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CHOMP DEPLOYS ROBOTS TO HELP WITH CHORES

By KELLY NIX

THEY CAN fetch supplies, deliver lab samples, open doors and even pose for selfies, but two new Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula workers don't look anything like their colleagues.



PHOTO/COURTESY CHOMP

Nurses at CHOMP have two new helpers. Called Moxi, the robots help perform simple tasks that allow nurses to spend more time with patients.

Starting March 15, the hospital will begin using a pair of robots to help nurses with the aforementioned tasks and other small jobs, such as picking up medicine from the hospital's pharmacy. The robots, called Moxi, are developed by Diligent Robotics and are programmed to navigate busy hospital environments in order to improve efficiency and allow hospital workers more time to care for patients.

'Excited'

Nurses spend nearly one-third of their work time getting supplies, so automating the robots to do specific tasks "enables nurses to operate at the top of their training and skills and spend more time with patients," according to Community Hospital, which said tests have shown the robots are effective.

"The robots are bringing smiles to our employees," hospital spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone. "Many are excited to see how the robots will help with routine non-patient-facing tasks."

Using machine-learning technology, the robots, which are being leased, "use an array of sensors to map the hospital and have a

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Council ends Covid rules

■ Puts restaurants, tasting rooms on notice

By MARY SCHLEY

RESTAURANTS THAT have more than their legal share of outdoor seating and tasting rooms serving wine outside no longer have the rights to do so, following a vote by the city council Tuesday to end the "local emergency within the city due to Covid-19" that began in March 2020. But they'll have at least until the end of the year to conform with the laws.

After Monterey County's health officer, Dr. Edward Moreno, three years ago ordered many businesses to close and imposed a ban on indoor dining in restaurants, the city's own emergency Covid declaration authorized city administrator Chip Rerig to bend some local rules, including letting restaurants and tasting rooms serve patrons outdoors, allowing more signs in the public right of way and in businesses, letting restaurants have outdoor heaters and speakers, and other dispensation.

No more leeway

Ending the city's emergency would technically mean an end to all that flexibility, planning director Brandon Swanson told the council March 7, unless the council decided to give business owners a grace period to either

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Sewer extension coming to Carmel Valley Road

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO REPLACE an aging and failing septic system at the Carmel Valley Manor — and bring sewer service to numerous households and businesses that also depend on septic — an \$8 million effort will soon get underway to install a new sewer main beneath Valley Greens Drive and Carmel Valley Road.

Mandated by the Monterey County Health Department, the new line will be connected to the Carmel Area Wastewater District's treatment plant adjacent to Carmel River Lagoon.

Described as a "massive undertaking" by Jay Zimmer, the president and CEO of Carmel Valley Manor, the job

is expected to take a year to finish and will cause delays that will inconvenience motorists on Carmel Valley Road during construction.

"We'll work diligently to communicate the construction schedule and impact on motorists so it can go as smoothly as possible," Zimmer said.

Multiple benefits

Not only will the new system serve more than 400 residents and staff at the Carmel Valley Manor retirement community, it will make it possible for the Monterey County Regional Fire District station on Carmel Valley Road, Carmelo School, All Saints Day School and Quail Lodge, along with numerous residences and businesses in the same area, to connect their facilities to the main.

"Previously developed parcels directly adjacent to the proposed pipeline alignment would have the opportunity

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Beach fire ban on its way

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PRACTICE of kicking the beach-fire can down the road is coming to an end as the city council prepares to impose a permanent ban on wood fires while allowing propane devices — but only south of 10th Avenue.

Council members on Tuesday evening agreed to follow through on the promise they made last fall to outlaw wood fires after several years of allowing people to burn them in a handful of city-provided pits during the evenings from late spring to early fall.

The new ordinance will mean changing the municipal

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One big slide is almost cleared, while another could take months

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE OF Big Sur's two major slides is expected to be cleared by the end of the month, while the other looks likely to keep road crews busy for some time.

According to Caltrans, repairs at the Mill Creek Slide "are in their final stages." The site, which became inundated with rocks and mud Jan. 14, is located near the intersection of Highway 1 and Nacimiento Fergusson Road.

No additional slides — yet

During the relatively dry weather since mid-January, "the slope above the roadway has maintained its integrity," Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans reported Tuesday. "Temporary concrete barriers still need to be installed along the southbound travel lane while permanent guardrail is being manufactured. A small number of additional repairs still need to be made which require a period of dry weather before they can be accomplished."

Approximately 30,000 cubic yards of material has been removed from the site.

As long as the weather cooperates, Highway 1 at Mill

See **BIG SUR** page 12A

Rare Shelby Cobra at center of custody battle

■ Lawsuit claims family member stole it

By KELLY NIX

ONE OF the 1960s' most prized vehicles is the focus of a bizarre trial in Monterey over who rightfully owns a sports car said to be worth more than \$1 million.

On Wednesday, a Monterey jury heard opening statements in a case involving custody of a rare and highly collectible 1966 Shelby Cobra 427. Arlys Velebir of Orange County alleges that her late husband, James, bought the Cobra new in 1966 before storing it at his brother's house in Montana in 1980. Velebir said she still holds the keys and original title for the sports car.

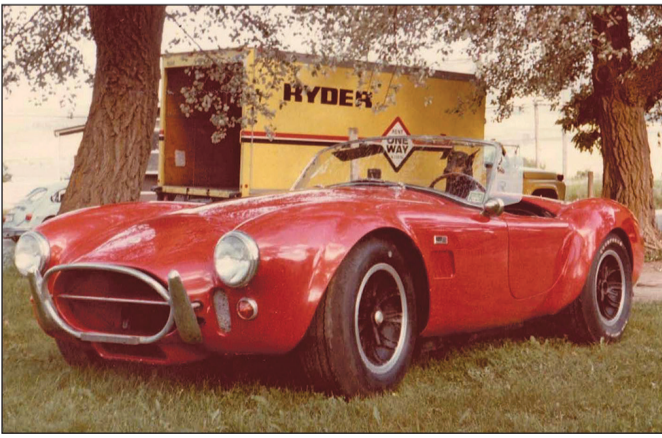
"His brother agreed to store the Cobra for James indefinitely because of their familial relationship," Velebir said in her February 2019 lawsuit. "Similarly, my husband trusted his brother, Dennis, to securely store the Cobra for him because of that relationship."

But Velebir claims that in 1989, nine years after the brother agreed to store the roadster for Velebir's husband, he sold it without the owner's permission to Wisconsin car dealer Stauffer Classics Ltd. for

\$275,000.

The Cobra could be worth more than \$1 million today. "My husband's brother participated in a sequence of events designed to illegally sell the Cobra and fraudulently

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A Pebble Beach couple has owned this 1966 Shelby Cobra for nearly two dozen years, but a woman is suing them and others, claiming she's the rightful owner.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Pining for playmates

WHEREVER THEY'VE lived, and they've moved 10 times throughout their marriage, they've always had a dog. Yet, nearly two years ago, they moved to the canine capital of the country without one.

"I'd sit on a bench in downtown Carmel watching a parade of dogs go by, and I'd say, 'Can I pet your dog?'" she recalled. "That's when I knew I needed to get another one. Sometimes I like dogs more than people."

Rudy Valentine is a 2-year-old Labradoodle, born to two Labradoodles in Eureka and brought home to Pebble Beach when he was still just a little bit of a thing. Now, he weighs 70 lbs.

Rudy loves to go to Carmel Beach, his person says, but he's developed a bad habit. He'll retrieve a ball four or five times before his head starts to wander, and his body follows, not to be retrieved.

"Rudy can run really fast. I actually asked a local trainer to help me figure out how to catch him and redirect his attention," his person said. "We've been working on it, but everyone and everything is a distraction."

When training her still-young doodle, she finds herself reminiscing about her previous doodle, Molly, and how well behaved she was.

"Girls tend to stick closer to their person," she said,



"Rudy has never met a stranger. He goes up to everyone on the beach. And, because the breeder had little kids, he perks up when he sees children, as if they are his."

Rudy's person was pondering names for her pup when she decided he looked like a Henry. She felt quite settled with her selection until one of her children announced that Henry was on the short list of names for their baby. Looks like Rudy's going to have a little child to play with after all.

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DOWNTOWN PICKING UP SEVERAL SMALL EVENTS FOR CAR WEEK

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE Concours on the Avenue a thing of the past and the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance no longer making a lunch stop on Ocean Avenue, community activities director Ashlee Wright told the city council Tuesday that a handful of much smaller Car Week gatherings will take place in town this year.

"Since Car Week 2022, staff have been having conversations with individuals and groups interested in reviving the Concours on the Avenue; however, nothing has come to fruition," she said. "COTA was a well organized, well executed event, but it was also a full-time job and only a break-even event in terms of finances."

While that doesn't mean such a large-scale event, which took up 16 city blocks at the center of town, will never return, there won't be anything that expansive held in the city this year, she noted.

In the meantime, she's been fielding requests from organizers of smaller, more curated shows.

"I'm excited for Car Week," she said, describing the proposed events as "thoughtful and interesting" and the applications as "very detailed and thorough."

Wright suggested the council OK a lineup that involves more gatherings on more days of the week, rather than restrict it to two major events held on Tuesday and Thursday of Car Week, as was decided in the past.

Electric cars and prancing ponies

"Based on the fact that neither large event is returning, staff is proposing a new plan to have events Monday through Thursday and up to two events per day that span no more than one or two blocks or occupy the footprint of the farmers market and include Devendorf Park," she said.

The weekly market is held on the blocks of Sixth Avenue and Mission Street that border the park.

Applications received so far include a new electric-vehicle show called Concours for a Cause to be held in the market footprint on Aug. 14 and the return of the Acura display in Devendorf Park Aug. 15. She received a request to hold an event on Aug. 16, also in the farmers market footprint, but didn't have any details yet, and on Aug. 17, the Prancing Ponies show has requested to return to Ocean Avenue, while the Ferrari Owners Club wants to hold its own concours on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh the same day.

Less strain

"Smaller events will reduce the strain on public safety and village infrastructure overall, but the door is still open for a larger COTA-type of event returning in the future," Wright said, adding that the lineup she presented is still a work in progress. "Staff and event organizers are working hard to get everything nailed down as quickly as possible to provide notice to the community."

Wright suggested trying out having smaller events on more days, and "if it doesn't work, we can go back to hoping that a larger COTA-like event comes back," she said.

While community members have said they want to see a return to larger shows, "we can't magic that up," Wright added.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov opposed hosting more events since there are fewer police officers on staff to work due to a labor agreement approved last fall. "Since under the new police contract, three positions were defunded, I'm still concerned how we're going to keep our

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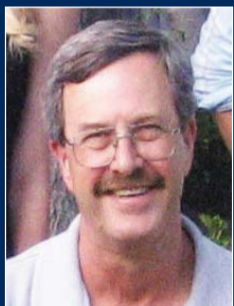
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Child left in car several times a week

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.

rested and transported to the county jail.

Carmel area: A 61-year-old male was arrested on Dolores Street for having an outstanding warrant.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Santa Rita Street resident said her computer had been hacked by her ex-boyfriend who was continually harassing her through social media. Resident reported this has been ongoing for the past three to four years. Resident initially requested an investigation but later changed her mind.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 51-year-old female Carmelo Street resident was arrested for battery on a spouse or cohabitant and was transported to Monterey County Jail, where she was held on \$5,000 bail.

Pacific Grove: Report of a theft from a vehicle on 13th Street.

Pacific Grove: A smartwatch was turned in as found property from the 600 block of Ocean View Boulevard. No owner information was available.

Big Sur: Sheriff's deputies investigated a report of domestic violence on Highway 1. One subject, a 52-year-old female, was ar-

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported losing her necklace while visiting Anton & Michel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report from Monterey County Adult Protective Services advised that resident of San Carlos south of Seventh was possibly being neglected by her adult son. APS investigator assigned to the case; no law enforcement investigation or response requested at this time.

Pebble Beach: An adoptive parent on Sloat Road requested assistance with juvenile issues. Resources were recommended.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Carmel area: Report of alleged financial abuse on Rio Road.

See POLICE LOG page 15 IYD in the In Your Dreams Section



The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni

Feb. 28 — Gonzales resident Jose Jesse Marquez, 31, was arraigned on felony animal abuse with an allegation that the crime involved a deadly or dangerous weapon (four counts), felony resisting a police officer and felony burglary. He was further charged with an enhancement for a prior strike conviction and numerous factors in aggravation. The Hon. Jennifer O'Keefe agreed with the People that bail was not appropriate in this case, ensuring that the defendant will not be released into the community absent a further court order.

It is alleged that at approximately 2:29 a.m. on Feb. 18, the defendant rode his bicycle to the Gonzales High School and entered the property to take a tool. While there, he became upset at his mother. He approached the barn area and stabbed multiple animals belonging to the students. Two lambs died, one lamb survived, and one pig survived. When contacted by law enforcement, the defendant refused to comply with officers' orders and threatened to commit violence toward the officer booking him. The defendant, who has

a 2018 domestic-violence-related strike conviction, faces up to 19 years and eight months in prison for these offenses.

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Gonzales Police Department at (831) 675-5010.

March 2 — Salinas resident Clifford Meyer, 51, was convicted following a jury trial of elder abuse in violation of penal code section 368(b)(1); False Imprisonment of an elder adult, in violation of penal code section 368(f); and two enhancements for Great Bodily Injury on an Elder Adult, in violation of Penal Code section 12022.7(c). The charges stemmed from an incident that occurred in May 2022. The Hon. Judge Rafael Vazquez presided over the trial.

In May 2022, Jane Doe, the 81-year-old victim in the case, was found by police officers in her home after her foster son, Meyer, called 911 to report that he had tied Doe up because she had been scratching

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City sees some interest in overdue police station remodel

By MARY SCHLEY

A HALF-DOZEN architecture firms showed interest in taking on the remodel of the 55-year-old police station and adjacent public works building by showing up for a pre-proposal meeting and tour of the complex last week, according to public works director Bob Harary. Last month, the city council decided to scrap all the previous proposals and iterations of the remodel, which has been discussed, debated and delayed during the past six years, and seek a new architect to make a fresh start.

Over the past few years, the council has allocated \$3.3 million to the remodel, but little of it has been spent, other than on a project manager contracted to oversee the effort. Last year, the architect that had been working on it withdrew, and rather than hire a new one to take over, the council in December 2022 decided to set the whole project aside and form a committee to determine what to do next.

Mayor Dave Potter and councilman Jeff Baron subsequently met with the city administrator, acting police chief, public works director, planning director, building official and the project manager, and toured the site. Based on the information they gathered, they advised, and the rest of the city council agreed, to ask "architectural firms with a strong practice in police department design and rehabilitation" to submit proposals for taking on the overhaul.

Needs work

The city advertised for applications starting Feb. 21, held the required tour Feb. 28 and answered questions from potential bidders this week. Firms interested in the project must submit their paperwork by March 14.

According to the pitch posted on the

city's website, the complex "requires substantial maintenance, repairs, code updates and specific operational improvements to enhance the work environment and its functionality, particularly as a police building."

The firm that gets the job will first identify all the improvements necessary just to "meet the current standards of practice and work environment for a police facility in a community with the activity level and size of Carmel-by-the-Sea," including safety and security requirements, current technology and ergonomics.

"For example, the electrical system needs to be designed to meet current and anticipated demands for adequacy, security and resiliency," according to the document. "The air handling system, plumbing, security features and associated hazard abatement may all need to be addressed during the renovation of the facility with regard to employee health, law enforcement needs, and the upgrading of all systems to current standards and codes."

'Deteriorated'

In addition, Carmel P.D. and public works share a lot of systems and components that are "deteriorated due to age, maintenance backlog and use."

"It will require a major investment to repair and upgrade the building," considering many essentials, like the roof, electrical distribution systems, backup power, HVAC, plumbing, the boiler, roll-down doors will need to be fixed or replaced altogether, according to the city's posting.

Whichever firm gets the job will also estimate the life of the building should all the necessary work be done and will provide cost estimates for various options, from doing the bare minimum to

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County animal shelter gets \$233K

■ Money to improve care, spay/neuter rate

By MARY SCHLEY

HITCHCOCK ROAD Animal Services, the shelter serving the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey, received \$233,000 in taxpayer-funded grants through a program called California for All Animals to build resources for shelter pets, field officers and owners, according to the Monterey County Health Department. Introduced a year ago, the initiative is administered by the shelter program at UC Davis and “reflects California’s commitment to ending euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals in shelters and creating communities where all pets and their people, no matter where they call home, have access to the resources, relationships and opportunities they need to thrive.”

A round of grants in the spring focused on keeping pets in their homes through shelter programs and clinics, “so that every at-risk animal can receive the right care in the right place at the right time and to the right outcome,” while fall grants benefited spay/neuter clinics. The county shelter received \$190,030 in the spring round and \$43,200 in the fall.

Civil grand jury

Death rates at the county shelter and the City of Salinas shelter, which were considering consolidating at the time and have since done so, were the subject of a 2017-2018 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury report that found the county euthanized 898 cats and 331 dogs during the 2016-2017 fiscal year, with similar numbers in the previous two fiscal years.

“Euthanized cats have typically either entered the shelter from an owner who has consented to euthanasia, or are feral and ill, very young or old and not likely to survive on their own,” according to the report, with about 70 percent of the cats entering

the shelter being put to sleep over a three-year period.

The grand jury recommended the county try to stem the influx of stray cats by creating “a more aggressive spay/neuter program coupled with more education and outreach regarding owner responsibility.”

While nearly 80 percent of the dogs that entered the shelter were adopted out, returned to their owners or transferred to rescue organizations, shelter animals that were euthanized were generally too ill or too aggressive to be rehomed or turned over to a rescue group, or were “showing signs of stress due to being caged for a long period of time,” according to the report.

The City of Salinas shelter reported euthanizing 839 cats in 2016-2017, which accounted for about 50 percent of those they took in, while 296 dogs were put to sleep that year, a similar percentage to the county shelter.

P.G. school nurse honored

A NURSE for Pacific Grove Unified School District was presented with an award from Rep. Jimmy Panetta for her work during the Covid-19 pandemic.

On March 2 at the PGUSD school board meeting, Panetta representative Xochitl Guerrero praised nurse Katrina Powley, saying that during the pandemic she went “above and beyond” to ensure the safety of students, staff and families.

“It is thanks to the efforts of public servants like Katrina that we were able to continue providing quality educational experiences for students during the height of the pandemic and return to a sense of normalcy as we emerge from it,” she said.

Powley helped design parent information nights and staff meetings, provided professional perspectives and safety protocols that helped guide the schools.

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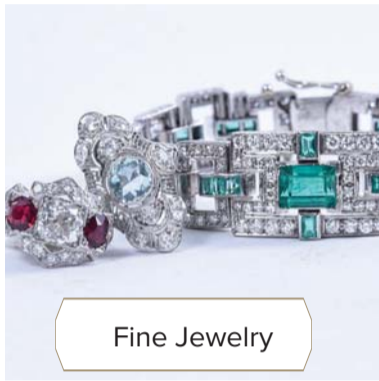
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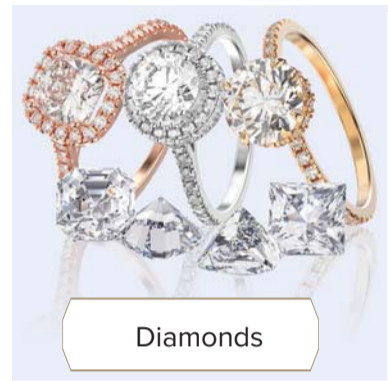
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Amid controversies, school board taking applications to fill vacant seat

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH TESS Arthur's sudden departure from the Carmel Unified School District board of education last month after being reelected in November 2022, the remaining board members unanimously voted Wednesday night to fill her seat by appointment rather than hold a costly special election.

Attorney William Tunick told the board March 8 that it could call for a special election — for which it would bear the entire, likely \$100,000-plus cost — or could appoint a replacement. During past vacancies, the board has opted to select a new trustee.

"Most districts faced with a vacancy will tend to go the appointment route to avoid the cost and to assure the seat is filled as quickly as possible," he said. A special election

wouldn't take place until November.

Board members expressed little interest in having an election and asked about the process for appointing Arthur's replacement.

After filing applications, having their paperwork reviewed by a subcommittee and being deemed eligible for the post, candidates will be questioned one at a time by the board at an open meeting, after which one will be selected.

Until November 2024

The appointed member will serve until the next time voters select their favorite school board candidates in November 2024. At that election, the new trustee areas created by the board last year will be in effect, so Tunick confirmed three candidates would be elected from their

districts and the fourth would be an at-large candidate.

Drew Lander, who challenged Arthur and fellow incumbent Sara Hinds — now serving as board president — in last November's election and came in third out of four candidates with a far distant 2,429 votes, encouraged the board to appoint someone to fill Arthur's seat.

"It's important to fill the board," he said, adding that he plans to apply for the seat.

"I fully support public education. I fully support all the students," he continued, and as the parent of a half-dozen children in district schools, he is "aware of the things that are done and the quality of our teachers."

Residents interested in replacing Arthur must file their applications by March 24, with the appointee set to be selected March 31. Visit carmelunified.org for more information.



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NEW CAMALDOLI HERMITAGE LOOKS TO SOLAR POWER FOR ITS FUTURE

By ELAINE HESSER

THE MONKS at the New Camaldoli Hermitage just south of Lucia — known for their Holy Granola, holiday fruitcakes and spiritual retreats — don't have natural gas, cell phone service or internet and aren't tied into any public water system or the electric grid.

For decades, the monks and employees who live there, as well as guests who visit to share in the abundant peace and quiet, have relied on generators to power lights, heat and other necessities.

That is, until a storm or fire closes the roads and they can't get propane to provide electricity for some 30 buildings, including 25 cells for monks, offices, the chapel, kitchen and guest rooms.

Gabe Quiroz, the hermitage's donor relationship manager, said that that's why they're planning to install solar panels and batteries. He added that the move fits in well with the Camaldolese brothers' theology.

"They have a lot of concern for the environment. It's part of their spirituality to acknowledge and take care of nature," Quiroz said.

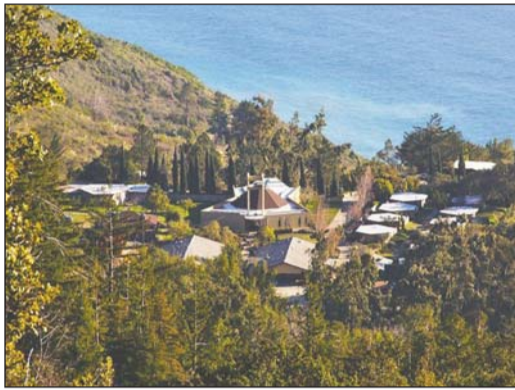
How much?

A power analysis has been conducted to see how much energy would be required to run the place and store enough power to operate even when there's no sunshine for two straight weeks. Also, Quiroz said, they're replacing older water heaters and some other appliances with more energy-efficient models.

He noted that the people who live there will do much of the labor, including clearing land on a hill behind the hermitage for the solar panels, but from the analysis, it

looks as if \$1.5 million will be needed to make the change.

They have about \$750,000 of that already, but Quiroz explained that a major funding source normally available to people who want to fund solar installations isn't feasible for this project. "When you have a power company, you sell back your



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The Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur is known for its isolation — including from things like cell phones and electricity.

unused energy to the grid, and this is how you pay back a loan to go solar," he said, but there is no grid for the unused energy to flow into.

Quiroz said it's difficult to find grants the project would qualify for, too. Some won't fund religious organizations, while others are for specific geographic areas or are industry-specific (for example, they might be tied to healthcare). That's why the hermitage relies heavily on donations for major upgrades like this one.

If you haven't been to see the New Camaldoli Hermitage, it's worth the long drive that ends in a winding road to the hilltop retreat. Weekday masses are usually open to the public, as are the grounds, which have roadside picnic tables.

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Thanks to history group, C.V. newspaper goes online

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN ITS latest effort to bring the past into focus, the Carmel Valley Historical Society just launched an online archive of Carmel Valley Outlook newspapers.

The archive, which is accessible at carmelvalleyhistoricalsociety.org, includes 868 editions of the newspaper from 1962 to 1981. The task was made possible by volunteers and a state library project, California Revealed, “that helps heritage organizations digitize, preserve, and provide online access to materials documenting the state’s history, art and cultures.”

The C.V. Historical Society called creating the archive one of its “most significant accomplishments.”

“We are terribly excited to provide access online to so much of Carmel Valley’s history,” said volunteer and resident Alan Crockett, who led the effort to digitize the publication. “The Outlook was a critical way of keeping up in this active and incredible community.”

Debuted in 1962

In the staff box of the first issue, which came out Feb. 1, 1962, Russell T. Branch Jr. is listed as the publisher, while Betty Branch is listed as the editor. The pair worked out of an office at Dorris Drive and Center Street.

One of the Outlook’s biggest early advertisers was the Hacienda Carmel retirement community — an ad in the first

issue announced that half of its units had been completed, and the rest would be ready June 1. Prices started at \$11,700.

The front page of the Dec. 13, 1962, Outlook juxtaposes two stories that could very well be from 2022 — one that delved into a debate about widening Carmel Valley Road, and another that announced the arrival of Santa Claus via helicopter for the annual holiday parade in the village.

While the Outlook often gave prominent coverage to local events like the opening of the Little League season or a fundraising bake sale — and frequently displayed photos on the cover of kids at play — the newspaper also dedicated space to important issues of the day. When President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, the Outlook ran only an illustration of a flag at half-staff on its front page.

Not in my backyard

The Outlook reported on Dec. 1, 1965, that the supervisors denied an appeal that sought to stop folksinger Joan Baez from opening her Center for Non-Violence in Carmel Valley. Some locals warned the center’s arrival would sink real estate values and “destroy the valley’s favorable image.”

In another example of the past resembling the present, a front-page article from January 1977 reported that a revision of the Carmel Valley Master Plan faced an

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BAN

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code and the city's local coastal program, which will require approvals from the planning commission, the city council and the California Coastal Commission.

Planning director Brandon Swanson said at the March 7 meeting that he was seeking "policy feedback" on an ordinance that would allow user-provided propane fires south of 10th Avenue a safe distance from the bluffs between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

City officials will have to justify the new law to the coastal commission by

articulating the reasons for the ban, which Swanson suggested could include reducing potential pollution of Carmel Bay from wood fires, avoiding wildfire risk from stray embers, and eliminating safety hazards to beach users due to fire debris.

Dangerous air?

After Mayor Dave Potter asked why air quality wasn't mentioned — especially because the potential danger of breathing wood smoke was the main argument used by proponents of a fire ban during year after year of public hearings — city administrator Chip Rerig said such findings weren't included because "we're not air-district specialists."

He noted that in 2016, when efforts to control wood fires began, people were sabotaging air monitors by blowing cigar smoke into them and the like.

"It was pretty maniacal, to the point where the air district director actually came and hung them in trees and camouflaged them," Rerig said.

Potter and councilwoman Karen Ferlito suggested the Monterey Bay Air Resources District could help provide air-quality-related justification for stopping wood fires.

"That was one of the strongest things we had going for us when we did appear at the coastal commission many years ago," Ferlito said. "The health implications of wood smoke are very important."

She also suggested the new law specifically prohibit burning driftwood, which releases dioxins.

"People are very tempted by all the driftwood," she said. "And that's something that people don't know about. They don't realize they're poisoning themselves when they throw driftwood on the fire."

Temporary restrictions on beach fires expire in mid-May, Swanson also said, so to avoid reverting to the original municipal code that allowed an unlimited number of wood fires on the sand, the council should enact a stop-gap ordinance continuing the ban until a permanent law is in place.

No one from the public spoke on the once-controversial issue, and with the council's consensus, Swanson agreed to return in April or May with an emergency ordinance that would take effect immediately following approval. His department will also begin drafting the new law for the planning commission to review.



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BIG SUR

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Creek is estimated to reopen March 30, enabling motorists from the south to get a few miles closer to Lucias.

An enormous amount of dirt

But to get the highway open all the way from Carmel to Cambria, Caltrans still has to clear a spot called Paul's Slide, just south of Lucia, which continues to frustrate residents and road crews. A hot spot for slides in recent years, it was also overwhelmed by rocks and debris during the January storms.

The amount of material to be removed at Paul's Slide is estimated to be on the order of 500,000 cubic yards. "This is more than 15 times more material than was removed" at two other recent major slides

in Big Sur, Drabinski reported.

It could take months before the slide is cleared. "Crews will continue to work all daylight hours seven days a week to make these repairs," Drabinski added.

With 'river' on the way, Big Sur urged to stock up

While a rainy winter has already saturated Big Sur's steep hillsides, more wet weather is on the way, and Monterey County officials asked residents Thursday to stock up on essentials in anticipation of more road closures and power outages.

"The Department of Emergency Management is urging residents and businesses in Big Sur stock up with at least two weeks of essential supplies in anticipation of an atmospheric river weather event," county spokesperson Maia Carroll said.

Significant rain was expected to begin late Thursday and continue Friday, with another storm forecast for next week.

Carroll reported that the new rain could cause flooding. "Current hydrographic estimates have all rivers rising, with the Big Sur River reaching 'action stage' and other Monterey County rivers getting close to 'action stage' by the weekend," she said.

PG&E urged residents to take the upcoming storms seriously and warned that power outages are expected. The energy company reported that "electric crews, distribution line technicians and system inspectors" are prepared to serve as the company's "first responders."

"The wind combined with heavy rain and flooding risks can lead to access issues for our crews if trees fail and roadways flood, which can result in longer outage durations for some customers," PG&E's Scott Strenfel said.

In response to the threat of "heavy rain, potential flooding and dangerous conditions," California State Parks is closing Andrew Molera State Park Friday, and campgrounds in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Friday and Saturday. Tours of the Point Sur Light Station Saturday have been canceled.

Limekiln State Park, meanwhile, is inaccessible because it's between two major slides. Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park remains open.

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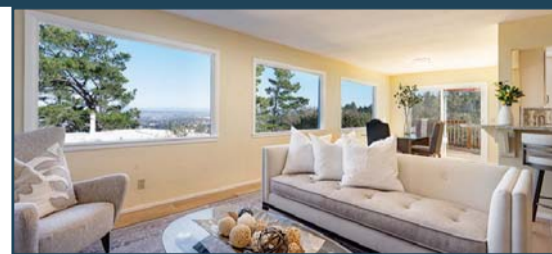


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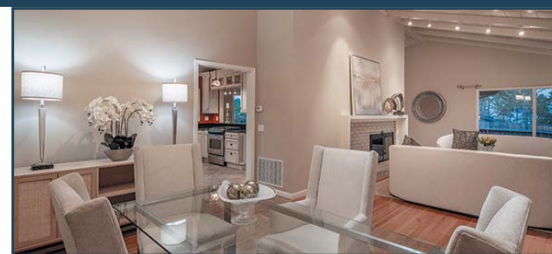
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Judge overrules water district fee

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY County judge has handed a taxpayer group a big victory by ordering the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to stop collecting a controversial “water supply charge” that amounts to millions of dollars in annual revenue.

On Friday, Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta said that the water district must stop collecting the charge it contends is necessary to pay for operating expenses and water supply projects. The Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, in a Sept. 28, 2021, lawsuit alleged the charge, which it said amounted to a tax, was unlawful.

Panetta released her decision March 3 following a Dec. 20 trial in Monterey. The charge generates \$3.4 million annually, or about 10 percent of the water district’s annual budget.

‘Clear cut’

Taxpayer association president Rick Heuer told The Pine Cone Monday that the group “expected to win” and called the case “clear cut.”

“This is a major win for taxpayers in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District boundaries,” Heuer said.

Water district general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone that the lack of the water charge “would not overly harm” the district’s day-to-day operations. However, he said a \$4 million loan the water district took out for its aquifer storage and recovery project is dependent on revenue from the water supply charge.

Asked if the district would appeal Panetta’s ruling, Stoldt said its board of directors would discuss options at a March 20 meeting. The district, he said, has incurred \$148,500 in expenses in its legal battle against the taxpayer association over the dispute, and added “there will be more.”

But Heuer said it’s time for the water district to start showing more respect for

the money it collects from its constituents.

“I hope the district does not waste more taxpayer dollars by appealing, but they have never cared much about spending taxpayer dollars in the past, so I don’t expect for them to begin now,” Heuer told The Pine Cone.

The backstory of the water supply charge is somewhat convoluted. In 2009, the California Public Utilities Commission determined that the water district could no longer collect the 8.325 percent user fee that Cal Am added to its customers’ bills and remitted to the water district. The fee, which the district had been collecting since 1983, amounted to about \$3.7 million, or about half, of the water district’s annual revenues at the time.

Three years later, facing such a huge deficit in the money it said it needed to operate, the water district decided to replace the user fee with the so-called water supply charge, despite facing overwhelming community opposition to the idea that resulted in more than 10,000 protest letters. Then, in 2016, the California Supreme Court overruled the Public Utilities Commission’s 2009 ruling and allowed the water district’s old user fee to go back into effect.

But instead of modifying or eliminating the water supply charge — which was spelled out in a sunset provision in the ordinance that created it — the water district continued to collect both fees, which the taxpayers group said violated the district’s own ordinance and amounted to “double dipping.”

What’s ‘available?’

The sunset provision in the ordinance was a significant point of debate between the two parties, and Panetta addressed it extensively in her ruling, including a sentence stating that the district shall not collect the water supply charge “to the extent

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COBRA

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conceal that sale,” according to the lawsuit.

That included the brother, Dennis Velebir, falsely stating in a 1989 affidavit that he owned the Cobra but had lost the original title, which Velebir claims allowed him to get a “second, but fraudulent, title to the Cobra and conceal his illegal sale.” Velebir claims that the brother took several other steps to conceal the sale from her and her husband and falsely represented himself as the owner of the Cobra.

Many owners

For nearly three decades after Dennis Velebir sold the Cobra, Velebir said she and her husband believed he was storing it. It wasn’t until early 2018 — a year after the husband died — that Arlys found out his brother no longer had it.

“After James passed away, Velebir wished to get the Cobra back on the road,” her lawsuit said. “She purchased insurance for the Cobra and researched regional Cobra experts.”

But after receiving no response from her late husband’s brother about getting the Cobra back, Velebir said in March 2018 she discovered that he “stole the Cobra” and sold it without the original title, keys or her permission.

Over the next several years, the Cobra changed hands numerous times, including to a Los Gatos Ferrari dealer, to Napa resident Wayne Holland, who restored the vehicle, and finally in 2000 to Pebble Beach residents Edward and Lisa Kinsey, who still have it.

In another twist, the brother died shortly after Arlys Velebir filed the suit against him, but he recorded his side of the story

on video. The people who purchased the Cobra after he allegedly sold it without permission, including the Kinseys, are listed as defendants.

Different story

During opening statements Wednesday, the Kinseys’ Monterey attorney, Andy Swartz, said his clients have had the car garaged since purchasing it in 2000.

And like the previous owners, the Kinseys have a pink slip for the car and had it licensed.

While Velebir contends her husband “cherished” his Cobra and “often” talked about it, Swartz said he lost complete interest in the vehicle after blowing its engine in 1969.

“He never insured the car, never drove the car, never asked about the car and never made any effort to confirm the location, condition or safety of the car after 1980,” Swartz said.

Furthermore, Swartz said that Dennis Velebir considered the inoperable Cobra a “fair trade” for his brother “taking” Dennis’ 1962 Dodge Polara “without paying him for it.”

“This was, and always has been, a family feud between Jim Velebir and his brother Dennis Velebir, both of whom are now deceased,” according to Swartz, who also said that Arlys Velebir never reported the car stolen to police.

But she contends she is the rightful owner and that the car was listed in their family trust as one of the assets. She’s seeking an unspecified amount in monetary damages exceeding \$25,000.

The trial is scheduled to resume Friday and is expected to last a couple of weeks.

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C.V. filmmaker nominated for documentary Oscar

By DENNIS TAYLOR

LIKE MOST “overnight” success stories, the journey of Monterey Peninsula native Conall Jones didn’t happen overnight and has sometimes felt like an arduous, uphill trudge.

But the view this weekend promises to be amazing for the kid from Carmel Valley — now a 40-year-old husband and dad — who will compete Sunday (5 p.m. on ABC and multiple streaming outlets) for one of the film industry’s most coveted awards at Hollywood’s glitziest party, the 95th Academy Awards.

Jones, a 2001 graduate of Carmel High School, is nominated for an Oscar in the Best Documentary Short Film category for his work as a producer on “Stranger at the Gate,” the true story of a mentally scarred war veteran who scrapped his plan to bomb an Indiana mosque after he was warmly embraced by members of the Afghan community he intended to murder.

Director Joshua Seftel is also nominated for the 29-minute film, which you can view at [youtube.com/watch?v=G-Pbb1S6foM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-Pbb1S6foM). It will compete for the gold-plated statuette against “The Elephant Whisperers,” “Haulout,” “The Martha Mitchell Effect” and “How Do You Measure a Year?”

‘Surreal and emotional’

“It’s very surreal and pretty emotional. I never dared to dream that I might reach this point in my career, I guess because I never wanted to feel disappointed,” Jones said. “And I’m also thinking, ‘Do I even deserve this?’ Josh and I were nominated, but there was a whole team behind us, and I feel like my nomination represents everybody who

worked on the film.”

That team included Pakistani female education activist Malala Yousafzai — the winner of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize at age 17 — who came aboard as an executive producer. She’s become so well known that people recognize her first name.

“We wanted a recognizable advocate and created a ‘dream list’ of people who might be the best spokesperson to communicate the message of our film,” Jones said. “Malala, for us, was our moonshot. When you only have one name and everybody knows who you are, you go to the top of the list.”

The message? “As we were making the film, our feeling was that people actually have more in common than we think,” he said. “If everybody would just sit down and talk, we’d probably find we have ideas, beliefs and values that are more similar than we could have imagined.”

Among the laurels already bestowed upon “Stranger at the Gate” are Best Documentary Short at the Tribeca Film Festival, the Grand Prize at the Indy Shorts International Film Festival, the Audience Award for Documentary Short at the Virginia Film Festival, and a nomination for Best Short Documentary at the Critics’ Choice Documentary Awards.

“My role is to prep everything: I figure out where we’re going to film, who we’ll film with, what we’ll talk about,” said the producer, who also did the on-screen interviews in the film. “I present all of that to the director, like a buffet. He gives me his feedback, and we go from there.”

Jones and a friend, Alfred Seccombe (also CHS ’01), began experimenting as digital filmmakers while still in high school, a time when he also was working for his father, Michael Jones, a Carmel Valley caterer.

“I was basically a laborer, working a blue-collar kind of job with adults, which was sort of an adult experience,” he said. “I grew a lot from that.”

From Carmel High, Jones enrolled at San Francisco State, where his passion for documentary filmmaking blossomed. In 2005, the day after collecting his diploma,



PHOTO/COURTESY CONALL JONES

Carmel Valley’s Conall Jones (left) is Oscar-nominated for producing “Stranger at the Gate,” directed by fellow nominee Joshua Seftel (right).

he went to Los Angeles.

“I moved in with some friends, thinking, ‘Here I am ... show me the path to greatness here in Hollywood,’” he said. “And that’s just not how it works.”

Follow the girl

Jones headed for Utah after landing an internship with the Sundance Institute, the nonprofit film organization founded by Robert Redford, catering on the side to pay the bills, but moved back home a year later.

“Spiritually and financially, I had bottomed out. I felt kind of depressed and decided to get the hell out of the United States,” he said. “I moved to Prague and found a film job there almost immediately.”

Jones spent a year-and-a-half in the Czech Republic, where one of his employers was famed German director Wim Wenders (“Wings of Desire,” considered a classic).

“I worked for him on a short documentary, and it was very inspiring. That’s when I really started to get the documentary bug,” he said.

Jones followed a girlfriend to New York, where his career took a dramatic turn. He worked as a production assistant, then five years as an associate producer, and ultimately became a producer and director for NBC News, CNN, Lucasfilm, Nickelodeon and Netflix.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting of Tuesday, February 7, 2023, the City Council conducted the introduction and first reading, and at its meeting of Tuesday, March 7, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-007:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-007 AMENDING CARMEL MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) SECTIONS 17.14.040, 17.28.010, AND 17.70.020, TO PROHIBIT TIMESHARE AND FRACTIONAL INTEREST USES, AS WELL AS ADVERTISING AND SALE THEREOF, IN A MANNER FULLY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT (CA SECTION 30510)

AYES: Council Members Baron, Dramov, Ferlito, Richards, Potter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None. This Ordinance was enacted and will go into effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available in the Clerk’s Office, Monte Verde, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 93921. If you wish to challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall at, or prior to, the public hearing.

/s/ Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk
 Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA
 Dated: March 8, 2023

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 March 10, 2023
 (PC330)

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"I also worked for Morgan Spurlock ('Super Size Me') for four years, which was an incredible time, and then got hired by Michael Moore ('Roger & Me,' 'Bowling for Columbine,' 'Sicko') when he was making 'Fahrenheit 11/9,'" he said of the documentary which, among other things, chronicles corruption and inaction surrounding the tainted water supply in Flint, Mich., including the role of the Trump Administration. "I worked side by side with him for several months, a lot of late nights, watching his process," Jones recalled.

Breaking the law

He remembered an early email Moore sent to his crew that said, "Be ready to break the law — we're going full-in on this thing, and I need you with me."

"And we actually did break the law a few times," said Jones who drove a van that blew past security guards to enter Mar-a-Lago with Moore in the passenger seat and film and sound personnel hiding in the back.

"We were parked across the street at a Seven-11, and Michael said, 'OK, we need to have our most conservative-looking guy at the wheel,' and everybody immediately looked at me," he remembered with a laugh. "I didn't even slow down — just waved and shouted, 'Just droppin' off...' like I'd been there a hundred times before. And they waved me through."

Jones' "Stranger at the Gate" opportunity came thanks to a recommendation from a colleague he'd met while working on a Netflix project. The realization that they had created something special came slowly.

"We didn't get into Sundance, didn't get into Berlin, didn't get into South by Southwest — those are basically the first stops on the festival circuit — and it was like, 'Oh, man, there's something wrong. For whatever reason, our film isn't resonating,'" he said.

But winning Best Documentary at Tribeca changed the momentum. One of Hollywood's most-respected awards columnists, Scott Feinberg of the Hollywood Reporter, included "Stranger" on his "short list" of likely Oscar nominees. And when the nominations were announced in January, he picked the documentary to win the Oscar.

Then, the New Yorker signed on as the distributor of the film.

Spielberg cried

On Feb. 27, Jones, Seftel and Malala were invited to attend the Oscar Nominees Luncheon at the Beverly Hilton, where he kibitzed with multiple celebrities, including Stephen Spielberg, whose Righteous Persons Foundation had helped fund "Stranger."

"We met him less than a minute after we got there. When we introduced ourselves, we weren't even sure he

knew his foundation was connected to our film or if he had seen it," Jones said.

"And he said, 'Oh, I've watched it three times, and I cried in three different parts!' That was an amazing moment for us."

Jones and his wife, Jasmine Ballou Jones, a set decorator and production designer, will attend Sunday's event. Their 3-year-old daughter, Juliette, opted to stay behind because her grandmother, Jane Chaney (Jones' mom) is baking a cake for the occasion.

Hagen Clothing of Carmel provided Jones with his tuxedo, shirt, bowtie, socks and shoes for the big night, and also gave him the shirt and tie he wore at the nomination luncheon.

"I don't think I've ever worn a tux before, and I'm not sure I'll ever wear it again," said Jones, who still lives in Carmel Valley. "There aren't many opportunities like that in Carmel Valley."

More information about the film can be found at strangeratthegate.com.

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Troubled war veteran Richard McKinney (left) planned to bomb a mosque but converted to Islam after being warmly embraced by Muslims like Jomo Williams and Saber and Bibi Bahrami.



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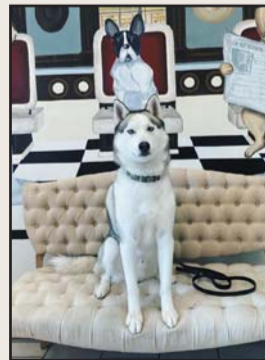
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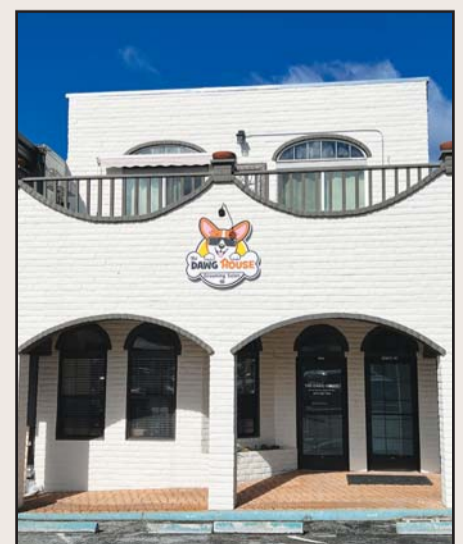
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Rossana Giannini

June 17, 1970 - Feb. 27, 2023
Prunedale, CA

Rossana Giannini, age 52, of Prunedale, CA died courageously on February 27, 2023, after a battle with kidney cancer.

Rossana was born in Santiago, Chile and moved to Monterey in 2005 to attend Monterey College of Law. She worked as a Spanish teacher to fund her schooling and eventually graduated in 2012 with her J.D. Rossana then opened a tax office in Pacific Grove. She worked closely with the Small Business Development Centers in Salinas and San Jose, CA. She married her husband in 2013 and became a citizen of the US.

Rossana loved her work as a tax and law professional. She will be missed dearly by everyone that she touched. Her cheerfulness was contagious and her quest for beautification and harmony was inspiring.

She is survived by her husband, Matthew Louks of Prunedale; her grandmother, Nenita; mother, Pilar Mejia and father, Manuel Giannini; and four sisters, Elizabeth, Lissa, Vesna and Valentina of Santiago, Chile.

There will be a memorial for Rossana at noon on Saturday, March 11, at the 13th Avenue picnic area on Carmel Beach. All friends are welcome.

ROBOTS

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mechanized arm to navigate multiple types of doors, including those that require badge access," and they won't bump into people or objects in hallways, the hospital said.

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WILLIAM WALLACE EGGLESTON

William Wallace Eggleston, 92, of Flagstaff, Arizona, passed away on February 14, 2023, surrounded by family.

William, known as Bill, was born to Ralph and Dorothy Eggleston on November 14, 1930, in Buffalo, New York. Bill was a proud University of Michigan graduate, who earned a master's in mathematics and statistics. Go Blue! He was a veteran of the Korean War. Bill spent his entire working career with IBM, starting as a marketing representative and retiring as corporate vice president of quality. He was especially proud to have been the first chief judge of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. To quote Bill, "I just feel lucky. I had a great family, I worked for a great company, and I led a good life."

Bill is survived by loving partner Carrol Rothe Galanti; his siblings, Nancy and Trey; his children, Dave and Nancy; his grandchildren, Patrick, Katie, Melissa and Jack; and his great-grandsons, Henry and Hudson. Bill was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Gillespie Eggleston.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. on April 22 at St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Pacific Grove.

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They were made possible through funds from Montage Health Foundation, the hospital's philanthropic fundraising arm. No jobs were replaced by the robots, and Sciuto said the hospital may eventually lease more of them.

Deborah Sober, the hospital's vice president of nursing, said in the first couple of weeks since the robots were introduced to employees, they are seeing "positive impacts it is making on our staff's efficiency and overall mental well-being."

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Clifford Audley Deupree

June 29, 1936 - March 3, 2023

Cliff passed away peacefully, at the age of 86, on the afternoon of Friday, March 3rd, with his daughters and sons-in-law by his side. His last wish was to go home to God and Ruby, his wife of 60 years.

Cliff spent his young life on the south side of Chicago with his mother, aunt, uncle and two sisters. An accomplished athlete, Cliff accepted a football scholarship to Iowa State where he studied industrial engineering. Before his departure from Chicago, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Ruby. After the birth of their first child, they went back to Chicago where he finished his degree, with honors, from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Cliff's career took him all over the world, leaving him and Ruby with a love of the west. They explored the back roads of Colorado to California, and along the way, acquired life-long friends that often remarked on his fun-loving storytelling and boyish charm. Upon retirement he and Ruby moved to Carmel, finally settling in Carmel Valley. In 2004, the love of Cliff's life suffered a terrible stroke. Cliff lovingly devoted himself to her care and recovery for 13 years, and through this dedication, left a legacy that will live in the hearts of many.

Cliff is survived by his two loving daughters, Debbie and Lisa; sons-in-law, George and Jim; his grandchildren, Justin, Ashley and Lexi; his great-grandchildren, Clifford, Brady, Gray and Georgia, and many special friends. He was predeceased by his mother, Althea; his Aunt Audrey; his sister, Thea and his twin Claudia.



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RULES

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bring their operations back into compliance or apply to make the changes permanent.

And in the case of tasting rooms, he added, outdoor service would require a change to the code, which demands that all businesses — with a few exceptions, principally restaurants — operate within the confines of their buildings.

Avoiding layoffs

Monique Black, who owns the recently opened Chez Noir restaurant across the street from the post office with her husband, chef Jonny Black, said rescinding the proclamation wouldn't affect the number of outdoor seats they have but would prevent them from having enough heaters and lights to keep outdoor customers safe and comfortable.

The restrictions would be "counter to the safety of my guests and certainly to their comfort," she said. "I'm not allowed to have any lights other than pathway lighting, and very limited heaters."

The stationary heaters that were permitted are "not enough," she continued. "My understanding is I'm not allowed to have any additional propane heaters," which would mean the restaurant's outdoor seats would be useless much of the time, as guests couldn't be warm or safe while eating in the dark.

"I think that should all be looked at," she said.

Kristen Ridout, who opened Toro on Dolores Street with her husband, Stephen Wilson, in 2020 during the pandemic, said most of its seating is outside.

"I rely on that quite a bit for money, honestly," she said. "We use the extra seating every day."

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Howard 'Marshall' Benjamin

April 19, 1939 - February 20, 2023

Marshall was born at the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital in Los Angeles, California — growing to a tall blonde handsome man with a heck of a sense of humor. A "Valley" boy, he attended Birmingham High where he lettered in football and baseball, then spent two years at Williston Prep. School in Massachusetts, lettering in the same sports.

In the third grade he met his life-long buddy, Pat Connelly, and a year later, Skip Townsend. It was the 1950s — a great time for kids to grow up in the San Fernando Valley.

After two years in the Army National Guard, Marshall started classes at USC — joining Phi Kappa Psi fraternity for a lot of fun, and a few beers at the "901 Club."

Then on April 1, 1977, Marshall met Judy Lusk at Casey's Bar in Downtown Los Angeles. They married a year later. Marshall and Judy traveled a lot — all the states and many European countries, finally settling down in Carmel Valley, California. Here at Garland Park Marshall walked his dogs on the trails, in the hills and along the river.

But the best time of all for the Benjamins? ... fall and football and USC! Marshall and Judy did not miss watching one USC game in almost 46 years. "Who's calling those stinkin' plays?" was heard every season.

And so ... Marshall leaves behind his wife, Judy; his son, Erik; sister, Susan Stone; Beezee; his pals at Hertz; old-friend, Tim Townsend, and oldest-friend, Pat Connelly.

Marshall has "run the race." He is in the Heavenly realm with Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior.

We'll meet again, Marshall. We love you.
We miss you.

FIGHT ON!

She got temporary permission for 35 outdoor seats, while the original use permit under the former longtime restaurant there, Em Le's, allowed for eight.

"My landlord said he had applied for more seats but that was the max that he could get," she said. "While people say Covid is a thing of the past, I do have a lot of people requesting outdoor seating."

She asked the council to consider a grace period rather than demand immediate compliance.

"This would mean a lot for me," she said. "Otherwise, I would probably have to lay off some of my staff."

Her husband, Stephen Wilson, predicted that after the meeting, depending on the council's decision, "my wife and I will go home, we'll probably pour a whiskey, and we'll decide who gets to keep their jobs tomorrow."

Responding to a question from councilwoman Karen Ferlito, Rerig noted that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District allows restaurants to have the equivalent of half their indoor seats outside, without requiring additional water credits.

Mayor Dave Potter suggested, and councilman Bobby Richards agreed, that business owners be given a grace period while the council decides whether and how to change the laws to allow outdoor winetasting and to give

restaurants time to apply for changes to their use permits for more al fresco seating. Both processes would likely take several months at the very least.

After some discussion, the council unanimously voted to rescind the emergency proclamation and to give businesses until at least Dec. 31 to come into compliance while the council considers changing the code. In the meantime, Swanson will report back to the council with an update at the July 11 meeting.

Masks on, masks off

Also on Tuesday, the council voted to rescind most of its Covid-related health and safety measures, including prohibiting evictions of tenants who couldn't pay their rent due to Covid.

But it stopped short of getting rid of mask mandates. The most recent ordinance adopted by the council last November requires everyone to wear masks at public meetings if the Centers for Disease Control indicate the Covid infection rate in the county is at the medium or high level. On Tuesday, council members said they want to update the law at next month's meeting to require masking only when infection rates are high, rather than eliminate the protection altogether.

Natalie Samper Keeler

Natalie Samper Keeler of Carmel, California, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, on February 17, 2023, after a long illness. She was 91.



Born in Bogotá, Colombia, April 22, 1931, she was the second of three daughters of Jaime Samper Ortega (of Bogotá) and Doris Baldwin (of San Francisco). She grew up in Bogotá in the midst of a large extended family that included over 50 first cousins. At a young age, she enjoyed writing and performing in the plays she wrote and staged. She learned classical Russian ballet technique in Bogotá and taught children's ballet classes in the family home.

She attended the first English language school in Bogotá, El Colegio Nueva Granada, which was founded by her mother for the children of diplomats and WWII refugees; Anna Head School for Girls, Berkeley; Smith College, Northampton, Mass. and Mills College, Oakland, focusing her studies in French and Dance. As a young woman, she used her trilingual skills working at the Department of State in Bogotá in an administrative capacity.

With an eye toward becoming a professional ballet dancer, Natalie attended San Francisco Ballet School in the early 1950s, then under the tutelage of the original founders of the Ballet, brothers Harold, Lew and William Christiansen.

On January 28, 1956, in Berkeley, California, Natalie married Harry Keeler, a mechanical engineer and U.S. Navy combat veteran in the South Pacific during WWII. The newlyweds settled in Manhattan where Harry, a recent graduate of California Polytechnic State University, was offered his first engineering job. Shortly thereafter, the young couple moved to Natalie's birthplace, Bogotá, where Harry worked for General Electric and three of their children were born. A fourth child arrived after they moved to Berkeley in 1963. Then, in 1969 the family settled in Carmel, California.

In Carmel, Natalie taught ballet and exercise to children and adults at the Ballet Studio of Lilli Selvig in Sunset Center. Charmed by the wildlife near the studio, she was inspired to write a children's story about a mouse who dreamed of learning ballet. Natalie's six grandchildren adored her. As their beloved Nana, Natalie enjoyed caring for them, nurturing them, and sharing wisdom gained from her life stories, lessons and experiences.

Natalie volunteered for Meals-on-Wheels, caring for elderly people in her community. For many years she acted as the volunteer coordinator at the Yellow Brick Road. She was a member of Carmel Mission Parish, Casa Abrego Ladies Luncheon Club, and supported the Monterey Symphony and Carmel Bach Festival. Natalie had a keen mind and a great love for books, especially British murder mysteries and theology.

Her greatest source of pleasure came from spending time with close friends and cherished extended family. Over the years she and Harry welcomed numerous guests from near and far, from Colombia and the U.S., to the family's home in beautiful Carmel Point.

Natalie Samper Keeler is survived by her sister, Sylvia Samper Currea of Davis, California; her children, Marian Keeler (Peter Coyle) of San Francisco, Christopher Keeler (Patrice Biaggi) of Merced, California, Catherine Presher (Darren Presher) of San Francisco, Anthony Keeler (Mona Wiley) of Lafayette, California; six grandchildren, Ryan Keeler (Kelsey), Margaret Moreno (Mathew), Kathleen Shaw (Ryan), Joseph Finberg, Ella Presher, Andy Presher; two great-grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces in Colombia and the United States.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Harry Keeler (2008) and cherished sister Doris Samper Balfour (2018).

A funeral mass will be celebrated at the Carmel Mission. Please contact the family for details. A private interment service at Cypress Lawn Cemetery, Colma, will take place at a later date.

Natalie was known for her loving presence, generous spirit and elegant demeanor. She offered counsel and conscience in a gentle way throughout our lives. Blessed with both inner and outer beauty, her smile and warmth defined her. We miss her grace and her adoring love for her family.

The family is most grateful to her kind and loving caregivers who looked after Natalie during her illness, as well as to her attentive and caring neighbors at the Arroyo Carmel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Natalie's name may be made to Catholic Charities of the U.S. or Doctors Without Borders.





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‘Jewel of a show’ gives young artists first chance to see creations on display

AT THE Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, where the show, “Thinking Out Loud,” opened last Saturday, student-artists from throughout Monterey County saw their work on display — in some cases, for the first time.

The digital arts instructor at Monterey High School, Martha Tonkin was there to see how some of her students reacted to all the attention. She said roughly 100 people

showed up for the reception, despite rain. “The best part of this annual event for me is watching the young artists see their

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

work hanging in a professional art gallery,” Tonkin told The Pine Cone. “There were a lot of big smiles and hugs.”

The teacher called the display, which includes art by more than 150 local high school students, a “jewel of a show.” “Cherry Center executive director Robert Reese, with assistance from his assistant, Cathy Kobre, did an exquisite job of hanging the exhibit,” she said.

Tonkin said the annual show does wonders for promoting creativity along kids. “Having shows like this available to our young artists is a real game-changer for students as it gives them an unforgettable taste of what having a career as a professional artist might feel like,” she added.

The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. — or by appointment. The show continues through March 25.

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“Incense” by Ashlynn Gong is included in a show at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

ARCHIVE

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“antagonistic audience” that delivered “boos and catcalls.”

In January, 1980, the Outlook reported on the debate over whether or not a new dam should be built along the Carmel River that would “dwarf” the size of the Los Padres and San Clemente dams.

In 1981, the Outlook became part of The Pine Cone, which announced in its April 2 edition that the two newspapers had merged.

For the next 12 years, the Outlook was listed alongside The Pine Cone on the publication’s front page banner.

Now that the Outlook has been digitized and made available online, Crockett said the next goal is to do the same for the Carmel Valley Sun, which was published from 1981 to 1989.



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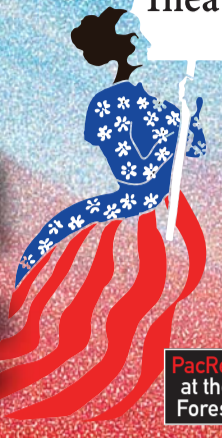
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Editorial

Harry and Meghan are safe

AFTER SPENDING 50 years doing everything they could think of to prevent cities and counties from approving development along the coast and in other “sensitive” parts of the state, the governor and state Legislature have suddenly pulled a donut and are demanding that housing be built in great numbers — including, as readers of The Pine Cone know well, 349 homes and apartments in the 1-square-mile City of Carmel, along with 1,125 in Pacific Grove, 3,654 in Monterey, 6,674 in Salinas and 616 in Seaside.

To understand just how much the state’s *volte-face* has upended housing politics, consider the would-be City of Carmel Valley, which was the subject of a fervid incorporation movement back in 2009, with proponents arguing that the bucolic valley was at the mercy of a pro-development county board of supervisors and the only way for residents to protect their rural lifestyle would be to have their own mayor, city council, planning staff and zoning code.

Little did they know that the opposite has become true. While Monterey County’s cities are facing extensive new-housing mandates from the state, the unincorporated areas – including Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, Carmel Highlands, Big Sur, Prunedale and, truth be told, about 90 percent of the county — will have to accommodate just 3,326 new homes and apartments. Which is to say, the cities have to do all the heavy lifting, and that would have included a City of Carmel Valley, if the valley’s no-growth incorporation advocates had gotten their way. Instead, they lost the incorporation vote 52 percent to 48 percent. Lucky them.

Monterey County hasn’t decided yet where the unincorporated share of the new housing should be built, but as columnist Dan Walters pointed out in an article for CalMatters last week, it’s likely that the focus won’t be on the wealthier parts of the county.

“While the battle over land use and housing continues, residents of arguably California’s most exclusive community don’t have to worry about multi-family housing projects spoiling their ambiance because of a quirk in the law,” Walters wrote. “That would be Montecito, home to celebrities galore, including Oprah Winfrey, Rob Lowe, Ellen DeGeneres and, most recently, expatriate British Prince Harry and his wife, actress Meghan Markle.”

Montecito is in Santa Barbara County but is not a city, Walters points out, and is therefore folded into that county’s mandate of 5,564 units for its unincorporated territory — separate from the requirements handed to its cities. When Santa Barbara County officials announced their list of sites for housing to fulfill the state’s mandate, Montecito wasn’t on it.

At a public meeting this month, when she was asked about the exemption, the county’s planning director said, “Only sites whose owners were interested in development were chosen, and no one in Montecito was amenable to dense multi-family housing,” according to Walters.

So Oprah, Harry and Meghan won’t be bothered. And there’s a good chance neither will the good people of Carmel Valley. At least not much, anyway. But if they were a city, it would be a completely different story.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

Holding county responsible

Dear Editor,
Scenic Road along the bluffs above Carmel River beach has been used by hundreds of thousands of motorists, bikers and walkers over the past 80 years. It is the continuation of the scenic drive from Ocean Avenue to Carmelo and then Carmel Mission, and today it is threatened with collapse because of Monterey County’s lack of diligence in finding a viable way of protecting the underlying rapidly eroding bluffs. The big storms of this year and recent years have chipped away at the bluffs such that the road is now exposed, forcing the county to close it along that stretch and to start a 10-week emergency fix to protect the remaining bluffs and to reopen the road.

The county must be put on notice that the residents of Carmel Point and all those who use that road regularly will not sit still for this failure of responsibility and are taking urgent action to put pressure on the county to fast-track a long-term viable solution to protecting Scenic Road and the River Beach bluffs.

Increasingly high waves and potential river action will continue to hammer the bluffs unless the county identifies and implements a long-term solution.

Ann Artz, Dick Peery and Jan Hufnagl, Carmel

Old trees a big problem

Dear Editor,
I need a little help here. I don’t think I am the only local in Carmel who has had a dizzying experience trying to have a tree or two cut down in their neighbor’s yard for safety reasons. There is a long-held belief that trees and permits are the priority over the physical and emotional safety and well being of the people who live underneath or way too close to looming or hanging-by-a-green-sprout-past-their-prime pine trees in our beloved city.

Don’t get me wrong, I love trees, just not bent over my house with a sister tree dead as a doornail. These are big trees!

Finally, I got permission from the city for the neighbors’ looming big tree to come down, not the dead-as-a-doornail tree, and I have to wait for the neighbor to apply for a permit. Oh wait, we don’t have a new forester! Don’t worry if it falls; my insurance pays. What? Could you help me understand? I need to rest, but I can’t because the tree is over my head in the bedroom.

We spent years with a forester who was not what I would call an “action man.” So when the big storms started raging a couple of years ago, trees started falling, causing commotion and damage. Correct me if I err, but the city had many city-owned and owner-owned trees that were not proactively inspected, approved and cut down before the storm; they fell.

The sophistication of the weather projections lets us know when trouble is a brewing, and tools are available to the city to test trees of concern. This past January,

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Putting women golfers on the greens and on the map

The U.S. Women's Open will be played at the Pebble Beach Golf Links for the first time this summer. In honor of that event, this series of articles traces the history of women's golf in the Monterey Peninsula.

DEL MONTE Golf Course, which opened in 1897, was recognized in the first two decades of the 20th century as the best course in California. It had hosted multiple championships for men and women, and when the Chicago-based Western Golf

Association decided to venture west of the Continental Divide, it chose Del Monte for its prestigious 1916 Western Amateur Championship.

The pre-event publicity for the Western Amateur convinced Samuel F.B. Morse, the new general manager of the Pacific Improvement Co., that golf provided good publicity. Morse was hired to liquidate the company's vast land holdings, which included the land we know as Pebble Beach. Eyeing this highly scenic property for improvements, he convinced the company's directors he could build a golf course without too much expense, and

Amateur golf championship. She looked over the site of the new course and thought about buying some property nearby. When she returned in March 1920, she learned that Morse had acquired the land at Pebble Beach and formed a new company to manage it. After the Pebble Beach golf course opened in 1919, Hollins played it and set a women's record with a score of 90. For \$6,000, Hollins then bought a nearly 3-acre lot overlooking the course and Carmel Bay. She soon left for the East Coast and went on to Ireland to play in the Women's British Amateur.

Hollins returned to America in October 1920 and was again on the Peninsula in January 1921, playing casual golf and competitive polo. She played on the Pebble Beach men's polo team, which defeated the Presidio team 10-5, with Hollins scoring two goals. In late February, she played polo in San Mateo before returning east so she could again compete in the British and U.S. golf championships.

Title winner

In Turnberry, Scotland, Hollins lost a close second-round match to defending champion Cecil Leitch. But in New Jersey, she bested the best, snatching the women's U.S. Amateur title from Alexa Stirling, who had held the title continuously since 1916.

Hollins returned to California at the beginning of January 1923, initially as the guest of Mrs. Charles Tobin-Clark of Hillsborough, who was building one of the large homes on 17 Mile Drive at Pebble Beach. With the help of Morse, they planned the first Pebble Beach Championship for Women, which was played Feb. 9-12, 1923, with Hollins as champion after she defeated Doreen Kavanaugh.

Hollins headed east at the end of February 1923 to share her excitement for the course at Pebble Beach and to compete in the North-South tournament at Pinehurst in March. There, she faced — and lost to — 1921 U.S. Amateur Champion Glenna Collett in the final match.

Hollins returned to Pebble Beach in August, staying at Clark's new 17 Mile Drive home. As the new sports director at Del Monte in Monterey, Hollins played many casual rounds of golf and welcomed polo legend Tommy Hitchcock to the resort. She also played golf at other

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

subsequently put champion golfers Jack Neville and Douglas Grant in charge of its design and construction. They were just completing the routing plan when 23-year-old Marion Hollins first visited the Monterey Peninsula in March 1916 to play polo.

Record setter

Hollins, a New York socialite, was raised on a Long Island ranch. She preferred outdoor sports to dances and became accomplished in riding and driving horses, as well as swimming, tennis and golf. She was an accomplished polo player and was runner-up in the 1913 U.S. Women's



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(From left) U.S. Amateur champions Edith Cummings (1923) and Marion Hollins (1921) became good competitive friends. Cummings lost to Hollins in the quarterfinals of the February 1924 Pebble Beach Championship. A month later, in San Diego, Cummings defeated Hollins in the final match to win the Southern California Championship.

Don't miss "Scenic Views" by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.

EARNING AN ENVIABLE BEGINNING

LIFE IS like a blank canvas, particularly when we're young, and Grace Aniela Wodecki has been making every stroke count.

An ascending talent on the vibrant Monterey Peninsula art scene, the 25-year-old Wodecki is thrilled and astonished that her paintings will be showcased through April 8 in a one-woman exhibit at Sand City's Sylvan Gallery, beginning with Saturday's artist reception from 2 to 6 p.m.

"Good things come to those who wait," we're told, and the Monterey native seems sincerely surprised that she didn't have to wait longer. But Wodecki's journey also embodies another oft-shared slice of wis-

dom: "Don't wait for your ship to come in. Swim out to it."

dom: "Don't wait for your ship to come in. Swim out to it." The month-long show at the Sand City venue was the fruit of her own initiative — an Instagram question she boldly sent into the ether: "What does it take to have a show there?" queried Wodecki, who was stunned to receive a rapid response from Sylvan Gallery director Logan Norton. "Let's meet up and talk about it," it said.

At their get-together, when she bashfully offered to recruit other young talents for a group exhibit, Norton immediately countered, "What about a solo show?"

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

she's been blessed by a close-knit, attentive family, all of whom have lived within 10 minutes of each other.

One set of grandparents, Edward and Irena Wodecki, emigrated from Poland to Monterey, where he taught Polish at the Defense Language Institute and she became a realtor. The Pacific Grove address Grace shares today with two roommates belonged to her grandparents and was the home where her father grew up.

Both maternal grandparents were educators. James Chauncy Harrison was the longtime superintendent of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, and his wife taught grade school, mostly kindergarten.

"My grandmother, Carol, has always been an artist, and still teaches art classes at The Carmel Foundation," Wodecki said. "I learned a lot from her as a little girl

about painting with watercolors, including a piece of advice I keep with me to this day. Watercolors can be unforgiving if you make a mistake, and she always said, 'Find ways to incorporate your mistakes into the piece, rather than trying to fix them.'"

Three siblings are creative, too. First-born Meagan was a serious ballet dancer until suffering an injury. Kate played cello, did photography, became a skilled ceramicist and also enjoys interior design. And Drew, now in medical school, plays guitar, cello and piano.

Their father, Andrew Wodecki, graduated from medical school in 1992 and has been a Monterey optometrist for more than 30 years, and her mother, Beth, is principal of Monterey Adult School.

'Impostor syndrome'

"I definitely have a touch of impostor syndrome. I'm having a solo art show and I'm only 25? Who do I think I am?" said Wodecki, whose exhibition will include intricate, ornate, colorful abstracts and some semi-abstracted, representational pieces.

"I'll sometimes replay critiques from art school in my head, or opinions people have shared, like, 'Your artwork is too decorative.' That stuff lingers," she admitted.

But Wodecki also acknowledges that

As a freshman at Monterey High, Wodecki joined Monterey's Youth Arts Collective, where she spent four years studying under co-founders Meg Biddle and Marcia Perry, and multiple tutors.

"I loved being a YAC-ster," she said. "The most important thing I learned was the value of doing art every day — discipline that prepared me well for college."

After completing Monterey High with a 3.8 grade-point average, Wodecki enrolled at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a concentration in studio art while working at a retail clothing store. She credits some of her success to family influence.

"My grandmother is an artist. One of my aunts is a very talented illustrator and the other does graphic design and marketing for an animation company in L.A. Maybe for that reason, my parents decided that having



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Monterey native Grace Wodecki will show her abstract watercolors and oils in a month-long solo show at Sand City's Sylvan Gallery that begins Saturday.

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SEWER

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and may be required to connect to the municipal sewer system, should their existing septic systems and/or leach fields fail or otherwise become unable to continue to operate," according to an environmental study by Rincon Consultants of Monterey.

While Carmel Valley Manor is funding the work, it will be reimbursed as new users hook up to the system. "Anyone within 200 feet has the potential to hook in very easily," general manager Barbara Buikema of the Carmel Area Wastewater District said.

The project includes installing "nearly 9,900 linear feet of 8-inch-diameter PVC sewer main, approximately 900 linear feet of 6-inch-diameter force main, concrete manholes, and a 250 gallon-per-minute wastewater pump station."

The pump station will be located in an undeveloped area across from the 14th Hole of the Quail Lodge golf course.

No work during Car Week

While the crew working on installing the new sewer main, pump station and network of pipes is expected to be busy throughout the coming summer, CAWD plans to cease construction during Car Week, which gets underway Aug. 11.

CARS

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community safe," she said. "How are we going to protect the safety for the residents and the visitors?"

She also said hosting more small events represents a shift from quality to quantity.

Councilman Jeff Baron expressed concern about having more smaller events, too.

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito said she liked the larger gatherings because they shut down Ocean Avenue, which discouraged the street racers and other hooligans who

have plagued downtown the last few years with stunts and speeding.

"Last year, the Fuel Run people showed up almost every day and were racing around downtown, and then the evenings really became quite concerning to me," she said. Ferlito also argued for limiting the events to Tuesday and Thursday, suggesting three of the smaller gatherings take place on one day and two on the other.

City administrator Chip Rerig and interim Police Chief Jeff Watkins said officers will be tracking social media and the movements of such hot-rodding groups, and will shut down traffic on major roads as they have in the past.

The report didn't require any action on the part of the council.

According to Carmel Valley Manor, the project has been in the works for several years and has received all the permits needed from local and state agencies.

The sewage from Carmel Valley Manor will be treated by the Carmel Area Wastewater District and reused on local golf courses.

Buikema said she's thrilled the project is getting underway.

"We're really happy about this," she added. "Carmel Valley should be on municipal sewer. We're biased here — we think sewer is the best thing around. We think it's far better than septic tanks."

GAVEL

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her face. The victim had no injuries except those which had been inflicted upon her by Meyer. When police found Doe, her mouth was covered with duct tape, she had duct tape wrapped around her neck, and her hands had been so tightly bound with duct tape that they were turning blue.

Doe was treated at Natividad Medical Center for a laceration to the side of her head that required six staples, as well as minor injuries to the other side of her head and to her wrist.

Salinas Police officers Edwin Cruz and Manuel Lopez investigated the case. District attorney investigator Thomas Torres and victim advocate Kristen Peterson provided crucial follow-up and assistance.


Vazquez will sentence Meyer on March 30. He faces up to 10 years in prison, and the convictions will serve as "violent strikes" under California's three strikes law.

REMODEL

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developing "a completely new police/public works complex without any site acquisition or site improvement costs." The consultant will also look for federal and state tax dollars to help pay for it and make presentations to the city council and other boards and commissions for review and eventual approval.

If all of that works out OK, the architecture firm might be retained to design the remodel plans and remain involved through construction, according to the city.



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LETTERS

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the rain, hail and wind stretched Sara Davis' and Tom Ford's exhausted staff and resources. Everyone was on the defensive, and the brunt of the city's inaction put residents in danger. The consequences caused destruction, loss of electrical power and fear in many residents.

The city must address the fundamental issue of overgrown, past-their-prime, too-close-to-homes trees that are significant risks to the people living nearby. Our last storm and continued storms call for the city to proactively protect residents and make the process cheaper and more efficient.

P.S. Get a forester!

Jennifer Holmes, Carmel

School board issues

Dear Editor,

Putting aside matters the CUSD board must still address, new issues continue to surface.

Embattled superintendent Ted Knight has claimed publicly that it was he who prompted the board to initiate an "outside" investigation of his conduct. This raises questions regarding the board's independence, who steers its priorities, and neglects to address how incidents prompting disciplinary action against Jon Lyons do not extend to Knight himself. "Getting in front of an issue" doesn't generally include setting the parameters of its inquiry. The board also proposes to solicit the services of external independent consultants for the replacement of Lyons and inquiry of Knight, despite this same approach yielding destabilizing results in previous superintendent iterations. This and more have prompted some CUSD staff to request that Knight avoid their campuses, which demonstrates some erosion of trust within the district.

Perhaps the most troubling problem to arise from the board's recent actions, however, is the prospect that Knight can continue to serve in his current capacity while under investigation. Why has the board not addressed this?

This extends to both unilateral and collective decisions concerning the placement, discipline and removal of staff in critical roles while under investigation for retaliation. This creates the potential for all decisions involving Knight during this period to be irreparably tainted, raising the prospect of even further turmoil within CUSD.

While I call for an emergency session to conduct a no-confidence vote in Knight, at a minimum, he must be on leave while under investigation to preserve the credibility of CUSD administrative activities. That investigation must include incidents ostensibly attributed to Lyons that occurred under Knight's leadership, and any firm retained to investigate Knight must be under the strictest form of open inquiry during all phases of the investigation.

Knight has been in his position for two years. His claim that he inherited the issues is not credible. He has had his chance, and here we sit.

Justin Girardi, Carmel Valley

Frank Lloyd Wright irony

Dear Editor,

I couldn't help but chuckle at the irony of Patrice Pastor buying the Frank Lloyd Wright house, which also happens to be the signature draw of the annual Carmel Heritage Society's home tour. So now, the decision as to whether people get to see this amazing home in the future is entirely up to him.

Hopefully, he is not as petty as me, but why should he allow it? After what Carmel has put him through with approvals for The Pit (three completely different architectural iterations with still no approval, after approval for the previous owner of a truly hideous design), design changes demanded to his Scenic Road properties (which he made), and the latest power play around the Dolores/Seventh site, where he was told it was not historic, followed by what appears to me to be intentionally delaying the approval of his plans so that it hit the 50-year mark and was then magically declared historic. And this after his plans included preserving the annex but moving it to better utilize the property.

I am not suggesting because he is wealthy he should be allowed to do whatever he wants, but I do feel he has been more than patient and accommodating, and yet Carmel continues to treat him like a pariah and, quite frankly, unfairly. I also appreciate the effort to preserve the essence of Carmel, but there needs to be a balance. So that is where the karma aspect may come in — you reap what you sow.

Christine Hoberg, Pebble Beach

Time for vigilance

Dear Editor,

The past few years have been difficult for all of us, but difficult times can also be times of great opportunity. We have all been challenged to come together as

a community and push back. Now is the time when we need strong leaders who will stand up and protect our beautiful village.

Local power is being stripped away, whether it's less control over where cell towers go or weakening our zoning laws. We do not want to turn Carmel-by-the-Sea into a mini San Francisco with densely packed neighborhoods, tall buildings, and a plethora of unsightly cell towers. We all know this would forever change the character of the village and what makes it special.

You have to realize that this is a trend and they are going to keep trying to get us to give up our power little by little until we have none left. At some point, we need to stand up and say, "No! This is our boundary! You've gone too far!"

For me, that time was when Verizon tried to put a cell tower close to my neighborhood. I knew if we allowed one tower to go in, soon there would be another and another until our whole village was cluttered with visual blight. If I had stood by and done nothing, I would have thought, what if I had spoken up? Could I have stopped it? So I did stand up.

Now I'm asking all of you to stand up and do what you know is right. Please stand up and protect Carmel before it is too late.

Albert Einstein said, "The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

Christy Hollenbeck, Carmel

Where are the leaders?

Dear Editor,

Having lived in Carmel for several years and loving it, I am shocked by the idea that we should build and/or somehow provide for 349 more housing units! It begs the question — where?

Carmel is a village. It is not and never should become Main Street, USA. It is a very special, unique, quiet and restful escape from the madness of the everyday lives many of us live. It is a masterpiece, set on the edge of a beautiful piece of our vast ocean with a pristine beach.

Would you deliberately destroy a masterpiece in a museum, crush an elegantly designed automobile, stomp on a rare piece of jewelry? I would hope not. But that's what overcrowding, forcing more housing to squeeze into no space will create: An overbuilt mass of future slums, massive traffic jams, impossible parking consequences, not just for the visitors, but also for the residents who will find all their (normally quiet) streets filled with

bumper-to-bumper parked cars all day, every day.

Crime will go up and there is not infrastructure to handle such a huge increase in population.

Where are the leaders that we count on to protect this unique gem and protest when necessary?

We may not live in Carmel anymore, but we do get The Pine Cone weekly, have family that lives in town, and care about this treasure. Please stop the insanity and act before it is too late.

Bonnie Lind, Santa Rosa

Skate park switcheroo

Dear Editor,

Residents of Pacific Grove should be concerned about the lack of transparency that has taken place with the proposed skatepark project. The recreation board staff recently recommended that its first-choice site for the placement of the skatepark is a heavily used baseball park, locally known as Salamander Field, adjacent to the Community High School on David Avenue. The site was mischaracterized as an abandoned ballpark, when in fact it is heavily used by the local Pony league baseball and for a number of recreational uses for Del Monte Park residents. The staff's presentation to the board did not include any information about site assessment or a map showing residences around the site.

The board decided to pass this recommendation to the city council, even though it was acknowledged that there had been no prior community input as to the Salamander Field location. A survey done months earlier did not include any reference to the baseball field and open space, which were added to the list of possible sites without any notice to the community. Newspaper coverage was one day prior to the hearing.

Moving forward with the Salamander Field location without the months of opportunity that other sites had for community input before it was sent on to the council for approval lacks the transparency that our government requires and failed to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the issue.

Salamander Field is this neighborhood's only open space and a de facto park. The Pacific Grove City Council needs to do the right thing and produce a survey that addresses community needs from a land use perspective, rather than the skatepark interest being represented by a skatepark manufacturer's public relations person.

Janet Gray, Pacific Grove



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ARTIST

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the other does graphic design and marketing for an animation company in L.A. Maybe for that reason, my parents decided that having a career in art was realistic," she said. "I never heard, 'Oh, silly Grace, don't invest too much of your time in that!' They always encouraged me to go for it."

After graduating in 2019, *cum laude*, Wodecki put her education into service by designing bottle labels for vineyards in Atascadero and Paso Robles and painting a mural for a tasting room in Atascadero.

In July 2020, she was contracted by the Carmel Art Association — which was closed to the public by shelter-in-place mandates — to upgrade its website and social media presence.

"I did marketing and graphic design, made Instagram posts and YouTube videos, and basically stepped up their online presence," she said. "When they needed more in-person staff, they asked me to be a salesperson as well."

Different kind of challenge

Wodecki was assigned to help with the gallery's 95th anniversary show last year, adding images and information to the website about past and current CAA artists.

"That was a lot of fun and a whole lot of work," she said. "We thought we'd be posting images of about 200 pieces of art, and it ended up being 500."

"That 95th anniversary show challenged a different side of me. Building a website requires coding — something I'd always been scared to try," she said. "But that's what we needed, so I did some research and we were able to make it work."

Wodecki is employed full-time in sales and design/marketing at CAA.

"It's a very special place. I've come to know a lot of the artists. I love those relationships and I've learned a lot," she said. "I also enjoy interactions with clients, hearing their stories, listening to them talk about the art. One person recently moved into the home of a CAA artist who recently passed away and wanted to buy a piece of her art. I thought it was really special to have that kind of homecoming."

Wodecki paints nearly every evening after work, sometimes deep into the night, often doing creative, abstract renderings of ordinary objects she sees in her home.

"I'll usually approach a blank canvas with a certain idea in mind about color or shape," she said. "Those shapes come from outlines of 3D objects that I find around me. I trace them, then imagine how I might be able to transform them into a different shape or form. For me, it's really fun, and a very meditative process."

Images of Wodecki's art and additional information can be found at graceanielawodecki.com and on Instagram at [grace.aniela](https://www.instagram.com/grace.aniela).

Visit sylvan.gallery for more information about her one-woman exhibition, as well as gallery hours. It's located at 613 Ortiz Ave. in Sand City.

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Residents warned about evacuations

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WITH A strong storm lots of rain and strong winds to Monterey County Thursday evening, officials issued evacuation warnings for areas near the Carmel River and Big Sur.

The National Weather Service says that Monterey County could get two inches of rain Friday, with wind gusts as high as 32 MPH.

On Thursday afternoon Monterey County issued evacuation warnings for

residential areas near the Carmel River Lagoon and communities along the Carmel River from the Village to Rio Road. An evacuation warning was also given to the Big Sur River, effective March 10.

A flood watch, officials said, is in effect until Sunday, March 12.

When the region experienced strong storms in early January, the county issued evacuation orders. But some Carmel Valley residents questioned why they were left in place so long after the danger of flooding had passed.

“Although it may be that the district has chosen in its discretion to retire certain surcharges and use the proceeds from the reinstated user fee for other purposes, this does not render those funds unable to be used,” she said in her 16-page ruling. “To the contrary, those funds are still very much present, accessible and useable, even if the district has, for the time being, chosen to commit those funds elsewhere.”

Phase out promise?

Panetta also noted that the 2012 water supply ordinance included a provision that “explicitly tied the collection of the water supply charge to funds that could be collected through the user fee,” whereas previous versions of the ordinance “merely provided that the district board of directors would determine annually if the charge was required and sunset the charge if not.”

In late 2020, several water district board members indicated they wanted the water supply charge phased out, Panetta noted, “believing this is what was promised to the taxpayers.”

FEE

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alternative funds are available via a charge collected” on Cal Am bills.

While the taxpayer association argued that alternative funds were available once the user fee was reinstated, the water district maintained that the revenue from the user fee was not “available” because revenue generated from it was required to “fund other costs, including those related to mitigation and conservation, and those required to pay off loans the district took out for its water supply projects,” such as aquifer storage and the Pure Water Monterey reclamation projects, Panetta said in her ruling.

“As such, the district concludes that funds from the user fee are not ‘available’ and the sunset provision has not been triggered,” the judge added.

However, Panetta said she wasn’t persuaded by the water district’s argument.

HISTORY

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courses in the state to promote the 1924 Pebble Beach Women’s Championship.

One of the top names to come to Pebble Beach that winter was Mrs. H.G. Hutchings, then of Winnipeg, who honed her skills in the British Woman’s

Amateur before visiting America in 1915 and defeating three-time U.S. Women’s Amateur Champion Margaret Curtis to win the Boston Women’s Championship. More recently, Hutchings had won the 1922 Pacific Northwest Championship — a title she would claim six times. She came to Del Monte in January 1924 to get familiar with the courses and set women’s records of 77 at Del Monte in Monterey and 82 at Pebble Beach.

Edith Cummings, 1923 U.S. Women’s Amateur Champion, led the qualifying round with an 86. California State Amateur champion Doreen Kavanaugh shot 87, and Hutchings shot 88. Hollins defeated Cummings in a quarterfinal match and Hutchings in the semifinals. Kavanaugh lost a quarterfinal to Mary K. Browne, the 1922 Del Monte Champion, who then lost to Hollins in the final. Hollins thus had won against one of the best fields of women golfers to meet in California.

She had also helped put Pebble Beach on the map as an international championship course and raised women’s golf in California to a new level.

One hundred years after that first Pebble Beach Championship for Women, Pebble Beach will host the U.S. Women’s Open July 5-9 for the first time. There has been a tradition of great women’s golf in between those events.

This will be the subject of this column in the weeks ahead.



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Marion Hollins had to defeat three champion golfers, including 1922 Pacific Northwest Champions Vera Hutchings (pictured) to win her second Pebble Beach Championship.



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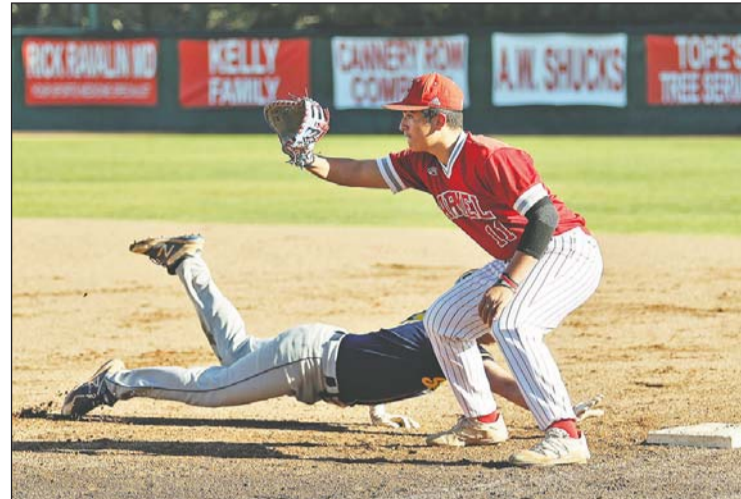
Section 2

Carmel Padres rely on strong arms to deliver diamond dominance

THE CHASE for a Central Coast Section baseball trophy might be an arms race this spring for the Carmel High Padres, who will lean heavily on three proven pitchers and some exceptionally promising newcomers as they pursue their first sectional championship since 2007.

The Padres came within an inning of ending a 15-year title drought in 2022, carrying a 2-1 lead into the final frame of the CCS Division 4 title game with their best pitcher on the mound.

But St. Francis SCP, a Watsonville school, turned its last gasp into a breathtaking 4-2 victory, dramatically tying the game in the top of the seventh inning on a perfect suicide squeeze bunt, then scoring twice more, with help



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Junior right-hander Zander Lunt (left) led Carmel in saves and compiled a 4.32 ERA. He also plays second base. First baseman J.J. Sanchez, All-Gabilan Division, (above) was Carmel's best hitter and top pitcher in 2022, when he almost led the Padres to a CCS crown as a sophomore.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

from an error and a sacrifice fly, to steal the crown.

The All-Gabilan Division left-hander who dominated the Sharks for the first six innings that day, J.J. Sanchez, returns as the centerpiece of a pitching staff that also includes experienced right-handers, Zander Lunt and Ryan Hendrick.

Solid statistics

All put up impressive numbers for a team that went 19-11 overall, including playoff victories over Ann Sobrato (13-2 in the quarterfinals) and Salinas (7-3 in the semis).

Sanchez was a sophomore a year ago when he led the Padres in innings pitched (67), victories (7-4 record), and strikeouts (73) while compiling a 2.72 earned-run average in 14 outings — all starts.

Lunt, who also was a sophomore, went 1-1 with a 4.32 ERA in 34 innings (third on the team). He started five games, relieved in six, and led the team with three saves.

Hendrick returns after a junior year in which he went

5-1, pitching in relief in nine of his 11 appearances, compiling a 4.31 ERA.

They earned those solid statistics despite pitching in the Pacific Coast Athletic League's toughest division, the Gabilan, where the Padres went 12-9 for a fourth-place finish.

"Our pitching is very strong. Everybody's arm is healthy, and we don't have anybody sitting out because of injury or tightness. I like what I'm seeing," declared coach Mike Kelly, whose hurlers surrendered just one earned run in the team's first three games of 2023.

The talent on the mound deepens with the addition of two underclassmen — freshman Matt Maxon and sophomore Jackson Lloyd (6-foot-6, 260 pounds) — along with senior Nikos Doures, all righthanders, all capable of

strong seasons.

And in the wake of last year's near miss during the postseason, the whole team resolved to show up stronger and better this spring.

Offseason work ethic

"Our kids are ready. They took the offseason very seriously and showed up prepared," the coach said. "I feel like we're in a very good spot right now. Everybody showed up in shape. They took a lot of swings in the batting cage during the offseason, and all of that allows us to do a lot of things earlier than we have in the past."

Sanchez also plays first base, returning as Carmel's

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SPORTS

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top offensive threat. In 2022, he led the Padres in batting (.391), on-base percentage (.395), slugging (.663), hits (36), extra-base hits (13), home runs (6), and tied for the team lead in RBI (29).

Bo Iondoli, a junior center fielder, topped the team in runs scored (38), ranked second in RBI (14), and was among the leaders in doubles, walks, and slugging, while reaching base at a .417 clip.

Kevin Zarazua, a senior, is a third baseman who batted .300 and had a .391 on-base average in just 12 varsity games.

And Tyler Imamura, an athletic outfielder, has a sharp eye at the plate that helped him get on base at a .417 rate.

Another outfielder, Justin Lemaster, appeared in 19 varsity games, and is likely to see more action after a season in which he batted just 20 times.

Lloyd — "Our beast," said Kelly — will split time at first base after making the best of seven at-bats as a freshman, hitting .429 and slugging .571, with a .600 on-base percentage.

The catching duties will be shared by

returning junior Ben Tucker, who backed up two seniors last year, and senior Ethan Jackson, "a quality player," said Kelly, who transferred from Amador Valley High in Pleasanton.

Lunt, a switch hitter who batted .250 with a .428 slugging percentage, will share second base with Jonathon Kobayashi, a junior.

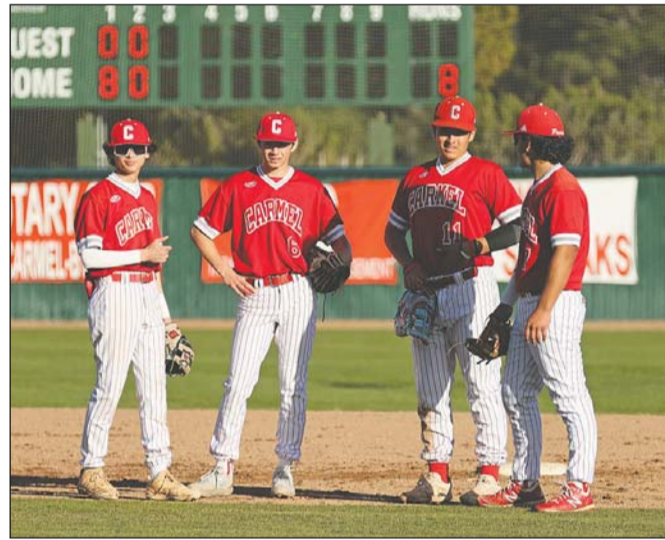
Bixby Moranda, a junior, will see playing time at third base, and others contending for starting outfield spots include Maxon and senior Toby Strawser, along with junior Jacob Rodriguez, a center fielder.

Serving notice

The Padres fired a warning shot that resonated across the CCS on Saturday with a 5-1 non-league victory over Carlmont, the Belmont-based high school (enrollment 2,309) that is defending champion of the tough Peninsula Athletic League. Sanchez and Maxon, the ninth-grader, teamed up to allow just four hits and strike out 12 in that seven-inning game. They did not allow an earned run.

That victory was a significant building block as the Padres approach Gabilan

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Left to right, Carmel infielders include Jonathon Kobayashi, Ty Arnold, J.J. Sanchez, and Kevin Zarazua.

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Branford Marsalis returns to Sunset Center, quartet plays Tchaikovsky

A GRAMMY Award-winning jazz instrumentalist whose success has crossed over into many musical genres, saxophonist **Branford Marsalis** returns to Sunset Center with a concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Bursting on the jazz scene in the 1980s, Marsalis

career, including First Prize at Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition in London in 2018. They are currently touring North America for the first time.

The program includes Alexander Borodin's *Quartet No. 2 in D major*, Mendelssohn's *Quartet in E-flat* and Tchaikovsky's *Quartet No. 1 in D Major, Op. 11*.

Tickets start at \$45. A limited number of free tickets are available for kids when accompanied by an adult. For more details, call (831) 625-9938 or visit carmelmusicsociety.org.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

quickly earned praise, and before long he was touring or sharing the stage with greats like Herbie Hancock, Art Blakely, Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie.

Marsalis also expanded his music beyond jazz, teaming up with singer Sting in the recording studio, and performing live with the Grateful Dead, the Dave Matthews Band and others. He also became the leader of his own group, the Branford Marsalis Quartet, which earned a Grammy in 2001 for the album, "Contemporary Jazz."

Marsalis is a familiar face at the Monterey Jazz Festival, where he has frequently performed, and at Sunset, where he last played in 2019.

Tickets start at \$65. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

■ Quartet makes local debut

Formed seven years ago by four women from South Korea who were studying music in Germany, the **Esme Quartet** will perform at Sunset Center Sunday for the first time. Presented by the Carmel Music Society, the concert starts at 3 p.m.

Featuring violinists **Wonhee Bae** and **Yuna Ha**, **Jiwon Kim** on the viola and **Yeeun Heo** playing the cello, the quartet has won a slew of awards in their relatively brief

■ Weeds, etc., visit P.G. church

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, a trio of local folk musicians — the father-son fiddling duo of **John** and **Tyler Weed**, and multi-instrumentalist **Stuart Mason** — plays Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove.

"Don't miss this dynamic romp, complete with Celtic tunes, American song, and Irish dancing," suggested Jackie Pierce of St. Mary's. "There will be plenty of fast jigs and reels to get you in the mood for the season of green, and St. Mary's bistro will be up and running with seasonal treats, tatties with toppings, and Guinness."

The trio will be joined by Irish dancer **Marisa Gilman**. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for kids. The church is located at 146 12th St.

■ Live music March 10-16

American Legion Post 512 — singer and guitarist **Anthony Arya** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). Dolores and Eighth.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and



Featuring four women from South Korea who studied together in Germany, the award-winning Esme Quartet plays Sunday at Sunset Center.

guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at noon) and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** ('60s music, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside — **Jon Griffin & The Lightfighters** (rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway Ave.

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Carmel Foundation ‘friend-raiser’, St. Patrick’s Day fun, and a girls’ night out

THE CARMEL Foundation’s “friend-raiser” — no live or silent auctions, no envelopes on the tables, no big ask for money — returns to La Playa hotel March 24 after a hiatus due to Covid. The non-profit is the key provider of affordable senior housing in the city and is entirely

she said. “Absolutely no pressure. The people who attend are members, friends of members and people who are new to the foundation.”

Zoller, who oversees the organization at Lincoln and Eighth and its two apartment buildings on Dolores and Lincoln, said hosting events that make no request for funds is critical.

“We aren’t all about seeking donations — although we have to do that, too, obviously,” she said. “The foundation is all about

people, our seniors, so we like to be able to hold events that are all about building and cultivating relationships with those in our community. We feel that is very important and certainly part of our mission.”

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

funded by donations, but president and CEO Holly Zoller said the Philanthropic Foodies party isn’t about generating financial support.

“This is my favorite event because it is really all about having a fun evening — sitting back, sipping wonderful wines, savoring delicious food and enjoying the company of friends — and friends to be,”

Chalone wines

The dinner prepared by La Playa’s executive chef, Boris Ilabaca, will be



Namaste Indian restaurant in Monterey has brought back its popular lunch buffet, allowing fans to experience a multitude of flavors at affordable prices.

paired with wine from Chalone Vineyard, with winemaker Greg Freeman there to share thoughts on each pairing.

“La Playa Carmel has graciously hosted the event since 2014,” Zoller said. “We had to skip two years due to Covid, but we are now back in full swing.”

The menu is set to include amuse bouche of velvet corn soup with lobster, potatoes and green onions paired with 2021 estate chenin blanc, followed by a first course of poached scallop salad with greens and lemon vinaigrette served alongside 2021 estate chardonnay. The main course will be pan-seared rack of lamb with spring vegetables and 2021 estate pinot noir, and dessert will be berry tart with strawberry ice cream. Vegetarian options will be available upon request in advance.

The Carmel Foundation’s mission is to give members aged 55 and older “an opportunity to live productive, enriching lives by offering a luncheon program, homebound meal delivery, free mobility equipment loans, in-home services and respite grants, a free lending library, movies, low-income housing and more than 60 classes and activities each week.”

Zoller said the party will begin at 6 p.m. on the patio, where guests might catch a stunning sunset while sipping champagne. After everyone sits down for dinner around 6:45, Freeman will describe each wine paired with each course. A guitarist will be there, too, to add to the ambiance. Tickets are \$150 and are available by calling (831)

624-1588 by March 10. La Playa is located at Camino Real and Eighth.

Get your green on

Everyone’s favorite drinking holiday rolls around on a Friday this year, providing even more cause to party, and local venues are jumping on the St. Patrick’s Day bandwagon.

At Peter B’s Brewpub from 4 to 10 p.m. March 17, guests will be able to savor holiday favorites like Reubens on rye, green beer, shots of Paddy’s Irish Whiskey and the unfortunately named Irish Car Bombs all night long. Extra specials will be offered during Happy Hour from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 9 to 10 p.m., too, and Dave Holodiloff’s Celtic Trio will be playing live from 6 to 10 p.m. The pub is located in the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey. Visit peterbsbrewpub.com.

Not far away on Fisherman’s Wharf, St. Patrick’s Day celebrations will run all day, with decorations galore, numerous promotions and other attractions. The Luck of the Irish Calamari & Cocktail Crawl will focus on wharf restaurants serving squid in a variety of ways and pouring specialty drinks in honor of the day. Old Fisherman’s Grotto and Café Fina will be offering corned beef and cabbage, and the wharf’s three candy stores will have plenty of Irish-inspired confections for sale, too.

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Carmel Valley Village will also host a St. Paddy's Day crawl, though details are lacking. Twisted Roots winery, which has a tasting room on Del Fino Place, is participating.

Women's Night Out

The Monterey Symphony will host its 5th Annual Women's Night Out in Studio

105 downstairs in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth March 18, with a party from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and a concert from 7:30 onward.

This year's theme is "a mystical evening of Bohemian Rhapsody," with an appropriate vibe and musical guests Orchid Saloon — Glenn Bell and Chelsea Riddle of The BASSment. Pour Girl bartenders have crafted signature cocktails for the evening, which will no doubt involve decadent decorations and all sorts of fun, if past years are any indication. A roaming fashion show will be hosted by Johnny Was, with additional surprises in store.

"Although we are raising a glass to women, all are welcome," according to the symphony.

Led by music director Jayce Ogren, the evening's concert, "Eternal," will feature works by Valerie Coleman, Peter Lieber-son and Brahms.

Tickets are \$40 and include the celebration and the concert. Visit montereysymphony.org for more information and to order.

Our friend Bacchus

Folktale Winery will help the masses eat, drink and be merry during its Bacchus Wine & Food Festival March 18 from 3 to 6 p.m. "You've been cooped up long enough," organizers said. "Come indulge in a celebration of abundance worthy of Bacchus, the god of wine."

The inaugural Folktale Festival will "kick off this year's first wine release and celebrate all of the amazing things Folktale is planning for 2023," which is why "it feels appropriate to throw a food and wine festival worthy of Bacchus himself."

The party will take place in

the barrel room and vineyard, and each ticket — \$30 for wine club members and \$80 for non-members — includes wine, food, live music and a special preview of Feast, "a new Folktale dining experience coming soon."

Guests must be 21 or older, of course. Email wineclub@folktalewinery.com with any questions or purchase tickets at exploretock.com/folktalewinery. The winery is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Help for critters

Lugano Swiss Bistro in the Barnyard shopping center off Carmel Rancho Boulevard will host its 5th annual fundraiser for the Animal Friends Rescue Project March 19, with Gracee Blossom Joy, the dog of Sanctuary Vacation Rentals owner Annee Martin, taking center stage.

An AFRP rescue pup, Gracee Blossom Joy will be at the bistro from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to pal around with customers having lunch and supporting the nonprofit animal rescue organization.



Even the most adorable of creatures need help finding homes. A benefit for Animal Friends Rescue Project will be held at Lugano Swiss Bistro March 19.

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APR 6	Barbara Mossberg presents <i>P)raising the Dead</i> , a play about her time as a PG Poet-in-Residence 6:30pm - 8:00pm
APR 8	Barbara Mossberg, a California Poet Laureate <i>Memoir Writing Workshop</i> 10:00am - 2:00pm
APR 28	Poets Daniel Summerhill & Pilar Graham with Sound Healing by Katie Koo 5:30pm - 7:00pm
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Make a reservation by calling (831) 626 3779 or visit swissbistro.com for more information.

UK Mother’s Day

In England, Mother’s Day is celebrated a couple months earlier than its American counterpart, and since they’re British expats, the owners of the Great British Bake Shop in Salinas are offering special treats in celebration of UK Mother’s Day March 19.

To give Mum a little extra love this year, consider a special dessert box in honor of the day. The collection of delectable and fanciful pastries costs \$30, and the deadline to order is March 15 at 4 p.m.

Order online at thegreatbritishbakeshop.com or call (831) 356-0005.

Stationaery’s spring dinner

Anthony and Alissa Carnazzo will host a spring-inspired dinner later this month in their popular Stationaery restaurant on San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth, with chef Amalia Scatena crafting a menu reminiscent of the season.

The four-course dinner will be available from 5 to 9 p.m. March 28 for \$105 per person and will include a first course of salad with truffle, peas, carrots and ancho-

vies followed by ravioli with duck egg, brown butter and Parmigiano Reggiano. Entrée choices include fish with ramps, morels and spring greens or rack of lamb with lavender, asparagus and potato. Dessert will be strawberry ice cream and pistachio macaron or chocolate pot du crème, rose geranium and marshmallow.

Call (831) 250-7183 or visit thestationaery.com for reservations.

Taste of Terroir

The wineries of the Santa Cruz Mountains plan to host another round of Taste of Terroir dinners this year, starting with Elevated Wines of the Santa Cruz Mountains at Regale Winery at 24040 Summit Road in Los Gatos March 31.

The season opener will include a tasting reception showcasing the wines of Regale Winery, Muns Vineyard, Burrell School, Wrights Station Winery, Gali Vineyards and Roberts Ranch Vineyards that will be followed by a four-course dinner featuring wines paired with chef Amalia Tele’s contemporary Italian cuisine. Tickets are \$175 plus tax, and the event will run from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Register at winesofthesantacruzmountains.com/events/elevated-wines-of-the-santa-cruz-mountains.

Future dinners include Wines of Montebello Road at Ridge Vineyards May 17, Distinct Pinot Noirs of the Santa Cruz Mountains at Regan Vineyards Winery June 25, Mid-summer Night’s Dinner at Silver Mountain Vineyards July 14, Mountain to Sea at Madson Wines Aug. 19, Into the Fog at Thomas Fogarty Winery Sept. 8 and Premier Cruz Nov. 10.

Namaste lunch buffet

Namaste India Bistro at 538 Lighthouse Ave. in Monte-

rey has brought back its lunch buffet after a nearly three-year break due to Covid. The all-you-can-eat buffet is available daily from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and includes vegetable samosas, vegetarian and meat entrees, tandoori chicken, a salad bar, desserts and other delights.

The cost is \$16 per person Monday through Friday and \$20 on weekends, and takeout is available, too. More information is available at namasteindiabistro.com.



The Monterey Symphony will present Women’s Night Out at Sun-Set Center this month, with a party followed by a concert led by music director Jayce Ogren.




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BASEBALL

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Division play, where they'll face Hollister, Monterey, Palma, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Soledad, and the team that beat them in last year's CCS finale, St. Francis.

"Our league is tough — every opponent," Kelly said. "Every game will be a challenge for us, and that's exciting, because we'll have to step up our game every time we take the field."

"I think being in such a competitive league is what has driven our guys to get stronger, get healthy, and get ready for that challenge. We couldn't ask for anything more."

The Padres play Gabilan Division games at home today (Friday, March 10) against Salinas and Wednesday against St.

Francis. Both start at 3:30 p.m.

■ Alumni watch

Galloway is All-America: Pierce Galloway (Carmel High '19) earned first-team All-America honors at Willamette University, an NCAA Division III school, after a season in which he scored 12 goals, with six assists, and amassed 30 total points. Galloway helped the Bearcats to a 14-3-3 overall record, including an 11-2-1 mark and the Northwest Conference championship. He graduated from Willamette in December and currently is pursuing his MBA and playing soccer at Old Dominion, an NCAA Division I school, and will return home to play with the Monterey Bay Football Club this summer.

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Third base has been a familiar place for junior center fielder Bobo Landoli (red shirt), who led the Padres last season in runs scored and shared the lead in RBI.

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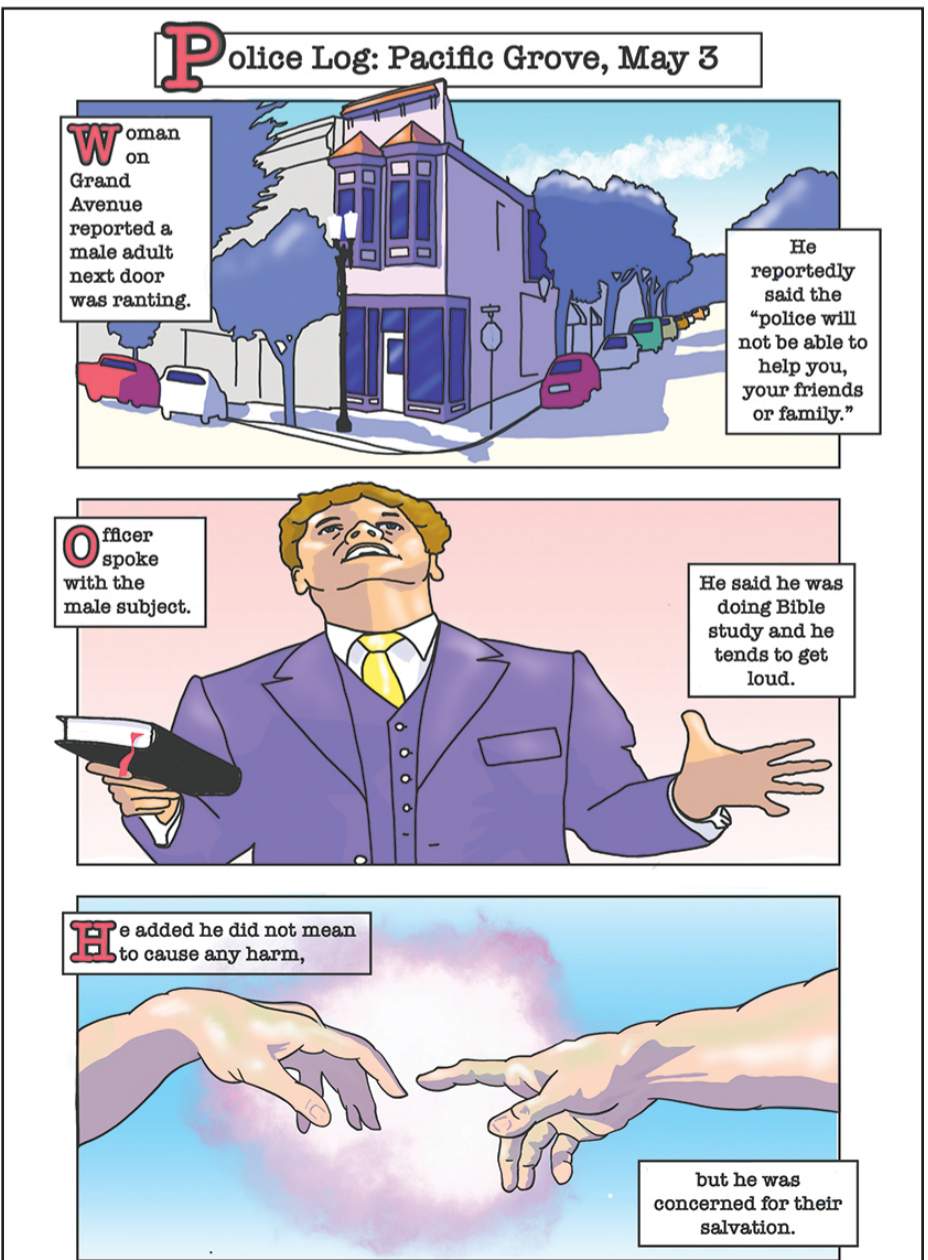


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Police Log: Pacific Grove, May 3



Woman on Grand Avenue reported a male adult next door was ranting.

He reportedly said the "police will not be able to help you, your friends or family."

Officer spoke with the male subject.

He said he was doing Bible study and he tends to get loud.

He added he did not mean to cause any harm,

but he was concerned for their salvation.

MUSIC

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blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.) and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

De Tierra Vineyards tasting room — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** celebrates his birthday (Friday at 5 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** (rock and blues, Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

Deja Blue in Seaside — **Latin Jazz Collective** (Saturday at 3 p.m.) and singer and pianist **Lady Bianca**, bassist **Oden Oshmin** and drummer **Leon Joyce, Jr.** (r&b and funk, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway Ave.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Mapache** (“cosmic

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Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Asher Stern** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Saturday at 3 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Sedona** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

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Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John**

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The father-son fiddling duo of John and Tyler Weed teams up with multi-instrumentalist Stuart Mason when they perform Sunday at St. Mary's by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove.



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ART

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Old photos get new life

Five new shows are on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center, including one that serves as an introduction to the late Pat Hathaway's astonishing archive of local historical images, which are now preserved in the vaults of the Monterey County Historical Society.

Raised in Pacific Grove, Hathaway assembled over 80,000 historical images, mostly pertaining to the Monterey Peninsula, the Salinas Valley and other parts of California. The photographs date back to the 1850s.

Hathaway was also a gifted photographer in his own right, capturing thousands of images, some of which are included in the exhibit. He passed away in 2021.

Also new at the art center are shows by painters Caylah Jean Leas ("Picking Flowers in Monte Del

Lago"), Tracy Niewenhaus ("Sometimes the Sky") and Leo Neufeld ("Pallet of My Soul, Oceanscapes"), and a group by students of the Big Sur Charter School ("Fluid"). The exhibits will be on display through April 27. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

Bring your umbrella

Wet weather is expected this weekend, but that isn't stopping the Carmel Art Walk from happening this Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. The monthly event showcases artist-owned downtown galleries. Participants include Aaron Chang Gallery, Kevin Milligan Gallery, Titus Contemporary Gallery and many others, along with the Carmel Art Association.

"Our art walk carries on the tradition of the early bohemian Carmel artists, who sold their own work from their own studios long before there were any galleries in town," said Joaquin Turner, whose gallery is featured on the tour. "It gave visitors an opportunity to connect with each artist and build meaningful relationships."



"Sunflowers" by Kai Maceira is included in the student art show, "Thinking Out Loud," which is on display at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

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Date signed: Feb. 17, 2023
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Publication Dates: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023 (PC 312)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20230300
Filing type: ABANDONMENT.
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Feb. 17, 2022
File No.: 20220352
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
THE ENTERPRISE, 316 Mid Valley Ctr. #106, Carmel, CA 93923.
Registered Owner(s): ORI KALUSKI, 316 Mid Valley Ctr., #106, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by an individual.
S/Ori Kaluski
Feb. 6, 2023
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Ori Kaluski
Date: Feb. 6, 2023
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Publication Dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023. (PC 318)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20230412
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE UPS STORE #3441, 1120 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
Mailing address: 395 Del Monte Center # 316, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
ROSSI & ROSSI, INC., 225 Crossroads Blvd, Carmel, CA 93923
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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S/Jennifer Rossi, CFO
Date: March 1, 2023
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County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
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Feb. 6, 2023
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and/or other misc. items
Auction to be held at

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 13, 2023.
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Publication dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023. (PC319)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20230359
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Salinas Valley Post Acute, 637 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Salinas Community Healthcare, LLC, 637 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
Salinas Community Healthcare, LLC
S/ Mark Hancock, CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/21/2023.
3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31/23
CNS-3671980#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023. (PC 320)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 23CV000582
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ALEXIS CALDERON on behalf of RENE TAPIA, a minor, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: RENE TAPIA
Proposed name: RENE CHIA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: April 28, 2023
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Carrie M. Panetta
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 27, 2023
Publication Dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023. (PC 321)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20230414
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MONTEREY BAY MEDITATION STUDIO, 680 Lighthouse Ave. #52089, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
Registered Owner(s):
MARIANNE BINGHAM ROWE, 680 Lighthouse Ave. #52089, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Marianne Bingham Rowe
Date: March 1, 2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 1, 2023.
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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
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THE UPS STORE #3441, 1120 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
Mailing address: 395 Del Monte Center # 316, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
ROSSI & ROSSI, INC., 225 Crossroads Blvd, Carmel, CA 93923
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
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LIEN SALE AUCTION ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and/or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at **1pm on March 24, 2023** at:
www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at: **Leonard's Lockers Self Storage, 816 Elvee Drive, Salinas, CA 93901**
NAME OF TENANTS
Charles K White
Sandra C Martinez
Misty Miller
Misty Castillo
Felipe Granados Vaquez
Publication date: March 10 & 17, 2023 (PC329)

CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 20, 2022.
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S/Marianne Bingham Rowe
Date signed: March 1, 2023
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File No. 20230411
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE UPS STORE #0840, 316 Mid Valley Center, Carmel, CA 93923.
Mailing address: 395 Del Monte Center # 316, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
ROSSI & ROSSI, INC., 225 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20230421
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. SWIFT CAR WASH 2. SWIFT EXPRESS CAR WASH 26265 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.
Mailing address: P. O. Box 12219 c/o Prim Ventures, Inc., Zephyr Cove, NV 89448.
County of Principal Place of Business: _____
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
WILANA, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 224 Kingsbury Grade, Stateline, NV 89449.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2023.
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S/Ruben Covarrubias
Date signed: Feb. 24, 2023
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Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist **Terrence Ferrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

La Playa Hotel — The David Morwood Band (jazz, Friday and Saturday

at 6 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth.

The Links Club — Chuck Brewer Band (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.), Open Mic Night (Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and **Vinyl Revival** with singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (rock and Americana, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Kip Allert** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** ('60s folk, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — Janice's Jazz Jam with singer and host **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (Sunday at 5 p.m.) and Samba Cruz with guitarist **Pablo Riviere**, flutist **Vivian Simon**, bassist **Patrice Wallace** and drummer **Steve Robertson** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at

5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes**, Monday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.) and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

O'Callaghan's Irish Pub — singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center, 3663 The Barnyard.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer **Akina Miyata** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Anthony Presti** (Saturday at 5 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Benny Bassett** (Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Rockfish Harbor Grill in Monterey — singer and guitarist **McKayla Maddox** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 101 Fisherman's Wharf.

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Mixtape** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Thursday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **Jon Griffin & The Lightfighters** (rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Hackjammers** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (pop and rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at



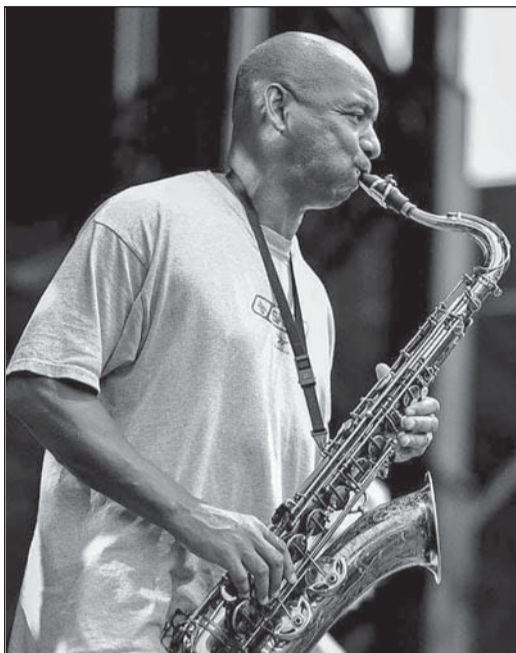
A familiar face on local stages, blues-rocking singer and guitarist Brad Wilson performs Saturday at the Trailside Café in Carmel Valley Village.

8:30 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.) and **The DC Trio** (r&b and funk, Thursday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Dave "Nomad" Miller** (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** (rock and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** with pianist **Bob Phillips**, saxophonist **Paul Contos**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (Friday, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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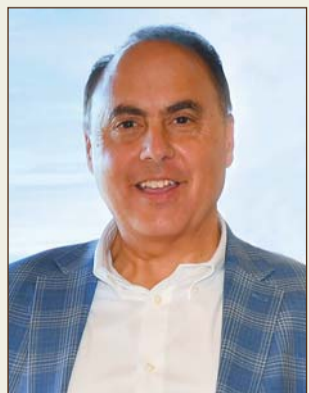


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TO CHEAT, OR NOT TO CHEAT? THAT IS THE QUESTION ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

THIS COLUMN was not written by ChatGPT or any other system of artificial intelligence. Many readers have already determined that my intelligence is artificial at best. I offer this disclaimer after reading a comprehensive article in the online journal, *The Free Press*, about the epidemic of cheating on tests on college campuses.

ChatGPT is one of several online services students use to cheat. These services are sophisticated and difficult to detect. A Wharton professor said the program qualified for a B on a final exam in the school's MBA program. It also passed a medical licensing exam and a ton of law school ones.

According to the article, it's not only the various artificial intelligence "study aids" that contribute to cheating — it is the way tests are administered. These days, exams are usually taken online, with no proctoring, and with a full 24 hours to turn them in. Move on, nothing to see here.

Lower level courses, where cheating is more rampant, tend to be taught by non-tenured faculty with little job security, the kind of people who fear getting negative student

evaluations. "Students can be tyrants," a CUNY English professor said. "It's like Yelp. The only four people who are going to review the restaurant are the people who are

a diploma — and professors can be a hindrance when it comes to delivery of that document.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

mad."

"It's the Wild West when it comes to using emerging technologies and new forms of access to knowledge," said Gregory Keating, jointly appointed to USC's Department of Philosophy and Gould School of Law. "Faculties and administrations are scrambling to keep up."

When you are paying \$70,000 a year in tuition and expenses, there is pressure to get the highest grades possible. Parents increasingly view the college administration as providing them with a very expensive piece of paper —

Pandemic changes

Back in my day, were students more honest, or did we simply not have the cheating strategies available today? It has been 65 years since I graduated from college, so I have no idea what present day campus life is like. I don't even know how classes are taught. Is the Socratic method still used? I never took an exam that was not administered in a classroom with a proctor or two roaming the aisles to make sure there was no cheating. Does that mean that we were just as distrustful, but without the means to act out our duplicity?

Undoubtedly, Covid-19 was a major game changer. Students were attending college from their bedrooms and smartphones, and with the explosion of new technology, cheating became not just easy, but practically unavoidable.

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SPECIAL SECTION

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES WHEN THE SUPERLATIVES ARE WARRANTED

BY ELAINE HESSER

BIXBY BRIDGE is one of the most popular tourist attractions around. As locals know, it sometimes qualifies as an attractive nuisance, with visitors stopping unexpectedly along the highway or illegally parking their cars to snap photos.

But what if you could gaze at the bridge any time you wanted, not while dodging errant motorists, but from far above, like a condor perched on a mountaintop branch? Bixby Creek Ranch offers that opportunity, with a lot of extras that add to the feeling of being above it all.

Listed by Tim Allen, the 2015 home and compound designed by Carmel architect Mary Ann Schicketanz includes 78 acres of hilltop property and is priced at \$18.9 million (the sellers are also open to long-term rentals). The new owners will also have access to 300 acres of an adjacent forest preserve.

There are four buildings — the main house, an exceptionally old barn (more on that in a moment), a caretaker's house and a small studio — comprising six bedrooms, two full and three half-bathrooms and more than 8,000 square feet of living space.

Milled from one tree

The main house is almost perfectly square, with a central skylight above a large indoor water feature. It's framed by four large wood columns, all milled from the same Douglas fir. The skylight and water feature — a graceful marble bowl approximately 4 feet across — are designed to channel natural energy in an expression of Schicketanz's Sthapatya Vedic architecture.

Sthapatya Veda is an Indian philosophy about how living spaces should be set up, similar to the better-known Chinese concept of feng shui. For example, Schicketanz wrote that she designed the home so its front door faces east, welcoming "the influence of enlightenment, affluence and fulfillment." The philosophy also strongly encourages the use of "natural, non-toxic materials suitable to the local climatic conditions."

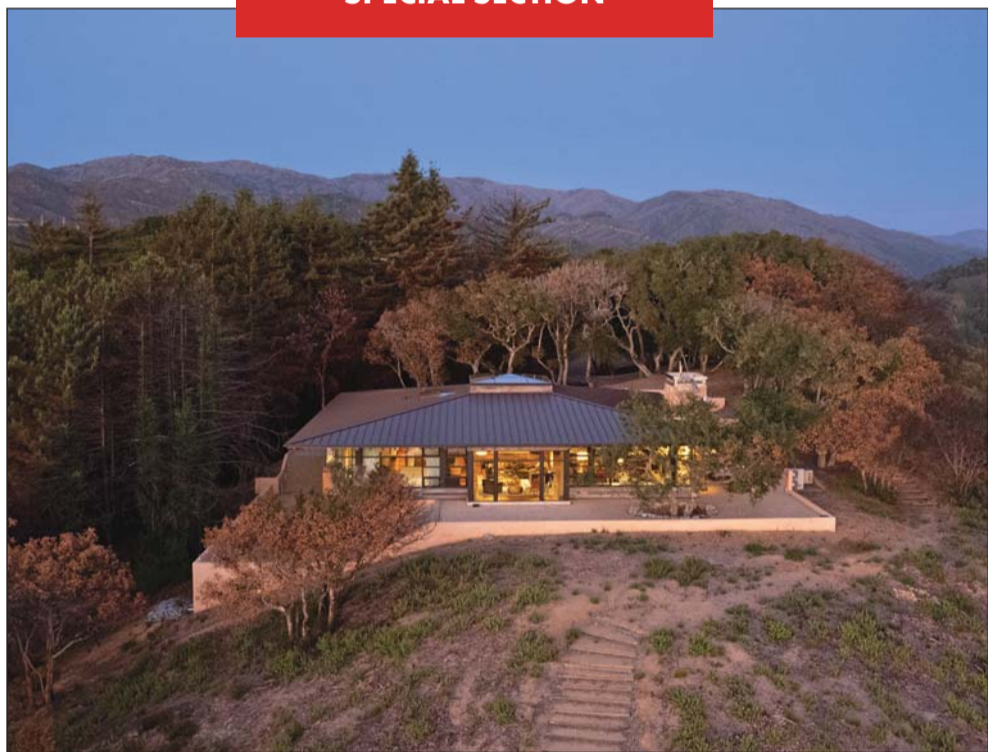
Simply spectacular

There are two bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths, and the primary bedroom faces west, with a jaw-dropping view of the Santa Lucias and the Pacific Ocean. In an area known for its remarkable scenery, even a local would be hard-pressed to call the panorama anything less than spectacular. The main bathroom has a large, walk-in shower and a tub overlooking a grove of redwoods.

The dining room, living room and family room share a spacious open floor plan with the dramatic west-facing windows. A floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace anchors one corner of the living area, and the open-beam ceilings and polished, broad walnut floor planks provide a feeling of rustic elegance. Radiant heat comes from the floors.

The cozy kitchen is designed for Big Sur living. Although the house is reached via Palo Colorado Canyon — not too far from town — there is a commercial-sized refrigerator/freezer and generous walk-in pantry, making frequent shopping trips unnecessary.

An outdoor fireplace and dining



PHOTOS/WAYNE CAPILLI, SHERMAN CHU

(Top and middle) Like a condor's nest high above the coast, the Mary Ann Schicketanz-designed Bixby Creek Ranch home has extraordinary views of the ocean and mountains. The contemporary, square main house has a large central skylight and an open floor plan, and in one corner of the open living and dining area in the main house (above), you can enjoy the sunset in a rustic, lodge-style setting in front of a roaring fireplace.

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EXCEPTIONAL SEATING FOR EVERY GOLF TOURNAMENT EVERY YEAR

BY ELAINE HESSER

SOME INTERSECTIONS just have more cachet than others — Haight and Ashbury, Hollywood and Vine, Broadway and 42nd — and 11th and 12th, as in the 11th Hole and 12th Tee on the Pebble Beach golf course, the site of a home named Lucky Strike.

Listed with Shelly Mitchell Lynch and Lynn Knoop of Carmel Realty for \$31 million, the 7,700-square-foot home sits on a nearly 2-acre lot on the sought-after west side of 17 Mile Drive. With five bedrooms and five full bathrooms (plus two half baths), the home was built for entertaining — and for golf lovers.

Knoop said that during tournaments like the U.S. Open, the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the upcoming U.S. Women's Open, the property is roped off, so that er-

rant spectators can't just pull up a chair and grab a beer from the kitchen. No one could blame them for wanting to do so, though. In addition to being able to see over the gallery to watch pros and amateurs putt on the 11th and tee off on the par-3 12th (or hack their way out of one of several sand traps), the fortunate buyer will also have a clear view of the 12th Fairway and pin from the patio.

Alternatives to golf

Don't like golf? There's always the blue Pacific, with Stillwater Cove and Pescadero Point visible to the north and Point Lobos to the south. Attractive landscaping provides a pleasant setting for taking in the day from the large patio, which runs the length of the house. A short, circular driveway connects the gated entrance to the garage, and although the house is close to the road, the noise

is negligible.

Inside, many thoughtful touches contribute to the home's gracious character. For instance, if the term, "wet bar," conjures up a tiny counter with a mini-sink and cupboard, you'll have to rethink that image. This place has a den with a real bar that has room for a mixologist to stir up (with apologies to James Bond) a great martini. Trophies, art and other treasures can be displayed, and the space feels like a small, exclusive clubhouse.

The round formal dining room is done in soft, golden hues and comes complete with a pastoral mural, as well as hand-painted trim that's echoed in wallpaper elsewhere in the house. The kitchen and breakfast nook, meanwhile, are open to the expansive living room and views, so

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PHOTOS/SHERMAN CHU

Situated at the 11th Hole of the Pebble Beach Golf Course, Lucky Strike (left) was built a little more than 20 years ago, and is a great spot to enjoy some of the most prestigious tournaments in the country. Vaulted, open-beam ceilings and access to the patio bring an airiness to the formal living room



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IN YOUR DREAMS

AFTER 100 YEARS, THE EPIC HISTORY OF HARMONY HOUSE

BY LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

THE FIRST time Carol Hilburn came to Carmel, she was welcomed by one of those dark, drippy days of summer. With the enchantment of the coastal community hidden behind a veil of fog, she couldn't see what her husband, Don, had loved about the place ever since his 1968 assignment at Fort Ord.

“I considered moving to Carmel to open an accounting practice.,” said Don Hilburn, who has been a CPA for 52 years. “I never made the move during my career, but I did make a note to retire here.”

The Hilburns met in 1978 in Texas, where he was running his accounting practice and she was practicing corporate law. They made plans to retire around 2002. Yet, during a 1993 Labor Day week-

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PHOTO/PHILIP GEIGER

The builders of Harmony House, Hazel Watrous and Dene Denny, intended their home to be a studio and salon in which professional musicians could perform while locals enjoyed the music. Accordingly, the long, deep living room has space for audience seating.

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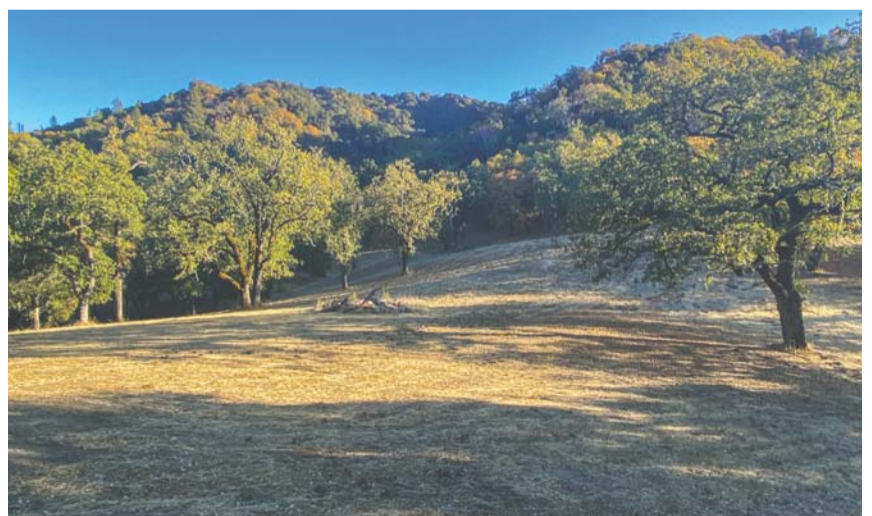
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But then there are the fans of old architecture and building styles — people who want to see a Carmel cottage retain its charm, or a Victorian home regain its former, regal appearance. They balk at the notion of sharp angles and brushed metal rails. For them, it's about restoration and preservation, and for that, there are craftsmen like those at Test of Tyme in Pa-

cific Grove.

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Test of Tyme's website boasts that it has worked on 20 homes west of 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach, as well as the Cypress Point Golf Course clubhouse and the

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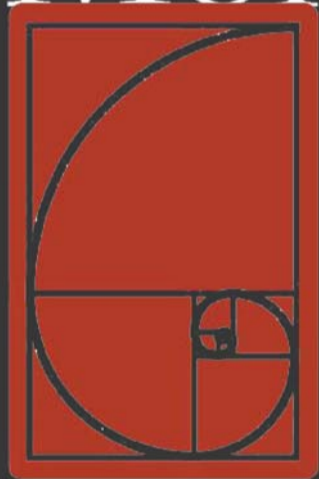
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POLICE LOG

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone left in an Uber at Valley Way and Carpenter. The owner was contacted and later came to retrieve the phone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found money on the counter of a local coffee shop at Ocean and Lincoln. If the owner is not located, finder would like to claim the money.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a non-injury collision on 11th Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult female at Sixth and Mission reported ongoing harassment from an unknown adult male. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female at Monte Verde and Fourth reported losing her cell phone while on a walk.

Pacific Grove: A driver's license was found on the recreation trail near the 100 block of Ocean View Boulevard. Owner could not be notified. The item will be held for safekeeping.

Carmel area: Construction site on Spin-drift was burglarized.

Carmel Valley: Report of alleged sexual abuse at a residence on Esquiline Road.

Pebble Beach: Report of a residential burglary on Sawmill Gulch Road.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog vs. dog incident at Scenic and Ninth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported a vehicle scratched his Tesla while it was parked on Scenic near 13th.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a report of a loose dog on Buena Vista Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject threw a bottle at a parked vehicle on David Avenue, causing minor damage.

Carmel area: Subject requested documentation of a suspicious incident that occurred at his home on Highway 1.

Carmel area: Subject on Highlands Drive was intoxicated to the point of being unable to care for his own safety. He was transported to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula by ambulance.

Carmel area: Suspect left her 2-year-old son in a locked vehicle at the Crossroads for an extended amount of time. The 26-year-old female admitted that she does this about two to three times a week. She was booked into county jail for child endangerment.

Carmel area: Items were taken from grocery store in on Carmel Ranch Boulevard.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two bicycles were found on the northwest corner of Third and Mission. Bicycles were stored at CPD for safekeeping.

Carmel area: Sheriff's deputies investi-

gated report of a shoplifter at the Crossroads. The 62-year-old male was contacted during a traffic stop and found to be in possession of a large amount of stolen alcohol. He also had several warrants for his arrest.

Carmel Valley: Two females entered a store at Mid Valley Center and stole approximately \$2,000 worth of merchandise.

Carmel Valley: Resident on Carmel Valley Road reported lost property.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dead body found in a residence on Carpenter north of Second. Cause was suicide.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle check was conducted on Ocean View Boulevard, and one of the occupants was found to have an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 47-year-old female was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: At about 1728 hours, of-

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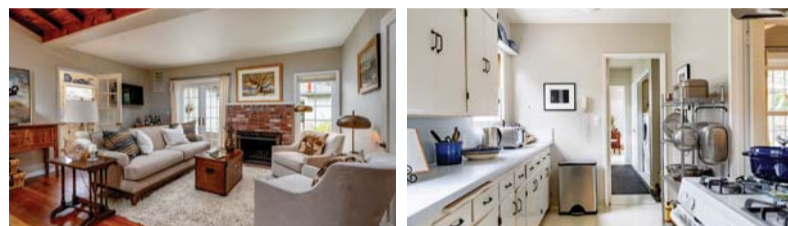


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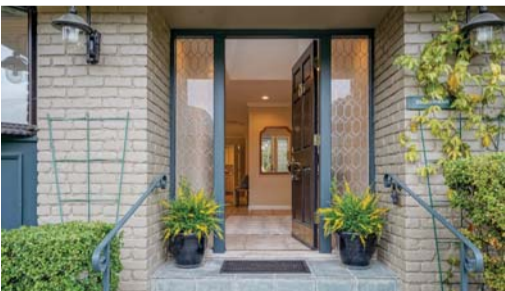
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the cook doesn't have to miss out on any of the fun. A gas fireplace in the living room invites everyone to gather around while someone shares a whale of a story from a day on the course — or stories about actual whales, perhaps from a hike at Point Lobos.

Three of the bedrooms are on the main floor. The primary suite, with a Juliet balcony overlooking the golf course and ocean as well as its own patio door, comes in at about 500

square feet, with a gas fireplace and plenty of sunshine (when the weather cooperates, of course). The bathroom features two separate vanity/sink areas, a Jacuzzi tub, a walk-in shower and a his-and-hers walk-in closet.

Downstairs is one of the guest suites, along with a media room. There, you'll find a large screen and comfy seating, so you can always change things up and watch the Niners, the Giants or the Warriors. There's also a small wine cellar/closet. Two more guest rooms are side by

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Waking up in the main bedroom, with its sweeping views of the Pebble Beach golf links and Point Lobos, might be one of the simplest joys this home can offer.

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SHERIFF

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Officers were dispatched to a residence on Hillcrest Court in Pacific Grove regarding domestic abuse related to ongoing issues regarding a married couple that were going through a divorce and still cohabitating.

Carmel Valley: Report of financial abuse at a Holt Road residence.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft on Ladera Drive.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 42-year-old male

Tassajara Road resident was arrested on Mountain View at 1906 hours for public intoxication and was transported to county jail. He was booked on \$3,500 bail.

Pacific Grove: Suspect on Central Avenue was found to be in violation of his probation terms.

Pebble Beach: Online report on Congress Avenue of a fraudulent purchase.

Carmel area: A welfare check was conducted on a juvenile on Ocean Avenue.

Carmel area: Resident at the Crossroads was reported missing.

Carmel area: A male reported a suspicious circumstance on his property on Mentone Road.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstances reported on Forest Lake Road.

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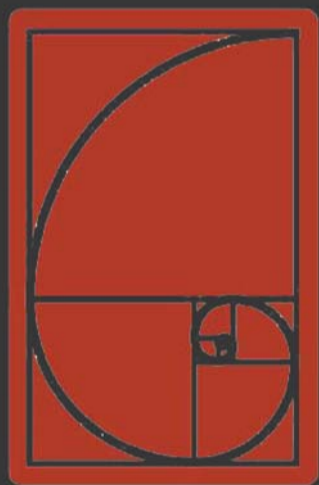


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RANCH

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area are ready for al fresco dining or drinks.

A short dirt path leads from the house to a promontory from which you can see the Bixby and the Rocky Creek bridges. There are approved permits and plans for an infinity pool there, should the new owner decide to build it. There are existing permits and plans for some additional outbuildings, too.

If you're into entertaining — or love big family gatherings — you must see the barn. During a search for building materials to repurpose, the architect heard about a pre-Civil-War barn in Ohio and liked it so much that she had it dismantled and reassembled on site.

Most of the approximately three-story barn space is open to the rafters, with large beams and interesting light fixtures, but a loft at one end — which serves as a space for reading and exercise — wouldn't be a bad sleeping area, either. The rest of the building is dedicated to entertaining. Garage-sized glass doors and windows that stretch from the floor nearly to the ceiling let in plenty of light, and there's a vintage-feeling kitchen. A fire pit at one end also lets you take the party outside.

A small standalone studio/office/library with a half bath and kitchenette has a cozy reading nook with a daybed nestled against a window, and it could easily be converted



PHOTO/SHERMAN CHU

The interior of the 150-year-old barn shows the welcoming space for dining, shooting pool, or just visiting.

to a guest house. The caretaker's cottage, which was the first dwelling on the property, has a family room, bedroom, full bath and kitchen with a small pantry. There are two wooded, upscale yurts which could satisfy the privacy needs of the angst-iest teenagers.

Don't do it justice

Water comes from a shared well and, while the home is on the electrical grid, solar panels and storage batteries make it possible to independently power all the buildings in the compound.

As is true for views from Nepenthe, the New Camaldoli Hermitage and similarly situated spots along Big Sur's cliffs, pictures don't do this spot justice. There are beautiful sunset and twilight photos, and you can imagine how the stars must look on a clear night. However, one visit leaves a lasting impression of what coastal living can be like, far — but not too far — from the passing tourists on the highway below.

HARMONY

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end visit to Carmel, they were surprised to find they could actually afford some of the places showcased in a real estate agency window.

"We have a cottage on the north side of town that just came on the market," a realtor said. "We can drive by, and if you like the roofline, we can go in."

Carol Hilburn fell in love — not with the cottage, but with its potential.

"Because the house was being purchased from an estate, it was subject to

an overbid proceeding in court," she said. (That's a process similar to an auction, but with a judge presiding over it.) "We came back in October and appeared at the Monterey courthouse, where we persisted until the judge said the words we'll never forget: 'I think the gentleman from Texas has just bought himself a house.'"

Didn't know the history

The Hilburns had no idea they had just bought a legendary property — one steeped in the lore of an artistic community.

"I didn't know the provenance of the house," Carol said. "I just felt that it had the look all the new houses were trying to emulate. I loved that the two bedrooms were on opposite sides of the house, with the main room in between. Someone else might have torn it down. I liked the structure."

Their neighbors taught them the history of Harmony House. It was designed and built in 1923 by Hazel Watrous and Dene Denny, an artist and a musician, who hailed from San Francisco. They came to Carmel on vacation and essentially never left, and their new residence was the first of three dozen houses they built here.

Their priorities were clear. The kitchen was small, but the living room was designed for entertaining. It was spacious enough to house an audience, with two grand pianos tucked into each other's curves next to a soaring, multi-paned window. Overhead, an L-shaped balcony had once hosted classical singers.

"From the 1920s to the 1950s,



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Harmony House, one of Carmel's most interesting and historic cottages, has been brought back to life after a fire.

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One of the company's more recent projects is a Victorian home on Larkin Street in Monterey. It was originally constructed in the 1920s and subsequently made into a duplex. "It's never really had anybody with an artistic view work on it," Whitaker said. "It was mainly an exterior renovation — a facelift. It gave the house a nice character."

A 1905 home on Hoffman in Monterey is getting a complete makeover. It's a Mills Act project, which means the owner receives a tax break as an incentive "to restore the home to its former glory," Whitaker said. At the same time, the structure must be brought up to current building

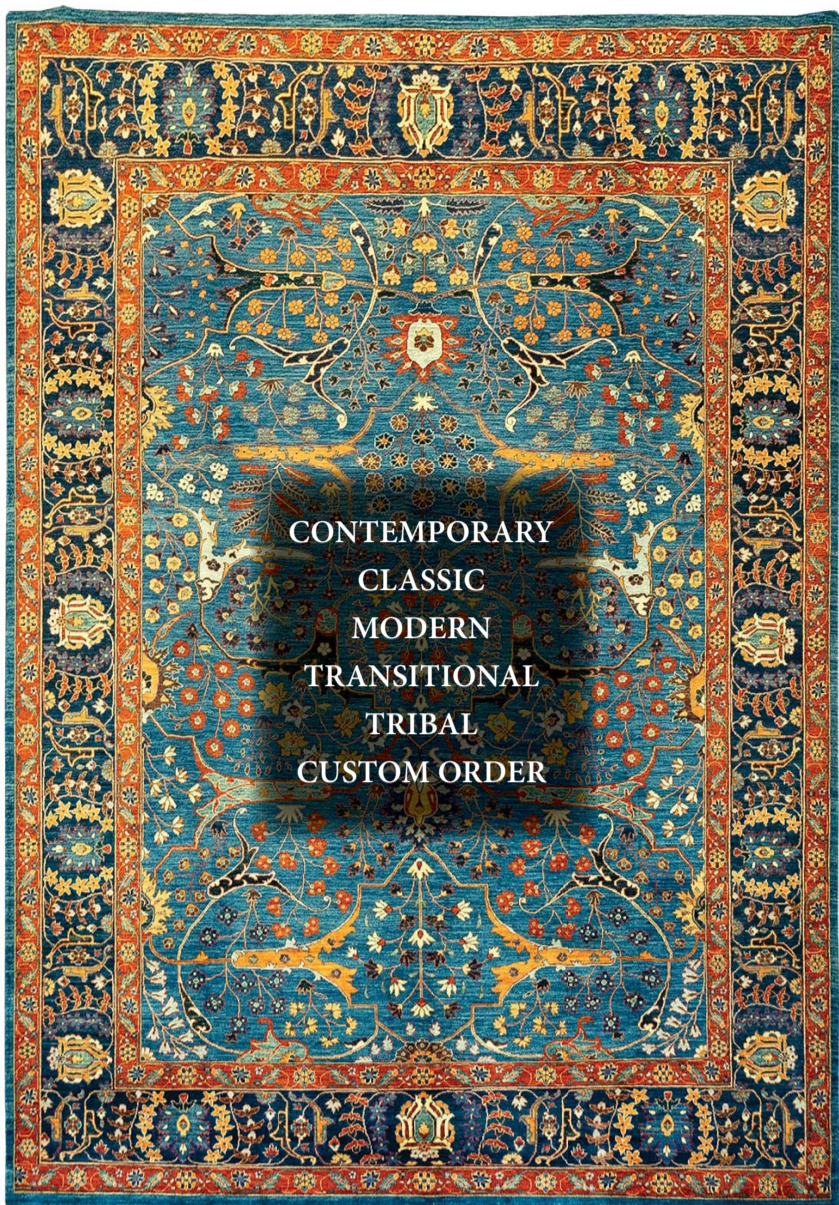
codes, and he added that while the outside must be true to its era, "inside, you can modernize it." In other words, you don't have to keep using a pot-belly stove and kerosene lamps, and a new-fangled dishwasher is just fine.

Whitaker loves poring over pictures of old houses and touring them when he can, and when he stays in old-style bed and breakfast inns, he spends what most of us would describe as an inordinate amount of time inspecting doors, windows, hinges and other details, and committing them to memory.

Still, he said, it's a little bit of a challenge to restore a home when there are no photos from when it was built. "There's a little guessing. You look at homes in the neighborhood from the same period to get an idea," he explained. Then he draws on his knowledge and experience.

For example, he said, the Mills Act restrictions mean he can't add a window or move any existing ones, and must make

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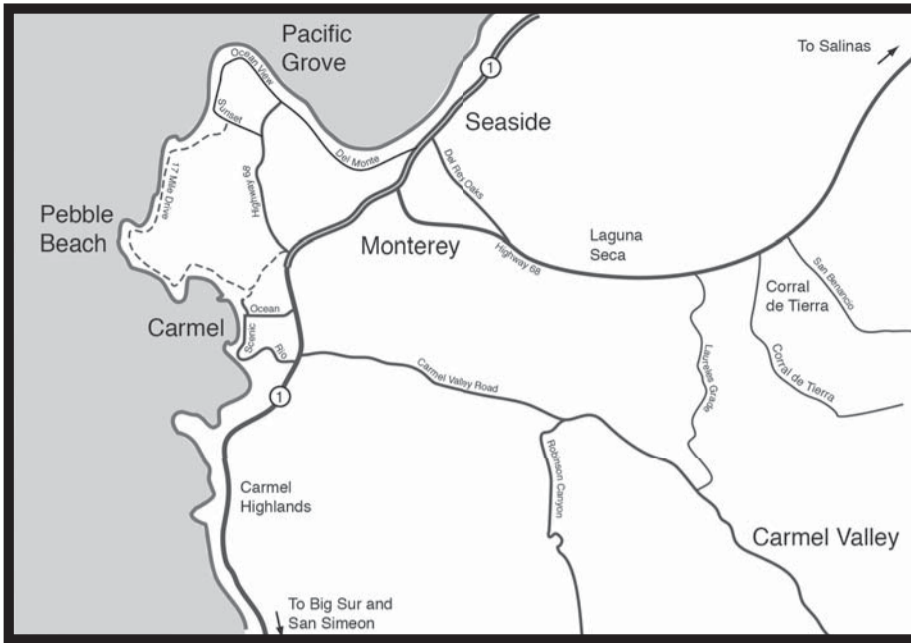
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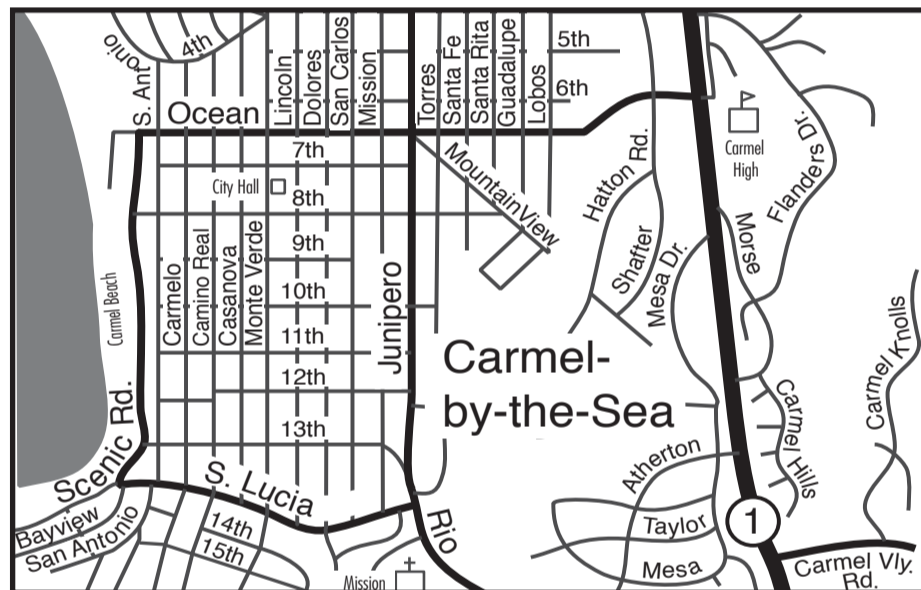
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LUCKY

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side on the other end of the house, each with an en suite bathroom and private

door that opens onto the patio. The one at the far end has its own fireplace, too.

The main garage has an upstairs office with excellent views and its own half bath, so it's easy to get some privacy and wrap up a little work from home. Finally, a stand-

alone guest house has its own garage, living room and bedroom, with built-in cabinets, drawers and its own bathroom. Knoop said that structure was the original home on the property.

Did we mention that the exterior is quite handsome? With a red-tiled roof and Mission-style architecture, its scale

fits perfectly into its surroundings. It's not understated, but it's definitely stately. The strip of land immediately behind the house is neatly landscaped with a small water fountain set into a wall — no space, indoors or out, is wasted.

No doubt the new owner will feel like they've made a Lucky Strike of their own.

The kitchen at Lucky Strike (right) is large enough to prepare food for a small crowd, but manageable enough for any home cook to enjoy. And the views, needless to say, are amazing (below).

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TYME

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everything look correct for its era. He knows that homes from that period had double-hung windows — two panes, one above the other, that slide up or down to open.

However, the original glass wasn't tempered, which presented a safety hazard. Whitaker said you can often identify an older windowpane because they're a little wavy, and thicker at the bottom than the top. That's because the old glass never fully hardened. Tempered windows are more difficult to break, and if a baseball does come sailing through one, the glass will shatter into tiny beads, instead of large, dangerous shards. So, Whitaker made new windows and doors to blend in with the period style.

The Hoffman home "is going to be nice," said Whitaker, who said he has a mental image of the finished project. Once he knows how he wants everything to look, an architect makes the plans and the permitting process begins.

Of course, the building trades didn't escape the supply-line interruptions of Covid, as anyone who had to buy a new appliance in 2020 can tell you. For Whitaker, "hardware you could get overnight now

sometimes takes six or eight weeks. Some materials doubled in price."

Demand for Test of Tyme's services has increased, too, and Whitaker theorizes that "Everyone was at home, looking around and thinking, 'we should work on our house.' It's like the Roaring 20s, when people were just happy the pandemic (in that case, the Spanish Flu) had passed." Still, the firm only works with two or three houses at a time, taking care to do the best possible job.

Specialists

He works with a loose collective of contractors who specialize in restoring older homes and who have been doing it for as long as he has. "We all kind of hang out together, like it was a medieval guild. You see these incredible levels of competence and experience with finishes, trims and so on." He described with obvious awe a painter he knew who could work without a dropcloth.

He also collaborates with expert landscapers, and said he likes to work with sustainable products, which are often healthier for those who use them, as well as for the environment.

So, what is a master builder/restorer's home like?

With a chuckle, he said simply, "The shoemaker's children have no shoes."

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GERVASE

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Students were attending college from their bedrooms and smartphones, and with the explosion of new technology, cheating became not just easy, but practically unavoidable.

My first college year was a disaster. Following 12 years of a highly disciplined Catholic education, I was like a sailor on shore leave when I was turned loose on a very liberal college campus, resulting in me getting terrible grades.

I dropped out and spent a year in a

hellhole of a steel mill. When I returned to school, I was finally ready to be a good student.

The need to cheat on exams is inversely proportional to the amount of work a student puts into a course. It's all about preparation. At least it was when I was in school. Maybe students should put as much effort into learning as they do into cheating.

'A disadvantage not to cheat'

Society is guided by rules. Improving your grades by cheating is exploiting those who took the exams in good faith, which crushes any self-serving justification for bending and breaking the rules.

"I'm getting screwed over for doing the

right thing," a University of Pennsylvania sophomore said. "It's a disadvantage not to cheat."

Students today are playing by rules more lenient than those in my university days. That leniency alone should bring out the best in their inner moral code — unless that code never existed.

Not only is cheating on exams dishonest, it destroys intellectual curiosity — and you don't have access to knowledge you never learned in the first place.

Sadly, it is not only the students who are cheating. "Just like the students want to get ahead, the universities want to get ahead," said Sam Beyda, a Columbia economics major. He pointed out that his own school's

administration has been accused of manipulating data to game the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

There is more distrust in our institutions today than I can ever remember. Distrust in government and the media is lower than my SAT scores. That distrust will grow exponentially if our colleges continue to graduate cheaters.

When asked about the penalties he called on himself, the great golfer Bobby Jones said, "There is only one way to play this game."

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EPIC

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Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous worked together to bring art, music and beauty to their world,” wrote David Gordon in “Carmel Impresarios: A cultural biography of Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous” (2014). “Against all odds, and through the darkest years of the Great Depression, they founded the Carmel Music Society and the Carmel Bach Festival, created a civic orchestra, founded and ran an unusual repertory theater in Monterey and produced a major concert series in San Jose.”

‘I wish I had photos’

In 1995, the Hilburns did a minor renovation of the house. Without altering its size, footprint or character, they took down a wall to open up the kitchen, redesigned the front bedroom and bath, and restored inoperable plumbing.

The next year, Carol Hilburn saw a copy of a 1987 Car-

mel Bach Festival program, with a cover photo of Dene Denny, Hazel Watrous and their grand pianos in Harmony House. “That December, we called the festival office and made a donation in honor of Dene and Hazel,” she said.

They also hosted the first of many fundraising events on behalf of the Carmel Bach Festival, Pacific Repertory Theater, and other charitable organizations.

That initial party featured two flautists and a cellist performing from the balcony, but the Hilburns were just getting started. Carol said that for 2012’s “Baroque Christmas at Harmony House,” they flew in Australian mezzo-soprano Sally-Anne Russell and violinist Rachel Evans to perform. They divided the cottage into three venues. A Venetian area occupied the space near the great window, there was German-influenced décor in the living room, and an ornate Asian aesthetic in the front room, complete with a dramatic art pagoda.

“I wish I still had the photos of these events,” Carol Hilburn said.

In 2017, the Hilburns were standing in their kitchen when an enormous pine tree came crashing down, destroying both chimneys and damaging the walls and ceilings. The couple moved out of the house for what became more than three months. Most of their art and antique collections was placed in storage, except for their 1916 Chickering baby grand piano and a large antique cabinet.

On the evening of June 1, they were preparing to move back in. As Carol brought some of their things back to the cottage, she found five fire trucks and Carmel police officers there. Her husband was called to the scene.

Spontaneous combustion

Don recalled, “Carol and I stood, watching the flames rocket through the roof of this home, this legendary house that has been very important to this community for almost 100 years.” Rags left behind by repairmen (who had used them to stain the floors) had spontaneously combusted, Carol said.

The front of the house was destroyed and the rest was damaged by smoke, debris and water. The Hilburns were devastated but undaunted. This time, the recovery of Harmony House took more than a year.

“I loved the front room, with its black, gray and white toile wallpaper,” Carol said. “But I always wanted to have a hunt room, like the Jockey Club in D.C. Working with my amazing interior designer, Karen Nelson, we created that.”

The silver lining of back-to-back disasters was how many of their belongings, still in storage from the pine tree renovation, were preserved. They did lose 18 fine-art paintings in the front room, as well as their antique grand piano and cabinet. Carol has spent hundreds of hours of rather successful hours researching and finding replacements.

“What’s most important is that we are OK, and Harmony House was restored. It’s actually so beautiful, the way it turned out. And we did everything to make sure the house was in conformity with city codes and regulations,” she said. “And, as custodians of this Carmel treasure, we can continue to share it with our community.”



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A sitting area away from the performance space at Harmony House allows for quiet contemplation and reading.

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