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SPCA rehabilitates aging raptor and gives it a home

By KELLY NIX

IT WAS missing a wing and both feet, but thanks to SPCA Monterey County and a talented metal worker, this bird of prey will fly again for many more decades.



PHOTO/COURTESY SPCA MONTEREY COUNTY

Eric Johnson of Pacific Metalcraft proudly displaying a raptor weathervane he restored for the SPCA Monterey County

While removing the roof on the SPCA's Claire R. Jacobsen Learning Center — which is being renovated — construction workers discovered a 1970s-era metal weathervane with a raptor that had seen better days.

"In the spirit of the thousands of wildlife we rehabilitate each year, we decided to rehabilitate the weathervane, too," SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said.

The organization, which has its headquarters off Highway 68 across the street from Laguna Seca raceway, sought the expertise of Eric Johnson of Pacific Metalcraft on the best way to fix the weathervane so it could be installed on the roof of the learning center.

"It was quite a challenge to repair," Johnson, of Monterey, said. "But I enjoyed working on it and am happy with the result. The best part was knowing it was symbolic of the work the SPCA does."

'Shining example'

On Dec. 12, with Johnson, SPCA Monterey County President and CEO Scott Delucchi and others in attendance, the weathervane was mounted on the building.

The piece — in a roundabout way — will be used to help teach children about the SPCA's wildlife rescue efforts.

"Every time children visit our learning center, they will see an example of our rescue and rehabilitation work," said the nonprofit's content and education manager, Dawn Fenton. "The SPCA's mission is to assure compassionate treatment of all animals through rescue, rehabilitation, protection and education, and this project is a shining example of our commitment to that mission."

The SPCA's Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center is the only full-service wildlife rehabilitation center serving the county and admits more than 3,000 animals — from bobcats to turtles — for treatment and care annually.

School board weighs wish list for next superintendent

By MARY SCHLEY

INSTEAD OF conducting a nationwide search for a new superintendent as it has in the past — with little success in finding the right person for the job — the Carmel Unified School District hired a consultant to develop a list of characteristics, traits and experiences the next CUSD superintendent should possess. At a board of education meeting earlier this month, Valerie Pitts presented a lengthy description of the ideal candidate based on feedback from teachers and staff, parents, students and other members of the community, and board members are hoping to find a match.

"We voted not to do a search — the decision was to get feedback from the community," board chair Sara Hinds explained at the Dec. 13 meeting. "Then we'll have a closed session to see if the profile applies to a specific candidate or candidates."

The wish list is expansive. Starting with the description developed in spring 2021 that led to the ill-fated hiring of Ted Knight, Pitts asked constituents what should stay

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DOZENS OF PROJECTS BUSTED FOR WORK WITHOUT PERMITS

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY of Carmel issued 27 stop-work orders — casually referred to as red tags — to property owners this year for illegal construction, demolitions, remodels, gas piping, driveway installations, tree trimming and numerous other issues, according to planning director Brandon Swanson. More than half remain unresolved.

In addition to bringing construction to a halt without regard for financial and logistical concerns, a red tag means a \$620 "investigation fee" and doubled permit fees. And while some are easily resolved with an over-the-counter OK from the planning and building department, others drag on for months.

Chicken-wire-covered pillars with wires sticking out of their tops outside the Christian Science church on Lincoln Street seem to have been abandoned mid-construction after the city red-tagged them March 27, with no application, permit or inspection since then, according to

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Race cars are too loud, says Laguna Seca lawsuit

By KELLY NIX

A GROUP of residents along Highway 68 is trying to limit motor vehicle racing events and track rentals at Laguna Seca, arguing that race-car noise, traffic and other concerns have drastically increased since the county took over management of the property in 1974, and that the county should be required to conduct an exhaustive environmental review of the track and its multiple racing events to evaluate their impacts.

In a Dec. 12 lawsuit against Monterey County and its five-member board of supervisors, a group called the Highway 68 Coalition, represented by Carmel Valley attorney Zan Henson, argues that current and future use of the storied 2.2-mile racetrack violates zoning laws, and that the supervisors' July approval of a management agreement with the nonprofit Friends of Laguna Seca should be set aside because it didn't require an in-depth environmental review of the track.

The civil complaint contends that race events and rentals at Laguna Seca from 2021 to 2023 have "substantially" increased compared to "similar operations" from 1974 to 2021, and their impacts affect the community.

Seeking court order

"These increases include more racetrack event days, higher permitted noise levels, additional track rental days with intensified noise in excess of 100 decibels, increased traffic, inadequate water supply" and other issues, including expansion of the campgrounds at Laguna Seca, the lawsuit says.

Because of that, the Highway 68 Coalition alleges zoning violations and a "public nuisance," and the group is

'Racing has increased substantially and so has the number of residents.'

seeking a court order barring "motor vehicle racing events, rentals of the race track and noise levels at Laguna Seca Raceway in excess of the level of use and noise that existed at the time the legal non-conforming use was established in 1985."

'Irreparable injury'

Alternatively, the group is asking the court to compel the county and the board of supervisors to set aside the July approval of the management agreement and direct the entities to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The county's "past, present and future use of the race-track at Laguna Seca raceway is not only a violation of the applicable zoning, but is also a public nuisance and has caused and will continue to cause irreparable injury not subject to money and damages," the lawsuit goes on to say.

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Waves shut beach, flood parking lot, overturn car

By CHRIS COUNTS and MARY SCHLEY

POLICE AND public works closed all stairways to Carmel Beach during high tide Thursday morning and had volunteers patrolling the bluffs for damage and warning people to stay away from the area as massive surf crashed onto the sand. Monterey County also closed parts of Carmel Point after waves rolled a car and flooded the parking lot at River Beach. The National Weather Service predicted waves of 28 to 33 feet high along the coast.

County workers also kept a watchful eye on flood-prone low-lying neighborhoods near the Carmel River Lagoon after the high surf temporarily rebuilt the sandbar and inundated the beach parking lot.

"It's wild down here," resident Lorin Letendre told

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PHOTO/FRED BROWN

In rough surf on Christmas Day, a state parks lifeguard rescued a swimmer off Carmel Point. A storm surge and high tides this week made the waves even more menacing.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Takes two

Just about anyone in Carmel who comes upon a pair of baby corgis waddling down the street is going to stop and stare, take pictures and engage their people. Now 15 months, Sunny and Snowy were born in Texas, but their couple had come to Carmel two years before upon retirement, having chosen a community most likely to lure their three daughters to come for a visit.

The corgi connection began 16 years ago, when Santa brought a baby corgi for the children, making it the best Christmas ever. Nickey passed away a little over a year ago, leaving the family so heartbroken they gave it time before considering another corgi.

"Finally feeling ourselves ready for another one did not mean two," said their person. "But when we got to the breeder's, we met the one we had reserved and a



second who was being very attentive to us, so we decided to take two."

Following a family tradition of giving their dogs names that end in y, they gave Sunny his moniker because he's a joyful burst of energy who always wants to play.

"Snowy is more serious. He's a very sweet boy," his person said. "But he's typically calmer and more collected, bringing to mind the canine character in 'The Adventures of Tintin.'"

The 1930s comic strip created by Georges Prosper Remi and published under his penname, Hergé, is about a young Belgian reporter and his trusty dog, Snowy. It grew into a series of graphic novels that Steven Spielberg made into a movie in 2011.

Every day, Sunny and Snowy set out from their home near Mission Ranch to take a 4-mile constitutional through the streets of Carmel. Sometimes they brave the beach, but their people feel the pups are still a little too young to explore the shore — especially off leash.

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Panetta wants FEMA to reimburse county for work after Cachagua fire

By KELLY NIX

REP. JIMMY Panetta is urging a federal agency to reconsider its recent decision to reject Monterey County's request for \$1.5 million in reimbursement from taxpayers for emergency road and culvert repairs performed during the 2020 Carmel Fire, which destroyed more than 70 homes and commercial buildings in Cachagua.

During the August 2020 fire, which burned 6,905 acres, county work crews repaired and replaced culverts and guard rails on Cachagua Road and did other work totaling \$1,503,924.62.

Monterey County asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover the expenses.

In August, however, FEMA denied Monterey County its reimbursement request, alleging that the work its crews performed during the Carmel Fire violated the Endangered Species Act. It maintained that the county should have gone through FEMA's environmental and historic preservation review process to ensure that threatened and endangered species were not harmed.

Monterey County did the work "without complying with federal regulations," and because of that, the agency informed the county that it "was unable to determine if adverse modification or adverse effects to species occurred," FEMA said in a denial letter to the county.

"FEMA is prohibited from disbursing funds to projects that are not fully compliant with all the federal laws and regulations," the government agency went on to say.

'Exigent circumstances'

But in a Dec. 22 letter to FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell, Panetta and fellow Democratic congressional representative

Zoe Lofgren, who also represents a portion of Monterey County, urged FEMA to reimburse the county "without delay," arguing that the emergency work crews performed during the devastating fire was done amid exigent circumstances in order to save people's lives and property.

"These actions proved prescient, given the storms that struck the area shortly after the fires," Panetta and Lofgren wrote. "Without quick county action, the damages from the storms would have been far worse, closing roads and cutting off access to communities, and likely resulting in even larger FEMA reimbursement claims."

The county has appealed FEMA's decision, and Panetta and Lofgren support that appeal.

Storm damage

The Carmel Fire, which destroyed 73 structures and damaged seven others, "burned hot enough to make soils water-repellant, therefore increasing runoff and causing road culverts to warp," the politicians told Criswell.

The two also cited the county's contention that "no endangered species or environmentally sensitive habitat areas were visible in these burn areas, and given the destruction the fire caused, there is little chance of any species survival in the burn area."

"We believe this determination fails to take into consideration the exigent circumstances under which repairs were made and the lack of impact on any species following the fires' destruction," the lawmakers said about FEMA's denial of the funds.

The county's repairs to Cachagua Road, they noted, have held up during two severe weather events — the 2021 atmospheric rivers and the 2023 winter storms — and have kept the road open despite mudslides and landslides.

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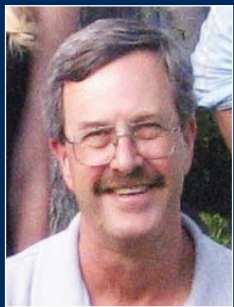
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Two Bibles lost and not yet found

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Pacific Grove: At about 2119 hours, officers were dispatched to a residence on Forest Avenue regarding a quarrel between spouses. It was determined that one of the subjects confronted their spouse over continuing infidelity, and the two argued about it. Documentation only.

Pacific Grove: Ongoing investigation of rape by force on Lighthouse Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Abandoned RV located by patrol unit on Carmel Valley Road. Vehicle removed by local towing company.

Carmel area: Online report of lost property on Highway 1.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Information report for a possible fraud on San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle repossessed from the Carmel Towing lot at Junipero and

Fourth.

Pacific Grove: Deceased person found at Country Club Gate Center.

Pebble Beach: Child Protective Services report of child abuse at a residence on Bird Rock Road.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services report of financial abuse on Spindrift.

Carmel Valley: Report of financial abuse on Paso Mediano.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a welfare check at Del Mesa Carmel.

Carmel Valley: An attempted fraud was reported on Village Drive. No money was lost.

Carmel area: Subject said her employer on Carmel Rancho Boulevard direct deposited three checks into the wrong account and will not reimburse her.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Buena Vista Avenue and on Junipero marked for 72-hour parking.

See **POLICE LOG** page 14RE
in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Nov. 20 — A jury convicted Juan Pablo Aragon-Herrera of committing lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under the age of 14, as well as assault with the intent to commit lewd and lascivious acts upon the same child, and child endangerment. These constitute the first criminal convictions for Herrera, and three of the four charges are strikes pursuant to California's three strikes law. Judge Rafael Vazquez presided over the one-week jury trial. Herrera faces a maximum sentence of 13 years in state prison. He will be sentenced on Jan. 18, 2024.

On July 2, 2023, Herrera was visiting the residence where Jane Doe and John Doe, both under 14, were hanging LED lights in a bedroom. Herrera walked into the room and used a ruse to be able to remove Jane's pants and place her on a bed when he attempted to continue touching her. John Doe was present and was able to get away and find help.

This case was investigated by deputy Brian Baugh and detective Jesus Reyes, both of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. District attorney investigators Alicia Cox and Pablo Andrade also assisted. The child victims and witness in

this case were assisted by victim witness advocates Sonia Buenrostro, Estella Sanchez and Alma Sanchez. They were also accompanied during testimony by Norma Jean, a victims' services dog with the district attorney's office.

Dec. 1 — Gabriel Porfirio Lopez, 42, from Salinas, was sentenced to 185 years to life by Judge Jennifer O'Keefe after being found guilty by a jury of three counts of oral copulation with a child under 10 years, one count of sexual penetration with a child under 10 years, eight counts of forcible lewd act on a child under 14 years, one count of lewd act on a child under 14 years, and one count of forcible rape of a child under 14. Lopez was also convicted of the multiple victim enhancement for committing child molestation upon more than one victim. All 14 counts are violent felonies and are considered strikes under California's three strikes law. Lopez faced 185 years to life in prison and was sentenced to the maximum punishment by O'Keefe. He is also required to register as a sex offender for life.

Lopez sexually molested two relatives when they were each under 10 years of

See **GAVEL** page 18A

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Aldrete sentenced for molesting minor

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A FORMER top prospect for the San Francisco Giants, Rich Aldrete, 58, was sentenced last week to two years in the California Department of Corrections and ordered to register as a sex offender for having an improper relationship with a minor. He was subsequently booked into Monterey County Jail to start his sentence.

“Aldrete met Jane Doe when she was 14 years old, and he began coaching her in softball through his private coaching business,” the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office reported Dec. 20.

“He continued as her coach for several years. When she was 17 years old, he began making sexual advances toward her and offering her drugs and alcohol,” the district attorney said. “After resisting his pressure for a time, Jane Doe did give in to his requests.”

At Aldrete’s sentencing, Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey said the Monterey resident used his position as a mentor and role model to have sex with the girl.

“It was because of this violation of the trust of his students and their parents that Judge Hulsey imposed the requirement that Aldrete must register as a sex offender,” the DA’s office explained.

The case was investigated by officers Austin Scaggs and Anthony Avila of the Salinas Police Department, as well as investigator Pablo Andrade of the DA’s office.

Baseball family

Born in Carmel, Aldrete starred in baseball at Monterey High School and UC Berkeley before he was drafted in 1987 by the Giants. He played first base and outfield for nine seasons in professional baseball — hitting over .300 at three levels in the minor leagues — wrapping up his career playing for the Salinas Peppers in 1995. He later coached baseball at Cal State Monterey Bay.

Aldrete’s brother, Mike, is a former Giants outfielder and a current Oakland A’s coach. His son, Carter, plays in the Giants organization.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL JAN. 2

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ALL CARMEL city offices — with the exception of the police and fire departments — are closed through the New Year holiday for their annual break. The practice of shutting down most city departments between Christmas and New Year’s began in 2018 to save money and give public employees some time off during a week that’s typically slow. Many county departments are also closed this time of year.

The library’s book drops are locked until Jan. 2, 2024, as well, but borrowers need not fret, since no fines are levied on overdue materials.

And if winter storms are bad enough, as they were last year, public works employees will still respond to the call, according to the city.

Anyone who sees storm-related damage should call the Carmel P.D. non-emergency line at (831) 624-6403 so officers can reach out to public works staff.

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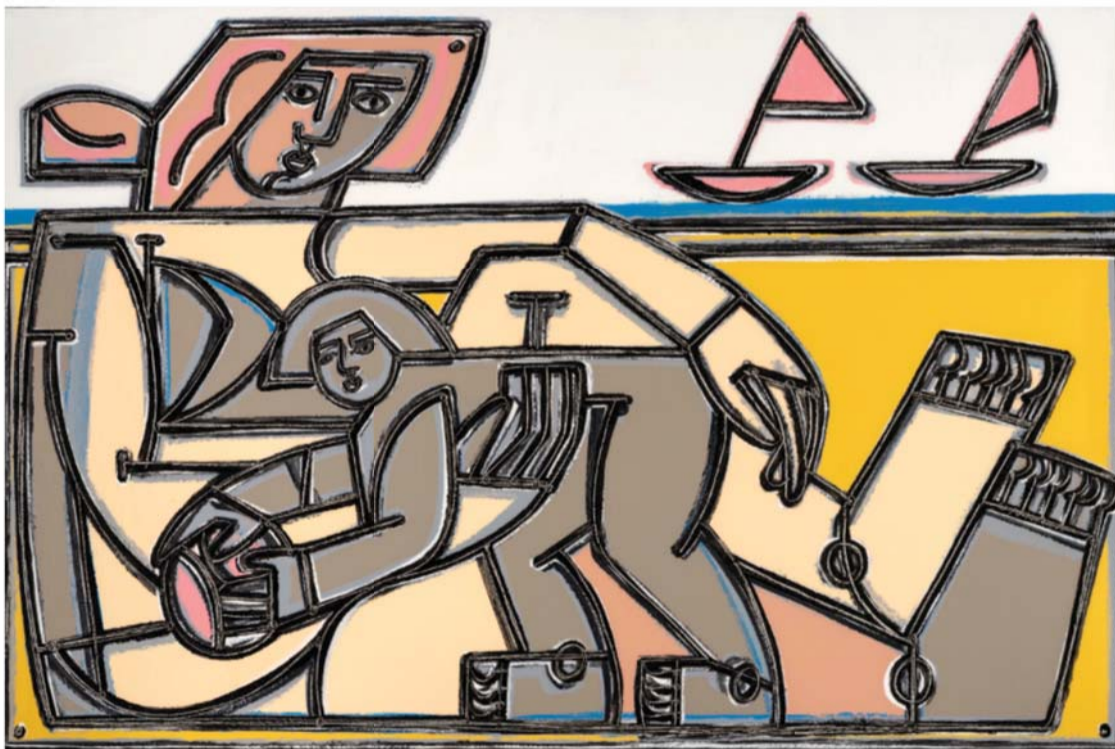
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Lawsuit against school district amended to name alleged harasser

By MARY SCHLEY

THE THIRD woman to sue Carmel Unified School District for sexual harassment filed a revised complaint Dec. 13 naming Carmel Valley High School principal Tom Parry as a defendant and seeking monetary damages from him.

The woman, identified as another Jane Doe and represented by the same law firm that sued on behalf of two other female CUSD employees earlier this year, has accused Parry, her boss, of ongoing harassment and said district officials failed to do anything about it. Her complaint followed those filed in October alleging mistreatment, harassment and discrimination by supervisors of two female members of the custodial staff.

In the most recent case, an administrative assistant who has worked for the district since 2002 accused Parry 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. When she filed her initial complaint Dec. 11, she did not name Parry as a defendant, but a revised lawsuit submitted to Monterey County Superior Court a few days later changed that.

Shopping

Starting in February 2021, the woman alleges, Parry disparaged his wife in crude and offensive conversations, prompting Doe to tell him to “stop oversharing about his personal life.” Six months later, on a Friday afternoon after work, Doe went to Del Monte Center, and Parry later texted

that he’d seen her. He then mentioned it again at work the following Monday, telling her he’d gone to Victoria’s Secret — where the employee had also shopped — to buy lingerie for his wife. She told him his comments and behavior were inappropriate.

Damages

When he brought it up a third time later that day, she turned her back on Parry and later confronted him, telling him to stop talking about his personal life because it made her very uncomfortable, according to the complaint.

Doe speculated her push-back irritated him, and she feared retaliation, her lawsuit says. She asked district officials for help, but they “did nothing to protect the plaintiff or discipline Parry.”

His behavior continued, including an uninvited visit to her house to deliver food when she was out sick, but the district took no action. After she told him she’d be applying for a job in the CUSD office, Parry responded by telling her he was thinking of making a similar move and might still end up being her boss, according to the complaint. After that, her union rep made arrangements for Doe to work from home for the rest of the year.

Doe is suing for sexual harassment, sex discrimination, retaliation, failure to prevent harassment and retaliation, and intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress. She is seeking monetary and punitive damages against Parry.

All three cases are pending. The district’s lawyers have responded to the first two by denying any wrongdoing.

Law firm alleges discrimination, harassment in three cases

New bridge proposed for Limekiln

By CHRIS COUNTS

NEARLY SEVEN years after a crack in the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge raised the awareness that Big Sur’s historic concrete bridges have limited lifespans, Caltrans last week released an environmental impact report for a project to replace the Limekiln Creek Bridge.

The state roads agency is hosting a virtual public hearing on the project Jan. 17, 2024.

Built in 1957, the bridge is located about 2 miles south of Lucia — and about a mile south of Paul’s Slide, where work crews have been busy for months clearing an estimated 500,000 cubic yards of dirt, rock and debris from the road. It likely won’t be the last one Caltrans replaces in the coming years — many of the bridges along the coast have exceeded their anticipated 80-year lifespans, including iconic Bixby Bridge, which is 86.

In 2018, Caltrans reported that the Limekiln Creek Bridge is suffering from corrosion that is causing “cracking and spalling throughout its structure.”

The problem was discovered during a routine inspection in 2012 — each bridge is inspected every two years.

Corrosion

“There has been irreversible damage to the superstructure and substructure elements caused by chloride intrusion from pervasive salt-laden fog,” the agency said. “There have also been recurring slope stability problems at

the north abutment caused by powerful waves. There have been attempts to stabilize this slope; however, it is not possible to permanently stabilize it.”

Caltrans is seeking comments on the project and its EIR through Feb. 5.

It’s unclear precisely how the bridge replacement would take place without too much disruption of traffic on iconic Highway 1. One alternative suggests that the “traffic flow would remain open on the existing bridge during construction,” while another alternative “would require the construction of a temporary, one-lane bridge to the east of the existing bridge to maintain traffic flow.”

Finished by 2031

The EIR delves into the project’s impacts on federally protected species like the red-legged frog, Smith’s blue butterfly and black abalone, and what needs to be

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This rendering shows what one alternative for the new Limekiln Creek Bridge in Big Sur would look like.

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First mention: A woman responsible for millions of monthly checks

By ELAINE HESSER

WHETHER YOU are receiving checks from the Social Security Administration or still paying into its coffers, you are participating in the work of a woman who summered in Carmel with her mother more than 100 years ago and was a frequent enough visitor to warrant a few mentions in The Pine Cone.

According to a book published by Harvard University on "Notable American Women" of the 20th century, Barbara Nachtrieb was born in San Francisco on Aug. 4, 1890. She studied economics at

UC Berkeley and law at the university's Boalt Hall. After graduating and being admitted to the California Bar in 1915, she worked for the California Social Insurance Commission, where she became interested in ways government could address poverty.

Young actor

The Pine Cone staked Carmel's claim to Nachtrieb in 1932, when her book on the topic, "Insuring the Essentials," was published. The paper recounted that in 1912, Nachtrieb — then a freshman at Berkeley — rented a summer home here with her mother. The young woman played an

"Indian princess" in the "Pageant of Carmel," and her acting ability and stage presence garnered some praise.

Wrote The Pine Cone in 1932, "She had played the part of Cleopatra in Shaw's 'Caesar and Cleopatra' at the Greek Theatre in Berkeley, and was considered one of the best young actors there." She helped with other summer productions at the Forest Theater and "was generally regarded as a coming light on the professional stage." Instead, she took her stage presence to the courtroom — and she took pen to paper.

According to The Pine Cone, she and her husband, Lyman Grimes, honeymooned in Carmel in 1916, and her husband reported for military training in Washington in 1917. Not long after, Nachtrieb, the newly minted lawyer, also earned a Ph.D. in economics from Berkeley, which offered her a position as a lecturer in econ and law in 1919, making her the first female member of a law faculty at a school approved by the American Bar Association.

She and Grimes divorced in 1925, and Nachtrieb married Ian Armstrong the following year. They traveled abroad, where she studied European social insurance systems. She seems to have returned home convinced that the United States would benefit from enacting similar laws, eventually leading her to write "Insuring the Essentials."

The book captured Nachtrieb's passionate and sometimes blunt expressions of her convictions. The newspaper quoted a long passage in which she expressed her belief that charities in the United States — however well-intentioned — were not

equipped to help the poor efficiently. She noted, "The psychological experience undergone by the worker who is relieved by a charity, however tactfully the matter is handled, is one which all too frequently has a disastrous effect upon the self-esteem of the recipient."

She maintained that damage to workers' self-regard interfered with building and maintaining "a sturdy society." The passage concluded, "The childish pride of American communities in their splendidly organized charities must give way to a mature realization that most charity is at best a short-sighted substitute for a program of destitution prevention."

Provocative

The book argued for a minimum wage (which would be enacted in 1938), and for national programs

to insure employees and their families against workplace accidents and provide additional insurance for expenses related to healthcare, unemployment, old age, disability and death.

Her work had apparently created a buzz in Washington, D.C., and in 1934, she was invited to be part of President Franklin Roosevelt's Committee on Economic Security.

"Notable American Women" goes on to say that although her ideas were "provocative" and got her into trouble with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, "strong support from business and the public persuaded (the committee) to accept a nationally based old-age insurance program that would ultimately be financed on a

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Barbara Nachtrieb

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Museum needs architect to tackle remodel

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MONTEREY Museum of art, a nonprofit that leases its historic Pacific Street headquarters from the City of Monterey, bought the adjacent Miller Adobe on Calle Principal this year and is now searching for an architect to oversee a remodel of the complex.

According to museum officials, the project will focus on renovating the Pacific Street building and incorporating the Miller Adobe, which is vacant, and developing a creative way to incorporate the sculpture garden that connects the two. If there's any money left after the main objectives are met, some work may be done at La Mirada, the historic estate near Lake El Estero that the museum acquired in 1983 and uses for meetings, events and storage.

"The existing interior configuration and building systems of the 22,000-square-foot Pacific Street facility are inadequate for the needs of a 21st century museum," representatives announced, and the recently acquired adobe next door will help it expand.

The overhaul will include improved display areas for permanent collections and temporary exhibits, spaces for education and public programs, a welcome center and visitor amenities, as well as collection storage, offices and building services.

Whichever architect is selected will help the museum realize its goals of creating "a place of wonder, delight and creativity" and "a theater of experiences," spaces for visitors to "reflect and recharge," and an area where people can discover their own creativity. Overall, the museum wants to be known as a "beacon in the community" that's "a haven for free expression

and inclusion," according to officials.

Sustainability environmental stewardship and energy efficiency should play into the design, as well.

Considering the extensiveness of the overhaul, the museum's board and staff are opting for the "construction manager-at-risk model," in which the builder is engaged when schematic design work begins. "Our expectation is that the builder, trades contractors, design team and museum representatives will work closely together to meet our project goals at the best value," they said, adding that they might also hire a project manager.

While the museum needs to raise more money to pay for the entire project, there is enough in its coffers to fund the work through at least the pre-design phase. The nonprofit's board "is fully committed" to getting the whole endeavor done — even though there is no estimate yet of what it will cost — and authorized the staff to proceed with hiring an executive architect to take the lead.

The rough schedule calls for pre-design beginning in June 2024 and groundbreaking two years later, with occupancy by June 2028.

Architectural firms interested in taking on the project should submit their letters of interest by Feb. 5, 2024, and those that make the first cut by the selection committee will be asked to provide proposals by March 18. Three short-listed firms will be chosen by April 8, with in-person interviews held April 15-19 and a final decision by the board announced May 10.

Potential applicants can find more information, including a detailed list of what their letters of interest should include, at montereyart.org/about-us/capital-improvement-project.

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PERMITS

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Swanson, and construction of a shed on the northeast corner of Scenic and Eighth that was stopped March 16 has an application under review.

Conflicting views

One particularly sticky project perplexed the planning commission Dec. 13, when Swanson asked for a decision on a wall that was torn down due to dry rot and rebuilt, even though it doesn't conform with the codes because it violates setbacks. The permits issued for the project on Carmelo southwest of Second didn't include the wall's demolition, and Swanson told commissioners the code states that once a nonconformity is removed, it cannot be rebuilt. Following a lengthy debate over whether the replaced wall could be approved as a repair or has to be changed to meet current codes because it was demolished and replaced along with other walls, the commission voted to put off a decision.

Had the owner, architect and contractor come to the planning department to explain the problems before they tore the nonconforming wall down, the process would have been a lot smoother, Swanson said.

"We have a lot more flexibility to work with people if they come and talk to us before they start to do the work," Swanson told The Pine Cone after the hearing. "We

know the code really well, and we can help guide you to the outcome you want."

But if work done without permits doesn't comply with the code, he warned, "there is a high likelihood it will have to be removed and rebuilt, which can be costly."

Other projects have been stopped this year for a wide range of reasons, including work exceeding the scope of a permit, demolition and construction of bathrooms and a kitchen without permits, unlawful electrical and drainage work, the remodel of a detached unit that included inadequate plumbing and incomplete electrical, generators installed without permits, and unpermitted commercial and residential kitchen remodels. The former Jan de Luz building on Dolores that was approved for three new apartments and retail space was red-tagged in July for interior and exterior demolition without permits, and an application is now under review, according to Swanson.

He speculated people run afoul of the law because they don't realize the work they're doing requires city approval or because they want to sidestep the expense and time the permit process requires.

Caught by the city

He estimated that 70 percent of the projects red-tagged this year were discovered by code enforcement officers, the building official or other staff, while 30 percent derived from citizen complaints.

"I would also say that we are not out hunting to issue a stop-work order in every instance," he said. "We try to work with

people when it's a small issue that seems like an honest mistake and they jump on compliance immediately."

In those cases, work still stops until the problem is remedied, but there's no formal order — and therefore no fines and fees.

"The message is that we really just want to help people comply," he said. "We're not about heavy-handed enforcement, and we always try to start with a partnership."

But, he noted, when necessary, the stop-work order "is a tool in our chest to use when we aren't getting cooperation or if the violation is egregious."

Swanson insisted that permits benefit property owners and the rest of the community, and that they are not profitable for the city, no matter how much they cost.

"The real reason for permits is the inspections that go along with the process before the permit is finalized," he said. "Every stage of construction gets inspected for safety by building and fire professionals. Things like foundations, framing, electrical, plumbing and sprinklers — it's a

life/health/safety thing."

On some occasions, the city will report contractors who are caught doing unpermitted work to the state, which can suspend their licenses. "Things like electrical, gas and plumbing being done without permits are major safety issues," he said.

'Not meant to punish'

Building inspector Duane Dauphinee said permits aren't meant to punish or inconvenience property owners.

"The city actually works as a partner to get contractors and homeowners through the construction process, culminating in a safe home," he said. "Without the benefit of permits and inspections, there would be the potential for hazardous conditions affecting the life and safety of the residents and the community."

In addition to the 15 stopped projects still in need of approval, two cases are outstanding from 2022, according to Swanson, due to the applicants' failure to provide the correct plans.

TRACK

From page 1A

The county's agreement with Friends of Laguna Seca — which has pledged to raise and spend tens of millions of dollars on the track and recreation area for more than five decades — was said to relieve taxpayers of much of the financial burden of maintaining and operating the track.

The supervisors' determination that the management agreement is exempt from CEQA "constitutes a prejudicial abuse of discretion," the Highway 68 Coalition alleges. Court documents attached to the lawsuit identify only one person, Michael Weaver, as a member of the group.

The suit — filed by Carmel Valley attorneys Richard H. Rosenthal and Zan Henson and Bishop lawyer Greg James — contends that two environmental impact reports, in 1974 and 1983, were prepared

for Laguna Seca.

"Neither of the reports focused on the impacts of motor vehicle racing and race car driving or assessed the sound generated from such activities," the suit alleges.

No limits?

Furthermore, the complaint says that while the management agreement approved with Friends of Laguna Seca permits the same number of events that were permitted in a 2020 agreement with track manager A&D Narigi Consulting, it doesn't include limits on the number of event days and calls for management and operation of the facility "in a manner reasonably designed to maximize revenue."

The Highway 68 Coalition also complains that the concession agreement doesn't contain any "sound limitations on any motor vehicles, including racecars, and it permits racetrack rentals and the rental of the paddock area when not used for events."

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MENTION

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pay-as-you-go basis,” although Social Security has never functioned that way. That publication refers to her as “the architect of Social Security,” a title she shares with Perkins. Nachtrieb authored numerous other publications and

opened pathways for other women in academia. She told one biographer that in order to attend the faculty meetings in the men’s faculty hall at Berkeley, male instructors had to carry her, since women were not allowed to “tread on the floor” of the Great Hall Dining Room that stood between the building’s entrance and the meeting room. Unsurprisingly, she was a founder of the women’s faculty club, where she was known as a mentor to female law students. No wonder Carmel wanted to claim her as its own.

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LETTERS

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dispatched. Bill Murray, it's been good to know ya, but you're just not our type anymore. Golf is a serious, financially important endeavor. It's about important amateurs who aren't famous or funny, they're CEOs and otherwise important people playing with serious and competitive professionals.

There's nothing funny here, move along, Justin Timberlake couldn't make it.

AT&T is thrilled to up the ante to attract the best professionals. Of course, the foundation will still be well supported for our local charities. But the first and best pro-am, the Crosby Clambake, is dead and buried, and in case anyone out there hasn't been paying attention, golf as we remember it is just that — a memory.

The king is dead. Long live the king.

Mark Mammel, Carmel

Big Sur housing

Dear Editor,

There is a solution for the sheriff's deputy in Big Sur losing his housing — and for many others who don't have housing down the coast. People drive by it every day and it's a shame that it sits unused, as it could be a huge benefit to the community of Big Sur.

The old Point Sur Naval station, which used to be an underwater listening facility, has 24 vacant houses sitting there wasting away. It was once a thriving community and could be again, but this time for the sheriff's deputy and his family, local and low-income employees, firefighters, teachers, park workers, etc.

The land is owned by the state, and the state is mandating more affordable housing. There is a lack of affordable housing in Big Sur, and the people who work there should be able to live there.

In a time when nothing is as straightforward as it should be, this something that just makes sense and should be implemented. The houses will need to be completely remodeled or replaced, and this can be done. There are

funds available. There is a lot of public good that can be done by creating a community in an area that has been sitting vacant for the 30-plus years I've lived here.

I hope that our local government can figure out a way to partner with the state to make this happen. Please ask your representatives and community leaders to make this a reality.

Walter Sobchak, Carmel Valley

Kudos to CHOMP

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my heartfelt commendation for Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for its recent act of compassion and generosity in forgiving \$40 million in medical debt for patients who visited the hospital between 2020 and 2023. This remarkable gesture has significantly impacted the lives of 29,000 individuals, many of whom faced financial hardships exacerbated by the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

During these unprecedented times, when the world was grappling with the effects of a global health crisis, CHOMP not only provided critical medical care to those affected by Covid-19 but also extended compassion to those facing other medical challenges. By recognizing the monetary struggles faced by individuals due to factors such as work restrictions, fear and rising rental rates, CHOMP has shown an exceptional level of understanding and empathy towards its community.

The decision to forgive such a substantial amount of medical debt reflects CHOMP's commitment to its mission of serving the community with compassion and excellence. This act of kindness goes beyond financial relief; it is a testament to CHOMP's dedication to the well-being of its patients, ensuring that they not only receive quality medical care but also feel supported during times of difficulty.

In a time when compassion can feel scarce, CHOMP's actions serve as a shining example of how a healthcare institution can make a meaningful difference in the lives of its patients. I am immensely grateful to CHOMP for its unwavering commitment to the community and demonstration of true compassion.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to commend CHOMP for its outstanding contribution to our community.

Kathee McFarland, Carmel

Sorry about the plight

Dear Editor,

It was distressful to read about the plight of the gentleman who apparently did not realize that he was moving to Carmel-by-the-Sea until he tried to activate his utilities. Instead of spanking the pen that made him sign his lease or the closing documents, he feels it's the fault of the city council.

While all of us can relate to the frustration of talking with the utility companies, it seems like he might have asked his real estate agent for assistance on how to best identify his property. If asked, previous occupants will provide account numbers, and lot and block numbers work, too. Some common-sense steps might ease his concern that emergency services will be unable to find him.

Naming the property with a visible sign is Step One and then getting advice from the police and fire department about what description they need for ease of identifying the house. He might be surprised to learn how smart these people are, and that they are one of the many benefits of living in quirky no-house-numbers-Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Shirley Moon, Carmel

Middle East wishes

Dear Editor,

Bethlehem is where the Christmas message was revealed to mankind — a message of joy, love and peace. Sadly, Bethlehem's Palestinian inhabitants live surrounded by a wall that cruelly and severely obscures it, prohibiting them from moving freely on their land.

Just imagine what the birth of Jesus would look like today: Joseph and Mary would be stopped and searched entering Bethlehem or leaving on their flight to Egypt, the Magi would run into a huge concrete wall and denied entry, and the shepherds would not be able to graze their sheep as their land would have been confiscated.

Despite all this, hope still shines in their hearts as the birth of Jesus has played an essential role in forming their humanity, refining their history, and tolerating the injustice and persecution in their daily lives amidst the absence of peace. One day soon, we hope this occupation of the West Bank and blockade of Gaza will fade from memory as Palestinians are granted their national and legitimate rights in their own state of Palestine with East Jerusalem as their rightful capital. Let us hope and pray 2024 is a year of tranquility and peace for the Holy Land and the entire world.

Tony Salameh, Monterey

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SCHOOLS

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and what should be changed. (The board voted in August to pay Knight \$770,000 to resign earlier this year after he was put on paid leave for mishandling sexual harassment allegations and personnel issues. His annual salary was \$270,000 plus benefits.)

Using an online survey, focus groups, meetings and one-on-one communication, Pitts learned that many of the 2021 traits simply needed some tweaking or elaboration, and she provided feedback on the Top 10 characteristics of the ideal superintendent before listing “additional skills rising to the top in fall 2013,” including “experience in leading, managing and developing the board,” the ability to “put systems and processes in place that are efficient and effective across the organization,” to “value and enable parent partnerships,” to keep everyone safe, and to “commit and stay.”

Pitts described the feedback process as “incredibly respectful” and said she hopes her work will help the board find and hire a good leader.

Measuring up

The district has its work cut out for it. According to Pitts’ report, the next superintendent must “be an extraordinary communicator” who is clear and thoughtful and can “listen actively and deeply,” be responsive, and connect with all stakeholders.

The candidate must also understand the community’s past and present, and then “build relationships, create collaborative consensus and move the district forward with a shared aspirational and achievable vision.”

In addition, the person has to be “highly visible, accessible and approachable,” as well as active in the community.

Being a strong, stable and consistent leader who can “hold our direction with transparent decision-making that keeps students, their achievement and well-being at the center of all we do,” is also imperative, as is the ability to “respect, value and nurture our input as students, staff and parents.” And the person must have a strong moral compass.

In managing and nurturing the board, the next superintendent should be able to “develop other leaders and bring them together collectively and move us forward.” The district’s leader must “stand up for the right things,” make tough decisions, act swiftly, be “compassionate, empathetic and thick-skinned,” avoid micromanaging and condescension, and bring a balanced approach to the job.

Once hired, the superintendent will be expected to focus on rebuilding “a positive, professional climate of mutual trust and respect among all stakeholders,” sustain and strengthen “a culture of belonging and connections for all students and staff,” develop and support a strong, high-functioning governance team, and provide consistent leadership that supports students.

Newest board member Jason Remyse, who was appointed to replace Tess Arthur after she abruptly quit in February after being reelected the previous November, said he appreciates that the next head will focus on being a good steward to the board.

“I think that’s a really high priority for us and other boards around the state,” he said.

“Where do you see us going from here?” school board member Anne Marie Rosen asked Pitts. “We’re eventually going to have to have someone permanent — we can’t be in limbo forever,” with Sharon Ofek working as interim superintendent.

Which are most important?

Pitts said the board should scrutinize the extensive description and identify which characteristics and other elements are most important.

“In closed session, have a discussion about how those fit your candidates,” she advised. “I was not hired to direct you in any way, but that’s usually the next step.”

Pitts also observed that many districts are facing similar challenges to CUSD’s in terms of societal issues and finding and retaining good leadership. “There’s a dearth of superintendents,” she said.

“It’s a hard job; it’s a demanding job,” Pitts continued. “It’s one where a lot of hats have to be worn — and all of them well — and that’s tough.”

Pitts’ report can be found at carmelunified.org/Page/6370.




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SURF

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The Pine Cone the morning of Dec. 28. "We had huge waves — some overtopped Scenic Road. A car was hit by a wave and it's lying on its side. Two porta-potties are floating in the parking lot. It's just crazy."

Letendre said firefighters and law enforcement officers responded and shut down traffic on parts of Scenic Road and Carmelo Avenue.

Monterey County spokesperson Maia Carroll confirmed

the threat of flooding but reported nearby homes had remained dry so far. Carroll also said crews were pumping along the north edge of the lagoon where the flood risk is greatest.

The county's office of emergency services issued a flood advisory for areas near the lagoon until noon. High tide occurred shortly after 10 a.m.

A day earlier, county public works crews "worked until sunset to construct a small pilot channel and achieve a flow from the Carmel Lagoon into the ocean," according to officials, and biologists were onsite to make sure no endangered species were impacted, while lifeguards stood by since the site is plagued with dangerous conditions.

NWS forecaster Alexis Clouser noted Thursday morning that the water level in the lagoon was about 11.55 feet high — about a foot below what qualifies as "minor flood stage."

Rescue on Christmas

Thursday's tumultuous conditions followed a Christmas Day rescue in the same Carmel Point cove that claimed the life of a young fisherman in August, according to Fred Brown, who witnessed a California State Parks

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done during construction to protect each of them. The document also calls for revegetation efforts and invasive-plant control.

If all goes according to plan, the EIR will be certified by March, the design of the project will be completed in June 2026, and construction will start in July 2027. The work is expected to be finished by November 2030.

Currently shut down for repairs, Limekiln State Park would stay closed for the entire duration of construction, so it could be as long as seven years before the park welcomes campers again.

The project is expected to cost \$102,369,091, with federal taxpayers on the hook for about 90 percent of the expense and the state's taxpayers covering the rest.

GAVEL

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age. He would do so when nobody else was present, and when he had care and custody of the children because their mother was working. He told both victims to be quiet after he committed the assaults. Jane Doe 1 did not disclose the abuse until many years later. Lopez also attempted to dissuade the victims from testifying and cooperating with the prosecution of the case.

Salinas Police detective Byron Gansen and officer Ruby Alvarez investigated the case, and district attorney investigator Rachel Maldonado provided crucial assistance at trial. The victims were assisted by district attorney victim witness assistance program manager Alma Sanchez.



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lifeguard help a stranded swimmer back to shore at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 25.

The man, whom Brown said is an experienced swimmer and surfer, had to be rescued from rough surf in Stewart's Cove. "At first, the lifeguard was reluctant to go in and bring him in," he said. "However, it became apparent that the waves were much too powerful, and he was not making any headway toward the shore."

The swimmer and the lifeguard were unharmed, but Brown said the incident was a good reminder that people should stay out of the ocean during high surf.

The rescue occurred in the same location where a 21-year-old Pacific Grove man drowned while fishing alone on Aug. 30. Everett Montori had been checking in with his parents hourly when he was out fishing that Wednesday night, but he then

went silent, Cal Fire Capt. Curtis Rhodes reported at the time.

Police and firefighters were summoned to the area around 11:20 a.m. the following day after a woman walking her dog saw his body near some rocks, but by the time everyone arrived, they couldn't find him, according to Rhodes.

Cal Fire sent up a drone, California State Parks deployed three rescue swimmers, and firefighters used binoculars to search from the bluffs above. Working together, they managed to spot the young man's body in a wave. His parents and girlfriend were also there.

"Everett's positive impact and radiating energy touched the lives of many," Maxine Elves wrote on a gofundme page after the tragedy. "Everett was a

smart, funny, intelligent person who lit up any room he walked into. He was destined to do many great things."

He had recently graduated from Monterey Peninsula College and was planning to

study medical microbiology and immunology at U.C. Santa Barbara.

"He is deeply missed, and any kind words of support or donations will be greatly appreciated," she wrote.



PHOTOS/(LEFT) LORIN LETENDRE, (ABOVE) MIKE CATE

At Carmel River State Beach Thursday morning (left), the parking lot was flooded by massive waves, and two portapotties were knocked over. Adjacent to the lagoon, some mailboxes got their feet wet, but no damage was reported.

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Alumni roundup: Catching up on the courts, the courses and the fields

WHERE ARE they now? Student-athletes who were high school standouts at Carmel, Stevenson and Santa Catalina in recent years are competing at the intercollegiate level and beyond. Here's an update on some of them.

Armed Forces Championships. Garelo's decisive shot gave the U.S. Marines their first all-military gold medal in more than 20 years. The multi-team tournament matching the best players from the Navy, Army, Air Force and Marines was played at Fort Moore, Ga.

Garelo also started on the 2022 All-Marine team, which reached the tournament finals for the first time in two decades.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

■ Garelo lifts Marines to gold medal

Former Carmel High basketball standout Joe Garelo (Class of 2019) hit a 3-point bucket in the final minute of the title game on Nov. 5 to lift the All-Marine Corps basketball team to a 73-71 overtime victory over Navy at the



PHOTO/COURTESY DAVID GARELLO

Carmel alum Joe Garelo hits the go-ahead 3-pointer to lift the All-Marine over Navy for the All-Forces basketball title, the first in two decades for the USMC.

■ Clements paces Cal Poly

Santa Catalina grad Jessica Clements, Class of 2020, was the top hitter on the softball team at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo last spring, compiling a .370 batting average, .486 slugging percentage and .460 on-base percentage while starting all 42 games. Clement, a redshirt sophomore, also led the team with 12 stolen bases in 16 attempts.



PHOTO/CAL POLY

Jessica Clement, Class of 2020 at Santa Catalina, led Cal Poly San Luis Obispo hitters last spring with a .370 batting average and .486 slugging percentage in 42 games.

■ Cosand sticks it to lacrosse foes

Rhea Cosand, a multi-sport star at Stevenson (Class of 2022), appeared in all 14 games in her freshman season at UC Davis, scoring 25 goals (fourth best on the team) with 12 assists (second best) for a total of 37 points (third).

The 5-8 midfielder, who made five starts for the Aggies, recorded three hat tricks (three goals in a game), and scored a season-high four goals against Arizona State on April 23.

Her sophomore season launches Feb. 9, 2024, in Tempe, Ariz., against Niagara University.

■ Double Dales at UC Irvine

Brothers Jasper and Wylie Dale were key members of the UC Davis men's water polo team this fall, contributing heavily to an 18-9 season for the Anteaters.

Jasper, a 6-6, 215-pound sophomore utility player, appeared in all 27 games, scoring nine goals on 16 shots, with eight assists and 10 steals.

He was the Pacific Coast Athletic League MVP as a senior in 2021 and made the all-state team.

Wylie, a 6-8, 285-pound freshman center, played in 26 games, scoring 11 times on 20 shots with three assists and three steals. He was the PCAL's Offensive Player of the Year in 2021 and 2022 at Stevenson and MVP of the league in 2022, his senior year.

■ BYU's Johnson contends to start

Stevenson great Evan Johnson appeared in four games during his freshman season as a cornerback at Brigham Young University, where he assisted on two tackles for the Cougars, who had a 5-7 record.

He is one of only two returning cornerbacks this season (with Jakob Robinson) and is expected to compete for a starting position with four other candidates, including two highly recruited freshmen and two transfer students.

The 6-1, 175-pound Johnson starred in football, basketball and track at Stevenson, earning all-county and MVP awards in those sports. He totaled 1,276 yards as a receiver and 205 yards rushing for the Pirates, scoring 25 TDs in three seasons. He is Stevenson's record-holder in the 100-meter dash (10.84 seconds) and won CCS titles in both the 100 and 200.

■ Byrne blocking at Berkeley

Carmel High legend J.T. Byrne appeared in five games this fall as a 6-6, 250-pound tight end at UC Berkeley — a

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blocking specialist in an offense that amassed 5,101 total yards, averaging 392.4 per game, en route to a 6-7 overall record, 4-5 in the PAC-12 Conference.

Byne, a redshirt sophomore, spent his freshman season at Oregon State but opted to transfer to Berkeley last spring.

He earned first-team all-state honors as an all-purpose player while a junior at Carmel High, where his career totals included 66 receptions, 958 yards, and nine touchdowns as a receiver, 33 completions in 51 passing attempts



PHOTO/UC IRVINE

Jasper Dale (above) and younger brother Wylie are key components of the men's water polo team at UC Irvine.

as a quarterback, 62 carries for 393 yards rushing, and 7.5 sacks, seven tackles for a loss, two interceptions and six forced fumbles as a linebacker and defensive end.

■ Ozel golfing at Sonoma State

Carmel High product Brenna Ozel is in her senior season as a varsity golfer at Sonoma State University after competing in six events a year ago as a junior.

During the fall season this year, Ozel placed 20th out of 61 golfers, helping her team to a second-place finish. She was 57th in a 92-player field at the Hawaii Pacific Shootout in Honolulu, and 57th out of 93 at the Dennis Rose Intercollegiate in Hawaii Hilo.

Ozel was the 2020 PCAL Player of the Year as a senior at Carmel.

■ Second NCAA title for Morgan

Former Stevenson water polo standout Kate Morgan (Class of 2022) saw action in two of Stanford's 24 games this fall, scoring one goal on two shots for a Cardinal team that went 24-1, including an 11-9 victory over USC in the NCAA championship game. Morgan, a driver, was also part of Stanford's 2022 NCAA title squad as a freshman.

■ Driscoll starts at Baldwin Wallace

Former Stevenson basketball standout Luke Driscoll (Class of 2020) has appeared in six of 10 games — five as a starter — at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, where he is averaging 30.2 minutes, 8.8 points, 5/3 rebounds, and 2.3 assists for the Yellowjackets. Driscoll, a 5-foot-11 senior guard, was an Ohio Athletic Conference All-Academic athlete in his previous two seasons there.

Driscoll was Monterey County Player of the Year as a senior at Stevenson.

■ Ibessaine with Minnesota United

Former Carmel High student Tarek Ibessaine has signed with Minnesota United U19, a developmental squad of the Minnesota Loon, a Major League Soccer franchise.

Ibessaine, who played a year ago for an elite youth soccer team in Malaga, Spain, as well as the Under-17 Algerian National Team, is living in Minnesota.

■ Rodgers a record-breaker at GW

Connor Rodgers, a 2022 Carmel High swimming standout, earned first-team All-Atlantic 10 Conference honors last season as a sophomore at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., breaking conference records in the 400 individual medley and 100 butterfly. He won gold medals in both events at the Atlantic 10 Championships and anchored GW's 800 freestyle relay team to a first-place finish.

Rodgers was also all-conference and Most Outstanding Rookie Performer in the Atlantic 10 as a freshman.

■ Tuck ties Fresno State record

Equestrian athlete Sara Tuck (CHS 2019) was 5-1 this fall/winter in flat riding at CSU Fresno, where she is competing in her final season of NCAA eligibility while completing her Master of Business Administration degree.

Tuck and her coach share Fresno State's career record for Most Outstanding Player awards with nine. Tuck won

her most recent MOP award on Nov. 17, when she led the Bulldogs to a 10-9 upset victory over Southern Methodist, the No. 2-ranked team in the nation.

Her season resumes in February.

■ Ex-Padre Jungjae Chee at MPC

Freshman Jungjae Chee, a former Carmel standout, made 35 tackles (16 unassisted) at linebacker this season to help Monterey Peninsula College to an undefeated California Coast Conference season, and a spot in the American Division Bowl game against Foothill College.

Chee also ran for 73 yards on two carries as a running back, including a 64-yard touchdown scamper.

Two other ex-Padres, Amir Brown (a linebacker/defensive lineman) and Wes Rees (a defensive back) were also on MPC's roster as sophomores.

This roundup of local alumni is not necessarily a complete list. Email scribelaureate@gmail.com with information for future columns.



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Stevenson grad Rhea Cosand has emerged as a formidable player in women's lacrosse at UC Davis, ranking among team leaders in multiple categories.



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Editorial

Clean energy solution

THE BIDEN administration has set out some very ambitious clean energy goals for the United States, including getting zero-emission vehicles to reach 50 percent of United States sales by 2030, providing 500,000 public EV charging stations by 2030, and making the country “carbon pollution free” by 2035.

This country has a very long way to go to meet those goals — starting with the simple fact that 2030 is just six years away. And in Thursday’s Wall Street Journal, reporters Shane Hifflett and Candice Choi added some rather stark data that illustrate why many people think fulfilling Biden’s goals is impossible.

■ In the third quarter of this year, electric-only vehicles were just 7.9 percent of U.S. sales, and hybrids 2 percent. Nationwide, EVs make up just 1 percent of cars on the road.

■ There are 160,000 public EV charging stations in the country.

■ In 2021, fossil fuels accounted for 60 percent of the electricity generated in the country, with renewables at 21 percent and nuclear power providing 19 percent.

Meanwhile, over at powerlineblog.com, John Hinderaker points out that coal power plants are being built at breakneck speed in many parts of the globe — so much so that Hinderaker calls this the “Golden Age of Coal.”

“The International Energy Agency expects worldwide coal use to rise by 1.4 percent this year and set a new record of 8.5 billion tons,” Hinderaker reports. “So more coal is being burned than ever before.”

China and India, it turns out, aren’t paying much attention to what Joe Biden says.

“Environmentalists in the U.S. and Western Europe have succeeded in shuttering a number of coal plants, but that is virtually irrelevant,” Hinderaker continues. “It is China and India, along with countries like Indonesia, that are driving the coal explosion. And those countries don’t even pretend to be participating in a ‘transition’ to wind and solar energy.”

Writing on Substack, journalist Robert Bryce noted that “coal use accounts for about 40 percent of emissions from energy in the world, and global CO2 emissions will set a record this year of 36.8 billion tons.”

Even with the rapid expansion of their electricity infrastructures, the International Energy Agency reported that India and China have “struggled to keep the lights on during periods of high electricity demand, owing to coal shortages and high prices. As a result, both governments have intensified efforts to increase coal production.”

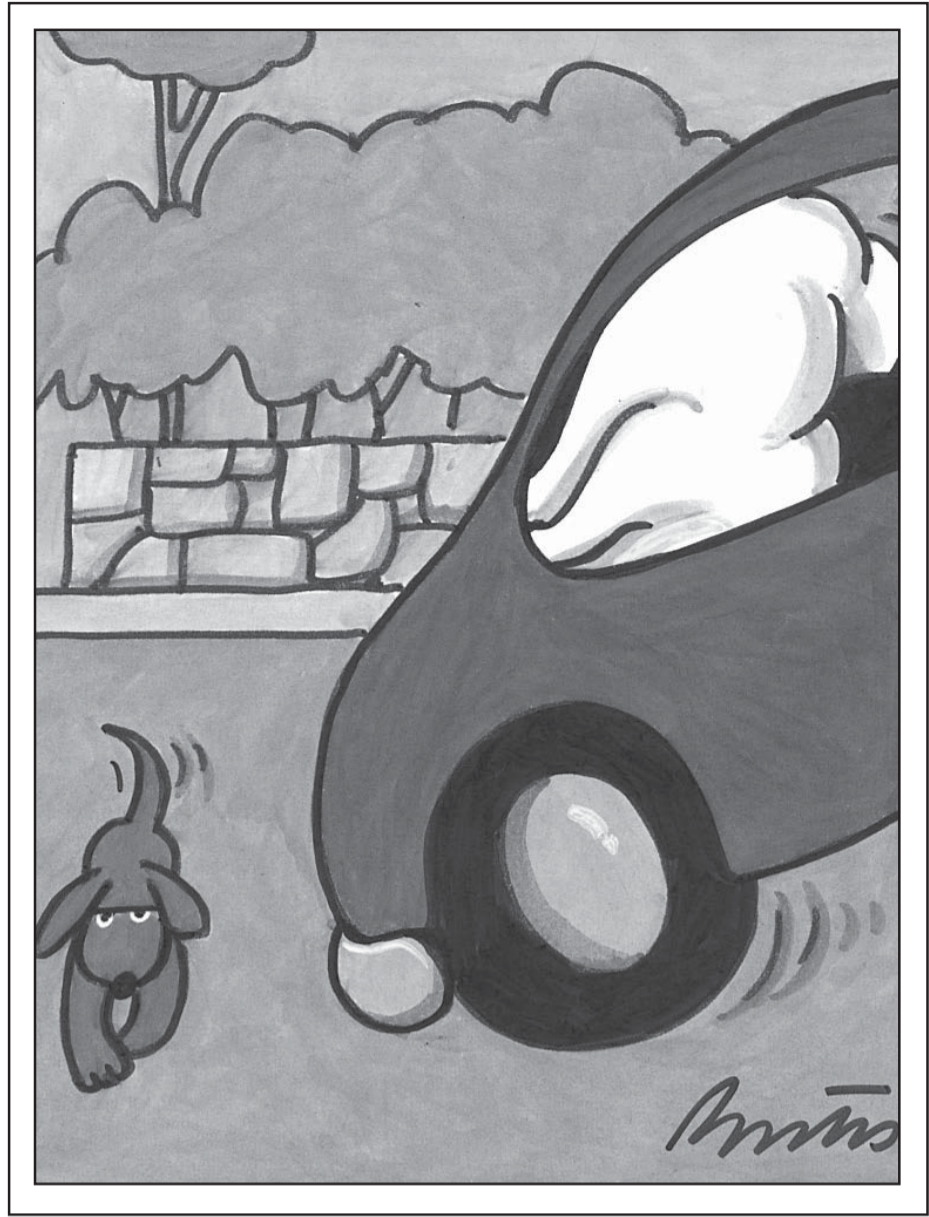
While the United States is falling behind its energy goals, it’s becoming increasingly clear that even 100 percent achievement of those goals wouldn’t move the needle more than a smidge when it comes to climate change.

If we really want to do something to curb worldwide CO2 emissions, what’s needed is a completely new strategy — one that can provide massive amounts of energy without burning fossil fuels or blanketing the world with solar panels and windmills. That strategy, obviously, is nuclear power, and lots of it.

Unfortunately, the United States is still moving away from nuclear power. In California, as recently as 1989, more than 5,500 megawatts of electricity were being generated at just three nuclear plants — at Diablo Canyon near San Luis Obispo, San Onofre between Los Angeles and San Diego, and Rancho Seco just south of Sacramento. Today, two of them are closed, with only the 2,060 MW Diablo Canyon plant still operating. Its operating license expires in 2024.

According to California’s Independent System Operator, the state’s wintertime electricity demand peaks at about 6 p.m. each day at roughly 28,000 MW. Think how easy it would be to produce that much electricity with 10 modern, efficient and safe nuclear plants.

BEST of BATES



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Mansion tax

Dear Editor,

While we don’t have anything in our village that looks like the mansion from “The Beverly Hillbillies,” our “Carmel charmers” are selling for mansion prices. In a third quarter Carmel market report I read, we had 10 sales over \$5 million each.

For all of the property tax the “newcomers” are paying, city hall’s take is only 6 percent. Imagine that? A “newcomer” purchases a “Carmel charmer” for \$5 million, then pays \$50,000 a year in property tax and city hall gets a whopping \$3,000 whether it’s demolished or not.

With a new police station in the works along with paying down our pension obligation debt and repaving the streets, Carmel-by-the Sea needs more revenue. Los Angeles has a “mansion tax” that went into effect this year (Measure ULA). For all residential and commercial real estate sales in the City of Los Angeles over \$5 million, Los Angeles levies a one-time charge of 4

percent and a one-time charge of 5.5 percent on all sales above \$10 million. If we copy Los Angeles and use its formula, the 10 sales over \$5 million would have generated \$2 million into CBTS’ coffers.

We’ve been talking about refurbishing/rebuilding our police station for years.

It’s time.

Michael McWalters, Carmel

Garbage rates

Dear Editor,

Waste Management is at it again. Effective Jan. 1, it is again raising its rates by 8.72 percent and, consistent with the past, doing nothing to improve service. Coupling that with their heavy-handed rules as to how to fill a container and the photographing of each unit, we are not well served. All of this is with the approval of our county supervisors and their staff.

The only answer, as it is in almost every situation, is to introduce competition and get the government out of the way. Let the residents have a choice as to who picks up their garbage.

It may not be the most efficient on paper but the “invisible hand” of the market will give us the best solution. Write your supervisor and see if you can get him or her to do their job and look out for the inhabitants.

Michael Addison, Carmel

Pro-am changes

Dear Editor,

The king is dead. Long live the king. The last vestige of the Crosby has been

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The famous and the unknown found equal representation

By SALLY BAHO and ELAINE HESSER

HARRY DELIZONNA was born, raised and educated in St. Paul, Minn. He is the son of Greek immigrants, but when he was 6, his mother passed away, leaving his father to raise him. “I wouldn’t realize it until much later in life, but his work ethic became my work ethic,” Delizonna said. His father worked six days a week as the proprietor of a small dry cleaning and shoeshine business.

Delizonna dreamed big. “As a kid, my one and only ambition in life was to be a general in the Air Force,” he said. After graduating from the University of Min-

nesota, he earned a commission in the Air Force and served for eight years — three on active duty as a supply officer, including one lonesome year at isolated Thule Air Base in Greenland — followed by five years as a reservist.

Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

Delizonna decided to go into law so he could help people. He took to it and loved it. “I knew early on that there were always going to be people who were smarter than I am, but I decided that there were going to be very few people to outwork or out-hustle me,” he said.

After returning to the University of Minnesota for law school, he clerked for a judge in San Diego. “It was a tremendous experience in the trial process,” he said. From there, he went on to start his own practice. In his first year, he took on three cases and won, followed by six jury cases in which he also prevailed. Despite the success he enjoyed, he decided he would rather represent individuals and small businesses than Fortune 500 companies and became a deputy public defender in Santa Clara County.

His practice was interrupted when Gov. Jerry Brown asked him to serve as general counsel for the then-new Agriculture Labor Relations Board, where he said he had sole jurisdiction over farm disputes. After three years of a four-year appointment, however, he decided to resign and get back to his trial practice.

Rose Bird

He noted that a highlight of his career was in the late 1970s, when Rose Bird, chief justice of the California Supreme Court, chose him to represent her during an investigation by the California Commission on Judicial Performance. Bird famously opposed the death penalty, and against the wishes of most Californians — including families of murder victims — overturned death penalty convictions in more than 60 capital cases.

Of the ensuing hearing, Delizonna said, “It was televised and probably

Wrongfully fired

“The most fun case was against a Swiss life insurance company,” Delizonna said. He represented an employee who had been wrongfully terminated, traveling to New York and Zurich to take depositions. Delizonna and his client would have been willing to settle, but the company pushed back, and Delizonna ended up getting \$3.5 million. The critical evidence was something straight out of a legal thriller — indentations in some of the documents indicated their original contents had been modified. Think of scenes in which a sharp-eyed detective gently rubs

the side of a pencil across a seemingly blank page of a legal pad, revealing the imprint of what had been written on the sheet that was once on top.

“It was thanks to indentations in my client’s evaluations — his boss had falsified them. We found an expert in detecting this, and it held up in court,” he said.

Conflict of interest?

In 1983, he represented the then-president of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, William Peters. “He was accused on the criminal side of bribery and in a civil complaint of conflict of interest. They had about 14 counts against him, and all the judges from Monterey recused themselves. So, they got a judge from San Luis Obispo. It was tough, but we discovered that certain individuals were politically trying to gang up on him. We won the civil part in a jury case, and I made a motion to dismiss the criminal charge, which was granted,” Delizonna said.

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Harry Delizonna of Pacific Grove whose long legal career was distinguished — and fun.

Back up from the boiler room

A MONTEREY artist whose paintings are part of a seven-week exhibition at Pacific Grove Art Center, traces her passion and self-belief all the way to her childhood, when she envisioned herself doing exactly what she does today.

“We always were given the creative freedom to express ourselves, and I don’t know very many people who were raised like that,” said Amy Small, the firstborn of three siblings whose creative parents enrolled them in art classes from a very young age.

“I knew from the time I was a little girl — very little — that I wanted to be a painter and an interior designer,” said Small, an interior designer by profession, who will display 19 of her original paintings in a show that opens Jan. 5 (artist reception: 7 to 9 p.m.) and runs through Feb. 22.

The exhibit also features the work of Helen MacKinlay, Lee Cox, David Hohmann, and award-winning Monterey High seniors Nantai Mendoza and Montana Cota.

Furniture for Barbie

Small’s earliest memories include tracing over the drawings she found in her artistic mother’s sketchpad, marveling at her father’s paintings, and making tiny furniture for the dollhouses she built for her Barbies.

Creativity runs in the family. Her brother, Jeffrey, the youngest, works in an L.A. creatures shop, designing prosthetic masks for movies, including Disney and “Harry Potter” films. The middle child, Brendon — also in Los Angeles — is a writer, actor, standup comic and rock guitarist/vocalist whose latest CD, “Dethalbum IV,” made Rolling Stone magazine’s list of the top 10 best metal albums of 2023. All three kids, plus both parents, are still painting.

Small was 10 when her family moved from Springfield, Ill., to Monterey County, where her dad, Patrick, went into business as a produce broker, and her mom, Laura, worked as a paralegal.

By the time she graduated from Notre Dame High in Salinas with the Class of ’91, she already had a blueprint for her education and career. She planned to study two years at Santa Barbara City College — a school with a strong art department — then transfer to the Art Institute of Chi-

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

cago to complete her bachelor’s degree in interior design.

‘Amazing teachers’

Santa Barbara City College lived up to her expectations. “I took a ton of painting classes there from some amazing teachers,” she said.

But the famous Chicago institute turned out to be a mixed bag. Small developed a deep love there for the style of San Francisco artist Richard Diebenkorn (1922-1993) and began to model her own paintings after his composition, texture, color palette and form. But she also discovered that the school lacked a component that was vital to her career dream.

“I went to the Chicago institute for a year, then realized that their interior design program wasn’t accredited by FIDER (the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research),” said Small, who opted to finish her education at another reputable Chicago school, Harrington College of Design, where she earned her degree.

By then, Small had also accrued valuable practical experience: In Santa Barbara and Chicago, she worked on the side, paying her school bills as an independent contractor, doing faux finishing (creating texture and nuance on a wall by replicating the look or feel of other surfaces) for multiple clients.

A cancer diagnosis

In 2009 — four years after she founded her Monterey company, Amy Small Design — she was diagnosed with breast cancer, a trauma that upended her life and career.

“I was 36 and engaged to be married when I found out I had cancer,” she said. “And that same week, my parents separated after 37 years together. Mom moved to Chicago, Dad stayed in Salinas. I was self-employed and had to move in with my father while I was going through treatment.”

Chemotherapy took her hair. She broke up with her fiancé. “I felt like my personal life had gone through an explosion, and I needed to find a way to start over,” she reflected.

When her hair grew back, Small moved to Los Angeles for a fresh start but encountered a difficult job market and found herself working as a telemarketer.

“I was selling Google Ad Words to realtors in a boiler room full of 21-year-olds, just to make ends

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Monterey artist Amy Small will show 19 paintings in a multi-artist show at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

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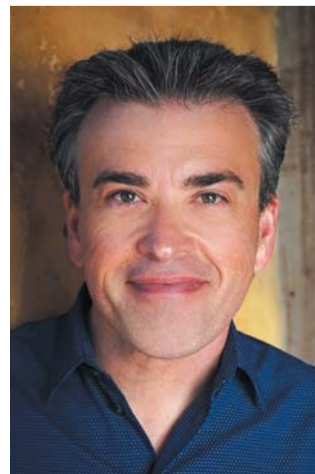
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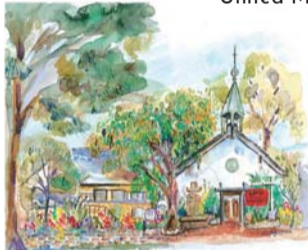


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When Dick Clark brought his show to the Beach Club

PEOPLE OF a certain age remember the 1960s as an era of musical revolution. The Beach Boys topped the 1963 Billboard chart with "Surfin' USA," and in 1964, The Beatles had the top two hits with "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "She Loves You." In 1965, Dick Clark launched "Where the Action Is," a five-day-a-week afternoon show aimed at teens, and on June 19, 1966, the action

History Beat

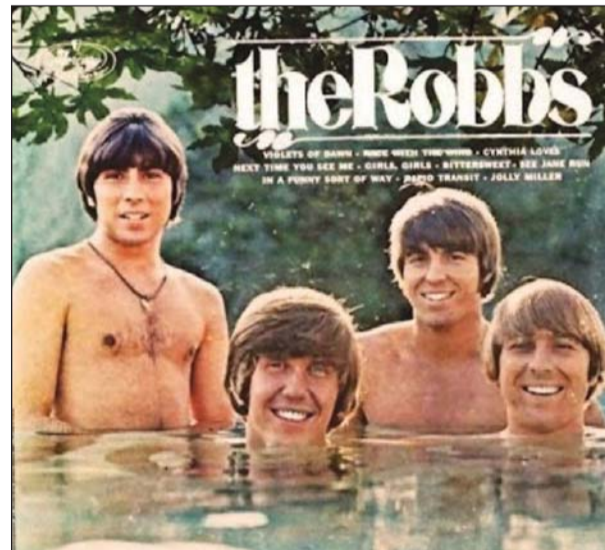
By NEAL HOTELLING

came to Pebble Beach, where Clark's new discovery, The Robbs, performed from The Beach Club.

This new era of music coincided with the portable sound of transistor radios and the growth of television. Clark, the soon-to-be music mogul, began his TV career in 1956 with "Bandstand," a television show launched for the Philadelphia market in 1952. Clark took it national on ABC as "American Bandstand" on Aug. 5, 1957. "AB," as it became known, moved to Los Angeles in 1964 and remained a top show for decades, as Clark created a few spinoffs for the growing teen audience.

When it went on the air, "Where the Action Is," had Paul Revere and the Raiders as its house band. In April 1966, Clark produced the Young Worlds Fair festival in Chicago and re-discovered the band that became The

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The band that played on the pool deck at the Beach Club in 1966 as part of a Dick Clark television production was called The Robbs. The group's only album was released by Mercury Records in 1967.

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Robbs, which he selected to replace Paul Revere for the 1966 season.

The Milwaukee-based band's lead guitarist, David Robb Donaldson, formed Dee Robb and the Starlighters" while still in his teens. By 1962, they were performing alongside Del Shannon. The Starlighters included Donaldson's younger brothers — George on sax and Robert on keyboard. Robert was allowed to join the band in about 1961, when he turned 13 and was tall enough to stand up to the Hammond keyboard. In 1963, they reorganized as Dee Robb and the Robbins, adding Craig Krampf as drummer.

Big break

In 1965, the boys won a Battle of the Bands contest, earning a spot in Clark's Caravan of Stars, a nationwide 25-city tour with several top bands, including The Dave

Clark Five. When not performing, the boys were students and, according to a Nov. 11, 1965, Waukesha, Wisc., newspaper, set their sights on gaining national attention, moving to California, learning every aspect of the industry and then "investing all our money in our own production company."

In Chicago, the enthusiastic fan response to Dee Robb and the Robbins convinced Clark to offer them a spot on "Where The Action Is." He also asked them to make an appearance later that week with their latest record, but they didn't have one. For the best broadcast sound, Clark preferred to have the music recorded in studio with a lip-synced performance for broadcast. The boys went back to their hotel, wrote "Race with the Wind," and over the next two days recorded and mixed the sound at Chicago's RCA Victor studio. Clark signed them to replace Paul Revere and the Raiders as the house band for the show's second season.

Under Clark's guidance, they renamed the band The Robbs, and for marketing purposes, Robb became the last name of all the band members.

I spoke with Bruce Robb earlier this month, and his memories were vibrant, although details on dates from nearly 60 years ago were understandably fuzzy. Nevertheless, he concurred that the Beach Club was one of the early venues where they performed for the show. So was Nepenthe. Most of the locations were in Southern California and included an outdoor venue in Los Angeles as well as the Santa Monica Pier.

Rare find

My quest began when I found a photo that showed the band and a crowd of youngsters on the pool deck at The Beach Club. Robb recalled setting up on the rocks. Since the music was pre-recorded, electricity for the instruments was not an issue. Robb recalled the incoming tide as a challenge, forcing the show to move them to the pool deck. Dick Clark Productions

has not released much from the archives of "Where The Action Is," but I found a rare compilation, "The Robbs, Before, Then and After" from 2011. In addition to three CDs, it includes a DVD with a few Robb segments, including one from the Aug. 3, 1966, broadcast. It shows The Robbs filmed a performance of "Shape of Things to Come" from the rocks below the Beach Club. No film from the pool deck is included on the DVD.

Through the years, The Robbs recorded dozens of 45s and one LP — "The Robbs" (1967, Mercury). They achieved some regional success, but despite their exposure on television and in teen magazines, they never cracked the Billboard Top 100. When the season ended, so did the show.

The Robbs reinvented themselves as a country-rock band. While driving their bus

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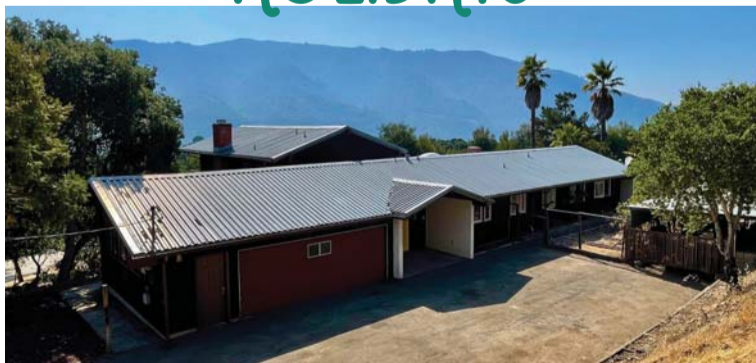


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A wide shot from June 19, 1966, shows television cameras setting up for a segment for ABC-TV's "Where The Action Is," with many Peninsula young people gathered for the performance. The show's house band, The Robbs, is at the back left corner of the pool.



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ARTIST

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meet,” said Small, who felt like she’d hit bottom.

How she navigated the next 14 years and made it from there to here is an explanation that abruptly sticks in her throat and pushes a tear down her cheek. Painting was her therapy.

“I’m an emotional painter. I’m an emotional person — hey, I’m a Cancer,” she said, smothering a sob with a laugh. “I’ve always painted when I was going through something. It was cathartic and usually made me feel better.”

Serendipitous recommendation

Much of the work she’ll exhibit at the Pacific Grove Art Center over the next 48 days was inspired, at least in part, by the deep feelings she experienced during the most challenging period of her life, which abruptly changed again — this time, in the best possible way — with an unexpected offer.

“I had collaborated previously with Janine Faylor (owner of Peninsula Business Interiors) on a project in Salinas, decorating a building on South Main Street for Growers Express. Janine liked what I had done there, and she recommended me for a job in Ryan Ranch,” said Small, who was hired to help design the interior of the Community Health Innovations building on Ragsdale Drive.

“That office was Dr. Steven Packer’s baby, and it’s gorgeous. It’s his flagship building,” she said of the president and CEO of Montage Health.

“That job was a very big deal for me, because it got me out of that boiler room and allowed me to move back to the Peninsula,” said Small. She was back on track toward the career she wanted.

Small’s portfolio includes clients all over the Peninsula and in Southern California, including residential, corporate, and hospitality industry design in Corral de Tierra, Las Palmas Ranch, Crystal Cove in Newport, Los Angeles and Beverly Hills, among other locations.

An upcoming residential project in Carmel Valley ranks among the most exciting of her career, said Small, whose business has a five-star rating on Yelp with glowing testimonials. Her design aesthetic ranges from classic to

contemporary.

She is frequently commissioned to add her own fine-art paintings (usually acrylic on canvas), which she customizes to match her design vision.

“I start each painting with a color palette in my head, then start laying those colors,” she said. “I’m constantly flipping the canvas to make sure the painting is balanced. You can hang it in any position, any way you want, and looks good.”

Culinary Classique

Earlier this year, Small was honored to participate in the Culinary Classique d’Elegance, a Meals on Wheels fundraiser at the Portola Hotel that matched professional designers with well-established local chefs.

She lent her artistic touches to the table décor, and chef Todd Fisher (proprietor of The Meatery in Seaside and Bear + Flag in Carmel Valley), provided the gourmet cuisine.

Small is also a freelance writer whose work has been featured in three editions of Coastal Growers Magazine.

She’s thrilled that a family reunion will take place at the Jan. 5 artists reception at the P.G. Art Center. Both parents plan to attend — her mom is traveling from Chicago along with her brother, Jeffrey, who is coming from L.A. with her nephew, Arthur.

Information about her business and images of her art can be found at amysmalldesign.com.

Her paintings also can be viewed at [instagram.com/_amysmall](https://www.instagram.com/_amysmall).

MORE HISTORY

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across Oklahoma one night, Bruce saw the word “Cherokee” floating in the distance. It was a sign (literally for a truck stop). In 1971, it became the band’s new name and the title of their second album.

Then, in 1973, they launched Cherokee Studios from a barn on a ranch in Chatsworth where they were living. Initially, they produced records for longtime friends like Del Shannon and Ricky Nelson, but soon others liked the vibe of a musician-owned studio. While The Robbs never had a hit record, Cherokee Studios did. Its first hit was Steely Dan’s 1974 album “Pretzel Logic,” which quickly went gold. The success attracted more artists. David Bowie recorded his transitional album, “Station to Station,” at Cherokee in late 1976. In 1977, the brothers bought the former MGM recording studio and moved from the ranch, further expanding their client list to include Alice Cooper, Ringo Starr, Foreigner, Van Halen and even Frank Sinatra.

Revival

The studio, claiming more than 300 gold and platinum records, took a pause in 2008 when the recession and the death of Dee Robb combined with a downturn in the recording industry. Bruce Robb revived the studio on Melrose Avenue a few years later, bringing back the custom-made equipment and the old vibe.

Fifty years after creating Cherokee Studios, Robb is still making recordings and says he has unreleased recordings of The Robbs — the band that, in 1966, showed that Pebble Beach was “Where The Action Is.” If you were at the performance in 1966, please email nbhotelling@msn.com.

MAURICE ANTHONY O’MEARA

1934 - 2023

Maurice Anthony O’Meara, 89, beloved French teacher, prolific poet, painter and irrepressible punster, died peacefully among loved ones in his home in Pacific Grove on September 17, 2023. After a brave struggle with terminal congestive heart failure, he chose the end-of-life option offered by Hospice, and died with the autonomy, mobility and dignity that he cherished. Known to all but telemarketers as “Toni,” he was born on April 23, 1934, in Albany, New York. His Irish father, Maurice E. O’Meara, served as New York State Controller. His Sicilian mother, Frances R. Geoco, raised three rambunctious boys, of whom Toni was the eldest and the ringleader.



Because he earned failing grades in middle school, teachers at Vincentian Institute in Albany considered him incapable of learning high school Latin, his language of choice, so they placed him in a French class. He loved it so much that he courted the friendship of French-speaking boys from nearby Cohoes so he could practice. From then on, he was a straight-A student, graduating as valedictorian of his class. He started at Siena College, took a 3-year interlude at St. Joseph Seminary, and returned to Siena to complete his degree, thus gaining a strong foundation in modern and classical languages, as well as philosophy and religious studies.

In 1958 he was awarded a Fulbright to attend the University of Montpellier, France. By the end of that year, he was so fluent that when he told French people he was an American, they asked in disbelief to see his passport. Composing poems in French under the pen name *Maurice Antoine de Réjouissance*

was to become a lifelong passion. In 1983 Toni won first place in a French poetry contest sponsored by the Museum of Poetry in Carpentras, France. He went on to write hundreds of lyric poems in French, many of which he translated into English and sometimes Spanish, skillfully keeping the spirit, rhythm and rhyme intact. When asked to characterize his writing, Toni would simply state: “*Poetry is the wonder of passion and pain set to the music of words that sing.*”

He earned a Ph.D. in French literature from the University of Iowa in 1967 and taught at Indiana University and Southern Illinois University before moving to California. After brief stints at Mesa College in San Diego and the University of California at Santa Cruz, he acquired a permanent position at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey. When he retired from the DLI in 1994, he continued to teach French, Spanish and Latin on a part-time basis at many schools in the Monterey/Santa Cruz area. He also privately tutored students of all ages in those languages. He helped his wife Connie by adapting and translating Disney’s “Snow White” to be sung and acted by her French students at Santa Catalina Middle School. And for the last eight years of his teaching life, he hosted in his home a weekly class for advanced French students, who perfected their skills by watching and discussing French movies.

Throughout his life Toni enjoyed an array of extracurricular activities. He earned a Black Belt in Okinawan Isshinryu karate at age 52. Once in the Paris Metro he used his skills to knock down a tall attacker who came at him with a knife. He was a sharp-shooter at billiards until his macular degeneration worsened. He loved to play pétanque, a popular game in Southern France, on the backyard court he built himself. He craved a chess game as coach or competitor, anytime, anywhere. He lavished TLC on many family cats over the years.

In 2004, at the age of 70, Toni was given a set of acrylic paints. Without instruction of any kind, he started to paint dramatic landscapes, abstractions, playful animals and portraits. He found such delight in vivid colors that the pain and sorrow expressed in his poems rarely surfaced in his paintings. At age 75, he joined Luke Martin’s Joy of Singing class, rediscovered his resonant tenor voice, and began singing operatic arias, Spanish and Italian love songs, and jazz standards. His singing, rhyming, and punning were emanations of the party always going on inside his head.

Toni was part of a loving blended family: his wife of 32 years, Connie Saint-Amour; his two beloved sons by his late first wife, Sally Burlingham: Armand O’Meara of Aptos, CA, and Matthew O’Meara of Aromas, CA; his devoted brother James O’Meara (Anne O’Sullivan) of San Diego; the large family of his predeceased youngest brother John O’Meara (Ilene) of the Denver area, CO; Connie’s children: Paul Saint-Amour (Alison Buttenheim) of Philadelphia, PA, and Renée Saint-Amour (Grant Coulter) of Amity, OR. Finally, he leaves behind five grandchildren: Alma O’Meara (daughter of his son Matthew and Erica Wade); Claire Saint-Amour; Julia Saint-Amour; Ty Coulter; and Quincy Coulter. He welcomed them all into the world as newborns and brightened their lives with his patience, playfulness, and wacky stories. Besides being a wordsmith of the highest order, Toni was magnanimous, genuine and always kind. His creativity, joviality and chi reigned supreme.

For their life-affirming compassion, good humor, and expertise, we sincerely thank Dr. John Hausdorff, Monica Arnold, Lindsey Fitzgerald, and the other team members from Hospice of the Central Coast who tended Toni so lovingly. In addition, deep gratitude to Lenore Honan and Greg Robinson of Seniors Helping Seniors, who brought companionship, laughter, and friendship to Toni’s last months. All these wonderful caregivers responded in kind to his quips and puns ... and that was the best medicine of all!

Donations may be offered to Hospice (chomp.org/hospice) or to the Stanford Anatomical Gift Program (<https://med.stanford.edu/anatomy/donate.html>), to which Toni donated his body for research and education. He was a teacher to the end. Feel free to contact the family at tonidact@comcast.net.

Dwight Robert (Bob) Hall

April 20, 1928 – December 7, 2023

Bob passed away in his home of natural causes at the age of 95. Bob was born and raised in Watsonville, the



youngest of nine, and then moved to Salinas. During the Korean War he served with the Far East Air Force in Tokyo. After his service, he returned to Salinas where he met his wife, Joy (1955), and began his career as a produce broker with Pacific Fruit and Produce Company where he remained for 40 years.

During that time, Bob and Joy raised three sons, eventually becoming empty-nesters and moving to Carmel. Bob loved to spend time with his grandchildren, enjoyed listening to jazz music and was known for being a diehard 49ers fan, donating more than 13 gallons of blood and anonymously leaving fresh vegetables on neighbors’ doorsteps. Always happy to see a familiar face, he had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. His last 30 plus years were spent in retirement in Carmel.

He is survived by his wife, Joy; three sons, Robbie, John and Scott; and six grandchildren, Stephanie, Melissa, Clayton, Adam, Ethan and Tatum.

No service is scheduled at this time.

LIVES

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Delizonna has always appreciated giving back, and teaching was one way to do so. He taught criminal law at Santa Clara University in the 1970s, and then a seminar at University of San Francisco on trial advocacy. In the 1990s, Delizonna was asked to participate in Stanford Law School's new mock trial opportunity for seniors as part of the team of legal professionals teaching in the program.

After Hurricane Katrina, Delizonna wanted to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans. "They rejected me twice because I had no construction experience, but the third time was the charm and they took me," he said. He helped build four houses for single mothers. "I was upset with the Bush administration for its lack of response to the hurricane, and the easy thing would be to just write a check," he said, but he wanted to take action. It turned out to be his most

satisfying pro bono effort.

"The capper was at the last house we were building. I was putting in locks in the master bedroom, and the woman who would be living there came in and said, 'I heard you came all the way from California.' She began to cry, threw her arms around me, and said 'Bless you.' I let a few tears fall myself," he said.

Survivor

Delizonna is a prostate cancer survivor, "I was a much better individual after going through that," he said. "I became much less judgmental and was able to see and forgive mistakes by others." He is divorced with five children with whom he has great relationships.

Now that he is retired, he enjoys traveling and sports — he's a big Giants, 49ers, and Warriors fan. The Pacific Grove resident is a member of the "All 50 Club," having visited all 50 states, and enjoys staying physically fit.

He is also a philanthropist, deriving enormous satisfaction from giving money to charities.

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MARGARET DOWNES BASKIN

3/10/1930 – 12/11/2023

Carmel, CA

"Peggy" Baskin died peacefully at her home in Jacks Peak on Dec. 11 at the age of 93. She departed after an extraordinary life that profoundly influenced the lives of her family and an extended network of friends, students, colleagues and communities. Her wit, grace, beauty and intellect were revealed in her many roles — as a college professor, author, philanthropist, nature lover and photographer. Her CV list of accomplishments runs a full four pages, only to scrape the surface of a dynamic life.

Peggy was filled with strong passions and abundant light, as well as dark corners that nibbled occasionally at her confidence. Peggy amazed everyone as a force of nature with unique perspectives as a doubting optimist and sunny cynic who achieved so much despite a difficult childhood. She considered herself a survivor.

At the age of 10, Peggy and her mother hastily relocated from Bainbridge Island in Washington to Carmel-by-the-Sea with little but the clothes on their backs and a car to escape an erratic and volatile father. Peggy attended Carmel public schools, fifth grade through high school, at a time when Carmel High School was new and very small and Carmel-by-the-Sea was still primarily an artist community. As a "most likely to succeed" student she earned a full scholarship that took her to Vassar College where she found new friends and developed a strong interest in political science, earning her Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude honors.

She returned to Carmel and married her high school sweetheart, Rod Dewar. Their life together introduced her to social/charitable circles, the excitement of travel (especially Europe), and motherhood (Scott). In 1964, Rod and Peggy divorced. Within a year she married Jim Niebel and they soon had a daughter (Cammy) and Peggy developed a new interest — hiking in the local Coastal Range on weekends and the Sierra mountains on longer camping trips in the summer. Peggy and Jim divorced in 1971 and she began teaching American government classes at Monterey Peninsula College, setting her on course for a three-decade teaching career. She went on to earn her M.A. degree at CSU in Northridge and her Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School of Government at the age of 52.

Peggy found her soul mates with her two last husbands, Charles Downes (passed in April 1993) and Jack Baskin (passed in January 2020). Both men adored her and provided her with many years filled with adventure and the companionship she had sought since childhood. Peggy entered a new confident phase of her life split between teaching (Cabrillo College, Santa Clara University, UC Santa Cruz, and even a semester at Durham University in England) and, together with Jack, devoting time, energy and financial support to many educational and community causes in the Monterey Bay area. She earned several awards for her teaching and philanthropic work, including: Outstanding Woman Award for Monterey County, Outstanding Philanthropist Award for Monterey County, Stars Teacher of the Year at UCSC and Monterey County Board of Supervisors Public Service Award. Always interested in collaborating with eager, talented partners, she co-founded several philanthropic organizations, such as Women's Educational Success at Cabrillo College (2003), Women Helping Women at Monterey Peninsula College (2003), Women's Leadership Forum at Cal State Monterey Bay (2003), and The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Monterey County.

Peggy also served on several boards, including: Cal State Monterey Bay Leadership Council, Community Foundation of Monterey County, Monterey Peninsula College Foundation and York School.

As many condolence messages have affirmed, Peggy made an enduring mark on many young people's lives, particularly women, giving them the confidence and skills which she perceived as missing in her early years.

A special place in her heart was reserved for the Peggy & Jack Baskin Foundation (founded in 2009, and currently led by Jack's granddaughter, Nicole Baran) whose mission is to create and support strategies to reach gender and racial equity. Support and elevation of woman in all phases of life is a cause that ran deep with Peggy. She authored two books centered on women, *The New Older Woman* and *Beyond Superwoman*, and spoke at numerous conferences and retreats on shattering the glass ceiling.

In the early 2000s Peggy began to explore her creative, artistic self. She coupled her interest in design and travel in the form of photography, producing two beautiful books.

Her later years presented challenges that were mitigated by the attentive, loving care provided by her daughter Cammy and son-in-law Tim who lived on the Jacks Peak property with her, along with a team of diligent and compassionate caregivers: Vicki, Brene, Connie, Esther, Ludy, Norma, Geneva, Angie and Samantha.

Peggy is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Baskin. She is survived by her daughter, Cammy Torgenrud (Tim); son, Scott Dewar (Kathy); grandson, Zach Dewar; granddaughter, Whitney Dewar; great-grandchildren, Shiloh, Violet and Calvin Rocha, Colton Dewar, as well as stepchildren Elaine Baskin, Marianna Mejia, Nick Baran, Kelley Downes Stanley and Yates Downes.

A private family and close friend celebration for Peggy Baskin is planned for early 2024. In lieu of flowers, please donate to one of her favorite organizations:

- Point Lobos Foundation, 80 Garden Court, Suite 106, Monterey, CA 93940 (www.pointlobos.org/support)
- VNA & Hospice - 5 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Monterey, CA 93940 (www.ccvna.com)

Two weeks short of Christmas — after a warmly hued Pacific sunset, Peggy took her last short breath, expelling the cares, worries and wonders of a corporeal life. Later that night I saw a shooting star streak west, chasing the now distant sun. "That is our mom," I said to my sister. She smiled, affirming that sentiment.

May her spirit remain indelible with those she left behind and her full, vibrant life be a guide to us all.



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HEALTHY *Lifestyles*

For better health, raise your hand high and volunteer

By SALLY BAHO

IT'S THAT time of year when we're all supposed to set goals to improve ourselves. According to Drive Research, 38 percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions every year. While health-related goals come to mind — 39 percent of adults say they intend to improve their fitness and 37 percent make commitments to lose weight — it is important to note that 81 percent of resolution-makers aspire to improve their mental health. This includes strategies like seeking therapy, starting meditation, being more grateful and taking breaks from social media. Volunteering can also help achieve mental health goals, not to mention benefit the community.

Danielle Dollinger, a clinical psychologist with Montage Health, encourages patients to take a holistic look at their mental health when it comes to setting goals or trying to increase their happiness. There is a great body of research on the benefits of prosocial work — that is, doing something for others — such as working with a nonprofit, helping a neighbor or donating goods, money or time.

Building bonds

Research suggests that volunteering is a beneficial way to connect with your community and build positive relationships through creating “social capital” and building bonds of trust and cooperation. “Many of my patients talk about wanting to have a greater sense of community and social life, outside of their immediate families,” Dollinger said. Committing to be somewhere to help out regularly can provide that very sense of community and belonging. But it doesn't need to be weekly if you don't have the time. Volunteering at one of the numerous events that



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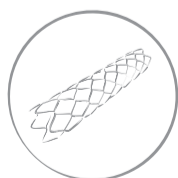
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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

A workout to improve balance, posture and more

By ELAINE HESSER

IT ALL started at the end of October, during a walk with some, um, mature friends who enjoy outdoor activities. We were on a beach, and one of the women decided to go barefoot in the sand.

When we returned to the pavement, she sat down on a low curb, put her sneakers back on, then stood straight up without using her hands — something that sounds easy until you try it. When I complimented her strength and balance, she said she'd been doing something called The Gyrotonic Method.

Writing these columns exposes me to all sorts of fitness trends — Zumba in the pool, military-style workouts with concrete blocks, ballet-like barre movements — but The Gyrotonic Method? Nope. Never heard of it.

Going to the source

I talked to my gym rat friends, a few physical therapists and some of my favorite fitness fanatics, and they, too, were at a loss. Searching online for “Gyrotonics near me” turned up just a few certified local instructors, all of whom go through a rigorous, approximately one-year training program to learn how to teach the method.

Two of them — Olava Menczkowska, studio director at the Beach and Tennis Club at Pebble Beach, and Kaleena Hurlburt, a teacher at Mindful Movement in the Barnyard shopping center — sat down separately in their studios to explain the system and its benefits. Both suggested visiting the Gyrotonic website (gyrotonic.com) to get some background.

There, I found 81-year-old founder Julliu Horvath’s description of how and why he developed the system. He was the prin-



Olava Menczkowska (right), studio director at the Beach and Tennis Club, and her client and friend, Jody Clark, on a piece of Gyrotonic workout equipment.

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What weight-loss surgery can — and can't — do

By KATHARINE BALL

WHAT WOULD life be like if your stomach was the size of a thumb?

As everyone prepares for the annual onslaught of ads for weight-loss schemes, some people who have tried repeatedly to shed pounds will contemplate weight-loss surgery, which drastically reduces stomach size via a gastric bypass or gastric sleeve. But the procedures aren't magic.

"What I always try to stress is that the need to eat healthy and exercise doesn't change," said Dr. Steven Chang, a Montage surgeon who performs bariatric (a branch of medicine dealing with obesity) operations. "It's not, 'Now I can eat bad food and get away with it.' It's really a tool that gives you a fighting chance for sustained weight loss."

Change, commitment

The surgery isn't for someone who wants to lose 10 pounds of Christmas cookie weight. Rather, it's designed for people who are clinically obese and whose health is suffering because of it, through high blood pressure, diabetes and other diet- or weight-related ills.

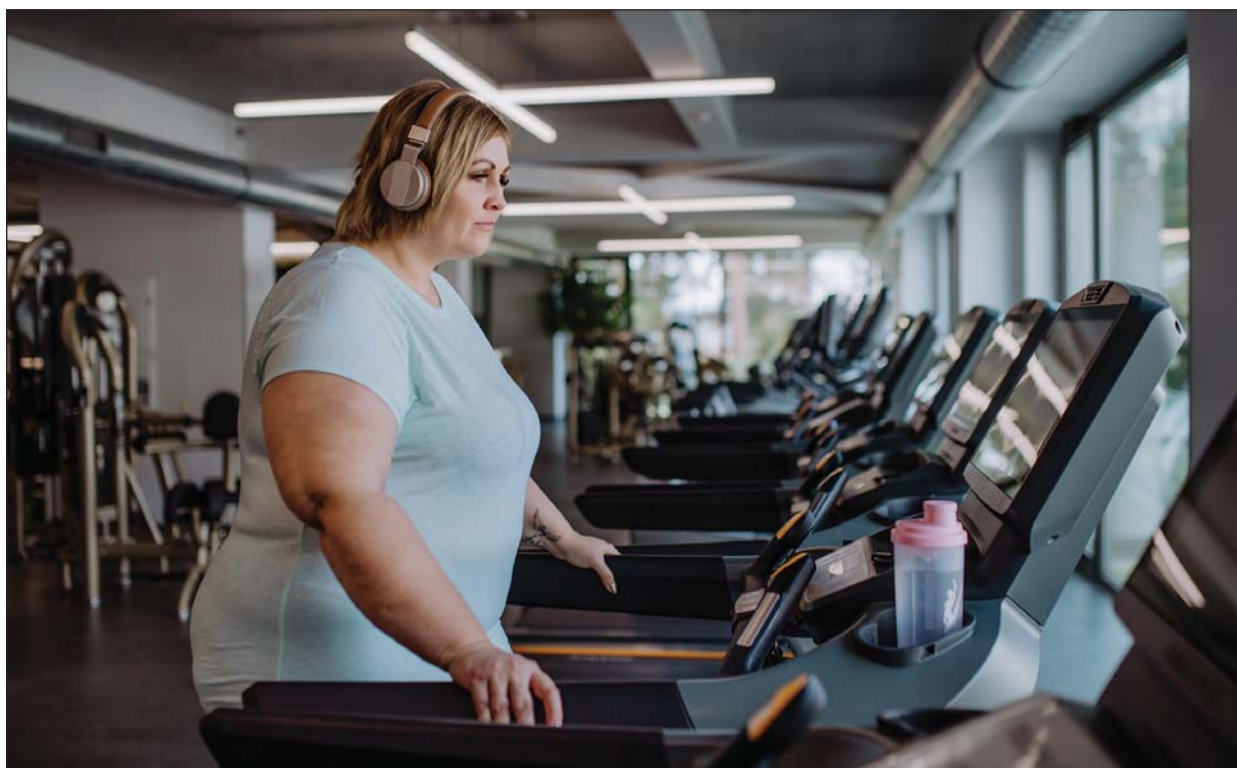
"Removing 80 percent of the stomach is not the main way people (who undergo the surgery) lose weight," Chang said. For reasons that aren't fully understood, the surgery usually prompts certain hormonal changes affecting appetite and metabolism.

These are the same hormones targeted by new weight-loss and diabetes-treating drugs, including Wegovy, Ozempic and Mounjaro, he said.

"These drugs are all designed to mimic the effect of gastric bypass surgery," Chang said. They target a hormone that tells you you're satiated when it releases into your system.

Other, forceful hormones control the urge to eat.

"These hunger hormones are powerful. They're the ones that will drive people to



Even if people have weight-loss surgery, they still have to make radical lifestyle changes.

eat out of the trash" if they're famished, Chang said. They are also the hormones bariatric surgery candidates are battling, he said.

Different choices

With regard to what you can eat once you're beyond the initial six- to eight-week recovery period, the answer is primarily lean protein, plus cooked vegetables and whole grains, thoroughly chewed. The stomach — which the Mayo Clinic says can normally stretch to hold as much as a quart or more of food — is effectively reduced so that it holds just one ounce. After about eight weeks of progressively larger meals, the clinic says, it can stretch so that a person can eat 1 to 1 1/2 cups of food three times daily.

Retaining muscle mass during weight loss is a concern, hence the need for lots of protein. Vitamin and mineral supplements will also be required. High-fat foods, such as ice cream, are off the menu, except in small quantities for special occasions. Sodas, even with artificial sweeteners, are also discouraged, as is alcohol.

"This is not about going from six McNuggets down to one," Chang said. "You've got to get rid of bad foods."

Chang compared the change to giving up smoking. You can't just reduce the amount you smoke and expect to reduce your chances of lung disease; you must quit. He noted obesity comes with "a lot of stigma in the medical

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THE KITCHEN

Bites and sips for a fresh New Year

Courtesy Dominic Mercurio, Cafe Fina, and Katie Reneker, Carmel Berry Co.

AS NEW Eve approaches, it's tempting to get really decadent "one last time" before jumping into 2024 with a raft of resolutions about improving your diet. However, that kind of all-or-nothing thought process is exactly the sort of thing that sabotages an overall healthy approach to eating. The trick is to get flavors you like in healthy ways and having a slice of cheesy, sausage-laden pizza or a few pieces of Lu-la's chocolate as occasional treats.

The minute you put something on the "never again" list, you're almost guaranteed to want it. So, let's add a show-stopping veggie side or entrée to the New

Year's Eve buffet and make some lovely mocktails at the bar from Carmel Berry Co.

Whole roasted cauliflower, courtesy of Cafe Fina on Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey, requires simmering the vegetable and then roasting it. Don't overcook — you don't want it to fall apart.

Although it doesn't always get the love it should, cauliflower is nutrient-dense, high in vitamins C, K, B6 and folate, among others; it is an excellent source of fiber and rich in antioxidants.

This recipe is adapted from the "Cafe Fina Cookbook," available at Cafe Fina on the Wharf.

ELDERFLOWER SUNSHINE MOCKTAIL
(Serves 2)

- 4 ounces freshly squeezed grapefruit juice
- 2 tablespoons elderflower syrup
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 4-6 ounces sparkling or soda water
- Grapefruit zest for garnish

In a cocktail shaker or small pitcher filled with ice, add the grapefruit juice, lime juice and elderflower syrup. Stir to combine. Use a vegetable peeler to make a 2-inch strip of grapefruit zest (no white pith). Wrap it around a straw or your finger to curl. Set aside. Add the soda water into the shaker and gently stir. Fill festive tumblers or stemware with fresh ice. Strain mocktail into the glasses and garnish with grapefruit zest.



WHOLE ROASTED CAULIFLOWER
(Serves 4-6)

- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 quart chicken stock
- Tony's Creole seasoning
- 1/4 cup sliced, lightly toasted almonds
- 2 anchovy filets
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped Italian parsley
- Dash of smoked paprika
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place cauliflower, stem down, in a stockpot and add chicken stock. If necessary, add water to fully submerge the cauliflower. Add a few dashes of Tony's and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and let simmer for about five to seven minutes, then carefully turn it over and continue simmering for just a few minutes or until a fork enters the base easily. Do not overcook it. Remove the cauliflower from the stock and place on a baking sheet. Roast in prepared oven for about 30 minutes or until the top is golden brown. Rotate the pan every 10 minutes if needed for even browning.

Puree the remaining ingredients in a food processor to make a sauce, then gen-

tly warm it in a saucepan.

Remove cauliflower from the oven and, keeping it whole, transfer it to a serving dish, then drizzle with the warmed sauce.

Mocktails are from Katie Reneker, owner of the Carmel Berry Company. You can find her elderflower and elderberry syrups — used in all of these drinks — at many local retailers, including Jerome's Carmel Valley Market, Carmel Belle downtown, and Happy Girl Kitchen Co. in P.G. Visit carmelberry.com for more information.

ELDERFLOWER FAUXMOSA
(Serves 2)

- 4 ounces freshly squeezed orange juice
- 2 tablespoons pineapple juice (optional)
- 2 tablespoons elderflower syrup
- 4 ounces sparkling or soda water
- Squeeze of lime
- Orange slice and sprig of mint or rosemary to garnish

In a cocktail shaker or small pitcher filled with ice, add the orange juice, pineapple juice and elderflower syrup and stir to combine. Add the sparkling water and gently mix. Pour into champagne flutes (add fresh ice if preferred). Finish with a squeeze of lime and garnish.

ELDERBERRY (NO)-JITO BEST WITH ZESTY GINGER BEER
(Serves 2)

- 4 tablespoons elderberry syrup
- 4 tablespoons fresh cranberries or fresh raspberries
- 6 ounces ginger beer (something fresh and strong, like Ginger Lab)
- Sparkling or soda water to taste
- Fresh mint for garnish

Gently press mint leaves into a glass to release their oils. Shake together with ice and everything but the soda, then strain into a rocks glass over crushed ice. Top with ginger beer and stir. Add soda water to taste. Garnish with additional mint leaves and, if desired, add a couple of fresh cranberries to the glass.

Note: Ginger beer is a nonalcoholic beverage similar to ginger ale, but much stronger and spicier. It makes a big difference in the mocktail, so just this once, please step away from the Canada Dry.

Chef Bios

KATIE RENEKER is founder of Carmel Berry Company, a certified woman-owned business, making freshly pressed elderberry goods from 100 percent American-grown elderberry and elderflowers. Reneker has become an advocate and mentor for elderberry farming in California, making grants and education for new elderberry growers part of the company's mission. She said she never tires of advocating for what she calls a "native superfruit" and the folks who grow it.

DOMINIC MERCURIO grew up in Monterey in a Sicilian-American family. His father was a fisherman, and Mercurio grew up watching his mom cook everything from scratch and having family lunches on Sundays that lasted for hours. In 1989, he bought what is now Cafe Fina on Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf and has since dedicated his life to it. Mercurio is a fisherman and avid duck hunter who tends to the Central Valley farm where he grows watermelons, exceptional tomatoes, peaches, almonds and more, many of which find their way into menu items at his restaurant.



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principal dancer for the Romanian National Dance Company in 1970, when he defected (Romania was part of the Soviet bloc at the time) and was granted asylum in the United States. Horvath became principal dancer with the Houston Ballet until he ruptured his Achilles tendon. While rehabbing from the injury, he developed a system he dubbed Yoga for Dancers, which he called “a class format that almost any person could perform, regardless of age or state of health.”

That evolved into Gyrokinesis, a form of the exercise using a mat and chair and often taught to whole classes, and Gyrotonics, which is more one-on-one and uses large pieces of equipment to support and

stretch the body. The workouts’ goals are increased freedom of movement, greater strength and improved agility. The only things a student needs are comfortable clothing (shoes are not worn) and a willingness to learn.

One-on-one training sessions seem to hover in the \$100 to \$200-per-hour range around here, with some teachers offering discounts for multiple sessions, and group classes are less expensive. Once-weekly workouts are recommended, and taking two or three a week is even better, the instructors said. You can also go to the Gyrotonics website (which works best with the Chrome browser) and sign up for virtual group Gyrokinesis classes at varying rates

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come through town — the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, for example — is a great way to give back, learn something new and meet new people.

“When my husband and I moved here nine years ago, I volunteered to meet new people and get a sense of the community,” explained Debbie Feole, a retired accountant, financial analyst, and finance manager who volunteers at Joining Hands Benefit

Shop in Carmel Rancho.

“Now it has become so much more. Knowing that I’m giving back to the community and that my efforts make a difference gives me a real sense of purpose,” she said. “I love going to ‘work’ and my friends and family know that.”

Even people who can’t volunteer feel a sense of purpose when they donate items to the shop, Feole noted.

“The benefits of volunteering are numerous but I think it’s the best for one’s heart, mind, and spirit,” she added.

If you don’t have the time or ability to volunteer, look in your closets. You may have clothes, art or home goods that others could benefit from — and in more than one way. Joining Hands Benefit Shop, like numerous similar operations in the area, is a nonprofit that raises money by selling people’s unwanted goods. In 2023, Joining Hands donated \$135,000 to nonprofits working to reduce homelessness in Monterey County, such as the Shuman

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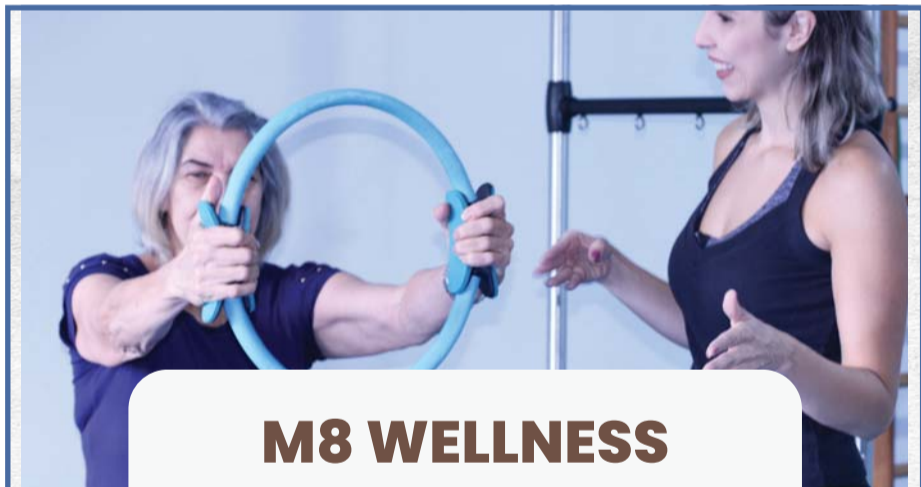


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HeartHouse, and the Carmel Foundation, which supports senior housing, among other things. Similarly, Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services in Seaside has been providing financial assistance to nonprofits on the Monterey Peninsula since 1955. Its shop is run entirely by volunteers.

Fights depression

As Feole expressed, volunteerism provides a sense of purpose. Beyond applying your skills for the greater benefit of another person, organization, or the community, you might develop new skills. Lifelong learning has been found to boost self-confidence and self-esteem, as well as improve memory and cognitive function.



Danielle Dollinger

“Volunteering has been shown to greatly improve mood problems like anxiety or depression. Participating in pro-social behavior, from a chemical perspective, gives you a dopamine and serotonin increase that makes you happy,” Dollinger explained. Further, helping

others is linked to better physical health. When we’re helping others, we feel better about ourselves, and mental and physical health are highly correlated, so it’s not surprising that when we are mentally well, we are more likely to be physically well, too.



Debbie Feole

Whether your goal is to improve your mental health or social life, or you’re an empty nester with some free time on your hands (or you need to temporarily escape the rather full nest), or you simply want to do something good for the community, volunteering could be the perfect thing for you in 2024.

If you don’t know where to start, visit volunteermatch.com to search in your desired location. The website allows you to filter by causes, such as education and literacy, environment, animals, arts and culture, and many more. Or think of causes you are passionate about and inquire about volunteer opportunities. Local libraries, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Point Lobos, and events like the Bach Festival, Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, and more, can all use a helping hand.

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world,” a mindset of “they did it to themselves.”

“But if you’re heavy enough to qualify for weight-loss surgery, there’s probably a genetic component,” he said. “You’re probably genetically prone to retaining fat.”

This might have been a useful adapta-

tion in prehistoric times, when three square meals a day were by no means guaranteed.

“But now, with processed food and a sedentary lifestyle, it’s a real metabolic problem people face,” Chang said.

Useful resources for information on bariatric surgery include: montagehealth.org/care-treatment/bariatric-surgery/right-for-me and ucsfhealth.org/education/dietary-guidelines-after-bariatric-surgery.

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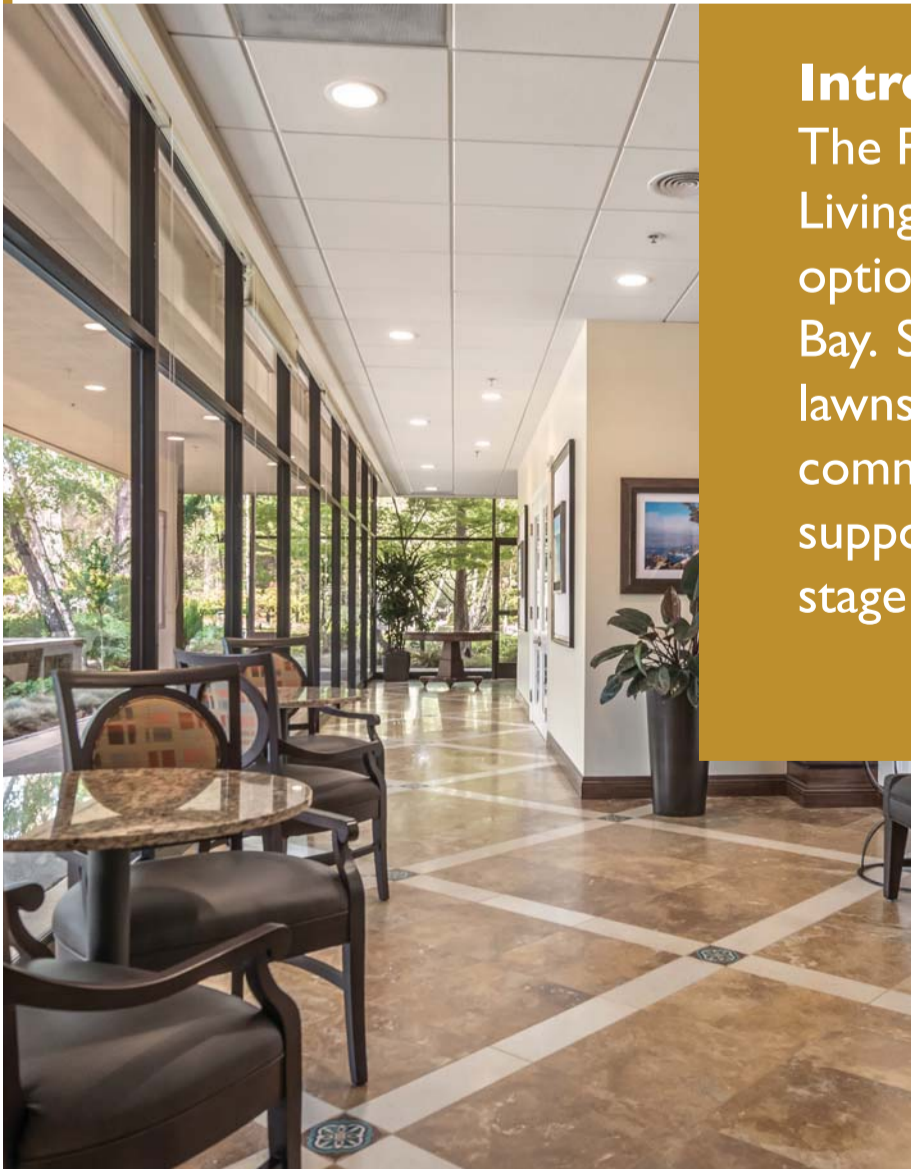
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in the \$20-to-\$50 range (and up).

Hurlburt demonstrated some of the movements, a few of which evoked basic yoga poses. One, called arch and curl, is more or less a seated version of yoga's cow/cat, pushing the abs forward while arching the spine, then pulling the stomach in while curling the back into a C shape, like an angry cat. Like yoga, there's also an emphasis on synchronizing movement and breathing.

Focus, coordination

She demonstrated some other moves and provided hands-on correction and adjustments as I tried them. Hurlburt, a former ballet dancer, explained that one of the distinctive features of the Gyrotonic method was its emphasis on constant, flowing movements that involve the whole body, as opposed to, say, holding a yoga pose for several breaths or doing multiple repetitions of bicep curls.

It also requires focus and coordination, like patting your head while rubbing your belly, as limbs are strapped to pulleys on a device called "the tower," leading into movements in multiple, opposing directions. Hurlburt noted that depending on what your goals are, the exercise can become aerobic.

While there's limited clinical data on Gyrotonics' effectiveness, Menczkowska brought her own anecdotal evidence in the form of local resident Jody Clark, one of her clients. Clark, who is in her late 80s, said she has been coming to the studio since 1996 or 1997.

Said Menczkowska, who has her bachelor's and master's degrees in dance and, at 67, is a competitive ballroom



Kaleena Hurlburt (right) assists a client with The Gyrotonic Method. Participants learn to coordinate breathing with fluid movements.

dancer, "I have clients up to their 90s who have been with me for 20 years." She also mentioned that she works with athletes, business executives, professional golfers and some people who have Parkinson's disease.

Staying present

Clark — whose excellent posture and high energy belie her age — strode into the small studio and sat down to chat about her experiences. "I like how it works with my body," she began. "My aches and pains just disappeared. I was freeing my body with movement," she said.

She added that she feels "more secure in her body and has more confidence." Menczkowska described it as "functional stability" — moving through daily activities without being concerned about falling. "I have more consistent energy in movement," confirmed Clark. "I see it while I'm walking and picking things up." She also noted that she skips the elevator in multi-story buildings. "I love the stairs," she said.

Menczkowska noted that the mindfulness required to complete the various movements supports mental acuity and encourages practitioners to "stay present" and express themselves physically — something she believes is lacking when people are constantly on phones or behind keyboards.

Picking up on the mental health theme, Clark mentioned that her continued ability to drive and get around on foot means that she can maintain a regular social life — something that's repeatedly been shown to be necessary for seniors' mental health.

And, she added, she likes that the emphasis with Gyrotonics isn't on getting a beach body. "You don't have to look like a bathing beauty. It's not about weight loss," it's about being functional and living life more fully.

You can contact Menczkowska at the Beach and Tennis Club (831) 915-5878, and you can reach Mindful Movement Studio, where Hurlburt is one of several instructors, at (831) 204-0734.

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features contemporary interpretations of holiday favorites, including “Deck the Halls,” “We Three Kings and “Silent Night.” It proved wildly successful and enduring — based on several surveys, it ranks among the Top 10 of all holiday-themed LPs. According to Sunset Center’s **Annelise Nussbacher**, it also revolutionized “the making and marketing of holiday music.”

Tickets start for the concert start at \$75. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

Next up in Sunset Center’s live music lineup is a Jan. 20 concert by **The Maxwell Quartet**. For details, visit chambermusicmontereybay.org.



Serving up “soulful, heartfelt ballads and straight-on, hook-driven rockers,” River Voices performs Sunday at First Night Monterey. Seventeen acts are featured at this year’s celebration, which continues past midnight on Dec. 31.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Led by founder and multi-instrumentalist **Chip Davis**, Mannheim Steamroller blends rock, classical and new age influences. The ensemble’s 1984 album, “Christmas,”



Backed by a bassist and a drummer, singer and guitarist Brad Wilson plays rock and blues Saturday at the Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove.

Goodbye 2023

Seventeen musical acts say goodbye to 2023 Sunday evening at various sites in downtown Monterey. The shows are part of the 31st annual First Night Monterey celebration, which is being billed as a “nine-hour, family-friendly extravaganza.”

Headliners include **Wolf Jett**, which will play “cosmic mountain music” at the Golden State Theater when the clock strikes midnight, and **The California Cowboys**, who will play country music in the Monterey Conference Center’s Serra Ballroom at the same time.

The lineup also includes **Red Beans and Rice**, **The Black Irish Band**, **Jonah and the Whalewatchers**, **Shannon and the Night Divers**, **River Voices**, **The Robert Turner-Kevin O’Neal Trio**, **Sunny Side of the Mountain**, **Banish Misfortune**, the drumming group **Shinsho Mugen Daiko**, percussionist **Jayson Fann** and others.

Besides live music, First Night features an array of

performances and activities, including a Kid’s Night Out and a Twilight Procession.

Buttons for this year’s First Night party are \$32 for adults and \$20 for 6 to 15. Kids under 5 get in free. For more details, visit firstmonterey.org.

Hello 2024

Carrying on a tradition, **The Cherry Trio** plays a 3 p.m. concert Monday to welcome the New Year. Violinist **Elizabeth Gaver**, violist **Penny Hanna** and harpsichordist **Michael Peterson** will perform Italian and English mu-

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Looking forward, helping pups in need and tasting some 'shrooms

IF OLD science fiction movies are to be believed, 2024 will be a terrible year. Whether we discover we're living in a big computer simulation ("The Thirteenth Floor") or in some sort of post-apocalyptic hellscape ("A Boy and His Dog," "Beyond the Time Barrier"), those old moviemakers were not nearly as excited about the future as we'd like.

Whatever happened to visions of jet packs, flying cars and skipping through time in a DeLorean?

Here in Soup to Nuts, we gazed into our crystal goblet and came up with a far sunnier forecast. Pebble Beach Food & Wine will make a glorious return, and Michelin will continue to discover our great restaurants. Releases of new vintages of pinot and chard will be magnificent, and no one will have reason to utter the words "smoke taint" all year.

In the meantime, here are a few things that are about to come in with the new year — and one that will head out

with the old.

■ Speaking of Pebble Beach

After a multi-year hiatus and a change in ownership, Pebble Beach Food & Wine will return April 4-7, 2024, and ticket packages are on sale now, with individual passes to be offered next month.

Presented by the nonprofit Pebble Beach Co. Foundation — which has distributed \$12.7 million to children's charities since its creation in 1975 — the event "will bring together over 150 acclaimed wine and spirits producers and more than 100 distinguished chefs from across the nation," according to organizers.

Before founders David Bernahl and Rob Weakley went their separate ways, Pebble Beach Food & Wine had grown to an expansive four-day event with dozens of tastings, lunches, dinners, seminars, after-parties and other

associated events in Pebble Beach and beyond. But issues within the company and the Covid pandemic brought the enterprise to a halt, and PBFW went offline in 2020.

Soup to Nuts

Several months ago, Pebble Beach Co. announced the resurrection of the event, and tickets went on sale Dec. 12.

Lined up to participate in the various presentations — which will be held at the Lodge at Pebble Beach and the Inn at Spanish Bay — are talented and accomplished chefs from throughout the country and beyond. Locals figure prominently, too.

Wine seminars, panels and tastings will be led by master sommeliers and winemakers, and will feature venerable producers like Bond, Piper-Heidsieck, Dalla Valle, Dom Pérignon, Fine + Rare, Krug, Laurent Perrier, Opus One, Promontory and Verité Estate.

"The event's programming is crafted to foster connection, encompassing intimate dining experiences, golf outings, cocktail mixers beside the property's inviting firepits, and exclusive wine cellar dinners," according to organizers, and its new operating agency, a21, describes itself as "a dynamic full-service experiential marketing agency, excelling in event operations, production, corporate sales, and brand activations for live experiences."

So far, three packages are available: Diamond for \$10,000, "offering a full immersion into the week-

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Back in the 20-teens, Pebble Beach Food and Wine hosted a galaxy of cooking luminaries like Ludo Lefebvre and Daniel Boulud (left). You couldn't swing a baguette without winging a Food Network star, and dozens of tastings were available in huge tents and buildings specially erected for the event.

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end's festivities," Platinum for \$6,500, which "includes VIP access to opening night and the tasting pavilion, exclusive lounge access, premium pours, intimate dinners, lunches and seminars," and Gold, which costs \$3,000 and allows the ticketholder "to craft a personalized experience from a selection of seven distinct gourmet events." Purchasers must choose the specific events they want by Jan. 15, 2024, and organizers warn some may sell out.

Lots of options

Thursday will include the traditional golf tournament and opening night, a tasting of rare wines and spirits, and a late-night gathering, while Friday will offer various tastings and seminars, several lunches and dinners, and an after party. On Saturday, tastings will be offered in the morning — including one featuring the inimitable pairing of Champagne and

caviar — followed by a few lunches, a Happy Hour session of Burgers, Bourbon & Bordeaux, and a few dinners. Another after-party will round out the extravagant day. Sunday, which traditionally included a Champagne seminar before the grand tasting, will feature three tastings (two bubbles-oriented), a jazz brunch and the tasting pavilion, an expansive collection of chefs offering small bites, wineries and spirits producers pouring tastes, and "immersive experiences."

So far, the only non-package tickets being sold are for the tasting pavilion, with prices ranging from \$475 for general admission to VIP weekend passes priced at \$1,200.

For more information and tickets, visit pebblebeachfoodandwine.com.

Hofsas House preserves fundraiser

Even with an extensive remodel beginning to make its way through the permit process, and with the city having just made a decision that Hofsas House isn't historic, the owners of San Carlos Street hotel have

decided to continue its longtime dedication to fundraising for Peninsula charities via its Locals' Favorites Wine Fridays. The inn is partnering with Peace of Mind Dog Rescue to host a series of wine-tasting events on Jan. 26, May 17 and Sept. 20, from 5:30

to 7 p.m. at the hotel's poolside meeting room.

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Artist's show celebrates 'Unpaved Paradise,' C.V. student designs poster

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE FIRST art show of the new year opens Wednesday, when Venture Gallery in Monterey unveils a display of paintings by Susann Cate Lynn.

Titled "Unpaved Paradise," the exhibit explores "natural, undeveloped locales that elicit a peaceful, calm and restorative feeling."

"She is naturally drawn to paint these oases because of the sense of connection to nature they generate within," the gallery's Edi Matsumoto said. "She feels strongly that, as communities look at ways to provide desperately needed housing, open spaces and small neighborhood oases of green open space and nature are essential for our well-being."

A Carmel native who now lives in Pacific Grove, Lynn was once a dedicated ballet dancer. She was inspired to focus on her art after taking a backpacking trip along the famous Camino de Santiago trail in Spain eight years ago.

The show continues through the end of the month.

The gallery will be the site of a recep-

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

tion Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. It's located at 260 Alvarado St. next to Portola Hotel and Spa. Call (831) 372-6279.

■ A winning design

A lot of creativity goes into the planning each year for First Night Monterey — for instance, to come up with the artwork for the event's commemorative poster and admission buttons, organizers annually turn to Cal State Monterey Bay's graphic communications students for ideas and inspiration.

This year, Tatiana Cabrera Rojo of Carmel Valley submitted the winning design, which is titled, "Together in Monterey."

A senior at CSUMB who will soon graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in visual communication design, Rojo plans to work in branding and advertising, while at the same time pursuing abstract

art. Patricia Qualls Contemporary Art represents her fine art.

For more details about First Night, which kicks off Sunday at 3 p.m., visit firstnightmonterey.org.

CUISINE

From previous page

An entry fee of \$15 gets you a glass of wine and snacks, and more drinks can be purchased for \$5 a glass.

Organizers want the event to stay intimate, so only 40 spots are available.

Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, of course, is a nonprofit committed to supporting local senior dogs and the senior people who love them. All proceeds will go towards furthering POMDR's mission.

Bernardus is slated to provide wines for Jan. 26, Scheid Vineyards will do the honors on May 17, and Twisted Roots will be there Sept. 20.

To be part of this chance to make a difference for the senior dogs and people of our community, contact Carrie Theis at (831) 624-2745 or carrie.theis@hofsas-house.com.

■ Fungi say farewell, make way for new tastes

If you can, get into Bernardus for a last chance at executive chef Christian Ojeda's December tasting menu, featuring a wide assortment of mushrooms elegantly incorporated into a four-course meal that speaks of winter holidays and snowy woods. Ojeda, who will celebrate his two-year anniversary helping the kitchen of the popular resort at the foot of Laureles Grade next month, previously worked in Park City, Utah, at Montage Deer Valley (no relation to our local healthcare group of the same name), as well as in Calistoga and in Santa Fe, N.M. That was after earning his bachelor's in hospitality management at the Art Institute of Colorado in 2003.

His menu embraces as much locally foraged and grown food as possible, augmented by a few treats found farther afield and wine pairings that range from the

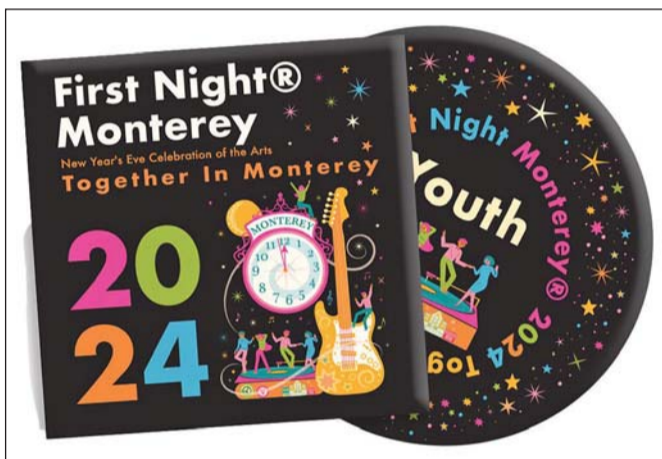
familiar — Napa's Grgich Hills — to the French Domaine des Emois that Ojeda suggests to accompany his first course, smoked king trumpet mushroom salad with caramelized parsnip-orange puree, organic chicory (greens), and "soil" made of mushrooms, dried Japanese panko breadcrumbs, finished with a truffle honey vinaigrette.

While each component of the salad is appealing on its own, a bite of all of them together clearly expresses the combination of freshness and earthiness that Ojeda intended. If your taste buds have been previously assaulted by over-truffling and profligate ingredient-smoking, rest assured you're safe here — those flavors just provide gentle touches of seasoning. The foraged wild mushroom gnocchi carbonara is a thoroughly enjoyable plate of fluffy gnocchi with a little pork belly and cured egg yolk in mushroom sauce, with the richness offset by chipotle-spiced Tsar Nicolai trout roe and spicy baby arugula.

The juniper-marinated venison with golden potato hash, braised leeks and chanterelle mushrooms served in a red-eye-style gravy with Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. coffee is cooked a beautiful medium-rare, maintaining a lean-but-tender bite. Finally, the candy cap mushroom ice-box pie makes excellent use of the naturally sweet fungi in a creamy filling spread over a chocolate-porcini cookie crust (with the emphasis on chocolate) and topped in Italian meringue.

The decadent — but not overly filling — menu goes for \$125 per person, with wine pairings available for \$95. Stay tuned for January's ode to citrus and new tasting menus for each month in 2024. We'll get you the deets as they become available, but if it's anywhere near as intriguing and well-considered as the mushroom meal, it's bound to be worth your while. Read more about Lucia Restaurant & Bar at bernarduslodge.com, or call (831) 658-3400.

Mary Schley and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week's column.



A senior at Cal State Monterey Bay and Carmel Valley resident, Tatiana Cabrera Rojo designed the artwork for First Night Monterey's 2024 posters and buttons.

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While "ice-box pie" conjures images of comforting diner food, this combination of candy cap mushrooms and chocolate-porcini cookie crust adds a distinctively upscale note to Bernardus' fungi-themed December tasting menu.

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S/Frank C. Hansen
Date signed: Dec. 7, 2023
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S/Emanuel Diaz Lopez
Date signed: Dec. 18, 2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 18, 2023.
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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
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Registered Owner(s): MARCARITA SANCHEZ, 5100 Coe Ave., Spc. 1, Seaside, CA 93955.
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Registrant(s): Anthony Lombardo, 11 Shady Lane, Monterey, CA 93940
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S/Anthony Lombardo

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Registrant(s): UNINSURED SKYDIVE MONTEREY BAY INC., 721 Neeson Road Ste 1, Marina, CA 93933
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MUSIC

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music from the 17th century, including sonatas by Dario Castello, Giovanni Batista Fontana and Antonio Bertali, a canzona by Girolamo Frescobaldi, harpsichord solos, and descriptive pieces for viola da gamba by Tobias Hume.

The trio will be joined by **David Wilson** on baroque violin and **Francis Toldi** on dulciana, a Renaissance woodwind in-



Singer and guitarist Matt Masih performs Saturday at the Puma Road tasting room in Monterey. Masih is the lead singer for the Messengers, which play Friday at Sly McFly's on Cannery Row.

strument.

Tickets are \$30. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. carlcher-rycenter.org.

Live music Dec. 29 - Jan. 4

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — **Alligator** (zydeco, Sunday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 375-6958.

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

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

Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside — **The John Michael Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

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 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

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 — **Harry & The Hitmen** ("psychedelic-inflected classic soul," Sunday at 9 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **Magenta Spreen** with singer and guitarist **Talmon Owen** and singer **Kristen Gradwohl** ("dreamy soundscapes and vocal harmonies coupled with rich storytelling and mindful melodies," Friday at 4 p.m.), **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (originals, classics and "under-the-radar" gems in many styles, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Sunday 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.), flutist **Kenny Stahl** and guitarist **Bob Burnett** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — pianist **Bill Spencer**, bassist **Pete Lips** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Pete Lips** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Sunday at 8 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 — **Moondance** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Scarlet** (rock, Sunday 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 multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (originals, classics and "under-the-radar" gems in many styles, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

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

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddalene 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. and Sunday at 5:30 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

The Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove — **The Brad Wilson Trio** (rock and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

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

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

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Matt Masih** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kris Angelis** (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.

Salt Wood Restaurant and Oyster Bar in Marina — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 3295 Dunes Drive.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Lighthouse** (rock, country and blues, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Transducers**

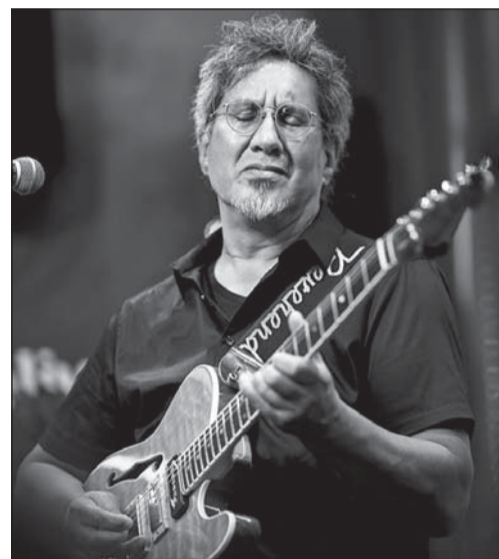
(rock and funk, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **Matt Masih & The Messengers** (funk, soul and reggae Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Bridget Marie Band** (r&b, funk and soul, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Los Pistoleros** (country and rock, Sunday at 9 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Pacific Jack Band** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Blue Fire** ("classic rock and modern funk," Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

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

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate



■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel,
is presented by Shelly Mitchell Lynch
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3850 Rio Road unit 91 — \$1,285,000

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1121 Presidio Blvd, PG	\$1,050,000	515 10th St, PG	\$979,000	1207 Presidio Blvd, PG	\$1,178,000	1107 Presidio Blvd, PG	\$1,050,000
698 Dickman Ave, MON	\$913,500	1221 Roosevelt St, MON	\$855,000	313 14th St, PG	\$980,000	519 7th St, PG	\$915,000
1232 Vallejo St, SEA	\$839,000	700 Briggs, #83 PG	\$710,000	219 Locust St, PG	\$795,000	3231 Vista Del Camino MA	\$760,000
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Pasadera Golf & Country Club LLC to Concert Pasadera LLC
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Marina

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961 Monterey Circle, Monterey — \$1,295,000



20422 Franciscan Way, Highway 68 — \$1,375,000

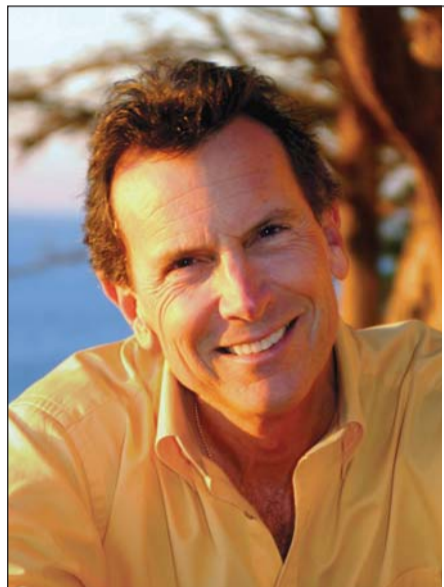
230 Bungalow Court — \$1,396,500

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A short list of colorful and interesting people we'll miss in the New Year

RATHER THAN make a list of resolutions that will vanish when the Tesla of expectations charges into the Yugo of resolve, I've decided once more to reflect on the old year and on some of the people who went on to glory. I didn't know most of them, but in a small way they impacted my life, perhaps just by being part of it for a

long time.
Sandra Day O'Connor: It was my great pleasure to interview her several years ago. She was the closest I'll ever come to royalty. Her graciousness put me at ease as I hid my lack of knowledge of constitutional legalities by concentrating on her love of golf. She was proud of the

hole-in-one she made, and yes, she did date William Rehnquist when they were at Stanford together. No one was surprised when he became chief justice. "He was smarter than all the professors," she told me.
Jimmy Buffet: I wasn't a true Parrothead, but Jimmy's let's-have-some-fun demeanor often had me looking for my lost shaker of salt. Any male who turned 40 facing a mid-life crisis knew these lines:

Yes I am a pirate,
 200 years too late.
 The cannons don't thunder, there's nothin' to plunder,
 I'm an over-40 victim of fate
 Arriving too late, arriving too late ...

Larry Wilde: It was pure joy to have a bone fide comedian as a friend. "Did you hear the one about ...?" started Larry on a joke-telling rampage that had me unable to keep up with his repertoire. He was telling a third joke while I was still laughing at the first one. He was the prototypical

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stand-up, Borscht Belt comedian performing in clubs and concerts with stars such as Ann-Margret, Andy Williams and Debbie Reynolds. He appeared in several episodes of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," and with Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show." In his book, "Great Comedians Talk About Comedy," Larry interviewed greats such as Milton Berle, Jack Benny, George Burns, Woody Allen and a dozen more. He was a longtime member of Carmel's "Toonsday" coffee group.

Tony Bennett: Do you ever feel you're lucky to be alive at the same time (insert name of famous person) is? That's how I feel about Tony Bennett. There are voices, and then there are voices so distinct they cannot ever be mistaken for anyone else. From, "because of you there's a song in my heart," to "the morning fog may chill the air, I don't care," Bennett put his heart into every song he sang and left us with hearts filled with gratitude for his talent. His style and voice were pure blue velvet.

Roger Whittaker: The Whistling Maestro was a

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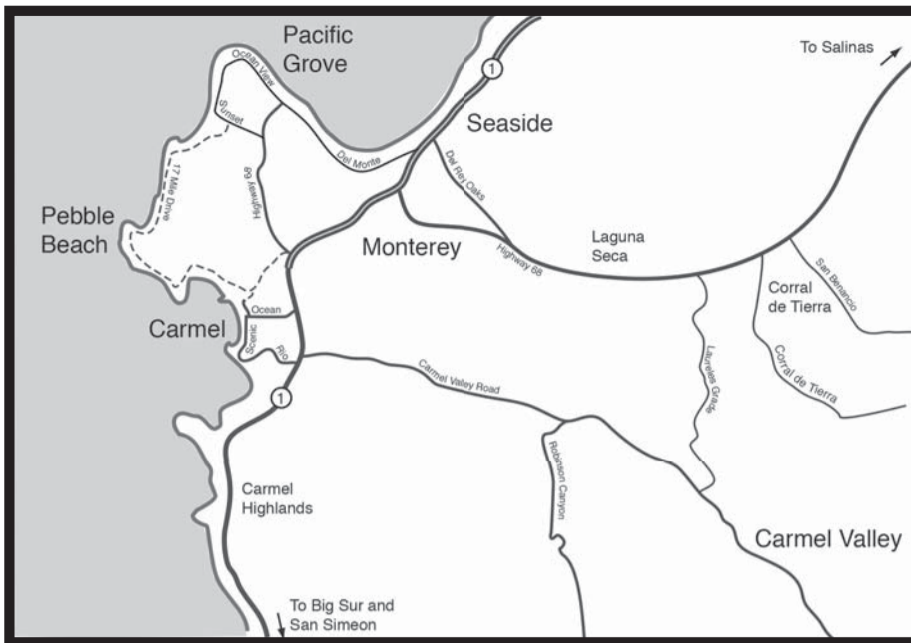
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1100 Arroyo Drive Coldwell Banker Realty Pebble Beach 277-3914		

GERVASE

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singer of less renown than Tony Bennett, but whose name resonates across the global music stage. He was an artist whose melodies transcended borders and won the hearts of music enthusiasts worldwide. His lovely duet of "A Perfect Day," with his daughter, Jessica, tugs at the heart of any father who comes to the realization that his daughter

is ready to fly the nest.

Dad, don't worry now, I'm grown
It'll be OK
You taught me well, so trust me now
And I'll be on my way

Charles Simic: A poet many people probably never heard of, Simic was poet laureate of the United States in 2007. He also won a Pulitzer Prize for his poetry. He was a master of the short poem. In his work he puns, he pranks; he is jazzy and streetwise. When asked to define

what poetry is, he replied: "Something that my dog can understand."

A ton of talent was lost in 2023, including Belafonte, Bacharach, Raquel, Lolobrigida, Tim McCarver, Brooks Robinson, Jim Brown, Gordon Lightfoot, Tina Turner, Alan Arkin, Cormac McCarthy and Norman Lear. A standing O for all the enjoyment they brought to our lives.

I lost my older brother Don this year. He didn't make it onto the many lists of celebrities who died in 2023. He was famous only to his family. He was a combination of Atticus Finch and an oracle who can only be compared to the "wise ass on the hill" in the comic strip "Pearls Before Swine." He was the epitome of a big brother, a gentle soul who always looked at life from both sides and guided me into the future by patiently teaching me how to put one foot in front of the other. The sadness of his passing is mitigated by the assurance of the indescribable eternal joy and happiness he stepped into.

If you lost someone dear to you last year, please accept my sincere condolences. As poet John Donne explained, we are all interconnected: "Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee."

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1,632

SIGNS ON THE STREET*

*Open house numbers reflect estimates made based on Quarter 4 data.



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POLICE LOG

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A resident reported seeing a loose dog in the roadway at Scenic Road and Santa Lucia. The finder contacted the owner via information on the dog's collar. The owner said the dog gets out all the time and didn't come to get his dog. The dog left northbound and then southbound down the road. The finder reported the information to the department. A unit responded. However, the dog was gone on arrival. Later, follow-up information was obtained, and the animal control officer made contact with the dog owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident, vehicle-vs.-parked vehicle, on Seventh Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found AirPods on the roadway at Ocean and Dolores. Finder would like to claim them if the owner is not located. The owner of the AirPods later came to the police department and retrieved them.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Mission and Sixth.

Pacific Grove: Welfare check regarding a Forest Grove student. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a physical altercation between father and daughter on Monterey Street. No physical contact was found to have occurred, but the incident was documented.

Carmel Valley: Report of possible elder financial abuse, where the victim has already been reimbursed by the bank and suffered no losses. The victim's account was closed to avoid any further incidents.

Carmel area: A 57-year-old male was arrested on Rio Road for public intoxication.

Carmel area: Fraudulent transactions reported by a resident on Martin Road.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report of two lost Bibles on the beach.

Pacific Grove: A 39-year-old male was arrested on Sun-

set Drive for an outstanding felony warrant and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition was turned in by a Cedar Street resident to the police department for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Report of an abandoned vehicle on Grove Acre Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report of a found bicycle on Lighthouse Avenue.

Carmel area: A 61-year-old male was given a no-trespassing admonishment for a business on Clock Tower Place.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to school property. No suspect identified.

Pacific Grove: A 46-year-old male in the 100 block of Central was cited on outstanding warrants for failure to appear and obstruction.

Pacific Grove: Physical altercation occurred during lunchtime involving several PGHS students.

Pacific Grove: A 39-year-old male was arrested for grand theft and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$3,500 bail.

Carmel Valley: A juvenile incident was reported on Ford Road.

Carmel area: Several cosmetic items were stolen from a retail store at the Crossroads shopping center.

Carmel Valley: A 68-year-old female was arrested on Paso Cresta for driving under the influence.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of two wallets from a grocery store parking lot at Junipero and Sixth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of woman screaming from a van on Santa Fe north of First. The female was contacted and placed on a 5150 mental health hold.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Ocean View Boulevard. Subject transported to hospital via ambulance.

Carmel Valley: A battery was reported on East Carmel Valley Road involving a 52-year-old male and a 63-year-old female victim.

Carmel area: Burglary to a home for sale on Ribera Road occurred. Nobody inside the home at the time.



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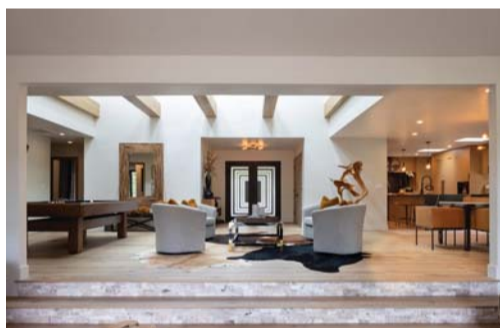
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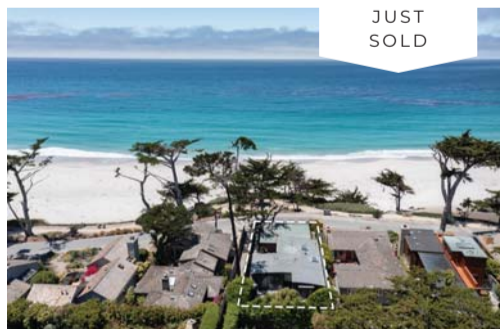
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