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Moving sand to keep river from Scenic Road

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE memory of the heavy rains that caused the Carmel River to take out a big section of Scenic Road last winter still fresh in everybody's mind, and with the possibility of storms in the forecast for next week, Monterey County workers used heavy equipment Tuesday to create a channel at the south end of Carmel River State Beach to encourage the river to flow in that direction once it breaks through the sandbar and heads out to sea.

An aerial shot taken Dec. 13 shows an excavator, a bulldozer and a crew creating what officials call a "pilot channel." The channel runs several hundred feet from the southwest edge of the lagoon to Carmel Bay.

Tuesday marked the second attempt by the county to accomplish the task. Workers tried to create the channel Nov. 29, but Mother Nature didn't cooperate. "High surf

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Monterey County workers use heavy equipment Tuesday at the far end of Carmel River State Beach (yellow arrow at left), to try to make sure that when the Carmel River Lagoon drains, it stays away from Scenic Road (white arrow), which was heavily damaged by last winter's storms.

CHS stadium lights pass nighttime tests

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FOUR new light poles at the Carmel High School athletic stadium that were the focal point of a lawsuit filed by a neighbor group passed a critical test last month, interim Carmel Unified School District Superintendent Sharon Ofek confirmed this week. The lights, along with new ones at the pool, were tested by the International DarkSky Association Nov. 21-22, with the organization sending its compliance letter to the district Dec. 6.

The nonprofit is "a recognized worldwide authority combating light pollution," according to its website, and has a comprehensive program that "encourages and promotes community-friendly sports lighting designs that minimize light pollution" by offering clear guidance to government agencies, lighting designers and citizens for "best-in-class sports field lighting."

'Exacting standards'

"We offer rigorous independent third-party certification of fields that meet our exacting standards," the association says.

The expansive environmental impact report for the project was certified by the school board more than a year ago and acknowledges its "significant and unavoidable impacts" on the environment. As part of the EIR, the school district submitted the proposed stadium lighting design for DarkSky certification and received approval on Oct. 27, 2021. The LED pool fixture designs were also

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Planning commission likes Hofsas House concept

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE THE details of the hotel proposed to replace the 76-year-old Hofsas House on San Carlos north of Fourth have yet to be revealed, the Carmel Planning Commission and many members of the public embraced the concept during a meeting Wednesday, while a handful condemned the design as too contemporary and not "Carmel-like" enough.

The session marked the project's debut before a Carmel planning board, and it's next set to appear before the historic resources board Dec. 18.

Former Carmel City Councilwoman Carrie Theis and her family have owned the hotel since its inception, and as the steward of the property, she said she wants to ensure it will endure for her son and grandkids. She and architect Eric Miller initially explored the idea of remodeling but concluded the only feasible option is demolition and new construction. The buildings, one of which is four stories tall, sit on a steeply sloped property. They don't have elevators, the construction materials are outdated, it's impossible to soundproof the rooms, much of the hotel doesn't comply

with current codes, and the driveway is very steep, among other problems, they say.

Planning director Brandon Swanson asked commissioners to weigh in on Miller's design, which features lower, more contemporary, craftsman-inspired buildings of stone, wood and glass. The proposal calls for holding the number of rooms at 38, replacing two apartments with two condos, and preserving the historic house on the Dolores Street side of the property in which Theis and her husband, Kevan Urquhart, live. Driveways on San Carlos will be eliminated, but a porte cochere on that frontage will accommodate cars for mandatory valet parking in a 50-space garage accessed via Dolores Street. An onsite restaurant, bakery/café, spa, fitness center, pool and lounge will serve only hotel guests, due to the residential-commercial zoning on the property.

Standing room only

"It's nice to see standing room only for a planning commission meeting," Swanson said at the start of what became a two-plus-hour discussion Dec. 13. "This is a

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The color of the existing hotel is 'like a dead flamingo,' one neighbor said.

Caltrans: Highway 1 at Paul's Slide won't reopen for months

■ Closure one of longest in Big Sur history

By CHRIS COUNTS

MOTORISTS HOPING to take the iconic Highway 1 drive between Carmel and Cambria will have to wait until next spring, at the very least, according to Caltrans.

The state roads agency recently announced that the highway — which has been closed since mid-January — won't reopen at Paul's Slide until then. About 1.5 miles of Highway 1 is closed due to the continued movement of the slide, which has been a problem for years, but grew worse after last winter's rains.

If the road remains closed for several more months, it would rank as one of the longest closures of the scenic highway since it opened in 1937. There have been numerous closures that lasted up to a year, and on May 20, 2017,

See HIGHWAY page 16A

Marathon founder, city attorney and county judge, Bill Burleigh dies at 89

By CHRIS COUNTS

BEST KNOWN for launching the Big Sur International Marathon in 1986 and serving as a Monterey County judge for more than two decades, Bill Burleigh died Dec. 5, three days after celebrating his 89th birthday. The longtime local was splitting time between Big Sur and Carmel Valley when he passed.

"It's hard to put into words what an impact Bill Burleigh has had on the lives of thousands of people from our region and from around the world," said Josh Priester, the marathon's race director. "His unique vision to create the marathon meant so much more than running shoes hitting the pavement. Empowering the community was a central motivation for his extraordinary efforts. On behalf of the Big Sur Marathon Foundation, we are saddened by Bill's

passing and grateful to have the opportunity to carry on the incredible legacy which he created."

Born in Alexandria, Va., in 1934, Burleigh spent his earliest years in the southeastern United States, where his father, a prominent ornithologist, studied and wrote about birds.

Military service

As a young man, he joined the United States Marines, earning the rank of sergeant. Burleigh later attended the University of Colorado, where he studied history and political science and graduated with honors. He studied law at U.C. Berkeley.

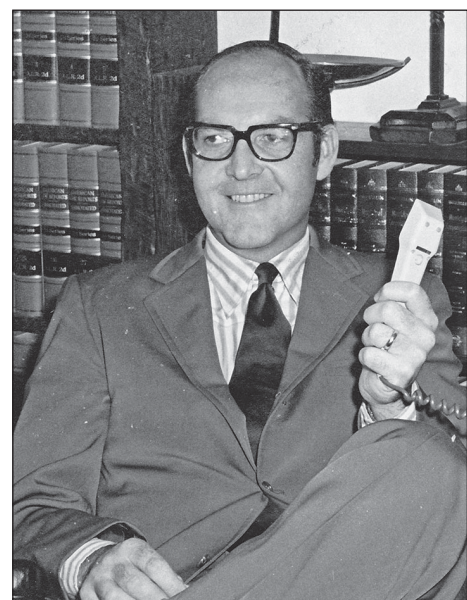
After passing the bar exam, Burleigh opened a law office in Carmel in 1965, and two years later was appointed Carmel city

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Bill Burleigh last summer, with one of his books (above), and (right) as Carmel city attorney in the late 1960s.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

World traveler

Bonsai is a Jack Russell terrier who, with his people – opera singers both – travels with an ease that suggests the world is his country. Born in Germany, he has traveled throughout his native land and also France, plus a quick trot across the border into Spain so he could leave his mark.

"Bonsai has also traveled all over the United States," his person said. "He struts through an airport like it's his home turf, and he's never freaked out on an airplane. He's just a chill little traveler."

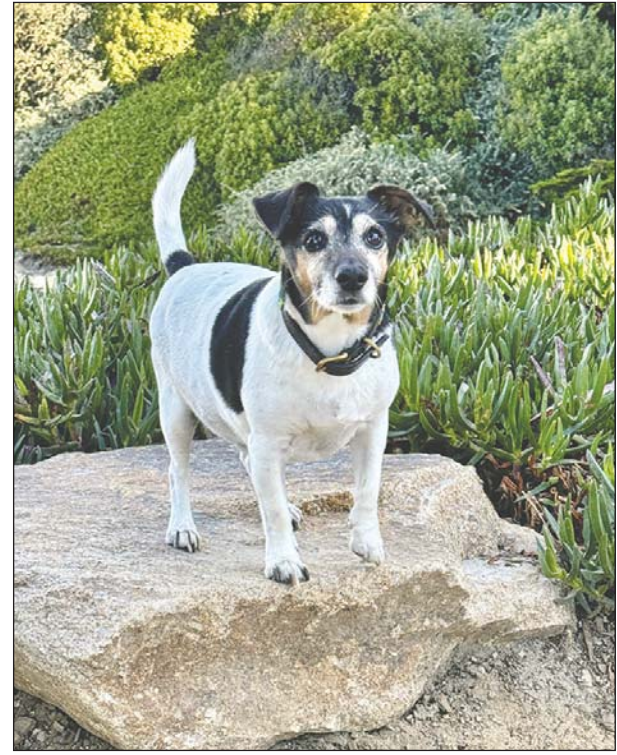
Bonsai's people have always treated him like a dog – a dog's dog. But once they moved to Carmel, into a family cottage at the north end of this canine community, they found themselves buying him bowties and bandanas.

When his people first got Bonsai, they spent a week trying out names for him, trying to see what suited him, or maybe themselves. They started with Figaro. That was abandoned for Sputnik, a reference to this little satellite of a dog orbiting around them. Someone suggested Jack, which they found a little obvious for a Jack Russell, maybe even an indication that they just weren't trying.

Ultimately, they settled on Bonsai, mostly because they liked the way it rolled off the tongue.

Bonsai's favorite part of Carmel is the beach, where he scurries down the sand as if it just feels good against his feet.

"Once we get close, he knows where he's going and



just squeaks in joyful anticipation," his person said. "He loves to find sticks, often too big for him, and he delights in greeting picnickers, going from person to person asking for a snack."

Now 14, Bonsai is beginning to show his age. "Bonsai's beard and mine started to go gray at the same time," his person said.

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Another lawsuit claims sexual harassment at Carmel Valley school

By MARY SCHLEY

A THIRD Carmel Unified School District employee filed suit in Monterey County Superior Court Monday, alleging harassment by her boss and officials' failure to do anything about it. Her complaint follows those of two other Jane Does who sued the district in October over allegations of mistreatment, harassment, discrimination and retaliation by supervisors of the custodial staff. All three women are represented by the same law firm.

In the most recent case, a woman who has worked as an administrative assistant since 2002 accuses Carmel Valley High School principal Tom Parry — who is not listed as a defendant in the suit — of engaging in inappropriate conversations, showing up unannounced at her house, and refusing to stop interacting with her after she told him it made her feel uncomfortable.

Starting in February 2021, she says, Parry disparaged his wife in crude and offensive conversations, prompting Doe to tell him to “stop oversharing about his personal life.”

“She suggested that Parry take a leave of absence from school because he was clearly emotionally unregulated,” her complaint says.

Six months later, on a Friday afternoon after work, Doe went to Del Monte Center to make stops at Victoria's Secret and Pizza My Heart. Later, Parry texted that he'd seen her there and then mentioned it again at work the following Monday, telling her he'd gone to Victoria's Secret to buy lingerie for his wife.

“In response, plaintiff made it clear that Parry's actions were inappropriate

and made her feel uncomfortable,” the lawsuit says, though it doesn't indicate how she conveyed that message. When he brought it up a third time later that day and described the lingerie and “his activities with his wife,” she turned her back on him. After the students had left for the day, Doe confronted Parry and told him to stop talking about his personal life because it made her very uncomfortable. She also doubted he had been at Victoria's Secret coincidentally.

Didn't step in

Doe speculated her pushback irritated him, and she feared retaliation, her complaint says. She was also frightened by “Parry's interest in her and his escalating behavior,” so on Aug. 30, 2021, she called the district's chief human resources officer, Craig Chavez, to make a complaint, but he never called back.

The next day, she had a “stressful encounter with a student,” and Parry refused to step in or back her up, Doe complains, instead giving her “a mean look.” He later wrote her a letter apologizing for not supporting her but made no mention of “his very inappropriate conversations regarding lingerie and seeing her at the mall.”

She then complained to then-superintendent Ted Knight, telling him she was afraid of Parry, didn't want to work with him and “was not comfortable alone with him under any circumstances.”

“Consistent with the district's practice of not protecting victims of sexual harassment, Knight and/or Chavez did nothing

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Unwanted food delivery and comments about Victoria's Secret lingerie

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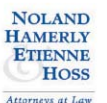
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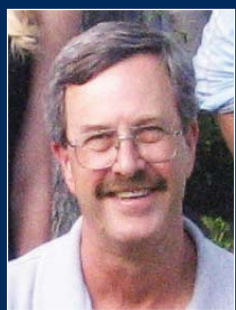
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Please don't kick the bartender

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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Pacific Grove: Child struck by a wave off Ocean View Boulevard and was later treated for injuries.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a violation of a restraining order at an East Carmel Valley Road residence involving a 54-year-old male and a 50-year-old female victim.

Big Sur: A 37-year-old male bartender was kicked in the leg while working at a Highway 1 business.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report was made of a lost cell phone on Santa Lucia Avenue.

Big Sur: Abandoned property on Highway 1.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to a suspicious circumstance on Highway 1.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstance on Lost Barranca Road.

Carmel Valley: Neighbor dispute on Tasajara Road.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a Rancho el Robledo residence for a possible domestic dispute.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 3-inch-by-18-inch sign for a business was stolen from the marquee in front of the San Carlos Street building which houses different businesses.

Pacific Grove: At about 0009 hours, fire department, ambulance and PGPD were dispatched to a fall on private property on Arkwright Court. Subject was transported to Natividad for injuries, and property was booked for safekeeping.

Carmel area: A 73-year-old male on Rio Road was given a no-trespassing admonishment and was later arrested for trespassing.

Carmel area: A Via Malpaso resident reported a dog bite.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Oct. 27 — Salvador Zacharias, 36, from Salinas, was arraigned by Judge Jared Jefferson on charges resulting from a 2007 sexual assault against an incompetent person. The Monterey County District Attorney's Office has charged him with rape of an incompetent person, two counts of sexual penetration by foreign object, forcible rape, and kidnapping with the intent to commit rape.

In 2007, Zacharias noticed Jane Doe walking on the street with her friends. They had left early from their special education class to hang out in a park. Zacharias convinced Doe to get into his car and then drove her to a separate location where he forcibly sexually assaulted her. Doe was unable to identify who her assailant was at the time, and the case lay dormant until 2019, when Zacharias was convicted of another sexual assault that he had committed against a different victim. His DNA was taken as part of routine intake procedures when he was sentenced to prison on the 2019 case. Subsequently, his DNA was tested, and it turned out to be a match to the DNA that was collected from Doe in the 2007 case.

The 2007 case was investigated by the Salinas Police Department.

Nov. 3 — Judge Rafael Vasquez sentenced King City residents and farm labor contractors Elias Perez Jr., 43, and Alejandra Perez, 40, to three years in prison for insurance fraud committed between 2013 and 2017. Vasquez also suspended those prison sentences, placing each defendant on seven years felony probation subject to a variety of conditions.

The defendants, who are brother and sister, are corporate officers for Future Ag. Management, Inc. and Future Harvester & Packers, Inc. Since 2013, those companies have operated as farm labor contractors under California and federal licensing laws. The two companies have employed as many as 1,500 farmworkers at any one time. As employers, the defendants are required to maintain workers' compensation insurance to ensure injured workers have access to medical care, disability and other benefits. Between 2014 and 2016, the defendants' businesses were the subject of federal and state investigations involving wage and hour violations. Those investigations concluded with the payment of fines and compliance agreements.

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Two nabbed in P.G. homicide attempt

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Police have identified the two people arrested in connection with what they say was an attempted murder at an oceanfront park Nov. 30.

Officers responded to the Lovers Point area at about 11:20 p.m. on a report involving "several masked individuals and one person with a gun," Pacific Grove Police said. The male victim was gone, but officers were able to get information about the suspects' vehicles and the direction in which they fled. That led to the Dec. 3 arrest of two Seaside women.

PGPD has not said why the Nov. 30 incident is considered an attempted murder and whether someone shot at the victim or did something else to try to harm him, only that the victim's statement, along with "security footage collected from the crime scene," led investigators to conclude that an "attempted homicide had occurred."

Bailed out

On Dec. 9, several days after Cmdr. Brian Anderson refused to provide The Pine Cone the names of those arrested, claiming doing so would "jeopardize the lives of those involved and our investigation," he identified them as Ashley Aragon, 18, and Jennifer Javier-Ramirez, 20, both of Seaside.

Aragon was arrested for conspiracy to commit a crime, while Javier-Ramirez was arrested for conspiracy to commit a crime and an additional count of vandalism, police said. Both women were booked into Monterey County Jail after their arrests, but inmate records indicate they have bailed out.

Neither woman, however, was arrested for the more serious crime of attempted homicide, which could mean that police believe another person is responsible for that crime, though PGPD has not said it's looking for anyone else.

The police department did say a recently installed camera system which takes photographs of license plates of



Ashley Aragon



Jennifer Javier-Ramirez

vehicles entering and exiting Pacific Grove "was instrumental in assisting detectives with identifying possible suspect vehicles in conjunction with the community's help in providing security footage." Ten of 12 license plate cameras have been installed in various areas in the city.

Nevertheless, PGPD is asking citizens for help in the case. "This investigation is ongoing, and the Pacific Grove Police Department encourages anyone who may have seen something suspicious in the area of Lover's Point Park on the evening of Nov. 30, to call the investigations unit at (831) 648-3143."

As of Thursday, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office had not filed criminal charges against Aragon and Javier-Ramirez.

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JUDGE ORDERS SCHOOL INTRUDER TO GET MENTAL COMPETENCY EXAM

By KELLY NIX

THE MAN who repeatedly walked into Pacific Grove schools while classes were in session before he was arrested for threatening to kill the principal of P.G. High will be required to undergo a mental health evaluation, a judge decided last week.

Riley Elvin, 28, was arrested Nov. 21 after he went to the high school and threatened principal Lito Garcia. His arrest came about a week after he went onto the high

school grounds twice and walked into the middle school, where he was escorted off the property, school officials and Pacific Grove Police say.

Elvin, who court records show has a lengthy criminal record and a history of mental illness and drug use, was charged with felony criminal threats and a misdemeanor of illegally entering school grounds. He remains in Monterey County Jail.

While Elvin has pleaded not guilty to the crimes, his deputy public defender during a Dec. 6 court hearing

in Salinas expressed doubt as to his competency and requested that he be required to undergo a psychiatric examination. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler agreed.

“This court finds a doubt has arisen as to the current mental competency of the defendant,” according to Butler. She referred Elvin to a psychiatrist or psychologist for a mental health examination.

She also tabled his preliminary hearing, which had been set for Dec. 8. Per state law, criminal proceedings against him will be suspended “until the question of mental competence of the defendant has been determined.” Butler ordered Elvin to remain behind bars and she set a competency hearing for Dec. 20.

New charge

According to court records, Elvin faces a new misdemeanor criminal charge for shoplifting at a Walgreens on Nov. 18, four days after he trespassed at P.G. Middle and three days before he was arrested at P.G. High for trespassing and threatening the principal.

Elvin’s criminal history ranges from shoplifting to battery and assault. In January 2022, while an inmate at the jail, he struck a sheriff’s deputy with excrement and other bodily fluids. He was also charged in 2019 with assaulting a man at Cork ‘N’ Bottle in P.G. and charged with battery for “using force and violence” on another man in June 2020.

In 2022, psychiatrist Jonathan Funk concluded that he “presents, as a result of mental disorder or mental defect, a demonstrated danger of inflicting substantial harm on others as evidenced by” his battery on the sheriff’s deputy, according to an eight-page evaluation that was attached to a request from the Department of State Hospitals that Elvin be involuntarily treated with antipsychotic medication.

Elvin was previously admitted to Atascadero State Hospital, which treats mentally ill criminals.



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Man arrested for 'hate crime' after keying Muslim's car

By MARY SCHLEY

POLICE ARE seeking charges against a 46-year-old man for vandalizing a woman's car on Pine Street in Monterey last Sunday night. Mikhail Faybyshev, Monterey police said, "admitted to officers he had scratched the victim's car and had done so because they were Muslim."

The night of Dec. 3 around 9:16 p.m., officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Pine Avenue after the victim — identified in the daily log as a 37-year-old female — reported she was sitting in her car "when a male suspect approached and began to scratch letters into the vehicle."

"When the suspect realized the vehicle was occupied, he fled on foot," Monterey Police Chief David Hober said.

As Monterey Police officers canvassed the neighborhood for witnesses and evidence, a vehicle drove up to the victim's neighbor's house, and officers saw Faybyshev in the passenger seat, according to Hober.

"Faybyshev matched the suspect description, and video surveillance around the time of the incident also placed him in the area during the crime," he said.

Officers arrested him for vandalism and committing a hate crime, since he admitted he targeted the car because it belongs to a Muslim, and he was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$10,000 bail. He has since been released.

"The MPD has also reached out to

leadership in the Muslim community to make them aware of this incident, offer support and ask that they report any issues that may cause concern," Hober said in a statement, though the department has had no other reports of hate crimes directed toward Muslims.

According to department statistics, in 2022 Monterey had four reported hate crimes, targeting African American, Russian and Jewish victims, and one aimed at a gay man. The crimes were assault, two vandalisms and an annoying phone call.

Other arrests

This year has so far seen four hate crimes reported, with the other victims being African American, Jewish and Hispanic.

Three, including the most recent case, involved vandalism, while the suspect in the fourth challenged the victim to a fight.

In addition to Faybyshev, police arrested a suspect in one other case this year. Alexander Winters, 44, was charged with a few misdemeanor counts, including obstructing an officer and fighting in public, related to a Feb. 14 altercation involving a group of Hispanic people. Winters, who has been named in several misdemeanor cases over the years, was also cited for violation of probation.

"The MPD recognizes the fears and distress hate crimes create and the negative consequences these crimes have on our community as a whole," Hober said. "The MPD is committed to safeguarding the rights of all individuals and prioritizes crimes of this type."



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Glass House 2.0 on market for \$9M

By MARY SCHLEY

THE STUNNING Glass House on Scenic Road that won late architect John Thodos numerous accolades — and was completely rebuilt after a fire destroyed the first iteration in 1994 — is for sale. Contemporary in design and made mostly of glass, steel and wood, with a red spiral staircase as its spine, the home has long caught the attention of passersby. It's listed for \$9 million.

The 1,992-square-foot, two-story house contains three bedrooms and two bathrooms and sits on a standard 4,000-square-

But 10 months later, remnants of the destroyed home remained, prompting a letter from then-building official Tim Meroney asking Thodos to complete the demolition. "We all felt a great loss" when the home was irreparably damaged, he said, and he acknowledged the couple's prolonged battle with their insurance company. But he described the wreckage as a public nuisance that was negatively affecting property values on the spendy coastal stretch of road.

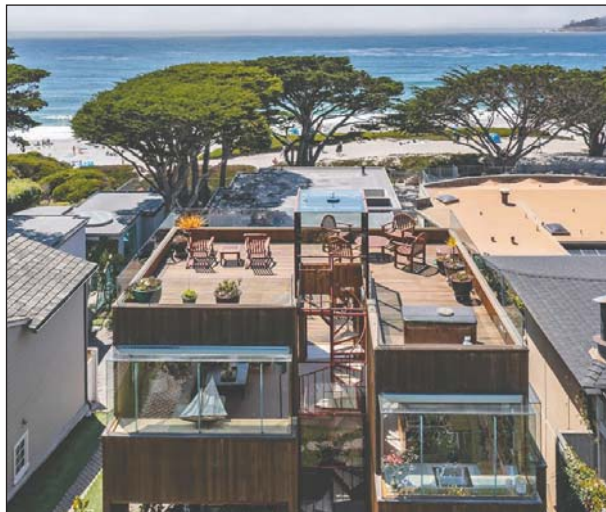
"I'm sure you will agree that, were this not your property and you lived near it, you would want to see the building removed," he wrote in the March 1995 letter. A month later, the remnants were hauled away, Thodos submitted plans for the rebuild in July 1996, and construction was finished two years later.

Newer, better

While Thodos initially said the only change he'd make in the rebuild would be to add the fire sprinklers that would have saved his first home, he told The Pine Cone in May 1997 that he had, in fact, made dozens of tweaks in the design, including new lighting, different cabinets and reshaped windows. He and Judy also decided they would sell their Scenic Road home and remodel the Torres house they had bought while waiting for the rebuild to be completed. At the time, Thodos — who had bought the lot in 1978 for \$90,000 — said the asking price would be \$2.15 million.

Enter James and Nancy Bildner, the Manchester, Mass., couple who purchased

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This one-of-a-kind creation of late architect John Thodos was built twice, because the first version burned down. It's now for sale.

foot lot on the west side of Scenic. Thodos designed the first version in 1978, and it was completed in 1982, with an addition approved in 1989, but his and wife Judy's dream home was gutted when accumulated dryer lint caught fire the night of May 12, 1994. They were fully insured and thought they'd have a replacement built in less than a year, according to a Pine Cone report at the time.

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Brush clearance underway to reduce fire risk in Big Sur, C.V.

By CHRIS COUNTS

WORK HAS started on the latest phase of what's called the Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement Project, an ambitious effort to make communities in Big Sur and Upper Carmel Valley safer by reducing vegetation along ridgelines between Bottchers Gap and the Big Sur River.

Using chainsaws, weed eaters and other motorized hand tools, workers from the United States Forest Service and OC Forestry, an Oregon-based contractor, will thin brush in two areas — one between Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park and Post Summit and the other along Chews Ridge near the Oliver Observing Station.

"It's a way to bring fire intensity down to a manageable level where we can make a defense off the break," forest service Battalion Chief Ivor DeManty told The Pine Cone.

At each site, workers will reduce vegetation along a swath of land that measures between 150 and 300 feet wide. The work will cost \$367,000 and will be paid for with taxpayers money from state and federal sources.

Chainsaws in wilderness

DeManty said crews will be able to use chainsaws in wilderness areas due to

recent legislation that encourages the work be done as quickly and safely as possible.

The vegetation that's removed "will be piled for future burning, or chipped and spread," the forest service said.

The project is intended to reduce the chance a wildfire burning within the forest will spread into rural neighborhoods. The work will also make it easier for crews to fight a wildfire when it erupts.

"This important work is the culmination of years of collaboration with stakeholders and cooperating state and local agencies," said Fin Eifert, the top official in the Monterey Ranger District. "Improving these historically used fuelbreaks within and outside the Ventana Wilderness will allow for a more robust response on initial attack."

To protect their homes, locals have long lobbied for projects that reduce the density of plants and trees along ridgelines — and they contend that such a strategy has worked in the past. The work deprives a fire of fuel, decreasing the speed and intensity at which it burns.

The Soberanes Fire in 2016 burned 57 homes in the area, underscoring the need for reducing vegetation, particularly along the ridgelines of Skinners Ridge, Mount Manuel and Post Summit.

The work is expected to be completed by Dec. 21.

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Fire chief to retire at end of year

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER MORE than four decades in the fire service, Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer, who is also in charge of the fire station in Carmel, announced Monday he will retire Dec. 31.

"I have decided to retire effective the end of this year," he said in a Dec. 11 email to city officials in Monterey, Carmel, Pacific Grove and the other Monterey Peninsula areas the fire department serves. "I want to thank each of you for your support, partnership, and friendship over the years."

People in top positions typically announce such a decision well in advance — interim Carmel Police Chief Jeff Watkins advised city leaders months ago that he'd be leaving at the end of the year, for instance — but Panholzer's seemed quite sudden.

Carmel city administrator Chip Rerig said he'll miss working with Panholzer. "He served the village admirably, with poise and professionalism," he said.

Before joining Monterey Fire in 2013, Panholzer had worked for fire departments in San Jose, San Ramon and the Carmel Highlands. He also served on the board of the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District.

Fired and reinstated

But his tenure has not been without drama. In November 2017, then-city manager Mike McCarthy fired Panholzer, who said at the time that he understood the city's desire to take the fire department in another direction. But McCarthy resigned the following month after going out on medical leave, and Hans Uslar took over the top job in Monterey. He quickly overturned that

decision and reinstated Panholzer.

The chief came under fire again last month when 87 percent of the members of the Monterey Firefighters Association, in an unprecedented move, voted for a resolution of no confidence in him. The group's two-page resolution details communication problems, lack of proper training, equipment failures, shabby fire stations, poor morale and numerous other problems in the department, which operates three stations in Monterey as well as those in Pacific Grove, Carmel and at Monterey airport.

The City of Monterey also provides fire service for the Naval

Postgraduate School, Sand City and La Mesa Village. The City of Carmel is paying Monterey \$2,950,699 to run its fire station this year, along with management fees to oversee its ambulance service.

Monterey Firefighters Association Local 3707 President Ross Pounds said the high level of participation in the no-confidence vote "speaks to the passion of our incredible men and women who are committed to serving their community as best they can," and that the resolution "contains a succinct list of safety concerns, deficiencies, and other issues that have plagued the Monterey Fire Department under the leadership of Chief Panholzer."



Gaudenz Panholzer

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The perfect Christmas decoration for a town where trees always win

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

CHRISTMAS HAS become a religious observance and a secular holiday. It's a season to celebrate the birth of Christ, but also family and friends, gratitude and generosity. Among the season's most dramatic decorations is the glowing Christmas tree, creating a light in the dark winter's night.

One tradition holds that the Christmas tree also represents the Tree of Life, harkening to the biblical Garden of Eden.

And yet, every Christmas, we cut them down.

Since 2009, Monica Hudson and her

family have been renting living evergreen trees to families and businesses for one month during the Christmas season. She calls the company Rent a Living Christmas Tree and said it is one of only "a handful of operations in the entire country" that offer live Christmas trees for rent.

Talking to redwoods

"As we approach our 15th anniversary, we are renting out about 750 trees a year, about a third of which go to repeat families who love to have 'their tree' back, year after year — until it grows too big for their house," Hudson said.



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"Redwoods are incredible trees," said Hudson, who admits to babying them, talking to them, and considering them family. "For the first few years we had redwoods, we would rent out about 40 each year. Now, we are renting some 200 redwoods."

Since Thanksgiving, the ranch has been open every day. Deliveries started Nov. 27, and trees will be collected and returned to the ranch Dec. 27, with alternative arrangements for those who want to keep their trees through Jan. 6, for some the last day of the Christmas season.

Hudson's trees live in pots and are delivered to customers with saucers to place beneath them. Renters simply need to water them, decorate them, and enjoy them throughout the month.

"For folks who live in a tiny cottage or simply prefer to stage the tree outside to be admired through picture windows or French doors, we provide special instructions to help them care for the tree," she said.

In addition to residential rentals, the company has provided living trees for hotels, office buildings, holiday events and Christmas weddings.

"People can also rent a tree for the weekend," explained Hudson. "One year,

Apple rented 35 trees for a big party. We brought them to Sunnyvale one day and returned to pick them up the next."

She added, "A patron can come collect their tree with their own truck, or they can have their tree delivered into their yard or their house. People tend to find it's heavier than they thought. We're here to help."

Of course, customers can help by remembering to water their rental trees every day throughout the month. It's part of the rental contract and is all it takes to keep the trees supple and alive.

Ideal decor

"Every so often, someone does not take care of their tree," said Hudson. "I have found that if a redwood has been ruined, I can prune it dramatically, then baby it until it comes out with fresh greenery. It takes about three years to restore a wrecked redwood. But it's possible because they're resilient. The other types of trees simply die."

Beautifully cone-shaped, she said, redwoods hold ornaments well, making them ideal for Christmas decor. They're also faintly fragrant, and their needles — a deep, rich green — support the ropes of lights we all love. Once redwoods outgrow inside spaces, Hudson sells or donates them for landscaping.

For more information on Rent A Living Christmas Tree, visit rentxmastree.com or call (831) 624-8733.

Even if you already have this year's greenery in place, it's something to keep in mind for 2024.

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LAGOON

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rebuilt the sandbar and filled the channel,” county spokesperson Maia Carroll reported.

Two weeks ago, Carroll said that pumping equipment was stationed at the ends of Monte Verde, Camino Real and River Park Place “to pump surface water from the neighborhood adjacent to the lagoon, in the event that it is needed.” The streets are also protected by a sandbag wall. High water levels in the lagoon have flooded that neighborhood several times in the last 25 years. The channel in the sandbar is needed to prevent the water in the lagoon from rising high enough to flood homes again. Two years ago, floodwaters damaged houses along Camino Real, River Park Place and Monte Verde.

Flooding at the mouth of the Carmel River has long been a concern — photos from the early 1900s show locals digging out the channel with shovels.

But cutting the channel in the sandbar is made complicated by state and federal laws protecting steelhead, limiting the type of work the county can do to counter the risk. Wildlife officials say they are worried that if the channel is dug too deep or straight, juvenile steelhead living in the lagoon could be swept out to sea before they are mature enough to survive there.

The channel is also typically cut at an angle to slow the flow of water — and as far as possible from Scenic Road. In 2010 and 2012, the river migrated dangerously close to the road, damaging the parking lot at Carmel River Beach and threatening its restrooms. This past January, a section of the road was closed for three months after high surf undermined it and damaged a sewer line that runs beneath it.

Officials urged people to stay out of the channel — a man drowned in 2019 after trying save his daughter, who was swept out to sea while she was playing in the lagoon.



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Heavy surf undermined Scenic Road last winter, underscoring the need to keep the channel in the sandbar far from the road.

Airport offers holiday lounge for military

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HIGHWAY

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a massive slide at Mud Creek kept the road closed for nearly 15 months. In January 2014, a rock shed at Pitkins Curve opened to eliminate a slide-prone stretch that had bedeviled Caltrans for years. But Paul's Slide ranks among the worst.

"This estimated reopening is based on multiple months of work still needed to complete repairs at the site," Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans reported.

According to Drabinski, work crews still need to complete a variety of tasks, including "grading and contouring of the face of the slide to enhance stability of the slope," installing "a new culvert to convey water and debris under the roadway," and delivering more fill material to "support the new alignment of

the road."

Once the work is completed, the highway will be elevated as much as 60 feet and be located slightly inland from its previous course, according to Caltrans.

"This new alignment also provides for an expanded catchment area on the inland side intended to keep future slide materials away from the roadway," Drabinski said.

Rain is an X factor

Now all Caltrans needs is for the weather to cooperate, but that can be a fickle thing in Big Sur during the rainy season.

"While Caltrans has confidence in the duration of the work necessary to complete the repairs, there is less certainty about how winter rains will affect this timetable," Drabinski said.

Located just south of Lucia and the New




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The latest update from Caltrans indicates that Highway 1 at Paul's Slide won't reopen to motorists until late spring 2024 as work crews continue to make the site safer.

Camaldoli Hermitage, Paul's Slide poses a big challenge for work crews. An estimated 500,000 cubic yards of dirt, rock and debris have fallen on the pavement since January — and the site has created big problems along the highway since 2017.

Nearly all of Big Sur's parks and businesses are open, except Limekiln State Park, which is closed due to repairs and inaccessibility, and the New Camaldoli Hermitage. About 1.5 miles of Highway 1 remain closed.



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Donation drives seek food, books, toys

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WITH THE holiday season in full swing, several donation drives are seeking to capitalize on people's generosity and good spirits by offering plenty of opportunities for them to give back to their communities. And while toy drives by the Braxton Stuntz Foundation, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and Monterey Fire Department have ended so there's time to wrap and distribute the gifts before Christmas, several efforts remain underway.

Carmel's public library is accepting donations on behalf of several local nonprofits.

Community Human Services' Essential Needs Drive seeks items for homeless youth, including travel-size toiletries, new socks and underwear, rain ponchos,

hats, cleansing wipes, towels and other necessities.

Carmel High School is looking for new and slightly used books of all genres in English and Spanish to donate to the Monterey women's shelter and other local organizations. And the Food Bank for Monterey County needs nonperishable foods to distribute to county residents.

Donation boxes and barrels for all of these organizations can be found at the main branch at Lincoln and Ocean and the Park Branch at Mission and Sixth.

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HOFASAS

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kind of unique item tonight in that we have no actual application, yet.”

He asked for feedback on how well the project appears to comply with development guidelines and standards so Theis and Miller can submit plans that fully meet the requirements regarding design, zoning, height, mass, parking and traffic, and uses.

“We want to make our guests comfortable so they can enjoy Carmel,” Theis explained, adding that their decision to tear down her family’s hotel and replace it was not an easy one.

“We got a team together to create a beautiful hotel,” she said. “There hasn’t been a new hotel built in town since 1960.”

Commissioners took comments from the audience before sharing their

preliminary thoughts.

A couple of the speakers worried about the traffic impacts on Dolores, given the plan is to have valets move cars from San Carlos to the garage on the other side of the property. The block of Fourth Avenue between those two streets is difficult to navigate as it is, since cars parked on both sides often force drivers to pass through single file, and it is already busy.

“Dolores can’t handle that kind of traffic,” said a resident whose driveway is across from the west side of the hotel. “Fourth Avenue is only passable with one car, so cars are waiting to come down and cars are waiting to go up.”

Pepto Bismol

Chris Tescher, who owns the nearby Carmel Country Inn on Dolores, worried about maintaining the privacy on his property and what the construction impacts might be.



This rendering created by architect Eric Miller depicts the porte cochere and entrance of the proposed Carmel Legacy Hotel that would replace the Hofsas House on San Carlos Street.

RENDERING/ERIC MILLER ARCHITECTS

But the majority of residents at the meeting supported Theis and her project.

Jon Levy, who has lived on San Carlos below the hotel for 36 years, said he and his wife have averaged 10 car trips a day past Hofsas House, for a total of 268,000, and are therefore qualified to judge its appearance.

“What color is it?” chair Michael LePage asked.

“Sort of like a dead flamingo,” Levy answered, adding that he is “thrilled” with the proposed design and hopes issues like traffic and parking can be resolved by the “talented architect.”

“To have a five-star hotel that’s beautiful will mean a lot for the city,” he said.

Inns by the Sea general manager Mark Watson, whose group owns Svendsgaard’s Inn just south of Hofsas House, observed that Carmel has long needed upgraded lodging.

“I strongly endorse its approval,” he said.

Others, including residents on both side of the hotel, voiced similar sentiments. They mentioned concerns about traffic and the impacts of construction but were also optimistic those issues could be addressed.

David Gomez, who lives on San Carlos, also praised Theis as “a superb innkeeper with a great heart not only for what she owns, but for this community.”

“I’m very impressed by that,” he said.

Realtor and Carmel Chamber of Commerce board chair Sygale Lomas congratulated Theis and her family for their vision. “I look at the pink buildings and think of Pepto Bismol,” she remarked.

Chamber executive director Lance Wills lives four blocks from the hotel and said Theis “has contributed to this town in so many uncountable ways.”

“I think we should acknowledge the local effort that has gone into this,” he said.

“I love the stunning, timeless design that Eric has come up with,” former city councilwoman Carolyn Hardy said.

Tradewinds Carmel owner Mark Stilwell, who is remodeling the Carmel Lodge — which should open in the next month or two — acknowledged that’s not an option for Theis.

“I also think the design is fantastic,” he said. “As a competitor two blocks down the road, I’m scared, but they say a rising tide raises all boats. I think Carmel does need this kind of investment.”

Detractors

Resident David O’Neil said the façade of the hotel is historic and should be retained or incorporated into a new design, and Karyl Hall, who sits on the historic resources board and founded the Carmel Preservation Association, said Miller’s

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design was “not really in keeping with the character of Carmel” and seemed more befitting a big city or Pebble Beach. Her cofounder, Neal Kruse, said replacing Hof-sas House as Theis proposed could ruin Carmel.

“We are not like any other city, and the day we become like any other city, we’re toast,” he said. “We won’t be Carmel anymore.” He and Hall oppose all modern architecture, and he said Miller’s design is “clearly modern.”

Preservation activist Melanie Billig said the design “violates the basic character of Carmel,” which is small and understated, and is better represented by buildings like the Tuck Box than luxury hotels.

“People don’t want to come here and spend on a glitzy hotel,” she argued. “They want the character of Carmel.”

Not another Pit

While supportive overall, commissioner Erin Allen — who expressed some sentimentality for the Hofsas House but acknowledged it needs to go — said she’d

like the entryway to be smaller and the San Carlos Street frontage to be more varied and interesting.

“It’s lovely, but it’s just not unique to me,” she said. “I would like to push for uniqueness.”

Commissioner Robert Delves ticked off the requirements for the design guidelines, including scale, mass and bulk, landscaping and other elements, and said Miller’s vision meets them all.

“I like the architecture, and the craftsman element is well established in this town,” he said. “I think this is a good location to innovate and bring a building that is unique to Carmel.”

He also noted the city’s flagging hotels and inns need refreshing, and that “our lodgers pay a lot of the bills,” through transient occupancy tax and other taxes.

“I think this is replacing a bizarre building,” he concluded.

Chair Michael LePage said the new Carmel Legacy Hotel would be “much less massive” than the Hofsas House and will be a major improvement. He also observed Miller’s design makes a connection with some beloved architectural styles without imitating them.

A few of the taller elements in the design should be lowered to comply with the codes, they said, and they requested a traffic study.

Commissioner Stefan Karapetkov also wanted assurance the project is funded so “we do not end up with another Pit,” and

that the work is done as quickly as possible to lessen the impact on the neighbors.

Whether it is historic or not — and Theis and others say it isn’t — is set to be discussed at the HRB meeting Dec. 18. The staff report should be available in the agenda posted at ci.carmel.ca.us.

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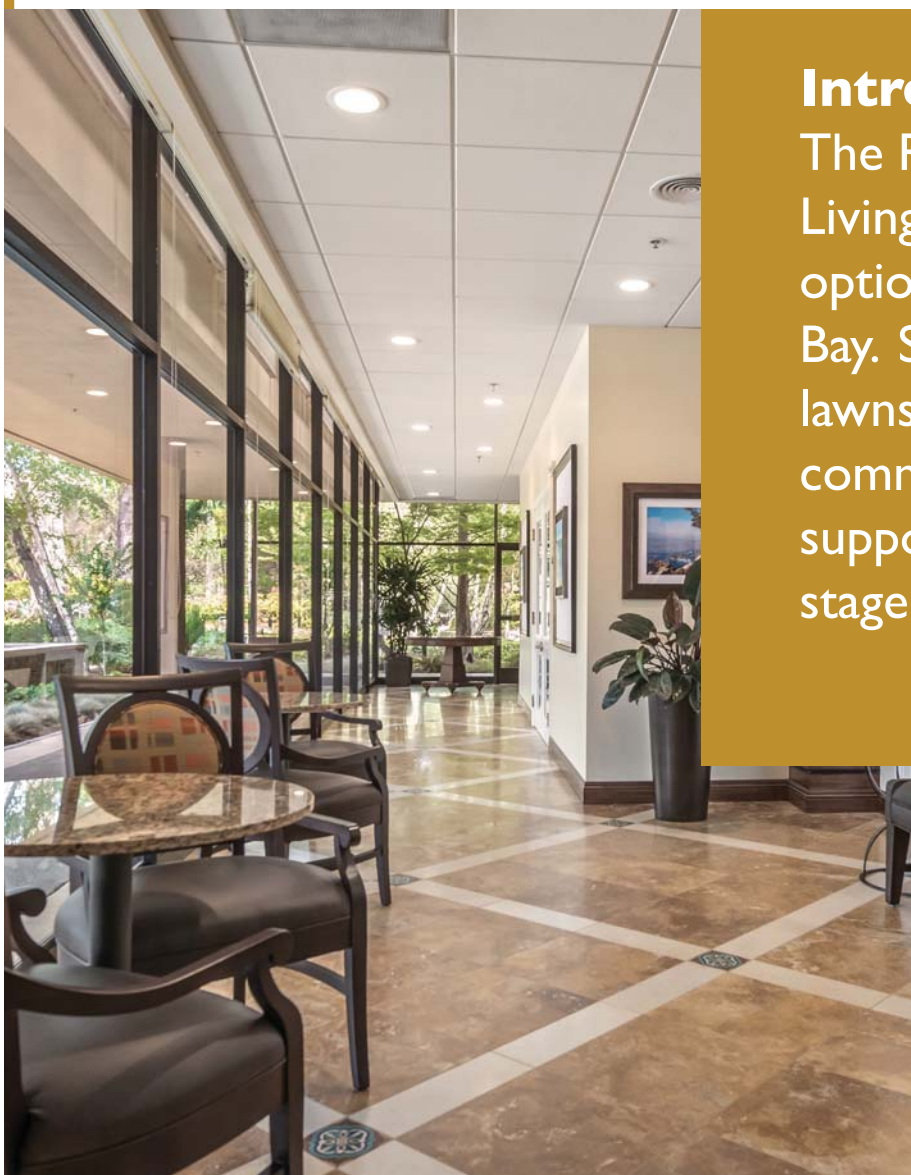


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BURLEIGH

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attorney. In 1973, he began what would become 22 years as a Monterey County Municipal Court judge.

It was during his tenure as city attorney that Carmel had perhaps its most noteworthy court case, when the California Supreme Court invalidated a 1968 city ordinance, presumably drafted by Burleigh, making it illegal to “climb trees, sit on steps, climb monuments, or to lie or sit on any lawns” within the city limits. The ordinance was enacted on an emergency basis, the city said, because of an “extraordinary influx of undesirable and unsanitary visitors to the city, sometimes known as ‘hippies.’”

But in 1973, the state Supreme Court said it was the targeting of a specific group — hippies — that made the ordinance a violation the California Constitution’s guarantees of equal protection, no matter how undesirable the hippies might be.

“We cannot be oblivious to the transparent, indeed the avowed, purpose of the ordinance in question: to discriminate against an ill-defined social caste whose members are deemed pariahs by the city fathers.”

Taking the first steps

Perhaps to relieve the stress of his busy legal career, Burleigh took up running, completing his first marathon on his 50th birthday. He eventually ran five of them. “I liked long-distance running, but I ran so slow I had the nickname Continental Drift,” he wryly observed.

Taking his enthusiasm for the sport in another direction, he helped found the Big Sur River Run in 1981.

In 1984, Burleigh was driving south along Highway 1 just past Rio Road when he observed the sign that reads “Big Sur — 26 miles.” He no doubt had seen it before, but on this day he was struck with the idea that it would make a perfect course for a

marathon — officially a 26.2-mile race.

“Not everyone was as enthusiastic as Bill about the idea, but if persistence is a virtue, Bill was a very virtuous man,” according to the marathon’s website. “After two years of refusing to accept ‘no’ and overcoming one major obstacle after another, he secured the myriad necessary permits and permissions to close the iconic route.”

“We thought we were starting a cult race, because the course was so difficult,” Burleigh told The Pine Cone in 2005. “We never thought we would get more than 2,000 runners and never be more than a marathon.”

Race becomes famous

But the race that started with low ambitions became one of the most famous in the world, winning accolades from top runners and amateurs, becoming a “must do” event on the calendars of enthusiasts from around the world. It also added events to appeal to less ambitious runners, including a 5K, a relay and long-distance walks.

“The youth participation has been the most rewarding part of the marathon, certainly for me, because I just love to see 1,500 children discovering health and fitness,” said Burleigh, who retired from race operations in 1998. “And some of those will stick with it. That’s the biggest impact we’ve had — we’ve affected the health and fitness of thousands of people, but especially the children.”

Besides coming up with the idea for the race, Burleigh organized its first group of volunteers to support the effort. He also had a hand in coming up with some of the event’s more distinctive characteristics, which included having all kinds of music played live at different spots along the route.

“Bill’s vision for the event remains largely unchanged today,” according to the marathon. “He saw it not only as an experience, but in some ways as a performance with Highway 1 as the natural stage. After

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every 2 miles, a surprise would entertain and encourage the runners, whether it was a tuxedoed piano player on a baby grand piano at Bixby Bridge, or the Monterey Symphony greeting runners at the top of Hurricane Point.”

Longtime marathon board member Hugo Ferlito said Burleigh traveled the world observing other marathons in search of good ideas he could bring back to Big Sur. “He added music and mile markers along the course to make sure it was a whimsical, fun and ever-improving event,” Ferlito noted. The mile markers he mentioned aren’t just numbers — they feature bigger-than-life depictions of people with phrases like “Going up?” on a hill, or “It’s all downhill from here,” with Pinocchio’s extremely long nose tipping runners off to the lie. It’s all part of the magic of the long-distance run.

In a self-written obituary, Burleigh included a list of some of his more memorable life moments, including sky-diving and bungee-jumping, piloting an ultralight airplane and almost dying twice in the process, motorcycle trips to the desert, misadventures on his horse, Lassie — he

fell off of 14 times — and “three dangerous and really stupid things I did in the Marine Corps,” but “will never disclose.”

Burleigh was also a published writer and a gifted fine-art photographer. For the past two decades, the Carmel Valley Art Association gallery has displayed his images. “He brought his new book into the gallery about a month ago, and he stopped by just a couple weeks ago,” recalled executive director Shelley Aliotti, who met Burleigh at the Hog’s Breath Inn about 50 years ago.

Aliotti said she and others at the gallery will miss Burleigh.

“He was a wonderful guy with a great sense of humor,” she added. “We all loved him.”

Daughter remembers dad

Burleigh’s daughter, Amery, told The Pine Cone that her dad was able to spend his last days in his home in Big Sur above Ventana Inn due to the selfless efforts of his caretaker, Felipe Molina.

“Felipe allowed Dad to live alone in Big Sur, which was his wish,” Amery said. “My dad treated him like a son.”


Amery revered her father. “He was larger than life,” she added. “He commanded respect, but he also had this really crazy side. Underneath the pomp and circumstance of being a judge, he was a fun-loving character full of life — he had the best sense of humor. He was a great man, and I’m super proud of him.”

Burleigh leaves behind his wife, Anne, his former wife, Alison, and his daughters, Amery and Andee. A third daughter, Carolyn, passed away four years ago.

Amery said there will be a celebration of life for Burleigh in April, and she suggested memorial donations be made to the Big Sur Health Center and Big Sur Fire.

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By CHRIS COUNTS

THE RELEASE this week of an environmental impact report sheds light on how many short-term rentals could be permitted in places like Carmel Valley and Big Sur, where the industry's presence is a hot-button issue. The EIR is required as part of the process the county is going through to develop a set of ordinances that would regulate vacation rentals in unincorporated areas.

Opposition to private homes being rented out for short-term stays is strongest in Carmel Valley, where according to the report, 163 are currently being offered, including one near the village with a pool that you can rent at vrbo.com for \$1,088 per night. But the report also notes that

5,033 "dwelling units" exist in the community, and suggests that 6 percent of that sum — which comes to 302 — should be the maximum number of STRs allowed. That leaves an additional 139 units that could be rented out.

None in Big Sur

In Big Sur, the situation is very different. The report indicates that no STRs should be allowed along the highly scenic and sparsely populated coast. For now, 37 are being advertised, including one in Palo Colorado Canyon that you can find at airbnb.com for \$538 per night.

The EIR shows that only two other parts of the county — Cachagua and unincorporated parts of Carmel — have exceeded their allotment of vacation rentals. Only 30

should be permitted in Cachagua, where 43 exist, and 176 would be allowed in the latter, where 218 now operate.

The report shows that there are a total of 825 short-term rentals advertised throughout unincorporated parts of the county, with capacity for another 1,193 to do the same.

The county is seeking comments from the public about the EIR, and as expected, some residents say the proposed ordinances violate zoning laws and permit unwanted commercial activity in residential neighborhoods, where it can cause noise and traffic.

John Heyl of the Carmel Valley Association told The Pine Cone that his group is still reviewing the details of the

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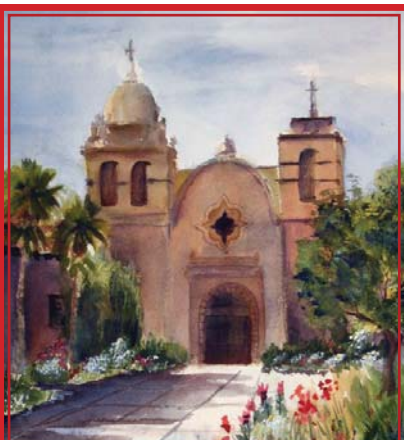
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LIGHTS

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Key among the report's mitigation measures is verification of the installations under the organization's Community Friendly Sports Lighting Program before they are used for practices or events. The program measures how much light escapes from a playing field to create "backlight, uplight, or glare" in the surrounding area and requires all light fixtures to be designed "not to emit direct light above the horizon, unless required for the activity (i.e., aerial sports) being played."

The IDA Field Verification Letter is supposed to be posted on the school district's website for public review.

"The DarkSky certification meets the compliance requirement in the mitigation plan," Ofek said.

A group called Save Carmel tried to tie up the CHS stadium lights project — which also includes new parking areas, driveways and walkways, permanent storage and a spectator platform at the athletic field — with a lawsuit alleging multiple failings in the EIR based on the California Environmental Quality Act.

Suit dropped

But after a judge refused to halt the installation, the group withdrew its lawsuit Nov. 8 and pledged to instead focus on enforcing the myriad measures CUSD promised to take to mitigate the lights' impacts.

"Save Carmel is confident that all mitigation measures set forth in the final EIR are enforceable by Save Carmel, as well as any other member of the community," the

group, whose members remain anonymous, announced at the time. "Thus, this will be the legal priority given the installation of the light poles."

The Save Carmel group also argues the lights can't be used until the other phases of the project are completed.

Following Save Carmel's dismissal of the lawsuit, Ofek issued a statement saying the district "takes its environmental obligations seriously and completed a careful and comprehensive environmental review before approving the project."

"With the litigation now over, CUSD looks forward to completing the project and implementing the measures to mitigate the project's environmental effects in compliance with the project's environmental impact report, so that CUSD students, families and the community can enjoy the benefits of the stadium improvements," she said last month.



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CHIEF

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"Many of the issues raised by Local 3707 have impacted the fire department for years, but recently firefighter morale has hit an all-time low," the association said. "Monterey firefighters have faced working in fire stations with mold, sewage leaks, leaking roofs and structural instability."

They also complained of being "routinely expected to respond to emergency incidents on fire engines with substandard equipment, hose, and fire pumps, or on a ladder truck with an inoperable aerial ladder." They said engines have even "unexpectedly shut down or malfunctioned" during structure fires.

Mental health

The association blamed the problems on Panholzer's "lack of advocacy and communication," including his failing to convey to the city council the gravity of the situation, and his tendency to blame the city manager for unresolved issues, according to the resolution.

"Recent serious injuries to firefighters and the subsequent failure of Chief Panholzer to provide for firefighters' mental health with timely critical incident stress management has left the members of Local 3707 with a feeling of abandonment," the association said. "The perceived lack of support has hindered the recovery process of those involved."

The resolution also said his administration is "plagued by cronyism and toxicity,"

with personnel wary of harassment, retaliation, intimidation and favoritism. According to the union, many employees have left MFD as a result.

"Local 3707 firmly believes that the fire department needs new leadership, and we implore city manager Hans Uslar and the Monterey City Council to take swift and decisive action," the union said in the statement released after the vote. "The vote of no confidence will have no impact on service to our community. Our goal is not to create more acrimony, but to move the fire department in a positive direction."

Interim soon

Not long after, Panholzer, 63, announced his retirement, and the City of Monterey released a statement thanking him for his years of service and identifying his most notable accomplishments in recent years as securing and administering Covid vaccines for employees and the public, and implementing paramedic services in the department.

"An interim fire chief will be announced in the upcoming weeks," assistant city manager Nat Rojanasathira said. "The City of Monterey expresses its gratitude to Chief Panholzer for his more than 45 years of professional work in the fire service."

According to the City of Monterey's salary schedule for 2023-2024, the fire chief's annual salary is \$240,120 plus benefits. Based on the standard California State Public Employees Retirement Program for public safety employees, he will be paid 90 percent of that salary annually, with cost-of-living increases based on the Consumer Price Index.

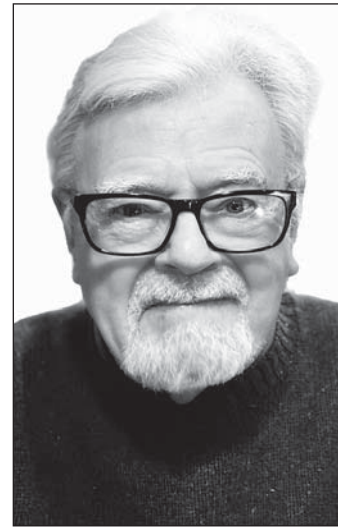
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DONALD KEYES WHYNOTT

1934 ♦ 2023

Donald Keyes Whynott, 89, of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California passed away at his home on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

Donald was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 28, 1934, and he grew up in Gloucester with his many siblings, graduating from Gloucester High School with the class of 1952. After graduation, Donald joined the U.S. Navy



and was stationed in San Diego, California. After leaving the service, he attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst where he graduated with BBA and MBA degrees. He then attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, to continue his studies. Soon after, he embarked on a career as a Human Resources professional that brought him to live in Southern California, Connecticut, Florida, Texas and lastly to Northern California.

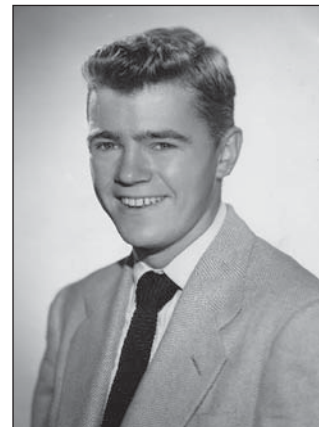
After his corporate career, Donald worked for many years managing the tasting room at Baywood Cellars in Monterey, California. In this capacity, he received the moniker "Prince of Cannery Row". He also served as a bartender for the Gulfstream Aerospace Hospitality tent at the annual Pebble Beach

AT&T Pro-Am Golf Tournament for over 20 years. During this time, he greatly enjoyed living in Pacific Grove and Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Throughout his life, he had many passions that included the game of golf, California wines, music, good food, sports, reading and MANY friendships. In his final will, he wished to express his love and appreciation to his many friends and relatives, "especially those who made the game of life as enjoyable as it has been".

Donald fathered three children by his first marriage. He is survived by his children, Daniel, Mary Beth and Donna, as well as his three grandchildren, Lauren, Justin and Ian. He was predeceased by his parents, Percy Raymond Whynott and Sadie Rita (Clark) Whynott, and his siblings Laura E. Hutchings, Rita E. Whynott, T. Raymond Whynott, Roberta D. Wilson, Florence M. Gibbs Baker, David A. Whynott and Douglas P. Whynott.

A small family celebration of his life will be planned, and his ashes are to be scattered in California along the Monterey Peninsula, as were his wishes. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local Meals on Wheels or hospice provider.



EIR

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EIR, but he offered a few comments.

Heyl noted that his group isn't opposed to STRs, but it doesn't want to see "commercial vacation rentals" — which can be rented out for more than 42 days each year — allowed in residential neighborhoods. Instead, the CVA only wants "limited vacation rentals" — those offered fewer than 42 days each year — allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Enforcement needed

Heyl suggested that enforcement is a necessary component of any attempt to regulate the industry.

"At last count, there were 69 Airbnbs operating within a mile of Jerome's in Carmel Valley Village," he reported. "Only a handful had permits. There's very little enforcement."

Heyl posited that the proposed ordinance favors the

short-term-rental industry at the expense of long-term housing.

Others, meanwhile, say the proposed ordinances don't allow enough rentals, which they argue are needed to meet demand and constitute a reasonable use of private property.

Dick Matthews of the Monterey County Vacation Rental Alliance said the release of the EIR is "premature" because the ordinances "clearly need revisions."

He suggested a prohibition on vacation stays in Big Sur and Carmel Highlands won't stand. "This ban is likely to be rejected by the California Coastal Commission," he said.

Matthews also argued the ordinances "clearly favor" long-term housing, which he said goes against the intent of the Coastal Act, which places a higher priority on providing visitor accommodations in the coastal zone.

"The coastal commission has repeatedly communicated this priority to Monterey County," he added.

The county is seeking comments on the EIR, and they need to be submitted by Jan. 29, 2024. Comments can be emailed to CEQAcomments@co.monterey.ca.us

Brendan Ali Kelly Barthel

Brendan Ali Kelly Barthel passed away in Carmel on November 2, 2023. Brendan was born on November 14, 1981, and lived his early years in Carmel and Palo Colorado Canyon.

Brendan expressed his spirit and his heart through dance, performing with the Margaret Jenkins Dance Company and the Robert Moses' Kin Dance Company, both in San Francisco. His dance took him to many places, including New York City, Israel, India and Europe. Brendan held black belts in several martial arts forms. Most recently, he developed a unique and beautiful merge of his dance and his martial arts in what he called MartialDance. In addition to his performing, Brendan was a gifted choreographer.



Brendan's ties with Carmel and Big Sur run deep. His early and last years in Palo Colorado Canyon were filled with great friendships and a love and respect for nature. The land, as well as the sea, were his constant companions.

Brendan is survived by his father, Eric Barthel III of Carmel Valley; his mother, Sandra Salyer of Carmel; his sister, Kara Barthel of Seaside; and his partner, Tara McArthur of Salt Lake City.

Brendan's loving and conscious companionship will be deeply missed by his family and his many friends. His expressive and wondrous spirit continues within us all and we treasure the many joyous memories we were blessed to share with him. His light dances on!

At this time, no memorial services have been planned.

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**ANN DALZIEL HOBSON**

October 24, 1938 — October 29, 2023

Ann Hobson, longtime Big Sur resident, passed away in Maui, Hawai'i surrounded by her children. She had just celebrated her 85th birthday. Ann was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She loved to travel, making dozens of trips to Africa. She will be remembered for her love and wisdom, her generous spirit, and her beloved Akita dog sidekicks.

Her full obituary can be read online at: tinyurl.com/obituaryAnnHobson

A colorful and festive gathering of friends and family to celebrate Ann's life will be held January 20, 2024, at Valencia Hall in Aptos, California, from 2-5 p.m.

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**DEREK JON WATERS**

April 5, 1983 - December 2, 2023

Derek Jon Waters, aged 40 years, of Big Sur, California, passed away on December 2nd, 2023. Derek was born on April 5, 1983, to Jon and Mitzi Waters in Bakersfield, California. In 2002, Derek became a father to his beloved son, Jaymes Derek Waters.

Derek was a passionate and loving father, son, brother and friend to many. Derek's personality can be characterized by his gregarious and passionate manner, never hesitant to express love and affection for the people he cared about. Derek was a passionate farmer, gardener, homesteader and worker in general. He loved to show off his carpentry and masonry projects, and always kept himself busy pursuing his many passions. He had a great sense of humor, and loved making silly jokes and goofing around with his many family members and friends. Derek loved his beautiful dog, Polar, who was his best friend and loving companion.

Derek was predeceased by his father, Jon William Waters. He is survived by his son, Jaymes Waters; mother, Mitzi Waters; and siblings, Carly Waters, Wendy Waters Barton, Jared Waters, Jacob Waters and Justin Waters.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19th at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1 Skyline Forest Drive, Monterey, CA 93940

**MARK WESTON**

OCTOBER 5, 1949 - NOVEMBER 23, 2023

My father, Mark Weston, passed away yesterday.

His tenacious spirit was there until the end.

His love of nature and animals ... his dark sense of humor, intelligence and wit will be with me in spirit and blood forever.

He lived life against the grain of status quo and embraced the eccentric. He accepted and encouraged my artistic pursuits and unconventional choices. I am in so many ways an artist because of him.

Always his own worst critic, he never could see what a good hard working man he was. His loved ones do remember him as a man rich in emotional depth, passion and integrity despite his objections.

My Mother would have celebrated their 50th anniversary next year. My Mother, his two sons, his sister and myself will now navigate a new reality without the power house of a man he was.

Rest in peace, Dad, we love you so much. We know you are not in pain anymore, which will bring us comfort in time.



Editorial

At the High Court

AS FAR as we know, there has never been a case from Carmel-by-the-Sea in front of the United States Supreme Court. But twice Carmel has been at the State Supreme Court, and both cases are worth revisiting, especially in light of the passing last week of former city attorney Bill Burleigh, whose work was at the center of one of them.

You don't hear the word "hippies" much anymore, but for a decade or so beginning in the late 1960s, you heard it every day, as a whole generation of young people claimed to reject American values and materialism, preferring to grow their hair long, drop out, and embrace a lifestyle of rock 'n' roll, drug use and free love. The hippie phenomenon may have its roots in opposition to the Vietnam War, but soon evolved into a nihilistic movement focused on self-fulfillment — "Do your own thing," was a common mantra.

Carmel, being a charming and attractive town at the northern edge of Big Sur, soon became one of the epicenters of the hippie movement. The first mention of the word "hippies" in The Carmel Pine Cone wasn't until June 15, 1967, in a review of a play, "The Knack," about the ambitions and angst of modern youth. But the next year, the word was practically in every edition, and by the end of July 1968, hippies had become a significant municipal nuisance as they congregated at the beach and in city parks — so much so that on July 31, 1968, the city council adopted an emergency ordinance that declared as follows:

"The City Council of Carmel-by-the-Sea has observed an extraordinary influx of undesirable and unsanitary visitors to the City, sometimes known as 'hippies,' and finds that unless proper regulations are adopted immediately the use and enjoyment of public property will be jeopardized if not entirely eliminated; the public parks and beaches are, in many cases, rendered unfit for normal public use by the unregulated and uncontrolled conduct of the new transients."

Accordingly, the ordinance, presumably drafted by Burleigh himself, made it unlawful, "on any public property, for any person to climb any tree, or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railings, fences, planted areas, or upon any other property not designed or customarily used for such purposes, or to sit on any sidewalks or steps, or to lie or sit on any lawns."

Within a few days after the law went into effect, two men from Monterey had been arrested for "protractedly lounging" in Devendorf Park, The Pine Cone reported, and while waiting for their court date, they asked for a community gathering to debate the anti-hippie ordinance and declared their intention to challenge it on Constitutional grounds.

We don't know what happened to their case, but we do know that on Aug. 18, 1968, Ann Parr, a local bookseller, was arrested for "unlawfully sitting on a public lawn." According to court records, her arrest took place at a park during her participation in a public assembly called to discuss the new ordinance. In other words, she was arrested while protesting the law she was accused of violating.

Before she could be tried on the charge of sitting on the grass, Parr asked a Monterey County court and a California appeals court to invalidate her arrest on constitutional grounds, and when both of those efforts failed, she asked the California Supreme Court to intervene, asserting that Carmel's no-sitting-on-the-grass rule, "violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment," according to court papers. "She asserts that the purpose and effect of the challenged section is to discriminate against 'hippies' as a group because of their status and to drive them out of the city," the lawsuit claimed.

Now, you might think that just because a certain class of people routinely violates a law wouldn't be enough to overturn it — the law itself would have to be invalid because it discriminated against members of that group for reasons unrelated to their behavior, or for some defect inherent in the law itself, such as that it sought to prohibit behavior that was none of the government's business.

Neither of those things applied here. The Carmel ordinance didn't just ban hippies from sitting on the grass, it banned everybody from doing so. And protecting public parks from being overrun or misused is obviously a thing for the government to be up to.

But the California Supreme Court said it didn't matter whether the ordinance applied to everybody — what mattered was that the city enacted it because it didn't like hippies.

"We cannot be oblivious to the transparent, indeed the avowed, purpose and the inevitable effect of the ordinance in question: to discriminate against an ill-defined social caste whose members are deemed pariahs by the city fathers. This court has been consistently vigilant to protect racial groups from the effects of official prejudice, and we can be no less concerned because the human beings currently in disfavor are identifiable by dress and attitudes rather than by color."

We're not sure the court's decision makes sense. Nevertheless, the no-sitting-on-the-grass ordinance was overturned and, to this day, everyone is free to sit on the grass in Devendorf and other city parks. You could even read this editorial while doing so — even if you're a hippie.

BEST of BATES



"The problem with living in Carmel is ... where do you go on vacation?"

Letters to the Editor

Tax losses Dear Editor,

In recent years there has been a trend toward the unequal application of this nation's laws. Carmel's city council seems determined to do the same thing at the local level. The Mills Act controversy is an attempt to apply the 1972 law unequally. Council members believe the dollar amount of tax relief the Mills Act would provide Patrice Pastor, the new owner of the iconic Frank Lloyd Wright home, is too large and they decry the "loss" of revenue. Any likely Mills Act settlement probably would set property taxes much higher than those paid by the previous owners of the Frank Lloyd Wright home. Other buyers of historic homes don't seem to be subject to the same city council concerns over lost property tax revenue. We live near the Frank Lloyd Wright home. We are thankful that Mr. Pastor is willing to spend an additional \$1.34 million to preserve and protect this unique property.

Let's analyze forgone property taxes, due to city council inactions, at the property at Dolores and 5th Street. This premium property, also owned by Pastor, located in the heart of Carmel, now is widely known as "The Pit." It has been and continues to be an eyesore in beautiful Carmel. If plans to develop The Pit had been approved years ago, the increased property taxes

paid by Pastor would dwarf the so-called shortfall from his Frank Lloyd Wright home. Instead, citizens and tourists have had to look at this most prominent city eyesore for a number of years, while city council inaction has caused huge losses of potential property tax revenue.

It seems that the unequal application of laws and regulations by the Carmel City Council has actually reduced property tax revenues. A novel approach would be to treat everyone equally and to strive for more timely decision making. These might actually lead to higher tax revenues.

John G. Goode, Carmel

Welcome, newcomer Dear Editor,

Patrice Pastor became noticed in Carmel when his company, Esperanza Carmel, He began to purchase property within the village, including L'Auberge Hotel, the Colonial Terrace Inn, the property at the southwest corner of Dolores and Fifth, across from the post office, which has become known as "The Pit," and most recently the Frank Lloyd Wright house at the south end of Carmel Beach.

Pastor's purchase of the Frank Lloyd Wright house increased the property's annual tax bill from approximately \$73,000 to \$240,000. He submitted an application for a contract under the provisions of the Mills Act, a state law that allows cities to enter into contracts with the owners of historic structures. Such contracts provide for the reduction of property taxes in exchange for the continued preservation

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Sixty years ago, he launched a space for young musicians

PETER MECKEL has four highly productive children: Tina Meckel, executive director of the National Lutheran Choir in Minneapolis, Dr. Christopher Meckel, an orthopedic surgeon and co-founder of Monterey Spine & Joint, Moya Meckel, a nurse practitioner and co-founder of North Bay Aesthetics in Marin County, and Dr.

“The excitement in the program was in seeing the way in which, if given the opportunity and the resources, young people can grow rapidly and significantly in lots of different areas, music included,” he said.

After four years in Pasadena, Meckel was offered a job as director of admissions and executive dean for Stevenson School in Pebble Beach. He’d been looking for a more centrally located and accessible place to host Hidden Valley Music Seminars during the summer, and was able to use the high school campus as well as the York School campus in Monterey.

A permanent home

He recalled how he chose a more permanent home for his nonprofit. “Early one morning in December, I drove out to Carmel Valley,” where he’d heard there was an event space that wasn’t being used. “Because of the beauty of the setting and because the buildings were well suited to the kinds of things we did — we could put an orchestra in the theater, present an opera, create a chamber music series — I knew this was the place.”

The property didn’t offer housing space, so Meckel engaged a construction crew and, within three months, Hidden Valley was ready to house 40 to 50 students enrolled in the summer orchestral or choral program.

All of that kept him quite busy. “Soon, I had so much to do with Hidden Valley that I departed Stevenson and took time to expand the summer program with

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Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

John-Peter Meckel, a family physician in Monterey. None of them claims to be a musician, including their father.

Yet, 60 years ago, Peter Meckel founded Hidden Valley Music Seminars, dedicated to providing advanced training to young, talented artists, and creating a community of music around them.

Peter Meckel spent his growing-up years in Minnesota and Illinois before coming to California to attend Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Search for meaning

He went to school with the idea of going into medicine, as had many of his family predecessors and, it turns out, his progeny. But he was also interested in theater and the arts. Or maybe ministry, which might have suited the soft-spoken man known for his wise heart.

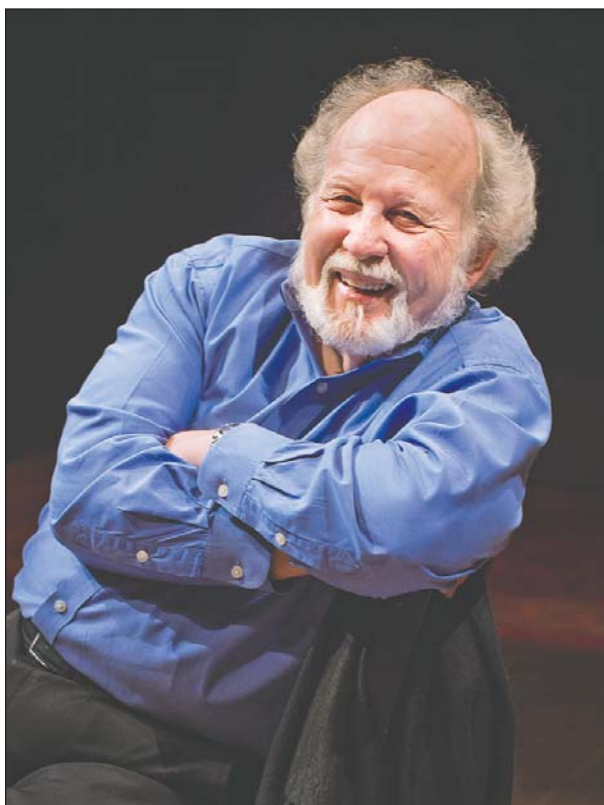
“When I read works by Viktor Frankl in high school, I became fascinated by his thinking, particularly because he believed the strongest force in a person’s psychological makeup is not Freud’s quest for pleasure or Adler’s quest for power, but our search for meaning,” Meckel said.

When, at 22, he was struck with the idea to train young performers, Frankl’s words helped Meckel understand his purpose and lay the foundation for Hidden Valley Music Seminars.

“In education, giving students the opportunity to focus on what’s most meaningful to them and where they fit helps them see their own significance coming into play in their work,” Meckel said. “It’s important to me and to Hidden Valley that we remember this as we teach young people and provide an environment in which they don’t have to feel vulnerable but can develop a driving force to learn.”

Pasadena

In 1963, Meckel formed a nonprofit corporation and established Hidden Valley in Pasadena, where he ran a choral and orchestra summer program for high school-aged students.



PHOTO/DEANNA ROSS

Peter Meckel founded Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley, a place where young musicians can delve deeply into their art.

Don’t miss “Scenic Views” by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.

Documenting Covid, fleeing war

AS HER home country smolders with unspeakable violence, Kate Kondratieva lives with the weight of the difficult decision she made two years ago to leave Ukraine.

She feels profound sadness and great concern for people she left behind, but sees the raging war as a great reminder of the need to appreciate simple things and live life to its fullest.

The art she creates today is her state-

medical professionals and was conditioned throughout her youth to follow that same path. But after grinding through three years of medical school, she came to a worrisome realization.

“I was doing this for my parents, not for myself,” said Kondratieva who, by then, had fallen in love with a photographer, was developing her own passion for the art form and had done multiple photo shoots. “I was 20 years old, asking myself, ‘How will I feel in 10 years if I am living someone else’s dream?’”

Her father, as she expected, was upset when she revealed her decision to leave medical school to become a photographer (a poorly paid profession in Ukraine). His reaction was predictably terse: “Did you make this decision five minutes ago ... or 10 minutes ago?” he asked.

A stunning email

But on the morning after dropping out, Kondratieva received a stunning email from a famous Ukrainian film director, Alan Badoev, a person she aspired to work with and had repeatedly tried to contact over the previous year.

“I asked him, ‘Did you read my emails?’” she remembered with a laugh. “And he said, ‘No, nobody on my team told me about them — but I saw your work online.’”

Kondratieva immediately traveled to Kyiv (a city she had visited twice) and met with Badoev, who hired her as a behind-the-scenes photographer for music videos he was producing. Their professional relationship provided personal validation, enhanced her portfolio, and led to opportunities to work with other well known people in Ukraine and Russia.

In March 2020, when the Covid pandemic forced people indoors, Kondratieva attracted global attention for her creativity and innovation: She began to arrange video-cam photoshoots with everyday people all over the world, creating fine-art photographs from the footage to show how they were coping with shelter-in-place. A reporter from the international news agency Reuters covered her story, which got picked up by the New York Times, the Guardian and multiple other media outlets worldwide.

“That’s when my dad called and said, ‘I’m proud of you,’” she remembered.

500 miles

Kondratieva, who had visited the U.S. twice previously — New York in 2019 and California in April 2021 (a trip that included a brief stop in Carmel) — made plans to return to California with a work visa (she hoped to meet and photograph Clint Eastwood, a man she had long admired). When she learned the Ukrainian embassy was months behind on issuing visas, she arranged an appointment at an embassy in Warsaw, Poland, 500 miles from Kyiv.

On Feb. 24, 2022 — a

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ment about seeing beauty through the pain, said Kondratieva, a fine-art photographer in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

And her emotions are balanced by a confidence that she made the correct choice in 2021, when she ran for her life — and ran after her dreams — as Russian missiles fell from the sky, obliterating Ukraine’s cities and towns, destroying its infrastructure and exterminating so many of those men, women and children who stayed behind, endured and fought back.

“I have friends who are fighting right now,” lamented the 29-year-old portrait specialist. “Over the past year, I didn’t want to post my photos and my life on social media because my friends and family follow me online. I’m very aware that their reality right now is very different from mine.”

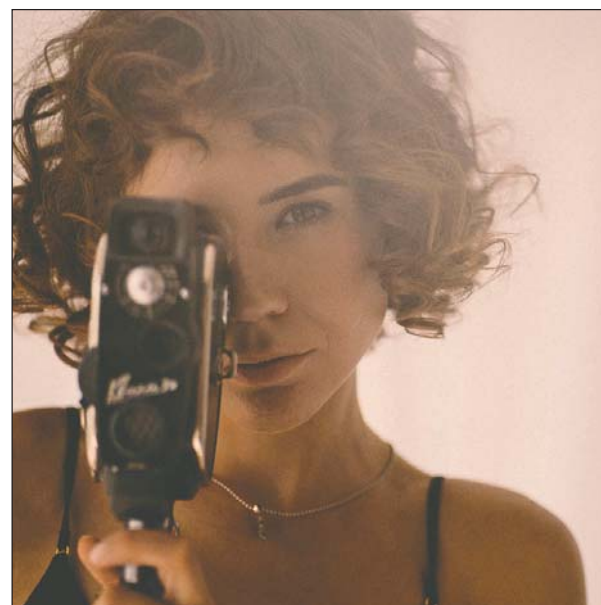
In fact, her life as an artist already met or exceeded her wildest dreams and expectations. Over the past two years, Kondratieva has traveled much of the world to photograph the rich and famous, along with everyday people who have risen to meet difficult circumstances in their own lives.

‘Hero’s Journey’

“We all hit challenges in life, not by choice, and we are not ready for this change, this turn,” she said. “This also is my story — we have a lot in common — so my next project (working title: ‘Hero’s Journey’) will tell their stories.”

“People say I’m passionate about photography, but I am passionate about people and their stories. Photography is just a tool to meet them.”

Kondratieva grew up in the Eastern Ukraine city of Kharkiv in a family of



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Ukraine native Kate Kondratieva fled her country in 2022 and settled in Carmel, where she has become a successful fine-art photographer.

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of the property. Pastor's application to the city council provided for more than \$1.3 million to upgrade the property. Although the historic resources board recommended approval, city council members expressed concerns about the benefit to Pastor.

The city council approved a contemporary design for "The Pit" when presented by a longtime Carmel business owner before he had to sell the property for financial reasons. Pastor purchased the land and presented two design plans that were rejected, both of which better represented the village than the plan previously approved.

Pastor subsequently purchased property south of the 7D steakhouse and submitted plans for a mixed-use development, including housing and commercial. Included in the proposal was the relocation of a wall. The historic resources board said the wall could be moved, but the city council has now said it can't, requiring an amendment to what is called the JB Pastor Project.

Another Pastor investment was the purchase of Colonial Terrace Inn at 13th and San Antonio — a project that took two years to complete and included the complete renovation of a property in need of repair.

It is now known as the Carmel Beach Hotel, a five-star property. Nearing the end of the project, a planning commissioner expressed concern about renaming the property and found that the planning commission had no control of naming rights.

Pastor and his company must be complimented for their patience and flexibility in addressing and resolving

issues that seem never-ending. Pastor's comment in the June 9, 2023, Pine Cone is directly on point with respect to his Carmel-by-the-Sea agenda: "It was never my intent to build something that doesn't belong in Carmel."

But for the fact that Pastor is a relative newcomer to Carmel, would a longtime resident experience the hoops and hurdles that he has in his business dealings since his arrival?

William J. Woska, Carmel

Mills Act helps

Dear Editor,

As one who has researched local history (Monterey County) and been active in historic preservation for over 40 years, I tend to agree with The Pine Cone's editorial last week.

To me, the Mills Act was created to encourage preservation of important structures. Seems to me like the city council is losing the true meaning of its intention.

Let's hope when this returns to the council, with more thought, it will prevail.

Here in South County, one can see the benefits when a property owner put a historic ranch house in the Mills Act, and thanks to the board of supervisors for their approval.

Howard P. Strohn, San Ardo

Hofsas House concerns

Dear Editor,

As a little girl and as an adult, I have loved the Hofsas House, with its colorful facade, beautiful artwork and mosaics adorning the walls inside and out. I am a born and raised Carmelite and I am so very disheartened and disappointed in the turn of events that have the owners so ready to demolish this historical and important part of our

culture and history.

Remember Carrie Theis' steadfast lament at numerous council meetings over the years in regard to beach fires? She said she was a proponent of tradition and that we should do all we can to preserve what makes Carmel the town that we all love and what brings back visitors year after year. Is that what she is doing in regard to the hotel that she has been stewarding for many years, which should be considered historic and protected as such?

It is so much a part of the local color and thus should be protected from being demolished and becoming yet another steel-and-glass monolith, which is what is proposed by her and her architect. Theis should be implementing the Mills Act Program for this endeavor, to renovate this beautiful hotel and do what needs to be done without destroying it and all the history that is attached to it.

Candace Cate, Carmel

Thanks for nothing

Dear Editor,

I'd like to thank the city council for having me spend over eight hours with various utilities to establish service at our Carmel residence due to lack of an address — hours I'll certainly never get back and an experience that probably will end up shortening my life.

Speaking of shortened life: The EMTs probably also won't be able to find me when I need them later, so thanks in advance for that too.

Burt Cummings, Carmel

DEI has had its day

Dear Editor,

It is clear from recent events on college campuses, boardrooms and in public schools that the DEI trend is experiencing its own version of the "Peter Principle." Every movement has built into it the seeds of its own destruction and the DEI fad has fallen way short on any measure of competency. You could argue that DEI stands for "Divisive Elitist Indoctrination." In Pacific Grove, the DEI Task Force has not met a quorum in several months. There has been constant turnover of members and the citizens have lost faith in its ability to achieve social good.

It's time for DEI to fade into the sunset. I propose a replacement, the Pacific Grove Task Force on Liberty, Engagement, Achievement and Promotion or PGLEAP. People are desperate to get involved and make their towns and cities great places to live, work and visit. Jump in! Run for office, apply for a city board or commission, volunteer on cleanup days or cook and serve meals for the hungry. A wise person once said, "The meaning of life is to find your gift, the purpose of life is to give it away."

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GLASS

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the brand new Glass House in August 1998 and have enjoyed it ever since, according to Jessica Canning, the realtor who is representing them in the sale.

“They’ve had it for a long time — they love it,” she said, but with spending more time with their children and grandchildren on the East Coast, it’s time to sell. They listed the home once before, for \$4.2 million in 2003, but ended up not selling.

“When you walk through it, it’s pretty incredible,” said Canning, who launched the listing Friday, has already received some interest, and was hosting walk-throughs this week. “From each of the bedrooms, you can see stars at night.”

Tucked in

She also noted that the house is somehow open and protected at the same time. “You’re in the thick of everything, but surrounded by these gardens,” she said, and the decks offer expansive coastal and garden views.

“People who love design and architecture love the home,” she observed. “If someone’s looking for your standard house, it’s not necessarily a fit for them, but you have to appreciate all the little details and the way the glass and open space evolve throughout the house.”

She said Thodos was “well ahead of his time.”

Canning also noted the Bildners have taken care to preserve the house, though it could use a little spiffing up due to sun exposure. “Overall, they’ve really respectfully approached the property and the house. They’ve done a really good job of respecting it and enjoying it.”



COURTESY/JESSICA CANNING

The Glass House on Scenic Road offers incredible views of the coast from inside and out.

Ohana ready to welcome first clients

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MONTAGE HEALTH’S sparkling new youth mental health facility in Ryan Ranch, Ohana (which means “family” in Hawaiian), received its final approval from the California Department of Healthcare Services and, according to spokesperson Monica Sciuto, and everyone is “thrilled to welcome Ohana patients to the new campus” starting Friday.

During last month’s opening ceremony for the aesthetically stunning 55,600-square-foot building, Dr. Susan Swick, Ohana’s executive director, said, “We believe that mental illness is always treatable, usually curable, and often preventable. Our broader work is to support families, schools and the community in

fostering mental fitness, just as our health system supports physical fitness.”

She added that she hoped the new facility would be a place where youngsters and their families could cultivate resilience and well-being.

The impressive project was made possible by a \$106 million grant from local philanthropist Bertie Bialek Elliott.

Dr. Steven Packer, president and CEO of Community Hospital and Montage Health, said her generosity, combined with community support and “the attraction of world-class medical staff,” make Ohana “the foremost privately funded mental health campus for youth anywhere in America.”

Said Swick, “We believe that Ohana is ‘where hope grows.’”

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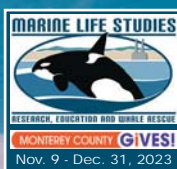


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ARTIST

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month before her planned journey to Poland — Russian missiles rained down on Kyiv, forcing its population, including Kondratieva, into bomb shelters for the next two nights.

“I never believed that was possible in the middle of Europe in the 21st century,” she said. “I also believed the situation would last three or four days. They’d discuss it, and our lives would go back to normal.”

Of course, none of that happened, and Kondratieva made another agonizing choice. Four days after that first attack, she seized an opportunity to flee the horrifying destruction with a family of seven who selflessly offered to take her to Poland, traveling the dark backroads to avoid missiles that were hitting the main highways and bridges.

“The woman and I were in a two-seater car,

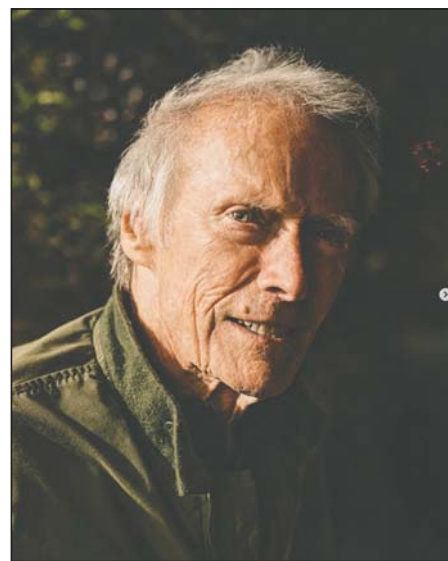
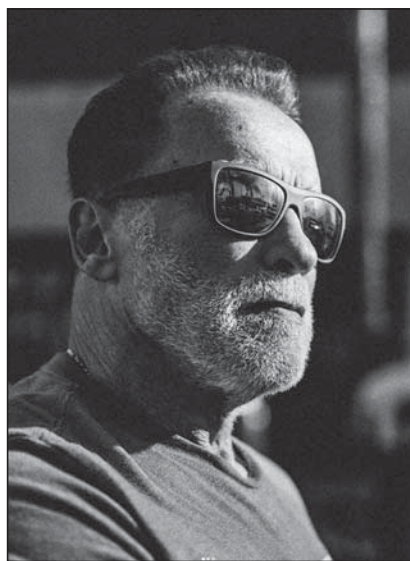
and the man and their five children were in a second vehicle,” she said. “I didn’t know any of them before we left, but I think of them as family now.”

In October 2022, Kondratieva received word that a Russian missile exploded in the backyard of her father’s house in Eastern Ukraine. She believes the trauma created stress that contributed to his death two months later.

She also feels sadness for the rest of her family. Her sister lives in Poland and her mother is in Germany. Most likely, their lives will never be the same.

‘We fight for life’

“Sometimes I have felt guilt for leaving, but I’m learning not to let it affect me so much,” she said. “One of my friends, who still has to fight, has told me, ‘We fight for life. You have your life. Please live it fully, because your life inspires me, and I want to see it. It helps me see the light.’ His words



Fine-art photographer Kate Kondratieva’s work includes portraits of former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former Mayor Clint Eastwood. She met Eastwood at Mission Ranch, fulfilling a dream that came from her longtime admiration of his work.



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have helped me understand that I can bring joy with my work. It is important to share my experience with others.”

After two years of persistence, including a fruitless journey to Warner Bros. studio in Los Angeles, Kondratieva finally met Eastwood at Mission Ranch. He shook her hand. She shared her story, showed her portfolio, and asked if she could make his portrait.

“Of course,” he said, and she added his image to a collection that includes Arnold Schwarzenegger, Richard Branson, world heavyweight boxing champion Oleksandr Usyk (a fellow Ukrainian), and many others.

She deeply believes she made the right choice to pursue her dream.

“I think my father would rather see me happy than see me as a doctor,” said Kondratieva, whose meteoric career has taken her to China, Bali, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and all over Europe since leaving Ukraine. “I believe I made the best possible decision and opened the door to an incredible life. These are things that would not have been possible if I had chosen someone else’s path for myself.”

She became a permanent resident of Carmel in June and makes her home near the 17 Mile Drive gate.

Additional information about Kondratieva and images of her work can be found at katekondratieva.com.

Dennis Taylor is a freelance journalist in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

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COMPLAINTS

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to protect the plaintiff or discipline Parry,” Doe’s suit says.

In late September 2021, Parry asked Doe if she’d like to stay at his parents’ house in Cayucos over the October break, an offer she rejected outright.

The following month, she recounts, he thanked her for her hard work at the school and told her she was “the rock of my life.” On another occasion, he commented that he could see her house from the highway as he commuted to work, and when she

was out sick one day, he got food from Pizza My Heart and left it on her doorstep. She thanked him but asked him to never show up uninvited and unannounced at her home again.

That incident prompted her to text Chavez again, and the HR officer said he would talk to Parry. The following day, she says, the principal angrily confronted her and said he was just trying to be a good colleague and friend. She called Chavez once more, and he said he’d talk to Parry again.

For the rest of the 2021-2022 school year, Doe says, the district took no action, and she did her best to stay away from Parry. She told him she’d be applying for a

job in the district office, and he responded by telling her he was thinking of making a similar move and might still end up being her boss. After that, her union rep made arrangements for Doe to work from home for the rest of the year, according to the complaint.

Jury trial demanded

Doe is suing the district for sexual harassment, sex discrimination, retaliation, failure to prevent harassment and retaliation, and intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress. She is seeking special and general damages, back pay, front pay, exemplary and punitive damages, and prejudgment interest, as well as legal fees and costs. She is also demanding a jury trial.

Meanwhile, the district’s lawyers have

responded to the October lawsuits filed by the first two Jane Does. Both women worked as custodians and describe pervasive sexual harassment — including lewd and disrespectful comments, as well as unwanted touching — by two supervisors, and the district’s failure to address it.

One of the alleged perpetrators who targeted both women was paid \$100,000 to retire, the women’s counsel discovered, while the other man remained on staff as of last month.

Answers filed by attorneys for the district disavow any wrongdoing, deny all the allegations, and challenge the women’s standing to file their complaints in the first place.

They are asking the court to award the plaintiffs nothing and to award CUSD its litigation costs and any other relief.

GAVEL

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The criminal case originated in July 2016 when an injured worker complained that her supervisor refused to take her to a doctor and forced her to be treated by an unlicensed health care worker. The California Department of Insurance began investigating the defendants’ workers’ compensation insurance policies as well as their bank records. Forensic auditors determined that the defendants provided their insurance companies with false payroll reports to conceal their actual payroll and obtain a reduced premium. Through search warrants, investigators obtained and analyzed the defendants’ bank accounts and found that the defendants had underreported their payroll for 2013 and 2017 by \$17,397,790. By doing so, the defendants significantly underpaid their premiums.

Under California criminal law, making a material misrepresentation to obtain a lower workers’ compensation insurance premium has a maximum penalty of five years and a fine of up to double the amount of the fraud. In addition, investigators uncovered evidence that defendant Elias Perez Jr. instructed one of the company’s supervisors to deny at least three injured workers access to workers’ compensation benefits.

On Nov. 10, 2020, the Monterey County District Attorney filed felony fraud charges against the defendants. Even after the case was filed, investigators continued to uncover evidence of felonies committed by the defendants. Specifically, the investigators determined that the defendants had submitted falsified paychecks to the U.S. Department of Labor during that agency’s 2015 investigation into wage and hour violations. It is a felony to file a falsified document with a public agency. As a result of this discovery, the district attorney added additional felony charges on July 18, 2022.

On June 29, 2023, both defendants pled guilty to two felony counts of insurance fraud. At the sentencing, Vasquez imposed three-year prison sentences on each defendant. Vasquez then suspended execution of those prison terms and placed the defendants on seven years of felony probation. As part of probation, they will serve 210 days in county jail and pay restitution in the amount of \$633,785.61. Additionally, Vasquez has the authority to revoke the farm labor contractor licenses for the defendants and their corporations if the defendants violate probation in a manner which affects the health, safety or workplace conditions of their employees.

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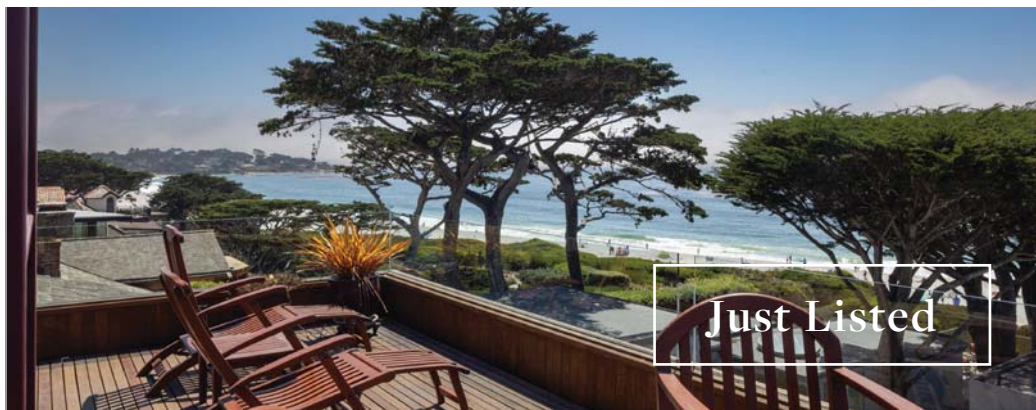
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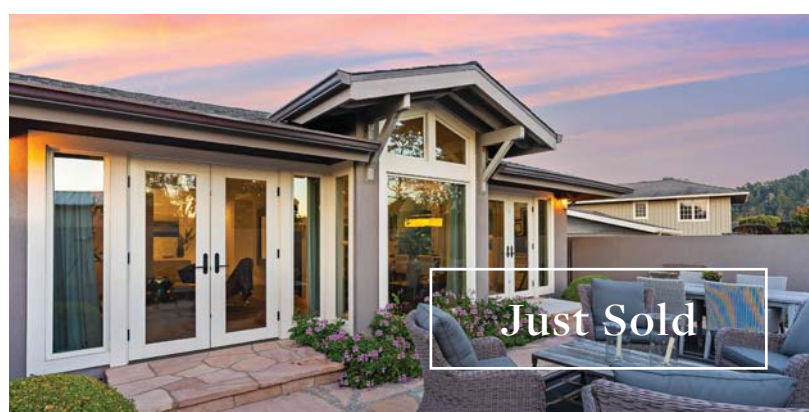
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Section 2

Santa Catalina girls exemplify perseverance and love of the game

THE HEADLINE to best describe the Santa Catalina Cougars as they (literally) limp into their holiday break is

to carry forward from a 0-6 start to the current season — on the heels of a 1-13 record last fall.

The last time the Cougars celebrated a victory was 11 months ago, when they beat Marina 30-29 in the third game of the 2022-23 season. Since then, Catalina has dropped 17 in a row, a skid that includes lopsided losses this year of 41-14 to Carmel, 38-20 to Greenfield, 50-16 to St Francis, and 47-28 to Rancho San Juan. Ouch!

“Losing by 30 points is upsetting, and we’ve seen some emotions every now and then, but we really haven’t had to do a lot as coaches to keep the morale in healthy place,” said head coach Peter Cofresi. “Our girls are very close. They can laugh, they can celebrate together, and they see this experience as ‘I’m spending time with my friends on the court.’ They want to be here, and they can shrug it off.”



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior Bianca Fritz, cool under pressure in her third varsity season, runs the offense as Catalina’s point guard.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

that they adore each other, they enjoy playing basketball, and they’re genuinely optimistic that things are about to get better.

That’s an admirable stockpile of positivity for a team



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Energetic and versatile Ellesia Corona, a first-year basketball player, brings emotional balance to the team. On the court and off.

Playing short-handed

There might be less shrugging and more back-slapping on the horizon. Catalina has nine players listed on its varsity roster, but Cofresi hasn’t yet had the luxury of using his full team, and has frequently had just six healthy players on game day.

Two players have been nagged by injuries through the first six games (holiday rest should allow some healing), and a talented sophomore, Mariam Zorilla Meouchi, will become game-eligible on Jan. 1 after transferring from another school.

Meouchi is expected to be a great addition to a lineup that currently consists of five seniors, including power forward Sofia Luna, a four-year starter for the Cougars, and point guard Bianca Fritz, a varsity player since her sophomore year.

“Sofia is a volleyball player who isn’t afraid to throw her body on the court,” said Cofresi of Luna, whose aggression has left her banged up and unavailable at times. “She’s a small forward with power. She can take the ball inside and get herself to the free-throw line, and we also

like to put the ball in her hands in clutch situation.”

Fritz, petite but lightning-quick, runs the offense and projects a levelheadedness in every situation.

“Bianca runs the shop for us, and she and Zoe Allen are also the players whose attitude is, ‘OK, it’s game time – we want to play, we want to play hard, and if we’re down by 20, keep scraping away,’” the coach said. “They’re continuously taking charge and driving that positivity, which means I don’t have to stand up and yell across the court about things.”

A 6-footer in the middle

Allen, a 6-footer with a large wingspan, is a powerful presence under the basket (she leaps well enough to touch the rim), and is expanding her skill level on offense.

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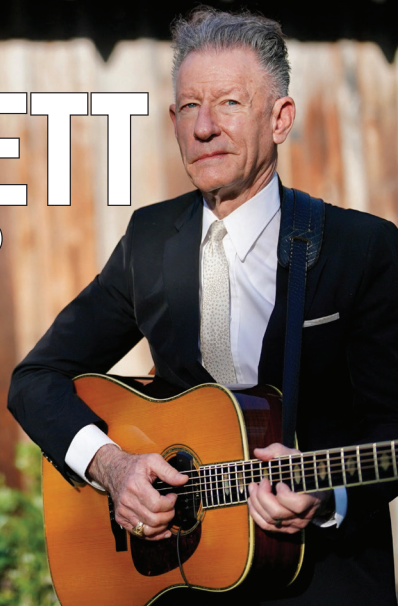
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“Zoe played JV for us last season, but she’s working hard in practice on her 3-pointers and is gaining confidence about shooting from the outside, instead of staying in the key,” Cofresi said. “She worked hard on her game over the summer, and she’s added more flow and less stop-and-go, to our offense.”

Skyler Smith, a varsity letter-winner, is the team’s most reliable outside shooter but also can drive to the bucket when necessary, or bring the ball up the court against a pressure defense. Those tools enable her to play either guard or small forward.

Ellesia Corona is a high-energy utility player who can play either outside as a guard or wing, or inside as a forward or center. She also plays a crucial role as a team leader.

“Ellesia is a first-time basketball player, but she’s basically become our captain off the court,” Cofresi said. “Her voice in the locker room is fabulous and extremely important to us.”

First off the bench has been Dina Ding, a 5-10 sophomore who got junior varsity experience last season and is emerging as a power forward or center.

Strength in numbers

Senior Lorenza Marquard, a small forward, and junior utility player Coco Xu, complete the rotation, which promises to become more dynamic with the addition of Meouchi.

Marquard is quick to the ball and adept at grabbing defensive rebounds, and Xu is fearless, which makes her a formidable defender against bigger opponents.

“We haven’t seen Mariam in a game situation yet, so I’m still figuring out where she’ll fit in, but I already know she’s going to be a smart, quick guard who most likely will work well with Bianca in our backcourt,” Cofresi said.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior Skyler Smith, one of Catalina’s best outside shooters, also drives well to the basket and plays formidable defense as a forward or guard.

A big part of the 0-6 start can be attributed to the fact that Fritz, Smith and Allen have rarely been able to take a breather during games.

“If I have to take one of them out of the game, I do it very sparingly,” the coach said of his tri-captains.

If he’s able, at long last, to utilize four players off the bench rather than one, Cofresi might be able to apply more defensive pressure, and keep pace with opposing

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additional training and performances at other times of year. Having leased the 8-acre property, I later purchased it and had additional buildings constructed. We created a dance studio, rehearsal gazebos, a kitchen building, and a large, wonderful dining room. Just a couple of years ago, we added another residential building.”

Among the many programs presented throughout the year are week-long intensive master classes, where advanced students train with musicians from top performing and teaching institutes across the country, among them The Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, The Cleveland Orchestra, The Seattle Symphony, New York Philharmonic and several distinguished conservatories.

The Festival of Winds brings in five principal players from major orchestras, each of whom selects five students who come to Hidden Valley for two-week summer fellowships to study the woodwind repertoire.

“These fellows — very fine players — perform four concerts during the two-week period, and the level of the playing is remarkable,” said Meckel.

Hidden Valley also hosts Emerging Composers Intensive, a program in which student-composers work with visiting faculty who teach musical composition at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and performing faculty from around the country to develop synergy between the writing process and the performance of their scores.

“Student compositions must be prepared before they

arrive,” Meckel said. “With the work complete, these young composers can really hear their music performed and get a clear understanding of the capability of the instruments they’re scoring for.”

Suits and T’s

Hidden Valley also hosts Northern California Flute Camp, a summer program now in its 25th year, for young flutists to study under the leadership of principal musicians from the New York Philharmonic and other orchestras.

“And, we’ve done 29 major operatic works over the last 40 years, with full orchestra and sets,” Meckel explained. “Young American opera singers typically have such limited opportunities to train in this country, as compared to Europe, but that is changing. There is so much more American audience interest in opera now.”

Nothing pleases Meckel more than looking out from behind the curtain to see a diversity of audience members — suits-and-ties next to T-shirts — enjoying a chamber

concert or opera performance at Hidden Valley.

“It is, after all, about the music, not the social status of our audience,” he said. “We try to make it an authentic experience. When you are at arm’s length from a performance of La Boheme and Mimi dies, you never forget it. It’s an amazing experience to be that close to the emotion of sound.”

After 60 years at the helm of Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Meckel, 82, is not ready to retire. But maybe in a few more years.

“Hidden Valley is a wonderful place to work, a wonderful place to be,” he said. “I will care about it for 1,000 more years, but we are beginning to develop a transition plan. To everything there is a season.”

MORE SPORTS

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teams who utilize their depth to run the court and exhaust the short-handed Cougars.

Also notable is that all six of Catalina’s non-league opponents play in higher divisions: Carmel, Greenfield and Rancho San Juan are part of the Mission Division — two levels above the Cougars — and St. Francis, Marina and Gonzales are in the Cypress Division, one level up.

A five-team division

Based on its 1-13 record of a year ago, Santa Catalina was placed this season in the Santa Lucia Division, where it is one of only five teams. Each will play the other three times.

York (8-0, 12-2), Anzar (5-3, 5-12), Oakwood (5-3, 8-10) and Ceiba College Prep (0-8, 1-10) all played a year ago in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Arroyo Division, which was dissolved this season.

Of those four opponents, York is the only other Peninsula school. Anzar is in San Juan Bautista, Oakwood is located in Santa Cruz, and Ceiba is based in Watsonville.

Catalina’s Santa Lucia Division action begins with back-to-back road trips to York on Jan. 8 and Anzar on Jan. 9. They Cougars will return home against Oakwood on Jan. 11. All division games have 5:30 p.m. tipoff times.

Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.



PHOTO/HIDDEN VALLEY

The 2022 Festival of Winds fellows and faculty pose in front of the theater at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, founded by Peter Meckel, in Carmel Valley.

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Center for Photographic Art shares latest juried show, hands out awards

AFTER SHRINKING the field down from nearly 2,300 entries to just 45 images, the Center for Photographic Art is set to open its annual International Juried Exhibition Saturday with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. The show will be on display through Jan. 21.

Juror Shana Lopes had quite a challenge preparing for the show. Assistant Curator of Photography at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Lopes sorted through an

“overwhelming number of images submitted to the competition.”

“From awe-inspiring vistas of moun-

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

tainous western landscapes to abstract color fields awash in pastel pinks or fiery oranges, these images underscore the wide range of interests that capture artists' imaginations today,” Lopes said. “The works touch upon a number of contemporary concerns such as global warming, land use, and alienation, but they also inspire hope through pictures about community, identity and belonging — at once personal and universal, these images remind us to focus on the here and now through the lens of care and respect.”

The gallery will hand out awards during Saturday's reception.

‘Must-see’ show

CPA executive director Ann Jastrab urged everyone to check out the show. “This is a must-see exhibition which includes the finest of contemporary photography and a quick lesson in the history and the possibilities of the genre,” Jastrab added.

The gallery is located in Sunset Center at San Carlos

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Artist Jayson Fann recently built this memorial bench for Gathering for Women, a Monterey group dedicated to helping homeless women.

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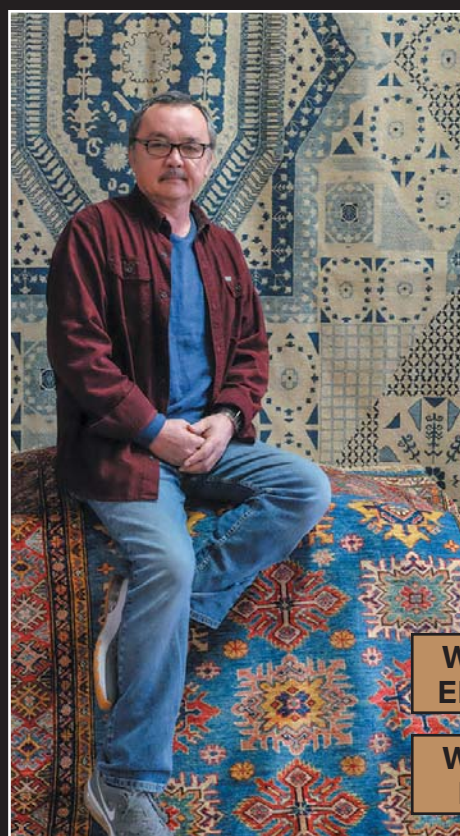
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Ukulele wizard plays Sunset, Golden State welcomes Flock of Seagulls, X

WHILE SINGER and guitarist **Father John Misty's** fundraising concert for the Big Sur Park School Friday

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

at Sunset Center is sold out, there are still tickets available for a 7:30 Sunday performance at the same venue by ukelele virtuoso **Jake Shimabukuro**.

A master of the ukulele, Shimabukuro presents his hol-



Singer and guitarist Hayley Jane plays Thursday in the Terrace Lounge at The Lodge at Pebble Beach. The music starts at 6:30 p.m.

iday show, "Christmas in Hawaii."

Besides featuring music from his standard repertoire, the program "will draw on a vibrant catalog of holiday classics such as 'We Three Kings,' 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,' 'O Holy Night' and 'I'll Be Home For Christmas,'" according to Shimabukuro, whose music brings together jazz, blues, funk, rock, bluegrass, classical, folk and flamenco.

While Shimabukuro had previously achieved success in his native Hawaii, where he won a number of the state's top music awards, his popularity exploded in 2006 when his cover of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" went viral on YouTube.

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

■ It's 1982 all over again

The Golden State Theatre in Monterey turns the clock back to the early 1980s this weekend for shows by **A Flock of Seagulls** (Friday at 8 p.m.) and **X** (Saturday at 8 p.m.).

A staple on MTV in its early days, A Flock of Seagulls burst on the scene in the early 80s when their single, "I Ran," became a Top 10 hit in 1982. With their catchy synth-pop sound and outrageous hairstyles, the group became the quintessential image of a new wave band.

Tickets start at \$48.

Darlings of the music writers and arguably the best band to emerge out the L.A. punk music scene in the early 1980s, X is led today by the two singers who founded it, **John Doe** and **Exene Cervenka**, along with original bassist **Billy Zoom** and drummer **D.J. Bonebreak**. X pushed the boundaries of punk by incor-



Ukelele master Jake Shimabukuro takes the stage Sunday at the Sunset Center. A native of Hawaii, the musician became famous in 2006 when his cover of the Beatles' "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" went viral on YouTube.

porating rockabilly, folk and rock into their sound, along with smart lyrics and harmonies.

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Reserving a feast, getting warm with wine, and cutting up a Yule Log

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consider trying the waygu beef from Snake River Farms — which calls itself the “pioneer of American waygu” — served up with a scallop, some creamy mushroom farro (a chewy, hearty grain), winter truffle, broccoli rabe and peppercorn sauce. If you're more of a pescatarian, there's

sea bass with rice, Swiss chard and fried artichoke. Other options include pink peppercorn-crusted venison with celery root puree, pomegranate and Brussels

sprouts, and huckleberry jus, and a vegan root vegetable entrée. Sweet endings steer clear of pumpkin anything in favor of a sweet potato tart or eggnog panna cotta. Dinner includes a glass of Champagne. Openings for reservations between 5:45 and 9 p.m. are still available at exploretock.com.

Does gift-opening leaves you a bit peckish on Christmas morning? The Ranch



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Soup to Nuts

and bountiful year-round harvests from land and sea. Many of our favorite eateries may be closed on for the holiday, but a few are offering some special menus, not only on Christmas Eve, but on the big day itself.

Carmel Valley Ranch is offering a Christmas Eve prix fixe menu for \$99 (limited a la carte selections will also be available). After appetizer options of kohlrabi soup or a salad with roasted spiced squash,

is also offering a breakfast buffet from 7 to 11 a.m., with crepe and omelet stations, lox and bagels, quiche, green-eggs-and-ham Benedict, and lots more. It's \$65 for adults, \$25 for children 6 to 12 (plus tax and tip) and complimentary for those 5 and younger. Reserve your spot at exploretock.com.

black truffle. The remaining offerings are a gift that has yet to be unwrapped. Prepaid reservations for seatings at 8 and 8:15 p.m. are available at exploretock.com.

Feliz Navidad from Estéban

Inside Monterey's Casa Munras Hotel, Estéban restaurant will serve Christmas dinner from 2 to 8 p.m. Executive Chef Ben Hillan's menu kicks off with your choice of crab corn bisque or a kale salad gussied up with sundried tomatoes, pickled onions, chickpeas and charred leek vinaigrette. Decide between turf — slow-roasted prime rib with mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, au jus, horseradish cream sauce — or surf, represented by crab-crusted seabass with tomato and piquillo pepper broth, fava beans and pine nuts. No sugarplums are expected, but there is Spanish flan with fresh berries or Basque cheesecake with brandied cherries. Dinner is \$89 per person, plus tax. Call (831) 375-0176 to reserve your table, or email info@esteban-restaurant.com.

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The 24th at Aubergine

Aubergine, the restaurant inside L'Auberge Carmel at Monte Verde and Seventh, invites lovers of good food and wine to enjoy a Christmas Eve menu from chef Justin Cogley that's as much foodie spectacle as dinner. For \$595 per person including wine pairings, the eight courses begin with Champagne and some “gifts from the kitchen,” followed by more Champagne (because, why wouldn't you?), smoked beluga caviar with fermented potato and egg and shallot, fish courses of wild Dover sole with shrimp, and crab with kohlrabi, rice, white soy and trout roe. Lamb and dry-aged beef ribeye headline the next two courses, and the ribeye will be served with



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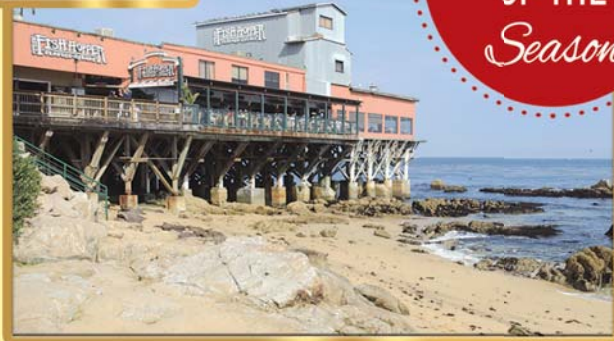
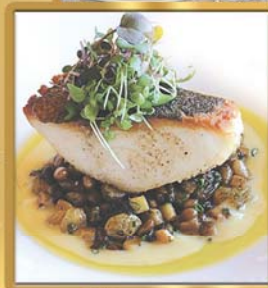


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■ Cold nights, hot drinks

What do you want to drink when nights grow long, foggy and cold? Try reaching back to ancient Rome for an idea. In Book 14 of his "Natural History," Pliny the Elder — considered one of the world's first wine writers — wrote about viticulture and winemaking, categorizing first-century wines as good and, er, not so good. The good stuff likely went to those who could afford luxury, leaving lesser grapes for the common folk.

Fish sauce

Many of these wines were unpalatable, so Romans added spices, herbs, honey and even fish sauce to mask the bad flavors and enhance the wine's taste. In the winter, the wine was heated for added warmth and enjoyment.

Over time, the spices used with mulled wine were narrowed to a handful — nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves. As they were not inexpensive, being offered a mug of hot mulled wine in this time period was a true show of hospitality and a way to celebrate the holidays.



Chef Justin Cogley at Aubergine is pulling out all the stops for dinner on Christmas Eve.

Although the art of doctoring bad wine is no longer necessary, mulled wine

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remains a popular beverage. You can try some at P.G.'s Wild Fish. Owners Liz and Kelvin Jacobs had a restaurant in Devon, England, where they became quite familiar with mulled wine. According to Liz, "In England, mulled wine was often served with miniature mince pies as a celebration treat and fits perfectly on our menu here as well".

Once you've enjoyed a cup out on the town, you might want to try making it at home. Grab a bottle of Scheid's District 7 pinot noir or cabernet sauvignon (or Sunny with a Chance of Flowers, if you want something lighter), one orange, 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon of brandy, 1/2 cup white or brown sugar, two cinnamon sticks, five whole cloves, two slightly crushed cardamom pods, and four star anise (optional). You'll also need some candied orange slices for garnish. You can find fresh bulk spices at Elroy's on Soledad Drive in Monterey and the orange slices at Ami Carmel on Dolores near Fifth.

Place the juice of the orange in a non-reactive pot. For more citrus flavor, add the orange peel. Add the wine, brandy and spices, heat to medium and stir in the sugar until it dissolves. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 30 minutes. Pour through a strainer and serve each mug with a slice of sugared orange peel — and feel free to add a cinnamon stick and a star anise, too.

With the winter months upon us, it's the perfect time to offer a warm mug of aromatic hospitality.



Whether you order your Yule log from Alta bakery (left), Parker-Lusseau (right) or any of several other local bakeries, the artistic cakes are real showstoppers. Some pastry shops sell them by the slice, in case you don't trust yourself with a whole one.

Rekindling an old tradition

Bûche de Noël, also known as a Yule log, is a traditional Christmas cake served in France, Belgium, Luxem-

bourg, Switzerland and some former French colonies. The cake is traditionally a rolled sponge filled with buttercream and covered in chocolate frosting to look like a tree trunk. Lucky for us, we don't have to travel far to find one. Alta Bakery (502 Munras Ave., Monterey), Lafayette Bakery and Café in the Barnyard shopping center, Paris Bakery (271 Bonifacio Place, Monterey), Patisserie Bechler (1225 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove), and Parker-Lusseau Pastries (539 Hartnell St., Monterey) all make them.

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FOOD & WINE

WINE

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com or in the café. Paris Bakery has three flavors: Grand Marnier, chocolate, and hazelnut. Cakes are available in the store while supplies last, and you can buy individual slices or choose from assorted sizes of whole logs that serve from four to 20 guests. Order via phone at (831) 646-1620 by the 23rd.

Parker-Lusseau makes its bûches in chocolate and spice, chocolate-espreso, triple chocolate, a chocolate, passion fruit

and coconut combo and chocolate-raspberry. It also has assorted sizes for groups from four to 16. Order through the 18th in the bakery or call (831) 643-0300. Lafayette Bakery and Café offers dark chocolate, blueberry vanilla, hazelnut vanilla, and pistachio berry bûches in individual slices or whole logs for four or five people. Individual slices will be available in the bakery while supplies last, and whole cakes require pre-order. Order by visiting the bakery or calling (831) 915-6286 by Friday, Dec. 22.

Finally, Patisserie Bechler's offerings include a vanilla cake with coffee buttercream, chocolate cake and chocolate but-

tercream, vanilla cake with Grand Marnier buttercream, or vanilla cake filled with amaretto and hazelnut buttercream. Their cakes come in sizes to serve four to 15 people. Call (831) 375-0846 to place an order. Bon appétit!

Correction
In last week's story about Rosine's restaurant cookbook, Jim Culcasi was mistakenly referred to as Rosine's "late husband." He is alive and well, and we apologize for the error.



If thoughts of chilly winter days make you long for a warming glass of mulled wine, consider making your own with District 7 cabernet sauvignon (made by Scheid) as your base.

Realtors collect gifts for foster kids

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

DAVID LYNG Real Estate has partnered with the Seneca Family of Agencies, formerly The Kinship Center, to bring some seasonal joy to local foster children aged 12 to 18.

The real estate firm is hosting a holiday gift drive and invites everyone to participate by donating unwrapped gifts suitable for teenagers. Presents may be dropped off at the company's Carmel Office, located on

Morgan Court between Ocean and Seventh before Dec. 20.

"David Lyng Real Estate is committed to fostering a spirit of giving and community engagement. We believe that small acts of kindness can make a big difference, especially during this festive time of year," read an email from the agency.

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ANTON & MICHEL HONORED AS CHAMBER'S BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

TWO YEARS after Tony Salameh sold Anton & Michel, the nearly 45-year-old Mission Street restaurant was named Business of the Year by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce at its holiday gala at Quail Lodge last Wednesday night. This year's Awards of Excellence dinner also celebrated winners in numerous categories — including some that tied in the number of votes they received from chamber members.

"Eighteen categories, including the prestigious Business of the Year, received Star Awards," the chamber announced following the 1980s-themed party. "The competition was fierce, with thousands of community votes and final decisions made by our fantastic chamber members."

This year's winners are:

- Accommodations — Small: Pine Inn

- Accommodations — Large: Bernardus Lodge and Cypress Inn
- Art: Carmel Art Festival
- Beverages: Bernardus Winery
- Food/Market/Specialty — Small: Bruno's Market & Deli
- Food/Market/Specialty — Large: Grasing's
- Health & Wellness: Carmel Valley Athletic Club
- Financial/Legal: Wells Fargo Bank
- Music/Performance: Pacific Repertory Theatre
- Nonprofits: Max's Helping Paws
- Professional Services — Small: Carmel Magazine
- Professional Services — Large: Montage Health
- Real Estate/Property Management — Small: Judie Profeta/Carmel Realty Co.
- Real Estate/Property Management — Large: Sotheby's International Realty

- Retail — Small: Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop
- Retail — Large: The Crossroads Carmel
- Tourism — Small: Adventures By the Sea and Monterey Bay Whale Watch
- Tourism — Large: Carmel Mission Basilica

ROUND UP

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and Ninth. There will also be a virtual opening and walk through via Zoom. For details, visit photography.org.

■ 'Extraordinary' bench unveiled

A group dedicated to helping homeless women and their children, Gathering for Women in Monterey recently welcomed a memorial bench that was made by local artist and educator Jayson Fann. In a private ceremony last week the bench was dedicated to local homeless women who have passed on.

"Jayson has crafted an extraordinary sculptural bench as a poignant tribute to the homeless women who have left an indelible mark on our hearts," according to the group. "Crafted with unwavering respect and compassion, this masterpiece serves as a profound memorial for these beloved souls. Fann poured his heart and soul into the creation of this extraordinary bench, and with care and meticulous attention to detail, the bench emerges as a testament to the strength, resilience and inherent dignity of those who have experienced homelessness."

The group's day center, which includes a kitchen and showers and offers a variety of services, is located at 147 El Dorado St.



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CALENDAR

Dec. 15 - "America Singing" presented by Melinda DeRouen accompanied by Paul DeRouen & Youth Laureate Mahi Shah with Palenke Arts Bilingual Chorus, 5:30 p.m. Part of PGPL's Fall Exhibition, "Ourselves We Sing" running through Jan 5. Visit pacificgrovelibrary.org for more.

Dec. 15-24 - Baum & Blume ~ Your "One-Stop" Holiday Boutique! "Fun-tastic" stocking stuffers, holiday jewelry, accessories, décor, cards/wrap, great gifts for dads, kids, everyone! Handmade fruitcakes, jams & treats, too! Shop Mon.-Sat. 11:30-7. Open Xmas Eve till 5 p.m. Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400.

Dec. 16 - Christmas Carolers Live at Meuse Gallery Carmel Christmas Carolers will perform live in the Gallery amid the winter wonderland holiday theme. The event will occur from 2-4 p.m. at Meuse Gallery, Ocean Ave. & Monte Verde in Carmel. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa at Meuse Gallery and listen to your favorite Christmas carols performed by the Peninsula Harmony Company singers. Browse our curated collection of beautiful originals by artist Simon Bull. All ages are welcome, and no tickets or reservations are needed.



Dec. 17 - Carols in the Forest. Jubal Joslyn, tenor, in concert, 3-4:30 p.m., at Church in the Forest, Stevenson Campus, 3152

Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach. With Sophia Gonzalez, mezzo, Amalia Diaz, violin, Janneke Hoogland, cello and Cathryn Wilkinson, piano. Tickets \$35, students free, on Eventbrite or at the door. Contact 831-624-1374 or churchintheforest.org.

Dec. 16-17 - Monterey County Pops! Holiday Concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Hartnell College Main Stage in Salinas AND on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Carmel High School Performing Arts Center. The program will feature MCP! 40-Piece Fully Professional Orchestra. Special guests: Hartnell College Choir, a Vocal Trio, Clarinet and Percussion soloists. Streaming live: montereycountypops.org

Dec. 18 - The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a lecture / luncheon at 11:15 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey. Topic is "Politics of the War in Gaza", presented by Dr. James Russell, Professor of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School. Visit <http://www.wacmb.org> for event information and registration.

Dec. 22-23 - Winterdance, a seasonal celebration of music, song and Irish dance features John Weed (fiddle, Molly's Revenge); Stuart Mason (guitar, bouzouki, Molly's Revenge); Tyler Weed (mandolin and banjo virtuoso), Amelia Hogan (Grammy nominee vocalist) and Lane Olson (Spanish Bay piper). Two spectacular shows at St. Mary's By-The-Sea, Pacific Grove, Friday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m., Saturday matinee at 3 p.m. Tickets available at www.celticsociety.org

Through Dec. 23 - Don't miss the 7th Annual Christmas on the Wharf for four weekends. Enjoy spectacular decorations and a 19 foot Christmas tree, free Santa visits at his Santa House, talented choirs, singers and other live musicians, dancers, community caroling on Sunday evenings and more! More information and the entertainment schedule can be found on montereywharf.com

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MUSIC

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Bluegrass & jazz in Monterey

Featuring fiddler **Darol Anger**, a Grammy Award nominee, **Mr. Sun** plays bluegrass and jazz Friday (7 p.m.) at Monterey United Methodist Church. Anger is joined by mandolinist **Joe K. Walsh**, guitarist **Grant Gordy** and bassist **Aidan O'Donnell**.

"The four musical personalities of Mr. Sun are so strong that one might imagine the group could explode if not for the palpable love and humor that emanate from every note they play together," the group suggests on its website.

Tickets are \$35, along with \$17.50 for a pre-concert dinner. The church is located at 1 Soledad Drive. For more details, visit otteropry.org.

The fine art of Christmas carols

Celebrating the holiday season, **The Peninsula Harmony Company** sings Christmas carols Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Meuse Gallery.

"Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, listen to your favorite Christmas carols and browse our curated collection of beautiful originals by artist Simon Bull," the gallery suggested.

Meuse is located on the corner of Ocean and Monte Verde.

Live music Dec. 15-21

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

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Sunday at noon), singer and pianist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Tuesday at 4 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). 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.

Carmel First Presbyterian Church — **The Monterey Peninsula Gospel Community Choir** presents its annual Christmas Concert with Gospel Flava (gospel-inspired holiday music, Saturday at 4 p.m.). Junipero and Ocean, Carmel.

Carmel High School Performing Arts Center —



Singer and guitarist Rocky Michaels performs Saturday at the Trail-side Café in Carmel Valley Village. Showtime is 6 p.m.

Monterey County Pops presents its annual free holiday concert (Sunday at 3 p.m.). 3600 Ocean Ave.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** with guitarist **Darrin Michell** and multi-instrumentalist **Ben Herod** (pop, jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Trio** (jazz and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

De Tierra Vineyards tasting room — singer and guitarist **Dave D'Oh** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth, Carmel

Deja Blue in Seaside — **The Tony Johns Band** (r&b

and blues, Saturday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

Estéban Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **The Swag Tones** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and gui-

tarist **Al James** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **Anywhere Is Home** with singer and guitarist **Peter Martin** and percussionist **Aaron Hipschman** (jazz and folk, Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

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Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Miranda Perl** and keyboardist **Jon Dryden** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

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

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The Kenny Stahl Duo** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), **The Gary Regina Duo** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — pianist **Bill Spencer**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues,

Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (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.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **Meez** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Imaginary Band** featuring **Casey Frazier** (rock, 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 multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Hayley Jane** (rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Sun-

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File No. 20232161 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KATIES AG SOLUTIONS, 1951 Elkhorn Rd., Castroville, CA 95012.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23CV003854 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JOSE GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A Present name: JOSE GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ Proposed name: JOSE GUADALUPE SAUCEDO

Professions Code). Publication Dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2023; Jan. 5, 2024. (PC 1217)

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File No. 20232165 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: ANTHONY CELSO CONSULTING & LOGISTICS, 7912 WESTWOOD DR., APT. N 157 GILROY, CA 95020, County of MONTEREY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20232005 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RENOVATE CONSTRUCTION, 1206 First Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20232080 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TREVINO'S AUTO BODY, 218 Boronda Rd. #A4, Salinas, CA 93907.

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File No. 20232160 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MIRAMONTE FARMS, 1951 Elkhorn Rd., Castroville, CA 95012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20232186 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALPHA & OMEGA DETAIL CLEANER, 301 9th St., Unit 219, Marina, CA 93933.

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting of Tuesday, November 7, 2023, the City Council conducted the introduction and first reading, and at its meeting of Monday, December 4, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2023-007: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA AMENDING THE CARMEL MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) TITLE 17 (ZONING) BY REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 17.42 (STORMWATER QUALITY AND UTILITY) AND CHAPTER 17.43 (WATER QUALITY PROTECTION); AND FINDING THE SAME EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23CV003783 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LISA MARIE EDWARDS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A Present name: LISA MARIE EDWARDS Proposed name: LISA MARIE ALQUIZA-DACUMOS

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23CV003871 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, MONICA BERNAL, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: A Present name: DAMIEN DELUNA MANUIARRAZ Proposed name: DAMIEN DELUNA BERNAL

T.S. No. 0125002218 Loan No. 10664 APN: 133-491-044-000

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of GRETHE B. HAND, aka GRETHE HAND Case Number 23PR000512

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GRETHE B. HAND, aka GRETHE HAND, deceased. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Geoffrey M. Hand in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY. The Petition for Probate requests that GEOFFREY M. HAND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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MORE MUSIC

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day at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — **Marotta Family Jam** with keyboardist **Bill Spencer**, bassist **Dennis Murphy** and drummer

Jamey DeMaria (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Nina Hadzi-Antich** and guitarist **Brice Albert** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., Carmel.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Kris Angelis** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Linda Arceo** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Peter Martin** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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 — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), **Chuck & Buck** (rock and blues, Thursday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **Mad About You** ('80 and '90s hits, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The New Wave Band** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — **Deja Vu** (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rocky Michaels** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

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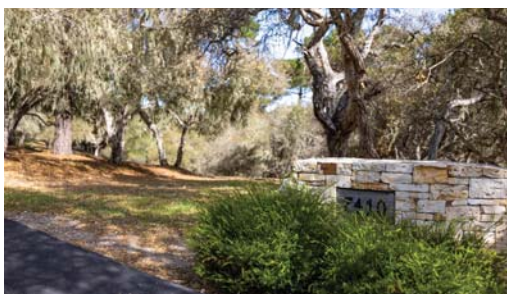
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Like it or not, my father accompanies me almost everywhere I go

MOVIES WERE my thing as a kid. I can remember regaling my father with tales about the virtues of my favorite movie stars. Even when they were just standing still and looking into the camera, Brian Donlevy, Randolph Scott, Errol Flynn and Marlene Dietrich were my Hollywood A-listers. My father, who rarely went to movies, would just shrug and say, "Valentino. Case closed." In his eyes, movie stardom ended with the Latin Lover.

The realization that I've slowly morphed into my father hit me when Taylor Swift was named Time's Person of the Year. I do know who she is. You would have to have been secluded in a Trappist monastery not to be aware of the popular singer. My lack of connection stems from lack of conception rather than the lack of information. The lack of conception means I have not spent any thought on Ms. Swift. I apologize if that seems harsh. She is hard to ignore, especially with her popping up at NFL games, cheering for her Kansas City Chiefs inamorato. I hope she

gets all the screen time she can. She is much easier on the eyes than a 340-pound offensive tackle.

She is noted not only for her singing, but also for her songwriting. Her hit, "Anti-Hero," has been nominated for a Song of the Year Grammy Award. The music superstar

listened to Usher and Rihanna, appreciate the music of millennials (1981-1996) who were into Justin Timberlake, Jay Z and Katy Perry.

My father hated jazz. I loved it. But my jazz is Benny Goodman's late-'30s concerts at Carnegie Hall. The last time I went to the Monterey Jazz Festival I didn't recognize any of the songs being played. I stopped going. Jazz had evolved (as art must), but I was too connected to Goodman, Oscar Peterson, Lionel Hampton et al., to evolve with it. And my smartphone play list is a throwback to my era, which encompasses the Silent Generation (1928-1945) and baby boomers (1946-1964). My father tolerated Crosby and Sinatra, but like my attachment to Benny Goodman's jazz, singers who won his approval started with Enrico Caruso and ended with Al Jolson.

Scenic Views

By **JERRY GERVASE**

became the first person to be nominated in that category seven times in her career.

I would not recognize any of her songs, including "Anti-Hero." That is how it is supposed to be, with each generation bequeathing control of popular culture to its progeny. I doubt that Gen Z-ers (born 1997-2012), who

Pockets for everyone

I used to be a major moviegoer. Now I may see three or four films a year. The movies I would rather watch than see Taylor Swift perform are, "Treasure of the Sierra Madre," "Viva Zapata" and "Casablanca." Two of the three are probably unknown to Gen Z-ers and Gen Alpha (2010 to the present.)

It was difficult to buy Christmas presents for my father. He didn't want or need anything. I would buy him a navy blue cardigan sweater almost every year. It had two pockets, one for his Camels and one for his Zippo lighter. I practically live in a wool cardigan with two pockets, one for my smartphone, one for car keys.

My father had a wingback easy chair where he read the evening paper for about 10 minutes before nodding off. I have a leather recliner in which I often beat his best time by several minutes. His coffee-and-toast breakfast moved into the 21st century with me. He disliked fish and loved red sauce. Ditto.

My father was punctual. He believed that being late showed disrespect. On time, to him, meant being ready. Being a stock boy at A&P after school meant not showing up at 3 p.m., but being ready then to work, apron on and pencil behind my ear. Even today, being on time to me means arriving 10 minutes early.

Breaking patterns

Unfortunately, my father's lack of interest in popular culture mirrored his emotional distancing from his family, brought on by his gambling addiction. Our genetic connection did not doom me to being his replica.

Wrestling with the push and pull of navigating our parents' traits within ourselves can be messy, even guilt-inducing, as we put pressure on ourselves to embrace the positives and deny the negatives. The pressure to shape my own character and break generational patterns has been the foundation of personal development.

My father's withdrawal from family life set a poor example, but it strengthened my positive objective to bring the sweater and toast and coffee along while leaving the indifference behind. Did I succeed? Well, three people I thought would never find their way out of their cribs without a flashlight and a Sherpa guide will write that story.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Pacific Grove: A walker found at Sea Palm and Ocean View was surrendered to the police department.

Pebble Beach: Theft reported on 17 Mile Drive.

Carmel Valley: Report of spousal abuse at a Carmel Valley Road residence involving a 34-year-old female and a 36-year-old male victim.

Carmel Valley: Deputies conducted a welfare check at a residence on Paso Hondo.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of found bracelet at the Crossroads.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Burglary at Monte Verde and Sev-

enth. A 21-year-old male from Monterey was arrested and transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Suspected narcotics and miscellaneous contraband turned in for destruction. Information only.

Pebble Beach: Report of theft at a construction site on Spyglass Woods Drive.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstance on Stevenson Drive was documented.

Pebble Beach: A 33-year-old male reported his wedding ring was stolen from his unlocked vehicle on Club Road.

Pebble Beach: Valdez Road resident reported her husband missing.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Pacific Grove: Report of an attempted murder at Lovers Point on Ocean View Boulevard. Suspects at large. A 20-year-old female and an 18-year-old female, both from Seaside, were later arrested for conspiracy.

Pacific Grove: Report of a possible residential burglary. Could not determine a crime occurred.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to investigate a

reported fraud with suspect information. This report was later forwarded to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a domestic incident on Sloat Road regarding vandalism and elder abuse by a 31-year-old female against a 67-year-old male and a 68-year-old female.

Pebble Beach: Assistant discovered items from a client's safe in a residence on Bristol Lane were missing and possibly stolen.

Carmel Valley: A 3-year-old child was locked in the restroom of a building on Quail Court. Deputies used tools to pry door open. Child was safe.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Shoplifting information report at San Carlos and Seventh. No prosecution desired.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet reported to the police department.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Dolores and Seventh. Subject transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost yellow iPhone.

Carmel Valley: Deputies documented a death reported at a residence on Brookdale Drive.

Carmel Valley: Domestic altercation on Old Ranch Road.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male, age 38, was arrested at San Carlos and Eighth for possession of stolen property and drug paraphernalia. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$11,000.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sexual assault on Santa Fe.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism reported on Sunset Drive. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject shoplifted multiple items from a grocery store on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism of a rental vehicle at Ocean View Boulevard and Asilomar Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Lighthouse Avenue involving burglary or theft.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a building on Eardley.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism on Pine Avenue. A 20-year-old female from Seaside was arrested.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a civil issue between mother/son on Paso del Rio.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a lost wallet.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run on Viscaino north of Flanders.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an ongoing barking dog problem at Torres and Second. No violation heard at the time of attempting to contact the owner. Owner later contacted the department, and possible solutions were discussed.

Pebble Beach: Civil dispute reported on Bristol Lane.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident at Santa Rita and Sixth said a vehicle stopped in front of her residence and the occupant yelled at her son who has a restraining order against the vehicle's owner. The restrained party was not seen in the vehicle at the time of the contact. The driver of the vehicle is not a restrained party. After a brief verbal exchange, the driver left.

Pacific Grove: Trailer marked for 72-hour parking violation at Crocker and Sunset.

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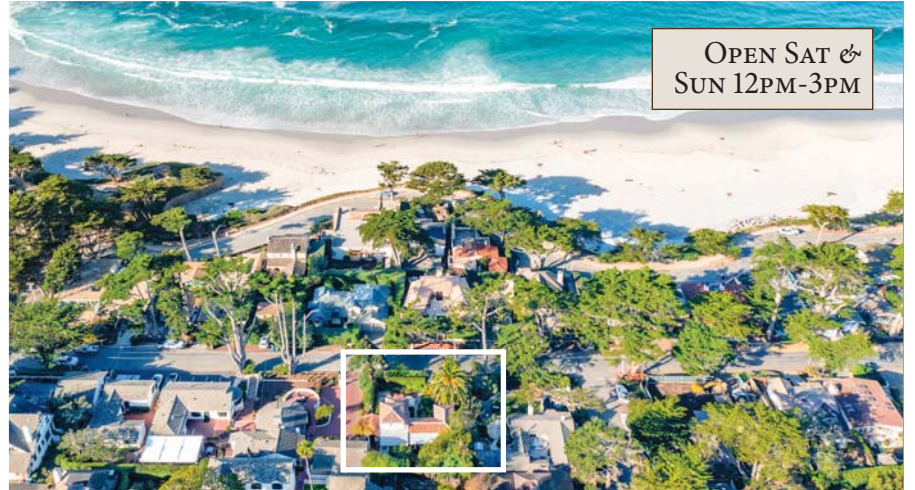
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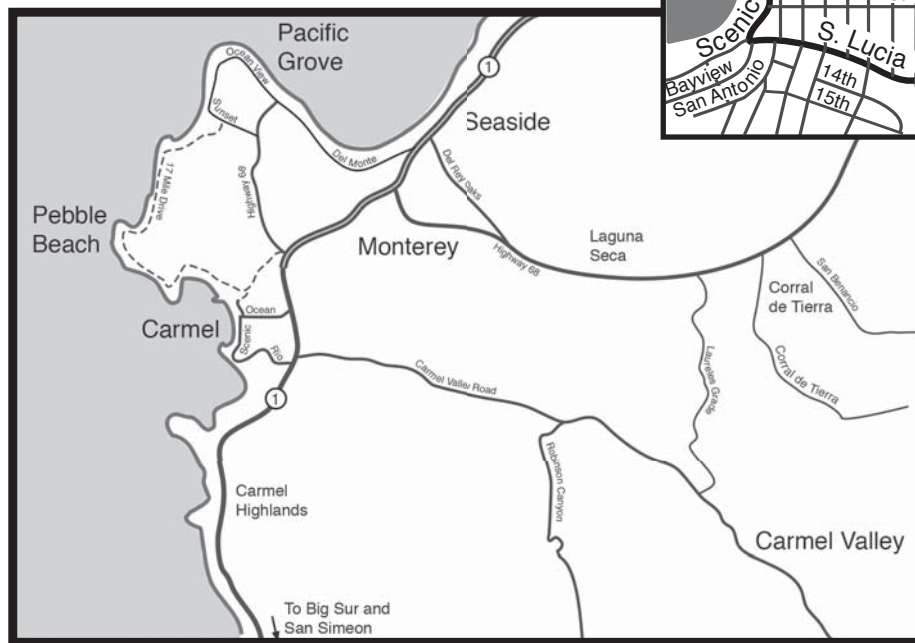
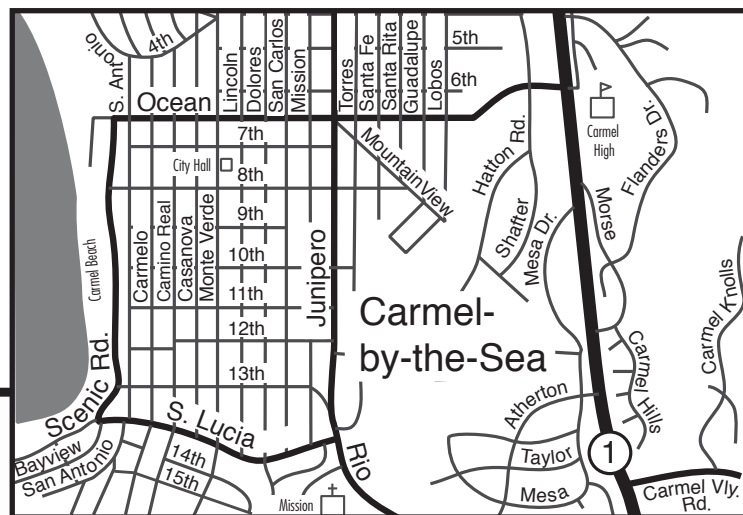
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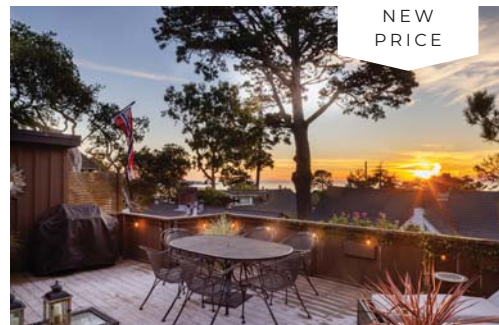
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