000s. Hahn was named a Wine Enthusiast magazine American Wine Pioneer.

"My father left me with one indelible lesson: There are many dreamers, but it is not enough to dream," his son, Philip, said in a statement. "We must also do, and that is exactly what he did."

ART

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■ Women shine at art museum

Closed for six weeks during a \$100,000 makeover, the Monterey Museum of Art is open again, and this week, four exhibits opened — each calling attention to the creative talents of women. The shows are tied to a "Year of the Woman" celebration at the museum.

Included is a show of early mid-century abstracts by the late Joan Savo; a display of still life paintings by the late Beth Van Hoesen; a collection of images by pioneering female photographers; and an exhibit of paintings by some of California's most important female artists.

The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. www.montereyart.org

birds, a show opening March 17 at the Chesebro Winery Tasting Room in Carmel Valley showcases the creative talent of printmaker Pamela Takigawa.

A member of the Carmel Art Association, Takigawa has long been fascinated with birds of all shapes and sizes. When she's not incorporating them into her art, she works with them as a volunteer for the Monterey Country SPCA's Wildlife Center.

Titled "Year of the Bird" because this year is the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, the exhibit will be on display through April 14.

The tasting room, which will be the site of a reception Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m., is

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Bitter defeat in 2017 gives way to plenty of optimism this time around

AMONG HIGH school traumas that might be worse than acne on prom night, consider this one: The Carmel Padres were just four outs away from victory in the quarterfinal round of the 2017 Central Coast Section Division II softball playoffs, holding a 4-2 lead, when their dream came apart. Saratoga erupted for five runs, won the game 7-4, and

teams will square off for the first time this season on Wednesday in a 4:30 game at Carmel.

And this year, Carmel is plotting to successfully defend its crown using a roster loaded with 11 returning players, two of whom shared the MTAL's Most Valuable Pitcher award.

Jessica Pavloff, who was a sophomore, was regarded as Carmel's No. 1 hurler and faced most of the toughest opponents while compiling an 11-6 record, with a microscopic 1.20 earned-run average.

In 93.1 innings, she allowed just 66 hits, struck out 78, and walked 22.

Jaclyn Hyles, a freshman, had even better numbers. She was 11-0, with a 0.60 ERA, surrendering just six earned runs in 69.2 innings. She struck out 105 and walked 18.

"I think they're two of the best pitchers in the county, and that's where it all starts for us," Pingree said. "Their styles are actually pretty similar: Both throw hard, both have a lot of movement on their pitches, and both really compete hard. Deciding which one to pitch against any specific opponent is a nice problem to have."

The two underclassmen also are already attracting attention from college softball scouts, along with three other Padres, seniors

Jocelyn Bruno and Rachael Carroll, and junior Kristin Cardinali.

Bruno, who moves from catcher to shortstop this season, and hits third in the batting order, opened the season with eight hits and two walks in her first 13 plate appearances — a .727 batting average and .769 on-base percentage. A year ago she batted .483, with 10 doubles, 5 triples, a home run, and 33 RBI in 30 games.

Carroll, the second-baseman and lead-off hitter, batted .449, with 44 hits (tied for second on the team), including 8 doubles, 2 triples, and 25 RBI. She also was 9-for-9 in stolen base attempts.

Cardinali, the centerfielder, had a .484 batting average (second on the team), with a team-best 45 hits, including three doubles, four triples, and a home run.

Even more hitting

All were first-team All-MTAL selections, as was power hitting Anna Buzan, who returns at third base after a junior year in which she batted .411, with three doubles, five triples, and a team-high three home runs.

Left fielder Dillan Chiewpanich, a second-team all-leaguer in 2017, made a splash this year by slugging two home runs against San Benito on March 6 — the second game of the season — lifting the Padres to a 4-2 victory. Last year, as a sophomore, she batted

.391, with eight doubles and a homer.

The truth is that it's hard to find a player who didn't excel at the plate a year ago. Pavlov, the pitcher, hit .394. Kendra Hyles, Jaclyn's twin sister, is a first baseman/outfielder who figures to be a power hitter this year after batting .391 as a freshman. Quincy Cox, a sophomore right fielder, batted .500 in limited action in her first varsity season. Senior Dani Benak, who takes over for Bruno as the starting catcher, was a .283 hitter, and three varsity newcomers — junior outfielder Madi DiGirolamo, sophomore catcher Kristen Anderson, and senior utility player Bibiana Silva Cardenas — will be looking to make their mark.

Perhaps the most remarkable numbers of all are that the 2017 Padres batted .425 as a team and outscored the opposition 320-59. And, according to Pingree, offense is not the strength of the 2018 unit.

"We take a lot of pride in our pitching and defense — I've always believed that's what wins games — and I think those are really our strongest assets," said Pingree, a Monterey High product who went on to play catcher at Fresno State and CSU Hayward. "Our batting averages are high because our league wasn't all that strong last year, and we played some teams that were pretty good stat builders for us."

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ended the season of a Padres team that had ideas about winning the whole tournament.

"That was a huge disappointment, a real downer," admitted Coach Jim Pingree, who was in his first season as head coach at Carmel High. "I think that loss left our girls in shock, and it's a memory they'll be trying to erase this season. I think it's going to be motivation for our players ... and I know it will be for me. I have my goals."

Pingree's goals are understandably lofty. He became head coach at Carmel High last year after nine seasons at Santa Catalina, during which he won the Mission Trail Athletic League championship seven years in a row. His 2011 team reached the CCS finals. In 2012, the Cougars went 23-1 and won the section, and Pingree was named California State Coach of the Year by Cal High Sports. His 2013 squad went 25-3.

In 2015, Pingree stepped down so he could watch his daughter, Alex, play for UC Santa Barbara.

'We both tone it down'

Alex had pitched for her dad at Santa Catalina, earning the MTAL's Most Valuable Pitcher award four years in a row, and all-county and all-state honors as a junior and senior.

And now she's suddenly her father's arch rival — head coach at Santa Catalina, where in 2017 she was last season's Coach of the Year.

"There's a little bit of smack talk that goes on when we're together, especially toward the beginning of the season," says Dad with a laugh. "Once we get closer to league play, we both sort of tone it down, stay away from it, out of respect for each other. But don't kid yourself: I listen intently whenever she's talking about her team ... especially when she doesn't think I am."

Don't kid yourself about this part, either: Dad is still the Alpha dog. The Padres went 14-0 on the MTAL last season (23-6 overall), and beat Catalina twice — 8-7 in April and 12-2 in the league-finale in May. The two



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All-MTAL centerfielder Kristin Cardinali (right) batted .484 and lead the Padres in hits last season. Jessica Pavloff (left), a junior this year, shared the MTAL's Pitcher of the Year honor with teammate Jaclyn Hyles, who returns as a sophomore.



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Editorial

Martins Beach case means something to everyone

THE UNITED States Supreme Court is considering whether to take a case that could profoundly impact property rights — and even the very meaning of “private property” — not only here in California, but across the country.

The case is Martins Beach vs. Surfrider, and on the surface, it seems to just be about a billionaire trying to keep the public off of 89 acres of highly scenic beachfront property he owns a few miles south of Half Moon Bay.

But if the billionaire — Silicon Valley investor Vinod Khosla — loses the case, it will not only affect his exclusive property, but everybody else whose property is scenic, contains valuable resources, or is frequently visited by the public.

It could also mean that any business might one day be required to get a permit from the government to shut down, or even to scale back its operations.

Come again?

Khosla’s property is being contested for the simple reason that the land is very pretty and includes a gorgeous, isolated beach — and those are things that many people like to visit. It’s also being fought over in the courts because the property was operated as a beach-access business for many years, until Khosla decided to shut it down.

It might surprise you to hear that some people think Mr. Khosla was prohibited from going out of business and must keep his beach open — but that’s exactly the position the California Coastal Commission and San Mateo County took when he announced in 2009 that the beach would no longer be open to paying customers. And why couldn’t he stop operating the beach-access business? Because beaches are really important, the commission and the county said.

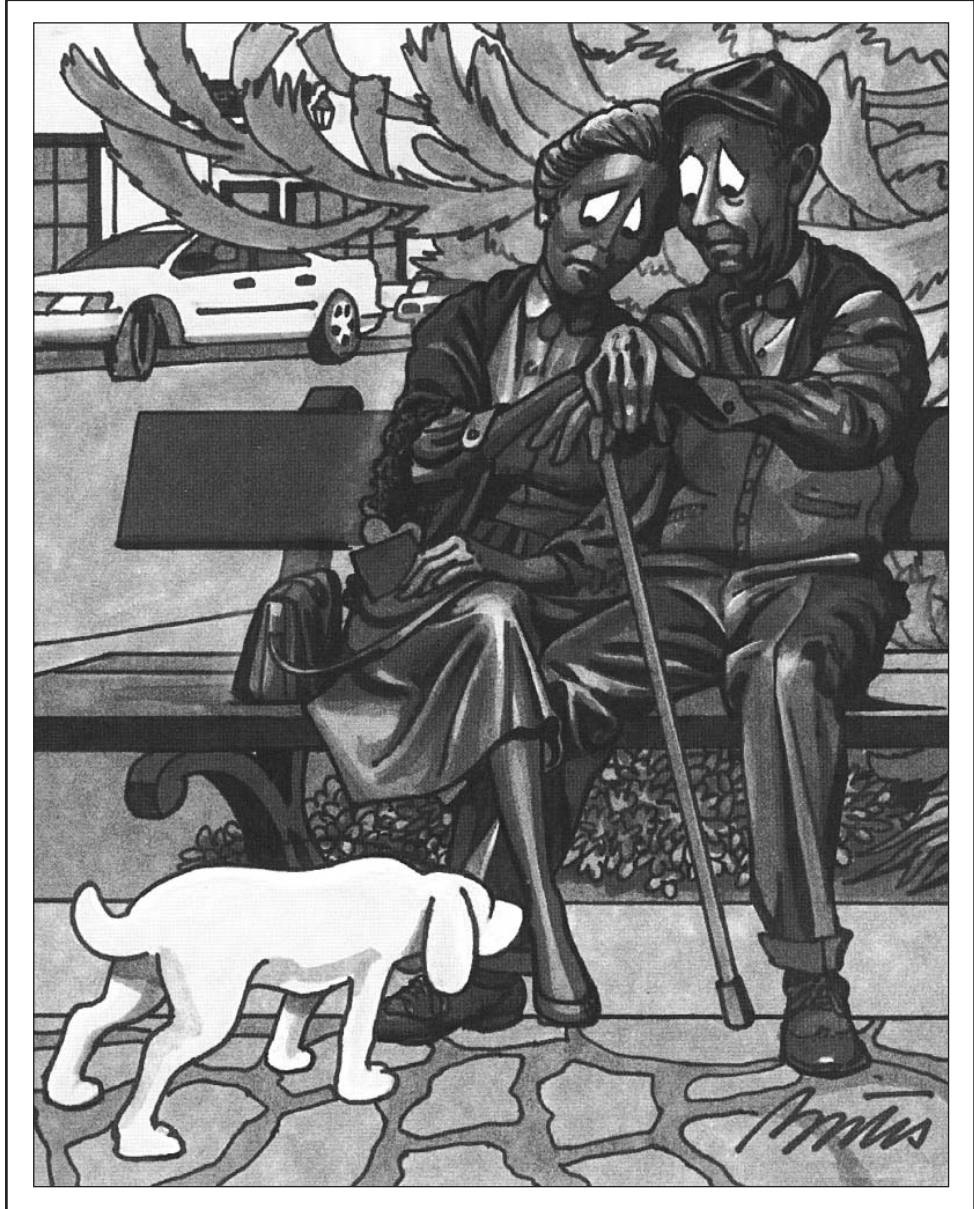
There’s no doubt that Khosla owns the property and the beach. Nevertheless, he was told, he needed permission to declare it off-limits to the public.

Of course, the coastal commission and the county are correct that beaches are very popular. But so are a lot of other things that are on private property but are open to the public, including stadiums, museums, shopping centers, golf courses, tennis clubs, schools, theaters and all sorts of private amenities such as landmark trees, works of art, hot springs, restaurants and even retail stores. If Vinod Khosla is forced to keep his beach open, why not the Pebble Beach Golf Links and Dametra restaurant?

The very idea sounds like a wild exaggeration. But it’s not — not in 21st-century California, where left-wing politics become more predominant and more extreme every day. And the left, my friends, is hostile to the very idea of “private property.”

The property rights provisions of the Fifth Amendment were added to the U.S. Constitution to prevent precisely the kind of seizure California and San Mateo County are trying to carry out in the Khosla case. California has already declared itself a “sanctuary” from federal immigration laws. If the Supreme Court doesn’t want the state to be a sanctuary from the Constitution, too, it should take the Khosla case, and then rule in Mr. Khosla’s favor.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

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Questions to be asked

Dear Editor,

City attorney Glen Mozingo did a masterful job presenting the results of the Dallas investigation. Vice Mayor Carrie Theis and councilwomen Carolyn Hardy and Jan Reimers handled themselves in an impressive professional manner under difficult circumstances. They were eloquent in their appeal to the community to move our village beyond this difficult chapter.

But on disturbing display was the conduct of a local restaurant owner who was unable to accept the conclusions and outcome. No one should diminish the threatening demeanor of this individual toward the women at the dais, especially when the police chief had to step in to diffuse his anger. By such conduct, how could anyone believe, as he has stated, that he would ever feel “threatened” or “bullied” (by the mayor) based on his own display of boorish and bullying behavior toward the Councilwomen?

The alarming revelations about an assault of a public official and threats made against the city attorney most assuredly opens up new investigations. It appears the mayor is both the accused and the victim. A question that should have been asked at the press conference: Are there any links between the investigation of the mayor and any of the assailants in the assault or threats?

Some questions still remain and only time will provide the answers.

Rob Wallace, Carmel

Unions being ‘singled out’

Dear Editor,

Regarding your editorial about unions and the case before the Supreme Court: Would you agree that requiring citizens to support a government they don’t like violates the Constitution and violates the simplest principles of democracy? Unions operate as a democracy. Unions take more votes on more issues than one can imagine. Is everyone happy with the outcome? No, and neither are we as a nation. But, we exist in spite of the fact that elections are won by a minority of the total potential electorate and if the election doesn’t go our particular way, we bind together as a people to preserve our government and our nation.

Janus vs AFSCME is a sham as it allows one who receives benefit from the union to withdraw support from the union if they don’t agree with something the union has done. Therefore, I ask, in our current political situation nationally, statewide, or locally, would any of our governmental institutions survive if we allowed citizens to not pay

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A free-spirited childhood, a successful career, and a sword

HE'S A native New Yorker, a seamless and relentless East Coast talker who, when discussing his favorite topic — Samurai swords — rarely comes up for air.

"Next to my family, my sword is the most important thing in my life. It's really hard to even put into words," said Taum Dell'Armo,

Great Lives

By DENNIS TAYLOR

a 71-year-old Carmel Valley man who enjoyed a fortuitous life that included a lucrative career as an advertising executive, but found his bliss 12 years ago when he started studying "the way of the Samurai."

"My sword is an extension of myself. When I'm doing my kata — my exercises — it's almost mystical," he said. "It was said that the Samurai had only two possessions — his sword and his honor — and I've come to understand that."

Dell'Armo will share that unbridled passion at 2 p.m. Monday, March 19, with a presentation, including a sword demonstration, at the Carmel Woman's Club (non-members can attend for \$10).

Dell'Armo trained in Karate, Judo, Aikido and Tai Chi before discovering the combative art of the sword (Iaijutsu) and "the oneness of Zen with the sword" (Ken Zen Ichi) — disciplines he studied with two different masters after moving to the Monterey Peninsula in 2005.

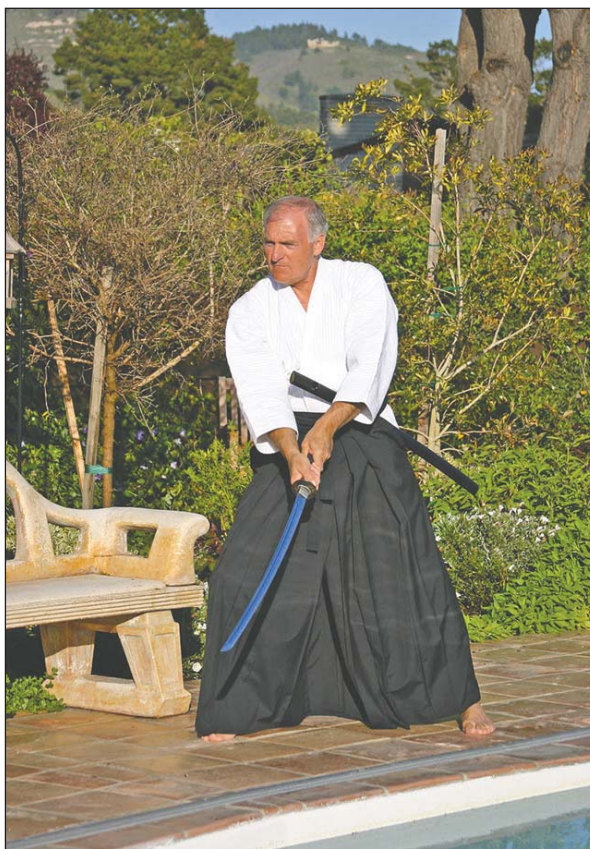
Noteworthy roots

How he came to live in a large, elegant Carmel Valley home with a backyard pool is a remarkable story that began in The Bronx, N.Y., where his parents — Italian immigrants whose ashes are illegally buried (not scattered) at the foot of the Statue of Liberty — worked in sweatshops and raised their children in a sixth-floor walkup apartment.

"The South Bronx has always been a place for crime and poverty, and still is, but our neighborhood was home to a lot of extremely famous people, and my high school, DeWitt Clinton Public School, produced Oscar winners, Emmy winners, Nobel Prize winners, and more NBA players than any other school in America ... it's very famous," he said.

Dell'Armo's theory is that hard-working parents of that generation largely left kids to their own devices. "We were very independent and interested in everything," he said. "When I was 12, I'd hop on a subway, go down to Broadway, and sneak into theaters to watch Ethel Merman and Mary Martin rehearse. In fact, I snuck into a whole bunch of places where I didn't belong."

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PHOTO/COURTESY TAUM DELL'ARMO

Taum Dell'Armo, in traditional costume, practices his kata.

PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS WEIRD — UNTIL THEY SAW HIM PAINT

ON ONE wall of the residence in Marina that Mike Ball shares with three roommates, hanging among a series of spectacular oil paintings, is a detailed graph he created to monitor his daily battle with bipolar disorder.

The chart is a zigzag — some days are better than others — but Ball, a former Carmel gallery owner, clearly likes what he sees. The data tells him how well his medication and self-styled therapy are working, and represents progress toward regulating a problem that has plagued him for most of his life.

The 58-year-old artist said he's known since childhood that his moods were mercurial. Odd as it may seem, what usually got him in trouble were his highs — an over-exuberance that caused him to talk too loudly and laugh too hard in public places.

"I've been kicked out of a few coffee shops. People could hear me two blocks away," said Ball, whose daily routine, dating back several years, is to stake out a spot in a cozy eatery, sip coffee, socialize, and sketch life as it passes by.

Problems at work, home

Ball was an electrician by trade until the day in 2001 when a co-worker pinned him against a wall by his throat and shouted, "You've been bugging me for a whole year! You're too damn happy all the time!"

Weird? Perhaps. But it wasn't the first time he had been assaulted on the job by colleagues who were annoyed by his personality. The problem also affected his personal life, truncating two marriages.

His first, from 1988-95, was to a Carmel woman — the mother of his two adult children (Marc, 27, and Sara, 24) — whom he followed to the Monterey Peninsula from his New Jersey home. After six years, she scooped up the kids and moved to

Atascadero, while Ball remained in Carmel.

He got married again in 2011 to a woman he'd met playing chess online and joined her in Kentucky. Six years later, in 2017, she announced they were finished (something Ball says he never saw coming, just like the first time), and handed him a plane ticket back to the West Coast.

"What I kept asking myself was, 'What the hell is wrong with everybody?'" he said. "Then I got diagnosed, and I suddenly realized, 'Oh, my god ... it's me!'"

What saved his life in the interim, he said, was an epiphany that had taken decades to surface: Ball had stunning natural talent as an artist — a gift he discovered in 2001, at age 41.

Carmel's artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

"People laughed at the very first thing I painted, which was awful, but then my work immediately got more interesting," he said. "I wound up selling my sixth painting to somebody, and from there I sold my next 20 in a row."

Just as amazing is that Ball, who is completely self-taught, was peddling his work from a Carmel coffee shop and the Jeep he kept parked on the street. Indeed, his success eventually roiled a local gallery owner, who complained to the police.

"He basically saw me as a panhandler, and I can't really blame him because he was paying rent on his gallery, and I was pretty much selling my stuff off the street," Ball said. "So, one day the Carmel cops surrounded my Jeep and shut me down."

Painting became cathartic to Ball, a cre-

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To all in our community:

As mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and a long-time resident who loves this city as much as anyone, I would like to offer a sincere and heartfelt apology to everyone for my inappropriate conduct — conduct that led to a months-long investigation and culminated on March 7 with a reprimand from Carmel-by-the-Sea's three strong women on the city council with whom I serve.

As those of you who have followed these events know, I was precluded until now from making any comment related to the ongoing investigation. For that reason, this apology is late in coming, but I hope you will accept it nonetheless.

To the citizens of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and to those individuals I may have hurt or offended, I am truly sorry. Please know my comments were not maliciously uttered, but I admit they were very much ill-considered, insensitive and unprofessional. I am also truly sorry that my family has had to go through this painful time.

Additionally, I apologize to the three remarkable and courageous council members — Carrie Theis, Jan Reimers and Carolyn Hardy — who were put in the eye of the storm by my comments, and who handled the entire matter for our village with integrity and strength.

I was born and raised in Carmel-by-the-Sea and, like my family, love and honor its special sense of place and spirit. I pledge to work even harder to regain the trust of its citizens and to do my very best for our beloved village. I have learned a painful life lesson from this episode, and pledge to be a better person and a better Mayor.

From the bottom of my heart, I apologize.

Steve G. Dallas, Mayor
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DELL'ARMO

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As a sixth-grader, he read a bestselling book, David Ogilvy's "Confessions of an Advertising Man," and decided he wanted someday to work for Ogilvy in advertising. At 18 he scored high enough on his SATs to get into City College of New York, the top-ranked advertising school in America. A year later, he was a writer at ABC TV. At 21 he was elected president of the New York Professional Advertising Association — the youngest person in the group's history to hold that post.

A fortunate assignment

When his number came up in the military draft, Dell'Armo signed up for the Air Force and was sent to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, where he got lucky again. Instead of sending him to fight in Vietnam, they made him an education counselor. From there he went to pursue his masters degree at the College of William and Mary, where he became involved in regional theater (actress Glenn Close, also a William and Mary student at the time, was an occasional rehearsal partner). After earning his graduate degree, Dell'Armo won a scholarship to the prestigious Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute.

"I didn't want to go back to New York for the Strasberg school, so I went to Los Angeles instead," he said. "I was 30 years old by then, and I spent the first three days there sleeping in my van outside the men's dorm at UCLA."

But Dell'Armo quickly fell in with the Bel Air and Beverly Hills crowd and spent the next three years teaching tennis to movie stars.

He eventually found work with Simon Marketing, where he soon became executive vice president. Then he got the job offer he'd been craving since childhood — from Ogilvy Advertising. They named him senior VP of their West Coast division.

Dell'Armo later ran his own consulting agency, The Madison Group, before retiring from advertising at age 45. He moved from Los Angeles to San Francisco with his two sons: John is a high school teacher today, and Taum Joe is a writer.

Dell'Armo lives today near Quail Lodge with his wife, Diane (retired from a 30-year career in the biopharmaceutical industry), who married him 26 years ago after he proposed on Carmel Beach.

The Dell'Armos have become heavily involved with local nonprofits, including the Monterey Bay chapter of the American Red Cross, for which Taum has served as chairman of the board.

In addition to practicing "the way of the Samurai" on a daily basis, Dell'Armo is in the process of commissioning the eight most-celebrated master swordsmiths in Japan to create swords for a one-of-a-kind art series he intends to market as "The 8 Samurai."

"Imagine if I had convinced the eight greatest living artists of a generation to create one painting each to be part of a specific series with the seven other great artists," he said. "A hundred years later, out of all the thousands of paintings

those artists had produced during their lifetimes, only one of those paintings would be part of that series. I'm bringing a little bit of Western advertising culture to the East."

Each sword will be registered with the Japanese government, signed by the master who created it, and its history will be traceable back to its original owner, he said.

More information about Dell'Armo's presentation on Tuesday can be found online at carmelwomansclub.org.

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SPORTS

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Three of the league's weaker teams — Greenfield (4-11), King City (5-15) and Gonzales (0-17) — were moved to a lower division of the MTAL this year, and Marina (17-3 in the Coastal Athletic League in 2017) has been added.

With two fewer teams in the league, Carmel will play Marina, Santa Catalina (17-8, 12-2 in the MTAL), Pacific Grove (18-8, 10-4), Soledad (17-10, 8-6) and Stevenson (4-12, 4-9) three times each this year.

Looking ahead (March 16-22)

Baseball — Friday: Greenfield at Carmel, 4 p.m.; Tuesday: Anzar at Carmel, 4 p.m.; Thursday: Carmel at Anzar, 4 p.m.

Boys golf — Tuesday: Carmel vs. York at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, 3:30 p.m.; Thursday: MTAL league meet at Laguna Seca, 3:30 p.m.

Boys lacrosse — Monday: Carmel vs. Pacific Grove at Stevenson, 3:15 p.m.; Wednesday: Carmel at Aptos, 7:15 p.m.

Girls lacrosse — Tuesday: Salinas at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.; Thursday: Santa Catalina at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.

Softball — Friday: Marina at Carmel, 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Santa Catalina at Carmel, 4:30 p.m.

Swimming — No events scheduled.

Boys tennis — Tuesday: Alvarez at Carmel, 4 p.m.; Thursday: Monterey at Carmel, 4 p.m.

Track and field — Saturday: Carmel at Garlic Classic, Christopher High School, 9 a.m.; Thursday: Gonzales and Soledad at Carmel, 3:30 p.m.

Boys volleyball — Tuesday: Monterey at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday: Carmel at Palma, 6:30 p.m.

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BALL

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ative outlet he needs to regulate his moods.

"I've become addicted to the mystery of what I'm going to create next," he said.

"In the beginning, a lot of people were telling me what I needed to paint if I wanted to sell my work. I resisted that because it was driving me away," Ball explained. "I have to let my art develop itself. I wait for something to scream out, 'paint me!'"

In 2008, Ball's father took an interest in his son's work and subsidized the rental of a tiny gallery/studio space in a courtyard on Mission Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

"It was just a tiny hole-in-the-wall that nobody could find unless they already knew where it was, so there was basically zero foot traffic," he said. "Every morning, I'd go to Carmel Coffee in the Plaza and sketch until somebody noticed. Then I'd use my iPad to show them my art, and I'd lead them down to my gallery. That's the only way I could get any business."

'Always a struggle'

Ball, who previously had slept in Carmel's alleys and parks, also put a cot and a shower in the back of his gallery and lived there illegally until it closed on Jan. 1, 2009.

"It was always a struggle, financially, but the whole town seemed to be rooting for me. People were very kind," he said. "People would come to the coffee shop to buy my work. Mira [Shumacher], who owned Carmel Coffee, actually co-signed to help me open my gallery. Another friend, John Tarantino, basically acted as my manager for a while and helped me sell my art. People in Carmel were very supportive."

In 2009, after the gallery closed, Ball contacted Interim

Inc. in Marina, the private, nonprofit, public-benefit agency that is Monterey County's only provider of affordable supportive housing for adults with mental and emotional illnesses. The phone call changed his life.

"I basically took over as their art director and made mosaics with people in their program who were struggling with drugs and other issues, helping them do something positive with their lives," he said. "It was a very positive thing — a high-five at the end of every day, when we'd get to hang a piece of art that we had created together."

Under Ball's direction, the program also began creating larger mosaics, including one for Monterey-Salinas Transit Center, and another at Dorothy's Kitchen in Salinas.

He continues to teach art for Interim today.

Interim helped diagnose Ball's bipolar disorder and arranged through Social Security to cover the \$1,600-a-month cost for his medication.

The agency also placed him with its Shelter Cover Transitional Housing Community, providing him with affordable housing in Marina, an arrangement he'll keep for a few more months.

Ball's plan is to purchase a van, rebuild it into a mobile home, and use it this summer to paint the scenery from Portland (where his son and daughter live) to Monterey.

Inquiries about Mike Ball's artwork can be made by contacting him via email at mikeballartist@yahoo.com.



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Artist Mike Ball, whose life has presented unusual challenges, painting in his studio.

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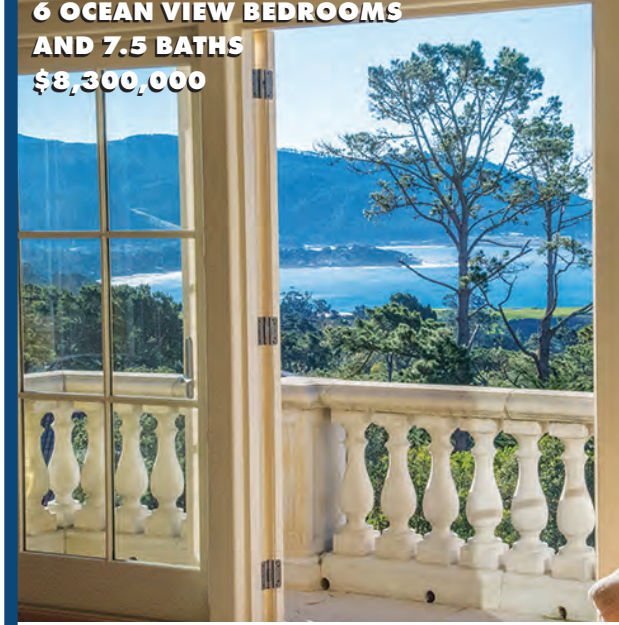
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BY AL SMITH

Fortunately the heat has gone down considerably in recent years, but there still is a smoldering controversy about the origination of MONTEREY JACK CHEESE. One school holds that it was the inspired creation of Kate Harney Hatton, wife of William Hatton, the ranch manager whose other legacy is Hatton Fields. In the early 1890's, the Hattons controlled over 10,000 acres in the near reaches of Carmel Valley and built their home on Carmel Knolls. They ran an enormous herd of Holsteins on their lands and, even after selling quantities of milk and butter, still were faced with over-production. "What shall we do with all this extra cream, Bill?" said Kate. "Why don't you make some cheese?" he answered. And thus miracles are made. Another view is that this delicacy was first invented on Los Laureles Rancho, with a special endowment provided by the Vanderbilts. This is a fine distinction and both sides may be right, since the LLR was also managed by Hatton. One splinter group contends that Monterey Jack was the creation of Jack London during his brief sojourn in Carmel. His product, we're told, was laced with Bourbon Whiskey infused under heat and pressure. Some say the fire that destroyed his home in Glen Ellen was the result of a miscalculation in the "Jack Process." Whatever ... we find no explanation for why it's called Monterey Jack and not Carmel Jack or even Glen Ellen Jack. It's no matter, really, because it's a great contribution to American culture.

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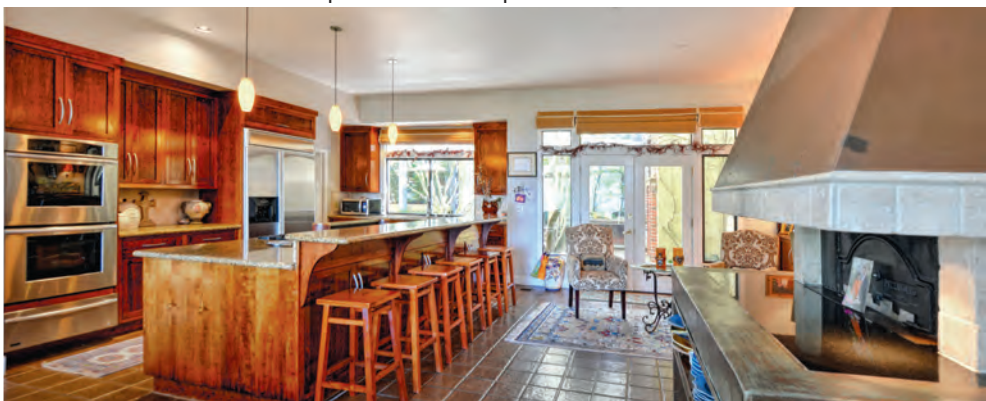
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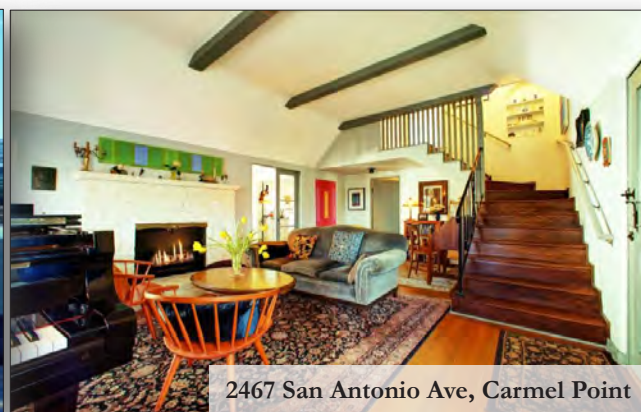
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Ryan graduated from the University of California, Davis with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and has leveraged his education to maneuver the highly political nature of the high-end private golf club. Ryan has been vacationing with his family to the Monterey Peninsula since childhood, where he would follow and caddie for his dad in the AT&T golf tournament. Over the years, he fell in love with the beauty and culture of the area. Ryan moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 2007, when he became one of the golf professional staff at the MPCC. His passions include playing golf, music, hiking and surfing.



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— **Chicago Cubs baseball announcer Harry Caray**

MANY YEARS ago, when I was selling medical books, the wife of a medical student

one-two punch of profanity sent me reeling.

This was back in the innocent days when not only personal conversations with ladies, but the airwaves were free of any cusswords. And then, somewhere back in the nineties, on a San Francisco sports/talk radio show I listened to, the host started using hells and damns in his conversations with listeners who called in. I'm sure he thought he was cool and edgy. I tuned him out.

Movies, too, avoided throwing F-bombs at audiences until cable TV started sprinkling it around like salt on popcorn. Movie producers must have thought they needed the edginess of profanity to keep up. Now it is unusual to see a movie where the characters don't use language they wouldn't want spoken in front of their mothers.

"Billions" is one of my favorite TV shows. The story line about a hedge-fund manager who is making billions and a U.S. district attorney trying to indict him for insider trading is brilliantly written and acted. The F-word is used so often that the scriptwriters surely have set up a macro to save typing. It has been a long time since I worked in an office, but I can't recall anyone speaking the way they do on this television program. Nor do I know any adults who speak that way in general conversation.

The F-word comes up in some unusual circumstances. In 2015 there was a Brazilian-born basketball player for Alberta's Medicine Hat College whose last name was the F-word. He was prohibited from using his name on the back of his jersey until he claimed discrimination because his name was Germanic in origin and meant fox. Thus, it was added to his number 14.

A Canadian radio station won the right

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Scenic Views

By **JERRY GERVASE**

berated me over the amount of money her husband was spending on books. She thought it was excessive and blamed me rather than her husband. At no time did I hold a gun to his head demanding he buy the books. Yet her demeanor threatened to put me in of need her husband's trauma expertise.

Mrs. Doctor unloosed a diatribe of invective that culminated in the threat that if I didn't stop taking advantage of Dr. Doctor I would be #\$\$@%-ing sorry. I couldn't believe it. Not only was it the first time I'd heard anyone use such an expletive in a normally congenial business, it was the first time I had ever heard a woman use it.

I remember blushing because I was so embarrassed for her that she would use the word without any sense self-consciousness or humiliation.

It was my practice whenever someone expressed regret or dissatisfaction with a purchase to simply have him or her return the book to me. Yes, I was charged back for the commission I had earned, but better than have a disgruntled customer who might bad mouth me or my company to his colleagues.

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision between a vehicle and a parked vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Telephone fraud scam reported on 17 Mile Drive.

Carmel area: Unknown person(s) broke a vehicle window on Highway 1 and stole a backpack from inside.

Carmel area: Female on San Luis Avenue stated mail was stolen from her mailbox.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was towed from Fifth and San Carlos for expired registration over six months.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to bathroom stalls at PGHS.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle burglary occurred on Fountain Avenue while the vehicle owner was at work.

Pacific Grove: A 23-year-old male on Ocean View Boulevard was cited at 2130 hours for improperly storing a handgun.

Pacific Grove: Concerned resident reported an open door to a neighbor's residence on Melton Place.

Carmel Valley: A welfare check was conducted on an elderly female on Carmel Valley Road.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Lincoln and 10th for displaying false tabs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated criminal threats made by a juvenile female to an adult female on Ocean west of San Carlos by telephone call. Report was forwarded to DA's office for

prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Arrested a 16-year-old juvenile on Sunset Drive for violation of probation.

Pacific Grove: Dog at large on David Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury accident on Forest Avenue. Information exchange.

Pacific Grove: Verbal dispute on Ninth Street. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Citizen requested information about child behavior problem assistance.

Carmel area: Vandalism occurred at a vacant business on Carmel Rancho Lane.

Pebble Beach: Vehicle burglary reported on 17 Mile Drive.

Carmel Valley: Three males walked into the Mid Valley Center Safeway at 2241 hours and stole two 30-packs of Coors Light.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to a Highway 1 address for a domestic.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to the report of a pedestrian (adult male) down on the roadway at Junipero and Ninth. Upon arrival, male showed signs of alcohol intoxication and low blood sugar. While being evaluated by medical, the male was recognized as a man contacted earlier who failed to pay a bill at a local restaurant. The male was advised about the outstanding tab and provided officers with the funds to deliver to the restaurant. The male was

then transported to a local hospital.

Pacific Grove: Fire department personnel requested police assistance on Lobos. Forced entry into the residence to conduct a welfare check due to a carbon monoxide alarm sounding.

Pacific Grove: A woman came to the police department lobby to report that she had lost a personal item somewhere in Pacific Grove. Nothing matching the description in the PGPD system. No further information.

Pacific Grove: Unknown person(s) withdrew money from the Buena Vista Avenue resident's bank account.

Pacific Grove: A dog was found on Fountain Avenue. The dog was taken to the PGPD city yard. Owner was contacted and notified. The owner will be picking up the dog. No further information.

Pacific Grove: A female on Short Street reported an unknown person kicked and hit her front door. No suspect information at this time.

Pacific Grove: Two subjects came to the door at a Lobos residence. Believed to be law enforcement looking for a former resident.

Pacific Grove: Disagreement between two males on 14th Street. No injuries. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Contacted a known transient on Lighthouse Avenue who provided the officer with a passport he located. TracNet revealed the owner reported the passport stolen in February

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JERRY

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Contact Jerry at jerry@jerrygervase.com.

CALLS

From page 18RE

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Courtesy report taken to document the loss of passports for purposes of boarding a plane.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 39-year-old male Upper Walden resident self-surrendered for a traffic warrant. He was booked and released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person at San Antonio and Eighth lost small bag with two rings.

Pacific Grove: A female on Moreland was concerned because her ex-boyfriend said he was on top of a mountain.

Pacific Grove: Report of a male on a bicycle on Forest Avenue taking photos.

Pacific Grove: While working the front desk, officer contacted by a citizen about a resident who puts cones out and parks unattached trailers next to his home. The officer contacted the resident and left a message about the complaint. The resident called back and stated that he did not think parking his trailers and cones were an issue due to the fact that he has no neighbors in the area. The officer referred him to the new municipal code as well as having unattached trailers parked on the street. Resident asked that police call him if there are further problems with parking or his vehicles being a problem in the area. Nothing further at this time.

Pacific Grove: Graffiti on girl's bathroom wall at PGHS on Sunset Drive.

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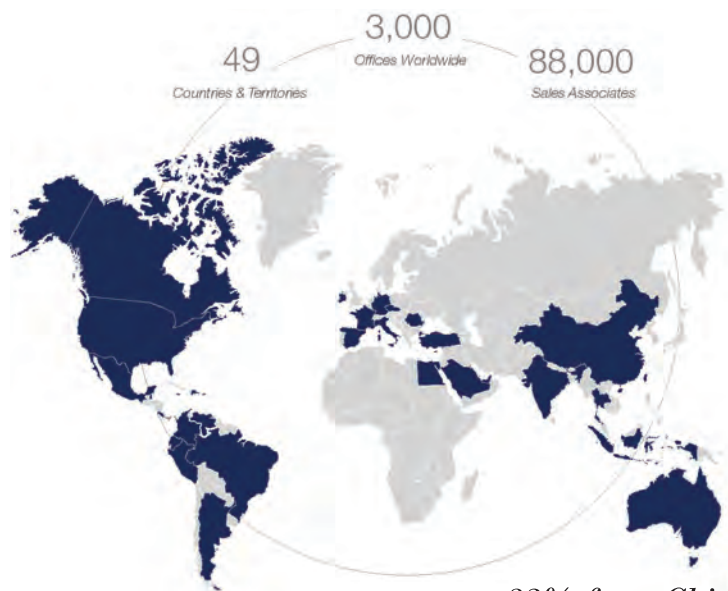
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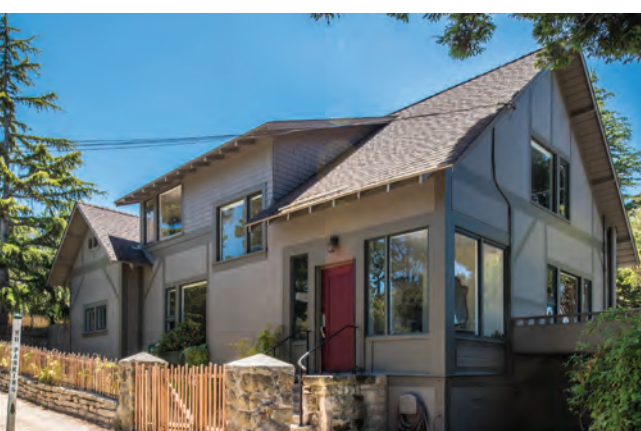
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Experience life at Forest Hill with our new rental option.

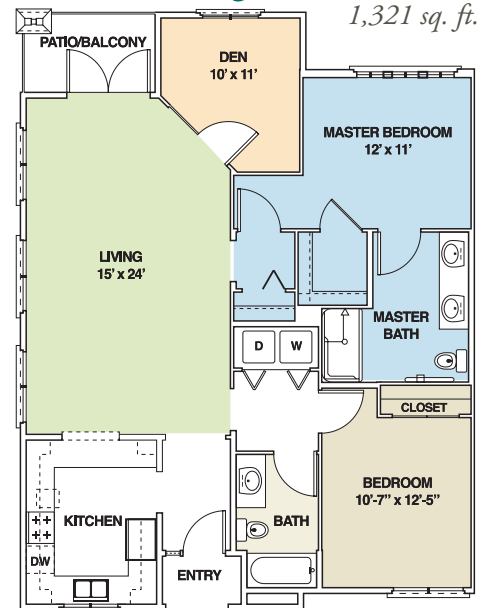
Set in a grand hotel originally built in 1924, Forest Hill features breathtaking views of the Pacific and Monterey Bay — and within this beautiful community offering independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing care, you'll find so many extras. Residents have full access to our 1,000 square-foot Atrium Fitness Center, enriching social, recreational and cultural activities, and dining includes 12-hour "anytime" service. Now, in addition to the continuing care agreement, we're offering rental options for independent living with no large upfront entrance fee.

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- Views of both the Pacific and the Monterey Bay
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- 12-hour “anytime” dining from 7 am to 7 pm
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