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Falling trees inflict major damage, residents want rules changed



■ Restaurant refrigerators emptied into bins

By MARY SCHLEY

A SERIES of rainy, windy storms wreaked havoc on the Peninsula this week, cutting off power to thousands of residents — some for many days — and causing internet, TV and cellular service to fail, leaving people unreachable unless they drove to Seaside or points north to get a signal.

More than 5 inches of rain fell during the week, and while there was no flooding, winds gusting up to 50 mph brought down hundreds of trees, some of them landing on houses, cars and power lines, and closing south-bound Highway 1 after power lines fell across the lanes, giving stranded motorists nowhere to go. Both directions of the state highway were closed near Point Lobos due to potential danger from falling trees.

Now, some who have experienced the trauma of having a huge tree fall on their homes or damage to their property are calling for the city to change its forestry policies.

‘Fell through my house’

Bill Taormina was sitting in the living room with his wife around 7 p.m. March 10 when a pine on a neighbor’s property crashed onto the garage of their home at Monte Verde and Third.

“It literally fell through my house,” he said. A 100-foot-tall tree weighing thousands of pounds missed the room where they were sitting by 3 feet.

“It was like a bomb exploded, because as the tree fell upon our garage, it exploded the windows adjacent to the couch my wife had been sitting on 10 seconds before,” Taormina said. “Had she been there, I don’t know what would have happened, other than shards of glass throughout

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PHOTO/(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT) FRED KERN, MICHAEL TROUTMAN, KERRY BELSER, COURTESY MONTEREY COUNTY

(Clockwise from top left) Monday morning, a large Monterey pine crashed through the roof of a home at Monte Verde and Third. Later in the week, electricity crews repaired one of many damaged power lines in the city. A classic truck belonging to Sade’s owner Parker Logan was heavily damaged on Scenic Road. And heavy equipment was deployed to repair the break in the Pajaro River levee.

After levee fails, Pajaro River forces thousands to flee

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIVE MONTHS after local leaders celebrated the news that \$400 million was secured to rebuild the Pajaro River’s levee, heavy rain caused the levee to fail Friday night, forcing nearly 2,000 residents in the community of Pajaro to flee their homes.

Last year, the need to repair the levee was raised during hearings on a proposed farmworkers housing complex. The housing was eventually given the green light despite concerns.

County spokeswoman Maia Carroll reported late Wednesday that an emergency repair effort to shore up the break is making good progress. “The levee repair is holding river flows,” Carroll said.

An estimated 13,000 county residents are still under evacuation orders. While floodwaters are receding in Pajaro, it’s uncertain

when those who live there will be able to return. County officials are warning that the tap water there is not safe to drink.

400-foot breach

The floodwaters broke through the levee at around midnight Friday, causing some residents to need emergency evacuations. The breach was originally about 120 feet long, but soon grew to about 400 feet. Its effects on Pajaro residents have been devastating — homes and streets were inundated with water, with thousands of acres of farmland also submerged.

“It’s heartbreaking to see the community today,” Monterey County Supervisor Luis Alejo said. “We know

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Some still without power in Pebble Beach

■ Resident files lawsuit against PG&E

By KELLY NIX

THE STORMS of the past week may be over, but residents in Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach are still dealing with the effects, including some who still have no power.

Thousands of Monterey Peninsula residents who lost electricity in the March 10 storm may have gotten it back after a few days, but on Tuesday another powerful storm with gusts of more than 50 mph came through, knocking out power, downing hundreds of trees, causing plenty of property damage and forcing the closure of dozens of roads.

Besides Carmel, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove and parts of Monterey — areas with an abundance of trees — were hit hard.

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Lyons releases CUSD report that led to his firing

By MARY SCHLEY

IT WAS Carmel High School principal Jonathan Lyons’ handling of a conflict between two CHS boys — and whether it constituted sexual harassment — that led Carmel Unified School District superintendent Ted Knight to put Lyons on leave last December and ultimately remove him from his post, according to a report released this week by Lyons and his attorney, Barry Bennett.

Prepared by attorney Barbara Vrankovich at the request of school district human resources chief Craig Chavez to determine whether Lyons followed district protocols for investigating possible student-to-student sexual harassment, the Feb. 23 four-page report indicates the question arose after a parent complained in early December that one teen was bullying another.

The incident involving Lyons had occurred two months earlier, according to the report, when Lyons found a student upset in a hallway because another teen had made a

C.V. senior communities beleaguered by outages

By CHRIS COUNTS

ALL POWER outages aren’t created equal, as many residents discovered last Friday when electricity went out in almost the entire Monterey Peninsula.

While many experienced hours without power, others lost theirs for days, including Rochelle Blank, who lives at Hacienda Carmel, a senior community in Carmel Valley with 300 condos. Blank said she and her neighbors lost electricity March 9 at 5 p.m. It came back on again Sunday around 2 p.m., but soon went off again.

‘Given daily times’

Blank said at first she received messages from PG&E letting her know when the power would be restored. “For three days, we were given daily times when it was to be restored,” she told The Pine Cone. “But it never happened.”

Further attempts by Blanks to find out when electricity would come back on were unsuccessful — either she couldn’t reach the utility company, or was “promised” power would soon return, “only for that not to happen,”

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Late-night rupture forces emergency evacuations

derogatory comment to him and he wanted the insults to stop. The student had asked Lyons if the exchange constituted sexual harassment, and Lyons said he wasn’t sure, though he later concluded it wasn’t. Also according to the report, he didn’t document the incident.

Redactions in the way

At a subsequent meeting regarding one of those students — Vrankovich’s report is redacted, so it’s difficult to tell which one — Lyons reportedly also made comments regarding the conflict between the two students that offended others in the room. The report says the others felt Lyons’ comments were “atrocious in this day and age,” “appalling,” “dismissive” and “insensitive.”

She concluded Lyons “did not follow established procedures to investigate the incident” between the two students.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Famous Seamus

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Turns out everyone in town seems to know this gorgeous golden retriever – by appearance and by name – as he heads out for a walk down to Carmel Beach from his home just south of Ocean Avenue.

“Even on stormy days, I take Seamus to the beach,” his person said, “which means constant appointments at Grooming-by-the-Sea. He doesn’t like going into the place, but he loves the treat on his way out.”

As soon as Seamus gets to the beach, he runs right into the water, splashing his way through the surf. But his real obsession is the rocky bank, where squirrels dart in and out, entertaining him like an arcade game.

“Seamus will never catch a squirrel, but the thrill of trying is enough for him,” his person said. “He’d sit there all day if I let him.”

A week after Seamus’ couple lost their previous golden retriever, they called a breeder, who let them know they had no puppies available. Still, they felt the need to tell him about their loss, their devotion to goldens, and the town where they live, which is known as



the “canine capital” of, probably, everywhere.

A day later, the breeder called, having come up with a male puppy – an English cream and standard golden retriever mix. “You sounded like the kind of people I like to give my goldens to,” she said.

Seamus was 11 weeks old the first time he accompanied his person to Stanford Hospital because of her long-term health issues. While she was being moved from room to room, a nurse carried the pup, who quickly became known as Famous Seamus, just like in his hometown.

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Wastewater reclamation project may grow without Cal Am's help

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District is considering expanding a wastewater reclamation project without help from utility California American Water — a move that would raise water rates but would not eliminate the ban on new water uses nor help comply with a state order to stop pumping from the Carmel River.

For background: On Dec. 1, the state's Public Utilities Commission approved an expansion of Pure Water Monterey, a project near Marina that transforms wastewater into drinking water for Peninsula residents. But Cal Am, which would need to build a pipeline, wells and other infrastructure to allow the extra water to be delivered from the Seaside basin to households, refused to agree to the plan because the PUC wouldn't allow it to recover roughly \$20 million in costs. Cal Am has asked the PUC to reconsider the decision and is awaiting the agency's decision.

Good idea?

Meanwhile, frustrated that it hasn't been able to expand the Pure Water Monterey project to allow it to produce more, water district general manager Dave Stoldt at a meeting March 6 posed the possibility of "financing and constructing the Pure Water Monterey expansion without the participation of Cal Am."

Stoldt said it was possible for the district to pursue an expansion without Cal Am's help, but he noted several potential problems with that scenario. First off, the wastewater expansion project would not do what it was promised to do — and the extra water wouldn't flow to Cal Am's customers.

The "ultimate goal" in expanding Pure Water, Stoldt said, is to "solve the

Peninsula's water supply problem" by meeting future needs, complying with a state order to stop pumping much of its water from the Carmel River and lifting the ban on new water meters to allow for more housing and jobs — a need which has become especially acute given the state's significant new housing mandates.

Stoldt has repeatedly said that an expansion of Pure Water Monterey would "provide all the water the Peninsula needs for the next 30 years," including "100 percent" of its housing needs.

'Wouldn't help'

However, he told water board directors that if the water district pursued the expansion without Cal Am's help and its infrastructure to deliver the water to residents, the additional water would be used to bolster drought reserves, to provide protective levels for the Seaside basin, or be sold to other agencies, such as the Marina Coast Water District.

"Just putting the water into the ground" wouldn't help solve the local water problems, Stoldt conceded.

In fact, if the district expands Pure Water on its own it "could have other harmful repercussions," he noted. For instance, Stoldt explained that Cal Am could decide that the wastewater recycling project is "no longer a reliable alternative water supply" and pursue its roughly \$400 million desalination plant without helping with Pure Water Monterey, which is a collaboration between the water district and sewer agency Monterey One Water.

The California Coastal Commission on Nov. 17 approved the desal plant, which Cal Am said would provide plenty of water for the Peninsula. The water district and other agencies oppose the project because

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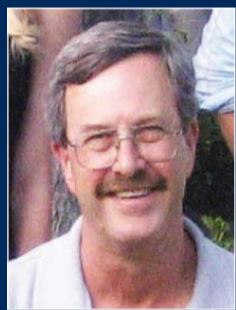
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Thief working too hard to retire

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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a commercial burglary at Ocean and Mission.

Pacific Grove: Citizen on 17 Mile Drive reported a theft. No investigative leads.

Pacific Grove: A hit-and-run occurred on Congress. Information only.

Carmel Valley: Citizen on Schulte Road reported suspicious activity on her Verizon account.

Carmel area: Wallet found in the roadway at Mid Valley Center was returned to owner.

Pebble Beach: Alvarado Lane resident reported someone fraudulently accessed an account.

Big Sur: Request to conduct a welfare check on Highway 1.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Pacific Grove: A school on Forest Ave-

nue requested a welfare check on a child and parent.

Pacific Grove: A 29-year-old male on Church Street was issued a citation for his outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor charge.

Carmel Valley: Patron of a resort on Rancho San Carlos Road did not like the service.

Carmel area: A 64-year-old female Oliver Road resident reported identity theft.

Carmel Valley: Driver on Country Club Drive reported a rear window had been broken. Investigation determined the golf clubs inside the rear of the vehicle hit the glass while the subject was driving.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Pacific Grove: Construction-type tools stolen from the back of a parked pickup truck on Sunset Drive. No suspect information.

Pebble Beach: Ocean Road resident reported alleged financial exploitation.

Carmel Valley: Tierra Grande Drive resident reported financial exploitation.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

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 of 2022. 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, Clifford Meyer, called 911 to report that he had tied Doe up because she had been scratching 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 the defendant on March 30, 2023. The defendant faces up to 10 years in prison and the convictions will serve as violent strikes under California's three strikes law.

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Rec trail stabber to get parole

By KELLY NIX

A CALIFORNIA parole agency has upheld a decision to release from prison one of two active duty U.S. Marines who nearly murdered a woman during an unprovoked attack near Lovers Point in 2000.

Last October, two board of parole commissioners voted to uphold a decision to grant parole to Jason Blad, who, with Jesse Carson, brutally attacked the victim by stabbing and slashing her with a knife. Blad, who is 43 now, was 21 at the time of the crime.

After parole was granted, the victim's family and Monterey County District

Attorney Jeannine Pacioni requested that Gov. Gavin Newsom direct the entire panel of 21 parole board commissioners to review the case. On Feb. 22, the full board upheld the two commissioners' decision, meaning Blad will be released from prison after serving 21 years.

The woman's parents "pleaded with the parole board not to release their daughter's attacker," but it did so anyway, the DA's office said.

Blad and Carson's brutal crime stunned Monterey Peninsula residents at the time. Blad — "for reasons best known to

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ASSESSOR COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST TWO months after he retired, Monterey County's longtime assessor-clerk recorder, Steve Vagnini, is returning on a temporary basis.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 Tuesday to waive a 180-day waiting period for a retiree to come back to work, making it possible for him to resume his old job.

According to the county's current assessor and clerk/recorder Marina Camacho, who succeeded Vagnini on Jan. 1, her predecessor's expertise is needed to help the county adjudicate appeals of tax valuations for hotels and industrial properties, as well as "special properties such as hospitals and golf courses" that don't often sell.

"It is critical that we have Mr. Vagnini back," Camacho said. "We definitely need his expertise."

The assessor's office has had a tough time recently filling critical positions.

"In the last few years, the assessor's office has had retirements of long-term

appraisers," a county report indicates. "These long-term appraisers were experts in the valuation of specialized properties. While the office has been hiring appraisers to fill the vacancies created by the retirements, the knowledge, skills and abilities to establish valuations for specialized properties take years to develop."

Vagnini will be limited to working 960 hours this year at a rate of \$47.61 an hour.

Elected five times

After 35 years working in the assessor's office — including five terms as its elected assessor and clerk/recorder — Vagnini retired Dec. 30. When he was first elected in 2001, the county's real estate was valued at just over \$30 billion. Today, that number has increased to more than \$79 billion. The tax revenues from real estate account for over 70 percent of the county's discretionary spending.

Besides his work for the county, Vagnini founded Sand City's West End Celebration and is director of the local chapter of Guitars Not Guns.

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Bridge railings rejected again, but supes will have last word

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO WEEKS after the Monterey County Planning Commission voted to reject a proposal by Caltrans to replace the “crumbling” railings on Garrapata Bridge in Big Sur because the new ones won’t look enough like the old ones, the state roads agency tried again Wednesday to convince the planning commission to OK the plan. But planning commissioners weren’t swayed by Caltrans’ updated arguments and voted again to turn down the proposal.

To strengthen the side rails on the bridge, the new railings would be somewhat thicker with smaller portals between

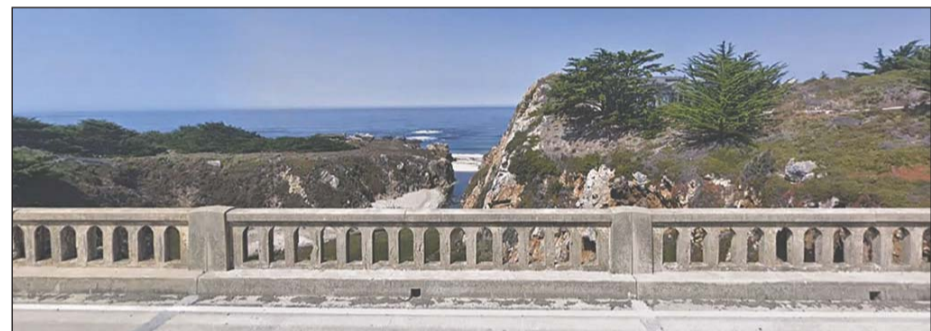
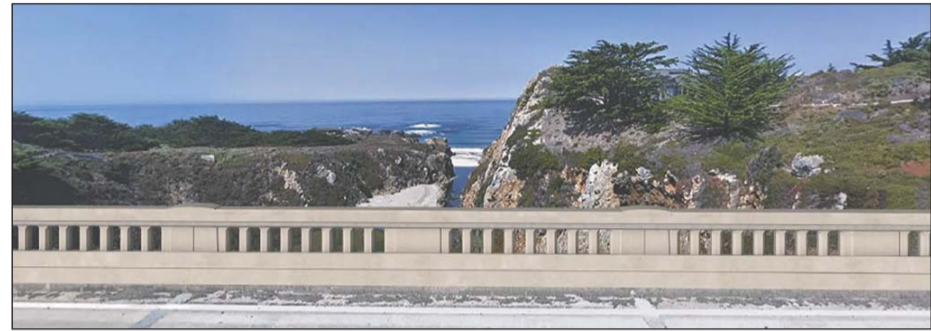
the posts.

Before the vote, Mitch Dallas of Caltrans said his agency would appeal the case to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and possibly the California Coastal Commission if the planning commission continued to say no.

“There’s no option to repair these railings in their current state,” Dallas insisted. “The railings must meet modern safety standards — repair is not an option. This is all about safety and liability.”

Dallas noted that when the bridge was built, cars had only a fraction of the horsepower they have today, which he suggested

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Renderings show what proposed railings would look like on Garrapata Bridge in Big Sur (top), and what the existing railings are like now (above). The county planning commission rejected the new design because it supposedly detracts from the view, but Caltrans says the improvements are needed for safety.

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Different from a ‘physical’

“This is a visit, not an exam, and it’s completely different from what we like to call our ‘physical,’” clarified Dr. Harry Nervino, an internal medicine specialist (retired, but still conducting Wellness Visits for Montage Medical Group). “This is a comprehensive consultation that provides a primary care doctor a clearer understanding of your health concerns and goals from one year to the next.”

The visit (which requires no out-of-pocket payment, no co-insurance, and no co-pay) is mostly a Q&A, during which the doctor reviews a patient’s family health history and personal medical history, including past surgeries, allergies, acute and chronic problems, pain issues, breathing problems, dental status, and other components that might impact your health.

“We’ll also ask about your exercise habits, and whether you need help with things like bathing, grooming, shopping, food

preparation, eating, or transportation,” Dr. Nervino said.

“We’ll ask about problems with balance or walking, if you have you fallen recently, need a cane or walker, have a grab-bar in your bathtub and handrails on your stairs, have problems standing up from a sitting position.

“Any issues with vision, hearing, memory, judgment? Are your sleep patterns normal? Are you feeling anxious or depressed?”



Harry Nervino, MD

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— Dr. Harry Nervino

A review of meds

The doctor also will review current medications (including homeopathic remedies and over-the-counter meds), some of which might be outdated, or incompatible with other prescriptions.

“Some seniors are managing 10, 15, 20 different prescriptions — some from a specialist outside their primary-care record,” said Tyler Munson, CEO of Aspire Health, a provider of Medicare Advantage coverage and popula-

Annual Wellness Visits for senior patients — and why they are important

tion health services. “Often it can be difficult to understand how each medication interacts with others, and whether it might need to be adjusted or discontinued.”

Typically, the only hands-on exams during a wellness visit will include measuring height, weight, and blood pressure.

Tests can be scheduled

Other tests, such as a bone density study for osteoporosis or osteopenia will be scheduled if needed, along with procedures like a colonoscopy (to check for polyps or cancer), abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound screening, body-mass index (to detect obesity), mammograms, hepatitis B or C, prostate screening, and a cursory check for glaucoma in the eyes.

Those tests are covered by Medicare or Medicare Advantage plans.

Patients also are queried to see if they are up-to-date with vaccinations and immunizations for Covid, flu, shingles, pneumonia, and tetanus.

Marie Wolf, an administrator of Collaborative Care Services at Montage Medical Group, emphasized that the free Annual Wellness Visit is entirely different from a patient’s yearly physical exam.

“A common misconception is that this is a visit to manage specific medical issues,” Wolf said. “A lot of times, patients think this is a time when they can talk to their doctor about a mole they’ve found, or have an in-depth conversation about their diabetes, or something else.

“When a visit starts addressing specific medical problems — new or existing — it’s no longer in the category of a preventative visit — it becomes a regular office visit. That can result in a co-pay, or it goes toward their deductible,” she explained. “Our physicians are very good about explaining that a patient might be veering away from the intent of the well-

ness visit. If patients don’t get that information, and receive a bill a later, it can be upsetting. We certainly want to avoid that.”

Bring medications, vax cards

Patients can save time, and help their physician and medical staff, by bringing all prescription bottles and vaccination/immunization cards to the wellness visit, Dr. Nervino said.

“One additional thing we’ll typically ask is whether an advanced health care directive is in place and if so, does the patient want to make any changes,” said the doctor, referring to a form that advises an emergency room doctor of what the patient wants done in the event that he/she becomes mentally incapacitated and incapable of making a decision.

“If you’re in the emergency room, and you’ve listed things you want done in that kind of situation, it helps the ER doctor,” Dr. Nervino said.

Visit www.medicare.gov/coverage/yearly-wellness-visits, or contact your Medicare provider, for additional information about Annual Wellness Visits.

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Hit-and-run victim remembered as Carmel High graduate, local stage talent

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE WORD went out last week that a one-time local actress, dancer and choreographer, Laura Akard, 59, was killed in a hit-and-run accident in two months ago. In earlier news reports, the victim had been identified only as a homeless woman.

A 1981 graduate of Carmel High School, Akard was once very active in the local theater scene.

On social media last week, many locals remembered Akard from her days in local theater, including Melina Klein, who grew up in Cachagua and now lives in Orange County. Klein called Akard “beautiful, talented and amazing,” and said she had a “bright energy that was contagious.”

“Her theater family is grieving hard, but talks of a celebration of life are starting,” Klein said. “Please take a moment to celebrate her by knowing that she was a loved human and friend, not unknown.”

A one-time local stage performer who now lives in New Hampshire, Marc Murai said he was “heartbroken” to hear of Akard’s passing. Murai said she was able to bring out talent in others.

“I played opposite Laura in ‘Little Shop of Horrors’, which ranks as one of the most fun productions I’ve ever been in,” he recalled. “She was able to take a mediocre dancer like me, and make it appear as if I was actually talented. May Laura rest in heavenly peace. I have no doubt that she is dancing with the angels now.”

Another former resident who now lives in New York,

Sam Given, remembered Akard in a post on social media.

“You were such a gift to me at an age when I was begging to be noticed,” Given wrote. “You lit the fire in me to pursue a creative life and were/are very much an influence in all the work I’ve done onstage.”

Driver to appear in court

Akard was struck Jan. 12 while pushing a shopping cart on Canyon Del Rey Blvd. near Walgreens, and died at a local hospital several hours later. A short time after that, photos were posted on social media of a blue Audi sedan that hit her. The car was soon identified as a 2008 Audi TT convertible belonging to Sara Mazzia, who initially said she was the driver, court records allege.

Mazzia’s boyfriend, David Hopkins, later admitted he was the driver and was arrested and charged with felony hit-and-run causing death and conspiracy to obstruct justice. He was released on bail March 9 and has a court date set for March 21.



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Late actress, dancer and choreographer Laura Akard is pictured here with Carl Palme, who is portraying Winnie the Pooh, in 1989.

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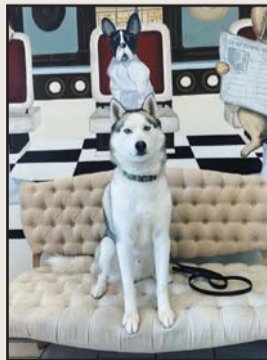
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CALIFORNIA HAS MORE BLACKS, LATINOS AND WOMEN AS JUDGES

By KELLY NIX

THE STATE'S judiciary continues to be more "diverse," with far fewer White people and more women and people of color serving as judges since the state began surveying them 17 years ago, according to Judicial Council of California.

The Judicial Council is required by law to collect and release demographic data relative to the gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and veteran and disability status of California state court justices and judges.

The 2023 survey results, based on 2022 figures, indicate that for the last 17 years, the bench has become more racially and ethnically diverse, the council said.

Fewer Whites

"The proportion of responding White judicial officers has declined by more than eight percentage points since 2006," according to the council. "The percentage of responding Asian, Black, and Hispanic judicial officers has doubled over the same time period."

Asian judges, for example, account for 9.3 percent of the state's judges, compared to only 4.4 percent in 2006, while Hispanic or Latino judges make up 12.5 percent in 2022, compared to 6.3 percent in 2006. The number of Black or African-American judges nearly doubled from 4.4 percent in 2006 to 8.6 percent in 2022, while the number of White judges declined from 70.1 percent to 61.4 percent, the council said.

"These changes reflect judicial retirements and other departures from the bench, new judicial appointments, and an increase in the number of trial court judges who voluntarily provided race/ethnicity information," the council said.

Although 20 percent of California's judges declined to answer questions regarding gender identity and sexual orientation, 75.4 percent of those responding said they are heterosexual, 2.6 percent gay, 1.8 percent lesbian, 0.2 percent bisexual and one-tenth of a percent transgender.

In a March 2022 press release, Gov. Gavin Newsom celebrated his appointment of Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Andi Mudryk, the "first openly transgender" person to serve on the state's bench.

This is the 12th year the Judicial Council released the results about gender identity and sexual orientation.

Judges were also asked about their disability status and whether they served in the military.

"Of the 831 active trial court judges responding to the question about their status as a veteran, 52 respondents, or 6 percent, indicated they have served in the military," according to the Judicial Council report. "Of the 834 active judges responding to the question concerning their disability status, 19 indicated they have a disability."

Monterey County demographics

Of the 16 Monterey County judges who took the survey, two are Asian, one is Hispanic or Latino, 11 are White, and two are "more than one race," according to the data.

Fourteen judges in Monterey County said they were heterosexual while two declined to disclose the information. There are no disabled or military veterans serving as judges on the county bench, the results show.

There are 19 Monterey County Superior Court judges, court executive officer Chris Ruhl told The Pine Cone.

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Storm damage adds up in Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE WORK continues on the effort to clear two major slides in Big Sur, another troubled section of pavement has developed.

Just north of the New Camaldoli Hermitage, Highway 1 is being undermined by erosion, Big Sur Fire said Monday. Photos show chunks of pavement missing where the road crosses a creek.

According to a report by a resident on Facebook, it's expected that the slip-out will get worse.

"Some of us drove and parked our cars on the other side of the collapse while we still could," the resident said.

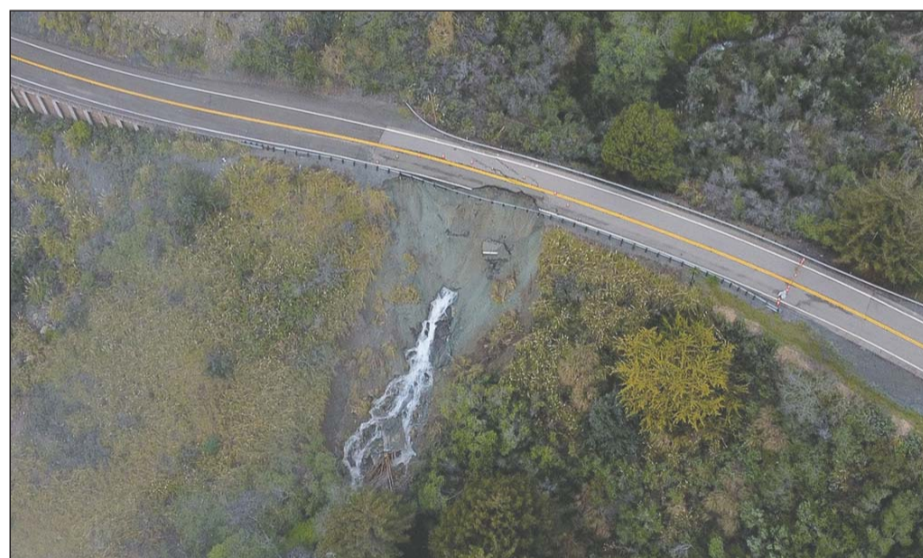
For now, Caltrans is assessing the damage. The hermitage is closed to the public for now, and Highway 1 in the area is also closed due to slides, including massive Paul's Slide, which is located a short distance to the south.

Caltrans crews also responded to small slides near the Torre Canyon Bridge, which is less than a mile south of Coast Gallery, and at Mud Creek, which is about a mile south of Gorda. At the latter site, "a boulder the size of a shipping container sits on slide material just above the roadway." After debris is removed at Mud Creek, protective netting will be used to help stabilize the slope.

Vehicles were blocked from reaching Highway 1 earlier in the week by a fallen utility line in the Palo Colorado area.

"There is a power line against a redwood tree on Garrapatos Road," resident Bruce Merchant reported Tuesday. "The power line is sparking and burning and smoking. People beyond the site cannot get out."

The new road hazards are keeping Caltrans workers busy. "Crews have cleared dozens of smaller slides and repaired and cleared culverts," the agency added.



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Thanks to recent storms, the Big Sur River is flowing swiftly past the Big Sur River Inn (top). Just north of the New Camaldoli Hermitage, a section of Highway 1 is being undermined by erosion (middle and above).

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that these residents are going to go through some challenging times over the next several months to try to get their homes repaired and make them habitable again.”

Because flood waters that covered the community wells may be contaminated with “chemicals that would not be made safe by boiling or disinfection,” the county said, residents were told not to drink their tap water.

Alejo said the flooding will hurt both the agricultural industry and its workers in the Pajaro Valley, where strawberries, broccoli, artichokes and other crops are grown.

“Over 20,000 acres of ag lands in Monterey County will now sit fallow due to storm water contamination, causing significant job losses and an impact on our nation’s food supply,” he said.

The supervisor said those affected by the flooding are facing “financial pain” that will be “severe and prolonged.”

“I urge our state leaders to provide aid in the state budget for undocumented flood victims who do not qualify for FEMA assistance & additional relief for farmworkers who will be out of work due to flooded ag fields and not qualifying for unemployment insurance,” he said.

A second, smaller breach located between Pajaro and the mouth of the river has been credited with helping to lower the flood level.

The work to rebuild the levee was expected to start in 2024.

To help the people of Pajaro, the Community Foundation for Monterey County is seeking donations for its Storm Relief Fund. “People are in need of food, housing, and financial assistance,” the foundation announced. “Residents will need support for cleanup and recovery after floodwaters recede.” To donate, go to cfmco.org.



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Museum remembers scientist, philanthropist

ED CLIFTON was the longest-serving member of the board of the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. He was also a geologist who worked for the U.S. Geological Survey for nearly 30 years. He's responsible for many of

the museum's exhibits and was a generous donor.

He died on Jan. 17, and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the museum will remember the philanthropist organizers say “rocked our world.” Admission will be free, and the event is cohosted by partners from Point Lobos, where Clifton was a docent. Visitors will enjoy “family fun with tributes to Ed and his work, to inspire joy in learning about the natural world,” the museum said.

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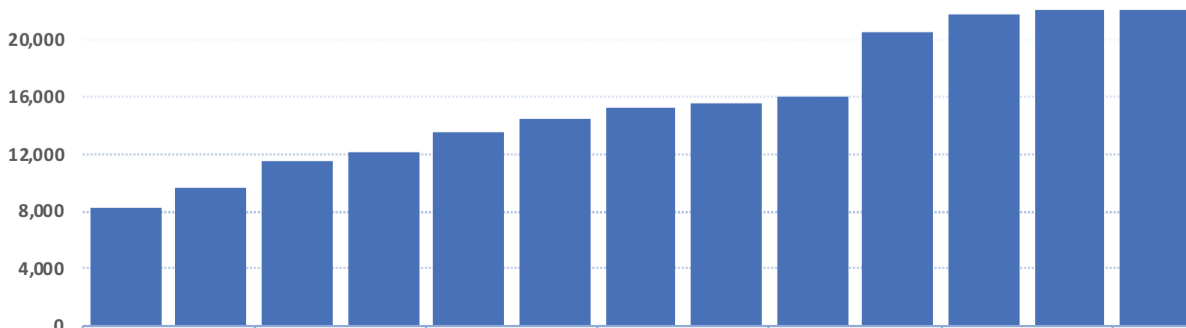
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POWER

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Pebble Beach Community Services District general manager Mike Niccum said the southern side of Pebble Beach was hit hardest.

“Some of these areas have not have power since last Thursday night,” Niccum told The Pine Cone Wednesday. “One of the main electric feeder lines into Pebble Beach is just being repaired inside the Highway 1 gate.”

Lawsuit filed

Crews from P.B. Co. and Pebble Beach fire department removed about 100 trees Tuesday, and as of that night, there were trees down on roads with power lines at about 25 locations.

“Five residences, two vehicles and a garage have been hit by trees,” Niccum said. “About five outside tree crews are on site today assisting the company and the fire department with the roadway cleanup.”

Resident Kathleen Lee, who lives with her family on Wildcat Canyon Road in Del Monte Forest, said a giant pine tree toppled near her house. “It took out poles and wires and missed houses,” Lee said. “But wires and cables are down everywhere in the forest.”

A week before this week’s storm, one Pebble Beach resident took out his frustration with PG&E by filing a small claims lawsuit against the utility. The resident,

Neil Goodhue, is suing PG&E for \$2,500 for “losses due to four power outages over five weeks, and the company’s lack of transparency as to the outages,” according to the suit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court.

Like many other Peninsula residents, Goodhue said he lost the food in his refrigerator and freezer over the outages, which lasted 21, 31, and 32 hours — and that doesn’t include the ones this week. A trial date on his lawsuit has been set for May in a Monterey courtroom.

The Skyline Forest neighborhood in Monterey was especially hard hit, with some areas looking like more trees had come down than were still standing.

In Pacific Grove, drivers had to take multiple alternate routes because of downed trees and other problems.

An unfortunate resident who purchased a home on Lincoln Avenue several months ago had a tree fall onto his teenage daughter’s bedroom. While the damage will cost thousands of dollars to repair, nobody was injured in the mishap.

Some P.G. residents were still without power, and Forest Grove Elementary School, which is near P.G. High, was closed for several days because it had no electricity. Pacific Grove Unified told parents that power was expected to be restored at Thursday night.

The district “is preparing ready-to-eat meals at Pacific Grove High School for students of Forest Grove Elementary affected by the school closure,” the district told parents Thursday.



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TREES

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her body. It was very, very scary.”

The impact tore off the back patio and destroyed the garage. Insurance inspectors are still assessing the damage, but he said cracks have appeared in many of the walls, and the home could be a total loss. The couple have owned it for 25 years and divide their time between here and Southern California, where he owns a recycling company.

Change is needed

“The damage is north of \$250,000 based on the initial assessment, and there’s damage to all the rooms,” he said. “The structural damage may have echoed through the entire building.”

The tree also landed on his brand new Ford Edge, which had just 300 miles on the odometer.

The tree in question belonged to his neighbor, who tried to get permission to have it trimmed but was denied,

according to Taormina.

“She is very frustrated and upset by all of this,” he said.

In turn, Taormina is “frustrated as a longtime Carmel property owner that the city’s unreasonable restrictions on tree trimming nearly cost my wife and me our lives.”

As he cleaned up the tons of wreckage over the weekend, many neighbors stopped by to commiserate, and a casual group of people who’d like to see changes to the city’s tree policies is forming. They plan on asking city administrator Chip Rerig and other officials to consider ways to better address safety issues — but Taormina wants the torches and pitchforks left at home.

“We must approach the city as calmly as possible and request a change in the ordinances for personal and property safety,” he said, promising that he and his neighbors will bring “a respectful and constructive attitude” as they seek to make “the best interests of the city and property owners as our top priority.” He urged anyone who wants to join them in this effort to email him at bill@mycleancity.net.

On a positive note, Taormina said the city building officials who came to inspect his house the morning after the tree fell on it “were so cooperative and so constructive, and said they would do whatever they could to help push us through the permit process.”

“It was very reassuring,” he said.

Also, lots of waste

With power outages running several days for at least half the city and much of the mouth of the valley, Pebble Beach and Pacific Grove, many restaurants were not only forced to close and give up business, but to toss out tons of food and ingredients they couldn’t use.

Gabe Georis, owner of La Bicycleette at Dolores and Seventh, said he threw away enough stock, bases for sauces, dairy products, meat, seafood, prepped vegetables and other perishables to fill two large waste bins — “probably more” — when the restaurant lost power Thursday night and didn’t get it back until late Sunday.

All told, he disposed of 95 percent of the contents of the restaurant’s 6-by-10-by-8-foot walk-in refrigerator. Georis speculated the lost goods would have been enough to feed 1,000 people.

“It’s sad to see all that food go to waste,” he said.

There are also the staff costs, since without knowing when the power will be restored, it’s hard to tell when they’ll be needed.

“We are hopeful every day, so you still call in staff,” he said. Employees have to be paid for at least two hours, even if they end up not staying — “and you want to keep them employed.”

Georis is working with his insurance agent to see if any of the losses are covered.

Rich Pepe, owner of Carmel Bakery, Little Napoli and Vesuvio, said the bakery was dark for about 90 hours, while the others got their power back more quickly.

“While we managed to save all of our dry goods, most of the fresh dairy products, such as milk, cream, ice cream, cheeses, and vegetables and cold cuts were lost, plus a lot of our pre-prepared dough items ready to be baked,” he said of the bakery. He estimated the losses at around \$2,500. Only small amounts of dairy products and seafood were lost at Little Napoli and Vesuvio, since their outages



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Scores of gigantic trees fell during the storms of the last week, demolishing part of a house in Carmel (top) and blocking roads in Pebble Beach.

lasted 16 hours instead of days.

“I am thankful that the repair crews worked through the nights and weekend and the losses weren’t even greater,” he said.

Pepe also said the city should reconsider some of its forestry policies. “With our urban forest having gone through years of drought and now seemingly a very wet period going forward, the city needs to tackle our aging trees and power-line relationship head-on,” he said. “It would be prudent for the city to devote more of its budget to this effort.”

Bashar al Sneh, who owns Dametra, Catch and PortaBella with business partner Faisal Nimri, said they are estimating about \$15,000 to \$20,000 in losses for the three restaurants. “I don’t have an exact number yet,” he said.

And David Fink, owner of Aubergine and Cantinetta Luca, didn’t give a figure but said the loss was substantial. “We have lost so much business, food and other expenses,” he said.

Josiah Sinkler at Robata Grill in the Barnyard lamented the restaurant having to be closed for multiple days due to having no power, and urged locals to support small businesses impacted by the outages by shopping and dining in them when they’re up and running again.

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OUTAGES

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she said.

For the many residents who live in the 55-plus community, the power outage was stressful.

“It is a huge hardship for the residents here,” Blank explained. “Many living on fixed incomes have lost the contents of their refrigerators, and all of us have had to deal with the long dark nights, no heat and no use of electricity in our homes.”

Just minutes away at Del Mesa Carmel, another senior community with nearly 300 condos, Eric Sand has faced many challenges caring for his 98-year-old mother, Nancy.

“She needs oxygen, and starting Thursday for three nights and two days, she had no power,” Sand explained. “We got power back Sunday for about 8 hours, and then it went out again.”

Even when utilities were restored, there wasn’t enough power to run her oxygenator.

The electricity at Del Mesa Carmel has been sporadic since, Sand added. As a result, he has had trouble getting his mom enough oxygen — she’s basically on half-rations.

“It’s not healthy for her,” said Sand, who has been staying with her for about 10 days. “I can’t leave her for very long.”

Some luckier than others

Christine Williams, who lives in Carmel Valley, said a friend of hers needed to drive her car to pick up some emergency medical equipment, but couldn’t get her electric garage door open.

Williams lost power for a few hours. But a neighbor who lives about 200 feet away has been without electricity for days.

Doris Senger, who lives in one of 200 senior apartments at Pacific Meadows, said she has faced two lengthy power outages in

the past week. As a result, Senger and her neighbors, including one woman who is not ambulatory, lost food in their freezers.

A resident reported that a PG&E crew was busy Wednesday repairing a power line on Agrinensors Road in Robles Del Rio. Neighbors were told by the utility company that electricity would be restored late Thursday evening.

But more than five days after the first storm struck, PG&E’s outage map showed more than 1,500 customers in Carmel Valley and unincorporated parts of Carmel still without electricity. Those reporting a loss of power live up and down the valley, including at Rancho San Carlos and Carmel Valley Ranch. Pebble Beach also still had many people without electricity.

Countywide, PG&E reported Wednesday that 10,419 homes and businesses still lacked power. Its work crews dealt with more than 100 outages, almost all of them caused by falling trees.

Angie Gibson of PG&E said, while crews were busy trying to restore services, the weather looked encouraging. “We don’t believe that the weather system coming in on Friday and Saturday should interfere,” Gibson said.

Working around the clock

Another PG&E official, Sumeet Singh, summed up the extraordinary circumstances the utility company is dealing with.

“This is the 13th storm event in the past 75 days,” Singh observed. “We have some of the highest levels of rainfall in California’s history. We have seen catastrophic mudslides and flooding and more.”

Singh said PG&E is working hard to bring back everyone’s electricity.

“We have more than 5,500 personnel in the field right now working around the clock,” he added. “They have battled the elements, even as their hometowns and families are being affected. We will not stop working until we get power back for every single one of our customers.”

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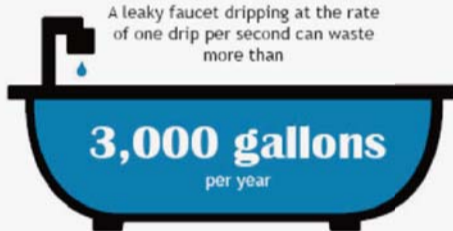
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BRIDGE

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was one reason the railings need to be thicker, with less visibility for motorists.

Grim photos shared

To emphasize his point, Dallas showed an image of emergency personnel responding to the scene of a crash that he said was made worse by an outdated railing. Another photo showed an overturned truck leaking a toxic substance after crashing through an old railing.

But Dallas was unable to convince planning commissioners.

"I feel strongly there's a better solution," planning commissioner Amy Roberts said. "This will be precedent-setting."

Trey Kropp of Big Sur testified that as a volunteer firefighter, he responded to a

number of car accidents along Highway 1, including one where a driver plowed into a railing alongside the Little Sur River Bridge. His point was that the existing side rails are adequate.

"Some teenagers were going about 80 MPH when they slammed in this railing, and it did its job," Kropp recalled. "The vehicle was deflected, and all the occupants were fine."

Kropp called the conditions on the Little Sur Bridge "much more dangerous" than those on Garrapata Bridge.

In their vote to deny the new railings, the planning commission declared that the project "has the potential to impact future considerations on other Big Sur bridge rails as those replacements may be proposed in the future," and "the cumulative analysis of the aesthetic impacts for those bridges should be incorporated holistically to ensure consistency with the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan's policies."

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General who got master's degree at NPS fired amid scandal

By KELLY NIX

A BRIGADIER general with the California National Guard who spent two years studying at the Naval Postgraduate School was fired in January after officials discovered he directed subordinates to do personal errands for him — including taking his mother shopping — the Los Angeles Times reported.

An investigation by the Guard found that Brig. Gen. Jeffrey W. Magram had inappropriately used military personnel to do tasks for him, according to the Times. Magram was based out of Sacramento and was responsible for the administration and support of about 5,000 airmen.

According to Magram's online resume, he attended the

Naval Postgraduate School from 2010-2011 and got his master's degree in homeland security from the postgraduate school's Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Errands and such

An L.A. Times article last summer revealed that an internal Guard probe found that Magram had "on-duty Guard members drive him up to 120 miles round-trip to personal dental and medical appointments at Travis Air Force Base," according to the newspaper, citing a confidential report on the investigation.

"The document quoted one unnamed Guard member as saying he did not want to drive Magram because 'my job is to take care of the airmen in the state of California and not be a chauffeur for a general,'" the newspaper said.

Another member of the Guard interviewed for the inquiry told investigators that he took Magram's mother shopping and that "she was particular."

"When I say particular, it had to be at Whole Foods. It just took her a long time to decide what she wanted, a lot of comparison shopping amongst products," the Guard member said, according to the Times.

Magram, who was once director of the Guard's air staff, is the "fifth general to resign, retire or be fired in the wake of scandals exposed by Times investigations of the organization over the last four years," the newspaper said.

The Times reported that Magram believed that having subordinates take him to appointments "was consistent with the Air Force's 'wingman concept,' in which Guard members look out for one another."

It also quoted Magram in a statement to an inspector general. "I want to reiterate that had I ever heard of any ethics issues like this from subordinates, peers or commanders, or perceptions of such, I would have corrected or addressed it on the spot," Magram said.

The Guard's investigation also found that Magram failed to complete his "annual cybersecurity training and thus had lower-ranking Guard members each day request that headquarters temporarily restore his computer access. This went on for about two weeks, until he had the training completed by a subordinate.

"Magram said in his statement that he was late in completing the training because of "a tremendously busy operational tempo," the Times said.

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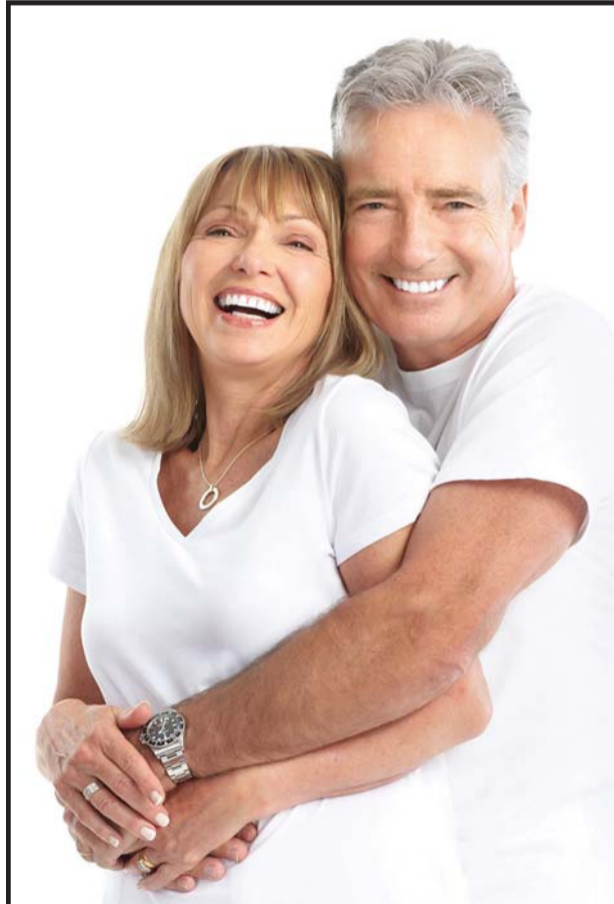
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‘Devastated’ by storms, trail and saddle club announces fundraiser

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

TO HELP raise money to pay for repairs to damages sustained in recent storms, the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club is hosting a fundraising BBQ April 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The gathering includes a silent auction and live entertainment. Auctions items include a dinner for eight from chef Michael Jones, a “thrill ride” with aerobatic pilot Sean Tucker, and much more.

“The Carmel Valley Trail & Saddle Club was devastated by the Jan. 9 flood,” Dawn Poston of Carmel Valley told The Pine Cone. “Our membership has raised some of the funds toward restoration, but more is needed.”

Advance tickets are \$50 for adults, \$25 for teens and free for kids 12 and under. For tickets, visit cf.trailandsaddle.club/tickets.

PAROLE

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himself,” the district attorney’s office said — and Carson planned to commit a murder and decided to target a woman at random on the P.G. rec trail.

The two men restrained the woman and repeatedly stabbed and slashed her, causing injuries to her torso and slash wounds to her neck. They taunted her with threats and promises of death, the DA’s office said.

‘Accomplishments’

“Though initially questioned as suspects, the two gave investigators alibis that checked out,” the DA’s office said. “It was not until months later when Carson experienced a mental health crisis that the truth was uncovered.”

The board listed Blad’s “accomplishments” in prison, including his participation in and completion of “many programs offered to inmates both in the vocation and self-help arenas,” the DA’s office said.

“The board found that he had no negative association in prison and that he had an adequate discharge plan.”

Blad is expected to be released from prison next month.

WATER

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they say it’s too expensive and would provide water the Peninsula doesn’t need.

While Stoldt said “there is a chance” that Cal Am might “volunteer to purchase” water from the district if it expanded Pure Water Monterey on its own, he also said there’s no guarantee that would happen.

However, he suggested that it’s possible Cal Am could be “compelled” by the PUC to purchase water and deliver it.

Another disadvantage to the water district pursuing the expansion alone is that the district and Monterey One Water would likely lose a combined \$37 million in grant money from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, State Revolving Fund and Urban Community Drought Relief Fund, according to Stoldt, who added that it’s “unknown” if Monterey One Water would “participate” in the expansion project.

Protests likely

Stoldt also noted the risk of upsetting its customers if it raised rates, and he noted an episode in 2012 when the water district received more than 10,000 valid protest letters over its proposed water supply charge, which ended up being implemented, but which a judge on March 3 ordered the district to stop collecting. Stoldt called the 2012 effort, led by the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, “very significant.”

“It’s unclear if moving forward with the expansion — without Cal Am — would be a lightning rod or a rallying cry to try to run another protest hearing,” he said.

Taxpayer association president Rick Heuer told The Pine Cone that if the water district tried to raise rates again, the group would “most likely” organize a citizens’ protest like it did in 2012.

The current iteration of the wastewater project produces 3,500 acre-feet of treated water per year, while an expansion would allow an additional 2,250 acre-feet annually.

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Salinas Valley Memorial has new name

By KELLY NIX

A SALINAS hospital that's been treating patients for seven decades has changed its name and logo, moves officials say better represent the changes the hospital has undergone through the years.

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System announced earlier this month that it's changed its moniker to Salinas Valley Health. The 263-bed hospital employs more than 2,000 people and has a medical staff of more than 300 board-certified physicians.

Salinas Valley Health spokeswoman Karina Rusk said the new name simplifies the "former identity, retains the geographic significance of the rich agricultural region and the single word 'health' represents clinical expertise and community-based health initiatives."

The updated name and look was the result of "tremendous input and engagement with community and staff."

The announcement "is years in the making and was delayed as we focused our attention on the Covid-19 pandemic," Salinas Valley Health president and CEO Pete Delgado explained.

Salinas Valley Health notes that in the past five years, it has launched numerous key initiatives that address the "shifting landscape of healthcare delivery," including a mobile clinic to "meet healthcare needs in underserved neighborhoods."

As for the logo, "the four arms of the symbol combine to create a plus sign, or cross — an iconic emblem for health. All points of the arms stretch outward, reflective of community outreach while the upper arms reflect growth, and lower arms symbolize the power of deep roots."

LYONS

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In an email accompanying the report, Bennett said the investigation is sorely lacking.

"I use the term, 'report,' in quotes, because, in my view, the document is incomplete in that it contains allegations to which Mr. Lyons was never given a chance to respond, contrary to the assurances that we had been given," he said.

He criticized the conclusion that Lyons is at fault. If other administrators disagreed with the principal's determination that the conflict between the kids did not amount to sexual harassment, "in light of the apparent history of indifference to bullying and sexual harassment that preceded Mr. Lyons' tenure and with which he had minimal acquaintance, the proper remedy would have been to require further training, as opposed to an effort to disgrace Mr.

Lyons, or to hold him responsible for the district's past failings in this regard."

In addition to Bennett's criticisms, Lyons said the report misquoted him. "In the report, it attributes me saying 'boys will be boys,' in response to the incident being investigated. I have taken issue with that characterization. What I recall saying was that any of the comments the student in question said are 'sophomoric boy bullshit,' but that they should still be addressed, in that they are on the line of being inappropriate but are hard to characterize."

When Bennett received the report, it was accompanied by an email from Knight that included no references to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office or any other agency Knight had mentioned following the board of education's February decision to take him off the job.

"Instead, the superintendent refers to the matter as 'closed,'" he said.

Lyons has formally requested the board reconsider its decision to remove him from the post.

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Editorial

Be careful when you trot out the straw man

IT'S ONE of the most common tactics of political rhetoric — accusing your opponent of something outrageous so you can be against it.

It's called a "straw man argument" because it's flimsy and easy to knock over — which explains why the straw man is usually deployed when someone's real argument is weak, when the intended audience is uninformed or gullible, or when they're less interested in hearing the truth than they are in being given a reason to hate someone.

Which also means that a straw man argument works best when it's vague enough that it can't be disproved.

President Joe Biden used one of the crudest straw man arguments in history when he recently said that white people still "want" to watch blacks being lynched — but at least he deployed it somewhat skillfully by not claiming to have any examples of white people currently expressing or acting on this supposed desire. As far as we know, no such examples exist. Instead, the president, in effect, claimed to be able to read white people's minds by knowing what they "want" to do. Until a mind-reading machine is invented and used to unpack the internal thoughts of millions of people, there's no way to prove him wrong.

Another example goes back to the days when Biden was vice president. Speaking to a racially mixed audience while running for re-election in 2012, Biden said the Republican nominee for president, Mitt Romney, would "put y'all back in chains" — not because Romney had ever said such a thing, but because Biden somehow knew what Romney intended to do. Again, there was no way to disprove it.

Former President Donald Trump was also no stranger to the fake straw man argument, accusing Biden during the 2020 campaign of intending to "eliminate U.S. borders," "outlaw the private health insurance plans of over 180 million Americans," "dismantle police departments" and quite a few other nefarious things — all of them worded just vaguely enough to be believed by his supporters without the benefit of facts.

Another example that's circulating endlessly these days is the accusation that the United States, its school and universities, law enforcement, medical care, immigration policies, economy and even its core values and traditional family structures are all "systemically racist." So far-reaching is this racism that you even get accused of it if you ask for facts to support the claim of systemic racism. Straw man squared.

What got us thinking about it this week was a letter to editor that was submitted. The writer, being very concerned about what she fears will be an overreaction to all the power failures and property damage caused by falling trees this winter, said she has heard "many calls for mass removal of trees." Aha! A straw man that could be refuted.

Notice she didn't say "many people want to have masses of trees removed," or that the Monterey Peninsula has become a place of "systemic hatred toward trees." Instead, she claimed to have heard "many calls for mass removal of trees."

Sure, a lot of people are very concerned with what happened when God decided to play a giant game of pick-up sticks with our forests, but we haven't heard anyone express the desire for trees to be massively removed, and we don't really believe the sentiment exists. At least, we haven't seen any sign of it. So we asked the letter writer for examples.

We'll let you know if her straw man turns out to have any substance.

BEST of BATES



"Storms are great. You don't need a permit to trim your trees."

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Time for reliable electricity

Dear Editor,

Reliable electricity isn't a mere convenience, it is essential to human safety. It is high time to get our power lines underground. Seaside and Marina seem to have reliable electricity, so why can't Carmel and our immediate neighbors?

Whatever the past barriers to reliability have been — PG&E, sacrosanct trees, NIMBYism, don't change anything-ism, inertial leadership, etc. — we must chart an intelligent course forward. My wife and I have experienced four major power interruptions this winter. How about you?

Enough is enough. If our current experience doesn't serve as a call to action, nothing will. A regional approach most likely will be required. Sure, the process will be disruptive, but then it will be behind us, and so will the power outages.

Scott Gale MD,
Carmel

'Reassess priorities'

Dear Editor,

Highway 1 has been closed today [Monday] for almost 4 hours, and who knows when it will open. Thousands of residents have been locked in or locked out with no alternative route except for this major thoroughfare.

Five days ago, my 16-year-old daughter was not able to make it home as Highway 1 was again closed for several hours due to downed trees. Luckily, she was able to spend the night with a friend. But what if there were an immediate health emergency?

Sure, in both cases we had wind, but nothing that should cause this amount of destruction and danger. This unacceptable situation is the result of over-reaching environmental zealots along with a state that chooses not to dedicate the resources required to perform proper vegetation management. Instead, they sit back to let nature do what we all know needs to be done.

It's time to take down old trees before old trees take down a human life. Let's re-assess our priorities and get this place cleaned up.

Carmel Highlands resident

Verizon missteps

Dear Editor,

Over last week's storm, Verizon and some other cell phone carriers lost the ability to provide cellular service to Carmel-by-the-Sea customers. Yet, AT&T

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Marion Hollins at Cypress Point

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.

THE 1921 U.S. Women's Amateur Champion, Marion Hollins, who purchased a 3-acre home site near Pebble Beach Golf Links in March 1920, became a powerful force in its development. When Hollins returned to California in January 1923, P.B. Co. founder S.F.B. Morse met her for lunch in San Francisco, and together they launched the concept for the Pebble Beach Championship for Women.

A century before the P.B. golf course hosts this summer's U.S. Women's Open, it hosted the first P.B. Championship for Women in Feb. 1923 — an event when Hollins was able to attract several top

up a real estate sales office in New York from which she could work her contacts. When in New York in early 1924 to finalize the Woman's Club, she located a Park Avenue space.

In the summer of 1924, what was then called Del Monte Properties Co. also decided to move forward with plans for the Monterey Peninsula Country Club as the anchor for a 1,500-acre real estate development in the forest. Likely through a referral from Hollins, in August 1924, Morse hired Macdonald and Raynor to design the club's two planned courses. Raynor worked on-site and is credited with the initial design.

'Great enthusiasm'

When Hollins returned to the Monterey Peninsula in late 1924, she and Morse discussed an idea. In addition to building his community-based MPCC, development, Pebble Beach would benefit from an exclusive club, like those in the East. On Feb. 24, 1925, Morse's Del Monte Properties Co. gave Hollins an

option on 150 acres at Cypress Point if she could assemble the membership for such a club. As Morse recalled late in his life:

"Marion Hollins started out with great enthusiasm. But after she had signed up about 80 people, she became incapacitated with a bad back and began to lose some of those she had signed up. Harrison Godwin, who had joined our staff, didn't have the background to tackle a job like this, but he had the enthusiasm, and under the direction of Marion and myself we put the thing over and had 125 members."

What became the world-famous Cypress Point golf course was devised by Hollins. She consulted with Raynor, who was on site for Morse's project, but she rejected at least one of his opinions. He told her that her plan for a forced carry from tee to green over an inlet on the rocky coast was impractical for the planned 16th Hole. She overcame his objection by dropping a ball on the proposed tee and hitting it across to the proposed green.

Raynor died in January 1926, before any of the courses were completed. Fortunately, Scottish architect Alistair

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

women on short notice, and during which she defeated three-time Western Amateur champion Marjorie Letts of Chicago in the semifinals and two-time California Amateur Doreen Kavanaugh in the final match.

In the years that followed, Hollins was able to attract more of the top women golfers from the East, including U.S. Women's Amateur champions, to take on the best of California. Against this competition, she also won the Pebble Beach Championship again in 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1933 and 1942.

Selling Pebble Beach

Hollins however, still had interests in the East, not the least of which was the Woman's National Golf Club on Long Island. It was her dream to have a club designed and built for women. She made a study of golf architecture in Great Britain and met with top American course builders. Under the guidance of Charles Blair Macdonald and Seth Raynor, they broke ground in spring 1923 and opened the course in June 1924. Hollins was the club's first president.

Meanwhile, back in Pebble Beach, Morse was busy selling prestigious home sites, and Hollins suggested that Morse set



Glenna Collett welcomes golf luminaries Bobby Jones (left) and Cyril Tolley to the tee for a practice round before the 1929 U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach.

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For her, art class opened up the wonderful world of color

SHE COULDN'T paint. Hey, she couldn't even draw. That's what Carole Klein told the friend and co-worker who encouraged her to explore night classes at Gavilan College in Gilroy, where an art instructor opened a door to the mesmerizing possibilities of color.

"I had a great teacher there who limited

pink!" declared Klein, who, at age 84, no longer resists the urge to purchase precise hues, rather than mixing them.

She has a deep love for the potential of a blank canvas and appreciates the adventure of abstract art, which has a way of taking on a life of its own.

"I love working with the colors and seeing where they go," said Klein, who typically chooses an aesthetic combination, starts playing with creative shapes and embraces the ride.

Sometimes, it's love at first sight. Sometimes, she'll paint over it multiple times, until a completely different piece emerges.

'How did I do that?'

"With acrylics, you can do that and that's part of the fun. There are times when I'll hang a painting, look at it for a day, see something I want to change, and start working on it all over again," she said.

"And sometimes I'll see something I painted years ago and wonder, 'How did I do that? I love it!'"

Klein was a Chicago gal, South Side, born at Little Company of Mary Hospital, where she later gave birth to two of her four children.

"My dad was a sports-writer for the Illinois Sports News, and also handicapped the horses for their daily sheet," she said. "He'd come home with candy, roast beef ... all kinds of little presents that people gave him for whatever reason, but I never knew why. Maybe he was giving them tips?"

"Mom was a housewife, a little Italian woman, 5 feet tall, who loved to cook, bake, wallpaper ... anything that was done to our house, she did it. But I don't remember being

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

us to painting with just three colors — red, blue, and yellow, the primary colors. We weren't allowed to buy pink or aqua or anything else. We learned to make them, which was a very interesting way to start painting," remembered the Venture Gallery artist, known for blending a brilliant spectrum with an understated, abstract style.

"I like minimalist. I like plain and simple ... but I love vibrant colors. I wear hot



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Venture Gallery abstract artist Carole Klein, a Chicago native, fell madly in love with the Monterey Peninsula after living in Cleveland, Indianapolis and Atlanta as a military wife.

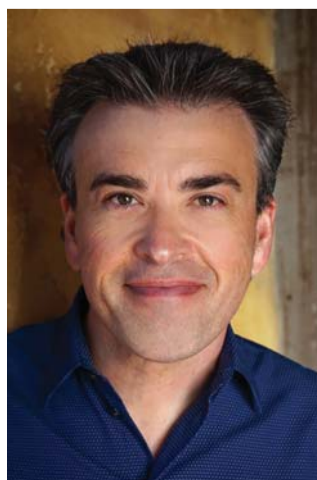


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MacKenzie had arrived in California that month to look at some prospective projects in the San Francisco area, and he agreed to take over the Pebble Beach projects with golf designer Robert Hunter overseeing the work on-site.

The Monterey Peninsula course opened on schedule on July 3, 1926. Construction of the Cypress Point course began in 1927 and the course opened on Aug. 11, 1928. By then, Hollins was already envisioning a new sports and residential project of her own near Santa Cruz. When a speculative oil investment hit big in October 1928, she sold her oil interests to J.D. Rockefeller for \$2.5 million and hired MacKenzie to design and build Pasatiempo golf course as the center of a residential development that included a large equestrian center with polo fields.

Famous, but wrong

Hollins opened the Pasatiempo course on September 8, 1929, with a celebrity golf match. One of the participants was Glenna Collett, who was a two-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion and spent much of 1928 at Pebble Beach and the Peninsula's other courses. Pebble Beach was being revamped for the 1929 U.S. Amateur. In October 1928, Collett traveled to Hot Springs, Va., for the U.S. Women's Amateur tournament. Reports of her victory there described her as being "of Rhode Island."

To help promote Pebble Beach, in 1929 she wrote of the beauty and challenge of the area, including in the 1929 U.S. Amateur program for media outlets. A few lines of prose in the piece for that program have led to one

of the most famous misquotes in history. In describing the surroundings, Collett wrote, "Point Lobos, to be seen in the distance from any point on the Pebble Beach course, is called by Francis McComas, "The greatest meeting of land and water in the world." Ever since, "The greatest meeting of land and water in the world" has been linked to the Pebble Beach Golf Links, often erroneously credited to Robert Louis Stevenson.

After welcoming golfers to the U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach and helping open Pasatiempo in September 1929, Collett headed to Oakland Hills CC in Michigan for the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. There, Collett became the first four-time champion. I suspect Morse popped a few buttons as newspapers proclaimed the feat was accomplished by "Glenna Collett of Pebble Beach."

The next column will tell the story of a 1930 gathering of the largest contingent of top women golfers to that date at Pebble Beach.



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The ever-elegant Glenna Collett wore pearls as she played the 7th hole at Pebble Beach in 1929. At left, club in hand, is golf designer Robert Hunter, showing Collett the changes he and Egan made to the course. Course pro Cam Puget, hands on hips, and unnamed others form the small gallery.

'What the Constitution Means to Me' kicks off PacRep's new season

By CHRIS COUNTS

TAKING A timely look at our country's most important document, PacRep Theatre opens its 2023 season Friday at the Indoor Forest Theater with "What the Constitution Means to Me."

Written by Heidi Schreck six years ago, the play was nominated for two Tony Awards and a Pulitzer Prize. Directed by Stephen Moorer, the production stars Katharine Andrade White.

"It's mostly a one-woman play," Moorer told The Pine Cone. "Ninety percent of the play is her."

White plays the role of a woman who looks back on her time as a high school student. "She was in constitutional debate class and, and she reflects on that," Moorer explained. "Much of the show is a recreation of one of her debates."

'Poignant, hilarious'

Moorer called the play "poignant, hilarious, fun and really moving," and suggested White's talents are ideal for the role.

"I think she can do anything," he said. "I'm a big fan."

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creative when I was young."

After 12 years of Catholic school, she enrolled at the Beverly Business College, fell in love with typing and became proficient at shorthand, and was hired as a 19-year-old secretary by Uarco Business Forms.

A 64-year marriage, so far

In 1958, at 20, she married her high school sweetheart, Mark Klein, who had just finished his stint as a U.S. Marine. They've been married 64 years.

"Mark got an apartment in Chicago. He got a job with IBM and stayed with that company for 20 years, moving up the ladder, managing departments, winning prizes," she said. "We went on trips to places like Acapulco and Bermuda. Everything was paid for."

Nine months and two weeks after their wedding day, Carole gave birth to her first child, Mark Jr., then gave him a little sister, Julie, 13 months after that.

"In 1959, IBM decided to move us to Cleveland, so we loaded our toddler and our 3-month-old baby into a blue Volkswagen, and off we went," Klein said. "I had never been out of Chicago, so it was an exciting adventure for me."

The Kleins paid \$19,990 for a nice house (she furnished the \$1,000 down payment), where they lived for six years, had another child (Kurt, born in 1962), then accepted another transfer to Princeton, N.J.

"I made all of the curtains for our new house and was literally hanging the last one, when Mark came home and said, 'We're moving,'" she said.

Needlepoint, macrame

"So, after 13 months in Princeton, we packed up and moved to Indianapolis, where my daughter, Carolyn, was born," she said. "Indianapolis also is where I started doing all kinds of crafts — needlepoint, macrame and other stuff — but I still never picked up a paintbrush."

In 1972, when IBM asked them to return to New Jersey, Mark took an executive position with Memorex, and they moved, instead, to Atlanta, where they bought a home on a golf course. Mark enjoyed golf, Carole frequently played tennis, and the kids were active in multiple sports.

"Life there was absolutely wonderful

D. Scott McQuiston and Brianna Wilbon have smaller roles in the production.

The play continues Thursdays through Sundays through April 13, with no performances March 30-April 1. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which begin at 5 p.m. Tickets start at \$15 with discounts available for seniors, students, children, teachers and active military. The theater is located at Santa Rita and Mountain View.

For tickets, call (831) 622-0100 or visit pacrep.org.

First of five

"What the Constitution Means to Me" is the first of five productions on PacRep's 2023 schedule, and the only one in the Indoor Forest Theater. The others will all be done at the same site, but outside. The schedule includes "Celebrating the Beatles" (March 31-April 1), "The Addams Family, A Musical Comedy" (Aug. 10-Sept. 17), William Shakespeare's "Cymbeline" (Sept. 28-Oct. 15) and just in time for the holidays, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, The Musical" (Nov. 25-Dec. 17).

until our home burned down and our son, Mark Jr., was diagnosed with cancer," she said.

The 20-year-old college student endured major surgery — a softball-size circle was carved in his back to remove a malignant mole. He battled the disease for 10 years before passing away at 30.

In 1980, when Memorex offered a transfer to Santa Clara, the Kleins moved to California, buying a hilltop home overlooking Morgan Hill.

A few years later, when her husband bought a successful computer business in San Jose and the kids were grown, Carole returned to the workforce as a school secretary, a Kelly Girl, and finally, an executive secretary for United Technologies.

"I spent 11 years there, wearing suits and heels every day," said Klein, who also began learning to paint at Gavilan College's night classes.

A view of the bay

In 2000, they retired to Pacific Grove, purchasing a home with a view.

"We can see Monterey Bay from our kitchen and living room — I wake up in the morning and can't even believe what I'm looking at," said the artist, who paints in a sunny, second-floor studio in their guest house.

"Just driving up the street and seeing the ocean on the way to the store seems like a dream," said Klein, whose portfolio includes multiple abstract seascapes, landscapes and sunsets. "Of all the places we've ever lived, this is our favorite."

Over the past two decades, Klein has taken classes at Monterey Peninsula College and painting workshops from instructors including Carole Barnes, Elizabeth Palmer, Mary Titus, Michael Lindstrom, Robert Burridge and her favorite teacher, Lauryn Taylor.

She has served as membership chair and wrote the monthly newsletter for the Central Coast Art Association, and has served on the board of directors at Venture Gallery for the past decade.

The grandmother of five has been featured in exhibits at the Pacific Grove Art Center, the Monterey Museum of Art, the Pebble Beach Post Office, Seaside City Hall and the Meals on Wheels Community Center in Pacific Grove.

Images of her art can be found online at venturegallery.com/klein-carole.

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provided uninterrupted cell service for their customers. Why?

AT&T has built a wireless network that can handle wind, rain and falling trees with uninterrupted service to Carmel, all without a cell tower in the residential neighborhoods.

In contrast, Verizon has been approved for 11 cell towers in the vicinity and still doesn't provide basic service to its Carmel-by-the-Sea customers during storm conditions.

It's ironic that rather than investing in towers like AT&T has done that truly covers cellular services to Carmel-by-the-Sea customers, Verizon is more interested in building a profitable network of wireless video streaming services though a proliferation of cell towers in Carmel and Monterey neighborhoods when residents already have hardwired cable directly into their homes.

Why should we weaken our zoning laws and ruin our neighborhood character for one provider who refuses to provide service in the least intrusive means to our community?

Christy Hollenbeck, Tasha Witt and Bob Kavner, Carmel

Why the pines?

Dear Editor,

The falling trees, rain and wind this week have had a major impact on residents, property and local businesses. Why do so many trees fall in Carmel? Well, in 1900, Carmel was a landscape of coastal live oaks, Monterey cypress trees and brush. Carmel is a town built on beautiful sand dunes.

In the early 1900s, Frank Devendorf's plan to build homes required the stabilization of the land by planting pine trees.

Cypress and oaks are less vulnerable to our local climate. Pines live roughly 100 years and have a shallow root system, are easily compromised by heavy rain, can grow up to 150 feet tall, and are easily toppled during heavy winds, coming down on property and lives.

This past week's weather further impacted mobile connectivity, reducing access to an already unacceptable wireless deficit. Neighbors in dead spots were unable to call emergency services and were left to contact neighbors for support.

Every winter we endure power and mobile outages that put people in harm's way due to a lack of public policy. For public safety reasons the city needs a wireless access plan that meets the needs of families and businesses in today's world.

Every forest in America has a forest management plan. Carmel doesn't. Carmel continues to plant hundreds more trees with no plan to remove at-risk pines. Our canopy of pines is reaching end-of-life and the risk to residents is increasing.

Carmel was never a forest. It was man-made and therefore needs to be maintained. Our fairy tale village in the forest needs a reality check and the city to get off their hands and stop pandering. Carmel needs a forestry and cellular plan that supports today, not 1900.

Lilly Smith, Carmel

'Chaos is a sign'

Dear Editor,

Chaos has been the norm in Carmel Unified School District this year. And Superintendent Ted Knight is atop the pile.

When I recently spoke with Knight, he invoked the bromide that everything he does is "for the children" and detractors want to intimidate him. He also argued he uses logic over emotion. That rhetoric is the sign of a desperate person.

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Padres varsity volleyball team has coaches optimistic about season

WITH NINE first-year varsity players on his 13-man roster, Carmel boys volleyball coach Israel Ricardez is very much in the discovery phase as he evaluates his team during the early days of the schedule.

But the 2023 Padres are expected to be a surprise package worth opening.

“Our coaches are really excited about this bunch — this is a very talented group,” said Ricardez, who, for comparison, has seen some skilled kids come through his program since he became Carmel’s head coach in 2009 (three league title teams, including a 2018 Central Coast Section



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Sebastian Daste (left), an All-Gabilan setter as a sophomore, will do double-duty as an outside hitter and junior co-captain this season. (Above) Elliot Myers (7), Sebastian Daste (10), Jacob Burton (3), Zach Speakman (6) and Drew Galy (2), could help Carmel defend its Gabilan Division crown.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Division 3 championship squad that went 31-4).

“As coaches, I guess we anticipated a big drop-off from last year’s team, which had four players who played club volleyball, others who were beach players, and the rest who were just excellent athletes,” he said of the 2022 squad, which went 11-1 in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s rugged Gabilan Division, then reached the CCS Division II semifinals. “If our new players were just athletic, that would be one thing, but these guys are coming to us as very capable volleyball players.

“They’re still learning about court awareness, opponent awareness, volleyball IQ, and what to do in certain situations — that’s where our youth is likely to be evident early — but as soon as they understand that focus is our best friend, I see us living up to some real potential,” Ricardez said.

Youthful co-captains

Indeed, this year’s co-captains are Sebastian Daste, who earned All-Gabilan honors as a sophomore, and Nico Vitello, who returns to the varsity as a sophomore letterman.

Daste, who led all PCAL setters in assists last spring, but also is a formidable hitter, and will do double-duty in that role — made possible by the coach’s decision to switch from a one-setter offense to two playmakers. Vitello, last year’s full-time starting libero, will fill the other setter position.

“Sebastian’s goal is to pursue an NCAA Division I scholarship as a setter, so he comes to practice 30 minutes early every day and sets as many balls as he can,” Ricardez said.

“He and Nico are our two best passers, statistically, so switching to the 6-2 offense not only will take some pressure off Sebastian, but also enables him to produce more offense as a hitter.”

Eliot Myers, a senior, was a sometime-starter last year,

and returns with improved skills in ball-control, passing and defense. He’ll play an outside hitter position for the Padres.

The fourth varsity veteran is middle blocker Rocky Carr, a junior who transformed his 6-foot-8 frame during the offseason.

“He’s been in the weight room nonstop, and we’re seeing much better body control,” the coach said. “And as a blocker, he’s a force — a defensive wall — and now he’s showing significant improvement in his offensive skills.”

Jacob Burton, a 6-3 junior, will occupy Carmel’s middle blocker spot when Carr rotates out of the lineup.

“That kid is a flyer — he gets way up there, he hangs

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in the air, and he hits the ball really well," Ricardez said.

Three impactful freshmen

Two of the three freshmen on the varsity roster already have found starting jobs.

Drew Galy, a summertime move-in from San Jose, unexpectedly earned the starting libero job during a practice that mixed JV players with the front-liners.

"When I saw Drew make a couple of great passes, I glanced over at our JV coach (Hannah Castillon), who said, 'Oh ... please, no!'" Ricardez recounted with a laugh. "And I said, 'Sorry, he's gone!' Since then, I've watched him get better

but he can swing, pass, defend, serve, and set," Ricardez said. "Zach is a complete package who's going to be a player for us for the next four years, and he's ready to contribute now."

The third freshman, Nathan Campbell, is a 6-4 tower who is training to be a middle blocker.

"He already has a nasty block, and a good head for the game," the coach said. "It's very rare to give instructions to a freshman, then see him implementing those instructions a play or two later."

Additional depth

Devin Kim, a sophomore, is a 6-footer with good reach, JV experience, and is probably the Padres' best jumper, Ricardez said. Eugene Tupino, also a sophomore, will be a defensive specialist and the backup libero.

Arlan Galeano, a senior who played JV a year ago, brings an exceptional work ethic and a hunger for knowledge, and Carlos Cabrera, a first-year senior, is another hard-worker with a fearless attitude, Ricardez said.

Evan Haws, a junior with a big upside, is a versatile utility player, capable of filling in at all three front-row positions.

"I'm actually very hard on this group — really tough — and the reason is that we started practicing about 25 days after every school that didn't have to wait on a gym, and wait for a school ski break to be over," Ricardez said.

"We're still playing catch-up right now."

That, alone, makes the team's fast start particularly impressive. The Padres began the current week with a 3-0 record that included victories over Aptos, Mount

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Junior Rocky Carr (14), who stands 6-foot-8, brings a towering presence to the middle of Carmel's defense.

every, single day."

Zach Speakman, another ninth-grader, is a left-hander who brings remarkably well rounded skills to Carmel's right-sided hitter spot.

"He's a freshman with no club experience — only middle-school volleyball —



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Symphony welcomes acclaimed baritone, brings back Women's Night Out

A SINGER on the rise joins the Monterey Symphony Saturday and Sunday when it plays at Sunset Center, while a festive pre-party celebrates women.

Metropolitan Opera star baritone **Joshua Hopkins** will accompany the symphony when it performs Peter Lieber-son's *Songs of Love and Sorrow*.

"Joshua is pretty hot in the baritone world right now," symphony president **Nicola Reilly** told The Pine Cone. "He's in the midst of an impressive solo career, and he's been at the top of music director's **Jayce Ogren's** list of musicians he wanted to bring here."

Besides the piece by Lieber-son, the program includes contemporary composer Valerie Coleman's "Seven O'Clock Shout" and Brahms' *Symphony No. 4*.



Singer and guitarist Alvon Johnson (left) joins bassist David Daniel and drummer Leon Joyce Jr. Saturday at Deja Blue in Seaside. The trio will play blues and r&b, and the show starts at 3 p.m. On Friday, violinist Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu (above) and pianist Ines Irawati present a concert at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley. The music begins at 7 p.m.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Preceding the concert is the symphony's latest Women's Night Out.

"It's our fifth annual," Reilly said. "Even though it celebrates women, men are welcome. It's just a great party that we have in Sunset Studio 105."

Saturday's concert starts at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday's matinee begins at 3 p.m. Concert tickets start at \$45, while tickets to the pre-party are only \$40 — and include tickets to the concert. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 645-8511 or visit monteresymphony.org.

Hot jazz at the Sand Box

Turning the clock back nearly a century, **Le Jazz Hot Quartet** pays tribute to the legacy of guitarist Django Reinhardt's and violinist Stephane Grappelli's pioneering

Hot Club de France Sunday at the Sand Box in Sand City.

The San Francisco-based quartet includes guitarists **Paul "Pazzo" Mehling** and **Christophe Carington**, violinist **Evan Price** and bassist **Dexter Williams**. "Pazzo and company never fail to delight and dazzle," suggested violinist **Michelle Djokic**, the founder of the Sand Box.

The music starts at 4 p.m. Tickets start at \$40. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. sandboxsandcity.com

Duo plays Hidden Valley

The new artistic director of Chamber Music Monterey Bay, violinist **Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu** joins pianist **Ines Irawati** for a concert Friday at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

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FOOD & WINE

Barmel introduces Happy Hour, tasting cheese and wine, and celebrating a thistle

BARMEL, THE bar and supper club on San Carlos near Seventh owned by Gabe Georis, is best known for its cocktails and lively night scene, but Georis wants locals to think of it as a great Happy Hour spot, too, especially when the weather's nice enough to take in a little live music in the courtyard while enjoying drinks and elevated bar food.

"I've never really done Happy Hour in the past, and the intent is to get people to come check out not only the drinks, but the food we've got," he said this week. "It's a better-than-average bar menu, and people don't think of us for that. We're known for the late-night and dancing and all that."

Happy Hour features discounted drinks from 2 to 6 p.m., with snacks offered between 4 and 6 p.m.

"As far as bar snacks and lighter fare, we've got something unique going on," Georis said. "We're still grinding our own corn for tortillas. We have great little sliders with mushroom duxelles and caramelized onions, and we're doing fried plantains instead of chips which are pretty good."

The details

Mixed drinks are \$8, martinis are \$10, house wines are \$8, and beers are \$5.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

Snacks range from \$5 for the house-made plantain chips to \$12 for a quesadilla with shredded beef or pork, Chihuahua cheese and salsas, loaded fries with the same ingredients plus sour cream, or the sliders with Niman Ranch beef on a brioche bun with fries.



National Artichoke Day may have passed, but the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau wants you to check out its new 40-stop Artichoke Trail, where you can find many ways to enjoy the thistle. Phil's Fish Market in Castroville suggests trying them with scallops and shrimp.



Other items include two tacos with beef or pork for \$8, hand-cut Belgian-style fries with homemade ketchup and Dijon aioli (also \$8) and local organic vegetables and house-made hummus for \$10.

"And in the spring and summer, as the weather gets better, we're going to have some music in the patio with local jazz guys playing," he said. "It'll be the place to have a drink and snack in the afternoon or early evening before dinner."

Barmel's kitchen stays open well into the evening for those who'd like to enjoy dinner from an expanded

menu, too.

Find more information, including music and other details, at barmel.com.

More cheese, more wine

Kent Torrey's Cheese Shop in Carmel

Plaza is the go-to place for any and all varieties of interesting cheeses from around the world — any of which can be discussed and described by the capable staff — and a nicely curated selection of wines, about which Torrey knows all.

While the little shop is a great place to pick up all the necessities for a picnic, host gifts, snacks or a cheese-and-charcuterie board with a nice wine or liquor to enjoy alongside it, it's also a good stop for a tasting tour. Torrey and his staff offer cheese tastings from open to close daily, and winetasting for a fee between 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily — as long as he or a staffer is available.

During the pandemic, the store stopped offering cheese tastings due to health concerns, and regulars were overjoyed to see their return. Torrey and his staff figured out the most sanitary ways to share samples without compromising the quality of the experience.

"This tasting allows your palate to travel around the world in just a few short minutes," Torrey said. "Our cheesemongers sample using baking sheets and eco-tencils with customers." Only one group is served at a time by each employee.

At the back of the store, surrounded by walls and shelves filled with an international selection of wines, customers can belly up to a small bar for tastings that run just under \$17 plus tax per flight. Red, white, sparkling and rosé wines are available, with guests directed to pick one or

more "colors."

"Our knowledgeable staff will then pick the wines to be poured and pair a chunk of cheese with the flight," he said.

The Cheese Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day. Find more information at (831) 625-2272 or visit thecheese-shopinc.com.

Pick your plants

The City of Monterey will host its 66th annual Horticulture Faire and Plant Exchange in Friendly Plaza on Pacific Street March 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants bring garden clippings of all kinds — whether edible or not — to share, and local nurseries donate and distribute hundreds of plants and trees for residents to take home.

People will also have plenty of opportunities to learn about native and drought-tolerant vegetation and hear clever ideas for landscaping at home.

The Kiwanis Club of Monterey and Monterey Volunteer Gardeners help host the event, and Drought Resistant Nursery and Hana Gardens donate many of the items. Visit monterey.org/parks for more information or call (831) 646-3860.

Whales

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Regardless of the answer, chef Tene Shake of Kokomo's on the Wharf will demonstrate how to make Old Fisherman's Wharf Cioppino during the 13th annual week-end-long Whalefest at 2 p.m. March 18 and 19. Shake will also provide the recipe to guests after the demo.

The free fest features numerous whale-related activities, including a symposium with highly regarded marine experts and impressive photography, exhibits and live music. Winter is a great time to see migrating gray and humpback whales as they pass through the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary among the dolphins, otters, seabirds and other creatures. Activities take place on and around the wharf between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day. Visit montereywharf.com.

■ **New Galante wines**

Jack Galante is celebrating his birthday March 30 — which one is up to him to share — by inviting fans of his wines to taste two new releases at a gathering in the Dolores Street tasting room from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The event

will feature the debut of The Bold Ones, a Super Tuscan blend of cabernet sauvignon and sangiovese, and the newest Legacy red blend.

The 2021 Bold Ones (\$100) is dedicated to Galante's sons and a nod to his Italian heritage blended with his love for the rugged Western lifestyle and the family's cattle-ranching history.

"The wine is a dedication to my two sons, John and Evan, who have not only made me very proud of the men they have become, but who have shared so many adventures with me," he said.

He described the blend as having aromas of dried rose, white pepper and black tea, and the body having "rich, opulent tannins."

"With a lingering finish of dried fig and soft leather, this wine, like all good Spaghetti Westerns, closes triumphantly like a silent cowboy riding off into the sunset leaving the dastardly villain in the dust," he said in the description.

The 2021 Legacy red blend (\$85) celebrates Galante's great-grandfather, Frank Devendorf, and his vision as one of the founders of Carmel-by-the-Sea in the early 1900s.

The Bordeaux-style blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot from Carmel Valley is "remarkable," he said, and aged in new French oak for 15 months. The wine features "blackberries, violets and cocoa on the nose," with "dried cherry and strawberry middle notes" that lead to a lingering finish of spice and tobacco. The wine is cellar worthy but can be enjoyed now, according to Galante.

The release party has no additional cost beyond the usual \$30 tasting fee and will include some small bites — and lots of congeniality. More information can be found at galantevineyards.com.

■ **Trailing the artichoke**

Focusing on a specific sector of the ag industry, the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau launched a new tourism pitch based on everyone's favorite thistle. The new Artichoke Trail is "a 40-stop trail that celebrates the artichoke in all forms, from farm stands to restaurants," according to spokeswoman Emily Evans.

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Galante Vineyards is breaking out two new releases — Legacy and The Bold Ones — at a party at its Dolores Street tasting room.

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WINE

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“Castroville produces two-thirds of the world’s artichokes, and the trail allows visitors to explore the misunderstood vegetable and try it in inventive dishes like artichoke quesadillas and po’boys.”

Just in time for National Artichoke Day March 16, the tourism group, which is funded by the county and member cities through tax dollars, established a route that takes visitors to various restaurants, farm stands and attractions that celebrate the vegetable.

Of course, most of it is concentrated in Castroville, which is known as the Artichoke Capital of the World and is celebrating its 160th anniversary this year.

Highlights include an Ag Venture walking tour and The Choke Coach at Pezzini Farms, Phil’s Fish Market (Artichoke Provencal with sautéed scallops, shrimp, garlic and wine), the Flying Artichoke restaurant in Salinas and its “choke burger” made with sautéed sliced artichoke hearts and fresh ground beef, and Salt Wood Kitchen and Oysterette in Marina, among others.

Gusto in Seaside serves artichoke-fontina ravioli with black truffle cream sauce and marinated artichoke, while Old Fisherman’s Grotto on the wharf in Monterey offers a grilled artichoke marinated in balsamic vinaigrette served with lemon dill aioli. And Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove serves roasted artichokes with vegan garlic and lemon aioli.



Juicy sliders and other snacks will be part of Barmel’s new Happy Hour, where owner Gabe Georis says the food is as important as the cocktails.

Other stops include the Tap Room at the Lodge at Pebble Beach, Baja Cantina in Carmel Valley, and the Big Sur River Inn down the coast.

The MCCVB also pointed out this year’s Artichoke Festival at the Monterey Fairgrounds is set for June 10-11. “In its 63rd year, this festival is a longstanding event in Monterey County and even crowned Marilyn Monroe — then Norma Jean — as the first Artichoke Queen in 1948,” Evans said.

For more information, visit seemonterey.com/artichokes.

MORE SPORTS

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Madonna, and the tradition-rich team that eliminated Carmel from the 2021 CCS bracket, Santa Cruz.

“Santa Cruz has two outside hitters this year who are potential Division I college players, and more club players than we have,” said the coach, whose squad took three out of four games from the Cardinals (now 4-1 overall) on March 8 at Carmel.

Title contenders again?

All of that injects confidence that the youthful Padres might successfully defend the Gabilan Division championship that they shared with Christopher a year ago.

Christopher exited the PCAL this season to join San Jose’s Blossom Valley Athletic League, leaving Carmel to compete in 2023 with Monterey, Salinas, Hollister, Palma, Watsonville, Pacific Collegiate and Kirby.

Next up is Monday’s contest at The Kirby School (based in Santa Cruz), and Wednesday’s home match against Palma. Both have 6 p.m. starting times.

Pirates water polo feted: Stevenson’s girls water polo team learned last week that they were named CIF California Army National Guard Girls Team of the Month (March), an award that includes a commemorative plaque and a \$150 gift card to The Old Spaghetti Factory.

The Pirates were PCAL champions with a 7-0 record last fall, went on to win the CCS Division II crown, and advanced to the CIF NorCal Division III finals (where they lost 11-10 to Woodcreek). They finished with a 22-9 overall record.

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Nico Vitiello, a sophomore co-captain, moves from libero to Carmel’s second setter position this season.

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The program includes music by composers Paul Schoenfeld, Erich Wolfgang Korngold, Igor Stravinsky and Leonard Bernstein.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Hidden Valley is located at 104 West Carmel Valley Road.

Also at Hidden Valley, the Monterey County Composers' Forum returns Sunday at 3 p.m. The event showcases local composers and songwriters. Tickets are \$15.

For more details, visit hiddenvalleymusic.org.

■ Soft rockers return

The soft rock ballads of the late 1970s and early 1980s come alive again when the tribute band, **Yächtley Crëw**, returns Friday to Golden State Theater in Monterey.

The band, which made its local debut last year, breathes new life into soft-rock-

ers like the Bee Gees' "How Deep Is Your Love?" Styx's "Come Sail Away" and Christopher Cross' "Sailing."

Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$20. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

■ A whale of a music lineup

Besides featuring an array of activities and exhibits that showcase the biggest creatures on earth, the 13th annual Whale-fest Monterey provides a stage for live music Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Old Fisherman's Wharf.

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

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse

in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Trio** (Celtic, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 794 Light-house Ave.

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Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside — **The Transducers** (rock and funk, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway Ave.

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De Tierra Vineyards tasting room — singer and guitarist **Sedona** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

Deja Blue in Seaside — singer and guitarist **Alvon Johnson**, bassist **David Daniel** and drummer **Leon Joyce Jr.** (blues and r&b, Saturday at 3 p.m.) and singer **Pam Arthur**, saxophonist **Tamas Marius**, bassist **David Daniel** and drummer **Leon Joyce, Jr.** (r&b and funk, Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 500 Broadway Ave.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Wayward Jerry** (Americana, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 4 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Lindsey Wall** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Akina Miyata** and keyboardist **Bobby Phillips** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — **Väsen** (Swedish folk, Monday at 7 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Rio Road.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Pete Lips** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Dan Robbins** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John 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.

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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 — Open Mic Night (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

London Bridge Pub in Monterey — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff**, fiddler **Elijah McCullar** and pianist **Eric Rowe** (Celtic, Friday at 9:30 p.m.). 256 Figueroa St.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and pianist **John Harris** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Sotelo** (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 — Heartstrings (Celtic, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and keyboardist **Jon Dryden** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddalaine 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 — singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Friday at 6 p.m.), keyboardist **Peter Cor** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Monday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.) and mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

O'Callaghan's Irish Pub — singer and guitarist **Dave "Nomad" Miller** (Friday at 4 p.m.) and **The Next Blues Band** (Friday at 7 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center, 3663 The Barnyard.

Peter B's Brewpub in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Trio** (Celtic, Friday at 6 p.m.). 2 Portola Plaza.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Sam Cauthorn** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Sedona** (Saturday at 5 p.m.) and guitarist **Peter Martin** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Rockfish Harbor Grill in Monterey — guitarist **Bruce Forman** (jazz, Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 101 Fisherman's Wharf.



Le Jazz Hot plays Sunday at the Sand Box in Sand City. The San Francisco quartet pays tribute to the legacy of guitarist Django Reinhardt's and violinist Stephane Grappelli's pioneering Hot Club de France. Showtime is 4 p.m.

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 — **Hovering Breadcat** (folk rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The New Wave** (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 — **Three Mile Smile** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Retreauxpect** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Rhythm Tribe West** (classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami** (rock 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 — saxophonist **Roger Eddy** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.) and **Boscoe's Brood** (rock, 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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March 18-19 – **Don't miss the 13th Annual Whalefest Monterey** from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. This free, fun and educational event for all ages includes a two-day symposium, activities, live music and interactive displays by national marine organizations that help protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. www.montereywharf.com

March 19 – **The Monterey County Composers' Forum presents "Music for a Vernal Equinox,"** 3 p.m. Concert features Igor Poklad, clarinet, and Rick Yramategui, piano. Works by Chaidez, Ettinger, Kaiser and Roseman, Macy, Moncrief, Owens, Schmidt, Victorine and Yramategui. Hidden Valley, 104 West Carmel Valley Road; \$15. Information: Macy@macalester.edu.

March 20 – **The words and works of W.R. Holman, of his namesake department store in Pacific Grove, will be presented by author/editor Heather Lzarre, at**

2 p.m. at the Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos at Ninth. The public is invited. Married to Holman's great-grandson, Lzarre will share little known facts about the marketing genius whose department store was the largest between San Francisco and Los Angeles for decades. A coffee/tea reception follows the program. Members free; guests \$10. (831) 624-2866 or (831) 594-6200

March 21 – **Japanese flower arrangement demo** at 12:30 p.m. at Pebble Beach Community Services District at 3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach. Guest fee is \$5.

March 24, – **St. Mary's By-The-Sea, Kalos in Concert, featuring Ryan McKasson, Eric McDonald and Jeremiah McLane,** 7 p.m. at 12th Street and Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. Tickets at www.celticsociety.org

March 26 – **Please join our community 2 to 4 p.m. in celebrating Donna Jett as the Carmel Citizen of the Year.** This is CRA's 27th biennial event is open to the public, where local dignitaries will honor Donna's 25 years of contributions and volunteering in our community. Visit www.carmelresidents.org for more details on this event and Donna's endless work on local boards and commissions including Carmel Community Activity Commission and Carmel Woman's Club, to name only a few.

March 29 – **The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB)** will present a lecture / luncheon 11:15 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey. The topic is **"The COVID-19 Intelligence Failure: Why Warning Was Not Enough,"** presented by **Professor Erik J. Dahl, NPS.** Visit www.wacmb.org for event information and registration.

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Student art show takes flight at Monterey airport

BRINGING CREATIVITY to the first place many visitors see when they arrive in the Peninsula, the Monterey Regional Airport is hosting an exhibit by students of Marina Vista Elementary Arts Academy. The kids, whose work was done in many mediums, attend kindergarten through sixth grade at the Marina school.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

“From Monterey to Carmel Valley, and out through the Salinas Valley, our communities offer wonderful schools and organizations that support our student’s creative expression,” said Kathy Kopp, who curates art shows at the airport. “Many excellent teachers and community leaders work hard to provide art programs for our kids. The airport provides this big, wonderful wall in its terminal building to support schools in sharing their students’ work with the traveling public.”

Coinciding with Youth Art Month, the show continues through March 31. The airport is located at 200 Fred Kane Drive.

Artist follows winding path

Five shows are on display the Pacific Grove Art Center, including Leo Neufeld’s “Pallet of My Soul,” which features scenes from the local coastline.

Neufeld described his creative journey. “Art is a visual communication, part of a vital need to feel alive,” Neufeld said. “We have seen art fractured, splintered, painted, repainted and patronized. I’m painting from life, seeking truth from the love and beauty of nature. It hasn’t been a straight path, that’s for sure, but it’s not supposed to be when one is soul searching and challenging oneself to strive for perfection.”

Also new at the art center is a show of historical photographs (“Through the Lens of Pat Hathaway”), along with exhibits by Caylah Jean Leas (“Picking Flowers in Monte Del Lago”), Tracy Niewenhous (“Sometimes the Sky”) and 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.

MORE LETTERS

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As controversies continue to amass, a review is necessary:

The school board unanimously voted at a February meeting to remove CHS principal Jonathan Lyons, partially due to his handling of sexual harassment allegations.

At recent meetings, several community members spoke in support of Lyons and asked the board to reinstate him. But the board itself has been in flux, with President Tess Arthur abruptly resigning her role last month. It’s unknown if this was related to the Knight or Lyons issues.

At gatherings, community members regularly criticize the board for allowing Knight to remain as superintendent, while it seeks reviews from “independent and external consultants” over his handling of matters like Lyons’ removal.

Next, when Gov. Newsom mandated later start times for the 2022-2023 school year, local districts implemented the change, except Carmel, which exempted itself via a rural classification.

Knight supposedly spent several months “following the science” and discussing new start times. Yet the decision recently was delayed again, until at least mid-April.

Most importantly, students who claimed they’re victims of sexual misconduct by their peers feel school administrators haven’t taken those accusations seriously, or bureaucracy has slowed down the process.

Somehow, Knight is CUSD’s Title IX coordinator. This reminds me of a job I had where the CEO also was HR director. It’s a terrible conflict of interest to have the school superintendent hold the Title IX role.

District 5 Supervisor Mary Adams asked me last month if I’d “come across any other town that had these kinds of issues that are so vitriolic?” during my reporting career. I told Adams, considering the circumstances, I have not.

Amid the tumult, it’s no surprise multiple groups — including an online petition with nearly 400 signatures — seek to remove Knight.

Ari Kauffman, Knoxville, Tenn.

It’s easy to gripe Dear Editor,

It’s easy to gripe about all the things we see that are wrong about Carmel — the lack of properly marked parking slots, those foul people who toss their cigarette butts

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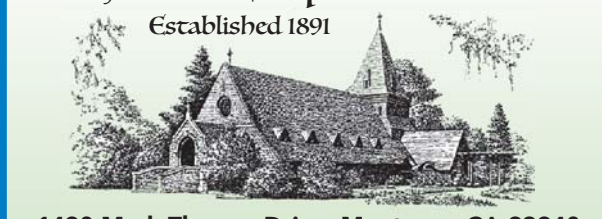
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into the gutters, the council's ridiculous stance against outdoor seating for tasting rooms and restaurants, the inane battle for stadium lights (has anyone read about the deleterious effects on wildlife?), and a whole host of NIMBY-ism issues.

Let's celebrate that Carmel is one of the most amazing small towns in the country with fabulous energy, great food and outstanding wines, and lovely people holding it all together through rain and shine. Let's get ready to welcome those summer visitors and get them coming back.

Barry Edwards, Carmel

Restaurant to the rescue**Dear Editor,**

We have spent January through April in Carmel for the last 11 years. Fortunately for us, most of those winters were sunny and storm-free, so we are not that upset with this winter's many cool, windy and rainy days, and are thankful that the drought seems to have come to an end.

This last weekend with no power (as well as spotty phone service and absolutely no cell data), we observed the resourcefulness and civility of both locals and tourists. On Friday, we took house guests to the Aquarium, knowing that there was independent power there and it would probably be open (it was). We were all extremely impressed by the way that drivers had adapted to handling the intersections with all traffic lights inoperable — courtesy at its finest!

After driving back to the village, we decided to check the status of restaurants. We stopped at the Cypress Inn, which unfortunately was closed, but were given a card from the Mission Bistro. Its owner Shaheen Al Nuaimi, had stopped by many hotels in the village to announce that he had rented a large portable generator and would be opening the restaurant at 4 p.m. We walked there at 4, the electricians were finishing the installation and we were seated at 4:15. By 4:45, all tables were

full and there were folks in line (as well as people starting to pick up take-out orders). Shaheen had been able to contact all his employees, so the service and food were magnificent. Although the high cost of the generator may not have been offset his revenue that night, we are quite sure that all those who were there that evening are just as appreciative of his very successful efforts, as are we.

Hats off to Carmel!

Bruce and Jeanne Lindsay,
Carmel winters,

Detroit Lakes, Minn., summers

The heroes**Dear Editor,**

As I sit here in the darkness I am reminded that heroes come in all forms. Anyone who services the community at large is a hero, but this week, none more so than the workers at PG&E. They are out in pouring rain, battling flooded streets and clambering up power poles to reestablish service. To anyone who has been involved in getting our city back to normal — tree removal, drainage clearing and power restored — a big thank you. You are the heroes to me!

Irene Stanek, Carmel

Local government to blame**Dear Editor,**

I feel compelled to respond to your latest screed concerning the California Environmental Quality Act and California Coastal Act ("Sacramento's Eternal Villain," March 3).

It's local governments in California — and especially those along the state's spectacular 1,100-mile coastline — whose ill-advised land use decisions prompted passage of both CEQA and the Coastal Act. Before those state environmental laws were enacted, city and county governments were all too willing to approve ill-conceived private development projects that had serious, adverse environmental impacts and were "walling off" the public from the coastal resources we all love and depend upon.

It's because of CEQA and the Coastal Act that this sorry trend has been at least partially reversed. The fact is that local governments still approve the vast majority of development projects that come before them, even given CEQA's mandates that significant adverse environmental impacts of such projects be identified, analyzed and mitigated when feasible. And the Coastal Commission and local governments similarly green-light most projects they review under the Coastal Act.

However, the key difference is that these approved projects are now far better designed and sited, with far fewer environmental impacts than the development projects local governments rubber-stamped before 1970.

Your editorial similarly maintains that California's housing crisis could be resolved if only state officials would leave housing decisions to city and county governments. This argument is meritless as well.

Until the 1980s, that was exactly how land use and housing decisions were made — by cities and counties. Then the Legislature quite logically passed laws encouraging local governments to plan for and approve enough new housing projects so that each region of the state would meet its "fair share of regional housing needs." The first generation of those state housing laws lacked teeth, and local governments simply ignored them, often at the urging of local NIMBY groups. Finally, beginning about eight years ago, frustrated state legislators added sanctions that can be imposed against recalcitrant local governments that continue to flout state housing laws and the critical need for more low- and moderate-income housing in their communities. Yet local governments on the Peninsula and elsewhere still cry bloody murder while making only minimal, begrudging efforts to comply with longstanding state housing mandates.

To be sure, state housing laws and CEQA need to be better integrated. Both Gov. Newsom and state legislators have announced plans to address that critical

need in the current session of the Legislature. That's a welcome development.

But to argue, as The Pine Cone does, that things would be so much better on the land use and housing fronts if the state would only "bow out" of these critical matters is disingenuous at best. And it simply ignores the fact that local governments' planning and permitting malfeasance is at the heart of California's current housing crisis.

Richard Frank, Pacific Grove

Why let it continue?**Dear Editor,**

Living between East and West coasts, one gets a pretty good idea of how political, social, cultural norms may differ — for better or worse.

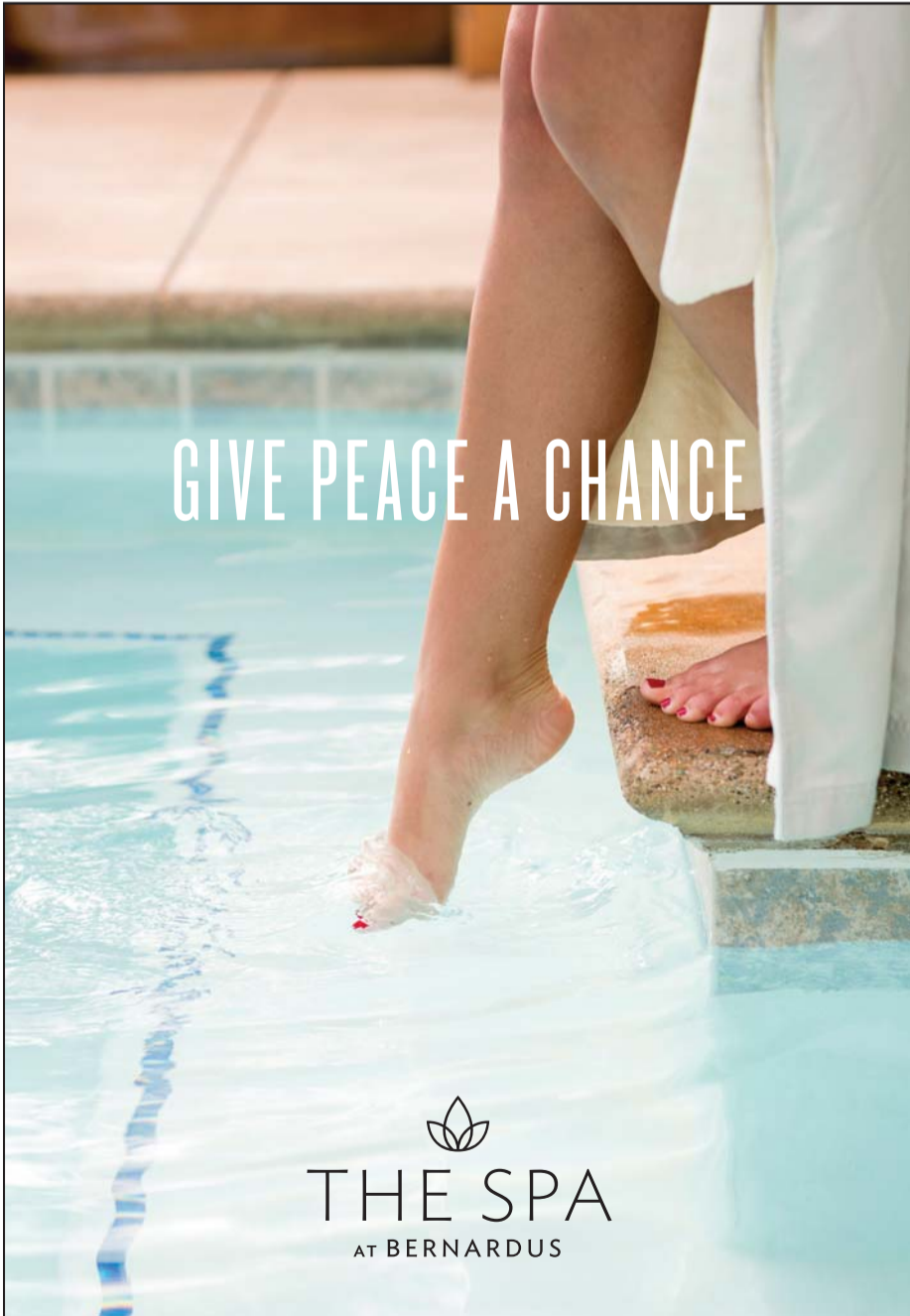
Case in point: Since becoming a part-time resident of Carmel a few years ago, I've heard much criticism of PG&E. And I wonder why. Not that PG&E doesn't deserve the calumny heaped on it. But why things haven't changed, given the magnitude of the criticism.

I'm fairly certain that if Con Ed back in New York handled the storms and related power losses the way PG&E does, the public outcry and pressures on politicians would bring course corrections. The gist of the response I get here is a sort of defeatist shrug and statements to the effect that PG&E is a force unto itself, that no amount of criticism makes a difference and I should install a generator or solar-based battery back-up.

Come on, folks. Even I, largely ignorant of power infrastructure, can see that PG&E is reactive, that its equipment may be increasingly dated or inadequate for the changing climate we have on the Monterey Peninsula (severe draught and severe storms) and that its communications and management need to be reassessed and improved.

I understand the situation is complicated. But really, shrugging defeatedly about "the third world republic of California" is getting old. Where's the can-doism? Who's fighting the good fight here?

Jim Gabbe, New York, N.Y.



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 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
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 1, 2023.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230412
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE UPS STORE #3447, 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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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, Staneline, 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 N/A.
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 S/Brian Ring, Manager
 Date: Feb. 27, 2023
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 2, 2023.
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 Publication Dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023. (PC 325)

LIEN SALE

City of Monterey,
 250 Figueroa Street, Monterey,
 03-22-2023 @ 11:00am
 CA CATALINAY HIN#
 CTYK0380M78B
 3/10/23
CNS-3677245#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: March 10, 2023.
 (PC 326)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230382
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **R.C. LANDSCAPING, 279 Carmel Ave., Marina, CA 93933.**
Mailing address: P.O. Box 230, Marina, CA 93933.
 Registered Owner(s): RUBEN COVARRUBIAS, 279 Carmel Ave., Marina, CA 93933.
 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 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/Stephanie Horning, Chief Financial Officer
 Date: Feb. 17, 2023
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 24, 2023.
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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 S/Ruben Covarrubias
 Date signed: Feb. 24, 2023
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 24, 2023.
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230383
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOLDEN AGE BUILDERS, 349 Bishop Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1519, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: AIDEN ENTERPRISES, INC., 349 Bishop Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
 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/Stephanie Horning, Chief Financial Officer
 Date: Feb. 17, 2023
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 S/Ruben Covarrubias
 Date signed: Feb. 24, 2023
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 Publication Dates: March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 2023. (PC 331)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 23CV000713
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner, **NANCY VIOLA LITTLEJOHN**, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: NANCY VIOLA LITTLEJOHN
Proposed name: NANCY VIOLA TIFFANY
 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: May 5, 2023
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.
 DEPT: 15
 The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito 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, Carmel.
 (s) Carrie M. Panetta
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: March 8, 2023
 Publication Dates: March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 2023. (PC 333)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 20230391
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Mbody Hypnotherapy, 828 Maple St., Apt A, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
 County of Monterey
 Registered Owner(s): Jessica Maciel, 828 Maple St Apt A, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
 This business is conducted by an individual

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230476
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. PAPA'S BREW
2. PAPA BREW
484 Washington Street, Ste. 416, Monterey, CA 93940.
Mailing address: 9658 Knollwood Court, Prunedale, CA 93907.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BUENAVISTA GLOBAL INVESTMENTS, LLC, 484 Washington Street, Ste. 416, Monterey, CA 93940.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: NV
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 13, 2008.
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*

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/15/2023
 S/Jessica Maciel
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/27/2023
 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7/23
CNS-3673327#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 2023. (PC 334)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230431
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEY BAY LAUNDRY, 40 Clark Street, Ste. A, Salinas, CA 93901.**
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ADVANCED UNIFORM DUST CONTROL & LINEN, LLC, 243 Orange Avenue, Patterson, California 95363.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1, 2022.
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 S/Gordon Hickman, Member
 Date: Feb. 21, 2023
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2023.
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 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. PAPA'S BREW
2. PAPA BREW
484 Washington Street, Ste. 416, Monterey, CA 93940.
Mailing address: 9658 Knollwood Court, Prunedale, CA 93907.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BUENAVISTA GLOBAL INVESTMENTS, LLC, 484 Washington Street, Ste. 416, Monterey, CA 93940.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: NV
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 13, 2008.
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 S/Wilfred Mercurio, Manager
 Date: March 8, 2023
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 8, 2023.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20230473
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SWING TRADING CLUB, 1 Arkwright Ct. #7, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
Mailing address: 798 Lighthouse Ave. #303, Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PROFIT DYNAMICS LLC, 1 Arkwright Ct. #7, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
 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 N/A.
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 S/Michael Ferguson, President
 Date: March 6, 2023
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 8, 2023.
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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea adopted the following urgency ordinance at the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023. Said ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon adoption.

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001

URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA RESCINDING URGENCY ORDINANCES 2020-002, 2020-004, 2020-005, 2022-001, AND 2022-002, REGARDING VARIOUS HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act (California Government Code sections 8639, 8550, et. seq.) defines a local emergency as the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a city, caused by conditions such as an epidemic, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of a city, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2; section 2.64.020 of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea ("City") Municipal Code defines emergency as the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within this City, including conditions such as an epidemic, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, section 2.64.050 of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea ("City") Municipal Code designates the City Administrator as the Director of Emergency Services for the City; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, section 2.64.060 empowers the City Administrator, as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session so long as such proclamation is ratified by the City Council within seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019 and January 2020, reports began spreading worldwide of a flu-like virus first found in China, that was more deadly than the flu generally, with the virus becoming known as the Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, from January 2020 to March 2020, COVID-19 spread throughout the world, with over 114,000 confirmed cases of individuals contracting COVID-19, and over 4,000 confirmed cases of individuals dying from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 4, 2020, as part of the State of California's response to address the global COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help

the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19 following one official COVID-19 death;

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the County Administrative Officer of Monterey County ("County CAO") proclaimed a Local Emergency due to the threat of COVID-19 in the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") classified the spread of COVID-19 internationally as a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, based on said events, the City Administrator of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea declared the existence of a local emergency within the City at 10:26 am on Thursday, March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-21 ratifying the declaration of emergency by the City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, after the City Council's adoption of Resolution 2020-21 various Urgency Ordinances were adopted by the City Council to address health and safety issues relating to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023, Governor Newsom announced that the COVID-19 Declaration of State of Emergency was terminated; and

WHEREAS, the case incidence of COVID-19 cases in Monterey County has significantly subsided; and

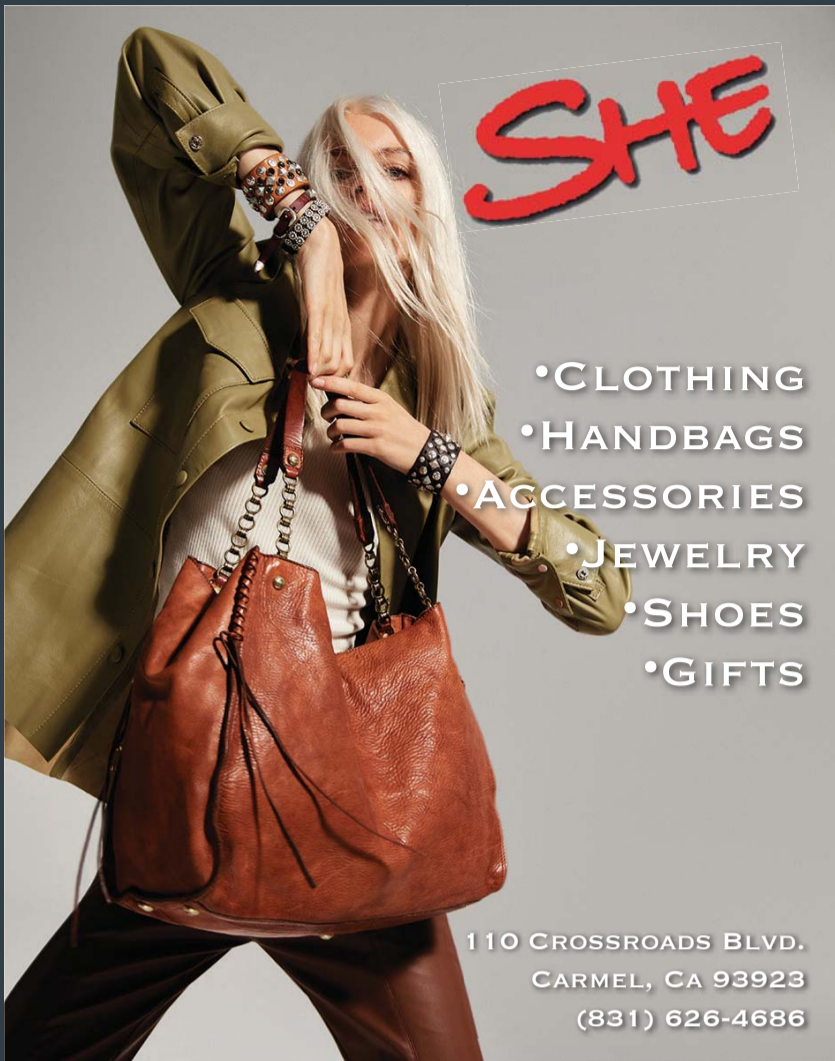
WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, the City Council, after reviewing the need for continuing the local emergency, has determined that conditions no longer exist to warrant continuing the local emergency beyond the timeframe identified by the state of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA PROCLAIMS, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Incorporation of Findings. The City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea incorporates the Whereas Clauses above by reference as though fully set forth here.

Section 2: Codification. This Ordinance shall not be codified in the Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code.

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199 Upper Walden Road, Carmel Highlands — \$2,800,000

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APN: 189-561-032

230 Del Mesa Carmel — \$1,219,000

Richard and Anita Travers to Paul Black and Esra Colduroglu
APN: 015-514-019

53 Miramonte Road — \$1,430,000

Anthony Davi to Meghan Barager and John Michel
APN: 187-042-011



25355 Outlook Drive, Carmel Valley — \$1,825,000



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Linda Nowlan and Chris Toscano to Trevor and Erin Fogg
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POLICE LOG

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FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Carmel area: Report of alleged physical abuse at a residence on Rio Vista Drive.

Carmel Valley: Citizen on East Carmel Valley Road called to report her car battery was dead after not driving her car for over two weeks with the recent cold weather.

Carmel Valley: Report of a deceased person at a residence on Panetta Road.

Carmel Valley: Report of alleged financial exploitation of a West Garzas Road resident for two \$15 gift cards.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost phone reported at Del Mar and Ocean.

Carmel area: During a traffic stop on Highway 1, a male was found in possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. His vehicle was towed and he was cited and released.

See **SHERIFF** page 5RE



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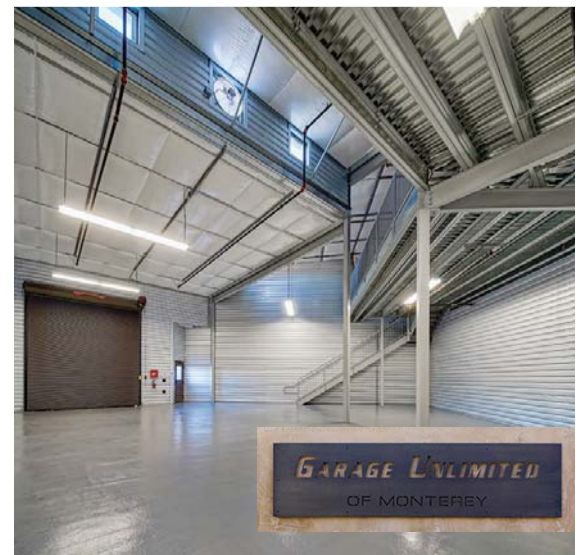
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Dear PG&E: Serial power outages are not a 'Laugh-In' matter

I STINK, therefore I am. Not being able to shower is an unintended consequence of being without power for more than two days.

I appreciate the effort PG&E puts into restoring power, especially since the outages have been so widespread. But they could be more forthcoming with estimated times for the lights to go back on. I phone them: one ringy-dingy, two ringy-dingies. They refer me to their website, which you cannot access because there is no internet. Their estimates for power restoration never materialize. Procrastinate, Gaslight & Evade.

Habits are hard to break. I flip the light switch when I enter a dark bathroom, even though I know that there is no power. One tends to get stupid.

Me: Will the dishes get clean if we run the dishwasher with cold water?

She: Sure, if we had electricity to run the dishwasher.

The saga continues

Friday: The power has been off for 12 hours. I awaken early, wash with ice-cold water, get dressed, and turn on the gas fireplace. Inside temp is 65°. Get in the car to head out for hot coffee, donuts and ice for the fridge but a huge tree blocks both lanes of the approach to our retirement community, Del Mesa. No electricity, no internet, no heat and no exit.

I hang a U-ey and head back to the clubhouse. It is crowded with fellow residents, all recharging electronic devices. Thousands of dollars of electronic equipment lie as fallow as a field of flatulent cows. If we were a football team, we would be the Del Mesa Chargers. I am reminded of Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade." Smart phones to the right of me, tablets to the left

of me, into the mouths of electrical sockets rode the 600. (Socket to me?)

An angel had provided coffee and hot water for tea. Someone brought muffins. There is light, warmth, comfortable chairs, no internet, but basic needs are being met.

The tree is cleared. I get an idea of how extensive the outage is when I see that Safeway is the only store at the Crossroads with power. The entire mall is dark.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

That evening, I decide to cook outside. My small gas grill has a side burner. I am frying potatoes on it and cooking burgers on the grill. It begins to rain. The grill area is not covered. I hold an umbrella in one hand and stick a small flashlight in my mouth so I can have visual on the food. If the late cartoonist, Bill Bates, were still with us, I would be a cartoon in The Pine Cone.

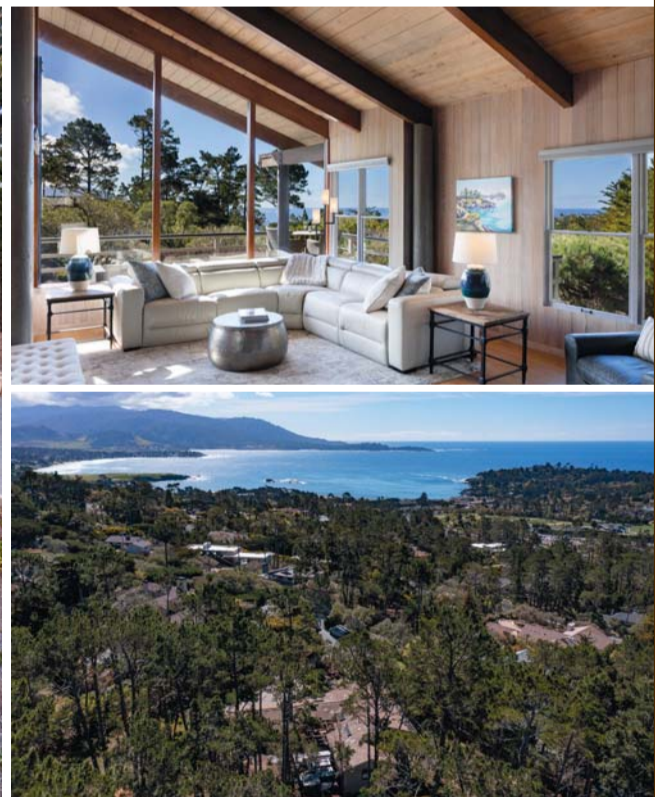
Breakfast angel

Saturday: Back to the Del Mesa clubhouse for coffee. Once again an angel has provided muffins. We read. We charge devices. We tell lies about who is suffering the most. Off to a store where there is power and food. I buy a package of thick lamb chops, a block of Parmesan cheese, a six-pack of wine, and raspberries. Wow, imagine the eclectic meal I can prepare with those ingredients. Veery eenteresting! Around 6 p.m., I am standing at the sink when the garbage disposal suddenly springs to life. It scares the living kale out of me. Fifteen seconds and the power

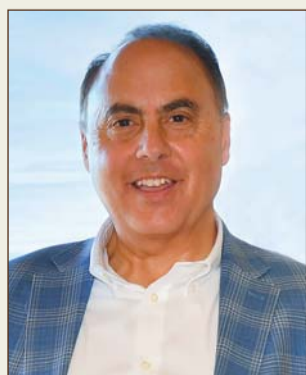
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From page 5RE

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Carmel area: Five separate retail thefts committed by the same 62-year-old male on Aguajito Road were investigated.

Carmel Valley: A residential burglary occurred on Valley Greens Circle in Carmel Valley. Three males entered the residence and stole a safe containing money and a pistol.

Carmel area: A suspicious text message to a Serra Avenue resident was documented.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost women's wallet reported at Lincoln and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost California driver's license reported on Lincoln north of Seventh.

Carmel area: Subject made annoying and harrasing phone calls to a business on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to the report of a battery and request for a welfare check of an Atherton Drive resident's stepson. During the process of deputies placing the 31-year-old male on a mental health hold, the subject attempted to flee and had to be physically restrained.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male was given a trespass advisement at Mission and Sixth. Information only at this time.

Pacific Grove: Report of a fraudulent use of credit cards on Sunset Drive.

Carmel area: A 41-year-old male was arrested on Highway 1 for violating a court order and for obstructing deputies.

Carmel area: Subject on Mesa Drive

See **CALLS** page 14RE

GERVASE

From previous page

goes back off. Is PG&E messing with our minds? You bet your sweet bippy they are.

That evening, flashlight in mouth, I grill the lamb chops and boil potatoes on the burner. The chops and hand-mashed potatoes are wonderful. The wine is comforting.

Another day, more trouble

Sunday: Power restored at 1 a.m. Hot coffee, hot showers, heat — perhaps our Donner days are behind us. Milk and cream and a myriad of other foodstuffs have spoiled. A whole chicken is iffy, so we don't take chances with it and out it goes, along with everything in the freezer.

The day is restful — golf on TV, reading and relaxing. Amazing how stressful the last two days have been. We heat up the lamb chops, turn the leftover mashed potatoes into potato pancakes. We sit down

to a repeat of the previous night's dinner until the power goes off at 6:37 p.m. Whatever kind thoughts I had about PG&E are gone. There is no wind, no rain and no threatening weather. Time to switch to that other power company. Oh, there isn't one, is there?

Power is suddenly restored at 7:57 p.m. We run the dishwasher, charge devices, put fresh batteries in everything just in case.

Monday: The power goes off again at 5:45 p.m., in the middle of cooking pasta and Jerry Chicken, recipe available on request. Cast iron skillet and pan with pasta water transferred to outdoor grill. Cooking becomes as comedic as the "Laugh-In" joke wall. Power returns in about 15 minutes. Cooking utensils moved back indoors.

Tuesday: Power out again. Angrier with PG&E. I think that we are nothing but a pain in the gas to them. Put that in your Funk and Wagnall's.

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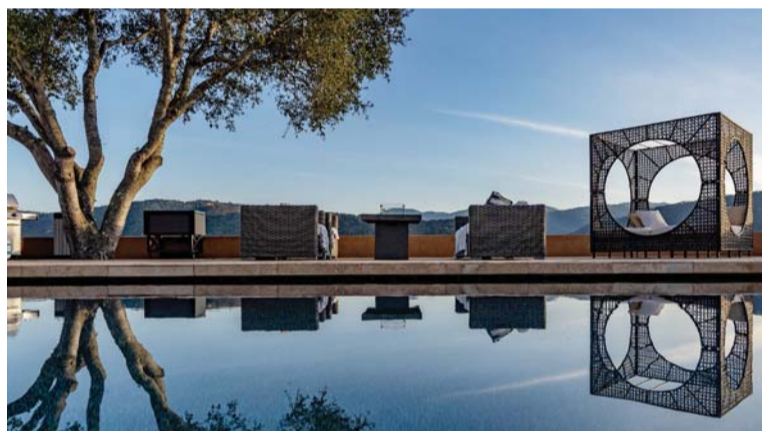
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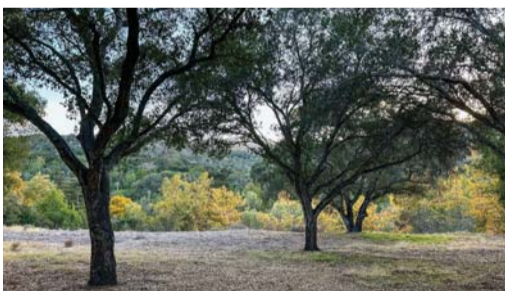
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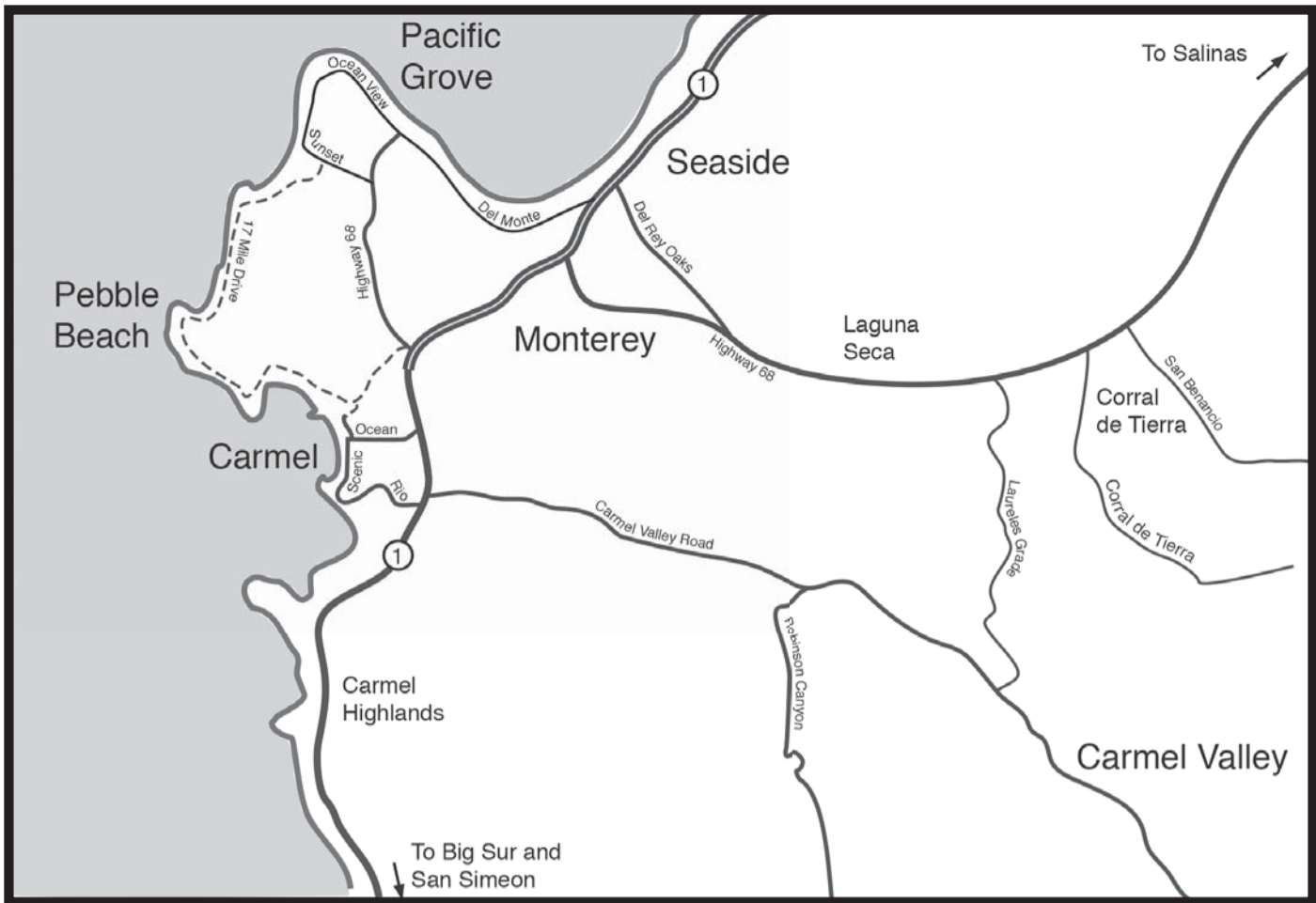
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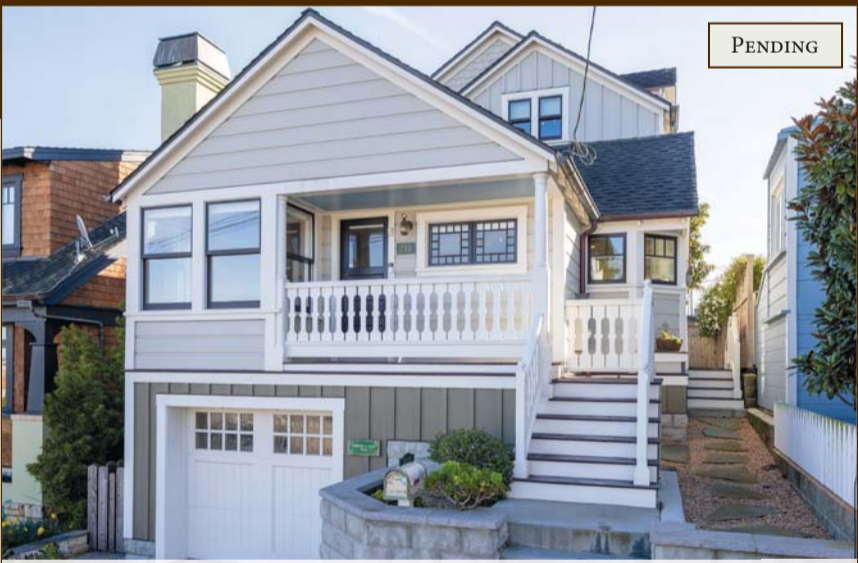
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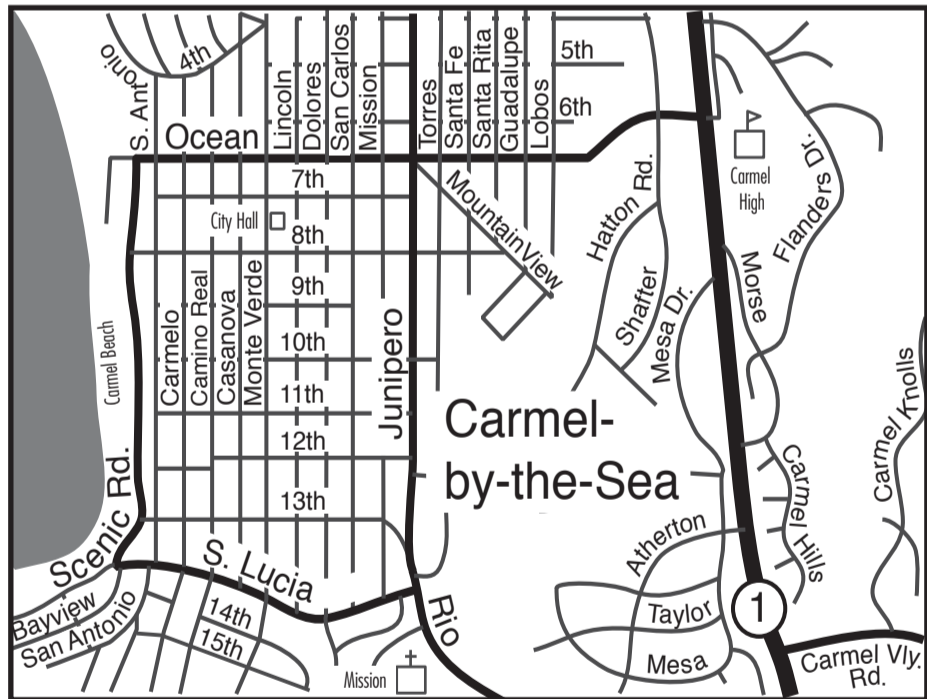
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wished to document a civil matter.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to an attempted suicide in Carmel on Outlook Drive.

Carmel Valley: Male on Carmel Valley Road reported his tablet was taken.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found men's wedding ring at Lincoln and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found bracelet at Dolores and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Boyfriend reported his girlfriend at Ocean and Monte Verde wanted to harm herself. Subject was evaluated for a 72-hour hold and did not meet the criteria. A safety plan was set up for the night.

Pacific Grove: A 34-year-old male was arrested on Forest Avenue for shoplifting and being in possession of controlled substances. He was booked into Monterey County Jail for those offenses, as well as possession of unlawful paraphernalia and violation of probation, and was held on \$16,000 bail.

Carmel Valley: Sheriff's office SWAT assisted CHP with a search warrant on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley: Report of alleged assault on Loma del Rey.

Carmel Valley: A residence and two ve-

hicles on Cachagua Road were burglarized by a male.

Carmel Valley: A residence on Valley Greens Circle was burglarized.

Big Sur: Sycamore Canyon Road resident reported possible trespassing on his property. It was found that the trespasser is his son's invited friend.

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