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## Tiny Toro Restaurant gets more outdoor seats

By MARY SCHLEY

OPENING DURING the Covid-19 pandemic after the previous tenant walked away, Toro Restaurant on Dolores Street has heavily relied on the loosened restrictions on outdoor seating to help keep it afloat. But with the recent edict from the Carmel City Council that businesses either legalize their extra chairs or get rid of them by Dec. 31, owners Kristen Ridout and Stephen Wilson were the first to have their request considered by the planning commission, which unanimously OK'd it last Wednesday.

Toro's use permit allows 38 interior seats, and while Monterey Peninsula Water Management District rules say an eatery can have up to the equivalent of half of those outside, too, without any additional water credits, the permit only lists eight outdoor seats. During the pandemic, the small sushi restaurant has had 21 seats indoors — including five at the bar — and 32 outside, spread along the walkway through the Pantilles Courtyard, according to associate planner Evan Kort.

### Emotional testimony

At the Sept. 13 meeting, Ridout proposed expanding into the space formerly belonging to the Kathy Sharpe Gallery to boost the indoor seating to 41 and keep the outdoor seats at 32, but Kort said that restrictions on water put the maximums at 40 inside and 20 outside.

"Staff is supportive of the expansion of the outdoor seating, as well as expansion of the business into an adjacent business space," he said. "However, the degree to which the applicant has proposed the expansion cannot be supported, and the total number of seats will need to be scaled back, primarily in respect to the outdoor seating."

At the hearing, Ridout pleaded with the commission to give her the outdoor seating she requested, noting her rent has increased, as have staffing costs, since they opened in August 2020.

"If we don't get any of the extra seating, we'll have to make some serious changes to the restaurant, and a lot of people may lose their jobs," she said, choking up. "My husband and I are both Carmel restaurant owners

## Stop crowding me!



PHOTO/MIKE CADDELL

Is this home on Carmel Point being built so close to a Monterey cypress that the tree is in danger? That's the concern raised by a former chairman of the Carmel Forest and Beach Commission. See page 12A.

and Carmel residents, our daughter goes to Carmel High School, and we love this town."

### Infrared warmth

She also requested permission to install permanent infrared heaters and to keep the outdoor propane heaters they and many other restaurants have been using until the work is complete. Kort had said the propane heaters should be removed immediately, since they don't comply with the

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## Otter Cove homeowner seeks trial for squatter

### Says he fears man's release

By MARY SCHLEY

NEARLY A year-and-a-half after he was arrested for burglarizing and squatting in an upscale Carmel Highlands home, stealing and totaling the owner's Aston Martin and carjacking a fire chief's department SUV, Kevin Peck, now 43, may finally have a judge decide whether he is mentally ill and should be released or is fit to stand trial. A

ruling is due at an Oct. 3 hearing in a Salinas courtroom.

Since the petition to suspend the case against him was filed by the defense in May 2022, Douglas Bergeron, the owner of the Otter Cove home and the 2007 Aston Martin DB9 Peck is accused of ransacking and destroying, has fought the effort to let him out of jail.

### Burglary, carjacking and theft

Peck was arrested by Monterey County Sheriff's deputies at the home April 9, 2022, for three felonies involving the burglary, carjacking and vehicle theft, along with a half-dozen misdemeanor counts of hit-and-run.

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## Groundbreaking ready for 100-room hotel

By KELLY NIX

THE DEVELOPER behind a new 100-room hotel in downtown Pacific Grove where an abandoned building sits will break ground on the project next week, according to city officials.

The Kimpton Hotel by IHG Hotels & Resorts will be located at 157 Grand Ave., a property also bordered by Fountain and Central avenues that was most recently home to a Mexican restaurant, a benefit shop and an animal adoption center until they all vacated the property in late 2022.

The old building will be demolished to make way for the hotel, which will have four floors.

According to the company's website, Modesto-based

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## Appeals court rejects Marina's anti-Cal Am suit

By KELLY NIX

AN APPELLATE court has ruled in favor of Monterey County after the Marina Coast Water District filed a lawsuit in 2019 challenging the county's approval of a desalination plant proposed by California American Water.

In August 2019, the Marina water agency sued the county after its board of supervisors voted to give Cal Am, the Monterey Peninsula's water provider, a permit to build its desal plant. Marina Coast, among other things, claimed that the county needed to do more studies on the desal plant's potential impacts to Marina's groundwater supplies, which it contends would be harmed by the project.

In April 2021, a Monterey County Superior Court judge dismissed some of Marina Coast's claims but ruled in favor of the water agency on one count, which prompted Monterey County and Cal Am to appeal the decision.

However, on Sept. 9, in a 60-page decision, three appellate justices with the Sixth District Court of Appeal reversed the court decision, rejecting all of Marina Coast Water District's claims against Monterey County.

### 'Victory'

Cal Am spokesman Josh Stratton called the ruling a "victory for a sustainable water future" in the region.

"We are diligently advancing our efforts to protect the Carmel River by working with our partners on new supplies for the Monterey Peninsula and desalination is a key part of our future water resources," Stratton said Tuesday morning.

Marina Coast Water District general manager Rem Scherzinger said his agency's board of directors voted Tuesday night to challenge the appellate court ruling by requesting that justices reconsider their decision.

"We are concerned about the case and some of the decisions that were within it," Scherzinger told The Pine Cone.

If the justices decline to rehear the case or modify their ruling, Marina Coast could ask that the California Supreme Court review the case.

In its 2019 lawsuit, Marina Coast argued that Monterey County had not complied with the California

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## NAACP sets news conference, alleges racism in P.G. schools

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County NAACP claimed this week that Pacific Grove Unified School District has a "long history" of treating Black students unfairly, and it pointed to the district's recent investigation of a series of racial remarks against three elementary-school-age Black siblings.

In a Monday press release, the NAACP said PGUSD "has a long history of disparities in the education and equality of Black students, and we would like to call attention to it." The NAACP cited "racial trauma endured by the children of a Black female veteran attending Robert H. Down Elementary School."

The NAACP planned to hold a press conference on the topic at Robert Down 5 p.m. Thursday, a time when kids are still at the school as part of an afterschool program.

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Kevin Peck is arrested in April 2022 for allegedly invading and ransacking a home and stealing two cars



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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Jumpin' Jackie

Jackie was not only the cutest thing her person had ever seen on Petfinder, but she seemed to be the only animal who had all four legs and no other ailments. She'd actually been found fending for herself in a homeless encampment, with five puppies attached to her. At this point, the 3-year-old just needed someone she could attach to.

When Jackie's person drove out to Gustine to collect her, the little dog came running toward her. She put out her hand to greet her new companion, who promptly snapped at her. "Not a great start," she thought.

But Jackie was too cute to leave behind.

"Everyone said Jackie looks like a rough-coat Jack Russell terrier mixed with rat terrier," her person said. "I had her DNA tested, which revealed she's a Maltese poodle and Chihuahua mix. Looking at her, I don't trust that."

Jackie didn't know how to sit, stay or lie down upon request. But, when her person absentmindedly patted her own chest to make sure her necklace was in place, the terrier took it as a command and jumped up and clung as if velcroed to her.

"It became our first training session and earned her the name Jumpin' Jackie," her person said.

Next, Jackie sat, vigilant, as her person reached out



her hand with a dog treat. She crept toward her, took the treat and settled herself into her person's lap to enjoy it.

Jackie gets a little snappy on Carmel Beach, her person said, but she plays well with others on the grassy field near Quail Lodge.

"When I first brought Jackie to my condo at Del Mesa, she raced around the place and my room, where she jumped onto my bed, claiming it. I hadn't shared my bed with anyone in 12 years," her person said, "but I agreed to the arrangement."

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# Restaurant owner loses lease after fire

By MARY SCHLEY

FIVE MONTHS after a fire of undetermined cause destroyed the kitchen of her Lincoln Street restaurant on Easter Sunday, Kathleen Cardinalli, longtime owner of The Cottage, has learned her lease is being terminated. Patrice Pastor, who purchased the building in January, sent a letter to her Sept. 15 giving her 60 days' notice after the two sides were unable to develop a plan to move forward with repairs.

"Our view is that if works are to take place, we should be using the opportunity to upgrade and modernize the restaurant; however, we don't seem to be close to having a clear plan in place some five months after the fire," Pastor said.

He told her his company's greater plans for the complex include building four new duplex apartments at the rear and refurbishing the apartment above the restaurant that was also damaged in the fire. He noted that, if he understood the situation correctly, Cardinalli would receive an insurance payout of around \$100,000.

### 'Distraught'

"I have discussed with my team, and regrettably, we think the best course of action will be to end your lease of the restaurant and incorporate the works here with our plans for the rest of the building," Pastor wrote.

He acknowledged the fact that Cardinalli hasn't had any income since the kitchen fire but also noted she hasn't paid any rent. He said he is prepared to forgive past and future unpaid rent and other expenses since the lease is

being terminated, "which I hope you will agree is fair."

"I am sorry that we were not able to help you reopen," he wrote. "But we will stay in touch with you and keep you updated with regards to reopening at this building or indeed if an opportunity comes up in one of our other properties."

But Steve Cardinalli, the restaurant owner's son, said she had remained hopeful throughout the discussions that she'd be able to reopen the popular spot.

"We just got the notice — she's very distraught," he said. "It just seems like they kept putting us off and putting us off, and

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The kitchen at The Cottage restaurant on Lincoln was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin April 9.

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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Argument results in a serious push

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.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle tow per section 22651(d) VC — blocked driveway at Mission and Fourth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury accident, vehicle versus parked vehicle on Sixth Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft of cash was reported on Arkwright Court. Possible suspect information provided. Matter under investigation.

**Carmel area:** A civil harassment restraining order was violated on Dorris Drive.

**Pacific Grove:** A 30-year-old male was arrested on Ocean View Boulevard for suspicion of DUI. Transported to Monterey County Jail.

**Carmel Valley:** Male on Valley Greens Drive believed someone stole a golf cart he rented; however, it was left parked where it shouldn't have been and was moved by event staff.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 28

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A found debit card at Fifth and Junipero was turned in.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury-accident with a parked vehicle. Unable to make contact with the other party.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Forest Avenue was found to have an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear. The 37-year-old male was cited with a notice to appear and released.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Ocean View Boulevard marked for 72-hour parking.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Funston was cited for an outstanding warrant.

**Pacific Grove:** Travel trailer and two vehicles on Gibson were marked for 72-hour parking.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of graffiti on public property on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pebble Beach:** Alva Lane resident turned over firearms for destruction.

**Carmel area:** Female reported items stolen from her unlocked vehicle on Flanders Drive.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

**Pacific Grove:** Firearm turned in for destruction.

**Pacific Grove:** Fall on public property at Ocean View Boulevard and Mermaid Avenue.

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## The gavel falls

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

**Aug. 25** — Angel Castro, 37, was convicted by jury trial of second degree murder, vehicular manslaughter, DUI causing injury, and leaving the scene of an accident.

On March 21, 2022, around 3:30 p.m., Castro rear-ended a car at the intersection of East Blanco Road and South Main Street. The collision caused minor damage to both vehicles and Castro immediately fled the scene. Still fleeing moments later, and while driving westbound on West Blanco Road just west of Alisal Street, Castro made a sudden U-turn right into the path of an oncoming motorcycle rider. The motorcycle rider, Manuel Garcia, 67, had no time to react and crashed into the passenger side of Castro's vehicle. Castro did not stop to render assistance and instead fled southbound on dirt roads through strawberry fields. First responders pronounced Garcia dead at the scene of the crash.

Roughly 20 minutes after the crash, police located Castro's abandoned vehicle near the intersection of Foster Road and South

Davis Road. Castro was detained 100 yards away, walking away from his vehicle. After conducting a series of field sobriety tests, police determined that Castro was under the influence of alcohol. A subsequent breath test showed that he had a blood alcohol level of .08 percent.

Jurors also heard that Castro had had three prior convictions for driving under the influence, in 2008, 2010 and 2018. They also heard that on each occasion the judge warned him that operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol is inherently dangerous to human life, and that should he continue to do so and a person was killed, he could be charged with murder.

Based on the conviction, Angel Castro faces up to 20 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for Sept. 27.

This case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office specialized DUI prosecution unit.



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# County clears Hwy 1 homeless camp

By KELLY NIX

A CONSPICUOUS homeless encampment off Highway 1 that was the scene of a fire last month has been cleared by county officials, a spokeswoman told The Pine Cone.

Numerous tents and makeshift homes erected by homeless people were located off the southbound exit to Sand City and Seaside between the recreation path and the ocean. Besides lots of trash on the property, which is owned by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, a fire broke out there last month. Nobody was injured.

TAMC spokeswoman Laurie Williamson told The Pine Cone last week that a contractor removed the encampments and debris from the property on Sept. 6 and that state transportation agency Caltrans cleaned up its adjacent property with assistance from the California Highway Patrol.

While people have lived on the property on and off for many months, Williamson suggested that TAMC will try to prevent people from reestablishing the area as a hamlet for the homeless.

“We hope to work with the other landowners in the area to patrol the area more

closely and perform cleanups more frequently in hopes that more of a presence will deter anyone from trespassing and setting up encampments” again, Williamson told The Pine Cone Sept. 12.

### Displaced

TAMC cleared the area in March, before needing to do so again this month, Williamson said. On the day of the cleanup, there were only three people trespassing on the property, she said. TAMC worked with the nonprofit Coalition of Homeless Services Providers to find the displaced people homes and services.

“Monterey County Sheriff’s deputies were present and requested they move off the property,” Williamson said. “I do not know if any individual took advantage of the information we provided about shelters and resources included on our notice to vacate the property, or the Monterey County Homeless Services Resource Guide, which we handed out Aug. 8 when we posted the notices to vacate” the land.

A 43-year-old homeless man who lived in a makeshift home on the now-cleared property told The Pine Cone in August that he lived there for three to four years.



These tents, which were occupied by homeless people, were positioned just off Highway 1 near the exit to Sand City and Seaside until the property owner removed them. Other tents and makeshift abodes were also cleared from the site.

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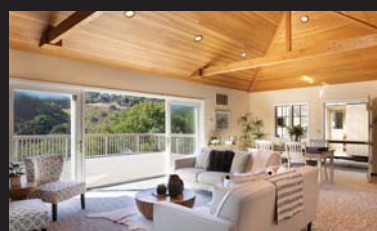
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# Supervisors again back Blaze Engineering's plan for a new home in Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOUR YEARS after the Monterey County Supervisors voted 5-0 to approve a proposal by Blaze Engineering to move its operations to a property adjacent to its former site near the Big Sur River Inn, the supervisors again approved the plan Tuesday by a unanimous decision.

The plans call for constructing a 760-square-foot office and a 760-square-foot two-bedroom second-story employee housing unit, along with a workshop and storage building on a 2.55-acre property that Blaze owns. A public parking space along Highway 1 will be removed but two public electric vehicle charging stations will be added along Highway 1.

After receiving approval to move forward from the supervisors in 2019, the permit was appealed to the

California Coastal Commission by neighbors Matt and Carol Donaldson and the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, but the state watchdog agency never considered the proposal because Blaze proposed making changes to its plan to address complaints brought up in the appeal.

### Hearing from both sides

At this week's board of supervisors hearing, attorney Christine Kemp said that despite some modifications, the plan still didn't satisfy the concerns of her clients. Kemp described the site as "the wrong place for this project for many reasons."

Kemp suggested that site is "pretty pristine," and said an environmental impact report should be required. She also warned that the electric vehicle charging stations pose a fire risk.

Matt Donaldson told supervisors the project would create "significant impacts to the environment and neighbors." Blaze's headquarters were located on Donaldson's property for three decades, but the company's lease wasn't renewed in 2017.

Donaldson also contended that an existing code violation due to illegal grading hasn't been resolved.

Representing Blaze, attorney Aengus Jeffers said the engineering company plays a vital role in Big Sur, where wildfires and mudslides routinely wreak havoc — and other engineering companies are far away.

"We have more than 70 letters of support, including 16 from visitor-serving businesses," Jeffers said. "As much as Blaze need a new home, the community needs Blaze."

In response to concerns about environmental damage to the "pristine" site, Jeffers said the property Blaze owns is covered with invasive ivy. As for the risk of fire posed by the charging stations, he said the project has received the blessing of local fire officials.

Blaze owner Marty Morgenrath told supervisors that her company "has demonstrated its reliability in terms of responding to the immediate needs in Big Sur under dire circumstances."

Also, a county official confirmed that there are no open code violations on the property.

### No other site available

After listening to testimony from both sides, Supervisor Mary Adams expressed her support for Blaze's plans. She told her colleagues that she visited the site and met with project opponents. She also noted that efforts to find another suitable site in topographically challenged Big Sur — despite "an extensive amount of research" — came up empty.

Supervisor Glenn Church signaled his support for the move to the new site. "It becomes an issue of what's best for the community," Church said.

Supervisor Luis Alejo praised the company, and suggested its absence from Big Sur would "put residents and businesses in a precarious situation."

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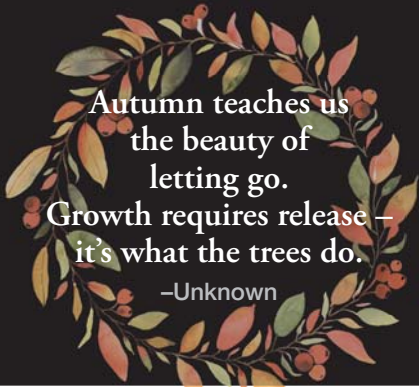
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## Carmel Resort Inn's future still foggy

By MARY SCHLEY

WHAT SHOULD be done with the Carmel Resort Inn? After going through the extensive process of having a pair of new homes approved for two of the inn's 16 lots earlier this year, one of the owners, Don Desai, presented a new concept to the planning commission last Wednesday calling for building the two houses on a different part of the property, adding a three-room hotel suite at the northern corner and overhauling the rest of the hotel units.

The proposal is the latest for a hotel that

opened in 1926 and has seen numerous concepts over the years. In 2014, the planning commission showed little support for a plan to scrape the inn's cabins and build homes on the land that takes up nearly a block south of First Avenue between Carpenter and Guadalupe.

### Legal battle

A few years later, the inn was vacant and in disrepair, eliciting rebuke from city, county and other government officials who found numerous violations there. It was also the subject of an extensive legal battle over its ownership before it was fixed up and reopened by the current owners in early 2018. Two years later, the owners unveiled a concept to overhaul the hotel, with initial plans for a spa and restaurant. Those elements were removed in subsequent drawings presented in late 2021 that involved two-room hotel units built to look like houses along Carpenter, and individually developed single-family homes along Guadalupe. But the project never progressed past a pair of workshops hosted by architect Eric Miller and the owners, and in June 2022, revised plans were submitted for suites on Carpenter Street, but those didn't go anywhere, either.

### More homes

Then, in fall 2022, Miller submitted plans for new homes on two of the inn's northernmost lots. Earlier this year, the planning commission approved them, but no building permits have been pulled.

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The Carmel Resort Inn was vacant and falling into disrepair several years ago when one of its units caught fire (top). The owners fixed up the inn and have since proposed several overhauls, the most recent of which calls for renovating the cottages (above).

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# TAKING CARE OF THE CAREGIVERS

By CHRIS COUNTS

**PROVIDING SUPPORT** for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease is a daunting and, at times, overwhelming, task for thousands who live here in Monterey County. To meet the challenges they face — and provide them with support and resources — two new caregiver groups are being offered in Monterey.

The first started in August at Shoreline Church. Led by volunteers who have been caregivers for Alzheimer's patients, the group meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 2500 Garden Road.

The second group was launched earlier this month at First Presbyterian Church of Monterey. Led by a volunteer who is a licensed social worker, the group gets together on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

According to Philip Geiger, regional director for the Alzheimer's Association, the support groups provide invaluable help to those who are caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. The association is sponsoring the groups.

"There is not a better place for people to be supported than a group with other people who understand the journey," Geiger told The Pine Cone. "If you have questions, a support group is where you get answers. The facilitators of the groups are volunteers who have gone through the process and want to give back."

### County has 7,000 patients

Geiger said members encourage peers who are looking after Alzheimer's patients not to lose sight of their own physical and mental well-being, which is no easy challenge.

"Because caretakers are often so focused on their loved ones, they often don't take care of themselves," he said. "They may be embarrassed, and they're hurting, and they don't know how to process that. The

groups help develop coping methods and encourage self-care."

Perhaps most important, Geiger reminded caregivers that they are not alone. "There is a community of support available," he said. "Whatever tools they need, we're here for them."

According to Geiger, there are 6 million people in the United States who have Alzheimer's — and 11 million people taking care of them. In Monterey County, there are 7,000 Alzheimer's patients with 21,000 caregivers, most of them unpaid.

And with the country's aging population, "those numbers are expected to double by 2040," Geiger said.

### 'Your day is 36 hours long'

Pacific Grove resident Carleton Macy looked after his wife Julia before she was recently moved to a local memory care facility, where he now visits her 4-5 times a week. He said the task of being a caretaker was difficult — and required nonstop vigilance.

"I had no time for myself," he recalled. "Your day is 36 hours long."

Macy, who once led a local support group for Alzheimer's caregivers, said they can make a big difference.

"As a caregiver, you learn as you go, and you make a lot of mistakes," he explained. "It's important to be able to talk with others."

To raise money for the "care, support and research efforts" of the Alzheimer's Association, a fundraising Walk to End Alzheimer's is set for Oct. 7. More than 600 such walks happen each year throughout the country.

"It's our biggest outreach and fundraising event all year," Geiger added. "We're hoping to get 400 people to attend this year."

There is no cost to enter. The walk starts at 9 p.m. from Custom House Plaza. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

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## Arrow in tow, wild turkey still roams

By KELLY NIX

A RESIDENT of Monterra captured new images last week of a wild turkey that has somehow survived for seven months with an arrow through his body — the result of a failed hunter's attempt to kill the bird.

Guy Churchward took fresh photographs of the turkey Sept. 12, which depicts the bird getting around OK.

"She seemed to be just doing her thing" and has "moved to an area inside the Monterra ranch, with a larger rafter of turkeys," Churchward told The Pine Cone. "She is still trucking along."

He and other residents spot the bird fairly frequently. While they would like California Department of Fish & Wildlife or the SPCA to capture the animal and remove the arrow, both agencies have been hesitant to intervene.

SPCA Monterey County spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser told The Pine Cone in August that because the bird is

mobile and appears OK, rescuing it would be almost impossible and could cause further injury to the animal. She said the nonprofit would continue to monitor the turkey.

After an April Pine Cone story about the bird, it got a lot of national and international attention, with stories on Inside Edition and in the San Francisco Chronicle, Washington Post, the Guardian and other publications.



PHOTO/GUY CHURCHWARD

This unfortunate turkey has to live with an arrow through its body because it's been too difficult to catch it and help it.

## Classic film with a Big Sur connection

A BLOCKBUSTER film from 1946, "Blue Skies" will be screened outside Sept. 24 after the sun goes down at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

The movie, which stars Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby, tells the story of a showgirl "who can't stay committed to anything in life for very long." Besides being a classic from the Golden Age of film, the movie has a local connection. "As the silver screen comes to life, pay special attention to the dazzling headdresses crafted by

Big Sur artist Emile Norman," the library's Mike Scutari suggested.

The screening is co-presented by the Emile Norman Foundation, which now owns the artist's hilltop home and is dedicated to preserving his legacy. Norman died in 2009 at 91.

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# Former mayor named 'Bohemian of the Year'

By CHRIS COUNTS

**I**N A place where Bohemians are treated like rock stars, former Carmel Mayor Ken White has been named the latest "Bohemian of the Year" by PacRep Theatre.

PacRep plans to honor White Oct. 14 at Forest Theater. The ceremony, which starts at 2 p.m., will be hosted by KSBW's Erin Clark, and the speakers include former Congressman Sam Farr.

White joined the Carmel City Council in 1988 and served as the town's mayor from 1992 to 2000.

"Throughout his time in public service, Ken White gained a reputation for his clear thinking, fairness, and ability to build

consensus," the theater group said.

Besides being an elected official, White has been the town's Goodwill Ambassador, and did stints on the town's forest and beach commission and planning commission.

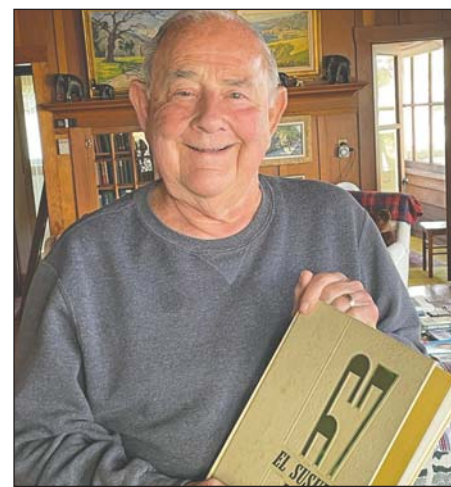
### Has served on many boards

As a volunteer, White has been helped out an array of arts groups, "serving on the boards of PacRep Theatre, the Friends of Sunset Center, the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation and Monterey County Pops," according to PacRep. "Ken was integrally involved with the Sunset Center renovation committee, and has worked with the Carmel Arts Festival, Dance Kids of Monterey County and the Monterey Symphony, among many others. He served

on the PacRep board in the early 2000s," PacRep said.

PacRep also noted that White "is particularly well known across the Peninsula for his continuous work with the Salvation Army." And that's not all — The Carmel Residence Association named him "Citizen of the Year" in 2008, and the Pebble Beach Tours d'Elegance honored him as "Volunteer of the Year" in 2012.

Tickets for the Oct. 14 ceremony are \$45 and proceeds from the event benefit PacRep Theatre's many productions and programs. Forest Theater is located at Santa Rita and Mountain View. For more details, call (831) 622-0100 or visit pacrep.org.



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Former Carmel Mayor Ken White will be honored with a ceremony Oct. 14 at the Forest Theater.

# Resident bemoans tree-hugging home

By CHRIS COUNTS

**A** FORMER chairman of the Forest and Beach Commission told The Pine Cone he's worried construction that's underway on a Carmel Point home will harm a protected cypress.

"I cannot believe that the county approved a plan that would totally encircle this wonderful Monterey Cypress with concrete slab and buildings within literally one foot of the tree," said Mike Caddell, whose four-year term on the forest and beach commission ended last year. "This cannot be right. Had it been in our jurisdiction, we would never have approved something like this."

The property is located just outside Carmel's city limits, where the county oversees development.

Caddell, who lives at Carmel Point, contended that there needs to be more space around the cypress.

### Give it some space

"This is clearly a recipe to kill the tree," he said. "The city forester for Carmel has a general rule of thumb that you should not have any construction within the skirt of the tree. Of course, when you get a really big Monterey cypress, that gets to be difficult. But as a practical matter, you have to protect the root system and allow room for growth and access to water — it's really hard to see how this tree will survive."

Caddell said the project's approval illustrates why there's merit to the town of Carmel annexing Carmel Point. "It would probably be a good thing because the

county is not a very good steward of the point," he added.

The project involves the construction of a 1,358-square-foot single-family dwelling on a narrow piece of land at 2319 Scenic Road that measures slightly less than 1/10 of an acre and 35 feet wide. The plans also call for building a 227-square-foot detached garage.

### Unanimous vote

The Monterey County Planning Commission voted 8-0 on Oct. 27, 2021, to approve the home. A variance was approved to allow a reduced rear setback and increased building coverage.

According to county building official Craig Spencer, "the tree in the center of the lot was addressed at that time."

The applicant, JTG Investments LLC, submitted a plan requiring that "alternative construction methods" be used "to optimize survival of the tree roots and crown." The cypress measures 4 feet in diameter.

"Within the center of the parcel is a 4-foot diameter landmark Monterey cypress tree around which design of the residence is focused," the plans read. "To avoid damaging the root structure of the tree, the finish floor elevation of the home will be lifted approximately 6 feet above the highest tree roots at the base of the trunk. Most of the residence extends eastward behind the tree toward the rear setback where the structure is cantilevered with a pier and beam foundation, closest to the base of the trunk, to eliminate digging standard footings near the tree roots."



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# ‘Short in stature, but larger than life,’ Trotter, 81, left mark on Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

A LONGTIME Big Sur local and volunteer extraordinaire who chaired the community’s land use advisory committee for the past two decades, Mary Trotter passed away Sept. 7 at 81.

According to her friend, former Big Sur Fire Chief Marta Karstens, Trotter was “short in stature,” but “larger than life.” She also had “a backbone of steel,” but was always “very gracious.”

“When she spoke, you listened,” Karstens told The Pine Cone. “She was intelligent, smart, kind, incredibly funny and witty, and always interested in things, particularly happenings in Big Sur.”

If there was an import topic to discuss in Big Sur, Trotter made her views known. “You could find her attending most every Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council meeting, often times making thoughtful comments on the topics being discussed,” Karstens recalled.

While Trotter’s interests were varied, she was dedicated to her work with the Big Sur Land Use Advisory Committee, which reviews building projects down the coast.

LUAC member Dick Ravich called Trotter “irreplaceable,” and said she will be sorely missed.

“She was dedicated and concerned,”

Ravich said. “She loved Big Sur and looked out for its best interests.”

Ravich said Trotter possessed a tremendous amount of knowledge about local land use and history. “Unfortunately, she took a wealth of information with her,” when she passed, he said.

Another LUAC member, Marcus Foster called her passing “a big blow to Big Sur.”

“I’ve always looked up to her,” Foster said. “Learning from her was one of the reasons I joined the LUAC. She had so much knowledge about the land and its history.”

Foster suggested “the next generation is going to have to step up” to fill the void Trotter left behind.

## A link to the past

Born Mary Harrington, Trotter grew up in the Salinas Valley and moved to Big Sur in the early 1970s. Ravich said her first dwelling down the coast was a chicken coop.

She was passionate about the region’s history — her late husband, Walter Trotter (1920-1990), was the son of Sam Trotter, a larger-than-life pioneer and master builder who made his home in Big Sur in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Walter and his brother Frank were also carpenters, and built Nepenthe restaurant, among many projects.

“As a charter member of the Big Sur Historical Society, she spent countless hours researching history, oftentimes driving to Sacramento to do research in their archives,” Karstens said. “She was also active with the Monterey County Historical Society, attending their round table meetings and staffing a table for us at their annual BBQ.”

Trotter also played a big role in creating a locally treasured book, “Recipes for Living in Big Sur.”

As a volunteer, she was involved with many of Big Sur’s most cherished charitable ventures. She served on the board of the Big Sur Health Center, was a member of Big Sur’s Community Emergency Response Team and helped out with the yearly Big Sur River Run and Big Sur Fire’s annual muster. In fact, she made so many salads for the latter that she was crowned with a tiara proclaiming her “The Salad Queen.”



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Mary Trotter recently died at 81, leaving behind an impressive legacy of looking out for Big Sur’s best interests.

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# NAACP

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Jorn said the NAACP did not notify the district of the event and that he found out about it through social media.

"I wish the NAACP would have engaged with us sooner," he said.

While the NAACP press release did not offer details, a news report Thursday indicated that the mother made a formal complaint to PGUSD regarding several racial remarks made to her three sons by other young children at Robert Down from August 2019 to May 2022.

In one incident, the mom said a student told one of her sons that he may not have been invited to a pupil's birthday party because it was a "Whites-only" party. She reported another incident in which a student told one of her sons that he could be his "slave" during a game, and recounted another involving a teacher's fourth-grade assignment involving a slave scenario.

Jorn said the district hired an outside investigator to look into the mother's allegations. Though Jorn was prohibited from disclosing the findings, the news story said that investigators determined that the mom reported some of her sons'

racially charged claims to Robert Down's principal, Sean Keller, but not all of them. Keller addressed some of the comments with the students who made them, and also addressed the classroom assignment with teachers, according to the news report.

The investigation did not find any violation of the law or the school board's policy. However, Robert Down's principal and other administrators would receive "targeted response professional development," as a result. The family — which has not filed a lawsuit in Monterey County against the district, according to court records — did not appeal the findings of the investigation and has since moved away.

### 'Unacceptable'

Of the nearly 1,800 students in PGUSD schools, 31, roughly 2 percent, are Black, according to the district.

Jorn told The Pine Cone that besides the incident involving the brothers, there has been one other complaint involving race in the past five years. That incident involved a P.G. High student who several years ago used a racial slur.

Jorn said that he's unaware of a "long history" of bias against Black students in the district and that PGUSD has undertaken numerous steps over the past several years to make the district even more

inclusive and welcoming.

"Racial bias and inequity is unacceptable in any school," Jorn said. "Our students deserve better, and our district is committed to providing a safe place free of intolerance."

Monterey County NAACP president

Lyndon Tarver did not respond to questions Thursday from The Pine Cone, including that the civil rights group substantiate its claim that PGUSD has a lengthy history of treating Black students unfairly. Jorn said the NAACP also did not provide him with anything to support the claim.

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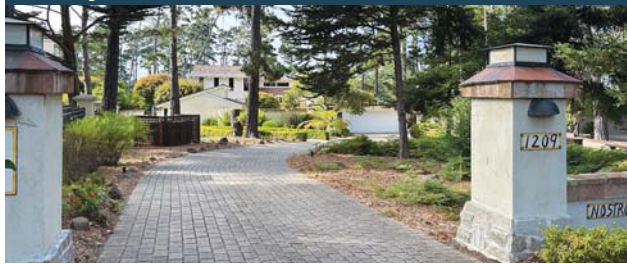
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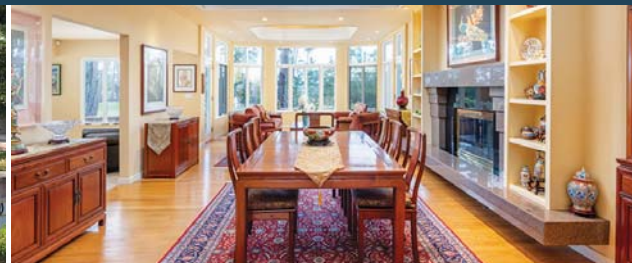
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# Southern sea otter to remain 'threatened,' agency says

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

SOUTHERN SEA otters, the type of otters that frolic in Monterey Bay, will retain their special status as a "threatened species," the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced this week.

On Tuesday, the agency explained that after a thorough review of the subspecies' status, including information from otter experts, the animals will continue to be considered threatened per the Endangered Species Act.

"While southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) have made strides toward recovery after coming back from the brink of extinction in our recent history, they continue to face significant threats from climate change, shark-bite mortality, and limited range," Steve Henry, field supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Ventura said this week.

Henry said that based on scientific projections of future conditions for the subspecies, threats continue to impact southern sea otters "in ways that will most likely reduce the ability of the species

to sustain itself in the future."

In 2021, there was a petition to delist the southern sea otter. In August 2022, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a 90-day finding that the petition presented substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that delisting may be warranted, prompting an in-depth review of the animal's status.

The agency also studied the feasibility of reintroducing southern sea otters to portions of Northern California and Oregon where the animals once thrived. While the assessment concluded that reintroduction was "biologically feasible and may have significant benefits for sea otters and nearshore marine ecosystems," it also found that more information about how reintroduction would affect local communities and others is needed before considering the next steps. There is no active proposal to reintroduce sea otters.

According to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, there are about 3,000 southern sea otters in the wild.



# Assemblymember hosts student art

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AN EXHIBIT by students of Marina High School is on display at Assemblymember Dawn Addis' office in Monterey through the end of 2024.

The show also includes pieces by noted painter and art teacher Gerard Martin.

"I'm thrilled that our district office is showing off the work of so many wonderful local artists," Addis said. "The arts

connect us to our community, shared culture and each other — and this exhibit is an extension of the historic artistic legacy of the Monterey Peninsula and the Central Coast."

The display marks a collaboration among Addis' office, the Arts Council for Monterey County and the Youth Arts Collective, which mentors student-artists.

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## Bill aims at removing statute of limitations in sex assault cases

By KELLY NIX

VICTIMS OF childhood sexual assault may have an unlimited time in which to file lawsuits against their abusers if a bill that passed the state legislature this week is signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

On Tuesday, Assembly Bill 452, the "Justice for Survivors Act" — introduced by Assemblywoman Dawn Addis from Morro Bay, who represents Monterey County, and State Sen. Nancy Skinner from Berkeley — was approved by the State Assembly on a bipartisan vote. The bill is headed to Newsom for his consideration.

The proposal says that no matter how much time has passed, childhood victims of sexual abuse can file lawsuits against their abusers. Under current state law — which was passed in 2019 — sexual abuse

victims who suffered abuse as children only have until their 40th birthday to file suit in civil court.

Addis said that her bill "sets a new standard for institutions with minors under their care."

"This common sense legislation puts abusers and the institutions that harbor them on notice that California won't tolerate childhood sexual assault any longer," Addis said.

If Newsom signs the bill into law, it would only apply to cases of sexual assault that occur after Jan. 1, 2024.

Last year, President Joe Biden signed legislation which removed statute of limitations for people who were sexually abused as minors to file civil claims in federal courts. Subsequently, numerous states eliminated similar statutes.

## CITY TO FORK OVER \$190K FOR UNINTENTIONAL SEWAGE SPILL

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CITY of Salinas has agreed to pay \$193,000 to a state water agency after it spilled more than 50,000 gallons of untreated wastewater into a Monterey County watershed.

The State Water Resources Control Board announced Monday that in April 2022, Salinas spilled the wastewater into Natividad Creek, which "impacted its water quality and harmed its fish population."

### Discharge

Salinas and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board entered into an agreement related to the spill, which

began with an electronic failure at a pump station that caused an overflow of nearly 109,000 gallons from two Salinas manholes in the city's sanitary sewer collection system.

"The city, in cooperation with the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, responded immediately and conducted substantial cleanup and recovered a significant portion of the untreated wastewater," according to the water board. "The remaining 53,000 gallons discharged into Natividad Creek."

Per the agreement, Salinas will pay \$98,000 to the State Water Board's Cleanup

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# MARINA

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Environmental Quality Act when it approved Cal Am's desal plant.

Specifically, the Marina agency said that the county should have performed a "supplemental environmental review" to evaluate "new information" that the desal plant would impact Marina's groundwater supplies "substantially more" severely than the state's Public Utilities Commis-

unavoidable adverse impacts — formally called a statement of overriding conditions — was flawed. While a Monterey judge in April 2021 agreed with Marina Coast on that point, the appellate court justices reversed the ruling.

"We conclude that the county's statement of overriding considerations was supported by substantial evidence," the justices said.

### Claims rejected

The appellate judges directed Monterey County Superior Court to vacate its earlier decision and enter a new order and judgment denying Marina Coast's claims in their "entirety."

The judges also said Monterey County and Cal Am could recover their legal expenses from Marina Coast — a bill that could be substantial.

County Counsel Les Girard told The Pine Cone that the county didn't incur too much in legal expenses because the case was mostly handled by Cal Am. Stratton said Cal Am is in the process of determining how much it racked up during the appeal court process.

Cal Am's desal plant is one of three primary components that make up the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, which also includes a water storage and recovery component and a wastewater reclamation project.

The California Coastal Commission voted 8-2 to approve Cal Am's desal plant at a November 2022 meeting.



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If built, Cal Am's desal plant would provide water to the Monterey Peninsula like the Pure Water Monterey reclamation plant near Marina (pictured) does.

sion determined in its review of the project.

But the appellate court justices concluded that Monterey County "adequately considered" each of Marina Coast's arguments.

The water agency also alleged that the county's determination that the desal plant's positive impacts outweighed its



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# SQUATTER

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The very next day, according to authorities, Peck perpetrated a series of bizarre events, including leaving Bergeron's destroyed Aston Martin after crashing it on Highway 156, pulling Marina Fire Chief Doug McCoun out of his SUV when the chief stopped to see if he could help, and returning to Bergeron's Otter Cove house.

The next morning, Bergeron's daughter, son-in-law and housekeeper went to the home, where they had found evidence of the break-in before even hearing about the Aston Martin crash. As they arrived, they saw Peck inside in his underwear and drinking a bottle of wine. The man had hidden the fire chief's SUV on the property. They called the sheriff's office, which sent deputies to arrest Peck.

A month later, the court began the process of considering whether the case should be temporarily or permanently suspended based on Peck's mental condition, whether the illness drove his criminal behavior, and whether he will be receptive to treatment.

### 'The CIA'

At the most recent hearing on the possible mental health diversion Aug. 29, Bergeron told Monterey County Superior Court Judge Rafael Vazquez that Peck should stay in jail and face trial.

"I am here today as a father, a grandfather, and most importantly as a member of the Monterey County

community. Mr. Peck broke into my home at some point in early April and violently slashed through hundreds of thousands of dollars of electronics, broke windows, and used a crowbar to attempt to open a safe," he said. At the side of the bed Peck slept in, he placed a butcher knife. Against the front door, he placed a baseball bat. Obviously, he was ready to violently attack anyone who discovered him."

Bergeron noted that when Peck totaled his English sports car in a six-car pileup, he injured several people.

Bergeron said Peck then returned to his house, "and proceeded to damage my windows to break in again."

He added that releasing Peck would cause his family to live "in great fear of his return," and that Carmel homeowners who aren't occupying their places full-time would be afraid, as well.

"If Peck is released today and then dons Army fatigues and walks into a Walmart to shoot 20 people, what will the court say to those victims?" he said. "Please don't let this happen."

In court Aug. 29, Peck appeared with his defense attorney, Steven Smith, and Dr. Howard Terrell testified on his behalf, while deputy district attorney Elizabeth Johnson represented the state.

At the hearing, Peck told the court that he took over Bergeron's house "because the CIA told him it was a safe-house and they needed to recruit him there to fight World War III," according to Bergeron.

Vazquez put off a decision until Oct. 3, and Peck remains in Monterey County Jail, with his bail set at \$150,000.

# BATTERY CASE YET TO PROGRESS IN COURT

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN a year after a Southern California real estate developer was arrested for beating up a restaurant owner and a server and vandalizing the owner's scooter during a nighttime brawl, the case has yet to make it to a preliminary hearing. Instead, numerous court dates have been cancelled or postponed and Michael Tutelian, the suspect police identified in the unprovoked attack in which four people assaulted the two men near the intersection of Monte Verde and Ocean, remains free on \$30,000 bail.

Carmel P.D. officers' initial search for the suspects was unsuccessful, but descriptions provided by witnesses and the victims — as well as the fact that the name, "Michael," was used several times by his friends — helped. The day after the attack, one of the victims saw the group at the beach and took photos to send to police, leading police to their suspect.

Tutelian was working as vice president of construction and development at Hackman Capital Partners in Santa Monica. While he appeared on the company's website at the time of his arrest, he is no longer included in the "Who We Are" list and photos of team members. His LinkedIn profile, however, still shows him as employed by Hackman Capital, which hired him in 2014.

Since his arraignment in November 2022, a half-dozen court dates for scheduling the preliminary hearing in the case have been held, but the case hasn't proceeded, as one side or the other requested continuances. The preliminary examination — when the prosecution will lay out its case against Tutelian and the judge will consider whether enough evidence exists to move forward — is now set for Oct. 12. Two days prior, lawyers from both sides will weigh in to see if the hearing will indeed be held.



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code and can be hazardous when moved next to buildings and under eaves.

“Until the heater installation is complete, I’m asking that we continue to use the propane heaters,” she said. “If we can’t provide our guests with heating outside, the seating becomes insignificant on the cooler days.”

Seven members of the public encouraged commissioners to approve Toro’s new permit, including nearby business owners, patrons and landlord John Compagno, who said the complex has plenty of water and space to support the additional seats.

“When Covid hit, the restaurant that existed there closed — they just gave the keys back,” he said. “Almost every tenant in the property wanted rent reductions or was leaving, and lo and behold, they came and opened Toro during Covid, and that outdoor seating saved the restaurant and saved every other business in that courtyard. It was crucial.”

### ‘True stewards’

Stationary Restaurant owner Anthony Carnazzo said he ran down to city hall, leaving his three kids and a busy restaurant on San Carlos Street, to testify in support of Toro’s application.

“They have been the most wonderful addition to our community these past couple of years,” he said. “They have performed so admirably, always with a smile on their face.”

Carnazzo said the couple has been “true stewards of this community” and that a large part of their success in business is owed to being able to seat people outside.

A few speakers were less enthusiastic, principally because they were allied with artist Kathy Sharpe, whose gallery is being

closed so Toro can expand its dining room. “I think it’s sad,” said her husband, Bill Sharpe.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke said she sympathized with the Sharpes but that she’s also dined at Toro, and patrons will continue to request outdoor seating in general.

“We’re going to have a lot of these coming in,” commissioner Robert Delves added, referring to similar applications. “This body was never involved in the whole pandemic-driven outdoor seating or the retraction of it. Now we’re back to regular order, and this is really the first one to come before us.”

### If there’s water

He also said the ability to dine outdoors is one of the reasons he lives here, and he praised Toro’s owners for their high-quality restaurant while sympathizing with the Sharpes for their loss of the gallery.

“I’d be willing to increase the seating to 30 or 32, subject to water availability,” Delves said.

Commissioner Stefan Karapetkov was also complimentary.

“I would love to see them succeed in town,” he said.

“I haven’t heard this many people speak so emotionally in support of any application in a long time,” commented commission Chair Michael LePage. “It sounds like you can get more outdoor seating if you can get more water, and according to the landlord, there’s more water available.”

Commissioners unanimously voted to allow the expanded seating, with up to a dozen more outdoor seats — bringing it to 32 — if water is available, and to require that the tables and chairs be set up in such a way so people can maneuver through the courtyard safely. They also said the propane heaters can remain until permanent heating is installed unless they’re not operated safely.

The Pine Cone has been a member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce for more than 100 years.

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# HOTEL

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Huff Construction Company will be building the hotel. “The Kimpton Hotel, part of IHG Hotels & Resorts’ Luxury & Lifestyle Collection, will be a true gem in Pacific Grove,” the company said. “With 95,263 square feet spread across four stories, it will offer 102 guest rooms and redefine luxury hospitality in the region.” IHG Hotels & Resorts, otherwise known as InterContinental Hotels Group, also owns the oceanfront Clement Monterey hotel on Cannery Row. The P.G. hotel’s Spanish-influenced architecture, designed by RRM Design Group, “creates a timeless ambiance that seamlessly blends tradition with modern

comfort,” Huff Construction said. “Some features and amenities of the Kimpton Hotel include a restaurant, outdoor dining space, an inviting courtyard, and indoor event/banquet space.”

### Extended stays

Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jenny MacMurdo said the hotel will be a “great addition” to the city and complement the city’s other inns. The hope is that it will also draw more visitors to Pacific Grove for extended stays.

“The location really can’t be beat,” MacMurdo told The Pine Cone. “Our downtown district is surrounded by outstanding local eateries, shopping, the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, Jewell Park and the P.G. Carnegie Library. Additionally, the look and feel of the design for Pacific Grove property reflects the existing



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

A Hyundai excavator was in position Thursday to begin clearing a property in P.G. to make way for a new hotel.

surroundings.” Kimpton boasts on its website that it’s an “industry pioneer that first introduced the boutique concept” to the United States.

According to plans submitted to Pacific Grove City Hall, the Kimpton Hotel will have a 3,615-square-foot restaurant, 849-square-foot spa, 798-square-foot gym and a 12,677-square-foot parking area.

In a Sept. 15 message to city officials, Pacific Grove administrative services director and interim city manager Tori Hannah said that a groundbreaking ceremony is set for Sept. 28. City council members and the mayor have been invited to speak at the event.

The Pacific Grove City Council OK’d a hotel for the property in 2018, and construction was supposed to have started almost a year ago. A hotel on the site was originally proposed by local developer Nader Agha before he sold the property.

In late 2022, Robert Leach, president of commercial real estate firm West River Hotels, paid \$100,000 to Pacific Grove for the city’s review of the hotel plans. In May of this year, the property was sold by Rohnert Park LP, Belvnu LLC, Travel Inn Associates LP and Durrell Pacific Grove LLC to another limited liability company called IC Pacific Grove Property Owner for \$10.8 million.

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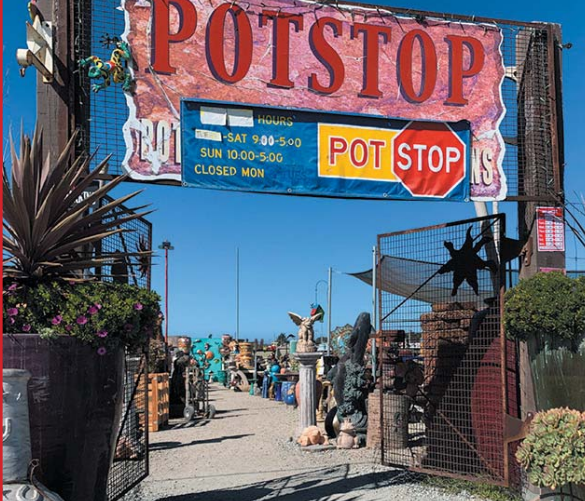


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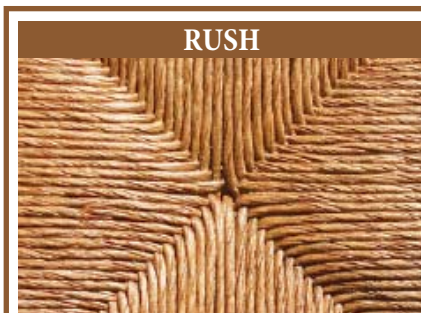


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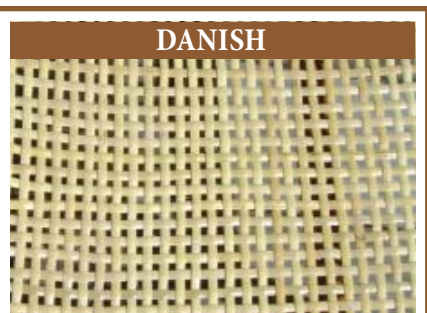
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# LETTERS

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department, and the historic resources board. It had been recommended to place the wall in a more advantageous location for viewing due to the new development plan. This concrete wall with imbedded pebbles was never considered historic, but let's assume it is. Buildings have been moved successfully throughout the ages and still considered historic, including Carmel's First Murphy House and the Door House. The fact that the city council would go against their own advisors and make Patrice Pastor and his team go through such a degrading and frustrating process once again is unconscionable.

**Lindamarie Rosier, Carmel**

## Planning commission rules

Dear Editor,

Is the planning commission allowed to ignore the Carmel General Plan?

The general plan serves as a blueprint for the future, prescribing mandatory policy, but at many planning commission meetings, design guidelines clearly directing the design of a home are blatantly discounted as merely "optional."

Some commissioners even pick and choose guidelines to satisfy personal taste, flippantly saying, "Well, I really like the design," even though it may disregard dozens of design guidelines.

At the last planning commission meeting, three of the five commissioners voted to disregard 19 required policies from the general plan as well. The statements in the general plan are not guidelines or suggestions, but they prescribe "policy," and are therefore legal requirements. One of these policies is reinforced by being displayed on the plaque behind the planning commission in city hall: "The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is hereby determined to be primarily, essentially and predominantly a residential city." Our general plan also states, "Carmel-by-the-Sea is internationally recognized as a unique small coastal community with a residential village character." It also clearly demands that we "preserve the residential village character." But they chose to ignore these and nine other requirements to keep the village character "residential" by approving a home with "commercial" characteristics, including large glass walls, flat roofs, a utilitarian appearance, and a box-like shape.

Another policy regarding design in the

general plan states the required Carmel characteristics, "contribute to the village character of the city. These form a contrast to the glass, steel, plastic and featureless gray concrete so often found in other, more urban cities."

Do you care if the planning commission not only ignores design guidelines, but also flagrantly disregards mandatory city policy? No matter our preferences, it might be wise to write to the city asking them to follow policy, not personal taste: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

**David O'Neil, Carmel**

## Small car events are best

Dear Editor,

After contemplating this past year's Car Week, the burning question is: does Carmel-by-the-Sea want the smaller-type events that only take one or two streets, or does it want and/or need a larger citywide Concours on the Avenue-type event?

After talking and getting feedback from many residents, business owners and even visitors, I am in favor of smaller, one- or two-street high-quality, brand or cause-focused events.

In my involvement with the Pebble Beach Company through my restaurant, Pèppoli at the Inn at Spanish Bay, all decisions are made with the thinking, "What are the impacts, both pro and con?"

In my view, CBTS should only host events that attract serious car aficionados, enthusiasts, collectors, industry people and such, and put on by experienced event organizers with a proven track record.

Other neighboring towns can host the more pedestrian events on their city streets that attract massive crowds that rarely spend any \$\$\$, and that tax and abuse the town's infrastructure.

Events held on private golf courses such as Pebble Beach, Quail Lodge, Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course or at the Monterey Fairgrounds are not considered in my evaluation.

Small car shows or events on one or two streets, such as the farmers market footprint or the Winemaker's Celebration on Dolores Street and around Sixth to San Carlos would have very low impact. Limiting the size of the events would actually help the organizer put on higher quality showings of cars. Other streets could/should be considered, of course, if an organizer desired and business owners did not object.

During Car Week, the hotels of Carmel are full, with or without car shows, and the TOT benefit is fantastic. I do not have data on any possible sales tax increase during

Car Week so cannot quantify if car shows give Carmel a benefit. But most people are there to see the cars, "see and be seen and people watch".

Going forward, please know that I fully support low-impact, small one or two-street car shows or events, and cannot support a multi-street or citywide street shutdown.

**Rich Pepe, Carmel**

## 'Buyout brings lower costs'

Dear Editor,

Measure J required the district pursue the take-over of Cal Am, if feasible, and the feasibility study determined it is.

Cal Am's experience at running a water company is all about making a profit for investors. It has never been about running our water system in a cost-effective, efficient manner. MPWMD has received national awards for transparency and fiscal management. They have been selling water for years to Pebble Beach.

Cal Am has no transparency and a history of charging Monterey ratepayers much more than any of its other operations in California. Average bills in San Diego, and Sacramento are \$50 and \$38 while Monterey is \$115, highest of any comparable system. We have decades of water shortages and arguably the most expensive water in the country to show for CalAm's experience at running a water system.

The cost of the buyout is offset by current CalAm profit we already pay. The estimated revenue requirement in the first year of operation under MPWMD is actually projected to be lower than Cal Am. Savings increase after 30 years when acquisition bonds are retired, adding estimated annual savings of \$29 million. Savings also occur by eliminating CalAm's high corporate overhead.

CalAm ratepayers subsidize CalAm acquisitions of other water utilities and CalAm pushes up rates through excessive surcharges. Ca Am spends massive amounts of our money for capital projects they abandon or modify, providing little or no benefit.

Investor-owned monopolies like Cal Am don't have competition. The CPUC was created to remedy this with regulation, but they don't. When Cal Am held our urgently needed new water supply hostage, demanding another \$20 million before they would buy the water, the CPUC caved to their demand.

Under public ownership, we won't be subject to CalAm's defective decision making or CPUC forcing ratepayers to pay for failed projects. Simply put, public agencies, which make no profit, provide retail water at lower cost.

**Susan Schiavone, Seaside**

## 'Verifiable facts'

Dear Editor,

There have been a number of misleading and inaccurate facts cited in your recent position statements regarding the potential buyout of Cal Am's water system. To be very brief, here are bullet points of verifiable facts for clarification:

■ When Measure J passed in 2018, it became a mandate to the Monterey Peninsula Water District (MPWD) to determine the feasibility of acquiring Cal Am. Measure J was not a feasibility study and over 24,000 voters passed Measure J by a majority 56%. Actual feasibility was proven in 2019.

■ Still in September of 2023, Monterey County has some of the most expensive water in the USA at a cost of over \$ 150 for approximately 5,000 gallons per month.

■ There have been decades of water shortages.

■ No new water has had the impact of no new housing.

■ Lastly, there has been an over-pumping of our two natural water sources of the Carmel River and the Seaside Basin.

Until the final terms of the transfer can be determined, it is not possible to finalize the potential cost savings but it will surely result in a more transparent, equitable, and non-usurious water company management.

**Kenneth Pelletier, Carmel**

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# FIRE

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then gave us 60 days.”

Steve Cardinalli said the insurance company ordered everyone to stay off the premises for six weeks after the April 9 fire so investigators could complete their work. Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer said his department never could determine a cause for the blaze.

“It took a long time before we could get in there and get bids,” Cardinalli said, and while he doubted some of the items, like electrical, would be the tenant’s responsibility, he said he provided Pastor’s company, Esperanza Carmel, with estimates from licensed contractors on flooring, paint, electrical and the roof.

“They got back to me a month later and they said, ‘We

would like a proposal,’” he said, and Cardinalli responded that his mother should cover the business equipment and property and Esperanza Carmel should pay for the infrastructure as the owner of the building.

### Not ready to retire

In a Sept. 6 email after communications back and forth since July, Pastor asked Cardinalli for a formal proposal for restoring the property, not just estimates from individual contractors.

“The main thing Mr. Pastor was looking for was comfort that the quality of the refurbishment would be high and that the project is going to be well managed, and that the works would take place quickly,” Chris Mitchell of Esperanza Carmel wrote. “Unless I am mistaken, I think a big part of the problem here is that you don’t seem to have the capacity to take on such a substantial project? It’s been a long time since the fire.”

Cardinalli responded on Sept. 7 that “the kitchen was taped off for the first 45 days and we were told by the insurance investigators not to enter. On July 5, we provided you the estimates, including the roof estimate, and during the past 60 days that we have been waiting for you to approve the estimates. We’ve been ready to proceed.”

A week later, Cardinalli got Pastor’s letter advising her the lease was terminated.

Cardinalli said his mother “is crushed and hopeful to stay in that location,” but that she’ll likely come to the realization that she needs to open The Cottage somewhere else in town.

“I mentioned this to her, and she was emotional about it, but I think once she comes to the reality that she has no option to stay, she will be open to other locations,” he said. “She does not want to leave her customers and friends and is not ready to retire.”



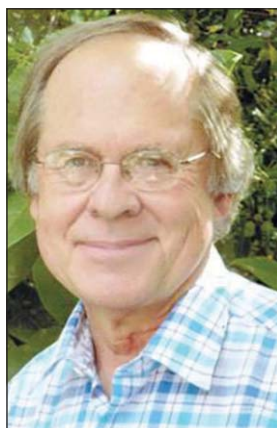
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**DEE ETTE RUTH MYERS**

Dee Ette Ruth Myers, 87, of Salinas, California, passed away on August 11, 2023. Dee was born November 30, 1935, in Detroit and spent her childhood in Michigan. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in education, worked for many years as an English teacher and was a lifelong advocate for the importance of education.

While an undergraduate, Dee met Spencer Myers. They married on June 21, 1958, and recently celebrated 65 years of a loving marriage. During Spencer’s years of medical school and post-graduate medical training, Dee taught high school English in Marin County schools. Dee and Spencer moved to Monterey County in 1967, where Spencer opened his medical practice. They settled in the Toro Park region. Dee turned her energies to her family and community, never losing her commitment to art, writing, music and education. Over the years, Dee taught classes in the community on varied subjects from parenting to embracing grief through music. She also volunteered with Hospice, founded the Volunteer Bureau of Salinas, later absorbed into the United Way Monterey County, and was elected to the Washington Union School Board, where she served as president. Dee was instrumental in founding and promoting the Art Docent program in San Benancio Schools. Dee loved to sing and sang with the community choir, Monterey Peninsula Voices, for many years and in the folk choir at her parish church, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Corral de Tierra. A deeply spiritual being, she was heavily involved in the church’s mission and activities, serving on the vestry and in other leadership roles.

Dee is survived by her husband, Dr. Spencer W. Myers; their son, Gordon, and his wife, Robin Black; their daughter, Allison, and her husband, Chris Robinson; and five grandchildren, Spencer, Zachary, Audrey, Benjamin and Caitlin Robinson.

**A memorial service celebrating Dee’s life will begin at 1 p.m. on September 30, 2023, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 301 Corral de Tierra Road, Salinas, Ca. 93908.**

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Hospice Giving Foundation.

Funeral arrangements by Struve and Laporte Funeral Home.

Online condolences to [www.struveandlaporte.com](http://www.struveandlaporte.com)

## Larry Wilde

Larry Wilde, comedian, actor, author of 53 books of humor and former columnist for The Carmel Pine Cone, died September 3 in Carmel, one of the few times in his life he didn’t leave ‘em laughing. He was 95.

Born Herman Wildman on February 6, 1928 in Jersey City, New Jersey, he was the second of four children born to Gertrude and Selig Wildman. His immigrant father sold dry goods, and his mother was a personal shopper.

In high school he wrote a popular column for his school newspaper and was a champion swimmer. His summers as a lifeguard on the Jersey shore in Bel Mar were some of the happiest times of his life.

He served in the Marine Corps Second Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina from 1946 to 1948. He got his first taste of show business while writing, directing and producing variety shows on base. He performed a comedy act in the show, becoming the Marine Corps’ first “non-commissioned comedian.”

Attending the University of Miami in Florida, he continued to develop his stand-up act at Miami Beach nightclubs and hotels. After graduation he traveled the country, performing in countless towns and cities in 48 states.

Throughout the 1950s, ‘60s and ‘70s Larry appeared in major night spots from the Copacabana in New York to the main stages of top Las Vegas hotels. He recorded two comedy albums, and appeared on numerous television shows, including “The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson,” “The Merv Griffin Show” and “The Mary Tyler Moore Show.”

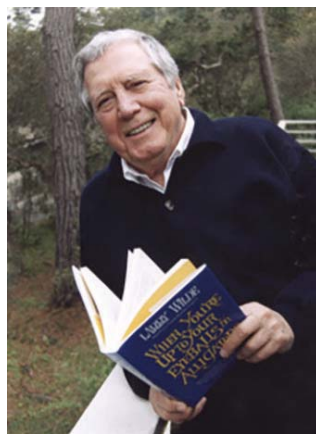
His first book, “The Great Comedians Talk About Comedy,” featured interviews with 17 legendary comedy performers of the 20th century who shared their approaches for eliciting laughter from audiences. The book became a bible for aspiring comedians and the original tapes of these historic interviews are housed in the Larry Wilde Collection of the Library of Congress. A sequel hardcover, “How The Great Comedy Writers Create Laughter,” featured interviews with acclaimed creators of comedy.

He is also known for his popular two-sided joke books. With sales of more than 12 million copies worldwide they became the best-selling series of its kind in publishing history. The New York Times called him, “America’s best-selling humorist.”

In 1976 he founded National Humor Month to promote the therapeutic benefits of laughter. He believed humor was essential to good health, longevity and a happy life. As a popular platform speaker he delivered that message to hundreds of audiences around the world.

Larry’s greatest joy was making people laugh. Bringing happiness to others was something he did every day until the very end.

He is predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Benjamin and Milton; and his beloved Aunt Bela. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Maryruth Wilde of Carmel; his sister, Miriam Krovetz of Boca Raton, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews including Julie Wildman of Mountain View, California. At his request no service will be held. Larry always left his audiences with the words of Will Rogers, “Life is short. Get all the good laughs you can.” In his memory, enjoy a good laugh every day, and pass the happiness on to others.





# SEWAGE

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and Abatement Account and \$95,000 for two projects to “enhance the city’s ability to help prevent spills from the sanitary sewer collection system,” the state water board said.

The city will also upgrade its existing monitoring and control systems, improve alarm capabilities, and increase the reliability of the pump station that failed.

“We take these incidents seriously because impacts to water quality in our creeks and rivers have negative effects on fish, wildlife and the people who rely on them,” Central Coast Water Board assistant executive officer Thea Tryon said.

Salinas has said it would install new manhole covers with electronic sensors in 11 areas to measure real-time flow and levels of wastewater flowing through the sewer lines. The sensors in the manhole covers will send alarms to maintenance staff as an early warning if there are indicators that there may be a potential spill, the regional water quality board said.



## JAMES EARL POWERS

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our father, Jim Powers. Jim passed away at his home in Carmel on August 6, 2023, with his daughters by his side. He was born on July 2, 1940, in Salem, MO. His family moved to Ridgecrest, CA when he was 2. There they helped build the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station. Jim moved to Monterey when he was stationed at the Naval Postgraduate School, where he completed his undergraduate studies. He received his MBA from Golden Gate University. While taking classes at the Naval Postgraduate School and MPC, Jim met Cheri Hay on a blind date. They were married in 1963. Together they raised their daughters, Heather and Tiffany. Cheri passed away only a few months before Jim, on April 27, 2023.

Jim worked for the Navy his entire career after leaving active duty; initially at the Naval Postgraduate School and later at Fleet Numerical Meteorological and Oceanography Center. He started as a computer programmer and ended his career as a systems analyst.

Jim was active in the community and an avid supporter of his daughters. He coached Little League baseball and girls softball, including the CHS varsity softball team, and was a CHS Booster for many years. He and Cheri founded the Carmel Girls Softball League in 1978 and (with others) built the existing field at CMS. He spent countless hours at his daughters’ sporting events and activities, and later those of his grandchildren. Jim and Cheri would drive hours to see a game, theatrical production or attend a party. For years Jim took his video camera everywhere and filmed every event. Jim loved cars and never met a Porsche he did not like. He volunteered at Laguna Seca with friends for many years, and enjoyed his car club. He loved to discuss (and debate) politics.

Jim is survived by Heather and Ken Hall and Tiffany and Andy Scarborough, grandchildren Elizabeth (Alex) Vailetti, Peter Hoffman, and Stan and Sheridan Scarborough, Baylee and Blake Hall, great-grandchildren Ethan and baby-on-the-way Vailetti, and many cousins. He is missed terribly.

**A joint celebration of life for Jim and Cheri Powers will begin at 2 p.m. Oct. 7, 2023 at the Carmel Woman’s Club, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea.**

## KAY WINTER

Kay Winter, known to many as “Miss Winter,” a long-time resident of Pebble Beach, passed away peacefully September 25th, 2022. She was just shy of her 83rd birthday. Kay was born in St. Helena, raised in Fresno and attended Fresno State. Additionally, Kay has lived in Beirut, Lebanon for a short time with her husband at the time, as well as San Francisco and Pacific Grove. In the early 1970s she moved to her forever home, Pebble Beach, and remained there for more than 50 years.

Kay was a homemaker for many years, but after becoming a single mom she was encouraged to take the “Series 7” exam and start a new venture. Kay passed the exam and began her new career as a financial adviser at Paine Webber, which was located on the Monterey Wharf in the early 1980s. It has since changed names several times. Kay became very successful and continued to be a financial adviser for over 22 years. She loved discussing finances and giving professional advice. She was often asked to give financial guidance at many different events, even after retirement.

Kay enjoyed traveling to many places during her lifetime — the Middle East, Italy, the Caribbean and many states across the U.S.A. Her true passions were cooking and her garden. She enjoyed working in her yard and took great pride in it. She loved taking walks down to Spanish Bay and going to estate sales. She loved her home and the Monterey Peninsula. Kay also often devoted time to visiting her mother in Fresno, who lived to be 108.

Kay cherished her sweet dog, Buddy, and her cat, Tigger. They were always by her side and loved her, in return.

Kay was an extremely giving person and would kindly do anything for anyone. She would help almost anyone in need, asking for nothing in return.

She is survived by her son, Dean Khalidy; daughter, Joanne Fanfa; son-in-law, Don Fanfa; and her adored twin granddaughters, Jorie and Hailey Fanfa.

**Kay will be greatly missed by her family and friends. May she rest in eternal peace.**



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## TRACY NORTON GORDON

With love in our hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of Tracy Norton Gordon of Carmel Valley, California, in the comfort of his home in the early morning hours of September 14, 2023. Son Brit Gordon and daughter Katey (Gordon) Foster were able to be with him in his final hours, along with Tracy’s devoted caretaker, Jonny, and his beloved dog, Nica.

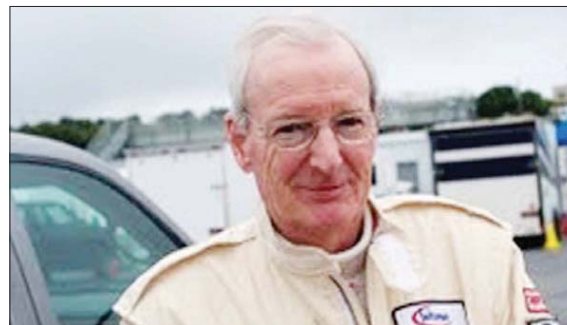
Tracy was born on September 26, 1944 to Britton Losey Gordon and Mary Norton Gordon in Washington, D.C. His young life unfolded in East Grand Rapids, Michigan, and he attended Culver Military Academy, graduating in 1963. Tracy attended college at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y, where he spent his weekends rockin out as the lead singer of his college band, the Tsunamis. Some of Tracy’s favorite memories took place in Stowe, VT, playing gigs with his band after a day of skiing.

Tracy was a captain in the U.S. Army and served as an intelligence officer with the 101st Airborne Infantry Division in Vietnam from 1969-1970. Decorations included the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal among other military honors.

He married after his tour and moved to Faribault, Minnesota where he became an instructor of English and special education. He went on to work with Cummins Engine Company from 1971-1980, becoming the division vice president of human resources. While working for Cummins, he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business PMD program, where he graduated in 1978. Tracy then joined Volkswagen of America as the director of personnel in 1980 which brought him to Englewood Cliffs, N.J. for the next several years. He then chose to pursue his passion for music, moving to Manhattan Beach, California. There he worked for the U.S.A. for Africa Foundation as director



of procurement and distribution during the African famine relief effort. He continued to combine his love for music with service work, helping to manage resources generated by the Hands Across America campaign, and went on to serve as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the International Medical Corps in Los Angeles. His work in this industry helped him realize his passion for helping people, so he pursued a master’s degree in clinical psychology at Antioch University, graduating in 1996. He worked for many years privately as a life coach and as a counselor at the South Bay Center for Counseling in Manhattan Beach.



A longtime fan of vintage racing, having grown up attending races at Road America with his beloved Stratton cousins, Tracy bought himself a Triumph Spitfire and began racing with SCCA. This passion would see him through the rest of his life, bringing fast cars, big wins, and some of his dearest friends to his life. Tracy raced in Willow Springs and Laguna Seca primarily, and he soon realized that the Monterey Peninsula and surrounding area was where he wanted to be. In 2005 he made his final move to the beautiful Carmel Valley. Here he relished living close to the track with views of mountains, redwoods and wildlife. He had found his Heaven on Earth. Tracy was a successful competitor, winning several regional titles and logging track lap records; he became part of the fabric of the racing community. Sharing racing was one of his greatest joys in life.

In addition to his love for rock and roll and racing, Tracy was a passionate advocate for his fellow veterans and a strong supporter of the Veterans Transition Center of California. He served on numerous boards throughout his adult life. He was a lover of animals and supported the SPCA generously.

Tracy is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Brit and Megan Gordon of Atlanta, Georgia; his daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Katey, Josh and Brit Foster of Walden, Vermont; his older brother and sister-in-law, Brit and Laura Gordon and Brit’s children and grandchildren; his younger brother, Scott Gordon; beloved cousins, Harry and Barb Stratton, Patsy Schroeder and Fred Stratton, along with their many cherished children and grandchildren, and his beloved dog, Nica.

Our family would like to recognize the incredible support of his long-time friend Louise Ventresca and his care team: Carolyn, Kaitlin, Jonny and Anabel, all who enjoyed years of friendship with Tracy and who offered incredible care in his final days. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

A celebration of Tracy’s life will take place at a time and date TBA.



# Editorial

## Urban living

SINCE IT finally woke up to the housing crisis created by the 50-year reign of California’s overly aggressive environmental protection laws — CEQA and the Coastal Act, to be specific — the State Legislature has passed so many laws to open the door to new housing, it’s been hard to keep track of them.

We all know about SB 9 and SB 10, a pair of 2021 laws which required cities to plan for duplexes in single-family neighborhoods and multi-family projects in neighborhoods that have access to public transit. One we missed was AB 2011, which went on the books last year and, according to the Orange County Register, “lets developers turn malls and parking lots into multi-family housing.”

But perhaps the most significant new law — and one that takes aim at California’s previously untouchable coastal zone — is SB 423, which passed the State Senate in May (with the concurrence of our representative, John Laird) and the Assembly earlier this month, and is waiting for Gov. Gavin Newsom’s signature.

The law not only expands earlier laws to streamline the approval of apartments, townhouses and condos, “it applies these streamlining provisions to the coastal zone, thereby stripping the slow-growth California Coastal Commission of its ability to halt projects,” the Register said. “Furthermore, SB 423 applies these streamlining standards to market-rate construction and not just affordable-housing projects.” Those are big changes.

And SB 423 isn’t just for cities. To quote from the text of the law, it applies to all incorporated cities that include “some portion of either an urbanized area or urban cluster, as designated by the United States Census Bureau,” and to “unincorporated areas within the boundaries of an urbanized area or urban cluster, as designated by the United States Census Bureau.” Believe it or not, the designation applies to most of the Monterey Peninsula (see map below — in the email edition, click for a larger version).

Other requirements of SB 423 include that at least “75 percent of the perimeter of the site adjoins parcels that are developed with urban uses,” and that the site be “zoned for residential or mixed uses in the jurisdiction’s general plan.” Don’t forget that other laws already require that many parcels, even in places like Carmel, be upzoned to allow for multi-family housing.

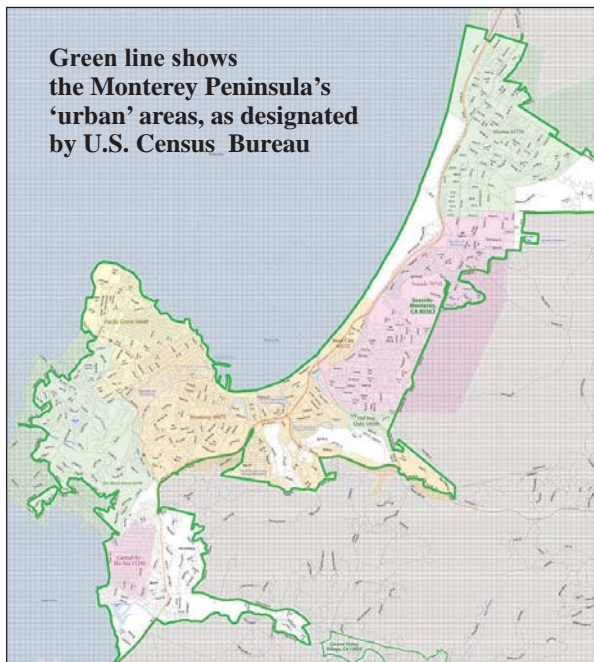
All this means that very big changes are on the way to California’s small cities and even semi-rural communities.

Many in the state are cheering for the state’s aggressive new housing laws.

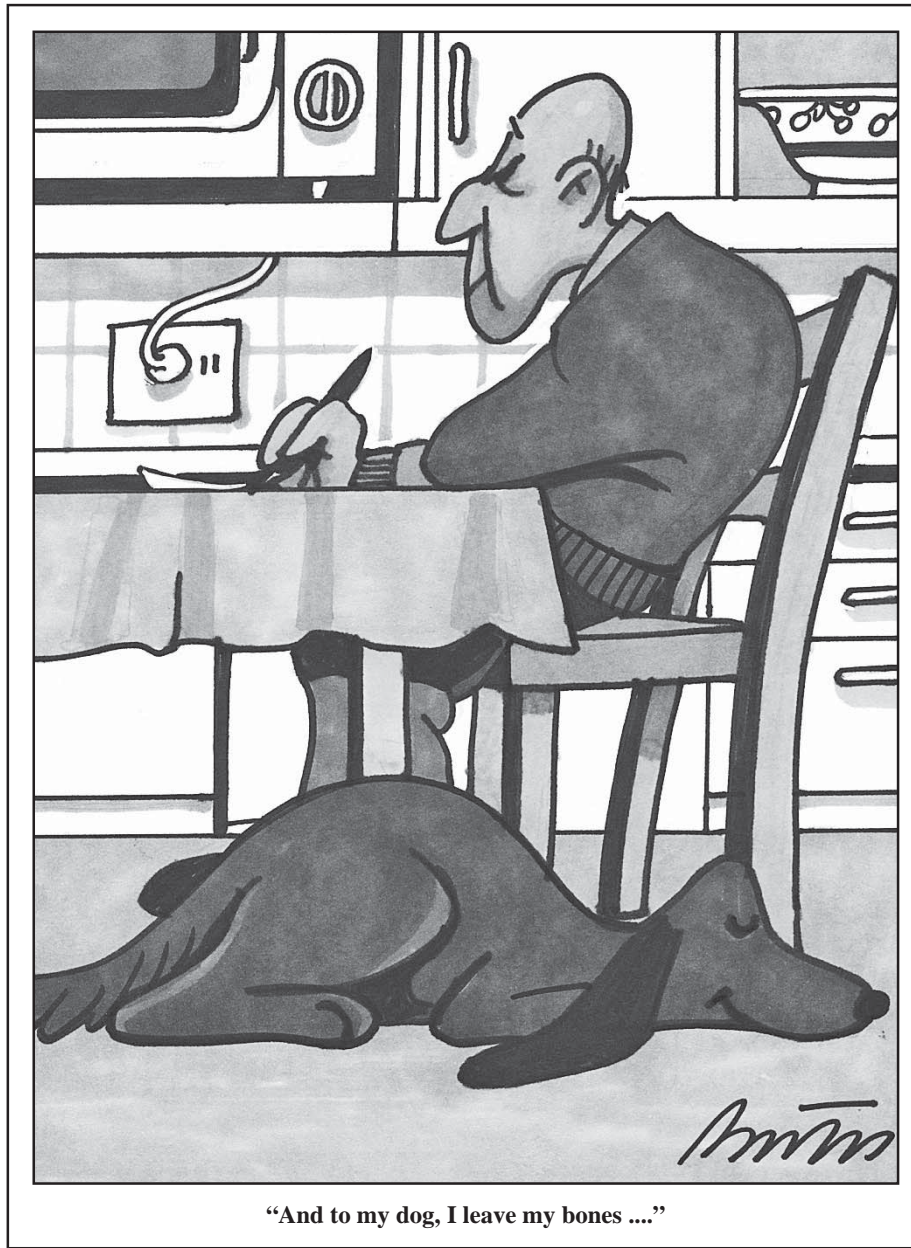
“In cities that aren’t meeting their state-issued housing production goals, a housing proposal that meets existing zoning and design requirements won’t have to jump hurdles such as an environmental review,” said the San Francisco Chronicle — citing what it regarded as SB 423’s strengths. “The law effectively ensures a developer gets a permit in hand faster through what’s known as ‘ministerial approval.’”

“Areas that could see new multifamily housing projects under SB 423 include wealthier coastal locations such as Carmel-by-the-Sea, Malibu, Santa Monica, Venice, western San Francisco and San Diego,” lauded the Los Angeles Times.

The Carmel City council’s nitpicking vigilance may have protected the silly concrete and pebble wall on Dolores Street from being moved, but you really have to ask: Where’s their concern about the fate of the whole city?



## BEST of BATES



“And to my dog, I leave my bones ...”

## Letters to the Editor

### Listen to the residents

Dear Editor,

When you think about the projects that have been approved that have degraded this town’s architecture, heritage, and appeal, and have exhibited no respect for our design guidelines, it is out of place for the city council to go against all advice regarding a simple wall and fight with an investor trying to restore Carmel-by-the-Sea’s character.

Our only shopping plaza, built in 1960, was transformed from a quaint, cute, picture-worthy shopping plaza to a contemporary box that is now just another shopping mall.

Additionally, dozens upon dozens of box-like, glass houses with new-age square designs have replaced houses from our past. The first “Pit” design that was approved by council would have made that entire region look like a building from the year 3030; hardly Carmel’s heritage. So, when it comes to preserving Carmel’s architecture on the town’s behalf, not allowing this wall to be moved brings no redemption for the “contemporization and modernization in the name of progress.” To use “respect for our architecture” as an argument to stop the moving of a wall is hypocritical at best.

The recent Carmel Residents Association survey indicated 80 percent of residents want traditional designs and believe

that new construction should “align with our forest, natural environment and architectural heritage.”

Also, over 1,000 locals and visitors have signed a petition for that same conviction! The minority of modernists are speaking up to push their agenda, plus three of the five planning commissioners have publicly expressed acceptance of modern in Carmel, disregarding many design guidelines and the general plan. They are out of sync with residents and need to start listening to the large majority that want to save Carmel’s unique character.

Neal Kruse, Co-Chair,  
Carmel Preservation Association

### Worth a fortune

Dear Editor,

Who knew that the concrete and pebble wall on Dolores Street, which so many of us have passed in ignorance and often unnoticed, was actually a historic monument and a work of art?

I only wish that I had saved the concrete cinder blocks that held up my bookshelves so many years ago. Apparently, they would be worth a fortune today.

Tom Post, Pebble Beach

### ‘Unconscionable’

Dear Editor,

It is quite disheartening that the Carmel City Council voted unanimously to keep a few feet of a 1972 concrete wall in place at the 7th and Dolores annex. Two council members challenged the conclusions of two consulting historians, the planning

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# When duty called, Hollywood answered with its top talent

IN 1940, with the war in Europe expanding, the U.S. military began building up its manpower. In September 1940, more than a year before the attack on Pearl Harbor signaled the United States' entry into World War II, Congress passed the Selective Service Act. The Army turned to Hollywood to help create training films

hours in an open amphitheater on Camp Roberts. The Universal Studio Recording Orchestra backed up singers including Margaret Whiting, Virginia O'Brien and Ella Logan, as well as the dancing Berry Brothers. There were also comedic skits by Laurel and Hardy, Red Skelton, and a bevy of attractive starlets.

## History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

for new recruits, and film industry leaders created the Motion Picture Production Defense Coordinating Committee in November 1940.

Frank Freeman, the head of Paramount Pictures, was named chairman of the new committee. He appointed Darryl F. Zanuck, head of 20th Century Fox, to direct a subcommittee to carry out the Army's plans. Zanuck called on the leading technicians of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Research Council to assist with production. Capt. Charles Stodter of the Signal Corps was assigned as the Army liaison with the Hollywood-based group.

### Patriotism or propaganda?

The first training film scripts were brought to Washington and approved by the War Department in January 1941. That prompted Montana Sen. Burton Wheeler to threaten legislation to restrict the film industry's propaganda. To counter that, Secretary of War Henry Stimson issued a refuting proclamation, praising the industry for its service. At the same time, the Army created an advisory council to assist Maj. Gen. J.O. Mauborgne on the Army films. Film executives on the Council were given commissions in the Signal Corps Reserve: Col. Nathan Levinson of Warner Brothers, Lt. Col. Zanuck and Maj. John Aalberg of RKO.

As the relationship between Hollywood and the Army grew, military leaders suggested sending stars to entertain troops and lift their spirits. For this, in May 1941, the Defense Coordinating Committee created a subcommittee on talent and camp recreation. Actor Edward Arnold, Motion Picture Academy president and chair of the subcommittee, barely got his group organized when they received "an emergency call for a big Sunday show at Camp Roberts" near Paso Robles. Arnold's group quickly gathered volunteer talent and on June 8, 1941, entertained 20,000 soldiers for more than two

That quickly assembled cast was followed by a more organized "test show" the next weekend, with two performances — Saturday night at Camp Hunter Liggett before 20,000 soldiers, and for 17,000 more on Sunday afternoon on Fort Ord. The goal of the "field experiments" was to determine the most effective entertainment for Army morale.

### Burns and Allen and Benny

Radio star Jack Benny served as emcee of the new troupe with an assist by entertainer George Jessel. They brought out a mix of popular songs by stars including Marlene Dietrich, Carole Landis, Joan Blondell and Dick Powell, and dance numbers by the acrobatic team of Franklin and Anita d'Amour, formerly of the Folies Bergère, Ray Bolger, famous as the Scarecrow in MGM's "The Wizard of Oz," and the popular Nicholas brothers. These acts were blended with comedy skits by the Ritz brothers, George Burns and wife Gracie Allen, and walk-ons by Benny's wife, Mary Livingstone, as well as the chic Claudette Colbert and a half-dozen beautiful starlets.

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One of the most famous radio couples of 1941, comedians George Burns and Gracie Allen, ungracefully dismount an Army transport.

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

# BIG SUR GIVES, AND BIG SUR TAKES AWAY, BUT BEAUTY REMAINS

ARTIST BRANHAM Rendlen grew up in Hannibal, Mo., the town that inspired Huckleberry Finn, a fictional character who only felt free in the woods, surrounded by nature, or on a raft floating down the Mississippi River.

Rendlen's spirit was liberated in 1986, when, in her mid-30s, she packed up her

Peace With Fire," created as a catharsis after two decades of living on Big Sur's firebreak, watching the community's fire brigade hurry up and down the hill to deal with the latest threat to people and their property, wildlife, and the land. Included in that set are renderings of the Solstice and Basin Complex fires as she viewed them

from North Coast Ridge, a charred and still flaming Mount Manuel, the partially blackened but recovering Big Sur Valley, paper "peace cranes" depicted rising over and what appears to be a self-portrait of a frightened, wide-eyed Rendlen with flames lapping at her hair.

## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

life, including a master's degree from University of Kansas, and fled the Midwest for Big Sur.

"The land in Big Sur just kind of grabs you. That's why people stay," said Rendlen, who lived there more than 30 years, some of it in half of an old Napa wine barrel, the last 20 in a Coast Ridge Road home on Coast Ridge Road, 45 minutes above Highway 1.

### Off the grid

"It's totally a hard life up there, and we finally decided we were a little too old for that much work," said the artist, who lives in the Monterey home she's owned since the early 1990s with her husband, Big Sur electrician John McLellan. "Besides John's electrical business and my art business, we were caretakers there for a big property owned by a Hollywood guy. We were totally off the grid."

The body of work on Rendlen's website is a picturesque valentine to a vast wilderness that has seduced and inspired artists from all over the world. Her online gallery includes oil paintings of Mill Creek, Potter's Beach, Bixby Bridge, Pico Blanco (as seen from Andrew Molera State Park), Point Sur at dusk, Window on Big Sur, Fuller Beach and the mouth of the Little Sur River, all depicted from lofty perches.

There's also a series she called "Making

**Vitality, life**  
"There's a lot of fear when you're confronted by fire, and what do you do about that? It was very interesting to live on that fire road, and that series is about making peace with it," she said.

"Art is healing when you make it and when you look at it," Rendlen continued. "If you can get enough vitality and life into a painting, it might create a catharsis or an emotional response. I had some pretty intense reactions to some of those paintings, and I think I mostly did them for myself."

She has done multiple depictions of condors, hummingbirds and Big Sur wildflowers.

Rendlen's parents were art enthusiasts, decorating the walls of the family home with paintings and prints. Her mother was a founder of the Arts Council of Missouri in the late 1960s.

"They brought a theater company down from Kirksville (96 miles from Hannibal), providing summer stock plays for the locals and tourists," she said. "They called it the Ice House Theater. I got on stage there and was terrible at it, but I got very interested in doing set design, which was my focus during my first year of college."

### 'A big hubbub'

When Rendlen enrolled at the University of Kansas, she discovered a campus still reeling from the bombing of the university's computation center that injured three students, sparked by the dismissal of an African-American graduate student from his job assisting the university's dean of men. Though nobody took responsibility, blame was assigned to the Weathermen, a radical offshoot of the leftist Students for a Democratic Society.

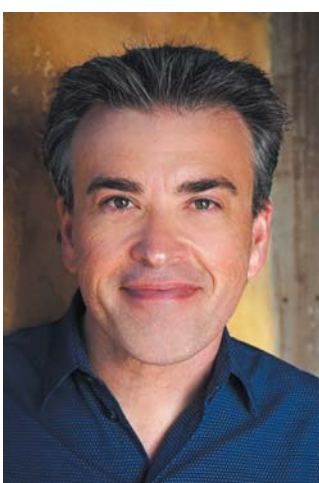
"There was still a big hubbub about that on campus when I got there," she said. "I participated in some of the demonstrations at the time and I still do today. I demonstrated here for women's rights, I demonstrated when the Trump Administration was breaking up families at the border, and I was at

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PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Expressionist Branham Rendlen painted Big Sur's nature from her perspective as a mountain dweller for 30 years, and continues that love affair as a Monterey artist.



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## 'Magic and Mystery in Latin America' explored in new photo show at Sunset

A PAIR of photographers with a passion for travel, Craig Lovell and Huve Rivas share their images in a show, "Magic and Mystery in Latin America," that opens Friday at Sunset Center's Marjorie Evans Gallery. The gallery will also have an opening day reception for the photographers at 5 p.m.

The photos featured in the exhibit come from Mexico, Cuba, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands — and Day of the Dead celebrations in Watsonville, where Rivas taught photography for nearly three decades.

that surrounds me and nourishes my spirit every day."

The gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St.

### ■ 'Living in a Dream State'

Five exhibits are on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center through Oct. 26, including one that captures the creative spirit of young artists. Titled "Living in a Dream State: The Fantastic Worlds of Today's Teen Artists," the show features digital illustrations created by Monterey High School student-artists.

"Today's young artists make art not simply to create pretty pictures, but to survive the chaotic world

that they find swirling around them," said the school's digital arts teacher, Martha Tonkin. "In this show, 32 artists share digital illustrations of their internal dream worlds, which help them to stay sane."

Open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, the art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

According to Sunset Center, the show "promotes the preservation of the natural environment and the indigenous cultures of each region."

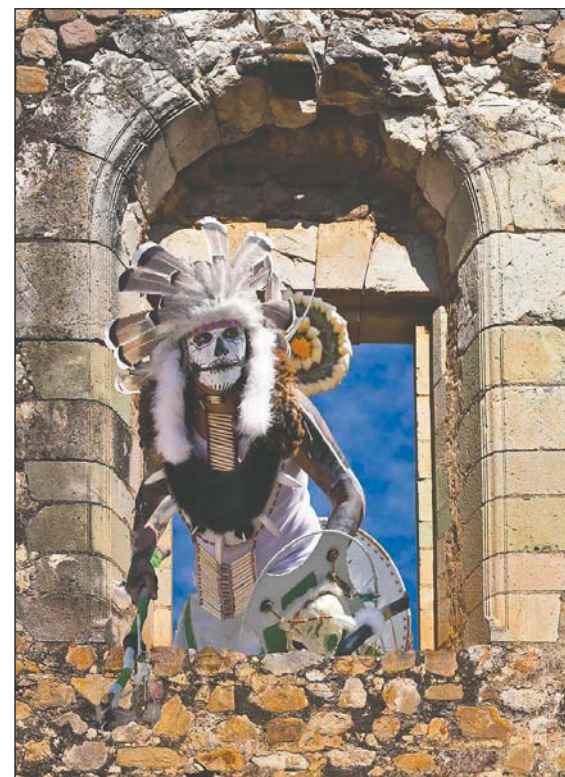
The exhibit will be on display through Oct. 30. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

Also, this weekend is the last chance to see another exhibit by Lovell, "Journey to the Mystic East," which continues at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Monterey through Sunday. The address is at 490 Aguajito Rd.

### ■ Gallery welcomes watercolorist

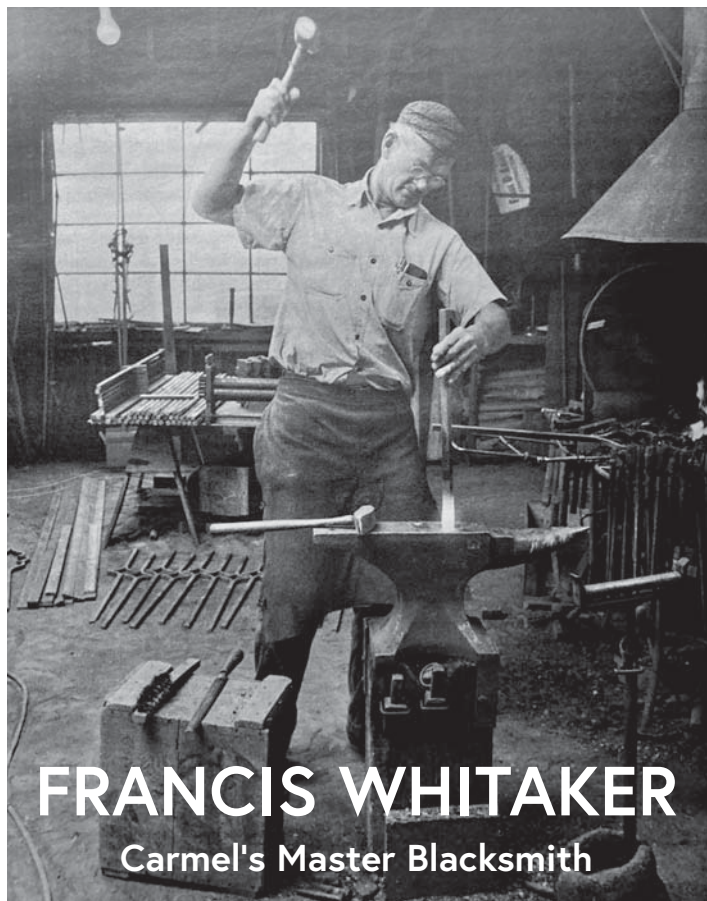
On display at Venture Gallery in Monterey this month is a show, "Beautiful Monterey Peninsula," by painter Tamara Selyangin. A native of Russia who grew up in Siberia, Selyangin lives in Monterey.

Captivated by the Peninsula's flora, fauna and landscape, Selyangin describes some of her favorite subjects to paint: "A serene harbor morning with deep mist, promising a lovely day ahead; a flight string of pelicans; magnificent sand dunes and windswept trees — these iconic images inspire me to pick up my brush, watercolors and paper to create my interpretations of this incredible beauty



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# HISTORY

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In addition to performing, the stars interacted with the soldiers offstage and even joined them for meals in their mess hall. Maj. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, 7th Division Commander in charge of troops at Fort Ord, declared: "There is no finer contribution to national defense that such talented artists can render."

## Radio shows with Hope

Bob Hope also entertained the troops that spring, taking his weekly radio show on the road and broadcasting his half-hour comedy show live on May 6, 1941, from March Field near Riverside. His regular cast included bug-eyed comedian Jerry Colonna and comedic singer Betty Hutton, and for this broadcast he had the popular singer-actress Frances Langford as a special guest.

The United Services Organization claims on its website this was Hope's "first USO show on the radio for service members." There is no evidence it was an actual USO

show, but given Hope's later affiliation with the USO, it can rightly claim that first appearance at a military base was the beginning of Hope entertaining the troops. Because the response from the soldiers to Langford was so positive, after the summer hiatus for Hope's radio show, Hope signed Langford to join Colonna and Hutton as a regular cast member for his 1941-42 season.

The Defense Committee's test shows with the stars also went on hiatus for the summer. As fall rolled around, there was confusion in Hollywood because the USO had begun allocating money for camp entertainments and the West Coast performers were out of the loop.

The devastating Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor changed everything. World War II and the troops took center stage. A few days before the Bing Crosby Pro-Am golf tournament in Rancho Santa Fe, Hope aired his Jan. 27, 1942, show from a naval training station in nearby San Diego. At the tournament, Hope, Crosby, Johnny ("Tarzan") Weissmuller and pros like Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson and Sam Snead agreed to start playing benefit exhibitions to raise funds for the Red Cross and war bonds.

## Happy band of stars

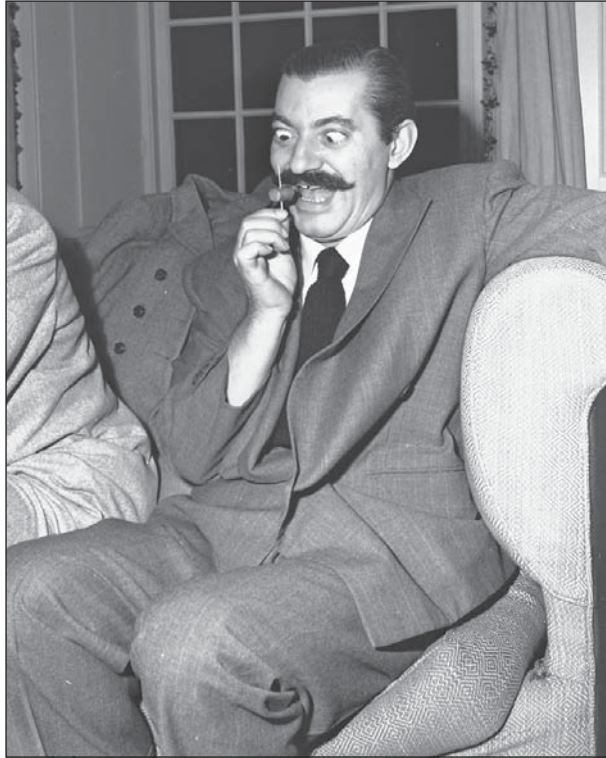
Hope also stepped up his visits to military bases. On Feb. 24, his show went to Camp Roberts. From there, it was on to Camp Pendleton on March 10, Camp San Luis Obispo on March 24, and an Air Force training center in Santa Ana on April 14. A popular gag was Hope bragging, "You know Frances, I really have a soldier's physique," to which Langford replied, "I know, Bob, but it looks like your chest obeyed an order to fall in while your stomach is still at ease."

Then, Hope's crew joined the Hollywood Victory Caravan, which left on a nationwide tour to raise \$1 million



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Actress Joan Blondell took to the wheel of an Army Jeep to get singer Virginia O'Brien and actor Dick Powell to the star-studded show on Fort Ord in June 1941.



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Jerry Colonna, seen here hamming it up with a sausage at the Cypress Point wedding of actress Gloria Blondell and Vic Hunter in September 1946, performed for years with Bob Hope. Though you can't tell, Hope, who was best man at the wedding, is at left.

for Army and Navy relief. The train left Hollywood with dozens of stars on April 26. The first show was in Washington, D.C., and then it wound its way back across the country, playing large theaters. Hope and team often broke away from the caravan to make USO camp visits. By the time he took a break in July, Hope had visited 65 military bases and the USO had a new star — one that shined for decades.

However, now you know that before Hope, there was a band of other Hollywood stars who happily came to the Monterey Peninsula to entertain the troops. For more stories and photos of Hollywood stars visiting the Peninsula, please join me in person on Sept. 29, 6 p.m., at the MIIS Irvine Auditorium, 499 Pierce St., Monterey for my presentation of "Monterey Peninsula: Hollywood's Playground." Admission is free.



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# POLICE LOG

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- Pacific Grove:** Theft of purse on Forest Avenue.
- Carmel area:** Online report of fraud on Carmel Center Place.
- Pebble Beach:** Report of physical abuse on Forest Lake Road.
- Carmel Valley:** Report of financial abuse on Via Milpitas.
- Carmel Valley:** Online report of fraud on Del Fino Place.
- Carmel area:** A Highlands Drive resident reported being pushed by a male during an argument.
- Carmel Valley:** Report of neglect at Del Mesa Carmel.
- Carmel Valley:** Report of neglect on Valle Vista.
- Carmel Valley:** Report of vandalism to a vehicle on Carmel Valley Road.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost phone at Ocean and Junipero.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 37-year-old male was booked into Monterey County Jail for violating post-release community supervision.
- Pacific Grove:** Officers dispatched to a reported burglary on Seaview Avenue with no suspect information.
- Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Fountain marked for 72-hour parking.
- Pacific Grove:** Officers dispatched to a trespassing situation at a Sunset Drive property with suspect information.
- Pacific Grove:** Officers dispatched to a trespassing issue involving neighbors on Park Street.
- Carmel area:** Child Protective Services report of alleged neglect at a residence on Meadows Road.

# Correction

AN ARTICLE that ran last week in The Pine Cone on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors' approval of a short-term rental business near Point Lobos incorrectly stated that the decision couldn't be appealed to the California Coastal Commission. According to county building official Craig Spencer, a denial of the application would not be appealable to the coastal commission, but because the project was approved, it could be appealed to the state watchdog agency.

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# INN

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Desai has since submitted plans for two more single-family homes on a pair of lots mid-block on Guadalupe, principal planner Marnie Waffle told the commission Sept. 13. At that meeting, Desai requested feedback on a potential master plan concept calling for abandoning the previously approved houses, remodeling two of the hotel's cottages on the northwest corner, building a three-bedroom hotel suite on the vacant lot next to them, reducing the total number of hotel rooms to 25 plus a manager's unit and reducing parking from 50 spaces to 27 to meet current standards.

"Rather than clearing the site and building new structures for the hotel, this concept looks at rehabilitating

what's there and preserving the cottage feel of the hotel," Waffle said. "The intent of bringing this forward at this point really is because this has been a high-profile project with a lot of interest from the community, and before the ownership develops a proposal, they would like to get preliminary feedback on these aspects of rehabilitating the hotel."

### Making it pencil

Desai explained that the new proposal would make more financial sense than the previous concepts, because demolishing fewer hotel rooms to build two new homes would mean more cashflow from the hotel, and selling the two residences would help fund the improvements on the property.

Resident Karyl Hall commented that she was "relieved to see a big-city hotel is not going to be built on this property," and that the owners plan on remodeling the cottages.

"I'm nothing but happy and relieved to see that these kinds of changes are being discussed," she said.

Guadalupe Street resident Steve Howard, who lives across the street from the inn, said he didn't really have an idea of what the owners are proposing, and nearby resident

Laura Spiegelman objected to the idea of a "very large party suite" on the northern lot near her home, rather than the single-family residence that was previously approved.

Neal Kruse said he liked the renderings of the redesigned cottages. "I'm very pleased to see those designs. They're very Carmel to me, and I like the direction this is going," he said. "This is also a very complex project, and I'm glad that everybody's taking their time to get there, and I appreciate the work involved."

Commissioner Erin Allen was not supportive of the suite or a proposed lot-line adjustment that would create an irregularly shaped lot but allow the developers to remodel some cottages rather than tear them down.

Others felt similarly on those issues, and commissioner Stephanie Locke said the property is large enough to require a specific plan to govern its development "to address the uniqueness of the neighborhood and the project as a whole."

"There are only three parcels on the block that are under other ownership," she observed.

Commissioner Robert Delves sympathized with the owners' need to make the development work from a financial perspective.

"It's none of our business, but I'm concerned you're underfunded for the enormity of the project you've got in front of you," he said.

Commissioners took no action on the proposal beyond providing direction to Desai.

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# ARTIST

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Window on the Bay when Roe vs. Wade was overturned. "I saw a lot of young people participating in that protest — including young men — which was very uplifting," Rendlen said. "It felt like a very important moment for human rights."

She has also assisted local activist Kira Korser with multiple community projects for social justice.

Rendlen earned a bachelor's degree in fine art, then returned to her alma mater 10 years later to add a Master of Fine Arts degree in printmaking and painting.

After graduating, she specialized in printmaking during the day and supported herself as a server at night, then found herself unemployed when the restaurant abruptly shut down.

"When that happened, a friend who worked at Ventana called and said, 'We have a job and a house waiting if you want to come out here,'" she recalled. "And I said, 'OK, Universe!'"

Cramped living quarters in her mountain dwellings made indoor painting challenging, particularly during her early years, prompting Rendlen to take her easel outdoors.

### Plein air painting in Big Sur

"Painting outdoors in Big Sur is a big challenge, and it's hard. The wind comes up and a lot of other things happen, so you have to be very determined," she said. "But nature as a living being, and its life force, are my inspiration. My personal engagement with nature is the content in all of my work. Each piece is an attempt to be in the present moment and bring peace and healing energy to myself and the viewer."

She is a co-founder of the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association and served on its board, but doesn't really see herself as a traditional plein-air painter, said Rendlen, who has studied with multiple instructors, including two years with Big Sur teacher and painter Ronna Rio Emmons.

"Ronna taught me how to use oil paints a lot of years ago in the 1980s, and that's all I use anymore," said Rendlen, previously an acrylic artist.

"At KU, the art department was a very masculine environment — almost all of the instructors were men. Ronna, a great teacher, provided a very nurturing, supportive kind of situation — all female students — and it felt very nice to be in that kind of cocoon. I learned a lot from her," the artist recalled.

### Loma Vista Studio Gallery

Rendlen is one of seven artists who show their work at the Loma Vista Studio Gallery, a co-op in Big Sur. Although she works mostly in her backyard studio in Monterey, she also reconvenes whenever possible with a gaggle of Big Sur artist friends who enjoy painting together.

Images of her work and additional information can be found at [branhamrendlen.com](http://branhamrendlen.com). The gallery is located at Loma Vista Gardens, 47540 Highway 1.

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# The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

## Northern sharks are swimming into local pools — by invitation

SOME OF the Great White Sharks of Northern California's boys water polo scene have been invited to bare their teeth at two Peninsula high schools on Oct. 6 and 7, when Stevenson and Carmel co-host a high-level tournament conceived to boost

runner-up to Stevenson in the PCAL last season, joining the Pirates as a CCS Division 2 qualifier, but bowed out in the quarterfinal round — disappointing, but unsurprising. The Padres went to CCS 10 times between 2007 and 2019, but made it past the quarterfinals just once, when Aaron Gaily's squad lost the 2019 Division 2 championship game to St. Ignatius, 16-15.

"Our goal with this tournament is to bring in really high-powered teams that will expose us to that level of competition," he said. "My goal is to play the strongest possible nonleague schedule to get us ready for the kind of teams we'll see at CCS if we qualify again. And if we can beat one or two of those teams along the way, we're going to get a higher seed in the postseason bracket."

**Talent-laden tourney**  
Who's coming to the Monterey Peninsula Invitational? The Padres, Pirates and Pacific Grove will compete in the tournament's Gold Division — the higher level of competition, composed entirely of 2022 playoff teams (with the exception of the Breakers).

The Pebble Beach Gold Pool will include defending CCS Division 1 champ Gunn

(a Palo Alto school), Sac-Joaquin Division 2 finalist Woodcreek (Roseville), CCS Open Division qualifier Los Gatos, and CCS D-2 semifinalists Santa Cruz and Stevenson.

The Carmel Gold Pool is composed of Soquel (CCS Open Division qualifier), Northgate (Open Division qualifier from the North Coast Section), Piedmont (North Coast Section semifinalist), Pacific Grove (the PCAL's third-place team a year ago)

and the Padres (CCS D-2 qualifier).

The tournament also will have a Silver Pool for Everett Alvarez, Salinas, Monterey, Palma and Monte Vista Christian — all PCAL schools with developing water polo programs.

Friday's games are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 8:10 p.m. at Stevenson and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Carmel. Saturday's action will

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## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

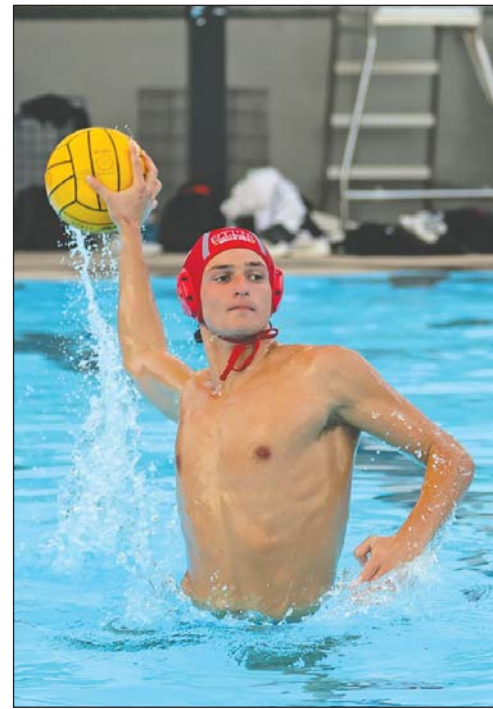
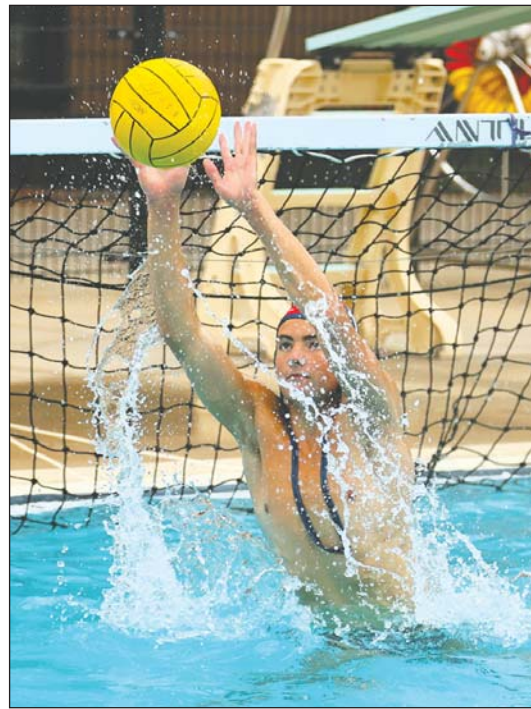
the sport in our local area in multiple ways.

The Pirates, Padres and six other Pacific Coast Athletic League teams will be joined at the inaugural Monterey Bay Invitational by seven tradition-rich water polo schools, all sectional playoff qualifiers in 2022. All games will be played at Stevenson and Carmel High.

### 'Sending a message'

"Part of the reason we're hosting this event is that we need to face the level of competition we'll encounter at the Central Coast Section tournament," said Stevenson coach Brooke Higgins, whose team reached the CCS Division 2 semifinals fall. "And part of it is to send a message to these San Francisco Bay area families that there's quality water polo down here. If they're considering moving to this area, or send their kid to a boarding school, we're an option. A quality player who might be 12th or 13th on the depth chart at a place like Sacred Heart might be able to be No. 1 or No. 2 on this team and have a really robust water polo experience."

John Norall's Carmel High team was



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Tate Escher, Stevenson's senior goalie, (left) was the Gabilan Division's Defensive Player of the Year in 2022. Carmel's top sniper, first-team All-Gabilan choice London Selby-Lara, (right) is the hub of Carmel's offense.



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# SPORTS

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be 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Stevenson, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Carmel.

The Pirates enter this season with a 28-0 record against PCAL opponents since that league was born in fall 2019, and Higgins said his players aren't immune to the weight of that streak, or the legacy left by their predecessors. Stevenson teams have reached CCS five consecutive seasons, and 10 times since the tournament began in 2006, but they've never advanced past the CCS semifinals, and last year's team was only the second in school history (with the 2018 squad) to get that far. All others were eliminated in the quarters.

Back from that exceptional 2022 team with decorations are senior goalkeeper Tate Escher, a first-team all-leaguer who also was honored as the PCAL's Defensive Player of the Year, and Laird Welch, who earned second-team honors a year ago as a freshman and has been the team's best offensive player this year, averaging nearly five goals per game.

"Tate's teammates elected him captain this year — our only captain — because he's a leader inside the pool and out with his work ethic, his motivation and his

desire," Higgins said. "He's the only player who actually sees the whole pool — the only thing behind him is the goal — and he's very good at directing his teammates, not just on defense, but also where to go offensively."

### 'Heart of our offense'

Welch, the sophomore phenom, scored 33 goals in his first seven games this season, and he's only begun to tap into his talent.

"He's an absolute grinder, and he's working hard on his technique," said the coach. "Not only is Laird the heart of our offense, but he also does a great job on defense."

Two others who broke into the starting lineup last season as sophomores were Beckett Heywood, whom Higgins compares to a Swiss Army knife because of his versatility, and Will Bufkin, a right-handed sniper who has emerged as one of Stevenson's top scoring threats.

"Will Bufkin is making his name in another sport — he's an All-American lacrosse player, so water polo is really a side gig for him," Higgins said. "He's a great shooter and he's also really smart about the defensive position, and getting better."

Heywood earned his starting spot late last season, but his game grew exponen-

tially over the summer, when he was a member of Monterey Bay United's 16-and-under club team, which qualified for the national Junior Olympics tournament.

"I can put Beckett wherever I need somebody because he does so many things well," Higgins said. "Sometimes we'll ask him to lock down the other team's best guy. Other times he basically acts like a point guard for our offense, handling and distributing the ball."

Other key players are sophomore Alan Qian (a left-handed playmaker and sharpshooter who chose to play with MBU's club team during the summer, rather than return home to Hong Kong), and four seniors: Cash Satava is a returning letterman, a center forward with strong technique, Jack Weber is a varsity returner in the right flat, Cooper Kitson is a driver/attacker with good speed, and Jack Le Towt is a contender for a starting position at driver or right wing.

Carmel's only league loss last season came at the hand of Stevenson, but a solid returning cast is steely-eyed about the possibility of ending the Pirates' PCAL winning streak.

### Two decorated seniors

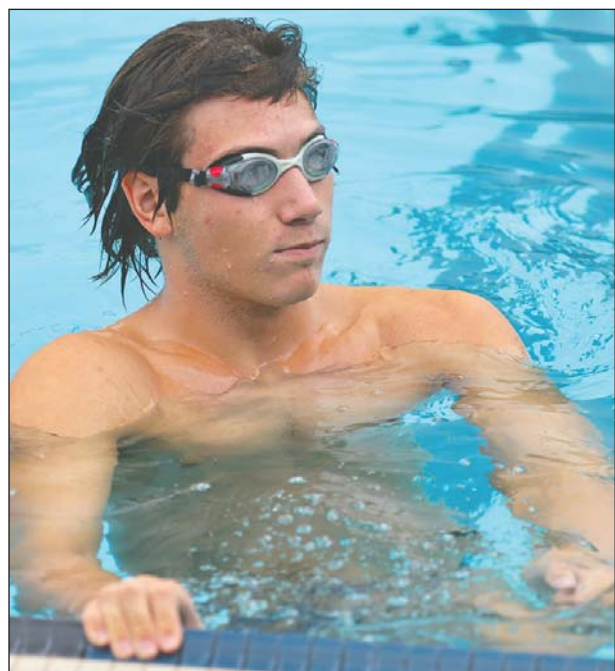
First-team all-leaguer London Selby-Lara and second-team honoree David Cortez have stepped up as captains, along with fellow senior Harper Hohman.

Lara, a utility player, is the hub of Carmel's offense — "We like to run our offense through him," Norall said — who also can act as a shutdown defender.

Cortez's exceptional speed in the pool creates opportunities for him to attack the goal, but he also is an option to cover the strongest opponent.

"Those two guys play the best defense of anybody on our team," the coach said. "They're both great all-around players."

They're also the only returning starters for the Padres, but the new forces in the lineup include sophomore attacker Jack Balas (bigger and faster this year



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson's Laird Welch was second-team all-division a year ago as a freshman and leads the Pirates in scoring again this fall.

after diligent work in the weight room), juniors Boston Fisher and Weston Wilson (both 2-meter defenders), and two seniors: Hohman, the third captain, is a heady player and strong leader with a talent for communicating with younger players; and Bryce Stoddard, a varsity lacrosse player, is expected to contribute at both ends of the pool after he fully recovers from a bout with Covid.

Sophomores to watch include attacker Jovan Osorio (already a sometime-starter), Vitea Devellier, one of the Padres' top defenders, and Marc Kalman-Zulik, a native of Hungary and a strong club swimmer with water polo in his blood.

When this week began, Stevenson had a 4-4 overall record that included games against Pioneer (San Jose), Santa Cruz, Palo Alto, C.K. McClatchy (Sacramento), Soquel, and Los Altos.

Carmel was 8-2 at the beginning of the week, including losses to Santa Cruz and Junipero Serra (San Mateo), and two victories over Aragon (San Mateo), and one apiece over Harbor (Santa Cruz), Gilroy, Willow Glen (San Jose), Aragon (San Mateo), and Pacific Grove.

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# This Week

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## With a lineup of old favorites and fresh faces, Monterey Jazz Festival turns 66

CELEBRATING ITS 66th season with a star-studded lineup, the Monterey Jazz Festival returns to Monterey Fairgrounds Friday (7 and 8:45 p.m. shows), Saturday (starting at 12:30 p.m.) and Sunday (starting at 12:30 p.m.).

The longest continuously running jazz festival in the world, the annual gathering boasts an impressive array of performers, including **Herbie Hancock**, **Diane Reeves**, **Christian McBride**, **John Scofield**, **Charles Lloyd**, **Samara Joy**, **Snarky Puppy**, **Thundercat** and dozens of others.

The festival also marks the last for artistic director **Tim Jackson**, who is stepping down after 32 years. He will be replaced next year by composer and musician **Darin Atwater**.

While three-day arena passes are sold out, three-day grounds passes are still available (\$220), as are single-day arena passes for Saturday and Sunday (\$209) and single-day grounds passes for all three days (\$95 for general admission and \$30 for kids).



Snarky Puppy (left) and singer Samara Joy (right) perform this weekend at the 66th annual Monterey Jazz Festival at Monterey Fairgrounds. Founded in 1958, the yearly gathering is the longest continuously-running jazz festival in the world.

## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The fairgrounds are located at 2004 Fairground Road in Monterey. For more details, visit [montereyjazzfestival.org](http://montereyjazzfestival.org).

### ■ Dylan & Dylan play Cherry Center

Pairing the poetry of Dylan Thomas with the music of Bob Dylan, **Dylan and Dylan** performs Friday, 7 p.m., and Saturday, 3 p.m., at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

Actor **Taelan Thomas** — who has portrayed literary

figures like Mark Twain and John Steinbeck on stage — will recite Thomas' poetry, while musicians **Steve Mortensen**, **Laura Burian** and **Dixie Dixon** will play the music by Dylan, who is considered by many to be the greatest of all contemporary songwriters.

The show takes an "excursion into the hearts and minds of two passionate and unpredictable literary geniuses who share a name," according to the Cherry Center's **Robert Reese**.

Tickets are \$25. Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe in Carmel. Call (831) 624-7491 or visit [carlcherrycenter.org](http://carlcherrycenter.org).

### ■ Live music Sept. 22-28

**American Legion Post 512 — Monterey County Line** (country, rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.). Dolores

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**Barmel** — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday and Thursday at 6 p.m.), **Rick Chelew** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Eighth.

**Bernardus Lodge & Spa** in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz and blues, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Anne Sibley** (Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Big Sur River Inn — The Zach Westfall Quartet** (jazz, Sunday at noon). 46800 Highway 1.

**Bulldog Sports Pub** in Monterey — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly Community Jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.

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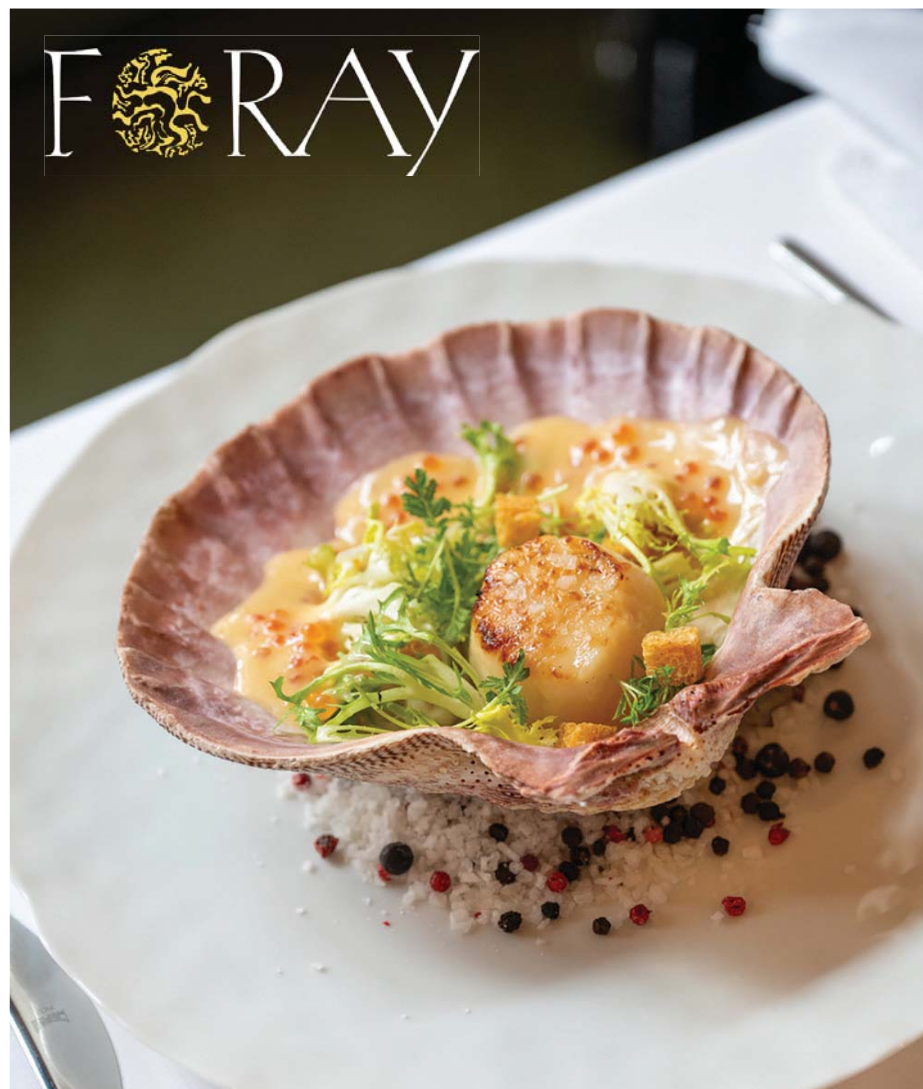
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## Doo-be-doo-be-doo, Michelin in Seaside, and getting schooled

**GET OUT** your skinny ties and natty suits, but maybe leave the fisticuffs at home for this year's Taste of Carmel, themed "Flashback to the Rat Pack," at the Carmel Mission Oct. 5. from 6 to 9 p.m. Hallmarked by sophistication

### Soup to Nuts

and mischief, the group of A-list entertainers headed by Humphrey Bogart in the 1940s and taken over by Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra in the late 1950s should inspire a lot of dapper retro attire and crooning during the Carmel Chamber of Commerce's 34th annual fundraiser.



Maligne, Klaus Georis' restaurant in Seaside, features satisfying entrees like Not Cioppino — a delicious, decidedly un-Italian, dish.

The event will gather some 50 local restaurants and wineries to share small bites and pours of their latest vintages, along with live music and an expansive silent auction.

The evening's culinary lineup, with restaurants spread throughout the Mission's beautiful courtyard, will include Aabha, All about the Chocolate, Anton & Michel, Aquinos Birrieria, Baja Cantina, Basil, Big Sur Bakery, BreadSong, Cafe Carmel, Cafe del Mare, Earthbound Farm Stand, Edwin's, European Imports, Flaherty's, Carmel's Hidden Gem, Hog's Breath, Links Club, Little Swiss Cafe, Cantinetta Luca, Mission Bistro, Nielsen Bros. Market, Nut Hut, Patisserie Boissiere, Promesa, Rio Grill, Shearwater Tavern, Stationaery, Sysco, The Grill On Ocean Avenue, The Pocket, Toro, Village Corner, Wild Plum Cafe and Yafa.

Set to pour alongside them will be Alvarado Street Brewery, American Institute of Wine & Food, Bernardus, Blair Estate, Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co., Chalone Vineyard, Corral Wines, Dawn's Dream Winery, Fog's End Distillery, Folktale Winery, Galante Vineyards, Hidden Hills, Kori Wines, Lepe Cellars, LeVigne Winery, McIntyre Vineyards, Otter Bay, Pelio, Peter B's, Riboli Wines, Scheid Family Wines, Shale Canyon, Silvestri, Vin Wine Bar, Windy Oaks and Wrath.

Ensuring the ambiance stays swinging, Steve Lucky & the Rhumba Bums featuring Miss Carmen Getit will perform live.

For those who want a little extra, a few VIP tickets remain. Perks include early entry at 5 p.m., a private concert with Bro & Reija, exclusive access to a VIP lounge all night long, gaming tables, a martini bar (of course), swag bags and more.

The Taste of Carmel is being chaired by chamber board members Ben Beesley and Ashley Stoddard again this year. To purchase tickets, which are \$250 for VIPs, \$200 for nonmembers and \$175 for chamber members, go to [tasteofcarmel.com](http://tasteofcarmel.com) or [carmelchamber.com](http://carmelchamber.com). Online ticket sales close Oct. 1. — MS



Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley is celebrating its annual Oktoberfest, with Bavarian pretzels, schnitzel, and of course, plenty of beer, now through Oct. 3.

### Pre-party?

On the same night — just in time to serve as a possible pre-party — Grasing's restaurant at Mission and Sixth will host the "Autumn Sip of Europe" tasting in its rooftop patio from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Wine director Eric Ewers said the tasting will feature "exceptional wines from Italy and France," including producers like Domaine Michel Magnien, Chateau de Saint Cosme, Castellare di Castellina, and Altesino.

Executive chef Mario Garcia "will provide some of his favorite nibbles to break up the monotony of sipping delicious wine after delicious wine," he added.

Registration is \$40 per person at [grasings.com](http://grasings.com). — MS

### Lunch at Maligne

Earlier this year, Maligne received Michelin's Bib

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# FOOD & WINE

## FOOD

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Gourmand designation, which the company says is given to “friendly establishments that serve good food at moderate prices.” Specifically, you should be able to get a good, three-course meal for around \$40, and that is indeed possible at Maligne, chef-owner Klaus Georis’ spot at 600 Broadway in Seaside.

That budget will limit your menu choices, but if you start with the pillowy, crunchy-crustured grilled focaccia bread (\$8) served with some excellent olive oil and end with a scoop of gelato (\$8), you can pull it off.

Appearances are playfully deceptive. Plates are small, but surprisingly filling and satisfying, and the urban/industrial interior is juxtaposed with delicate, floral-patterned china and classic Mediterranean cooking.

Georis — part of a family whose name is synonymous with good food (Casanova,

La Bicyclette) and wine here — understands that if you’re only going to put a few items on a plate, they have to be top-notch. During a recent visit, the stracciatella appetizer (\$22) included a layer of the namesake cheese (confusingly, stracciatella can also refer to gelato or a pasta soup), ripe heirloom tomato slices, olive oil, balsamic vinegar and fresh basil. Every bite was like summer blowing a farewell kiss.

The chef, who doubled as a server in the quiet dining room (“business always falls off a little after a holiday,” he explained), recommended a dry, crisp 2021 Angle Droit Sauvignon Blanc (\$15) from France to accompany the Spring Veggie Plate (\$28), an entrée with peas, wild mushrooms, spinach and summer squash in a deeply flavored lemony broth. The latter was quickly soaked up, using bread left over from the appetizers.

Not Cioppino, (\$34) — a bowl of shellfish that, true to its name, bore little resemblance to the Italian fish stew — was umami-rich with a gentle kick of heat at the back end. Plump, juicy mussels sat next to two large prawns, nestled among tiny clams with roasted tomatoes and garnished with parsley and chives. The wood-fired oven imparted a bit of smoky flavor to the prawns and tomatoes.

The leisurely pace allowed diners to savor their dishes and have conversations with beginnings, middles and ends. While the dessert menu tempted, appetizers and entrées left little room for more food. Another time

... There were a few nitpicks. The delicate napkin was no match for broth-soaked fingers after the prawns were shelled — a towel or finger bowl would have been welcome. Also, the small, handle-less coffee cup was a tad awkward, as it became quite hot to the touch. But these were small things in an otherwise delightful, relaxing and splurge-y lunch. The tab for two diners (including one glass of wine), before tax and tip, was \$111.

To learn more, peruse a sample menu or make reservations, visit [restaurantmaligne.com](http://restaurantmaligne.com) or call (831) 631-1302. — EH

### Getting wiser about wine

In fall 2015, Monterey Peninsula College inaugurated a wine studies program within the school’s hospitality department to help educate local hospitality workers in the finer points of oenology.

The college offered two classes that prepared the students to take a Level 1 sommelier exam. By 2019, the curriculum had been expanded, offering several more classes, but with the onset of Covid-19, they were eventually dropped.

Starting this semester, MPC is again offering wine classes — six, to be exact — which can lead to certifications and count toward an associate degree in hospitality with a wine concentration.

According to Molly Jansen, the head of MPC’s hospitality department, “Wine plays a huge role in hospitality. These certificates that we offer lead into our associate’s degree. We encourage all of our



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students to take these classes, as they will benefit their careers regardless of which area of hospitality they pursue.”

Students in the program can have dual high school/MPC enrollment, which allows them to begin their college careers while still attending a local high school. California state law permits any student 18 or older (they have to spit when tasting) to take the class. However, MPC prefers the students to be 21, so that they can fully immerse themselves in the scents and flavors of wine.

Those of us not pursuing a new career can take MPC’s wine classes on a non-credit basis, too. — RL

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Monterey Peninsula College’s hospitality program brought back its popular wine classes for its students — and anyone else who may be interested.

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**Police Log: Big Sur, Nov. 26**

A Seaside couple drove to the Nacimiento Ferguson Rd. area to camp for the night. #?@#%?!?!  
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# WINE

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## ■ Fall fun and seasonal goodies

**Oktoberfest in the valley:** The Trailside Cafe's Carmel Valley Oktoberfest is already underway and will continue through Oct. 3. You don't have to be German to indulge in a special beer and food menu for lunch and dinner. Owner Sean Allen said the restaurant will feature sausages from

Corralitos Sausage Co. and Niman Ranch, along with Bavarian-style pretzels served with house-made cheese sauce. Don't miss your chance to have some delicious schnitzel with all the fixins, too. Trailside Cafe & Beer Garden is at 3 Del Fino Place, and more information is at trailsidecafevc.com.

**Sweet treats with a mission:** Lavender Creek, a lavender farm and wellness brand, has partnered with Monterey's Revival Ice Cream and the Carmel Honey Company to create a new honey-and-lavender ice cream, combining locally sourced honey, sustainable lavender and "artisanal

ice cream craftsmanship." Each company also has its own social mission, promoting pollinators (Carmel Honey), providing delicious and ethical ice cream (Revival), and harnessing the soothing benefits of lavender, which reportedly adds a delicate aromatic quality and a sense of calm and elegance to dishes (Lavender Creek, natch). To sample the new flavor, visit Revival Ice Cream in at 463 Alvarado St. (revivalicecream.com).

*Elaine Hesser, Roxanne Langer and Mary Schley contributed to this week's column.*



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# LIVE

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at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

**Intercontinental Hotel** in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Ferrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

**Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant** in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

**La Playa Hotel** — **The David Morwood Band** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.). Pianist **Glen Pearson** and bassist **Tomoko Funaki** join the band Sunday. Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth.

**The Links Club** — **The Bounce Kitty Buskers** (Dixieland jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Groove Masters** ("70's-centric rock, soul and disco," Saturday 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 **Anne Sibley** (Friday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace

Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

**Lucy's on Lighthouse** in Pacific Grove — **Sugar Beats** (rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Lighthouse** (rock and soul, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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

**Midici Pizza** in Monterey — singer **Nina Hadzi-Antich** and guitarist **Brice Albert** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Brian Stock Quartet** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

**Mission Ranch** — singer and pianist **Maddalene 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** — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), keyboardist **Peter Cor** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Monday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

**Pacific Grove Art Center** — guitarist **Kenny Hill** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). Tickets are \$25 and available at the door. 568 Lighthouse Ave.

**Pearl Hour** in Monterey — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

**Peter B's Brewpub** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 2 Portola Plaza.

**Puma Road at Portola Plaza** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Blaise Digirolamo** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adam Behan** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

**Rio Grill** — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Friday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Sunday at noon). In The Crossroads shopping center.

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

**Salty Seal Pub** in Monterey — **Mixtape** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **ZWB** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan**

**Frechette** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

**Sly McFly's** in Monterey — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Phil 'n' the Blanks** (classic rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

**Tarpy's** in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (jazz and blues, Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68.

**Trailside Cafe** in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Wade Egan** (Friday at 6 p.m.), **Snake Oil Road Show** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

**Twisted Roots Vineyard** tasting room in Carmel Valley — **The Evergreen Duo** (pop and rock, Saturday at 1 p.m.). 12 Del Fino Place.

**Wild Fish** restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Light-house Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

## BUTTERFLY Weekend Schedule

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Classical guitarist Kenny Hill performs Saturday at the Pacific Grove Art Center. Presented by the Carmel Guitar Society, the concert starts at 7 p.m.

# CALENDAR

**Sept. 23-29** – All Things Vintage will be featured at the **13th Anniversary Celebration of Joining Hands Benefit Shop** (located next to Fremont Bank, Carmel Rancho Square). Remember Jello Parfaits? Have one while you shop. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. [ifaithcarmel.org](mailto:ifaithcarmel.org) Questions? [joininghandscarmel@gmail.com](mailto:joininghandscarmel@gmail.com); (831) 293-8140

**Sept. 23** – **Birth Dues: The Poetry of Robinson Jeffers set to music performed by Tor House Fellow Ethan Koss-Smith.** The performance will include musical compositions created at Tor House during Ethan's residency. 7 p.m. Reception at 6:30 p.m. \$15. 26304 Ocean View Avenue, Carmel. Tickets at [torhouse.org](http://torhouse.org).

**Sept. 23** – Hear author **Joan Hill** on **"The Miracle Mindset"** and enjoy wine and nibbles, 5 to 7:30 p.m., at the Hacienda at Santa Catalina School, 1500 Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey, hosted by the Christ Child Society of Monterey Bay. Purchase tickets online at [www.christchildmontereybay.org](http://www.christchildmontereybay.org). For more information or for raffle tickets, please contact Anne Kelley at (206) 949-2944.

**Sept. 28** – **Siembra Latinos Celebration**, 6-8 p.m. at Taylor Farms, 150 Main St., Salinas. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, music and tequila tasting at a strolling rooftop reception. The evening will include presenting the inaugural Alfred Diaz-Infante Award to Ernesto Vela, Ed.D. Group is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Monterey County Tickets: [siembralatinosfund2023.eventbrite.com](http://siembralatinosfund2023.eventbrite.com)

**Sept. 30** – **St. John's Chapel Peddlers' Fair** offers a wealth of vendors, flea market treasures and refreshments. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. John's is at 1490 Mark Thomas Drive between the Hyatt House and Del Monte Golf Course. For details or to reserve a selling table, call (831) 375-4463.

**Sept. 30 & Oct. 14** – **Autumn Organ Concerts** – **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church** will feature organists **David Lim** in concert on Saturday, Sept. 30 and **Angela Kraft Cross** on Saturday, Oct. 14. Tickets \$25, \$40 for both performances; students and patrons under 18 free. Available at the door and at <https://onrealm.org/StDunstansCV/-/form/give/default> – click on the Fund drop-down menu and enter Concerts. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley. [stdcv.org](http://stdcv.org).

**Sept. 30** – **The National Steinbeck Center** is hosting its **FREE annual Steinbeck Street Fair** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.! Gather on the 100 block of Main Street in downtown Salinas for live music, vintage cars, a ShutterBooth photo booth, games, prizes, activity booths, the Bookmobile and more.



**Oct. 2** – **"The State of Carmel-by-the-Sea."** Mayor **Dave Potter** will give us an up-to-date account of the city today. Please join us at 2 p.m. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth. Open to the public.

**Oct. 5-8 & 13-15** – **The Monterey History & Art Association** presents **"The Sunset Limited,"** a powerful theater piece about an encounter between two strangers who have difficult conversations about life and a life or death decision. Staged weekends at the Stanton Center, 5 Custom House Plaza, Monterey. Tickets & info: [www.stantoncenter.org](http://www.stantoncenter.org)

**Oct. 7** – **Come enjoy a Sunset Celebration at Pt. Pinos Lighthouse in Pacific Grove.** The event will feature lively music from the **David Holodiloff Trio** and food catered by **Michael's Taqueria**. Wine and beer will be offered, and all guests can tour the inside of the lighthouse with docent guides. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the Heritage Society website: [www.pacificgroveheritage.org](http://www.pacificgroveheritage.org)

**Oct. 7** – **Dynamic Celtic trio, Johnny B. Connolly (accordion), John Weed (fiddle) and Cary Novotny (guitar/vocals)** will be appearing for a special show featuring a mix of driving jigs and reels, old time rhythms and American ballads at St. Mary's By-The-Sea, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at [www.celticsociety.org](http://www.celticsociety.org). \$30 advance, \$35 door, kids' pricing available. For info call or text (831) 224-3819.

**Oct. 14** – **The MPC Foundation's Evening of Opportunity Gala** promises an enjoyable evening while benefiting local students. Reservations can be purchased at [www.mpcfoundation.org/gala](http://www.mpcfoundation.org/gala) or (831) 655-5507.

**Oct. 28** – **The Monterey Sports Center** is hosting its **Annual Pumpkin Plunge Event** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Online registration is open! Event check-in begins at 5 p.m., 301 E. Franklin St., Monterey. Visit the website at [montereysportscenter.org](http://montereysportscenter.org) for more details or call (831) 646-3730.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STAVE WINE CELLAR AT SPANISH BAY, 2700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: 1. CYPRESS I, LLC, 2700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STICKS, 2700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STILLWATER BAR & GRILL, 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

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declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE BENCH, 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

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the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FLORES LAWN CARE, 725 Alvarado Dr., Salinas, California 93907.

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LEGAL DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm email: legals@carmelpinecone.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, on or after 4:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in-person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- MA 23-103 (Cypress Inn) Gerard A. Rose, Attorney Northeast Corner of Lincoln Street and 7th Avenue Block 75, Lots 18, 20, 22 APN 010-147-008
MA 23-103 (Cypress Inn): Consideration of a Mills Act Contract application MA 23-103 (Cypress Inn) for the historic "La Ribera Hotel" located on the northeast corner of Lincoln Street and 7th Avenue in the Residential-Commercial (R-C) District. APN 010-147-008.
MA 23-146 (Lopez 5 NW, LLC) KC Cullen, Architect Lopez Avenue 5 northwest of 4th Avenue Block LL, Lot 14, part Lot 12 APN 010-232-028
MA 23-146 (Lopez 5 NW, LLC): Consideration of a Mills Act Contract application MA 23-146 (Lopez 5 NW, LLC) for the historic "Cosmos House" located on Lopez Avenue 5 northwest of 4th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-232-028.
MA 23-116 (Esperanza Carmel, LLC) Christopher Mitchell, Managing Director 26336 Scenic Road Block B, Lot 18 APN 009-423-001
MA 23-116 (Esperanza Carmel, LLC): Consideration of a Mills Act Contract application MA 23-116 (Esperanza Carmel LLC) for the historic "Mrs. Clinton Walker House" located at 26336 Scenic Road in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 009-423-001.
MA 23-117 (Griffin) Christopher Barlow, Architect 3rd Avenue 2 northwest of Junipero Street

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser): https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/89400239018 Meeting ID: 894 0023 9018 Password: 981017 Dial in: (253) 215-8782

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. The Council meeting will be televised live on the City's website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding City Council meetings, please contact the City Clerk's office at (831) 620-2016.

All interested persons are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us 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 provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Nova Romero, MMC City Clerk Dated: 9/19/2023 Publish Date: 9/22/2023 Publication Dates: Sept. 22, 2023 (PC961)



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# The Carmel Pine Cone

# Real Estate



■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel, is presented by Shelly Mitchell Lynch of Carmel Realty Company (See Page 2RE)



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# About the Cover

The Carmel Pine Cone

# Real Estate

September 22-28, 2023



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**HUGE \$800,000  
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**3301 17 Mile Drive, Residence #10**  
**\$6,850,000**

HUGE OCEAN AND GOLF LINKS VIEWS  
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AT THE LODGE  
OWNER MAY CARRY



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# Real Estate Sales Sept. 10 - 16

**Escrows closed: 26**  
**Total value: \$61,415,000**

## Carmel

**24724 Santa Rita Street — \$1,650,000**  
Joyce Osorio to John Clements and Sharon Van Epps  
APN: 009-081-024

**24730 Dolores Street — \$2,100,000**  
David Sweeney to Benjamin and Ashley Macuga  
APN: 009-111-003

**Carmelo Street, NW corner of Ninth Avenue —  
\$3,550,000**

See HOME SALES page 4RE

## CHARMING HOME IN CARMEL VALLEY RANCH

OPEN HOUSE SAT 11AM-1PM & SUN 1PM-3PM



9682 SYCAMORE COURT, CARMEL  
2 beds, 2 baths | 1,933 sq. ft. | \$1,495,000 | www.9682SycamoreCt.com



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## Active

### 226 Highway 1, Carmel Highlands

4 BD | 4.5 BA | 4,118 Sq Ft | 0.63 Acre Lot

List Price - \$3,775,000

226highway1.com

## In Escrow

### 49155 Highway 1, Big Sur

12 BD | 10.5 BA | 9,841 Sq Ft | 350 Acre Lot

List Price - \$22,000,000

newellranchbigsur.com



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Pebble Beach ■ 3 beds, 3.5 baths ■ \$4,999,000 ■ [www.1032SanCarlosRoad.com](http://www.1032SanCarlosRoad.com)



Monterey ■ 4 beds, 4.5 baths ■ \$4,800,000 ■ [www.MonterraOaks.com](http://www.MonterraOaks.com)



Carmel-by-the-Sea ■ 3 beds, 3 baths ■ \$4,799,000 ■ [www.CarmelPointHome.com](http://www.CarmelPointHome.com)



Pebble Beach ■ 3 beds, 3 baths ■ \$3,995,000 ■ [www.1407CanteraCourt.com](http://www.1407CanteraCourt.com)



Carmel Valley ■ 5 beds, 4.5 baths ■ \$3,450,000 ■ [www.ViaLaEstrella.com](http://www.ViaLaEstrella.com)



Carmel Valley ■ 4 beds, 3 baths ■ \$2,995,000 ■ [www.CarmelValleyViews.com](http://www.CarmelValleyViews.com)



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# HOME SALES

From page 2RE

## Carmel (con't.)

Russell Quacchia to Joseph Levine and Darren Schillace  
APN: 010-269-007

**Carmelo Street, 5 SE of Second Avenue — \$4,450,000**

Thomas Galvin and Julie Brown to Jill Layman  
APN: 010-241-033

**San Antonio Avenue, 3 NW of 11th Avenue — \$5,000,000**

David and Susan Endicott to Lillian Cardwell and Cardroth Equity LLC  
APN: 010-303-006

**Camino Real, 2 NW of Eighth Avenue — \$5,250,000**

William and Noreen West to Lawrence and Martha Fogel  
APN: 010-265-006

## Carmel Valley

**7 Paso Cresta — \$1,334,500**

James and Danielle Price to David and Janet Gayner  
APN: 189-231-011

**39 Encina Drive — \$1,450,000**

39 Encina LLC to Scott and Wendy Anderson  
APN: 187-041-051

**25410 Tierra Grande Drive — \$1,525,000**

Joel and Nicolas Trudeau to Andrew and Jessica Ortega  
APN: 169-352-002

**25275 Outlook Drive — \$2,600,000**

Michael Vezilich and Gretchen Romani to T and K Eakin

APN: 015-031-016

**2700 Red Wolf Drive — \$2,600,000**

Jonathan and Jessica Auerbach to Kevin and Erica Connors  
APN: 416-011-004

**Laureles Grade — \$10,500,000**

Brian Hinman to 907 Laureles Grade LLC  
APN: 151-011-025/026/062

## Highway 68

**22740 Torero Court — \$1,306,000**

Larry Ichtenegger to Daniel and Nichole Hollingsworth  
APN: 161-432-015

**25411 Markham Lane — \$1,435,000**

Kristin Massolo to Clive and Sally Smith  
APN: 161-553-010

See **ESCROWS** page 11RE



**NEW PRICE! \$1,425,000**  
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CARMEL VALLEY | OPEN SUN 1-4



60 Lupin Lane  
4 BD | 2.0 BA | \$1,500,000

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MILTON MARQUARD 831.594.0643

PEBBLE BEACH | OPEN SAT & SUN 1-3



3020 Sloat Road  
3 BD | 2.5 BA | \$2,600,000

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MICHELLE RICHARDS 831.877.3317

PACIFIC GROVE | OPEN SAT & SUN 12-3



970 Lighthouse Avenue  
3 BD | 2.0 BA | \$1,838,000

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J.R. ROUSE 831.277.3464  
MATTHEW VELASQUEZ 831.254.3949

PACIFIC GROVE | OPEN SAT 1-3



1116 Lincoln Avenue  
4 BD | 2.0 BA | \$1,400,000

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NATE RANDALL 831.869.6117

CARMEL VALLEY | OPEN SAT 2-4



2 Laguna Robles  
2 BD | 2.0 BA | \$1,250,000

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TRAPIN ANDERSON MYERS  
831.601.4934

MONTEREY



12 La Playa Street  
2 BD | 2.5 BA | \$1,250,000

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TRUSZKOWSKI FREEDMAN  
831.915.2082

MONTEREY | OPEN FRI 12-2 & SAT 1-3



1195 8th Street  
2 BD | 2.0 BA | \$1,100,000

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DAVE RANDALL 831.241.8871

CARMEL | OPEN SUN 1-3



107 Del Mesa Carmel  
2 BD | 2.0 BA | \$950,000

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MONTEREY



7415 Alturas Court  
1.95 Acres | \$659,000

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CARMEL VALLEY



26135 Zdan Road  
3.03 Acres | \$299,000

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# SOME OF THE THINGS WE LEFT BEHIND AND SOME THINGS WE CARRIED WITH US

**MY MOTHER** darned socks. I damn them to the rag-bag if a single thread shows the slightest sign of unraveling. Show today's youngsters a darning egg and they'll think someone silenced your maracas by removing the pebbles.

In our family, no item of clothing ever made it to Goodwill. Clothes were recycled and became hand-me-downs. The modern fashion of ripped jeans with holes in the knees could not have happened during the 1940s. There isn't a mother in the country who would have allowed her children out of the house looking like hoboes. Torn clothes spoke to her character. They said she didn't care enough about her family. Those moms would have patched them and patched them again if they got torn a second time. We didn't need influencers to tell us that ripped pants were a fashion statement. Common sense told us P.T. Barnum was right about a sucker being born every minute.

We memorized poetry. I had a sense of déjà vu when

Garrison Keillor recently wrote about having to memorize William Shakespeare's Sonnet No. 29: *When, in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes, I all alone beweep my out-cast state.* While on a Zoom call with a couple of my high

*And waste its fragrance in the desert air;* and Alfred, Lord Tennyson's "Ulysses" — *I am a part of all that I have met.* The poems and the passages were still fresh in our minds. If you are from that era, did you not try emulating the Bard with your own sonnets?

## Scenic Views

By **JERRY GERVASE**

school classmates (Bishop Fallon '54) we talked about having to learn that same sonnet during freshman English, along with "On His Blindness," by John Milton, and Shakespeare's Sonnet No. 116: *Let me not to the marriage of true minds/Admit impediments.* We memorized passages from Thomas Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Church Yard." *Full many a flow'r is born to blush unseen/*

### Promise unfulfilled

In college, I lived in an off-campus basement apartment. It became a gathering place on Friday afternoons for other "not-with-the-in-crowd" students who lived in dorms. The gatherings were not free to attend. Admission was a six-pack or a bottle of Ripple and an idea or opinion that needed discussion and critique. None of us had been rushed by fraternities.

Perhaps it was our first awareness that ever since the world was the world, the big lived well and the small did not. Several of us wrote for the university newspaper and/or the school's literary journals. We were not anarchists. We were not angry at the United States. Newly elected President John Kennedy's confidence seemed to set the tone for a peaceful decade. That promise never materialized. By the end of the 1960s, the nation was falling apart. America splintered as the country became enmeshed in the Vietnam War. In 1960, we denounced tuition increases and railed against politics in general without donning Che Guevara T-shirts or starting riots.

Now, more than six decades later, my Zoommates and I know we have avoided Ulysses' lament: *How dull it is to pause, to make an end/To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use!*

I hope I've carried the values I learned while growing up in a non-disposable society but have left behind emotional baggage. I know I've taken a lot of good memories from my past — well, maybe I've embellished them and they weren't as good as I thought. At least I know I cannot go back and change outcomes. I'd like to believe I've left regrets behind, but no matter how good my intentions were, there was someone I disappointed.

### Flotsam and jetsam

I've worked hard at leaving behind grudges and resentments because, as someone said, "forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it." Besides, the Bible tells me to repay evil with good.

I've carried with me cultural influences that play a role in shaping my worldview, attitudes and perspectives, leaving behind old beliefs, prejudices and toxic relationships, and I've jettisoned enough bad habits to earn a good conduct medal.

I've left behind past failures because I do not want to be defined by them, yet worked at not allowing myself to be carried away by any successes because I do not want to be defined by them, either. When we define others by these ephemeral standards we never get to know who they really are.

My mother darned socks and I write about it using a computer, a device she couldn't possibly have imagined. Yet there is a connection of time and patience, a legacy and tradition of preservation that she passed on to me. She mended socks seamlessly. I try to put words together the same way. I can still see the satisfaction in her face at the completion of a task that required a skill I couldn't comprehend. As simple as it was, it was done out of love, a remembrance worth carrying with me always.

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