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Mehdipour told she can't build P.B. home

■ 20-year dispute over 'historic' property

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE latest round of Silicon Valley entrepreneur Massy Mehdi-pour's fight to tear down a home located near the Cypress Point Club in Pebble Beach and replace it with a larger one, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 Tuesday to reverse an earlier approval of her plans by the Monterey County Planning Commission.

Instead, citing concerns about protected dunes habitat and the fact that the dilapidated house there now was designed by noted architect Richard Neutra, the supervisors told Mehdi-pour her options include rebuilding the house or building a new one on the same footprint.

Located at 1170 Signal Hill Road, the home was built

in 1958 and was not considered historic when Mehdi-pour bought it in 2004.

Six years later, she proposed replacing the 4,124-square-foot single-family dwelling with an 11,933-square-foot home with an attached three-car garage and other features. The new home was designed by the late acclaimed Mexican architect, Ricardo Legoretta. It would have been the last of his designs to be built.

'Stop this madness now'

The case is complicated by the fact that the home on Mehdi-pour's property has been vandalized repeatedly over the years, and some have accused her of orchestrating the damage, which she denies. She was also cited after

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Tech entrepreneur Massy Mehdi-pour wants to tear down her home (left) near Cypress Point and replace it with one that is much larger (in rendering, above). But the county board of supervisors rejected her plans this week.

Adams won't seek third term

■ Says she'd back Kate Daniels as replacement on board of supervisors

By CHRIS COUNTS

NEARLY SEVEN years after defeating incumbent Dave Potter and becoming the supervisor for Monterey County's 5th District, Mary Adams told The Pine Cone this week that she will not seek reelection when her term ends next year. The primary election is set for March 5, 2024.

The announcement came just a week after Monterey City Councilman Alan Haffa announced his bid for Adams' seat. Adams said she had already made up her mind not to run again before Haffa's announcement.

Adams, who ran unopposed in 2020, said she's ready for the next challenge in her life — even if she's not certain yet what it will be.

"I honestly feel like I've got something else to do," said Adams, who is 76. "But as long as I'm committed to the board of supervisors, I don't have time to delve into it. My health is great, physically and mentally, but I want to make sure I have the time and energy to focus on what comes next."



Mary Adams

No easy decision

Adams, who was CEO of United Way Monterey County for 14 years before becoming a supervisor, said the choice wasn't an easy one to make.

"I absolutely love what I do," she said. "It's an honor and a pleasure."

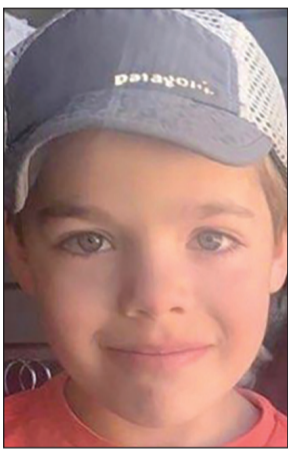
The supervisor said she made the decision now in part

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Child found hiding in bushes 2 miles from school

By MARY SCHLEY

AN 8-YEAR-OLD Tularcitos student who went missing for more than two hours last Wednesday before anyone at the school noticed was found by drone-wielding Monterey County Sheriff's deputies unharmed on Carmel Valley Road a mile east of Garland Park four hours later.



Hugh Laverty

Hugh Laverty, a second-grader, had left his classroom at 1 p.m. May 3 during the lunch break, but no one realized he hadn't returned until school staff noticed "that his backpack was outside of his classroom after the dismissal time," according to Monterey County Undersheriff Keith Boyd. School officials called law enforcement at 3:24 p.m., swept the school and used a roster of students to determine which child was missing.

"A review of school video footage determined

the child had voluntarily left the school alone and without supervision at approximately 1 p.m.," Boyd said.

Everyone helps

By the time school officials notified the authorities, however, deputies were already in the valley searching for a kid after receiving several calls around 2 p.m. from drivers who reported seeing "a male child in the roadway and in the embankments along Carmel Valley Road," according to Boyd. When the call came in from the school, they "determined the reports were related to the child who had left the school alone and unsupervised."

The sheriff's office summoned members of its search and rescue team and the volunteer Carmel Valley Community Emergency Response Team to help find Laverty, and at 4:11 p.m., Tularcitos principal Ryan Peterson put out a plea on social media.

"We need the Tular community's help," he wrote. "Hugh Laverty, a second-grader at Tular, is missing. He

is wearing a light blue shirt, tan shorts and most likely a tan-colored hat. We think he was last seen along Carmel Valley Road west of the Village. If you see him, please call 911 immediately."

Drones to the rescue

Deputies from the sheriff's stations in Monterey and Salinas searched, some of them using drones to look for the boy from the air, and Village residents and parents combed the area, too. Firefighters and additional drone teams helped, as well.

"All 911 calls and sightings were investigated, and a reverse 911 call was being formulated for the Carmel Valley area," that would let everyone living there know about the missing boy, Boyd said. SAR team members kept track of the sightings on a topographical map.

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CITY PLANNING FILES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

By MARY SCHLEY

DATA GEEKS, history buffs, architects, contractors — and new residents trying to get their utilities established — can rejoice in the fact that the digitization of more than 5,700 files from the planning and building department is now complete, planning director Brandon Swanson said this week. Anyone anywhere can take a deep dive into any property within the city limits anytime simply by clicking on the lot in question on an interactive map on the city's website.

In October 2021, the city council signed a \$79,750 contract with SyTech Solutions to scan the documents, some dating back to the early 1900s, and make them available through Laserfiche. The process was expected to take two years and cost \$79,750.

But thanks to some efficiencies discovered along the way, the work was completed five months ahead of schedule and came in under budget, according to Swanson.

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Lawsuit accuses Carmel Mission group of fraud, wrongdoing

■ Foundation says it operated with 'highest professional standards'

By KELLY NIX

THE CHARITABLE organization created to preserve, maintain and restore the 252-year-old Carmel Mission is being accused of misusing and mismanaging donor funds and obstructing the Catholic Diocese of Monterey when it tried to find out how the money was being spent.

In a civil complaint filed Monday, the diocese — which operates the mission — alleges that the Carmel Mission Foundation engaged in "constructive fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract" and other wrongdoing related to the group's goal of raising money to care for the historic Catholic church.

'Misused and mismanaged'

"Over the last several years, it appears Carmel Mission Foundation has misused and mismanaged donor funds — and possibly engaged in self-dealing or conflicted transactions — all the while embarking on a campaign to conceal its wrongdoing from the diocese and the public," according to the 18-page lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court that alleges mismanagement has occurred for at

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Tiny but tough

When she called Hollister's Pet Friends & Rescue to ask about dogs available for adoption, she was told a dog had come in the night before. When she asked what kind, she was told "gray and tiny." When she asked for a photo — which revealed a variegated gray Ewok with a little pink tongue — she said, "I'll be there in an hour."

Miss Molly is 25 percent Chihuahua, 25 percent rat terrier, 12.5 percent miniature pinscher and 37.5 percent "unknown" because the computer had no key for "survivor."

But the moment they met, her person knew that the unknown components of a tiny dog that survived being tossed from a moving vehicle, hit by another car, and catapulted to the side of the road, were "cute, cuddly, and tough as nails."

Many people have said she looks like a Havanese. Her person can see that, too.

From the beginning, her person was certain they were meant to be together, but Miss Molly ignored her, checking out every tree and twig in the rescue yard. It was the typical terrier "I adore you but can't quite bring myself to admit it" posturing.

"I knew anyway," her person said. "Clearly we were



already in love with each other."

Even so, the rescue folk told her to come back twice to demonstrate her level of commitment before taking the terrier home. That night, she slept with a beach towel she would bring back to help Miss Molly become familiar with her scent.

"If only Molly were able to tell me her tale, I'd have a novel to write," her person said. "I know she's attracted to old men and small children, that she likes Mexican food, and it took her a long time to be willing to eat dog food, especially out of a bowl. Bit by bit, I'm piecing together her story."

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SUPES TO GET \$2M AUDIO-VISUAL UPGRADES TO SALINAS CHAMBERS

By KELLY NIX

THE MEETING place for the Monterey County Board of Supervisors is getting a major technological overhaul to the tune of \$2 million.

The supervisors' meeting was held in a different location Tuesday because of the launch of a major makeover of the Salinas chambers where supervisors' and planning commission meetings and other events are held. The county contracted with a company called Spinitar to do the renovation. Other county conference rooms will also get upgrades. The work will cost \$2,016,247 — all in a building that opened in 2005.

"The board chamber audio and visual technology upgrade project entails a complete revamp of technology in this room," county spokeswoman Maia Carroll explained. "It will include improved lighting, acoustics and high-definition viewing capabilities in the board chamber."

Since Covid, online participation in government meetings has become much more commonplace, and Carroll said the upgrades would also provide better quality audio and video on "supported viewing

platforms."

Over the next few months, there will be signs pointing attendees to the new meeting place, the Monterey Room, which is in the same building at 168 W. Alisal St., in Salinas.

"The Monterey Room will have the same level of accessibility and comfort for meeting attendees," Carroll said.

The supervisors in September 2022 approved the contract with Spinitar to do the audio-visual upgrades, which also include improved production services, digital signage and kiosks in the county government building, and updated portable broadcasting systems.

Massive screens

Another county room "will be outfitted for a press conference area, and the Monterey Room will be outfitted with additional technology to be used as a backup boardroom," according to the 2022 staff report.

The chambers will get new lighting and five ultra-high definition cameras to provide coverage of meetings, according to Spinitar's proposal.

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The meeting room for the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and other county panels will get some fancy and pricey upgrades.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Man waited at her job and asked her out

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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Pacific Grove: In-progress theft of catalytic converter on Seventh Street.
Carmel area: Report of alleged neglect of an Edgefield Place resident.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found California driver's license turned in.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Junipero and Eighth for expired registration.
Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Ransford.
Pacific Grove: A driver's license found at Lighthouse and Cedar was turned in to the police station. Contacting the owner was unsuccessful, so the item will be held for safekeeping.
Pacific Grove: A wallet was found on Ocean View Boulevard and surrendered to the police department.

Carmel area: Report of retail theft at the Crossroads.

Carmel area: Female reported a burglary to a home on Corona Road. Perpetrator(s) remain at large.

Carmel Valley: Male made a report of a firearm that was sold 30 years ago. This report is for informational purposes only.

Big Sur: Assisted CHP by using a drone to locate a missing hiker on Coast Road.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded with fire and paramedics to a medical emergency for a male Del Mesa Carmel resident who was not conscious and not breathing. After medical personnel conducted CPR, the male was pronounced deceased at the scene.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Carmel Valley: An argument occurred at a Valle Vista residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Peace disturbance at Mission and Ocean. **Big Sur:** Suspicious person reported on Highway 1.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost tennis bag.

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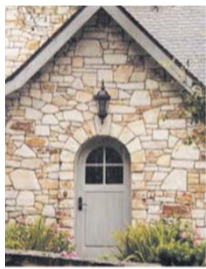
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The gavel falls

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



April 5 — Israel Cruz, 48, of Watsonville, pled no contest to one count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one count of driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury.

On June 13, 2021, just after midnight, Cruz was traveling eastbound in a Toyota Tundra on Hall Road, west of Elkhorn Road, in an unincorporated area of Monterey County. Due to his level of impairment, Cruz swerved across the center line and struck an oncoming Toyota Camry in a head-on collision. The driver of the Camry, Cesar Martinez, 22, was killed in the collision. A passenger in the Camry and the occupants of a second vehicle also suffered minor injuries.

Cruz was contacted by California Highway Patrol officers after the collision and they observed that he appeared to be under the influence. A subsequent test of Cruz's blood alcohol level found it to be .25 percent, over three times the legal limit.

Cruz faces up to 10 years and 8 months in state prison when he is sentenced on May 24.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and prosecuted by the district attorney's specialized DUI prosecution unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

April 14 — A Monterey County jury found Veronica Bautista Reyes, 27, of Greenfield, guilty of two felonies including counts of assault with a knife and domestic violence. Judge Stephanie Hulsey will sentence the defendant on May 10.

The victim in this case decided to leave the family home when the defendant became enraged. As he was trying to exit the front door, the defendant attacked him with a large kitchen knife, slashing him three times across the back.

The defendant has a prior conviction and is on probation for a previous incident of domestic violence against that same victim.

This case was investigated by Greenfield Police Officer Erik Santiago.



Kitties of the Week

Gigi 8 years old

Sylvester 5 years old



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Tax revenues fall as hotels lower rates due to slower demand

By MARY SCHLEY

THE TOURISM trend that planning director Brandon Swanson termed “revenge travel” as pandemic restrictions eased in 2021 has apparently ended. Hotel occupancy and tax figures released by the city late last month show an overall decline in demand since last July, followed by drops in hostelry taxes beginning last November, and finally, lower average daily room rates in January and February of this year.

Reports shared April 28 show that the city’s hotels saw peak travel in July and August 2021, with just shy of 86 percent of available rooms booked — the highest since the same period in 2018, when occupancy was 86.65 percent — but the number began to creep lower last summer, dropping to 85.5 percent.

In subsequent two-month periods, occupancy continued to decline compared to the previous year, and in January and February, it was 20.6 percent lower than during those months in 2022, falling to 46.49 percent.

Average daily room rates were slow to reflect the decline in demand, however, after rising steadily since March

2021. The average rate grew by more than 14 percent, to \$409.63, in July and August 2022 over the previous year’s \$358.13. In September and October last year, they rose by 7.43 percent over the September/October 2021 rate of \$334, and in November and December 2022, the increase in average price narrowed to 4.2 percent higher than the previous year’s figure.

In January and February, however, room rates finally started dropping, averaging \$277.65, compared with \$283.42 during those winter months a year ago.

Budget accordingly

Transient occupancy taxes are expected to total \$8,038,940 this fiscal year, accounting for more than a quarter of the city’s anticipated revenues of \$30,554,376 by the time it ends June 30. TOT started trending up in March 2021, blowing away expectations by climbing to \$900,012, a huge increase over the previous year’s March-April total of \$158,239, when many hotels were shuttered due to the pandemic. And in May and June 2021, they brought in about \$1 million more than they had a year earlier.

But TOT started declining from prior-year figures in November and December 2022, when it totaled \$947,605 — 14.59 percent below the \$1,109,537 raised 12 months earlier. Amplified by winter storms and power outages, the drop continued in January and February, when hotel taxes totaled \$661,030 — 27.71 percent below the \$914,460 received during the same months in 2022.

In his introduction to the proposed 2023-2024 budget, which will be the subject of a special council meeting May 16, city administrator Chip Rerig acknowledged the cooling in the tourism market, which also affects sales taxes.

“We approached our budget planning with an understanding of these factors and their potential impacts on our financial health,” he wrote. “This budget is a thoughtful representation of working together internally and with the community to identify areas where we can maintain costs without sacrificing essential services, as well as begin to explore the need for additional sources of revenue to maintain our financial stability.”

As such, the draft budget estimates hotel taxes will bring in \$6,801,007 in revenue in 2023-2024.

Hofsas House hotel owner and former city councilwoman Carrie Theis said she believes the declines reflect a return to more typical demand.

“The recent decline of TOT/occupancy is attributed to the decline of Covid revenge travel. In 2022, many people were looking forward to traveling since they were confined to their house and city due to the Covid travel restrictions at the state and federal level,” she said. “The hotels in Carmel were extremely busy from January through October 2022 with this pent-up demand. What we are seeing now is more back to normal travel.” She also noted the storms didn’t help.

“The good news is that we are seeing our European travelers return, since the vaccination restrictions have been lifted at the national level,” she said.

First hearts, now dogs

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce is seeking 15 local artists to put their unique touches on fiberglass sculptures for a “Dogs of Carmel” display. The pieces will be similar to the painted hearts that have been exhibited throughout the city and then auctioned to benefit the chamber’s foundation.

Applications are due May 19, and the artists chosen for the work will receive stipends for their time and materials.

For more information on participating as an artist or sponsor, contact Kimberlie Guerrieri, director of membership and communications, at membership@carmelchamber.org or (831) 624-3877 ext. 206.

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Alfred G. Scheid, known as “Al” to everyone, was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on February 7, 1932. He died peacefully at his home in Pacific Palisades, California, on Friday, March 31, 2023.



Al came from humble beginnings but went on to lead an extraordinary life. He was raised in the coal-mining town of Bridgeport, Ohio during the Depression, an upbringing he wrote about in his memoir, “Breaking Out Of Beerport.” Although a poor student in his youth, his love of reading opened up the world to him and, at the age of 19, he hitchhiked out of Bridgeport with \$42 in his pocket. After jobs in a steel mill and a tire factory, with the Korean War raging, Al joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Los Alamitos Naval Air Station in southern California. It was during this tenure that he gained the confidence to attend college, putting himself through Citrus Junior College and Claremont Mens College by working a variety of jobs and then on to earning his MBA from Harvard Business School.

Upon graduation from Harvard, Al moved to California and joined E.F. Hutton & Co. but soon felt constrained by the corporate world. It was the 1960s and he wanted to be what was known back then as a deal man. He struck out to pursue dealmaking using a combination of street smarts, innate intelligence and sheer nerve. He was instrumental in closing numerous deals across many industries, undaunted by diving into businesses he knew nothing about.

Al went on to found two successful biotechnology companies without having a background in science and his eponymous wine company, Scheid Family Wines, in 1972. In fact, the kid from Ohio who knew little about wine became a pioneer in the Monterey grape growing region, an industry leader and an ardent supporter of wines from California. He was a founder of California Association of Winegrape Growers in 1974, serving as chairman and long-time board member. He was named its Leader of the Year in 2017. Scheid Family Wines has evolved from a grape grower to a wine company producing close to 1 million cases of wine annually and is ranked among the top 25 largest wine producers in California. It celebrated its 50th anniversary last year and is still a family-run business with two of Al’s children, Scott and Heidi Scheid, at the helm.

Al’s family and friends remember him as a highly intelligent, honest and generous man with a quick wit and incredible memory. He was a natural entertainer and consummate storyteller. Every person who knew Al knows an Al story. Up until his death at 91 years of age, he could recall details from his youth, every deal he ever did, and meetings that happened years before, all in hilarious detail. He called himself the luckiest man he knew and could tell you a hundred reasons why. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be missed tremendously by all who knew him.

Al is survived by his wife, Shirley Gladden Scheid; four children, Scott, Heidi, Emily, and Tyler; two stepchildren, Mike and Kim; and 14 grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 9 at Scheid Family Wines’ Estate Winery in Greenfield. Please RSVP to heidi.m.scheid@gmail.com. If you wish to make a donation in Al’s name, please consider Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley directed towards BEAF (Bridgeport Educational Assistance Foundation), 1226 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 or online at [Bridgeport Educational Assistance Foundation \(fcsuite.com\)](http://Bridgeport Educational Assistance Foundation (fcsuite.com)).

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Panetta presses Netanyahu on Palestine, cabinet controversies

By KELLY NIX

REP. JIMMY Panetta went to Israel last week as part of a bipartisan congressional delegation led by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and Rep. Steny Hoyer to mark 75 years of that country's independence.

The Carmel Valley lawmaker also pressed Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on his cabinet, some members of which have been called "extremists."

On May 1-2, Panetta traveled to Israel with 17 other lawmakers, who engaged in "high level" meetings, visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum and met with the country's leaders.

Panetta — who flew to the country in a military airplane — met Israel President Isaac Herzog and Netanyahu to discuss regional security and Israel's partnership with the United States.

Panetta said his meeting with Netanyahu was cordial but that he also pressed the prime minister on his recent failed attempt to limit the power of the nation's Supreme Court, and expressed his concerns about members of Netanyahu's government.

"You have a finance minister who has called himself a homophobe," Panetta said. "The national security minister said he's going to remove all Palestinian flags from public places," and the woman Netanyahu appointed as a diplomat to the United States "has said she is a proud racist."

"These are people in his cabinet who are pretty troubling," the Democrat added. Netanyahu's "response is that 'they may be in the car, but I have the wheel.'" But I said, 'they are still giving you directions to drive.'"

Panetta said the two also talked about the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

"I'm hoping Netanyahu would do more than just manage the problem," said Panetta, who also criticized Mahmoud

Abbas, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and president of the Palestinian Authority, who is now on his 18th year of an original four-year term. Abbas, he said, is "losing credibility."

"But the main purpose of the trip was to congratulate Israel on being the modern miracle for 75 years and the vibrant democracy that it is," the congressman said, and to appreciate the shared values of the United States and Israel.

Mother's Day diaper drive

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

BABIES NEED diapers, but like everything else, the cost of keeping infants in clean nappies has been climbing. To address the needs of low-income families, the Christ Child Society of Monterey Bay is collecting disposable diapers to distribute to clients of the Food Bank for Monterey County, Catholic Charities and Natividad Medical Center and Siena House.

The drive coincides with Mother's Day, explained society president Anne Kelley, who said, "The Christ Child Society is all about love and support for babies and their parents." She suggested people donate in honor of their moms.

Donations will be accepted at Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Carmel Valley, San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey, St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Pacific Grove and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Seaside anytime the churches are open until midday Sunday. You can also drive through St. Angela's in P.G. on Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. to drop off donations.

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COUNCIL GIVES OUT \$27K IN GRANTS

By MARY SCHLEY

“I LIKE to give money away to good groups,” city councilwoman Karen Ferlito said when she voted alongside the rest of the council last week to distribute \$27,000 in taxpayer funds to nine local nonprofits for a variety of projects and services. The money will be handed out in the weeks after the 2023-2024 budget takes effect July 1.

According to council policy adopted in 2017, to be eligible, an organization must be located within the city “or provide community, environmental or social services to the community of Carmel-by-the-Sea,” be a nonprofit or a school, directly provide the services the grant money will pay for, not have any outstanding city bills, and not rely on the funding to meet its budget. The cash can’t pay for political activities, scholarships, debt, liquor, travel, meals, lodging, entertainment, permanent improvements to non-city structures, general operating expenses, or “services that are primarily commercial, religious or political in nature.”

City clerk Nova Romero said the city received nine complete applications that checked all the boxes. Each requested the maximum \$3,000 gift. The list includes:

- Carmel Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Carmel program for its “legacy gift” of improvements in Forest Hill Park
- Carmel High Padre Parents for the annual Sober Grad Night
- Carmel Youth Center for snacks for kids
- Carmel Residents Association to deliver copies of its newsletter to all post office boxes in the city
- Food Bank for Monterey County for food to distribute at St. Philip’s Lutheran Church in Carmel Valley
- Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre to expand its youth arts outreach program
- Monterey Symphony to cover the

costs of offering free admission for kids in grades three through six to concerts at the Forest Theater

■ Pacific Repertory Theatre for low-cost after-school classes and subsidized show tickets for kids

■ Carmel Cares for improvements in the little park in the Vista Lobos lot.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov asked what would happen with the youth center money, since it has been shut down by the state for operating without a license. Romero said the organization will have until June 2024 to spend it.

“If they don’t spend it, they can return the funds or not accept the funds,” she said. “I’m not sure if that answers your question, because we’re not sure when the Carmel Youth Center will open, but in the hopes that they will open in the next few months, then they will be able to use the funds.”

Councilman Jeff Baron moved to approve the grants, and everyone else agreed.

Record ticket sales at Laguna Seca

TICKET sales for the May 12-14 IMSA races at Laguna Seca, formally called the Motul Course de Monterey Powered by Hyundai N, “represent the largest year-over-year increase in history for the series,” according to Barry Toepke, director of heritage events and public relations at the track. General admission ticket sales increased 35 percent over 2022 sales for the IMSA races, according to Toepke.

In addition, advance campground reservations were up 11 percent over 2022 as of this week.

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Sheriff searches for girl taken by mom

By KELLY NIX

WHEN 6-YEAR-OLD Evelina Lopez Madsen was listed as missing earlier this year, there were no photos of her posted on coffee shop windows or on light poles, social media wasn't buzzing with online chatter about her disappearance, and there were no articles in the local papers.

That's because not many people were aware, including the new Monterey County Sheriff's Office administration, that the girl — who officials say was abducted by her mother, Veronica Escobedo Lopez, 51, during a dispute with Madsen's father — was missing until The Pine Cone asked about the case this week.

Undersheriff Keith Boyd, second in command next to Sheriff Tina Nieto, said the sheriff's office would now make highlighting the case a priority. Boyd and Nieto only took office in late December.

"Now that I'm aware of it, we will ensure that it is publicized to the fullest extent possible," Boyd said.

He added that even though upper management was unaware of the case — and therefore didn't notify the press about Madsen's disappearance — rank and file detectives have been working on the case for months.

Stopped attending class

Madsen was a kindergartner at a Monterey school until October 2022, when she suddenly stopped attending. At that time, her mother still had custody of her. Madsen's father went through the court process and got full custody and reported her missing, Boyd said.

"Once the court gave her dad full custody in January or February, that is when the child could be best considered missing and the father could report the mother, per the child abduction laws," Boyd explained.

That led the sheriff's office to issue an arrest warrant for Lopez and enter the girl into a national missing person's database.

There's some discrepancy as to when the girl was reported missing, and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reported that Lopez "was allegedly abducted by her mother, Veronica Escobedo Lopez, on October 14, 2022." An online "missing" poster shows a photo of Madsen and her mother and directs people to call 911 or the Monterey County District Attorney's Office if they spot them.

"This is an active investigation," he said. "We are working with the DA's office and the United States Marshal's Service to locate and arrest the mother and return the child to her legal guardian father."

Prosecutors toss attempted murder charge against 'couch cushion' attacker

By KELLY NIX

NO CHARGES will be filed against a Pacific Grove woman who was arrested last weekend on suspicion of attempted murder after P.G. Police said she used "couch cushions" to attack a man in a what is being called a "domestic violence" incident.

On May 6 at about 1:20 a.m., Pacific Grove Police arrested a 48-year-old woman on Grove Acre Avenue on suspicion of attempted murder and inflicting corporal injury on a roommate, who police said was a 55-year-old man. Officers took the woman to Monterey County Jail, where she was booked and locked up.

When The Pine Cone checked the jail inmate records Monday, it showed the suspect was being held on \$1 million bail. But on Tuesday morning, there was no record of the woman being behind bars, and the sheriff's office told a reporter that she had been released and the criminal case against her had been "rejected by the DA's office."

Because the woman was not charged with attempted murder, let alone any crime — and naming her could have serious personal repercussions — The Pine Cone is not identifying her or the man police said was her "victim." Police said the woman tried to smother the man with couch cushions, but that "no injuries were reported."

Chief Assistant Monterey County District Attorney Berkley Brannon said that prosecutors rejected PGPD's case against the woman "for lack of proof beyond a reasonable doubt."

"Neither party was injured and neither sought medical attention," Brannon told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "This was a domestic violence report concerning a male and female involving diametrically opposite accounts. It is impossible to tell who told the truth. The male is listed as

weighing 190 pounds, the female suspect is listed at 135 pounds. Both had been drinking."

The suspect's \$1 million bail was set per the state's bail schedule, Brannon said.

Victim identified

In what has become standard operating procedure for the Pacific Grove Police Department, officials gave The Pine Cone as little information as possible, and refused to answer several questions related to the May 6 incident. Instead, a spokesperson provided a statement lacking detail and specifics.

"Responded to a report of a physical domestic violence incident," PGPD said. "The suspect was arrested and transported to county jail."

However, while law enforcement agencies in California and other states don't publicly identify victims of domestic violence and usually keep that information confidential unless a victim is murdered, Pacific Grove Police voluntarily named the man they said the woman tried to murder.

Chief Cathy Madalone — who was hired in 2019 — explained how that happened.

"I believe the name was released because the victim did not request his identity to be kept private," Madalone said, adding that usually victims request that their identities are kept secret.

While murder and attempted murder are rare in Pacific Grove — and citizens would want to know if such a crime occurred — P.G. Police opted not to post the incident on social media or via a press release. It took Pacific Grove Police two days to respond to The Pine Cone's questions, with Cmdr. David Santos telling a reporter Monday morning that "the city attorney has requested to review the response prior to sending any information."



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MEHDIPOUR

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some trees were illegally removed.

Before the vote, Mehdipour pleaded with the supervisors to let her build her new home.

"I bought this house 19 years ago as a teardown," she insisted.

"It was in very bad condition. I essentially bought the land — nobody told me it was historic."

A tech entrepreneur, Mehdipour suggested that "this historic nonsense" was raised simply to delay her project and is an "unnecessary hardship."

"No one should have to go through what I've been through," she added. "Stop this madness now."

Mehdipour also pushed back against the notion that she had anything to do with the damage that was done to her home. "I'm sick and tired of being accused of vandalism," she added.

Public comments mixed

Some spoke out in favor of the plan to build a larger home. Resident Karen Throop called Mehdipour "an outstanding citizen, mother, grandmother and businesswoman who only has good intentions."

Sarah Kayson of Pebble Beach also backed the project.

"She's gone to extraordinary lengths to

build her house on her property," Kayson suggested.

Another speaker, Francis Crosson, invoked a quote from Martin Luther King: "Justice too long delayed is justice denied."

But others urged the supervisors to require that Mehdipour rebuild the damaged Neutra home or build something that's limited to the home's existing footprint.

"It's the only remaining Neutra property in Monterey County, and the only one built

on the water," explained Jeffrey Becom, a board member for the Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists. "It's really something that needs to be protected."

Representing a neighbor, attorney Jennifer Rosenthal spoke out against the development.

"This is not a matter of harassment," Rosenthal insisted. "It must be highlighted that approval of this project will set a precedent for applicants who don't follow the rules."

Each of the supervisors showed resistance to Mehdipour's plans, including Mary Adams, whose district includes Pebble Beach.

"The size and scope of the house is simply too big," Adams said. "But the thing that bothers me the most is the precedent."

Supervisor Luis Alejo and others questioned why the house was allowed to fall into such disrepair. "If that was my home, I'd be trying to fix it right away," Alejo added.



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least a decade.

The diocese said that it became suspicious of the Carmel Mission Foundation's financial activities in January 2022 and asked it for an "accounting of its alleged expenses" for the mission's improvement projects. However, in response to the diocese's repeated requests for "transparency and disclosure," it said the foundation "adopted an obstructionist position, commonly ignoring, if not outright refusing" the demands.

"Carmel Mission Foundation has effectively thwarted the diocese's requests for information for more than a year, despite its duty as a trustee to account to the diocese, its sole and exclusive beneficiary," the lawsuit goes on to say.

Also, the diocese said that the Carmel Mission Foundation used donor funds on "exorbitant salaries and

significant so-called operational expenses, without pursuing any activities of perceptible benefit to the Carmel Mission."

The Carmel Mission Foundation's most recent 990 tax form from 2019 indicates that executive director Stephanie Zelei was paid an annual salary of \$162,641. No other salaries are listed on the form, and the lawsuit doesn't offer examples. The 990 lists the foundation's total revenue in 2019 of \$2,030,249, less \$751,839 in expenses.

The diocese said that when the foundation realized that it would not relent in its efforts to ensure the funds were being used to renovate the mission, it abruptly declared its intent to dissolve, "presumably expecting" that disbanding would keep "mismanagement and misuse of donor funds hidden and unaccounted for."

On Thursday, though, the foundation's attorney, Anthony Giles, pushed back against the claims and said the group has operated with "highest professional and fiduciary standards and ensured every dollar of donor funds was used for their intended purpose."

"The diocese sees this transition time as an opportunity to get its hands on that money, and that, pure and simple, is all this lawsuit is about," Giles said. "Bluntly put, it is a kind of extortion."

'No trust'

Giles said the lawsuit was filed in bad faith and that the diocese, through its lawyer, "recently told the CMF that it would stop its accusations and cease badgering the CMF for financial information if it would just hand all its remaining funds over to the diocese."

Giles said that the foundation, after deciding recently to cease operations, would have the Community Foundation for Monterey County manage and disburse its remaining \$900,000 in assets.

While the Carmel Mission foundation "seriously considered" giving the remaining funds to the diocese, Giles said "many people" involved with the organization — including some "significant donors" — did "not trust the diocese to apply the funds exclusively for the purpose for which they were raised."

"And certainly this desperate lawsuit, with its massively inaccurate and over-the-top allegations, tends to support those who are reluctant to trust the diocese with the money," Giles added.

While the foundation has received millions of dollars in donations, the diocese claims that only \$10 million of an estimated \$16.3 million in donor funds were given to the mission "or used for actual improvements to the Carmel Mission property." The other roughly \$6 million,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 17, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet via Zoom Conference, to consider adoption of the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. after May 17, 2023.

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Theresa Volland,
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Museum recalls time when U.S. and China were allies

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE RELATIONS between the United States and China are at an all-time low, the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History hosts an exhibit showing how the two countries, as well as countless Americans of Chinese descent, worked together to defeat the Axis powers during World War II.

Titled "Called to Rise," the month-long exhibit wraps up late Sunday, giving people one last chance this weekend to see it.

"When the United States entered World War II after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, China had already been at war with Japan for 10 years," reads a description of the show, which is presented by the Chinese Historical Society of America. "Chinese-Americans had supported China's lone fight, raising money for her defense and protesting the export of scrap iron and other material from the U.S. to Japan."

20,000 signed up to fight

According to the group, China played an important role in defeating Japan by keeping large segments of the Japanese

armed forces occupied fighting in China — and unable to face the United States.

According to the exhibit, an estimated 20,000 residents of Chinese descent fought for the United States during the war. Unlike those of Japanese or Filipino descent, many of the Chinese-Americans served in integrated units.

"In 1943, the Army Air Forces organized some support units for the China-Burma-India theater, including the 14th Air Service Group, which was composed predominantly of Chinese-American personnel, "according to the U.S. Army Center of Military History." "Other Chinese-Americans trained as pilots and aircrew and fought in Europe and the Pacific."

A photo in the exhibit shows Gen. Joseph Stillwell pinning a Bronze Star on a soldier of Chinese descent. A one-time resident of Carmel Point, Stillwell left his mark on the former Fort Ord, and a number of local place names celebrate his legacy today.

Women of Chinese descent also joined the war effort, working in government offices, defense plants and shipyards. A

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the diocese contends, was swallowed up by excessive administrative costs and mismanagement.

The diocese's lawsuit references the renovation of the mission's Downie Museum, a 1,157-square-foot structure. The Carmel Mission Foundation indicated in 2019 that it needed \$4 million to renovate the adobe building, which was built in 1921. In 2021, the foundation told donors it needed an additional \$400,000 for the project.

The diocese claims that during the renovation, the foundation "began a campaign to undermine" its operating interests and control rights over the Carmel Mission, violating the foundation's fiduciary duties to the diocese.

'Fraud'

Furthermore, the diocese alleges that the financial documents it obtained from the Carmel Mission Foundation for the Downie project "revealed significant fund usage discrepancies, suspicious duplication of costs, and what appeared to be wasteful and fabricated expenditures."

The expenses include \$850,000 in "soft costs," including what the diocese called an "exorbitant" \$383,536 for non-itemized planning and permitting, \$65,133 for

education and outreach, which the diocese "to this day knows nothing about;" and \$376,606 in management and specialists.

Other financial documents, the diocese said, indicate that the foundation had been "billing excessively for amorphous and unspecified administration costs."

The Carmel Mission Foundation, it said, failed to disclose or concealed, among other things, the use of funds for the Downie Museum project.

The nonprofit "acted with the intent to defraud the diocese and the donors who gave funds to be held in trust for plaintiff's benefit," according to the suit, which said it's been damaged to the tune of at least \$4 million, including \$905,557 in contributions it says the foundation is in wrongful possession of and has refused to give up.

The foundation's board of directors, according to its website, include restaurant owner Rich Pepe and Stevenson School CFO Ed DiYanni. None of the directors are named as defendants in the suit.

The foundation's website said donor funds have led to the successful restoration of the basilica, quadrangle courtyard, restoration of nine mission bells, creation of the Serra Memorial Circle and other projects.

"The objective of the work being done is not just to remedy existing deficiencies," the group said, "but to ensure the buildings, grounds, artifacts and the history of the Carmel Mission are preserved for future generations."

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Community leader and teacher Clyde Klaumann touched many lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

JUST ABOUT anyone who grew up in Carmel can recall schoolteacher Clyde Roy Klaumann, who died April 8 after a brief illness, and his presence remains in the hearts of those he helped throughout his 84 years here.

Born in March 1939, Klaumann attended grammar school in Monterey and then transferred to Carmel schools, starting with Sunset School in 1950, and graduating with the Carmel High School Class of 1957.

He was the son of former police chief Clyde P. Klaumann, and his father raised him in a family tradition of stewardship of and service to the community. Even those who may not have met Klaumann knew him through his legacy of city preservation and community promotion. In addition to teaching more than 4,600 children in Carmel schools, he spent 10 years serving on the city's activities and cultural commission.

Although he enlisted in the Navy Reserves, Klaumann went on to college at what was then Humboldt State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a teaching credential.

Confidante, mentor

He invested his education in his hometown, where he was the only person to have both attended and taught at Sunset School. In his final assignment at Carmel Middle School, he taught social studies, English and math. Yet his students learned

much more from the teacher they called their friend, confidante and mentor.

In the classroom or on the sports field, as he coached youth basketball and baseball, middle school and high school girls softball, basketball and track, Klaumann gave kids a sense self-worth, the power of praise and the value of humor to manage the moment and move ahead in life.

In December 1966, the big, affable guy volunteered to stand in for Santa Claus at the Carmel Youth Center, where he met Pam Baldwin, who was the assistant director there. They married in 1967 and introduced another generation of Klaumanns to Carmel schools — daughter Tammi and son Clyde.

Klaumann and his wife fostered a sense of adventure through regional and international travel, and a sense of community by volunteering together as a family.

"Spend time with your kids," Klaumann always said. "Kids keep you young."

His 30-year membership in the Mission Trail Lions Club let him lean into serving his community, further teaching his children, students and neighbors about the value of contribution and conveying that true leadership lies in rolling up one's sleeves and getting involved. He was also active and served in the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula.

Perhaps his biggest community investment was quietly showing up to help neighbors in need, and friends say he lives on in the lives he touched, in the playgrounds and parks where he presided, and in the classrooms and sports fields where he showed up ready and willing to help anyone and everyone.



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“We made the batches bigger, which helped streamline things,” he said. While the files — some of them 12 inches thick — were initially given to SyTech in batches of 24 banker’s boxes, the last three loads were much larger, with the final shipment including 98 boxes. “Once they got the system down, they realized they could take more at a time.”

After being digitized, the documents were organized and sent to a facility called Iron Mountain for storage.

Added benefits

Among those files are plans, drawings and other documents for city-owned properties like Sunset Center, the Forest Theater and city hall, all of which can make for some interesting reading. Want to see the schematics of the additions made to then-Sunset School in the 1940s or the transformation of the property at Mission and Sixth into the Park Branch of the library? It’s all there at anyone’s fingertips.

“We started this out as a public benefit, but it turned into a huge staff benefit, too,” Swanson observed. Not only do city employees no longer have to sit with people while they go through physical files, they have the ability to perform electronic

searches, which saves a lot of time.

“The way they were scanned, the software allows searches for handwritten words, too,” Swanson said. “It will find handwritten words on plans. It will find handwritten words on napkins.”

Even though all of the planning files have been scanned, the work isn’t over. Next, the company will digitize hundreds of rolled plans stored at Vista Lobos, according to Swanson. The council already budgeted \$40,000 for the effort, the contract is signed, and the process is set to get underway in a couple of weeks.

“It’s really organized, but it’s just a storage space with shelves full of old rolled plans, and there is some cool old stuff up there,” he said.

In the meantime, Swanson and his staff are working on a video that will show people how to use the map to get the information they’re looking for.

And digitizing property files is just the tip of the iceberg, he said. Other city departments, including the clerk’s office, have caught the bug and are looking into getting documents scanned.

“It’s really exciting,” he said. “It takes some time, but it will be a great resource.”

To access the map, go to ci.carmel.ca.us/community-planning-building and click on the “GIS Mapping Tool” link. To look at the files, click on any parcel and then follow the links in the dialog box that opens. Links to zoning are available, too.



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ADAMS

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so others who want to run will have time to prepare for the upcoming election.

"I have 18 months left," she explained. "It feels early, but people need to know what my plans are so they can make their

plans. I respect that. It would difficult for others if I waited until October to announce my decision."

Adams said that her decision to not run again was inspired at least in part by a conversation she recently had with Leon Panetta. The two were seated next to each other at an event, and Adams asked the one-time White House official about her quandary over whether to try for a third

term in office. In response, Panetta told her, "It's always best to go out on top."

City councilman announces bid

Haffa announced his plans to run for Adams' seat at a Monterey Bay Central Labor Council meeting May 3. He said his record as a Monterey city councilman shows he has "the experience and skills to address the critical issues in our district."

"I have proven as a city council member for 10 years and as a school board member for three years that I am a strong leader and have the record of accomplishments to back it up," he told the newspaper.

Haffa gave an example of how his leadership benefited those who live in Monterey.

"When Monterey needed economic stimulus due to the Alvarado Fire and the Great Recession, I provided leadership that led to the renovation of the Monterey Conference Center, the economic engine for the city of Monterey and District 5," he said. "Renovation of the Monterey Conference Center has delivered jobs to the hospitality industry, and tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue that supports parks, library, sports center, and a venue for community events. I promised economic stimulus and delivered."

The city councilman said rising homelessness inspired him to run for office just over a decade ago. Since joining the city council, he has represented Monterey on the board for Community Human Services, which provides services to the homeless. He said he will also push for more

affordable housing.

"I was moved to run for city council in 2012 because I saw students at Monterey Peninsula College who were homeless and how it affected their lives and studies," he recalled. "As a county supervisor I will ensure that the nonprofits which provide services for homelessness, affordable housing, employment assistance and addiction counseling receive the funding they need in a timely manner," Haffa said. "I will work with other supervisors, staff and stakeholders to identify more locations for permanent housing and transitional housing, and I will be a connection to city governments, who often must address these issues without funding from state or county government."

Who else will run?

Haffa likely won't be only candidate to run for Adams' seat. Her former chief of staff, current county planning commissioner Kate Daniels, has been mentioned by some as a likely candidate. While Daniels was out of the office and unavailable for comment this week, Adams said she would support her candidacy if she does decide to run.

"I had the good fortune to work with Kate throughout my campaign and early on as my chief of staff," she added. "I know her abilities, her focus, her energy and her lifelong experience on the Monterey Peninsula. She has worked for decades on making people's lives better. I believe she would continue the progress we have made in county government."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**, the Housing Ad Hoc Committee of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council will hold a joint Public Meeting/Special Meeting of the City Council in person at City Hall and via teleconference for the following purpose:

Topic:
Housing Ad Hoc Committee Public Meeting to discuss the Housing Needs Assessment and Fair Housing; review the Draft Sites Inventory; and discuss potential Policy and Program revisions. Public feedback will be solicited and incorporated in the Draft 2023-2031 6th Cycle Housing Element Update. Background material as it relates to the Housing Element and Carmel's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) can be found here: <https://homecarmelbythesea.com/>

Location:
To attend in person, please visit City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. Mask requirements (if any) for this meeting will be posted on the agenda no later than 72 hours before the meeting at this link: <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/meetings>.

To attend via Zoom, copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/82838981709?pwd=WmdibTRvRGtRQ1ArblVvQUFXKzUvUT09>

Meeting ID (if needed) is 828 3898 1709

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All interested persons are invited to attend to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the person identified below prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public meeting will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the Housing Ad Hoc Committee prior to or during the public meeting.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The public meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website and archived there and on the City's Youtube channel after the meeting. For more information regarding the public meeting, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

Please direct comments or questions about this item to Marnie R. Waffle, Principal Planner: mwaffle@cbts.us or 831-620-2057.

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PATRICIA ANN WALKER

June 30, 1928 to March 8, 2023
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Patty Walker lived 94 years, eight months and never owned a couch. On the occasions when she needed to sit down for a moment, she preferred something from her collection of small hard antique farmer chairs. Patty Walker lived by a flowing, active internal rhythm noted for its constancy. She was the embodiment of "less talk and more action."



The past 70 years Patty Walker lived at Galewood, her Carmel home, every day celebrating life and love with her husband George Walker (until July 2018). At Galewood, Patty raised and very much loved her four children (Kathleen, Jeff, Carolyn and Rebecca) – and throughout the years fashioned a joyous life in the company of St. Bernards, donkeys, bloodhounds, cats and various barnyard fowl. Her more recent years were another round of fun, love, and care with her 13 grandchildren, delighted as well in becoming a great-grandmother.

Patty Walker transported her children, pets, friends, neighbors and guests every day in one of her line of Model A Ford sedans – which were her daily drivers. (Kept in fine running order by John at Bannerman's Union Oil station across from the Carmel Fire Station).

Patty Walker was a happy, irrepressible spirit who always knew what she wanted in life. Her thoughtful curiosity was far ranging. She was extraordinarily imaginative and had a tremendous sense of humor. She was spiritual – empathic – caring – hard-working – very thrifty – resourceful – ornery – strong – athletic – creative – responsible and always focused on someone other than herself. Patty always made everything fun – especially hard work. In addition to running a household she applied all these qualities to a list of jobs and charitable projects alongside all sorts of amazing residents of the Peninsula – happily supporting others' efforts and causes.

Patty Walker was kind to everyone. She never wasted time whining about anything or anybody. She possessed an amazing ability to instantly grasp the foundational make-up of a person's character. You were in good shape with Patty if your disposition and actions were in some way reminiscent of a burro (Poncho Hays) or St. Bernard.

Patty was born Patricia Ann King, in Columbus, Ohio in June 1928. Her mother, Kathleen King was born in Coleraine, Ulster, Ireland. Kathleen King met Leo L. King at Walter Reed Army Hospital where she was a nurse attending to Leo's recovery from the loss of one of his legs due to an injury fighting in France in World War I. Patty's mother died when she was 16 years old – leaving behind Patty, her brother Lee, and their father – a fiddle playing railroad man. The King family was a happy group which included aunts and uncles, all very musical and real characters. Patty and George stayed connected to family and friends in Ohio. Through the years they also located and fostered the most colorful and energetic relationships imaginable with Patty's

extraordinary relatives in Ireland and England who could never get enough of Patty and George.

Patty and George Walker had known each other since high school. They both earned undergraduate and advanced degrees from Ohio State University – Patty in nursing and George in law. They were married in 1953 and have lived in Carmel since that time – originally coming to Fort Ord during the Korean War – where George was a JAG officer. Patty worked as a nurse in the years before her children were born, including working the hospital night shift in San Francisco during the polio outbreak in the 1950s.

George and Patty's combined energies and good work over the past 70 years have blended well with all the unique, diverse, creative, hard-working, self-reliant, open-minded, self-regulating, cooperative folks who made up the Monterey Peninsula community in the 1950s – '60s – '70s and '80s. They were both deeply centered people. Utilizing their authentic nature and special frame of mind, Patty and George, like many others over these years, were leaders by example. Also, in these years the social and entertainment events were often, always fabulous, and generally involved almost everyone in town. Patty and George were fantastic hosts.

When away from Carmel, Patty was with George and other family members enjoying road trips, 10-day family Sierra Nevada backpacking trips, skiing and foreign travel. Patty and George were fine musicians and singers – enjoying all types of theater and music.

After losing George, Patty carried on at Galewood with loving help from her long-time friends, Gonzalo and Angelina Cardenas, their children Viri and Jairo, and other wonderful caregivers.

Patty loved her 70 years of life in Carmel. Beyond the natural beauty and Bohemian-yet-industrious rhythm of the town, she admired, respected, and embraced all the genuine people who shared this community and were her friends.

On the morning of March 8 – Patty Walker said goodbye to us all – and left Galewood as she always insisted was the only way she would go – "feet first."

In lieu of flowers Patty Walker preferred the following idea:

Keep me in your thoughts and dreams – and when you think of me, take a moment to get outside yourself – and do something for someone else – make it fun, then keep moving.

RIP – PATTY AND GEORGE WALKER. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.



CHARLES BRADFORD HUDSON BRETT

Charles Bradford Hudson Brett, known to his family and friends as "Hudson," was a retired real estate investor and developer, writer, historian and philosopher. He passed away unexpectedly on January 2nd 2023, at the age of 78 years due to an unforeseen cardiac arrest at his beloved home in Fallen Leaf Lake, South Lake Tahoe. Hudson died alone, guarded by his loyal German shepherd "Coco."



Hudson was the son of James Quayle Brett (a native of Boston) and Claire Hudson Brett (a native of Pacific Grove), and the grandson of the

renowned early California Impressionist, Charles Bradford Hudson.

Hudson completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Boulder, Colorado, on August 6th, 1969. And shortly thereafter he joined the Army. He served his country honorably, being discharged in 1971.

After leaving the Army Hudson continued his education at the University of California, Berkeley, and he obtained an MBA in June of 1974.

After graduating from UC Berkeley, and working for several private entities, he partnered with his father, who was a co-founder/partner of Coldwell Banker, in the company's commercial real estate department.

Throughout his life, Hudson was a brilliant alpine skier, water skier and sports enthusiast. He loved the mountains and enjoyed long hikes. Nobody could beat him in the game of chess — except perhaps, his daughter Sabrina. Hudson also had a passion for exotic automobiles.

Hudson loved to share his photographs of the lake in every season, and of the snow on the trees, and of Mount Tallac across the water. He enjoyed the outdoors, snowshoeing and hiking the forest trails. Even at 77 years old he went snow camping in the wilderness when the temperature was in the low teens (once was enough). He regularly swam in Fallen Leaf Lake, even when the water was very cold — and afterwards he delighted in the specially situated stone fireplace in his beloved "Redwood House." He told tales about his encounters with the bears at Fallen Leaf Lake. He could discuss great literature and current events, and paid close attention to the international news.

Hudson is survived by his wife, Mastaneh Brett; his daughters, Sarah Quayle Brett and Sabrina Parisa Brett; his cousin, Brett Stearns, whom he called his brother; his cousin, Jeanne Stearns Chase and Geoff Stearns.

A memorial service will be held on August 27th at St. Francis of the Mountain, Fallen Leaf Lake, to be followed by a reception.



Christine Anne Allaire 1946 ❖ 2023

Our dear sister, Christine Anne Allaire, passed away April 16th, 2023. She was born August 12th, 1946. She is preceded by our parents, Charlie and Dorothy Allaire.

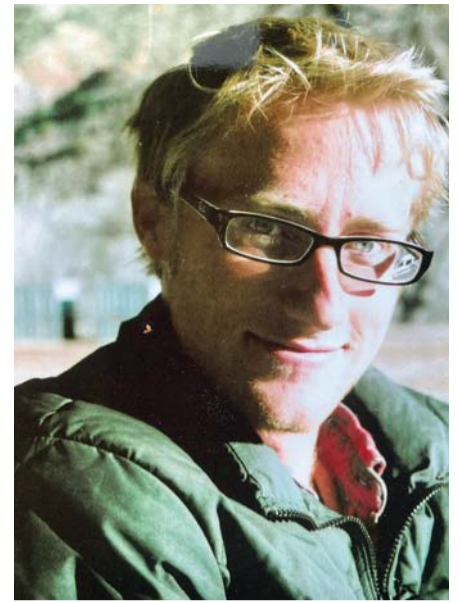
The oldest of seven siblings, Chris was born and raised in Carmel Valley, moving away for periods of time but always returning to the home she loved. She resided in Carmel Valley for the latter part of her life.

She leaves behind her seven siblings, Susan Murray, Steve Allaire, Rick Allaire, Yvonne Rianda, Annette Querfurth, Mark Allaire and Jackie Heneks, followed by numerous nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by all.

The family will be holding a celebration of life for her at 1 p.m. on May 21st, 2023, at the Carmel Valley Community Park. All are welcome to come by and pay your respects. We look forward to sharing memories and laughter with all.

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KYLE TRISTAN JONES March 28, 1984 - March 21, 2023

Kyle Tristan Jones, often known among his many friends as Tristan, passed away suddenly in Portland, Oregon, on March 21, one week before his 39th birthday. Born in Monterey, Kyle was a 2002 graduate of Carmel High School.

Kyle was an adventurous spirit who climbed mountains in Nepal and Bolivia. Among his many adventures he journeyed to Japan, Bali, the Galapagos and Guatemala. He traveled the Southwest, making many friends along the way, in his van with his dog, Hadji.

Kyle had a creative passion for writing and photography and built a cabin with his own hands in the woods of southern Oregon.

He is survived by his mother, Kathryn Hirt, and brother, Brett Abernathy, both of Whidbey Island, Washington; father, Robert Jones of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; his brother, Ben Jones of Pacific Grove; and a loving extended family.

Kyle will be remembered as a free spirit and an independent thinker who navigated his world on his own terms.

Local services are pending.

PHILIP A. MELROSE

Radio Executive — Brown Broadcasting Company

Philip A. Melrose, a life-long radio aficionado and Brown Broadcasting Company executive, died on March 11 in Carmel, California. He was 78.

As a teen in Southern California, Phil Melrose danced (and won a dance contest) on Wink Martindale's nationally televised "Dance Party." In his later years, he set the DVR nightly to record every late-night talk show — in the event he might discover some new act that he could add to one of his famous sampler CDs. Music was the epicenter of Phil's life, and it led him to a radio career that spanned more than 30 years.



Phil started out — like many in the industry — as a college radio DJ at Foothill College in Los Altos, CA. He worked in various entry-level capacities at KGB FM in San Diego in the early 1970s, and subsequently got his first "break" relocating to work at a Panama City, Florida, station.

It was on February 26, 1975 (coincidentally the same day his daughter was born), that he received the call that would change his life and career forever. On the other end of the phone was one Mike Brown who, along with his father, Willet, had noticed Phil during his time at KGB and offered him an interview opportunity for a GM position at KXOA FM in Sacramento, California. (It is worth noting that Phil's wife, Jude, was particularly eager to get back to the west coast and practically pushed him onto the plane!)

Phil got the job — and his connection with what became Brown Broadcasting Company spanned the remainder of his career, as he advanced from GM to director of operations in Sacramento, and eventually promoted to president, overseeing and driving the success of AM and FM stations in Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco,

Seattle, Fresno and Salt Lake City. His relationship with Mike and Willet Brown was a combination of professional and familial, and one he treasured deeply. He later paid it forward, forging deep and meaningful relationships with many of the colleagues that he brought on board during his tenure, many of whom loved visiting Phil and Jude in Carmel at least once yearly for lunch and a catch-up session.

Speaking of Carmel, the city had a very special place in Phil's heart. He and Jude spent most of their anniversaries there for their first 25 years of marriage, and decided to make another commitment — to becoming part-time Carmel residents — in 1997. After a few years, they decided to make it their one and only home, where they planted roots and made lifelong friends.

Phil was known for spontaneously breaking into "Johnny B. Goode" at parties (duck walk included) and loved his yearly trips to CSU Chico, where he would do guest speaking stints in radio, television and film classes.

Phil was a proud Purple Heart (x2) Vietnam veteran. He was married to Jude for almost 51 years, was the father to Michelle and Bradford, grandfather to Colin, Beckett, and Marley, father-in-law to Richard and Jessica, dogfather to Seamus, and friend to many.

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CHILD

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“At approximately 5 p.m., a sheriff’s office drone team located the missing child hiding in the bushes about 1 mile east of Garland Park,” Boyd said. “He was

positively identified as the missing child based on a photograph taken of him earlier in the day.”

After Laverty was examined by medical personnel and determined to be OK, he was released to his parents.

“Hugh was located and is safe and sound as of yesterday afternoon,” his mother posted May 4 on a local social

media page, including his photo.

“We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from our wonderful community,” she said.

District statement

Also the day after the child disappeared, Carmel Unified School District acting superintendent Sharon Ofek sent a message to parents proclaiming that “the safety and well-being of students and staff are top priorities for Tularcitos Elementary and the Carmel Unified School District.”

She said district staff “immediately engaged local law enforcement” after a school employee realized Laverty was missing and “sent a message to the entire school community asking for help, and many families joined in the search, physically looking for the student and sharing information online.”

Ofek sought to assure parents their children are safe while at school and said district and Tularcitos staff held a meeting the morning after the incident to determine how the

school had lost track of one of its students — and how to prevent it from ever happening again.

“We deeply understand this occurrence is concerning,” she said. “We also ask families to partner with us to communicate with your children that if they see something unusual, out of the ordinary or concerning student safety, they should inform an adult immediately.”

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Deborah Ann Monnastes

September 15, 1948 - March 30, 2023

Our beloved Mama / Yaya / Deb passed away at the age of 74 in March 2023. She faced her two year battle with cancer with the same rare courage, grace and faith she showed her loved ones throughout her life. She was surrounded by family and love when the angels came to guide her home.



Deb was a lifelong California resident. She was born in Santa Barbara, spent several of her childhood years in Greenfield with her parents and five siblings. She spent her high school years at Marymount Catholic High School in Santa Barbara before moving to the Monterey Peninsula, where she worked in many different environments. Her focus was

always on helping others and strengthening her connections, because she loved her community deeply. Some of the places she worked on the Peninsula were Pacific Bell, the Woodenickle in PG, Joulilian Vineyards and Quail & Olive of Carmel Valley. In each place, she created an overly bright and welcoming experience and built true and lasting friendship with her unimagably generous spirit.

Deb met her husband, Robert Monnastes, in 1973 in Monterey. They were married for nearly 50 years. Their love and marriage was extraordinary, a partnership most strive to achieve. Their dedication to one another was unbreakable, their vows honored and kept. One of the greatest testaments of their love is their daughter, Christen and the strength of their family. While death has parted them physically for now, their love still remains and is a guiding force of strength and light.

Deb was a doting and devoted mother and grandmother who loved her “favorite family” with all of her heart. There was no end to what she would do to show her love and admiration. She spent every day of her life making sure the people she loved felt it. The love she poured into them, will continue to shine through them every day.

Deb is survived by her husband, Robert Monnastes; her daughter, Christen Ricarte; grandsons, Brady, Griffen and Ryder; her sisters, Pamela Henry and Cindy Buckley, and brother, William “Twig” Buckley.

Deb and Rob have lived in Carmel Valley for almost 30 years. Her love of life, family, friends, community, and hard work is a blessing to us all. She is profoundly missed and loved. She is celebrated every single day by those she shared her beautiful heart with.

A Hawaiian style celebration of life will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday June 4th at the Carmel Valley Community Center.

Condolences may be sent to Robert Monnastes/family
8 Woodside Place Carmel Valley 93924.

Road work to complicate intersection

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

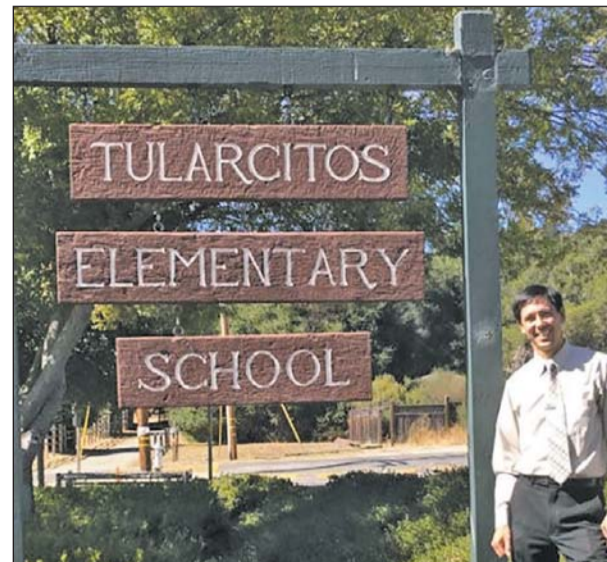
MONTEREY COUNTY Public Works announced Wednesday that road crews will be working in the area of Rio Road and Via Nona Marie May 15-19.

The project calls for installing new ADA-compliant curb and gutter improvements, and workers will be onsite between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

“Traffic control measures will be in place, and motorists may experience periodic delays,” county spokeswoman Maia Carroll said.

“Every effort is being made to accommodate commuters and complete the work as quickly as possible,” she added.

Anyone with questions should contact assistant engineer Raul Martinez at martinezr@co.monterey.ca.us.



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Tularcitos principal Ryan Peterson issued an online plea asking the school’s friends and families to help search for the missing boy.

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ALLIES

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striking photo in the exhibit shows Lonnie Yee Young of Salinas wearing a hardhat while working in a shipyard in Sausalito. The photo conjures up the image of Rosie the Riveter, whose face famously graced the "We Can Do It" posters during the war.

The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave. It's open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

And that's not all

In tandem with the exhibit, the film, "Red Altar," screens Friday at 6:15 p.m. in the Monterey Bay Aquarium Auditorium, followed by a panel talk. Based on a novel by Nancy Wang and set in the 19th century along the local coastline, it's described as "the untold American tale of a Chinese fishing village." A reception at Wave Street Studios precedes the screening at 5 p.m.

The museum also hosts its annual Walk of Remembrance Saturday at 1 p.m. Starting at the Pacific Grove Museum of

Natural History between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the event "honors the legacy of the Chinese fishing village at Point Alones," where the Hopkins Marine Station is located today. The walk also pays tribute to the late teacher, activist and scholar Gerry Low-Sabado, whose efforts brought much attention to early Chinese-American history in the region.



Chinese-American women like Lonnie Yee Young of Salinas worked in shipyards during the war.

UPGRADE

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"We will install two Samsung 130-inch diagonal LED video walls on the wall behind the supervisors' dais," the proposal said.

And for meeting attendees who sit in the back half of the room, the company said it would mount two Samsung 85-inch LCD displays from the ceiling so people can get a better view. The video walls cost \$240,638.78.

The chamber's audiovisual system will be primarily controlled- by one of the 22-inch panels at either clerk's position, and elected officials will have some control of the system.

"Each board member can control their own microphone mute from their touch monitor or the pushbutton on the microphone jack," Spinitar said

County staffers will also be sitting pretty — and comfortably — because the company said it would provide new chairs for county workers.

"The clerks and staff will get six La-Z-Boy black Arcadian series chairs," the company said. "These leather chairs also have adjustable seat height and tilt."

The report indicates that there will be three amendments to the agreement with Spinitar, "each extending the term by one year, where the additional costs per year do not exceed 10 percent of the cost of the prior year."

The work in the supervisors' chambers will be completed in August, Carroll said.



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June 15, Thurs. Farmers' Market Third Thursday

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JULY

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Sept. 21, Thurs. Farmers' Market Third Thursday

TBD Challenged Athletes
Oct. 14, Sat. Meet the Makers
Oct. 19, Thurs. Farmers' Market Third Thursday
Oct. 28, Sat. Pumpkin Roll
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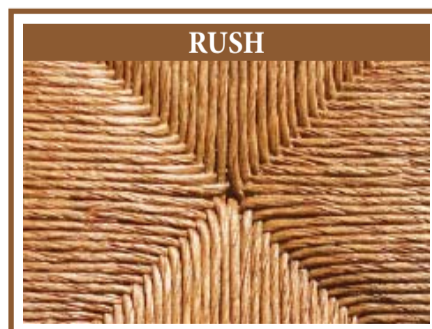
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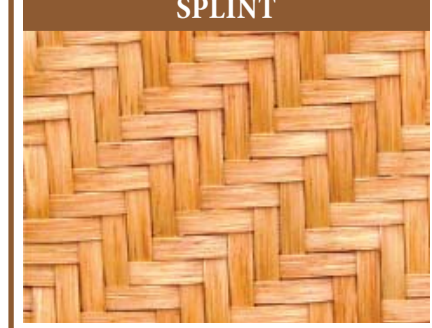
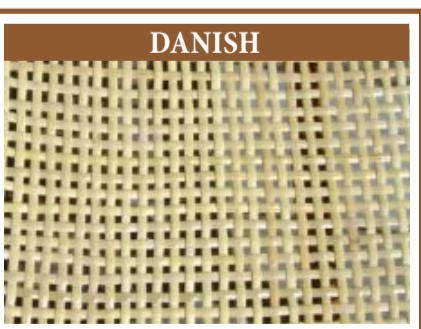
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All-star cast, big \$\$\$ fuel excitement for U.S. Women's Open at P.B.

By MARY SCHLEY

USGA OFFICIALS and Pebble Beach executives launched the run-up to the July 6-9 U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Pebble Beach — which has already set records for the number of entries and its \$10 million-plus purse — at a press lunch in the Pebble Beach visitor center last week that included a panel of celebrities in women's sports.

Past Olympic gold medalist and world champion ice skater Kristi Yamaguchi, former gold medalist and World Cup champion soccer player Brandi Chastain, and former professional golfer Morgan Pressel shared their thoughts on the significance of bringing the U.S. Women's Open to Pebble Beach for the first time in the tournament's 78-year history.

"As a Northern California native, I am so proud we will be hosting such an incredible group of women," Chastain told the dozens of journalists and others gathered at the visitor center May 2. "Pebble Beach makes me think of the Rose Bowl and how iconic that place is."

Yamaguchi remarked on the changes to women's sports since her reign in the early 1990s. "Coverage of women's sports has come a long way — we're seeing so many sports on so many outlets now," she said.

NBC will broadcast four days of tournament play, and live coverage will be complemented by 26 hours of air-time during the Golf Channel's "Live from the U.S. Women's Open."

"In the '90s, we were just beginning to reap the benefits of Title IX," she continued. "I also have two daughters, and the opportunities available to them are just huge."

High stakes

The youngest player to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open when she competed at the age of 12, Pressel noted the importance of having top courses host high-level competition. "There's really nothing more important to elevating these championships than putting them on at historic venues," she said. "Think about how many events have been hosted here."

She also pointed to the unprecedented purse for which

the players will compete and what it says about the USGA's investment in women's golf.

"We saw that last year, with the dramatic purse increase from the USGA, and it really sent shockwaves through the world of women's golf," she said, referring to the winnings nearly doubling from \$5.5 million in 2021 to \$10 million last year. "It got people to think this is something they should invest in."

While it hasn't released the exact figure, the USGA has stated the purse for this year's tournament will be at least \$10 million, "the highest purse in women's golf and

among the leaders in all of women's sports," and reiterated its commitment to raise the total to \$12 million by 2026.

New record set

On Monday, the USGA announced it has accepted a record 2,107 entries, including 13 champions and all of the top 25 players in the world, far exceeding the high of 1,874 set at last year's women's open in North Carolina.

"The record number of entries is exciting and represents

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Peninsula's top high school track and field athletes face ultimate tests

REHEARSALS ARE over for the best track and field athletes between San Francisco and King City. The curtain goes up this weekend on the Central Coast Section Championships, where standouts from Santa Catalina, Stevenson and Carmel high schools will be focused on turning in career-best performances.

CCS semifinals begin Saturday (field events: 10 a.m., track events: 11 a.m.), hosted by Gilroy High School, with finals May 19 at the same venue (field: 3 p.m.; track: 4:40 p.m.).

Santa Catalina sprinter Juliette Kosmont returns as the only defending CCS champion in any event, male or female, from 31-school Pacific Coast Athletic League. The wing-footed junior won the 100-meter dash as a sophomore at the 2022 meet in 12.16 seconds, breaking the tape ahead of six seniors. She ran an even quicker time — 11.91, a school record — to win her preliminary heat.

Kosmont also placed second at CCS a year ago in the 200-meter dash (25.08 in the finals, 24.67 in the prelims), an event won by Lynbrook's Vanessa Su, who graduated.

Although Kosmont hasn't equaled her career-best performances as a junior — her quickest times have been 11.99 in the 100, 25.09 in the 200, both achieved April 28 at the PCAL Championships — her coach is optimistic that she'll be in top form again.

"I think Juliette's chances of being on top of the CCS



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Senior co-captain Harrison Fung (above), Stevenson's fastest athlete, has the fourth-fastest qualifying time in the 300-meter hurdles going into the CCS meet. Stevenson junior Nile Glover, an 'effortless' leaper, (right) is a strong contender to place in the high jump at CCS this season.



Another Catalina Cougar, sophomore Heidi Green, ran the second-fastest 3,200 in school history of 11:39.57 this season, about a minute off the 1989 mark (10:36.18) established by Rachael Lewis.

Stevenson has two notable contenders for a top-three finish at CCS in 300-meter hurdler, senior Harrison Fung and junior high jumper Nile Glover.

Fung, a co-captain and a fourth-year track athlete, is headed to Lewis and Clark College in Portland in the fall, where he'll run hurdles as a freshman.

"One of the reasons a lot of people haven't heard a lot about him is that he hurt his leg last year against North Monterey County, where he crashed over a hurdle," Coach Ron Provost said of Fung, who ran the fourth-fastest time in the CCS this season (39.54 at the CCS Top 8 meet). "That injury kept him out of our league championships and CCS, but he was the top-ranked hurdler in the PCAL before he was injured."

Busy day for Fung

Fung, the team's fastest sprinter, also qualified for CCS in the 100, but won't compete in that event Saturday because he'll be racing in the 100-meter hurdles and running the third leg on the Pirates' 4-by-100 relay team (with co-captain Kai Kobrak, Glover, and Audon Forgas), which

figures to be a top-3 contender in the finals.

Glover was a high jumper at Stevenson as a freshman, when his season-best leap was 5-4, played lacrosse last year, and returned to the track team this spring as a much-different athlete.

"Ask any coach at this school, and they'll tell you that Nile has one of the most effortless vertical leaps that we've ever seen. The other day I was talking to one of our basketball coaches, who said, 'I've never seen anybody dunk a basketball easier,'" his coach said.

Glover achieved his career-best leap of 6-3 on April 15 — fifth-best in the CCS — despite being in the early stages of his development as a high jumper, but Provost believes he has the potential to soar at CCS.

Sky's the limit for Glover

"I'll optimistically say that he has 6-6 in him this year, and by this time next year, I think he could be at 6-8 or higher. He has that kind of ability," he said.

Glover also ranks No. 2 all-time in Stevenson's record book in the long jump at 21 feet, just 2 inches off the 2011 school mark by Andreas Spanos.

Two Stevenson pole vaulters — Kobrak, a senior, and

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

podium again this year are pretty good," said Barry Panes. "She wasn't very happy with her times at the beginning of the season, so I kept telling her — and myself — to keep working out hard, and those times will get faster by the end of the season, when it counts."

'Relaxed, focused, and fast'

"She ran a 12.02 at the CCS Top 8 meet on April 21, then 11.99 at our league finals," Panes said. "She trains hard, she's relaxed, and she's staying focused, but, most importantly, she's fast."

Kosmont's career-best time in the 200 meters (24.67 in 2022) is within striking distance of the school record set in 2015 by Mikayla Revera, who ran 24.44 in 2015 as a sophomore.

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SPORTS

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Siobhan Ong, a sophomore — also have the potential to advance to next week's finals, Provost said.

Carmel's best hopes for a lofty placement at CCS could be distance runner Aiden Tarantino, a junior who is No. 2 in the Padres' all-time record book in two events.

Tarantino's career-best time in the 1,600 of 4:24.55, set last year, is just behind Dylan Fitzpatrick's 2005 school record, 4:23.19. His 9:43.34 clocking in the 3,200 trails the Padres' 2004 record of 9:11.15, set by Patrick Parcel.

Teammate Mack Aldi, a sophomore, ran 4:25.60 this season — third-best all-time at Carmel High, behind Fitzpatrick and Tarantino.

The best hope for Carmel's girls might be sophomore Bella Ortega, who cleared 10 feet in the pole vault, (second-best in Carmel's record book to Sarah Graessley's 12-4 vault in 2021).



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Santa Catalina junior Juliette Kosmont, shown with Coach Barry Panes, returns to CCS this year as defending champion in the 100-meter dash.

■ CCS ROUNDUP

Swimming and diving: Carmel senior Cameron Rodgers placed second this week at the Central Coast Section Championships in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4 minutes, 31.71 seconds, approximately 3 seconds behind Palo Alto junior Henry Gibbs, who won the event in 4:28.83. Rodgers' teammate, Jacob Lehman, a junior, placed 10th in the 1-meter diving finals — an event in which Stevenson's Becket Heywood placed ninth, and another Pirate, Kekoa Williams, was 25th.

Boys volleyball: Second-seeded Carmel (21-6) advanced to the CCS Division 2 semifinals on Tuesday with a 25-18, 25-15, 25-18 victory over Seaside (22-5). The Padres were scheduled to face third-seeded Monterey (23-11) on Thursday for the right to play either Harbor (17-14) or Harker (16-18) in Saturday's finals (site and time TBA).

Boys golf: Four local golfers placed among the top six in Monday's CCS Region 1 qualifier at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, a tournament won by Jack Jarvis of Salinas, who shot 67. Two Carmel golfers, Jonathan Chen and Cole Kroeker, tied Monte Vista's Ethan Lien for second at 70. Stevenson's Luke Brandler and Adam Rohizam shot 71, Steven Lai carded a 72, and Drew Doll and Curtis Da Silva came in at 76 as the Pirates won the team crown with a 366 — nine strokes ahead of second-place Carmel. Finals will be played at Laguna Seca Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m.

Boys lacrosse: Stevenson (13-6) was seeded No. 5 among 12 schools in the CCS lacrosse tournament, drawing a first-round game against 12th-seeded Los Gatos (9-10) on Wednesday. Results of that game were unavailable at press time, but the winner is scheduled to play a road game against fourth-seeded Bellarmine (8-13) at 7 p.m. today. Semifinals are Wednesday (time and site to be determined), and the finals are 5 p.m. on May 19 at Carlmont High.



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Editorial

‘What kind of town do we want?’

WITH THOSE words, muckraking journalist and newly arrived Carmel resident Lincoln Steffens launched a campaign in the late 1920s for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea to start planning its future.

In response, Pine Cone publishers Perry Newberry and Allen Griffin printed an editorial detailing their vision for Carmel — an editorial that helpfully preserves the town’s early values and is remarkably prescient about some of its enduring controversies.

With Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state Legislature trying to force Carmel to become much more developed, we thought it would be useful to reprint the things that our predecessors said they valued, and their ideas of what the town’s future should be.

From the Carmel Pine Cone of Jan. 17, 1930 —

“We are universally agreed that Carmel should be kept a city of homes, rather than a commercial center, and it has definitely been shown that we want to keep away from the ordinary type of tourist, or summer resort town. We want no large commercial institutions or chain stores inside our limits, and no beach promenades, concession piers, merry-go-rounds, and hot dog stands on the waterfront.

Likewise, we want to keep away the lines of general automobile travel up and down the coast. We would prefer to be distant from main traffic highways.

It is apparent that we are not pining for the dollars of the itinerant autoist, nor can we look an automobile camp in the teeth with a smile. Had there been an aggressive city planning commission here last winter, the cut and fill over the hill to Monterey would have been argued, if not prevented. And we must thank that body of men and women of 1927-28 that the Carmel-San Simeon Highway was pushed off San Carlos Street in the heart of town to a place east of the city limits.

The Pine Cone believes there should be no entrance to town from the north between San Carlos Street and the sea. The residential and beach part of the village should be kept for itself. Outsiders should enter Carmel at its uphill side. If they go to the beach, let them pass through the business section, and not make thoroughfares of the residence section.

That residential streets may not be made into thoroughfares, we want to see them all built into narrow lanes, only wide enough for two cars to pass, winding through the right-of-way in such curves as it is possible to give them. The edges of these roadways should be planted with trees, and of course such trees as will fit in with natural growth. Vistas should be planned to add beauty to these roads, and the houses would be hidden in the foliage. The architectural standards of the city would eliminate from new structures the indecencies of vulgarity, and would be hiding in trees and shrubs the mistakes of the past.

Where paving of streets is necessary, it would be colorful rather than drab. Most of the gutters to take care of the rains would be shallow surface ditches, winding as a stream does. Straight lines would be avoided everywhere. Even in the business section, as has been shown, the appearance of regularity and conformity can be offset by varying front lines, by patio courts, by balconies and turreted roofs.

For we have learned that a shop has added value if it is unique. Owners of downtown property today consult artists and architects before building, where only a few years back they stuck up three walls and a false front.

For our main business district, The Pine Cone would hope to see an increase in the number of little shops, a lot of alleyways leading to shops, the way wide enough for pedestrians, with plenty of foliage and flowers. No buildings higher than two stories, although roofs might go angling skyward at will. Not a false front anywhere, buildings set back from the street here and there, sidewalk cafes now and then. The center of Ocean Avenue would be a real park of flowers and trees, rather than a parking place for cars.

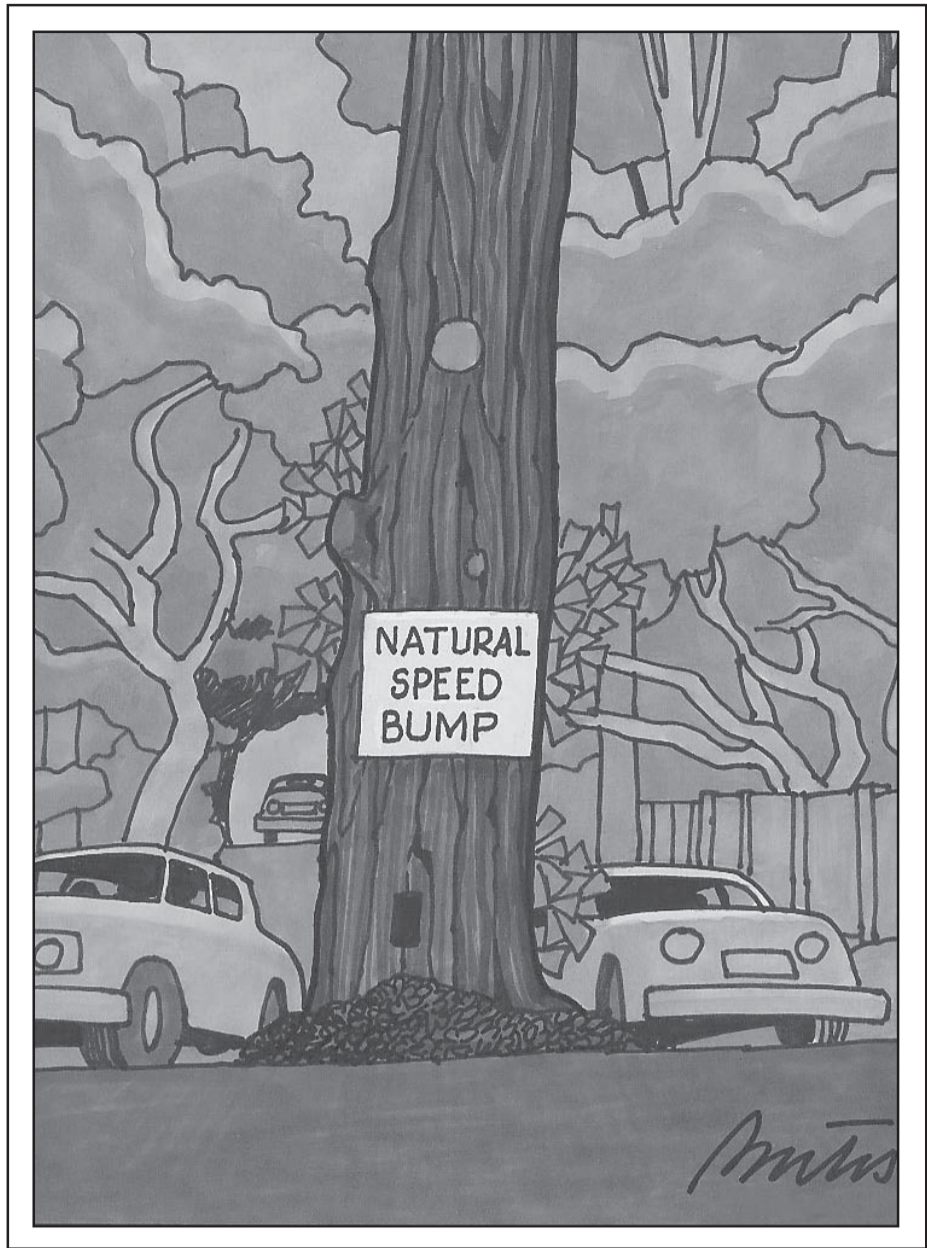
In this picture is no ostentation of civic pride and no civic center in the ordinary meaning of that term. The city departments would be housed fittingly, but not greatly in evidence. Schools, too, are hidden away in great grounds behind green foliage. They are known by their results, not by countless staring windows on main traveled ways.

Between the present bridge over the Carmel River and the bay would be a park and playground which would circle back over the long stretch of beach to include the sand dunes. At the mouth of the river would be a dam and a tide gate, so that the height of the water was maintained for a stretch of boating and canoeing, as well as bathing. In this lagoon would be islets, with paraphernalia for the children’s pleasure.

As a whole, our Carmel of 1940 is not conspicuously different from other towns. It is not conspicuous in any way. Hidden away in the pines and trees, it is rather inconspicuous, and you really has to live here to know how beautiful and comfortable it is. In fact, that has been its pull upon people, that it is modest in its artistic excellence. And has no pretenses.”

We always hear that the more things change, the more they stay the same. And sometimes it’s incredible how true that old saw can be.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

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The coming of the condos Dear Editor,

A four-story commercial-style condo complex could soon be towering over your single-family home. It is already happening in other cities. New laws now allow the state to take over our zoning, building and development laws, nullify setbacks, increase building heights, ignore forest protection and deny public approval.

Recently The Pine Cone editorial accurately explained that nowadays, it’s the developers who are the heroes, and any city that tries to protect its restrictive zoning code is a villain.

Our community is not only worried for our lifestyle, but for future global generations who would miss out on today’s timeless village if these new draconian state laws continue to erode local governance.

None of the recent laws require developers to provide new parking, water and sewer, schools, firefighters, law

enforcement, parks, traffic mitigation or any other community service in exchange for the right to build. On top of that, there are no assurances of affordable housing.

Our Neighborhood Voices is a group planning a ballot measure to give authority back to each community, and needs our help.

My husband and I have personally polled 11 care providers who help us with our bedridden neighbor. They work in Carmel and live in Marina and Salinas. They have all said they wouldn’t want to live here even with affordable housing, because they like living in their communities with their friends and family in larger homes.

More homes would be great, but we do not need a 1,000 percent increase in new homes for our 1 square mile.

With the cost of land, we can’t afford to build this affordable housing unless developers demolish entire commercial or residential blocks and erect ugly public housing several stories high.

Unfortunately, the state’s outrageous penalties could bankrupt Carmel for not meeting this colossal goal.

Carmel has maintained a unique character by managing development, and that is why so many people from around the world come to see our exceptional village.

David O’Neil,
Carmel

Urbanization and upzoning

Dear Editor,

For over 100 years, Carmel-by-the-Sea has managed to protect its village character

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Women golfers decide they're going to need a bigger purse

WOMEN'S GOLF took a pause in California during World War II. The last California Women's Amateur, won by Clara Callender, was played in April 1942. Callender was living in Long Beach but had grown up on the Monterey Peninsula and was among the best golfers in the country.

The United States Golf Association ended its national championships with the 1941 tournaments. Betty Hicks, who at age 17 was the medalist (lowest qualifying score) in the 1938 Del Monte Championship, won the 1941 U.S. Women's Amateur and reigned as the national women's champion throughout the war, even though she became one of the early women pros and couldn't play as an amateur. By 1943, one could buy a set of Betty Hicks golf clubs.

Golf promoter George S. May created an exception to the pause in national golf. Before the war, he had launched the Tam

March 1945, the WPGA inked a deal with the Athletic Round Table of Spokane, Wash., to host the first National Open for Women. They scheduled it for the week of Aug. 12, 1945, with a purse of \$19,700, including \$5,600 for the winner.

Returning to normal

While World War II was over in Europe and nearly so in the Pacific, the federal Office of Defense Transportation asked for the tournament to be postponed. Spokane was the site of several important military facilities, including training bases for the Army and Navy, manufacturing for aircraft and ships, and mining of magnesite needed for steel. The WPGA and Spokane organizers acquiesced. The women's open was postponed.

Nazi Germany surrendered on May 5, 1945, and Japan followed on Sept. 2. With military engagements coming to an end, life in the United States was soon in a post-war resurgence. Thousands of soldiers and sailors returned home, and long-postponed activities resumed.

Hicks and the Round Table started planning a new date for the women's open. They found there were now many tournaments resuming, including the long-popular Women's Golf Circuit in Florida and the fledgling Women's Circuit in California. So as not to conflict with the resumptons of other tournaments, organizers agreed on holding the first U.S. Women's Open at the Spokane Country Club the week of Aug. 26, 1946.

Helen Lengfeld, the originator of the California Women's Circuit before the war,

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

O'Shanter National Open at his golf club near Chicago. In 1943, he patriotically renamed it the All American Open and added a women's open. Harold "Jugs" McSpadden won the 1943 men's tournament and a \$2,000 check. Patty Berg won the women's open and \$200. Hicks finished second and pocketed \$150. The disparity motivated Hicks to create a Women's Professional Golf Association that could negotiate better purses.

Elevating competition

Right after the 1943 All American Open, Berg left for training in the Marine Reserves. Hicks departed for the Coast Guard Reserves but was soon back in Long Beach, serving as assistant pro at the Virginia Country Club and offering free instruction to women in uniform. Hicks won the 1944 All American Open. The women's first-place prize had grown to \$500 in war bonds, though Byron Nelson took home \$13,600 in war bonds for his All American Open victory.

Hicks began in earnest to seek sponsors for a national women's open. In September 1944, she started promoting such an event in Miami. Her efforts brought her into collaboration with North Carolina golfer Hope Seignious, assistant golf pro at Starmount Forest Country Club. In December 1944, Hicks became the first president of the WPGA with Seignious as secretary-treasurer. They recruited Berg as a charter member.

The women's open in Miami fell through, but in



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After a stint with the Marine Reserves, the freckle-faced Patty Berg emerged as a powerful force in women's golf, winning multiple events in the spring 1946 California Golf Circuit before heading that summer to the First U.S. Women's Open in Spokane, Wash.

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

Once alone, frightened and unseen, she wants to inspire and aid others

THE FIGURES Rene Romero Schuler paints and sculpts are invariably female and always faceless — characteristics she traces to a troubled childhood and adolescence, much of which she spent homeless, wandering the streets of Chicago, feeling lonely, frightened and invisible.

Her healing process, ongoing today at 54, has been slow and arduous, but creating art has been a life-altering catharsis for the Peninsula artist, whose work has been exhibited throughout the United States and Europe.

"I feel like the figures that emerge in my artwork are amalgams of a lot of women who inspire me — women around me, or

safe."

She spent other nights in unlocked cars, which she learned to hotwire so she could use the heater. And she hung out with street gangs for protection and friendship.

"I got arrested a lot, and when you're arrested as a minor and aren't a ward of the state, you're released to your parents," Schuler said. "Then I'd get in trouble at home and leave again."

At 14, she was beaten so violently by her father that she nearly died in a Chicago hospital.

"And I never went back," she said.

Remarkably, Schuler always felt confident that she'd become an artist — a

decision inspired by positive reinforcement from her kindergarten teacher, she said. By 16, she had her own apartment and was paying her bills by creating murals and faux finishes for

businesses she cold-called from the Yellow Pages.

"It was pretty funny, because people would ask, 'Can you paint like Caravaggio?' And I'd say, 'Sure!'" recalled Schuler, who then would hurry to the public library to look up the artist. "Or somebody would say, 'Can you do Beavis and Butthead? I really like them!' And I'd say, 'Uhh ... yeah!'"

"Then I'd hang up and think, 'Ohh, crap ... how am I going to do this?'" Sometimes I'd recruit an artist friend to help me."

Success in commercial art

But Schuler, learning as she went, earned the money she needed and gained traction as a commercial artist, frequently working with designers employed by the companies that contracted with her.

One designer, who was also the head of Ray Vogue College of Design, recruited Schuler, (a high-school dropout, to teach there, a paid gig that lasted two years.

"In my early 20s, I sort of became the known entity in Chicago to do theme-oriented projects for night clubs and restaurants," she said. "At the same time, I was doing massive projects with another designer — a fine artist who became my mentor. I was working seven days a week, and we did some really far-out stuff."

In 1993, Schuler took a frightening leap of faith: She walked away from most of her commercial work, quit her night job as a bartender and bet everything on her evolving talent as a fine artist.

"I decided that if I was going to make it, I needed to quit everything else and give it everything I had. It was either going to take, or it wasn't."

In 1998, Schuler was contacted by a man who had seen one of her faux finishes at a restaurant in Chicago's Bank of America Building, where he worked as an investment banker.

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

from chance encounters, or public figures. They're all rooted in my own story, so there's also that autobiographical element," explained Schuler, who will be joined on Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. by eight other local female artists and artisans in her spacious studio at 559 Tyler St., Monterey, for a charitable fundraiser.

"Women for Women" is a benefit, with 20 percent from each sale going to Gathering for Women, a nonprofit that provides homeless females on the Peninsula with hot meals, free clothing, limited emergency assistance, and help finding permanent housing.

Streets of Chicago

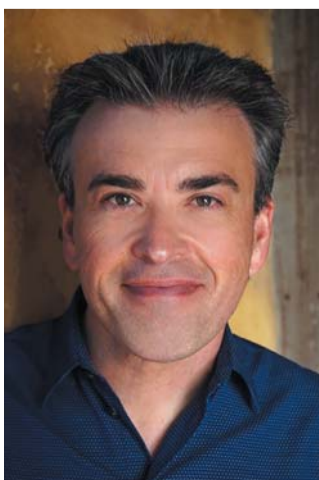
Schuler said she began running away from an abusive home at age 8, and continued through her teen years, often seeking shelter from street acquaintances, or friends who sneaked her past their parents.

"I stayed wherever I could," she said. "For about six months, I slept under somebody's bed on a linoleum floor in a basement, which was good, because I was



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Peninsula artist Rene Romero Schuler, homeless as a teen, has had nearly 40 solo exhibitions in the U.S. and Europe.



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LETTERS

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of 1920s and 1930s historic architecture in the commercial core and carefully crafted custom homes. Existing property owners have followed Carmel's strict permitting, zoning and design requirements to be compatible with the city's overall general plan of small-scale homes with respect for one another's privacy and views.

Our city relies on its aesthetic assets as an international tourist destination. The state doesn't care. New housing bills threaten to destroy our village character and the tradition of single family neighborhoods throughout California.

The state is allowing developers to steamroll in and "urbanize" our town into a "highly densified city" through the passage of "upzoning" bills that remove height limits and densify housing to make Carmel into an urbanized city. The state proposes stripping away residential zoning laws to make way for hotels, condos and multiplexes. Our community needs to come together now and fight for local control

over our housing and zoning.

Karyl Hall, Carmel

Living here not a 'privilege'

Dear Editor,

My wife and I have lived in Carmel for 35 years.

I am disturbed by the statement by councilman Jeff Baron reported in the May 5-11 Pine Cone: "This unwillingness of communities to build housing has resulted in dislocations for everyone who is not as privileged as we in this room are to live here." Is that a statement crafted to induce guilt into Carmel residents?

First, I am not "privileged" to live in Carmel. I am blessed. And fortunate. It is a right as a U.S. citizen to own property. It is not a "privilege."

Neither I nor anyone else should feel either guilt or social obligation because we live in Carmel. No king bestowed our homes on us. Like many Carmel residents, I've worked hard, even sacrificed, for the money it took to live and raise our children here.

Yes, of course, I want good housing for other people. We need it. And there is plenty of land within 15 miles of Carmel to build

lots and lots of housing and infrastructure.

As to the generally positive value of mandates as mentioned in The Pine Cone article, the State of California has made terrible mandates recently. Like forcing street cart merchants onto every city, releasing over 20,000 inmates early, and moronically making jaywalking legal.

Forcing Carmel to build 349 new units is outrageous. As a city, we need to fight this totalitarian state mandate with everything and every way we can.

Asking our city leaders to have fortitude and fight for our sovereignty is appropriate. Weeks ago, when the city council announced it would not fight but would go peacefully along with the state housing mandate, every Carmel resident we know was appalled.

Jon Levy, Carmel

Where's the housing?

Dear Editor,

Last week the Carmel City Council voted to protest against the state mandate to find additional housing. The arguments in favor of this vote basically said, "We can solve our own problems."

The arguments against basically said "We won't."

If the yes voters plan to live up to their word, why is there zero money in the city budget to solve this problem?

Polly Osborne, Carmel Valley

Parking solution

Dear Editor,

Regarding the plan for paid parking in Carmel-by-the-Sea: The city is approaching the question from the wrong end.

What is the problem? The problem is that Carmel doesn't have enough parking for residents, workers, and visitors, including tourists. What is the solution? Add more parking. Don't just charge for the existing parking — that does not solve the problem and will cause more problems, especially for the workers our hotels, restaurants, shops and other establishments rely on. Making those workers pay for parking, or to park farther away and have walk farther, increases the strain on those workers, while favoring the rich tourists. The only true solution that will reduce the stress on all of us is — more parking.

Bruce Merchant, Carmel

'No confusion on Measure J'

Dear Editor,

Ron Chesshire may be confused about Measure J, but most Cal Am customers are

not. All you need do is look at your water bill to know Cal Am must go.

I was the communications director for Public Water Now during the Measure J campaign. I spent endless hours explaining that Measure J was not just a feasibility study, as some attempts before it had been. Frankly, most voters didn't care, they just wanted to be rid of Cal Am and its pricey water.

The official voter guide was quite clear. It read, "A yes vote is a vote to approve mandating that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District establish a policy of public ownership of water systems by acquiring those systems, if feasible, currently owned and operated by Cal Am, through negotiation or eminent domain, and thereafter control the assets and manage the system."

When Measure J passed, it became a law mandating that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District proceed with a buyout of Cal Am, if feasible. Feasibility was proven by expert consultants in 2019.

Buying Cal Am's local system through eminent domain is well worth the risk. The legal fees pale in comparison to what Cal Am continues to add to the cost of our water. In the four years since Measure J passed, Cal Am has raised the cost of our water by \$26.4 million and they are currently asking for another \$15.3 million.

Cal Am is investor-owned with a government-guaranteed profit. It has no incentive to serve the public's interest or keep costs down.

Why does Chesshire want Cal Am in control of our water? What does he hope to accomplish by falsely accusing Public Water Now of deceiving the public? Does he really think he can convince thousands of voters to amend Measure J and vote for Cal Am? Good luck with that.

Melodie Chrislock, Carmel

'Follow the money'

Dear Editor,

The whole Cal Am thing is very confusing to anyone who occasionally follows the story, from the start to where we are today.

I understood that a referendum passed was to study the "feasibility" of taking over Cal Am and making it a publicly owned company.

Somewhere along the line, a super government board voted against the takeover

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for financial reasons. But here we are, with threats of eminent domain to take over Cal Am.

It looks like a case of “follow the money” and who is going to benefit from this hassle ... certainly not the ratepayers.

Living the American dream!

David Fockler, Monterey

Advantages of government ownership

Dear Editor,

The Pine Cone’s recent article, “Water district GM: rates ‘should’ go down, then increase, after Cal Am take-over” appears to throw shade over the public’s decision in 2018 to approve Cal Am’s buyout.

One of the many difficulties in buying a corporation that does not want to be taken over is how does it value its assets? Cal Am’s appraisal of self-worth is \$1 billion, purportedly, including a desal plant.

Several test wells (of no asset value) do not a desal plant make. Public Water Now’s appraisal of \$449 million exposes that fully half of Cal Am’s billion-dollar valuation is fanciful.

An operating desal plant is not a Cal Am asset. Nationwide, 87 percent of water utilities are publicly owned for a good reason. Water advocacy group Food and Water Watch looked at average water rates charged by utilities in California, Illinois, Wisconsin and New York and found private utilities charged consumers “significantly higher water rates” than public ones did — as much as 50 percent more. Several significant reasons: private corporations must pay for investor dividends and borrowing costs are higher; ergo public utilities do deliver more water, with few exceptions, than private. Don’t let Cal Am, or The Pine Cone, convince you otherwise.

Roland Martin, Carmel Valley

Bad water

Dear Editor,

I read Kelly Nix’s story on “affordable” water with increasingly strained amusement, as the water district and Cal Am sparred over who would offer the lowest rates to consumers.

Neglected in this discussion is a fundamental question: With some of the most expensive water on the planet, outside of arid conflict zones, why is it that what comes out of our taps is undrinkable? Must we fall back on filtered water through the fridge or bottled water?

One way, perhaps, to depoliticize the unending battle between public and private providers would be to focus on who might offer a basic resource that is actually potable.

Tom Post, Pebble Beach

City budget increases

Dear Editor,

Have Sacramento-itis and Washington D.C.-itis taken hold of our Carmel-by-the-Sea? Last year’s budget “exceeded \$30 million for the first time” and with the headwinds of an economic downturn, if not a full-blown recession, our leaders decided to increase spending beyond revenue inflows to over \$40 million. All the while using critical savings accrued during the past few years.

How is it possible that “the plan anticipates revenues will grow” even as tax receipts for hotel stays are slumping while the past year’s increases in property tax receipts is slowing? Even Chip Rerig admits that he expects some “cooling” in the economy.

I don’t know about you, my fellow Carmelites, but when I see my income shrinking, I do not increase my spending by 33 percent.

Mike Patton, Carmel

Pot sales in P.G.

Dear Editor,

The rumor is that the cannabis ordinance will be on the Pacific Grove City Council’s May 17 agenda. Like baseball great philosopher Yogi Berra said once. “It’s deja vu all over again.”

Will it be like in 2020, when the Pacific Grove city staff met with cannabis companies prior to city council approval of the new cannabis ordinance? Is the city staff also meeting, like 2020, with for-profit cannabis operations to help write the cannabis retail and tax ordinances? Are similar discussions going on in 2023 between Pacific Grove city staff and the cannabis industry?

The cannabis topic has been off the radar since the vote in 2022, when Measure M received a 61 percent yes vote, significantly down from 2020, when 71 percent said “yes.” The “no” vote in 2022 was up by over 20 percent.

Since the explosion of retail pot in 2020, state regulators have ramped up auditing local cannabis operations to ensure that they meet state regulations on THC dosing, packaging, warning labels and lab testing of the product itself. It is suspected that a number of approved retailers are acquiring products from criminal operators who have counterfeited approved packaging or are selling, at a discount, product stolen from licensed retail stores.

In March, an L.A. Times investigation quoted state auditor Grant Parks saying that state auditors “will be reviewing” a “fairly good sample” of cannabis permits to check whether local authorities followed rules they had set. As THC potency levels rise and the number of

THC overdoses have increased, to protect our children, the Pacific Grove retail cannabis ordinance must ensure a minimum 1,500-yard “kid safe perimeter” around any cannabis operation.

Cannabis advocates keep repeating that the sale of cannabis in P.G. is “legal.” It is not. The production, processing, distribution and sale of cannabis, a DEA Schedule One Drug, is still a federal crime. The P.G. ordinance is in violation of federal law and carries liability with both the state and the federal government.

Mike Gibbs, Pacific Grove

Fire danger in C.V.

Dear Editor,

We walk our dogs frequently at the Rancho Cañada unit of Palo Corona Regional Park. We are increasingly alarmed at the extreme fire hazard burgeoning there: acres of grasses, foxtails and thistles are over 6 feet tall, invading and nearly obliterating the old golf cart paths. The regional park district says it can’t mow because red-legged frogs have been spotted. So bring in the goats!

A disastrous fire will harm the red-legged frogs more than goats or mowing. We cleared all the grasses and storm-downed trees around our homes. Rancho Cañada is just one smoldering cigarette butt away from a major, totally preventable, fire disaster.

Catherine Sullivan, Carmel

Parking enforcement, signs

Dear Editor,

Considering current parking laws (time etc.) are not enforced by the police, why in the world does anyone think paid parking would change anything? One can drive on our streets any day of the week and find vehicles parked outside the parking line ensuring our small streets are unsafe, and time-limited parking is not enforced. How about the local police just enforce the current parking laws, and the problem will be solved?

In addition, how about providing visitors directions to the current parking lots availability in the area, i.e., Sunset Center and other parking areas available in the village?

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ARTIST

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“He asked if I could paint something in his loft, so I went over to talk about it,” she said. “He was gorgeous, he was dressed beautifully in a suit, and he was playing pool in the loft with another guy — also gorgeous, in a nice suit. And I thought, ‘Oh, OK ... he’s gay.’”

Mark Schuler wasn’t gay, but he was bewitched. He married her on Valentine’s Day in 2001 and fathered their sons. Ian is a 21-year-old economics major at UC Santa Barbara, and Owen, 19, is a freshman studying astrophysics at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Healing through art

In 2005, Schuler experienced an “artistic breakthrough,” she said, after switching from brushes to a palette knife as a painter.

“It was the most incredible moment of my career. I started drawing this figure, working exclusively with the palette knife, and when I was finished, I stood back, looked at it, and broke down in the most profound way. I was just weeping,” she said. “It didn’t look like me, but it was me, and it was very powerful. And I thought, ‘Oh, my God ... I’m on to something.’”

“I painted 39 more in that series, and felt all of my trauma unraveling with each one. They were therapy,” Schuler said.

Creating art has been healing ever since for Schuler, who endured additional trauma seven years ago, when her younger sister, Taña, committed suicide at 45. She remains extremely close with her big sister, Gina.

“I try to support one charity a year — sometimes more — and partnered this year with a suicide-prevention organization,” she said. “Homelessness, violence prevention, domestic abuse ... these are all important causes for me.”

A Chicago gallery owner gave her a solo show in 2006, and the exhibit sold out. A second gallery sought her out, took 18 of her paintings, and sold them all. Then, a third gallery offered an exhibition and sold several of her pieces while they were hanging in the show, which sold out.

Paradise found

The Schulers, homeowners in Carmel for a decade, relocated from Chicago nine months ago, becoming permanent residents.

“I was very scared to uproot myself and move here, but the minute I stepped off the plane, it was like all of the bad mojo, all of the fears, all of my worries just melted away,” she said. “It was like, ‘OK, I’m in paradise. I’ve arrived.’”

Schuler’s work has been represented by galleries in Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Massachusetts, Texas, Colorado, South Carolina, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Paris, France, and is part of permanent collections — private and in museums — in Michigan, Florida, Illinois and California. Her art has been showcased in nearly 40 solo exhibitions and multiple group shows in the United States and abroad.

Images of her paintings and sculptures can also be found at reneromeroschuler.com.

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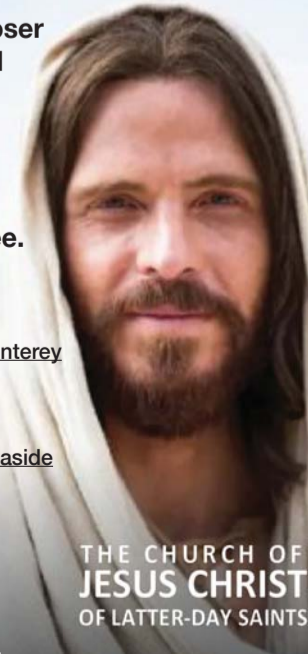
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HISTORY

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announced that the 1946 circuit would begin on April 28 at Lengfeld's home course in San Mateo, Peninsula Country Club. The circuit would conclude with the Pebble Beach Championship (May 13-17), the last of a series of events on the Monterey Peninsula.

Berg, the former Marine, launched the California Circuit with a 75 to win medalist honors in the Northern

OPEN

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the worldwide interest in competing in the U.S. Women's Open," USGA Chief Championships Officer John Bodenhamer said in a statement.

Qualifying rounds are underway throughout the United States and abroad and will wrap up June 7. As of May 4, 87 players were exempt from having to compete in those rounds, including former champions and other title winners. Among them is Stevenson School alumna Mina Harigae, who made history when she won the California State Women's Amateur in 2001 at the age of 12, making her the youngest to ever achieve that feat.

The daughter of Takara Sushi owners Yasunori and Mafumi Harigae, she went on to win it another three straight years, competed at Duke University, and subsequently found success on the world stage. Harigae, now 33, placed second in last year's U.S. Women's Open at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in North Carolina, netting just over \$1 million in winnings, "the most for a runner-up in women's golf history," according to the USGA.

At the press lunch May 2, P.B. Co. President David



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From left, Morgan Pressel, Kristi Yamaguchi and Brandi Chastain chatted about women's sports and the U.S. Women's Open with a moderator at a USGA event in Pebble Beach.

Stivers said the company "couldn't be more excited" to crown the 2023 women's golf champion, who will "join the greats of the game who have won here before." With a course record of 63 for women — set by Stanford sophomore and NCAA Champion Rose Zhang last fall — the competition should be good. (Zhang, who remains an amateur, is also set to compete in July and received an exemption from qualifying.)

"Having the winner's name etched on the Wall of Champions will be a historic moment for Pebble Beach and for women's golf," Stivers continued.

To make sure the competitors have the best possible stage, Stivers said organizers decided to set up their hospitality venues away from the 18th Green, which instead will be surrounded by nothing but grandstands so as many spectators as possible have a chance to see the players finishing their rounds.

"One of the final steps is transforming the golf course from resort-friendly to championship-ready," he added. The women will be competing from the championship tees, for a total of 6,500 yards, on narrower fairways, and the rough is already growing in. "It will be very much like the 2019 U.S. Open."

Tickets for the event can be purchased at uswomenopen.com.

California Open qualifying round at the Peninsula Country Club. Mary Sargent, the 1943 Colorado women's champion, had recently moved to the Monterey Peninsula and annexed the club championship there. As the matches progressed, Dorothy Traung of San Francisco defeated Sargent in the semifinals and then lost to Berg in the final match, down-5 with three holes to play.

Steep competition

On May 8, a field of 100 women teed off at Monterey Peninsula Country Club in the Northern California Women's Medal Play Golf Championship, nicknamed "The Derby." It was a 54-hole open tournament and might have drawn an even bigger field if it hadn't been competing with the Southern California Amateur played the same week. Hicks entered The Derby and tied with Traung at 74 for low score in the first round. Berg was one back, tied for third with Eleanor Copping of Palo Alto. In round two, Traung fell back with a 78, and Berg moved up with a 73 to tie Hicks, who again shot 74. The two pros battled it out in the final round. Berg secured her victory with four birdies and a 74, 222 total. Hicks finished second with a 79-227.

May 11 saw the debut of the Marion Hollins Memorial tournament, a Scotch foursome format where teams of two players hit alternate shots. Played at the Pebble Beach Golf Links, Berg paired with Pat McPhee of San Mateo to score another victory. While most golfers took a break on May 12, Hicks and Berg headlined an exhibition match at Pebble Beach. Hicks paired with Traung to defeat Berg, who was paired with Sargent, who had finished fourth in The Derby. Berg's 79, however, was the low round in the foursome.

On May 13, Berg again had the low round, 78, among the 27 women who entered the Pebble Beach Championship. The low 16 moved on to match play. Berg defeated Mary Briggs of MPCC to reach her semifinal match against Barbara Beach Thomson of San Mateo. Copping defeated Traung to face Sargent in the other semifinal match.

In the semifinals, Berg defeated Thompson 5 and 4; Sargent defeated Copping 4 and 2, with Berg besting Sargent in the final 36-hole match up 9 with eight holes to play.

Berg and Hicks were two of the six pros who traveled to Spokane for the U.S. Women's Open. Jameson and Seignious, along with Helen Detweiler and Mary Mozel, were the other four professionals. Thirty-six amateurs filled out the field of 42 women, 10 of whom were from California, including Babe Zaharias, Clara Callender Sherman, Mary McCarty, Ellen Kieser, and Mary and Louise Sargent, all of whom had solid ties to Pebble Beach.

Six championships

Another Californian, Dot Kieilty of Long Beach, played in the 1942 Pebble Beach Championship. While she had not won at Pebble Beach, in the first five months of 1946, she won six championships in the southland, capped by the Southern California Amateur in which she defeated Sherman, the tournament medalist, in a semifinal match.

We will wrap up California's role in first U.S. Women's Open next week and get into the late 1940s events at Pebble Beach, which included the 1948 U.S. Women's Amateur.

As a teaser, I will tell you that eight of the California amateur women reached match play at Spokane, and three of those listed above reached the quarterfinals.



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Women's golf pioneer Betty Hicks of Long Beach (left), shows off the clubs that were marketed under her name in the 1940s. Colorado State Champion Mary Sargent (right) moved to the Monterey Peninsula in the mid-1940s, became one of the area's top area golfers and at age 31 entered the first U.S. Women's Open in 1946.



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By ELAINE HESSER

THE WORLD of saving and investing has changed since the days when parents took their kids to the local bank to open their first savings accounts. Those traditional accounts are still available, and Charles Chrietberg, president and CEO of Monterey County Bank, told The Pine Cone, “I’d encourage people, as soon as their child understands, to take them to a local bank or credit union and set up a savings account.”

He believes that showing kids how they can put money aside and earn interest is a good lesson for later in life. As people grow and lives become complicated, so do questions about money. What if new graduate is up to her eyeballs in student loan debt, with a diploma in ancient underwater cuneiform and a job in retail? How do you handle life changes when it comes to investing? The Pine Cone asked local bankers and an investment strategist for advice on dealing with money at different stages of life.

Student loans count

Chrietberg has a pragmatic philosophy about saving. When it comes to those new grads with student loans, for instance, he said, “It’s hard to save money if you don’t have it to put away.” And keeping current with student loan payments is important, said Hannah Rogge, a senior wealth manager with Monterey Private Wealth, an investment house on Garden Road.

“You want to make at least the minimum payment, even though you’re at one of the lowest income levels of your career,” she said. Not making payments damages credit

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Back home on the Peninsula, Carmel native helps people plan ahead

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

CARMEL NATIVE Ken Kleinkopf made his way through Carmel schools and then went off to UC Santa Barbara, unsure of his major and career aspirations. Being raised by Monterey County Public Defender Allan Kleinkopf (now retired) and civil litigation attorney Vicki Schermer-Kleinkopf might give a kid just cause to run from the law. But he kept the career on his short list.

Kleinkopf began college by studying economics. He sailed through macroeconomics, enjoying the panoramic view of the subject. But microeconomics put up a struggle, giving him a very different perspective. He turned his attention to a “law and society” course, which made a whole lot of sense to him. By the end of the class,

he had declared law and society as his major.

“My decision came down to this: I did well in the class and decided I didn’t have a whole lot of other options,” he said. “I was a decent math student but not a scholar. I can’t build anything

and am not handy, my athletics were never going to reach a professional level — but law I could do.”

Upon graduation, Kleinkopf went to Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, followed by a year at University of San Diego, where he earned an LLM — in this case, a master’s in tax law — before graduating in 2008, during an economy

that didn’t offer a promising job search.

“I believe it was due to a tough job market that my career chose me,” he said. “The husband of a family friend had decided to open his own estate-planning firm in San Diego. I interviewed with him and we started it together. It’s now Chokkar Law Group, a very successful firm, and I owe a great debt of gratitude to my friend.”

From there, Kleinkopf returned to his hometown with his wife, Cindy — who has her own State Farm Agency in Monterey — and bought a house directly across the highway from his parents and childhood home. Now that the couple is raising their three young children, having grandparents just across the “big street” is a blessing for all.

“I have been changing diapers throughout my 30s,” said Kleinkopf, who turns 40 in August. “This next decade will usher in a whole new phase in our family, and perhaps my career.”

For nearly nine years, Kleinkopf, a partner at Fenton & Keller in Monterey, has served as a certified specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law.

“In my field, having an LLM doesn’t make me a tax expert, but it has been very helpful to my career,” he said. “I have an idea of where to look for answers to tax questions and I understand how to differentiate among taxes. In my estate-planning work, tax issues are pervasive, permeating almost every transaction. It is good to have an idea of the ramifications and how to research, analyze and apply them.”

A day in the life

Kleinkopf recognizes that if he allowed it, he could spend his entire day answering emails and returning phone calls. He says



Finding balance means Ken Kleinkopf enjoys an active life with his family while also meeting the requirements of a demanding career.

he always wants to be attentive to both, but he never wants to become beholden to them. He spends Wednesday mornings in probate court while the messages pile up. Most afternoons are spent drafting an array of documents.

“I always remind myself to be cognizant of what my clients are trying to accomplish, and then find the most efficient and effective way to get there,” he said. “It’s very important to tell clients what they need to hear, not just what they want to hear, but the reality of their situation.”

Kleinkopf says that the more carefully he walks his clients through a legal process and its likely outcomes, the better informed they are as they make decisions. Presenting valid options and information is what helps them accomplish their goal.

When not deep into the demands of

his job, Kleinkopf immerses himself in the other side of his life. A proponent of regular exercise, he lifts weights, hops on an elliptical machine or goes for a run. He plays golf when he can, but his kids have moved into an active stage of their lives, involving T-ball, softball and other outdoor activities, including family bike rides.

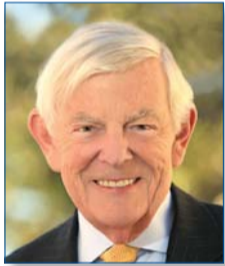
“I have a very busy life I really enjoy and I am very appreciative of it,” he said. “I have a dream job as a partner in one of the biggest and most prestigious local firms. I’m very proud of what our firm does and I hope to remain a partner for decades to come. I’m also happy to be raising my kids in the community where I grew up. I try to never lose sight of it all, and be aware and grateful.”

It’s not all Hallmark all the time, he says, but it comes really close.



Ken Kleinkopf

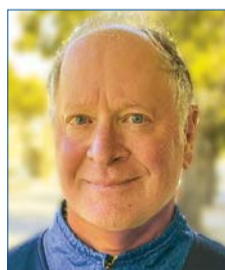
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At 80, a longtime attorney is just getting his second wind

By ELAINE HESSER

ONE WONDERS whether actor Raymond Burr knew that his most famous TV character, Perry Mason, was a bit of a unicorn — a universally admired defense attorney. Of course Mason also had the moral luxury of usually representing innocent clients.

In real life, defense attorneys frequently find themselves vilified. Johnnie Cochran (OJ Simpson), Leslie Abramson (one of the Melendez brothers) and Irving Kanarek (Charles Manson) — to name a few — have been pilloried for their work. Larry Biegel, a longtime local defense attorney who has recently pivoted more toward personal injury, has a ready, if complicated, answer to the obvious question:

How on earth can you represent guilty people?

Biegel, 80, passed the state bar in 1969. He worked for the public defender's office in Los Angeles for a few years, then moved here in 1975 with his wife, Tina (who also

became a lawyer), after visiting Carmel on vacation.

Protecting rights

In 1977, while working in the Monterey County Public Defender's Office, he was assigned to defend 19-year-old Harold Bicknell, who was subsequently convicted of the gruesome murders of four relatives, including a 6-year-old child, in Seaside.

In such cases — particularly those that could result in the death penalty — Biegel explained, "I realized that if I didn't defend my clients with vigor, I made myself their judge and jury, and, ultimately, their executioner." He said he became convinced on several occasions that clients he initially thought were guilty, were, in fact, innocent.

"Innocent people get themselves into weird situations," he said. He pointed to the Innocence Project, a nonprofit which since 1992 has used DNA evidence to exonerate 375 people on death rows nationwide. Biegel believes everyone deserves to have their rights protected. "A doctor who sees a patient with marks on his arm from using heroin can't decide not to help him. I will mess up the system if I don't do my job."

He said he went into private practice because he wanted to work with different aspects of the law. Since then, he's represented plaintiffs in some high-profile, controversial cases, including that of motorcyclist Adam Rogers, who hit a wild boar on Highway 1 in 2003 and ended up wheel chair-bound and suffering from severe memory loss.

Although his client had a blood-alcohol level of more than .10 percent, Biegel convinced the jury that wasn't a major factor in the accident. Rather, he argued, the state

had created — and allowed to continue — a dangerous situation in which wild pigs frequently crossed the road at that spot. According to Biegel's website, Rogers was awarded \$8.6 million, "one of the largest verdicts in Monterey County history."

Another client, Jimmy Anderson, interned in Biegel's law office before heading off to law school in Wisconsin. While on a break in summer 2010, Anderson was home in Stanislaus County when his entire family was in a tragic car crash. T-boned by a drunk driver who ran a stop sign at 70 mph, the young man lost his mother, father and brother. The driver of the vehicle that hit them was also killed. Anderson was left a quadriplegic.

In researching the accident, Biegel said he discovered that 134 locals had previously petitioned the county to put in a four-way stop at that intersection, citing safety concerns over a lack of visibility. The case was settled for \$8.25 million. Anderson finished law school and is a member of the Wisconsin State Assembly.

The list goes on — land disputes, divorces, products liability and more. In each case, depending on whose side you agree with, Biegel is either a hero or a villain. The roller coaster is enough to take the wind out of anyone's sails. Over time, Biegel began to worry that he was losing his. Wind, that is.

Don't give in

About the time the Covid-19 pandemic broke out in 2020, Biegel said he'd been hiking with friends when he noticed they had to keep stopping to wait for him because he was out of breath. Since Covid is a respiratory illness, he thought it might be a good idea to improve the fitness of his



Pausing during this year's Big Sur Marathon Big Sur 12-mile run/walk.

lungs.

He started walking 5 miles every morning on a route that took him from his home near Highway 1 to Carmel Point and back. He figures he's logged more than 5,000 miles since then. Two weeks ago, he ran, walked and jogged the 12-mile race during the Big Sur Marathon.

"I'm not giving in to age," he asserted firmly, noting that he was first in his age division, 80 and above. "There were only three of us," he laughed.

As far as retirement, he said he "can't even spell the word." He said he wanted to be a doctor until a high school chemistry teacher pointed out "how little I understood about chemistry." "Being a lawyer, I'm not a life saver. But I can serve people and make their lives better," he said.

'Innocent people get themselves into weird situations'



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Winter storms, interest rates cool down hot real estate market — for a minute or two

By ELAINE HESSER

IF YOU'RE struggling with what's going on in the economic world, you're in good company. Unemployment's low, prices of food, gas and other necessities are surging to record highs, and interest rates have gone up 10 times since March of last year. Depending on who you listen to, we're definitely headed for a recession — unless we aren't.

If you're wondering whether shifting economic winds might let someone pick up a bargain on Scenic, that's not likely to happen. Some local people in the real es-

tate business said that recent interest rate hikes have had made it tough for many home buyers along the coast, but noted that there were several other factors to take into account.

Covid moved people

During the pandemic, many people who were no longer tethered to office buildings discovered the delights of working from more appealing surroundings, while others fled crowded cities for fresher air and more open spaces. Sales of homes in the

Monterey Peninsula boomed, despite the fact realtors couldn't have open houses or easily offer tours.

Properties were purchased with a phone call, sight unseen except for photos. And mortgage rates were — below 3 percent — that is, for folks who needed mortgages. Chad Hawker, area representative for Synergy One Lending, estimated that about half of the people who buy here pay cash.

The inventory of available homes dwindled — Hawker called it “ridiculously low” — and interest rates began to rise as the Federal Reserve tried to slow inflation. The most recent increase, on May 3, was .25 percentage points, and the rate for mortgage borrowers is upwards of 6 percent. So, what does that mean if you're trying to buy or sell?

Tim Allen, who's been in local real estate for several decades and is consistently a top producer for Coldwell Banker, pointed out that the Peninsula comprises not one, but several markets, and interest rates affect them differently.

“The luxury markets of Carmel, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach and along the coast have been much less impacted by the rise in interest rates because many of these affluent buyers can and do pay cash. Inventories in these markets are also low and demand is high, so they are performing well,” he said.

However, Allen continued, “The rise in rates affects first-time buyers,” who look for affordable monthly payments. “There are certainly buyers who have been priced out of the market due to the sharp rise in rates,” he said, but because inventory is so



Tim Allen



Chad Hawker

low, Allen said he doesn't foresee any “significant price softening” in those markets.

And, as Hawker pointed out, higher rates make it more difficult for some borrowers to qualify for a mortgage in the first place.

Watching, waiting

Jessica Canning, part of the top-tier Sotheby's team led by her father, longtime local agent Mike Canning, noted that many sellers are also buyers — they're looking for a new home, so higher rates can have a sort of domino effect.

“If a seller has a mortgage, it's very expensive and challenging to find a comparable property to move to. This has compounded the tight inventory market as sellers are also waiting to see if rates will fall before looking for another place to go to,” she said.

Dan Lynch, CEO of century-old Carm-

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ratings, creating a tougher set of circumstances when it comes to buying a car or renting that first apartment. (They also generally cannot be discharged in a bankruptcy filing.)

That being said, Chrietzberg and Rogge recommended participating in an employer’s 401(k) retirement savings plan, particularly if the employer matches employee contributions. Tony Marandos, regional president at Pinnacle Bank, which has branches in Santa Clara and Monterey counties, agreed.

“Typically, a 401(k) is going to be one of your better options” for retirement, he said. Contributions aren’t taxed until withdrawals are made. By that time — when you’re retired — you’ll probably be in a lower tax bracket and thus pay a lower rate on the money.

Chrietzberg also suggested that as soon as you can, try to stash away at least three months’ — or more — worth of salary, in case of a financial setback.

Once someone has discretionary funds, it’s important to “pay yourself first,” Marandos agreed, whether it’s \$50 a month or \$100 a month. You can put it into a traditional savings account, park it in certificates of deposit (widely known as CDs) or invest it in stocks, mutual funds and the like, in which case you’ll probably want some professional advice.

An individual retirement account, or IRA, allows you to set aside money for your “golden years” and receive some tax advantages, which vary by the type of account. Again, you’ll want to get input from a banker or investment advisor when you’re setting one up.

Wedded bliss?

Getting engaged is a joyful occasion — and another good time to review your finances. Our experts agreed that deciding whether to have a joint account, separate accounts, or some combination of the two — like one for household expenses and one for each spouse — is largely a personal, not financial, decision.



Before you head to the altar, it’s essential to talk about money.

Rogge pointed out that since California is a community property state, in the event of a divorce, the issue of where you’ve decided to keep your money is probably moot. She

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also said that if either partner has significant amounts of debt going into the marriage, consulting an attorney and/or financial advisor would be a good idea.

Planning for children's futures is important, too. All the

professionals The Pine Cone consulted recommended 529 savings plans (named for the governing section of the IRS code), which allow parents to save up for college tuition. Recent changes have also made it possible to use the plans to pay for private schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, subject to annual limits.

Contributions are made with after-tax dollars, and amounts earned by the savings plan are not taxable if the money is used for qualifying educational expenses, including tuition, room and board.

"I have them for my grand-kids," Chrietzberg said. "They're really important and you should start them as soon as the kids are born."

Marandos also mentioned Series I bonds, which most folks know as government savings bonds, as an investment option for children's futures. The I bonds have an advantage that older bonds did not — besides the fixed interest rate, investors get an additional rate that changes with inflation.

According to the government's treasurydirect.gov website, that rate is adjusted twice a year. You can cash the bonds in after 12 months, but of course, they won't have earned much, and you'll automatically forfeit the last three months of interest. That penalty goes away after five years, and you can hang onto them for as long as 30 years.

Rogge also recommended making sure there's sufficient life insurance to take care of the family if someone dies, setting up wills, trusts and estate plans, and keeping everything up to date. She also suggested looking into long-term care insurance, which is meant to help with expenses in a nursing home or similar facility, which Medicare does not cover.

'A pleasant life'

As retirement approaches, it's time to have another look at your financial picture, Rogge said. "When you're reaching retirement stage, you should look at moving into more conservative investments," she said. And of course, sign up for Medicare at 65.

When should you start taking Social Security? Rogge said for most people, waiting until full retirement age — which the SSA determines based on your birth year — is the best solution. If you can put it off longer, up to the age of 70, the amount you'll receive grows significantly. There's a break-even point, usually in your mid-80s, Rogge said, when the money you lose by waiting is recouped because of the higher payments.

Marandos said that money to take care of special-needs children is a factor for some families, and many people will want to consider setting funds aside in case one of the breadwinners has to take time off to care for aging parents. He also pointed out that business owners have very different considerations, because they aren't eligible for many of the benefits offered to employees.

Amid all the planning, it's important to find a balance, Rogge said. "Not everything has to go into savings." If you can, she said, "Set aside a little for travel, living life, going out to dinner." Chrietzberg concurred. "Money's to buy things and have a pleasant life," he said.



Charles Chrietzberg



Hannah Rogge



Tony Marandos



Series I savings bonds can help protect against inflation.



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el Realty, agreed. “Many folks who might have been considering selling a while back are rightfully concerned that if they switch homes right now, they might be having to give up a low 3 to 4 percent interest rate in exchange for a 6 to 7 percent rate on their new home. This is putting additional pressure on the already tight inventory of homes for sale, and resulting in fewer active buyers in the market.”



Dan Lynch

The effects of inflation shouldn’t be discounted, either, he said. “When more of a home buyer’s income is going to gas, food and other living expenses, savings suffer,” and making monthly mortgage payments becomes more difficult.

Optimism

Canning invoked a few other circumstances that have made sales challenging. “I was thinking that we had hit the low point in our market over the holidays, but we were hit by a triple ‘storm’ after the New Year when rates continued to rise, several major bank failures occurred [in a region that directly drives our real estate market] and we got hit with a series of storms that made it essentially impossible to show properties.”

While the consensus was that the mar-

ket (except in the high end) had slowed temporarily, the realtors were unanimous that things were looking up. “Most economists are now expecting no additional raise by the Feds in June,” said Lynch. “We are hearing a sense of optimism in many real estate and banking circles that by next year, rates could begin coming down. This gives buyers more confidence that even if they must pay higher rates for a while, it hopefully will get better relatively soon.”

Canning was also upbeat. “The early response for the market coming out of this turmoil is strong and I anticipate that we’ll continue to grow. It won’t be the same meteoric rise that we saw in 2020 (probably a good thing) but a return to a gradual appreciation as economic certainty returns to the market and more buyers come off the sideline.”

Summing up, Allen gave voice to what everyone here knows. “We are blessed here on the Monterey Peninsula with good weather, scenic beauty, low crime, manageable traffic, and a great lifestyle.” He concluded, “all these things, combined with consistently high demand and the overall low inventory and limited development potential make for a healthy market moving forward in almost any economic environment.”



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Tom Petty sidekick plays Monterey, restaurant recalls 'La Bamba' singer

BEST KNOWN as the late Tom Petty's longtime sidekick, singer and guitarist **Mike Campbell** and his band, **The Dirty Knobs**, play Wednesday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theater in Monterey.

but he co-wrote some of their hits, including "Refugee," "Here Comes My Girl" and "Running Down a Dream." Campbell was still playing with Petty when he passed away in 2017.

As a solo artist, Campbell serves up a more rough-edged sound than Petty, and he also handles the lead vocals. He has recorded two albums, including last year's "External Combustion."

The Golden State Theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Tickets start at \$39.50. Call (831) 649-1070.



Guitarist Mike Campbell takes the stage Wednesday at Golden State Theater in Monterey. Showtime is 8 p.m. Campbell toured and recorded with the late Tom Petty for more than four decades, and even co-wrote several hit songs. Today, he leads his own band, the Dirty Knobs.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

After crossing paths with Petty in the early 1970s, Campbell became a charter member of his band, the Heartbreakers, in 1976 — a year before Petty released his debut album. Alongside the rock legend, Campbell not only played an essential role in crafting the band's sound,

■ 'The music keeps living on'

When rock 'n' roll pioneer Buddy Holly died in a plane crash in 1959, the accident also took the life of Ritchie Valens of "La Bamba" fame, who was just 17. If he had lived, Valens would have been 82 this week, and to celebrate his birthday, Bon Ton L'Roy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey hosts a musical tribute to him Saturday at 7 p.m.

The performers include Valens' younger brother, singer **Mario Valens** of Watsonville, and **Alligator**, a local singer and guitarist with deep roots in Louisiana's rich musical culture.

In his all-too-brief career, Valens not only turned a Mexican folk song, "La Bamba," into one of rock 'n' roll's most enduring songs, but he had an even bigger hit with his ballad, "Donna."

"It's amazing that the music keeps living on," said Alligator of Valens' legacy.

There's no cover charge. The restaurant is located at 794 Lighthouse Ave.

■ YMMC wraps up season

Showcasing both its Honors Orchestra and Junior Youth Orchestra, **Youth Music Monterey County** presents its last concert of the 2022-2023 season Sunday at Sunset Center. The concert begins at 3 p.m.

The Honors Orchestra, which is made up of student-musicians from 13 to 18, will perform Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8* during the second half of the concert.

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A quintet of local singers, River Voices performs Saturday at the Other Brother Beer Company in Seaside. The music starts at 7 p.m.

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FOOD & WINE

Owning a piece of Rocky Point and what's up with local markets

THE CHANCE to own a piece of local history arrives Saturday, when, a year-and-a-half after Monaco businessman Patrice Pastor bought the iconic but shuttered Rocky Point restaurant along with three attached apartments for \$8 million,

Point area, known as Notley's Landing, was a shipping point for supplies in and out of Big Sur. Rocky Point restaurant was established as a lunch spot in 1947, and the property has seen several owners over the years, including Peter and Grace Wang, who bought it in December 2012 for \$4,550,000. After Peter Wang died in May 2020, he left it to his daughter, Amy Wang, who sold it to Pastor in a deal that took a year to complete due to the uniqueness of the property and having to deal with the California Coastal Commission and Monterey County.

Pastor subsequently handed its oversight to local hotelier and restaurant operator David Fink and Aubergine executive

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

he'll host an "estate sale" of its contents, from plates and mugs to furniture and kitchenware.

"Everything is for sale, including kitchen equipment, cutlery, glassware, crockery, a large number of tables and chairs, some artwork, and various Rocky Point specific items," said Christopher Mitchell, managing director of Pastor's local company, Esperanza Carmel, which also owns several properties in Carmel.

All of the proceeds, Mitchell said, will go to the nonprofit Carmel Foundation, which provides low-cost housing and meals, as well as other services, to members aged 55 and older.

In the late 19th century, the Rocky



An "estate sale" at Rocky Point on Saturday will give locals the chance to own a piece of history.

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chef Justin Cogley, and while the culmination of their efforts to reimagine the restaurant is still a long way off, a critical initial step is emptying the place.

Memories

Rather than arranging for the contents to be hauled off en masse, Pastor decided to offer nostalgic locals the chance to take a piece of Rocky Point with them.

"We know the restaurant holds a place in many people's hearts," Mitchell said. "For example, my friend's mom has been going to Rocky Point for her birthday since she was 16."

Generations of local teens went to the cliffside restaurant on prom night, while other locals chose it for first dates and special occasions.

"We have spoken to many people who have similar stories," Mitchell said. "This estate sale gives the community the opportunity to have a memento from the original Rocky Point while also helping an important charity for the area."

The sale will take place at the restaurant, and you must be present to make a purchase. Hours for the sale are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 13. Only cash will be accepted, and buyers should be prepared to take their items with them that day.

In the longer term, Mitchell said Esperanza plans to redevelop the property with a new restaurant and other amenities, all of them taking advantage of the fantastic panoramic views, but there are too many unknown factors at this point to formulate a timeline for when that will occur. Rocky Point is located at 36700 Highway 1.

BSFW popup dinners

To raise funds for the Big Sur Food & Wine Foundation, which seeks "to be a vehicle of support to the Big Sur community," and "to stimulate the local economy and donate event proceeds to support local nonprofits that benefit health, safety,



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Two pop-up dinners at Coast Big Sur will benefit the Big Sur Food & Wine Foundation.

education and the arts," BSFW festival organizers are hosting two pop-up dinners featuring highly regarded German winemakers. Ernst Loosen will preside over a May 12 dinner, and Johannes Selbach will host one May 17.

In 1988, Loosen took ownership of the 200-year-old Loosen Family Estate and began focusing on improving the quality

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and international appeal of the German estate's wines. "Through his devotion to the craft, Erni has become recognized as one of the most influential winemakers in the world," according to Elsa Rivera, one of the fest's key figures.

Meanwhile, Selbach and his family "maintain their estate's long-held tradition of practicing sustainable and organic viticulture," and with a heritage in wine dating back to the 1600s, they're well versed in it and have plenty of stories.

For each dinner, chef John Harry will lead local chefs Nicolaus Balla (Coast), Tim Eelman (The Village), Ben Spungin (Cella) and Zach Ladwig (Ventana) in cre-

ate at Coast café, 49901 Highway 1. Tickets are \$250 apiece and can be purchased at bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/german-wine-makers-come-to-big-sur-a-pop-up-dinner. Net proceeds will be donated to the Big Sur Food & Wine Foundation. For more information, visit bigsurfoodandwine.org.

■ Foray helps kids

Foray restaurant's co-owner and executive chef, Michael Chang, and co-owner Caroline Singer, have a considerable legacy in raising funds for nonprofits, having brought in \$450,000 during the past four years.

Most recently, the husband-and-wife team raised \$70,000 for AIM Youth Mental Health by offering two dinners for auction during the nonprofit's gala last November, according to Chang. The elaborate dinners were planned in collaboration with the Scottish whisky producer, The Macallan.

"We hosted those dinners on March 24 and April 27 — it usually takes a while to get them on the calendar, and we had to coordinate with The Macallan to have a brand ambassador present to discuss the whiskies," Chang said.

Also last year, at the Naval Postgraduate School's America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament, the couple auctioned a dinner with former Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller and retired 3-Star Special Forces General Daris Rogers for the Special Forces Charitable Trust that raised \$45,000.

They have also supported the NPS

Foundation through their culinary efforts. According to Bill Warner, former chair of the NPS Foundation and a member of the NPS Foundation Advisory Council, Chang has not only played in many of the tournaments, he's "contributed his culinary skills

to produce one-of-a-kind 100-point Robert Parker wine dinners that, on their own, have raised over \$250,000 for this important cause."

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An auction item for dinner at Foray Restaurant, accompanied by rare whiskies from The Macallan, raised big money for AIM for Mental Health.

ating menus that highlight the qualities of each wine. The Cheese Shop, Greenleaf Produce and Like Family Olive Oil are also participating.

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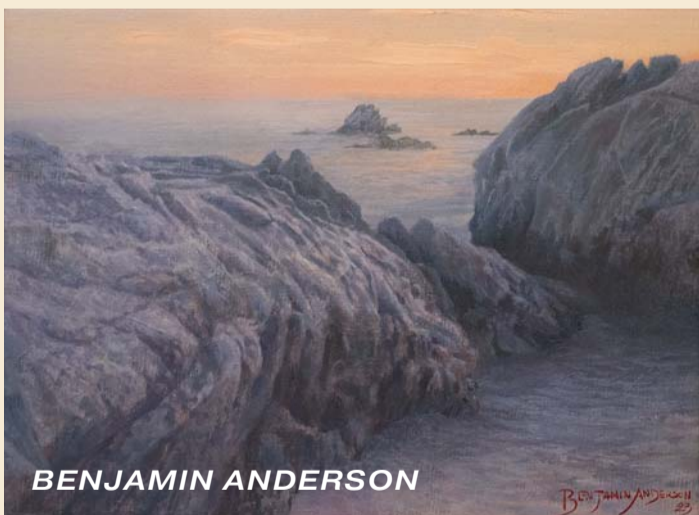
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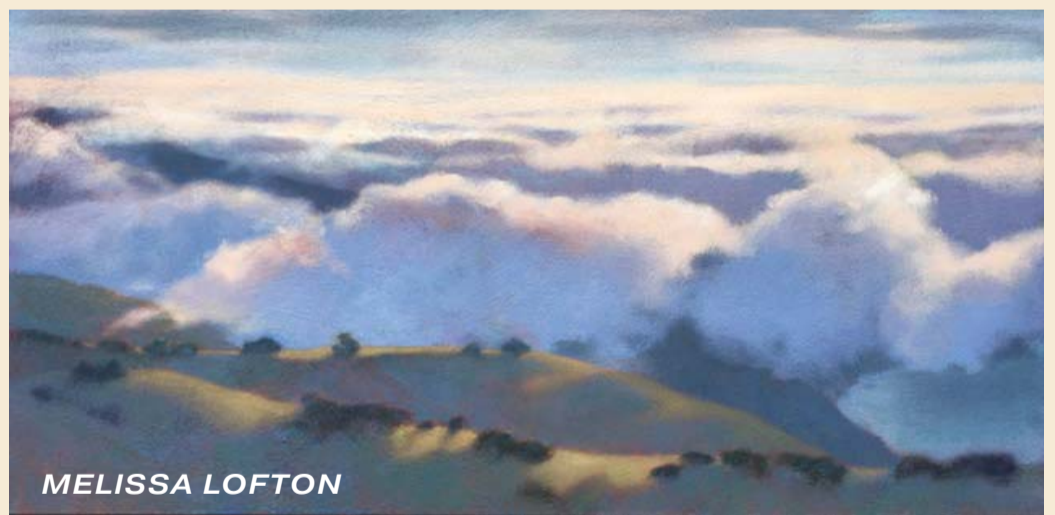
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“Caroline and I have raised over \$425,000 during the last four years for local charities,” Chang said, and that trend has continued strongly at Foray, which the couple opened last year. “As the name, Foray, implies, these dinners often feature chef-foraged local ingredients, such as candy cap and chanterelle mushrooms, bay leaf and spearmint herbs and native West Coast truffles.”

The menu for the April 27 dinner, for instance, included a caviar tasting, Monterey Bay spot prawns, risotto with foraged mushrooms, tenderloin roast and chocolate tiramisu.

They recent dinners were held in the restaurant's private dining room, The Cypress Room, which contains a marble table that seats up to 12, a 1950s polished cement floor, and reclaimed Monterey cypress walls and ceiling.

For more information about the restaurant, which is located at San Carlos and Fifth, and its offerings, visit forayrestaurant.com.

Market forces

Thanks to too much — if it can be said — rain and prolonged winter weather, local produce isn't where it should be in terms of production. Strawberries are late, cherries are sparse, and other shortages of produce are plaguing the farmers who populate local markets. As a result, the seasonal markets operated by Monterey Bay Certified Farmers Markets at the Barnyard shopping center and Del Monte Center will be opening later than usual this year. Typically, they open in early May.

“It goes without saying — it's been a humdinger of a winter in our area this year. Excessive rain, floods, and levy breach have badly affected many of our local farms,” market organizers announced last week. “As a result, our farmers are expecting delays in returning to full production this year, which also means delays when produce arrives at the markets.”

Popular farmer Fred Minazzoli said he's “expecting a very light cherry and almond crop this year,” and P&K — which always draws a crowd — has a very limited supply of strawberries so far.

“It's going to take time and good

weather to catch up to our ‘normal’ harvest schedules,” they said.

As a result, the seasonal Sunday market at Del Monte Center will start June 4 and will have its regular hours from 8 a.m. to noon, while the Tuesday market at the Barnyard shopping center, held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will resume May 23.

Also of note, the regular Friday market at Del Monte Center is being staged in the parking structure at the east end of the mall near the movie theater, because construction is underway in the usual location near California Pizza Kitchen.

For more information, visit monterey-bayfarmers.org.

Artichoke goodness

To celebrate the arrival of artichoke season in the region that's famous for growing acres of the tasty thistle, Shearwater Tavern executive chef Fabian Di Paolo decided to share his recipe for pan-fried local artichokes with black garlic aioli.

His recipe calls for:

- 2 whole jumbo artichokes
- 2 T. aged balsamic vinegar
- 1 T. olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 T. parmesan
- 1 T. fresh curly parsley
- 3 T. olive oil
- 1/2 t. fleur de sel

After washing the artichokes, remove and discard the tough outer leaves, trim the stems, tops and thorns. Bring water to a boil in a steamer and throw the cut leaves and stems into the water. Place the artichokes in the steamer, cover and cook for 30-40 minutes until the bottoms are tender. Remove from the steamer and let stand for about five minutes.

Halve lengthwise and remove the fuzzy inedible choke at the center of each artichoke. In a large pan, heat olive oil, sizzle the garlic until it's golden, and then sauté the halved artichokes face down for two minutes, until browned. Remove the artichokes, add the balsamic and replace the artichokes so they can glaze. Garnish with parsley and freshly shaved parmesan.

Serve with black garlic aioli (two whole eggs, 1/2 C. olive oil, 1/4 C. black garlic cloves, 1 T. sherry vinegar, 1/2 t. lemon juice, and 1/2 t. kosher salt blended in a food processor and then thinned with 1 C. olive oil slowly added while the processor is running, and seasoned with up to 2 t. more kosher salt and refrigerated).



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MUSIC

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Orchestra musicians under the direction of Danko Drusko and a fantastic finale for 18 of our graduating seniors, who will be celebrated and honored at their final concert with Youth Music Monterey County,” executive director **Suzanne Mudge** said. “The concert is a great fit with Mother’s Day as we all celebrate and take delight in the achievements of all of our young people.”

Tickets start at \$5. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For tickets or more details, visit youthmusicmonterey.org

Free at Sunset Friday

Sunset Center’s Terrace Hour music series continues Friday when **The Dead Cassettes** present a free concert at 6 p.m. The shows are done outside.

The Salinas-based alt-rock band includes singer **Jacob Gonzales**, keyboardist **Matthew Gonzales**, guitarist **Alex Bezdjian**, bassist **Kito Rayburn** and drummer **Adam Renteria**.

Also at Sunset Center this week, **Evil Woman** pays tribute to the Electric Light Orchestra Wednesday at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$40. For tickets, call (831) 620-2048.

Live music May 12-18

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Amy Obenski** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). San Carlos north of Eighth.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (’60s music, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), saxophonist **Roger Eddy** (jazz, Sunday at noon). 46800 Highway 1.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singers **Lee Durley** and **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Tues-

day at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cuz’s Sportsman’s Club in Seaside — **60 East** (rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway Ave.

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

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

Deja Blue in Seaside — singer **Minor Williams** and others (r&b and funk, Saturday at 3 p.m.), singer **Yolandra Rhodes**, pianist **Scotty Wright**, bassist **David Daniel** and drummer **Leon Joyce Jr.** (blues and r&b, Sunday at 3 p.m.), trumpeter **Brian Stock**, pianist **Scotty Wright**, bassist **David Daniel** and drummer **Leon Joyce Jr.** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 500 Broadway Ave.

Dust Bowl Brewing Company in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Lisa Long** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). 290 Figueroa St.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Pfeiffer Beach Hotel** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.).



Showcasing some of the region’s top student-musicians, Youth Music Monterey County presents its last concert of the 2022-2023 season Sunday at Sunset Center. The music begins at 3 p.m.

8940 Carmel Valley Road.

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

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 — pianist **Bill Spencer**, bassist **Pete Lips** and drummer **Skylar Campbell** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Pete Lips** and drummer **Skylar Campbell** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Saturday 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.), guitarist **Terrence Ferrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

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The Links Club — **Meez** ("original rock 'n' roll that is melodic and groovy, at times progressive and always tight," Friday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Friday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Saturday at 4:30 p.m.), singer and pianist **John Harris** (jazz, Sunday at 10 a.m.), guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, also Sunday at 10 a.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucey's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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 — **The Brian Stock Quartet** with keyboardist **David Kempton**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Pat Tregenza** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Stu Reynolds Saxtet** with guitarist **Adam Astrup**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Billy Jones** (jazz, Thursday 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 — pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (blues, folk and rock, Monday at 6:30 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist

Dan Cortes (Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Other Brother Beer Company in Seaside — **River Voices** (Americana, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 877 Broadway Ave.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Linda Arceo** (Friday at 5 p.m.) **The Fragnards** (folk, Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Sam Cauthorn** (Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Rio Grill — **Andrea's Fault Duo** (pop, blues and jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Saturday at noon), singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Sunday at noon). Crossroads shopping center.

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

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

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Mix Tape** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **Sirsy** ("indie pop-rock duo with lots of heart, soul and sass," Thursday at 6 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.) **Jon Griffin & The Lightfighters** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Rhythm Tribe** (rock, Sunday at 9 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 9 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Tuesday at 9 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami** (rock, Wednesday at 9 p.m.), **The DC Trio** (r&b and funk, Thursday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Tarpy's in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Friday at 5 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** (pop, blues and jazz, Saturday at noon), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68.

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

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** with pianist **Bob Phillips**, saxophon-



Alligator (above) shares the stage with singer Mario Valens Saturday at Bon Ton L'Roy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey. The pair pay tribute to the late Ritchie Valens on his birthday.

ist **Paul Contos**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (Friday, and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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whimsical elements of daily life."

The artists include Mel Hanson, Robert Arneson, Clayton Bailey, David Gilhooly, William T. Wiley, Mark Licari and Tony Natsoulas. "Characterized by their use of humor and the absurd, these artists employ unconventional materials, styles, and methods to showcase the unrefined aspects of everyday life," said the museum, which is located at 559 Pacific St. montereyart.org

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

and the Absurd in California Art," the show will be on display through the end of July.

According to the museum, the show celebrates "funk art," a movement "characterized by satirical commentaries, concerns for social justice, and keen detail to the

CAA welcomes new shows

Three new exhibits are on display this month at the Carmel Art Association, and the downtown gallery hosts

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CALENDAR



Through May 14 – **Mother's Day Vase & Planter Exhibition:**

Peninsula Potters have been working to make a great selection of vibrant new ceramic work. Please

come by and find the perfect gift for mom! Open noon to 4 p.m. daily, 2078 Sunset Drive in the Russell Service Center, Pacific Grove.

May 13 – Congregation Beth Israel presents the award-winning documentary "We Are All In This Together" by Pacific Grove native and cyclist Daniel Troia, who will stay for a Q&A after the 7 p.m. screening. His film movingly embraces human connection, proving that more unites us than separates us, and allows us to share some of Daniel's amazing experiences on the road. Suggested donation: \$10. All proceeds to Gathering for Women. CBI is at 5716 Carmel Valley Road – parking is free.



May 15 – Although long deceased, the still legendary and magnificent Sarah Bernhardt comes to life at 2 p.m. in a staged reading at the Carmel Woman's Club, Ninth and

San Carlos, Carmel. The internationally famed French actress who graced the stages of Europe and the Americas will be portrayed by Teresa Del Piero. Local performer Fred Bologna will be the added voice in the Carol Marquardt production. A coffee/tea reception follows the program. Members free; guests \$10. (831) 624-2866; or (831) 594-6200

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a reception for the artists Saturday at 4 p.m.

In "Double Take," painters Cindy Wilbur and Sibyl Johnson "embark on a visual exploration of six breathtaking locations, each captured and reimagined by both artists in a stunning display of landscape artistry."

In the gallery's latest Gallery Showcase, Big Sur painters Sarah Healey and Melissa Lofton share the views from the mountaintop homes. "Through their masterful use of oil paints, these artists capture the elusive and ever-changing nature of the landscape in Big Sur, distilling its essence into vibrant, abstracted compositions that transport the viewer to a realm of wonder and mystery," according to the gallery.

And in "Coastal Motifs," painter Benjamin Anderson "captures the golden hour in the evening and the afterglow

of dawn along the coast." "As a lifelong jazz musician, Anderson employs improvisation and musical sensitivity to capture the variable moods of his landscape paintings," a description of the show reads. "Anderson's greatest artistic gift is his ability to translate the delicate gradations within light and chroma with innate sensitivity."

The exhibits continue through June 8. The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

■ Raising \$\$ for young dancers

To raise scholarship money for young dancers, painter Simon Bull and choreographer Alex Ketley join forces to present a multi-faceted fundraising event Saturday at Bull's studio in Monterey. The gathering starts at 6 p.m.

The fundraiser will feature the performance of a new contemporary dance piece commissioned by Ketley that incorporates live painting by Bull.

Proceeds will benefit the Carmel Dance Festival's Summer Program Scholarship Fund and Dance & Choreogra-

phy Fellowship Program. Tickets are \$150 and include wine from Chalone Vineyard and charcuterie. Tickets are \$150. For more details, including the address, visit carmel-dancefestival.org.

■ Vote for the 'People's Choice'

The Center for Photographic Art's 2023 Members' Juried Exhibition closes at the end of the day Sunday, giving people one last chance to see it — and vote for this year's People's Choice Award.

Out of more than 2,200 entries, juror Hamidah Glasgow whittled the field down to 44 photographs, photo-sculptures, hand-made books, and mixed media images.

"Please visit before the show ends to be impressed by our talented members," suggested executive director Ann Jastrab. "Come in and cast your vote for your favorite image. There are so many amazing candidates."

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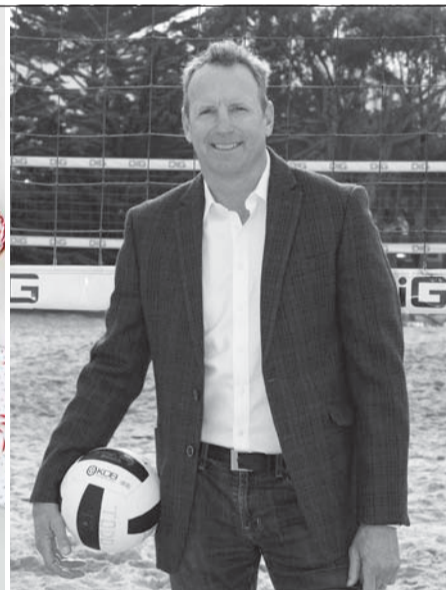


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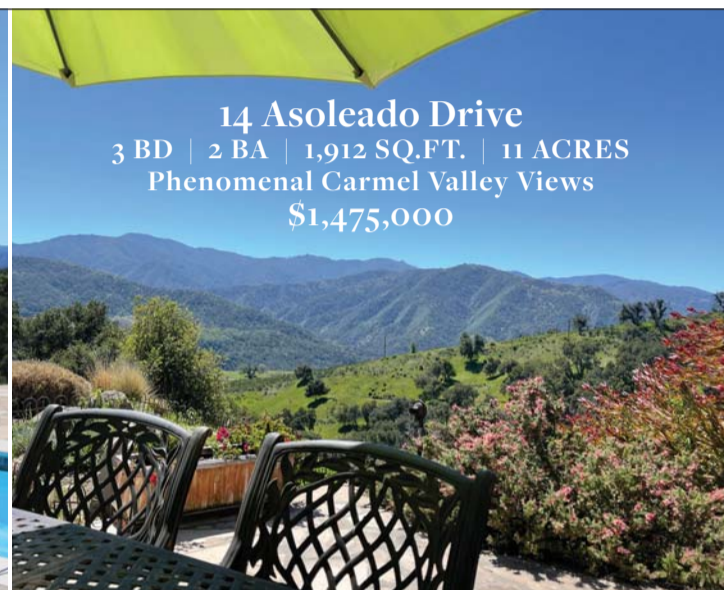


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Remembering the most interesting and often maddening mother in the world

MY MOTHER knew she was a woman. With a husband and five sons she was pretty clear on genders. And pronouns! Had I told my mother that my pronouns were “they” and “them,” she would have said she’d tan all my fannies if I didn’t stop being stupid.

Most everyone believes their mother is the greatest in the world. I’m not sure I would endow my mother with that title. However, had the Dos Equis beer people met my mother they would have put her in their advertisements as the “Most Interesting Mom in the World.”

She may have been Mom, Gramma, Big Aunt Ro, Rose, or Mrs. G to others, but she was Mama to me. She could be infuriating and irrepressible, irritating and irresistible. She could be as sharp as a tack, or as tactless as an Eyewitness News Reporter sticking a microphone in your face. You could rarely outsmart her and never out-give her.

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She loved old songs and sang them to anyone who would listen. “A good old fashioned girl with heart so true,” described her perfectly. But so did “you’ve got to please mama every night or you won’t please mama at all.” Pleasing Mama

could be difficult. Ask a son. Or a daughter-in-law. Her standards were high. Even shopping for a Mother’s Day card put pressure on me since it had better be the best one I could find.

She took up painting while in her sixties. No lessons, yet with a minimum of brush strokes she could stop a wave in mid-break or make a ballerina pirouette

Scenic Views

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out of the frame. For holidays and birthdays I received hand painted cards. She was not just a good cook, she was a great cook. Next to her, Julia was a child. On meatless Fridays she served Fettuccine Alfredo, before there was an Alfredo. Cookies? Compared to Mama, Mrs. Field is a bricklayer. If Giada De Laurentiis tasted Mama’s meat sauce she would raise her neckline, quit her television show, and seek anonymity in the Witness Protection Program.

Loved literature

Self-educated, Mama instilled her love of literature in me. I knew Shakespeare before I knew Mother Goose. From Portia’s soliloquy in “The Merchant of Venice,” I knew that the quality of mercy was not strained, except for Mama’s mercy, which was often strained with guilt.

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone turned in to the station.

Pacific Grove: Report of theft of automobile parts Spruce. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: A cell phone found on 18th Street was turned in to the police department. Owner could not be contacted, so the item will be held for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Officers contacted the driver of a vehicle at Country Club Gate regarding numerous vehicle code violations. The 67-year-old driver had outstanding warrants and was arrested.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Pacific Grove: Officer was made aware of a report sent from Adult Protective Services regarding a David Avenue resident.

Pebble Beach: Female adult reported missing from a 17 Mile Drive address.

Carmel area: Resident reported a disturbance at the Crossroads shopping center.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Small dark green

women's wallet lost.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check conducted at San Carlos and 11th, and the subject was placed on a 72-hour evaluation hold and transported to CHOMP.

Pacific Grove: Officer was informed by PGPD records of a Child Protective Services referral that was received earlier in the day for an Asilomar Avenue resident.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop conducted on a 35-year-old female subject on Ocean View Boulevard who was arrested on warrants for DUI and driving on a suspended license for DUI, as well as fresh charges for vehicle code violations. She was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$16,000 bail.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop resulted in a 50-year-old male being arrested for possession of controlled substances, felony violation of probation, felony possession of having a concealed firearm in a vehicle without a permit and driving on a license suspended for reckless driving. He was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Citation issued at Short Street and Wolcott Way for a municipal code violation: dog at large.

Carmel Valley: Theft reported on Carmel Valley Road.

Pebble Beach: A welfare check was conducted on a resident on Venadero Road.

Carmel Valley: A juvenile was returned

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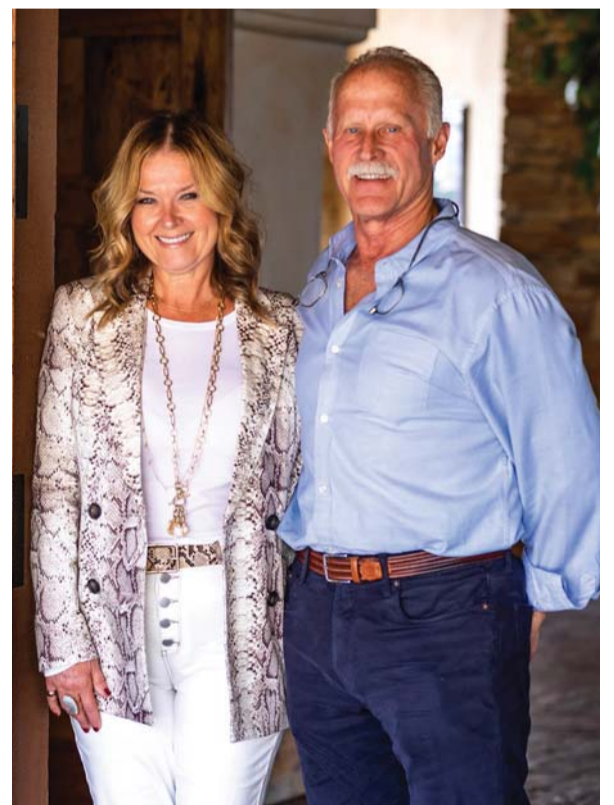
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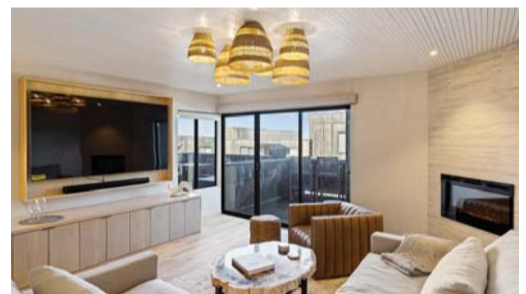
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favors. She could grill you like you were sweating under the toughest questioning of a police detective: "Where were you at one o'clock this morning and whaddya mean you and that girl were doing nothing?"

Bartlett's Quotations never printed anything she said, yet some of the things she laid on her children could stand with the greats of literature and philosophy.

'Slipped away'

Mama on hygiene: "Since when isn't your face part of your body?" Followed by a scrubbing with a cloth that had the texture of a Saguaro cactus.

Mama on the propagation of the human race: "I can't wait until you have children of your own!" This was followed by a series of facial expressions and gestures that would confound a third base coach.

Mama's personal motivational speech: "If you want any dinner tonight you better

get up and go to work, you lazy galoot."

Mama on cloning: "You're just like your father."

No, she didn't always make things easy, but life with Mama was never dull. We become realists as we grow older, preparing ourselves for the day we will attend a parent's funeral. However, we never prepare ourselves for attending a stroke. At her bedside, our role reversal was complete: Me, the concerned parent, she, the helpless child, afraid and seeking the future in my eyes. We needed understanding more than ever, but she couldn't speak and I didn't know what to say.

She slipped away as silently as the tide in one of her seascapes, leaving me an orphan on the shore. The world blinked at her passing and said I was too old to be an orphan. Oh? See Webster: parentless child. Age notwithstanding, alone is alone. If she were around today I'd buy a card just to hear her say: "Is this the best you can do?"

Happy Mother's Day to all the most interesting moms in the world.

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home to a residence on Rio Vista.

Carmel Valley: Female stated a male waited for her at her place of employment on Carmel Valley Road and asked her out on a date.

Pebble Beach: Subject on Galleon Road was placed on a 5150 W&I detainer after threatening self-harm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Possible lost or taken property in the area of Junipero and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ring found on the beach between Ninth and 10th.

Pacific Grove: Earring was found at Park and Pine and turned in to the police department.

Pacific Grove: Report of a burglary to a garage on Monterey Avenue. Burglar is unknown.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded for a report of a verbal domestic dispute on Pine Meadows Way.

Pebble Beach: Property manager on Sonado Road reported suspicious circumstances.

Carmel Valley: A juvenile Rio Vista Drive resident was reported as a runaway.

Carmel Valley: Online report of graffiti on White Oaks Lane.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a person on Lower Trail who had been hit by a moving vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Field cite and release of a 51-year-old male on Second Avenue at 0254 hours for driving with a suspended license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass warning at a property on Camino Real.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Commercial burglary of purses from a business on Ocean Avenue. Active investigation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Monte Verde Street. Subject transported to the hospital.

Pacific Grove: Units responded to the 900 block of Lighthouse Avenue on report of a domestic disturbance. One person, a 52-year-old male, was taken into custody and transported to the Monterey County Jail for booking.

Carmel Valley: A business owner on Carmel Rancho Boulevard discovered an employee forged checks from a client.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition turned in by a Grove Acre resident for destruction.

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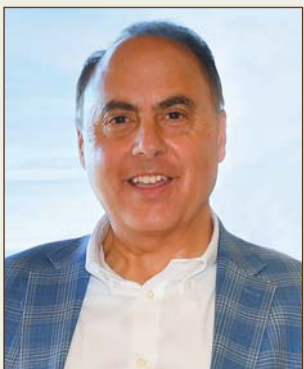
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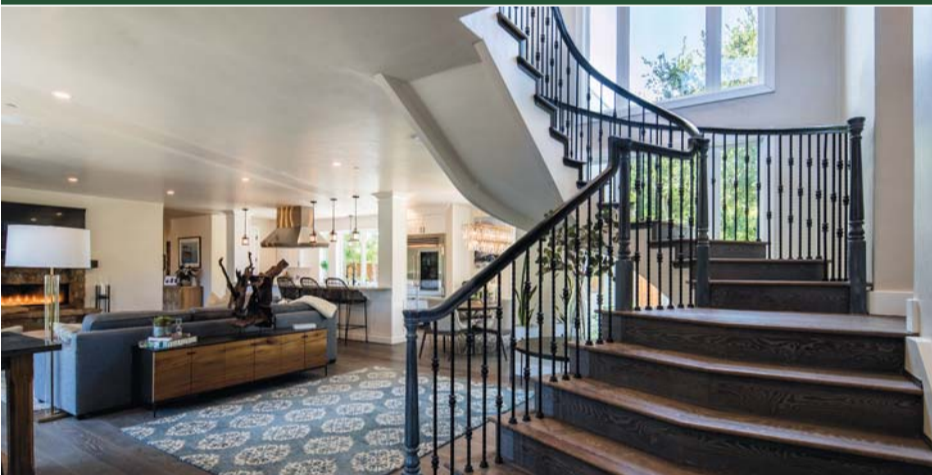
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